



Play In A Book

An innovative approach to improved literacy



A division of
LMS Innovations, Inc.
2734 W. Leland Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625
(312)613-2345
(773) 334-0824 fax
www.playinabook.com

Marlon St. John
Vice-President

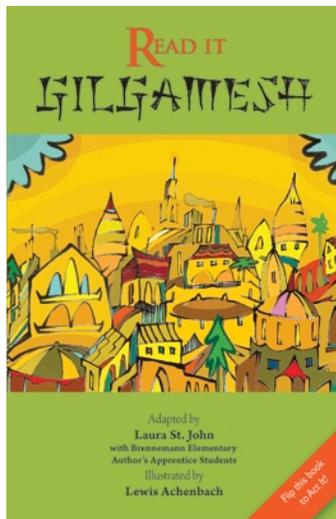
mstjohn@lmsinnovations.com

Press Release

Play In A Book Releases “Gilgamesh: The One Who Saw The Deep” Adapted for Grades 5 - 8

CHICAGO—Play In A Book announces the release of “Gilgamesh: The One Who Saw The Deep”, adapted for Grades 5 - 8 and the sixth release in their *Act It Read It Series* of drama based readers.

This adaptation of perhaps the world’s first known piece of literature began in collaboration with students from Joseph Brennemann Elementary School as part of Play In A Book’s “Author’s Apprentice” program last summer. Over the course of several weeks, the students read through source material and helped shape the story and the way that characters would be depicted in this adaptation.



“The Epic of Gilgamesh offers few female roles,” said program creator Laura St. John. “I had a student that wanted Humbaba to be female. After some discussion, it became clear to me that this was a new and interesting way to view that character and we

made the change. The students had really great ideas about many of the characters, and I was amazed at the attention to detail they gave the story.”

“This is our second collaboration with students as part of the Author’s Apprentice Program”, said Ms. St. John. “Our forthcoming release ‘Thumbelisa’ was a collaboration with students from the William C. Goudy Technology Magnet School. It is set in the school’s Vietnamese community, and It should be out this Spring”

This adaptation of the Mesopotamian epic that dates back over 4,100 years includes a prose “Read It” section adapted specifically for students grades 5 - 8. Also featured are original color illustrations by Lewis Achenbach. This is Ms. St. John’s and Mr. Achenbach’s

second successful collaboration following the release of last year’s “Macbeth” from Play In A Book also adapted for middle school readers.

The Act It Read It Series from Play In A Book is a K - 8 series of readers that is part of a fully integrated drama based curriculum available for in-school and after-school programming. Each fully illustrated book of the series (available through Amazon and direct from Play In A Book) retells a classic tale and includes a full five-act script so students can get the story up on its legs and onstage. The value added through repetition by the Play In A Book rehearsal process, increases fluency, word recognition, and phonological awareness, while assisting with the development of other critical reading skills. The *Act It Read It Series* fully aligns with Common Core Standards.

This release of “Gilgamesh: The One Who Saw The Deep” is intended as an age appropriate introduction to mythology. Along with an accompanying classroom program with direct instruction by Play In A Book’s ensemble of Classroom Actors, this text is part of an integrated, drama based curriculum. Other titles from the series include: “The Three City Goats Gruff”, “The Brave Little Costumer”, “Gretel & Hansel”, “The K-1 Series”, and “Macbeth”.

[Play In A Book](#) is an Arts Partner that works to assist each school they work with in receiving its best possible **Creative Schools** certification.



The company has reached over 4,000 students in 17 separate schools since its launch in 2011.

CONTACT: Marlon St. John, info@playinabook.com
(312) 613-2345 cell

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE