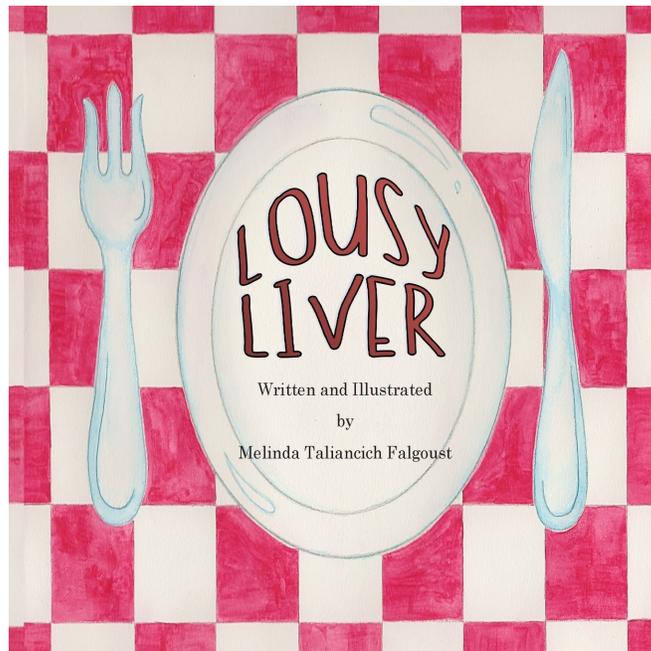


Lousy Liver

A Reader's Theatre Script



Based on the Picture Book

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INTRODUCTION

Reader's Theatre is a dramatic reading of a written work in script form. Students are encouraged to read from a "script" with parts to be read divided among the readers. Unlike a standard dramatic presentation, no special costuming, lighting, set design, or line memorization is necessary. Presentations can easily be performed within a classroom simply by placing emphasis on the text with expressive voice and gesture. It is a unique way to foster students' connection to the text. Let the curtain rise on a love of reading!!!



CAST OF CHARACTERS

Charlie's Mom
Narrator #1
Narrator #2
Narrator #3
Narrator #4
Narrator #5
Narrator #6
Charlie

Charlie's Mom: Dinner is ready!

Narrator #1: Charlie's mom called. He hopped from the tub and out into the hall.

Narrator #2: He raced round the corner and flew down the stairs.

Narrator #3: He did a leap frog right into his chair.

Charlie: Dinnertime! Dinnertime! What could it be?
Hamburgers? Pizza with pepperoni?

Narrator #4: His stomach, it rumbled. It gurgled and growled.

Narrator #5: Like a big hungry lion out on the prowl.

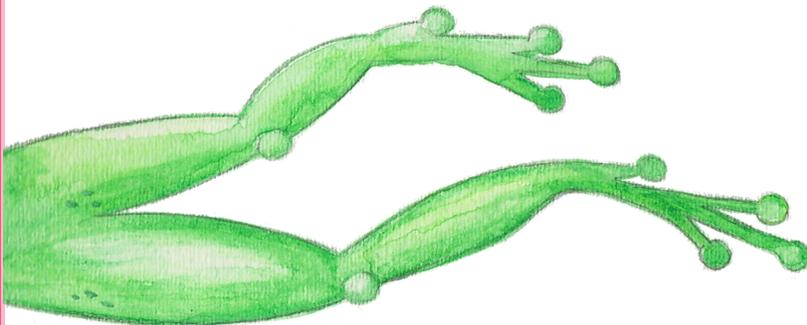
Charlie's Mom: Ta da!

Narrator #6: Said his mom and she put down his plate.

Narrator #7: Charlie was ready. He just couldn't wait.

Narrator #8: He lifted his fork
and stopped in midair.

Charlie: Oh, no!



Narrator #1: On his plate!

Charlie: What was THAT sitting there?

Narrator #2: There, lurking brownly, between potatoes and peas, was...

Narrator #3: LOUSY LIVER!

Narrator #4: Charlie got weak in the knees.

Narrator #5: Charlie turned green. He felt rather sick.

Narrator #6: He needed a plan.
He needed one quick.

Narrator # 7: If only he could be as small as a mouse.

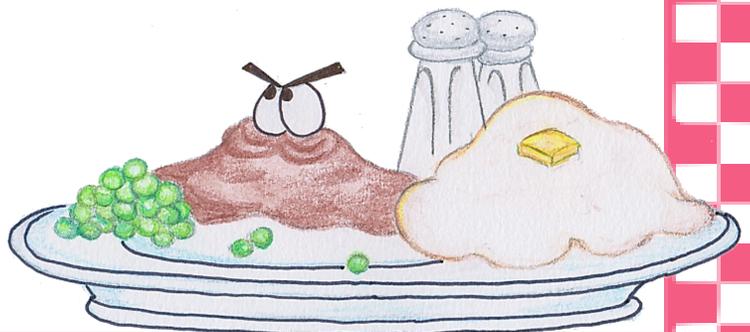
Narrator #8: Then he could sneak right on out of the house.

Charlie: What a horrible plan!
It was simple as that.

Narrator #1: As soon as he left,
he'd be caught by the cat!

Narrator #2: Charlie looked at his plate, and this time turned plaid.

Narrator #3: He needed to leave. He needed it bad. .



Narrator #4: He could be a giraffe with a long stretching neck!

Narrator #5: Giraffes never ever ate liver, he bet.

Charlie: A long-necked giraffe? Oh, that wouldn't do.

Narrator #6: A giraffe never couldn't POSSIBLY tie his own shoe!

Charlie: A dragon!

Narrator #7: He thought. That's just what I'll be.

Charlie: With fire and wings no one would dare come near me! That wouldn't work.

Narrator #8: Young Charles scratched his head. As a dragon, he'd never fit into his bed.

Narrator #1: He could be a magician with cards, tricks and hat!

Narrator #2: He could vanish the liver with a POOF just like that!

Charlie's Mom: Here's an idea.

Narrator #3: Charlie's mom said.

Charlie's Mom: Why don't you just be a Charlie instead? Just take one small bite and then start to chew.

Narrator #4: That's exactly what Charlie started to do.

Narrator #5: It felt kind of funny right there in his mouth.

Narrator #6: He pushed it around with his tongue all about.

Narrator #7: He mashed it. He smashed it. He swallowed it down.

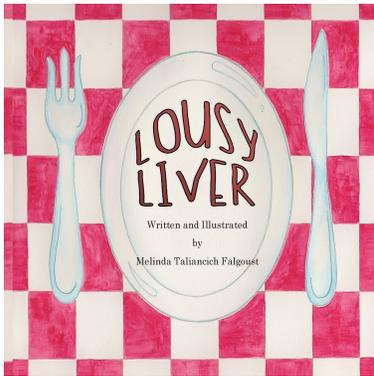
Narrator #8: Liver really was NOT the worst meat around.

Narrator #1: So, Charlie said, as he took one more bite...

Charlie: I think I am glad we had liver tonight.



ABOUT THE BOOK



Lousy Liver
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"Charlie is hungry. He simply can't wait. What will his dear mother put on his plate? Charlie picks up his fork and stops in midair. Oh, no! On his plate! What is THAT sitting there?" "Lousy Liver" is an award-winning, deliciously whimsical tale that follows the imagination of a young boy as he devises one wild plan after another to help him avoid the "lousy liver" being served for dinner. Soon, Charlie discovers that something different isn't always something bad.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Five kids, four jobs, three dogs, two cars, and one burning passion ... to write books. With her sincerest apologies to her husband, that is award-winning writer Melinda Taliancich Falgoust in a nutshell. Her works have appeared in Reader's Digest, Writers' Journal, and has published with Harlequin. A former elementary educator, Melinda is voracious reader herself anything from mysteries, to sci-fi/ fantasy, to the tube of toothpaste in the bathroom. Tom Clancy said it best. "A writer can use everything." She is confident that one day, she will write about a protagonist whose fate will certainly rely on knowing what sodium monofluorophosphate is.