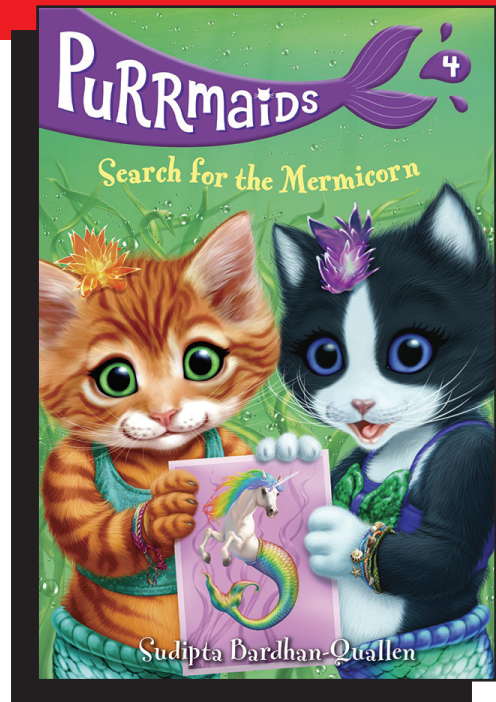


# Booktalk!

## Purrmaids #4: Search for the Mermicorn Script

### For this Book Talk you will need

- 1 actor (Angel)
- Angel: blue top with large green bow on it, green mermaid tail, purple hair accessory, black kitten ears, large purple hardcover book with *Legendary Creatures of the Purrmaid World* spelled out in golden letters on the cover
- Additional props: stool or chair, small desk or table with copy of *Purrmaids #4: Search for the Mermicorn* sitting on top of it



- Angel:** *(sitting on stool or chair at centre stage; small desk or table next to her, with *Legendary Creatures of the Purrmaid World* sitting on top of it; speaking to audience)* This morning, our teacher Ms. Harbor told our class she wants each of us to do a project about a special ocean animal. *(pausing)* Easy, right? *(pausing thoughtfully)* Well, not exactly...
- Angel:** *(brightening slightly)* See, my two best friends, Coral & Shelly, already know that they want to study *(pausing briefly)* sea turtles and yellow tangs. They asked me if I wanted to work on the project with them – which was super nice – but I want to find a creature of my own to study; something that feels *purr-fect*.
- Angel:** *(holding up book with the title *Legendary Creatures of the Purrmaid World*)* THIS is where I'm hoping to find something REALLY fin-teresting. *(flipping through pages & stopping after a few pages; smiling & looking up excitedly)*
- Angel:** *(pointing at the page while looking up at the audience)* THIS IS IT – I've FOUND it! Mermicorns! *(pausing momentarily then continuing)* I bet I know what you're thinking: 'Aren't you supposed to pick a real animal for your project?' *(nodding)* Exactly! And mermicorns are real! *(speaking a little more slowly as if thinking aloud)* I've never seen one – yet – but that doesn't mean they don't exist. Besides, shouldn't we believe in things even if we can't see them?

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**Angel:** *(brightening)* Ms. Harbor has told us to ask questions, look around us and use our imaginations, so that's EXACTLY what I'm doing! I'm going to make my project absolutely *paw-some!*

**Angel:** *(motioning for audience to come along with her)* Come along and help me find these magical creatures! *(holding up a copy of Purrmaids #4: Search for the Mermicorn)* You can scoop up a copy of *Purrmaids #4: Search for the Mermicorn* at your Scholastic Book Fair.