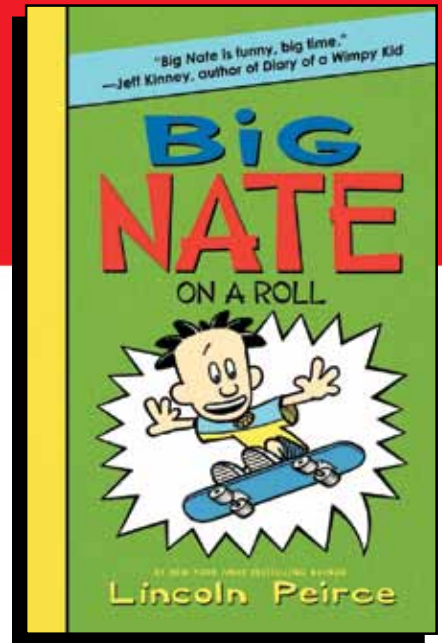


Booktalk!



Big Nate on a Roll Script

For this Book Talk you will need:

- One male volunteer
- A copy of *Big Nate on a Roll*
- If possible, have volunteer dressed up in scout uniform
- Colourful pictures (print out from internet, scan from book, etc.)

(Facing the audience, knock on imaginary door then begin script) Hello there! I hope this is a good time because I am here to sell you some of these beautiful pictures for my timber scout troop!
(Hold up pictures and look around nervously).

(Whisper to audience) Look, I know they aren't all that great, but we really need new camping gear for our troop! *(Pick a picture to hold up)* This one isn't so bad...Right?

(Sigh and continue conversation with imaginary customer) I see. Yes, I understand that you don't want any more pictures in your home because...wait! Because someone already sold you TEN?! His name wasn't Artur was it?

(Pause) It was? Oh great! It's all Artur's fault that I'm in this mess in the first place.

(Pause) How? Well I'll tell you how! *(Get increasingly louder as you tell the story)* I ended up in DETENTION all because Artur couldn't keep his balance on a ladder I was holding. Totally not my fault! Being in detention made me late for my timber scout meeting so I had to rush over on my skateboard. I tripped...and my skateboard flew off the bridge — into the water! *(Slow down and sound dejected)* Gone forever.

(Sigh) Sounds like the worst day ever, right? Well it got even worse! I showed up to the meeting only to find out we had a new member. Yep, you guessed it: *Artur!*

(Say in a cheery voice) There was some good news though! I found out about this fundraiser we're doing *(hold up pictures)* and guess what? The grand prize is an awesome, totally unique, customized skateboard! It's perfect! So if you could possibly make room in your house for one more teeny tiny picture I would really... You will? Wow, thanks! And as a bonus you get a copy of my newest book *(hold up book): Big Nate on a Roll!* Have a great night! *(Exit)*



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