



Brain Invaders

By Michael Dahl

Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- **Before reading:** what does the cover tell you this story will be about? Do you think brains are invading somewhere or there are invaders stealing brains? Why do you think so?
- **After reading:** were you right about your thoughts of the book cover? Do you think it was a good idea for Martin and Diego to skip school and go to the beach? Discuss with a friend.

Create

Make an experience of your own.

- In the author biography on page 40, Michal Dahl lists a lot of things he is afraid of and talks about how he hopes writing about fear will help him overcome them. What are some things you are afraid of and explain how do you cope with your fears or how you want to overcome them?
- The brain-stealing jellyfish worked in this story because the setting was a beach. What sort of a setting do you live in? Write a short story like Dahl's set where you live. What would the monsters be like and what would they be after?

Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- The story ends without us knowing what happens—we don't know if the brain Professor Igor has was Diego's or Martin's. Finish the story by writing what happens to Diego after he runs into Martin. Does he escape? Do the brain-stealing jellyfish get him? Whose brain does Professor Igor actually have?
- Professor Igor's lab notes in the back of the book talk about jellyfish. Imagine you are Professor Igor's lab assistant; explore the library for books on jellyfish and using what you learn, build a plan to take care of the brain-stealing jellyfish. Think about what it would eat and the water it lives in. Now that the jellyfish has a brain, will it have new needs now?

Imaginando

Discutiendo. Creando. Explorando.

- Haz un dibujo o actúa tu parte favorita del libro.
- Comenta con alguien las ideas principales del libro.
- Crea un juego de palabras correspondientes con palabras del libro.
- Practica leyendo el libro con diferentes voces (bajo, alto, chistoso, lentamente, en una canción).
- Escribe una carta a un personaje de un libro o escríbele al autor.
- Visita tu biblioteca pública y hazte socio de un club de lectura.