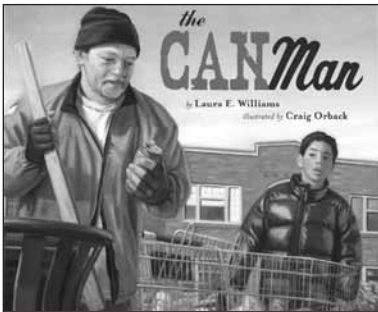


## READ-ALOUDS THAT SPARK COMPREHENSION CONVERSATIONS

Title, Author, Focus, and Brief Summary	A Few Questions to Spark Your Conversation
<p><i>The Can Man</i> (Williams, 2010)</p> <p><b>Focus:</b> Connecting With the Main Character</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Tim’s parents can’t afford to buy him a new skateboard for his birthday, so he is looking for ways to earn money. Along comes Mr. Peters, a homeless man known as “The Can Man,” who gives Tim an idea. But Tim soon discovers that he has taken away Mr. Peters’s only source of income. Pair this with <i>Fly Away Home</i> (Bunting, 1991).</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>How do you think Tim was feeling at the redemption center? Have you ever felt that way?</p> <p>Why do you think Tim gave the money to Mr. Peters?</p> <p>What would you have done in that situation?</p> <p>How would the story have changed if Tim chose to keep the can money for himself?</p> <p>What do you think Laura E. Williams is trying to tell us? Why is she telling us this? What is the big idea of this story?</p>
<p><i>The Name Jar</i> (Choi, 2001)</p> <p><b>Focus:</b> Connecting With the Main Character</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Unhei has just moved to America from Korea. On her first day of school, the children on the bus cannot pronounce her name correctly, so she decides not to introduce herself to her classmates until she picks a new name. After thinking carefully about choosing a new name, Unhei is ready to introduce herself . . . as Unhei. Pair this with <i>My Name is Yoon</i> (Recorvits, 2003).</p>	<p>How do you think Unhei is feeling on the bus? Have you ever been in a similar situation?</p> <p>Why didn’t Unhei want to introduce herself to the class? How do you think she was feeling?</p> <p>What do you think about the children collecting names in a jar for Unhei?</p> <p>Why do you think Joey is at Mr. Kim’s store?</p> <p>What do you think the author is trying to tell us? What is the big idea of this story?</p>
<p><i>Yasmin’s Hammer</i> (Malaspina, 2010)</p> <p><b>Focus:</b> Connecting With the Main Character</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> In Dhaka, Bangladesh, Yasmin and her sister work all day at chipping bricks into smaller pieces. Yasmin dreams of going to school and learning to read in the hope of creating a different life for herself. One night, Yasmin devises a plan that makes her dreams come true.</p>	<p>How do you think Yasmin feels about her duty to help her family and her desire to go to school?</p> <p>Why is Amma worried about Mita’s thumb injury?</p> <p>What is Yasmin’s plan?</p> <p>How do you think Yasmin feels when she gets to the bookstore?</p> <p>How will Yasmin’s first book change her life and that of her family?</p>