

Title of Book: The Higher Power of Lucky

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Grade Level: 5th

Genre: realistic-fiction

Synopsis:

This novel is narrated by a ten-year-old girl, Lucky, who lives in Hard Pan, California. Lucky has a father that has abandoned her and her mother has passed away. Her father calls on his ex-wife, Brigitte, who has a life in France to help take care of Lucky. Lucky works at the Found Object Wind Chime Museum and Visitor Center where she often listens in on my anonymous meetings. It is here that she hears talk of "The Higher Power" in which many of these members speak of in the meetings. Lucky, who is very afraid of Brigitte leaving her and being abandoned once again decides to leave herself during one of the dust storms. She decides to take a self-designed survival kit and try to find "The High Power" herself.

Theme: Dealing with Abandonment

Activity One: Higher Power Tree

- Original---Jeff Mendenhall
- The objective is for the students to realize what gives them the "higher power" to complete tasks.
- After understand that there are a number of things that can give us the higher power to motivate us to accomplish tasks, students will create a tree to review this. The tree will look much like a multiplication tree in mathematics, with the higher power at the top and the reasons why it gives them the power to do whatever they may do in their lives. The students may complete more than one, as there is often more than one thing that gives us the power to do tasks.

Activity Two: Create a survival pack

- Original---Jeff Mendenhall
- The objective is to create a survival pack for Lucky.

- In this activity the instructor will have the students create a survival pack for Lucky. We learn a lot about Lucky in this book, the good and the bad. We want to create a survival pack for her as she goes to find “The Higher Power.”