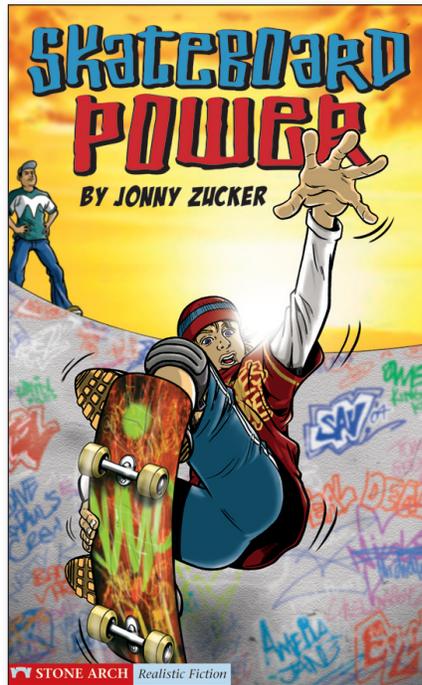




READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



Skateboard Power **by Jonny Zucker**

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Characters: **Nick Jones – reads below grade level**
 Dan Abbot – struggling reader
 Ted Smith – reads at grade level
 Narrator – reads above grade level

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Narrator: Nick Jones came to the skateboard park every day after school. Today, the skateboard park was full of people getting ready for the skateboard competition. Even Dan Abbot, the neighborhood bully, was there.

Dan: You're good, Nick. Too good. Stay away from the park and forget about the competition. I'm going to win, and no one's getting in my way!

Nick: Forget it! I'm competing whether you like it or not.

Narrator: The next day after school, Nick went to the skateboard park.

Narrator (sound effects): Swoosh! Zoom! Swoosh! Bump! Zing!

Dan: What are you doing?

Narrator: Those are skateboarding noises.

Dan: Oh, okay.

Narrator: Anyway, after a few great runs down the ramp, Nick caught sight of Dan.

Dan: I thought I told you to stay away from the park. Didn't you hear me? I guess I'll just have to make you hear me!

Narrator: Dan moved a step closer and grabbed Nick's shirt. At that moment, they heard a voice.

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Ted: Leave him alone, Abbot.

Narrator: Ted was a seventh grader who hung out in shop class after school. The other kids called him Weirdo.

Dan: Okay, I'll leave, but you better not go to the park again, Nick.

Narrator: Nick turned around to thank Ted, but Ted was already gone.

The next day during school, Nick went to check on his skateboard in his locker. What he found instead was his skateboard, smashed into pieces.

Nick: My skateboard! It's totally ruined. There's no way I'll be able to fix it in time for the competition!

Narrator: Slowly, Nick put back what was left of his skateboard. He walked sadly back to class. When he walked into shop class and saw the smirk on Dan's face, he knew what had happened.

Nick: You smashed my board. You know you did it, Dan!

Dan: I don't know what you're talking about.

Nick: Nick was so angry about his broken skateboard that he didn't notice Ted sitting behind him.

Ted: Trouble with Abbot again?

Nick: Yeah. Thanks for your help the other day.

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Narrator: Ted smiled. Nick opened up his math book and tried to forget about the competition and his broken skateboard. Then Nick had an idea.

Nick: I've got an idea.

Narrator: The next day, Dan saw Nick staying after school.

Dan: Detention again, Jones?

Narrator: Nick did his best to ignore Dan. Every day that week, instead of going to the skate park, Nick headed to the shop classroom after school.

Dan: Things don't look too good for you. First your board gets smashed, and now you've got detention every day.

Narrator: Dan laughed and walked away. But Nick didn't look angry, because he knew that Dan was wrong. Nick wasn't in detention. He was following his plan.

Nick smiled. He couldn't wait to see Dan's face when he showed him the new skateboard that Ted had helped him build for the competition.

Want to find out what happens? Read the final chapter of *Skateboard Power*. But before you do, what do you think will happen?

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