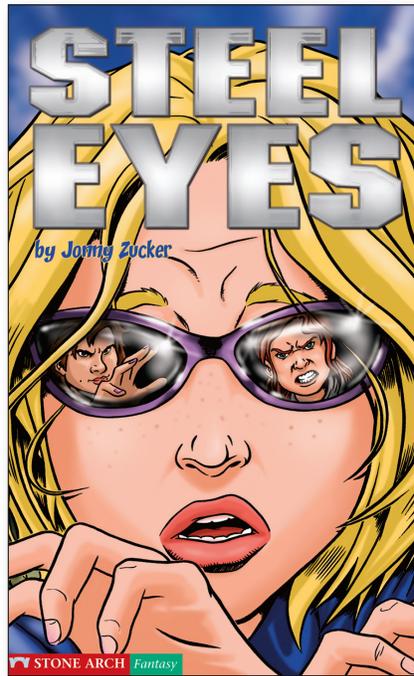




## READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



### **Steel Eyes** **by Jonny Zucker**

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**Characters:**      **Emma – reads slightly below grade level**  
                         **Gary – reads above grade level**  
                         **Tanya – reads below grade level**  
                         **Gail – struggling reader**  
                         **Narrator – reads at grade level**

**Genre:**              **Fantasy**

**Ages:**                **10-15**

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## Steel Eyes page 1

- Narrator:** Time: A dark December day.  
Setting: A high school hallway.  
On Monday morning, a new girl arrived at Gary's school. She was wearing jeans, black boots, and a blue ski jacket. She was also wearing sunglasses . . .
- Emma:** Hi, I'm Emma Stone.
- Gary:** I'm Gary Roper.
- Emma:** Is there any place around here where I can get a soda?
- Gary:** There's a vending machine near the music room.
- Tanya:** Hey.
- Narrator:** They had only walked a few steps when Emma felt a tap on her shoulder.
- Tanya:** I said "hey," new girl. What's with the sunglasses?
- Narrator:** It was two of the mean girls at school.
- Gail:** Get rid of them. Or do you think they make you look cool?
- Emma:** And you are?
- Tanya:** No one talks to me like that.
- Narrator:** Tanya scowled.
- Gail:** I thought we told you to take them off.
- Emma:** If I took them off, you'd regret it. So I'd forget about it if I were you.
- Gail:** Well, you'll be told to take them off.
- Tanya:** No one's allowed to wear sunglasses inside this dump.

## Steel Eyes page 2

**Narrator:**

And with that, Tanya and Gail walked off.

**Gary (quietly to himself):**

Hmm. I wonder why she wears those dark glasses. There must be something wrong with her eyes.

**Narrator:**

Gary's right. There is something wrong with Emma's eyes. Something terribly wrong. Read further in this gripping tale and watch the final, astounding encounter between Emma and the bad girls.

**Tanya:**

All we want to know is why you never take off your sunglasses.

**Gail:**

Tell us and we'll leave you alone.

**Emma:**

You wouldn't understand.

**Tanya:**

Either you tell us, or we'll find out for ourselves!

**THE END**