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Eggs

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(An egg container would make an easy and excellent prop.) Why do we purchase eggs in a container like this? (Allow 2–3 children to answer.) Yes, eggs are fragile, which means they can break easily. Are people ever like eggs? Sometimes people have extra-hard shells so they are protected from sad and difficult parts of life. In *Eggs* we meet nine-year-old David, whose mother died from a very unusual accident. Living with his grandmother in a distant town, he's not interested in making any friends. He does meet Primrose, a 13-year-old girl, who lives with her strange, fortune-telling mother. They spend time with Refrigerator John, a neighborhood fix-it man, through a series of late-night summertime adventures. David and Primrose form an uneasy friendship, if you could call it that. They are often competing with each other and usually yelling. The night they set out on a journey to faraway Philadelphia holds many surprises that change their outlook on life. *Eggs* will make you look at the world in a completely different way.



Appropriate for
grades 5 - 6