






# Tips for Giving a Pro Book Talk


 Book talks are like advertisements for a book. You want to entice your classmates to read the book with just a 2-minute mini-talk. Plan what you want to say carefully.


 Book talks will usually mention the characters, the genre, and it may hint at an important plot point for fiction books.


 Book talks do **not** include a summary or give away any surprising parts of the book including the ending. Leave your classmates curious and hungry to learn more.


 If you want to highlight the author's writing style or the language in the book, choose a sample sentence or two to share. Mark that section with a post-it note and practice reading it ahead of time.


 To give a book talk about a non-fiction book, you may want to share one or two interesting things you learned from the book or quickly demonstrate a skill you learned from the book.

 Check out the blurb on the back cover or inside flap of your book. This is what the publisher decided to use to tempt people to read the book – sort of like a written book talk. Perhaps you can use some of their ideas in your book talk.

 Show the cover or an illustration that you think will get your classmates excited.

 Mention if the book reminds you of any other popular books or series.

 Suggest who you think the book will appeal to most. (“This is a great book for kids who are knowledgeable about computers or robots.”)

 Practice your book talk ahead of time with someone at home or a friend.

