

# Munchkin Reads

KIDS BOOK SUBSCRIPTION FOR BUSY PARENTS

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### CONVERSATION STARTERS

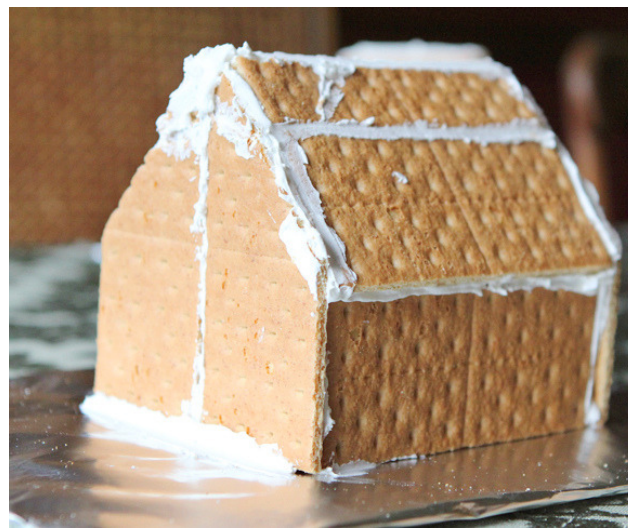
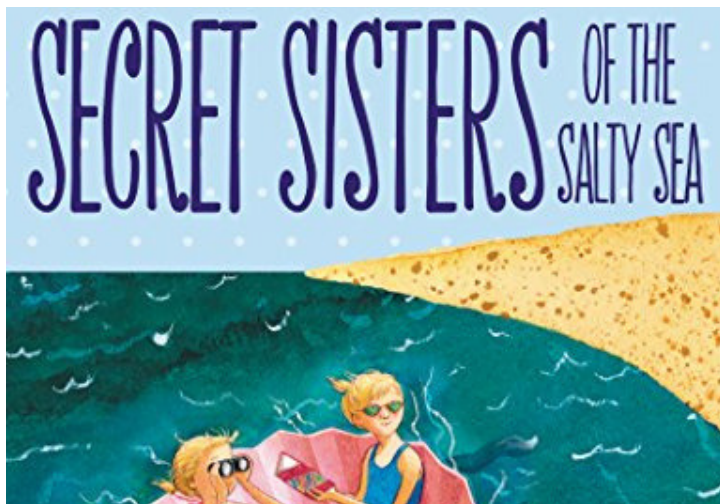
- Why does Howard teach Charlie the code word pineapple? Does it help her?
- Describe different ways Charlie makes wishes in the book.
- Why do you think Charlie loves Wishbone so much?
- How does she make Wishbone a home?
- Do you think Charlie's wish comes true? If you could make one wish, what would it be?



### PLOT SUMMARY

Eleven-year-old Charlie Reese wishes every day for the same wish, but it doesn't seem to be coming true. She's sent to live with an aunt and uncle she hardly knows in the middle of nowhere, and she doesn't feel like she belongs anywhere.

In time, with the help of a neighbor named Howard and a stray dog named Wishbone, she learns that maybe wishes do come true.



## MAKE A COOKIE HOUSE

Charlie dreams of having a family. Make her home come to life with cookie walls & gumdrop bushes.

### Ingredients

- Paper plates
- Plastic bag
- Graham crackers
- Frosting
- Candy

### Directions

- Arrange the graham crackers into a house shape on a paper plate
- Place icing in a plastic bag
- Snip corner off
- Use icing as glue to secure house walls & roof
- Spread icing on roof and walls
- Decorate with candy

## IF YOU LIKE WISH...

- Secret Sisters of the Salty Sea by SePlays Soccer by Lynne Rae Perkins
- Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli
- The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez



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# CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS

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Howard and Charlie become best friends. Some classmates are unkind to Howard and treat him differently because of how he walks. Some classmates treat Charlie poorly because of her background. What are the responsibilities of friendship? What would you do if you saw someone being mean to your friends?

