

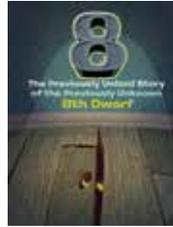
# TaleSpins™

in the **CLASSROOM**

Helping kids get on the same page.™

## THE STORIES

Critically acclaimed as entertaining and thought-provoking.



### An 8th Dwarf? Who Knew?

Snow White did! In this previously untold story, readers meet Creepy who is banished to the cottage basement for being different. From there he affects the fairy tale we all thought we knew! (Approx 2,200 words)



### Look Who's Popular Now.

A teen princess hires the witch from The Frog Prince to get revenge on a Mean Girl at school. A troll she meets along the way thinks it's a very bad idea. (Approx 7,000 words)



### A One-Night Odyssey

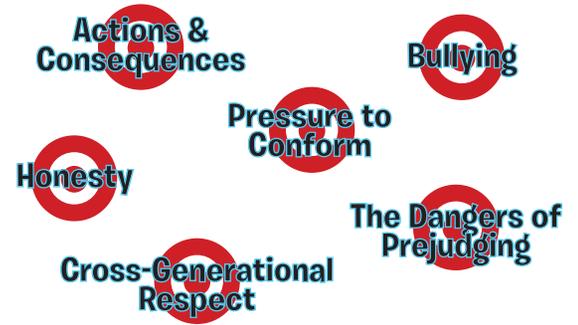
A wealthy man who lives high above the ground crosses paths with a boy thief who has nothing to lose. A mystery graffitist and some magic beans complete the dark and twisted tale. (Approx 5,300 words)

## THE CURRICULUM

Helping kids get on the same page.

TaleSpins in the Classroom provides a fun and accessible starting point from which upper elementary and middle school students can engage in productive, meaningful discussions about relevant social issues.

The TaleSpins stories, discussion questions and writing exercises help kids navigate the often tricky preteen and early teen years by addressing important topics, including:



TaleSpins in the Classroom teaches kids to listen and see alternative points of view. It gives them practical yet fun experience with tools and skills like **peer mediation**, **mutual respect** and **self awareness**.

## WHAT YOU GET

**A paperback copy of TaleSpins for each student**

**A CURRICULUM KIT with background info, class discussion questions & aides + writing exercises.** The kit includes walk-through explanations for teachers and clean copies for students.

**Full Client Support.** Phone & email contact for questions, digital file requests, etc.

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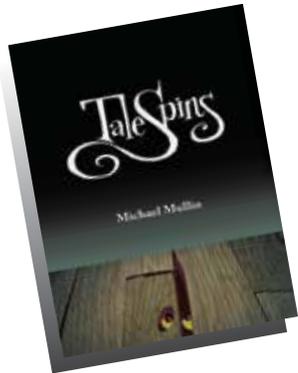
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## THE BOOK

A collection of 3 alternative fairytale retellings for older kids



## THE AUTHOR



Michael Mullin lives in Pasadena, CA with his wife and 12-year-old twins, although all his sports allegiances remain in his native New England. He went to Choate, earned a BA in English from Tufts University and an MFA in Creative Writing from Emerson College.

He has enjoyed a successful career as a copywriter for Disney and a variety of other kid-focused companies. Prior to writing as a career, Michael worked as a teacher, at both the preschool and college levels. Recently drawn back to teaching, Michael has been a college writing tutor and created a multi-day classroom writing project for his kids' elementary school.

In addition to writing TaleSpins, Michael is the author of the middle-grade humor/adventure *Rocketboy: The Return of Dr. Megaton* and co-author of the award-winning *Larry Gets Lost* picture book series. He also wrote a family/animation screenplay that was recognized by the Writers Guild of America's magazine *Written By*.

First and foremost, Michael is a Dad who wants to see his kids - and all their friends - grow up in a nicer, safer, more understanding society.