The Lost and Found

Author/Illustrator
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Kind of Story

Fantasy

- A fiction story with imaginary characters and events that are make-believe.

- Events that could not happen in real life.
Meet the Author/Illustrator

Mark Teague

Mark Teague and his family live in upstate New York. He worked in a bookstore after college. His job was to set up the books for display. The children's books made him remember his childhood. As a boy, he had written his own stories and drawn pictures for them. Working in the bookstore inspired Mark Teague. He soon began his grown-up career as a writer and illustrator of children's books. Today, he illustrates his own and other authors' books.
Vocabulary

directions
rumpled
situations
unusual
visible
worried
Directions

- Lines or paths along which someone or something goes, lies, or points.

- There were doorways in all directions.
Wrinkled or creased

She held up something green and badly rumpled.
situations

- Sets of conditions at certain moments in time.

- “Then maybe we wouldn’t get into these crazy situations.”
unusual

- Not usual, common, or ordinary; strange
- "It’s been an unusual day," said Wendell.
visible

- Able to be seen
- Soon only her feet were visible.
worried

- Concerned or anxious
- “What are we worried about?”
Vocabulary Review

- **directions** – lines or paths along which someone or something goes, lies, or points

- **rumpled** – wrinkled or creased

- **situations** – sets of conditions at certain moments in time

- **unusual** – *not* usual, common, or ordinary

- **visible** – able to be seen

- **worried** – concerned or anxious
Think About the Selection

- Does luck have anything to do with Wendell and Floyd’s troubles?

- Why do the boys follow Mona into the Lost and Found bin?

- Why do you think the world of the Lost and Found becomes stranger as the children go deeper into it?
What might have happened if the children hadn’t gotten out of the Lost and Found when they did?

Would you have followed Mona into the Lost and Found? Why or why not?

Which do you think is a more exciting adventure story. **The Ballad of Mulan** or **The Lost and Found**? Why?
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