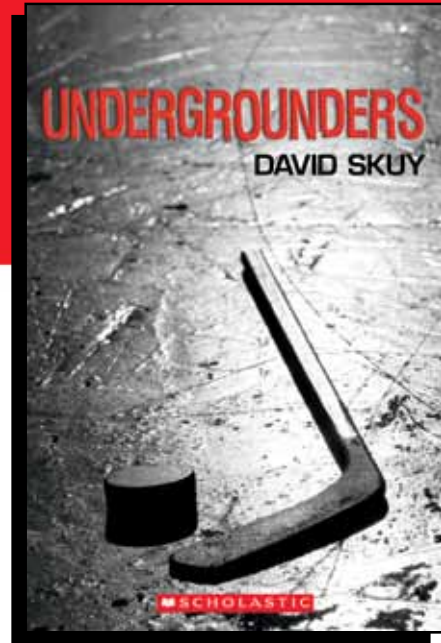


Booktalk!



Undergrounders Script

What you will need for this Book Talk:

- Two volunteers
- A copy of *Undergrounders*
- A hat or cup with change rattling around in it
- Worn clothing for kid volunteer, old jeans and dirty coat.
- Gloves, hat and warm coat for man volunteer
- A toonie

Kid: (*shivering, shake hat or cup and walk to audience members, have a copy of Undergrounders tucked under arm*) Spare change? Can anyone spare a few cents? Please sir, any change?

Man: (*enter from the side*) Hey, kid.

Kid: (*look around nervously*) Me?

Man: Yes, you. What are you doing out here in this weather? It's freezing!

Kid: (*look cautious and stay back a bit*) Sorry sir, I was just hoping to collect some money for food.

Man: Oh... (*reach into pocket and pull out toonie*) well I only have a toonie on me. Will that help?

Kid: (*moving closer to take money*) Yes, thank you so much, this helps a lot.

Man: (*look at boy suspiciously*) Hey wait...I think I recognize you. Aren't you that new kid on my son's hockey team?

Kid: (*back away nervously*) Um, no. Sorry, you must have me mistaken. I don't...gotta go! Bye! (*Turn and run off, dropping the book as you leave*)

Man: Hey, wait! (*Pick up book*) You dropped your – oh well. Hmm, *Undergrounders*, wonder what this could be about? (*flips through the book toward audience*) Maybe there's something in here about where that kid lives or who he is? (*Man turns and starts walking away*) I swear I've seen him at one of the boy's hockey games...hmmm...(*wanders off stage*)

* Please note this title was selected specifically for our middle school audience.