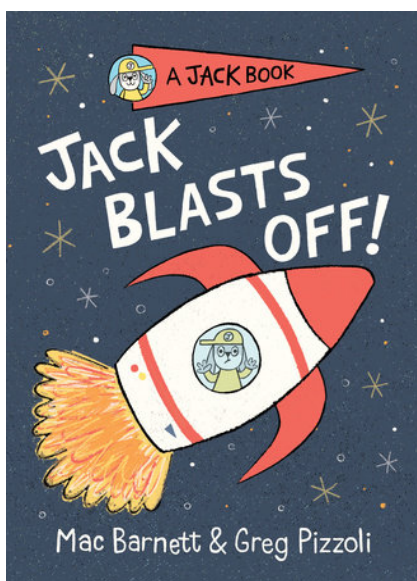




Mac & Greg!

Mac Barnett is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than forty books, including *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, *Extra Yarn*, and the Mac B., Kid Spy series. His books have won numerous prizes, including three E.B. White Read-Aloud Awards, two Caldecott Honors, and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award. Mac lives in Oakland, California.

Greg Pizzoli is an author, illustrator, and printmaker. His first picture book, *The Watermelon Seed*, won the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award, and his book *Good Night Owl* was a Geisel Honor. His Viking nonfiction picture book *Tricky Vic* was a *New York Times* Best Illustrated of 2015. He lives in Philadelphia.



From *New York Times* bestselling author Mac Barnett and Geisel Award-winning illustrator Greg Pizzoli, an uproarious early reader series about a mischievous rabbit, a cranky old lady, and a lovable dog.

When the Lady is mad at Jack, she decides to send him and Rex on a one-way trip to outer space. While she enjoys some rare peace and quiet, Jack and Rex get into trouble, resulting in their exile to the dark side of the moon. After an alien chase and some snacks, Jack and Rex get blasted home to Earth. But will the Lady take naughty Jack back?

Jack Blasts Off!

RRS connection to TEKS (PK-1st grade): Please refer to TEKS for English Language Arts and Reading:

- *Comprehension skills*
- *Response skills*
- *Author's purpose and craft*
- *Composition I: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process.*
- *Composition II: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres.*
- *Inquiry and research*

Vocabulary:

- outer space
- sun
- space shuttle
- extraterrestrial
- moon
- crash!
- best friends sharing snacks
- tools
- blast off!
- Earth
- art
- baking

Pre-reading engagement:

- What does an author do? Think about the title of the book? What does it tell us about the story?
- What do you think the story is about?
- What does an illustrator do?
- Look at the artwork. What do you see? How does the artwork make you feel?
- Learn a little information about Mac and Greg.
- Ask your librarian to help you find more information about outer space, what would you like to learn about outer space?

While/ post reading engagement:

- Describe Jack and Rex. Describe Lady, why is she mad? How do you think that Jack and Rex feel?
- Lady feels mad, what can she do to feel better?
- Jack and Rex look scared, what can they do to feel better?
- Jack and Rex meet Zip in outer space. Describe Zip. Make a drawing of Zip and the crash. You can add Jack and Rex helping Zip.
- What's your favorite snack? Do you like to share your snack?
- Why is Zip mad? What can he do to feel better?
- What do you think will happen next? Where do Jack and Rex go? What do they find?
- Will Jack and Rex stay on the moon?
- Jack, Rex, and Zip are now friends. Make a drawing of your friends.
- Lady is no longer mad. What do you think made her feel better?
- Use playdough to make Earth or make a drawing of Earth.

- What is Lady doing on Earth? Talk about what she loves to do. What do you love to do?
- What happens next in the story? Do Jack and Rex get to stay?
- What did they learn in outer space?
- Where does Zip go next?
- What would help Lady, Jack, and Rex be better friends?
- Ask your librarian to help you find a book about friendship.
- Make a welcome banner for Mac and Greg! Decorate it with photos and drawings of your pets.
- Make a drawing (like the Lady's) in Andy Warhol style of your favorite toy.
- Don't forget to think about questions you would like to ask Mac and Greg.

Useful links:

- Author's website: <https://www.macbarnett.com/>
- Illustrator's website: <http://gregpizzoli.com/>
- Publisher's website: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/549969/jack-blasts-off-by-mac-barnett-illustrated-by-greg-pizzoli/9780593113851/>
- National Book Festival: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShAfPudGekM>