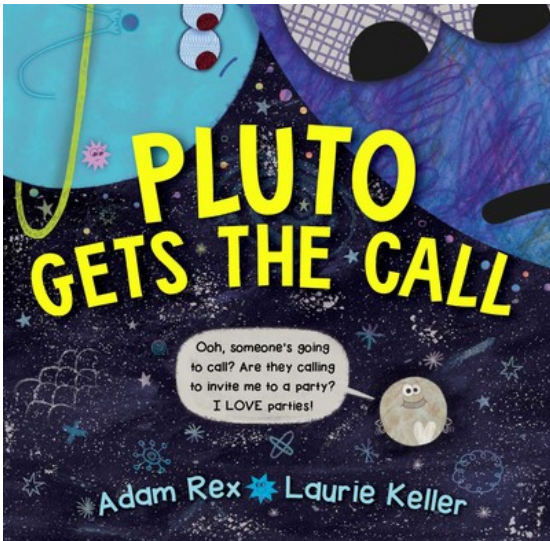


## Adam Rex



Adam Rex is the *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich*. His other books include *The True Meaning of Smekday*, which was made into the hit animated movie *Home*; *Moonday*; and *School's First Day of School*, illustrated by Christian Robinson. He also illustrated the Brixton Brothers series, *Billy Twitters and His Blue Whale Problem*, *Chloe and the Lion*, and *How This Book Was Made*, all by Mac Barnett, and *Chu's Day*, by Neil Gaiman. He lives in Tucson, Arizona.



Pluto gets a call from Earth telling him he isn't a planet anymore, so he sets out on a journey through the solar system to find out why in this funny and fact-filled romp that's perfect for fans of *The Scrambled States of America*. Pluto loves being a planet. That is, until the day he gets a call from some Earth scientists telling him he isn't a planet anymore! You probably wanted to meet a *real* planet, huh? So, Pluto takes the reader on a hilarious and informative journey through the solar system to introduce the other planets and commiserate about his situation along the way. Younger readers will be so busy laughing over Pluto's interactions with the other planets, asteroids, moons, and even the sun, they won't even realize just how much they're learning about our solar system!

## *Pluto Gets the Call*

### **RRS connection to TEKS (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

- Solar system fun facts
- Pluto
- Planets
- Kuiper Belt
- Scientists
- Earth
- Black hole
- Ball of gas
- Asteroids and comets
- Robots
- Orbit
- Sun
- North Star

### **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? What did you learn about the illustrator? What does she/he do?
- Learn a little about the author, Adam Rex. What information about Adam Rex stands out?
- Ask your librarian to help you find more information about the solar system. What would you like to learn more about before reading the book?

### **While/post reading engagement:**

- This book has a lot of information- did you learn anything new?
- Create a timeline to show what happens to Pluto.
- Did you enjoy reading this book? Would you recommend this book to your friends?
- Write a book review with your opinion. You can also share your review of this book aloud.
- Read the author's note at the end of the book.
- Don't forget to think about questions you would like to ask Adam Rex.
- Make a welcome banner for Adam Rex! Decorate it with drawings of your favorite page in the book.

### **Useful links:**

- Publisher's website: <https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Pluto-Gets-the-Call/Adam-Rex/9781534414532>
- Author's website: <https://www.adamrex.com/>