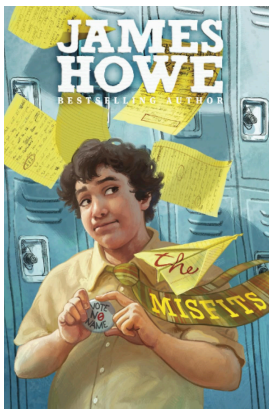


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# The Misfits

## by James Howe



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

### What's It About?

A group of middle school misfits band together in this first, bestselling book of the funny, heartfelt, and beloved series by Bunnicula author James Howe.

Kids who get called the worst names oftentimes find each other. That's how it was with us, Skeezie Tookis, Addie Carle, Joe Bunch, and me.

Bobby is the quiet one, the chubby one, the kid who just wants to get through seventh grade unseen and unscathed. He hates the names he's called, but he figures there's nothing he can do about it—until Addie comes up with a plan. Will her campaign to end name-calling at Paintbrush Falls Middle School change anything? One thing is for sure: it will change Bobby forever.

This book inspired a national No Name-Calling Week.

### Who Wrote It?

Before James was an author, he was an actor, a fashion model and a literary agent. He wrote his first book - Bunnicula, with a co-author, his wife, Debbie.

Now James writes his books in an office on this third floor of his house in New York. He loves his pets, singing and ice cream.

If he could be any animal for a day, he would choose to be a squirrel.

His advice for anyone wanting to be a writer is, 'Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.'

James' website has a TON of information on



it both about himself, his writing process, and his books. You should totally check it out! Just visit: [www.JamesHowe.com](http://www.JamesHowe.com).

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