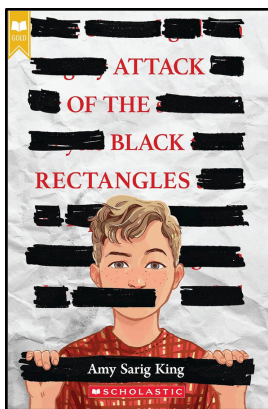


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Attack of the Black Rectangles

by Amy Sarig King

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.



Read Aloud Video

What's It About?

When Mac first opens his classroom copy of Jane Yolen's *The Devil's Arithmetic* and finds some words blacked out, he thinks it must be a mistake. But then when he and his friends discover what the missing words are, he's outraged. Someone in his school is trying to prevent kids from reading the full story. But who? Even though his unreliable dad tells him to not get so emotional about a book (or anything else), Mac has been raised by his mom and grandad to call out things that are wrong. He and his friends head to the principal's office to protest the censorship... but her response doesn't take them seriously. So many adults want Mac to keep his words to himself. Mac's about to see the power of letting them out.

In *Attack of the Black Rectangles*, acclaimed author Amy Sarig King shows all the ways truth can be hard... but still worth fighting for.

AR Reading Level: 4.4

Who Wrote It?

Facts about Amy Sarig King

1. I was born in Reading, Berks County, PA on March 10th. I am a Pisces. And yes, I believe in that stuff.
2. I grew up in a house in the middle of a cornfield. It was nice. Then the cornfield turned into a housing development and that wasn't very nice. I wrote about that experience for the middle grade audience in *Me and Marvin Gardens* (2017).
3. Every book I've written is set (at least partially) in Pennsylvania because I love Pennsylvania. I lived in Ireland for a long time and restored



a farm there and I thought I'd never leave that farm. But here I am in Pennsylvania again.
4. A is for Amy. S is for Sarig. Those are my first and middle names.

Lexile Level: 710L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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