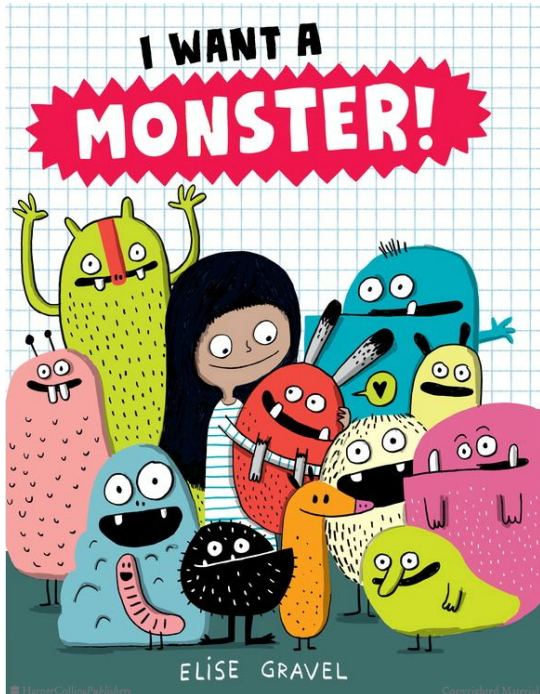


CREATING UNIQUE CHARACTERS INSPIRED BY ELISE GRAVEL

*Listening and speaking helps us explore, share and develop our ideas
We are all authors and have a story to tell*



GATHER MATERIALS

- Your Writer's Notebook (for your initial character ideas and drawings) OR one of your pre made books if you'd like to start a new book.
- Writing and drawing tools: pencil, pen, pencil crayons, or any other tool that you might want to try.

VIEW, THINK AND WRITE

- Meet Olga, the animal scientist from *Olga and the Smelly Thing From Nowhere* series.
- Meet some monsters from *I Want a Monster!*
Draw a monster that you would like to adopt and name it? Should it have a funny, silly or scary name? Describe your monster. What does it like? Is it funny, cuddly, naughty? Feed your monster. What's its favourite food? Does it like doughnuts or toilet paper? Train your monster. What kind of tricks do you want it to learn? Do you want it to learn sports tricks or math tricks or?

GO BEYOND

- Watch author/illustrator Elise Gravel as she shows you how to draw some of the animals in *Olga and the Smelly Thing From Nowhere*.
- Watch how she draws monsters from her book *I Want a Monster*.
- Create your own animals and monsters as characters for future stories.

