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# Playwriting Competition!

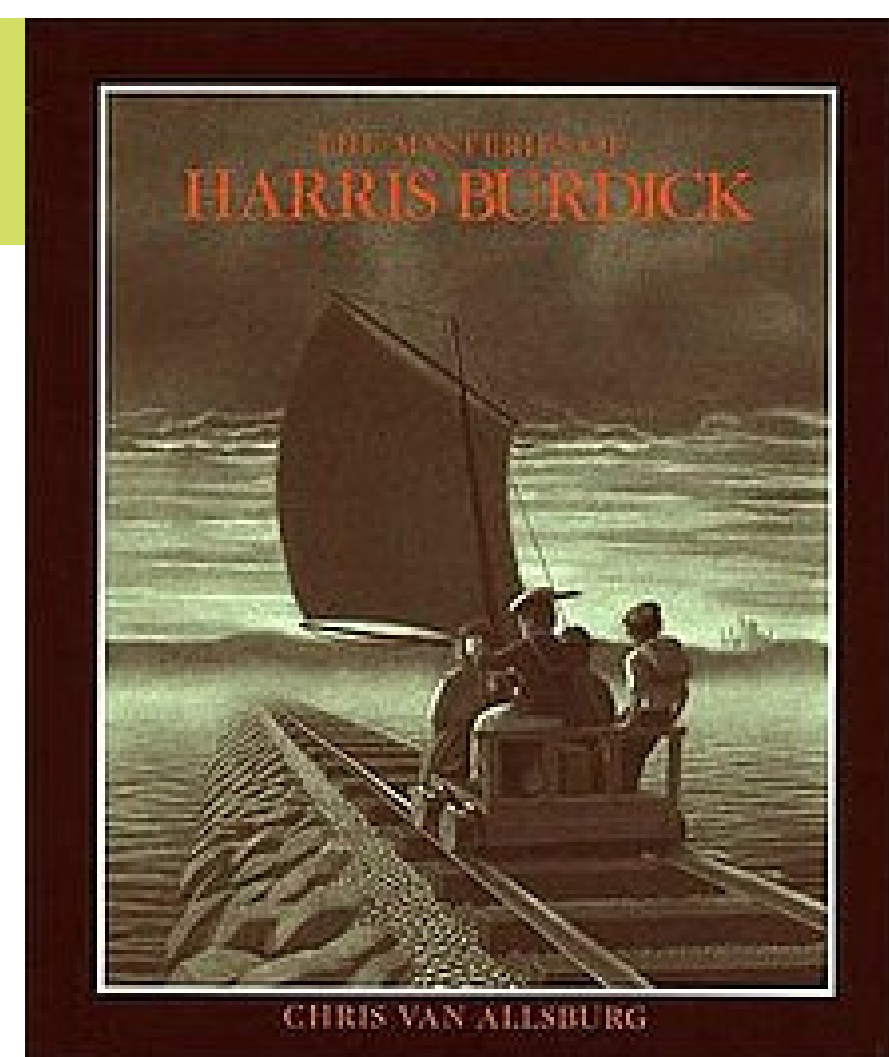
## Get your play turned into a short film or a production at Stage Door Players Theater!



### THE MYSTERIES OF HARRIS BURDICK

One day, a long time ago, a man walked into a book editor's office with a proposition. He told the book editor that in his hand he had 14 illustrations with titles and captions that belonged to 14 stories he had written. If the book editor liked what he saw, then the man would give the book editor the rest of what he had written. The man's name was Harris Burdick and he told the book editor he would return the next day. The book editor reviewed the odd drawings and sentences that didn't seem to make sense, but he was intrigued and was planning on buying the books. The next day, however, Burdick did not show up. The book editor tried and tried over the years to find this Harris Burdick, but it was as if the man completely disappeared. A long time after, author Chris Van Allsburg came across the weird illustrations and wanted to know more about them. He decided to recreate the illustrations and publish them with the one sentence captions in hopes of finding Burdick. That was 1984 and Harris Burdick has not shown up and probably never will.

But you can finish his stories!...



To enter, pick up a packet at White Cloud Community Library. Find an illustration that will inspire a 15 minute play. Scripts will be judged on concept, originality, and style. The grand prize winner will have their play turned into a short film by Square One Studios as well as a production at Stage Door Players Theater. Two runners up will also get to see their plays on stage!

This competition is for Newaygo County youth, ages 14-18!

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