



## ***Rocky Zang in the Amazing Mr. Magic***

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**Recommended Ages:**

6–8

**Summary:** Rocky is perfecting the tricks for his magic show when Judy Moody offers to be his assistant. Rocky agrees, but it turns out that Judy—or Stella the Spectacular, as she calls herself—is the most UN-spectacular assistant ever. Is Rocky's magic good enough to mend their friendship?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Rocky is called the Amazing Mr. Magic. Do you think Rocky is amazing at magic?
2. Do you think Judy is being nice when she asks Stink if he wants Rocky to show him a card trick?
3. Judy calls Stink a pest. Is that fair?
4. Why does Rocky say he's going to make George Washington disappear?
5. Do you think Rocky is a better magician or a friend? Why?

### **Activities:**

- Stink says "JSYK," which stands for "Just So You Know." People also use "LOL" for "laugh out loud." Discuss abbreviated phrases that you use, then list them. How many other abbreviated phrases can you think of?
- Rocky uses words like "Alla Kazam" and "Abracadbra" when he's performing magic. He also invents other phrases. Make up at least eight phrases that could be used while doing magic tricks. Which one do you like best? Explain what kind of magic your phrase can perform.

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