

Another Kind of Hurricane: The Marble Wish Project

ABOUT THE BOOK

10-year-old Henry tragically loses his friend on a mountain in Vermont. The two friends wished on a marble their entire childhood, but neither knew to wish away death. Now that marble is headed to Hurricane Katrina victims in the pocket of donated jeans. Those jeans will find their way to 10-year-old Zavion who has lost everything. *Will the marble hold Zavion's wishes as well? Will those wishes connect Henry and Zavion?*

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The Marble Wish Project hopes to inspire students and classrooms to wish not only for themselves, but also for their classmates and for the world. What connections can be made between wishes? What changes can be inspired by what we wish for?

Visit TamaraEllisSmith.com to explore other classroom and community projects connected to **Another Kind of Hurricane** including the Blue Jean Drive for communities in need.

MARBLE WISH

Imagine you have reached into the pocket of your jeans and found a marble there. That marble will grant you three wishes. Imagine those three wishes:



The 1st wish is for yourself.

What do you want most?

The 2nd wish is for your classroom or community.

What do they need the most to be whole and strong?

The 3rd wish is for the world.

What one thing would you wish to change in the world?

Cut out the paper marbles on the next page and write your wishes on them. Add swirls of color to the marble.

Keep your personal wish in your pocket and think about how you can make it come true.

Share your classroom or community and world wishes with the group. *Do others have similar wishes? What connections can you make between marbles? What changes can you strive to make together?*

If you want to join a nationwide conversation about wishes, take a photo of your wish and share it with **#marblewish**. You can also share your wishes with the author Tamara Ellis Smith on her website. There is a simple form there to make your wish appear alongside the wishes of readers across the nation.



"Elegant prose & emotional authenticity."
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

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