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TOM NANCY

THE SHEEP WHO SWAPPED BRAINS WITH A BOY

ABOUT THE BOOK

From two of the most acclaimed and beloved picture book makers today, Mac Barnett and X. Fang, comes a hilarious trickster tale like no other. A sneaky sheep has a proposal for an innocent boy that will change both of their lives forever: a brain swap!

Farmer's son Felix knows that Tom Nancy is a clever little sheep. Still, Felix is surprised to learn that not only can this sheep talk, he also has a marvelous machine stowed away in the barn that will allow them to switch brains for the day. Felix agrees to Tom Nancy's idea of a swap, and it works! Felix finds that life in the pasture as a sheep is interesting. But Tom Nancy discovers that being a boy who wrestles and eats sandwiches is simply stupendous! So when Felix tells him he's ready to switch back, Tom Nancy has another idea . . .

A deliciously subversive story that delivers some just deserts, Tom Nancy will have readers of all ages laughing out loud and on the edge of their seats.

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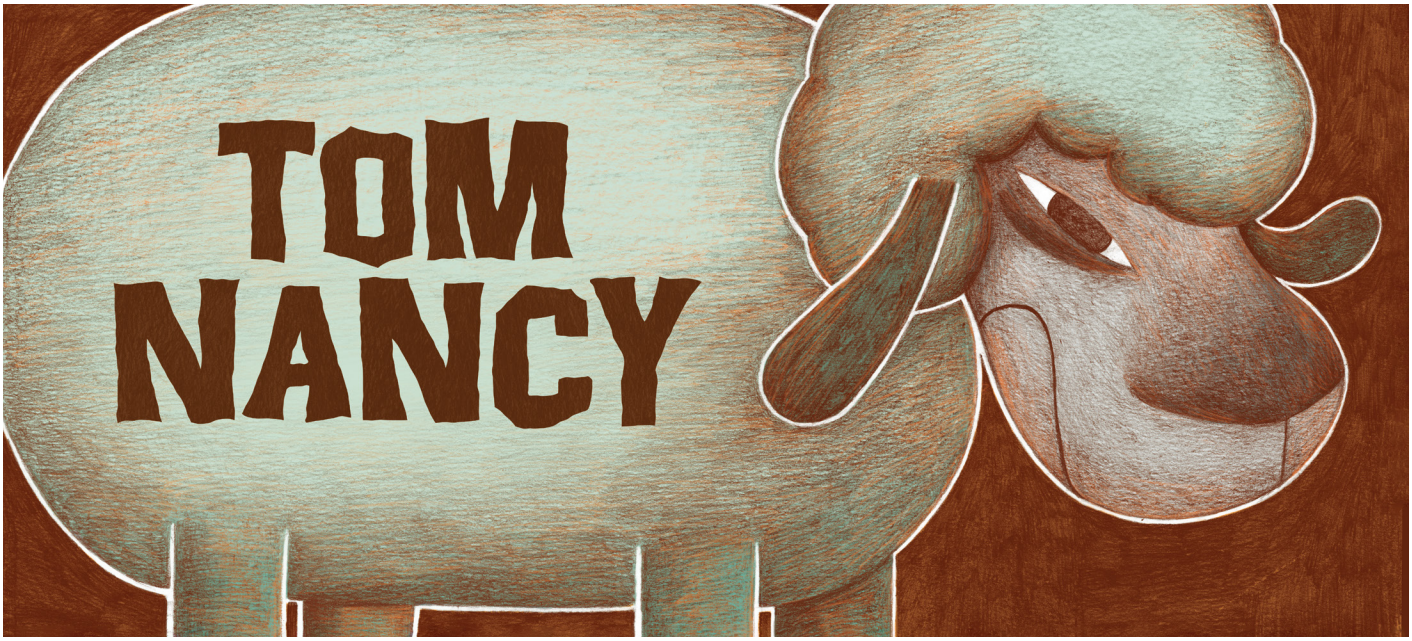

WORD SEARCH

Tom Nancy is a clever little sheep with a gleam in his eye. But he could use your help here. Look for the ten words below and circle them when you've found them.

FARM	PIG	BRAIN	SANDWICH	DESSERT
HORSE	SHEEP	SWAP	GRASS	SCHOOL

D	A	R	S	C	H	O	O	L	B	B	G
E	F	A	R	M	T	H	S	W	Q	R	R
S	S	K	M	B	B	M	M	T	J	A	A
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R	H	O	R	S	E	H	J	T	M	V	J
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you swapped brains with Tom Nancy, what are some human tasks that you would not miss having to do?

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2. What are some human things that you *would* miss?

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3. If you could swap brains with anyone for a day, who would it be?

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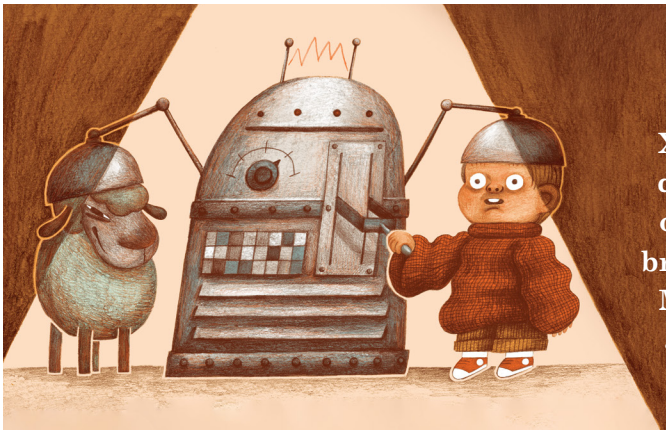

INVENTION

X. Fang, the illustrator of the book *Tom Nancy,* designed her brain-swapping machine with lots of buttons and switches. If you were to invent a brain-swapping machine, what would it look like? More buttons? Fewer buttons? With a hat? With a chair? More knobs and switches? Show us by drawing your invention in the space below.

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