

**Reader Guide for FAIRVIEW FELINES: A Newspaper Mystery****Title: FAIRVIEW FELINES: A Newspaper Mystery****Author: Michele Corriel****Publisher: Blooming Tree/Tire Swing Press****Date of Publication: Summer 2010****ISBN# 978-1-933831-27-5**

*This reader guide may be duplicated for the classroom, book club discussion groups, or related purposes.*

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Thomas believes that local newspapers are a very important to Fairview. Why do you think newspapers are important to a community? What's the difference between a local newspaper and a national newspaper like the New York Times or USA Today?
2. Thomas presents the Classified Ads to his class as a part of the newspaper that should not be overlooked. What can the Classified Ads tell you about people?
3. If your school had/has a newspaper, what do you think would be important enough to put on the front page?

**Projects:**

1. Thomas tells his class that by looking at the Classified Advertisements in his local newspaper he can tell a lot about the town. Look at your local classified ads and come up with a story about your town.
2. Thomas thinks in headlines. Think about your day. What kind of headline would be on the newspaper story about your day?
3. Think about something going on in your school that you would like to change. Write an editorial about it.