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Happy Birthday, Dear September Authors!

A Reader's Theatre Script by Lisa Blau

Super Reader #1, #2, #3

Awesome Author #1, #2, #3

Super Reader #1 Good morning everyone! Welcome to our presentation called...

All Happy Birthday, Dear September Authors!

Super Reader #2 Some of our favorite authors celebrate their birthdays in September.

Super Reader #3 Say, I've got a great idea! I'll give you a few clues about these super authors, and you try to guess who they might be!

Awesome Author #2 Terrific! I really love a good mystery!

Super Reader #3 Our first favorite author was born on September 15, 1934.

Super Reader #2 This famous author has written and illustrated over one hundred and sixty books.

Super Reader #1 Wow! No wonder why he's so super!

Super Reader #3 This famous author has worked as a painter. He has painted murals on many, many churches across New England. He also uses his artistic talents to design greeting cards and calendars.

Super Reader #2 Our favorite author loves cats. In fact, you'll find a cat on almost every page of his books. He even wrote a book called, The Kids' Cat Book!

Awesome Author #3 Well now...let me see if I can guess the name of this super author.

Super Reader #2 Well? Who do you think it might be?

Awesome Author #3 He wrote Strega Nona, The Popcorn Book, Charlie Needs a Cloak, The Art Lesson, and The Cloud Book. His name is...

All Tomie de Paola!

Awesome Author #2 I can tell you one more fabulous fact about Tomie de Paola...he knew when he was a little boy that he wanted to be an artist!

Awesome Author #1 Now, let me give a few clues about another favorite author who celebrates his birthday on September 8th.

Awesome Author #2 This famous author once worked as a piano mover, and opera singer, a taxicab driver and even a bookseller!

Awesome Author #3 He likes to collect books and model frogs. He enjoys making up word games.

Awesome Author #1 This talented author writes the funniest poems ever. He wrote a poem about Sneepies.

Super Reader #2 What in the world are Sneepies?

Awesome Author #1 Sneepies are little tiny animals that hide in your underwear drawer!

Awesome Author #2 This favorite author has written lots of terrific poetry books. And his name is...

All Jack Prelutsky!

Super Reader #3 You know someday I'm going to write and illustrate books just like Tomie de Paola.

Super Reader #1 And someday I'll write hilarious poems just like Jack Prelutsky.

Awesome Author #1 Say, where are you two going?

Super Reader #3 We're on our way to the library to find some super books by Tomie de Paola and Jack Prelutsky.

Super Reader #1 That's right! If we're going to be famous authors, we need to start reading right now!

Super Reader #3 I'm also going to practice signing my autograph!

Awesome Author #3 Wow! We sure learned a lot about our super authors!

Awesome Author #2 I'll say! Now there's only one thing left to say...

All Happy Birthday Tomie de Paola and Jack Prelutsky!

Awesome Author #1 The End.