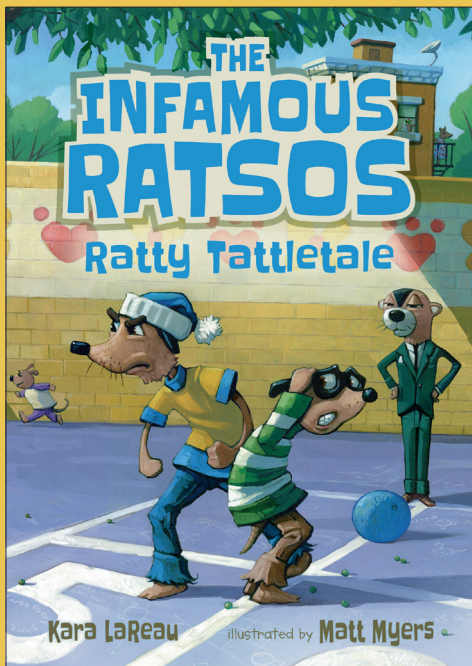


When Ralphie Ratso stands up to some kids who bullied his friend, they vow revenge. Will ratting them out make it worse?



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Use these discussion questions in your classroom to engage more deeply with the story.

## THE INFAMOUS RATSO: RATTY TATTLETALE

- Ralphie and Millicent hate Mondays, but Velma loves them. Why? What are some other good things about Mondays? What is your favorite day?
- Louie feels bad that Ralphie kept his problem with Kurt and Sid a secret from him. He says, “I’m the big brother—I’m supposed to protect you” (page 39). Do you think it’s the responsibility of an older sibling to protect their younger siblings? If you are an older sibling, do you think you would stand up to bullies for your younger sibling? If you are a younger sibling, do you think your older sibling would stand up to bullies for you?
- Ralphie really does not want Louie to get a grown-up involved or for kids to think he (Ralphie) is a tattletale. If you were Louie, even though Ralphie asked you not to, would you tell a grown-up anyway? Why?
- What were the mistakes that Kurt, Sid, Ralphie, and Louie made? Do you think they all learned from their mistakes and will do better in the future? Why?



  
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