# SEAVER The WEAVER





Paul Czajak and the Brothers Hilts' starry collaboration teaches children about orb spiders, geometric shapes, and the importance of thinking "outside the circle." Faced with the issue of peer pressure, young readers will learn the power of conviction and the value of being a dreamer like Seaver.

In this Story Time Event Kit, we've provided ideas to make your store, classroom, or library an inspiring, fun place to read and learn. These Story Time suggestions and reproducible activity sheets will ignite a child's curiosity and creativity.

We welcome all comments about events or Story Times. Let us know how your event went by emailing your thoughts and photos to our Marketing Director, Sammy Bosch, at sammy@mightymedia.com.



### Paul Czajak

Paul Czajak lives on a web in New Jersey with his wife and two children. He is the author of the Monster & Me<sup>™</sup> series.

#### The Brothers Hilts

The Brothers Hilts are Ben and Sean.
They live in Massachusetts and won
the Founders Award for best newcomers
to the field of picture books for *The Insomniacs*. This is their second picture
book for children.

### Orb Weaver Spider Facts



All spiders, including orb weaver spiders, are not insects! They are actually arachnids. There are over 4,000 known species of orb weavers.



Orb weaver spiders hatch from eggs. Sometimes they change color when they "molt" or shed their outer skin, their exoskeleton.



The orb weaver's web is known for being round and symmetrical with spokes like a bike wheel. The spokes are not sticky, so the spider can walk freely around the web. The center is sticky to catch insects.



Orb weavers have a special advantage when creating their round webs. While most spiders have two claws on their feet, the orb spider has three! They use the extra claw to help control the silk as they spin.



The orb weaver spider web can span up to 3 feet wide!



Most orb weaver spiders have large, round abdomens in different colors. Some are shaped like an arrow head, and others even have spikes on their back!



Orb weavers may look scary, but they are very helpful to people. Their webs catch pests like moths, mosquitoes, and flies.



Like many spiders, some orb weavers eat their webs before rebuilding them.

#### Fun Fact:

Did you know that March 14 is National Save a Spider Day?



### Starry Story Time Suggestions

#### Spring Story Time

How many different kinds of spiders exist? Can you name them all? Draw your favorite spider or invent one of your own!

#### Halloween Story Time

Dress in a spider costume. Make your own spider web using string and glue it on a piece of paper. Try to think "outside the circle" like Seaver.

#### Discussion Questions:

- Seaver created new and different webs. What is your favorite thing to create? What makes it special?
- Have you ever felt pressured by friends or family members to be just like them? How did that make you feel?
- Seaver is a nice spider! What "scary" animals would you like to read more about?

- What is your favorite shape?
- **What else could Seaver weave?**
- What shapes could you combine to create new ones?

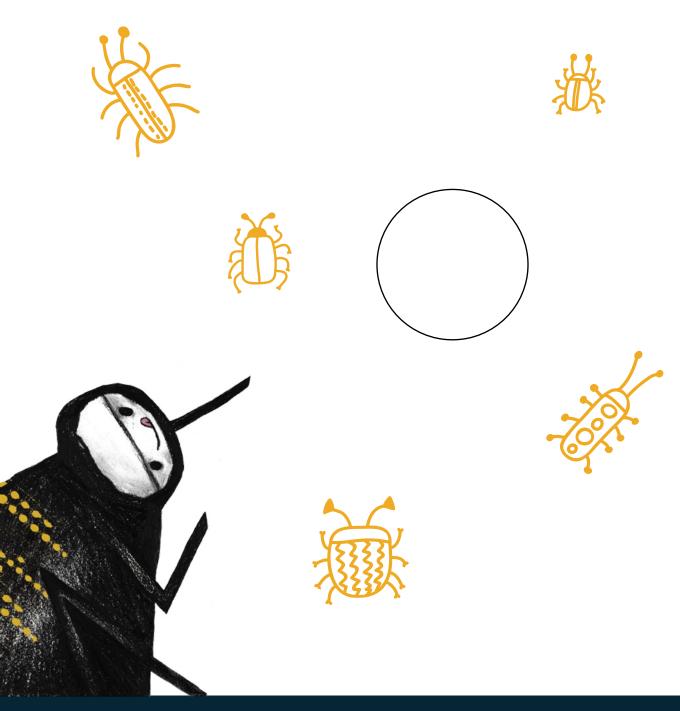
### Connect the Stars

Draw a line between the stars. What shapes can you find? Answer Key: Triangle, Square, and Hexagon



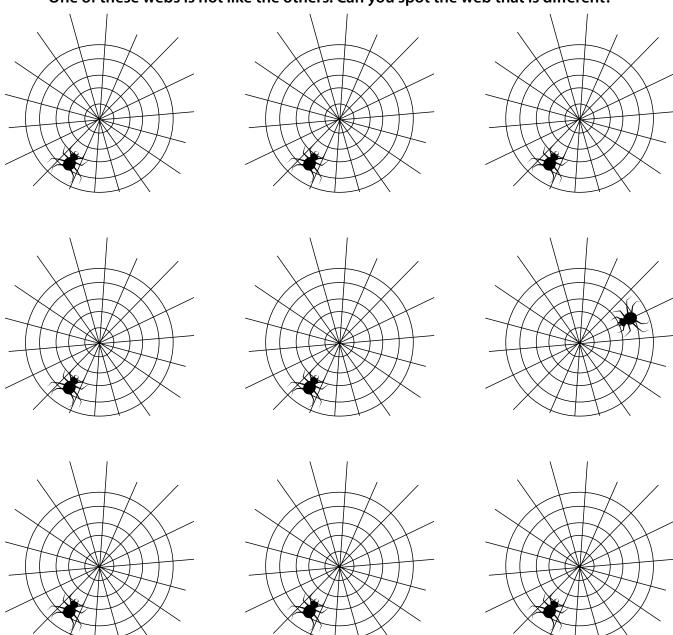
### Dream-Weave like Seaver

Design and draw your own web like Seaver. Try to think "outside the circle."



### Which Web?

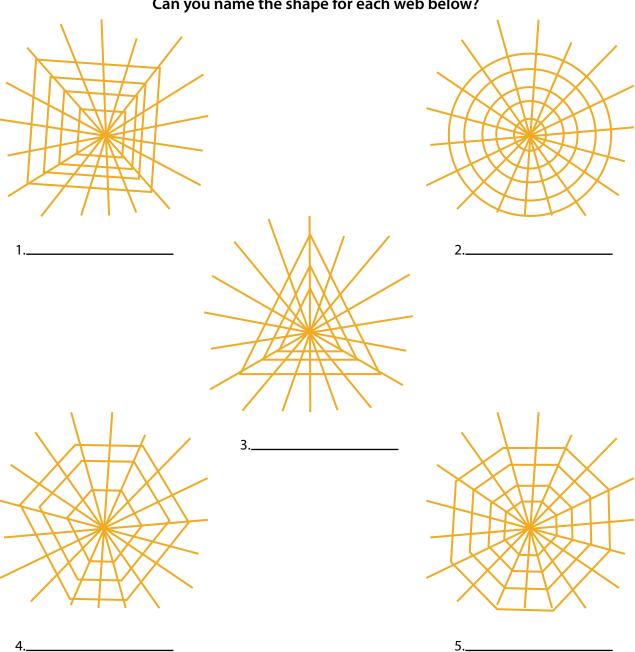
One of these webs is not like the others. Can you spot the web that is different?



Answer: Second row. Third web from the left.

### Name the Shape

#### Can you name the shape for each web below?



Answers: 1. Square 2. Circle 3. Triangle 4. Hexagon 5. Octagon

### Seaver's Scrumptious Dinner



## Seaver Coloring Sheet

Draw a spider friend for Seaver!



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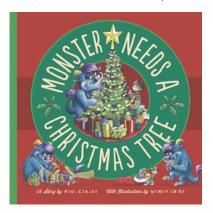
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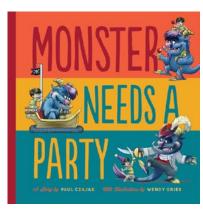
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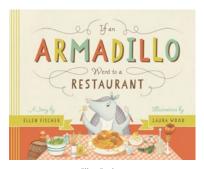
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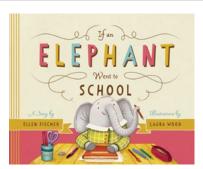
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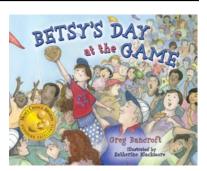
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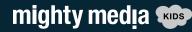
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