

# PATHFINDERS

## RELUCTANT READERS

### Billy Buckhorn: Supernatural Series

*Award Winning Author*

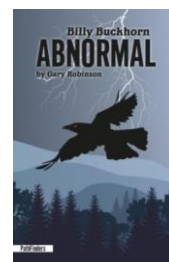
**Gary Robinson**

***Billy Buckhorn: Abnormal***

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***Billy Buckhorn: Paranormal***

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RL grade 4.5

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***Billy Buckhorn: Supranormal***

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Billy Buckhorn is a fictional character with supernatural skills. Each novel in the series contains factual details, but also fictional details created by the author.

For each of the books in the series, make a list of five factual details and five fictional details. Next, use your imagination to create five additional fictional details that could be added to the book. Your fictional details should enrich the story.

Name of Billy Buckhorn book:

**Five factual details:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Five fictional details:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Using your imagination, create five fictional Billy Buckhorn details of your own. Your details should enrich the character.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

## Creative Writing

1. In the first book of the series, *Abnormal*, we learn that Billy Buckhorn is sixteen years old, loves to fish, has a best friend named Chigger, lives in rural Oklahoma and is a member of the Cherokee Nation.

Use your imagination to describe Billy Buckhorn in more detail. In your description, include physical features as well as personality traits.

Challenge: use adjectives and adverbs to create a more vivid picture of Billy. Underline adjectives once and adverbs twice.

2. When an unusual event happens in a small town, the local newspaper will cover 1. and you are sent to cover the Billy Buckhorn story. Choose one of the following events and write a headline and article for the school newspaper.

Abnormal:

1. Billy Buckhorn is struck by lightning Chapter 3
2. Mr. Ravenwood substitute PE teacher Chapter 5
3. A brake line leak is found in a school bus Chapter 6

Paranormal:

1. Paramedics medevac Billy Buckhorn to the Indian hospital. Chapter 2
2. Uncle Wesley is treating many people for unusual tiredness, depression and anger, and they all saw bats in their homes. Chapter 6
3. A team of archeologists explores a cave and finds evidence of an ancient language carved in a column. Chapter 9

Supranormal:

1. Billy Buckhorn's best friend Chigger recovers from strange experience. Chapter 1
2. Local university professor is attacked by a serpent and his collection destroyed. Chapter 5
3. Eye-in-hand medallion provides protections. Chapters 6, 7

Research:

The Horned Serpent symbol illustrated in *Supranormal* was used by the ancient Native Americans of the Mississippian cultures. It is found in the myths of many American Indian tribes and with varied meanings.

Use the Internet to research the Horned Serpent. Begin your investigation of its meaning to different tribes. Choose a tribal version of the Horned Serpent and prepare a report to present to your class.

The report should include the tribal history of the symbol, a summary of the tribal myth about the symbol and a drawing or print-out of the Horned Serpent.

## **Art**

1. Use your own creativity to create a piece of art of the eye-in-hand medallion shown and described on page 49.
2. Use your own creativity to create a piece of art of the serpent spirit being horned serpent.

## **Drama**

Use an excerpt from one of the books to recreate and act out a scene.

## **Billy Buckhorn: Abnormal**

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1. The main character, Billy Buckhorn, is a member of which tribe?
  - a. Sioux
  - b. Cherokee
  - c. Seminole
  - d. Chickasaw
  
2. What is the nickname of Billy's best friend?
  - a. Bug
  - b. Tick
  - c. Chigger
  - d. Jack
  
3. In which contest did Billy win the first-place trophy during the National Holiday events?
  - a. Blowgun
  - b. Bow and arrow
  - c. Fishing
  - d. Stomp dance
  
4. Who had a vision of an evil spirit and was told it needed to be destroyed?
  - a. Billy
  - b. Wesley
  - c. Chigger
  - d. Awinita
  
5. What happened to Billy that changed his life?
  - a. He was struck by lightning and survived.
  - b. He almost drowned but was saved by his friend Chigger.
  - c. He had a vision of becoming a great healer.
  - d. He had a near-death experience when he fell and hit his head.
  
6. When Billy returned to school after his accident, what happened when he touched someone?
  - a. He felt a shock.
  - b. He became faint.
  - c. A voice in his head sent him a warning.
  - d. Images flashed in his mind.

7. What reaction did Billy's father have when Billy told him he wanted to follow in his grandfather's footsteps?

- a. He grounded Billy and told him to think about his decision.
- b. He told Billy to fill out college applications.
- c. He told Billy he would not stand in his way.
- d. He prevented Billy from visiting his grandfather.

8. In which class did Danny first encounter Mr. Ravenwood?

- a. PE
- b. English
- c. World history
- d. Algebra I

9. Why did the police question Billy?

- a. He knew the brakes of the bus were going to fail.
- b. He knew information about a break-in.
- c. He set off the fire alarm at school.
- d. He was suspected of vandalism.

10. Where did Billy find the missing girl?

- a. An abandoned gas station
- b. An abandoned flour mill
- c. An abandoned plant nursery
- d. An empty barn

## Billy Buckhorn: Abnormal – Answer Key

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  - a. Mississippi River
  - b. Arkansas River
  - c. Ohio River
  - d. Colorado River
  
2. What did Billy's friend use as a trail maker?
  - a. A red handkerchief tied to a tree
  - b. A stack of stones pointing in the correct direction
  - c. A yellow cloth tied to vines
  - d. An arrow made of sticks
  
3. What do the boys find when they enter the cave?
  - a. Three dark passageways
  - b. A den of snakes
  - c. Ancient carvings on the walls
  - d. A mother bear and her cubs
  
4. What attacked Billy as he ran from the cave?
  - a. The den of snakes
  - b. The angry mother bear
  - c. Flying bats
  - d. A creature never seen before
  
5. What happened to Billy in the emergency room at the hospital?
  - a. He found out he had a broken arm.
  - b. His grandfather, a traditional healer, treated him.
  - c. He couldn't remember what happened to him.
  - d. He was pronounced dead.
  
6. What did Billy *not* like about his girlfriend, Sara?
  - a. She was too possessive.
  - b. She wanted to go steady.
  - c. She posted about him on social media.
  - d. She always wanted to go out on dates.
  
7. When his grandfather is showing Billy a medicine book, what image does Billy recognize?
  - a. Horned serpent
  - b. Three-headed beast
  - c. Bats with an extra-wide wingspan
  - d. Birdman, the shapeshifter

8. What caused the change in Chigger's personality and appearance?
  - a. A rock with a strange inscription
  - b. A glowing purple crystal
  - c. A glowing red crystal
  - d. A pure-white stone
  
9. When the night watchman at Spiral Mounds State Park was investigating a strange digging sound, what happened to him?
  - a. He saw a flash of bright light and became blind and paralyzed.
  - b. He was hit in the back of the head and left for dead.
  - c. He fell into a deep, freshly dug hole.
  - d. He was found unconscious and lost his memory of the night.
  
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  - a. Diamond staff
  - b. A purple crystal
  - c. Falcon-feather cape
  - d. A sacred eagle feather
  
2. What is unusual about the pet that was attacked?
  - a. It was picked clean
  - b. Its head was missing
  - c. Its hind legs were missing
  - d. It was skinned
  
3. What does the Dark Priest want?
  - a. The diamond staff
  - b. Control over people
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4. Who has a connection to the Horned Serpent that no one else has?
  - a. Billy
  - b. Billy's grandfather Wesley
  - c. Chigger
  - d. Billy's grandmother Awinita
  
5. What saved Dr. Stevens when he confronted the Horned Serpent?
  - a. An eagle feather
  - b. A mirror that reflected the serpent
  - c. A Christian cross
  - d. An eye-in-hand symbol
  
6. Why must Billy's spirit leave his body and be replaced by the spirit of the Falcon priest?
  - a. The Falcon priest must use Billy's vocal cords.
  - b. The Falcon priest must not be recognized.
  - c. The Falcon priest needs a strong, young body.
  - d. It is written in a legend that the priest will take over Billy's body.

7. When Billy woke up after his dream about the Falcon priest and his grandmother Awinita, what did he feel?
  - a. Hungry
  - b. Thirsty
  - c. The need to pee
  - d. Scared
  
8. What is the best day to confront the Horned Serpent?
  - a. The equinox
  - b. The solstice
  - c. June 21
  - d. Halloween
  
9. Who is *not* a member of the team confronting the Horned Serpent?
  - a. Chigger
  - b. Awinita
  - c. Wesley
  - d. Dr. Stevens
  
10. What does the team find when it reviews the photos and video of the Horned Serpent?
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