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*This monthly newsletter provides the inside scoop on how you can maximize the use of TeachingBooks.  
Please forward pertinent information to your colleagues.*

### Speak Your Mind: Visit the TeachingBooks Blog at <http://forum.teachingbooks.net/>

With your input, we want to create an entirely new area of the site called “Teacher Tips.” Our new blog is a place for you to start letting us know what kinds of teacher tips would be useful for you. You’ll see various topics on our blog to which you can respond, including:

- In which are you most interested?
  - Generic teacher tips on, for example, how to use Book Readings in the classroom
  - Specific teacher tips on teaching a particular book
  - Specific teacher tips on a particular *resource*, for example, a Book Guide for a title
- When it comes to interactive Teacher Tips, which format would be more helpful?
  - A single block of text that could be edited by users (like a wiki), or
  - A series of user comments attributed to their authors, e.g., “by Dana G., teacher, 5th grade, New York” (like a bulletin board or blog comments)
- If there are any education blogs, wikis, and/or bulletin board forums that you currently use or contribute to, what do you like about these forums? What could be improved?

Visit <http://forum.teachingbooks.net/> today and let us know what you think!

### Book Trailer Contest

For your middle and high school folks (and local librarians, too): National Book Award winner and Printz Honoree Laurie Halse Anderson has just launched a contest to create book trailers for *Speak* and *Twisted*. Anyone under 21 may post a trailer to YouTube, and then they will have a chance to win an iPod touch from Anderson. Feel free to share the details as you see fit:

<http://halseanderson.livejournal.com/194036.html>

### MARC Records Sent

Earlier this month we sent out 49 MARC records for the TeachingBooks Original Author Programs—making it possible for these programs to be searchable in library catalogs. We emailed the file to the License Coordinator(s) for each account that has given us their external IP address ranges. Please send questions about MARC records to Information Manager, Carin Bringelson: [carin@TeachingBooks.net](mailto:carin@TeachingBooks.net)

### TeachingBooks at ALA: Want to Meet?

Nick Glass, the founder of TeachingBooks, is exhibiting at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Convention, June 28-July 1, 2008 in Anaheim, CA. If you would like to meet with Nick, email him at [nick@TeachingBooks.net](mailto:nick@TeachingBooks.net). Or just stop by the TeachingBooks Booth 2658.

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