



CHRISTOPHER,
Please Clean Up Your Room!

Talespinners
Collection

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Christopher is a terrific kid. He's cool, he's nice and he's smart. But he has one big problem... he's messy! His shoes smell funky, his fish bowl stinks... even the cockroaches can't stand it. In the chaos of Christopher's room, his fish rise up from their scummy bowl in protest. They enlist the help of a fastidious, well connected cockroach. Together, the fish and the roaches hatch a plan that will change Christopher's life and his cleaning habits forever.


Christopher, Please Clean Up Your Room! is part of the NFB's *Talespinners* collection. Created for children aged five to nine, *Talespinners* uses vibrant animation to bring popular stories from a wide range of cultural communities to the screen.

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Study guide

A. Discussion Questions

1. What rules do you have to follow at home and school about keeping your space neat and clean? Who decided these rules? Why are they important? What happens if no one obeys these rules?
2. Do you think the cockroach in the story is a good or bad character? Why? Where do cockroaches come from? Where and how do they make their homes? Why do most people dislike them so intensely?
3. To help students see the relationship between health and the

environment, ask some questions. Why is the fish's good health dependent on clean water? What about Christopher's health, is it also related to a clean environment? Health Canada is an excellent source of relevant information. Students may pick a specific topic from the site: www.hc-sc.gc.ca and research the links between health and environment. Some suggested topics include second-hand smoke, lead-based paints, allergies, asthma or salmonella.

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Vincent Gauthier was born in Joliette, near Montreal, in 1968. He learned the basics of art at a local junior college and then moved to Montreal to study animation at Concordia University, where he is a drawing instructor. He has directed two films at the NFB's French animation studio, **Borderlines** (1992) and **The Dead Tree** (1998) and has worked on several short films for the children's series **Science, Please!**

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