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## Monocular Mac by Anne L. Corn

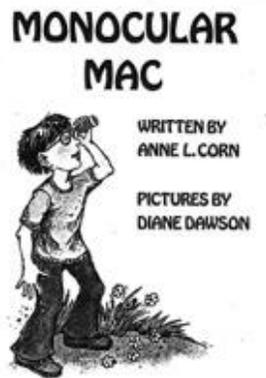


Figure 1: The cover of the Monocular Mac book. A drawing by artist Dianne Dawson of a young boy named Mac looking through a handheld telescope.

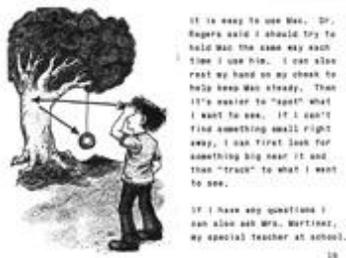
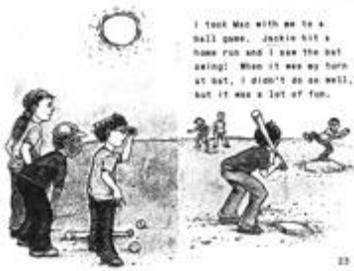


Figure 2: A page from Monocular Mac shows the young boy looking at a tree and tire swing through his telescope. Text from the book is on the right of the page.

Text from book:

“It is easy to use Mac. Dr. Rogers said I should try to hold Mac the same way each time I use him. I can also rest my hand on my cheek to help keep Mac steady. Then it’s easier to ‘spot’ what I want to see. If I can’t find something small right away, I can look for something big near it and then ‘track’ to what I want to see. If I have any questions I can also ask Mrs. Martinez, my special teacher at school.”



I took Mac with me to a ball game. Jackie hit a home run and I saw the bat swing! When it was my turn at bat, I didn't do so well, but it was a lot of fun.

**Figure 3: A page from Monocular Mac shows the young boy watching other children play baseball through his telescope. Text is at the top of the page.**

Text from book:

“I took Mac with me to a ball game. Jackie hit a home run and I saw the bat swing! When it was my turn at bat, I didn't do so well, but it was a lot of fun.”

### **Years Later....**

- Updating the concept
- Elements of the new story
  - Adventure!
  - Multiple optical devices featured

### **Meet Tomás**



**Figure 4: An illustration of a smiling young boy riding a skateboard.**

### **Tomás and Luna**



**Figure 5: An illustration of the young boy sleeping in bed. His dog sleeps on the floor next to his bed.**

## Tomás in School



Figure 6: An illustration of the young boy squinting at a chalkboard with blurry markings on it. Question marks appear over the boy's head. A teacher stands to the side of the chalkboard, gesturing at the markings on the board.

## Tomás in His Community



Figure 7: An illustration of a city park. The young boy and his friend look confused at the activity in the park. A boy throws a football toward two other boys, three girls walk together, a person rides a bike, and two people talk.

## Tomás Searching for Luna



Figure 8: The young boy and his friend look at a sign on the wall that reads "Notice: Dog Found!" The young boy looks through a magnifying glass to read the sign.

## Meet Our Actors



**Figure 9: Devon Gutierrez as Tomás. Devon, a young man wearing a grey shirt, reads a braille book in front of a green wall.**



**Figure 10: Rey Garza as Randy. A young man in a black shirt smiles at us in front of a beige wall.**



**Figure 11: Miriam Miramontes as Tomás' Mom. A light-haired woman's face fills the frame. She is looking down.**

## Meet Our Director: Lowell Bartholomee



**Figure 12: A large red-bearded man holds a teddy bear and looks into the camera.**

## ...and Our Illustrator: Scott Baltisberger



Figure 13: Scott Baltisberger sits at a desk drawing a picture on white paper.

## The Book



Figure 14: An illustration of the young boy and his dog smiling at us. The title of the book- Tomás and the Case of the Mysterious Missing Dog- is over the illustration.

## Download the Book!

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