

## Resource Guide Template

### 1. Title and CYRM category

Tesla's Attic

Middle School/Junior High Category

### 2. Author

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### 3. Publisher and copyright info

Published by Disney-Hyperion, 2014

### 4. Official and related links

#### a. Author website, Facebook, Twitter

<http://www.storyman.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/nealshusterman>

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<http://www.elfmanworld.com/>

#### b. Publisher website

#### c. CRA, CATE, CLA, and CSLA links

#### d. Other related links

<http://books.disney.com/book/the-accelerati-trilogy-book-one-teslas-attic-2/>

### 5. Synopsis

After their home burns down, fourteen-year-old Nick, his younger brother, and their father move into a ramshackle Victorian house they've inherited. When Nick opens the door to his attic

room, he's hit in the head by a toaster. That's just the beginning of his weird experiences with the old junk stored up there.

After getting rid of the odd antiques in a garage sale, Nick befriends some local kids-Mitch, Caitlin, and Vincent-and they discover that all of the objects have extraordinary properties.

What's more, Nick figures out that the attic is a strange magnetic vortex, which attracts all sorts of trouble. It's as if the attic itself has an intelligence . . . and a purpose.

Ultimately Nick learns that the genius Nikola Tesla placed the items-his last inventions-in the attic as part of a larger plan that he mathematically predicted. Nick and his new friends must retrieve everything that was sold at the garage sale and keep it safe. But the task is fraught with peril-in addition to the dangers inherent in Tesla's mysterious and powerful creations, a secret society of physicists, the Accelerati, is determined to stop Nick and alter destiny to achieve its own devious ends. It's a lot for a guy to handle, especially when he'd much rather fly under the radar as the new kid in town. Fans of intrigue, action, humor, and nonstop surprises are guaranteed a read unlike any other in *Tesla's Attic*, Book One of the Accelerati Trilogy.

#### 6. Activities for Librarians (two or three brief ideas)'

Design contest to see what inventions students can come up, MakerSpace idea

#### 7. Activities for Teachers (two or three brief ideas)

<https://www.teachingbooks.net/media/pdf/DisneyHyperion/TeslasAtticDG.pdf>

<http://www.pbs.org/tesla/tt/index.html>

<http://books.disney.com/content/uploads/2014/01/Teslas-Attic-DG-%C2%A6%C3%86.pdf>