

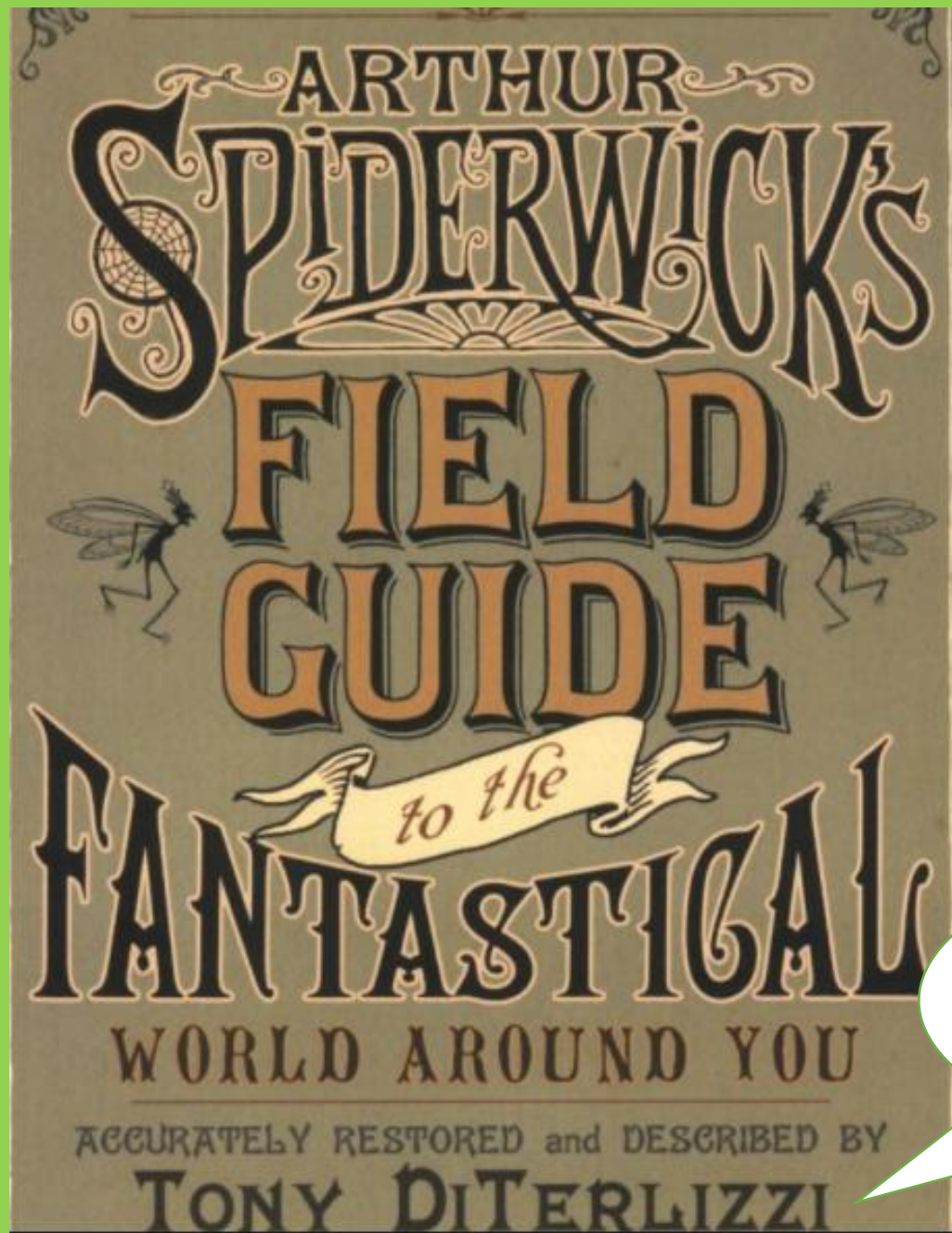
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Watch the movie trailer for 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'

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WARNING:
DO NOT DARE TO READ THIS BOOK
FOR IF YOU TAKE ONE FATEFUL LOOK
YOU BARTER AT YOUR LIFE'S EXPENSE
AND FACE A DEADLY CONSEQUENCE



The illustrator of our class text 'The Spider and the Fly'.



Custos domesticus
COMMON HOUSE BROWNIE
REGISTERED TRADE MARK

Read the notes
around the picture
and the
description on the
next slide.

FAMILY HOMUNCULIDAE

These kindly and dependable creatures (also called *lots*, *hobs*, or, if female, *silksies*) attach themselves to human households, where they help with chores and protect the well-being of people living on "their" land.

Fiercely loyal, *brownies* will defend a home and its surrounding estate from burglars and goblins. They live somewhere on the land they protect, perhaps in an abandoned barn, an unused closet, or within the walls. Despite their love of cleanliness, brownies are rather shabby in appearance, often going shoeless or wholly unclothed. Even so, they expect no payment other than scraps of food and a bowl of milk left out at night; in fact, further gifts are likely to induce adverse effects.

Shuffling sounds at night can be a sign of a brownie. The careful observer may be able to spy one at work if he or she can sneak up quietly enough. Even if not actually seen, the brownie may disappear in the middle of completing a task, leaving proof in the form of half-finished mopping or partially washed dishes.

- In a house with a brownie you may find small, handmade brooms, dustpans, and other cleaning equipment.

He lived in the studio of a landscape painter and would clean his brushes at night.



Unusual organization of items is also common in houses with brownies. A brownie may alphabetize books by the middle initial of the authors' names or file records by the titles of favorite songs.

Industrious themselves, even the gentlest of brownies hates laziness in others. If taken advantage of, or otherwise ill-used, the brownie may become a boggart. (Compare to boggart, p. 6; leprechaun, p. 35; and knocker, p. 86.)

Champagne chairs constructed from discarded cork and wire bottle harnesses.



Over the next two days, write a character description of both of these creatures. Use ideas from the last two slides and the prompt sheets to help you gather ideas.

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