Book: *What Color Is Night?* by Grant Snider

Art: *Standing Amitābha Buddha (mokuzō Amida Nyorai ryūzō), Japanese*

*Night Blossom Chandelier by Tord Boontje*

**Shadow Puppet Theaters**

**Materials**

- Cardboard box
- Light-colored tissue paper, coffee filters, wax paper, or thin fabric
- Tape or glue
- Scissors
- Dark-colored paper or pieces of cardboard
- Pencils, sticks, toothpicks, or long-handed kitchen utensils
- A flashlight, a lamp, or sunlight

**Instructions**

- Cut a large opening on one side of your box to make the front of your theater. The opening can be any shape. Cut out the back side of your box, which is where you will act out your puppet show. Tape or glue any sides together that may have become disconnected.
- Tape or glue your tissue paper, coffee filter, wax paper, or fabric to the inside of your box so it covers the front opening you created.
- To make your shadow puppets, cut shapes and figures out of dark-colored paper or pieces of cardboard. Attach your figures to toothpicks, pencils, or other sticks with tape or glue.
- To put on your puppet show, stand your theater upright. Place your light source behind the theater. From inside the box, hold your puppets up to the paper or fabric inside and watch as their shadows appear!

**Additional Book Suggestions**

*Wow! Said the Owl* by Tim Hopgood

*The Dark* by Lemony Snicket, illustrated by Jon Klassen