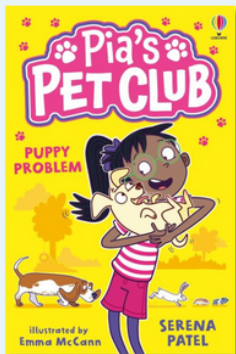


Pia's Pet Club: Puppy Problem

Serena Patel and
Emma McCann

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Pia LOVES pets and decides to help her friend train his troublesome puppy, Luna. But when Luna continues to cause CHAOS, Pia will need to work really hard to show her how to behave.



OUR THOUGHTS

"This is a fun untaxing read with appealing illustrations and a popular pet theme. This is a nice start of a series for children moving to longer texts and chapter books."

T H E M E S

- Pets
- Caring
- Family
- Responsibility
- Friendship

TIME TO TALK



- 1 Why do you think Pia's parents won't let her have a pet?
- 2 Why do you think Leo is unfriendly to Hari and Pia. Why doesn't he like the dogs?
- 3 If anyone in the class has a dog, ask them if their dog is more like Luna or Raja? What's the silliest thing their dog has done?
- 4 What do you think is the funniest scene in the book?
- 5 When Hari has to go to the dentist, do you think it's a good idea for Pia to look after the dogs by herself? What do you think could go wrong?
- 6 Was the ending of the book what you expected?
- 7 What sort of person do you think Pia is? What qualities does she have that will make her a good leader of the Pet Club?
- 8 Why do you think the author chose a puppy as the first challenge for the club?



Marv and the Duck of Doom

Alex Falase-Koya
and Paula Bowles



ABOUT THE BOOK

Marvin meets a blast from his grandad's past when the Duck of Doom shows up at the park, controlled by a new generation of super villain - Professor Feather 2.0!



OUR THOUGHTS

"This stands alone well in the fun and popular *Marv* superhero series. *Marv* is a great way of building reading stamina from short chapters to novels."

THEMES

- Superheroes
- Robots
- Science fiction
- Adventure

TIME TO TALK



- 1 Why do you think Marv reacts in the way he does when he first sees the duck?
- 2 What words would you use to describe the duck?
- 3 What was the most surprising thing about the Duck of Doom?
- 4 What would you do if you came across a duck that behaved like this one?
- 5 How do you think Marv is feeling when the duck appears in the park?
- 6 How do the ducklings of doom make Marv's job harder?
- 7 Would kind of superhero do you think Marv is? Would you like to be a superhero?
- 8 Marv has a sidekick called Pixel, what special things does Pixel do to help Marv in the story?
- 9 Do you think Marv is a good role model? Why do you think this?
- 10 What kind of things is Marv's supersuit able to do? If you could design a supersuit what would you like to be able to do with it?

George and the mini dragon

George Webster, Helen Harvey and Tim Budgen



ABOUT THE BOOK

When George finds a dragon in his garden, he realises his birthday wish has come true! But this dragon has a mind of its own, and it's going to be hard to conceal its antics at school and to his parents...



OUR THOUGHTS

"A sweet story that will entertain those who read it. Who wouldn't want a mini dragon as a pet? Helpful story for building children's reading stamina."

THEMES

- Friendship
- Mythical creatures
- Pets
- Humour
- Birthdays

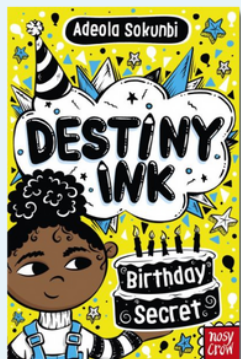
TIME TO TALK



- 1 What was George hoping to have as a present for his birthday? How do you think he felt when he didn't get what he was hoping for?
- 2 What did George wish for when he blew out the candles on his cake?
- 3 Who is Lava and what kind of mischief does she get up to?
- 4 If you could have a pet, what animal would you like and what would you call it?
- 5 How did George try to keep Lava a secret from his parents and teachers?
- 6 George learns that pets need suitable care, which is a big responsibility, what did George have to learn to keep Lava happy and healthy?
- 7 How did George's friends help him to look after Lava?
- 8 What talent would you perform in a school talent show if you could?
- 9 Which part of the story did you enjoy the most and why?
- 10 In what ways does the story show us that everyone is unique and special and we should celebrate being different?

Destiny Ink: Birthday Secret

Adeola Sokunbi



ABOUT THE BOOK

Destiny is jealous of the attention her cousin Lola receives, and so draws herself a new friend, a teddy bear. Then she receives the same teddy as a gift! But is playing with the bear as fun as playing with Lola?



OUR THOUGHTS

"This is a gentle story with an age-appropriate scenario which will resonate with readers. A nice safe short chapter for your junior fiction collections."

T H E M E S

- Emotions • Magic • Imagination
- Drawing • Birthdays • Friendship

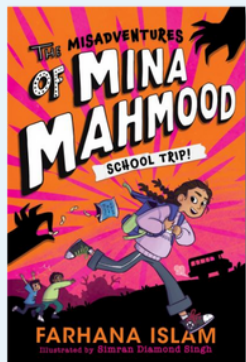
TIME TO TALK



- 1 Who is having the birthday party and how is Destiny feeling about going to the party?
- 2 What does Destiny give as a birthday present?
- 3 Why do you think Destiny starts to feel left out at the party?
- 4 What happens when Destiny's uncle takes her to the toy stall?
- 5 Who is Darlene? How does she help Destiny at the party?
- 6 The children draw designs on T-shirts, if you could design a drawing for a T-shirt what would it be?
- 7 How does Destiny's drawings help her to work through her feelings? What do you do to help you if you are worried about something?
- 8 What do you think it means to be jealous and why might this be a difficult feeling to have?
- 9 What is Destiny's favourite catchphrase? If you had a catchphrase, what would it be and why?
- 10 What do you think Destiny learns from the party about friendship? What does friendship mean to you?

The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood

Farhana Islam and
Simran Diamond Singh



ABOUT THE BOOK

Mina and her best friends Reema and Mobeen can't wait for their school camping trip... until they find out the woods are haunted by a legendary phantom!



OUR THOUGHTS

"A fun humorous read told in a similar style to Diary of a Wimpy Kid, which makes it accessible and enjoyable for young readers."

THEMES

- School stories • Bullying • Humour
- Friendship • Adventure • Mystery

TIME TO TALK



- 1 Why were Mina and her friends excited for the school trip?
- 2 Who is 'Bertie Blackteeth' and how was Mina feeling after finding out about the scary stories?
- 3 The story has a message around friendship, what does friendship mean to you? How do Mina and her friends support each other?
- 4 How did the rumours around 'Bertie Blackteeth' affect the planned activities?
- 5 What are some of the characters fears and how do you think they overcame them?
- 6 How does the school bully's behaviour affect Mina and her friends?
- 7 Who was 'Bertie Blackteeth' in the end, and had you predicted that this is who it might have been?
- 8 Mina has Bangladeshi heritage; what example of her cultural identity can you find in the book?
- 9 What was your favourite part of the story and why?
- 10 If you were Mina and her friends, would you have told the next school trip visitors to the camp the truth about 'Bertie Blackteeth'? Why or why not?



Supa Nova

Chanté Timothy

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

When genius scientist Nova invents a plastic-eating monster, she thinks she's solved the world's pollution problem. But she doesn't expect her monster to start rampaging through the city! Can Nova find a way to save the day?



OUR THOUGHTS

"The scientist theme is attractive and it's fun with Chomp the plastic-eating monster getting out of control the more he eats. Bright, inclusive graphics and a good way to highlight issues without being heavy or serious."

THEMES

- Adventure
- Science
- Plastic
- Pollution
- Environment

TIME TO TALK



- 1 What was the problem that Nova was trying to fix?
- 2 What did Nova use to create Chomp?
- 3 What happened in the kitchen after chomp was created?
- 4 Why do you think Chomp started eating other things around the city?
- 5 How did Nova and Cassi work together to stop Chomp?
- 6 How do you think the graphic novel format of the book helped to tell the story?
- 7 The book has an important message about plastic pollution, what things can we all do to help reduce this problem?
- 8 If you could invent anything, what would it be?
- 9 What was your favourite part of the story and why?
- 10 Nova's experiment got out of hand, what message does the book give us about making mistakes and being creative?

