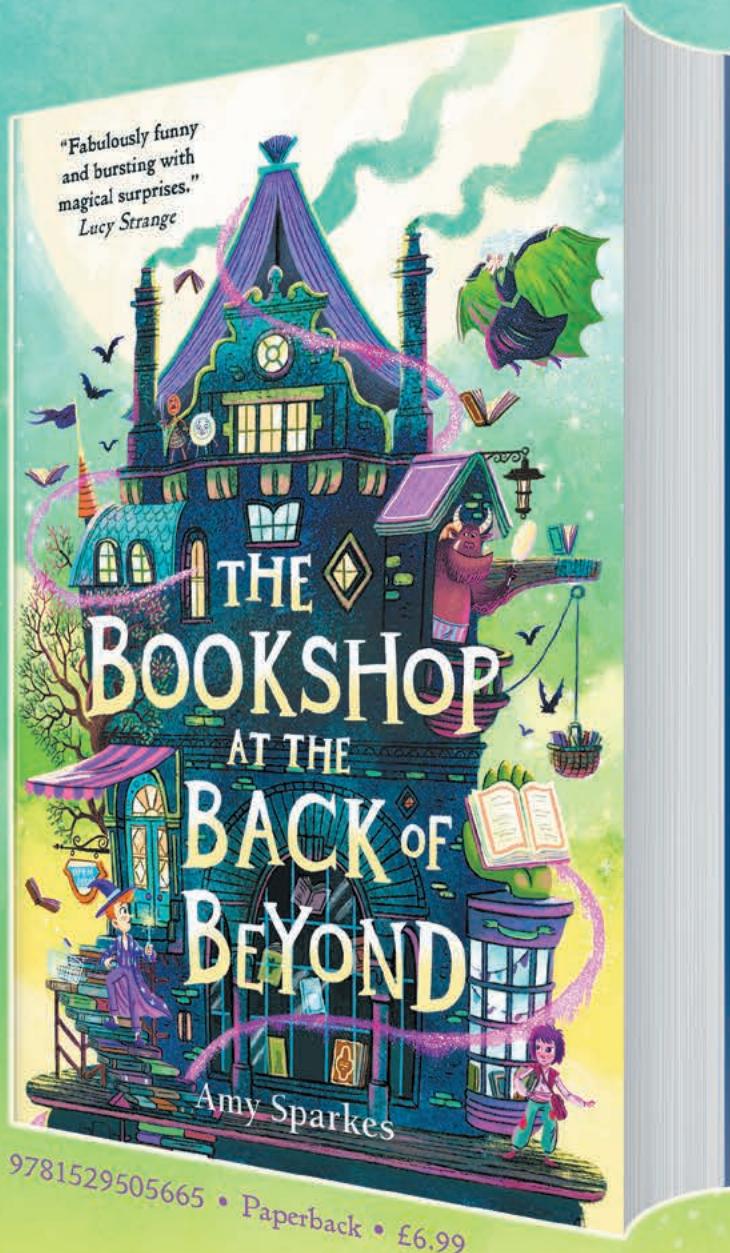


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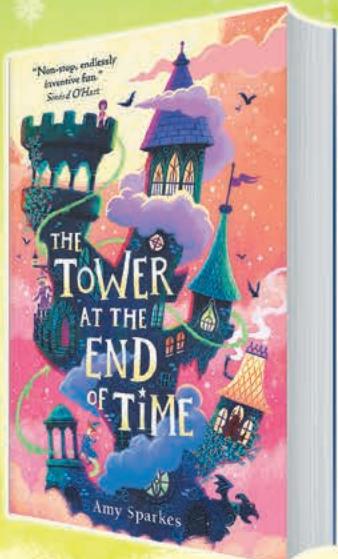
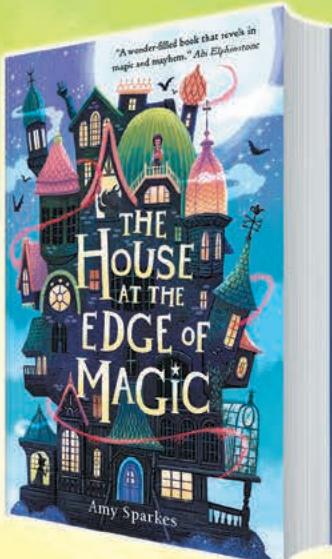


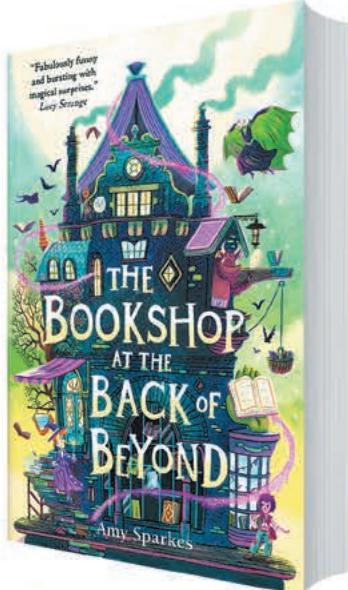
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ACTIVITY 1:

There are lots of characters with fun and silly names throughout the series such as Malissa the Unnecessarily Spiteful, Aniseed the Regretfully Toothless and Gazillion the Unstoppable. Can you come up with any other examples? You can use your own name and personality to create your own magical character name!



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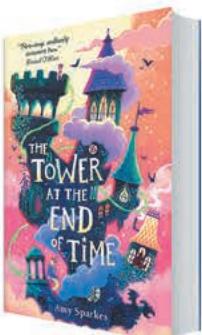


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ACTIVITY 2:

Nine and her friends travel to Beyond where their adventures continue. Beyond is packed with eccentric, exciting and mysterious shops that are shaped like the items they sell. The tea shop is a huge purple teapot decorated with strawberries, the shoe shop is a giant black boot and the hat shop is a giant, wonky hat. There is also a sweet shop, a candle shop and a pet shop. Have a go at drawing your version of these shops on the next page. You could draw one or (if you're feeling extra creative) draw a whole bunch of shops! Colour them in and make them as bright and bold as you can.

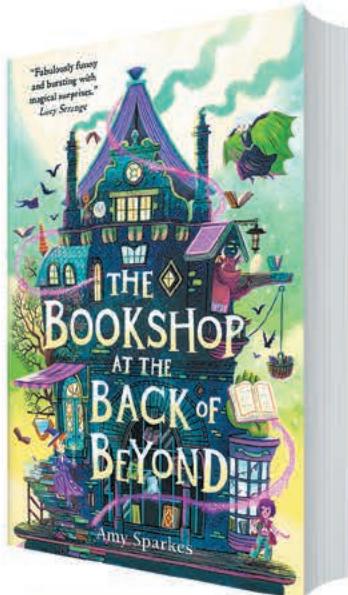


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ACTIVITY 3:

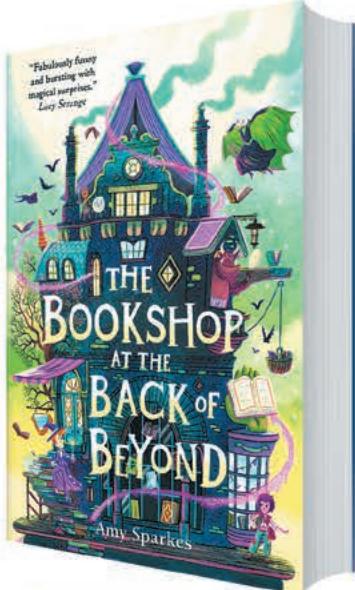
Flabberghast parked his house in the giant, crowded house park, but now he can't find his way back and he doesn't have his wizard magic to help him! Can you help him get through the maze and back home?



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ACTIVITY 4:

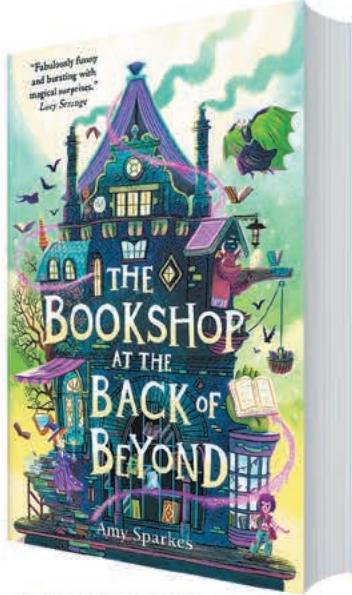
When Nine finally arrives at the bookshop at the back of Beyond we read this great description:

Nine sighed and went around to the bay window on the right. She cupped her hands around her eyes to peer through the grimy window. There were bookshelves galore! Books beyond books were stacked everywhere, higgledy-piggledy in piles that nearly touched the ceiling, stuffed on shelves, even lining the staircases that went

up and down to the different floors. It looked incredible. She longed to be inside, to search the books, to smell them... What incredible books could be lurking inside a magical bookshop?

How would you feel if you were entering a bookshop described in this way?
What kind of stories would you like to find and read here?





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ACTIVITY 5:

Nine is trying to find out more about her mother and what she left with the mysterious Safekeeper. Can you help her look for clues in this wordsearch?

A	K	E	Y	H	K	I	K	L	W	B	N
	F	M	U	T	W	I	M	G	A	G	Q
	G	U	B	J	K	B	O	X	E	Z	N
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Key

Music

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Bookshop

Beyond

Safekeeper

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