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Change your story

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Book choice strategies



Look

Have a browse- it's a good idea to check out the books to get an idea of the selection.



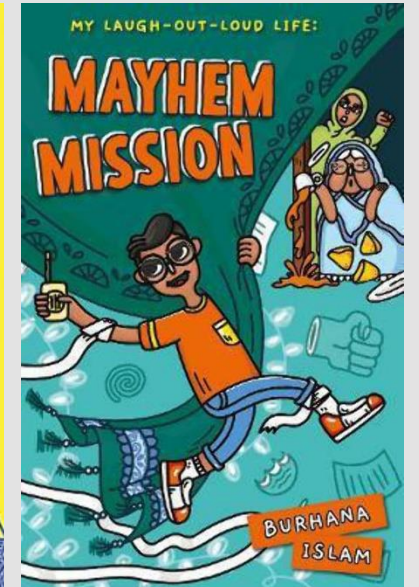
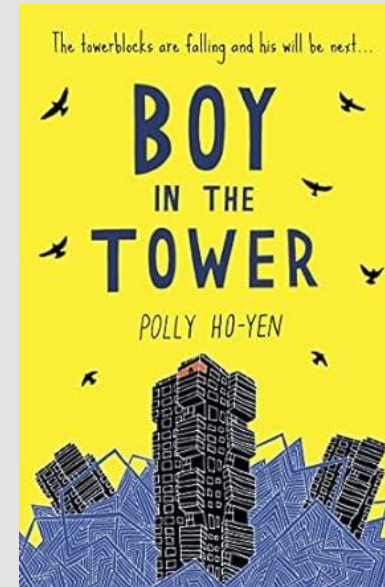
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Check out the cover

Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?

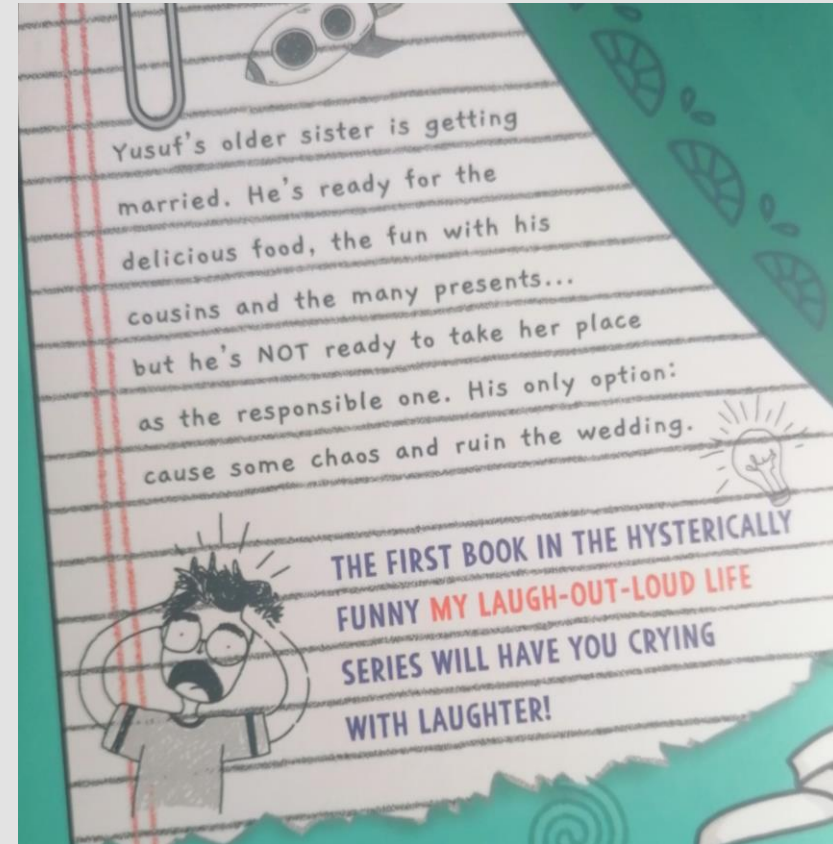
It's OK to judge a book by its cover!
Lots of work goes into the design of book covers and it will give you a clue about what's inside the book.



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Read the blurb

What does the blurb tell you? Does it sound like a story you want to read?



The blurb is the text on the back of the book. It tells you something about the story.

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Think about the genre

What kinds of stories do you usually enjoy?
Is this book a genre you've liked before? A
genre you don't enjoy? Or a genre you are
interested to try?

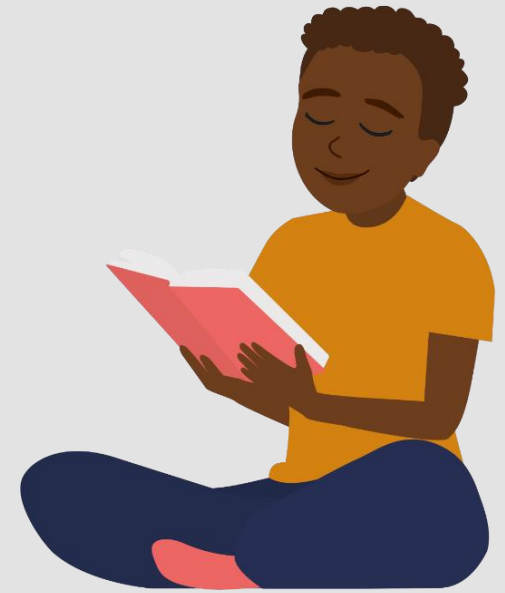


Genre means the type of story. This could be
fiction, non-fiction, comedy, adventure, fantasy,
mystery, thriller.

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Try it out

Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.



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The five-finger test

Use this test to see if this book is a good fit for you. Read a page. Every time you come across a word that you don't know, count one finger. If you get to five the book might be too hard, so try another one, or find an adult to help you.



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Ask

Ask a friend, your teacher, your school librarian, or a family member to recommend a book.

