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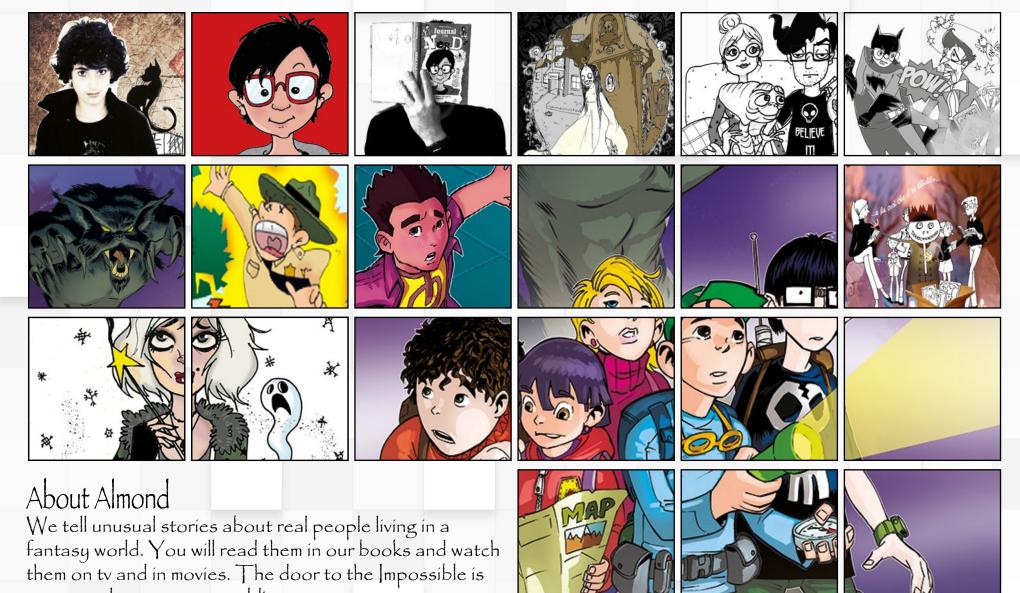
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WITCH IN THE KITCHEN

ALIEN ACADEMY



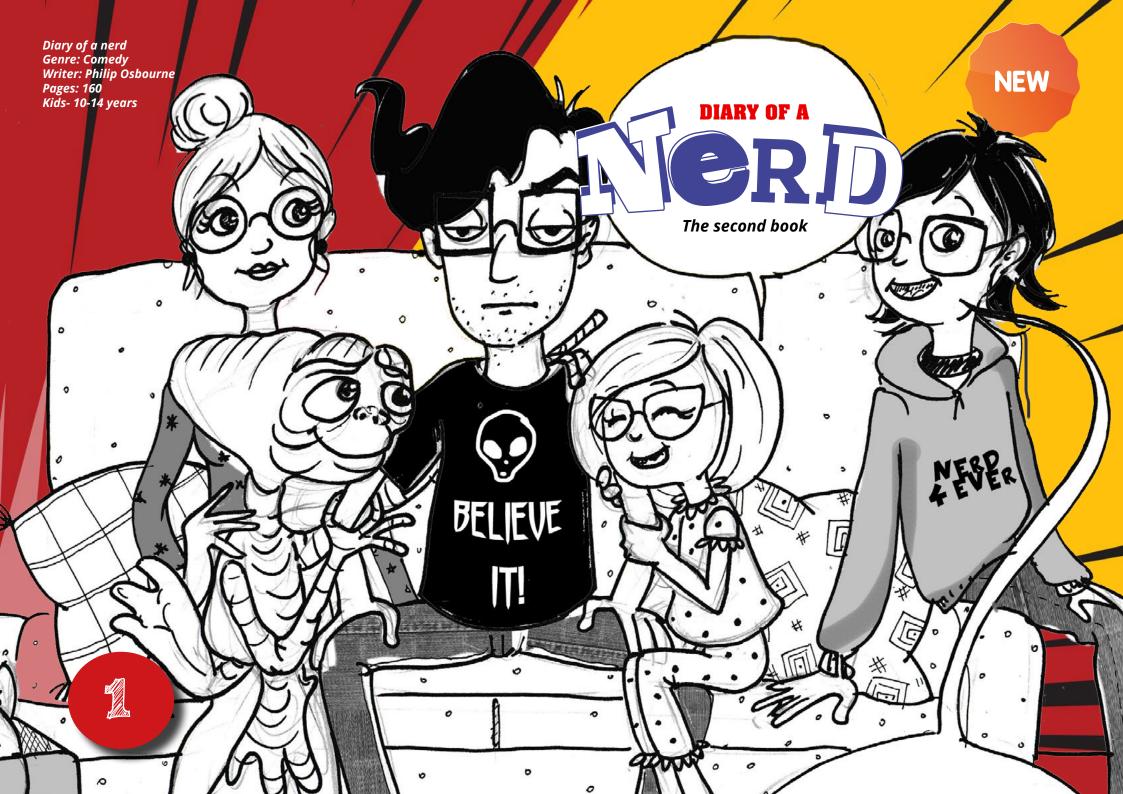




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The thousand lights of Hollywood

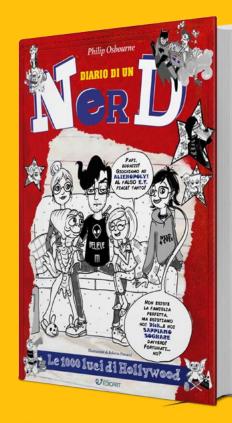
A funny book consisting of two different diaries written by the same kid: One is the diary of a young genius, and the other is a sportsman of love. Nerds are the main characters of this hilarious illustrated book.

Phil is a twelve year old boy living in Manhattan, who is a very talented nerd, an intellectual who likes to spend his days with his friends, the" geek team". He loves Loren, but he also knows that he could never compete with Ted. the Loren's boyfriend. One night, while the nerd was asleep the Star Wars character Darth Vader appeared like a vision inviting him to use his strength to challenge the bullies and conquer his beloved. Phil reads a newsletter promoting a sabre course, it's a signal from his Star Wars idol! Without his friends knowledge, he starts his training and he soon becomes a champion but he fears judgments and critics. For this reason he invents the figure of the "cousin Mike" thanks to a jacket found during an award ceremony and the idea of his sister Elen. When Phil wears Mike's clothes he's a saber champion and a cool, cocky and very social boy. The opposite of his real nature.

Phil wants to conquer the Loren's heart with the help of Mike. He plans a series of lies in order to make his cousin Mike more of a real person to Loren's eyes.

The guy is competing in the Finals of Sabre National Championships, his lies are working well with good results.

But it's not as it seems, something is going wrong... A policeman discovers that Phil and Mike are the same person. The back judge disqualifies him, even though if he is only one point away from winning the match. Loren is really disappointed in seeing a nerd in front of her and asks him to never phone again. The nerd is very clever and he's also involved in an important Junior Mathematics Competition with his team. Phil, George, Nicholas and Elen (the coach) take an hard training program and are ready to face the last challenges. Phil is in the Finals against the terrific Big Mind Kill. He's bewitched by the girl. There is something between the two geniuses... When the judge reads the last question, they give the same answer at the same time and the two teams win an ex aequo cup. "The Killers Mind" and "The Ping Pong Theory" are the new champions. Phil, George, Nicholas and Elen have a new entry in the clan.



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"The Ping Pong Theory" reach the final round of competition and their opponents are the "Avengers". But during this game Professor Gray screens a video of Phil hacking into the school network and changing his grade. Phil is humiliated in front of his family and friends, and finally realizes that even though he is exceptional in some talents, he must accept his limitations with humility in others. Just as it seems that all is lost, the E.T. parody arrives to help Phil solve the mystery of the



prop thefts- it was Professor Gray! When Gray was a kid, he had been mocked as a conceited geek. Ever since then he rejected his geek-hood and has tormented nerds and tried to destroy their favorite pop culture icons. The "Ping Pong Theory" doesn't win the competition - but they are the heroes of nerds everywhere for saving the beloved film props. Phil and the Nerds are enthusiastically celebrated by all the competitors of the competition. mis son sac en papier sur la tête et GURG pour se faire remarquer, s'est approché et a bredouillé : « Les gars, j'ai résolu A'x+ B'y s C'z, c'est simple, pas vrai ? » OK L'A TUS RECARDE DE TRAVERS La compétition a commencé et on s'est retrouvés



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Ils s'appelaient GOOMIES en l'honneur du film d'aventures de 1985 de RICHARD DONNER, d'après une idée de SIEVER

Spielberg. Le film racoute l'histoire de jeunes garçons nés dans un quartier d'Astoria (Oregon)

nommé "Goon Docks"; d'où leur nom les "Goonies". Ceux du film étaient **cool-s, Nos**

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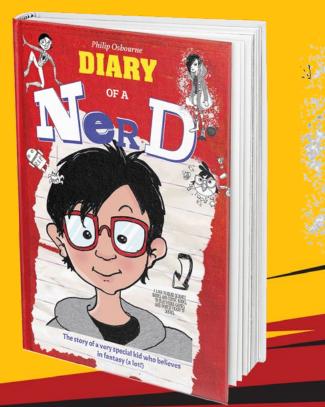
Theory. On avait choisi un nom ironique qui s'inspirait de notre série préférie. MARK, le plus vieux et le chef de l'équipe des Goonies, m'a dit : « J'espère

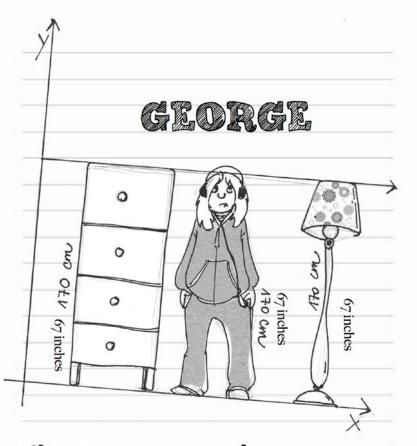


DIARY OF A CERD

THE FIRST BOOK

PUBLISHED IN FRANCE, ITALY, RUSSIA, ROMANIA, POLAND, ETC



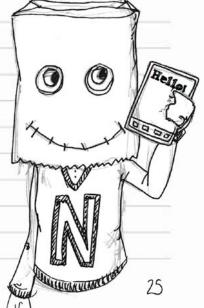


George's parents are obsessed with symmetry. they are engineers that are always lining him up with everything in the house. **Micholds**. He's my own age, loves watching FOOTBALL on TV and keeps on **GOOGLING** Miss "Dance" Ann on his tablet. She's a girl he's deeply in love with. She will never know how he feels **BECAUSE HE'S REALLY SHV**. I mean, really. When he sees a girl he runs away as fast as he can, doesn't even want to be recognized. That's why he always wears A PAPER BAG ON HIS HEAD. I suppose he doesn't want to show how embarassed he feels. You know what's funny about him? **HIS INSAME Ideas**. **NICHOLAS** is very

clever, though he doesn't always put his **TALENTS TO THE PEST USE**. I'll tell you one. He invented this LIGHTNING[®] RESISTANT TABLET. Now why in the world would anyone need

to use an Ipad in a THUNDERSTORM while

risking electrocution?



During our last summer vacations he SPENT A MONTH WORKING ON A PROJECT: he came up with a scale that could weigh every single person going in and out of a shopping center. WINT? It is as simple as this: HE WANTED TO TRACK DOWN ROBBERS.

HOW? His scale weighed and registered all the people going in and out of the shopping center when they were at the cashier. If someone weighed more at the exit than when he or she entered and didn't stop at the cashier, The scale would sound an alarm. It was a perfect in ventions

It was a high-precision scale and each and everyone's features were saved on a computer. DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S PURE GENIUS?

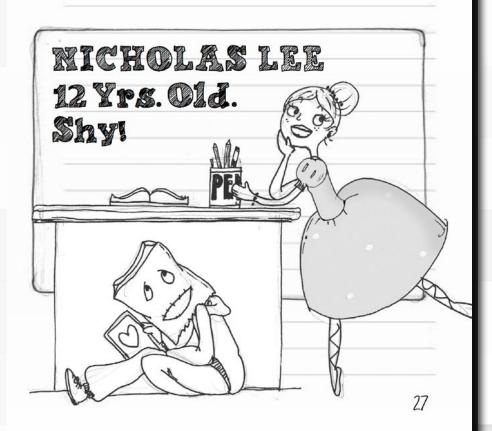
YES, IT WAS ACTUALLY ABSURD!

his wife's bag for a second or had held his wife's bag for a second or had had a pizza in the meantime, his weight would've increased and the scale would have given the alarm. BASICALLY HIS INVENTION WAS

AS FASCINATING as it was uselessand ABSURD! NO USE AT ALL!

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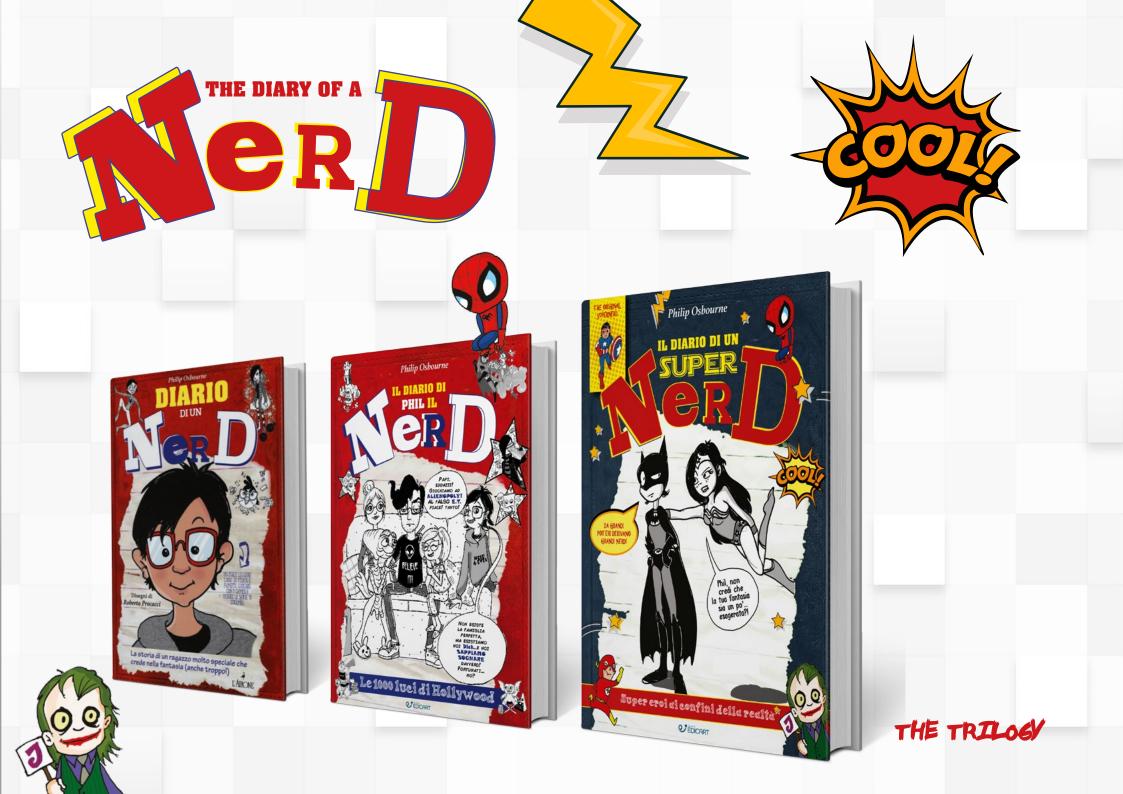
sono Phil, per chiunque Phil, 11 nerd. rutti si aspettano da me sempre il massimo dei risultati e il

problema è che io mi **dispetto** sempre il massimo da me. Forse dovrei cercare solo di **sofRIDERE**. Ma spesso **Ho L'OSSESSIONE** dei voti. Li immagino dei mostriciattoli verdi, piccoli e con i denti aguzzi, come i personaggi del gioco **ZOMBIE TSUNAMI**. Per me i voti sono delle creature terribili che mi rincorrono. Nei miei incubi io scappo da loro, mentre mi urlano: "Vuoi un bel voto? Abbracciaci!" sono fuori di testa?

THE DIARY OF A



Mi è difficile rimanere sereno quando tutti si aspettano da me la **LOPE** in ogni materia, l'unico che non si aspetta nulla è **2010 PEPE**, perché lui altende solo l'arriv ALIENI. NON FA EROREIO IESIO: Anche baltute sono sempre più folli, l'altro



I'M THE NIGHTMARES BLOGGER

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Vincent is a teen Nightmare Blogger. Teenagers all around the globe love him but his extreme connection to Edgar Allan Poe is almost driving him crazy.

He has extrasensory perception and he knows that in order to understand his infernal powers he will have to trace back the mysterious events that marked the final days of the writer from Baltimore.

"He didn't know he had been adopted, didn't know his own roots and didn't realize that foreseeing the future was not as beautiful as he thought, because the doors he would peek in were opening on evil. When he turned 14 he kissed Mary. The moment locked on to hers, he saw the future for the very first time. While he was watching a tv series trailer, he saw the accident that would have gotten Mary hospitalized. He couldn't ever love love anyone."

Introduction by horror cinema maestro Brian Yuzna



I'M THE NIGHTMARES BLOGGER

On October 3rd 1849 writer Edgar Allan Poe was walking move Baltimore in a state of delirium, " in big trouble and in need of immediate assistance", according to the man who found him, Joseph W. Walker. He was taken to Washington College Hospital where he died on Sunday October 7th at 5.00 am.

Poe never came to his senses enough to explain the circumstances that had him in such terrible conditions and the reason why he was wearing someone else's clothes. How could these events on October 6th 1849 affect young Vincent? Had Poe planned a way to come back to life?





YOUNG POE

Genre: Mystery- Horror-Age: Young Adult Writer: Philip Osbourne Graphic Designer: Studio DG Pages: 160 Language: English Available: Italian language



PHILI P OSBOURNE

Philip Osbourne was born in Portsmouth, Maine

and attended the University of Maine. He began writing for comic books while still in college and his works include "Jenna" (with Jim Fern, Joe Rubinstein and Paul Di Anno of the band Iron Maiden) and the critically acclaimed "Touch" (illustrated by David Mack and Wellinghton Dias). "Hollywood Noir" was a collaboration with Dario Gulli and was illustrated by the celebrated Dick Giordano. Osbourne has written articles for cinema magazines such as Empire, as well as worked with horror icon Brian Yuzna on film projects. Now that he is a father, he is launching his new passion: a line of funny fascinating and always surprising youth books. His work has been published internationally in the UK, Germany, Italy, Austria, Czech Republic, Australia and New Zealand. "Diary of a Nerd" is the last novel for kids and it has been pusblished in Italy, France, Brazil, Russia and Romania.

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After "Diary of a Nerd", author Philip Osbourne returns to the 'kids novel' with a supernatural horror story that deals with difficult issues in a fun way.

How to go beyond fears, even the most atavistic and shocking ones? What is the boundary between Good and Evil? Alan, the novel's protagonist, is a 12 year old boy who is confronted by 'Serramonica', an unsettling supernatural creature that is awakened from beneathe the school basement by three school bulles.

Serramonica is a scary old woman wrapped in a long white cloth who has extraordinary super powers. There is only one way to stop her: Take her by her hand an pull her back into her own dimension!



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GHOSTS and BUILTES Genre: Mystery- Horror-Age: Kids

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PHILIP OSBOURNE

The Mystery of Serramonica

Writer: Philip Osbourne Pages: 160 Language: English Available: Italian language



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Ghosts and Bullies follows the rational and mathematical Alan as he faces and analyzes his fears in order to overcome them. As in all of his novels, author Philip Osbourne talks about important concepts like diversity and the eternal struggle between good and evil. After his parents' divorce, the traumatized Alan turns inward and becomes an introverted science buff. He loves to manage his Youtube Channel that he uses to explain mysteries from a scientific point of view. Serramonica puts his scientific explanations to the test. The book is replete with characters that are wildly eccentric, yet completely plausible. Lucy is the 'loner' who creates colorful flying snakes from empty cans and buttons. ("Once I finish my recycled winged reptiles natural park, everyone will come into my inverted world!")

Mr. Bowie is the insecure school principal who has a phobia of rats. ("If they were half as tall as a human, mankind wouldn't have a chance against them. Go away- to another planet- yes, even you Mickey Mouse!") Stan Kubert is a bragging bully during the day, but when he is alone he dreams of being a pastry chef who makes underprivileged kids' Christmases a little brighter.

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Once the manhole in the school basement is opened, Alan and the other students are invaded by Serramonica and her ghostly minions. And it is Alan who must offer his hand to her in order to drag her back into her dark world. To do that, he must let go of his rationality and his fears. It is time for Alan to grow! "I'm not scared of vampires because they can be destroyed with a stake to the heart... and a ray of sunlight will melt them like ice cream. I'm not afraid of ghosts because they are lazy and hate to go out. At worst, they are like Casper, nice and plump, with the aim to make friends instead of terrified enemies. I'm not afraid of werewolves because at night I'm in my house- I don't walk around outside in the full moon. Anyway, I always keep some silver items with me, just in case- it is like kryptonite to Superman. But- I am scared to death of Serramonica. Thinking of this ancient crone wrapped in a white cloth makes me tremble with fear-because to beat her I must take her by the hand... and I will never do that- NEVER!"









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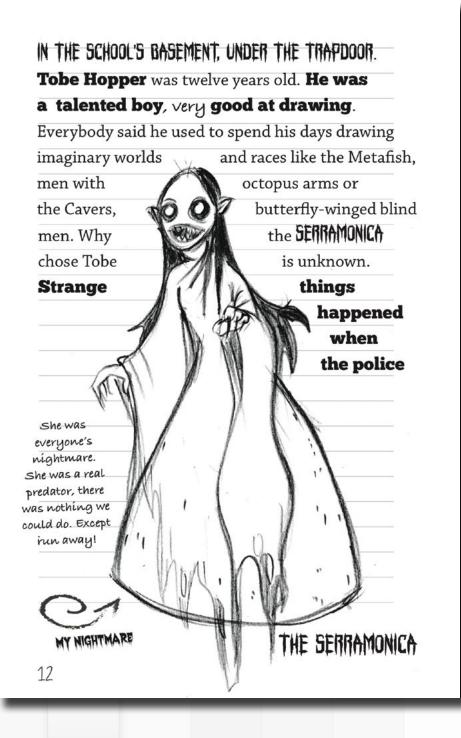
THE SCHOOL IN THE LAKE

"Once upon a time there was reality. Once upon a time there was a beautiful world before our eyes. Then the Ghost appeared and the horizon turned into a trapdoor, the smile into concern...

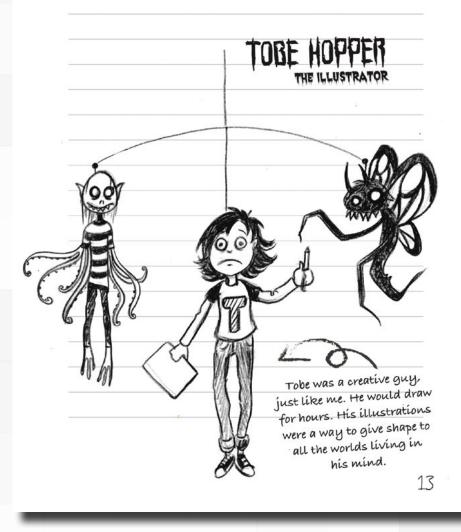
Still, there was a way, there always is, to restore the colors of the sky and the happiness of tomorrow. I'm going to tell you about it...." t all started the day TED and My decided that just watching the trapdoor in the floor of the basement was not enough for them.

I had warned them that opening it would be like unplugging a sink- once the water gets out, getting it back in is no longer an option. I had read articles and watched documentaries at school about it. ADULTS JUST BELITTLE THINGS BECAUSE THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN ANYTHING THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND. But the story was not a fantasy, at least not for Principal Mark Oblivion. After the SERRAMONICA'S first appearance he left the school and moved far away from *Castle Lake*. He is living proof of the fact that **SERRAMONICA** is much more than just an urban legend. After her first appearance Principal Oblivion took his children out of school and asked his wife, an English teacher, to follow him to California. According to the files I've read, everybody thought he had gone crazy -- until the day the SERRAMONICA came BACK AND DRAGGED A KID DOWN INTO HER WORLD.





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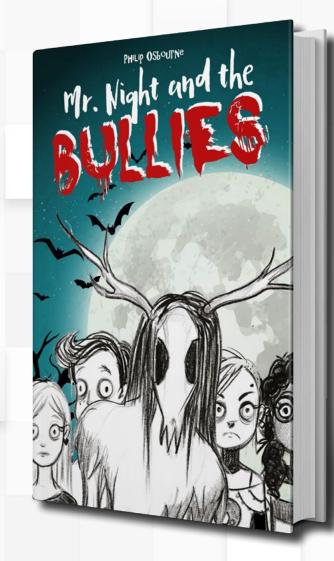


Mr. Night and the BULLES

There's only one way to stop bullies... and that's by relying on a monster!

Based on a true story, "Mr. Night and the Bullies" is a fantasy-horror story which narrates the deeds of Mr. Night, a monstrous creature able to avenge those who evoke him. Philip Osbourne deals with the issue of bullying in amusing yet at the same time serious tones, relating a real life experience. A novel for teenage boys and girls which, as in all the other works written by the author of "Diary of a Nerd", encourages them to awaken their artistic souls and to face life's challenges, whether big or small, with courage.

Philip Osbourne has published his novels and graphic novels in the USA, France, Germany, Russia, Poland, the Czech Republic and Italy, and has worked together with leading artists such as Dick Giordano, Takeshi Miyazawa, Brian Yuzna and Paul Dianno (Iron Maiden frontman).



"The night brought him to us and the day left him inside our souls"



Mr. Night and the BUILLES

Genre: Mystery- Horror-Age: Kids Writer: Philip Osbourne Pages: 240 Language: English Available: Italian language

DEFENDER

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Five kids team up as Dream Defenders to protect our world from the creatures of our dreams and nightmares.

Seven portals allow the scary creatures living in our dreams to cross the border and get into the real world. Before the monsters find the way to cross the access points and invade the Earth they must be stopped and segregated in the world of nightmares.

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Stan, Bill, Jack, Steve and Ann have been grounded at school for a number of different reasons. During one forced afternoon stay at school they meet and put their yet undiscovered talents together to save the world form the frightening creatures.

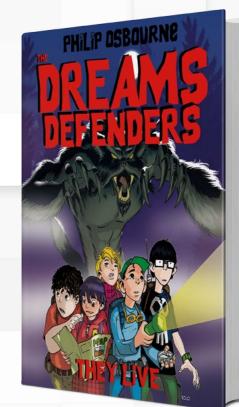
THE DREAMS DEFENDERS



A coming-of-age book between "Stand By Me" and "The Goonies" with fantasy and ironic twist. The protagonists represent five different kinds of personalities: the genius, the rebel, the braggart, the coward and the impulsive. What was supposed to be a punishment for their misbehaviours will them together instead. Once they've been taken into the same room and gotten to know each other, they find out the world is in real danger. As no one believes them, they will have to solve it by themselves, using talents and skills they didn't even know they had.

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Genre: Adventure- Horror Age: 10-13 years Writer: Philip Osbourne & Martin Steel Illustrations: Antonio J. Rojo Pages: 160



PHILIP OSBOURNE & MARTIN STEEL



Non l'anevo mai vista coni spoventata. Aneva passano la giornata di ociare casa, anche perché la secula en simuna chiana in anesa che il preside decidesse cosa fane. Le erano shoate delle occhiais in inveshilik, che in genege compiano sulla faccia degli adald. Si erano spalmate sal

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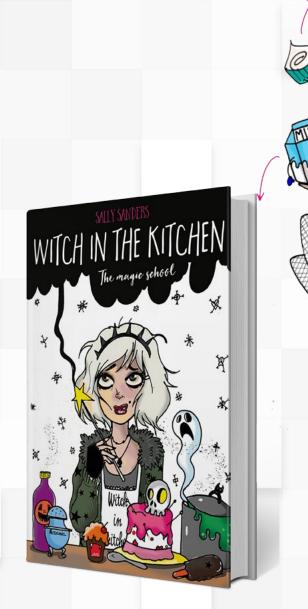
SALLY SANDERS WITCH IN THE KITCHEN The Magic School

Malibu, California.

Did you know that you could learn how to be a witch by cooking?

An illustrated novel where the protagonist, a 13-yearold girl, will learn how to apply magic to cooking, an ability that will allow her to fight against Evil. Real recipes, tips on how to create real magic courses at home and a lot of funny stories!





WITHC IN THE KITCHEN

Genre: Teen - Adventure Age: 10-13 years Writer: Sally Sanders Pages: 160



can take on the appearance of other people thanks to a secret magical potion," the speaker said.

An amateur smartphone video showed him drinking from a bottle and suddenly turning into a famous singer.

"The erbax simunt allows him to change shape for about 120 minutes. During that time his face turns into that of the last person he looked at straight into the eyes. Jeremy's 17 years old and he's considered one of the most promising students of the Alchemy School.





e and his friends Zachary, Mary, Isaac and Iona belong to the 'Scion Adepts', a group led by Gabriel, a wizard of dark arts."

"Wait a second, what does it mean? I think I'm lost," I asked in amazement.

"Long story short, I'm a witch and soon you'll be one too. We're all witches with very special powers and we've been selected to protect the planet from the Scion Adepts. In a nutshell, we're the good guys and they're the villains. Basically we use cooking as a magical tool, that's why the school is providing the world with the most talented cooking witches."

Was this a cartoon? A sci-fi movie?

"You're going to be a witch in the kitchen", Wiki repeated. "And you're going to fight the Alchemy School along with me and two other witches."

I was speechless, yet I wanted to know something more about Gabriel.

"Who's their leader?"

"He's horrible, he knows the most terrible spells. Everybody at Alchemy is at Gabriel's service!" It still felt like this was all a dream, but I wanted to see that horrible being.

Wiki pointed to the light bulb on the ceiling, took out some strange spice from her pocket, threw it in the air and suddenly a hologram appeared. It slowly turned into a clear shape and that was when I found out the most terrible thing.

ROBERT WAS GABRIEL!



ALIEN ACADENY More in The Light

Set in Columbus, Ohio, this book tells the adventure of Mike Mann, a young wizard's apprentice of alien powers, and his best friends, Sabry and Elen. Mike learns how to manage the alien power thanks to Roosevelt 52 (an extraterrestrial who will reveal to him the truth about his parents' disappearance) and his "special" school.

If Harry Potter studies in a school of wizardry-Mike Mann is the apprentice of alien powers. In Philip Osbourne's exciting new novel, Aliens are just like Xavier in the 'X-Men', but they train 'special' kids to harness the Power of the Light!



ALIENS LIVE! AND MIKE MANN LEARNS FROM THEM... TO GET THEIR POWERS!

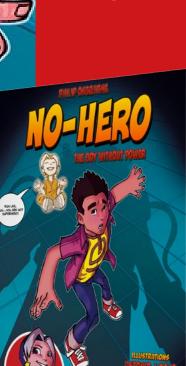
Philip Osbourne & Wartin Steel



Alien Academy Genre: Sci-Fi Writer: Philip Osbourne & Marteen Steel Pages: 160 Young Adult A boy finds a costume fully equipped with super powers created by the CIA to fight the forces of evil. A few side-effects: No instruction manual and a dangerous criminal who will do anything to lay his hands on it.

Mike Lee has recently moved to New Jersey and he doesn't really get on with his friends at school because he doesn't respect therules. After his dad ended up on the front pages of the Big Apple newspapers for a burglary that he has never committed, young Mike finds it really hard to talk to his classmates and his impulsive attitude doesn't help him with the teachers either.

During an afternoon walk on along the Hudson's River edge he finds a suitcase with a crazy costume inside. The moment he puts it on he gets into trouble with the CIA as well as with a dangerous criminal but he also starts growing mature and will be able to solve his dad's mystery.



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No-Hero- First Volume

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Genre: Superheroes Writer: Philip Osbourne & Marteen Steel Illustratations: Antonio Matt Tavares Pages: 160 Age: 10-14 years







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Non ci sono solo belle vie nelle città, dietro le insegne luminose spesso si nasconde "qualcos'altro". Castel Lake, la città in cui vivo, è solo "qualcos'altro". Non la amo molto.

Come non amo la scuola che frequento.

Mi piace studiare, semplicemente da un po' di tempo non riesco a raggiungere i risultati che vorrei.

Martin è il genio di matematica, Lory di lettere, John di scienze, ed io?

A volte mi sento come un pollo che ha metà corpo in con latore e l'altra metà nel forno. Si, in definitiva avrà pure temperatura media, ma da qualche parte è troppo free qualche altra troppo caldo.









Dannazione, era un professionista e se avesse rubato la valigia o concessa al primo ladruncolo, nessuno lo avrebbe più arruolato.

Poi l'accordo che aveva preso con lo sconosciuto era stato chiaro: "Proteggerò la valigia anche a costo della mia vita!". Lui era un uomo di parola. La sua vita si fondava sul fatto che gli altri credevano in quello che lui diceva. Aveva altri difetti, ma non quello di dire bugie.

Mel si buttò giù sotto un auto vecchia, parcheggiata lì da qualche decennio, premurandosi di non lasciare mai la valigia. Rotolò dall'altro lato e con un gesto felino si risollevò. Cominciò a correre come un pazzo.

L'uomo in nero non fece in tempo ad accorgersi di cosa stesse accadendo quando Mel si gettò da una rupe e, sbattendo ovunque, finì in mezzo ad una strada.

Joe, l'uomo che l'avrebbe dovuto raggiungere qualche minuto prima, frenò con la sua moto davanti a Mel e disse: "Codice 66".

Mel sorrise e rispose: "Codice Doom". Probabilmente l'uomo pensò: "meglio tardi che mai!".

Finalmente si erano incrociati. Si erano riconosciuti e adesso si potevano scambiare le valigie.

Mel controllò che quella di Joe contenesse i soldi pattuiti e poi staccò dal polso la valigia che lo sconosciuto gli aveva fatta prendere in uno posto lontano oltre 500 km. I due si sorrisero e non si dissero altro. Joe si rimise in moto e si dileguò velocemente. Purtroppo uno degli elicotteri della polizia si accorse di lui e cominciò a segnalargli di accostare.





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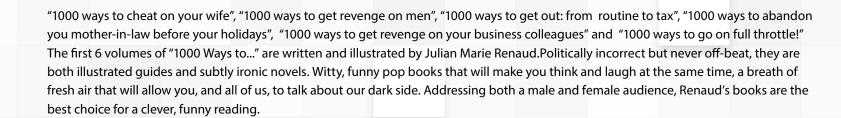
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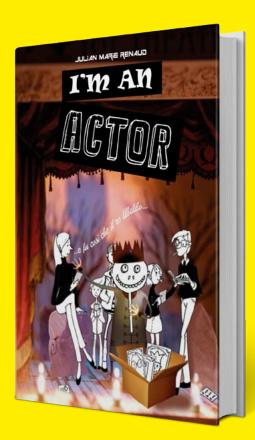












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