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A Murder Mystery: Part 2

by Anushka & Aubrey

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Ginger felt hollow, sitting motionless on the bench in the police station. All she could think about was her best friend Clover's lifeless body—skin pale and cold, completely still with blood trickling down. Olive sank beside her, eyes red and swollen from hours of crying.

"What are we going to do?!" Olive's voice cracked as she hiccupped the sentence, then she grabbed a tissue to dab her nose.

We have to find whoever did this. We need justice for Clover, Ginger thought, a heavy stone pressing against her chest. Ginger and Olive looked exhausted, dealing with everything the police asked them while busy with school. It had been officially 12 hours since they heard that Clover was gone forever.

"Why," Ginger whispered to Olive, leaning her head against Olive's shoulder. "I wish there was something we could have done to save her," Olive murmured, stroking Ginger's hair.

"I feel like it's my fault for just staying there," Ginger's eyes stung, rebellious tears coming down her face. "I-I jus-st wish th-that she would come ba-back," Ginger hiccupped. *We have to go to class.* Clover's last words with her best friends had been. Olive jolted and stood up, which made Ginger fly across the floor 2 feet away.

Ginger glared at Olive as she stood up and walked back, and Olive sheepishly said, "Sorry, I just had a great idea!"

Ginger wiped her remaining tears away and replied, "Me too, but I don't think it makes a lot of sense."

Both of them said in unison, "We can try to figure out the real meaning behind Clover's last words!" Ginger hugged Olive, and they sat down again.

"We have to go to class," Ginger muttered, tapping her fingers on the bench. "What does that have to do with anything?" she kept on muttering to herself.

"Hey, it's fine, let's take a little break and then put our heads together. How does that sound?" Olive announced, standing up and pulling Ginger up. "Let's get food, I'm starved," Olive grumbled after her stomach growled for the fourth time. When they came back, with sandwiches from the store across the street, they sat down again. The secretary at the front desk of the police station smiled at them, and the two girls smiled back, biting into their sandwiches. Ginger's smile immediately went away when she heard echoes of the memories when she saw Clover's body, and the image switched to her sitting *next* to Clover on the floor of the Old Part of the school.

"No, no, no no no," Ginger whispered, clenching her fingers and hunching into a ball, eyes scrunched closed. "No," she said louder. "Go away," she batted her hand in front of her head, as if it would make the memory go away. Olive sighed and patted Ginger's head.

"You're going to be fine," Olive soothingly murmured.

"Wait—" Ginger opened up one eye, and her voice wavered. "Clover always sings when she's nervous. She makes up that she just sings because she's in the choir. I was with her a week ago, and she started singing high-pitched when she saw a spider. So, what if that means she thought she was in danger?"

INTERVIEW

with Mrs. Pappas

by Daniel & Azedah

Q: What are you doing after retirement?

A: "I'm going to rest, and I am also going to travel. I also started my own business, so I need to focus on that (I also am going to spend time with friends, play golf, and work out)."

Q: What did you like about teaching P.E?

A: "I like that I get to help kids understand their bodies and what they can do. I also like to teach about health."

Q: Did you enjoy working at Greene?

A: "Yes, this is the only school I worked at other than a preschool (teaching the ABCs and numbers, not PE =)"

Q: What was your favorite accomplishment here at Greene?

A: "I hope I accomplished teaching kids about kindness and inclusion."

Q: What is a specific challenge for you in teaching PE?

A: "I think weather is the biggest challenge for teaching PE."

Q: What has inspired you to teach PE?

A: "I started as a swim coach, and soon I really liked teaching kids varieties of sports."

Q: What was one funny memory you had?

A: "Every year they do an 8th-grade party, and in 2002, we had an international fair/carnival. I did the water tank, and it was so fun- It was a blast! There was also lots of food tasting (food made by the parents), a lot of the students ran the booths, and lots of different cultures."

Q: Have the kids you coached gotten faster and stronger?

A: "Yes, I think so. I noticed kids this semester did get faster and stronger."

Q: What is your favorite unit you taught to the students?

A: "My favorite unit is badminton."

Badminton is a sport where players use light rackets to hit a feathered object (called a shuttlecock/ birdie) back and forth over a net. The goal is to hit the shuttlecock and have it land on the ground on the other team, so your team receives a point.

By Daniel

Anime Recommendation *World Trigger* by Linya



Hello again, anime recommendation time! I know I already did a book recommendation, but ANIMES!!! Ok, let's start, some background info.

- Osamu Mikumo-he's hardworking and dedicated, but. He's extremely weak, being unable to fight normal Neighbors (I'll explain later). He can't defend anyone, and it's a rather obvious theme in the whole anime.
- Yuma Kuga-He's a nice neighbor! Literally!! Yuma is a Neighbor who helps Osamu fight others. He owns an extremely powerful somewhat sentient Trigger, and is a bit naive.

If my numbers are correct, there's 3 seasons, and I've watched the first two-and-a-half. Perhaps the next half of the third season is better, but I've seen an obvious quality drop after two, so I would suggest simply watching to that point. It's on Netflix, rated PG, and the art is ok, but the storyline and combat is fantastic!

Storyline now, Osamu is a normal kid, other than the fact that he works with the Trigger users, and (tries to) fight Neighbors (Out-of-world creatures that wreak havoc) badly haha. During a Neighbor fight, Osamu is in danger, and gets saved by this short white-haired kid. But he's also a Neighbor. And he's a bit overly chill about it.

They fight off an invasion of their school, deal with inter-organization fights...maybe save their planet from overpowered Black-Trigger users?

Also other important characters include Chika Amatori and Jin. Chika's the girl with the rifle, and Jin's the brown haired guy on the left. That's the beginning, it's sci-fi with supernatural elements and cool weapons! The 1st-2nd seasons are appropriate, (PG), I would say (personal opinion) season 3 is a bit iffy (12+?) and that's all I know. Thanks for reading, as you can tell, I like sci-fi anime, if you know any, please contact me! (This is on Netflix, and there is a manga)

King of the Creatures: Part 2 by Gia



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Eventually, after hundreds of years of more war, the creatures, even the ones that sided with the elves, could not take it anymore. They held a meeting and decided to give the elves what they wanted.

“We must do this; we can not take it any longer. We shall die a miserable life if we don’t give them what they fight us for.” On the other hand, many creatures were still against and said, “It’s wrong; they’re simply going to cause misery for all of us. I’d rather die a miserable death than not be able to fight for what’s right!” Which they were right about, yet they had no choice; otherwise, their families, friends, and they would go extinct because of this monster that feeds on power.

So the creatures gave the elves their decision on a foggy morning. Knowing that they would be powerless against this huge, unstoppable force, they still shared their ideas and thoughts with confidence, even when mistreated. But they had been forced into this stupid and hard choice, so they had no other idea of what else to do.

The much more powerful elves evolved into the king of the creatures. The elves transformed into animals, as did the creations of the ogres, the speed of the centaurs, the power of the merpeople controlling the seven monstrous seas, the flight of the soaring, intelligent, fire-breathing dragon, the towering might of the giants, and much more of their cruelty.

The other creatures were astonished by the elves' transformation. The other creatures looked like itty-bitty action figures compared to the large group of elves, whom they once towered miles above. The elves forced weaker creatures to work and slave; otherwise, they would destroy them with one of their many powers, killing them like a little fly in their palm.

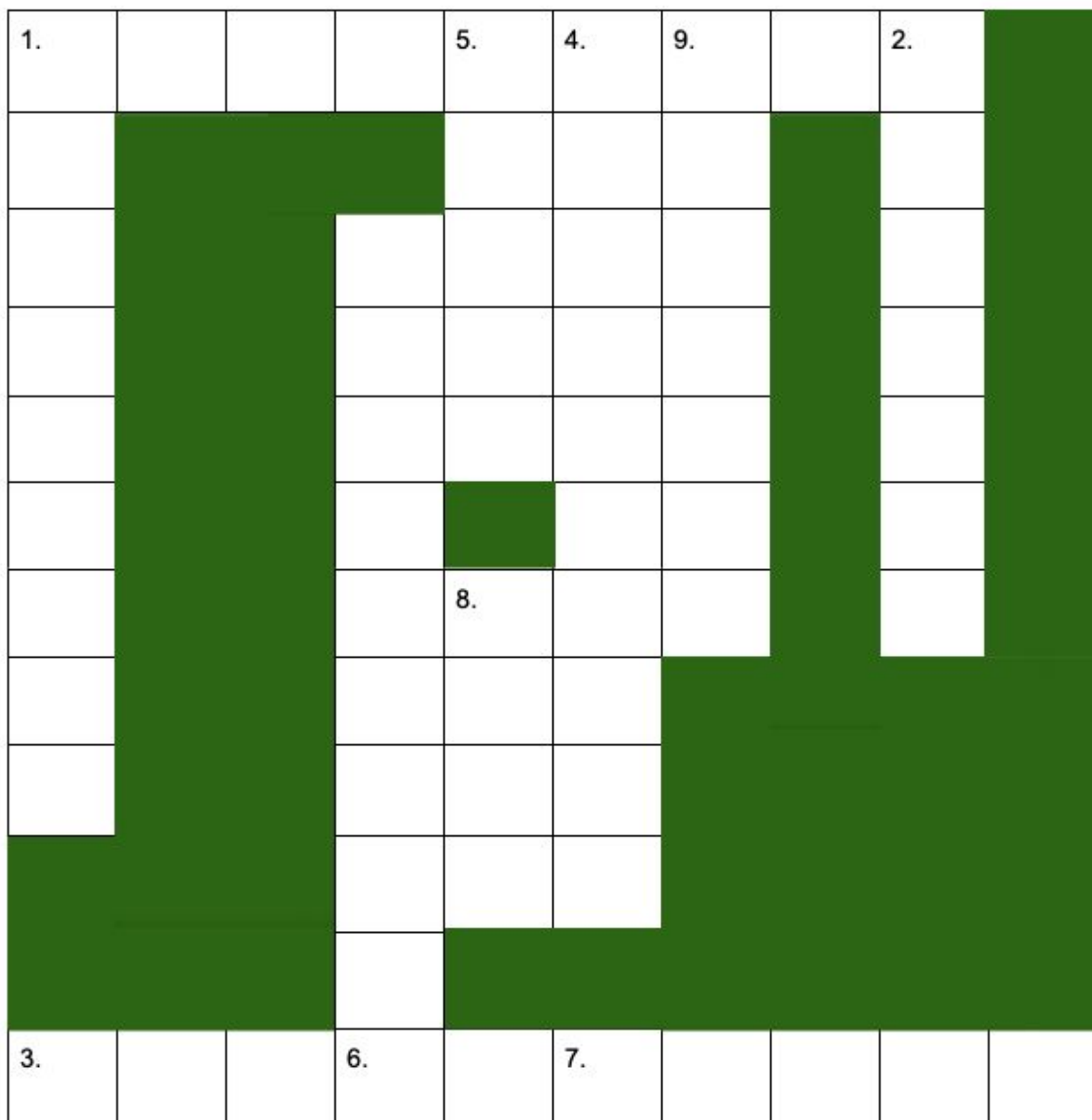
Multiple creatures protested these unfair rules, but they were so small and powerless that the group was mercilessly destroyed. Every day, the elves towered along the streets, scaring little creature children out of their sight, forcing them to flee away to their mothers. This fear was an entertainment to the elves, and they would let out a big booming laugh that would rumble the streets, causing little homes to come crashing down. Hearing these terrible stories of destruction the elves would cause, the youngsters dared not even make eye contact with the elves. Fear running through their bones, they knew that when they looked at the elves in their eyes, they would feel a cold chill run down their spines. The elves, once kind-hearted, had turned to rock-hard stone, controlled by power.

The once-feared creatures had to defeat these terrible elves...

To be continued in the next volume!

WINTER Crossword Puzzle

by Catelyn and Penelope



Across:

1. A special date known as the birth of Jesus
3. A chilled, dairy-based beverage made and drunk during Christmas
7. Another word for presents

Up and Down:

1. A red and white minty treat eaten during Christmas
2. "Frosty the _____" (song lyric of a famous song sung during Christmas time)
4. e.g., a star on top of a tree
5. Someone believed to go down the chimney on Christmas Eve (also known as St. Nicholas or Father Christmas)
6. A famous ballet performed in December (especially in America)
8. French word for Christmas
9. Accessories you wear on your hands (especially in the snow)

answers on page 9

The Orbs of Power: Part 2

by Sophia



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“Scientists are astounded. Orbs of the same size and in four different colors have been appearing all over the country. The US government is currently investigating this strange phenomenon. They believe that the orbs may be UFOs,” said the newsman.

Was Bob actually telling the truth? Bob’s mom thought, confused. She clicked off the TV and went upstairs to check if Bob was asleep, still in her fancy blue dress. The light was off, which was a good sign. But Bob was gone...

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“Bob, where are you!? Come out right now! This isn’t funny!” the mom yelled a few minutes later. But there was no giggle from the closet, no sound except the creak of the floorboards and the mom’s pounding heart. *He’s either been kidnapped or somehow got out the window*, the mom thought. Then, she saw a green glow coming from the closet. “What the #!\$%# is going on!?!?” the mom whisper-yelled. A cold sweat ran down her back. Then, tentatively, she slowly, carefully opened the door. The green glow was almost blinding by then, making spots in the mom’s vision. Then, suddenly, the glow disappeared, and she was able to see Bob limp on the floor of the closet, his eyes glowing green, with rocks, dirt, and plants surrounding him. But the weirdest part was that *vines were growing out of Bob’s hands*. “EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!!!!!!!!!!!!” Bob’s mom shrieked. She collapsed onto the floor in fear, banging her forehead on the closet door.

Bob woke a few minutes later, after the scream stirred him from his magical sleep. The plants, dirt, and rocks were gone from his closet. Bob had no memory of what happened.

“Why is my thumb green?” Bob thought out loud. Then he noticed his mom on the floor.

*To be continued in the next volume!*

# Group Story

## by the Writing Club Members

As I lounged on the beach, I looked up from my book to see a giant crab perched on top of my cooler. Holding a Polaroid camera, I thought to myself, "*What the heck is that crab doing?*" but then he walked off with my cookie. Then I chased after Max the crab to get my cookie back.

As I looked over to catch the crab, suddenly, a giant 67 crab came out, and it was so chopped I was going to barf. In the end, the 67 crab went bye-bye. Then I woke up to my mom holding a hammer. "DON'T MOVE!" she screamed. I stood still and noticed the red crab with my Polaroid camera surfing along the waves. "*Oh no!*" I thought, grabbing the cookie from the cooler, and held it even tighter. Then, my mom hit me with the hammer.

My head throbbed from so much pain, but I was determined to keep my cookie safe. I slammed the cookie in my mouth and did a 360 no scope on the door and ran through into my truck and drove out at 100 miles per hour until the machine broke into pieces, flying everywhere.

Hm? What do you mean? OF COURSE I don't have a driver's license. Those are expensive, you know!



# Riddles

## by Lilyana



1. A man once said he went 35 days without sleep. How is that possible?
2. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, and is often found between banks?
3. How many times can you cut a cake in half?
4. What are two things you can't eat for dinner?
5. What gets larger the more you take away from it?
6. What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
7. What ENGLISH three-letter word sounds like a letter it does not contain?
8. What kind of dress can never be worn?
9. What has to be broken before you can use it?

Answers: 1. he slept at night 2. A river 3. Once 4. Breakfast and Lunch 5. a hole 6. The future 7. Eye 8. an address 9. an egg

## WINTER Crossword Answer Key

## Crossword Puzzle on page 6

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Answer Key:

# Twilight Recommendation by Linya

Ok, so I'm going to do a book recommendation! Why? I don't know! Let's go talk about a vampire romance classic, and I'll try to keep it spoiler free.

Let's begin!

First, characters! Our MCs (main characters) are Bella and Edward (some argument about this later on, but this is it for Twilight (later books get more complicated)).

Bella is your normal high school girl, having trouble adjusting to life after moving. She's a bit shy, and pretty much normal. (and probably marginally prettier than a normal high schooler.)

Edward. Hm. He's your average vegetarian vampire. Which isn't a thing, so let's give some details. He really wants to drink Bella's blood, and chastises himself not to do that. He and the rest of the Cullen family don't drink human blood (with exceptions being life threatening situations and the like). Edward usually acts like a teenage boy. (If you read *Midnight Sun*, the Twilight companion book, then you can see his internal thoughts and why he acts like he does.) I strongly recommend reading it after you finish reading the whole series and still want more Twilight things. Edward is telepathic; he can read minds, but not Bella's (explained in the later books). That's about it.

The Full Cullen Family: Carlisle Cullen, Esme Cullen, Rosalie Hale, Emmett Cullen, Alice Cullen, Jasper Hale.

Bella moves to Forks, a gloomy little town, and goes through her first day fine, but Edward Cullen, one of the mysterious and \*eyeroll emoji\* very beautiful Cullens, seems to hate her for no reason? What's up with that? It's pretty obvious that Edward's basically a star student, he's extremely academically gifted. But...well, Bella sees him after a few days and...WAIT A MOMENT, WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS EYES? His eyes are suddenly a "liquid gold", and...Bella realizes he's REALLY SUSPICIOUS. PEOPLE'S EYE COLORS DON'T JUST CHANGE. That's curious...

I'll leave the rest of the drama for you to read, and I loved the series, all the books except for *Breaking Dawn* are appropriate. (That's the last book of the series, it's pretty good, but not exactly PG.)

In conclusion, great series, amazing if you like romance with the supernatural, and if you find anything similar, PLEASE CONTACT ME I'M BEGGING YOU.

Since I still have space, here are some similar books which are also quite good,

A Tempest of Tea (What happens with a teahouse that serves vampires?)

The Dangerous Ones (13+, read at your own risk. The Revolutionary War, but with vampires??)

The Coldest Girl in Coldtown (13+, read at your own risk. Coldtowns are where vampires live, and those who wish to live near them)

Yes, as you can tell, I like my vampire novels.

# Crepe Recipe

by Max

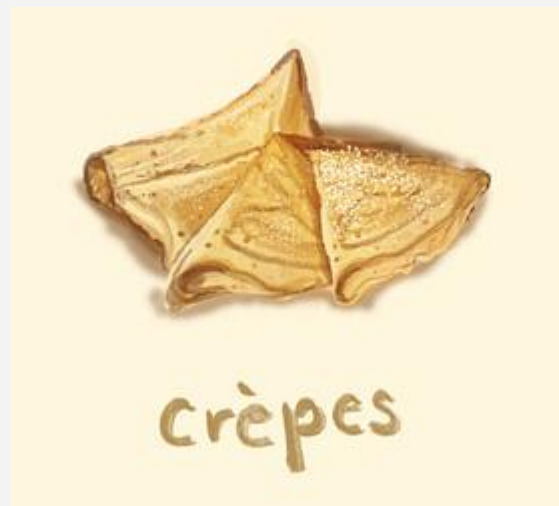
## Ingredients:

### Batter

- ☐ 2 eggs
- ☐  $\frac{3}{4}$  a cup of milk
- ☐  $\frac{1}{2}$  a cup of water
- ☐ 1 cup of flour
- ☐ 3 Tablespoons of butter and a bit more for the pan
- ☐ A pinch of salt
- ☐ 2 Tbsp of sugar
- ☐ A splash of vanilla extract

### Filling

- ☐ 1 Tbsp of butter per crepe
- ☐ 2-3 Tbsp of sugar

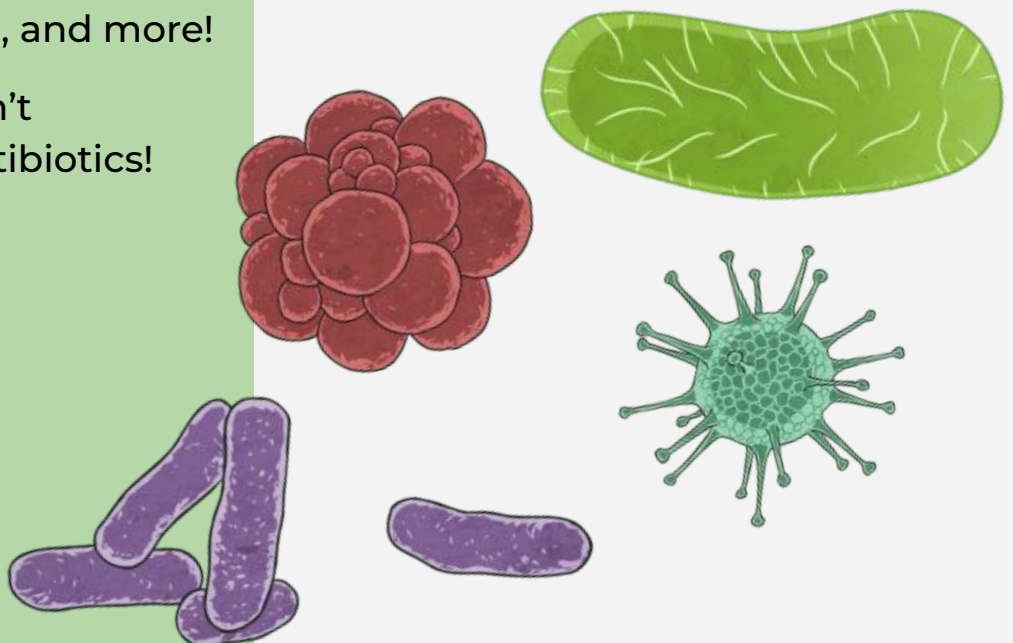


1. Place all of the ingredients for the batter into a blender then mix until well combined.
2. Heat the pan on medium-high until very hot, then add  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a tablespoon of butter to the pan, then tilt the pan till the entire pan is coated in butter.
3. Then pour just enough batter to coat the pan.
4. Wait for the edges to curl up a little bit, then flip it. It should be a dark golden brown.
5. Add the fillings inside, then fold up the crepes.

# FUN FACTS About Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria!

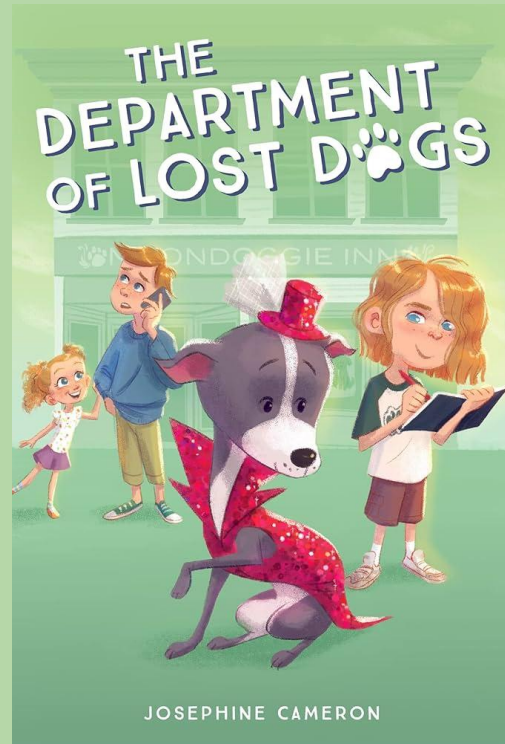
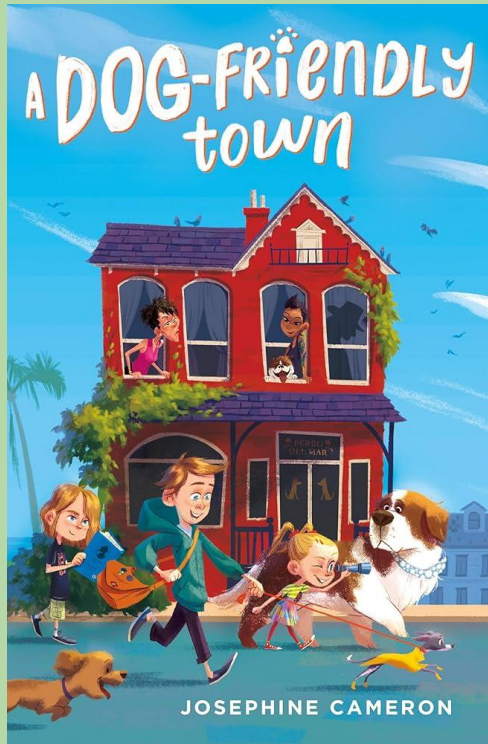
by Fiona

- Antibiotic resistant bacteria are microorganisms that have developed defenses against antibiotics, making the problems they cause (bacterial infections) difficult or even impossible to treat.
- One of the common causes of antibiotic resistant bacteria is... overuse of antibiotics! This means that we are killing the weak bacteria and allowing the strong bacteria to grow and multiply, meaning that we can't kill them later on! Uh-oh!!!
- Antibiotic resistant bacteria creates infections, which in turn causes lots of bad stuff to happen, such as longer hospital stays, increased medical cost, and more!
- This is why doctors don't randomly prescribe antibiotics!
- Before we knew about this, doctors would have someone who was prone to the common cold or ear infections take antibiotics everyday to prevent them from getting the infection. BUT... that creates antibiotic resistant bacteria!
- But why do doctors prescribe amoxicillin (which is a type of antibiotic medicine) when you have an ear infection or something of that nature if bacteria won't respond? This is a common complaint of parents that it doesn't work. BUT... doctors do this to us because there is a chance we can kill it with a first line antibiotic like amoxicillin, and we won't risk creating antibiotic resistant bacteria.



# Book Recommendation

## by Fiona



Do you like books that are mysteries? Do you like dog stories? Then the series *A Dog-Friendly Town* by Josephine Cameron may be for you! The book is set in the town of Carmelito, California, which the author based off of the real life town of Carmel, California. In the story, Carmelito has been named America's #1 most dog friendly town, and for the annual puppy picnic that is hosted by the town, people are coming from all over. There are going to be celebrities, celebrations, and lots of fun.

The main character is Epic McDade (the story is told from his POV), and his siblings, Elvis and Rondo. Their parents own a dog friendly bed and breakfast called the Perro Del Mar. Celebrity dog 'Sir' Bentley, a Saint Bernard, who stars in the mystery TV show *Bentley Knows*, is staying at the Perro Del Mar. One night, Sir Bentley's \$500,000 diamond dog collar goes missing. It's up to Epic, Elvis, and Rondo to solve the case.

In the second book, *The Department of Lost Dogs*, *Bentley Knows* is filming at the Perro Del Mar, and dogs are being kidnapped for insane amounts of ransom money. Is Bentley going to be next?

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