

1. REVOLTING RECIPES



“Sardines. That was the mystery ingredient in Loretta Foxe’s chocolate cake, and both her children knew it. This particular cake was covered with blueberry icing and had twelve candles on it.” *Archie Greene & the Magician’s Secret*, by D D Everest

Archie's aunt, Loretta Foxe, is famous for her unusual combinations of food – like tuna and jam sandwiches.

1. Colour in Loretta's birthday cake
2. What other unusual ingredients can you think of that Loretta might use in one of her cakes?
3. Can you make up another revolting recipe for Loretta's cookbook?

2. A SURPRISE PACKAGE



"What is it, Archie?" Gran asked.

"It's a book," he mumbled. "An old book."

Archie Greene & the Magician's Secret, by D D Everest

On his twelfth birthday, Archie receives a mysterious parcel. Inside is an ancient magical book.

4. Colour in the picture of Archie opening his mysterious package.
5. Imagine if you received a magical gift on your next birthday, what would it be?
6. Describe your magical gift and explain how its magic works.

Some clues to help you:

- What colour is it?
- What is it made from?
- Remember to use all of your senses. What does it smell like? What does it feel like to touch? Does it make any sounds?
- What does it do that's magical?

3. THE MAGICAL POPPER



“There was a loud popping sound behind him, followed by the whinnying of a horse. Standing in the workshop with its tail swishing and its nostrils flaring, was a full-size black warhorse clad in silver armour. Mounted on the horse was a knight, also in full armour.” *Archie Greene & the Magician’s Secret*, by D D Everest

When Archie opens a magical book called a Popper out pops a knight called Sir Bodwin the Brave with a red plume in his helmet and the crest of a lion.

1. Colour in the picture of Sir Bodwin.
2. What else can you imagine popping out of a Popper?
3. Can you make up another type of magical book? How does its magic work?

4. THE DRAWING BOOK



“Too late Archie realised what sort of book *the Book of Yore* was – a drawing book! There was a rushing sound in his ears like wind, and Archie was sucked into the pages.”

Archie Greene & the Magician's Secret, by D D Everest

The Book of Yore contains the history of magic. When Archie consults it he is drawn into its pages.

1. Colour in *the Book of Yore*
2. What do you think would happen if someone closed the book while Archie was inside?
3. Can you make up another drawing book?

5. MAGIC SPILLS



“Suddenly, a huge grey wolf leaped from the book, snarling and drooling. It began to stalk Rupert, its head low and its teeth bared.” *Archie Greene & the Magician’s Secret*, by D D Everest

When the books on the shelves start spilling out their magical spells, Archie has to try to save his friends.

1. Colour in the picture.
2. How is Rupert trying to defend himself from the wolf?
3. What other creatures or people can you imagine spilling out of the magical books?

6. THE BOOKEND BEAST



“With a sound like stone grinding on stone, the beast turned its head and held Archie with its gaze. A ripple of light pulsed through the beast, and its body turned from grey stone to living flesh.” *Archie Greene & the Magician’s Secret*, by D D Everest

When Archie and his cousins wake up the two bookend beasts in their lair, Archie recognises them from a riddle:

*“Buried deep in caverns cold
A secret that remains untold
Two ancient sentries guard the prize
With lion’s heart and eagle eyes.”*

1. Colour in the bookend beast
2. What lines of the riddle do you think Archie recognises the beasts from?
3. Can you make up another riddle about a magical creature? Try to give clues in the riddle without naming the creature.

Here’s one for a tortoise, for example:

Underneath a protective shield
His wrinkled face remains concealed
The sturdy legs that bear his weight
Move so slow that he’s always late