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In This Book



Ian Lightfoot

A young boy who is shy and scared of everything



Barley Lightfoot

Ian's brother who loves fantasy games and the magic that people used in the past



Laurel Lightfoot

Ian and Barley's mom. She loves her boys and will fight anyone who attacks them.



Wilden Lightfoot

Ian and Barley's dad who died before Ian was born. He was a wizard.



Officer Colt Bronco

Laurel's boyfriend. He is a police officer.



the Manticore (Corey)

Half lion, half dragon, a magical lady who was once fierce and loved adventures

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Introduction

Ian Lightfoot lives in a world where adventure and magic have disappeared. Now the people have televisions, lights, and computers, and life is fast and easy. It's Ian's sixteenth birthday. He lives with his mom and brother Barley, but his dad died before he was born. Ian is shy and scared of everything. He is not like his brother Barley, who is scared of nothing. Can a special birthday present bring some magic into Ian's life? Can it help him find the answers to many of his questions? Ian will need to go on a dangerous journey to learn some important lessons.

Activities

1 Discuss the questions with a friend.

- 1** Who do you think will change the most in the story? Why?
- 2** Who do you think will be the most interesting? Why?
- 3** Is it better to be scared of everything, or scared of nothing? Why?

2 Choose the correct words. You can use the Glossary.

- 1** The *dragon* / *wizard* learned to do magic when he was a boy.
- 2** He went on a *quest* / *fountain*, it was long and dangerous.
- 3** He used a *curse* / *spell* to make a beautiful cake.
- 4** The king carried a *rope* / *sword* that was very sharp.



Ian Tries New Things

Once the world was full of magic and adventure. It was everywhere. Wizards used magic to help and look after people, but it wasn't easy. New wizards had to learn how to use difficult spells, and many failed.

People found quicker and easier ways to do things. They learned how to light their rooms and build machines. Now televisions, phones, and planes are part of everyone's life and people have forgotten about magic.

Well, most people.

If you know where to look, you can still find some magic in the world. It hasn't disappeared completely ...

It was Ian Lightfoot's sixteenth birthday. His mom, Laurel, was planning a party. "You could invite those kids from your science class." She gave him a big hug and his pet dragon jumped on him happily.

"I don't even know them," Ian said shyly.

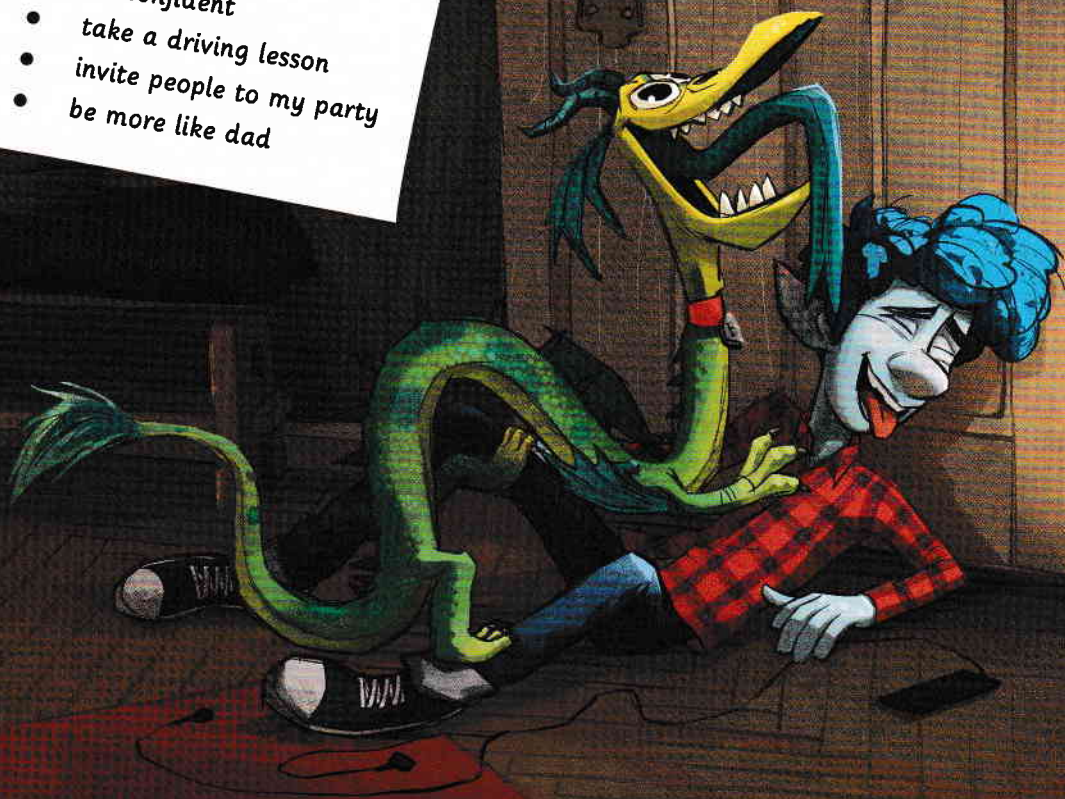
"Your birthday is when you should try new things, become the new YOU!" Laurel said.

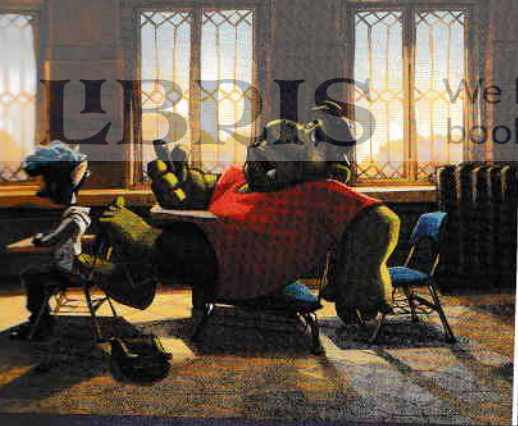
"She's right," Ian thought. He was very different than his brother Barley, his mom, and his dad before he died. They weren't scared of anything. Ian felt like a big baby.

He made some notes.

Today I'll

- be confident
- take a driving lesson
- invite people to my party
- be more like dad





The day didn't go well. First, no one noticed Ian. Then he got very nervous during his driving lesson. And just as he was inviting some kids to his party, Barley drove up in his old van named Guinevere. *Bang! Bang!*

It was bright blue with a picture of a flying horse on it. Barley was wearing fantasy clothes for Ian's birthday.

"Ha, ha! Is that the birthday boy I see?" Barley loved history and how people spoke in the past.

Ian went very red and said that the party was a mistake. He ran to the van and drove home with his brother.

