

No matter how big the show, family, friendship  
and adventure shine through in

# THE Wonder BROTHERS

by multi-award-winning author

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## ABOUT THE WONDER BROTHERS:

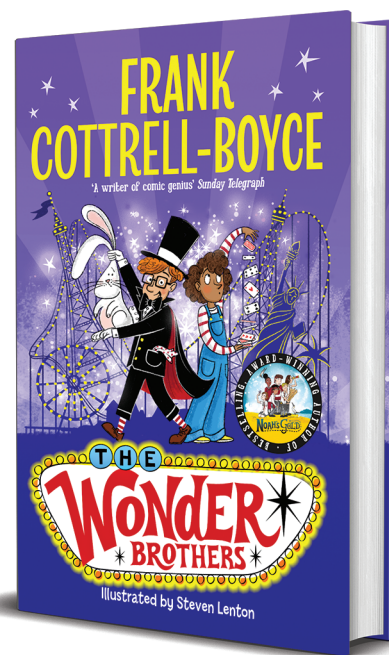
Cousins Nathan and Middy are **THE WONDER BROTHERS!**

Nathan is a showman, jumping into action and magical escapades at the drop of a hat.

Middy is all about patience and practice, using her magic to get out of sticky situations.

So, when the Blackpool Tower disappears and Nathan says they'll magic it back, can The Wonder Brothers work together to return it?

This awesome activity pack is filled with challenges, including a spot the difference puzzle, a chaotic crossword, how to make your own magician's hat AND must-try magic tricks!



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# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Circle the differences in the two images below!



**HINT:**  
There are eight differences to spot!

- ANSWERS:**
1. The bunny's tummy and ear are yellow
  2. Nathan's hat has a yellow band
  3. Nathan's hair is blonde
  4. The polka dots on Nathan's handkerchief are green
  5. Nathan's shoes are blue
  6. Middy's dungaree buttons are missing
  7. Middy's shoes are white
  8. Two cards have swapped position

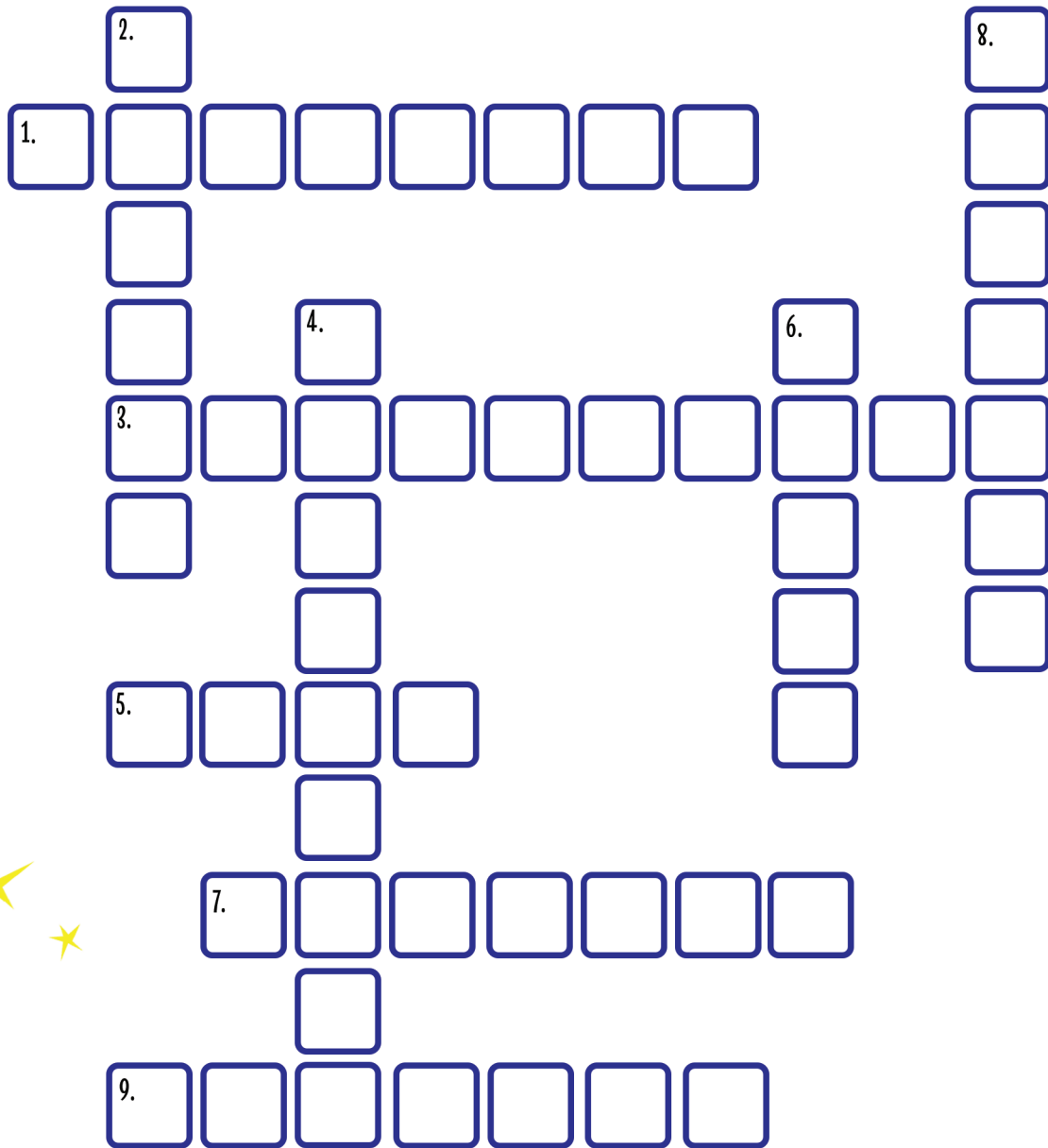
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# CHAOTIC CROSSWORD

Can you help Nathan and Middy find all of the words in this chaotic crossword?



## CLUES:

### ACROSS

1. City in USA, known for casinos
5. A large piece of stone
9. Another word for unfortunate

3. To light up
7. Your parent's, sibling's child

### DOWN

2. Animal, appears out of a hat
6. A type of show and wand
8. Seaside destination UK, home to a tall tower
8. Can be solved

## ANSWERS

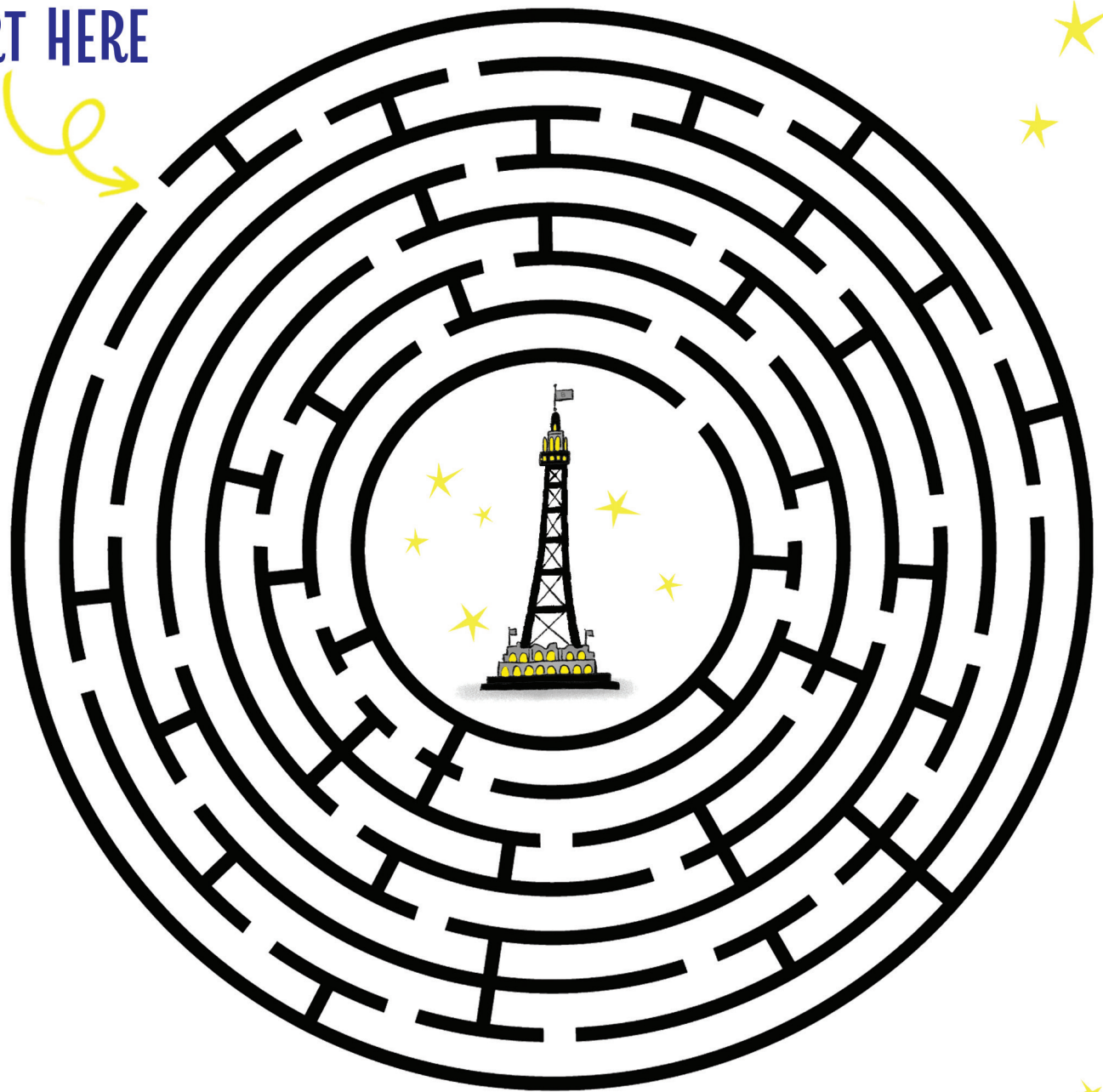
- ACROSS
1. Las Vegas
  5. Rock
  9. Unlucky
- DOWN
2. Rabbit
  3. Magic
  4. Mystery
  6. Illuminate
  7. Cousin
  8. Mystery



# MAGIC MAZE

Can you help Nathan and Middy get through the magic maze to find Blackpool Tower?

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# MAKE YOUR OWN MAGICIAN'S HAT

Follow the instructions below to create your own magician's hat like Nathan's in *The Wonder Brothers*!

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

A paper plate	Glue (if you have a glue gun even better!)
A plastic container (a tall yoghurt pot would work well!)	A ruler
A white piece of paper	Scissors
Two black pieces of paper	A stapler
Black paint	

## HOW TO MAKE IT:

1. Put your tall plastic container upside down on top of your paper plate and draw around the container so there is a circle on the plate.
2. In the middle of the circle on the paper plate, draw a small dot.
3. From the small dot in the middle of the plate, draw four triangles out from the point in the centre. Make sure each triangle has lines on each side and the lines are not touching.

4. Using your scissors, from the small dot in the middle of your circle, cut out the circle in the middle of the plate but make sure to cut around the triangles. Once done, fold the triangles up so the inside of your plate looks a bit like a crown. This is going to form the base of your hat.
5. Paint the paper plate with the black paint until all sides, including the triangles, are covered.
6. While this dries, grab your container again and measure its height. Then grab a black piece of paper, turn it landscape and measure up the side the height of the container.
7. Mark this height with a dot and draw a line across the piece of paper before cutting along the line.
8. Repeat stages 6. and 7. with the white piece of paper, only divide the height of the container by three e.g. if the container is 12cm tall, the line on the white piece of paper needs to be 4cm tall.

9. Using your container as a guide, bend the black piece of paper around the container until it forms a circle. Then with an adult's help, staple the top and bottom of where the paper joins so it looks like a cylinder.
10. Take another black piece of paper and rest your black paper cylinder on the top. Gently draw a circle around the cylinder on the black piece of paper before cutting it out.
11. Once your plate is dry, fold up the triangles and put glue on the sides facing out.
12. Rest your cylinder on top of the plate so the triangles go inside the cylinder and press these gently against the inside of the cylinder so that the triangles stick.
13. Next, take your black paper circle and place glue on one side around the edge. Then place this on top of your cylinder and gently press around the edges.
14. Finally, glue one side of your white band and wrap this around the bottom of the cylinder.



# MUST-TRY MAGIC TRICKS

Wow your family and friends with these marvellous magic tricks!

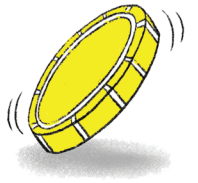
## THE DISAPPEARING COIN!

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

A coin (the bigger the better)

### HOW TO PERFORM IT:

1. Place the coin in the hand you write with (your dominant hand) and tell your audience that you're going to make it disappear.
2. Before turning over your hand to perform the trick, ensure the coin is tucked against your middle and ring fingers.
3. Pass your dominant hand over your other hand and quickly close your fingers as though you've caught the coin – secretly the coin is still in your other hand!
4. Wiggle your fingers and then open them, showing your empty hand to your audience. Remember: don't show them your other hand!
5. To make the coin 'reappear', pass your dominant hand back over your other, transferring the coin. Then show your audience!



## THE MIND READER!

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

A deck of cards

### HOW TO PERFORM IT:

1. Before you begin the trick, shuffle the deck of cards and count out 25 cards.
2. Place these 25 cards on the top of your deck. Tip: make sure to hold the 25 cards slightly apart from the rest of the deck!

3. Split the pack and put your 25 cards face down on the table. Ask a member of your audience to choose a card from the rest of the deck.
4. Tell them to show their card to the audience before asking them to put it back on the top of the other deck. Then, put your 25 cards on top of that card so you have a full deck again.

5. Deal the cards face up, counting to 26 in your head.
6. When you reach the 26th card, ask the audience member if it is their card (it will be).



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