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MARV AND THE ULTIMATE SUPERPOWER

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ILLUSTRATED BY: Paula Bowles

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ABOUT THE BOOK:

When Marvin puts on his superhero suit, he becomes the unstoppable, invincible MARV, a superhero powered by imagination. With his trusty robot friend, Pixel, at his side, there's no villain he can't defeat!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Alex Falase-Koya has been writing since he was a teenager and was a winner of Spread the Word's 2019 London's Writers Awards for YA and Children's. He previously published his debut novels *Marv and the Mega Robot*, and *Marv and the Dino Attack* with OUP. He collaborates on The Breakfast Club Adventure series with Marcus Rashford.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Paula Bowles studied illustration at Falmouth College of Arts before becoming a children's book illustrator. She has had books published by Nosy Crow, and Simon and Schuster as well as OUP.

Alex Falase-Koya & Paula Bowles' Book Recommendations



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World Book Day have worked with Coram Beanstalk and Bag Books to create activities that open the door to each book before the child even opens the front cover.

BOOK CHAT:

- I wonder what superpowers Marv has. What superpowers would you like to have?
- Marv has a sidekick called Pixel. Who would you choose to take on your missions?
- I like Marv's superhero suit. Have you ever worn anything that made you feel like a superhero?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

There are five stories in this book about Marv. See if you can make up another story with a friend.

- One person starts off the story with "One day, Marv put on his superpower suit."
- The next person adds a sentence about what Marv did next, for example "He flew up into the sky."
- The first person uses their turn to add something to the story, for example "Down below on the ground he could see two people shouting."

You can take as many turns as you like to create your story, or you might decide to have four or five turns each. Your imagination can take you anywhere, just like Marv's!

SENSORY ACTIVITY:

Robot friend or foe?

Can you make your own robot? Grab some boxes, paint and materials and get creative. You could even make your very own robot duck of doom like Professor Feather!

To make its feet, use yellow rubber gloves filled with rice, tie a knot at the top, and attach them to its robot body for waddling duck feet.

Is your robot nice like Pixel or a bit naughty like the Duck of Doom? What funny sounds does your robot make? How do they move?

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