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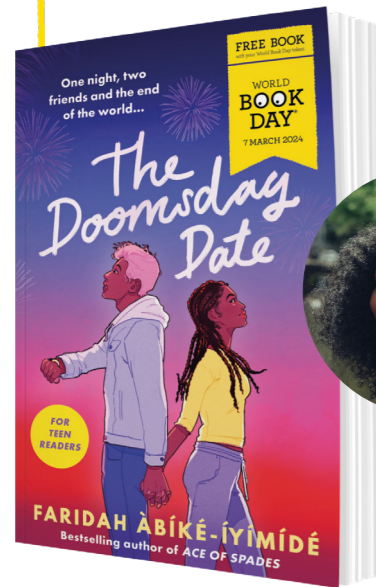
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THE DOOMSDAY DATE

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ABOUT THE BOOK:

On the day before the world is meant to end, Sanjeet dyes his hair pink... He's determined not to die without ever having really lived, so he's come up with the Doomsday List.

Ten things he needs to do before the sky comes crashing down.

Sola knows the world's not going anywhere. But, as Sanjeet's best friend, she's decided to help him out.

As the seconds tick down to midnight, Sanjeet will need all his courage – and Sola's, to finish the list. Especially number ten. The one that scares him the most.

One night, two friends, and a list that will change everything... The world-ending love story that will give you fireworks, from the bestselling author of ACE OF SPADES, Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé is the instant *New York Times*, international bestselling and award-winning author of *Ace Of Spades*. She is an avid tea drinker, a collector of strange mugs and a recent graduate from a university in Scotland where she received a BA in English Literature. She is currently pursuing an MA in Shakespeare Studies from King's College London. When she isn't spinning dark tales, Faridah can be found examining the deeper meanings in Disney Channel original movies.

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Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé's Book Recommendations



Author: Neal Shusterman
Publisher: Walker Books



Author: Deya Muniz
Publisher: Hachette



Author: Joelle Wellington
Publisher: Penguin Random House Children's

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BOOK CHAT:

- I wonder what has made Sanjeet think the world is about to end? Sola knows it's not, but I wonder what or who started that rumour?
- Have you ever helped a friend to do something you weren't too sure about? That tenth thing sounds scary; what might it be? What would scare you most?
- Sola and Sanjeet are really good friends – do you think their relationship will be changed by this experience?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

Think about your own "bucket list", which is what we call the list of things people want to do before they die, or "kick the bucket". Everyone's list will be different.

This game is best played with three or more people. Each person writes down three things they want to do, each on a separate piece of paper, folds it up and puts it in the box. For example, you might want to "fly a helicopter", "watch a football match", or "stay in a 5-star hotel".

The aim is to build a new bucket list of three things. Take it in turns to take one of the papers out and read it out. Even if you pick one of your own ideas, you can choose whether to keep it or put it into the box for someone else to randomly choose!

At the end of the game, you should all have three things you want to do, and they might be different from what you started out with! I wonder who might be left with "hold a tarantula"!

SENSORY ACTIVITY:

New Year's Sensory Party!

Let's make a fantastic New Year's Eve treasure box. Grab a box and fill it with things that make you think of New Year's Eve. You could put in shiny tinsel, confetti, party decorations like balloons, streamers, noisemakers, and party hats. What colours will you choose?

What sounds remind you of New Year? Find videos of Big Ben chiming and count down from 10 to 1. Watch a video of fireworks, and maybe play the classic tune "Auld Lang Syne" and celebrate like it's 1999!

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