

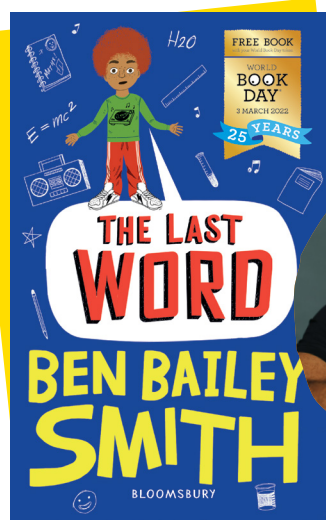
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# ★ £1 BOOK ★ INFORMATION SHEET

## THE LAST WORD

WRITTEN BY: Ben Bailey Smith

PUBLISHER: Bloomsbury



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Ben Bailey Smith began his career as rapper Doc Brown before diversifying and moving into mainstream TV and film acting, stand-up comedy, screenwriting and children's books. He has a host of notable TV performances under his belt including roles in *Law & Order* and *Miranda* as well as the British CBBC TV show *4 O'Clock Club*. Ben's debut novel for children, *Something I Said* was published in June 2021, starring Carmichael Taylor, the main character of his World Book Day story.

### ABOUT THE BOOK:

Carmichael Taylor – Car for short – is just a normal school kid with an answer for everything. But life's not always about having the last word, as the wise-cracking Car is about to discover.

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#### A CONVERSATION STARTER AND A GAME

**CONVERSATION STARTER** "Some people say I'm a know-it-all, a joker, a clown, a trouble-maker. Other people say I'm cheeky, sneaky, sarky, snarky..." How would people describe you?

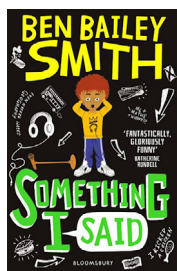
#### GAME: HAVING THE LAST WORD. 2+ PLAYERS.

First player starts a sentence with a single word... whatever word they like. Players then take it in turn to add another word – a word that means a real sentence keeps growing not just something random. When a player can't find another sensible word to add they drop out. The winner is the last player standing... the person who had the last word.

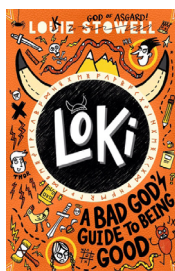
#### AN ACTIVITY TO TRY

Is there something you wish you'd said at the end of an argument – think back to the last argument you had – what would have been the killer come back that could have made all the difference?

If you  
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try...



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