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THE WIZARD AND ME: MORE MISADVENTURES OF BUBBLES THE GUINEA PIG

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Simon Farnaby has written and starred in *Horrible Histories*, *Ghosts*, and films such as *Paddington* and *Paddington 2*. When not writing or acting, Simon is a keen amateur wizard and can often be found in his garden (unsuccessfully) conjuring vegetable spells.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Claire is an illustrator, writer and designer who lives and works in London. She has spent several years as a design director in the world of channel rebranding working for clients. Claire has a tendency towards humour and bright, bold use of colour and she loves creating strong typographical layouts to help tell a story.

ABOUT THE BOOK:

This is the diary of me, Bubbles the guinea pig, from the time my owner's life was turned upside down by annoying wizard Merydn the Wild. It includes fascinating thoughts about things I like:

1. Food.
2. My owner Rose, because she gives me food.
3. Doing poos, to make more room for food.

And things I don't like:

1. Dogs.
2. Merydn the Wild – yes, he did a spell so that I could speak - but he's a big pain in the place my poos come out of.
3. Dogs. I know I've said this already, but I HATE DOGS!

Oh, and it's got some stuff about time travel and magic and evil sorcerers. Boring!

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CONVERSATION STARTER "Why do humans leak water from their eyes?" If you were a guinea pig, what other things that humans do would you find confusing?

GAME: IF I WERE A ... I'D HATE. 2+ PLAYERS.

Pick an animal... don't tell the other(s)! Take it in turns to describe 3 things that, if you were that animal, you'd really HATE! Other player(s) try to guess what animal you are from the 3 things you said you'd hate. If they get it right, YOU score a point. If they don't get it right, you don't get a point. Winner is the player with most points after 2 rounds.

AN ACTIVITY TO TRY

Spend some time watching an animal (a pet or one in the wild) - what do you think the first 5 things they would say to a human would be?

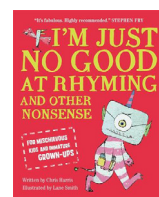
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