

# Pablo and Splash: The Castle Quest Activity Pack

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## About the book:

Time-travelling penguins Pablo and Splash are on a quest! Splash has heard there was an unlimited supply of delicious fishy snacks in medieval England. She heads straight to the time-machine, pulling best pal Pablo along by the flipper.

They soon meet some sheep, a pig and a very angry farmer – but no sign of tasty treats at all. Will they have better luck inside the castle? Or is it time to say ‘good knight’?

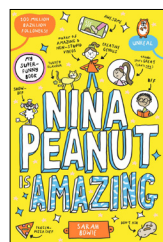
## About the author:

Sheena Dempsey is an Irish author/illustrator who first had the idea for Pablo and Splash during the 2020 pandemic lockdown, when she created a webcomic featuring herself and her husband as penguins. The first Pablo and Splash book was published in 2024 and was shortlisted for the British Book Awards Illustrated Children’s Book of the Year 2025.

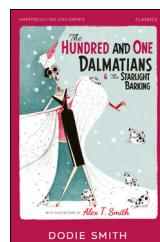


The series now includes *Pablo and Splash: Frozen in Time* and *Pablo and Splash: Roman Holiday*, with *Pablo and Splash: Viking Voyage* coming soon. Sheena now lives in Kent, with her husband and their greyhound, Jeremy.

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## Book chat:

1. I wonder where all those tasty snacks are hiding! If you had a favourite treat, where would you hide it so no-one else could find it and eat it before you?
2. Would you like to travel in a time machine? Would you go into the past or into the future?
3. Pablo and Splash are best friends, and they are off on a big adventure. Who would you like to go on adventure with?

## A game you could play:

### What’s under the sea!

Take a big piece of paper and a pencil each. Take it in turns to name something you’d find in the sea and draw it quickly onto the paper. You can create a big underwater scene!



## Activity 1:

Make your own quest. Choose a special snack to hunt for and a destination to travel to. Act out your quest as you journey round your house...do you meet any problems on the way? Maybe you meet some unhelpful characters on your journey? Do you find your special snack in the end? (This game could end in a real snack if you like!)

## Activity 2:

Cut out some fish shapes from scrap paper for your child to decorate and turn into different flavours of fishy snacks...fish snack with sprinkles on top, cheesy fish snack, fish snack with chocolate sauce...