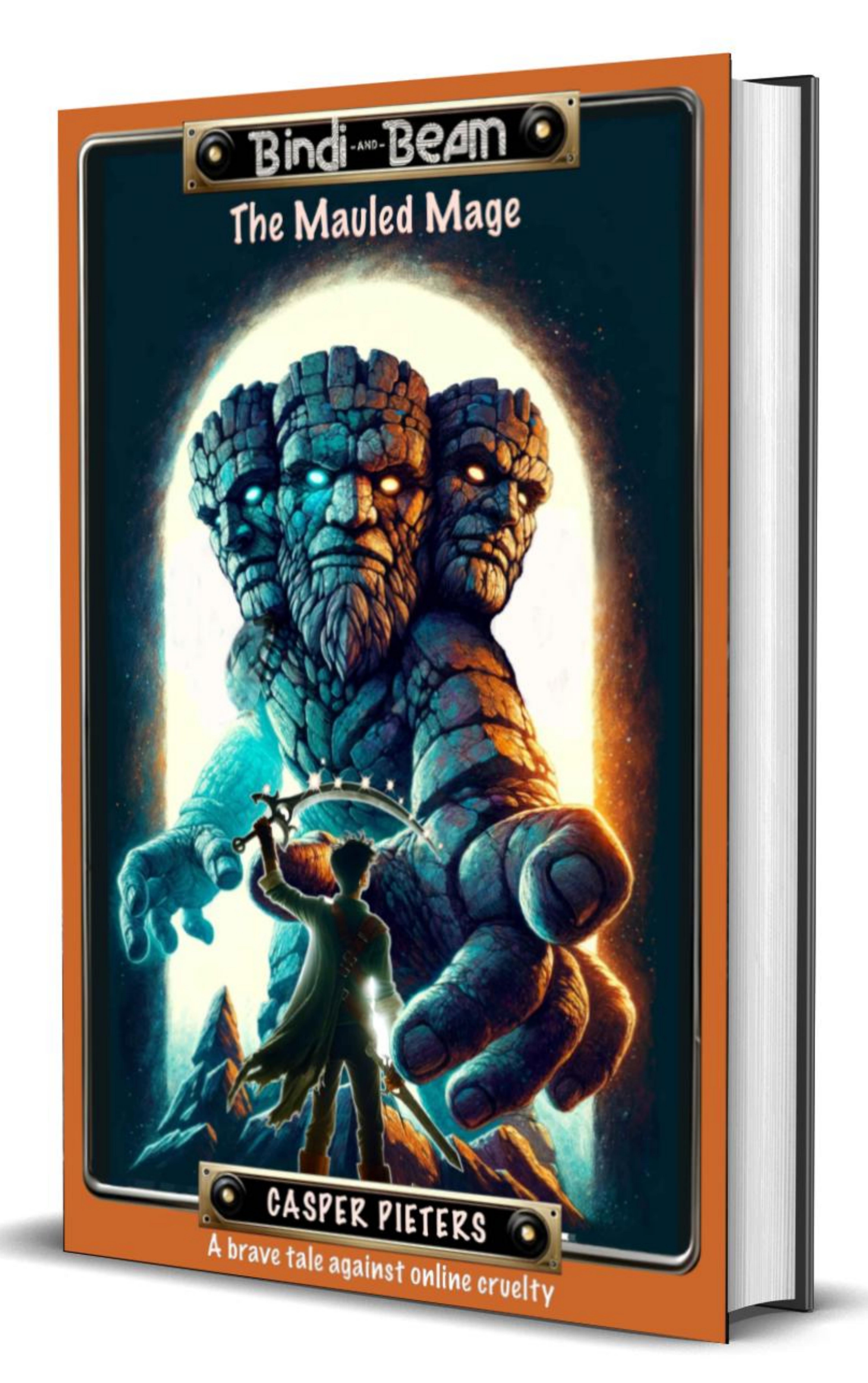
Educator's Guide

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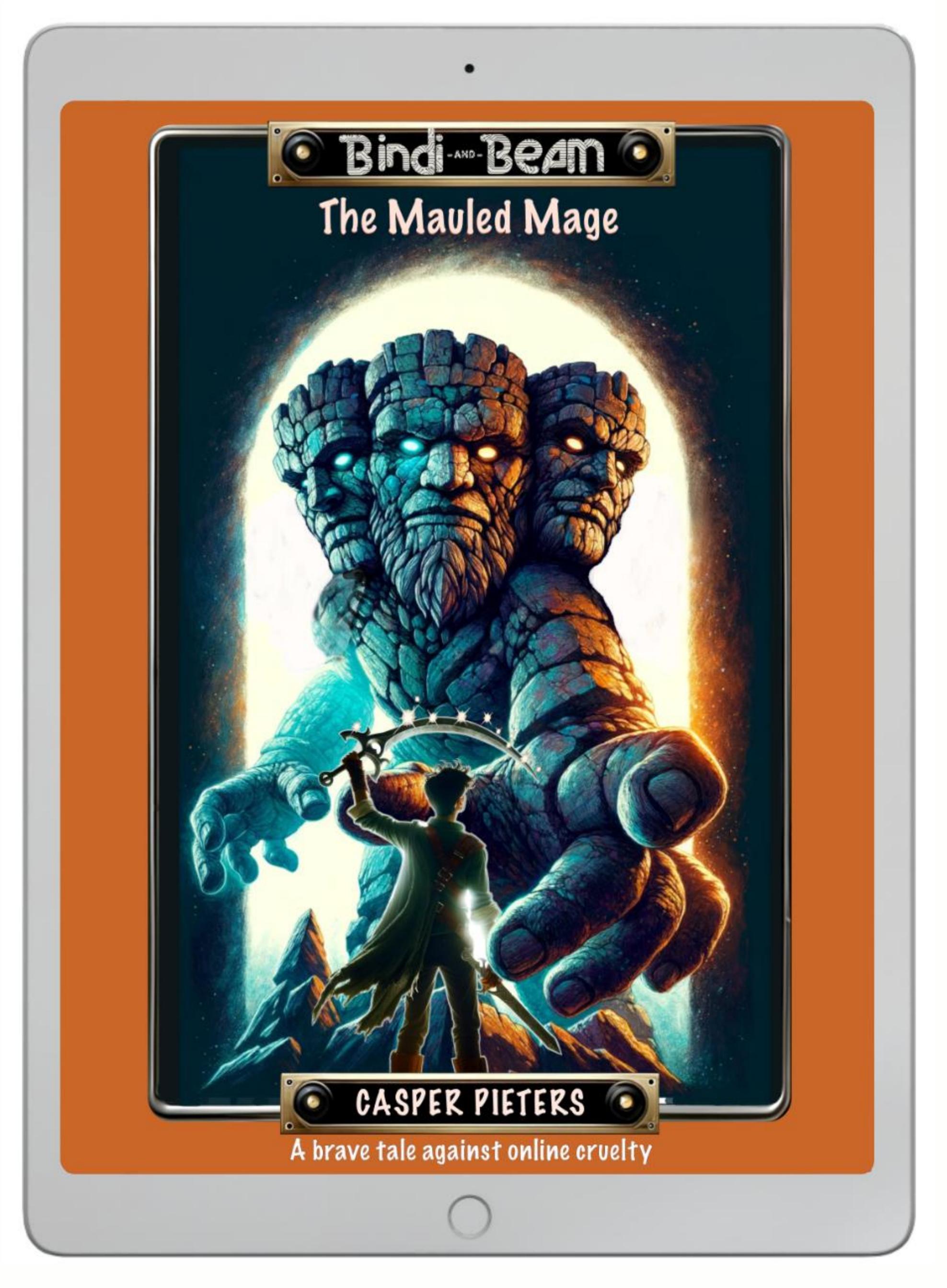
Ages: 8 and up



"As an educator, it's my job to prepare my students for the digital world. The Mauled Mage has been an exceptional tool in this regard. The chapter questions and in-class activities help bring the concept of cyberbullying to life, facilitating a deeper understanding among my students." - Ms. Rivera, Technology Integration Specialist

The Mauled Mage

about the ebook



The Mauled Mage is a narrative focused on bravery in confronting online cruelty. It tells the story of Beam, a technology-savvy teenager who, after a family mishap, is determined to fix his mistakes and prove himself. His journey intertwines with confronting cyberbullying when he learns about Lee, a classmate being harassed online. Beam, with his keen computer skills, embarks on a

mission to uncover the bully's identity, delving into the complexities of friendship, duty, and the digital realm. This tale is set against the backdrop of a cyber universe, exploring themes of courage, support, and the impact of online behavior in a digitally connected world. It underscores the importance of standing up against bullying and the power of collective action to bring about change.

The Mauled Mage-Empowering educators with a tale of resilience and digital citizenship, as a teenager navigates cyberbullying and friendship in a tech-driven world."

The next two in the series out in 2024

The Bewitched Game—is a cyber adventure highlighting digital health. A riveting tale of virtual reality, where a young girl's quest against a vengeful witch's spell becomes a race to save a generation from the blurring lines between the digital and real worlds.

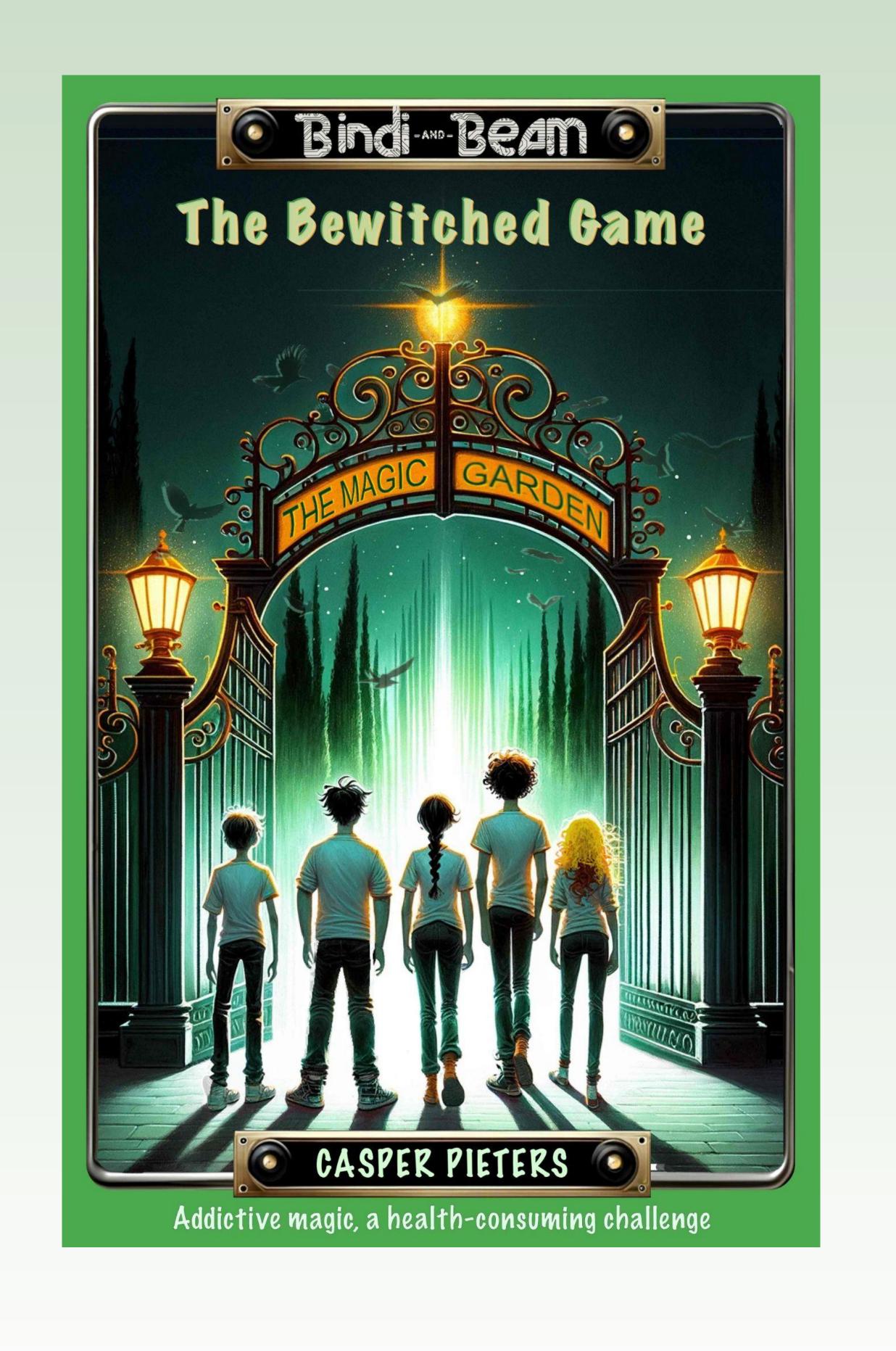
The Truth Merchants—follows the Bindi and Beam gang, young digital guardians, through a cyber adventure against digital corruption. This compelling story underscores the significance of cyber ethics, teamwork, and the fight for digital truth, making it an essential resource for educators aiming to instill values of digital responsibility and integrity in students.

about the author



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other books* in the Bindi & Beam series





*Will be published in 2024

For Educators

EDUFICTION - - stories with embedded curricular information

By the end of Elementary School, students should have a solid understanding of most digital citizenship topics, such as cyberbullying, privacy, safety, security, and understanding the proper use of the Internet. The Bindi & Beam novella series covers these topics one by one, using fictional adventure narratives. Readers experience the nuances of these tech issues through the actions of the characters they will grow to love and identify with. The illustrations may help rouse the interest of less-able or disinterested readers and can be fun as overheads to facilitate discussion in class.

Common Core State Standards - English Literacy

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.2

Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.

Grade 5 | English Language Arts Standards | Reading Literature Key | Ideas and Details

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.2

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

Grade 6 | English Language Arts Standards | Reading: Literature | Key Ideas and Details

Common Core State Standards K-12 Technology Skills Scope and Sequence

Digital Citizenship - Explain responsible uses of technology and digital information; describe possible consequences of inappropriate use.

Demonstrate the of technology and responsible use an understanding using electronic safety issues in media at home, in school and in of ethics and Society | Copyright Acceptable Use, and Plagiarism | Digital Citizenship

ISTE Standards: Educators

- **2.2 Leader -** Educators seek out opportunities for leadership to support student empowerment and success and to improve teaching and learning.
 - 2.2.a Shape, advance and accelerate a shared vision for empowered learning with technology by engaging with education stakeholders.
 - 2.2.b Advocate for equitable access to educational technology, digital content and learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of all students.
 - 2.2.c Model for colleagues the identification, exploration, evaluation, curation and adoption of new digital resources and tools for learning.
- 2.3 Citizen Educators inspire students to positively contribute to and responsibly participate in the digital world.
 - 2.3.a Create experiences for learners to make positive, socially responsible contributions and exhibit empathetic behavior online that build relationships and community.
 - 2.3.b Establish a learning culture that promotes curiosity and critical examination of online resources and fosters digital literacy and media fluency.
 - 2.3.c Mentor students in safe, legal and ethical practices with digital tools and the protection of intellectual rights and property.
 - 2.3.d Model and promote management of personal data and digital identity and protect student data privacy.

To access high res images from the book <u>Click here</u> for use as conversation starters in class or at home.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How did Beam's actions help Lee face the cyberbully?
- 2. What strategies did the friends use to overcome virtual challenges?
- 3. How does the story illustrate the effects of cyberbullying?
- 4. Why is teamwork important in combating issues like bullying?
- 5. What makes talking about bullying difficult for some characters?
- 6. How does the metaverse setting reflect real cyberbullying issues?
- 7. How do the characters show resilience against the cyberbully?
- 8. What role does empathy play in the friends' interactions?
- 9. How does the novella address digital citizenship and responsibility?
- 10. What lesson about unity and bullying can we learn?
- 11. How do the characters confront the cyberbully together?
- 12. Why is understanding the bully's perspective important in the story?
- 13. How does the adventure in the metaverse teach about courage?
- 14. What does the story suggest about the power of friendship?
- 15. How can we apply the lessons from the story to real life?
- 16. Why is it important to stand up against cyberbullying together?

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Cyber-Defense Workshop: Divide the class into small groups, assigning each group a chapter from *The Mauled Mage* that highlights a cyberbullying incident. Ask students to brainstorm digital safety strategies the characters could have used. Each group will then create a short presentation on their assigned chapter, emphasizing the importance of cyber defense techniques such as privacy settings, not sharing personal information online, and the importance of reporting bullying to trusted adults.
- 2. Empathy Role-Play: Use scenarios from the book where characters experience cyberbullying. Assign roles to students, having them act out the scenes, and then discuss how the characters might feel. Follow up with a role-reversal exercise, asking students to switch roles to understand different perspectives better. Conclude with a discussion on empathy and the impact of words and actions online.
- 3. **Digital Footprint Activity**: After reading a portion of *The Mauled Mage* that deals with the consequences of online actions, have students create a visual representation of their own digital footprint. They will draw or list out the types of information they've shared online and reflect on how this information can be perceived by others. This activity leads to a discussion on responsible online behavior and how to positively shape one's digital footprint.

Unlock Enhanced Learning: Elevate your classroom with our concise *Chapter Questions & Fun Learning Activities Guide*. Transform lessons and engage deeply. Available exclusively at the author's website. Discover more on the next page.

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Dive into *The Mauled Mage* with our *Chapter Questions and Fun Learning Activities Guide*, a flexible and dynamic educational tool designed for educators, librarians, parents, and caregivers alike. Tailored to enhance the exploration of cyberbullying, digital citizenship, and empathy, this guide enriches the narrative experience, allowing for deep, meaningful engagement with the book's themes in a safe, controlled environment.

Structured to support non-linear progression, the guide invites users to select the most relevant questions and activities to match the reading pace and interests of their learners, making it a perfect fit for both classroom and home settings. Each chapter offers two targeted questions and two engaging activities, specifically designed to provoke thought, enhance comprehension, and encourage critical thinking about the nuanced impacts of cyberbullying and the importance of empathy.

By leveraging the compelling story of Beam and Lee in *The Mauled Mage*, educators and caregivers can guide young teens through the complexities of online behavior and bystander intervention, promoting ethical problem-solving and a deeper understanding of digital citizenship. This approach not only captivates and educates but also fosters a safe space for learners to discuss and reflect on their digital interactions.

The inclusion of chapter-specific images, with access to higher resolution versions, serves as powerful visual aids to complement discussions, catering to diverse learning styles and enriching the educational journey.

This guide stands as a beacon for impactful learning, encouraging an immersive exploration of crucial contemporary issues. It's an indispensable resource for sparking critical conversations and nurturing empathetic, informed digital citizens. Engage with *The Mauled Mage* beyond the pages and transform your educational approach with this comprehensive guide.

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And contribute to creating a more thoughtful, empathetic, and connected world.

