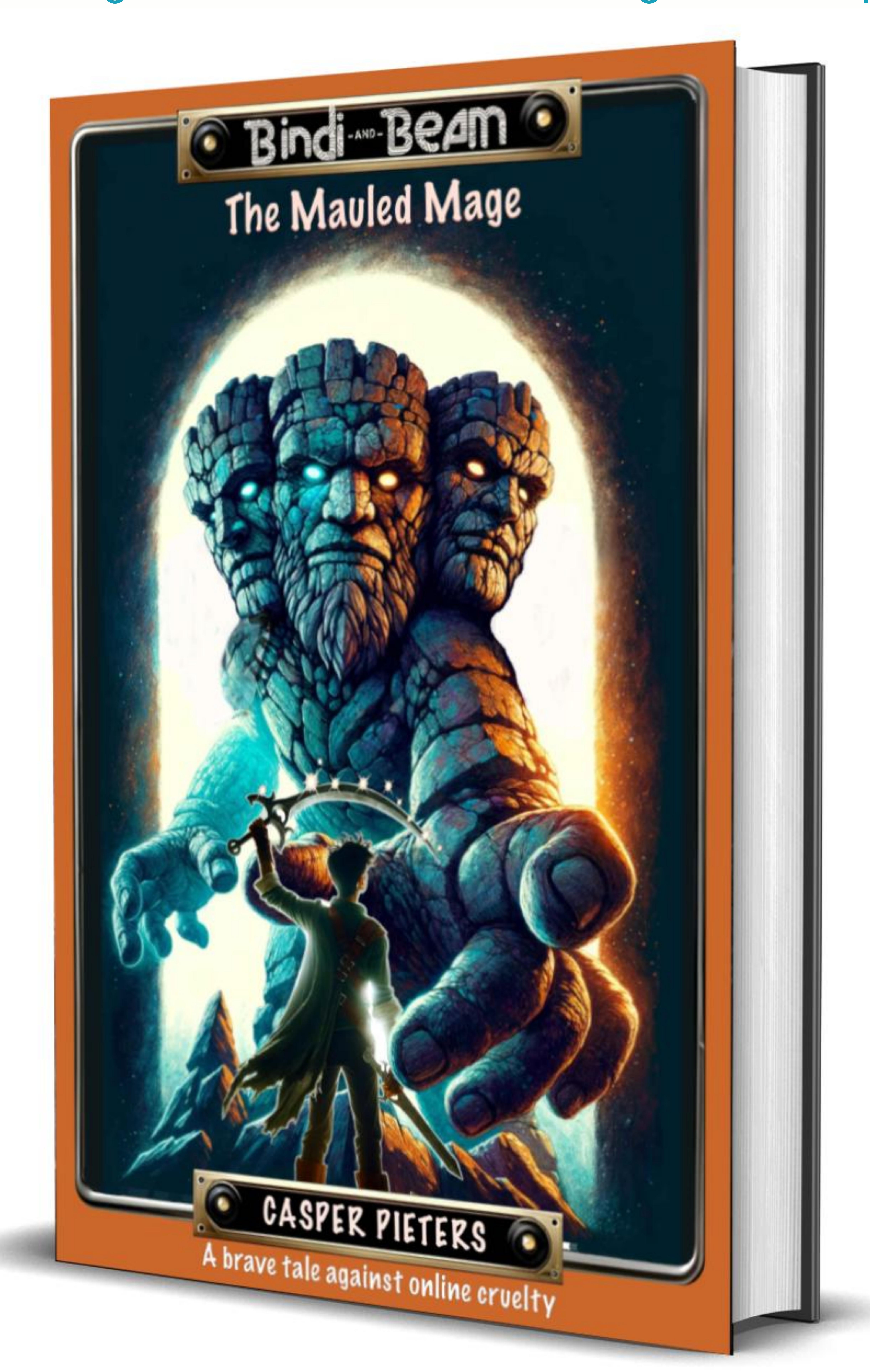
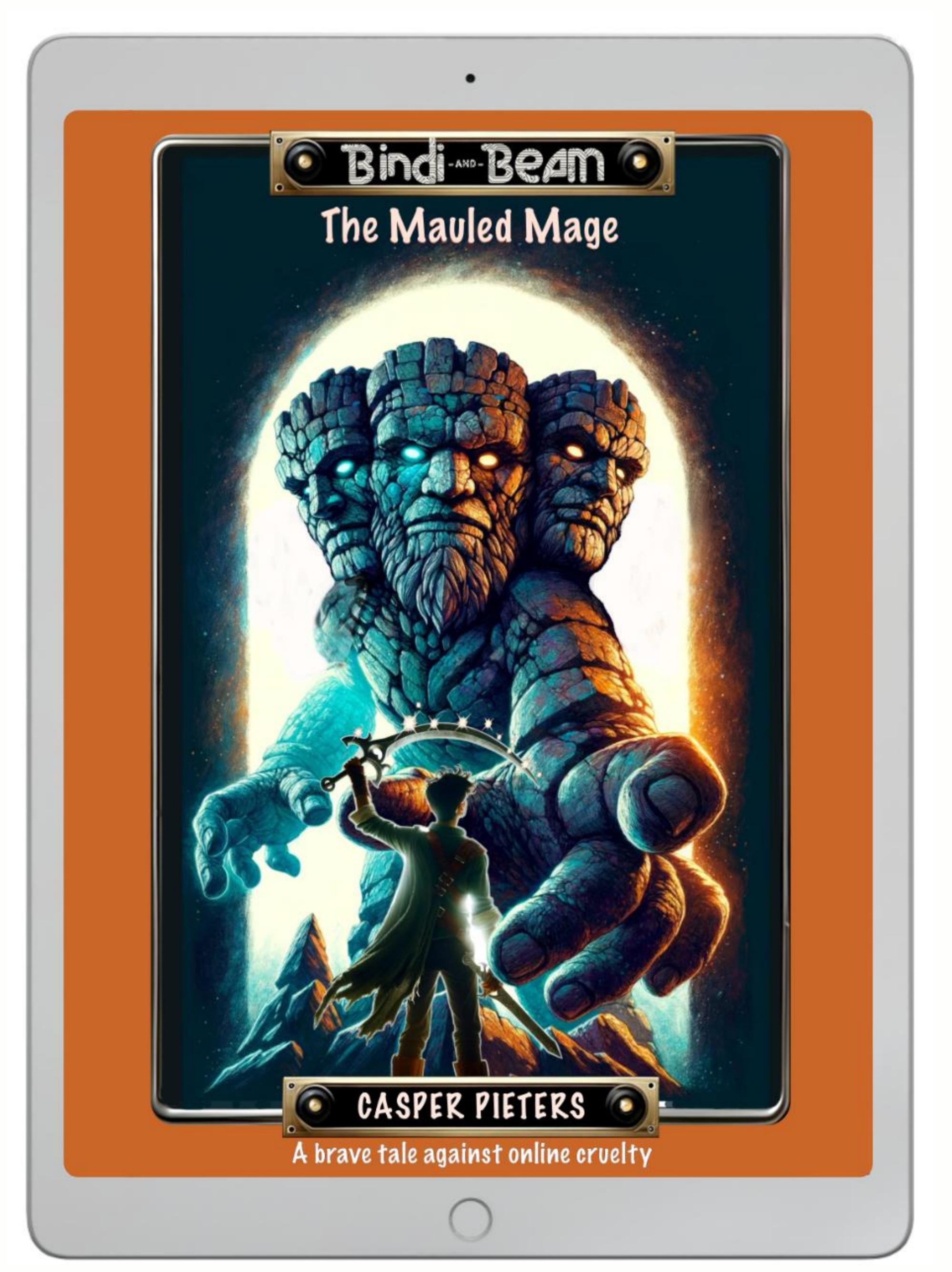
Parents and Caregiver's Guide

The Mauled Mage - A tale of bravery against online cruelty
A riveting metaverse adventure for ages 8 and up



"I was amazed at how The Mauled Mage captivated my kids and facilitated important conversations about online behavior. The guide for chapter questions and activities has been incredibly handy for reinforcing these discussions at home." - Linda, Parent

Brief summary of The Mauled Mage



The Mauled Mage is a compelling story about the courage it takes to stand up against online bullying. It follows Beam, a tech-savvy teenager who, after a personal setback, is eager to make things right. His quest for redemption leads him to discover that Lee, a fellow classmate, is being cyberbullied. Armed with his computer expertise, Beam sets out to unmask the bully, navigating

through the challenges of friendship, responsibility, and the digital landscape. Set in a vivid cyber universe, this narrative explores themes of bravery, support, and the consequences of our online actions. It highlights the significance of confronting bullying and shows how collective efforts can lead to positive change, making it an essential read for parents and caregivers looking to discuss these important issues with their children.

Other books in the series

The Web Trap—tech obsessiveness - An enthralling virtual adventure turns perilous, as friends race against time in a digital labyrinth to rescue one of their own from the seductive clutches of a reality-bending game.

The Bewitched Game—digital health and wellbeing - 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— media literacy - A thrilling journey where our young heroes battle a digital dystopia, teaching vital lessons in digital literacy and the power of unity in the face of online chaos (in production).

The Not-Me Selfies—digital identity - A thrilling tale of identity, technology, and friendship, where teens confront their Al doppelgangers in a digital battle for identity, blurring the lines between virtual reality and the essence of self (in production).

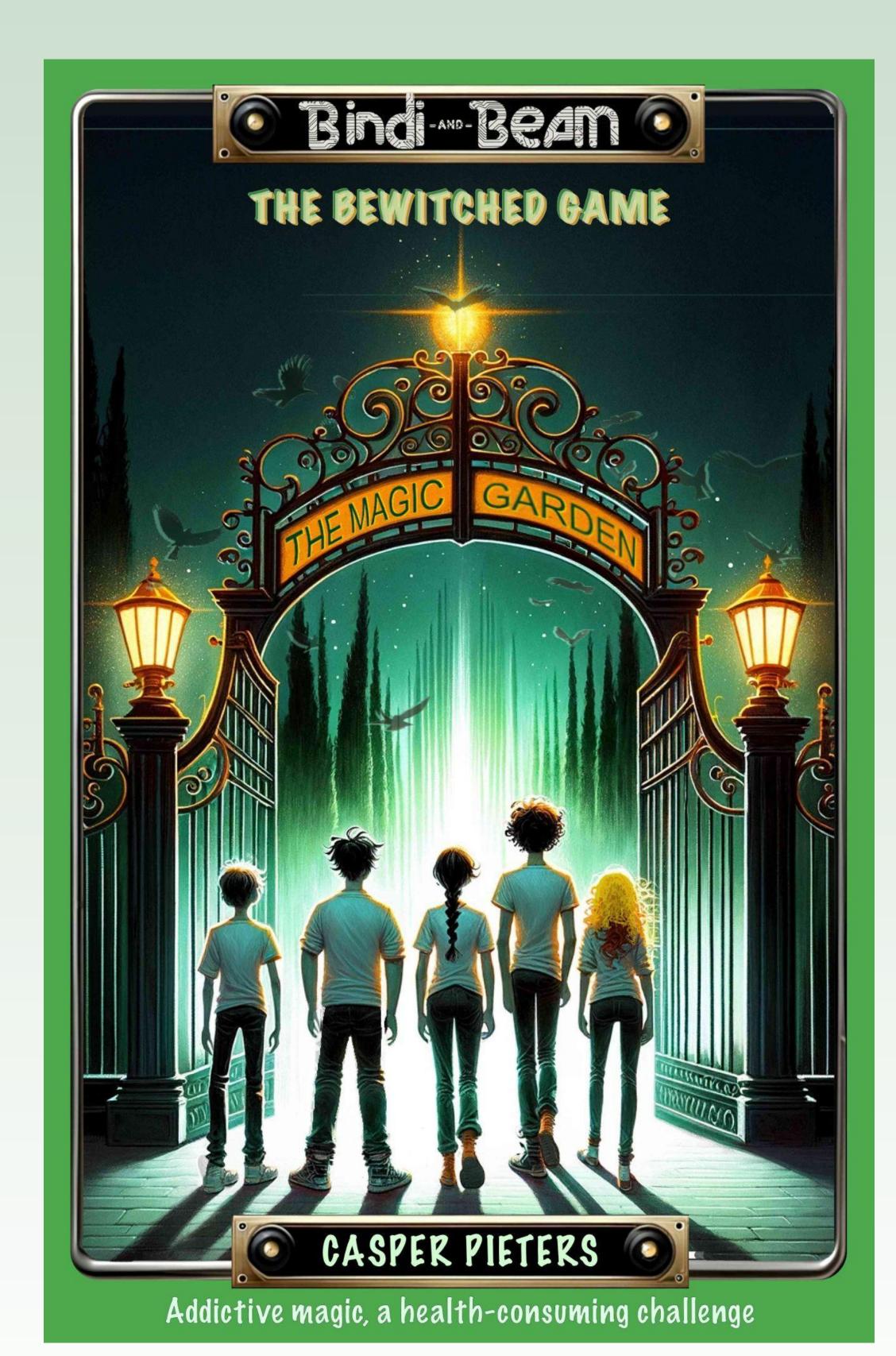
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other books in the Bindi & Beam series





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The Mauled mage - Book 2 in the Bindi and Beam Series

Understanding key online behavior concepts like cyberbullying and internet safety is crucial by the time children finish primary school. The Bindi & Beam novella series addresses these topics through captivating stories, allowing young readers to navigate complex technology issues with characters they'll grow to love.

It's essential to start meaningful discussions with children about the interplay between friendship and technology. "The Mauled Mage" acts as an excellent resource for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to help young ones understand the complexities of modern friendships that often intertwine with digital life. This story prompts children to think critically and empathetically about their actions and the nature of their relationships.

For parents aiming to guide their children through the challenges of technology, *The Mauled Mage - Chapter Questions and Fun Learning Activities Guide*, available at www.casperpieters.com, is a treasure trove. Designed for use at home, the guide is filled with questions and activities tailored to the themes of the book, encouraging family bonding through fun, screen-free learning activities. This guide is a perfect tool for parents wishing to provide their children with enriching, off-screen experiences.

Additionally, for children who may be reluctant readers or need extra motivation, the series' illustrations offer an engaging visual element. These stories do more than entertain; they also serve as a conversation starter for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to discuss digital citizenship with their children, making the series a valuable asset in navigating the digital world's impact on young minds.



Unlock the door to meaningful conversations with your children—<u>click here</u> to access captivating images from the book, perfect for sparking engaging discussions.

Techniques to enhance deeper understanding and engagement

To use *The Mauled Mage* as a learning tool within a family setting, parents and caregivers can engage children in discussions about the story's themes, characters, and settings.

Here are some strategies:

Read Together: Dedicate time to read the book together or alongside your child. This shared activity fosters a sense of togetherness and opens up natural discussions about the book's content.

Ask Open-Ended Questions: After reading a chapter, ask your child open-ended questions about the story. For example, "What would you do if you were in Beam's situation?" This encourages critical thinking and empathy.

Connect to Real Life: Relate situations in the book to real-life scenarios, especially those related to cyberbullying. Discuss the importance of kindness, empathy, and the consequences of our actions online and offline.

Character Role-Playing: Have fun role-playing different scenarios from the book. This can help children understand different perspectives and develop empathy for others' experiences.

Creative Projects: Encourage your child to express their understanding of the book through creative projects such as drawing, writing a diary from a character's perspective, or creating a digital safety poster.

Family Book Club: Make *The Mauled Mage* the book of the month for your family book club. Discuss the book's themes, favorite parts, and lessons learned in a family meeting.

Safety Online Discussions: Use the story as a springboard to discuss internet safety, the importance of privacy settings, and how to deal with cyberbullying.

Empowerment Activities: Encourage your child to think about how they can be a positive force in their community, both online and offline. Brainstorm ways they can support friends or peers who may be experiencing bullying.

Reflection Time: Have quiet reflection time where your child can journal or draw about their feelings and thoughts on the book's events and characters.

Community Engagement: Look for community events or workshops about digital literacy and cyberbullying prevention. Participating in these can reinforce the book's messages and provide practical advice.

Using *The Mauled Mage* as a learning tool can not only enhance your child's reading experience but also equip them with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world more safely and empathetically.

A brilliant companion guide making conversations about cyberbullying a lot easier with insightful chapter-by-chapter questions and super fun learning activities is available for purchase through the author's website. Grab your copy now!

"My children were immediately drawn to The Mauled Mage, and it's sparked many important discussions about cyberbullying. The chapter questions are perfectly designed to engage young minds, and we've found the activities guide adaptable and very useful for home learning." - Emily, Parent

Real-Life Applications: Encourage activities that reflect the book's themes, like spending a tech-free day together or discussing how to handle online disagreements.

Critical Thinking: When you talk about the book, it's good to make them think deeply (critical thinking) and figure out problems (problem-solving). Instead of just asking questions that they can answer with a 'yes' or 'no,' try asking bigger questions that make them think more and share their ideas.

"When we chat about the book, I want you to really think hard and solve puzzles that come up in the story. Let's not stick to simple 'yes' or 'no' questions. I'll ask you bigger questions that need more thought, so you can share lots of ideas with me."

Encourage Empathy: Use characters' experiences to discuss empathy and understanding in friendships. Talk about how they would feel and react in similar situations.

"Let's think about the story we read. Imagine how the characters feel when they're with their friends, and what if that was you? How would you feel then? We're going to talk about how we can understand our friends better and be as kind as the characters in our story."

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?



"The Mauled Mage and its companion guide has made talking about the difficult issue of cyberbullying so much easier with my kids. The story is engaging, and the chapter questions and activities guide have provided us with a great framework for discussion and learning at home." - **Dave S., Parent**