

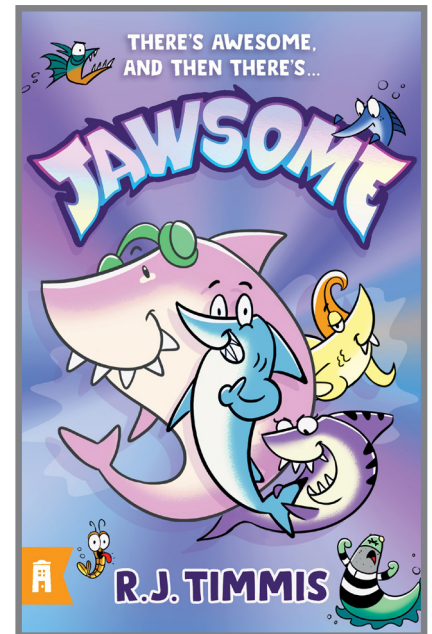
# Jawsome

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## SYNOPSIS

Something FISHY is going on in Chumville . . .

By day, Finley and his mates are ordinary shark kids. But by night, they are secretly the super-famous rock band JAWSOME!

But not everything is cruisy. Can JAWSOME get to the bottom of an ocean of shady shark-nanigans while keeping their secret identities watertight?

## ABOUT THE CREATOR

R.J Timmis is an author/illustrator from the sunny Gold Coast. Before she started writing magical and adventurous stories, Rebecca wrote code for websites (which is not nearly as exciting). She's had lots of real-life adventures, like almost falling off the Great Wall of China, hiding from grizzly bears in Canada and being chased by giant pigs in outback Queensland. When Rebecca isn't writing or drawing, she's working hard to turn her rambunctious three boys into polite members of society or watching superhero movies with her husband.

## STUDY NOTES

- You can tell a lot about a book by its cover. Answer these questions to find out about Jawsome before you even start to read the story.
  - What sort of creature do you think this story will be about?
  - Can you recognise any other creatures on the cover?
  - Having answered the first two questions, can you guess where the story will be set?
  - Why might the book be called *Jawsome*?
  - Do the cover's colours, image and title make you think this is going to be a very scary story about sharks?
- Lots of the fun of *Jawsome* is in the way the author changes well-known words and phrases for similar sounding ones that have something to do with sharks and the sea. For instance, the sharks in the story play Fortbite and CrayStation. What is the human word for the following shark words that appear in *Jawsome*:
  - sea-spicious
  - Finstagram
  - flipper-gasted
  - fin-credibly.

Can you come up with some special shark words of your own?

- If a pun is a joke that plays with words that sound alike or have more than one meaning do you think the book's title, *Jawsome*, is a pun? Can you find other puns in the story? Which is your favourite?
- Words tell us a lot in a story, but the way words are shown on a page can tell us a lot, too. Turn to p 9 where Hunter is eating the word 'everything' and explain how the way the word is shown emphasises the sentence before it: 'They also eat everything.' Can you find other examples in the story similar to this?
- There are many different types of sharks in the story. Finley is a reef shark, Hunter a tiger shark, Gnash a pointer shark (aka Great White) and Gilleon a lemon shark.
  - Find at least one characteristic for each type of shark in the first story, 'Stage Bite'.
  - Research each type of shark on the internet to find three other interesting facts about them.
  - Name three other types of sharks that don't appear in the story.

## COMPREHENSION

### Stage Bite

- Who or what is Jawsome in the story?
- Why does it need a new lead singer?
- Why doesn't Finley want to become the lead singer?
- What 'trials' do Finley's friends put him through to help him overcome his stage fright?
- Who and what actually helps him overcome it?

### Finvestigated

- Squidley Whistleblower is working on a story to expose . . . . .
- How do Finley and his friends try to trick Squidley into thinking they are unmusical?
- Skeezy . . . . . disguises himself as . . . . . to take over Chumville.
- What does Hunter do to the photos to make sure they can be used as evidence?
- Why does Squidley get all the credit for solving the case?

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