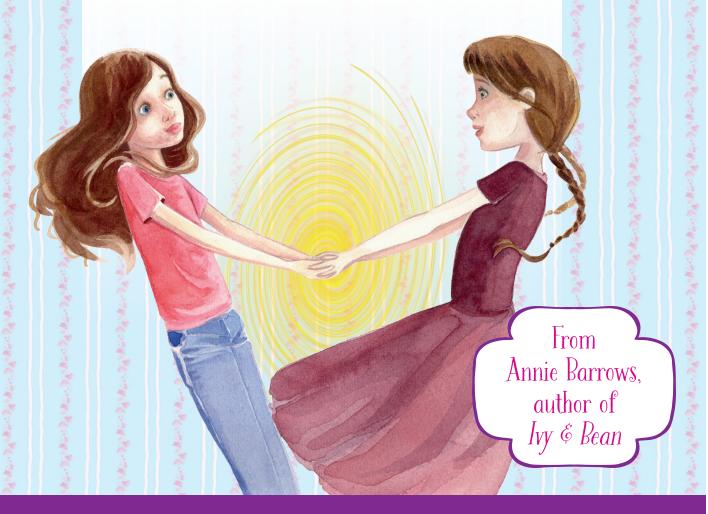
Welcome to Magic in the Mix,

a tale of twins, time, and magic. Below, you'll find some interesting things to do between now and the moment you can get your hands on the book and start reading, which is the whole point here. The following activities will prepare you for traveling through time, being a twin, and messing with the future. The grownups think that they will also keep you quiet while you wait. The grownups could be wrong about that.







Do-It-Yourself Twins!

When I was a kid, I wished I had a twin. A twin would be like having a best friend live in my house! A twin would look like me and want to do all the same things I did! A twin would be non-stop fun! But, unfortunately, I didn't have a twin. I just had a sister. An older sister, who always did exciting things before I did.

So one day, I decided to make my own twin. I got a mirror, a big one, and walked around the house with it, holding it at my side. Whenever I looked towards it, I saw someone just like me-my identical twin! It was really fun until I tried to go downstairs and almost broke my kneecap. That was a problem. But I've solved it. I now know how to make myself a twin without breaking my bones.

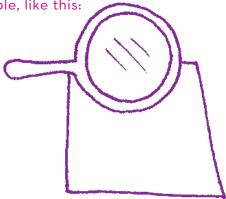
If you, too, would like to have a twin-for a little while-here's how:

What you'll need:

- A piece of paper
- · A pen or pencil
- A hand mirror (or, if you don't have a mirror, a cell-phone with the camera on reverse video so that it shows you)

How to do it:

Put the paper down on a table. With one hand, hold the mirror perpendicular to the paper on the table, like this:



Hold the pencil with the other hand. Looking at the reflection of your hand in the mirror (not at your actual hand), write your name. Now write "I think I hear them." Now write "My name is Maurice," or some other name that your twin might have. Keep writing and keep watching the reflection of your hands. Don't look away. Pretty soon, your brain will fuse, and you'll begin to think that they're not your hands! They're your twin's hands! Isn't that weird?











Unfortunately for all of us, time travel doesn't happen just because you want it to happen. It happens when it feels like it. And you generally don't get to pick which time you're going to travel in; you just get dropped off in some other era. The result? Sometimes you travel through time and don't have slightest idea what year you've landed in. This can be very embarrassing and possibly dangerous.

The Time-Traveling Cheat Sheet can help. Here, you'll find tips on identifying eras through clothing, one of the most reliable clues available to the time traveler (if you end up someplace where no one's wearing anything, you have other problems). Clip out the cheat sheet and keep it in your pocket-because you never know!

ITime-Traveling Cheat Sheet &

Shoes:

Are the men wearing shoes that don't have soles and look like this?



You've landed sometime before 1600.

Are the men wearing high heels with bows?

Yikes! You're in Europe and it's somewhere between 1600 and 1750.



Hair:

Do all the rich-looking people have gray hair, even if they're young?

It's between 1700 and 1800 in Europe or North America.

Do any of the women have short hair? Whew! It's after 1919.

Buttons.

Are there any? It's after 1300.



Kimonos:

Are ladies and gents wearing them?

Congratulations! You're in Japan!

Military uniforms:

Military uniforms are super-helpful because sometimes they have information written right on them, like for instance "U.S. Army" on a belt buckle.

Are there guys in armor wearing helmets with brooms on top, like this?

You're in ancient Rome, and that is a centurion. Good luck.

Are the soldiers wearing red coats and tight white pants?

It's between 1750 and 1835, and those guys are British.

Are they wearing helmets that look like this?

It's World War I. Run!

Skirts:

Do the ladies have teeny-weeny waists and great big circle skirts that touch the ground, like this?

lt's between 1830 and 1870

Do they have a whole lot of material bunched up on their behinds, like this?

It's between 1870 and 1895

Do their skirts stop halfway between their ankles and their knees?

Could be either 1910-1920 or 1930-1940.











Wordsearch

Find the following important vocabulary words that appear in Magic in the Mix:

Derpy

Enchilada

Random

Raging

Cookie

Stalky

Lettuce Ball

Reenactment

Outhouse

Blockhead

Eggs

Plan B

Girl cooties

Eagle

Goober

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Making History

Whether you live in an apartment, a castle, or a yurt, the odds are that someone else will live there in the future. You should leave a message for that kid.

Now, you could write the kid a letter telling all about your life and times. That would be very nice. But wouldn't it be more fun to confuse the heck out of him or her by creating a fake historical document? Of course it would!

There are many kinds of fake documents you can make. For example:

- · A map of the neighborhood, with an X labeled "burial spot"
- An old-looking letter, describing an earthquake or a flood or something exciting
- Torn notes that have interesting half-sentences on them, like "Mavis couldn't stop laughing when" or "Tell me the truth about the"
- A picture with mysterious symbols on it.

OR:

在外面的一种,我们是一种的人,我们是有什么的,我们是有一种人,我们是有一种的人,我们是有什么的,我们是有什么的,我们是有一种的人的,我们就是有一种的人的人,我们

Anything else you think is cool

What you'll need:

- · a piece of paper
- a pen
- watercolor paint (optional)

What to do:

Write or draw whatever you've decided on. Crumple the paper up. Rip it. If you can, paint it yellowish-brown or dip it in tea. Let it dry. Rip it a little more. Put it in your house, someplace where no one will disturb it, like under the basement stairs, behind the toilet tank, taped to the underside of a shelf, on the ceiling of a cupboard. Leave it there forever.

What will happen:

Years from now, when you're all grownup and have forgotten all about it, some kid will be running around your present house, apartment, or yurt, screaming "Oh my gosh! There's buried treasure in the neighborhood! Hurry! Get me a shovel!"

And that will be funny.









