

THE MAGIC BOOKMARK

Access Guide

The Magic Bookmark is a pantomime about Mama G and her friend the Magic Bookmark. They go on an adventure to find three books that will stop Book Worm being nasty.

This is Mama G:



This is Book Worm:
Book Worm
appears on a TV
screen, like a video
call.



This is the
Magic Bookmark:



The Magic Bookmark is a pantomime. That means that the audience will shout things out.

People might shout things like:



You will know when it's time to shout. You can join in if you would like, but you don't need to. And if you want to shout when everyone else is quiet, that is fine too.

Sometimes Mama G will ask questions. If you have an answer you might want to shout it, or put your hand up. If you don't have an answer, it's OK.

Book Worm is the baddy. When people see him they might boo and hiss. Book Worm likes this. Don't be worried about upsetting him if you join in.



THINGS TO BE AWARE OF:

- The theatre will go dark just before the show starts.
- The music might be loud.
- The people around you might shout out.
- During the songs the lights will flash, like at a disco.
- You might see some 'smoke' on the stage. This is called haze and is used to make the lights look good. It's very safe.



FOR GROWN-UPS:

'The Magic Bookmark' is a show about inclusion and has a particular focus on stories about LGBTQIA+ people. The books that are read are subject to change, but may include characters that are transgender, or in same-sex relationships. All of the books in the show have been written for children.

It is really important that children have access to stories about all sorts of people. If you have concerns about discussing these topics we have a resource pack available that will help guide you.

The pack is available on [Issuu](#) or at petitepantos.com

When you walk into the theatre it will look something like this:



The bean bag (1) is hiding a book.

The front of the bookcase (2) gets taken away by Mama G near the start. The bookcase is pink. When all the books have gone it has two shelves in it.

The screen (3) is where Book Worm will appear. It's also where the lyrics for one of the songs will be. And where you will see the pictures that tell you where each scene is set.

The table with the paddling pool (4) is for 'hook-a-duck'. In the pool are two plastic ducks, a plastic fishing rod and a book.

STORY

The show starts at Mama G's library.
This is her library:



Mama G sings a song about how much she likes books. Then she explains that she is meeting Book Worm.

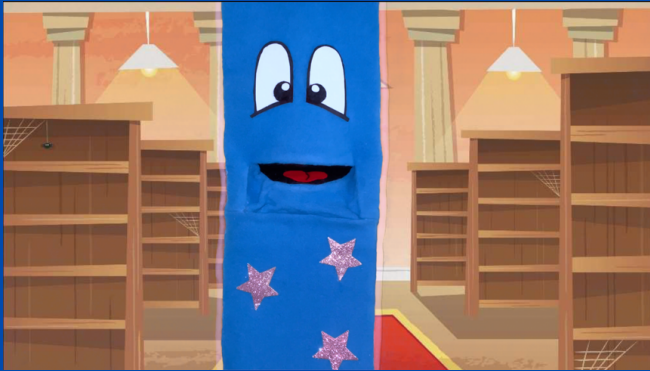
Book Worm steals all the books from Mama G's library.
This is the library with no books:



Book Worm challenges Mama G to find three books that prove why stories are important. If she succeeds he will give her books back. She has 24 hours to do this.

Mama G is worried that she won't be able to find the books by herself and wishes someone would help her.

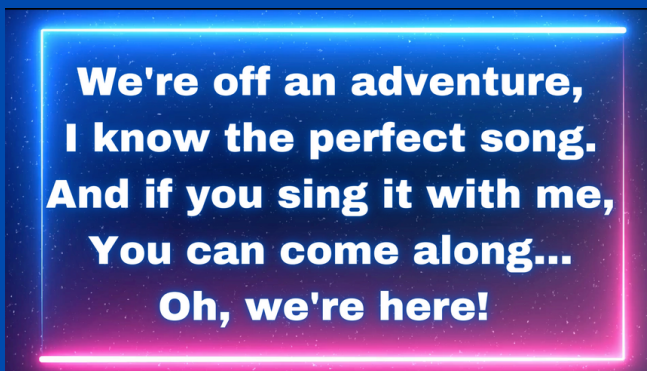
On the screen the Magic Bookmark appears, then disappears before Mama G notices. People will start to shout out and let Mama G know.



Bookmark sings a song to tell Mama G that everything will be OK. The song is called 'You & Me'.

Mama G teaches the audience the 'Magic Travel Song'. The words will appear on the screen. Mama G will teach you each line and then everyone will sing it together. If you don't want to sing that's OK.

These are the words:



The song works and Mama G and Bookmark end up in a castle. This is the castle:



Book Worm tells them that to find the first book they must find a riddle.

Mama G tries to do some magic. It doesn't work. She'll ask you to close your eyes at this point, but you don't have to.

She finds the riddle and it leads to the first book.



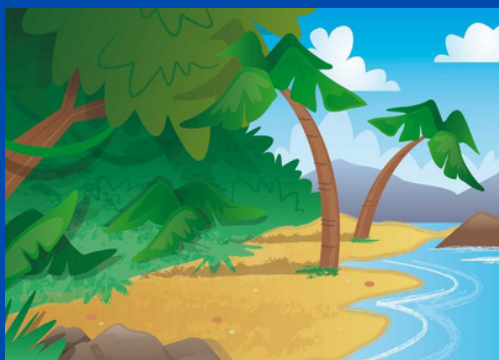
Before she reads the book, Mama G will sing a song called 'Story Time with Mama G'.

After she has read the book Mama G will ask the audience what they think it was about.



Book Worm appears and Mama G tells him about the book. He tells them that to find the second book they will need to use a map.

Mama G and Bookmark sing the travel song again. This time they end up on an island. This is the island:



Mama G follows the map. It will take her into the audience. The book might be with the person who showed you to your seat. Or the person who is turning the lights on and off.

When Mama G has read the second book she will ask you to pretend you're holding a mirror and to say "you're awesome." Then she and Bookmark will visit Book Worm.

This time Book Worm is dressed as a butterfly.



Book Worm tells Mama G that he is going to make time go faster. He sings a song called 'A Worm History of Time'.

**After the song Mama G and Book Mark are at a fairground.
This is the fairground:**



Mama G sings a sad song called ‘Amazing (Part One)’ and tells Bookmark that she is giving up.

Bookmark suggests that the third book might be hidden in a game called ‘hook-a-duck’. Mama G doesn’t want to play, so asks for three people from the audience to come up and help.

If you come up on stage Mama G will ask you some questions and tell you what you need to do. There is always someone nearby who can help you get back to your seat.



Mama G reads the third book. Afterwards, she’ll ask you how it made you feel.

Mama G is happy again. Her and Bookmark sing a song called 'Amazing (Part Two)'. It's like the song before but more fun.

After the song Book Worm appears and Mama G explains how wrong he was. Book Worm agrees and gives her books back. They end the show as friends and sing the song called 'You & Me' again.



This is the end. Mama G will say "thank you" to everyone for coming and take a bow.

Afterwards you will be able to have your picture taken with Mama G on stage. Someone from the theatre will tell you where to go and what to do. Families can have their picture taken all together.

