

# *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures*

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## **Annotation**

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## **Book Talk**

- Unicorns, griffins, and fuzzles, OH MY! Imagine living in a world of magical creatures, great and small. Thanks to a Unicorn Incident at her school, Pip spends the summer with her aunt at a clinic for magical creatures. It's fun until Fuzzles appear and begin bursting into flames. Pip and her friend Tomas must take quick action to solve the problem before it causes more trouble for all creatures, magical or not.

## **Book Trailers**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXSu5d3ZRjo>

## **Author on the Internet**

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## **Items to use in a library display**

- pictures or figures of unicorns, griffins and dragons; veterinarian lab coat and stethoscope

## **Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics**

- How could Pip have handled the situation differently with the Unicorn incident at the beginning of the book?
- Compare/contrast the magical creatures in the story.
- Why was Pip keeping a guide to magical creatures? How is it important to the story?
- Pretend you've captured a magical creature. Draw it and tell what its magical traits are.

## **First Line of the Book:**

- "The Unicorns arrived right after the buses."

## **Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)**

- books about magical creatures, such as unicorns, mermaids

### **What to Read Next**

- *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Unicorn Training* (October 2016)
- *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* by Newt Scamander

### **Other Books by this Author:**

- <http://jackson-pearce.com/books-2/>
- Maggie Stiefvater has written many young adult novels

### **Additional Resources**

- Art/craft activity: Create and decorate paper underwear to hang on a clothesline; Make Magical Creature trading cards of new magical creatures; Create Fuzzles with pom-poms and googly eyes; Make a stop-action video with created magical creatures; Make magical creatures puppets.
- Book review: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcaVkFwWmyc>
- Interview with the authors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIHHX4eC4mo>
- Lesson ideas:
  - Informational Text-Use the trading cards to learn labelling pictures or captions.
  - Writing-Students create Magical Creatures Encyclopedia with each student contributing to the descriptions and illustrations, then combine into one class book.
  - Retelling the story-use the magical creature puppets created in the crafts activity to retell parts of the story.