

THE ADVENTURES OF HARRY STEVENSON



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DID YOU KNOW?

Harry's relations around the world are called some lovely names – mostly to do with their small, piggy qualities and far-away origins. For example, in Germany they are called meerschweinchen, which means 'little sea pig'; in Italy they are called porcellino d'India or 'little Indian pig'; and in Spain they are known as conejillo de Indias, or 'little rabbit of the Indies'.

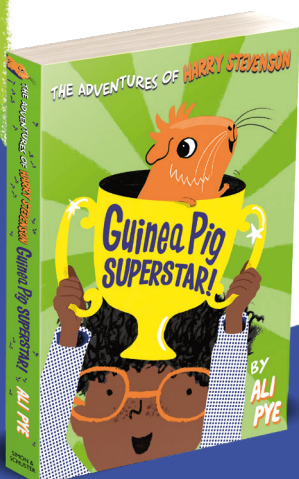
Harry is naturally quite lazy, but he has to do a lot of running around and jumping on his adventures. (It's his own fault. He shouldn't keep trying to snaffle food when no one's looking.) In real life, guinea pigs can be pretty athletic. Young guinea pigs can run when they're only three hours old, while one of the sweetest guinea pig traits is when they bounce up into the air when they're happy. This is called 'popcorning'!

Harry is very well looked-after by Billy Smith and his parents. A guinea pig can live up to seven years if he or she is properly cared for. However the oldest recorded guinea pig, called Snowball, lived to the grand old age of fourteen years and ten months!

Here are two sporting achievements by guinea pigs from the Guinness Book of World Records:

The longest jump by a guinea pig was achieved by a Scottish guinea pig called Truffles, who cleared a gap of 48cm in 2012.

The fastest 10 metres by a guinea pig took 8.81 seconds in 2009. This was achieved by a guinea pig with a very suitable name – Flash!



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DID YOU SPOT?

Story 1

WHO brings in their pet corn snake for Show and Tell?
And who lets him out?

WHAT does Miss Gibby tell the headteacher and her visitors
that the class is studying alongside maths?
(There are two subjects to remember.)

WHY does Harry climb out of his carrier?

Story 2

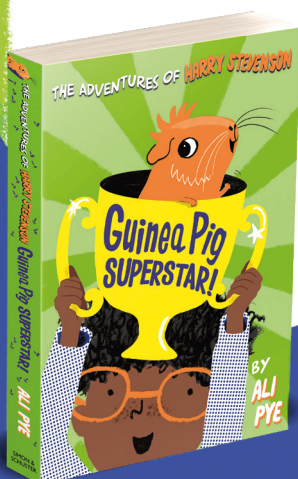
WHO are Billy and Maya excited about seeing
at the Grand Hotel?

WHAT things do Billy and Maya enjoy doing while
they are at the hotel?

WHY does Harry have to hide in the trophy?

Answers:

Book 1: Fergus, Jack; zoology and drama; he's hungry!
Book 2: Sparky FC; reading the newspaper in the hotel lounge, chasing
Bevan and Pest Control!



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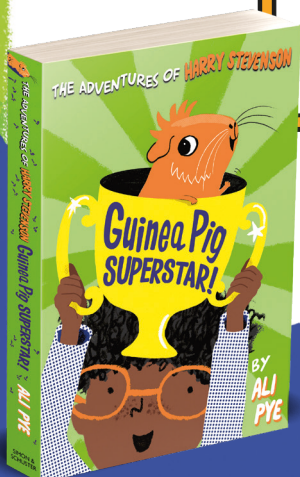
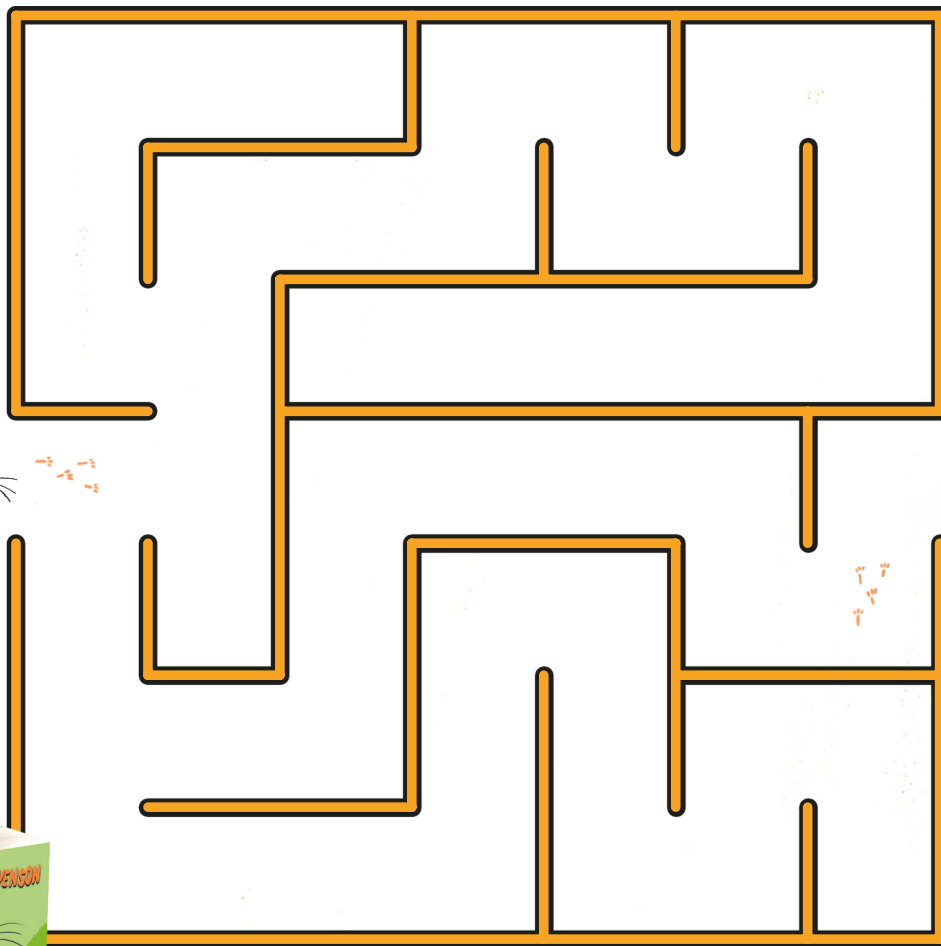


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CAN YOU HELP **HARRY** FIND
HIS WAY TO THE **CARROTS**?



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