

Dear Reader,

One of the best things about books is sharing them with your friends! Here are some fun questions you can ask each other about *The Edge of Everywhere*:

If you could give the book another title, what would it be?

Which characters would you like to meet in real life, and what questions would you ask them?

What do you wish was different about the ending?

Why do you think A.S. Mackey chose to tell the story from the perspective of Novus Fabula? Who would you have chosen as the narrator?

How did the setting of the book (location, time period, or both) impact the story?

If you had to choose one lesson that A.S. Mackey was trying to teach us with this story, what would it be?



Your first assignment:

MAKING A BOOK

Hello, Dear Reader,

It's a pleasure to meet you. Today is my favorite day—the beginning of a new adventure with YOU! I look forward to getting to know you as we explore *The Edge of Everywhen* together. For now, your first task is to help me get a little more comfortable.

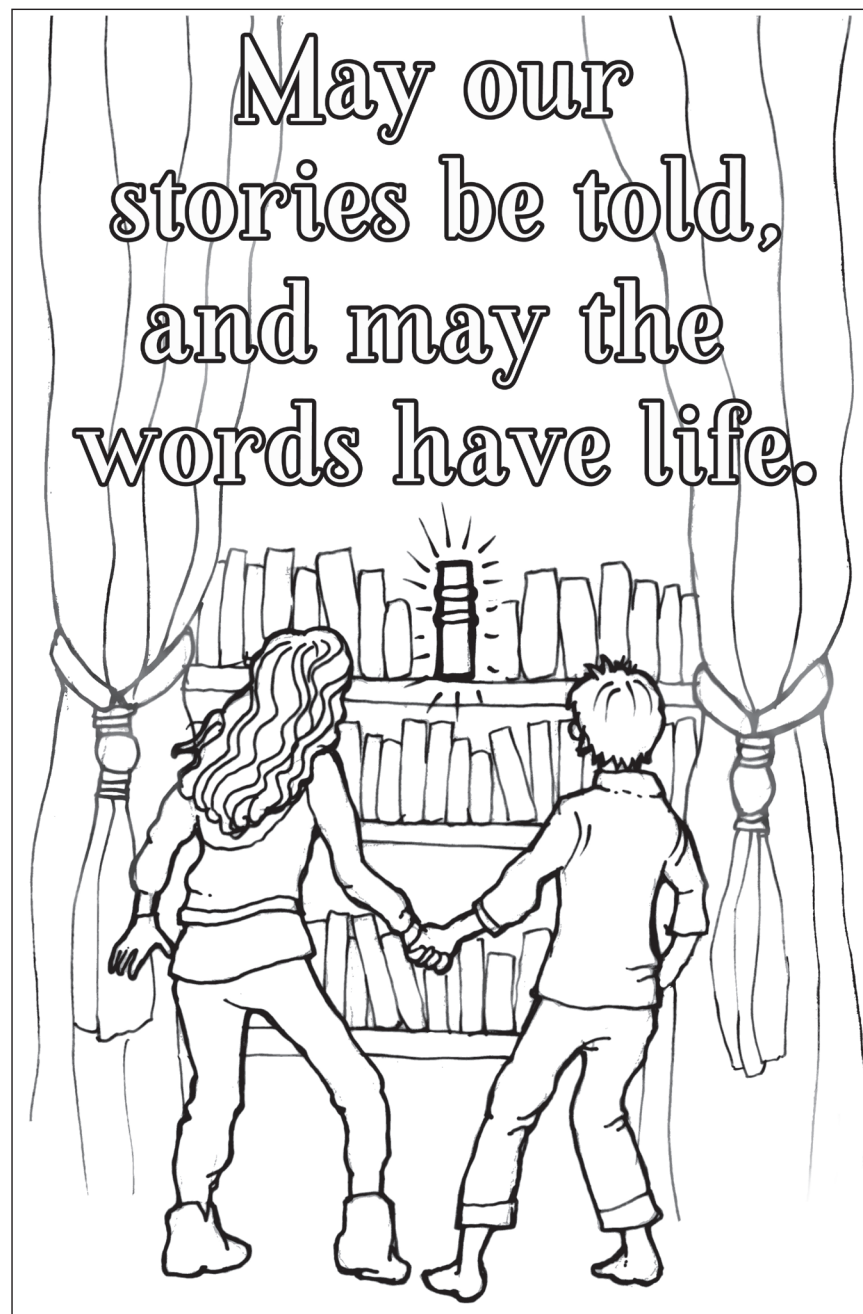
What you'll need:

- A hole punch
 - Scissors
 - String
 - Optional: a sheet of scrapbook paper or construction paper to make a cover
 - Pencil, markers, stickers, glitter—tools for making a pretty cover
1. Stack my pages in order and fold me in half. If you're choosing to make me a cover (which I do hope you'll do), that should be at the bottom of the stack. You may want to fold each piece of paper one at a time to ensure a crisp, clean fold. You'll be able to tell if you did it correctly by looking at the page numbers at the bottom. See—I'm already starting to feel like myself again!
 2. While all of my pages are still stacked, find the center of the fold and mark it. Punch a hole through the center.
 3. Mark two other holes, one on either side of the center hole, and punch those too.
 4. Flip me over so my cover is now facing up. Take the ends of the string and insert them, one through each of the outer holes.
 5. Flip me over again (whew, I'm getting a little dizzy!) and even out the lengths of each end of the string.
 6. Insert each end into the middle hole and pull them through.
 7. One last flip—make sure the two ends are once again even, and tie them as you would your shoe!

It's really pretty simple, but even the simplest things must be done well.

And now we can really start our adventure!

Coloring Page



Sophia's Snickerdoodles

Dear Reader, I've stumbled upon this note Piper left. These cookies sound delicious. Maybe you should try making them, too!

Gabriella,

What's up? I just had to tell you about these cookies that I just learned how to make. They're super easy and so, SO good thought you may want to make some for your older sister and yourself. Send me pix when you're done! - Piper

Snickerdoodles

1 cup shortening

1 cups sugar

2 eggs

2 cups sifted flour

2 teaspoons cream of tartar

1 teaspoon soda

1 teaspoon of salt

2 tablespoons of sugar

2 teaspoons cinnamon

baking sheet

parchment paper or

other non-stick liner

Turn on the oven to 400 degrees.

Crack eggs into a bowl. Add shortening and 1 1/2 cups of sugar to eggs, and mix thoroughly.

Sift flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt into creamed mixture.

Roll the dough into balls, a little smaller than the size of a golf ball.

Mix two tablespoons of sugar and cinnamon and coat the "golf" balls evenly.

Place the balls of dough two inches apart on baking sheet lined with parchment paper or other non-stick liner, and press them down.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes.

These cookies puff up at first, then flatten. Makes 6 dozen for you to share and enjoy!

This book, _____
(what shall you name me, Dear Reader?),

belongs to _____

Date: _____

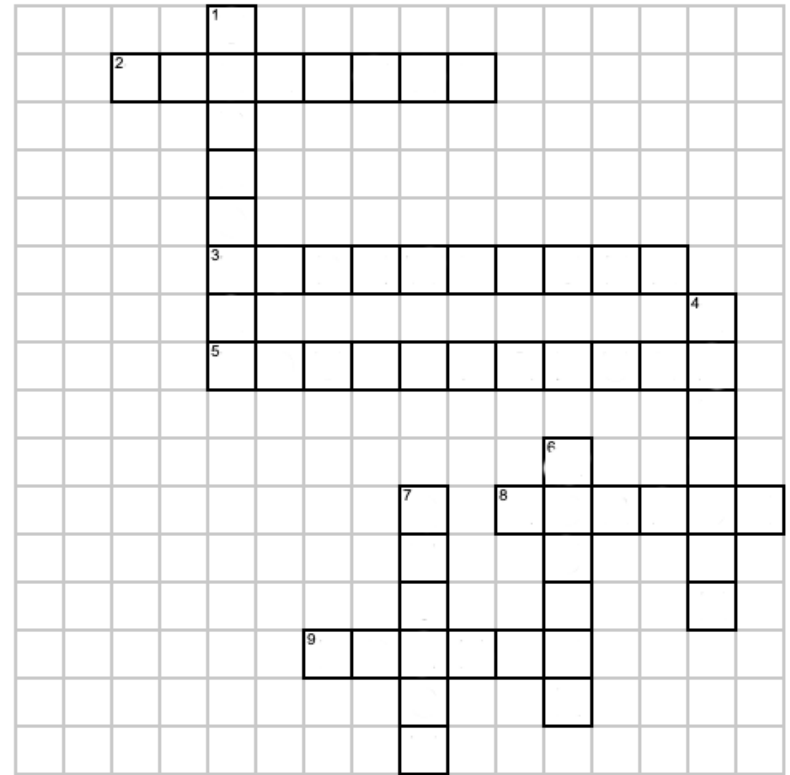
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NOVUS FABULA	VERBOTEN LIBRARY

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2. Piper's decipher key (book)
3. Gift from Aunt Beryl to Piper
5. Latin for "new story"
8. Piper's and Pheonix's dad
9. Aunt Beryl's husband

1. German for "forgiven"
4. Name of the county Villa Legere is located in
6. Orange cat name
7. "Boss man" dog

Write the introduction of your book.

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Answer Key: DOWN
1. VERBOTEN
4. HANCOCK
6. MOUSER
7. QUINCY