

THE BOXTROLLS



Weird and Wacky Inventions

The Boxtrolls love to invent things. Can you tell which of these inventions are real?

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The Story

Have you ever heard of Boxtrolls? They come out of hiding at night to steal what the people of Cheesebridge hold most dear! At least, that's what everyone's been told... For Eggs, the Boxtrolls are his family! Orphaned when he was just a baby, the Boxtrolls took him in and raised him as one of their own. The Boxtrolls and Eggs live under the town transforming treasures into incredible inventions. When Archibald Snatcher decides to get rid of the Boxtrolls, Eggs has to venture above ground where he meets an adventurous girl named Winnie. Together they must take on Snatcher to save the Boxtrolls and the town of Cheesebridge.



The Secrets

The Boxtrolls was made by the same creative peeps who made *Coraline* and *ParaNorman* – two of our very favourite movies!

This movie is based on the novel *Here Be Monsters!* by Alan Snow. In the book there are over 500 black and white illustrations done by the author.

Elle Fanning, Winnie's voice, can also play the piano.

Isaac Hempstead-Wright, who voices Eggs, joined a drama club to get out of playing football on cold Saturday mornings. As well as acting, he plays the piano and drums.

The movie uses stop motion animation and the team spent six months just building all the puppets before they could begin shooting.

The Characters

Eggs

Eggs is an orphaned boy who is adopted by the Boxtrolls. They take him underground to their home and teach him how to invent things from what they find. When the Boxtrolls are under threat it's up to Eggs to save the day.

Winnie

Winnie is a human girl who teams up with Eggs when he comes out of the tunnels. She teaches him how to behave in the posh town with varying levels of success – he just doesn't understand how to shake hands!

Archibald Snatcher

Archibald Snatcher is an evil exterminator who wants to get rid of the Boxtrolls with his army of Goblins, so that he will have power over the entire town of Cheesebridge.



1 Rain-Powered Electric Umbrella: It turns rain into light so you can see what you're doing even if storm clouds have made it extra dark. **TRUE OR FALSE**

2 Deflate-inator Ray: It deflates every inflatable nearby. **TRUE OR FALSE**

3 LED Slippers: They're slippers with little lights on them so when you get up in the middle of the night you can see where you're going. **TRUE OR FALSE**

4 Sleeping Bag with Arms and Legs: You know when you have a sleepover and everyone's hopping around in their sleeping bags? You won't have that problem with this invention, it's like a sleeping bag onesie! **TRUE OR FALSE**

5 Hover board: Like a skateboard but cooler. It doesn't have wheels, instead it hovers just above the ground while you ride it around town. **TRUE OR FALSE**

6 Motorised Ice Cream Cones: Instead of crunching through a cone these plastic motorised cones rotate your scoop so all you have to do is hold it to your mouth. **TRUE OR FALSE**

7 Homework checker: Once you've finished your homework you just put it in the homework checker and it tells you if you got any of the answers wrong. **TRUE OR FALSE**

Spotlight ELLE FANNING



FULL NAME: Mary Elle Fanning
CHARACTER: Winnie
BIRTHDAY: April 9
HOMETOWN: Conyers, USA

Elle started acting when she was just two years old, playing the younger version of her sister Dakota in the movie *I Am Sam*. Since then she has appeared in lots of films including *Super 8* and *We Bought a Zoo*. Elle played her favourite princess, Sleeping Beauty, in *Maleficent* alongside Angelina Jolie. What a lucky duck!

Are you Eggs Or Winnie?

1. School captain nominations are coming up. Do you want to be nominated?
 Not really. You're happy supporting your friends and helping out when you're needed.
 Absolutely! You love getting involved and sharing your opinion.

homework. What do you do?
 Put the homework aside and help your friend, you can always finish it later.
 Ask your friend if it can wait until you've finished, there's always time to talk at school tomorrow.

2. It's the weekend, what are you going to do?
 Hang out at home with your friends and family.
 Get a group of people together and go exploring.

4. There's a dance coming up at school. Do you want to go?
 Not really. You're much more comfortable hanging out somewhere low key than at formal occasions.
 Of course! You know exactly what you're going to do and what you're going to wear. You've been planning for weeks.

3. A friend comes to you needing advice but you're super-busy with



5. Your friends have thrown a surprise party for your birthday. How do you feel when everyone jumps out and says, "Happy Birthday" to you?
 A little bit embarrassed, but you feel so happy that your friends have gone to the effort of organising it and keeping the secret.
 You're so excited. You love being the centre of attention and are quick to start socialising.

Mostly Orange ~ Eggs

Like Eggs, you are most comfortable when you know what to expect. People might mistake your quiet personality for shyness, but you are fiercely loyal to those you love. You are just as happy chilling out at home as you are out for dinner with your friends.

Mostly Purple ~ Winnie

Just like Winnie, you love to try new things. You know what you want and the best way to get it so everyone is happy. People might not get your crazy ideas and sense of humour to start with, but once they get to know you, they love you.