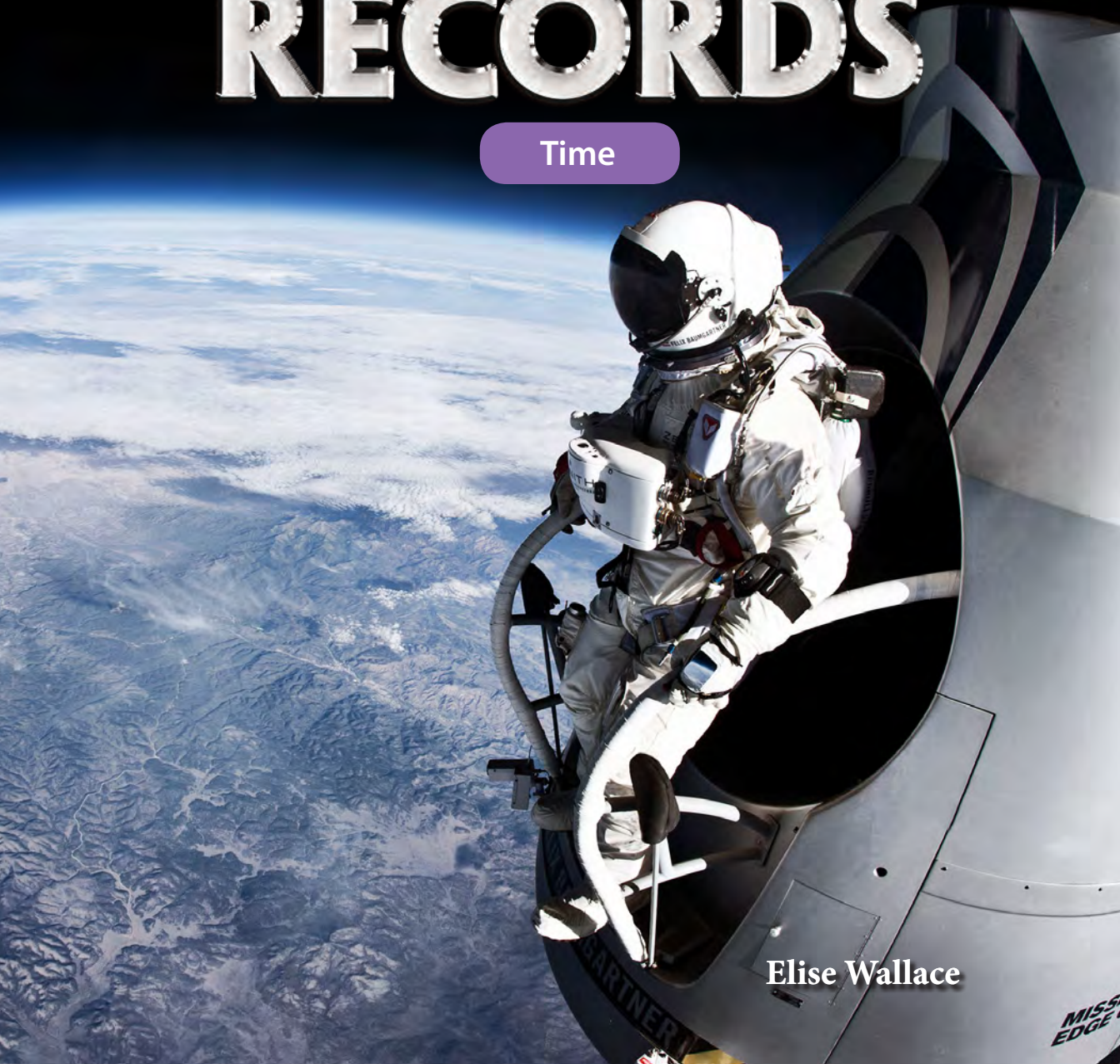
FUN AND GAMES

WORLD RECORDS

Time



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Making Record Time

Ready? Set? Go! It's time to explore some of the most amazing races in the world. Ever heard of piggyback racing? How about speed skydiving? Participants in these competitions hope to set new world **records**. They will do anything to achieve their goals. These are their stories.

You will meet a lot of interesting people trying to be the best in their field. You'll meet people like Edd China. He is the brains behind the fastest toilet in the world. You'll also meet furry friends like Sweet Pea, a talented pup. Sweet Pea set the record for walking the fastest 100 meters (328 feet) *while* balancing a soda can.



Inventor Edd China races the world's fastest toilet in London.

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These adventurous **competitors** will take us from land to sea. They will take us from open fields to great heights. The competitions may seem silly. But, the participants are serious. Each of them has worked hard to make record **time**. Hold on tight. It's sure to be an interesting ride.



A skydiver free falls from an airplane before pulling his parachute.

LET'S EXPLORE MATH

Selena and Adam are designing races for a class competition. They need to select **units** to measure the time it takes to finish each race.

1. Is it better to measure the time it takes to hop around the classroom in minutes or hours? Explain your reasoning.
2. Is it better to measure the time it takes to write your name in minutes or seconds? Explain your reasoning.

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Usain Bolt competes in the men's 200-meter final at the 2013 World Athletics Championships.

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By Land

You've probably heard the names of some of the fastest people in the world. Usain Bolt is a sprinter. Apolo Ohno is a speed skater. These athletes are masters of their sports. They are heroes to many.

There are many other lightning-quick competitors out there. Some of them have broken world records. Some of them have set new records by creating their own contests. Either way, they aren't all star athletes. Some of them are inventors. Some of them have talented pets. The possibilities are endless!



Apolo Ohno competes in short-track speed skating at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Canada.

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An Unlikely Race

In 2015, a new record was set on land; two young men set the record for piggyback racing! Owen Larsen ran the fastest mile *while* carrying Jordan Botwright on his back. He didn't drop his partner once!

Both men are from the United Kingdom. They are members of a British **regiment** known for training skilled soldiers. They fought in the Middle East with their troops. Larsen and Botwright ran the mile to raise money. They wanted to support a national charity that provides help to British soldiers and veterans.

It took Larsen 11 **minutes** and 11 **seconds** to complete the mile. Not bad, considering he was running laps while carrying his buddy on his back!


THE SOLDIERS' CHARITY

OUT OF ACTION man

War is not a game of toy soldiers.

As the Soldiers' Charity, we provide vital financial help to the heartbroken families of those lost and the hundreds of soldiers who have suffered psychological and physical injuries whilst serving our country.

The Army Benevolent Fund aims to make a difference to those who risk everything on a daily basis. Recently we helped a [illegible] whilst on active service [illegible] his neck, severely [illegible]. We helped fund an [illegible] driven to work, giving him [illegible] deserved.

[illegible] who need our support.

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

This flyer advertises the UK Army Benevolent Fund, the charity supported by Larsen and Botwright.

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Larsen and Botwright

LET'S EXPLORE MATH

Suppose Larsen and Botwright attempt to set a new record. They record their race times in minutes and seconds. Now, they want to **convert** the units to seconds.

1. Larsen runs the mile in 11 minutes and 11 seconds. How many seconds will it take him to complete the race?
2. Imagine that Larsen runs the mile again and sets a new record—10 minutes and 57 seconds. What is his new record in seconds?