Vampire Snail

When Jasmin finds a new species of snail in her back garden she feels like her idol, Bibi Bugg. The snail has a pale white body, a jet-black shell and... fangs?! But Jasmin's excitement turns to worry after something mysterious happens to her stick insect and her teacher. Is the snail a vampire? Can she stop him in his slimy tracks before things get grizzly?



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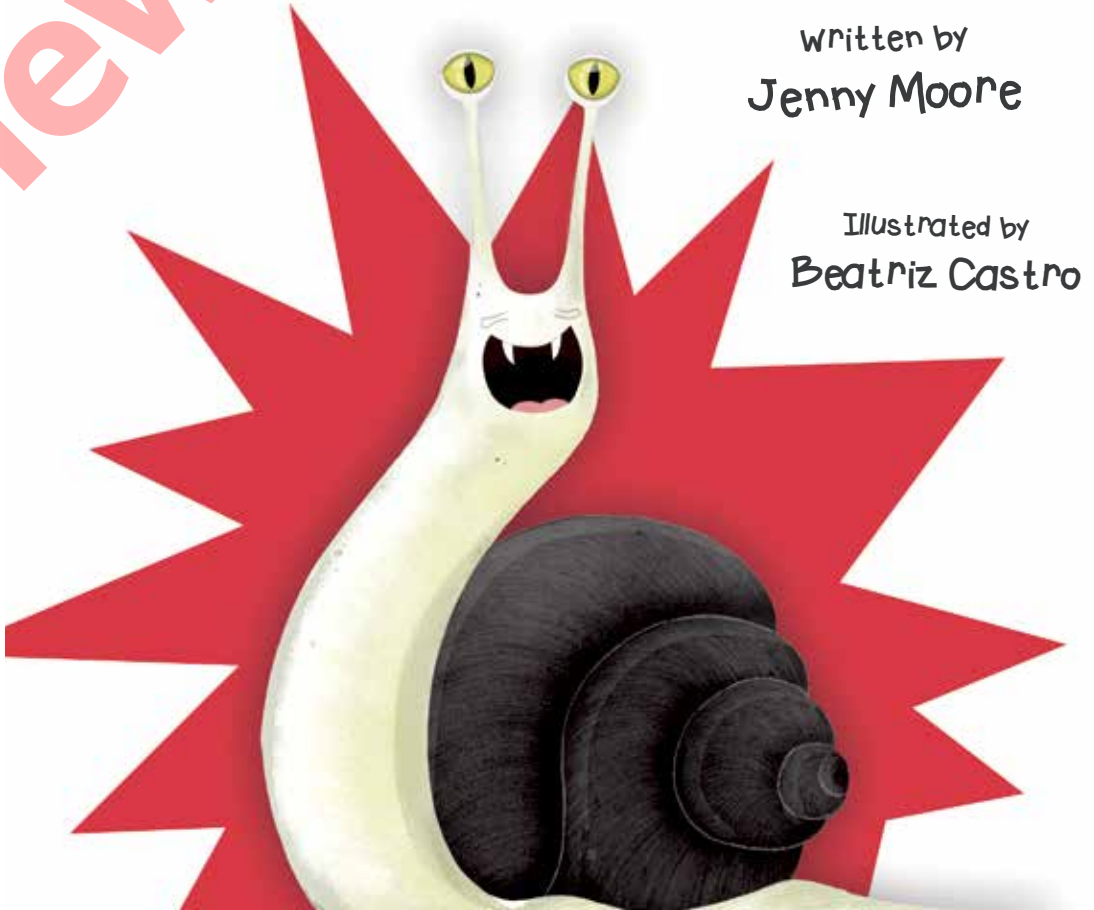
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Chapter 1

Jasmin loved Wednesdays. She loved Miss Buffy's after-school nature club. She loved stopping off at the baker's for a treat on the way home. And she loved settling down on the sofa with her new stick insect, Twiggy, to watch her favourite TV shows: *Vanessa Vampire* and *Brilliant Beasts*.

Vanessa wasn't like other vampires. She was a vegetarian animal-lover, who looked after sick

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bats and drank red grape juice instead of blood. She was also a black belt in karate! Jasmin was a big Vanessa fan.

Jasmin was a big fan of Bibi Bugg from *Brilliant Beasts* too. Bibi knew everything there was to know about bugs and slugs and snails. This week she was talking about a giant blue snail that had been discovered in the Amazon rainforest.

"This isn't just *any* snail," said Bibi, looking excited. Its body was a beautiful blue colour. "It doesn't hide away when it feels threatened. It pokes its head out and spits at its enemies instead! That's why I'm wearing this special protective mask."

Wow! thought Jasmin. *That's so cool! I wish I could discover a rare new snail.*



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"The Blue Spitting snail has an enormous appetite too," said Bibi. "It can eat a whole melon in a single day!"

Jasmin remembered the leftover melon sitting in the fridge. Mum had sliced it up for fruit salad the night before, but hadn't needed it all. Maybe Jasmin could use it to attract some more exotic creatures to Dad's vegetable patch.

"It's time for you to go back in your cage," she told Twiggy, when *Brilliant Beasts* had finished. "I'm going snail hunting!"

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Chapter 2

Jasmin fetched the spare melon from the fridge and grabbed a torch out of the shed. Then she set off through the garden with a torch to begin her search.

There were already plenty of snails feasting on Dad's vegetables. They were just normal brown ones though. Jasmin put down some chunks of melon and waited to see what happened.