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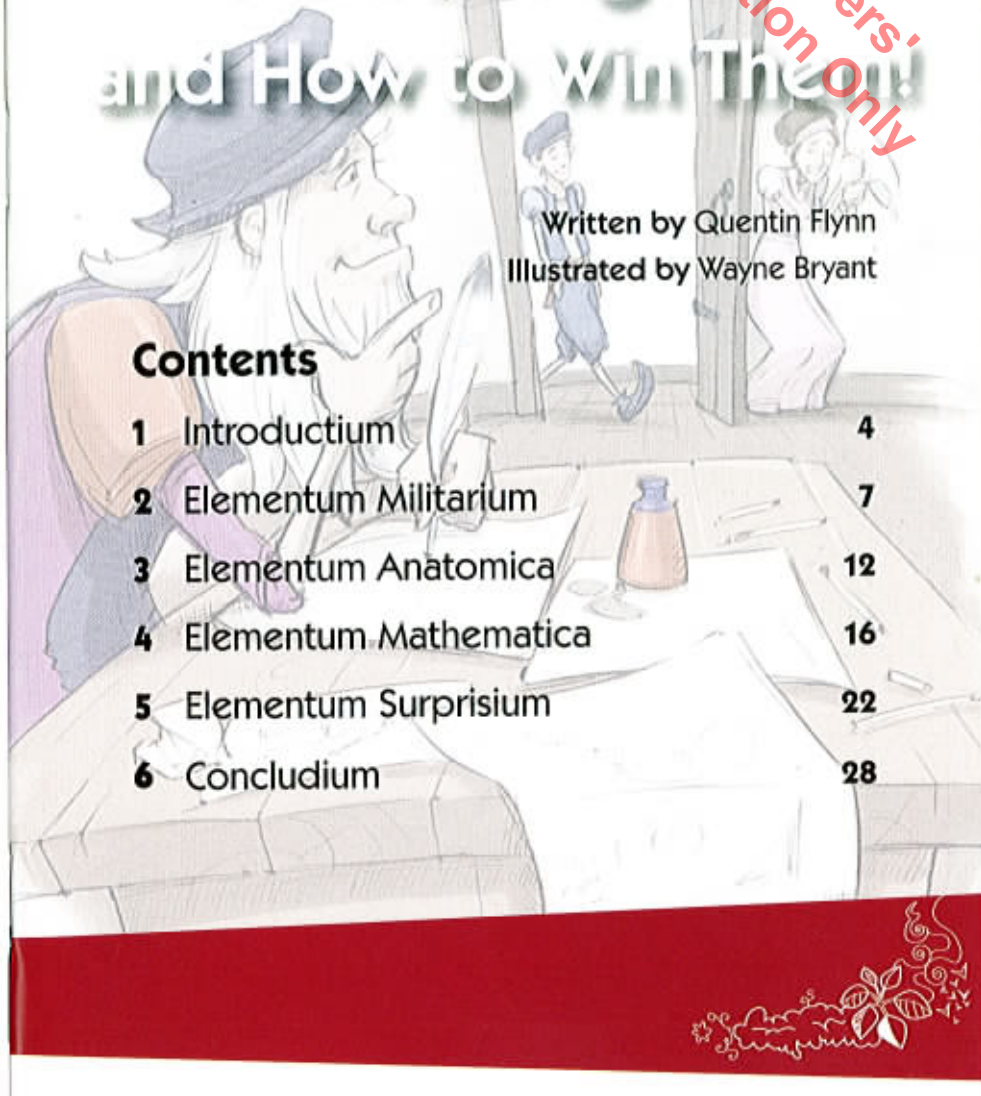
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Meet the Character



Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519)
A scientist, artist, writer and pillow-fighter!

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Dear Reader

I had a lot of books I was supposed to write and no ideas! So one day, I asked a young friend of mine called Jackson if he could think of any good titles for books. He thought carefully and then came up with so many great ideas that I knew I'd have to write about them. Here's one of his ideas – I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

Quentin Flynn
Author

Leonardo's Italy



1. Milan, where Leonardo spent a lot of time
2. Florence, near the small village where Leonardo was born
3. Rome, where Leonardo lived when he was older

1 INTRODUCTIUM

My name, O Reader, is Leonardo. I have made notes on flying machines, submarines and human bodies. But I fear that many may call this text a work



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of fun, not science. However, O Reader, make up your own mind!

In these notes, there lie many valuable lessons – so let no person who does not have a young mind read these words.

This is a book of useful tips for those who would indulge in that finest of sports, the pillow-fight. What can arouse the spirit more



than a joust with pillows; a combat whose final blow lets loose a snowstorm of feathers?

Your humble servant Leonardo enjoys a hearty pillow-fight as much as anyone. But I am a scientist as well as a fighter. And I have certain secrets for pillow-fighting victory that I shall share with you. Please, O Reader, keep my secrets. There are other children who are by nature troublesome and who might use my methods to misbehave. My trust is with you!

Leonardo

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2 ELEMENTUM MILITARIUM

The noble subject of pillow-fighting is a study where one may draw upon what he or she knows of anatomy, force and motion, strategy and weapons. It is, in fact, the perfect science!

Your enemy struts about the house all puffed up and pompous. How we'd love to see a plump pillow thump upon that head or shoulder!