About the stories

Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy #1: Rory and the Magical Mix-Ups
Rory Spellington is fluttering with excitement as she begins her first year at the prestigious Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy! But fairy godmothering might not be as easy as she thought, especially because Rory has always struggled with spelling—magic spelling that is. During her first week at the academy, Rory discovers there is more to being a good fairy godmother than magic, and she will learn she has her own set of talents that set her apart.

Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy #2: Mai and the Tricky Transformation
Determined to earn her wand twinkles at the Bibbidi Bobbidi Ball, Mai Magicwhisp decides to do all of her spells at once. But her plan to perform the most magical transformation ever is put on hold when she accidentally turns one of her classmates, Tatia Shine, into a unicorn! Now Mai has to work together with Tatia to reverse the transformation before Tatia is stuck as a unicorn forever.
About the creators

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Questions for Thoughtful Discussion

Book 1: Rory and the Magical Mix-Ups

1. Rory is good at regular spelling but struggles with magical spelling. How do you feel about spelling? Is there something you struggle with at school? Is there anything that helps you so it is less of a struggle?

2. Mai and Rory become friends right away, and pretty easily. How do they become friends? What are some things they do together that shows they are friends? What are things in general that friends do for each other?

3. At first, Tatia is not very nice to Rory. She is a bit of a show off. What does she say that Rory overhears, that hurts Rory's feelings? Do you think it is harder to hear something said about you behind your back, or to your face?

4. At the end, Rory learns that her special skills can help her grant a wish. What are these skills? What skills do you feel that you have?

5. Who is your favorite character in this book? Why? If you had to take part in any of the classes, which class would you like to attend? Why?
Questions for Thoughtful Discussion

Book 2: Mai and the Tricky Transformation

1. Mai has a motto—it’s ‘More’. What does that mean for her? Do you have any mottos in your life that you follow?

2. Mai and Tatia are paired together on their assignment for the Midterm Ball. Who did Mai want to be partnered with? Have you ever been in a situation where you didn’t get the partner that you wished for? How did the situation end up?

3. If you had to transform a vegetable into a form of transportation, what vegetable would you choose and what mode of transportation? A pumpkin into a coach, like in Cinderella, or something funnier like a zucchini into a limousine?

4. When Mai turns Tatia into a unicorn, what are three of the things they try to reverse the spell? What one did you think was the funniest?

5. In the end, what does Mai learn about ‘More’? What does Tatia learn about wanting to always be first?
Activities for Creative Nourishment
Choose one of the veggies below or your own choice of fruit or veggie and imagine it transformed into a house or school or other building. What elements of the vegetable remain? In Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy, the school was transformed from a pumpkin. All the classrooms smell like pumpkin pie and the students living quarters are in the pumpkin’s green stem!

pumpkin  squash  peapod  carrot  mushroom  cabbage  your choice

Draw a picture below:
Spelling Disaster

Using these rhyming words below, describe a spelling disaster that might happen to Rory. What is she hoping to make and what actually happens? For example, she wants to conjure a mat, and instead makes a hissing cat! Draw a picture of the thing that Rory is trying to make on the left, and the thing that comes out of her wand on the right.

Rhyming Words:

Moon, Loon, Spoon, Tune, Dune, Rune, Noon
Sky, High, Bye, Fly, Pie, Dry, Tie, Magpie, Pigsty
Kite, Flight, Sprite, Bright, Light, Bullfight, Frostbite
Cake, Rake, Lake, Snake, Steak, Milkshake, Keepsake, Fake

You can also choose two other rhyming words of your choice.
A Letter Home

Imagine you are a student at Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy. Write a letter home telling your friend or parent what your day was like!

Dear ________________________,

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Sincerely,

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Charm Bracelet

Design a little Bibbidi Star decorate and clip out for a wand charm! Color and cut out the shapes below. Punch a hole (where the gray dot is located), then string your shapes together to make your own unique bracelet.
Design a Fairy Godmother Class

There are a lot of classes at Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy, including Reverse Curse, Bibbidi Basics, Wish Whispering, and Twinkle Time. There’s even Princess History! Imagine there is a new class at Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy! Design the class below.

What is the class called?

Who is the Teacher?

Where does it take place? A classroom or somewhere special?

Do students need any special supplies?

What do you learn in the class? How does it have to do with granting and learning about wishes or being a fairy godmother?
Magic Motto

Mai’s motto is “More.” Write out your motto, or one of your family’s mottos here. You can try a few different ones.
We’re off to a party!

In Mai’s story, princesses and princes in training are invited to the Bibbidi Bobbidi Midterm Ball. But what other kinds of parties or events might the fairy godmother school have? Maybe a fancy concert? Or a spelling bee (a magical one?) Imagine another event and create an invitation for it!

YOU’RE INVITED!
Cupcake Creation!

What toppings would you add to this cupcake? Mai would add ALL the toppings.
What about you? Decide first who might be the person eating the cupcake.
Perhaps a tooth fairy would like a cupcake that has tooth shaped candies on it?
Or a unicorn might want a cupcake with a carrot on top?
Imagine you were accidentally transformed into a unicorn or another magical creature like Tatia. Write out who you feel about it in a diary entry. It could begin with a line like, “Today, in my magic class, my friend accidently turned me into a unicorn!”

Dear Diary,