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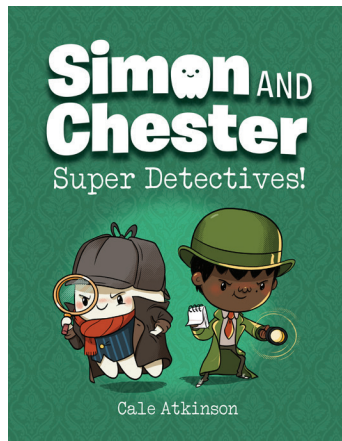
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SIMON & CHESTER: SUPER DETECTIVES!

BY CALE ATKINSON

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Cale Atkinson is an illustrator, writer and animator living lakeside with his family in Kelowna, British Columbia. Cale is constantly working on numerous projects and is assisted in his artistic endeavors by Charlie, a wise and noble floof.

Simon and Chester were first introduced in Cale Atkinson's picture book, *Sir Simon: Super Scarer*. Now these best pals have teamed up to become a mystery-solving duo in Cale's first graphic novel, *Simon & Chester: Super Detectives!* We jump into this story as ghost, Simon, is looking for the identity of one mysteriously ADORABLE pug.

Q: What tools do detectives use to solve mysteries? For instance, on the cover we see the pair holding a magnifying glass, a notebook, and a flashlight. What else would you need to look for clues? What kind of questions would you ask to get to the bottom of a case? Simon certainly asks a lot of them!

Activity: Cale gives some excellent tips on how you might make your own graphic novel! Think about what the stars of your graphic novel would look like and write down ideas. Grab a pencil and paper and get started drawing some doodles or sketches of expressions, outfits and funny situations your characters might get into. Take these sketches and try creating a panel or two in the sequence of your story's events. Soon you'll have your own graphic novel!

Reflection: Simon and Chester are best friends and work together to solve cases. What words would you use to describe what it takes to be a good friend – for example; kindness, teamwork, listening, being silly, having fun, etc. ...and how could these qualities help in solve mysteries?

Bonus Activity: Cale mentioned he had so many ideas for adventures with Simon and Chester that his book became a series. Using the characters you created for your story, can you change the setting or the situation to imagine some other experiences they might have together?



ACTIVITY SHEET

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