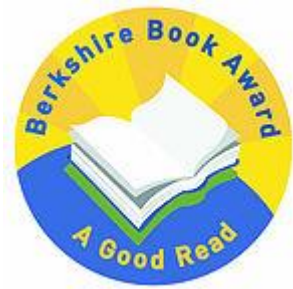
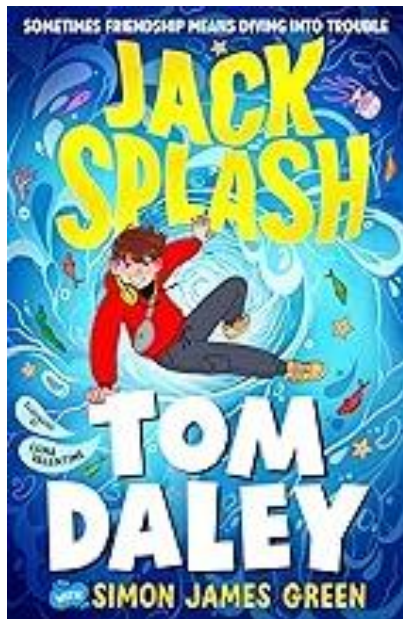


Berkshire Book Award 2025: Shortlist

Jack Splash by Tom Daley and Simon James Green



Jack really wants to impress his diving coach dad ... there's just one problem. Jack is the worst diver in the worst diving team in Damp Bottom, England. But when a new kid starts at school with magic swimming skills and an eagerness to share tips, Jack's luck might be about to change.

But when Jack's new friend gets into trouble - and the fate of a secret world hangs in the balance - it's up to Jack and the rest of his diving crew to save the day. Sometimes it's not about winning, it's about helping your friends when they need it the most, it's about team work.

Discussion Questions and Activities

- Jack joins the diving team to please his dad. Have you ever taken part in team activities to please a parent or teacher?
- What did you think about Billy when he first appeared at Jack's school?
- Do you like a story with a blend of reality and fantasy?
- Jack enjoys knitting to relax and comes to discover that many of his school friends do too. Do you think that there is still a stigma about boys enjoying hobbies which used to be only enjoyed by girls and vice versa? Do you have any hobbies that your friends find surprising?

- Try making a word cloud based on Jack Splash or knitting a square in a bright colour.

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