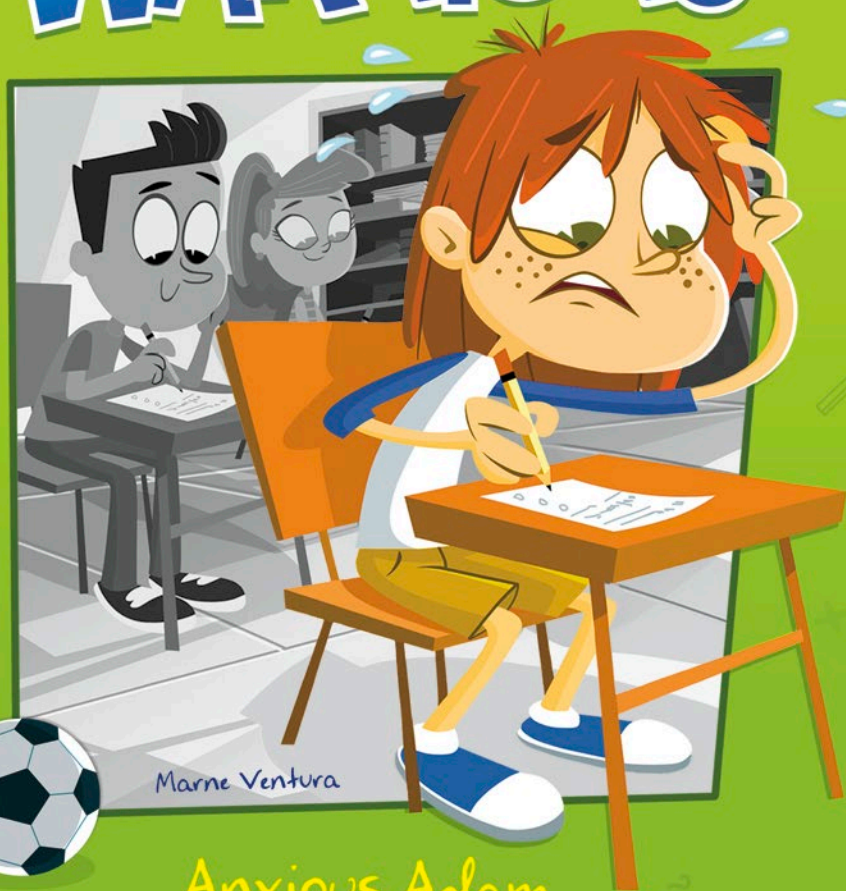


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ALL ABOUT THE

Worry WARRIORS

My name is **Adam Brown**. I live with my family in a city near the sea. I'm nine years old. Mum says I got my red hair, freckles, and green eyes from my dad. He died in a car accident before I was born. Another thing I have in common with my dad is dyslexia. That means I learn to read and write differently from most people. My favourite things are sport, art, and building projects. When I grow up I want to be an architect, artist, or football player. My three absolute best friends ever live on my street. We've been friends since pre-school. We work together to help one another out.





Estella is an expert on movies and TV shows. She knows the names of all the actors, especially the children. She loves dancing and cheerleading. She also likes hanging out with her family.



Jake loves to read, like I do. He's good at maths, science and computers. He wants to be a scientist one day. He's saving up for a robot racing car.



Nellie likes reading, writing, word games, and school. That's excellent because she wants to be a writer when she grows up.

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Three summers ago when we were six, we were making hula hoop bubbles in Nellie's back garden. We were barefoot, running around on the wet grass. Estella almost stepped on a bee. She freaked out, ran into Nellie's house, and wouldn't budge until I scooped up the bee with a plastic cup and put it into the bin.

Then Estella said she felt silly, being scared of teeny bees. But she also said she felt better after she told us and we didn't laugh at her.

I guess Nellie didn't want Estella to feel silly alone, because she told us that she was afraid of the dark at bedtime. She imagined scary stuff, like that her toys might come to life and attack her, or that monsters might be hiding in her wardrobe.



Then Jake said he was afraid to wade into the sea because he could feel slimy stuff with his feet. Plus, what if he stepped on a poisonous jellyfish?

So I told my friends my own babyish secret. I get scared walking across the bridge over the dual carriageway. I hold on tight to my mum's hand and don't look down.

After we had told each other our worries, we felt better. We didn't make fun of each other, like some kids would. And, we realized, if all of us had secret worries, maybe they weren't silly at all.

That's when Nellie had a great idea. She said we should form a club. First we would tell each other our worries. Then together we would fight them, like knights and warrior princesses in shining armour.

And that's how we became the Worry Warriors.