

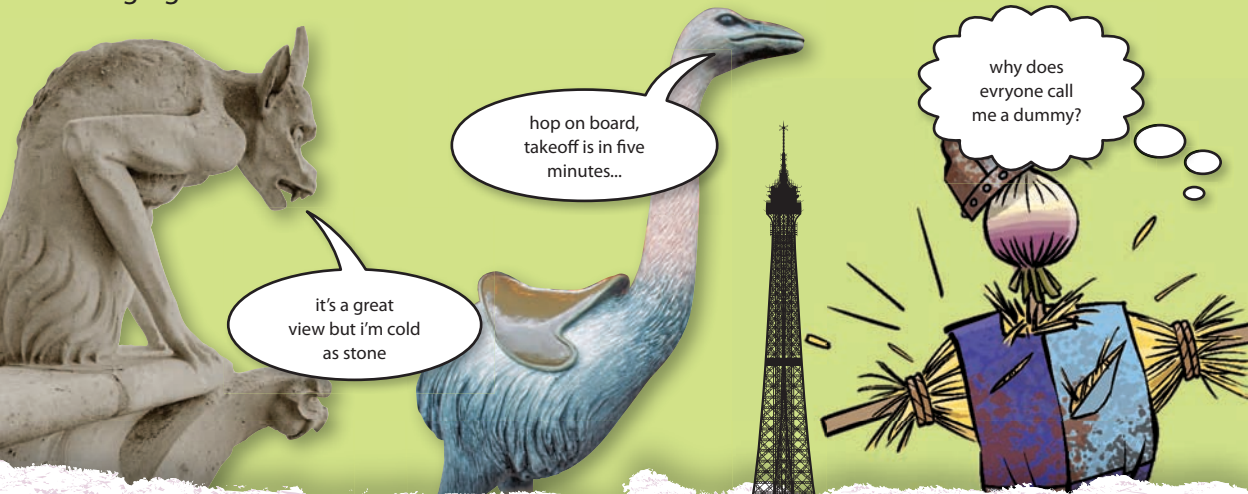
# PARIS

## Everything you ever wanted to know

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La Défense Grande Arche

Eiffel Tower

Dome des Invalides

Arc de Triomphe de l'Étoile



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## NOT-FOR-PARENTS

THIS IS NOT A GUIDEBOOK. And it is definitely Not-for-parents.

IT IS THE REAL, INSIDE STORY about one of the world's most famous cities – Paris. In this book you'll hear fascinating tales about **creepy stone gargoyles**, ghostly railway stations, huge castles and amazingly **pampered** pets.

Check out cool stories about stuffed animals, caves filled with **bones** and the deadly **guillotine**. You'll find cyclists, junk collectors and musicians, and **snails** on the menu for dinner.

This book shows you a **PARIS** your parents probably don't even know about.



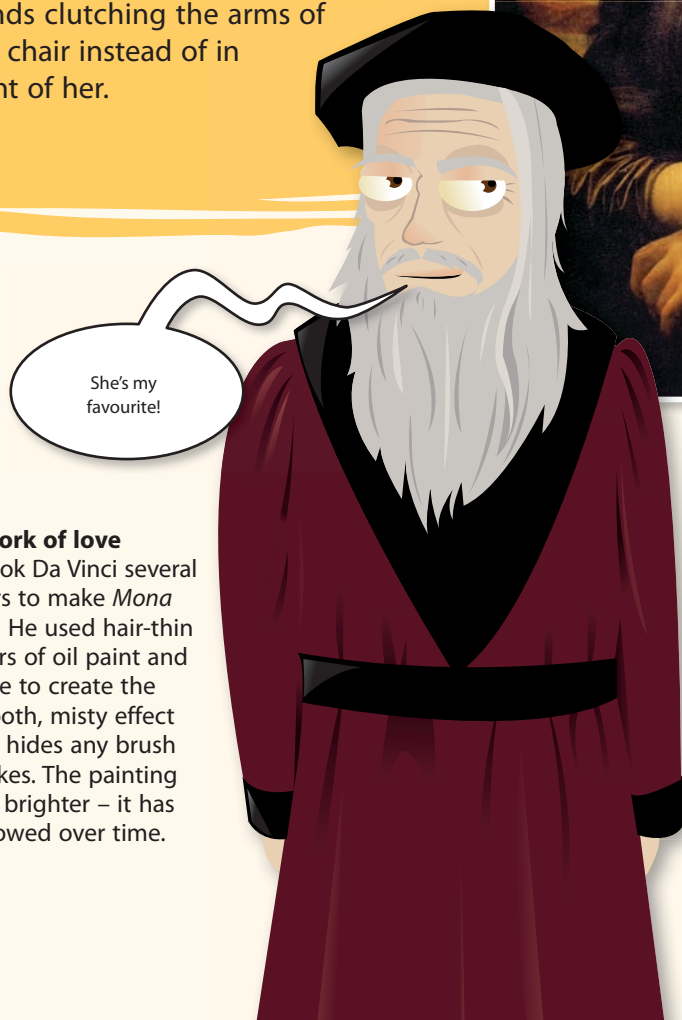


# THAT ‰MILE

Is it a sad smile or a happy smile? That's the question people ask about *Mona Lisa*, the most famous painting in the world. The Italian artist Leonardo Da Vinci created this masterpiece over 500 years ago and brought it with him to France. Recent studies show that there are three different versions painted under the one that can be seen today. One version has her hands clutching the arms of the chair instead of in front of her.



Mona Lisa  
c.1503–5,  
LeonardodaVinci



## A work of love

It took Da Vinci several years to make *Mona Lisa*. He used hair-thin layers of oil paint and glaze to create the smooth, misty effect that hides any brush strokes. The painting was brighter – it has yellowed over time.

In 2005, a computer using emotion-recognition software decided that Mona is 83 per cent happy!

*Mona Lisa* is so famous she receives her own fan mail each week!



When is my lunch break?...



## MONA GOES MISSING

One night in 1911, after finishing work at the Louvre, Vincenzo Peruggia pulled *Mona Lisa* out of her frame and took her home! That was the last anyone saw of Mona for years. The crime remained unsolved until Peruggia was caught trying to sell her to a gallery in Italy. After that the work was guarded carefully.

### Crowd in...

About six million people come to the Louvre every year to see *Mona Lisa*'s steady smile. She is kept safe in a box of bullet-proof glass that has its own air conditioning system.



### Attention seeker

Opposite the *Mona Lisa*, which is simple and small, hangs the massive and very busy painting called *Wedding at Cana* by Paolo Veronese. Measuring 6.8 x 9.9m (22 x 33ft), it's the biggest painting in the Louvre.



Why wasn't I invited?

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The Louvre Museum – [www.louvre.fr](http://www.louvre.fr)

The Wedding at Cana,  
1562–63, Paolo Veronese