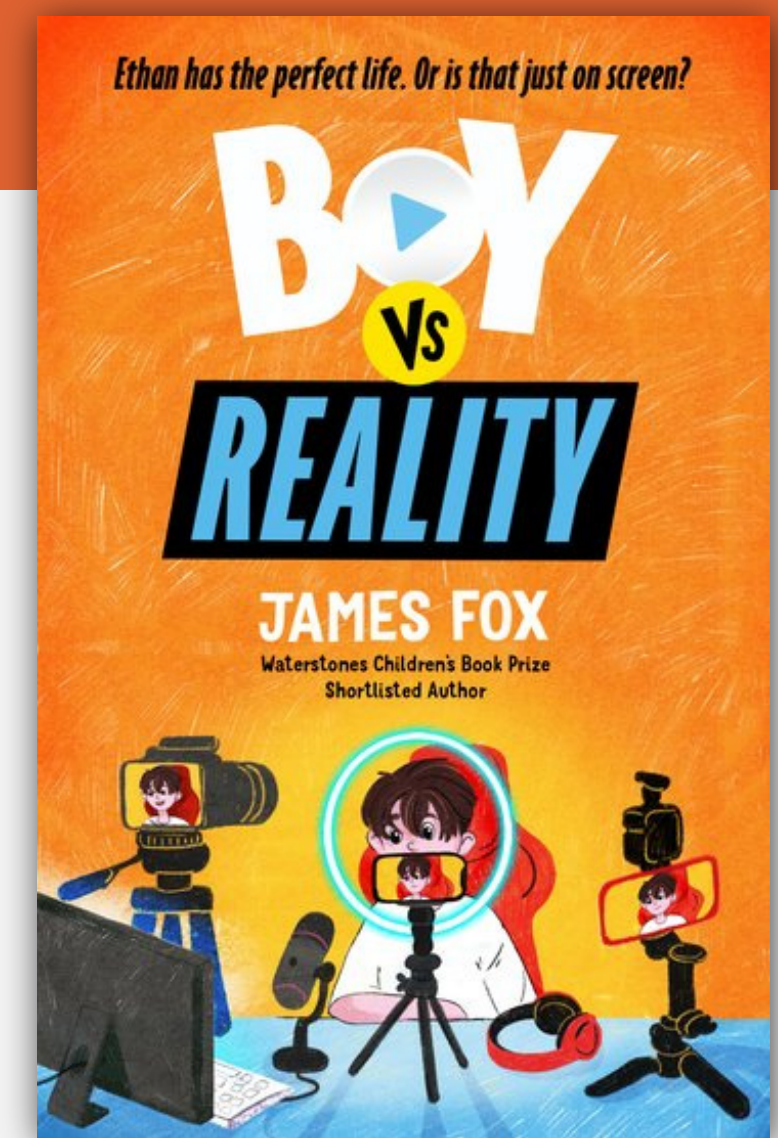


## STORY SNAPSHOT

### BOYS VS REALITY

Ethan Lacey seems to live a dream life as part of a famous family vlog watched by a million subscribers – full of pranks, perks, and picture-perfect moments. But behind the camera, things are falling apart: his parents are arguing, his brother is being mean, and the “perfect family” isn’t so perfect after all. Funny, moving and heartfelt, this story follows Ethan as he tries to help his family focus on what matters in real life, not just for the internet.



## READING AGE & INTEREST

*Boy vs Reality* is perfect for readers age 9+. Perfect for opening up discussions about media literacy, online safety, and the truth behind what is posted online.

## BIG IDEAS to EXPLORE

Family Identity Honesty Reality Relationships

## CLASSROOM QUESTIONS

1. Why does Ethan feel unhappy despite his “perfect” life?
2. What is different between real life and online life?
3. How can families solve problems together?
4. Why is honesty important?
5. How would you feel in Ethan’s situation?
6. What would you change about the vlog?
7. Why can social media be tricky?
8. How can people show they care in real life?

## EXPERT INSIGHTS

*Boy vs Reality* follows a family of influencers, where every aspect of life is turned into a social media moment, filmed and uploaded for content. What may sound like a dream future many kids aspire to, in reality is pressure, constant intrusion and anxiety. James Fox is renowned for his ability to write about tough subjects with clarity, compassion and humour – capturing the real emotional impact of social media exposure on children. With moments of heartbreak, there is still drama, empathy, humour and hope.

## WHAT to READ NEXT

