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LINKS

Trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wflgR2Cv77Q>

Teachers' resource pack containing activities based on Press Start.

<https://nosycrow.com/resources/press-start-educational-resources-for-ks1/>



PRESS START: GAME ON SUPER RABBIT BOY!

Younger Readers Shortlist 2024

INTRODUCTION

The first of a short chapter book **series** of colourful action-packed **adventures**, inspired by video games and told using **graphic novel** conventions (cartoon images, speech bubbles, sound effects etc), *Press Start* explains the origin of Super Rabbit Boy's **superpowers**. In order to rescue Singing Dog from King Viking, Super Rabbit Boy has to complete the six increasingly difficult levels of the **computer game**.

When introducing the book draw attention to the use of colour to suggest the '**flashback**' part of the story (pp15-17); and show your child or children p21 which has a **map of the game** and the names of the levels. Challenge your child or children to guess/predict the dangers that each level might hold.

ACTIVITIES

Read After reading the book have a go at the short quiz on the last page. This could be done independently or in teams.

Write or illustrate Follow this simple draw-along which shows how to draw Super Rabbit Boy and a robot.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlrPZJDLAQ>

Create Challenge your child or children to invent their own computer game (for more details, look at the resources pack in the Links). Children could then use their prompts to create a simple story using words and images, like *Press Start*.

NOW READ ON

There's a Beast in the Basement by Pamela Butchart & Thomas Flintham (Nosy Crow, 2023) One of this year's Top Fifty books. (POY 2024)

Mr Wolf's Class by Nels Steinke Aron (Scholastic, 2023) First in a new graphic novel series set in a primary school. (POY 2024)

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/branching-out/branching-out-books-for-fans-of-dog-man/> List and poster of ten graphic novels recommended for 6-9+ including *Press Start*.