

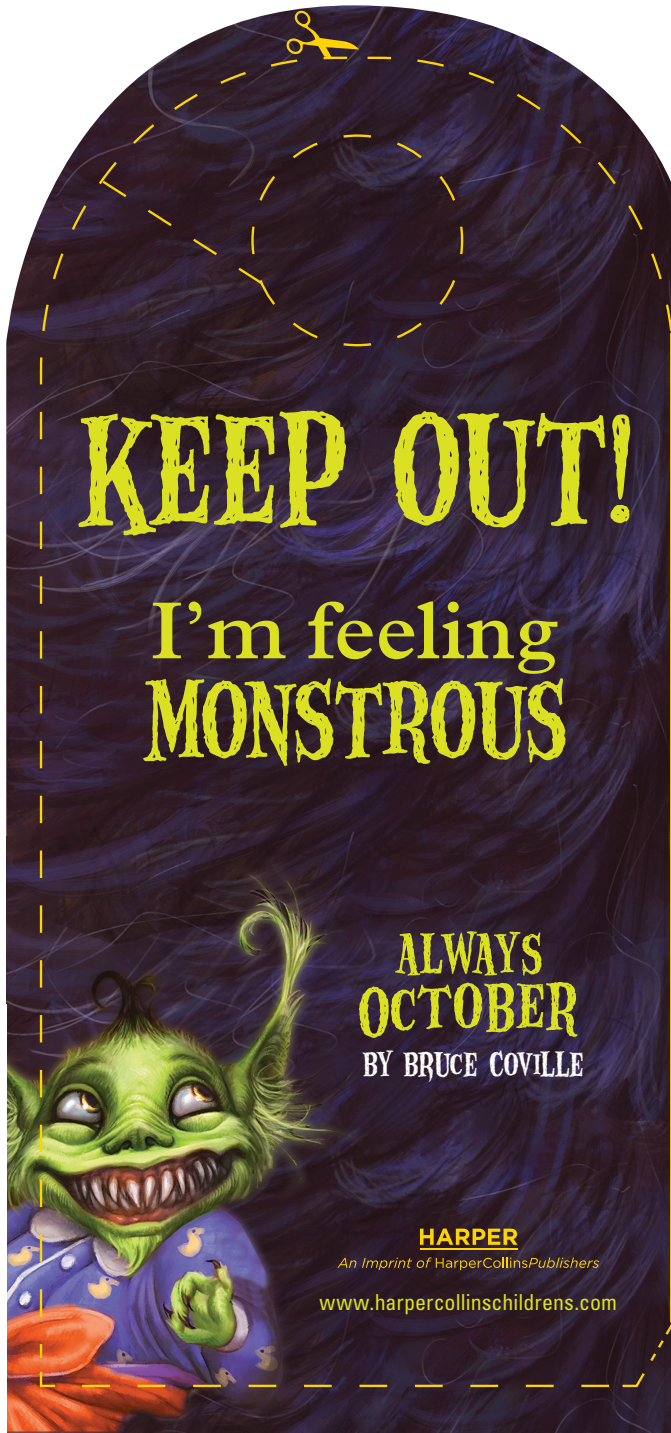
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## Door Hangers!

Sometimes you feel like having company, and sometimes you just need to be a monster all on your own. This door hanger is perfect for telling your friends and family what kind of mood you're in!

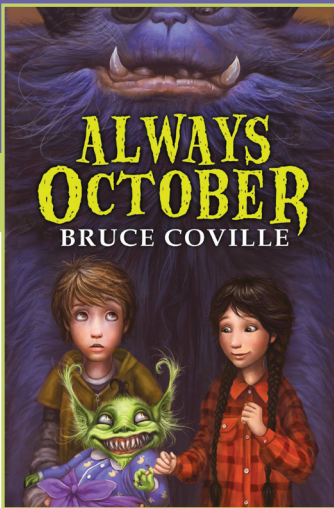
### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut along the dotted lines below.
- Fold the cut-out in half along the solid line so that the sides of the door hanger match up.
- Glue or tape the folded sides together.
- Hang it on your door knob!



**Safety Note:** When making crafts, it is important to keep safety in mind. Children should always ask permission from an adult before using scissors.

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## Decoder!

In *Always October* by Bruce Coville, Jake and Lily find a decoder that helps them unravel the mystery around Always October, a strange world populated with monsters. Your mission is to use the decoder to discover a hidden message!

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut out the disc and the small arrow.
- Fasten the arrow to the middle of the disc with a brass fastener. Then use the arrow to point to one of the four circular symbols on the disc (● ◐ ◑ ◒), based on the puzzle below.
- To solve the puzzle, start reading the coded message below from left to right. When a circle appears above a word, move the arrow to the matching circle on the disc.

- The letter to which the arrow points represents the letter “A” and is the beginning of the alphabet. For example, when you line up the arrow with the completely yellow circle (●), this means the letter the arrow is pointing to is “A” in the alphabet (that’s why the first part of the puzzle is solved already).
- When you move the arrow to the first half-yellow circle (◐), “F” becomes the symbol for the first letter in the alphabet. “G” becomes the symbol for “B,” “H” for “C,” and so on.
- Keep turning the arrow to the correct circle to figure out the hidden message from *Always October*!

### PUZZLE:

● WE’VE ONLY GOT TWO WEEKS BEFORE

◐ “WE’VE ONLY GOT TWO WEEKS BEFORE

◑ OFPJ MFX YT YZWS ◒ UZFA M YAZEFQD

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◐ YHK MAX YBKLM MBFX

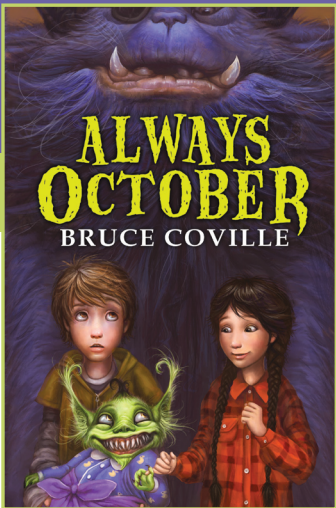
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Now it’s your turn! Can you encode a secret message to share with your friends?

The answer to the puzzle is the first line from *Always October*. What comes next?  
Keep reading in *Always October* by Bruce Coville!

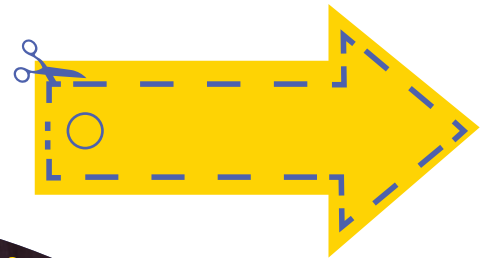
ANSWER: “We’ve only got two weeks before Jake has to turn into a monster for the first time.”





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