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## India's First Mastermind

**Dayita Datta**

Teacher and quizzer  
Winner, Mastermind India Season 1  
Former panellist, Kaun Banega Crorepati

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**Kofi Annan**

“ Any fool can know. The point is to understand. ”

**Albert Einstein**

“ Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance. ”

**Confucius**



**On Knowledge...**

“ When you reach the end of what you should know, you will be at the beginning of what you should sense. ”

**Kahlil Gibran**

“ The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge. ”

**Thomas Berger**

“ Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do. ”

**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

“ Human behaviour flows from three main sources: desire, emotion and knowledge. ”

**Plato**

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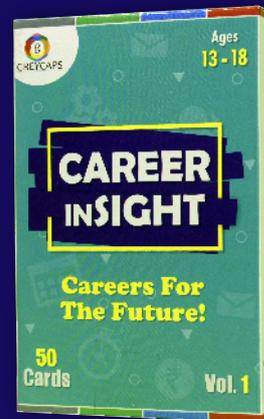


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KAUN BANEGA  
CROREPATI



**Dayita Datta (left) with host Amitabh Bachchan on the sets of the game show, Kaun Banega Crorepati.**

# India's First Mastermind

Dayita Datta grew up in Calcutta (now Kolkata) in a family of avid readers. Her father was very knowledgeable about history and current affairs and regularly discussed them. He also had an extensive personal library. These influences nurtured her love for history and literature. Since her childhood, she also loved the rush of answering questions through quick recall. This led her to keenly participate in classroom quizzes and discussions.

In the 1970s and 80s, Dayita actively quizzed with a lively quizzing circuit in Calcutta, while she specialised in history and English at college. In the late 80s, she left for Dehradun to take on the role of a teacher of history at Welham Girls' School.

Later, during her short stays in England, she became an ardent viewer of BBC Mastermind. She discovered that she could answer a fair number of the questions that were asked on the show. At that point, she never thought that Mastermind would launch in India.

One day, Dayita was contacted by the organisers of Mastermind India, to participate in a selection round. This incident happened 11 years after her last tryst with quizzing, and the selection round was in Calcutta. She almost did not participate, as she was to travel out of the country on the day of the selections. The questions were then faxed to her and she faxed the answers back. 'I thought I did all right and forgot about it,' she says. A few days later, she was informed that she had qualified for the show. It turns out, she had obtained the second highest score during the selections.

Having qualified, Dayita chose her specialist subjects for Mastermind—the ascent of Mount Everest from 1900-1990, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army, and the life and works of the British naturalist Gerald Durrell. She created a diagram of Everest and made detailed notes on it. She prepared mind maps for the other two topics. As far as the general round was concerned, Dayita 'just hoped for the best'. Little did she know, that her name would go down in history as the first winner of Mastermind India.

After her Mastermind India victory, Dayita continued her association with quizzing, albeit sporadically. She oversaw the quiz club at Welham Girls' School and set questions for intra-school and inter-school quizzes as part of her role. She also helped in setting the questions for a few special rounds, for the subsequent seasons of Mastermind India. She was the 'friend' for an acquaintance on the popular game show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'. Later, she served as a panelist in the 'Triguni'—a panel of three experts—on the same programme.

What is interesting is that, despite her victory, Dayita clearly believes that quizzing is more of a medium which facilitates quick recall than one which proves an individual's true knowledge. Hence, she now carries on with her career as a teacher of history, using her 'junkyard memory', as she calls it, to 'dredge up little nuggets to season her lessons'. She also employs cartoons, newspapers and films to liven her classes and encourages classroom discussions on contemporary events and referenced works of relevant fiction to her students. In 2003, Dayita was bestowed with the National Award for Teachers by the Government of India. She received the award from the then-President, Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. In 2004, she was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Gems Education Foundation, after being nominated by her students. With time, she evolved into being the Vice-Principal of Welham Girls' School. In mid-2017, Dayita retired from Welham. She is now a senior teacher of history at Assam Valley School in Balipara, Assam.

To Dayita, history is not about learning facts, but about developing intellectual skills. Over the course of her career, she has influenced many of her students with her infectious love for history and continues to do so.

The world definitely needs more teachers like Dayita. ●

- Editorial Team



## Key Updates

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- The historic Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris, France suffers serious damage after a fire outbreak on April 15, 2019. This event has led people around the globe to pledge their donations towards the restoration of the cathedral.
- Avengers: Endgame, the 22<sup>nd</sup> film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, breaks all records to become the highest-grossing Hollywood film of 2019 so far.

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## Events This Month\*

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- ☐ **Nalanda University** brings to you **TEDxNalandaUniversity** on May 17, 2019, on the theme 'Moving Towards Future'. Don't miss this one!
- ☐ Catch **TEDxLMCollegeOfPharmacy** in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on May 19, 2019, on the theme 'Learning- An Art to Learn'.

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## This Month, We Celebrate...

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**Satyajit Ray's birthday** - Noted Indian filmmaker and author Satyajit Ray was born on May 2, 1921. Did you know that he designed multiple fonts such as 'Ray Roman' and 'Ray Bizarre'? Learn more such trivia in our factoid.

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**International Museum Day** - International Museum Day is observed on May 18 each year to spread awareness about the role of museums in society and to encourage the public to appreciate them. Catch our special factoid!

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**Novak Djokovic's birthday** - Born on May 22, 1987, Novak Djokovic is the first male tennis player representing Serbia to bag a Grand Slam singles title. Watch our factoid on this inspiring sports star.

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**Towel Day** - Towel Day is observed as a tribute to English author Douglas Adams, every year on May 25. We bring you some lesser-known facts about this unique celebration.

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# Crucible, Curiosity and Cricket

– a Trip on the High Cs

**W**inning the Tata Crucible is a huge honour among quizzers. The coveted title of ‘National Champion’ is a testament to not just the hard work, dedication and preparation, but also to the ability to soak up the pressure of the regional round, the zonal round and the searching spotlight of the national finals. Two-time winners are rare; rarer still are those who win it twice in the same year. That’s what makes Sreshth Shah so special. In 2016, he first won the Tata Crucible Campus Quiz as a member of Amity University, before joining INC42 in Noida and winning the Tata Crucible Corporate Championship that very year.

Naturally, these are what nearly everyone asks him: What’s it like? How did you do it? What was your favourite moment? “Winning the Crucible in 2016 happened after more than two years of hard work and preparation. It takes a lot of failures before you succeed in a quiz like the Tata Crucible. This is something that needs to be understood by everyone who is trying to figure out how to do well in this quiz.” In his own words, winning the quiz after all those years of effort was, “Awesome! Wouldn’t change it for anything else.” Cliched responses? While it may seem so, when you meet



**Sreshth Shah**  
Quizzer and Quizmaster  
Sub-editor, ESPNcricinfo

Sreshth, you can immediately discern his thirst for knowledge, his eagerness to hunt for facts and really get to the heart of the topic instead of just skimming over a few keywords. It is this trait that, according to Sreshth, helped him win the Tata Crucible Corporate Quiz soon after winning the campus edition. “I had been following the corporate quiz even while I was in college. In a corporate setting, you need to spend time learning a little more about big, public houses; about money; about currency – you need to align your interests and dive deep into the matter. It is no longer ‘fast food quizzing’.”

For Sreshth, the idea of ‘knowledge’ goes beyond just quizzing. For him, it is also about developing interests beyond one’s field. “You can only go so far if you want to know something just for the sake of quizzing,” he says. “You need to work on interests that you already have, become very good at that, but you also need to develop an interest in reading up on different fields; different topics. You can create your own niches, of course – if you are interested in sports and sports quizzing, for example,



**Sreshth Shah with his quizzing partner Abhimanyu Bhaduria (extreme left) at the Tata Crucible Campus Quiz 2016**



**Sreshth Shah and his quizzing partner Ankan Das (right) at the Tata Crucible Corporate Quiz 2016**

you can find out about the Football World Cup and about every sport and back yourself to correctly answer a question on sports. There are many niches in the world, but you can pick up topics from many different fields and dive into them.” At Knowledge Tribe, we have always believed in the idea of knowledge creating conversations, and Sreshth wholeheartedly agrees with this philosophy. “Knowledge helps you everywhere; maybe at a party, during ‘water cooler moments’ at your workplace, and maybe even on a date. No knowledge learnt is useless. It can always be used somewhere.”

Sreshth gets asked for a lot of tips on how to prepare for a quiz, about questions on themed quizzes and general advice on how to become a better quizzier. While he humbly admits that he, ‘has a great deal to still learn and has a long way to go,’ he does try and help others as much as he can. However, he does have a word of warning; “You have to be prepared to do the legwork. Tips can only take you so far. You need to sit down with all the information that you have received and start preparing.” But, he also believes that, “If you love what you are doing, the legwork becomes easy.” This is something that helps him in his job as a member of the popular cricket website and app, ESPNcricinfo. “When I’m doing commentary, I get lots of comments from fans across the globe. Our job is to entertain people who are watching (or reading). We look at what engages people more; what comments can build on other opinions or even just build

discussions. There are so many questions that actually stump me – there are so many people who write in with some beautiful statistics and facts – we share these facts with the audience as well, because we want that information to be available to all; to make other people interested, sit back and think in a new manner.”

Keep doing the legwork and use knowledge to sit back and think about something in a brand-new light. Great advice for all of us! ●

- Vishnu Rao

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# Quizmaster's Challenge



**Akhila Phadnis**

Akhila Phadnis is a French-English translator with a passion for learning new languages. She is also an enthusiastic teacher who wants everyone to discover the joy of using language well. According to Akhila, one of the most successful uses of any language is the creation of truly terrible puns. An inveterate quizzier from her school days, she believes that quizzing, reading and sleeping are three very underrated joys in life.

## Part 2

1. This 19<sup>th</sup> century expression has a very humdrum explanation: the two words mean exactly what they imply. However, there is a widespread belief that the expression arose from the fact that for a good night's rest on old-fashioned cots, the strings that supported the mattress had to be pulled taut. Though false, this is an excellent summary of the two-word phrase that means 'to have a restful snooze'. Which phrase is this?
2. P.T. Barnum, who was a famous American showman, bought a huge African elephant and exhibited him in the United States of America. The elephant was called \_\_\_\_\_, which was probably a variant of a Swahili word meaning 'hello' or another word meaning 'chief'. However, because of the size of the elephant, this word is now commonly used everywhere to refer to large or extra-large objects, like a \_\_\_\_\_ jet! What is the word?
3. What we think of as a typically American word is the Chinese name for a sauce made of pickled fish and spices. In one dialect, it was known as 'kôe-chiap' and spread far and wide. In the 1700s, British explorers encountered it in Malaysia, where the name was pronounced as we know it today. However, tomatoes were added to this only in the 19<sup>th</sup> century! What is this common word?
4. The name of this bodily structure was derived from the Latin word for 'little mouse'. This was because people seemed to think that these bodily structures looked like little mice under the skin. Which essential part of the human body is this?
5. This English word is derived from a Hindi word that means 'massage' or 'press'. What is this word that can describe an action or a product and is essential for a clean head?

Answers in next edition. To see part 1 of this quiz, [click here](#).



## Tease Your Brain!

1

A is to the east of B, which is to the north of C. If E is to the south of C, in which direction to A, is E?

- a) North
- b) South
- c) South-east
- d) South-west

2

Karan and Rahul are talking face-to-face with each other at sunrise in the park. If Rahul's shadow is exactly to the right of Karan, which direction is Karan facing?

- a) North
- b) South
- c) East
- d) West

3

It is 8 AM and Emmanuel has to leave for college. He opens the gate of his house and walks ahead. He can see his shadow in front of him. He reaches a crossing. He knows that the road to the south ends in a movie theatre and that the road to the west leads to a hospital. Which way should he turn to go to his college?

- a) Right
- b) He should turn around
- c) He should keep walking ahead
- d) Left

4

One evening, Raju started to walk towards the sun. After covering some distance, he turned to his right and then to his right again, and continued walking. After covering some distance, he turned to his left thrice. Which direction is he facing now?

- a) North-east
- b) North
- c) South
- d) South-west

Answers in next edition.

# Ojass'19

## The Mother Of All Fests

**N**IT Jamshedpur recently hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of Ojass, its annual techno-management fest. The 3-day gala was held between April 5, 2019 to April 7, 2019 and was celebrated with great zeal and fervour.

Ojass'19 was not your average college fest. Numerous events conducted throughout the course of the year, culminated in this 3-day celebration, making it a cut above the rest. It featured groups of events such as 'Vishwa Codegenesis' for the coders and hackers and 'Circuit House' for those interested in electrical engineering. Major highlights of 'Circuit House' were 'High Voltage Concept'—with one of the rounds involving an industrial visit to Tata Steel—and 'Electro-Q', a quiz event. Those with a passion for electronics had 'Silicon Valley', and the economics and finance enthusiasts had 'Arthashastra' to compete in. While the former had events such as 'Analog Hunter', 'Digizone', 'Embetrix' and the quiz event, 'Jigyasa', the latter had events such as the Shark Tank inspired 'Let's Start Up' and the business quiz 'Bizzathalon'. It also included competitions with catchy names and concepts such as 'Corporate Roadies' and 'Wolf of Dalal Street'.



Scientist Dr. R. Chidambaram addressing the gathering at Ojass'19

After this, was an opportunity for the civil engineering buffs to showcase their mettle through the events under the umbrella of 'Aakriti'. Fun events like 'Pipe-O-Mania', a construction-based event called 'Sanrachna', and the popular quiz 'Acumen' saw the crowds gathering in large numbers. Next, it was the turn of what was perhaps the most awaited event of Ojass'19, 'Deus-X-Machina'. Seeing participation from across the country, this event witnessed robots of all shapes and sizes—from those that played in FIFA to those that battled it out at Kurukshetra! Other events at Ojass included 'Probus', the manufacturing and production engineering events, which comprised of a manufacturing and industrial quiz and a case study event. Major highlights among the non-academic events were 'Director's Cut', a movie-making event; and 'Mad Ads'. Apart from these, various events for school kids were also conducted under the banner of 'Ojass Alpha'. These included events such as 'Wizcraft', a quizzing competition; 'Teenpreneur', a competition aimed at teaching business and entrepreneurial skills; 'Scrap Star', a best-out-of-waste event; and 'Scifari', a science fair. All the events were judged by experienced professionals in their respective fields.



**Santosh Hulawale with Indro, India's tallest humanoid, at Ojass'19**



**Dr. Pawan Agrawal of the Mumbai Dabbawalas at Ojass'19**

Apart from the competitions, the other major attraction at Ojass were the talks and performances by the who's who in various fields. Topping this list of eminent guests was renowned Indian physicist Dr. R. Chidambaram, who shared his life's experiences with the gathering and advised everyone to work hard with a clear vision.

A motivational talk by Dr. Pawan Agrawal of the Mumbai Dabbawalas was organised, in which he shared a few vital mantras in the field of management and for life in general, with the crowd. Indro, India's tallest humanoid, and its creator Santosh Hulawale mesmerised everyone with a brilliant working demo. Poet, storyteller and youth sensation Yahya Bootwala also graced the occasion and enthralled everyone with his words, raising the expectations of the fest pretty high. A spell-binding performance by well-known illusionist Suhani Shah left everyone under a trance.

With all this, one of Jamshedpur's biggest fests concluded with the promise of returning bigger and better the next year. ●

**- Editorial Team**

# YOUR SPACE



## Movies You Didn't Know Were Based On Books

The year 2018 was a joyous season for movie buffs. With the release of films like *Black Panther*, *Avengers: Infinity War*, *Raazi*, *Newton* and other blockbusters, movie-goers were in for a treat. With these, it also seems like filmmakers have cracked the formula for movies that drive the crowds to the halls.

Alongside these gems, are also a few paragons that took birth as works of literature and managed to weave the same kind of magic on the big screens as well. Now, before you roll your eyes at the 'done and dusted a million times' subject, I'd like to inform you that you're in for a surprise. Let me take you through five movies that you had no idea were inspired by books.

### Jaws



This masterpiece from Steven Spielberg's kitty is sure to have given many people nightmares

for weeks. The oceans and seas never seemed scarier than they did after the release of the movies from the 'Jaws' franchise.

The mastermind behind this 'jaw-dropping' blockbuster was Peter Benchley, the author of the novel by the same name, which inspired the movies. Benchley was in turn, inspired by the exploits of shark fisherman Frank Mundus, to write this novel that's truly worth 'sinking your teeth into'.

### Mrs. Doubtfire/Chachi 420



Everyone is familiar with these two brilliantly hilarious movies. Very few know, that they are based on the novel 'Madame Doubtfire' by Anne Fine. It is always a challenge to translate a book into a movie while doing justice to the former. Comedies are the

toughest of them all. But with Robin Williams and Kamal Haasan in the Hollywood and Bollywood renditions of the novel respectively, this translation seemed effortless. The novel and movies alike, dealt with sensitive issues like relationships and separation, in a comical manner without compromising on their essence. Without any doubt, both the films deserve a spot in every comedy lover's list of favourite movies.

## Shrek



Now this one's a real surprise. It is safe to say that somewhere down the path of watching the Shrek series, all of us fell in love with the green ogre and his misadventures. The inspiration behind this popular movie and its sequels is a picture book by the same name, published by cartoonist William Steig. Interestingly, the word 'Shrek' is a Romanised version of the German word 'Schreck' which roughly translates to 'fear'. Ironically, Shrek taught us to overcome our fears instead.

## Clueless/Aisha



Any 90s' kid who was a Hollywood fanatic would have definitely watched Clueless.

The coming-of-age 'film was a hit at the time of its release and gave the world the phrase, 'as if'. The movie is a take on Jane Austen's celebrated novel, Emma, and is set in 1990s' Beverly Hills.

The Bollywood adaptation of Emma, 'Aisha' was released in 2010 and was set in the upperclass society of Delhi. Though a moderate grosser, one could say that Sonam Kapoor's performance as the titular character in the film saved it.

## Die Hard



Arguably the king of action thrillers, the 'Die Hard' franchise is a gem among action movies. And of course, it was Bruce Willis' own personal miracle, shooting him to instant fame in the genre. It was his sheer luck that helped him bag the famed role of the bad cop John McClane, as the role was initially offered to the likes of Frank Sinatra and Arnold Schwarzenegger! But upon their refusal, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, the distributors of the now-blockbuster, grudgingly took on Willis.

What's more interesting about the movie is that it is actually based on Roderick Thorp's novel 'Nothing Lasts Forever' which also happens to be a sequel to 'The Detective', whose screenplay adaptation starred Frank Sinatra in the lead. Well, Die Hard's magnanimous presence seems to have lasted forever, contrary to the book's name! ●

- Aparajita Srivastava | NIT Jamshedpur



## Limbo



We're all chances we take  
Even the ones we're trying  
Failures of what we make  
Reluctantly sighing

Every heart you break  
Those tears, they're crying  
Every move you fake  
As you continue lying

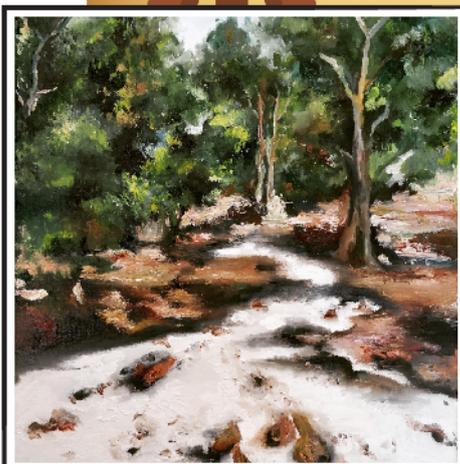
Money for your own sake  
Tom knots that you're tying  
Drunken by your intake  
Meaningless surviving

Repeat your own mistake  
Lessons learned from prying  
Discover what's at stake  
After rectifying

Eyes of tear-filled lake  
Wrinkled the age of tiring  
Conscience is now awake  
Death awaits implying

Mortals that life forsake  
Forget death denying  
Youth ages with heartache  
And you too, are dying.

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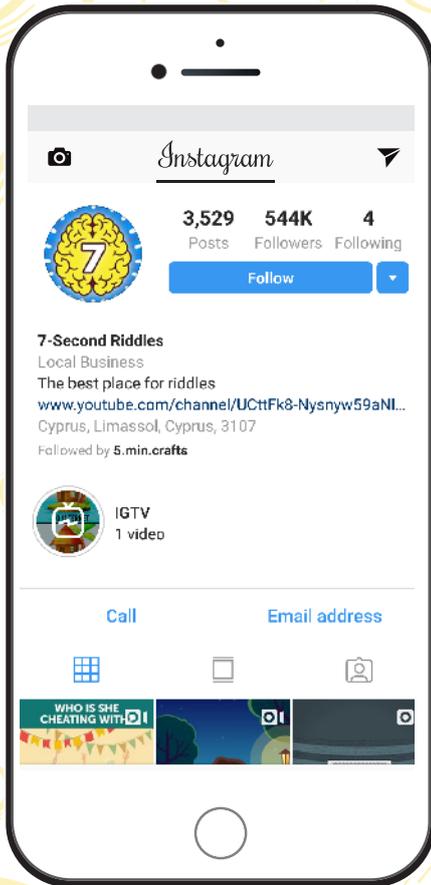
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## YouTube- Today I Found Out

**What it's about:** 'Feeding your brain'

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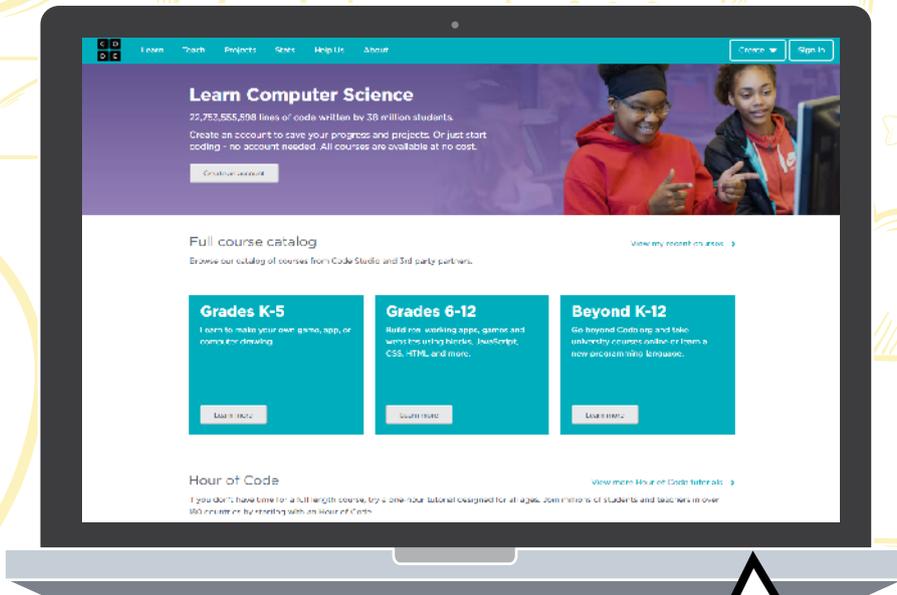
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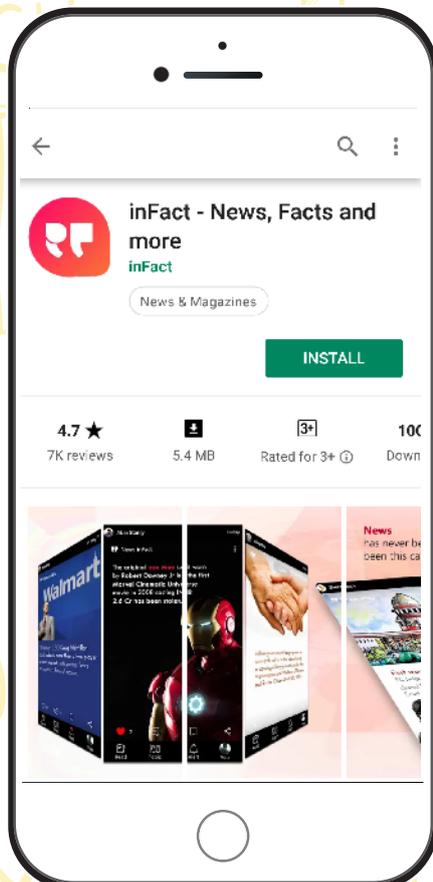
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**What it's about:** Coding for everyone

**What we like:** The segregated, audience-relevant courses; the approachability of the content; and that the site makes something as technical and daunting as coding, available to all. At the end of the day, who doesn't want to build their own app?



<https://studio.code.org/courses>



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# Answers to Last Month



## Quizmaster's Challenge

1. Sugarcane and sugar
2. Viswanathan Anand
3. Vampires/Dracula
4. Red Cross and Switzerland
5. Buck

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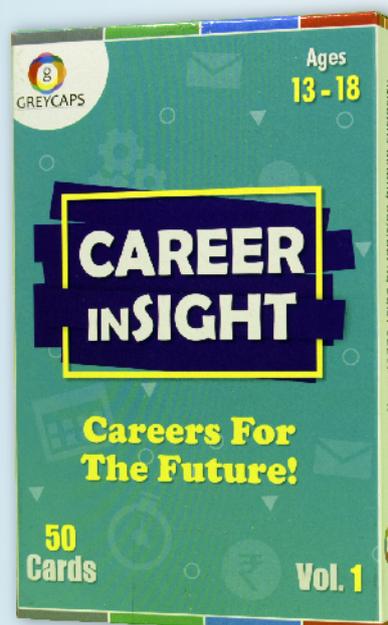
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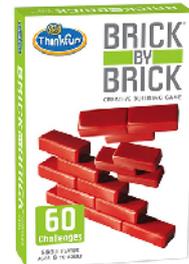
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