



## ***Head Spinners: Six Stories to Twist your Brain - Thalia Kalkipsakis***

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These short stories with clever, original plots will keep young readers guessing. There's a twist in every tale.

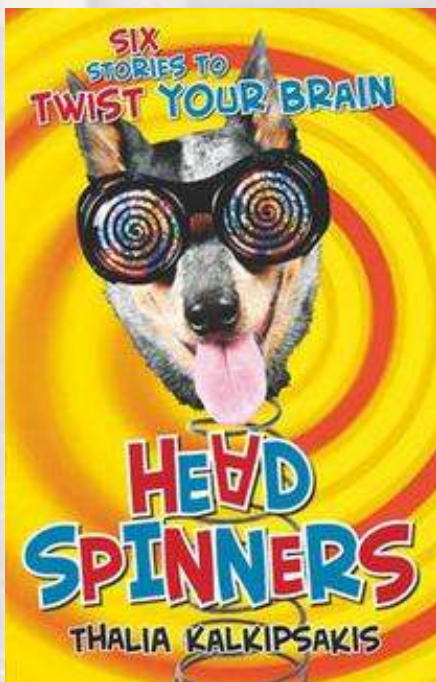
The stories start with a seemingly normal person or scenario, but it doesn't take long before bizarre events have the characters spinning out of control. Yet, there's still a sense of reality that has the reader wondering, "Maybe this really could happen."

Although the characters are confused by the strange happenings, they use imagination and courage to deal with their challenges. They're likeable young people who show that being different can have advantages. They grapple with weird circumstances, discover inner strengths, and gain an appreciation of the mysterious. There's a learning curve in the resolution of each story.

Suspend your disbelief and discover a fish sandwich with a secret, a tingle in the arm that transforms body parts, and a boring birthday present that turns into a time machine. There's astral travel, a surprising legacy from great grandmother, and a suspenseful 'face the fear' story.

Entertaining, thought-provoking reading for 9 to 12-year-olds.

**Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.**



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