

# Astoria author releases children's puzzle book

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Make your way through 100 brain-teasing puzzles, riddles and challenges alongside alien-wizard Ace to help him find a beloved crystal and restore sunny days to Witloo.

Astoria-based author Danielle Hall released her second book, "The 100 Best Brain Teasers for Kids" on May 4. Geared towards kids ages 8 to 12, Hall's latest creation is a puzzle book, filled with math and word puzzles, logic problems and a few riddles to keep kids entertained while they problem-solve.

The book is split up into five levels of play. At the end of each level there is a piece of a secret code, Hall said. By the end of the book, kids put those five pieces together to solve an overarching secret code.

The premise follows two groups of alien wizards, the Witloomites and the Flarkspurians. The Flarkspurians, who Hall describes as pranksters, have captured the Witloomites' beloved crystal.

"It is an adventure. Without the crystal, the planet gets endless rainy days, which I think our Oregon Coast audience will really relate to," Hall said.

The idea is that the Flarkspurians have hidden the important crystal somewhere on Earth. Kids here on Earth need to help the main character, Ace, find the crystal to restore sunny days to their alien planet.

Illustrations for the book were done by Moko Ko, an illustrator based in Lima, Peru.

"The illustrations in this book are really phenomenal. They're really something special," Hall said. "Moko really brought these characters to life."

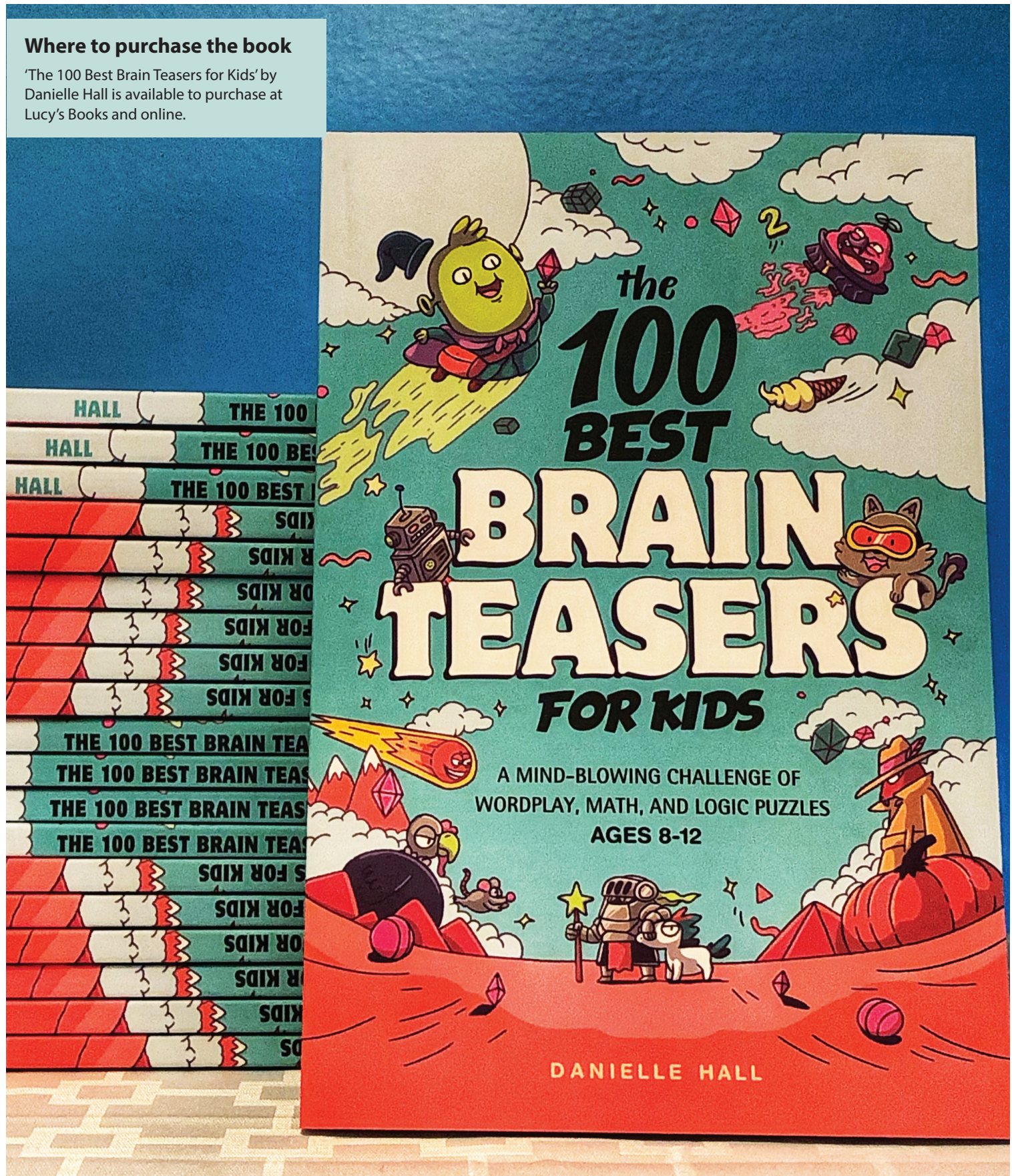
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## Where to purchase the book

'The 100 Best Brain Teasers for Kids' by Danielle Hall is available to purchase at Lucy's Books and online.



The front cover of Danielle Hall's new book.