



This month I read *Beyonders* by Brandon Mull. Jason, a normal 13 year old boy, was eaten by a hippopotamus—that actually was a portal to a far away land, called Lyrian—at his job at the zoo. He went through to this far away land and immediately started looking for a way back. But in this search he stumbles upon a quest to destroy Maldor, the evil ruler and wizard of the land, and learns that he will prevent him from going home. He sets out on the quest and meets Rachel who helps him on his journey. So they set out on the quest to find the word that can unmake Maldor. Will they succeed or will they succumb to one of the challenges they will face? I think the theme is sometimes it is better to help than to run. I would give this book a 9/10 because it was fast-paced, adventurous, magical, and thrilling but changed perspective suddenly without warning. I would recommend this book to people who enjoy fantasy, adventure, and lots of twists and turns in a book. *Warning this book contains violence.*

- Math of the book pitch: Magic + evil ruler + not fitting in = Beyonders
- Question Pitch: Is helping in a bad situation better than fleeing?
- Subject line pitch: Boy falls into a different land and takes on the evil ruler.