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## 60 A-to-Z Survival Secrets

This book is jam-packed with 60 survival secrets. How you use it is up to you—alone or with friends, as a daily devotional or a reference book. Share these pages with Mom and Dad or a group at church or school. Each entry includes a Minecraft adventure followed by two important sections:

**T** *Gameplay Secrets.* These help you achieve success in the virtual world. Dragee90 emcees the action, defining a Minecraft A-to-Z term and offering secrets for online survival.

**T** *Real-Life Secrets.* Here's where you'll find tips for success in life. Dragee90 relates the topic to the real world and shares a story, a struggle, or a victory from his own life. Each entry ends with a Bible verse, a question to think about and discuss with your friends, a faith-building step you can easily apply, and a place to jot a thought or doodle a Minecrafty masterpiece.

## Escaping **A**ggressive Mobs



**M**y fingers and arms are a blur of activity.

I just spawned into a brand-new game, and I don't have a second to spare. I stack block after block, trying to craft my shelter before darkness falls. Finally, the roof is attached.

*Whew—that's a good start.*

I race around my crude shelter, adding torches. Light is a player's best friend. I knock out some holes on each wall and fill them with blocks of glass. Eventually I'll add some cool details, like stained glass, a fancy corridor that will lead to my mine, and several more rooms—sleeping chambers, a crafting room, a big dining hall. But I can't worry about those things just yet. My number one priority is to protect myself from eminent danger.

*Uh-oh, I see movement in the trees. Better hurry.*

I tap into my resources and build some heavy wooden doors

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to keep out the mobs. Yikes—I don't have enough weapons and food yet. I have to go back outside, but I'm losing time.

*Here they come.*

Moans, groans, and hissing sounds fill the air as an army of Minecraft monsters invade my world. There are fast-moving skeletons, lumbering zombies, and creepy spiders. They're definitely in attack mode. These aren't passive or neutral mobs. The creatures on my doorstep are aggressive! My best defense is shelter.

But I'm caught outside trying to gather more supplies for the night. I move as quickly as I can through the thick trees. Suddenly...creepers! They are spawning everywhere.

*Quick—run!*

This time my legs become a blur as I rocket home. I scream through the front door just in time and find a corner, where I hunker down for the night. (I haven't yet created a bed.)

*I'm safe inside...for now.*

After what seems like an eternity, nightfall covers my Minecraft world. I peek out a window. *Yep, the freak show is in full swing!*

But something even stranger catches my eye. I can almost see my friends among the monsters outside. I imagine a neighborhood kid named Eddie dragging his feet with the zombies. (He does a pretty good imitation.) Skinny Kyle is blending in with the skeletons. And the more I look, the more I realize that Minecraft mobs are like different groups at school. My best friends are creative and nice and fun to joke around with. Some kids are passive and move right past me as if I didn't exist. There are other kids whom I don't know that well but who are good to be with when the teacher gives us team assignments.

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My smile quickly fades as I think about a not-so-fun group: the mean kids.

You know the types—those who love to make fun of people... otherwise known as *bullies*. And to be honest, that's who I'm up against right now.

At school, bullies walk around in groups, acting as if they own the place. And when one turns his attention on me, the rest of them seem to want a piece of the action. They say they are just joking around and I shouldn't get upset, but their hateful words spawn like a creeper mob.

*GROWL...HHHIISSSSS...KABOOM!*

That all-too familiar sound snaps me back to gameplay. I glance out the window again and cringe. The creepers are multiplying—and they're everywhere!

*What else will the darkness bring?*

### GAMEPLAY SECRETS

Mobs (short for “mobiles”) are a fact of life in Minecraft. They include villagers, animals, and monsters. They can turn otherwise peaceful gameplay into turmoil. The aggressive mobs are the worst ones. They attack players on sight, and not just when they're provoked.

But I have a survival tip that can save your life...



#### Dragee90's Best Tip

Monsters cannot see through glass or ice blocks. So always build windows on your shelter. This way, you can spy on them without being detected.

**Read It**

“There are six or seven kinds of people the LORD doesn’t like: Those who are too proud or tell lies or murder, those who make evil plans or are quick to do wrong, those who tell lies in court or stir up trouble in a family” (Proverbs 6:16-19).



**Think It**

When you’re attacked by creeper-controlled “aggressive mobs,” do you stop and think before you speak? Or do you push back with anger, fueling the fire? Do you pray? How would Jesus want you to react?



**Live It**

There will always be mean people in the world. And since we can’t always avoid them, it’s a good idea to have a plan for when they attack. The best defense is to know that we are wonderfully and creatively made by God. We have a special set of skills that God wants to use to make the world a better place. Our identity is not decided by a few jerks who are just trying to look cool in front of others. So take a deep breath and resist fighting back in the same hurtful ways. Instead, find shelter. God has our back, and He has given us *real* friends. Step back and look at the troublemakers through the glass window. You’ll quickly see their actions in a new light.

