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If you're among the millions of people spending more time at home in these special times, you may find you're reading more — and there are lots of new books arriving to keep you entertained.

The Fascinators

By Andrew Eliopoulos

A must-read for persons who like magic, "The Fascinators" is an attractive tale of young love and friendship. In a town where magic is opposed, a group of friends brought together by an amateur magic club guide their love lives, relationships and social mix-ups.

The Paris Hours

By Alex George

"The Paris Hours" takes place over the course of a single day in 1927 in the City of Light, but is told through the stories of four characters. The story explores the effects and events of World War I and the magnificence of Paris through four characters' angles, and the climax brings their paths together in an exciting read that you won't be able to put down.

The Queen's Secret

By Karen Harper

A fictional account set in 1939 about the mother of Queen Elizabeth II, once described by Hitler as "the most dangerous woman in the world." She decides to make the reign of her husband, King George VI, successful, through a story that's full of royal secrets. This book is a must-read for history lovers and fans of "The Crown."

The Tourist Attraction

By Sarah Morgenthau

This is a romantic story that takes place in — you guessed it — Moose Springs, Alaska. The owner of a small-town diner frequented by tourists, named The Tourist Trap, crosses paths with an out-of-towner love interest through an act of kindness.

【1】Who might be more interested in the book written by Andrew Eliopoulos?

A.History lovers. B.Magic lovers.

C.Travel lovers. D.War lovers.

【2】Which of the following tells about stories happening in the First World War?

A.The Tourist Attraction. B.The Fascinators.

C.The Queen's Secret. D.The Paris Hours.

【3】What kind of book is The Tourist Attraction?

A.A love story. B.A folk tale.

C.A detective story. D.A historical story.

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Ever since Zion Williamson was 5 years old, he wanted to be a basketball star. But to get there, he needed a lot of encouragement and coaching along the way, and there was no one that better than his mother, Sharonda Sampson. She coached Zion in every youth basketball league he ever played. Sampson was a collegiate track star and later became a middle school health and physical education teacher.

He has got up at 5:30 a.m. to head to the outdoor court and play basketball since he was 9 years old. Zion's hard work began to pay off when he entered high school, where he became a YouTube hit for his high-flying dunks (灌篮) and powerful moves. But Sampson wanted her son to not only work hard at being great but study how the legends of the game went about their skills.

"When I started playing, my mom said there were three players she wanted me to watch — Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan," Williamson said. "Even though I wasn't alive when he (Jordan) was doing those things, it just attracted me. Everything he did was just incredible."

The national spotlight shined on Zion during his one year of collegiate basketball at Duke University, where he was coached by five-time national champion Mike Krzyzewski. The most storied rivalry in the collegiate game is between Duke and North Carolina, where Jordan won a national championship back in the 1980s.

Shortly after his freshman season, Zion declared for the NBA Draft. Sampson was by her son's side when he was chosen by the Pelicans as the top player. "I wouldn't be here without my mom" said Zion with tears streaming down his face after his selection.

Zion was brilliant in the first 19 games of his regular-season NBA career, averaging over 23 points and six rebounds per game, before the coronavirus (冠状病毒) crisis forced the league to shut down. The 19-year-old Zion says he's been staying fit and will be ready to go when the league resumes.

【1】What do we know about Zion from the first two paragraphs?

A.He was trained mainly by his mother.

B.He dreamed of being a basketball star at 9.

C.He was famous for his mother at YouTube.

D.He coached his mother in basketball leagues.

【2】Why did Zion's mother ask him to watch three players?

A.She wanted to make Zion beat them one day.

B.She expected Zion to learn much from them.

C.She required Zion to join their basketball teams.

D.She wished Zion to like the same players as she.

【3】What did Zion mean by "I wouldn't be here without my mom"?

A.He would join the NBA with his mom

B.He would stand beside his mother firmly.

C.His success related to what his mom did.

D.He followed her wherever his mother went.

【4】What is the writer's purpose in writing the text?

A.To encourage people to learn from Zion.

B.To explain why Zion likes playing basketball.

C.To prove Zion has a gift for playing basketball.

D.To introduce an NBA basketball player.

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Dickens was the most popular novelist of his time, and remains one of the best-known and most-read of English authors. He created some of the world's best-known