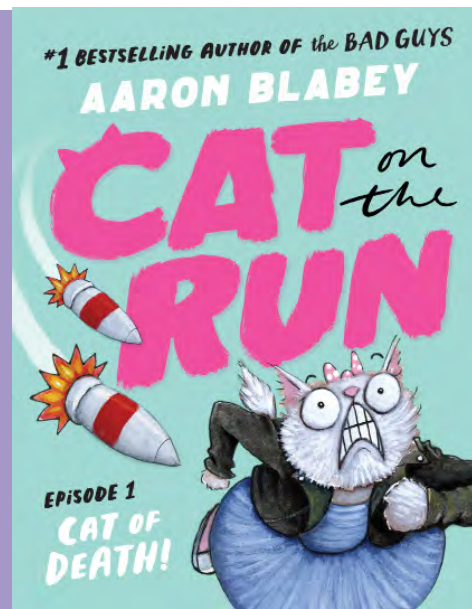
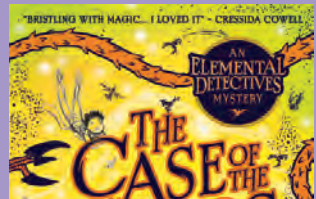




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# OH MAYA GODS!

Maz Evans

Meet the brand-new Gods Squad led by Vesper, the bossy, football-mad adopted daughter of Elliot Hooper. Along with Virgo's son, Aster, she heads to ancient Mesoamerica to save the world from Maya immortals messing with astronomy, chocolate and human sacrifice ...

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# OH MAYA GODS!

Maz Evans

Vesper gently picked the paper off the ground. It was covered in strange symbols, like little cartoon pictures arranged in kind of ... squares across the page.

'Give me that,' snapped Aster, catching up to her and snatching the page away. He sat down and smoothed the page reverently before returning it to its rightful place in the book. It obviously meant the world to him. Vesper would never touch it again.

'What is it?' she asked, peering over Aster's shoulder.

'It's what my dad was working on before he ... before he went to Mexico,' Aster snapped. 'It was a newly discovered Maya Long Count calendar that had just been excavated from a temple.'

'A newly discovered whaty what now?' Vesper asked.

'The Maya? The peoples of Meso-America? Cultivators of astronomy, calendars, chocolate ...'

'Oh yeah,' Vesper said. 'Think we did them at school. I remember the chocolate. Didn't they, like, sacrifice everyone and play football with their heads?'

'Hardly,' sighed Aster. 'They were a highly sophisticated civilization of builders, mathematicians and writers.'

'But they did sacrifice people, right?' Vesper

continued. 'And eat loads of chocolate?'

'Sometimes, yes,' Aster conceded with an eye roll. 'But to caricature them as bloodthirsty sugar monsters is to do their extraordinary civilization a gross disservice.'

'Knew they liked chocolate,' Vesper muttered smugly. 'So what does it say?'

'That's what my dad was working on,' said Aster. 'He'd only seen partial pictures from the walls of the temple. But they looked like a prophecy predicting the end of the world.'

'Bummer,' Vesper grinned. 'How long did it say we've got?'

Aster opened the paper again.

'Well - I've not studied this page and my Mayan is a bit rusty ...'

'Mine too,' Vesper sighed.

'But looking at these,' Aster continued, ignoring her, 'if on the Long Count twenty tuns make a k'tun, and twenty k'tuns are a b'ak'tun ... that would make the end of this current b'ak'tun ...'

Vesper rolled her eyes while Aster nerved out over the paper.

'Wait a minute? That can't be right,' Aster said with a confused grimace.

'What?' said Vesper, trying again not to sound interested.

'Well, like I said, I'm no expert,' he said, his brow furrowed. 'But if I'm right, this says that the world will end ... next Thursday.'

'Result!' grinned Vesper. 'That gets me out of my homework.'

## DESCRIPTION

Meet the brand-new Gods Squad led by Vesper, the bossy, football-mad adopted daughter of Elliott Hooper, the original hero of *Who Let the Gods Out?*. Together with Aster - the super-bright, anxious son of star goddess, Virgo - Vesper must recapture some villainous wrong 'uns before the world ends next Thursday. Off they head to ancient Meso-America where Mayan immortals, Kizin and his Lords and Ladies of Death, are messing with astronomy, chocolate and human sacrifice ...



### MAZ EVANS

Maz is the author of the Waterstones Prize-shortlisted and bestselling *Who Let the Gods Out?* and *Vi Spy* series. She began her writing career in journalism as a TV critic and feature writer, and is also the founder of Story Stew, a creative writing programme that visits primary schools and literary festivals around the UK. She lives in Bournemouth.

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# THE WITCHSTONE GHOSTS

Emily Randall

Autumn sees dead people, much to her annoyance... but when her father drowns, he's the one ghost that doesn't appear. Then, a clause in his will sends her to the remote isle of Imber. Can Autumn uncover Imber's dark past before it comes hurtling into the present?

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# THE WITCHSTONE GHOSTS

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'How many seasick dogs do you know?' Mum yelled over the roar of the boat's engine, as The Dog vomited for the third time. Autumn stood at a safe distance, keeping upright as the little ferry rocked back and forth against the waves. The shape of the mainland slowly disappeared behind them.

'Bye, London.' Autumn whispered. It was the place where life and death danced together, where ghosts weaved throughout a landscape of swirled murals and vibrant markets. It had been home. But everyone had to grow up sometime.

'Hon, watch your feet, you're gonna get splashed.'

She shifted just in time to avoid The Dog's lunch and bumped into one of the movers who grinned and blew a gum bubble. They were the only passengers on the boat, a sardine tin battling against the wind.

'I'm going to take him back to the car,' Mum lifted The Dog up and cradled him like a baby. 'He can sleep it off under his blanket. Come down when you're ready.'

Autumn bent down and kissed The Dog's snout. 'Love you, mutt,' she murmured in his ear. 'Keep well.' He whimpered in response.

She placed her hands on the painted metal of the railings, the shock stinging her skin, and closed her eyes. The air smelled like rain and fish, feeling both strange and heart-achingly familiar at the same time.

'There's a local legend round here, y'know.' The pale ferryman was standing next to her. Had he followed them onto the boat? She'd not seen him leave the hut.

'Imber isn't your usual town,' the ferryman continued, his growl dripping with a strong Cornish burr. 'Every true Cornishman stays away. It's not right. Wrong to its bones.'

He was thin, eyes set deep within his white face.

'Wrong how?' she whispered.

'Not for me to say,' he said. 'Not for me to say.' He turned his back on her and descended the stairs to the deck below, his salt-soaked hair the last thing to vanish.

The boat's horn howled again.

They drifted into a harbour lit dimly by lamp-glow, their beams smudgy with dirty mist. The ferry chugged closer to an imposing mass of jagged brown rock jutting out of the sea, with silhouettes of crooked cottages built into the cliff face splashed with the white spray of the surf.

Imber. Blanketed in a dark haze of rain that fell only on the island.

Autumn's bravado melted into a pool of unease. Because the song of the stone, the strangeness in the study, was floating unmistakably on the wind. It was quiet at first, but as they drew nearer the song grew louder and more insistent: deep, melodic voices calling from the island's alcoves.

Yo-ho-ho, heave, my lads, the iron, lads, pull it lads

Till it's taut, it's tautened, lads, then let the iron go.

Five night-cloaked figures were standing on the harbour, holding up the lamps that lit the way. They stood stock-still, singing out their sea shanty to the rhythm of a single drum, and Autumn got the distinct impression they were staring directly at her.

Wrong to its bones. Just what was she walking into?

## DESCRIPTION

Thirteen-year-old Autumn sees dead people, much to her annoyance. When her father drowns and he's the one ghost that doesn't appear, it's down to her to solve the mystery of his death. A clause in his will sends her to live in Imber, an island in the Celtic Sea near Cornwall, and Autumn finds herself plunged into a world of unwelcome visions, forbidden histories and odd townsfolk who dub her 'The Mainlander.' Certain that her dad was hiding something, Autumn must uncover Imber's dark past before it comes hurtling into the present.



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# CHANNEL FEAR

Lisa Richardson

Iris is obsessed with star YouTube ghost hunting duo, Zach and Lucas, who disappeared at an undisclosed location several months ago. Alongside her friend Byron and his girlfriend Molly, Iris has been searching for the location ever since. When they find it, a horrifying truth emerges: whatever came for Zach and Lucas is coming for them too ...

- A horror/thriller with a fresh angle by Lisa Richardson, a mesmerizing new voice for YA readers.
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# CHANNEL FEAR

Lisa Richardson

I reach the window, its glass missing, just in time to see Molly disappear into the gloom. Consumed by the house.

My heart pounds. Worried that something has happened to Byron – fallen through rotten floorboards or the ceiling caved in on him – I grasp the peeling window frame and pull myself up. I know that all the camera will be picking up will be my ragged breath and snatches of wall and windowsill as I climb through, but I don't stop filming. That would only slow me down.

'Molly! Byron!' I call into the dank stillness, as my feet crunch on rubble-strewn floorboards. There are two large doorways off this cavernous room, and I'm not sure which one Molly went through. 'Molly!' The place is eerily quiet and my voice echoes off the cold walls. I smell damp and mould and dust and emptiness. 'Guys?' I turn the camera onto myself. 'I don't like this.' I turn it back to film the way ahead as I edge through the large, high-ceilinged room, a couple of its walls lined with shelves of dark, dark wood. I imagine it must have been a library in Elizabeth's time, the shelves filled with books, right up

to the ceiling. I can still smell the mustiness of old books in the air.

'Guys, if this is some sort of joke ...'

'Iris, in here!'

Breath held at what I'm about to find, I follow the sound of Molly's voice, through an arched doorway and into an enormous room, with a wooden balcony along the left-hand wall, and a high, domed ceiling. Not much light penetrates the large grimy windows, despite it being daylight outside. Dust motes swirl. My heart is thudding. I'd been so convinced that something had happened to Byron that as my eyes adjust to the gloom and I can make him out on his haunches in the centre of the room, his back to me, I let out a sigh of relief.

'By?'

 I say, coming further into the room. When he doesn't move, my chest tightens again. My mouth is dry. Molly is standing next to him, arms wrapped around herself. She's biting her lower lip. 'Guys?' Her wide eyes flick to me for a beat, and then back to whatever it is that she and Byron are both staring at. Something I can't yet see. I'm trembling as I take another step. And another. As I draw closer, I can see that before him is strewn a pile of junk. 'Byron?' I stop when he turns and holds something up to me, his expression stupefied. Mouth open. I would recognize the thing he's holding anywhere: a Canon G7 X Mark II.

Zach's camera.

## DESCRIPTION

Iris is obsessed with star YouTube ghost hunting duo, Zach and Lucas, who disappeared at an undisclosed location several months ago. Iris – who heads up her own unsuccessful channel with co-hosts Byron and his girlfriend Molly – has been searching for the location ever since. Then, she stumbles across long-abandoned Thornhanger House. The trio set aside their toxic love triangle when they find Zach and Lucas's abandoned equipment inside ... complete with their last day of filming. As they watch the footage, a horrifying truth emerges: whatever came for Zach and Lucas is coming for them too ...



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# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THE PUMPKIN WHO WAS AFRAID OF THE DARK

MICHELLE ROBINSON Illustrated by MIKE BYRNE

Boo does NOT like Halloween.  
She isn't **spooky**, she's small and sweet.  
And she does NOT like trick-or-treating.  
Why? Because she's **afraid of the dark**.

So, when Halloween comes around Boo is **especially worried**.  
All the noise, and scary costumes, and people running around in the dark...  
**Boo does not like it one bit!**

But when she meets a little boy who also shares his fears, Boo realises that perhaps Halloween - and the dark - aren't quite as scary as she thought. **And is Boo ready to shine? You bet she is!**

### Key selling points

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- Perfect for all children, especially those who find Halloween a little bit too spooky!
- A must-have Halloween gift that children will love, especially those who find Halloween a little *too* spooky!

**About the author:** Michelle Robinson worked in advertising before turning her creative talents to writing children's books. She is the author of many bestselling titles including the GOODNIGHT series, THERE'S A LION IN MY CORNFLAKES and HOW TO WASH A WOOLLY MAMMOTH. Michelle lives in Frome, Somerset. [michellerobinson.co.uk](http://michellerobinson.co.uk) | @micherobinson

**About the illustrator:** Mike Byrne has illustrated THERE'S A TROLL ON MY TOILET, WHO POOED IN MY LOO and THERE IS A SPIDER IN THIS BOOK. Mike grew up on the Wirral near Liverpool, moved to Wales to study illustration and now lives in the countryside with his wife and sons. @TheMikeByrne

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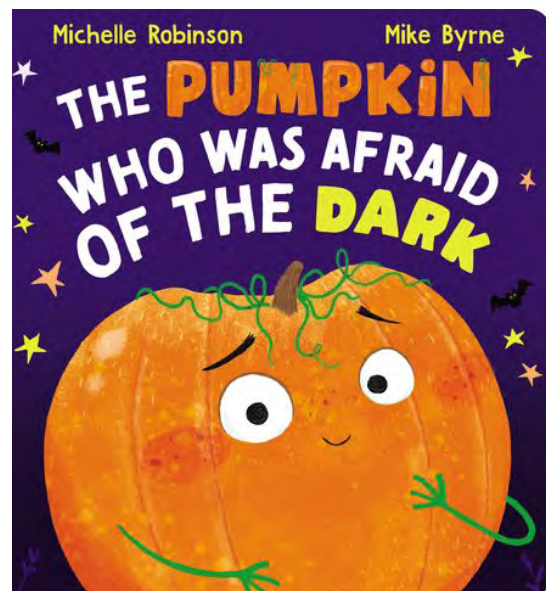
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The others get picked.  
Boo is all on her own.  
“I’m starting to wish that  
I’d never been sown.”

From out of the gloom  
comes a terrible

**SCREEEEEEAM**

“It’s so creepy and dark.  
I don’t like Halloween!”



# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THE LEAF THIEF

ALICE HEMMING Illustrated by NICOLA SLATER

*Did YOU steal my leaf?!*

Squirrel is **so cross**. Yesterday there were **loads** of beautiful leaves on his tree, but today? Today some are missing and Squirrel is **convinced** that someone has **stolen** them... there's a **leaf thief** on the loose!

A brilliantly funny story of the seasons, written by Alice Hemming and illustrated by Nicola Slater.

### Key selling points

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- A laugh-out-loud book about the changing seasons, with extra information in the back for especially curious minds
- Perfect as part of the school curriculum
- With beautiful illustrations by Nicola Slater

**About the author:** Alice Hemming worked as a librarian, a website editor and an outreach manager for a university before she became a children's book author. Her first book was published in 2013 and since then she's never looked back, writing picture books, middle grade and the bestselling MIDNIGHT UNICORN.

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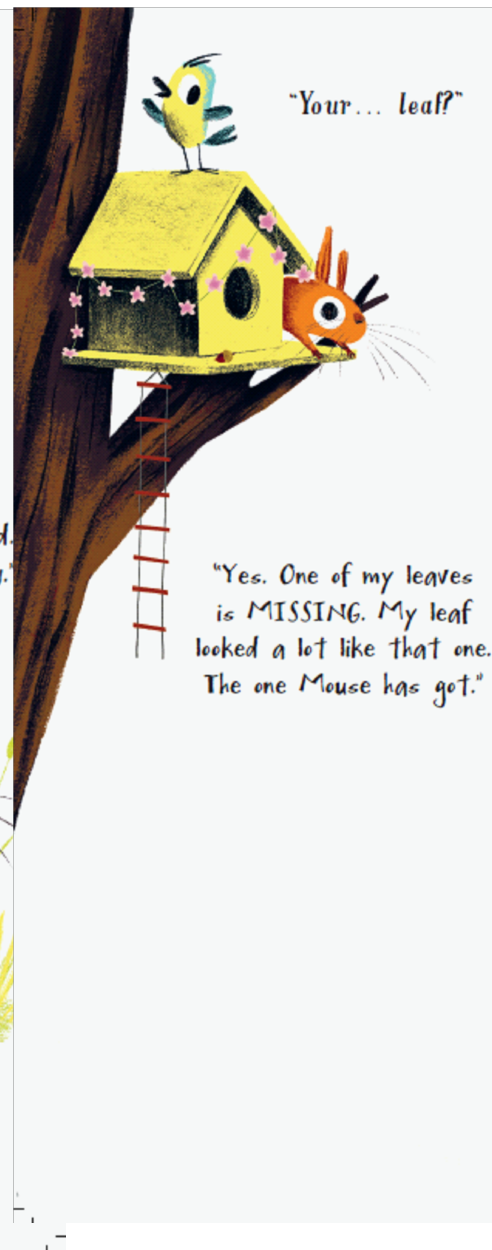
## THE LEAF THIEF

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"See, Squirrel?  
It is perfectly normal to lose  
a leaf or two at this time of  
year... OK?"

"OK, thanks, Bird.  
See you tomorrow."



# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## TWENTY PUMPKINS AT BEDTIME

MARK SPERRING Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN

**A spookily sweet count-to-twenty picture book filled with super cute pumpkins!**

*Once upon a starry night . . .*

What's the best way to help little ones fall asleep? **By counting pumpkins, of course!**

And with **cute, cheeky and a-little-bit-spooky** pumpkins on every page, and a fun story showing children how to **count from one to twenty**, this book is set to become every child's new favourite.

### Key selling points

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**About the author:** Mark Sperring studied at Bath Academy of Art and Camberwell College of Art before working as a printer and a bookseller, and later becoming a children's book author. Mark lives in Bristol.

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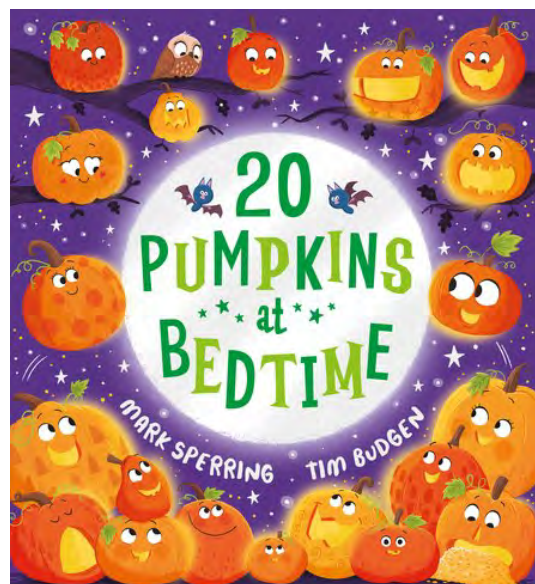
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## THE NEW BUM SERIES!: MY BUM IS SO SPOOKY!

DAWN MCMILLAN Illustrated by ROSS KINNAIRD

*It's Halloween and I'm so excited!  
It's my favourite time of the year.  
I'd like to be scary, to wear something hairy.  
Or be a pirate my friends would fear.*

It's **Halloween** and one little boy is feeling **VERY SPOOKY - WOOOOOOO!**

With all of his friends ready for **trick-or-treat fun**, and with **brilliant costumes** galore, this might just be the **best Halloween ever!**

This next book in the New Bum series is a brilliantly funny – and cheekily spooky – picture book like no other!

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- The perfect gift for anyone who loves to laugh!

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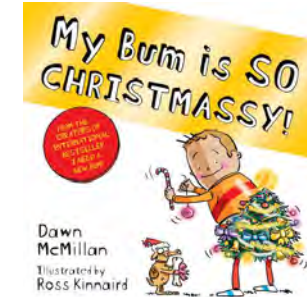
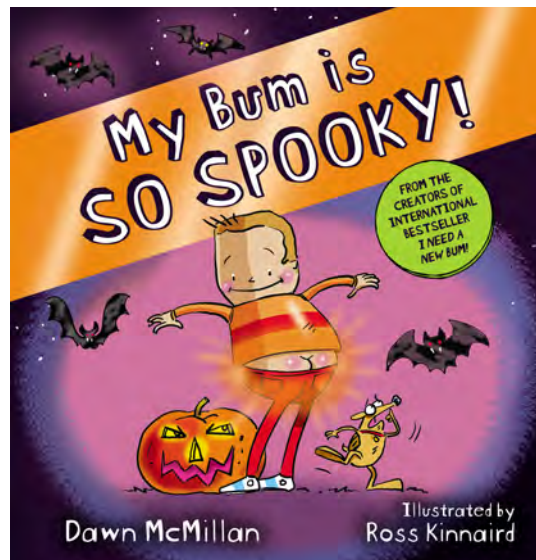
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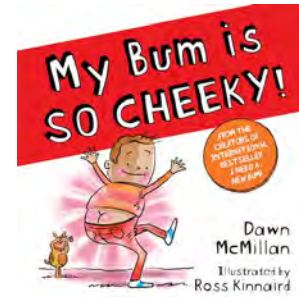
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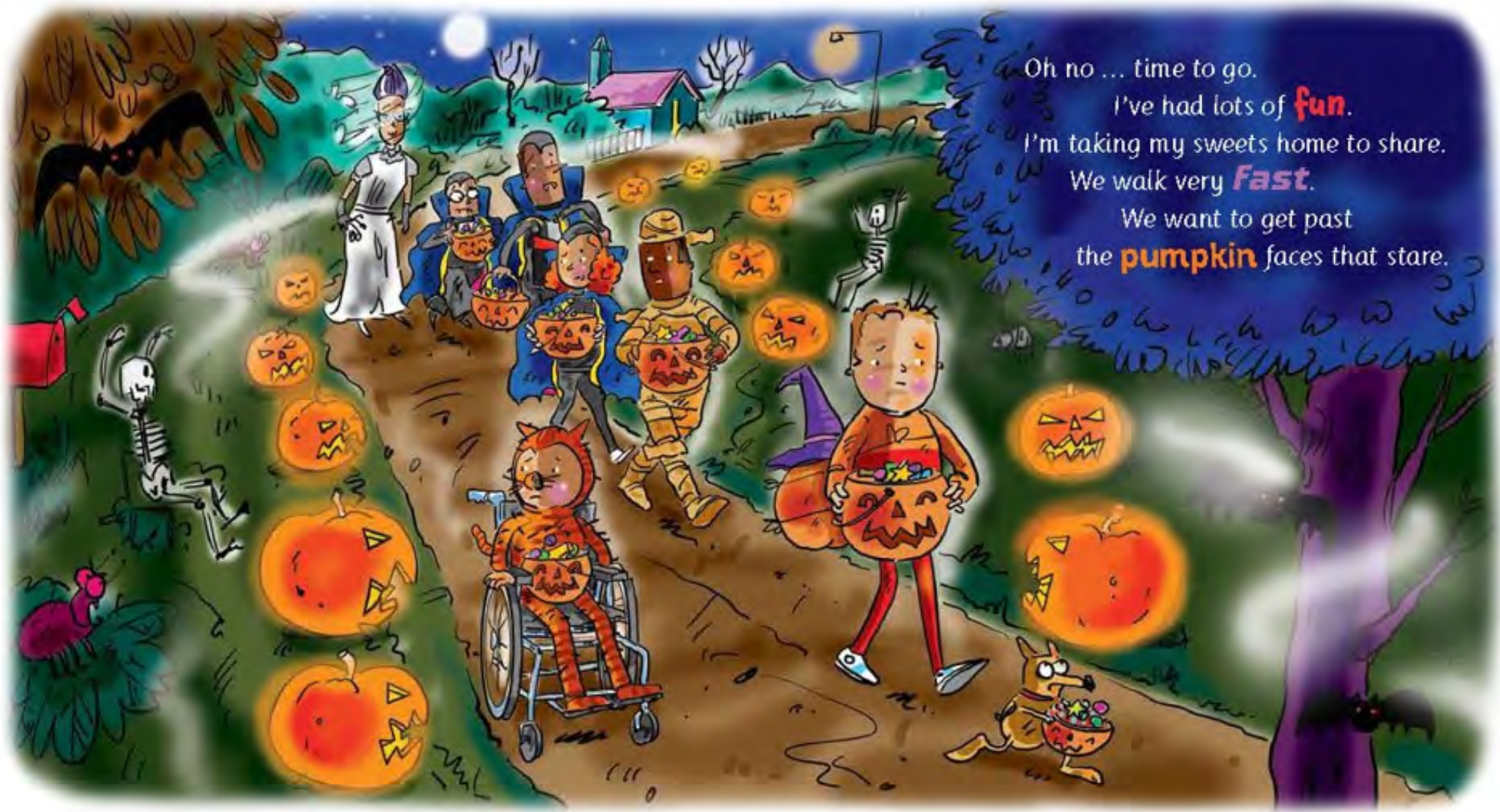
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Oh no ... time to go.  
I've had lots of **fun**.  
I'm taking my sweets home to share.  
We walk very **Fast**.  
We want to get past  
the **pumpkin** faces that stare.

# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## FOX'S FAVOURITE AUTUMN

FIONA BARKER Illustrated by CHRISTINE PYM



*As soon as Fox opened his door, he could tell.  
"Autumn at last! There's so much to do!"*

Autumn is Fox's favourite time of the year. He loves tasting blackberries, scrunching and collecting leaves!

But as the days pass, Autumn starts to reach its end. Winter is coming ... and Fox **DEFINITELY** cannot let that happen!

Join Fox as he tries to do everything to stop Autumn from slipping by and eventually learns that each season has its magic.

### Key selling points

- A funny, autumn-packed story about the beauty of changing seasons
- Fabulous text by Fiona Barker, full of humour and heart

**About the author:** Fiona Barker is positively potty about picture books! She loves reading them, writing them and talking about them. She loves anything funny to read aloud. Fiona is a member of the Marine Conservation Society and The Wildlife Trusts and loves writing about animal characters. This is her first book with Scholastic.

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**About the illustrator:** Christine Pym is an illustrator based in Longnor, Staffordshire. She graduated in 2006 from the North East Wales School of Art and Design after studying Illustration for Children's Publishing and has been pencilling and painting professionally ever since. Some of Christine's wonderful books include Little Mouse's Big Breakfast, Dream Big, Little Mole and Goat's Coat.

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# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## FOX'S FAVOURITE AUTUMN

FIONA BARKER Illustrated by CHRISTINE PYM



# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## ADVENTURES OF THE BIG BAD BOGEY (EARLY READER BIND-UP)

TIMOTHY KNAPMAN Illustrated by TOM KNIGHT

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This edition contains the complete, bestselling stories *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bogey?* and *The Big Bad Bogey Strikes Again!* with added material to stretch beginner readers.

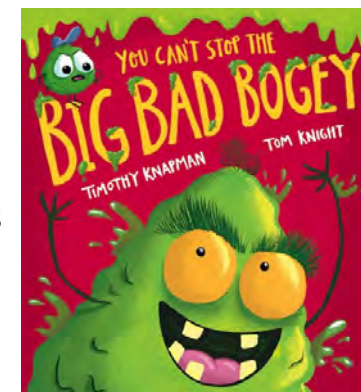
*Who's afraid of the Big Bad Bogey?*

Every one of you! Meet the Big Bad Bogey. He's GREEN. He's NASTY. And he's a SNOTTY mischief-maker. But not everyone is afraid of him. The Good Little Bogey is tougher than he looks. Has the Big Bad Bogey met his match? This edition contains the complete, bestselling stories.

*Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bogey?*

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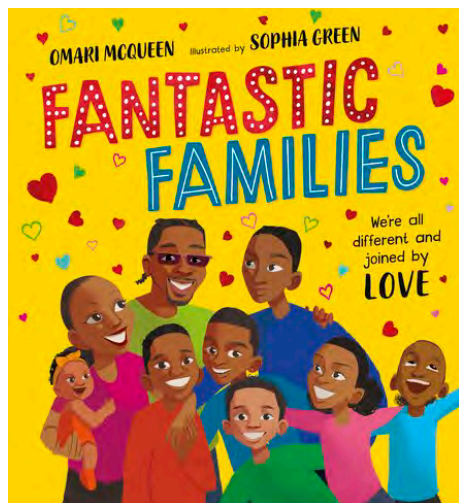
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# PICTURE AND NOVELTY

## FANTASTIC FAMILIES

OMARI MCQUEEN Illustrated by SOPHIA GREEN



**A celebration of family from Omari McQueen.** Families come in all shapes and sizes, and as Omari, the youngest award-winning vegan chef in the UK knows, they can be just like food ... some are spicy, some are savoury and some are sweet, but they are always the most delicious dish! The perfect picture book **celebrating family diversity.**

### Key selling points

- A celebration of family from Omari McQueen, the youngest award-winning vegan chef in the UK
- A fun-filled, vibrant picture book
- This book celebrates family diversity, highlighting how important togetherness is in our world
- Includes one of Omari's own recipes to bake with your family at home

**About the author:** Omari McQueen is the youngest award-winning vegan chef in the UK. He is an inspiring speaker and has appeared on Blue Peter, ITV News and Newsround. This is his first book.

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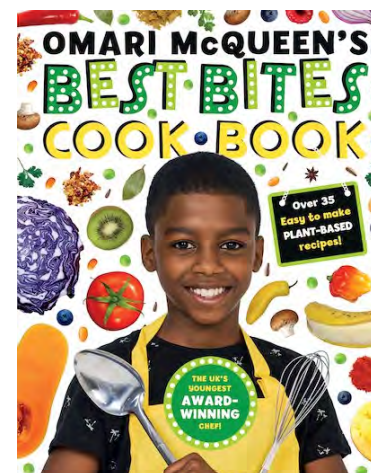
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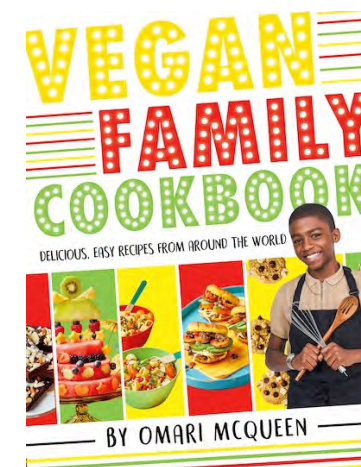
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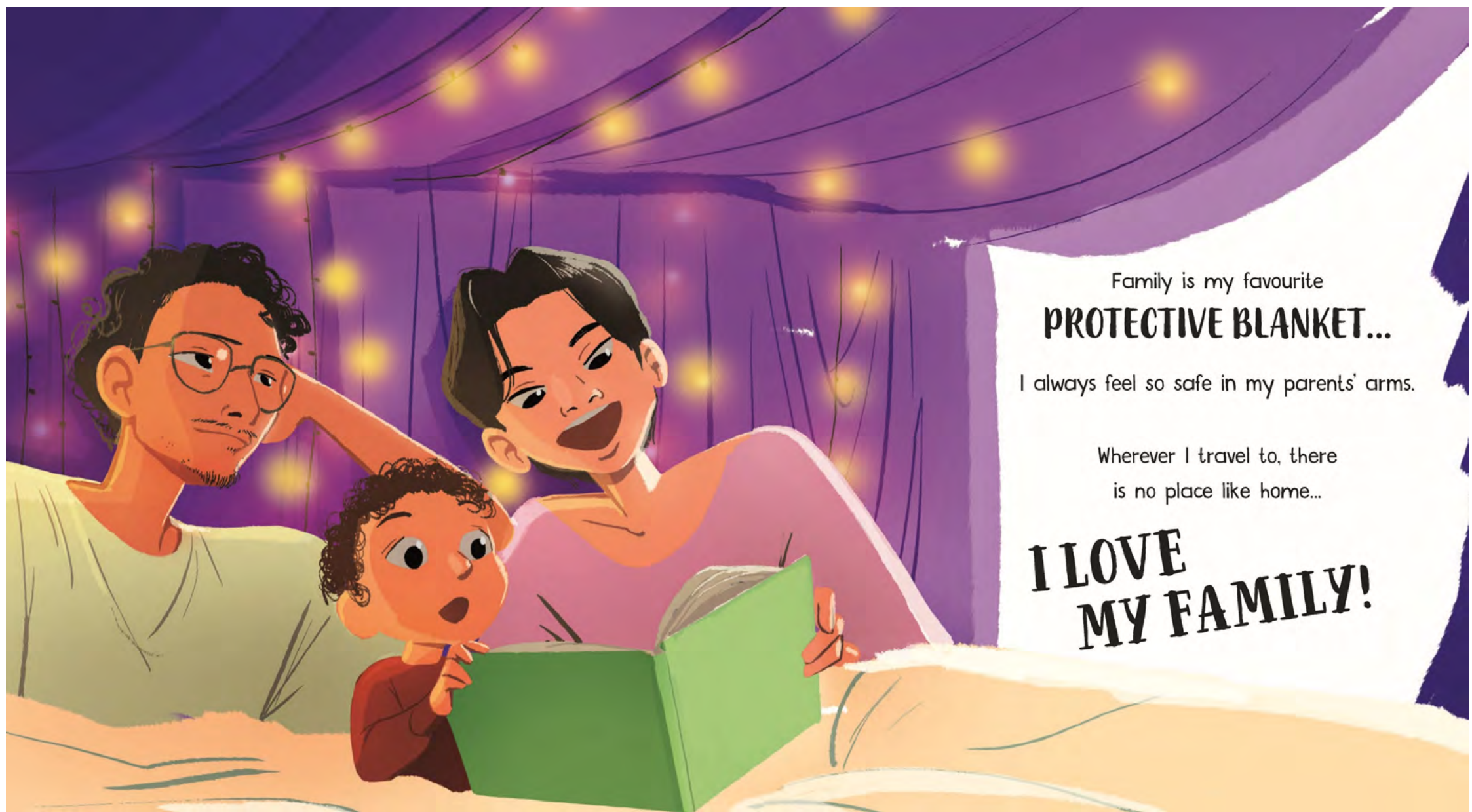
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is no place like home...

**I LOVE  
MY FAMILY!**

# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

## STICK MAN: A FLIP-THE-FLAP BOOK

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



Join Stick Man on a flip-the-flap adventure!

Lift the colourful, chunky card flaps in this fun board book, perfect for small hands. With a gentle opposites theme, this board book will also help increase hand-eye co-ordination, develop speech and aid learning through repetition.

### Key selling points

- A novelty book series from the award-winning superstars of the children's book world, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- Easy-to-flip chunky card flaps, perfect and gentle for little hands
- Based on the bestselling picture book *Stick Man*, with a gentle opposites theme
- Fabulous fun, this board book will also help increase hand-eye co-ordination, develop speech and aid learning through repetition
- *Zog: A flip-the-flap book* is also available

**About the author** Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written. She has been awarded an MBE for services to literature, and was also a much-praised Children's Laureate.  
[www.juliadonaldson.co.uk](http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk)

**About the illustrator** Axel Scheffler is one of the most celebrated illustrators in the world. He has brought to life a huge variety of characters, from dragons to gruffalos. Axel lives in London.



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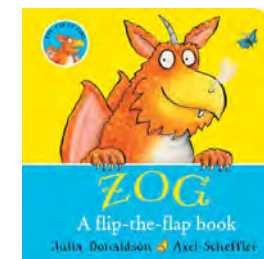
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# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

## AXEL SCHEFFLER'S FAIRY TALES: AXEL SCHEFFLER'S NURSERY RHYMES

AXEL SCHEFFLER

**A gorgeous collection of much-loved nursery rhymes illustrated by Axel Scheffler, the best-selling illustrator of The Gruffalo and Zog.**

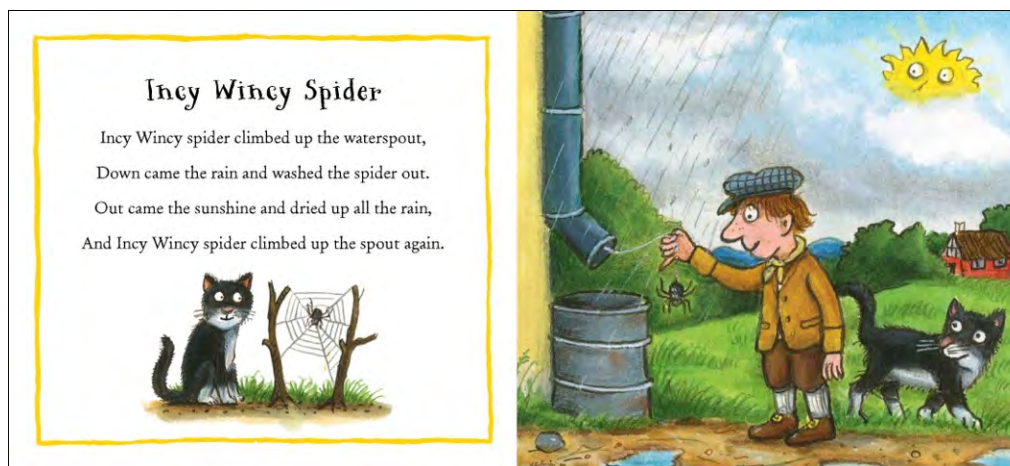
Climb up the waterspout with Incy Wincy, help the king's men try to put Humpty Dumpty back together again, dance along with the cat playing his fiddle and so much more!

Brought to life with Axel Scheffler's stunning illustrations, this collection of beloved nursery rhymes such as Twinkle Twinkle and Mary Had a Little Lamb, is the perfect bedtime read for the whole family to enjoy.

### Key selling points

- A collection of children's nursery rhymes illustrated by the one and only award-winning superstar, Axel Scheffler
- This lovely board book format is perfect for little hands
- Part of the new series of fairy tale and traditional stories illustrated by Axel Scheffler, published by Scholastic – check out PUSS IN BOOTS, HARE AND THE HEDGEHOG, GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS and THE THREE LITTLE PIGS AND THE BIG BAD WOLF

**About the illustrator** Axel Scheffler is an award-winning, internationally-acclaimed illustrator of some of the most well-loved children's books. He has brought to life a huge variety of characters, from dragons to gruffalos. Axel lives in London.  
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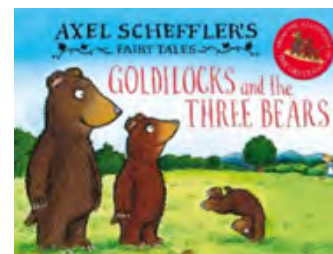
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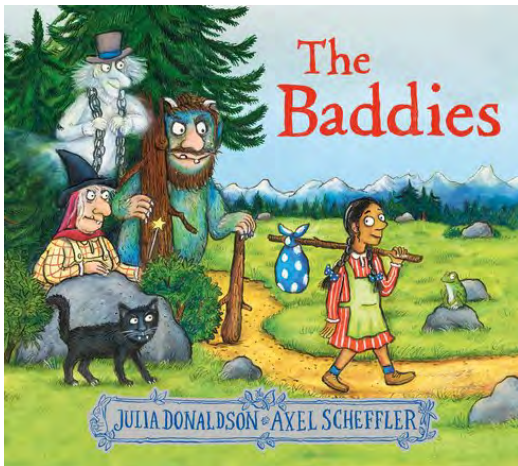
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# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

## THE BADDIES

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



A fabulous picture book from superstar author and illustrator Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler is a riot of slapstick fun and silliness.

The Baddies are the meanest, nastiest ghost, witch and troll in the land. They just **adore being bad**, and fight over who is the worst. When a little girl moves into a nearby cottage, the Baddies can't wait to scare her out of her wits. But the little girl quickly shows them that you don't have to be big to be brave, and **baddies don't always win**.

### Key selling points

- This bestselling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler is now available in paperback
- A fabulously silly story in which a troll, a witch and a ghost vie with one another to see who's nastiest
- The perfect gift for both Hallowe'en and Christmas
- Julia and Axel are the award-winning picture book superstars that created favourites including STICK MAN, ZOG and THE SMEDS AND THE SMOOS, all of which have been made into animated films premiering on BBC1 on Christmas Day
- "Charming and wonderful and funny" *BBC Radio 5 Live*

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# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

## THE BADDIES

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER

And the other two laughed, "Tee-hee-hee!"  
The girl trotted off with her hanky  
And the troll was as wet as could be.



But when he appeared  
in her bedroom . . .



# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

## A LITTLE BIT BRAVE

NICOLA KINNEAR

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Logan is a stay-at-home bunny - but he's about to discover how brave he really is. It's time for his first adventure, and he doesn't want to go. But there's an amazing world outside, if he can just pluck up courage to look . . .

A LITTLE BIT BRAVE is a funny, reassuring board book which shows that we're all a lot braver than we think.

### Key selling points

- A LITTLE BIT BRAVE is a stunning picture book, now turned into a board book for more children to enjoy!
- A funny, inspiring story about a stay-at-home bunny who learns to love adventures
- Warm and reassuring - ideal for every child who is anxious about new experiences
- An international hit - translated into 16 languages
- Stylish illustrations and hilarious characterisation - a future classic
- Bold, striking cover with gold foil for gift appeal
- Children will fall in love with Logan, the scaredy-rabbit hero who fights off a wolf with a tin of home-baked biscuits
- With her brilliant drawing skills and rich, contemporary use of colour, Nicola Kinnear is a star of the future

**About the author/illustrator:** Nicola completed a BA in Illustration Animation at Kingston University in 2014, and has gone on to win a national illustration competition. She loves drawing the natural world, and is greatly inspired by the countryside, folklore and the sea.

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## A LITTLE BIT BRAVE

NICOLA KINNEAR

It was strange and noisy in the woods.  
There was flapping and scurrying,  
tweeting and rustling.

"I knew it would be scary,"  
thought Logan.



First he dived into the river –

**SPLASH!**

Brr! It was chilly!  
It was lucky he'd  
packed his snorkel.

# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

## DISCOVERY ATLAS

THIAGO DE MORAES

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**Prepare to set off on a grand voyage of discovery. You might want to take a map . . .**

But the maps in DISCOVERY ATLAS are special. They're fabulous, imaginative scenes, packed with incredible inventions and dramatic discoveries.

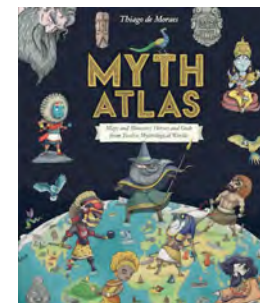
Travel through thousands of years of human creativity, and find out how we invented writing, medicine, cars, chocolate – and everything else in between. Packed with fascinating characters and astonishing illustrations, this is a spectacular feast of a book.

### Key selling points

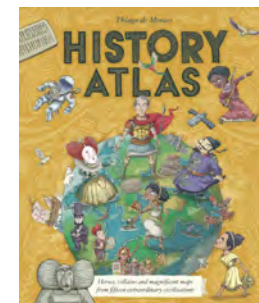
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- Twelve witty, fact-packed chapters show how humans discovered everything from Technology and Medicine to Food, Sport and Space
- Meet amazing inventors, explorers, artists and astronauts from all around the globe
- Magnificent, large-format hardback, gorgeously illustrated in full colour – a perfect Christmas gift
- Guaranteed to captivate children and adults alike
- MYTH ATLAS is an international hit, translated into twenty languages
- Rave consumer reviews include: 'Perfect present for all ages...It's brilliant. Everyone who picks it up becomes addicted immediately' and 'Truly stunning. My 9-year-old son loves this book ... As soon as he started reading it, he turned into a walking encyclopedia'.

### About the author/illustrator:

As well as his successful Atlas series, Thiago also writes and illustrates witty middle-grade fiction. His novels include *A Mummy Ate My Homework* and *A Gladiator Stole my Lunchbox*. He has won many awards for his editorial and commercial illustration work. Thiago lives in South London with his family.  
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# 1 NEWGRANGE

Around 5,200 years ago, Ireland  
Many cultures built incredible structures which lined up with the movement of the Sun. On the shortest day of the year, the Sun shines directly down the entrance of this massive ancient temple.

# 2 TELESCOPES

1608, Netherlands  
Thank you to Dutch spectacle-maker Hans Lippershey for inventing the first telescope. It led to amazing discoveries, as scientists could now see the stars in much more detail.

# 3 CELESTIAL SPHERES

6th century BC, ancient Greece  
Ancient Greek astronomers believed that the Sun, Moon, stars and planets orbited around Earth on giant, invisible spheres. They were wrong, but it's a fun idea.

# 4 ABD AL-RAHMAN AL-SUFI

910-986, Iran  
Al-Sufi was the first astronomer to observe stars beyond our galaxy. The Andromeda star in the Moon is named after him.

# 5 GALILEO GALILEI

1564-1642, Italy  
This brilliant astronomer and astronomer worked hard to prove that the Sun was at the centre of our solar system (as Copernicus had thought). The Catholic Church was not amused and sentenced Galileo to be locked up for life.

# 6 MAYAN ASTRONOMY

4th-16th century, Central America  
The Mayas created incredibly accurate calendars by studying the stars. They also believed that stars revealed the will of the gods.

# 7 POLYNESIAN NAVIGATION

From around 2,000 years ago, Oceania  
Using their exceptional knowledge of the stars, ancient Polynesians could sail across vast oceans without maps or compasses. Talk about following your star.

# 8 HUMANS IN SPACE

1960s, Soviet Union  
The first humans to travel into space had to be really brave. Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin was first in 1961. Two years later, Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman in space.

# 9 JULES VERNE

1828-1905, France  
This popular science fiction writer wrote a book where explorers were fired up to the Moon from a massive cannon. Explosive stuff!

# 10 ARTHUR WALKER

1936-2001, USA  
It's not easy to look at the Sun, so Walker devised solar telescopes which could be launched into space. They captured astonishing images of the Sun's burning corona.

# 11 NICOLAUS COPERNICUS

1473-1543, Poland  
Using only his eyes and a lot of maths, Copernicus developed a radical new theory: that all the planets in our solar system orbit around the Sun, not around the Earth, as most people then thought.

# 12 PHILAE SPACE PROBE

2014, European Space Agency  
This sophisticated little robot was the first to land on the surface of a comet. It showed that comets are mostly made of dust, rock and ice - like a giant, dusty snowball.



# 13 ALIENS

20th/21st century, the universe  
Is there intelligent life on other planets? We don't know, but scientists scan the skies for messages just in case. Sadly, no one's got in touch yet.

# 14 ROMAN ASTRONOMY

From 8th century BC, ancient Rome  
Our nearest planets, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, were easy to spot even without a telescope. Ancient Romans named them after their gods and goddesses, and every culture still uses those names today.

# 15 JOHN MICHELL

1724-1793, England  
Black holes are invisible places in space where the gravity is so strong, it pulls everything in. It's even light, like a hole in spacetime. Michell predicted their existence long before anyone else. It was nearly 200 years before his theory was finally proven.

# 16 URANUS

Discovered 1781  
The first planet to be discovered using a telescope. Most people thought it was a star, so astronomer William Herschel set them straight. Uranus was eventually named after the Greek god of the sky.

# 17 CECILIA PAYNE

1890-1979, USA  
No one knew what stars were made of, then Payne discovered that they're burning balls of gas, mostly hydrogen and helium. Not the job you get from selling too many aprons.

# 18 THE ISS

21st century, 400 km above Earth  
The International Space Station. Astronauts from many countries stay up here for months at a time, performing experiments on a whole Earth. You can spot it as a pinpoint of light.



# 19 SPUTNIK 1

1957, Soviet Union  
This small satellite (about the size of a beach ball) was the first human-made object to orbit Earth. It beamed radio signals back to Earth for three weeks before it mysteriously died.

# 20 KATHERINE JOHNSON

1918-2020, USA  
Getting astronauts to the Moon (and back) required a lot of clever maths. Johnson worked our first spacecraft could launch, travel and return safely to Earth. She didn't even need a computer.

# 21 WANG ZHENYI

1928-1995, China  
People had all sorts of ways to explain eclipses, from dragons eating the Sun to dogs trying to steal it. Zhenyi used a lamp, table and mirror to show that it's simply the Moon coming between Earth and the Sun.

# 22 APOLLO 11

1969, USA  
Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins were the first astronauts to fly to the Moon, on the Apollo 11 mission. Buzz Collins had to wait in the command module, while the other two got to bounce off giant craters.

# 23 FAR SIDE OF THE MOON

First captured 2019  
One side of the Moon always faces away from us. Chinese probe Chang'e-4 was the first to land on this 'dark' side. Sadly, it confirmed that some of the Moon is made of giant cheese.



# 24 HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE

Launched 1990, USA  
This powerful telescope orbits high above Earth, and sends back amazing information about the universe. At least more powerful telescopes have just been launched, too.

# 25 SPACE JUNK

20th/21st century, Earth's orbit  
Over 27,000 bits of space junk orbit Earth - mostly old satellites and leftover bits from space missions. Scientists have to keep track of it all, to avoid collisions.

# 26 THE ISS

21st century, 400 km above Earth  
The International Space Station. Astronauts from many countries stay up here for months at a time, performing experiments on a whole Earth. You can spot it as a pinpoint of light.

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## The discovery of Space

A cosmic investigation, including grumpy gods, sailing galaxies and a whole lot of junk.

# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

## THE OAK TREE

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by VICTORIA SANDØY

**Watch a thousand years unfold in the life of one magnificent tree . . .**

A tiny acorn grows . . . and GROWS into an enormous oak tree! The world around it changes. People and animals come and go. Finally, after a thousand extraordinary years, the ancient tree falls in a storm – and a new acorn sprouts, beginning the cycle of life all over again.

Julia Donaldson's rich, dramatic rhyme brilliantly celebrates the people and creatures whose lives are touched by this one remarkable tree. The story is brought gorgeously to life by Victoria Sandøy, acclaimed illustrator of *The Christmas Pine*.

### Key selling points

- THE OAK TREE is the dazzling new picture book from internationally bestselling author Julia Donaldson
- Follow a thousand years in the life of one remarkable tree in this captivating celebration of nature and wildlife
- Julia Donaldson's rich, rhyming text is gorgeously brought to life by Victoria Sandøy, acclaimed illustrator of *THE CHRISTMAS PINE*
- THE CHRISTMAS PINE has become a huge bestseller – a new Christmas classic

**About the author:** Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written. She has been awarded an MBE for services to literature, and was also a much-praised Children's Laureate.  
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## THE OAK TREE

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by VICTORIA SANDOY

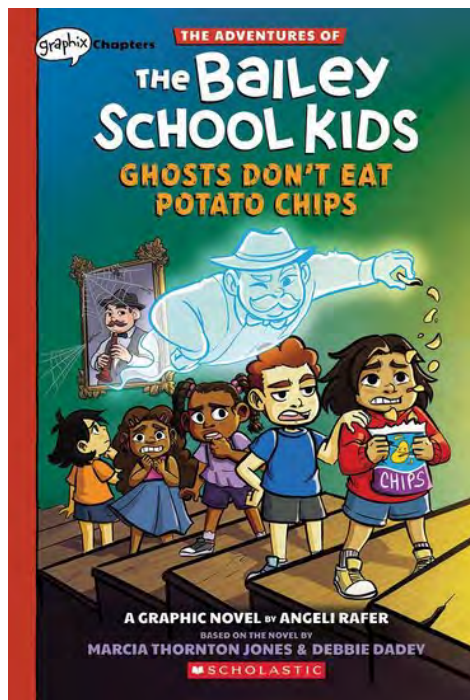
The oak survives. Some twenty years have flown  
And, like the tree, the boy and girl have grown.  
Their children gather sticks to play new games,  
And in the oak tree's bark they carve their names.  
A woodpecker has also made its mark,  
Drilling for tasty grubs beneath the bark.



# GRAPHIC NOVEL

## ADVENTURES OF THE BAILEY SCHOOL KIDS: GHOSTS DON'T EAT POTATO CHIPS

MARCIA THORNTON JONES Illustrated by ANGELI RAFER



The Bailey School Kids may - or may not - have seen a hungry ghost in this funny and spooky graphic novel.

Eddie and Howie go to visit Eddie's great-aunt Mathilda. But when Howie sees a shadowy face in the window - and when his potato chips start to form mysterious trails - the Bailey School kids are spooked. Could a ghost be living in the attic?

Graphic novels are ideal books for beginning and newly independent readers aged 6 - 8.

With approachable page counts, easy-to-follow paneling, and artwork that supports text comprehension, these engaging stories with unforgettable characters help children become lifelong readers.

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# GRAPHIC NOVEL

## SPY NINJAS GRAPHIC NOVEL 2: NEW RECRUITS

VANNOTES



**YouTube stars Chad Wild Clay and Vy Qwaint of the Spy Ninjas are back and ready to defeat Project Zorgo once and for all in their second original graphic novel!**

After yet another trap set by Project Zorgo, Chad and Vy are left without the rest of their Spy Ninjas team. But this isn't the end of the dynamic duo! After their friends leave the team, Chad and Vy get trapped in an endless loop of eating tacos and watching TV. But eventually they rally and train three new superfan recruits. They certainly have the skills to keep up, but do they have the heart? The new recruits quickly learn the meaning of true teamwork in the face of a looming Project Zorgo threat. Will their hacker skills, parkour stunts, and secret disguises be enough to take down Project Zorgo? Or will the infamous hackers get the last laugh?

**Join YouTube sensations the Spy Ninjas in their next hilarious graphic novel. The Spy Ninjas boast 40 million subscribers with millions of views a month, and fans will be thrilled with this second original story about their adventures!**

### Key selling points

- Spy Ninjas is a hit YouTube franchise that has over 38 million subscribers and 400 million monthly viewers across their channels
- Spy Ninjas launched a Roblox game in 2021 called Spy Ninjas vs. Project Zorgo Hackers. This game had over 1 million plays on its first day
- This original graphic novel is perfect for readers searching for a whirlwind adventure

### About the series:

The Spy Ninjas is a team of YouTubers on a mission to save the internet from Project Zorgo. The team includes fan favourites such as Chad Wild Clay, Vy Qwaint, Daniel Gizmo, Regina and Melvin PZ.

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### About the author:

Vannotes is a cartoonist and illustrator based out of Idaho. They have self-published many publications and worked for clients as diverse as Scholastic, Boom! Studios, King Features Syndicate, and ZEAL.

In 2016, they received their Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Comic Art from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. In their spare time, they try to read a book a week and irregularly attend yoga classes.

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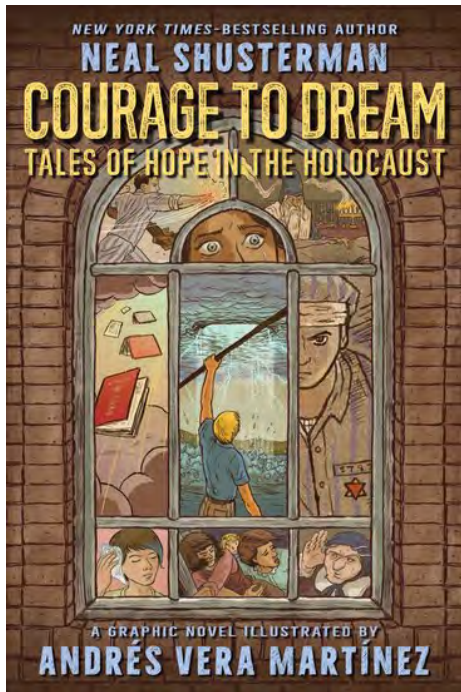
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# GRAPHIC NOVEL

## COURAGE TO DREAM

NEAL SHUSTERMAN Illustrated by ANDRÉS VERA MARTÍNEZ



COURAGE TO DREAM plunges readers into the darkest time of human history – the Holocaust. This graphic novel explores one of the greatest atrocities in modern memory, delving into the core of what it means to face the extinction of everything and everyone you hold dear.

### Key selling points

- A graphic novel exploring the Holocaust through surreal visions and a textured canvas of heroism and hope, from internationally renowned author Neal Shusterman
- This gripping, multifaceted tapestry is woven from Jewish folklore and cultural history
- Five interlocking narratives linked together to explore one common story – the tradition of resistance and uplift
- Bold and masterful illustrations by Andrés Vera Martínez

**About the author:** Neal Shusterman is the *New York Times* bestselling author of over thirty award-winning novels for children, teens and adults, including THE UNWIND DYSTOLOGY, THE SKINJACKER TRILOGY, DOWNSIDERS and CHALLENGER DEEP. He also writes screenplays for motion pictures and television shows. Neal is the father of four, all of whom are talented writers and artists themselves. He currently resides in California.

**About the illustrator:** Andrés Vera Martínez is an illustrator and educator. Born in Lamesa, Texas, raised in Austin, Andrés now lives in New England with his wife, daughter, son and two cats.

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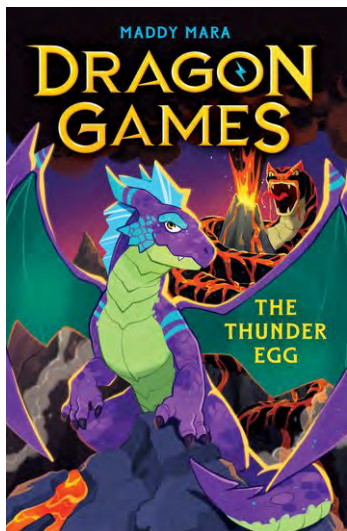
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# FICTION

## DRAGON GAMES: THE THUNDER EGG

MADDY MARA



An adventure-packed series about three kids who travel into a magical, dragon-filled world!

Play the game. Save the realm.

One fateful afternoon, classmates Luca, Yazmine, and Zane stumble upon a strange-looking rock called a geode in one of the rooms at school. To their surprise, a touch of this geode transports them to a magical land named Imperia.

The geode is actually a dragon egg! It's one of three Thunder Eggs that needs to be returned home to secret locations in Imperia. Once these eggs hatch, the dragons born from them will restore peace to the land. In order to return the first egg, the kids must face off against the evil ruler of Imperia in a dangerous game.

### Key selling points

- An action packed and highly collectable series for readers aged 7+
- Featuring themes of environment and friendship
- From the creator of DRAGON GIRLS

**About the author:** Maddy Mara is the pen name of Australian creative duo Hilary Rogers and Meredith Badger. Hilary is a writer and former publisher; Meredith is a writer and teaches English as a second language. Together they have written or created many bestselling series for kids. Their most recent series is The Dragon Girls, which has over 1.5 million copies in print and is available in multiple countries and languages. They both currently live in Melbourne, Australia. Their website is [maddymara.com](http://maddymara.com).

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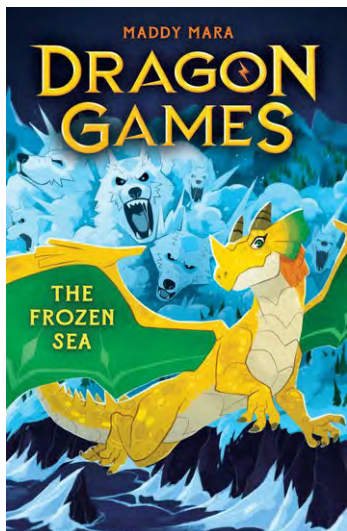
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# FICTION

## DRAGON GAMES: THE FROZEN SEA

MADDY MARA



An adventure-packed series about three kids who travel into a magical, dragon-filled world!

Team Dragon is back! This time Luca, Yazmine, and Zane have landed in the icy region of North Gelida. Here they must navigate giant frozen waves and outrun a hungry monster made of snow to return the second Thunder Egg to its frosty palace.

But Dartsmith, the evil leader of Imperia, is always lurking, determined to make sure the dragon prophecy won't come true. He'll do whatever it takes to win the Dragon Games but Luca, Yazmine, and Zane are determined to stop him!

### Key selling points

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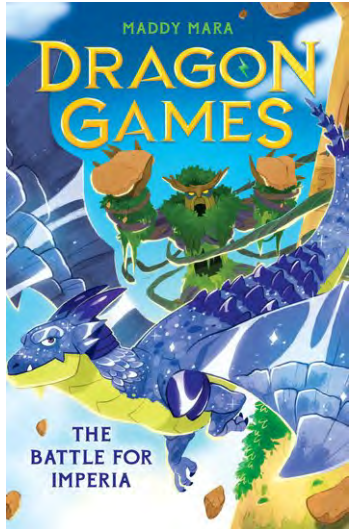
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# FICTION

## DRAGON GAMES: THE BATTLE FOR IMPERIA

MADDY MARA



Play the game. Save the realm.

Team Dragon is facing their most challenging adventure yet! Luca, Yazmine, and Zane have been dropped in the ancient dragon city of Dracopolis. They have only one more Thunder Egg to return before the prophecy can come true, and dragons can return to Imperia.

The people of Dracopolis are counting on Team Dragon to win, but the evil ruler Dartsmith never plays fair. Luca, Yazmine, and Zane will need all the help they can get if they're going to defeat him for good and finally bring peace to Imperia.

### Key selling points

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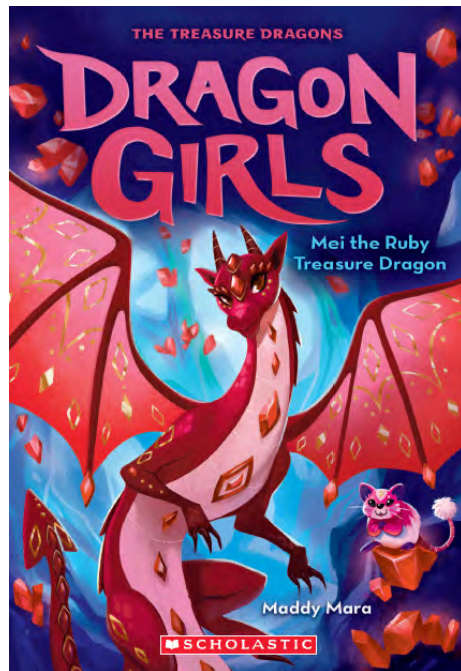
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# FICTION

## DRAGON GIRLS: MEI THE RUBY TREASURE DRAGON

MADDY MARA



Three new girls join the Dragon Girls!

Mei, Aisha, and Quinn are Treasure Dragon Girls. They draw on the power of precious gems to transform into mighty dragons. Tasked with keeping the Magic Forest safe from harm, the Treasure Dragon Girls must come together as a team, embrace their clawsome new abilities, and save the day.

Mei must find the ancient and powerful Forest Book. Inside its pages is the entire history of the Magic Forest. Without its precious knowledge, things will start to go very wrong in this enchanted place!

### Key selling points

- This is a cute and highly collectable new series featuring adorable glitter dragons. Perfect for fans of Rainbow Magic and Unicorn Academy and My Little Pony
- With a focus on girl empowerment and an environmental message. Ideal for the next generation of little readers
- Maddy Mara's DRAGON GAMES series also available!

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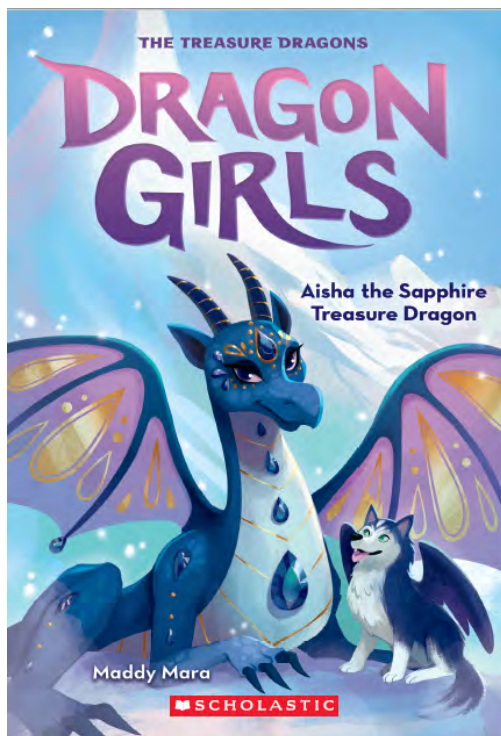
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# FICTION

## DRAGON GIRLS: AISHA THE SAPPHIRE TREASURE DRAGON

MADDY MARA



Aisha and her friends Mei and Quinn have an amazing secret: They can transform into powerful dragons!

Together, they are the Treasure Dragon Girls, and they help keep a realm called the Magic Forest safe from harm.

The evil Shadow Sprites have stolen the Magic Mirror, determined to cause chaos among the forest's animals. Aisha must harness the power of sapphires to rescue the mirror, and return it to its rightful home in the Magic Forest's secret vault.

### Key selling points

- This is a cute and highly collectable new series featuring adorable glitter dragons. Perfect for fans of Rainbow Magic and Unicorn Academy and My Little Pony.
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# FICTION

## DRAGON GIRLS: QUINN THE JADE TREASURE DRAGON

MADDY MARA



Aisha and her friends Mei and Quinn have an amazing secret: They can transform into powerful dragons!

Together, they are the Treasure Dragon Girls, and they help keep a realm called the Magic Forest safe from harm.

Quinn's jade dragon powers are uniquely suited to help her find the last remaining item that the Shadow Sprites have stolen from the Tree Queen: the Heartstring Violin. The sprites are growing stronger by the hour, but Quinn isn't worried. She is ready to fight back with the other Treasure Dragons at her side.

### Key selling points

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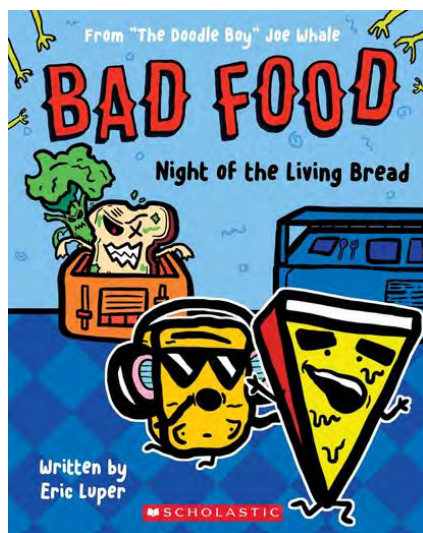
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# FICTION

## BAD FOOD 5: NIGHT OF THE LIVING BREAD

ERIC LUPER Illustrated by JOE WHALE



**Slice, Scoop, and Totz return to take on a new threat in this original series featuring the art of viral sensation Joe Whale, a.k.a. the Doodle Boy, and fan-favourite Eric Luper. Perfect for fans of The Bad Guys and Dog Man!**

For years, Slice, Scoop and Totz have heard the spooky stories of the zombie food that walks the halls of Belching Walrus Elementary, but never thought anything of it. But when Richard the Dictionary and Specs pay an unexpected visit to the cafeteria, our trio of foodie friends know something is up. Someone (or something) is trailing ketchup all over the library! Amidst the arguing, Scoop spots shadows in the hallway. Could this be the legendary zombie food? Well, they are certainly going to find out. Join Totz, Slice, and Scoop in this spooky survival adventure!

### Key selling points

- The fourth book by 'the Doodle Boy' Joe Whale
- Slice, Totz and Scoop are back in a brand-new adventure!
- An epic, hilarious story that kids will love
- This fun, imaginative series will spur the creativity of all readers
- Highly illustrated with big black-and-white pictures from Joe on every page

**About the illustrator:** Joe Whale AKA the Doodle Boy is a ten-year-old boy from the UK whose artwork went viral after he was commissioned by a local restaurant to decorate an eight-foot wall. Since then, he has been interviewed by the *Insider* and appeared on Ellen Degeneres's Little Big Shots (hosted by Melissa McCarthy). He has also been sought after by corporate offices, hotels and restaurants to fill their walls with his illustrations.

**About the author:** Eric Luper has written books for kids of all ages, including the YA novel *Seth Baumgartner's Love Manifesto*. He loves excitement and is always looking for his next adventure. He lives with his family in Albany, New York.

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# FICTION

## CAT ON THE RUN: CAT OF DEATH (CAT ON THE RUN EPISODE 1)

AARON BLABEY

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**What happens when the world's #1 Cat Video Star gets accused of a crime she didn't commit?**

She becomes a cat on the run, that's what. From the New York Times bestselling author of THE BAD GUYS comes another hilarious illustrated series starring a pampered cat who is way tougher than anyone realizes. How do you avoid capture and prove your innocence when you are the most famous feline on the planet? Well, it ain't easy.

Follow Princess Beautiful — for that is her name — as she goes from meme megastar #1 to public enemy #1 and cheer her on as she fights to clear her name. Is she a super villain? An internet-famous buffoon? Or a butt-kicking gal who's just been seriously underestimated? YOU be the judge...

### Key selling points

- From the New York Times bestselling author of The Bad Guys comes another hilarious illustrated series starring a pampered cat who is way tougher than anyone realizes
- Aaron is the creator of THE BAD GUYS which is now a major Dreamworks motion picture
- Packed with illustrations on every page, CAT ON THE RUN is perfect for fans of DOG MAN and BUNNY VS MONKEY

**About the author-illustrator:** Aaron Blabey is the creator of PIG THE PUG and THE BAD GUYS. He was a successful actor for 15 years, as well as an artist, before becoming an award-winning author and illustrator of children's books. Aaron lives in Sydney, Australia. [aaronblabey.com](http://aaronblabey.com)

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# FICTION

## FUTURE HERO 3: ESCAPE FROM THE CLAY CITY

REMI BLACKWOOD



The third book in this major series: **FUTURE HERO** - featuring high-octane adventure, perfect for fans of *Black Panther*!

Destiny is Near...

The land of Jarell's ancestors, is still not safe, and he must return if he is to stop the sorcerer Ikala from gaining power. Together with the help of Kimisi, and their new ally Bo-de, the trio must journey to a city of clay if they are to find what they need to defeat their enemy. But danger lies ahead...

### Key selling points

- A major series launch: **FUTURE HERO** is an exciting new fast-paced fantasy adventure.
- Featuring a young Black hero in an Afro-futurist fantasy world, Ulfrika.
- Created by Jasmine Richards at Storymix, working with up-and-coming Black writers.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Remi Blackwood is the collective pen name for a team of up-and-coming writers who are passionate about telling exciting and magical stories that explore the mythologies of Africa and its diaspora. The series creator is Jasmine Richards, writer, and founder of Storymix, the inclusive fiction studio.

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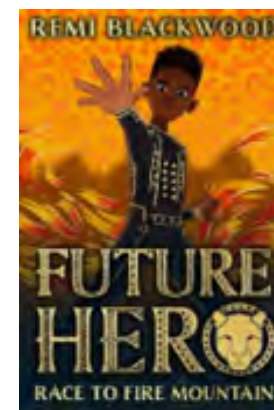
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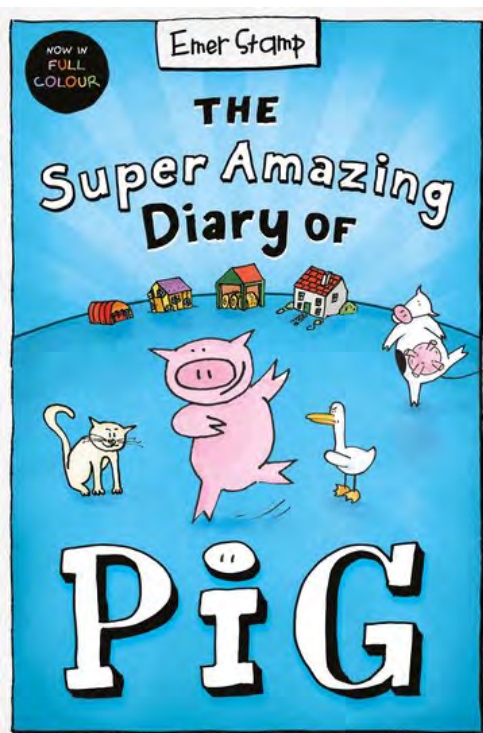
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# FICTION

## PIG: THE SUPER AMAZING DIARY OF PIG: COLOUR EDITION

EMER STAMP



The hilarious sequel to THE UNBELIEVABLE TOP SECRET DIARY OF PIG, now in FULL COLOUR.

Pig couldn't be happier. Life with the vegetarian farmers is perfect, and best of all, he has a new friend, Kitty. Kitty is a fellow vegetarian, she purrs over Pig's every move, laughing at his jokes and even gave him his new diary! Of course, only Duck can see Kitty for the cunning, jealous, killing cat she is. Pig won't believe she's up to something until he's eaten the entirety of the farmers' prize crop and is half way to the pie factory.

Can Pig and the Phantom Bantams help the other animals escape the mess Pig has made, or will it be pie-pie for them all?

### Key selling points

- Pig's written another diary! The hilarious sequel to THE UNBELIEVABLE TOP SECRET DIARY OF PIG
- Over 50,000 UK sales of the series so far
- Told in an original, hilarious and unforgettable voice and packed with Pig's own drawings
- Author and illustrator Emer Stamp was the Creative Director behind the cult-hit John Lewis adverts
- Fresh and silly laugh-out-loud humour that children (and adults) will love
- Perfect for fans of BUNNY VS MONKEY and DOG MAN
- "Utterly original and very, very funny" - The Times, "You will be laughing your socks off" - The Guardian

**About the author:** Emer Stamp grew up on a farm in Devon before training in graphic design and working for some of London's top advertising agencies. She is now the Joint Creative Director for the Adam and Eve DDB communications agency, which creates advertisements for clients including John Lewis, Halifax, Cadbury's and Save the Children. She lives in London.

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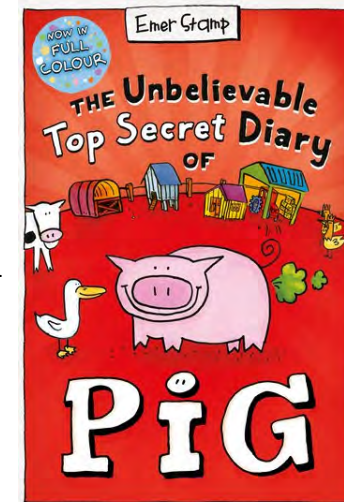
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# FICTION

## PIG: THE SUPER AMAZING DIARY OF PIG: COLOUR EDITION

EMER STAMP

Hello.

Me I is Pig. I is 562 sunsets old. Well, I is guessing that is how old I is. I is not brilliant at counting. I got a bit confused around 487.



I lives in Pig House. Pig House is next to the New Shed. The New Shed is where **CHICKEN HOUSE** used to be, but the **CHICKENS** what lived in it was evil, so me and my best friend **Duck** sent them and their **HOUSE** up into space. If you don't believe me just ask **Duck**.

**Duck** is nearly always telling the truth. (And if he's not you can tell, 'cos his left foot starts tapping. I don't think he knows this happens, but I does! Ha! Ha!)



one about pig wanting long hair!" she shouts back.

Hmmmmmm, I is making a reminder to myself not to tell **COW** any more secrets.

**Mr and Mrs Sandal** is giving Kitty a bit of **COW'S** milk in a bowl. I asks Kitty if I could possibly have a tiny bit. But she must not be hearing me, because she just drinks it all up without even looking at me.

"Oh, sorry, **Piggy-wiggy**," she says as she finishes. "I didn't see you therre, of courrrse I would have let you have some milk. What a bad frriiend I am."

I tells her that she is a very good friend



# FICTION

## ESCAPE FROM STALINGRAD

ANDY MARINO



From the author of Escape from Chernobyl comes another fast-paced historical thriller about a city caught between an enemy army and their own brutal government.

Artem lives in the sleepy city of Stalingrad, which has mostly been cut off from war with Nazi Germany – until the summer of 1942. That July, martial law is declared as the Nazis begin their unprecedented march toward the city. Artem's older brother is a soldier in Stalin's Red Army, so Artem is worried for his brother's safety once he and his family have evacuated the city.

From Andy Marino, author of The Plot to Kill Hitler series

A fast-paced historical thriller about a city caught between an enemy army and their own brutal government

For readers aged 8+

### Key selling points

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- For readers aged 8+

**About the author:** Andy Marino was born and raised in upstate New York. He spent his childhood orchestrating LEGO pirate battles, drawing detailed maps of imaginary video games, and cheating death in Choose Your Own Adventure books.

Profoundly influenced by the work of J.R.R. Tolkien, Andy started writing his first novel at the age of eleven. Tragically, THE RUNES OF ILLIARM was never completed. For books that were, visit Andy online at [andy-marino.com](http://andy-marino.com).

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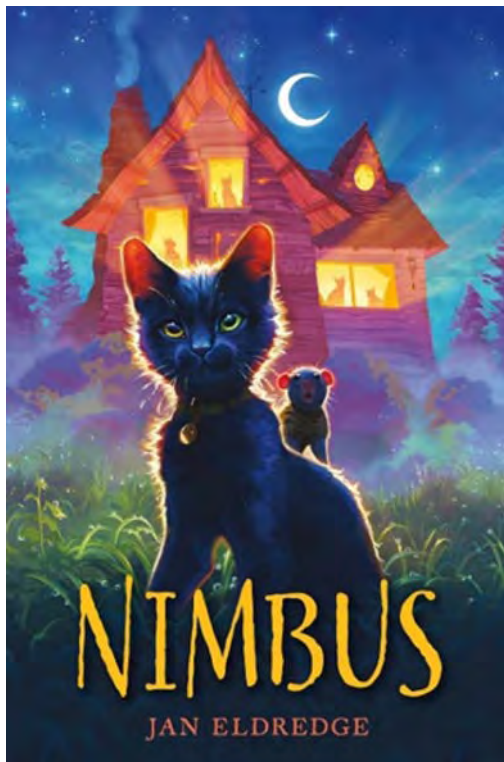
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# FICTION

## NIMBUS

JAN ELDREDGE



Nimbus had a rough start as a kitten. But her fortunes changed the day she met Fletcher. The boy nursed her back to health from a life-threatening injury and adopted her. But when Fletcher's aunt brings home a mysterious jar, an ancient nightmare demon is unwittingly unleashed.

Despite battling the monster to save her friend, Fletcher's superstitious aunt blames Nim for the attack and secretly abandons her at a dump. There, Nim is befriended by a theater-loving rat and taken in by a kindly witch named Agatha and her motley crew of cats.

Nim soon discovers that her battle with the demon left her with special powers—but more than that, she begins to suspect that she has always been destined for something extraordinary. To return to her beloved Fletcher, Nim will need to harness her magical powers and enlist the help of her new friends. Along the way, she will discover she may be braver and luckier than she ever imagined.

### Key selling points

- Quality, action-packed, magical middle grade - with a spooky twist. Perfect for all young animal fans.

**About the author:** Jan Eldredge lives in Florida with her husband, their children, and a house full of cats. When she's not writing, she spends her time reading, going to theme parks, and exploring old cemeteries. She is particularly fascinated with monsters and magic.

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### Key selling points

- A brand new Goosebumps series from R.L. Stine
- Featuring the same humor and terrifying tone that millions of readers love, but will be bigger, bolder, funnier, and scarier
- Goosebumps is coming soon to Apple TV!

**About the author:** R.L. Stine is the creator of the bestselling Goosebumps series, which has more than 400 million copies in print worldwide and celebrated 25 years in 2017. Goosebumps is one of the bestselling children's series of all-time and inspired a popular television show, as well as a feature film starring Jack Black that opened at #1 at the box office. His other popular children's books include the series FEAR STREET, MOSTLY GHOSTLY, THE NIGHTMARE ROOM, and ROTTEN SCHOOL. R.L. Stine lives in New York City. You can connect with him on Twitter at @RL\_Stine or Facebook: facebook.com/rlstine. For more information, visit [rlstine.com](http://rlstine.com) and [scholastic.com/goosebumps](http://scholastic.com/goosebumps).

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## ZOMBIE SEASON

JUSTIN WEINBERGER

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**You know the protocol. You've completed countless drills. Your go-bag is waiting by the door. Yet nothing can truly prepare you for what's coming. No one is ever ready for zombie season...**

It's a hard time to be in California. Every scorching summer brings the predictable disaster. Every summer, zombie season arrives.

Joule refuses to evacuate with her mom. She can't leave town while her dad's still missing. But what if he's become what she most fears? Regina is proud of her scientist parents, especially now that they're working on a weapon to keep the zombies at bay. But she's close to discovering a dark underside to their new technology. Oliver has uncovered an uncomfortable truth about the zombies and must find a way to sound the alarm: this year's zombie season is very, very different.

Something has changed, and time is running out to stop it...

### Key selling points

- An action-packed adventure about a zombie season like nothing the world has ever seen before
- Spotlighting the power of hope, the importance of family and the courage of kids fighting for the future they deserve
- Told from each of the three main characters' POV, with pitch-perfect humour throughout
- To be developed on the US Homebase platform as an interactive game, that'll place readers right in the centre of the zombie-fighting action and allow them to investigate the central mystery alongside the characters
- Perfect for fans of STRANGER THINGS, THE LAST OF US and THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, with massive Netflix appeal

Justin Weinberger is a novelist and television writer. His first children's book, REFORMED, was published with Scholastic Press in 2017. He also works as a writer and producer for television: THE AMERICANS on FX received the Writers Guild of America award for Outstanding Writing, in 2019. Originally from in Easton, Pennsylvania, Justin studied writing and television production at Syracuse University, and now lives in Brooklyn.

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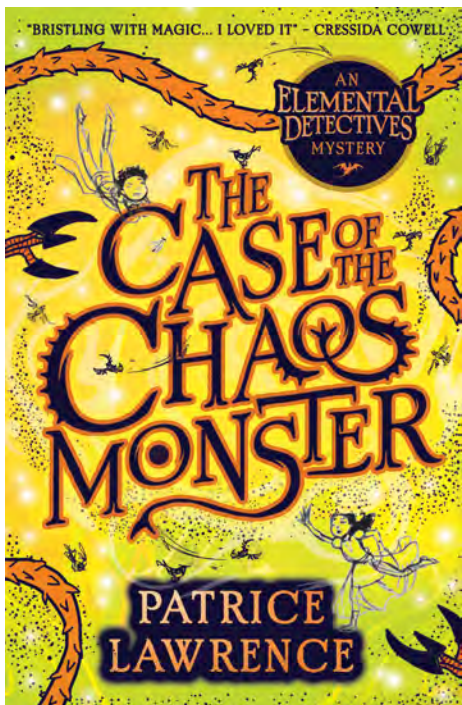
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# FICTION

## THE CASE OF THE CHAOS MONSTER: AN ELEMENTAL DETECTIVES ADVENTURE

PATRICE LAWRENCE



"Bristling with magic... I loved it!" Cressida Cowell on the first book in the series.

Step into a London lit up by the Elemental spirits: the fiery Dragons, the airy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earthbound Magogs. Marisee and Robert - the Elemental Detectives - are back to solve another mystery on the streets of multi-cultural eighteenth century London. An orchestra explodes in Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens and suddenly the music of London disappears... and a terrifying monster stirs off the Greenwich peninsular, threatening to trample London underfoot. The detectives must track down the thief behind the music's disappearance - via the Whispering Gallery of St Paul's Cathedral, a Windmill-with-teeth on the Isle of Dogs and the dark streets of Soho... where a shadowy villain and his mechanical animal spies live.

### Key selling points

- An exciting, page-turning mystery full of clues to crack, action-packed scenes and fantastic monsters.
- Remarkable writing, gloriously imaginative and wonderfully inclusive: this is big, bold, future classic storytelling at its absolute finest.
- "Bristling with magic... I loved it" Cressida Cowell on the first book in the series.

**About the author:** Patrice Lawrence was born in Brighton and brought up in an Italian-Trinidadian household in Sussex. Her first novel ORANGEBOY was one of the most talked-about YA books of 2016 and won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Older Fiction and the Bookseller YA Book Prize that year. Ever since, her work has consistently featured on prestigious prize lists and EIGHT PIECES OF SILVA recently won the Crime Fest Award for Best Crime Novel for Young Adults and the Jhalak Children's and Young Adult Prize for Book of the Year by a Writer of Colour. Patrice has been awarded the MBE for services to literature in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

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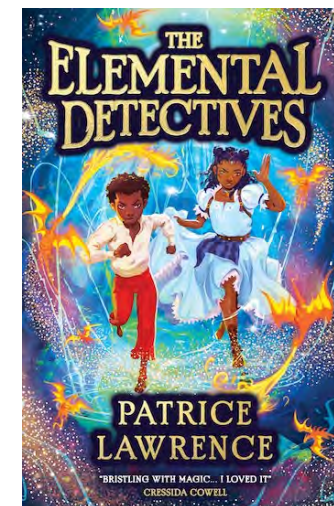
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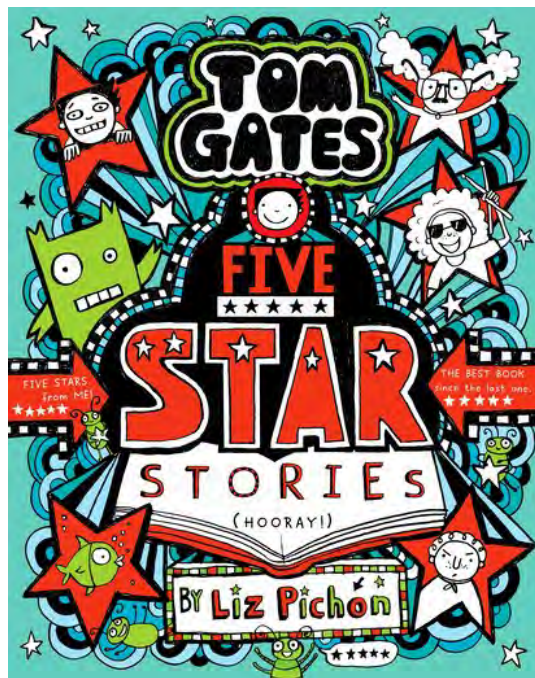
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# FICTION

## TOM GATES 21: FIVE STAR STORIES

LIZ PICHON



The brand new Tom Gates bestseller from multi-million selling writer and illustrator Liz Pichon. <p>Q: Who wants their FIVE STAR funny story included in Oakfield School's story book?

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But Mr Fullerman can only choose the FIVE STAR STORIES - will Tom get his work in on time?

And will Granddad read Tom's story and find out what REALLY happened to Aunt Aggie's hat? (Spoiler alert - probably)

### Key selling points

- Over 5 million copies of Tom Gates books have sold in the UK and the Tom Gates series has been translated into 46 languages.
- TOM GATES has come to the stage, in a production by The Birmingham Stage company which toured the UK in 2019, and is a hit, Scottish BAFTA-winning TV show on Sky Kids. Liz is the bestselling 'homegrown' author/illustrator in the UK.

**About the author:** Liz Pichon studied graphic design and has worked as an art director in the music industry. Her freelance design work has appeared on a range of products and she has written and illustrated a number of picture books. Liz's first book for 9+ readers, 'THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES' won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, The Best Book for Young Readers - Red House Book Award and the Best Fiction for 5-12 year olds category of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Liz is married with three children and lives in Brighton. [www.lizpichon.co.uk](http://www.lizpichon.co.uk) [tomgatesworld.blogspot.com/](http://tomgatesworld.blogspot.com/) @LizPichon

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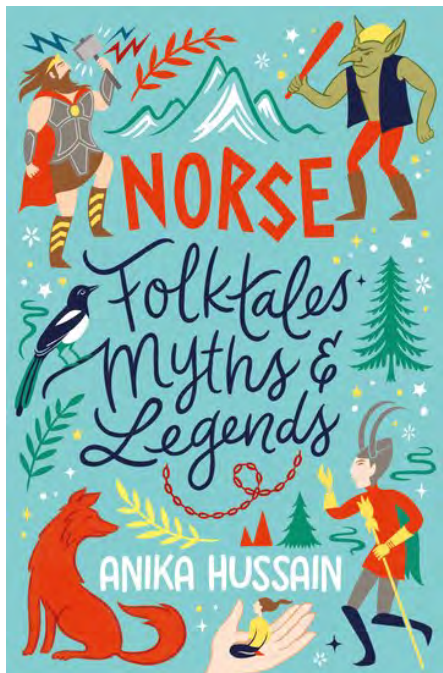


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# FICTION

## SCHOLASTIC CLASSICS: NORSE FOLKTALES, MYTHS AND LEGENDS

ANIKA HUSSAIN



Part of the Scholastic Classics collection, this is a beautiful edition of twenty Scandinavian stories re-told for children - including legends from Norse mythology and folktales from Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Inside, young readers can expect to find legends of the Norse gods Loki and Thor, along with popular Nordic fairy tales like Little Thumbelina and The Three Billy Goats Gruff - plus a host of charming lesser-known stories from Scandinavian lore.

### Key selling points

- Beautiful new edition of retellings bringing together 20 Norse and Scandinavian folktales, myths and legends in a perfect, child-friendly package.
- With Norse myths as well as Nordic fairy tales, this book contains familiar characters seen in Marvel films including Thor and Loki
- Scholastic Classics: introducing generations of book lovers to timeless stories, repackaged especially for young readers. To be included in teacher-focused social media and email newsletters through the Scholastic Teacher channels.

**Anika Hussain** was born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden, but currently lives and writes in Bath, Somerset. She frequently returns to Sweden where she has made TV and radio appearances, speaking about the impact writing has had on her life, the importance of representation, and her work with The Ministry of Storytelling. Anika is also a graduate of the Bath Spa MA Writing for Young People. She has had many short stories and opinion pieces published, with her debut YA novel launching February 2023. When not writing, you can find Anika yelling at the TV about inconsistencies or listening to true-crime podcasts. She also loves corgis with a scary passion.

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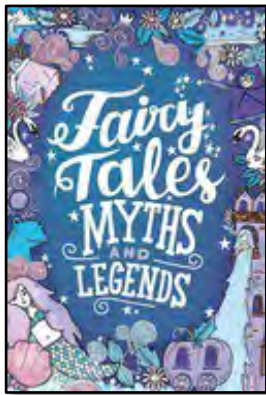
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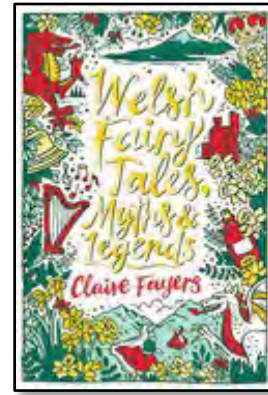
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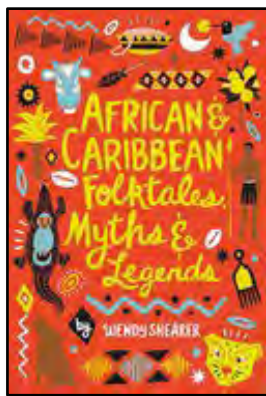
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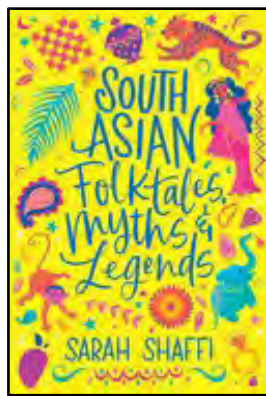
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# FICTION

## THE THIRTEENTH VAMPIRE

**ALICE HEMMING** Illustrated by **KAYT BOCHENSKI**



From Alice Hemming, the bestselling author of *The Dark Unicorn* series, comes a brand-new story filled with vampires and a mystery only one girl can solve.

The town of Valesti was once rumoured to be the home to a family of twelve vampires who wreaked havoc on the towns people. Until, that is, hunters came to kill them all. At least, they thought they'd killed them all . . .

Years later, the rumours are mostly forgotten but some persist - especially those around Castle Bezna, where a mysterious countess lives. Over the years, the countess has enlisted village girls to be her companions, but none of the girls have returned. But when a girl named Vivi decides that the promise of an education and boarding is too great an opportunity to turn down, she packs up her belongings and starts work in the dusty old castle.

But soon Vivi starts to wonder if the legend of the thirteenth vampire could be true. Can she prove the vampires existence, or will she join the long list of girls never to return from Castle Bezna . . . ?

**About the author:** Alice Hemming worked as a librarian, a website editor and an outreach manager for a university before she became a children's book author. Her first book was published in 2013 and since then she's never looked back, writing picture books, middle grade and teen, including the bestselling *DARK UNICORN* series.  
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# YA FICTION

## THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES MOVIE TIE-IN

SUZANNE COLLINS



**The stunning tie-in edition to the biggest movie of 2023, starring Rachel Zegler, Tom Blyth, Peter Dinklage and Viola Davis.**

It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The once-mighty house of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hanging on the slender chance that Coriolanus will be able to outcharm, outwit, and outmanoeuvre his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute.

The odds are against him. He's been given the humiliating assignment of mentoring the female tribute from District 12, the lowest of the low. Their fates are now completely intertwined — every choice Coriolanus makes could lead to favour or failure, triumph or ruin. Inside the arena, it will be a fight to the death. Outside the arena, Coriolanus starts to feel for his doomed tribute . . . and must weigh his need to follow the rules against his desire to survive no matter what it takes...

### Key selling points

- An overall adult and children's chart NUMBER ONE bestseller in hardback in its first week of release. 100,000 copies sold via TCM to date in paperback.
- There are more than 100 million copies of all three books in the trilogy in print and digital formats worldwide and the original trilogy's blockbuster film franchise, starring Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen, has earned nearly \$3 billion at the worldwide box office.
- The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes is a blockbuster new movie release from Lionsgate with an all-star cast including Viola Davis, Peter Dinklage, Rachel Zegler and Tom Blyth.

**About the author:** Suzanne Collins' groundbreaking young adult novels, The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, and Mockingjay, were worldwide bestsellers, received wide praise, and were the basis of four blockbuster films. To date, her books have been published in fifty-three languages around the globe.

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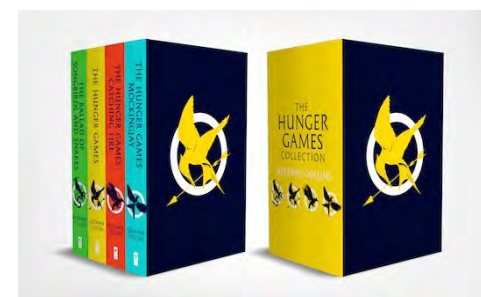
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Ambition will fuel him.  
Competition will drive him.  
But power has its price.

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It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the games.

Directed by Francis Lawrence, who also adapted the original trilogy, the highly anticipated return to the world of **THE HUNGER GAMES** will hit screens 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

'Collins's themes of friendship, betrayal, authority and oppression, as well as the extra layers of lore about mockingjays and Capitol's history, will please and thrill.'

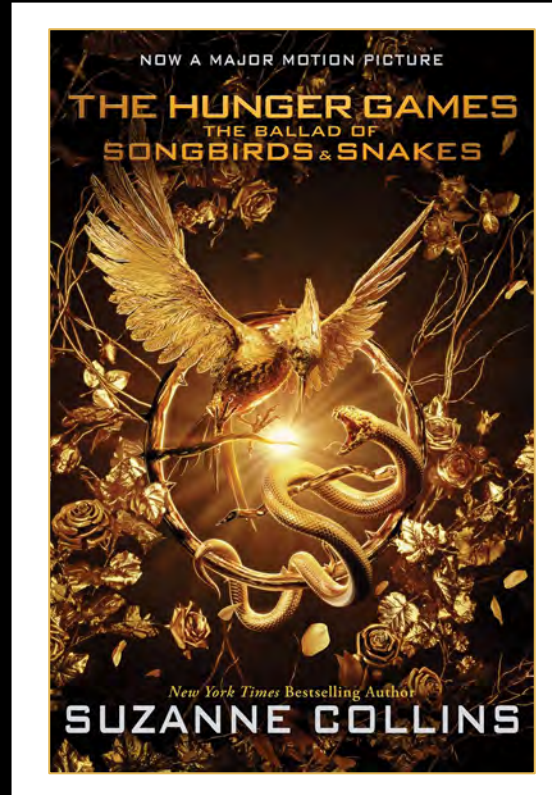
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'Collins once again proves that she is a master of building a fascinating world around complex characters'

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## FILM NEWS AND REACTIONS

Tom Blyth (Billy the Kid, The Gilded Age) will play Coriolanus Snow.  
Rachel Zegler (West Side Story) will play Lucy Gray Baird.  
Josh Andrés Rivera (West Side Story) will play Sejanus Plinth.



The **TEASER TRAILER** is now **LIVE** across YouTube and other social media channels –see reactions below!



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## A TASTE OF DARKNESS

KATHRYN FOXFIELD, CYNTHIA MURPHY



***A chilling, thrilling collection of 13 haunting tales. Perfect for every YA reader!***

From supernatural thrillers to contemporary horror, creepy ancient legends, to murders gone wrong - this insatiable anthology is impossible to put down, and even more difficult to forget.

**From some of the most celebrated authors writing in this space, this must-have collection will keep you awake at night and inhabit your darkest dreams.**

Featuring stories from: Amy McCaw, Maria Kuzniar, Kat Dunn, Kat Ellis, Rachel Faturoti, Kathryn Foxfield, Dawn Kurtagich, Amy McCulloch, Cynthia Murphy, Melinda Salisbury, Louie Stowell, Rosie Talbot, Mary Watson.

### Key selling points

- Chilling thrillers are the boom area of YA and we have market leaders Kathryn Foxfield and Cynthia Murphy included in this collection, alongside bestselling authors Amy McCulloch (Breathless was a recent Waterstones Thriller of the Month in adult space) and Louie Stowell, plus rising star Rosie Talbot.
- Binge-able spooky short stories perfect for fans of HorrorTok and Lockwood & co, this Hallowe'en and beyond.

Contributors include: Kat Ellis, Rachel Faturoti, Kathryn Foxfield, Dawn Kurtagich, Maria Kuzniar, Amy McCaw, Amy McCulloch, Cynthia Murphy, Melinda Salisbury, Louie Stowell, Kat Dunn, Rosie Talbot and Mary Watson.

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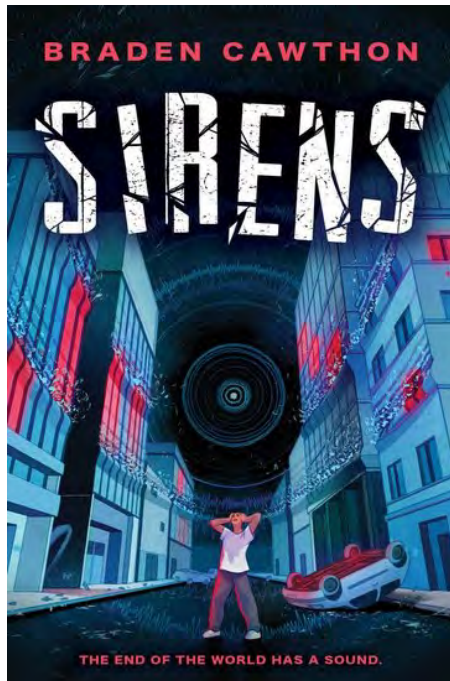
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## SIRENS

BRADEN CAWTHON



**A thrilling, apocalyptic horror debut from Braden Cawthon, perfect for fans of KR Alexander and Joe Hill!**

Joel Walker wakes up to a world suddenly and frighteningly changed. In the wake of a massive power outage, an otherworldly siren begins to blare, changing all that listen to it for too long in frightening ways. Desperate to find his mother and little sister, Joel will have to survive in a world that is coming apart at its seams.

An edge-of-your seat thriller that will have readers guessing until the end, this debut novel is sure to make a huge splash with YA readers

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### Author information

Braden Cawthon is an author and computer scientist from Texas. When he's not writing or working on his PC, he spends his time enjoying an assortment of different video games and playing with his cat. Though he enjoys writing thrillers, his favourite genre is fantasy.

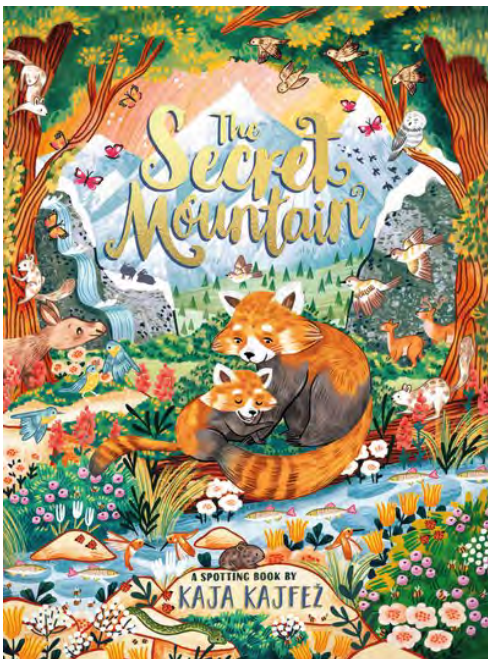
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# NON FICTION

## THE SECRET MOUNTAIN

KAJA KAJFEZ



A stunning nature search book, perfect for sharing with little ones.

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Written and illustrated by Kaja Kajfez, *The Secret Mountain* will take readers on an awe-inspiring journey from the icy peaks of Mount Everest in the Himalayas to the grassy structure of Kirkjufell in Iceland.

It's a beautiful gift for parent and child to look at together and is sure to provide hours of enjoyment, along with an appreciation of the natural world.

### Key selling points

- The third in a new series of search books set in the natural world
- Each title will showcase a different author-illustrator
- Explores mountains across the world, from North America to Asia
- A beautiful gift for parent and child to look at together
- Sure to provide hours of enjoyment, along with an appreciation of the natural world
- Full of charming moments to discover

**About the author-illustrator:** Kaja Kajfez is an illustrator, visual storyteller and creative thinker. She completed a degree in Multimedia, Design and Application at University North in Croatia and established her own illustration studio in 2017, focusing on children's book illustration, lettering and surface pattern design. She enjoys long walks in nature.

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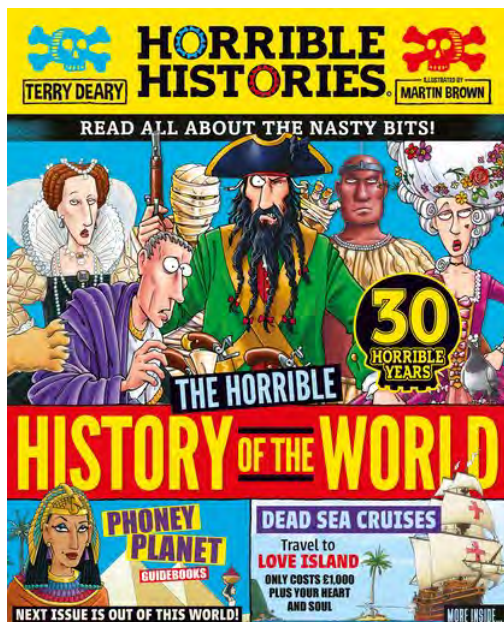
A young snow leopard is following her mum as she guides her to the cold and misty grounds to hunt. Look at their beautiful fur. It keeps them warm in the cold habitat and helps them camouflage while hunting their prey.

Can you spot a lone bear in the lower altitudes?  
WHAT MIGHT HE BE SEARCHING FOR?

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## HORRIBLE HISTORIES: HORRIBLE HISTORY OF THE WORLD (NEWSPAPER EDITION)

TERRY DEARY Illustrated by MARTIN BROWN



The master of making history fun, Terry Deary, turns his attention to the foul but fascinating Horrible History of the World, from brain-nibbling Neanderthals to terrified teenage soldiers in the twentieth century. A brand new classic Horrible Histories book, perfect for fans old and new.

### Key selling points

- A brand new HORRIBLE HISTORIES series look
- From the team that brought you everything from Awful Egyptians to the Woeful Second World War
- *Horrible Histories: The Movie - Rotten Romans* was released in the cinemas in July 2019
- Horrible Histories BAFTA award-winning TV series returned for season 9 in spring 2021
- Horrible Histories is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2023
- Over 30 million copies of Horrible Histories books in print internationally
- The perfect book for children who like their history a little more gory

**About the author:** Terry Deary has written fiction and popular non-fiction, including more than 60 HORRIBLE HISTORIES titles. He lives in County Durham.

**About the illustrator:** Martin Brown was born in Australia but currently lives in Dorset. In 1993 he illustrated the first of the HORRIBLE HISTORIES, and has now contributed to more than 60 titles in the series.

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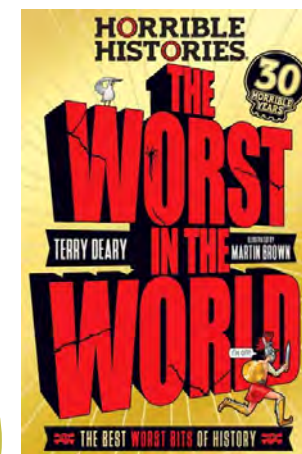
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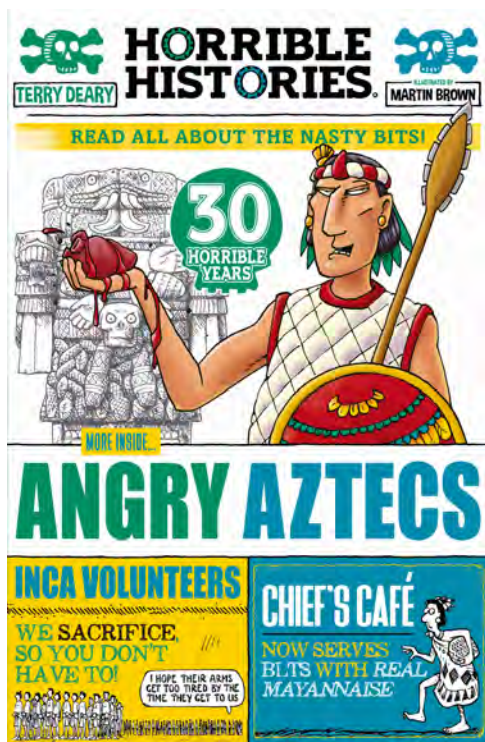
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TERRY DEARY



Discover all the blood-curdling stories with history's most horrible headlines: Angry Aztecs edition. The master of making history fun, Terry Deary, turns his attention to the Aztecs. From why the Aztecs liked to eat scum, when the world is going to end and their horrible habit of drinking live toads in wine, it's all in Horrible Histories: Angry Aztecs. A brand new classic Horrible Histories book, perfect for fans old and new.

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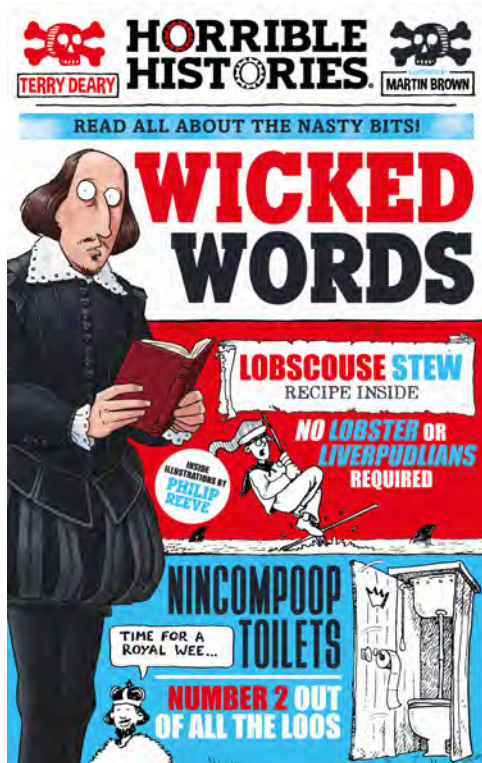
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## HORRIBLE HISTORIES SPECIAL: WICKED WORDS (NEWSPAPER EDITION)

TERRY DEARY Illustrated by PHILIP REEVE



Readers can discover all the foul facts about WICKED WORDS, including how to be very rude ... without anybody knowing, some murky Medieval jokes and what to say if someone calls you mundungus, hackum or jabbernowl. With a heap of extra-horrible bits, these bestselling titles are sure to be a huge hit with yet another generation of Terry Deary fans.

### Key selling points

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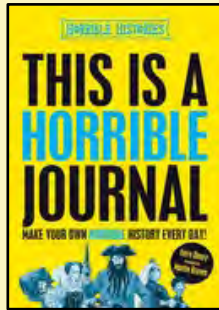
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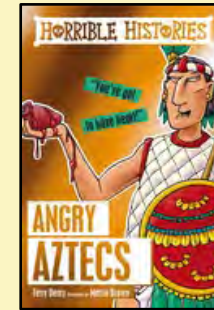
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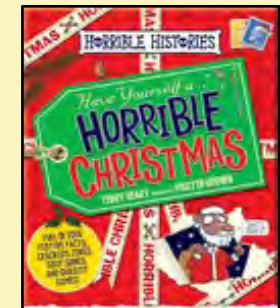
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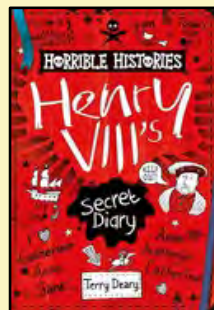
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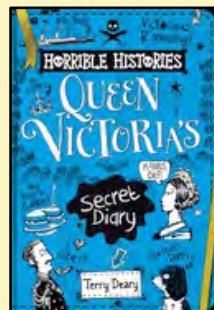
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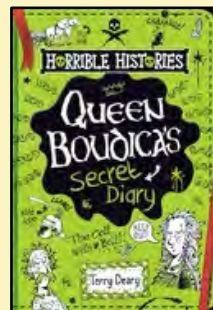
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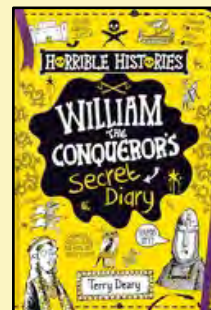
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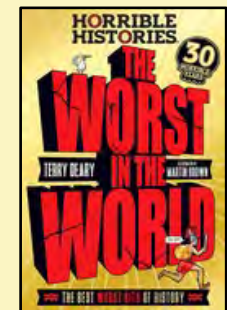
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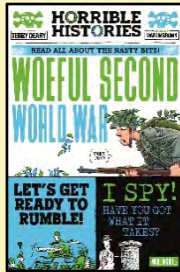
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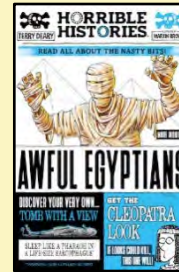
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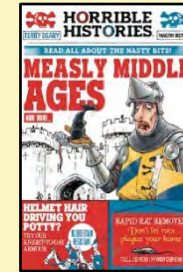
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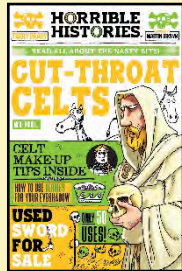
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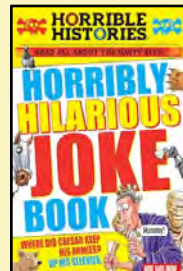
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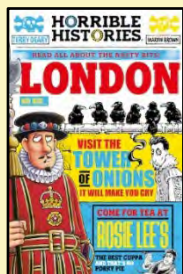
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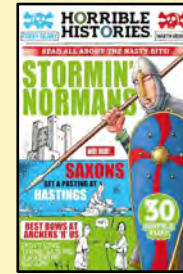
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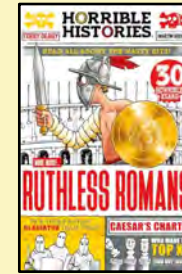
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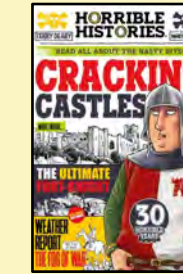
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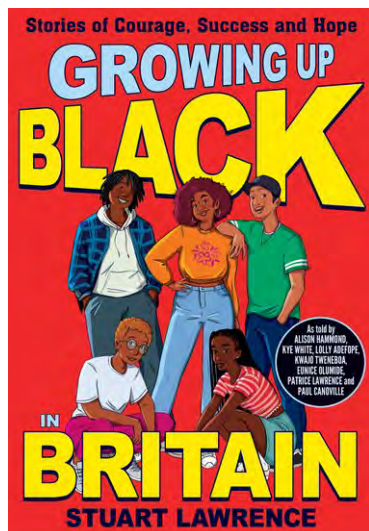


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# NON FICTION

## GROWING UP BLACK IN BRITAIN: STORIES OF COURAGE, SUCCESS AND HOPE

STUART LAWRENCE, ASHLEY HICKSON-LOVENCE Illustrated by SIMONE DOUGLAS



### What is it like to grow up Black in Britain?

Stuart Lawrence, brother of Stephen Lawrence, talks to seven inspirational figures about their childhood experiences, as well as sharing insight into his own.

This is a collection of courageous, thought-provoking and ultimately hopeful pieces set to educate and inspire young people.

### Reviews of Silence is Not An Option:

'This book will change lives' - Marianne Levy, the i Paper

'(...) intended to empower all children irrespective of skin colour to demand a better society... Stephen Lawrence's brightness runs throughout the pages, along with Stuart's love for his brother' - Louise Carpenter, The Times Magazine

### Key selling points

- Stuart Lawrence, brother of Stephen Lawrence, talks to seven inspirational Black figures about their childhood experiences
- Includes insight into Stuart's own childhood
- A collection of courageous, thought-provoking and hopeful pieces set to educate and inspire young people
- Empowering real-life stories for children aged 10+
- Bold page layouts that are stimulating and clear to read
- Written by the younger brother of Stephen Lawrence, who was murdered in an unprovoked racist attack on 22 April 1993
- Stuart is an educator and motivational speaker

**About the author:** Stuart Lawrence is the younger brother of Stephen Lawrence, the young man who, on 22 April 1993, at the age of just 18, was murdered in an unprovoked racist attack. Stuart is an educator and motivational speaker, dedicated to helping to transform the life chances of young people.

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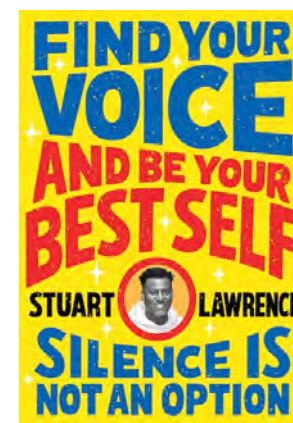
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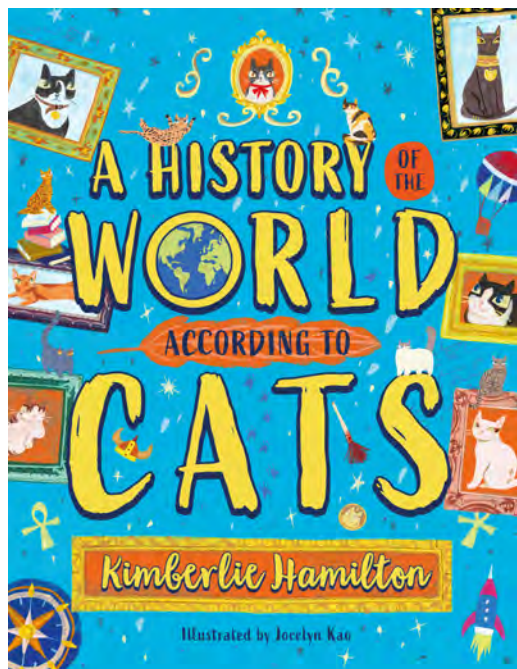
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# NON FICTION

## A HISTORY OF THE WORLD (ACCORDING TO CATS!)

KIMBERLIE HAMILTON Illustrated by JOCELYN KAO



### A cat's-eye view of history!

Discover secrets, stories and facts about history's most fascinating felines! Young historians may never look at the past - or cats! - in quite the same way again. Cats have prowled Earth for millennia, yet the history of the world has always been told through the eyes of humans. But now it's time to - finally! - set the record straight and uncover the key role that cats have played in shaping the course of history. Did you know that ancient Egyptians loved cats so much that they had special laws to protect them? Or that Isaac Newton's cat helped him develop the theory of gravity? How about that Feliette, a French street cat, was the first cat to go into space in 1963?

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A History of the World (According to Cats!) introduces us to fur-raising facts and adventures from around the world and across the centuries. Discover unknown stories about real-life felines, including WWII heroes, courageous adventurers and even an astrocat that travelled in space (and made it back to Earth to tell the tale), this book places cats as the heroes of their own stories. Full of real-life stories, with all the boring stuff left out, this book takes a look at the world's history through feline eyes.

### Key selling points

- Packed full of cat-centric info from around the world and throughout history, this book takes a new look at history – this time from the view of cats! With inspiring real-life stories, this is the perfect gift for cat lovers, young and old. With profiles of over 30 real-life felines Includes WWII heroes, courageous adventurers and even an astrocat that travelled in space (and made it back to Earth to tell the tale)

**About the author:** Kimberlie Hamilton is an author and screenwriter who used to live in sunny Los Angeles and now lives in misty Aberdeen with four feline writing assistants.

She has written all sorts of things over the years but particularly loves writing entertaining non-fiction books for young people with curious minds. This is Kimberlie's fifth book for Scholastic. Her books have been translated into 20 languages.

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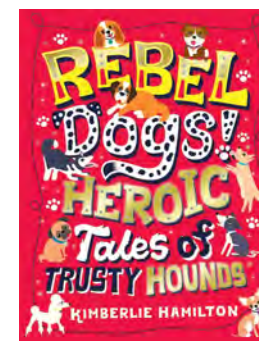
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# MEDIA

## FRIENDS PICTURE BOOK #3: FEELINGS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS

MICOL OSTOW



Get in touch with your feelings in this official Friends picture book, based on the blockbuster TV show loved by fans of all ages!

It's time to express all your emotions! From Phoebe's silliness to Chandler's occasional grumpiness, this picture book will showcase memorable moments from the hit TV show Friends to teach kids about their feelings. Monica, Phoebe, Chandler, Joey, Rachel, and Ross have no shortage of emotions, and we can't wait to ask, 'how YOU feelin'!'

### Key selling points

- Adorable chibi-style art which old and new fans will love
- *Friends* has been translated into 36 different languages and licensed in over 200 territories
- The show was the second most watched series on Netflix in 2019
- #1 show used to learn English globally
- #1 TV show on DVD franchise worldwide
- *Friends* airs 110 times per day!
- 105M unique broadcast viewers
- Fans of all ages will love this picture book
- See inside pages here: <http://www.scholastic.biz/HolidaysFriends03142022/index.html>

### About the author:

Micol Ostow has written over 50 works for readers of all ages, including projects based on properties like Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Charmed, and most recently, Mean Girls: A Novel. As a child she drew her own Archie comics panels, and in her former life as an editor she published the Betty & Veronica Mad Libs game. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and two daughters who are also way too pop culture-obsessed. Visit her online at [micolostow.com](http://micolostow.com).

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# MEDIA

## HARRY POTTER: MAGICAL GAMES COLOURING BOOK

CALA SPINNER Illustrated by VIOLET TOBACCO



**Colour in over 90 pages of Harry Potter characters, patterns and creatures in this spellbinding colouring book!**

This official Harry Potter colouring book features over 90 images to colour! From portraits of Harry and his friends and iconic movie quotes to patterned pages of familiar objects. It's magic at play as you colour in scenes of your favorite games and sports from the wizarding world, like the Triwizard Tournament, wizard chess and Quidditch! Each page features beautiful artwork ready to be decorated by YOU!

**This colouring book will provide hours of magical fun, creativity and inspiration – perfect for Harry Potter fans of all ages!**

### Key selling points

- The official Harry Potter colouring book
- Colour in over 90 magical Harry Potter characters and patterns
- Features characters from the beloved series and moments from the films
- Perfect for Harry Potter fans, old and new

**About the series:** From one of the highest-grossing film franchises of all time, based on the bestselling books come *Harry Potter* and *Fantastic Beasts* – set in J.K. Rowling's unique Wizarding World. Perfect for fans, über fans and new readers alike.

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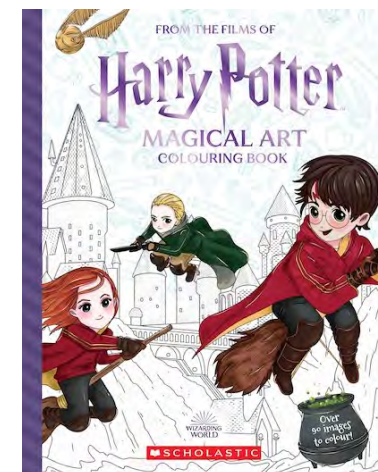
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# MEDIA

## THE OFFICIAL HARRY POTTER COOKBOOK

JOANNA FARROW

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Readers can bake their way through Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! Packed with 45 recipes and gorgeous, eye-catching photography, this baking cookbook inspired by the films is a must-have for every Harry Potter fan.

From Pumpkin Patch Pies to Owl Muffins, Luna's Spectrespecs Cookies to Hogwarts Gingerbread, these 45 mouthwatering recipes that will, dare we say ... ensnare the senses! Readers can host a Great Hall-inspired feast for their friends or delight in a portion for one. This baking cookbook is great for everyone and includes a multitude of gluten-free, nut-free and vegan recipes!

### Key selling points

- Perfect for new and existing fans of Harry Potter
- It has 45 tasty Hogwarts-inspired recipes for readers to create
- Filled with accessible and easy-to-follow recipes, this is great for budding chefs as well as experienced bakers
- J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World is one of the biggest licensed properties of all time

**About the series:** From one of the highest-grossing film franchises of all time, based on the bestselling books come *Harry Potter* and *Fantastic Beasts* – set in J.K. Rowling's unique Wizarding World. Perfect for fans, über fans and new readers alike.



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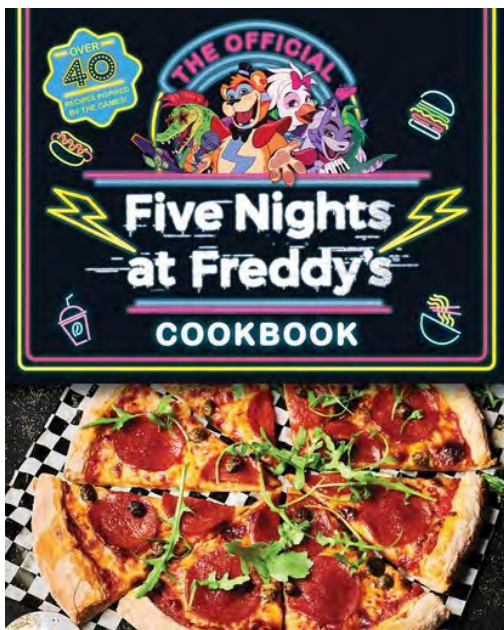
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# MEDIA

## FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S COOK BOOK

SCOTT CAWTHON, ROB MORRIS



The one and only OFFICIAL Five Nights at Freddy's Cookbook, with over 40 recipes inspired by the hit games.

Delight in over forty tasty recipes inspired by the Five Nights at Freddy's games, with gorgeous, eye-popping photography! From Freddy Fazbear's Pepperoni X-Press and Chica's Ultimate Thai Chicken Burger, to Foxy's Fruity Cove Cooler and El Chip's Fully Loaded Tortillas, the official Five Nights at Freddy's Cookbook is packed with mouthwatering recipes that are hauntingly delicious.

### Key selling points

- It has 40 tasty Five Nights at Freddy's-inspired recipes for you to create
- Filled with accessible and easy-to-follow recipes, this is great for budding chefs as well as experienced bakers
- Filled with full-coloured photographs

### About the series:

*Five Nights at Freddy's* is the popular and bestselling point-and-click survival mystery video game created by Scott Cawthon.

### About the author:

Scott Cawthon is the author of the bestselling video game series *Five Nights at Freddy's*, and while he is a game designer by trade, he is first and foremost a storyteller at heart. He is a graduate of The Art Institute of Houston and lives in Texas with his family.

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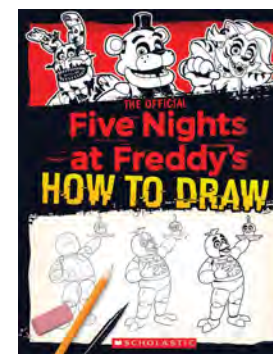
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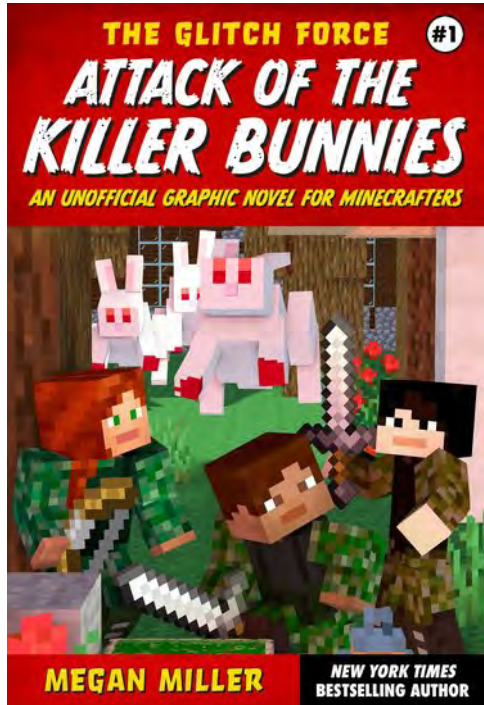
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# MEDIA

## GLITCH FORCE #1 ATTACK OF THE KILLER BUNNIES

(MINECRAFT UNOFFICIAL GRAPHIC NOVEL)

MEGAN MILLER



The first book in an exciting brand-new series by New York Times bestselling author Megan Miller – The Glitch Force!

The Glitch is an elite task force sent in to eliminate a terrifying creature invasion in the dark forest. Never having visited the dark forest before, its members find themselves in a dangerous woodland mansion with evokers and pillagers lurking everywhere. Then there are the unhinged forest villagers to contend with! A full-scale battle ensues, and the team must risk their lives and enlist a team of unreliable but deadly mobs to help them destroy a deceptively adorable threat: an army of killer bunnies with glowing red eyes and an appetite for disaster.

### Key selling points

- A guide to the game that has taken the world by storm: ROBLOX!
- Jam-packed with hints, tips and info
- Everything you need to know to become a great game maker
- 1.5 million UK children regularly play Roblox
- Roblox has more than 100 million active monthly players - 40% are women and girls
- Roblox is a collection of more than 50m games, all created by its community of players
- 100% unofficial

### About the author

Megan Miller is a freelance writer and children's book editor and has been playing video games since the olden days of Castle Wolfenstein and Asteroids. She is the New York Times bestselling author of the Hacks for Minecrafters series, the S.Q.U.I.D. Squad series, and other popular titles for Minecrafters. Since Minecraft 1.2, she's been flying pigs, throwing Ender Eyes to find strongholds, building sugar-cane pyramids, and looking for sneaky ways to kill mobs without getting killed herself. Today, she lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in a Mesa plateau biome, with her own "tamed wolf" named Layla.

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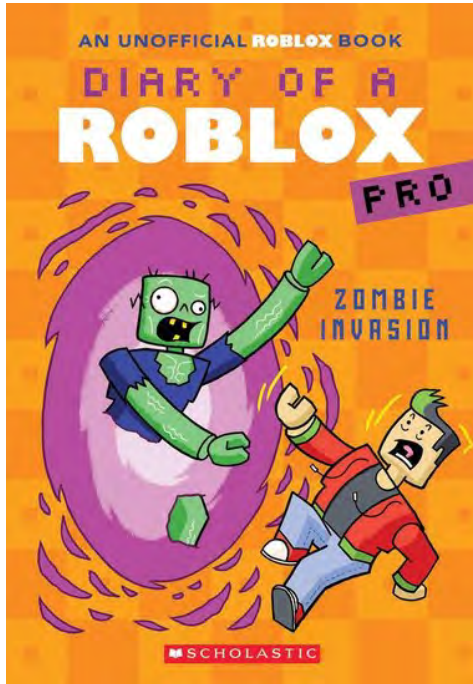
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# MEDIA

## DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO #5: ZOMBIE INVASION

ARI AVATAR



Ari Avatar is just your average Roblox kid living in a blocky world! Battle monsters and avoid disasters in a Roblox world – all through the eyes of Ari and his friends. Diary of a Roblox Pro is a must-read for any kid who loves to game!

Ari and his friends are on another adventure in the fifth title in the unauthorized Diary of a Roblox Pro series! Citizens of Blockville have been going missing, and there are rumors that a new threat looms over Ari's town. Ari's best friend Zeke thinks it's zombies. But those don't exist... right?!

### Key selling points

- A must-read for gamers
- Perfect for kids who love Roblox
- Filled with action, adventure and fun!

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## ANIME AND MANGA MEGA HANDBOOK

SCHOLASTIC



Become an anime and manga expert with this must-have, 100% unofficial guide! Chock full of cool info, anime and manga fans will not want to miss out! From One Piece to Sailor Moon, Haikyuu to Spy x Family, the Anime and Manga Mega Handbook has everything you need to know about amazing anime and manga!

Pure evil shouldn't look wimpy. Or lopsided. Make your baddies look well and truly BAD. Serious villains show that they mean business. (You know: that 'don't meet me in a dark alley' kind of look.) So make sure yours look as if they do. That means evil expressions, spooky gestures, vicious weapons.

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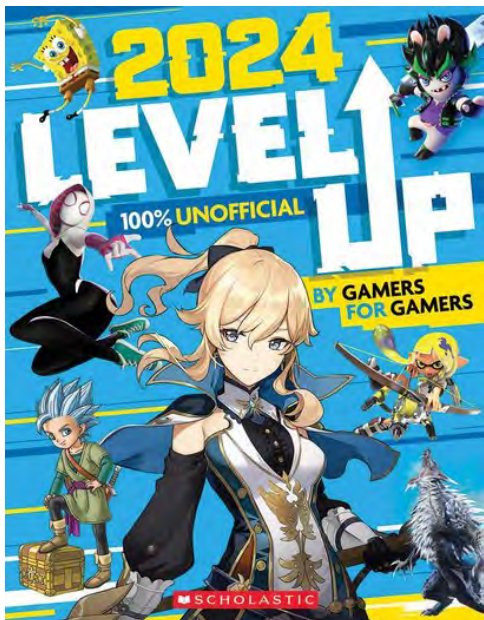
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# MEDIA

## LEVEL UP 2024

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Gear up for the ultimate annual video game guide! Level Up 2024 is brimming with tips and tricks on the year's hottest games!

Get set for a wild year of gaming with this mega guide to all the year's best! Level Up 2024 is your one-stop-shop guide to all the coolest games and consoles. Inside you'll find hidden gems and need-to-know info on everything from Legend of Zelda and Pokemon to Fortnite and Genshin Impact.

All games featured in Level Up 2024 are rated T for Teen or younger – perfect for young gamers.

### Key selling points

- This definitive guide includes the latest information on the hottest games of 2022, how they were developed, and how to beat them
- *Level Up 2023* is packed with secrets, stats, tips and tricks for fan-favourites
- All games featured in this guide are rated T for Teen or younger - perfect for young gamers

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# MEDIA

## PIGGY: PERMANENT DETENTION

VANNOTES \_



Join Willow and newcomer Cami as they escape from the clutches of PIGGY and a danger-filled elementary school in this terrifying original graphic novel adventure!

Welcome to the bone chilling, pulse-pounding world of PIGGY, the survival-horror game that will keep you up at night.

After the outbreak of a zombie-like disease that's turned the world upside down, Willow and her mysterious team, the Silver Paw, do all they can to stay alive. It's not so easy when there's dangerous creatures called "the infected" and their leader, PIGGY, roaming the streets. Danger is around every corner.

When PIGGY ambushes Willow and newcomer Cami, the two escape to an abandoned school only to find they'll have to survive a barbarian clan of kindergartners, a gladiator pit in the cafeteria, and more all with PIGGY hot on their trail. Can they escape in one piece? Or will this be the end of Willow and the Silver Paw?

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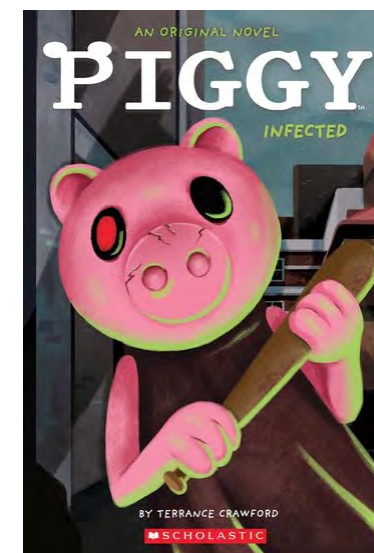
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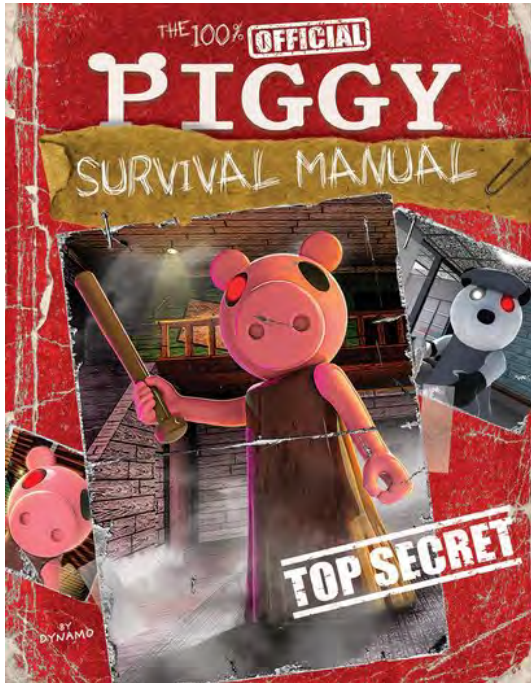
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# MEDIA

## PIGGY: PIGGY GUIDE BOOK

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Fans will not want to miss the very first official guide to PIGGY! Full of tips, tricks, lore and more, this guide has everything you need to survive!

Make it out alive with PIGGY: The Official Guide! This handbook includes everything you need to survive in the terror-filled world of PIGGY! Uncover secrets, master every book and chapter and learn all there is to know about the world and characters of PIGGY.

### Key selling points

- Based on the popular survival-horror game, PIGGY
- This handbook has everything you need to survive in the world of PIGGY
- A thrilling guide book full of secrets, monsters and adventure

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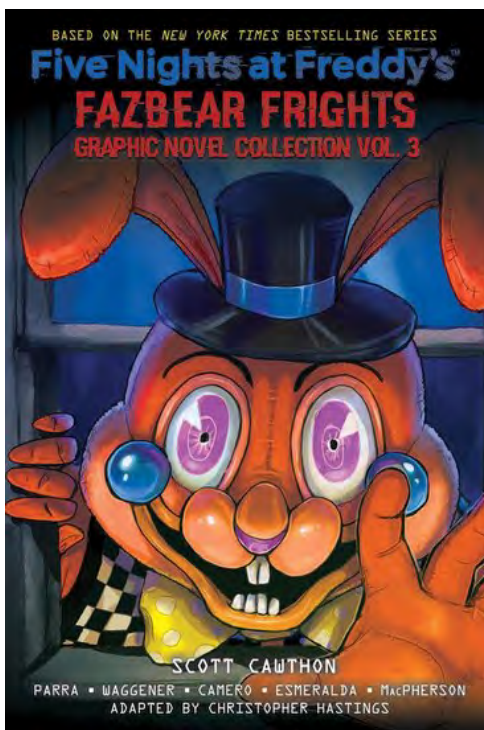
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# MEDIA

## FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S: FAZBEAR FRIGHTS GRAPHIC NOVEL #3

SCOTT CAWTHON



The New York Times best-selling series is now a graphic novel! Five Nights at Freddy's fans won't want to miss this pulse-pounding collection of three novella-length comic stories that will keep even the bravest player up at night . . .

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### Key selling points

- This collection of terrifying tales is enough to unsettle even the most hardened Five Nights at Freddy's fans
- Told through delightfully scary artwork
- Three novella-length comic stories that will keep even the bravest player up at night
- Five Nights at Freddy's Fazbear Frights is a NYT Bestselling series!
- This series features the newest, futuristic animatronics and settings from the upcoming Freddy games
- Perfect for gamers and fans of horror

**About the series:** *Five Nights at Freddy's* is the popular and bestselling point-and-click survival mystery video game created by Scott Cawthon.

**About the author:** Scott Cawthon is the author of the bestselling video game series *Five Nights at Freddy's*, and while he is a game designer by trade, he is first and foremost a storyteller at heart. He is a graduate of The Art Institute of Houston and lives in Texas with his family.

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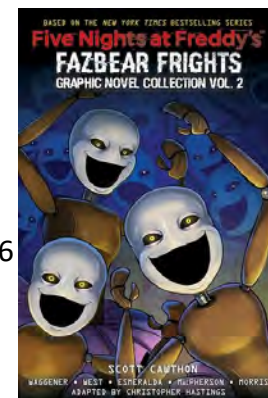
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## KLUTZ: SEW MINI CUTE THINGS

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There are trendy, gender neutral designs - making it perfect for everyone!

Included in the kit are watercolour paints, a booklet of beginner-friendly painting techniques, art cards and brush.

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- Klutz kits include everything needed to create exciting crafts
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- Comes with a brush and a booklet full of beginner-friendly techniques
- Includes trendy, gender-neutral guided designs, making it the perfect gift for everyone

**About the series:** The best thing about Klutz's award-winning products is that you're never left looking for the extras. Everything you need is included in a package that provides first-rate materials with clear instructions for a hands-on learning experience that ranges from the artistic to the scientific.

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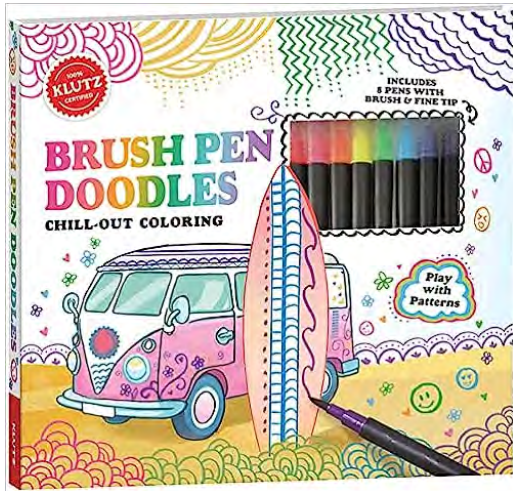
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- Brilliant shapes and foolproof stencils create total artistic satisfaction
- Contains child-friendly instructions, tips, techniques and scenes to decorate
- Perfect gift for creative hands-on kids

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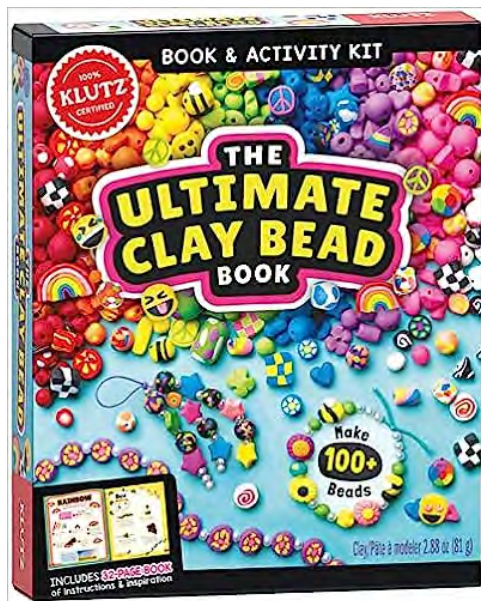
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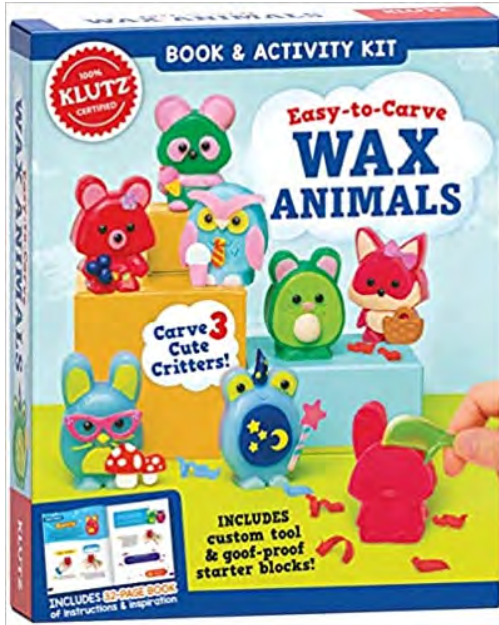
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- Learn sculpting techniques like carving, etching and smoothing. Add additional pieces of colored wax accents and eyes to make your carving come to life.
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