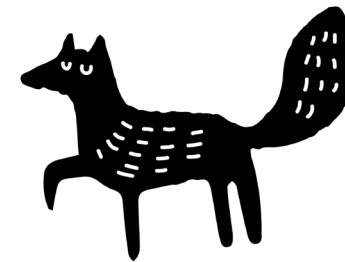




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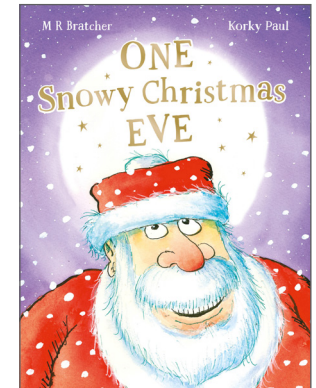
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## ONE SNOWY CHRISTMAS EVE

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*I heard a tale some won't believe, on one  
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There is wonder for all on this snowy night in this exciting, new, poetic tale for the festive season. Christmas Eve will never be the same again!

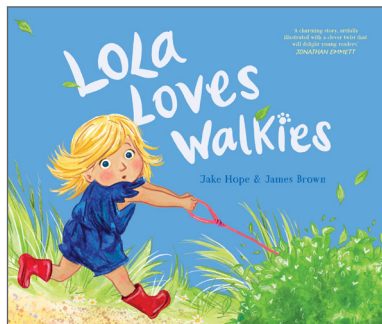
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Join Lola as she plays hide and seek, leaps in and out of the long grasses and watches her poochy pals fetching sticks on an adventure that's a walk in the park!

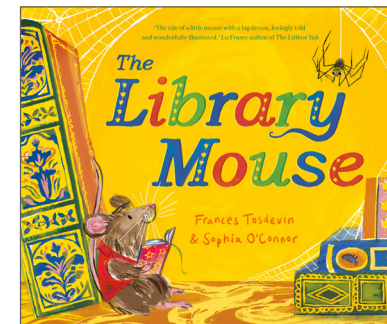
*"A wonderfully warm story of friendship and fun,  
with the most brilliant twist!"*

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## THE LIBRARY MOUSE

Frances Tosdevin,  
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From dream duo, Frances Tosdevin and Sophia O'Connor (creators of *The Bear and Her Book*, and *The Bear and Her Book: There's More to See*), we present a brand new picture book.

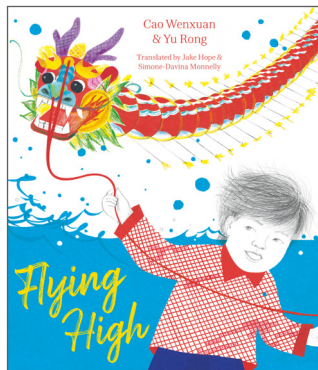
Quill, the mouse, is a dreamer! He longs to write stories and share them with children in his beloved library. But getting his words noticed seems impossible for such a small creature. Can he and his spider friend, Leggsy, find a way to make his voice stand out from the crowd – or will Quill's stories remain forever unheard?



## FLYING HIGH

Cao Wenxuan,  
illustrated by Yu Rong  
Translated by Jake Hope &  
Simone-Davina Monnelly

*The Visible Sounds*, illustrated by Yu  
Wrong was shortlisted for the  
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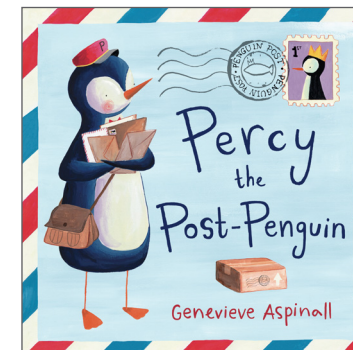


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## Percy the Post Penguin

Genevieve Aspinall

*Cheesed Off*, Genevieve's first  
illustrated picture book, written by  
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the Klaus Flugge Prize.



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Have you ever felt small and low?

Can Wawa the bird find a way to help her friend see that being different can be a strength, giving a child the courage to fly a kite at the town's festival?

Join the pair on an extraordinary and inspiring journey through the wonders of the world, helping to grow understanding and confidence.



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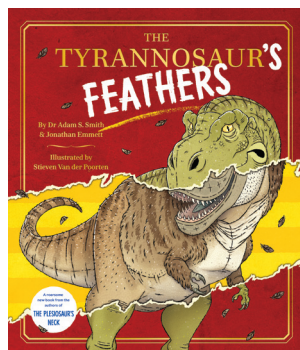
In the chilly South Pole, a hardworking little penguin named Percy lives next to his post office. But not many residents of the South Pole seem to know it is there. With determination and confidence Percy sets off on a mission to make himself known...

Will he be able to make his dream come true and create a successful business?

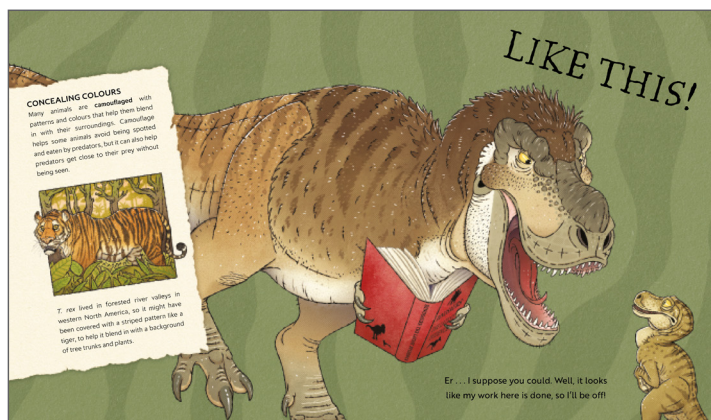
## THE TYRANNOSAUR'S FEATHERS

Jonathan Emmett and  
Dr. Adam S. Smith,  
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Stieven Van Der Poorten

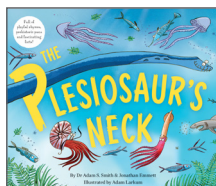
From the brilliant minds of  
world-renowned expert Dr Adam  
S. Smith, award-winning author  
Jonathan Emmett and illustrator  
Stieven Van der Poorten.



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Tyrannosaurus rex may be the king of the dinosaurs, but that doesn't stop know-it-all Velociraptor from telling him he looks old-fashioned and needs a makeover. So, with an improved posture, some restyled body parts and a coat of shaggy feathers, T. rex gets a new look to match the latest evidence.



From the authors of *The Plesiosaur's Neck*, *The Tyrannosaur's Feathers* takes an amusing and informative look at how new discoveries have transformed our understanding of T. rex's appearance since this giant prehistoric predator was first unearthed over a century ago.

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## MY BROTHER GEORGE

Kelly and Zoey Allen,  
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An uplifting story about daring  
to be different, but finding our  
place as part of loving, happy  
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Molly's brother George tells funny jokes and has the best laugh! When they are together, they have all sorts of adventures, whether that's on the beach, climbing trees or snuggling on the sofa at home. Sometimes other children laugh at George and don't understand that his long hair and clips are just part of who he is and how he is.



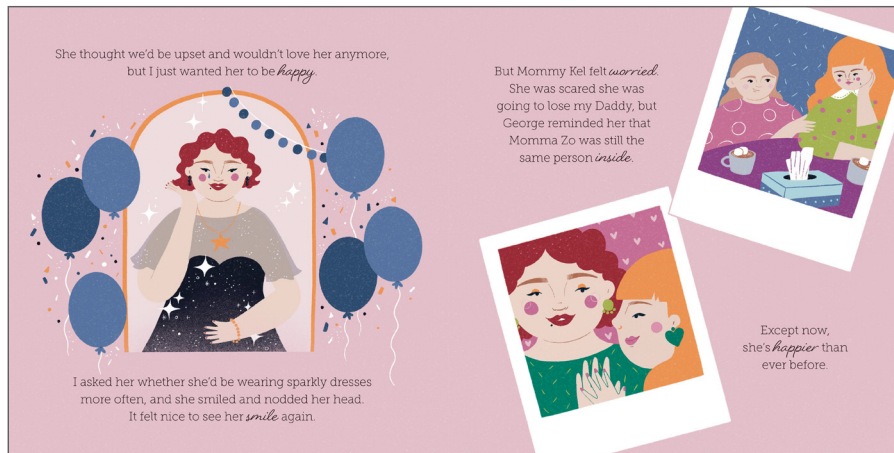
## MY MOMMA ZO

Kelly and Zoey Allen,  
illustrated by Tara O'Brien

"We used to call her Daddy.  
She was often sad and unhappy,  
but nobody knew why."



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Happy families come in many shapes and sizes. Molly's includes Momma Zo, Mommy Kel, George, and Ziggy the dog. Whether they are taking trips to the beach or staying at home crafting, life is always busy with lots to do! An empowering story of a family that helps to support one another through happy and challenging times, helping each other to feel confident and comfortable in who they truly are.

## A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

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A heart warming Christmas tale  
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*A Family Christmas* is a deceptively simple rhyming story that carries us along as Christmas Day unfolds. With family, festivities and fun at its heart, and all the magical ingredients needed to make the perfect Christmas Day.

## THE BEAR AND HER BOOK: THERE'S MORE TO SEE

Frances Tosdevin,  
illustrated by  
Sophia O'Connor

"The bear gave a sigh and she  
waved a paw,  
I'm a curious bear, who must  
explore,  
The world is big, and there's  
more to see -  
And I'll find this bear who is  
not like me"



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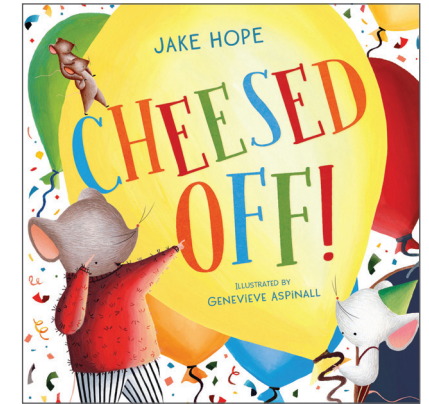


With the call of the wild giving her itchy paws, the bear sets off on a new adventure with her book, fixing problems and making friends as she travels. But will she find the strange bear from her book - and if so, will it be that different?

## CHEESED OFF!

Jake Hope, illustrated by  
Geneveive Aspinall

A playful and interactive picture  
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and Children's Book Consultant,  
Jake Hope.



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It's time for a P-A-R-T-Y and  
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Join the fun with photos, presents, party foods and some special  
surprise guests in this enjoyable and engaging story . . .



'Whisker-twitchingly fun!'  
*The Daily Mouse's Nose Paper*

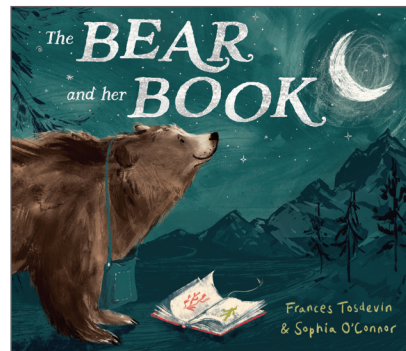
'A brie-lliant party story!'  
*The Cheesy Smellograph*



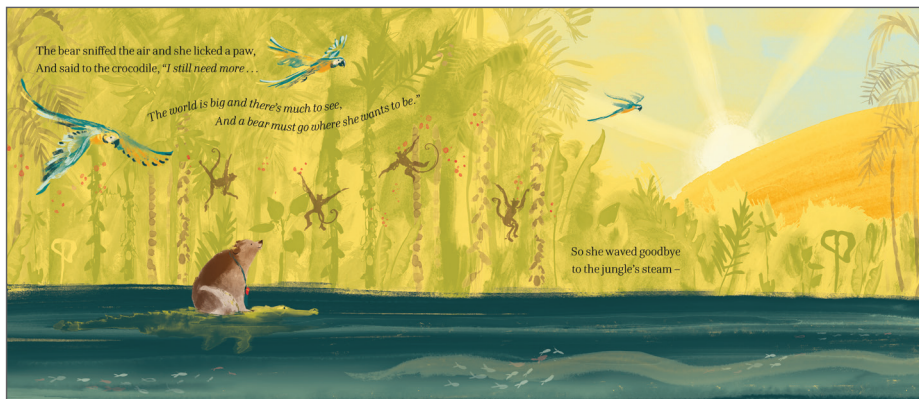
## THE BEAR AND HER BOOK

Frances Tosdevin,  
illustrated by  
Sophia O'Connor

“The world is big and there’s  
much to see,  
And a bear must go where she  
wants to be.  
And a bear as curious as me —  
longs to gaze at the starlit sea!”



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A book-loving bear sets off to see the world. She takes one special thing — her Bear’s Big Book of Being Wise. But when she meets different creatures — each needing her help — she discovers that books aren’t just brilliant at fixing problems, they can also help you make new friends. And if you’re lucky, books can take you to a very special place indeed . . .

## THE VISIBLE SOUNDS

Yin Jianling,  
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*The Visible Sounds* brings a message of hope and joy to children living with a disability, and is an inspirational reminder that dreams can become reality.



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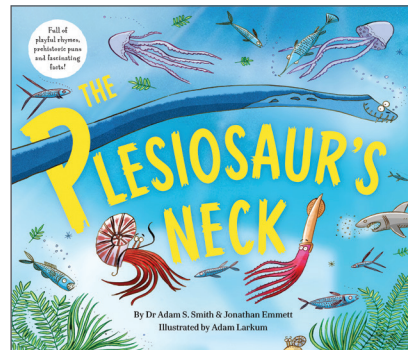


Based on the true story of Chinese dancer Tai Lihua, *The Visible Sounds* tells the uplifting tale of a young child dealing with the frustration and solitude of hearing loss. Alone in silence, the child’s life is changed forever when a something unlocks a vibrant new world, now blazing with rainbows of visible sounds.

## THE PLESIOSAUR'S NECK

Dr Adam S. Smith and Jonathan Emmett, illustrated by Adam Larkum

**“There’s one thing about her that’s hard to ignore, THAT RIDICULOUS NECK! What on Earth was it for?”**



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Poppy the plesiosaur had a preposterously long neck – but what was it for? Did she use it to pluck off pesky parasites, to zap predators with electricity or to ambush unlucky fish?

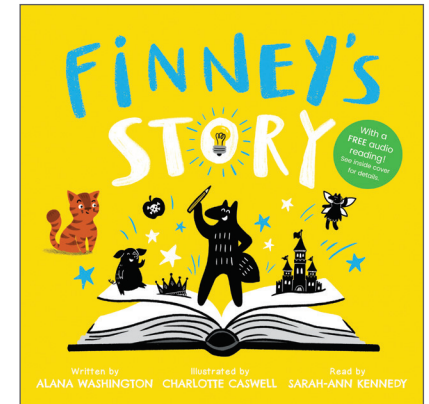
From the brilliant minds of world-renowned plesiosaur expert Dr Adam S. Smith, award-winning author Jonathan Emmett and illustrator Adam Larkum.

## FINNEY'S STORY

Alana Washington, illustrated by Charlotte Caswell

***Be original! You are one of a kind, and so is your story!***

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Finney the Fox wants to write a book. He's just bursting with ideas. The only problem is . . . all the original ideas are gone! Or are they? Join Finney as he tries to find his story, with a little help from a friend.

Based on the UCLan Publishing logo, Finney the Fox has been brought to life by competition winner Alana Washington and illustrator Charlotte Caswell.





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## THE MAGIC FACES SERIES

Esi Merleh,  
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Open the MAGIC face paints and adventure awaits...

Six year old twins Alanna & Austin are living with their Aunty Kessie and her lovable but anxious sausage dog, Ozzy. Their favourite thing to do is explore their aunt's studio.

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# HEROES OF THE PIRATE SHIP

Austin, Alanna, and sausage dog Ozzy have been transformed into pirates! Their mission is to find a golden treasure chest before their time in this world runs out. When two very suspicious pirates climb aboard the New Leaf ship and start snooping around, Austin and Alanna know they must help their crewmates . . . can they save the ship and complete their mission on time?

# SUPERHERO MEGA MISSION

The magic face paints have transformed Austin, Alanna and sausage dog Ozzy into superheroes! When two supervillains, Foul Prune and Brains, swoop into the busy City Museum in a flying machine, they steal a priceless gem and Austin and Alanna narrowly escape being hit with their Freeze Ray. Alanna Storm and Austin Steel must track the supervillains down, return the gem and save the museum before their time in this superhero world runs out!

# MONSTER MAYHEM

With the help of a magic paintbrush, Austin has been transformed into a werewolf, and Alanna is a vampire. Their mission is to find a crystal ball, but when a pair of evil skeletons steal a witch’s wand, mayhem ensues on the dance floor. Will Austin and Alanna take back the wand and complete their mission before their time in the monster world runs out?



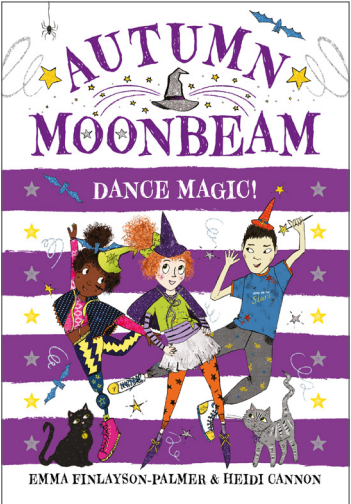
# AUTUMN MOONBEAM

Emma Finlayson-Pamer,  
illustrated by Heidi Cannon

Enchanting, fun and full of heart, this is a story about growing into yourself, following your dreams and making new friends along the way. With added stunts and magic, of course.

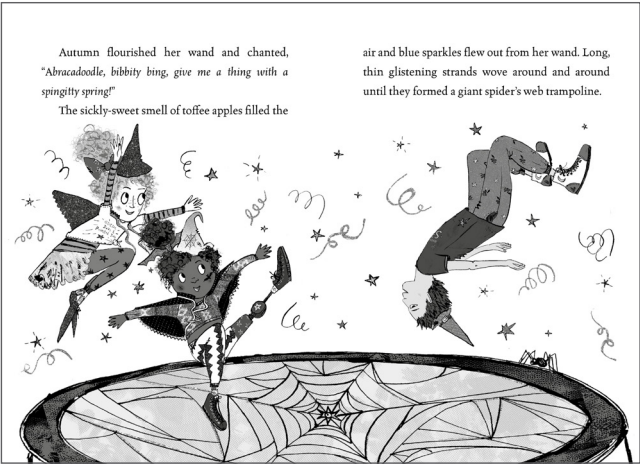
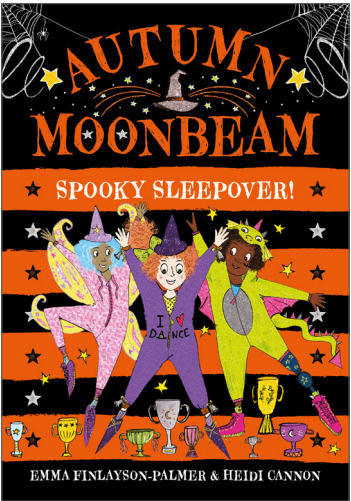
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“A lovely book brimming with joy.” HANNAH GOLD

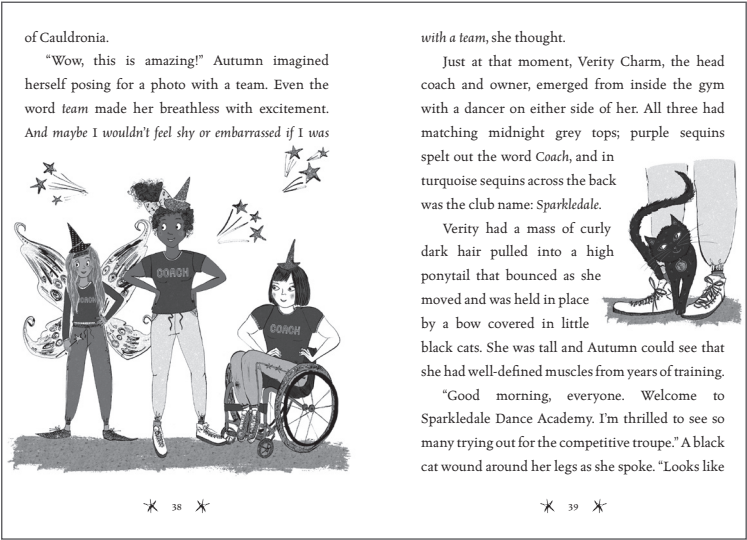
# AUTUMN MOONBEAM:DANCE MAGIC

Autumn Moonbeam loves gymnastics and dance so when Sparkledale Dance Academy have tryouts for their competitive dance team, Black Cats, she thinks it's the most broom-tastic opportunity ever! Just one problem, Autumn is nervous and worries she won't make it onto the team. And then she discovers that her nasty neighbour Severina Bloodworth, who is always throwing unpleasant comments her way, is trying out too. But with her best friend Batty by her side can Autumn overcome her shyness, lack of confidence and magical mishaps to be chosen to join Sparkledale Dance Academy?

# AUTUMN MOONBEAM: SPOOKY SLEEPOVER

It's Autumn's first day at Sparkledale Dance Academy. She loves dance and gymnastics so being an official member is a dream come true!

With lots of magical mishaps at the team bonding sleepover, can working together help Autumn and her friends find out who is behind the strange goings on at Sparkledale?



*"Full of charm, friendship and lots of sweet-smelling spells!"*  
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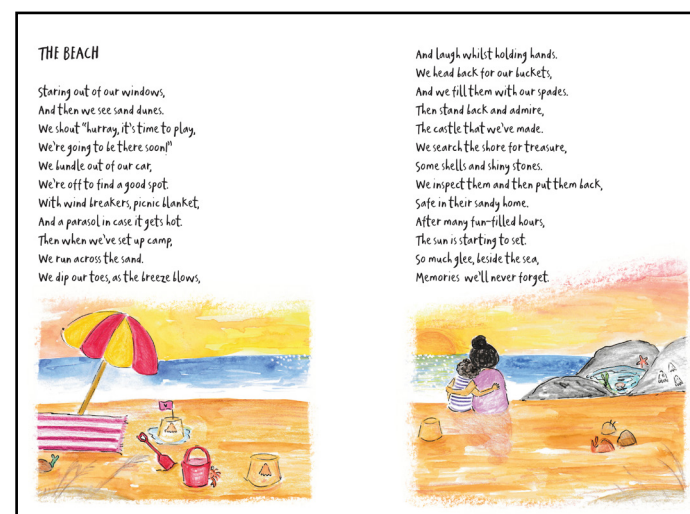
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Kerri Murphy

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It takes you on a journey from April showers in spring, to the frosty mornings of winter and everything wonderful in between. Celebrating all that nature has to show us and the little things that we can enjoy together throughout the year, it encourages you to get outside and look for and talk about signs of spring, summer, autumn and winter.

You can pick up *There is a Season* and dive into crunchy autumn leaves or wander through a summer meadow with Kerri's poems and cosy and colourful illustrations that sit alongside each one.

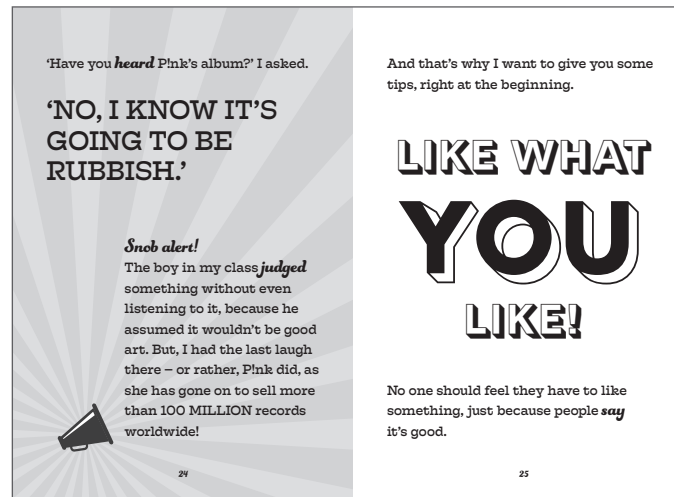
## ART IS EVERYWHERE

Joe Hadow,  
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The ultimate guide to awesome  
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*"A marvellous book brimming with  
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*Art is Everywhere* will highlight creators from singers to actors, artists to photographers, while encouraging children of nine years and over to explore their own passions and discover the creativity within themselves. Through illustrated chapters, the book will showcase the importance of art in our everyday lives, examine the history of some of the great artists of the last 50 years, and their impact on the works of contemporary artists, complete with tips on how to be an artist and words of wisdom from some of the best singers, writers, actors, dancers, poets, musicians and artists on the planet.

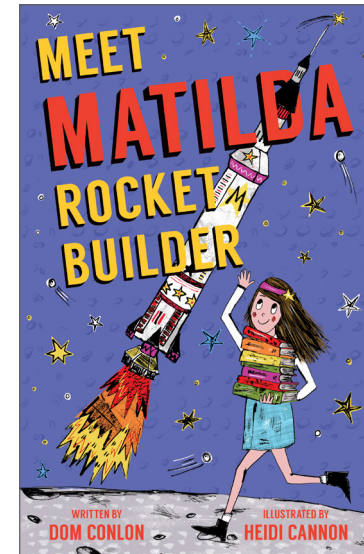
## MEET MATILDA

Dom Conlon,  
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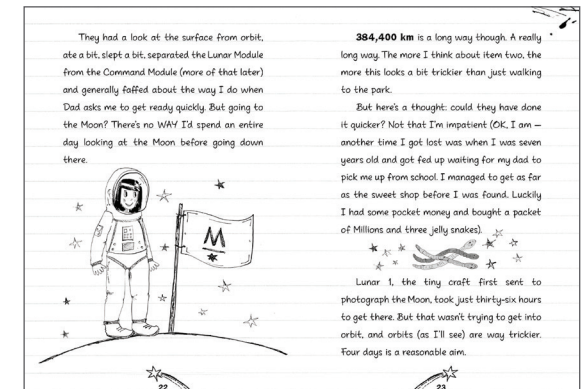
Going to the Moon is SO last  
century, so how difficult can it be –  
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the footsteps of Neil Armstrong and  
the Apollo astronauts?



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So, you want to make contact with  
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## MEET MATILDA ROCKET BUILDER

Dom Conlon, illustrated by Heidi Cannon

Meet Matilda, the girl who'll give it her best shot to learn everything she needs to learn in order to get there herself. From how to pee in zero-G to why pizzas won't take you up, up and away, this is science for the curious!

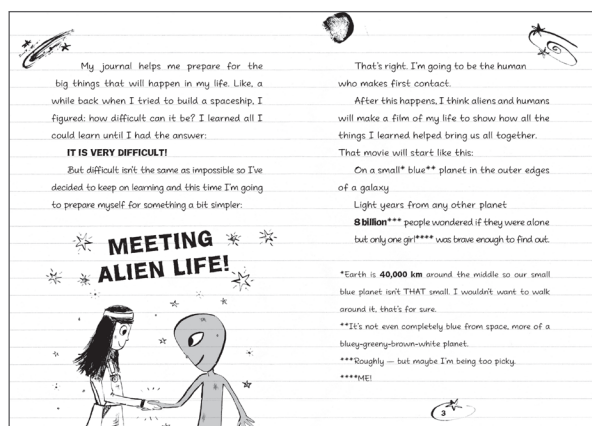
Told as a journey of discovery, it's full of easy-to-understand facts about air pressure, escape velocities, coding, and falling around the Earth, in a way which will inspire the next generation of moon walkers.

## MATILDA MEETS THE UNIVERSE

Dom Conlon, illustrated by Heidi Cannon

Meet Matilda as she launches her mission to discover how likely it is that life exists on other planets. With the help of her friends and family she learns all she can. What was the Big Bang? How does the universe expand? How are stars and planets are formed?

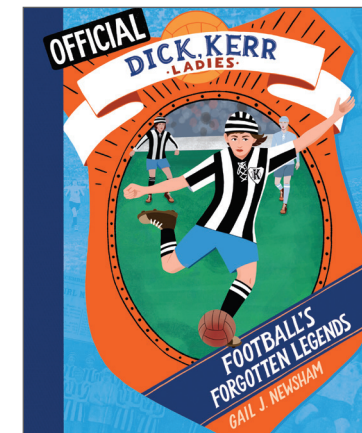
Along the way she will discover the electromagnetic spectrum, the speed of light, and so much more in an easy-to-understand look at physics, history, language, and of course the all important snacks.



## THE DICK, KERR LADIES: FOOTBALL'S FORGOTTEN LEGENDS

Gail J. Newsham, illustrated by Thui Bui

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From the founding of the team in World War One to the eventual ban of the women's game by the FA, join the team in their journey to the top of the league.

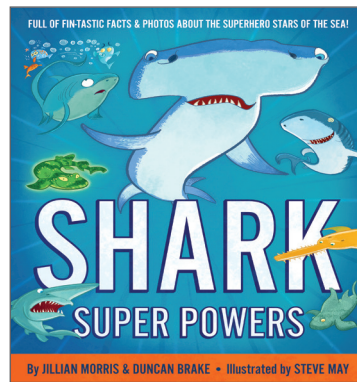
Written by a world authority on the Dick, Kerr Ladies, and featuring original artefacts and a history of the game, this Companion Guide is a must for any football fan.

# SHARK SUPER POWERS

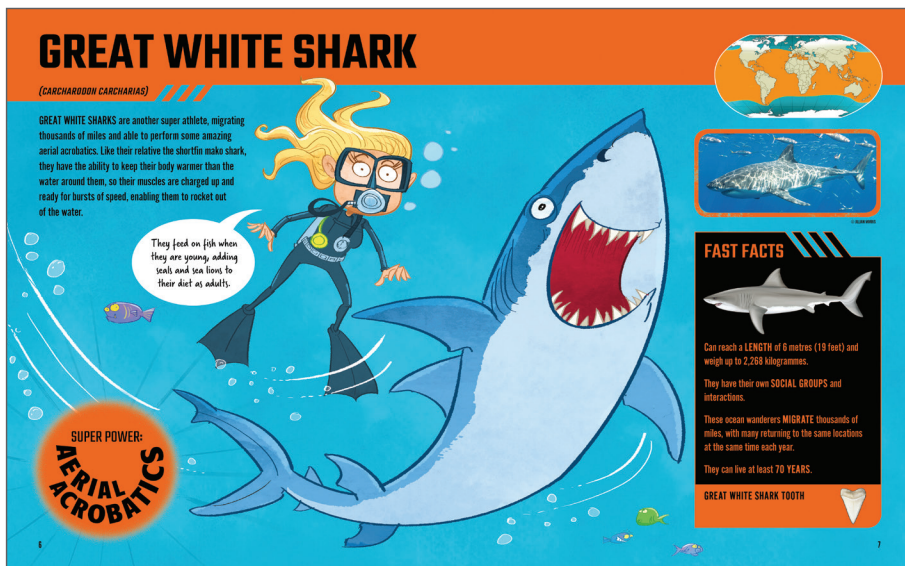
Jillian Morris and Duncan Brake, illustrated by Steve May

We all know about the Great White, but do you know about the shark that can glow in the dark? Or the one that can trump to lose buoyancy?

Shark Super Powers is the perfect guide for any shark fanatic.



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Dive right in with marine biologists Jillian and Duncan as they take you into the depths of the ocean. There you'll discover all sorts of weird and wonderful sharks you perhaps didn't know existed. Learn all about these amazing creatures and their extraordinary super powers.

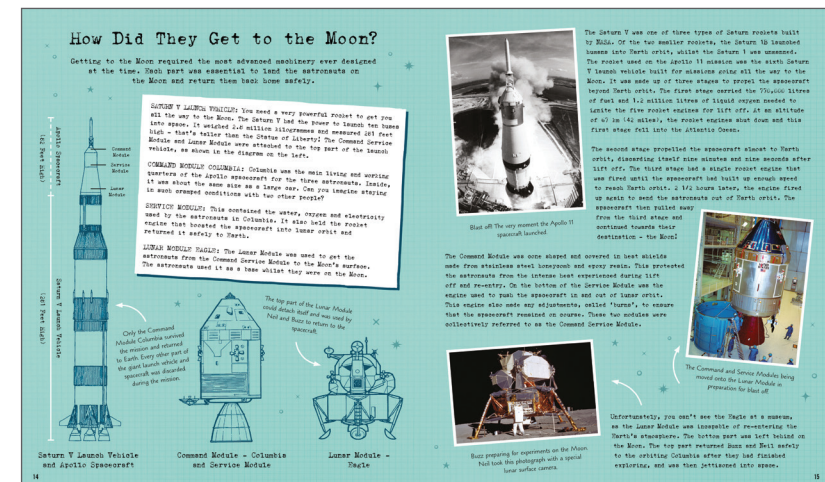
# BLAST OFF TO THE MOON!

Produced in association with British Interplanetary Society (BIS)

An accessible book for children that will inspire and encourage a love of learning about science and space.



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Based on the original NASA Press Kit for the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Mission, this is full of exclusive never-before-seen content from the BIS archives. Includes an introduction written by Helen Sharman, the first woman to visit the Mir Space Station!

This book captures the excitement of the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing, how it happened, why it happened, what the team discovered and what followed on Earth.



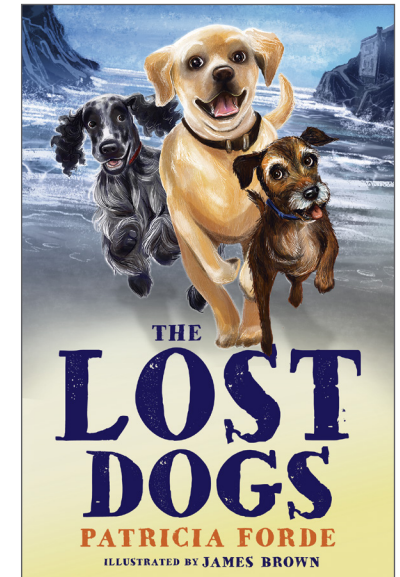
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### COMING SOON **THE LOST DOGS**



Patricia Forde,  
illustrated by  
James Brown

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Meet THE LOST DOGS:

Luna the labrador. She's a worrier. She can't imagine how her family will survive without her to look after them.

Bella the golden cocker spaniel. She's lost most of her memories but can still remember a home where she was loved.

Eddie the terrier. An optimist who sees the funny side in everything. But since his owner died, it looks as if the dog pound might be his fate.

Thrown together when their worlds fall apart, these three dogs will share the biggest adventure of their lives. They'll break out of prison, go on the run, be shipwrecked and homeless; they will dodge the cruel dog warden and risk their lives to save other dogs from a criminal gang. However much they have lost, they will discover a new kind of family in each other. But will they find their way home?



## COMING SOON THE STITCHWORT CURSE

Alexandra Dawe,  
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Etta Starling has never set foot outside Stitchwort. Shrouded by a dark curse for over a century the estate is lost and forgotten.

These last few last surviving members of the Starling clan can never leave; to pass the boundary wall means certain death.

But just because they can't leave doesn't stop someone else getting in....

## COMING SOON HANNAH MESSENGER AND THE GODS OF HOCKWOLD

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“My name is Hannah Messenger. I’m eleven years old and I’m the greatgranddaughter of Zeus and Hera, and granddaughter of Hermes, the messenger god, who gave up on humanity when emails were invented.”

The Gods of Olympus and their descendants have lost their memories. They think they are ordinary humans. Only Hannah Messenger and her friends know who they really are. And that means when the God’s objects of power start to go missing, only Hannah and her friends can stop the thief.



## COMING SOON GARGOYLES: GUARDIANS OF THE SOURCE

Tamsin Mori,  
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“Magic is neither good, nor bad  
- it simply multiplies the dreams  
you feed it. Be careful what you  
wish for...”



A crumbling mansion

A magical source

A living gargoyle

A crumbling mansion A magical source A living gargoyle Callen's Dad has always been secretive of his past but when the family have to move into his childhood home, the last thing Callen expects is a boarded-up mansion covered in gargoyles. It's enormous, the doors are nailed shut, the gardens are overgrown... and long-for-gotten magic is returning. When a disgruntled gargoyle wakes up in his presence, Callen must befriend Zariel and earn her trust before it's too late. A dark threat is growing in the shadows and only a Gargoyle Guardian can stop it.

Book 1 in the Gargoyles trilogy.

## COMING SOON PIRATE ACADEMY: NEW KID ON DECK

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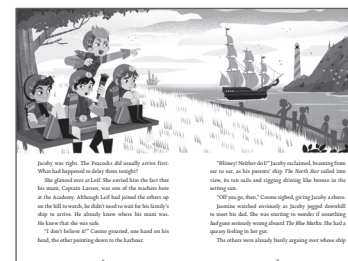
The year is 2507. The oceans have risen. A new dawn of piracy has begun. Pirate Academy is no ordinary school! Lessons range from Knots Class and Sailing to Combat Workshop... When a new kid, the mysterious Neo Splice, arrives, everything changes FAST. Suddenly the dangers are no longer simply out on the oceans but right here, amongst them. In the face of real peril, the students of Barracuda class must put everything they have learned to the test against a ruthless and seemingly unstoppable new enemy.



## PIRATE ACADEMY: MISSING AT SEA

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The whole of Pirate Academy is abuzz with anticipation for the upcoming Oceans Bound weekend. It's the first time the young pirate apprentices of Barracuda Class will set sail as five independent crews – with no teacher oversight! - for a 48-hour period. But, when Jasmine is told that her Uncle Noah – a ringleader of the League of True Pirates – has, against all odds, broken out of the Pirate Federation's maximum security prison. Fearing that he will try to make contact with Jasmine, the Head and Deputy give Jasmine the chance to opt out of Oceans Bound. But Jasmine is not about to let her renegade uncle ruin everything.





## THE SECOND HAND BOY

Jennifer Lane,  
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Rachel Clark

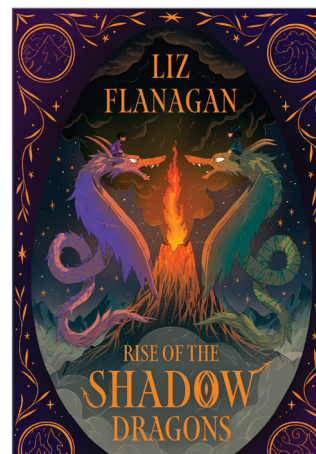
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When his best friend leaves town, Billy finds himself all alone as his world comes crashing down around him. Between swerving the bullies and looking after Mum, there seems to be no escape from his problems.

However, when Mum gives him a second-hand book, everything changes. Billy finds himself drawn into an icy world of parallel universes where things aren't quite as they seem...

The Second-Hand Boy is an emotional middle-grade story of overcoming mental health difficulties and loneliness, tackling life-changing problems head-on



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*"Teeming with tension, danger, fast-paced action, fiery friendships and dragon riders, this is a thrilling middle-grade epic full of heart, hope and themes of migration and tolerance which will strike a chord with youngsters."*  
**LANCASHIRE POST**

## DRAGON DAUGHTER

On the island of Arcosi, dragons and their riders used to rule the skies. But now they are only legends, found in bedtime stories, on beautiful murals and ancient jewellery.

Then servant girl Milla witnesses a murder and finds herself caring for the last four dragon eggs. Forced to keep them secret amidst the growing tensions in the city, she begins to fear that the island's ruler, Duke Olvar, isn't all that he seems. But how can Milla and her friends keep the eggs safe when it means endangering everything she's ever loved?

Fiery friendships, forgotten family and the struggle for power collide as Milla's fight to save the dragons leads her to discover her own hidden past.

## RISE OF THE SHADOW DRAGON

Jowan wants only one thing - to bond with a dragon of his own. Then disaster strikes and his world suddenly turns into a darker and more dangerous place. But a new friend and an astonishing discovery could lead him to what he has always wanted... if he is just willing to take a leap of faith and brave the impossible. He needs to act fast though - a volcano is waking up!

## THE PIRATES DRAGON

Serina and Raff live on separate islands, each believing the other's people to be their sworn enemy. Forced together in dramatic circumstances, they become unlikely friends while caring for their young dragons. But when Serina's home, family, and all the dragons of Arcosi are threatened, can Raff and Serina persuade their families to work together? It will take faith, forgiveness and courage to save the dragons!

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Catherine and her family set out for her grandmother's house deep in the Derbyshire hills. Sheltering from a storm in an old cruck barn with her younger sister and brother, it becomes strangely familiar to her, and she is drawn back to a time when three children sheltered all winter away from a terrible plague that was devastating their village.

Written by a master storyteller Children of Winter recreates the time when the tiny village of Eyam in Derbyshire cut itself off from the rest of England in 1666.

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A suspenseful story of emotional  
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Josh is such a worrier. He worries about everything. Water slides. School. Global warming. Sleepovers. But he knows something is really wrong when his mum and dad begin to act strangely... His family is moving to Brighton and he must start a new school with new teachers, new pupils and new everything!

He used to have his own Worrybot - a home-made cardboard robot which was supposed to eat up his worst fears if he wrote them down on bits of paper and posted them into its mouth. It did help a bit ... but now Josh is terrified that his anxiety will return when he starts at his new school. And he is more than a bit surprised to discover that there's a robot in his new class - a real-life learning robot which sits on the desk next to his and allows classmate Charlie to join lessons remotely. Soon Charlie becomes Josh's best - perhaps his only - friend.

Will Charlie's friendship help Josh overcome his fears, or will it just give nasty Noah more reasons to make fun of him? And why won't Charlie come to school anyway?

## WENDINGTON JONES AND THE MISSING TREE

Daniel Cokery,  
cover illustration by  
Marco Guadalupi

Enola Holmes meets Indiana  
Jones in this epic story of mystery,  
adventure and learning to live with  
grief along the way.



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Wendington Jones has her world abruptly up-ended when her adventuring mother dies in a car crash in late 1920. Left in the care of her Grandmamma and her valet Rohan, Wendington receives a parcel in the middle of the night, seemingly from her dead mother.

It's half of a manuscript from a book her mother was writing, and describes a mystery surrounding the mythical Tree of Life. When Wendington reads that the tree could have the power to bring her mother back to life, she throws herself into finding the remainder of the manuscript and solving her mother's mystery. However, her initial attempts are laced with danger. Other people also seek to find the Tree of Life and Wendington has to trick, fight and talk her way out of many perilous situations. Does Wendington have what it takes to complete her mission?



## THE WILDSMITH SERIES

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When war threatens her beloved city, Rowan and her mother must flee to the Dark Forest, meeting Grandpa and his white wolf Arto for the first time. Though she misses her father, Rowan makes new friends - including a trio of powerful witches. When she rescues a baby dragon from poachers, she discovers the secret of her own identity: Rowan is a wildsmith! Fostering a whole clutch of dragons, the summer speeds by. But when danger threatens, Rowan and her grandpa must call on all their friends for help.

“Wildsmith has everything I want in a story – magic, mystery and dragons!”  
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Rowan starts to embrace her gifts as a magical wildsmith who heals and speaks to animals. But saving a young pegasus brings difficult decisions. Danger comes closer than ever, threatening her family and even Rowan's own life. When she is betrayed, which friends can she trust? With her family divided and war still raging, where does Rowan belong now?



“A lush, rich, page-turning adventure from one of the most versatile writers we have. There's no genre Liz can't write in...”  
**PHIL EARLE**



## COMING SOON WILDSMITH: THE HIDDEN SEA

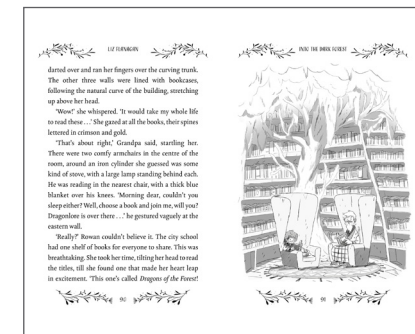
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Rowan has been working as a wildsmith, rescuing magical animals. But when she finds herself alone and far from home, this time Rowan is the one who needs to be rescued! She travels deep into enemy territory and makes some surprising discoveries, coming face to face with great danger. With the help of new friends – and old ones – will she ever make it home again?

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The epic conclusion to the Wildsmith series. When the young prince is kidnapped, the wildsmith Rowan has an important role to play in his rescue – but time is running out. Can she rescue the prince, keep the fragile peace, and save another magical animal in need?



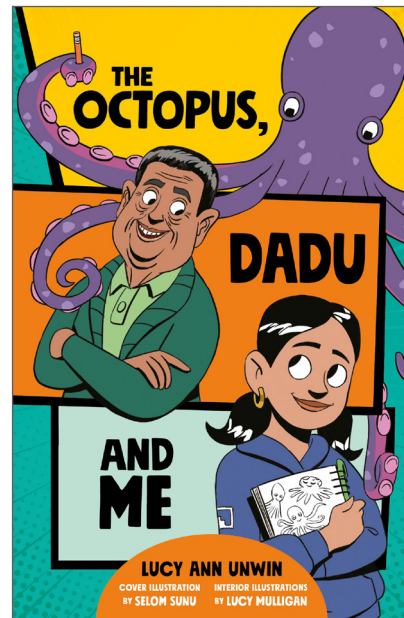
## THE OCTOPUS, DADU AND ME

Lucy Ann Unwin,  
cover illustration by Selom Sunu, interior illustrations by Lucy Mulligan

**FACT:** Octopuses have three hearts.

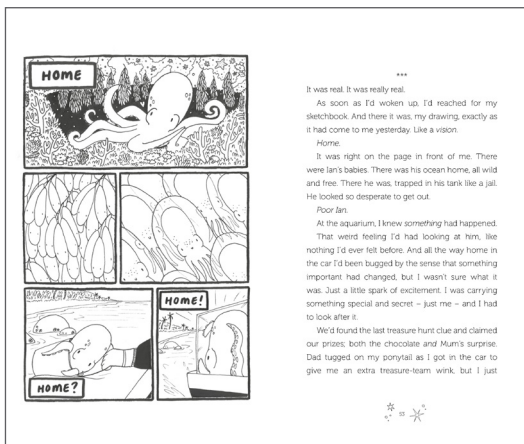
**FACT:** Octopuses have BEAKS, like BIRDS.

**FACT:** The octopus at the aquarium is psychic!



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***"It's a beautiful story of love & grief, art & friendship, and the changes that come to families as you grow up."***  
**SARAH DRIVER**

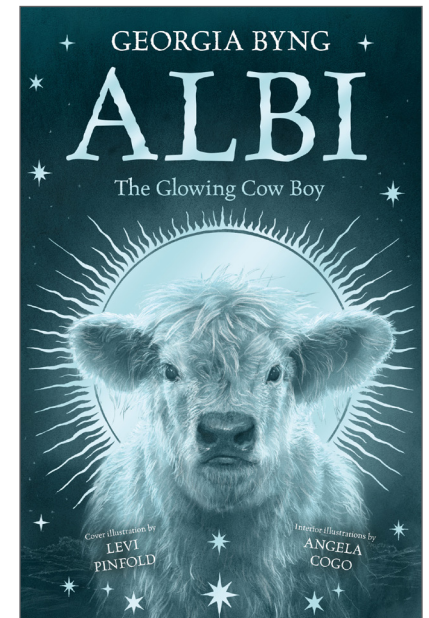
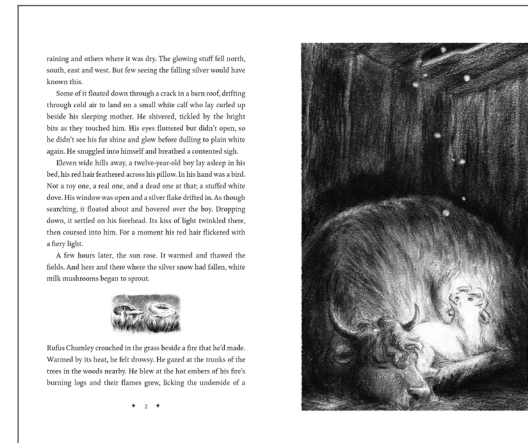


Sashi feels like she has three hearts and they're all breaking. She's losing her beloved Dadu to dementia, and her parents don't even want her to visit him any more. She hides from her grief in the aquarium, and that's where she meets Ian. Like her Dadu, Ian is trapped. Like her Dadu, Ian should be at home with his family. And then Ian tells her he's in danger and only she can help him escape. Except Ian just happens to be an octopus...

## ALBI: THE GLOWING COW BOY

Georgia Byng  
cover illustration by Levi Penfold, interior illustrations by Angela Cogo

**An epic, one-of-a-kind story to encourage empathy and open questioning minds**



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On a quiet farm in a frosty England, under the glowing light of a magical milk moon, a boy calf is born. His name is Albi, and he has no idea how extraordinary he is going to be. Several miles away lives a human boy called Rufus. Rufus is extraordinary in his own way, but he has no friends and no one to love him. Rufus seeks the family he never had, and he'll go to any lengths to find it. Albi and Rufus must each embark on a journey that will take them across continents, showing them things they never believed could be true. But why are they so deeply connected? And will each extraordinary boy find what they're searching for?

***"Prepare to have your heart stolen, your imagination fired, and your mind blown by the adorable Albi, a small cow with a big message!"***  
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Philip Caveney

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A brand new stand-alone Middle Grade adventure from the author of *Sebastian Darke*, Philip Caveney.



Ned is awkward, a little shy, and just trying to find his place in the world. He also happens to be the assistant to the nation's most feared highwayman, The Shadow . . .

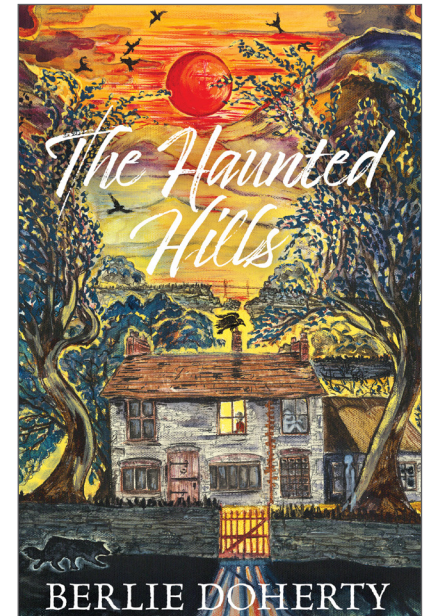
In a time when highwaymen ruled the roads, Ned is reluctantly swept up into a whirlwind of adventure. Whilst escaping the grasps of the thief-takers, Ned soon finds himself stepping into his Master's shoes and an unwanted life of crime. The pressure is building with new friends and enemies galore when Ned stumbles upon a longinfamous gem, The Bloodstone, which forces him to make an important choice. Can he ultimately escape this new threat and finally free himself from the grips of The Shadow?

## THE HAUNTED HILLS

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*"Berlie Doherty is a children's literature legend."*  
SF SAID



When Carl visits the Peak District with his parents to try and recover from the fallout of a horrific accident, he becomes caught up in the mysterious tale of the Lost Lad. Are the hills actually haunted or is Carl being chased by his own demons? As past and present collide, Carl must learn to come to terms with the loss of his best friend, Jack and find a way to move on.

*"It's a beautifully written story of grief and friendship woven through with myth and the power of the landscape. It won't leave my head."*  
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## THE OCTOBER WITCHES SERIES

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*"The October Witches is such a witty, lovely read about a family of witches who only get their magic in Octobers. If you like eccentric aunts, riffs on Arthurian myths, and excellent soup then this is for you."* **ANNA JAMES**

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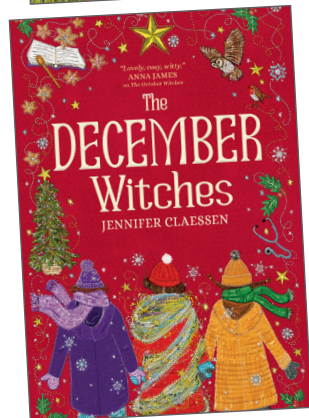
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## THE OCTOBER WITCHES

There's so much to love about October – Halloween, pumpkin everything and MAGIC. Especially magic. But for nervous young witch Clemmie, this October might see the stars descend on her for the first time, bringing with them a whole month of chaotic newpower. She's spent twelve years watching her mum, aunts and cousin receive their October power and knows that, for the Merlyns, magic can get very messy.

And there are those who want to harness their magic and make it last beyond October. It's a bold experiment, until Clemmie and her coven find themselves in mortal danger. What price must be paid for magic that never ends? Or for having magic at all?

## THE NOVEMBER WITCHES

Having sent their October magic packing, Clemmie wants to make amends. And so she starts with mending their ancient family tapestry. But she's only just started on her good deed when knights start arriving at Pendragon Road. But if there's no more magic, then where are they coming from? And why do they all need Mirabelle's favour? What even is a 'favour'?

As the plague of knights turns menacing and determined to capture witches, the young hags set off for their enemy coven, the Morgans, to get answers. The Morgans don't have any answers – they are on the run from their own problem: a bonfire of epic proportions. Neither the Morgan or Merlyn covens want to burn so they will have to work together to solve the mystery of where the witch-hunting knights and the all-engulfing flames are coming from.

*"This is such a warm-hearted and joyful story about finding your magic. I was completely charmed. A comforting hug of a book, with a sprinkling of peril and adventure too!"*  
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## HOW TO BE MORE HEDGEHOG

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*How to be more Hedgehog is  
about friendship and family and  
finding the courage to speak out.*



Lily has a stammer. The signal between her brain and her mouth is all messed up – and it's getting worse. When a video of her practicing her class presentation is uploaded onto YouTube - head thrust forward, eyelids fluttering, lips stretched wide - Lily's nightmare begins. Cyberbullying, kids at school whispering, even best friend Mia laughing behind her back. Lily's confidence takes a nose-dive and she can only see one way out: run away to Dad in Scotland and start all over again.

But Lily quickly realises that running away isn't the answer - that her stammer will follow her wherever she goes...

*"The story of Lily and how she deals with her  
stammer is touching and inspiring"*  
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Jasmine Richards,  
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Two friends awaken a world of myth and magic in this epic middle grade fantasy perfect for fans of Rick Riordan. It's not every day that you find a famous weather woman bound by magic to a tree deep in the woods. Or discover that the weatherwoman is in fact Sunna, the Norse Goddess of the Sun, and one of the seven day guardians who keep time in order. But that's just what happens to new friends Buzz and Mari--and it's only the start of their adventure. Now, as humanity are forced into a lockdown called the Unmorrow Curse and are forced to repeat the same Saturday over and over again, Buzz and Mari must journey to collect the Runes of Valhalla and awaken the other day guardians, before vengeful god Loki can get to them first.



### THE MYTH KEEPER

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Buzz has been wishing something more exciting would happen in his sleepy town of Crowmarsh.

Buzz's wish is about to come true. Strange people are arriving in Crowmarsh, and it turns out that these visitors aren't people at all—they're mythological gods! They've come to kidnap Buzz's best friend, Sam, whose newfound power makes him the key to granting the wishes of the gods.

When the gods kidnap Sam, Buzz and Mari must set off on a dangerous adventure to find a mysterious being known as the Keeper of the Myths. Only the Keeper is strong enough to help them save Sam, unlock their own powers, and banish the gods back to their realms—before it's too late.



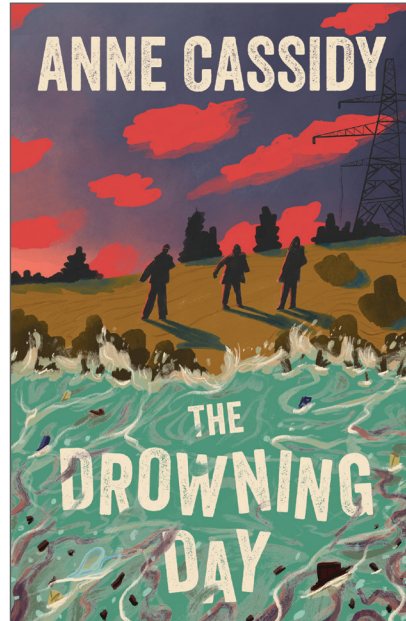


## THE DROWNING DAY

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When the floods come, truth rises  
to the surface . . .



A thrilling, thought-provoking story of survival and hope, from the award-winning author of *Looking For JJ*.

It's 2052, a time when enormous floods can devastate the land at any moment. Jade lives in the Wetlands, a place that will be devastated by the floods. Safety can be found behind the walls of North-Hampton, but it's a town steeped in prejudice against Wetlanders.

When the siren sounds the flood-warning, Jade and local boy, Bates, must join with outcast, Samson, to head to North-Hampton. But the threesome are carrying secrets, secrets that are even more dangerous than the impending floodwaters.

## THE WIND CHILD DUOLOGY

Gabriela Houston  
cover illustration by Alexis Snell

### THE WIND CHILD

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No human has ever returned from Navia, the Slavic afterlife. But twelve-year-old Mara is not entirely human. She is the granddaughter of Stribog, the god of winter winds, and she's determined to bring her beloved father back from the dead. Though powerless, Mara and her best friend, Torniv, the bear-shifter, set out on an epic journey to defy the gods and rescue her father.

On their epic journey they will bargain with forest lords, free goddesses from enchantments, sail the stormy seas in a ship made of gold and dodge the cooking pot of the villainous Baba Latingorka. Little do the intrepid duo know of the terrible forces they have set in motion, for the world is full of darkness and Mara will have to rely on her wits to survive.

### THE STORM CHILD

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Mara, the granddaughter of the God of Winter Winds, had her human soul ripped out for defying the laws of gods and men... A year on, she and her shape-shifting friend Torniv are on the run from Koschei the Deathless, who will stop at nothing to destroy them.

The two friends will have to face their past and decide how far they're willing to go to keep each other safe. And in the world of Slavic monsters and gods, there is always a price to pay...

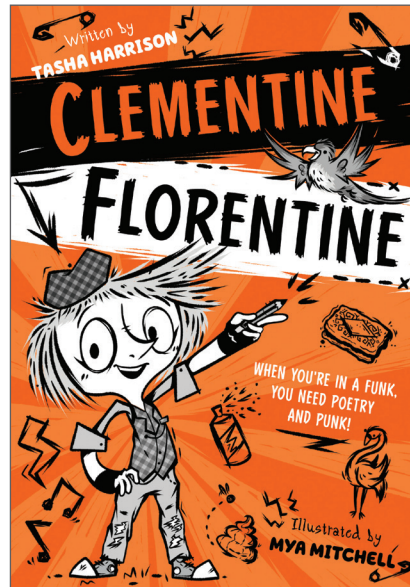


## CLEMENTINE FLORENTINE

Tasha Harrison,  
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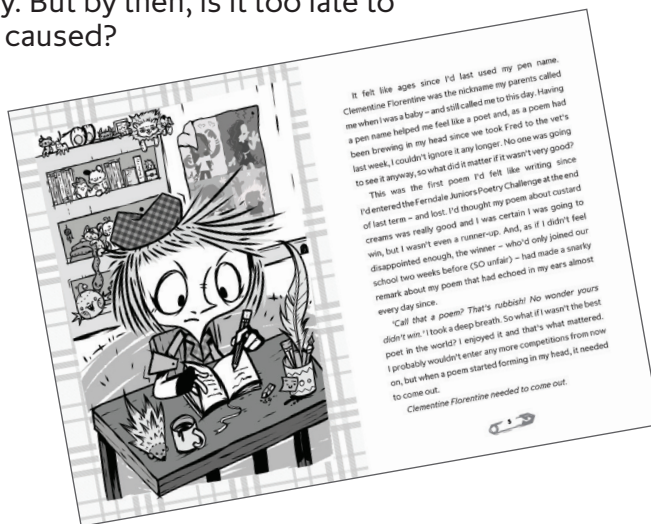
Clementine Florentine is an illustrated comedy for 8–12 year olds, with a strong female protagonist who has a talent for poetry and a passion for Custard Creams.



In an ingenious reverse ‘Parent Trap’, Clementine and her school nemesis, Callum, have to work together to break Clem’s dad and Callum’s mum up, before they fall ‘in lurrvee’ and the two poetry rivals end up stepsiblings!

However, an unlikely friendship with ageing punk icon Lyn Ferno and her chatty pet parrot, Viv, helps Clem to start seeing things differently. But by then, is it too late to undo the damage she’s caused?

Imagine a female Tom Gates with a touch of a young Adrian Mole and the warmth of Jacqueline Wilson, and you’ve got *Clementine Florentine* rolled up in one.

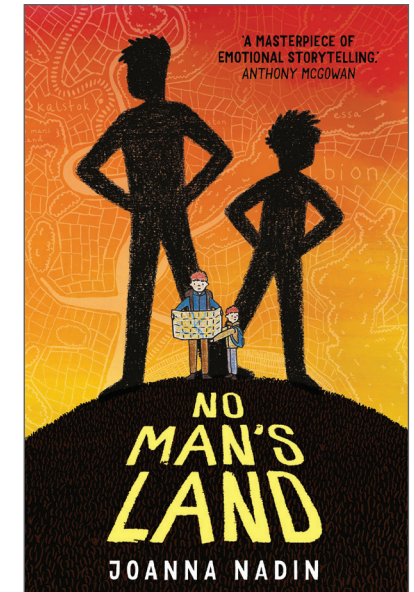


## NO MAN’S LAND

Joanna Nadin,  
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*“I could feel it coming. War, I mean. Creeping up on us, into our town, down our street, into our house. Smiling like a friend, like it was Batman come to save us when really it was the Joker all along.”*

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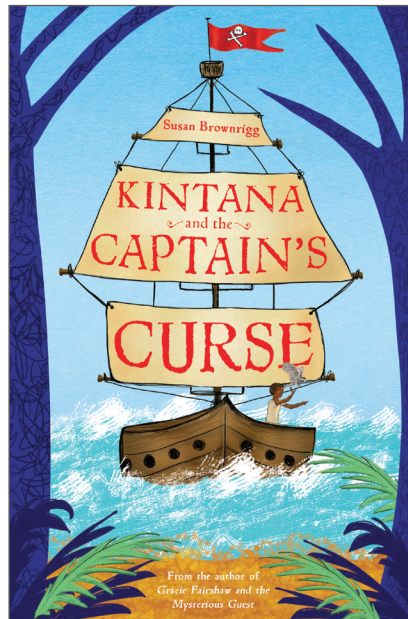


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But someone on board is determined to disrupt the voyage. Could the dreaded Captain's curse be to blame? Or is it the lure of buried treasure that will draw the ship back?

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## WINTER'S KEEP

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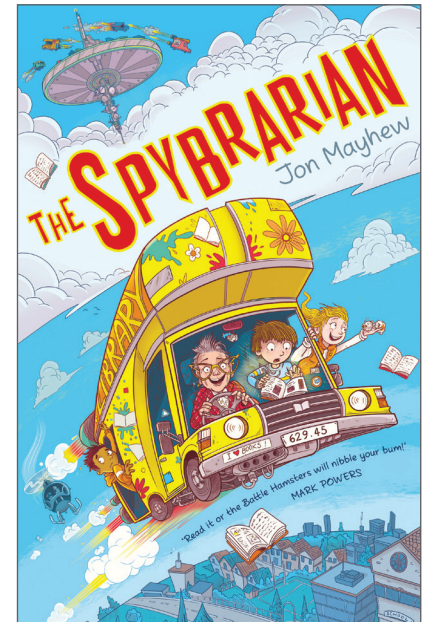
When Heather returns, seeking to lay the past to rest, the first person she turns to is Stella. But how far can you trust a sea witch? Is she seeking redemption, or plotting her final revenge? With the Teran rising from the deep and the island in his icy grip, Stella and her friends will have to fight to save weather as we know it.

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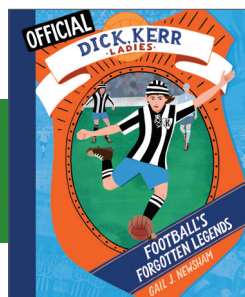


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It's 1917, and Britain is at war. Shy teenager Hettie wants to help the war effort, and signs up to work in the local Dick, Kerr & Co. munitions factory. She's nervous, but she has no idea quite how much her life is about to change . . .

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## THE PERFECT SHOT

With the end of WW1 being declared, Hettie's brother, Freddie, should be feeling relieved, but unfortunately his personal war has only just begun. He is still crippled by nightmares and guilt about a mistake that led to a man's death in the war.

Can the introduction of a new key player, Jessie Walmsley - a brave and heroic woman, help Freddie face his demons? And will a new job opportunity, giving him the chance to travel the country, reporting on the Dick, Kerr Girls, finally appease his Dad?

As the girls embark on their first domestic and international tour against the French Ladies team, Freddie finds he is on a journey of his own, facing up to his mistakes and taking a step to correct them. Can he learn from the vital lesson that the Dick, Kerr Girls have to offer? That team work, communication and friendship can overcome just about anything.

## ALL TOGETHER NOW

It's 1920, and the Dick, Kerr Girls football team have a new member training with them . . . Martha, little sister to Hettie and Freddie, has finally been given her chance to swap street kickabouts with the local lads for the chance to play alongside the world's best female footballers.

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Are Martha's dreams – both on and off the pitch – too far out of reach?



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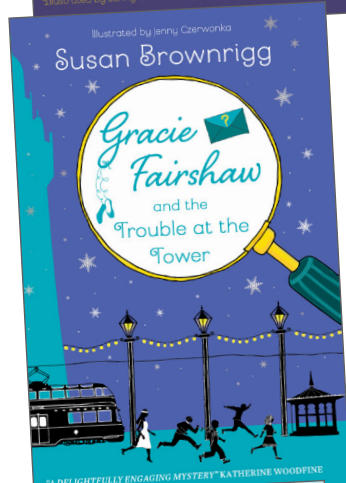
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## THE BOOK OF SECRETS

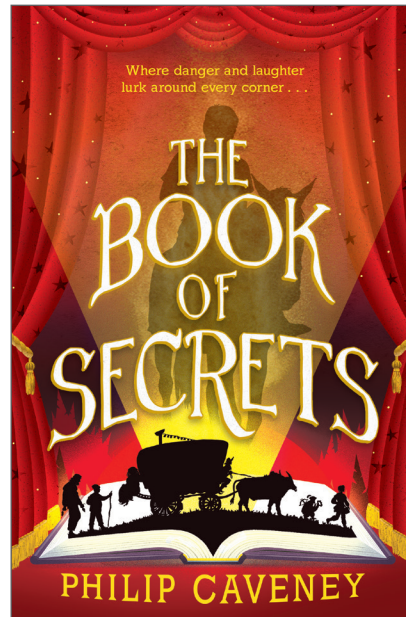
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Lux Dowd has a secret: not only can he wield Light, he might be the finest Light-healer the world has ever seen. When this puts him in danger, he is rescued from the stranger's clutches by Miss Hart, who reveals to him that she is one of the last of the undercover Light Hunters tasked with watching over Lux.

Lux and his new friends find themselves in a race against time to locate the Monster and stop it before it can destroy the town. But is the Monster the real terror, or is there a greater danger lurking in the shadows, waiting for its moment to strike?

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Lux Dowd, Squad Juno's healer, has had more than enough loss . . . But a more immediate loss is that of his powers. Lux can't – or won't – heal his teammates. Whenever he tries, a terrible energy comes from within and hurts the people around him. Lux can't afford to lose anymore of those he cares about.

Sent on a mission that could end their war against the Monsters, the Light Hunters soon find themselves making new allies in their quest to unearth an Ancient secret that may be able to stop the attacks. Could this really be the last monster they fight?







## BEYOND THE MIRROR

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The problem with doors is that they open both ways. There are monsters inside, and some of them are trying to get out . . .

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## MONSTERS IN THE MIRROR

Darwen Arkwright's world is turned upside down when he is forced to move from a small English town to Atlanta in the United States of America. Feeling out of place and struggling to fit in at school, Darwen seeks solace in a mysterious shop full of mirrors. It's there that he discovers the ability to step through mirrors into different worlds – worlds beyond his wildest imagination. Darwen befriends creatures including Moth, a tiny being with mechanical wings, but he soon learns that there is a terrible darkness threatening this new world . . . and only he can save it.

## THE MIRROCULIST MISSION

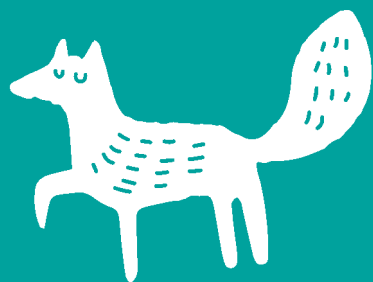
Darwen defeated the terrible monsters released from the mirror once. Now, an even more terrifying beast has escaped through the mirror. Darwen and his friends, Rik and Alexandra, must journey to Costa Rica to save the world from a giant tentacled creature that leaves destruction in its wake. This time, old allies can't be trusted, and the danger runs deeper than Darwen could have ever imagined.

## THE MIRRORS SHATTERED

For Darwen Arkwright, being able to travel through mirrors makes him special. But what if his gift won't last for ever? What if he has to become ordinary Darwen again?

As he struggles to cope with the possibility of losing his abilities, Darwen must return to Silbrica once again. With his friends, Darwen searches for allies to join the fight against Greyling and the growing evil that threatens not only the world beyond the mirror, but their own home too. And when they stumble across a ghostly replica of Hillside School, deep in Silbrica, the full horror of how Greyling is building his monster army becomes clear.

With a mysterious figure in a gas mask pursuing them at every turn, and ghouls and spectres closing in on all sides, can Darwen's strength hold out? And in the end – when the battle lines are drawn – who can he really trust?



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But then footsteps scuttle past flickering fairy lights, when she's sneaking to places she shouldn't. A malevolent figure is reflected in her phone screen, when she's about to share malicious photographs. And, when a bullying teacher is brutally attacked during her detention, Evangeline starts to wonder: is this Watching Elf more than just a doll?

And not to be forgotten, is Olivia. Always perfect Olivia. There's just something not right about her; she's got a part to play in this but Evangeline can't quite figure out what. All she knows is Olivia may not be as innocent or as perfect as she seems...



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A strange and beautiful sea-creature is brought into the marine sanctuary where Sasha works. The sea-girl is kept as an exhibit and for scientific research. But Sasha wants to know more about her – are there more of her kind? What sort of community does she come from? Does she have a family?

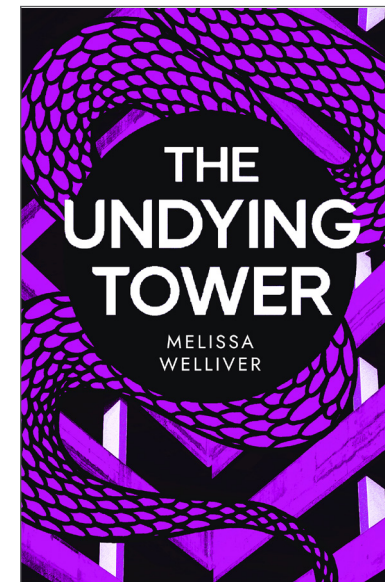
There is a story to be told, in exchange for a promise. It is a story of cruelty and grief, of love and longing and pride; the story of Merryn, who makes a traumatic journey from sea and to land, from defiance to finding her true self and the power of sisterhood.

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Decades after the discovery that a small percentage of the population has stopped ageing, the Avalonia Zone is in crisis. From overpopulation to food shortages, the 'Undying' have been blamed for the state's problems, banished to the fringes of society, and punished for every minor infraction.

When sixteen-year-old Sadie takes the fall for an attack by a rebel group, The Alchemists, she suddenly finds herself wrenched away from her quiet life and from her ailing father.

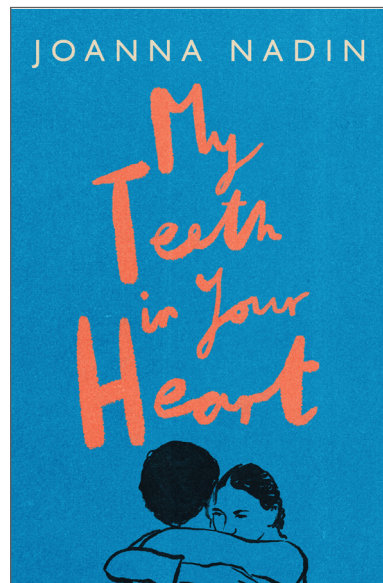
Armed with little help and even less knowledge, Sadie is thrust into a cold and cryptic 'correctional facility' – The Tower. Here she'll have to rethink everything she's been told about the Undying population in an attempt to save the life she knows, protect a group of unlikely friends, and give voice to the voiceless in a society on the brink of catastrophic upheaval.

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**A legacy of war, with consequences  
that could devastate two  
generations.**



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Billy's got problems. A Levels, a mum who checked out of parenting a while ago, and then... there's what Billy's done to Cass, her person. Some secrets are too toxic to keep, but there's no way Billy can let this one loose.

1974, Famagusta, Cyprus

Anna's a good ex-pat girl, focused on her A Levels, dreaming of studying at Cambridge, and definitely not looking for the love of her life. But then love does come, closely followed by war, and Anna's carefully crafted world is blown apart.

Anna and Billy are two girls living decades apart, both searching for who they are and who they could be. When a diary connects them, it tells more than just a life story. It reveals a legacy of war, with consequences that could devastate two generations.

**COMING SOON**  
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Rachael Fernandes,  
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**An ode to romcoms, musicals and  
being British Indian.**



Maya Pritik is seventeen, an aspiring doctor and wants to get through Sixth Form in one piece. This is not made easy by school bully Candice Riley, who has a target on Maya's back and is the owner of the not-so-anonymous Hot-Or-Not Instagram account. Luckily Maya has her best friend, Lucie Perry, and older brother, Tamir, to keep her sane. Maya's passion is music, so when she hears musical theatre heartthrob Harry Wu singing an original song, she has to go investigate.

Perfect for fans of Sex Education, When Dimple Met Rishi and Never Have I Ever, featuring an ensemble cast including one ride-or-die best friend, a smattering of theatre kids, and a brother in turmoil, this is a YA debut not to be missed.

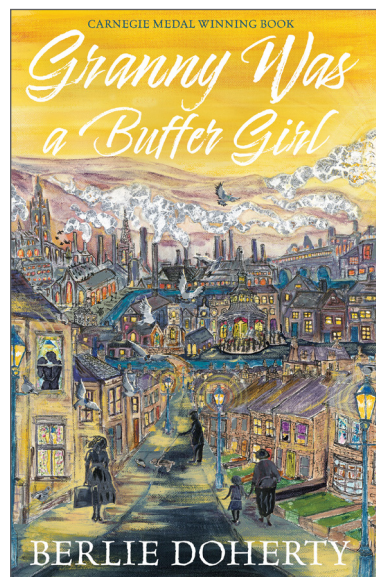


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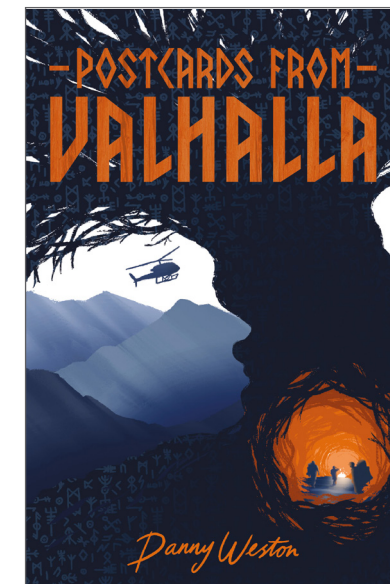


Before leaving Sheffield for a year's adventure in France, 18 year old Jess joins a family gathering. They share stories that have bound them together through generations. Stories of heartbreak, humour and romance. She listens to the tale of her grandparents, whose love kept them together in spite of family conflicts; of her other granny Dorothy's daily toil from the dirt and grime of the buffing wheel; and of her parents' first meeting. And, of course, there's Jess's own story too

## POSTCARDS FROM VALHALLA

Danny Weston,  
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Viggo is sixteen years old, living in Edinburgh with his mum. He has no plans for the future other than to watch the new Thor movie at his local multiplex. But one morning, he wakes to the news that his older brother, Magnus, has gone missing on Shetland. Mum has already booked tickets to go and search for him.

There's good reason to be worried. Five years ago, Viggo's dad, Jonathan, went 'off grid' in the same location and disappeared. He is now 'missing presumed dead.'

Viggo has no option but to go to Shetland with Mum - but from the moment they set off, he's troubled by strange visions: images of armed warriors, mythical creatures and Viking longboats.

And then they encounter Leon, a mysterious wandering musician who attaches himself to them and proves impossible to shake off. How does he know so much about them?

Once on Shetland, the search for Magnus begins in earnest and Viggo's troubling visions start to intensify. Soon he is finding it difficult to separate fact from fantasy... and who knows what terrors lie in wait for him deep beneath the ground?

## HIDEKI SMITH: DEMON QUELLER

A. J. Hartley, with Hisako Osako  
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*The new mythological  
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Fifteen-year-old Caleb Hideki Smith is a loser's loser.

As one of the few half-Japanese students in East Portersville High School, Caleb has accepted that he will never fit in. He's not popular, can't play football, and the girl he likes doesn't even know he exists. Well, that was before he accidentally burnt down the town's most beloved historical landmark.

On one fateful day, Caleb and his sister Emily stumble upon a Shinto shrine deep in the Great Smoky Mountains: a shrine Caleb knows wasn't there the day before. Faced with his unfamiliar heritage, Caleb quickly learns that fitting in was the least of his problems. You cannot outrun who you are and the past will always catch up to you eventually.

Something is lurking in the caves of the mountains.

And it wants to get out...

## THE BLACK AIR

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**Who can say what's real, what's not  
and what should stay buried?**



In a remote village overshadowed by a gruesome legend and ancient superstitions, who can say what's real, what's not, and what should stay buried deep inside your head?

The Black Air is a spellbinding contemporary novel with a dark mystery at its heart. Set in the depths of rural Lancashire as a community marks the 400th anniversary of the Long Byrne witches' deaths, this is a story about obsession, mental health, disordered eating, the supernatural, and the lengths that teenage girls will go to for the sake of all-consuming female friendships.

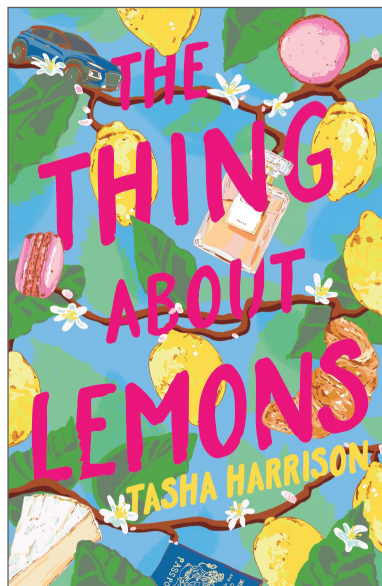


## THE THING ABOUT LEMONS

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The Thing About Lemons is the perfect summer read for fans of *The Kissing Booth*, *To All The Boys I Loved Before* and *Sex Education*.



Ori Reynolds has just made the biggest mistake of her life. One that's resulted in:

- 1) losing all but one of her friends,
- 2) feeling like the World's Most Terrible Person,
- and
- 3) having all her fun summer plans cancelled.

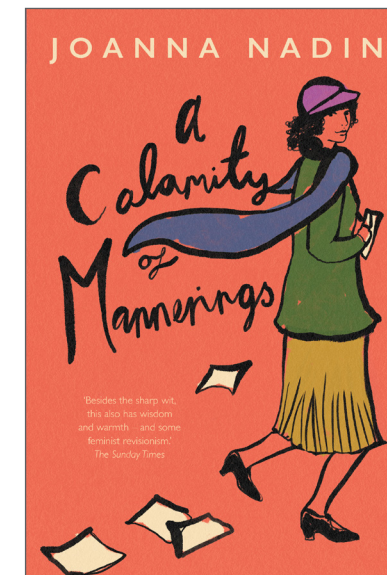
And, as if things couldn't get any worse, she now has no choice but to go on a road trip with her estranged grandad Claude to his home in the French countryside. Talk about life giving you lemons! However, while Ori scoffs at her mum's suggestion to "make lemonade", her sour situation is about to turn significantly sweeter than she could ever have imagined...

## A CALAMITY OF MANNERINGS

Joanna Nadin,  
cover illustration by  
Emma Block

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A hilarious coming-of-age story for fans of *I Capture the Castle* and *Bridgerton*.



'It is a curse to be born a girl...'

Take a peek into the diary of Panth (never enquire as to her given name), a young woman knocking on the gilded door of adult life and high society. But kicking up one's heels at the Café de Paris does not come easily to a girl navigating:

1. Poverty (even the genteel kind), thanks to her papa's sad demise
2. A lack of any experience whatsoever with the opposite sex, of course not counting Freddie Spencer (and he wasn't that sort of experience, anyhow)
3. Multiple sisters with ideas, a grandmother with opinions and one recalcitrant sheep

Panth knows there is more for her out in the world – it's 1924, for goodness' sake – and that could include swoonsome American with excellent teeth, Buck Buchanan. The question is – how in the name of Tatler is she to claim it?

*"So much fun! So clever, with such wonderful characters who I can still feel breathing and squabbling around me. I kept on guffawing with laughter."*  
NATASHA FARRANT

## THE NICEST GIRL

Sophie Jo

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A novel for anyone who's ever  
struggled to put themselves first.



Sixth-former Anna Campbell is the go-to girl when anyone needs anything. Teachers, friends, random strangers... It never occurred to her that she could say no. After all, Anna Campbell's always been too 'nice' to say no. But Anna is sick of being that girl, the nice girl, and she's going to do something about it. Only, is she prepared to risk losing everything she cares about – even herself – along the way...? A novel for anyone who's ever struggled to put themselves first.

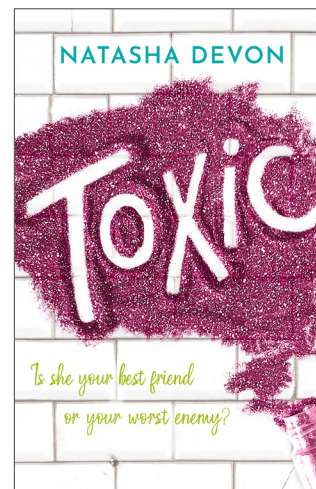
*"Relatable, compassionate and utterly unique."*  
KATE WESTON

## TOXIC AND BABUSHKA

Natasha Devon

### TOXIC

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Llewella has straight-A grades, a lead in the school play, a prefect badge, a successful blog and a comfortable life. Despite this, she feels like a brown, chubby square peg at a school full of thin, white girls. She's never had a best friend. Could the new student at sixth form - glamorous, streetwise Aretha - be the one? Llewella and Aretha get tight, quick. Before long, Llewella is following a diet Aretha has designed for her and has abandoned her own passions to dive headfirst into Aretha's world. She's determined to be the most loyal, greatest friend she can be, even when Aretha says and does things which make her feel the opposite of great. Even when the anxiety disorder she thought was cured starts to re-emerge. Isn't that how friendships work?



### BABUSHKA

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Cerys Williams has swapped her village in the Welsh Valleys for art college in London and the spare room in glamorous Auntie Wyn's flat. Cerys knows there's more out there for her in the world; it's the year 2000 – she definitely doesn't have to just get married and have babies and wear beige and cook stews for the rest of her life, even if Mam thinks she should.

But Cerys's London is not glossy or cool or sophisticated, despite what Adept, her favourite magazine, has told her. It's lonely and overwhelming and confusing. Until, that is, she meets him...

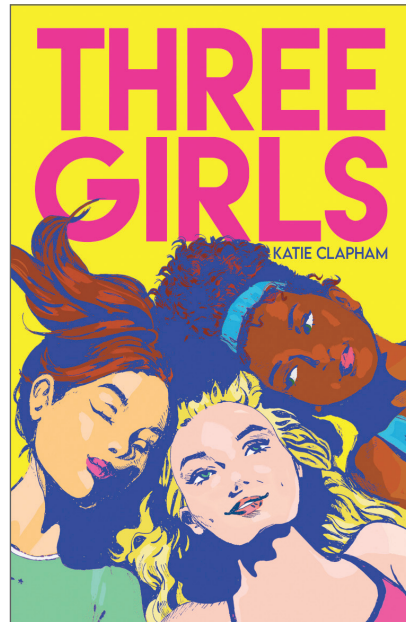


## THREE GIRLS

Katie Clapham,  
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A deliciously funny, heart-warming novel about unlikely friendships and first loves, *Three Girls* is exactly the joyous burst of energy we all need right now! Perfect for young teen readers of Tamsin Winter, Holly Smale and Louise Rennison.



Their school may be making them pose together for photos - but Minnie, Lena and Alice are not friends. And they have other things to worry about.

**Minnie – The Athlete:** her whole life has been sport – but what if that's not all she wants her life to be? How do you even start to change your future, all by yourself?

**Lena - The Princess:** she has always resented being in Minnie's shadow – so when a freak accident changes all of her arch-rival's plans, Lena has a chance to become Queen Bee at last. But is ruling the school all she dreamed it would be?

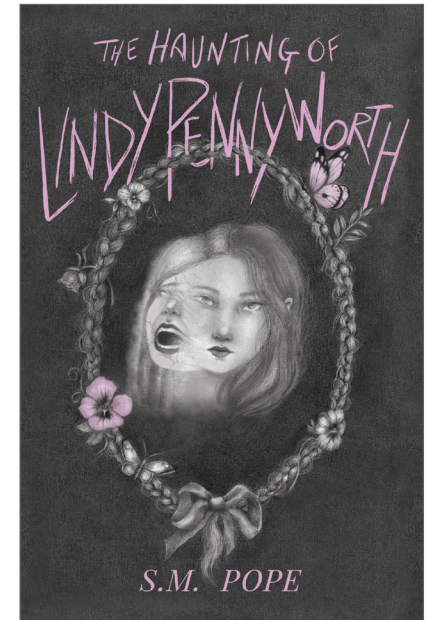
And then there's **Alice - The Really Tall One.** Alice has friends already, she's even got her eye on a potential crush – but she's also got a secret. And that secret is about to bound into all three girls' lives and change them forever.

## THE HAUNTING OF LINDY PENNYWORTH

Sam Pope

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A psychological horror that will grip you from the first page, and haunt you long after you've finished the last.



Nobody believes Lindy when she says she doesn't pull her out on purpose. Nobody believes Lindy when she says she hears voices in the night. Nobody believes Lindy when she says her dead ancestors are haunting her dreams. Nobody believes Lindy . . .

## A HUNTER'S MOON

Danny Weston

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282pp

The forest belongs to the  
walkers . . . Enter at your peril.



A fearsome beast lurks deep in the Forest of Tay. Under cover of darkness, it emerges to feed on the local farmer's sheep – and sometimes the farmers themselves.

Fraser McCloud believes it's a wolf, but some whisper that it's the Cù Sith, a creature summoned by the mysterious 'Walkers in the Woods.'

Callum is Fraser's young apprentice. He's understandably apprehensive when Fraser insists that he must help hunt down and kill the beast.

In the local village, Callum meets Mhairi, the innkeeper's daughter, who knows more about the Walkers than she really should.

As time passes, the killings become ever more audacious - and Callum realises he has every reason to be afraid . . .

## RAISING HELL

Bryony Pearce

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240pp

The first in a dark and funny urban  
fantasy series from award-winning  
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Weight of Souls* and *Savage Island*.

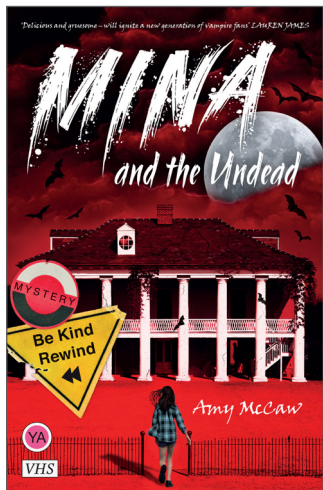


Meet Ivy Elisabeth Mann. Her mum's a Body Shop consultant living in a bungalow in Birmingham and her Dad enters crossword competitions. Once upon a time, Ivy and her friends did a very stupid thing and now there's a rift letting dark matter into the world. Dark matter that manifests as black magic which actually works. Now every teenager with access to the Internet is raising hell. Literally.

Ivy's doing her best to stem the tide, but her new job working school security barely pays the bills, and there's only so much one girl with a machete (and a cat possessed by her own dead grandmother) can do against the forces of evil.

Now she's facing a teenage goth with an attitude, her ruthless but frustratingly handsome brother, a dark cabal with a terrifying agenda and a potential zombie apocalypse. Ivy losing her job might be the best thing to happen to the world . . .

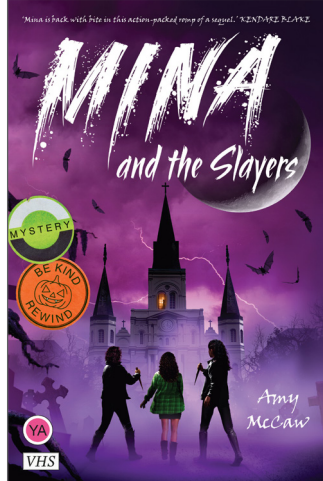




## MINA AND THE UNDEAD

Amy McCaw,  
cover illustration by Fred Gambino

*“A dark and thrilling tale of the paranormal. With haunted houses, family secrets and murder galore, this delicious and gruesome tale of the macabre will ignite a whole new generation of vampire fans.”*  
LAUREN JAMES

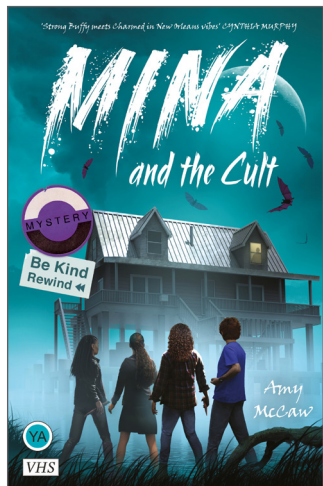


## MINA AND THE UNDEAD

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## MINA AND THE SLAYERS

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## MINA AND THE CULTS

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*‘I could not put this down! Strong Buffy meets Charmed in New Orleans vibes... so much nineties nostalgia. I want to go for drinks at the Empire of the Dead with Mina and the gang. Vampires are officially cool again!’* CYNTHIA MURPHY

## MINA AND THE UNDEAD

Summer '95, New Orleans. Mina's having a summer to die for.

17-year-old Mina arrives in New Orleans to visit her estranged sister, Libby.

Her trip takes an interesting turn when she lands a part-time job at a house of horrors, the Mansion of the Macabre. But the perfect summer bliss is broken when, while exploring the mansion, Mina discovers the body of a girl with puncture marks on her neck and a lock of hair suspiciously resembling Libby's . . . who, or what, has made those marks? Is Mina's fanatical obsession with Vampires playing tricks on her mind? Or could Vampires actually be stalking the streets of New Orleans, hunting for fresh prey?

## MINA AND THE SLAYERS

New Orleans, 1995 Mina's having a killer halloween.

Three months after Fang Fest, Mina's settling into her new life. Over Halloween, Mina and the gang have planned a spooky week of Gothic restaurants, horror movies, ghostly tours, creepy carnivals and a costume ball. But the fun doesn't last. Mina is on work experience with Detective Cafferty while the police are investigating a savage masked killer and a rise in suspicious 'animal attacks'. During her own investigations, Mina discovers a mysterious group of slayers, who are battling to control the rogue vampires. The threats circle closer as Mina spends her days with the police and nights with the slayers. Will she and her friends survive Halloween without being staked, stabbed or bitten?

## MINA AND THE CULT

New Orleans, 1995 Mina's having a hell of a family reunion.

After the death and chaos of Halloween, Mina and the gang are looking forward to their road trip to Roswell, New Mexico, where they are hoping to be thrilled by the alien stories and have some quiet time with Mina's parents. However, their trip ends abruptly and before they know it, they are back in New Orleans. Instead of enjoying the fall celebrations and renovating the mansion, they find themselves investigating a serial killer who claims to be a real vampire in disturbing letters to the press.

As the city is gripped by fear, a group of believers is planning to disrupt the fragile balance between the humans and the supernatural creatures hiding in the shadows. This threatens the peace that Mina and her friends have been working so hard at maintaining. Caught between investigating the killer and trying to stop the group's destructive plans, Mina's third mystery might be her last . . .

## SMASHED

Andy Robb

04/04/2021

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322pp

From the author of the *Geekhood* series, the first of which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award, comes *Smashed* by Andy Robb.



When his dad moves out, Jamie tries to fill his shoes. He needs to become head of the household – right? With his mum dealing with the aftermath of toxic masculinity at its finest, and his little sister, Bex, struggling to understand what's going on, Jamie has to navigate the choppy waters of what he thinks it means to be a man.

Having learned that the best way to deal with feelings is to push them down as far as they'll go, he finds help from an unlikely source. Drinking makes him feel invincible – Super Jim can take on anything – and anyone . . . But how long will it be before this particular well of wisdom runs dry? And what will it take for Jamie to realise that help was at hand all along?

Funny, touching, with a narrator readers will instantly love, *Smashed* is a rollercoaster exploration of young masculinity. The story would appeal to fans of *Me Mam, Me Dad, Me.* and *Noah Can't Even.*

## GUT FEELINGS

C. G. Moore

14/01/2021

£7.99 • 9781912979431 • 198x129mm

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400pp

“At school,  
I learned that words,  
More than weapons,  
Could destroy bodies,  
Could break hearts  
More than fists or fury.”

Shortlisted for the British Book Design and Production Awards – Children's 9–12 and Literature categories



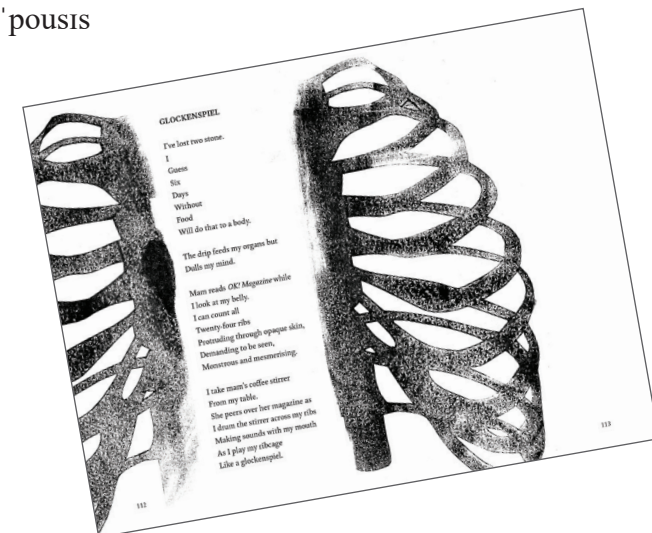
This is the story of Chris, what happened to him at age eleven and how that would change the rest of his life. A life-affirming and powerful coming-of-age verse novel that shines a light on chronic illness, who we are and how we live.

### Familial adenomatous polyposis

fə'mɪljəl ædɪ'nəʊmətəs pələ'pəʊsɪs

noun

An inherited disorder characterised by the rapid growth of small, pre-cancerous polyps in the large intestines.



## THE WITCHING STONE

Danny Weston

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282pp

*I don't believe in witches!  
I don't believe in witches!  
I don't believe in witches!*



For Alfie Travers, a summer away from his now ex-girlfriend can not come quick enough, even if it means tagging along on his dad's dull work trip to the village of Woodplumpton, Preston.

Shortly after arrival, Alfie strolls off to see what the place has to offer. Not much, it seems . . . until he chances upon a girl called Mia in the church graveyard.

She shows him a strange gravestone, said to cover the remains of alleged witch, Meg Shelton. "Walk around the stone three times whilst saying, "I don't believe in witches" and Meg will come after you.'

Alfie takes the challenge and his moment of daring results in the return of the vengeful witch. The only way to save himself – and his friends – is to give Meg whatever she desires . . .

But time is running out . . .

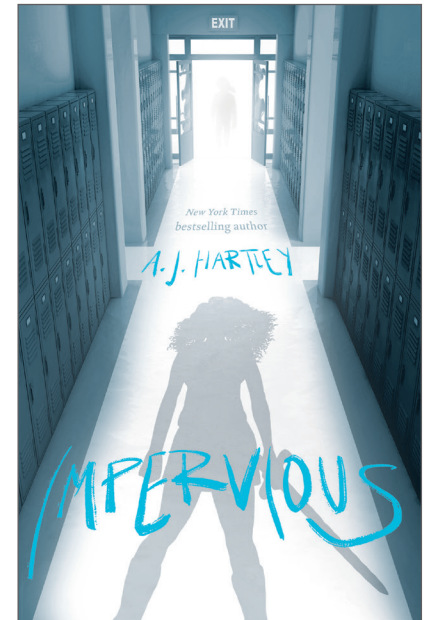
## IMPERVIOUS

A. J. Hartley

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208pp

**Just one second is all it takes for Trina to turn from a regular, clumsy high school girl, to a monster-fighting warrior.**

**Just one second is all it takes for everything to change . . .**



Trina Warren didn't plan on being anyone's hero. She planned on going to fourth period as normal. But then there was a bang, and an overturned chair, and everything was different. Now Trina finds herself in a fantasy world, pursued by a faceless, nameless monster that only she can stop.

A.J. Hartley is currently the Robinson Professor of Shakespeare studies at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte and is the international bestselling author of over twenty novels, including *Cold Bath Street*.

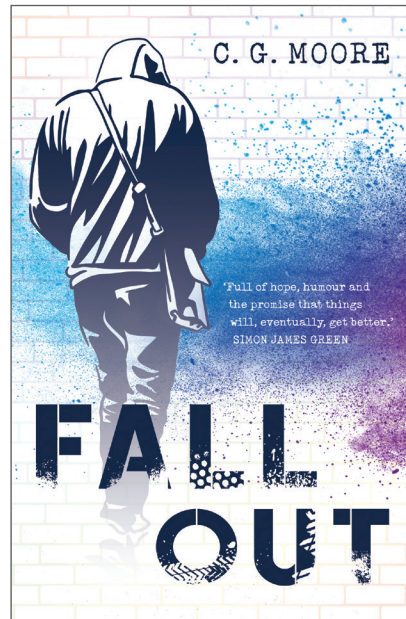


## FALL OUT

C. G. Moore

18/06/2020  
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322pp •

***“A devastatingly raw reminder that some LGBTQ+ kids still face prejudice, hate and a daily struggle just to live their lives. But Fall Out is also full of hope, humour and the promise that things will, eventually, get better.”***  
**SIMON JAMES GREEN**



*“I am Cal Adams – what does that mean?*

*Sixteen years old*

*Black hair*

*Blue eyes*

*Short*

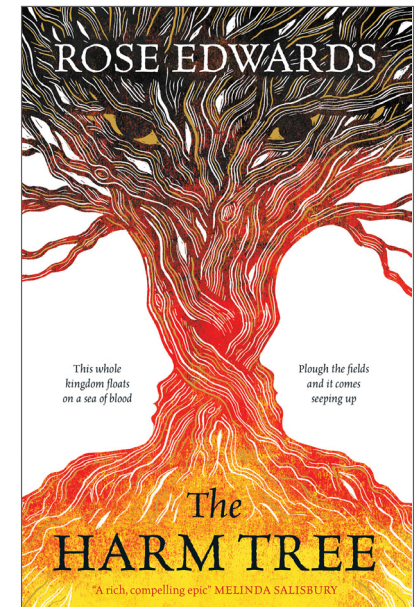
*Gay.”*

For Cal, coming out is explosive, but that is nothing compared to the fallout from his family, friends and foes. When events in Cal's life reach critical point, he is shaken to his core. Can he rely on his loved ones to help avoid meltdown?

## THE HARM TREE

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• 464pp



Nine years ago, two princes waged a bloody civil war for the right to rule Arngard. The younger prince took the throne and outlawed the ancient beliefs, but some wounds don't heal. New religion replaced the barbaric traditions and finally, there's peace. Torny and Ebba are friends. Sent away by their families, they work together and watch out for each other. Too young to remember the war that tore apart the kingdom, Torny dreams of the glorious warriors of old, while Ebba misses her family, despite the darkness she left behind. But when a man is murdered on the street and Torny finds herself in possession of a dangerous message, the two friends must tread separate paths. These will lead them through fear, through grief, to the source of their own power and to the gates of death itself. As Torny and Ebba are used as tools for the opposing factions of the war, a deep power is ignited in them both. Can they uncover their own strength to finally heal the wounds of a nation?

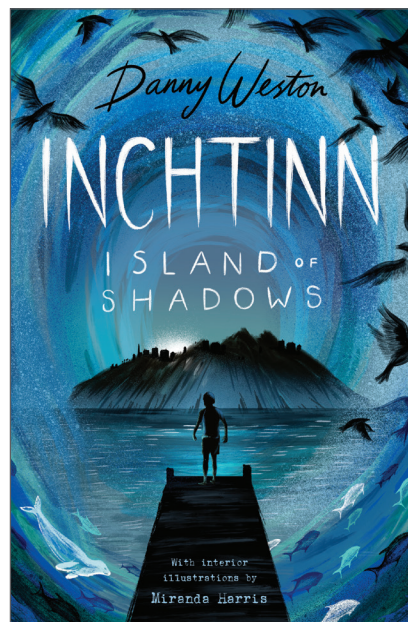
## INCHTINN: ISLAND OF SHADOWS

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**A fantastically creepy new  
mystery from Danny Weston.**

*“Inchtinn - where sinister beings  
stir and tormented souls seek  
revenge. What if survival relied on  
facing your greatest fears?”*



Noah is forced to travel with his distant mother to the remote Scottish island of Inchtinn. Since the death of his father, she's been struggling for inspiration for her next bestselling children's book, and hopes an adventurous trip will help them both.

Yet adventure isn't the only thing that awaits their arrival. When things take a turn for the worse, Noah has to face the most unimaginable horrors . . .

Author of popular series *Sebastian Darke*, Danny Weston aka Philip Caveney, has an impressive portfolio of backlist titles including *The Piper* and *The Haunting of Jessop Rise*.



## COLD BATH STREET

A. J. Hartley

## COLD BATH STREET

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Preston Oldcorn is in a desolate void between life and death. In order to save his soul he must brave his greatest fear - Cold Bath Street. A ghost, gothic thriller that will keep you gripped to the end. "This is an excellent book with compelling characters, a creepy atmosphere and a clever plot. It was hard to put down and I finished it in one day." Joseph Delaney Preston Oldcorn lay quite still, eyes tight shut, trying to shrug off the cold grip of the nightmare. It was 9:22 p.m. It was always 9:22 p.m. A cold hand had plunged into Preston's chest and tightened its icy grip around his heart. In an instant, Preston was dead. Preston finds himself in a desolate void, trapped in the chasm between life and death. Soon discovering that he is not alone, Preston must stay one-step ahead of his enemies and discover the mysteries held by this new world as he tries to save his soul. But doing so means braving the darkest and most feared part of town: Cold Bath Street.

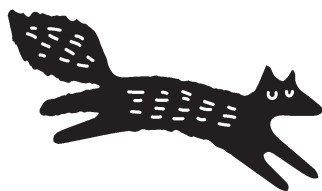


## WRITTEN STONE LANE

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RAUFFE RADCLIFFE LAID THIS STONE TO LYE FOREVER: AD1655... so said the mysterious monument lying in Written Stone Lane. What it meant and why it was first carved, no one seemed to remember, which is perhaps why – eventually – someone moved it. Things came out. Bad things. And now the only one that can save the world from murder and destruction is Preston Oldcorn, a 15-year-old Lancashire boy and Tracey, the girl with clever eyes.

Written Stone Lane is a gripping and atmospheric thriller that will set your heart racing and your mind questioning until the very end.



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