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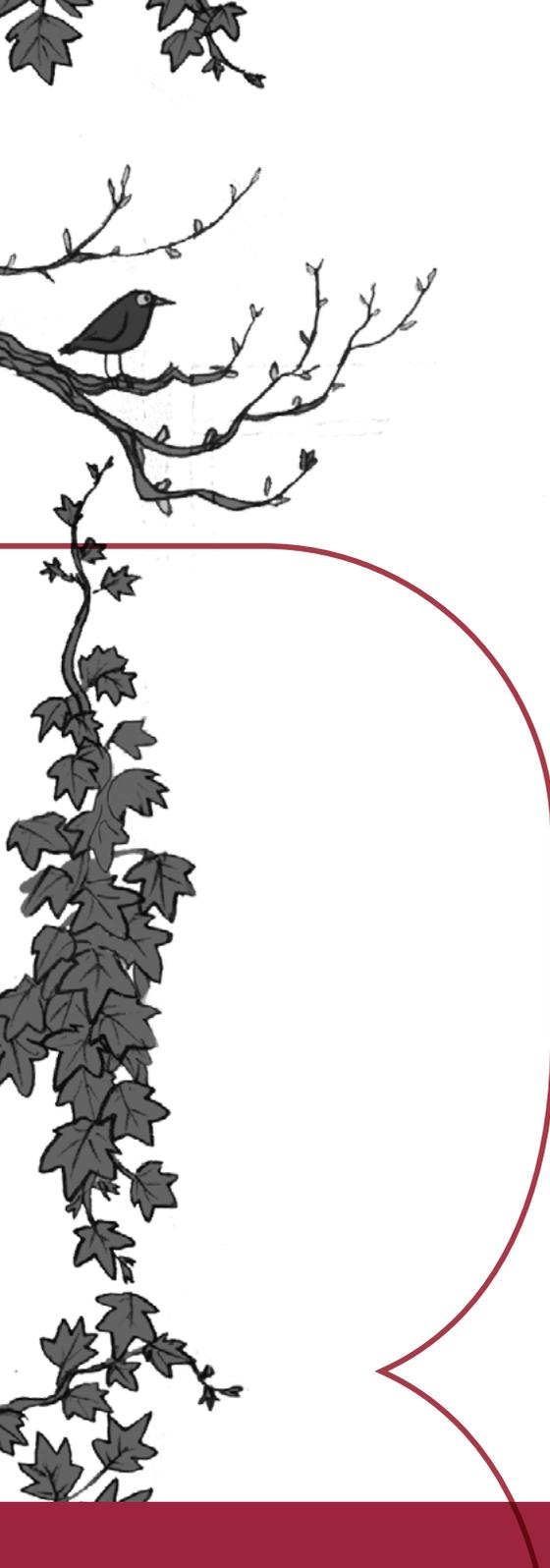
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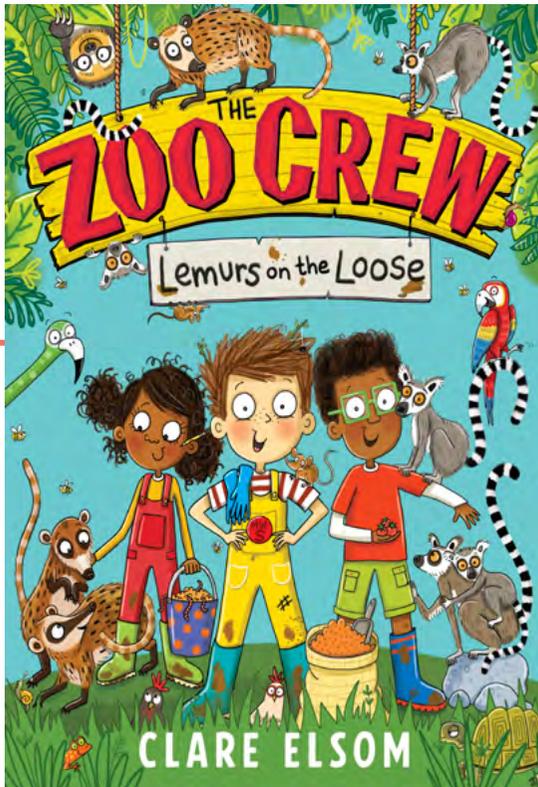
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Young Fiction





The Zoo Crew: Lemurs on the Loose

Clare Elsom

If you're one of a kind, you're one of the Zoo Crew!

Ryley loves his life at his family's sanctuary for unusual animals. Who else gets to look after spotty zebras, green flamingos or kangaroos who can't hop? From Cosmo the hyperactive sloth to Princess the dirt-hating aardvark, life is never dull when you're part of the zoo crew!

But when some ring-tailed lemurs join the zoo, it's not long before there's a fierce rivalry between them and the coatis – the zoo's most mischievous residents. When Ryley wakes up one morning to find the lemurs missing, it's all hands on deck for Operation Lemurs on the Loose!

The first book in a funny and heartwarming new series for all young animal fans, from award-winning author/illustrator Clare Elsom.

CLARE ELSOM is a children's illustrator and author. She is the creator of young fiction series *Horace & Harriet*, and has illustrated dozens of other children's books, including the popular *Flying Fergus* series written by Olympic champion Sir Chris Hoy and Joanna Nadin, *Furry Friends* by Holly Webb and *Superheroes Don't Get Scared* by Kate Thompson.

Clare studied illustration at Falmouth University and has an MA in Children's Literature from Roehampton University. Clare lives in Devon with her husband and young sons, and regularly visits schools and appears at literary festivals.

Pub Date: 13 May 2027
Age: 5–7 years
Extent: 192pp / 13,000 words
 4 books in series



Two-colour illustrations throughout!



Captain Sunshine: Acrobats Ahoy!

Alex Milway

All aboard the *Sunshine* in book 2 of this irresistible new series set in the world of **HOTEL FLAMINGO!**

The *Sunshine* is all ready to set sail on a tour of the Fruitshake Islands, and Bella and her crew are delighted to be welcoming a new acrobatic troupe on board!

The Golden Glows are full of life and well known for their outrageous acrobatic routines. What they're less well known for is having a runaway capybara princess among their ranks! Princess Pear Tree is trying to escape the royal life and fulfill her dreams of becoming an acrobat, but with a ship bustling with nosy guests, will she be able to stay hidden?

This voyage won't be plain sailing, that's for sure!

ALEX MILWAY is a full-time children's book author-illustrator and screenwriter. His books include *Captain Sunshine*, and the *Hotel Flamingo* and *Big Sky Mountain* series. The *Hotel Flamingo* series has sold over 500,000 copies across the series, in all formats, and has sold in 22 languages around the world.



Pub Date: 8 April 2027

Age: 5-7 years

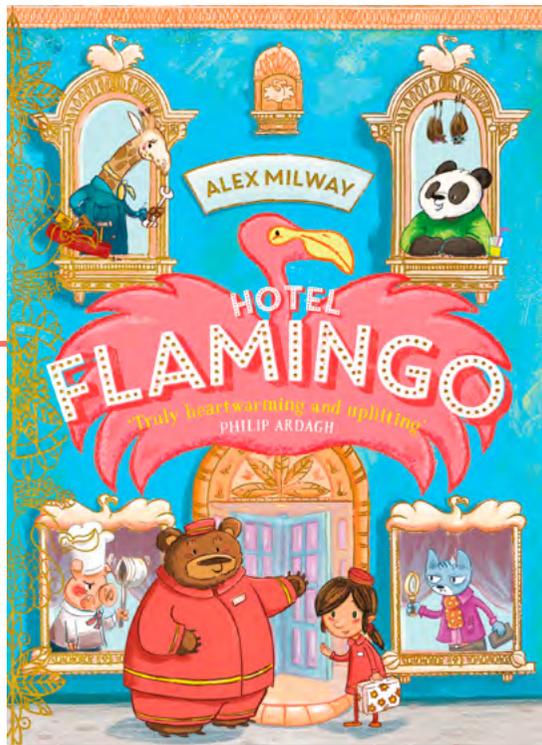
Extent: 192pp / 12,000 words

4 books in series

Also Available



Two colour illustrations throughout!



Hotel Flamingo

Alex Milway

Welcome to the sunniest hotel in town!

When young Anna inherits a dilapidated once-grand hotel from her Great Aunt Mathilde, she's determined to restore it to its former glory. But this is no ordinary hotel - all of her staff and guests are animals!

Anna soon rises to the challenge. Whether it's a flamingo, a penguin or a hippo knocking at the door, Anna is ready to welcome them all - with the help of her trusty sidekicks T Bear the doorman, Squeak the friendly elevator mouse, and Lemmy the lemur receptionist ... As she soon finds out, though, running an animal hotel is no easy task. Can Anna make Hotel Flamingo a success once more?

A charming, sunny and feelgood two-colour illustrated series featuring a colourful cast of animal characters from exceptional talent Alex Milway.

ALEX MILWAY is a full-time children's book author-illustrator and screenwriter. His books include *Captain Sunshine*, and the *Hotel Flamingo* and *Big Sky Mountain* series. The *Hotel Flamingo* series has sold over half a million copies across the series, in all formats, and has sold in 22 languages around the world.



Age: 5-7 years
Extent: 192pp / 11,000 words
 5 books in series

Also Available



Two colour illustrations throughout!



The chosen few were:



Madame Le Pig,
a world-famous chef, who
was terrifying, but brilliant.



Hilary Hippo,
a laundry and
cleaning specialist with
a firm dislike of mess
and dirt.



Eva Kowin, an unusually
lively and cheerful kochu,
who was perfect to serve
and cater for guests in the
restaurant.



Stella Giraffe, an
expert handyperson,
good with a hammer
and drill.



Squawk, a quiet and
retiring old mouse,
who was a fully trained
bellboy and lift operator.

From there they ventured outside to the weed-covered garden terrace and its marble-clad swimming pool. The pool was empty and leaked, said T. Bear, though the seabirds enjoyed the puddles in it after a rainstorm.

At the edge of the terrace was a potholed tennis court, its tattered net swinging sadly in the breeze. And past the tennis court was a mound of sand dunes.

"Beyond that lies the sea, miss," said T. Bear. "Because of where the hotel sits on Animal Boulevard, we're lucky to have sea views on both sides of the hotel."

"How perfect," said Anna excitedly. "Everyone deserves a sea view from their bedroom," she thought.





'I'll definitely
be booking
my next
holiday at
Hotel
Flamingo!'

Harriet Muncaster,
author of
ISADORA MOON

'Bursting with charm,
friendship and fabulous
characters!'

Laura Ellen Anderson,
author of
AMELIA FANG

PRAISE FOR

HOTEL
FLAMINGO

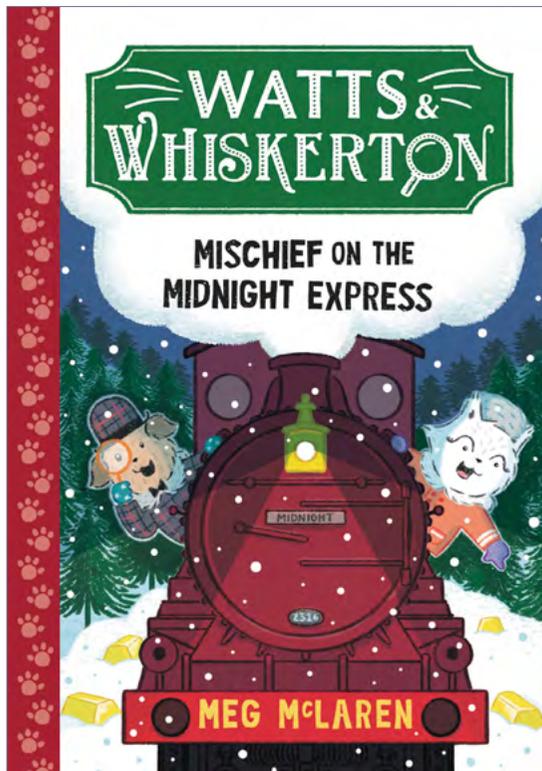
'A heartwarming tale of
friends pulling together to
make a dream come true'

Sarah McIntyre, author
and illustrator of
ADVENTUREMICE

'A gentle
hug of a
book that's
perfect for
girls and boys'

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Reads Guide





Watts & Whiskerton: Mischief on the Midnight Express

Meg McLaren

Watts and Pearl are back – and this time, they’re on track to solve their trickiest case yet!

Watts and Pearl Whiskerton have been tasked with guarding a fortune in stolen gold aboard the Midnight Express, the world’s most secure sleeper train. As a sought-after dog-and-cat detective duo, they’re ready for anything. Or so they think...

When the train screeches to a halt in the middle of a snowy forest and the gold vanishes from the vault, all paws point to Patsy Caboose, the eccentric security goose. But something doesn’t add up. With suspects on board, clues in every carriage and a mystery that’s going off the rails, can Watts and Whiskerton crack the case before the train reaches its final stop?

MEG MCLAREN is an author-illustrator based in Inverness, Scotland. She has published multiple picture books, including *Life is Magic*, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children’s Book Prize in 2017. *Watts & Whiskerton* is her debut fiction work for young readers. The first book in the series was shortlisted for The Week Junior Book Awards and won Highly Commended in the Younger Fiction category.



Two-colour illustrations throughout!

Pub Date: 19 November 2026
Age: 5–7 years
Extent: 128pp / 7,500 words
 4 books in series

Also Available





Luna Grace: Girl from Outer Space: Monster Mix Up

Julie Sykes

Illustrated by Emily Jones

A delightful series for young readers, about being yourself and dealing with your emotions. Meet Luna Grace, the girl from outer space!

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Luna is so excited when her grandparents announce they are coming to visit from their home planet, Starbright! She wants to prove how grown-up she's become since moving to Earth by showing them around the Halloween fair at her school.

But in her efforts to prove herself, Luna ends up making some monster mistakes... Can she make up for her mix-ups before it all goes too wrong?

JULIE SYKES was always telling tales as a child. Not the 'she ate all the cake not me' kind but wildly exaggerated tales of everyday events. Julie still loves telling stories and is now the bestselling author of more than 100 books for children. She lives in Cornwall with her family, two energetic spollies and a white wolf – cunningly disguised as a dog.

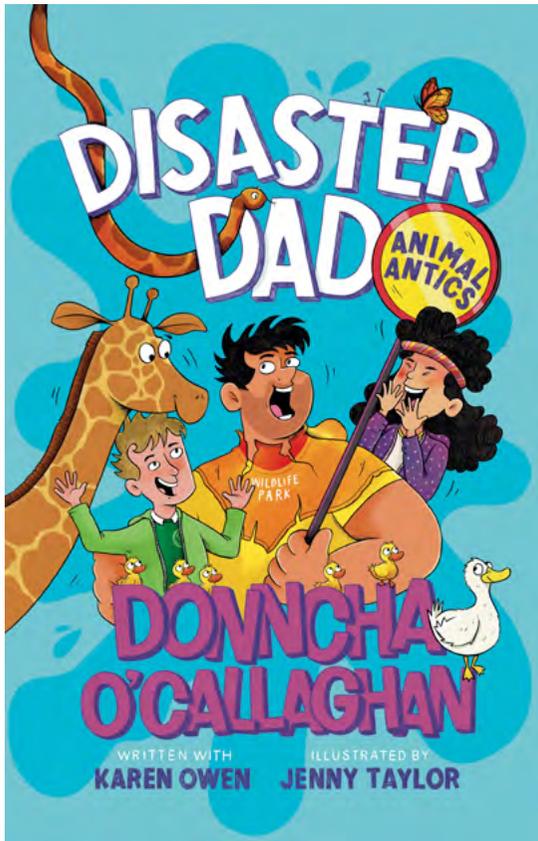
EMILY JONES grew up in Tyneside in the '80s where the best form of entertainment was found at the local library. Staring at the illustrations in picture books started a lifelong passion for children's publishing. Emily now lives in Cardiff with her partner and two dogs – The English and Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

Full colour illustrations throughout!

Pub Date: 27 August 2026
Age: 5–7 years
Extent: 144pp / 8,000 words
 3 books in series

Also Available





Disaster Dad: Animal Antics

Donncha O'Callaghan
Illustrated by Jenny Taylor

Disaster Dad is back, and this time he's heading to the wildlife park with Finn, Emma and their whole class!

Dad has one mission: snap the perfect photo with the new baby giraffe and get it named after him.

Easy, right?

Not when Disaster Dad's involved!

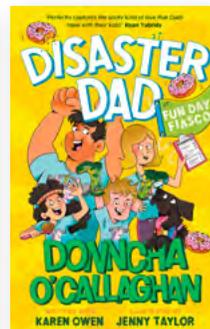
Can Finn and Emma keep him out of trouble long enough to meet the giraffe?

Packed with laughs, animal antics and one very determined dad, this is a roaring adventure for readers aged 7+ who love mischief, mayhem, and a whole lot of heart.

DONNCHA O'CALLAGHAN is one of Ireland's most recognisable faces in the world of sport, TV and radio. The rugby legend, who played for Munster, Ireland and the Lions, has turned his attention to broadcasting in recent years and become a firm favourite with both listeners and viewers across RTÉ on the 2FM Breakfast Show, Ireland's Fittest Family and The Full Irish Hidden Camera Show. Donncha is also a devoted husband and father-of-four. *Disaster Dad: Chicken Chaos* is his first book.

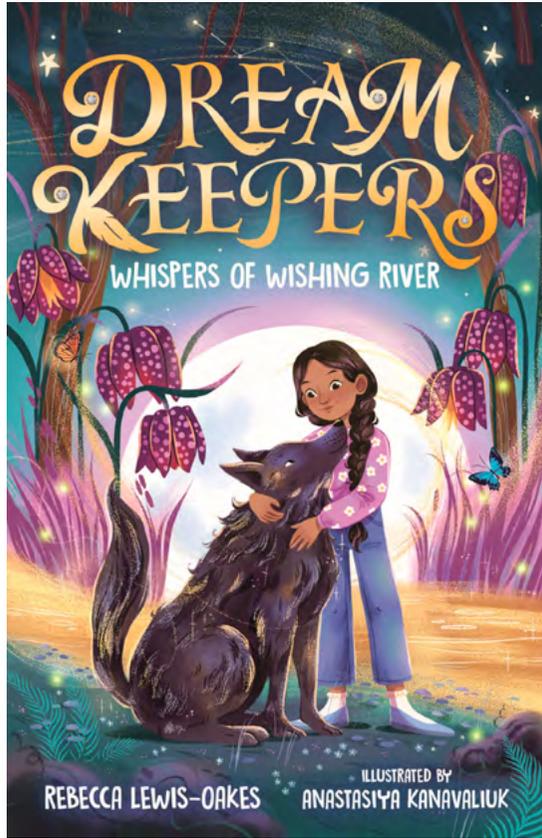


Also Available



Black and white illustrations throughout!

Pub Date: 24 September 2026
Age: 5-7 years
Extent: 192pp
4 books in series



Dream Keepers: Whispers of Wishing River

Rebecca Lewis-Oakes
Illustrated by Anastasiya Kanavaliuk

Welcome to Moon Wood, a magical world beyond your wildest dreams!

In the night-time world of Moon Wood, Fatima and her friends make sweet dreams for their sleepy town of Sunny Wood.

But when the river in Sunny Wood becomes polluted, it's a nightmare! Fatima is determined to clean it up, but it'll take a lot of work, and she's been tired and cranky lately and she's not sure why.

So when the Wishing River in Moon Wood starts to show signs of pollution too, it seems like shadows from the nightmare realm might be causing the problems. As tensions rise between the girls, will the Dream Keepers prove their friendship stands true or will the Queen of Nightmares triumph once and for all?

REBECCA LEWIS-OAKES worked as an editor in publishing for over ten years, creating all kinds of books for children including brands such as Beatrix Potter and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and with celebrities such as CBeebies' Mr Tumble and YouTube star Louise Pentland. She is now an author, having co-written *The Naughtiest Unicorn* series as Pip Bird, and the *Dream Keepers* series. She lives in London with her family.

ANASTASIYA KANAVALIUK is a Belarusian illustrator based in Poland. After years of art classes at school and two years of Art Design at university, she decided to study for an MA in Graphic Design. When not busy drawing, she loves traveling, spending time with her family and friends, and learning Korean.

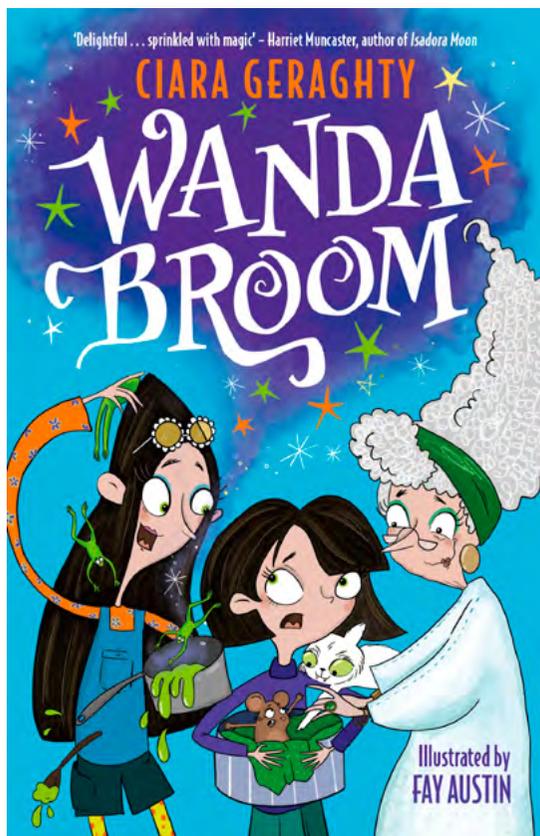


Pub Date: 6 August 2026
Age: 7–9 years
Extent: 160pp / 18,000 words
4 books in series

Also Available



Black and white illustrations throughout!



Wanda Broom

Ciara Geraghty
Illustrated by Fay Austin

Wanda's mother is a witch, but Wanda wishes she wasn't!

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Following yet another of Esmerelda's failed spells, Wanda, her mother and her granny have to move to a new town.

AGAIN.

Then Esmerelda receives a letter from the World Wide Web of Witches & Warlocks, informing her that she has to undergo an assessment carried out by Mr. Pincer, the Chief Whip, who is determined to put an end to Esmerelda's witching career, once and for all.

Wanda is certain her mother will fail the test.

Part of her wants her to.

Then her mother wouldn't be a witch anymore and Wanda would get what she has always wanted... an ordinary life.

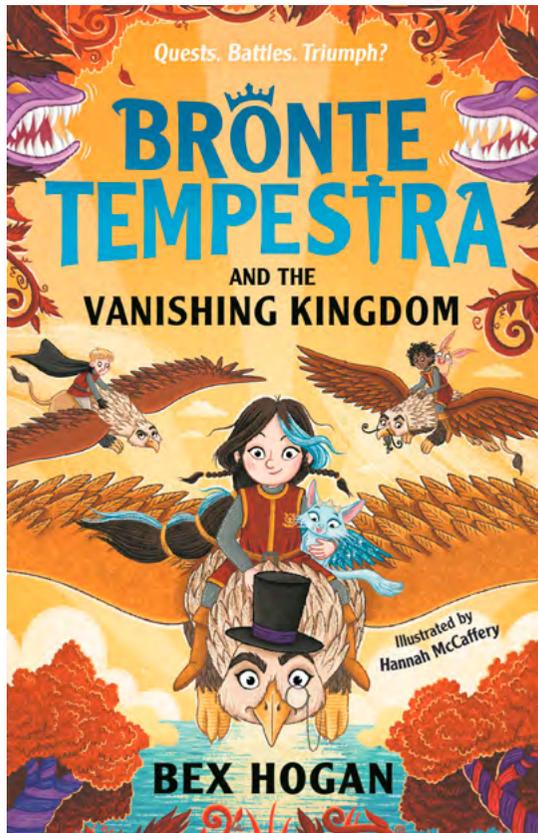
CIARA GERAGHTY is a bestselling Irish novelist. She lives in Dublin with her family and her dog Gary, who still thinks he's a puppy despite being six. When she is not writing, Ciara loves reading, swimming in the sea and playing her violin. She also co-hosts the podcast BookBirds. She is the author of 10 books for adults. This is her first children's book.

FAY AUSTIN lives with her family in Surrey. From a very young age, Fay had the bug for writing and illustrating picture books. Self-taught, Fay has spent the last 14 years wrapped up in children's stories and imaginations working as a creative practitioner in schools and theatrical settings. Fay is at her happiest with a cup of tea in one hand and a pencil in the other.



Black and white illustrations throughout!

Pub Date: 22 May 2025
Age: 5-9 years
Extent: 128pp / 18,000 words
 Standalone



Bronte Tempestra and the Vanishing Kingdom

Bex Hogan

Illustrated by Hannah McCaffery

It's time for the princess to rescue the knights! Join Bronte in her newest adventure in this fun-filled fantasy series for young readers.

When Bronte hears that the Sun Bolt has been stolen from her friend Ellie's kingdom, she feels certain that the Weather Witch is to blame. Will the realm's knights step forward and stop her once and for all? Or is it going to be down to Bronte to set things right again?

But when a sneaky midnight quest to the Vanishing Kingdom goes seriously wrong, Bronte finds herself far from Sir Sebastian's School for Squires and with little clue about how she's even going to get home.

Fortunately, Bronte has made herself some friends in high places, and together they just might be able to find their way back *and* save the day!

BEX HOGAN Raised on a healthy diet of fantasy and fairy tales, Bex Hogan has spent much of her life lost in daydreams. Writing her stories down was a natural progression and now she enjoys sharing her time between living in the real world and escaping to her imagination. She might be found riding horses, talking to her plants or eating marzipan. Or not. She is the author of the *Isles Of Storm And Sorrow* trilogy, which are YA fantasy adventures set on the high seas. *Viper*, *Venom* and *Vulture* are all out now.

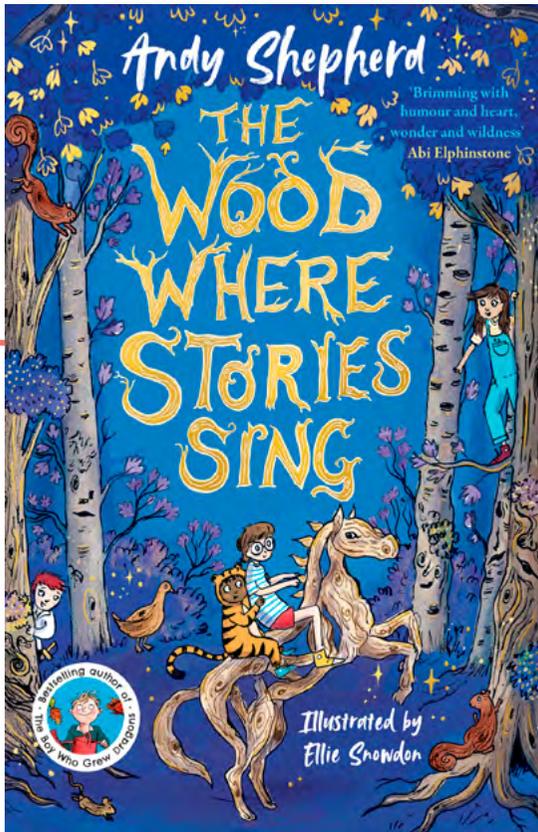
HANNAH MCCAFFERY has been an illustrator and storyteller from a young age, when she would fill dozens of sketchbooks with characters and stories. She went on to study Illustration for Children's Publishing at Glyndwr University and now works as an illustrator and designer. She finds her inspiration from the characters she comes across each day and from rambling through the beautiful Welsh countryside.

Black and white illustrations throughout!

Pub Date: 23 October 2025
Age: 7–9 years
Extent: 224pp / 22,000 words
 4 books in series

Also Available





The Wood Where Stories Sing

Andy Shepherd
Illustrated by Ellie Snowdon

The second book in an enchanting new series from the author of the bestselling *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, full of unexpected adventure, wonder and wildness, and just a little touch of magic!

Do you want to join the Treetoppers?

Iggy and his brother Cal still can't believe that they have the most wonderful adventure playground at the bottom of their garden – Wildtop Wood, a place that's full of mystery and magic. There are whispering trees who lift them into the highest branches, wooden animals who scamper into their games, and a secret canopy treehouse den just for them!

But the wild green magic of Wildtop Wood is under threat. Not everyone loves the wood like they do, and Iggy, Cal and their friend Mae will have to dig deep into their imaginations to find a way to make the wood sing again...

ANDY SHEPHERD is the author of the bestselling *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* series which has been translated into 29 languages. The first book was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Sheffield Book Award, and longlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award. She lives near Cambridge with her husband and sons.

ELLIE SNOWDON is a graduate of the University of the West of England at Bristol and the children's book illustration masters programme at Cambridge School of Art. She lives in Swansea.

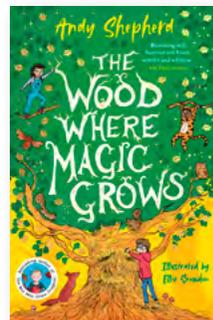
Pub Date: 2 July 2026

Age: 7–9 years

Extent: 288pp / 34,000 words

2 books in series

Also Available



Black and white illustrations throughout!



The Boy Who Grew Dragons

Andy Shepherd
Illustrated by Sara Ogilvie



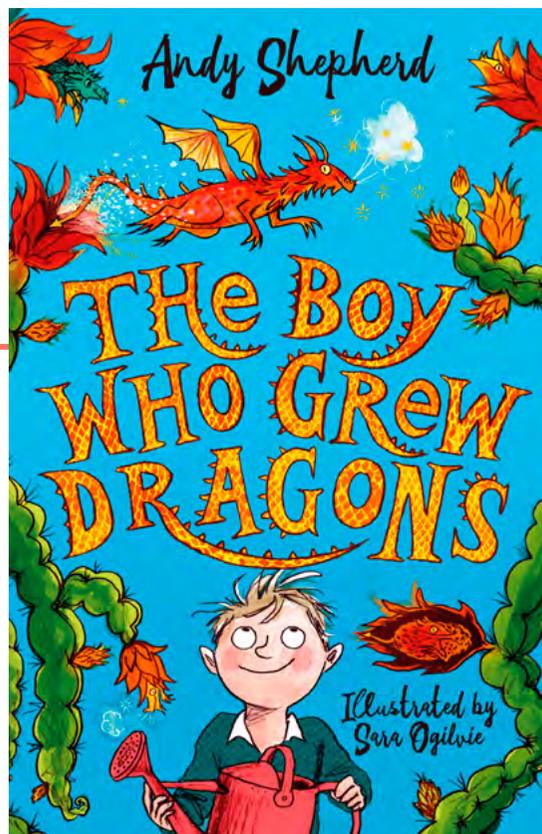
OVER HALF A MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE!

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house – and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! The tree is a dragonfruit tree, and Tomas has got his very own dragon, Flicker...

Tomas soon finds out that life with Flicker is great fun, but also very... unpredictable. Yes, dragons are wonderful, but they also set fire to your toothbrush and leave your pants hanging from the TV aerial. Tomas has to learn how to look after Flicker – and quickly. And then something extraordinary happens – more dragonfruits appear on the tree. Tomas is officially growing dragons...

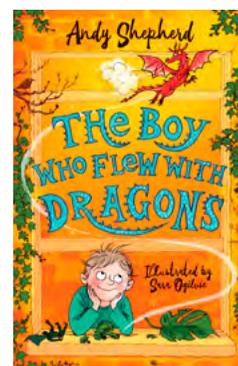
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SARA OGILVIE is an award-winning illustrator. She was born in Edinburgh in 1971 and now lives in Newcastle upon Tyne. Sara's many picture books include *The Detective Dog* by Julia Donaldson, *The Worst Princess* by Anna Kemp, and *Izzy Gizmo* by Pip Jones. Her middle grade fiction includes Phil Earle's *Demolition Dad* (and others in the Storey Street series).



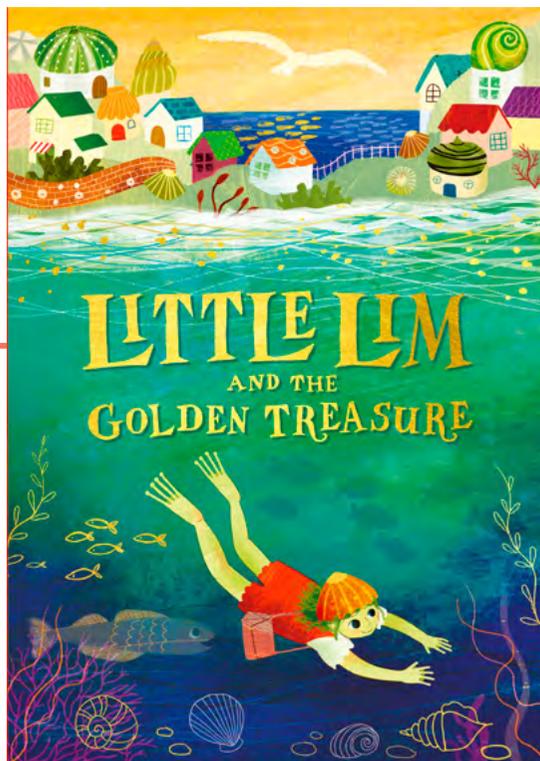
29 languages sold!

Picture Book also available!



Also Available

Pub Date: 14 June 2018
Age: 9–11 years
Extent: 224pp / 26,700 words
 6 books in series



Little Lim and the Golden Treasure

Frann Preston-Gannon



Nestled between the pink morning sky and the sparkling sea lies a small green island where our story begins...

Limpet Pebble is a true explorer. So when Tidepool, her little town nestled within a rockpool, organises a Young Explorers competition, Little Lim knows she must win! With the help of her best friend Kai, she sets out to find the most unique shell to submit and prove her worth as an explorer.

But with only hours until sunset, Little Lim struggles to find the perfect one. That is until she reads the legend of a long-lost golden shell... Can Little Lim discover the truth behind the story in time to be crowned the best Young Explorer?

Beautifully combining facts about our natural world with the magic of the rockpools, this new series is perfect for fans of Hilda and Moomin.

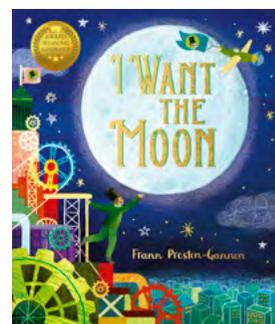
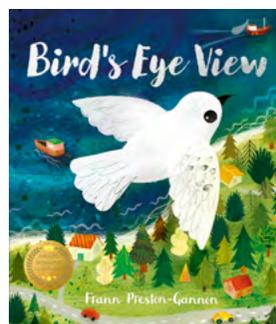
FRANN PRESTON-GANNON is a London-based illustrator and designer. Her first picture book, *The Journey Home*, was published in October 2012 and was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Prize. In April 2011 she became the first UK recipient of the Sendak Fellowship, and in 2018 the poetry collection she illustrated *I am the Seed that Grew the Tree* was the Waterstones Gift Book of the Year. Frann has been widely published, including by Nosy Crow, Vintage Books, Lonely Planet, Walker Books, Powerhouse Publishing, Scholastic US and Chronicle Publishing. For Templar her publications include *In The Swamp By the Light of the Moon*, *The Bad Day*, *Bird's Eye View* and *I Want the Moon*.

Full colour illustrations throughout!



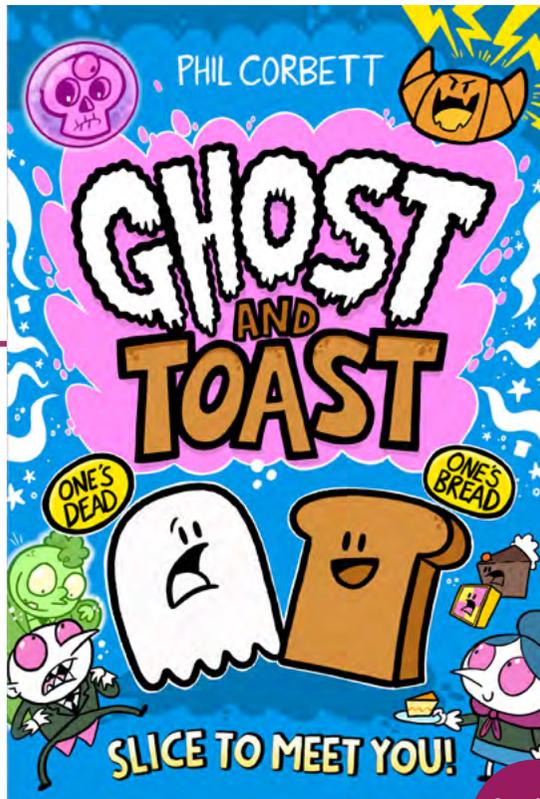
Pub Date: 8 May 2025
Age: 7–9 years
Extent: 96pp / 10,000 words
 Standalone

Also Available



Graphic Novels





Co-edition option available!



Pub Date: 10 September 2026

Age: 7–9 years

Extent: 192pp

3 books in series

Ghost and Toast: Slice to Meet You!

Phil Corbett

A funny and wacky new story, perfect for fans of **BUNNY VS MONKEY**, **DOUGHNUT CLUB** and **PABLO & SPLASH**.

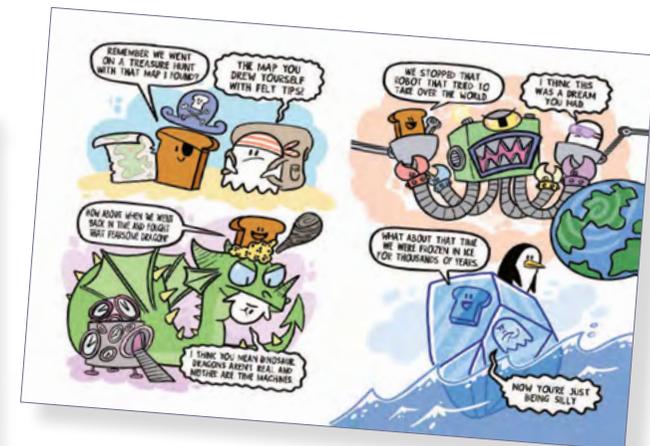
When Ghost arrives at a haunted mansion, what he doesn't expect to find is a talking slice of bread. Introducing . . . Toast! But Ghost can't remember who he was before he was a ghost, so the unlikely duo team up to solve the mystery - though they may get distracted along the way. From hordes of evil pastries to ghost trains, to giant kittens and gingerbread houses, their adventures are never stale. But the conniving Croissant will stop at nothing to cause complete, confectionary chaos - will Ghost and Toast be able to resist their sugary temptation for mayhem?

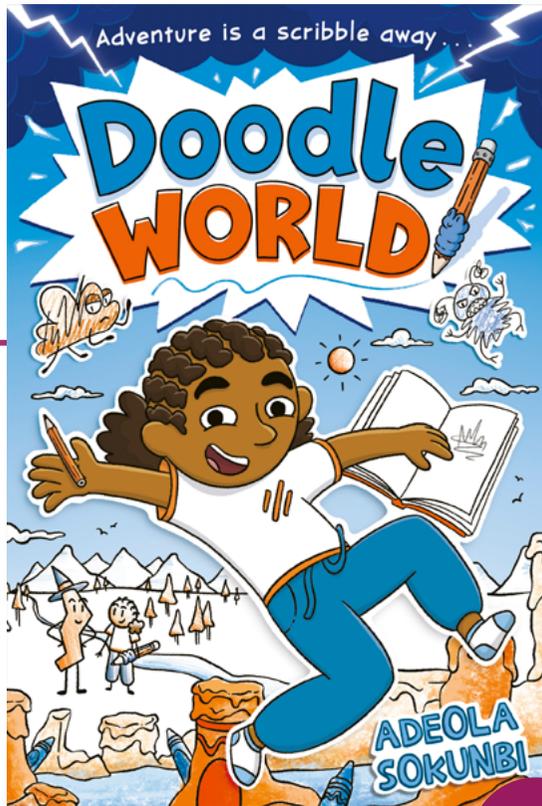
Split into three fast-paced, easy to read, episodic adventures, this book is perfect for both confident and reluctant readers!

PHIL CORBETT lives above a comic shop in France. Which works for him as he loves comics (and croissants). When he's not making comics or reading comics or telling people about comics, he sometimes does cool stuff for companies such as Cartoon Network, Disney, Nickelodeon and Nintendo. He is the creator of the *Kitty Quest* comic graphic novel series and has worked in the gaming and toy industry. His favourite ghost would be a sad victorian ghost child or the classic ghost-sheet look, and his favourite toast topping is cheese on toast.

BOOK 2 PUBLISHING 3 JUNE 2027

BOOK 3 PUBLISHING 3 FEBRUARY 2028





Co-edition option available!



Pub Date: 11 February 2027

Age: 7–9 years

Extent: 176pp

3 books in series

Doodleworld

Adeola Sokunbi

When Dara is transported into her sketchbook, she has to doodle her way through a wild, magical world to discover that mistakes can make the best adventures!

Dara loves to doodle – but when her drawings don't look perfect, she scribbles them out. Then, one stormy night, a lightning bolt zaps her straight into her sketchbook and into Doodleworld!

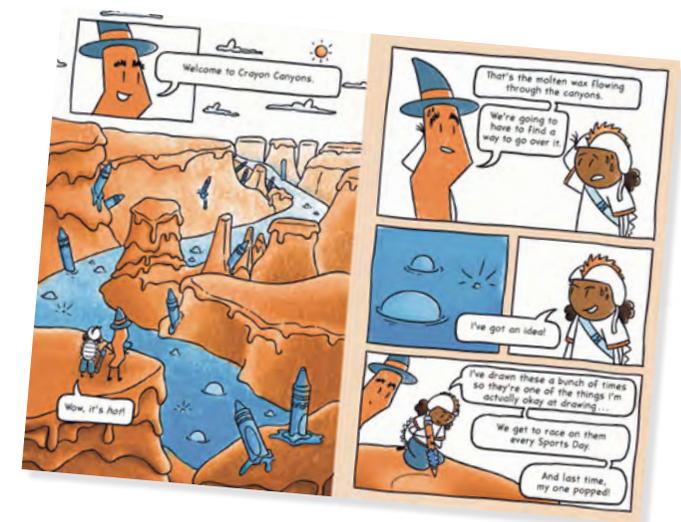
With only her trusty pencil and sidekick Zigzag to help her, Dara will need to find The Golden Pencil to draw her way home. To do so, she'll have to cross the Pencil Plains, raft down Watercolour Waterfall, squelch through Smudge Swamp and soar down Sticker Street – and all while dodging pesky scribble bugs at every turn!

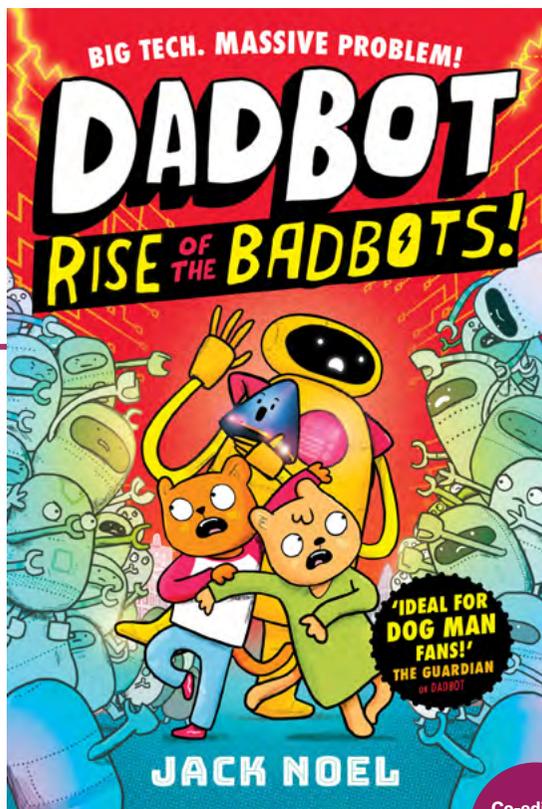
Can Dara stop chasing perfection and finish what she's started? Or will she be stuck in Doodleworld forever?



ADEOLA SOKUNBI is an award-winning author and illustrator from London with a passion for doodling and anything fantasy. She studied Computer Animation and now works in the animation industry. She is the author of the Destiny Ink series.

BOOK 2 PUBLISHING 12 AUGUST 2027
BOOK 3 PUBLISHING 10 FEBRUARY 2028





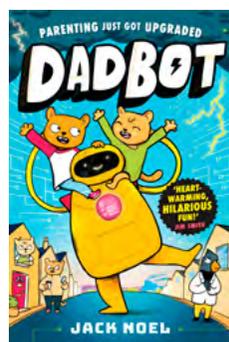
Co-edition option available!

Dadbot 2: Rise of the Badbots!

Jack Noel

A brand-new, side-splittingly funny graphic novel series, perfect for fans of DOG MAN!

The summer holidays are over and it's time for Josh and Daisy to go back to school – which means Dadbot has to stay at home without them. But then an AI home assistant called HONEY is mysteriously left on their doorstep, and Dadbot is delighted to have company. Even better, it's the company of another robot! Josh and Daisy, however, aren't too sure about Dadbot's new friend. Her voice keeps changing and it feels like she's watching them. Worse yet, Dadbot prefers spending time with HONEY than with them! When a massive power cut affects the whole town and the sky turns purple, Josh and Daisy realise something is really wrong. HONEY's interest in Dadbot isn't just creepy – it's dangerous! But who is behind it all and what do they want? Josh and Daisy need to act fast to save Dadbot... and their entire town!



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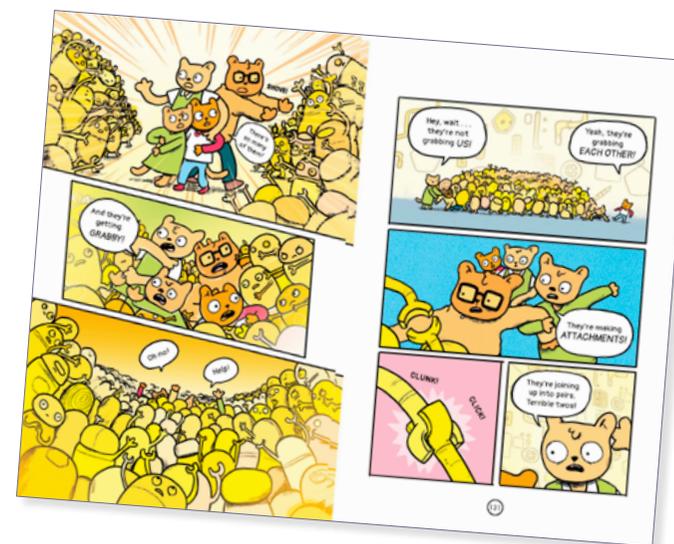
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 Age: 7–9 years
 Extent: 176pp / 5,000 words
 3 books in series

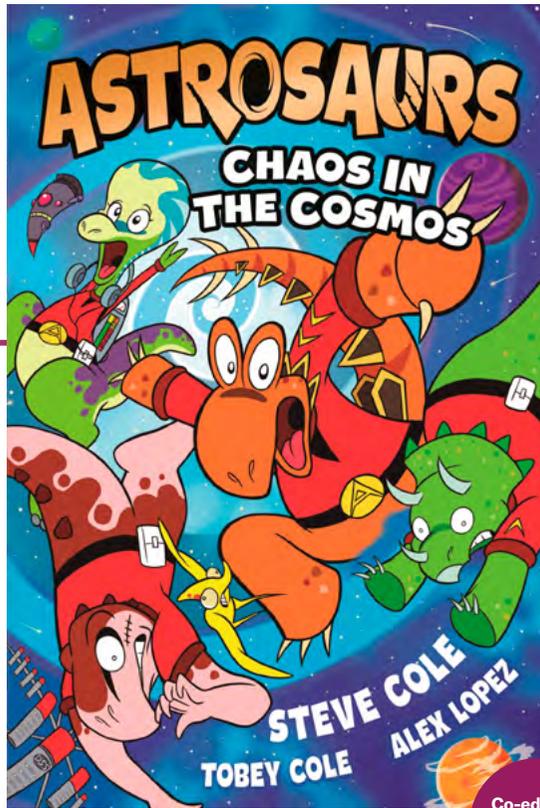
Book 3 coming in 2027



JACK NOEL is an award-winning author, illustrator and book designer. He lives in South London. He is the creator of *My Headteacher is an Evil Genius*, *Skater Baby* and the *Comic Classics* series. He has been reading comics and then copying out his favourite bits since 1988. His influences are *The Beano*, *The Simpsons* and *Terminator 2*. He is a dad, but not a robot dad.

DADBOT: BILLIONARE BLAST OFF IS COMING ON 11th MARCH 2027!





Co-edition option available!

Astrosaurs: Chaos in the Cosmos

Steve and Tobey Cole
Illustrated by Alex Lopez

Blast off with Teggs and the crew for three astronomical space adventures!

Captain Teggs, Ginni, Arx and Iggy are back on board the DSS Sauropod, ready to defend the galaxy from nefarious carnivores.

However, this time, they're up against foes who will push their limits: eery ghosts guarding a vast treasure, protecting the pterosaur home planet from a dastardly invader, and even going up against their own robot clones!

From disco disasters to troublesome trials, missions never quite go to plan . . . but the Astrosaurs are always there to save the day!



STEVE COLE is the best-selling author of over 150 books of which sales exceed three million copies. His works include the hugely successful Astrosaurs series, original fiction titles for Doctor Who, the Young Bond series and *Swarm Rising* co-authored with astronaut Tim Peake. Steve lives and works in Buckinghamshire. **TOBEY COLE** is a freelance author and screenwriter currently based in London. He graduated from the MetFilm School with a degree in Filmmaking,

ALEX LOPEZ started drawing when he was a child and now has over 15 years of experience as a professional illustrator. He is based in Spain.

ASTROSAURS: TURBO TIME TWIST IS COMING ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2027!

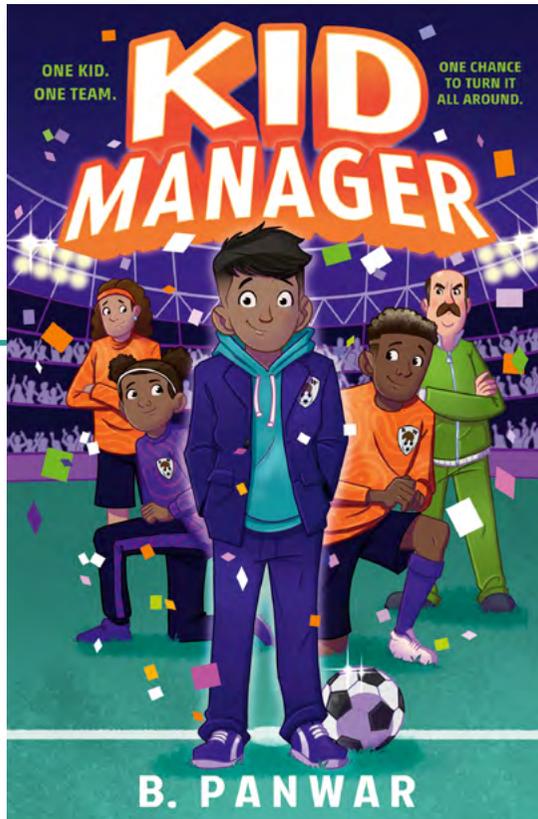
Pub Date: 6 May 2027
Age: 7–9 years
Extent: 192pp / 8,500 words
3 books in series

Also Available



Middle Grade





Kid Manager

B. Panwar

Illustrated by Alan Brown

Kick off the ultimate feel-good football series with *Kid Manager AKA Ted Lasso* for middle graders, packed with comedy, camaraderie and the craziest coaching challenge ever!

One team. One dream. One kid in charge!

Ten-year-old Amar is his local football team Blunderhampton Wanderers' biggest fan. But the once-great club is falling apart, with clueless tactics, hopeless players and a stadium that's more rust than roar.

So when Amar wins the chance to manage the Wanderers for a week, he's thrilled. How hard can it be? Pick a line-up, cheer from the sidelines, bask in glory – easy! Except now he's got to make the calls, face the press and deal with the furious ex-manager who'll stop at nothing to get his job back.

Can a kid with big ideas and an even bigger heart turn the league's laughing stocks into legends again? Or will Amar's dream job turn into the ultimate own goal?

B. PANWAR (pen name for Bali Rai) was born in Leicester where he grew up in a multicultural community dreaming of playing football for Liverpool FC, being Bob Marley or becoming a writer. He is a leading and award-winning voice in UK children's fiction, and writes the books he would have enjoyed as a young person. A passionate advocate of reading for pleasure and promoting literacy and empathy, he has over twenty years of experience in working with young people globally.

ALAN BROWN lives and works as a children's book illustrator on the North Coast of England. When he's not drawing adventures and mysteries, he can be found out and about having adventures and solving mysteries with his wife, sons and fuzzleball companion Otto the Cockapoo.

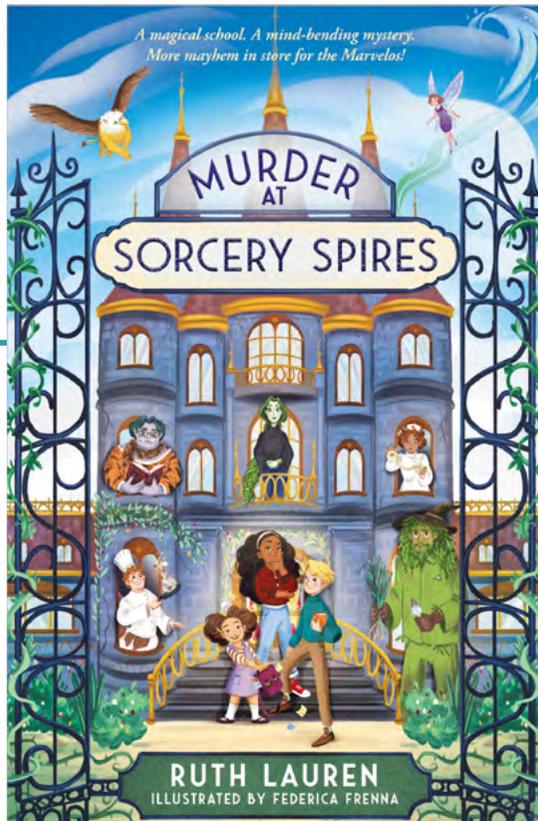
Art on every page plus comic panels for gameplay sequences!

Pub Date: 08 April 2027

Age: 9–11 years

Extent: 240pp / 20,000 words

2 books in series



Murder at Sorcery Spires

Ruth Lauren

Illustrated by Federica Frenna

The Marvelos are back for another fantastical and cosy murder mystery for children.

The excitement has barely settled since Finnian, Juniper and Teddy solved their first murder mystery before they receive an email requesting their help once again. Their good friend Emily the griffin has discovered a most strange and mysterious death at Sorcery Spires – a prestigious boarding school for young spellcasters – and as the victim is a fellow griffin, she is duty-bound to solve the case.

Only, as the Marvelo siblings arrive at the scene of the crime, it's clear that this sparkling school hides many secrets within its walls...and this murder may only be the first. Can Finnian, Juniper and Teddy uncover the murderer before they strike again?

Perfect for fans of Robin Stevens & *The Swifts*.

RUTH LAUREN is the author of several books for young readers. She lives in the West Midlands in England with her family. When she's not writing, she's almost certainly reading, playing D&D (badly) or falling down the rabbit hole of whatever she's currently obsessed with. You can learn more about her books (but not about how to play D&D) at ruthlauren.com

FEDERICA FRENNIA was born in Agrigento, Sicily. After earning a degree at the Academy of Fine Arts in Palermo, she began attending various workshops and started to work as a professional illustrator. She is now featured in many publications and works with various publishers. She enjoys illustrating all kinds of stories and tales, especially books that contain nature, animals, adventure and magic!

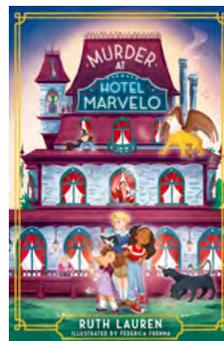
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Age: 8–12 years

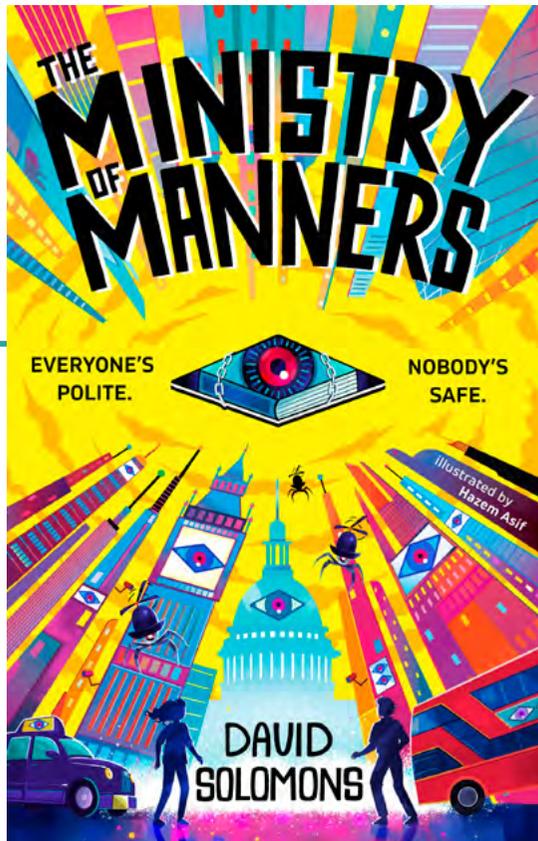
Extent: 336pp

2 books in series

Also Available



Black and white illustrations throughout!



Pub Date: 7 May 2026

Age: 9–12 years

Extent: 352pp / 50,000 words

Standalone

The Ministry of Manners

David Solomons

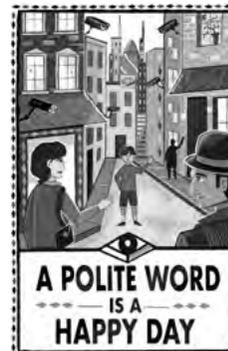
Illustrated by Hazem Asif

Everyone's polite. Nobody's safe. A thought-provoking new story from award-winning author David Solomons

Be quiet. Be polite. Or be silenced.

Alfie and Margot Hawthorne live under the iron grip of the Ministry of Manners, where every home has its own C.I.V.I.L.I.T.Y. assistant, keeping life running to the highest standards of politeness. Each citizen is allotted Courtesy Coins, a currency that fluctuates with every act of politeness or rudeness, and a slip of the tongue could lead to dire consequences.

Margot, with her wild spirit, finds herself constantly at odds with the regulations, and Alfie navigates the fine line between compliance and rebellion. But when Margot comes under the terrifying gaze of the Ministry itself, Alfie realises that the moment for compliance is over – if he wants to save his sister, he's going to need to fight ...



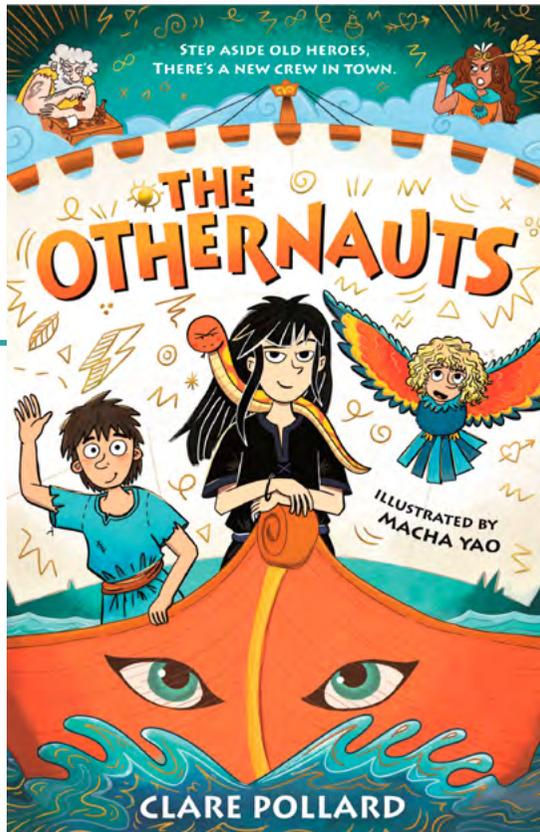
Black and white illustrations throughout!



DAVID SOLOMONS is the award-winning author of the *My Brother is a Superhero* series. He spent much of his childhood playing with Star Wars figures and trying to make toy lightsabers jump into his hand using only the power of the Force (and a rubber band). At the age of four and a half, he was dismayed to learn he needed glasses, protesting that James Bond didn't wear specs. He now lives in Dorset with his two children, Luke and Lara.

HAZEM ASIF is an illustrator and designer based in Lahore, Pakistan. He first fell in love with visual storytelling through the enchanting Harry Potter covers by Mary GrandPré. That early spark led him to pursue a creative path, earning a BFA in Graphic Design (2016) and an MFA in Design (2018) from Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts. He has illustrated over 15 children's books for international publishers and loves to bring diverse stories to life through vibrant illustrations for young readers around the world.





Pub Date: 4 June 2026

Age: 9–11 years

Extent: 304pp / 34,000 words

2 books in series

The Othernavts

Clare Pollard

Illustrated by Macha Yao

A hilarious new take on the Greek myth of Jason and the Argonauts from award-winning author Clare Pollard

Meet Phoebe. She's eleven years old and desperate to escape the boring island where she lives.

Enter the Argonauts, a crew of so-called heroes on a quest to grab the golden fleece.

Before Phoebe can think better of it, she boards the ship and stows away on the Argo. But the Argonauts have their work cut out. From attacking harpies to deadly whirlpools, giant sea monsters to skeleton armies, there is peril at every turn. Fortunately the Othernavts are on hand – though with Phoebe's unhelpful prophecies, Perry's unreliable shape-shifting skills and Cora the siren's headache-inducing singing, it's not quite clear exactly how much help these kids will be...

Do the Othernavts have what it takes to get the Argo and its motley crew back to safety in one piece?

Black and white illustrations throughout!



CLARE POLLARD is an author, playwright and poet. Her sixth collection of poetry *Lives of the Female Poets*, is forthcoming in 2025. She has also written a new translation of *Ovid's Heroines*, which she toured as a one-woman show. Clare's other publications include a play, *The Weather*, that premiered at the Royal Court Theatre, two adult novels and a non-fiction title, *Fierce Bad Rabbits: The Tales Behind Children's Picture Books*. Her debut children's novel was *The Untameables* (The Emma Press, 2024).

MACHA YAO is a French-British illustrator based in Taiwan. She's inspired by a lifelong obsession with comics, lava lamps, arcades, neon signs, and the faded magic of old seaside funfairs - as well as her two children. After studying cinema editing and SFX, she now channels her love for storytelling as an illustrator and designer, bringing her quirky characters to life with vibrant colours, funky patterns, and silly goose energy. Macha believes books should empower kids, spark their confidence, and she always aims to give them a good laugh through her work.



Adventures in Lylaland

Louise Pentland

The children’s fiction debut from Louise Pentland, the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the *Wilde* series!

Ten-year-old Lyla Wilde is ready for a fresh start. After a summer of moving between her mum and dad’s houses, she’s fed up with the tension between them. Her parents had promised that the divorce would make things better, but it’s only made them more complicated! So instead, she escapes to Lylaland: her very own dream world, where anything is possible.

Then a national competition invites students at her school to invent the next best thing and finalists are offered the chance to bring their family on a weekend away. This is it! Lyla sees the competition as the perfect chance to get Mum and Dad back together and put an end to the arguing. But trying to think up the next best invention is harder than she expects, and stepping into Lylaland doesn’t offer her the escape that it used to.

Just what will Lyla do when her daydreams start to feel like nightmares? Can she rediscover the magic of Lylaland and fix things in the real world too?

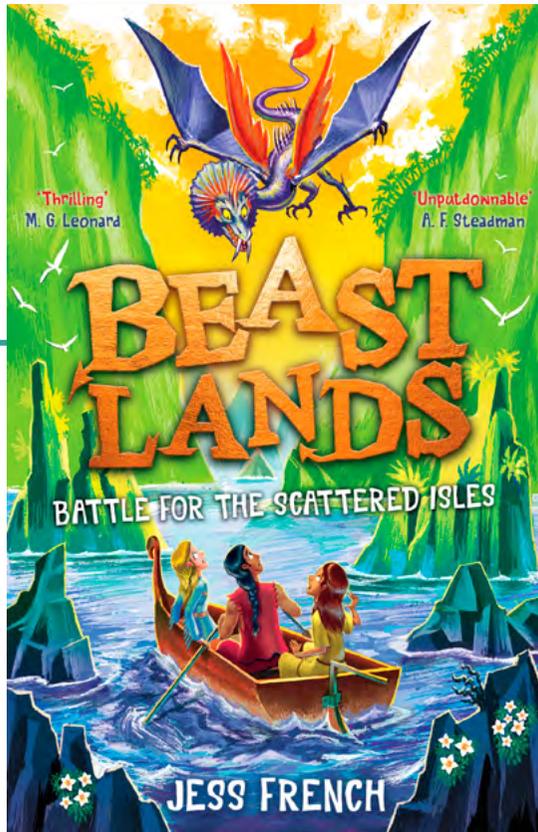
Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland meets *George’s Marvellous Medicine* in this wonderfully whimsical middle grade story!

LOUISE PENTLAND is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the *Wilde* trilogy. She’s the number one parenting vlogger in the UK, with 8 million combined followers across her social platforms. Louise is the host of the motherhood podcast *Mothers’ Meeting*, she writes a monthly column for *Mother & Baby* magazine, and was crowned the Number 1 Mumfluencer in the magazine in 2019. Louise has filmed with the Pope at the Vatican to discuss the challenges facing young people today and HRH Prince Charles and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall to support Bookstart to encourage childhood literacy.

Author following by country

Country	Followers
United Kingdom	1,241,194 / 33.46%
United States	886,762 / 23.9%
Australia	141,229 / 3.81%
Brazil	95,058 / 2.56%
India	90,984 / 2.45%
Canada	88,268 / 2.38%
Ireland	74,690 / 2.01%
Germany	71,974 / 1.94%
France	63,827 / 1.72%
Italy	58,392 / 1.57%
Spain	58,392 / 1.57%
Russia	52,960 / 1.43%
Indonesia	40,740 / 1.1%

Pub Date: 28 August 2025
Age: 9–11 years
Extent: 240pp / 40,000 words
 Standalone



Beastlands: Battle for the Scattered Isles



Jess French

The epic conclusion to the *Beastlands* trilogy, featuring three unlikely heroes, a land of mighty beasts, and an epic final quest . . .

Kayla, Rustus and Alethea once feared the wilds of Ramoa. Now, they are its fiercest protectors.

The land is fractured – its beasts cast out, its people divided. But a darker threat looms: Professor Penn is preparing to unleash a legendary beast and twist it into something even more fearsome.

To stop her, the trio must journey to the perilous Scattered Isles where she has set up base. But the path is treacherous: shipwrecks, sea beasts, underwater cities and rebel factions lie ahead. Old allies must be called upon, and long-buried truths brought to light.

But time is running out. The ancient prophecy speaks of a creature born of foul desire and a final reckoning that will decide the fate of Ramoa. As the realms teeter on the brink of ruin, Kayla, Rustus and Alethea must unlearn the fears of their past and embrace the wild magic of Ramoa one final time - before Penn's fury is unleashed . . . and the world burns.

JESS FRENCH has made a career of working with animals. She is a qualified veterinary surgeon with a first-class degree in zoology, a naturalist and entomologist. She is the author of over twenty books for children and the presenter of hit wildlife show *Minibeast Adventures with Jess*. She is also a regular contributor to radio and film. Jess spent much of her childhood adventuring outdoors, which inspired her love of nature and animals. She has worked all over the globe, including at a gibbon rescue centre in Thailand, a monkey sanctuary in Bolivia, a home for orphaned kangaroos in Australia and a dog shelter in India. She currently lives in Norfolk with her family.



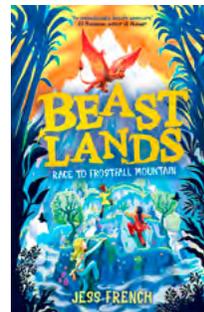
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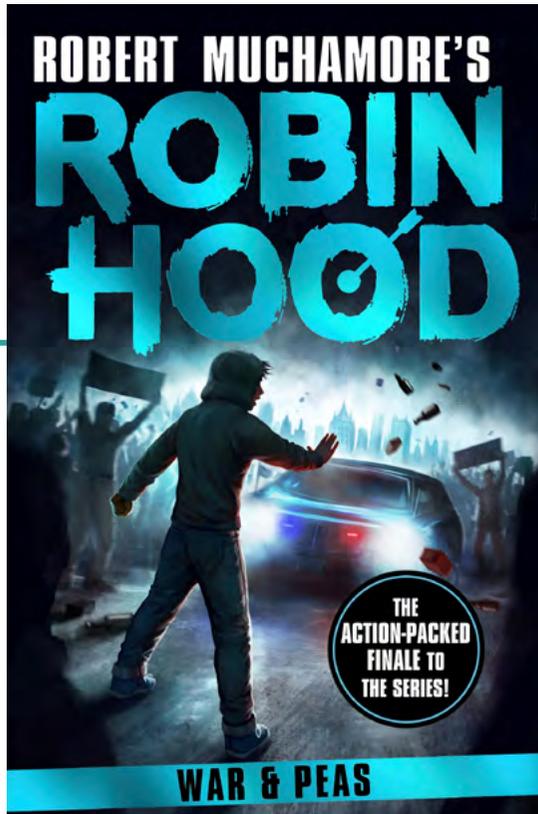
Extent: 352pp / 75,000 words

3 books in series

Also
Available



Black and white
illustrations
throughout!



Robin Hood: War and Peas

Robert Muchamore

The explosive finale in the latest sure-fire hit series from the bestselling author of CHERUB.

Teen rebel and social-media star Robin Hood is in exile in Holland, limited to public campaigning for the rebel cause. In the meantime, the Sherwood Forest rebels have been waging a long bitter war against President Marjorie Kovacevic's troops. And hundreds of thousands of civilians, women and children, have been locked up in squalid open-air prisons. But if the President wants to remain in power, she must do whatever it takes to completely destroy the rebels in Sherwood Forest.

Robin gets a chance to rejoin the rebels and is smuggled in a hair-raising sea crossing to team up with his old band once more. His plan to destroy a military weapons factory turns into a plot to foment a popular uprising and stage a massive prison breakout. Soon a last-ditch

effort to break the deadlock of never-ending fighting and oppression is gaining momentum like an out-of-control rollercoaster. The stakes could not be higher.

What ensues is the mother of all battles that reaches a cataclysmic finale in which the outcome remains on a knife edge until the very last page.

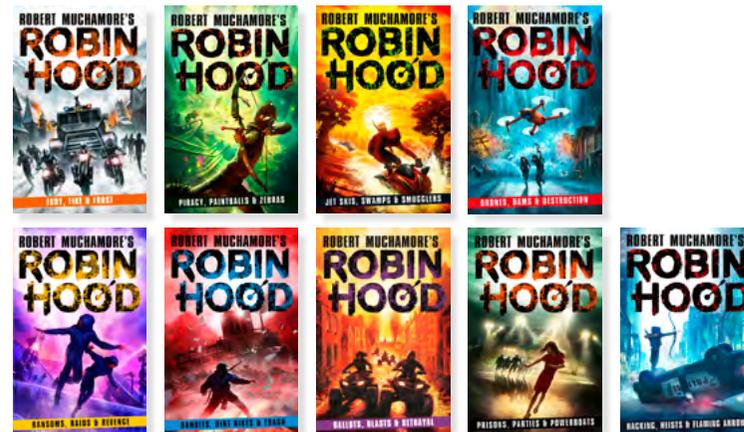
ROBERT MUCHAMORE'S books have sold over 15 million copies worldwide, have been translated into 24 languages, and have been number-one bestsellers in eight countries including the UK, France, Germany, Australia and New Zealand. Worldwide English language sales exceed 7 million copies, with 3 million copies sold in the UK alone. For more information about Robert and his books, go to muchamore.com.

Also Available

Pub Date: 12+ years

Age: 288pp

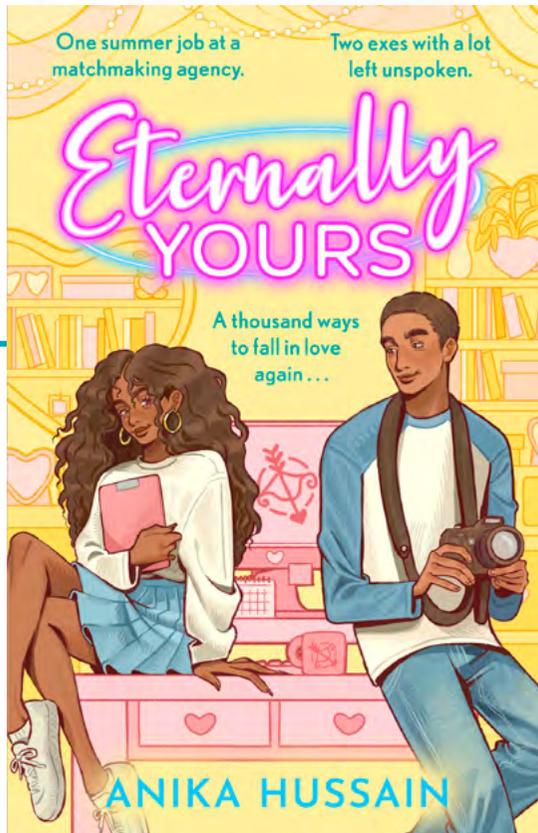
10 books in series



Rights Sold: Dutch, French, Portuguese (exc. Br), Turkish, Ukrainian

Young Adult





Eternally Yours

Anika Hussain

When two exes are forced to work a summer job together at a matchmaking agency, sparks fly in this warm, witty YA romcom.

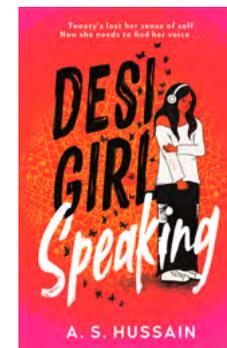
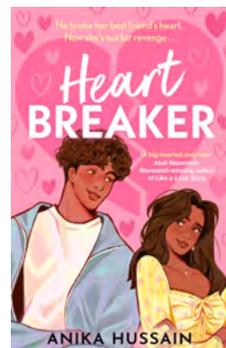
Poppy isn't looking for love – she's looking for a way to get her mum on the client list of Eternally Yours, the most exclusive matchmaking agency in town. So when she lands a summer job there, she's ready to fake her passion for romance and keep her head down.

Except her ex-boyfriend Salman is also working there. And he somehow still knows exactly how to make her laugh when she's trying to hate him. As they're forced to plan dates for other people, Poppy and Salman find themselves revisiting their own history – and maybe rewriting it. But will they be able to find their way back to each other for good?

ANIKA HUSSAIN was born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden, and currently lives and writes in Bristol, Somerset. She is a graduate of the Bath Spa MAWYP. Not having seen herself in the books she read as a teenager, she writes YA novels with South Asian characters at the heart of the story. She is the YA Book Prize shortlisted author of *This Is How You Fall in Love* and *Heartbreaker*. In her free time, she rewatches *Love Island*, listens to too many true crime podcasts and sings pop-punk songs loudly around her apartment.

Pub Date: 16 July 2026
Age: 12+ years
Extent: 352pp / 73,000 words
 Standalone

Also Available





Missing Pieces

Catherine Bruton

'The memories are like islands,' she says. 'Little islands of memory, surrounded by the ebbing and flowing water of forgetting.'

15-year-old Arti is the daughter to noughties chart-topper, Sadie Sim – a blonde bombshell whose image filled every magazine and whose life filled the gossip columns.

But while Sadie is sunshine and glamour, she's not so good at putting food on the table and Arti is used to being the only grown-up in the family. For years, she has kept her mum afloat and set aside her own chances of friendship and romance. Arti hopes to finally find both this summer, but when they return to Sadie's rundown hometown, Sadie becomes wilder and more turbulent than ever – and Arti has no idea why or how to help.

All the missing pieces about Sadie's past begin to overwhelm Arti: just who is her father? Why does Sadie keep forgetting things? And, more crucially, are her mum's old songs the key to unlocking the mystery?

Full of songs, self-discovery and summer heartbreak, this is perfect for fans of Sarah Crossan, Elizabeth Acevedo and Tia Fisher.

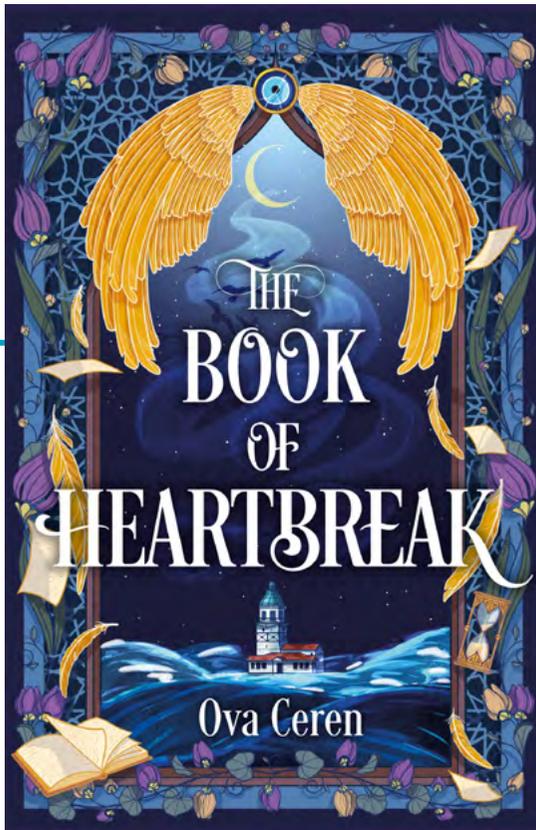
CATHERINE BRUTON studied English at Oxford University and has been juggling life as a teacher, children's author and mum ever since. As an English teacher she sees first hand the impact stories can have on young readers – opening their eyes, expanding their horizons, making them ask questions and see the world differently. Her books tackle some of the big issues faced by young people today in ways that are heart-breaking, often hilarious, but invariably hopeful.

Pub Date: 2 April 2027

Age: 12+ years

Extent: 336pp / 26,500 words

Standalone



The Book of Heartbreak

Ova Ceren

A gorgeous romantasy of angels and curses, which will break your heart and mend it again, perfect for fans of Laini Taylor and Stephanie Garber.

Heartbreak is always devastating, but for Sare it's life-threatening.

Sare Silverbirch has already had her heart broken four times, and a fifth heartbreak will stop her heart forever. Such is the nature of the curse she was born under, which forces her to live a life without letting anyone get too close.

Then her mother dies unexpectedly, and Sare begins to question the curse. Where did it come from? Why her? And rather than accept it, could there be a way to break it?

Her questions lead her to Istanbul where she meets Leon, a seer who helps her track down the mysteries of her mother's past. But Sare's heart is a fragile thing and their blossoming relationship poses a great risk to her survival. Especially when she discovers that her fate is in the hands of celestials beyond this earthly realm. And now the heavens are stirring, for they have a stake in Sare's destiny and they don't like their plans being overturned.

Will Sare unravel the secrets of the past before the curse claims her forever?

OVA CEREN is a software developer and the creator behind the highly popular BookTok and Instagram channels @excusemyreading (625k and 140k followers respectively), where she shares literary landmarks, cosy views of her garden library and ongoing adventures of her resident flock of ducks. Half woman, half book, she was born and bred in Izmir, Turkey and now lives in Cambridge, UK. Ova never forgets a heartbreak. She writes magical stories to put the pieces back together.

Over
750,000
social media
followers!

Pub Date: 28 August 2025

Age: 12+ years

Extent: 448pp / 100,000 words

Standalone



Ask Me Anything

Bethany Rutter

A gorgeously sassy campus-set romcom, where Mary-Elizabeth sorts out other students' love-lives as the university magazine's agony aunt. But when her own love-life crumbles, what advice can she give herself?

A gorgeously sassy campus-set romcom, where problem pages and parties turn enemies to lovers. As Mary-Elizabeth starts her second year at university in London, she has set her sights on Felix Balfour, the charming, very sexy and outwardly feminist editor of the university magazine. This is where she writes 'Ask M-E Anything' - a column full of perky, optimistic advice for the lovelorn. As for her own love-life, she only wants a little no-strings fling with Felix, and of course she'll be able to pull that off. Fun times ahead!

Meanwhile, annoying grump Laurie from the uni newspaper (the university's more highbrow and serious publication) just seems to be a thorn in her side. After mocking her at a Quad Media mixer party, he seems to be continuing to mock her from the newspaper's own problem page – an idea they've stolen from the magazine and made much less fun. Mary-Elizabeth is sure the newspaper's brutal responses to the same problems she's tackling could only be penned by Laurie.

Mary-Elizabeth is certainly prejudiced against proud-seeming Laurie. But when Mary-Elizabeth loses her way, and the fun times with Felix start to sour, Laurie is always there to pick her up, and not asking for anything in return... But surely Laurie isn't the answer to her problems?

BETHANY RUTTER is a writer and podcaster. She writes books about women, bodies and clothes. She lives in South East London.

Pub Date: 6 November 2025

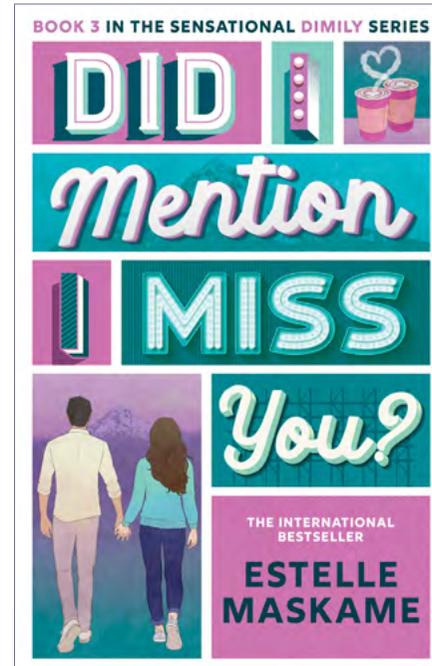
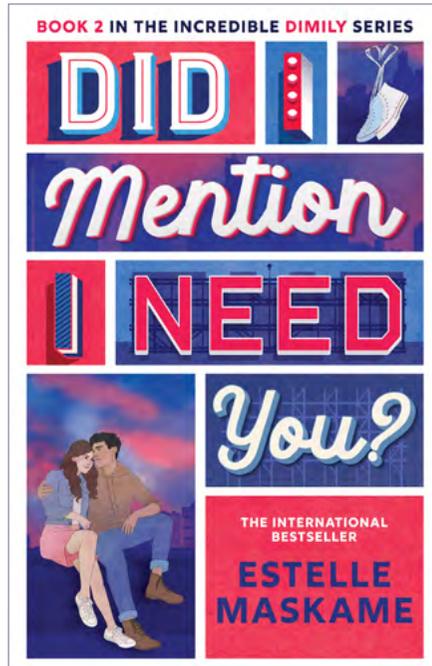
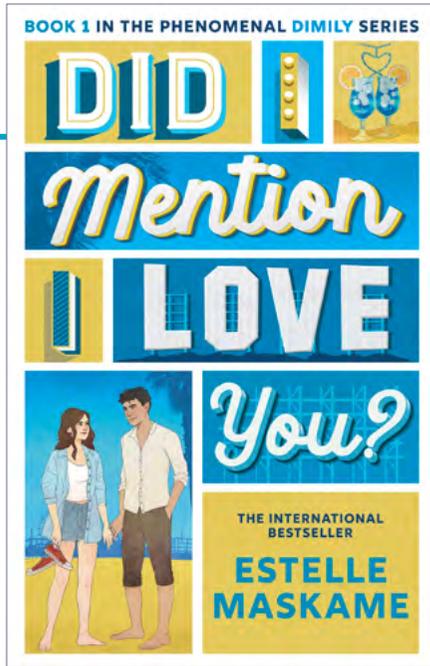
Age: 14+ years

Extent: 304pp/ 70,000 words

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Did I Mention I Love You?: Trilogy

Estelle Maskame



Brand new editions of the best-selling DIMILY series!

When Eden Munro agrees to spend the summer with her estranged dad in Santa Monica, she has no idea she's also going to meet her new stepbrother, Tyler Bruce. The more she struggles to understand him, the more she finds him irresistibly intriguing. This summer is going to be complicated...

Can Eden resist falling for the one person she shouldn't?

Set over the course of three unforgettable summers in Santa Monica, NYC and Portland, the DIMILY series follows Eden and Tyler in their all-encompassing, tumultuous romance.

Sold in
22
languages!

ESTELLE MASKAME published the first book in her international bestselling *Did I Mention I Love You?* series when she was just seventeen. A word-of-mouth sensation, she is also the author of the Mila trilogy (2022), and the "highly addictive" standalone novels *Dare to Fall* and *The Wrong Side of Kai*. With over one million copies of her books sold, and rights sold in twenty-two territories, her fiction attracts countless passionate, loyal fans worldwide.



Not Going to Plan

Tia Fisher

An intensely topical novel about a woman's right to choose from a Yoto Carnegie Shadow Award winner

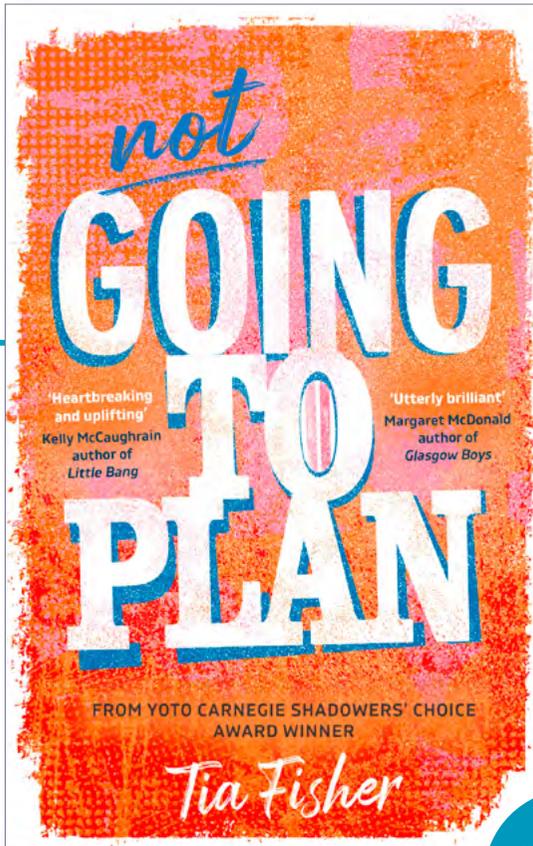
Marnie has just been excluded from her posh private school, which is how she ends up at the local state school and sitting next to Zed, the loner in the class. But Marnie (good at most things, especially Art but definitely not Physics) and Zed (good at most things, especially Maths but definitely not Spanish) soon find they can help each other out – and become good friends.

Then Marnie finds out she is pregnant. How could she be? They were using a condom ... But Marnie comes to the horrible realisation that the boy she was with (not Zed) wasn't telling the truth. Marnie now has the most terrible and unfair decision to make. And to do that she will need the help of her friends and family – if she can bear to tell them.

A powerful story, accessibly told, about sexual assault, abortion and one young woman's response to the life-changing situation she finds herself in.

TIA FISHER writes books for the rebel inside her. She spent her youth desperate to escape the boredom of a tiny village in Norfolk, reading everything she could lay her hands on. After being expelled from boarding school and dropping out of university, she had a bewildering variety of jobs – from TV presenter to ESOL teacher to artists' model – before finding her happy place working in libraries and writing stories. In her fifties, she went back to university, and is now the proud owner of a master's degree in writing for young people. She has recently moved back to Norfolk – and now she doesn't think it's boring at all!

Crossing The Line, winner of the 2024 Yoto Carnegie Shadows' Choice Medal and the UKLA 11-14+ prize, is Tia Fisher's debut novel. Hot Key Books will publish Tia's YA verse novel *Not Going to Plan* in autumn 2025, and a middle grade WW2 story, *Operation Doodlebug*, is coming out in 2026 with Piccadilly Press.



Shortlisted for the Carnegie award 2026

Also Available

Pub Date: 28 August 2025
 Age: 14+ years
 Extent: 352pp / 38,000 words
 Standalone



So why on earth
 wouldn't I want
 to lap a baby
 around for months,
 get stretch-marked
 and sick, with
 everyone asking
 me all the time
 who the father is -
 and oh, it's none of
 your business -
 I'd almost
 love my
 art collage,
 go to art school
 and be
 branded a slut
 forever, that I
 any time
 restored with my mum
 (uh, by the way,
 the name of the way,
 chose to face with
 though I'm
 her life) dilemma and
 keep me even
 - and, oh my God,
 what if my mother wanted
 to adapt my baby, could you
 imagine it, a brother or sister
 my own child,
 who is actually and what if I loved it
 that is horrific - and what if I didn't love it
 and couldn't give it up, so yes, I've considered
 and then I was just a monster? adoption and you can take your
 advice and shove it right up -

A POWERFUL VERSE NOVEL



Under My Skin

Juno Dawson

Meet Molly Sue. Once she's under your skin there's no getting rid of her . . . Juno Dawson's classic thriller with a bold new cover look.

Seventeen-year-old Sally Feather is not exactly a rebel. Her super-conservative parents and her treatment at the hands of high school bullies means that Sally's about as shy and retiring as they come - but all that's about to change. Accidentally ending up in the seedier side of town one day, Sally finds herself mysteriously lured to an almost-hidden tattoo parlour - and once inside, Sally is quickly seduced by its charming owner, Rosita, and her talk of how having a secret tattoo can be as empowering as it is thrilling. Almost before she knows what she is doing, Sally selects sexy pin-up Molly Sue, and has her tattooed on her back - hoping that Molly Sue will inspire her to be as confident and popular as she is in her dreams. But things quickly take a nightmareish turn. Almost immediately, Sally begins to hear voices in her head - or rather, one voice in particular: Molly Sue's.

And she has no interest in staying quiet and being a good girl - in fact, she's mighty delighted to have a body to take charge of again.

Sally slowly realises that she is unable to control Molly Sue . . . and before long she's going to find out the hard way what it truly means to have somebody 'under your skin'.

JUNO DAWSON is a best-selling author, screenwriter and podcaster. She lives in Brighton with her dogs, Prince and Miss Angel Bun.

Pub Date: 26 March 2026

Age: 14+ years

Extent: 320pp/ 77,000 words

Standalone

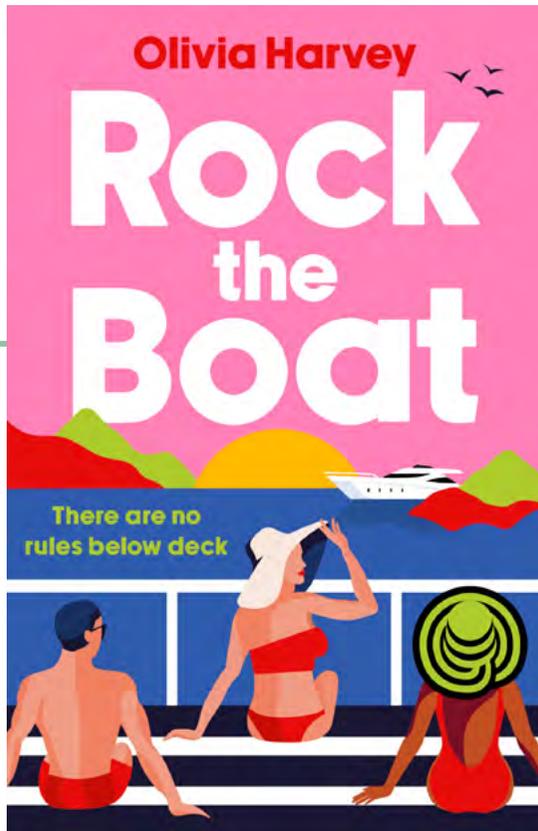
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World Rights Available

New Adult





Rock the Boat

Olivia Harvey

A sizzling, sexy summer read for all fans of *Below Deck* and *Emily Henry*.

Hope and Adam are newbie yachties on board the *Serendipity* out of Mallorca. They soon realise they're going to have to keep their relationship secret – below deck, it's a tight crew, and things could get messy. It turns out to be pretty sexy though, having to sneak about and keep things secret – until Hope starts to see another side of Adam she's not so keen on, and realises that maybe he's not quite who she thought he was. And then super-hot stewardess Berry joins the team on board – and it looks like rules are made to be broken...

Welcome to the messiest, sexiest below-deck love triangle you'll read this summer...

OLIVIA HARVEY is an author of YA and adult romcoms. She's never worked on boats, but once had the best ham and cheese baguette of her life on a yacht in Mallorca. She lives by the sea with her two teen sons and loves to watch the sunset from her kitchen window.

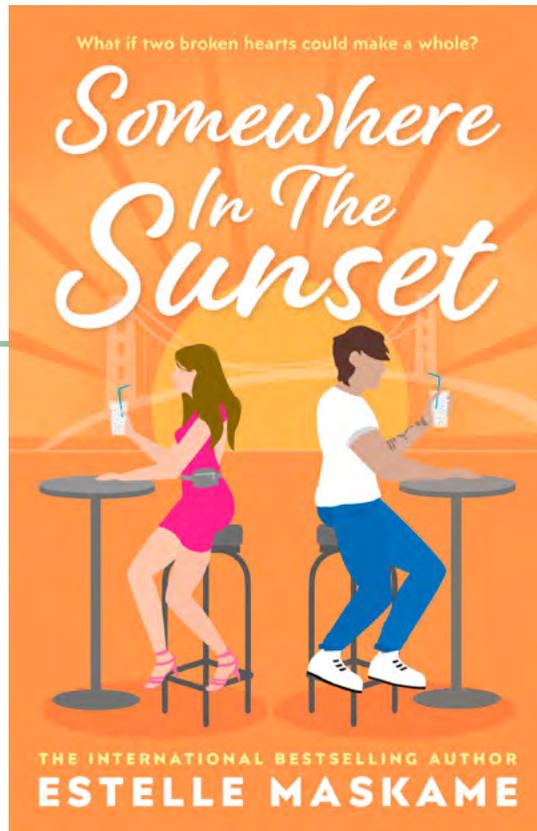
'I couldn't put *Rock the Boat* down! Olivia Harvey is my new favourite author'
- **Kirsty Greenwood, author of *The Love of My Afterlife***

Pub Date: 5 June 2025

Age: 16+ years

Extent: 304pp / 70,000 words

Standalone



Somewhere in the Sunset

Estelle Maskame

Two perfect strangers in San Francisco. Gracie and Weston have their futures mapped out.

Gracie's future is glossy, glam and loved-up. Flawless like her influencer lifestyle. Weston's is all tattoo parlors, hitting the bar on the regular, and earning his police officer's badge. Tough guy, or so he tells himself.

What they have in common is heartbreak. In the aftermath of shattered romances, they're reeling. Gracie's been unceremoniously dumped... by the guy who promised to be her forever. While Weston is realizing he never showed his ex quite how much he loved her.

When two sets of friends stage an intervention – no more pity parties – worlds collide in a downtown club. There's spilled drinks, thrown punches and ugly tears in the back of an Uber. Not exactly a cute meet-cute.

Their futures uncertain, Gracie and Weston gravitate toward one another. The chemistry between them is undeniable – but they're just friends, right. Right?

The first New Adult novel from the international bestselling author of the YA *Did I Mention I Love You?* series, *Mila* trilogy, *Dare to Fall* and *The Wrong Side of Kai*, *Somewhere in the Sunset* is the scorching, heart-shattering romance of the summer.

ESTELLE MASKAME published the first book in her international bestselling *Did I Mention I Love You?* series when she was just seventeen. A word-of-mouth sensation, she is also the author of the *Mila* trilogy (2022), and the “highly addictive” standalone novels *Dare to Fall* and *The Wrong Side of Kai*. With over one million copies of her books sold, and rights sold in twenty territories, her fiction attracts countless passionate, loyal fans worldwide. Winner of the Young Scot Arts Award 2016, Estelle has been shortlisted for the Young Adult award at the Romantic Novel of the Year Awards. When she's not catching up with her international fanbase – or travelling to America to research her characters and their lives – Estelle lives in her hometown of Peterhead, Scotland.

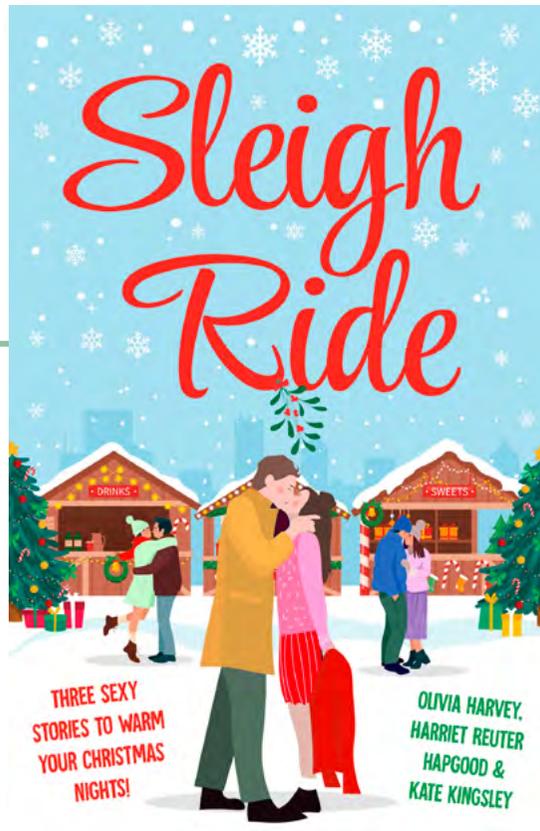
Estelle's books have sold in 22 languages so far!

Pub Date: 11 April 2024

Age: 18+ years

Extent: 288pp / 80,000 words

Standalone



Sleigh Ride

Olivia Harvey
Harriet Reuter Hapgood
Kate Kingsley

Three gorgeously sexy, romantic Christmas stories to spice up your winter nights!

Fall in love with this collection of three festive stories to spice up your winter nights!

Sometimes the best presents just can't wait to be unwrapped...

From the snowy English countryside and New Yorker Ness's wild fling with a gorgeous local, to incurable romantic Candy's crash course in flirting with sexy Scottish Jamie, to a magical Christmas party for unadventurous Ella and an unexpectedly attractive gift, these are the perfect wintry stories to curl up with this holiday season.

Baby, it's cold outside, so light the fire and let the flames ignite...

This anthology contains:
All I Want For Christmas by Olivia Harvey
Last Christmas by Harriet Reuter Hapgood
Under The Mistletoe by Kate Kingsley

OLIVIA HARVEY is an author of YA and adult romcoms. She's never worked on boats, but once had the best ham and cheese baguette of her life on a yacht in Mallorca. She lives by the sea with her two teen sons and loves to watch the sunset from her kitchen window.

KATE KINGSLEY grew up in New York and London. Kate is the author of the five *Young, Loaded And Fabulous* books, and *Under The Mistletoe* is her first novella.

HARRIET REUTER HAPGOOD was born in Nottingham and has lived in half a dozen cities since. A freelance journalist, she was the chief sub-editor of fashion periodical *Marie Claire Runway*, helped launch *ELLE Wedding*, and has contributed to *InStyle* and *The Independent*. Harriet is the author of *The Square Root Of Summer* and *How To Be Luminous*.

Pub Date: 29 August 2024

Age: 18+ years

Extent: 288pp / 68,000 words

Standalone

World English





Fake Out Make Out

Kate Williams

A thrilling New Adult debut that combines high-stakes espionage with all-consuming attraction for fans of *The Night Agent* and *Ali Hazelwood*.

Charlie Ross is a women's running champion until she's struck down by chronic illness. Needing time to heal but wanting to stay in the sports world, she takes a job at FIRE, which specializes in logistics for international sporting events. But there's more to FIRE than meets the eye.

When Charlie starts to question the purpose and inflated budget of the "Strategic Operations" unit, she locks horns with its grumpy and annoyingly sexy manager.

Declan Davidson has no room for love in his life. As the head of FIRE's clandestine espionage activities, it is his responsibility to keep his coworkers, and the world, safe from harm. He refuses to trust anyone – not after the betrayal that nearly cost him everything.

With the World Games looming and a cache of stolen arms in the wrong hands, Declan has no choice but to recruit the too-curious Charlie into "Strategic Operations." They must put aside their differences to prevent disaster at a global sporting event.

As they encounter danger and double-crossing agents at every turn, Declan swears to keep her safe. And while Charlie might be able to hold her own during covert missions, holding onto her heart is proving much more of a challenge.

Charlie trusts everyone – except herself. Declan trusts no one – especially Charlie.

Jetting between romantic European cities and super yachts, what could possibly go wrong?

KATE WILLIAMS worked for four years at the largest endurance race company in the world and is 95% sure none of her previous coworkers is a spy. Er... 90% sure. Originally from Philadelphia, she now lives in sunny and stormy St. Petersburg, FL. Williams is an avid runner and has published speculative and science fiction under her other pen names. This is her first romance.

Pub Date: 4 June 2026

Age: 18+ years

Extent: 400pp/ 80,000 words

Standalone



They Own the Night

Amy McCaw

The new pulse-pounding Dracula retelling from YA Booktuber and author of the *Mina and the Undead* trilogy, Amy McCaw. This *Stranger Things* meets *Buffy* meets *Only Murders in the Building* thriller is perfect for fans of Cynthia Murphy, Kathryn Foxfield and Kalynn Bayron.

Edinburgh, 1980.

When journalist-wannabe Johnny accepts an offer he cannot refuse – the chance to interview a reclusive mega rock star, he finds himself separated from Mia for the first time since their father was revealed to be a serial killer.

With her brother away, Mia finds herself stuck on campus as the university football team slowly start turning up dead. As werewolves and vampires – creatures they'd always believed were fiction – start to be revealed, the siblings discover there's more connecting their situations and their father than they ever could have imagined...

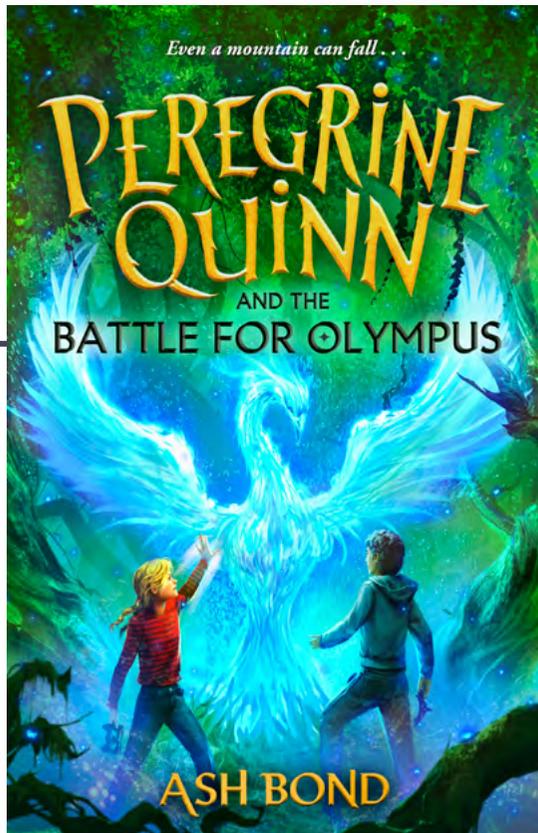
AMY MCCAW is a YA author and YouTuber. She's the author of the award-winning *Mina and the Undead* series, YA murder mysteries set in 1995 New Orleans. She also co-curated the *A Taste of Darkness* horror anthology with Maria Kuzniar, which has recently been named as one of Waterstones' best paperbacks of 2023. Amy is a passionate advocate for YA books and runs a popular online YA book club.

Pub Date: 23 October 2025

Age: 14+ years

Extent: 288pp / 85,000 words

Standalone



Peregrine Quinn and the Battle for Olympus

Ash Bond

The third book in the Peregrine Quinn series – be swept away on an adventure into the Cosmic Realm!

With the annual NoxTurning celebrations approaching, Olympus Inc. is desperate to show that even after everything that happened at the Cosmic Games, the Realms can go on as normal. But things are far from normal. For a start, there is a monster on the loose in the New York subway system, and Olympus Inc. have a pretty good idea who is to blame. Hekate, goddess of witchcraft and mist has escaped to the Terran Realm and there is a race to catch her. With Hekate's new powers, surely it's only a matter of time before she brings Discord back from the Fourth Realm?

Meanwhile Peregrine has problems of her own. She has been whisked away by Hades, and now must battle giant bugs, double-crossing agents and the New York traffic to get herself back home to Oxford. And Hades is just the first of the Cosmics that Peregrine has to grapple with, as soon another adventure pulls her back into the Cosmic Realm and brings her face to face with the Queen of the Cosmics herself: Hera.

With secrets being hidden even by those closest to her, how can Peregrine know who to trust? Especially when she and her friends are about to face their most dangerous challenge yet: a heist that will take them into heart of the Mountain itself...

ASH BOND writes magical, mythical stories with as much sci-fi sprinkled in as she can get away with. She is now studying for her PhD in Creative Writing and Classics at the University of Bristol, focusing on the relationship between mythology and landscape. Like Peregrine, Ash also loves to move, insisting she gets her best ideas when swimming in rivers, stomping up mountains or doing cartwheels.

Pub Date: 23 April 2026

Age: 9-11 years

Extent: 320pp / 80,000 words

3 books in series

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Audiobook narrated by
Bridgerton's Lady Danbury, Adjoa Andoh

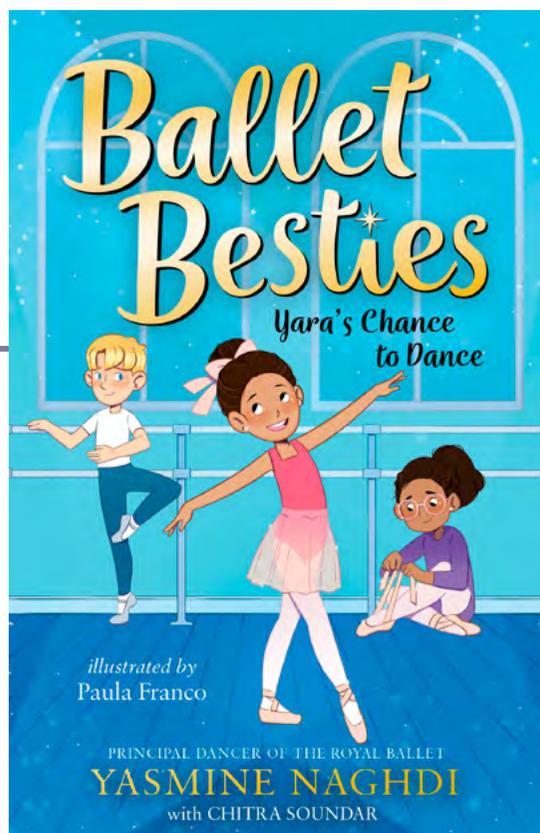
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Pub Date: 14 March 2024

Age: 7–9 years

Extent: 224pp / 26,000 words

4 books in series

Also
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Black and white
illustrations
throughout!

Ballet Besties

Yasmine Naghdi and Chitra Soundar
Illustrated by Paula Franco

Pirouette your way into the Shimmer & Shine dance studio, where the ballet besties are ready to put on a show!

When Yara joins Shimmer & Shine, a community dance school, she meets lots of other children her age, who are there to either start their training or just for the fun of it. Soon she has a group of ballet besties she loves to dance with.

But then Dame Clougston-Wilmott, their grumpy, dance-hating landlady, threatens to close the studio. Suddenly it's up to Yara and her new friends to keep Shimmer & Shine open!

Will putting on a performance of *The Sleeping Beauty* reawaken the Dame's love for dance? Will Yara have the chance to dance her dream role of Aurora? And most importantly of all, can the ballet besties save their studio?

A fun, inclusive and accessible series that will bring the joy of dance to young readers!

YASMINE NAGHDI is a Principal of The Royal Ballet and has been dancing with the Company since 2010. Her many roles with The Royal Ballet include Odette/Odile (*Swan Lake*), Princess Aurora (*The Sleeping Beauty*), Juliet (*Romeo and Juliet*) and The Sugar Plum Fairy (*The Nutcracker*). She has performed all over the world and is passionate about showing that ballet is for everyone.

CHITRA SOUNDAR is a writer and dreamer of many things. As well as writing books, Chitra is a speaker, oral storyteller and screenwriter. Her stories are inspired by her family, her childhood in India, which was filled with epics and folktales, and her travels around the world. Chitra has performed at literary festivals across the globe, telling stories and introducing the magic of writing to children everywhere.

PAULA FRANCO is an illustrator living in Rosario, Argentina. She studied Illustration & Graphic Design at Instituto Superior Comunicación Visual. Her work has been featured in the *New York Times* Children's Best Seller list and has been awarded a Kirkus Star and a School Library Journal Star.



Kate on the Case

Hannah Peck

Discover the first brilliant adventure of reporter-in-training Kate and her mouse Rupert, in this stunning book, filled with colourful illustrations.

Young reporter-in-training Kate and her mouse-accomplice Rupert are on board a train to visit Kate's mum in the Arctic.

But as soon as the train departs, mysterious things start happening.

A packet of ginger nuts goes missing...

A collection of gymnastics trophies are stolen...

And some ancient scrolls disappear...

Fellow passenger Madame Maude seems the most likely culprit, until a surprising – and delicious – twist turns the whole investigation on its head!

HANNAH PECK is an author and illustrator based in East London, UK. She studied English at university before swapping the pen for a pencil. Now she uses both to write and draw at exactly the same time. Hannah uses inks and pencil textures to create elegant illustrations full of magic and fun, and thinks sharing stories is important.



Two colour illustrations throughout!

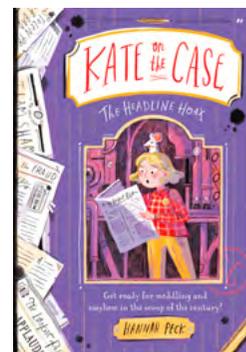
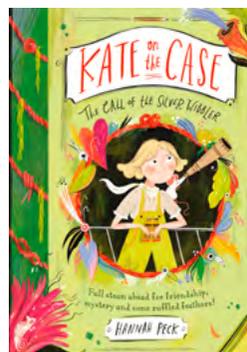
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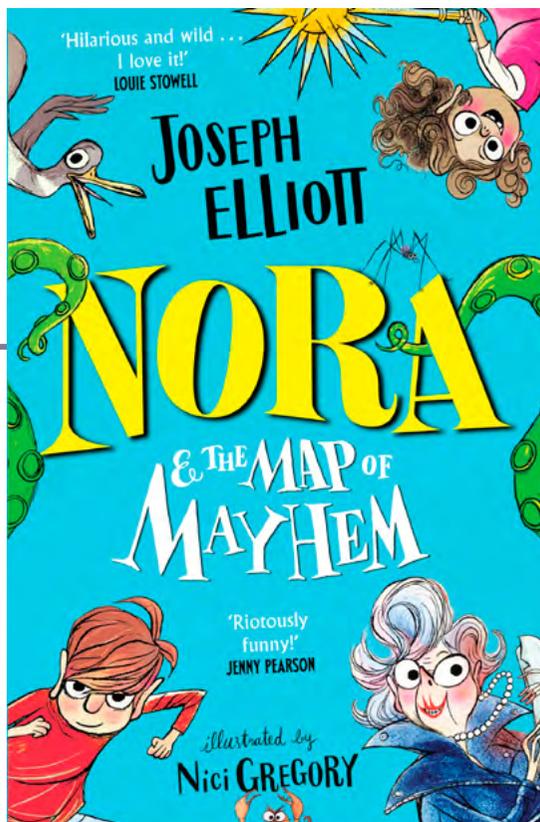
Age: 7–9 years

Extent: 160pp/9,300 words

3 books in series

Also Available





Nora and the Map of Mayhem

Joseph Elliott
Illustrated by Nici Gregory

The side-splittingly funny series by award-winning author Joseph Elliott, star of CBeebies' *Swashbuckle*.

When Atticus and Autumn's dads leave them with their eccentric great-grandmother Nora for the weekend, they're hoping for a few days scoffing biscuits and playing video games. But when Nora's around, nothing ever goes quite to plan...

After a stranger from Nora's past leaves a menacing note pinned to her front door, Atticus and Autumn are swept away on a hair-raising adventure dodging snot-flinging sea monsters, battling thunderous electrosquibs and trying to escape from a very flappy goose!



JOSEPH ELLIOTT is the author of the award-winning Shadow Skye trilogy, and an actor. He is best known for playing pirate 'Cook' in the BAFTA-winning CBeebies series *Swashbuckle*, for which he also writes many of the scripts. In 2020, he co-created, wrote and starred in *Big Fat Like*, a comedy sketch show, and he is also part of the scriptwriting team for *Horrible Histories* and *Class Dismissed*. When not writing or acting, Joseph loves pottery, snorkelling and playing board games. Find him on joseph-elliott.net and @joseph_elliott.

NICI GREGORY is an illustrator who specialises in children's books. After studying graphic design in Hamburg, Germany, she worked as an in-house illustrator in a marketing firm. When she realised her work in the margins continued to be her best work, she embarked on a full-time creative illustration career. She lives in Sheffield with her family and her studio dog Coco. *Nora and the May of Mayhem* is her first book for older readers.

Pub Date: 6 June 2024

Age: 8–11 years

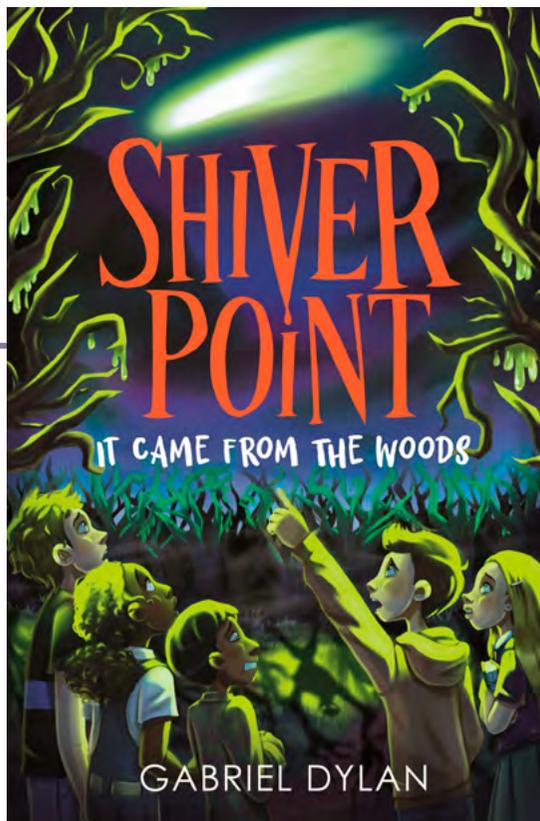
Extent: 384pp / 45,000 words

2 books in series

Also Available



Black and white illustrations throughout!



Shiver Point

Gabriel Dylan

Welcome to Shiver Point, home of spooks, screams and small-town horror! Enter if you dare ...

Shiver Point is boring. Nothing interesting ever happens there and there's never anything fun to do. At least that's what Alex has always thought. Until one night, in the dead dark, he spots what looks like a meteorite plummeting into Howlmoor Forest.

Intrigued, Alex goes to investigate. But little does he know, four other kids have also spotted the strange streak in the sky: 'troublemaker' Oli, studious Sophia, curious Mo and budding engineer Riley. What they discover is far beyond their wildest dreams – in fact it belongs in their nightmares. Can the gang work together to save the town from the bloodthirsty bodysnatcher that's arrived with the meteorite before it's too late? One thing's for sure: Shiver Point will never be the same again.

GABRIEL DYLAN is a surfer, snowboarder, secondary-school teacher and children's author. He's a huge horror fan, having grown up on a diet of King, Herbert and Laymon. He is the author of YA horror novel *Whiteout* and middle-grade horror series *Shiver Point*. He lives in the south-west of England with his wife and three children.



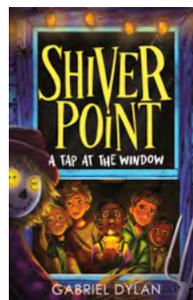
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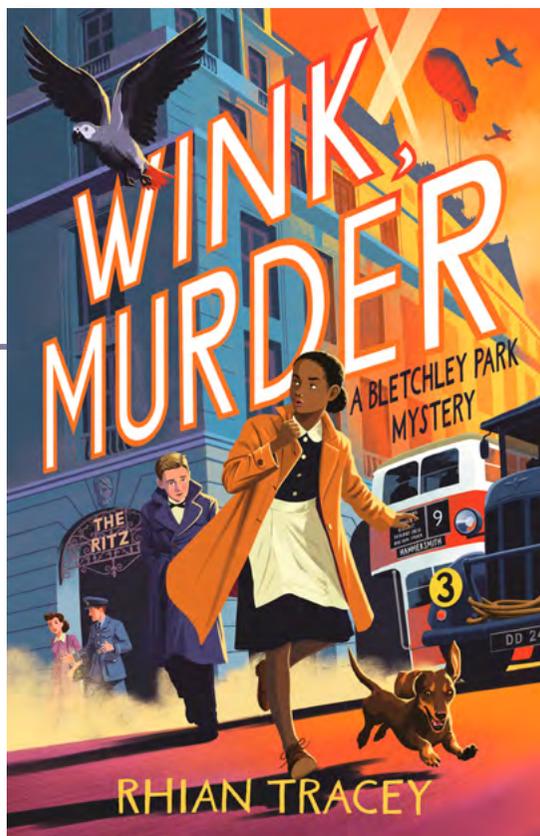
Age: 9–11 years

Extent: 224pp / 35,000 words

4 books in series

Also Available





Wink, Murder

Rhian Tracey

A thrilling mystery adventure based on true historical events, from the author of *I, Spy* and *Hide and Seek*.

A gripping new Bletchley Park Mystery novel, from Rhian Tracey.

Mary has a gift for languages and codes that has brought her to the attention of the adults working at Bletchley Park. She finds herself drawn into their undercover operations, learning Japanese in order to decode enemy messages – but the operation she's a part of remains cloaked in mystery.

As tensions on the Home Front escalate, Mary is forced to face the realities of warfare – the enemy is operating amongst them. Posing as a waitress amidst the glamour and bustle of the Ritz Hotel, Mary uncovers secrets and lies amongst the people she's working mostly closely with. Can Mary steer clear of danger and thwart the devious mission unfolding around her?

There is just one thing she knows for sure: trust no one.

A nail-biting wartime story, perfect for readers aged 9 and up, and fans of Phil Earle, Robin Stevens, Lesley Parr and Hilary McKay.

RHIAN TRACEY was born in Swansea and grew up on the Welsh borders. As Rhian Ivory, the author has previously published *The Boy Who Drew the Future* and *Hope*. Rhian teaches students who have dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism, ADD and other additional learning needs. She also volunteers with Medical Detection Dogs, helping to train puppies who will go on to be assistance dogs. Rhian lives in Northamptonshire with her children and dog.

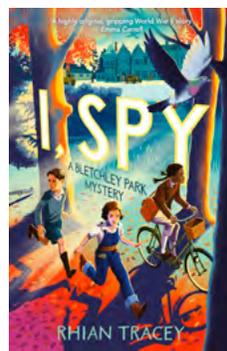
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Age: 9–11 years

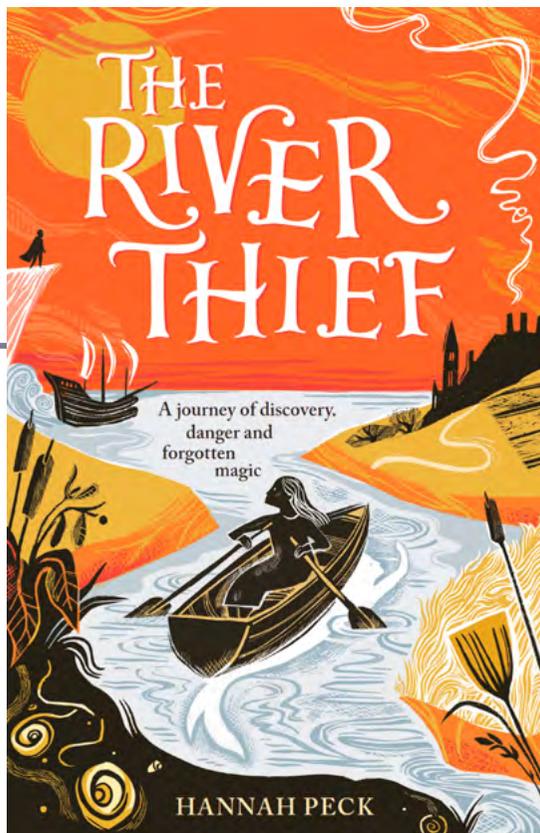
Extent: 272pp/60,000 words

3 books in series

Also Available



World Rights Available



Pub Date: 24 October 2024

Age: 9–11 years

Extent: 336pp / 75,000 words

Standalone

The River Thief

Hannah Peck

A remarkable friendship, a close-guarded secret and a quest to the sea. Be swept away by Hannah Peck's new novel for readers aged 9 and up.

Like many rivers, the banks of the Lyde hold a hoard of forgotten things: pottery, trinkets, a shard of glass. They also hold a Memory. In the days of this story, the buried Memories were forgotten by most. But not by all....

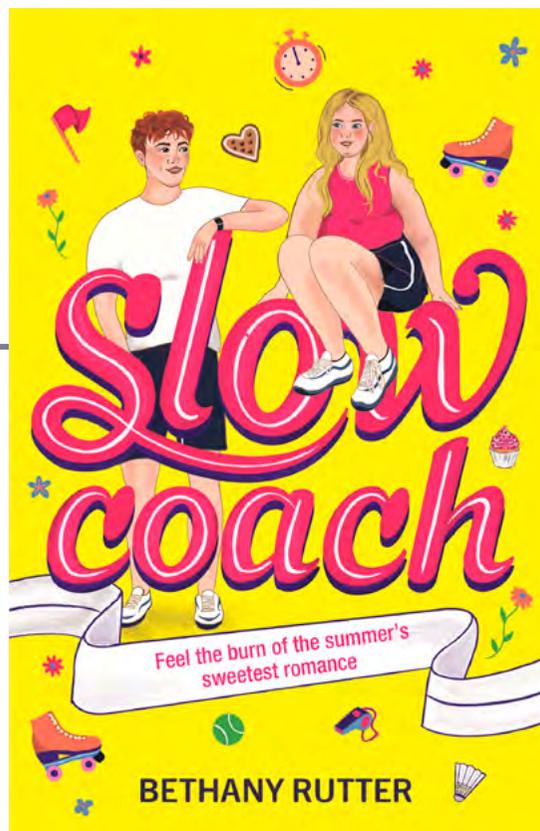
When Adderley discovers Ef – a being who seems part human and part fish – in the river by her home, she is drawn into an adventure that challenges everything she's learnt about the world. Ef is searching for a special stone that they say has been stolen from their people. Could this be the key to the drought that is destroying Adderley's home? Together, Adderley and Ef resolve to recover the stone and return it to its true home, but the river waters are not always on their side and the journey is filled with danger.

Perfect for fans of Emma Carroll, Kiran Millwood Hargrave and S. F. Said.

HANNAH PECK is an author and illustrator based in East London, UK. She studied English at university before swapping the pen for a pencil. Now she uses both to write and draw at exactly the same time. Hannah uses inks and pencil textures to create elegant illustrations full of magic and fun, and thinks sharing stories is important.



Black and white illustrations throughout!



Slowcoach

Bethany Rutter

Get your skates on for the sweetest feel-good, body-positive rom com of the summer.

For sixteen-year-old Ruby, GCSEs are over and summer has just begun, so that means hanging out with her BFFs in the park on their roller skates and having fun. She didn't expect it to mean signing up to run in the Dawson Dash – a 5k race for sporty sixth-formers. Because Ruby is NOT sporty. But she really needs to prove wrong her mean brother and even meaner PE teacher about what a fat girl can do.

When Ruby starts to train, she doesn't expect that she would need help – nor that she would find it in the cute boy who has just moved in next door. As the two jog through the long summer evenings in south London's parks together, with Ollie only seeing her at her sweatiest and most vulnerable, the last thing she expected was that he might...like her. Or that she could allow herself to like him.

But nothing this summer is working out like she expected...

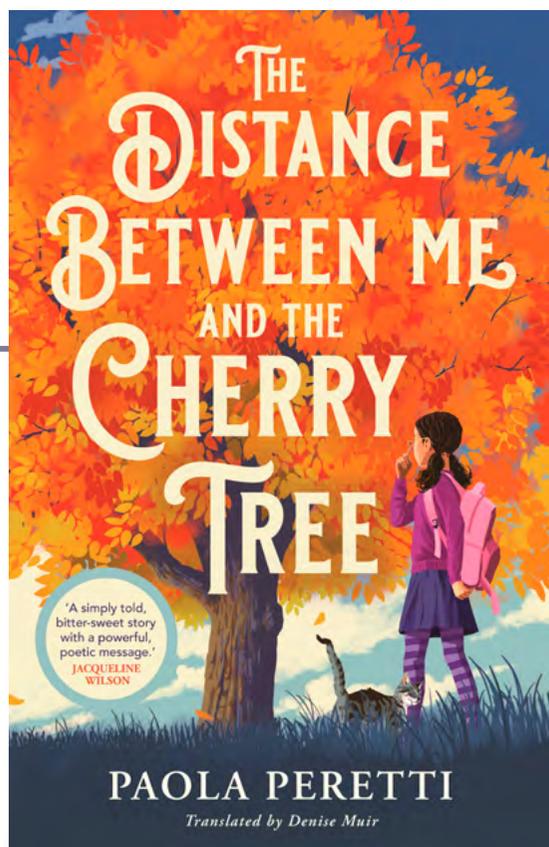
BETHANY RUTTER is a writer and personal trainer from Southeast London. She writes books about women, bodies and clothes. Championing body positivity, her work has been described as 'quietly radical'. When not writing, Bethany is a Royal Literary Fund fellow, chairs literary events and is co-host of the books podcast *What Page Are You On?*

Pub Date: 6 June 2024

Age: 12+ years

Extent: 224pp / 56,000 words

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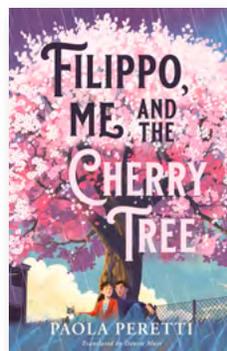
Pub Date: 9 August 2018

Age: 9–11 years

Extent: 208pp / 40,700 words

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The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree

Paola Peretti

Nominated for the Cilip Carnegie Medal 2019 and the IBBY Honour List 2020

A novel for all ages about a young girl losing her sight, inspired by the author's own life story. For fans of *Wonder*, *The Little Prince* and *The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly*.

Mafalda is a nine-year-old girl who knows one thing: some time in the next six months her sight will fail completely.

Can Mafalda find a way through a seemingly dark future and still go to school, play football and look after her beloved cat? With the help of her family, and her friends, Mafalda needs to discover the things that will be important to her when her sight has failed.

A moving, empowering tale of courage and determination that will inspire young and old.

PAOLA PERETTI is Italian and was born in the province of Verona, where she still lives today. She studied literature and philosophy and graduated in publishing and journalism in 2011 with a thesis on gender discrimination in literature. Between 2015 and 2016 she attended the Palomar School of creative writing in Rovigo.

Fifteen years ago, she discovered that she was affected by a rare genetic illness called Stargardt disease, which causes progressive vision loss, and eventually blindness. There is no cure to date.

DENISE MUIR has been translating from Italian to English since 1998 and in 2014 published her first short story translation. Sincethen she has published picture and educational books with Italian publishers, championed Italian children's novels and published a YA novel with Barrington Stoke's Bucket List. Denise writes a blog about inclusive children's books, works with local librarians to promote reading in the community, performs as a storyteller in Italian and English, and collaborates with the Italian Children's Writers Association, Outside In World, small Italian independent presses and a literary agency publishing strong voices for young readers.



Pub Date: 28 June 2018

Age: 16+ years

Extent: 320pp

Standalone

My Heart Goes Bang

Keris Stainton

Keeping your heart in one piece isn't easy

Ella, Lou, Issey, Liane and Paige are determined to make the most of this second year at uni. They want to have fun, but they want to focus on work. There's no time for relationships. Except with each other. And even that's not guaranteed. Ella and Lou have always been close, but there's tension between Issey and Liane, and none of them even know Paige all that well.

But when Ella finds a magazine article with a list of men they should date before they're 21 (someone who's been on telly? Check; someone who's got tatoos? Check;) they vow to complete the list before finishing university and set about it with a lot more enthusiasm than they do their studies... but will any of them end up with a full house? And when a secret from their first year comes out, it looks as if some of them might not be completing university, never mind the list ...

My Heart Goes Bang is about lectures, essays, hangovers, and flatmates; it's about found families, finding yourself, and falling in love with people you never expected to fall in love with.



Pub Date: 4 May 2017

Age: 16+ years

Extent: 256pp

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One Italian Summer

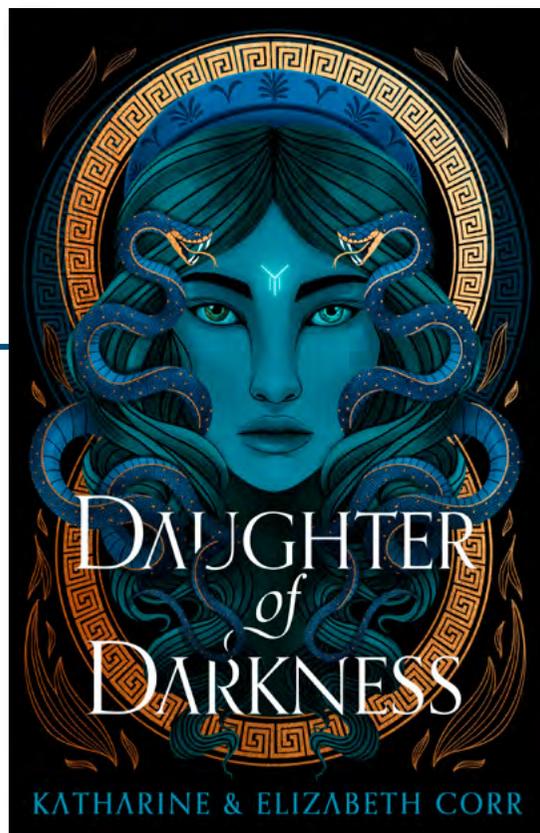
Keris Stainton

A gloriously summery read, a story of romance, Italy and sisters

Milly loves her sisters more than anything – they are her best friends. But this holiday is different. The loss of their dad has left a gaping hole in their lives that none of them know how to fill. Heartbreak is a hard thing to fix ...

Still, there is plenty to keep the girls busy in Rome. A family wedding. Food, wine, parties and sun. And of course Luke... Luke is hot, there is no way around that. And Milly will always have a crush on him. But this summer is about family, being together, and learning to live without Dad. It isn't about Luke at all... is it?

KERIS STANTON was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, which, by all accounts, is very cold. And also hot. But when she was four months old, her parents moved back to the UK, and now she lives in Lancashire with a fellow northerner, their two ridiculously gorgeous sons and a pug. Okay, they haven't got a pug, but Keris hopes if she writes it here it will come true. If you write it, pugs will come.



Daughter of Darkness

Katharine & Elizabeth Corr

Enter the Underworld in an original fantasy, inspired by ancient Greek myth.

The Underworld awaits... Deina is trapped. As one of the Soul Severers serving the god Hades on earth, her future is tied to the task of shepherding the dying on from the mortal world – unless she can earn or steal enough to buy her way out.

Then the tyrant ruler Orpheus offers both fortune and freedom to whoever can retrieve his dead wife, Eurydice, from the Underworld. Deina jumps at the chance. But to win, she must enter an uneasy alliance with a group of fellow Severers she neither likes nor trusts.

So begins their perilous journey into the realm of Hades... The prize of freedom is before her – but what will it take to reach it?

From the authors of *A Throne of Swans* and *A Crown of Talons* comes a stunning new YA duology set in a world inspired by the mythology of ancient Greece.

Perfect for fans of Alexandra Bracken's *Lore* and Jessie Burton's *Medusa*.

KATHARINE AND ELIZABETH CORR

are sisters originally from Essex, now living in Surrey. When they both decided to write novels – on account of fictional people being much easier to deal with than real ones – it was obvious they should do it together. They can sometimes be found in one of their local coffee shops, arguing over which character to kill off next. Katharine and Elizabeth are authors of the enthralling *A Throne of Swans* duology and the spellbinding trilogy *The Witch's Kiss*.

“Strong character development and jaw-dropping reveals make this intense, feminist fantasy a must-read” - Kircus Reviews, 2025

Pub Date: 4 August 2022

Age: 12+ years

Extent: 448pp / 113,000 words

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Estelle Maskame



Pub Date: 6 March 2021

Age: 14–18 years

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3 books in series

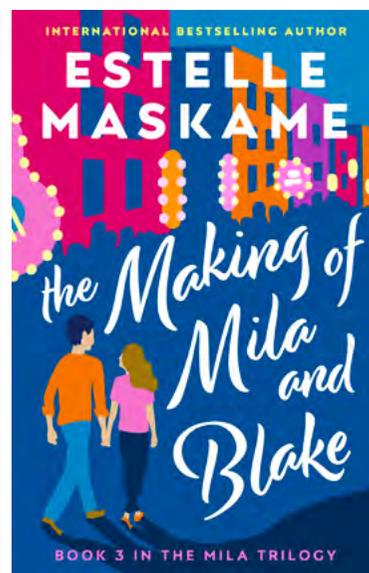


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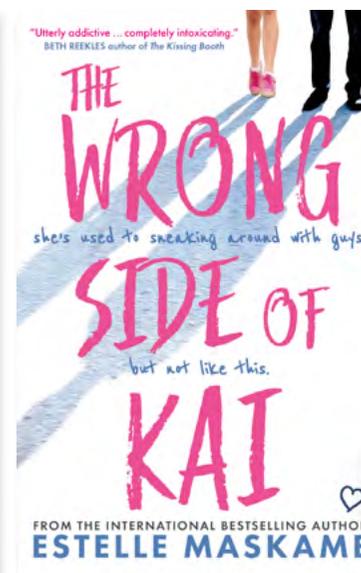


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Age: 14–18 years

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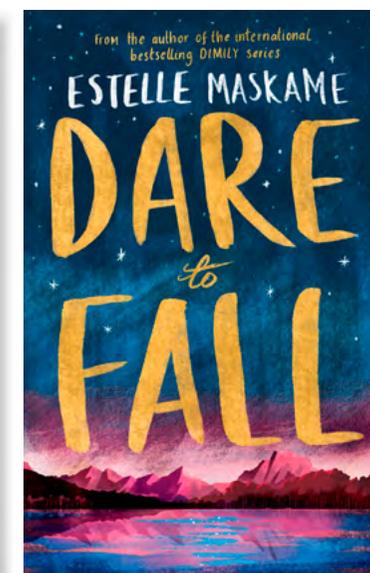


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Age: 12–18 years

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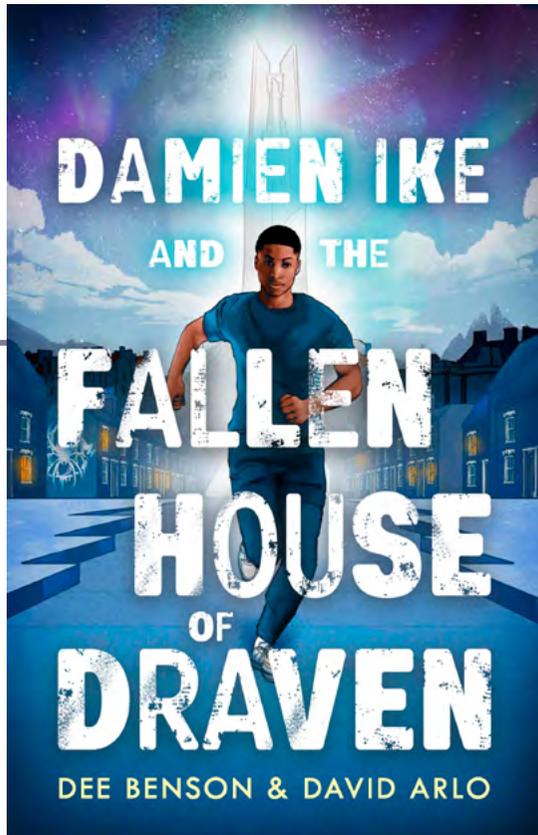
Pub Date: 7 June 2015

Age: 12–18 years

Extent: 336pp

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ESTELLE MASKAME published the first book in her international bestselling *Did I Mention I Love You?* series when she was just seventeen. A word-of-mouth sensation, she is also the author of the Mila trilogy (2022), and the “highly addictive” standalone novels *Dare to Fall* and *The Wrong Side of Kai*. With over one million copies of her books sold, and rights sold in twenty territories, her fiction attracts countless passionate, loyal fans worldwide.



Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven

**Dee Benson
David Arlo**

Introducing a bold new hero – Damien Ike.

Damien Ike is fortunate. As the son of the most powerful mage in the land, he *should* have a bright future ahead of him. But as Damien approaches adulthood, he can't help but worry that there is no sign of his magic developing. And yet to survive beyond a few days old with no magic is unthinkable – the High Commission of Mages does not allow it. There's no way his father, their leader, would have a son who is a Nullborn.

Then Damien stumbles upon a secret his mother has kept from everyone – even him – and everything changes. Could it be that the fortune his future promised is not all it's cracked up to be? As Damien's world is turned upside down, he must discover how to keep their secret safe and get to the heart of the lies on which their world is founded...

A thrilling new YA fantasy exploring fear, prejudice...and hope. Perfect for fans of *The Witcher* and *An Ember in the Ashes*.

DEE BENSON has loved books since childhood. Exploring Narnia, adventuring with the Famous Five and indulging in all things girly with the Sweet Valley Twins sparked her love for reading. She finds it surreal that she now gets to create her own worlds and characters in books of her own. At university, she studied Molecular Biology with Genetics and only survived it by writing fiction during lectures. When she isn't writing, Dee enjoys long walks, good food and music that makes her wish she could sing. She lives in Liverpool with her husband and two daughters.

DAVID ARLO is a multi-hyphenate and the co-founder of No Ordinary. The recording artist, songwriter, actor, writer, director, and Executive producer, who is signed to Arista/Sony Music US, has worked with high-profile producers and creatives. He is a versatile, vital, and visionary creator who tells stories through various media. *Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven* is his debut work of fiction.

Pub Date: 10 October 2024

Age: 12+ years

Extent: 352pp / 80,000 words

Standalone



Wise Creatures

Deirdre Sullivan

Shortlisted for the An Pos Irish Book Awards 2023.

I always thought that hauntings began with houses. They don't, of course. It's people, isn't it? They begin with people.

If anyone knows what it is to be haunted, it's Daisy. The ghosts of her troubled past are ever present. Daisy has always done her best to shut the ghosts away. To shut away the wise creatures who used to whisper to her from the walls of the house. To live a normal life.

But now, something is humming in the house. Something dark, and unknown. And it's targeting Nina, her beloved sister. Daisy knows that something is up. And that the wise creatures, locked away for so long, are back. And this time, who knows what they want?

DEIRDRE SULLIVAN is a writer from Galway. Her 2016 novel *Needlework* was awarded a White Raven and the CBI Honour Award for fiction. *Tangleweed and Brine*, a collection of dark fairy-tale retellings, won an Irish Book Award in 2017, and her first book for Hot Key Books, *Perfectly Preventable Deaths*, was shortlisted for the Awards in 2019. Her most recent book is *Savage Her Reply* with Little Island Books, a companion title to *Tangleweed and Brine*. Deirdre loves reading, knitting, bodily autonomy and guinea-pigs.

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Age: 12+ years

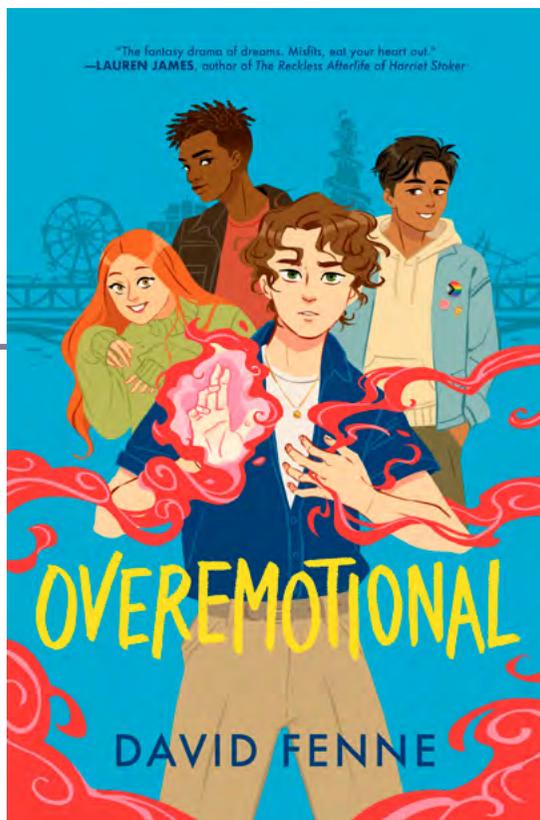
Extent: 384pp / 75,000 words

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Overemotional

David Fenne

Sometimes, emotions can be a little too powerful...

A Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week.

Seventeen-year-old Steven has a big problem... Whenever he feels intense emotions, weird things happen. Like when he kissed a boy for the first time, and the boy's head literally exploded.

Fleeing to the miserable town of Grunsby-on-Sea, Steven is determined to not hurt anyone else – but he doesn't count on his best friend Freya, her boyfriend Marcus and American friend Troy following him. And when agents from the mysterious DEMA organisation show up talking about "neutralisation", Steven realises that Grunsby-on-Sea might not be the safe haven he'd hoped for...

The first in a queer YA fantasy trilogy packed with magic, loveable characters and big plot twists from debut author David Fenne. Perfect for fans of TJ Klune, Rainbow Rowell and Adam Silvera.

DAVID FENNE is an author, actor and improv comedian. Originally from a small village in coastal Dorset, he went to London in 2012 for drama school (studying American Theatre Arts at Rose Bruford College). He also trained abroad for half a year at Syracuse University, NY, an experience that inspired a lot of the transatlantic humour in his writing. Currently, he works as a scriptwriter for an e-learning platform and runs long-form improv theatre company Pinch Punch. From improvised musical pantos to a sell-out Agatha Christie-style improvised whodunnit, he's entertained audiences the length and breadth of the UK (in many a wig and outrageous accent).

Pub Date: 6 July 2023

Age: 12+ years

Extent: 352pp / 89,000 words

3 books in series

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Hits Different

Tasha Ghouri
Lizzie Huxley-Jones

Discover your book of the summer from Tasha Ghouri, *Love Island* star and disability campaigner!

Cassie needs a change.

She's in a job she hates, dating a guy who couldn't care less about her, and secretly dreaming of making her dance ambitions a reality. But that's all they are, dreams. Because no way could she actually do it...right?

But then an opportunity to dance on tour with a global superstar presents itself and Cassie decides to give it a shot. Jetting off for a hot summer in Ibiza, her dreams seem closer than ever, and so does real love. Levi, the guy she keeps bumping into, sees and uplifts her in a way no one else ever has. If only Cassie could believe in herself like he does, she might find that life hits different when you learn to love yourself first...

TASHA GHOURI is a television personality, activist, model and social media influencer. She is a brand ambassador for eBay, Ann Summers and L'Oréal Paris, and hosts her own podcast, 'Superpowers with Tasha Ghouri', which focuses on normalising disabilities by embracing them as superpowers. As a proud cochlear implant wearer, she is also a global ambassador for DeafKidz International, and works with the National Deaf Children's Society and RNID to help those with hearing impairments.

LIZZIE HUXLEY-JONES is an autistic author and editor based in London. They are the author of the queer holiday rom-com *Make You Mine This Christmas* and the middle-grade Vivi Conway series, fantasy adventure starting with *Vivi Conway and the Sword of Legend*. They write joyful stories that centre queerness and disability. In their past career lives they have been a research diver, a children's bookseller and a digital communications specialist.

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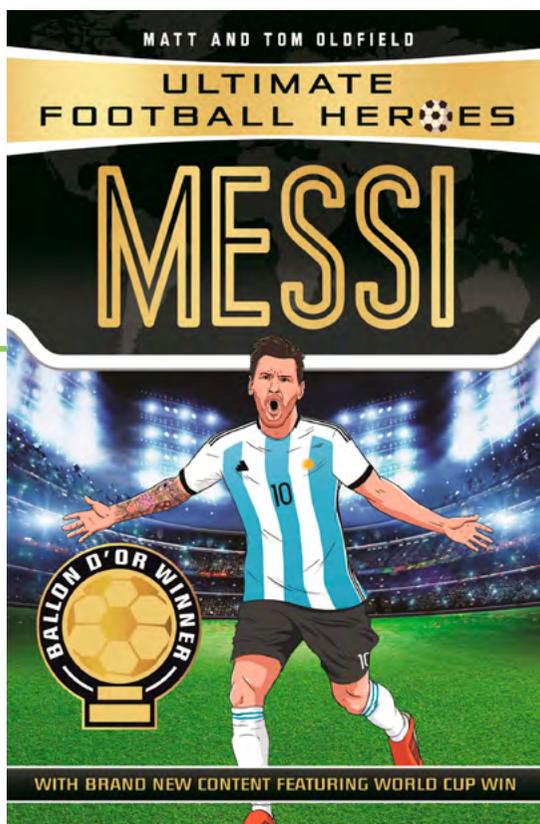
Age: 16+ years

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Ultimate Football Heroes

Matt & Tom Oldfield

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Ultimate Football Heroes is a series of biographies telling the life stories of the biggest and best footballers in the world and their incredible journeys from childhood fan to superstar professional player. Written in a fast-paced, action-packed style, these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

MATT OLDFIELD is an accomplished writer and the editor-in-chief of football review site Of Pitch and Page. Tom Oldfield is a freelance sports writer and the author of biographies on Cristiano Ronaldo, Arsène Wenger and Rafael Nadal.



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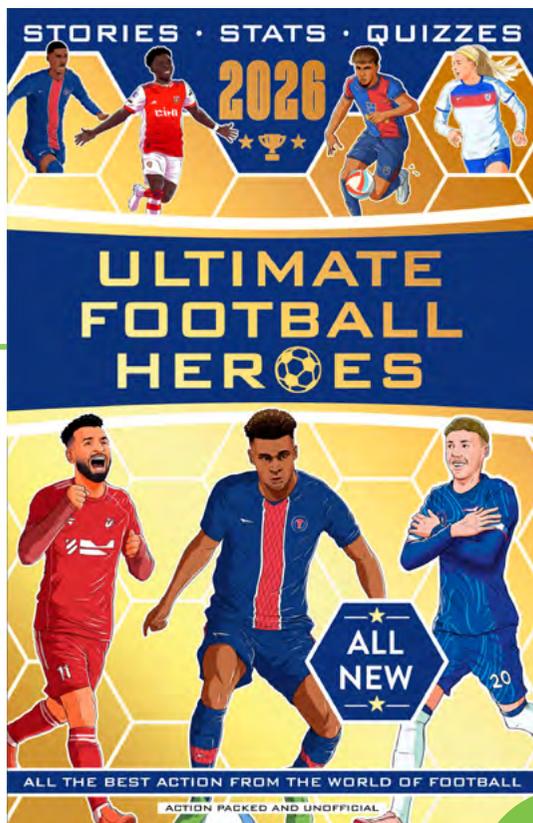
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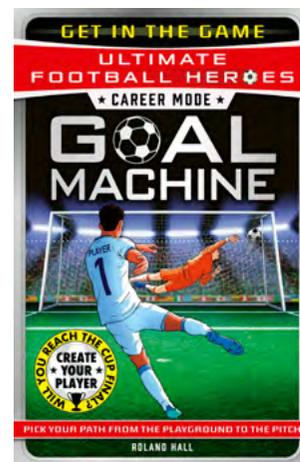


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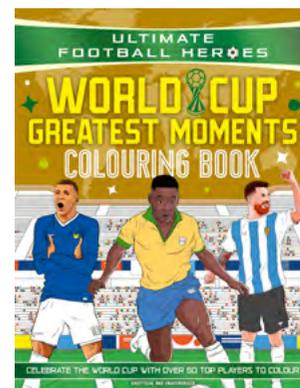


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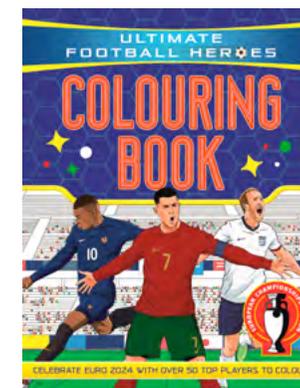
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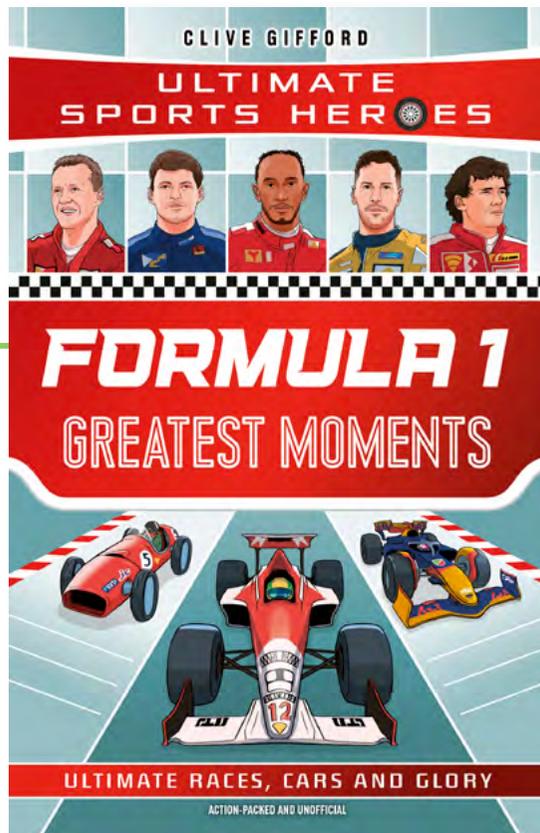
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Formula 1 Greatest Moments

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CLIVE GIFFORD is an award-winning author of more than 200 information books for children and adults including *The Kingfisher Motorsports Encyclopedia*, *Welcome to the Mysteryverse*, *Ultimate Cars* and *Lewis Hamilton: Formula One Champion*. His books have won Royal Society, PBS, Smithsonian and Blue Peter book prizes. www.clivegifford.co.uk



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Age: 7–9 years

Extent: 208pp/ 23,000 words



Ultimate Superstars: Sabrina Carpenter

Liz Gogerly

Sabrina Carpenter's rise to global stardom, retold for young readers.

This is the story of Sabrina Carpenter's incredible rise to stardom! Discover how a young girl from Pennsylvania began her career posting videos of herself singing to YouTube, before a big break on television propelled her to international stardom. This retelling of Sabrina's life story is perfect for young fans to learn about the early life of a musical megastar, and her amazing rise to fame from Disney child-star to chart-topping superstar.

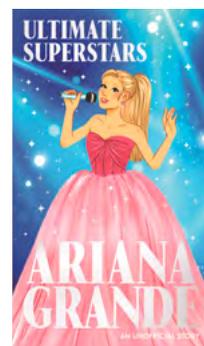
LIZ GOGERLY has been working with books for over twenty years. She's written biographies about pop stars and rock legends, including Ariana Grande, David Bowie, Harry Styles, Prince and Bob Marley. With a back catalogue of over 100 books, she has written about history, famous people, music, fashion, art, green issues and popular culture. Liz lives in Brighton with her grown-up kids and a cantankerous cat. Live music, copious sea air and writing for children keeps her young at heart and open to the new ...

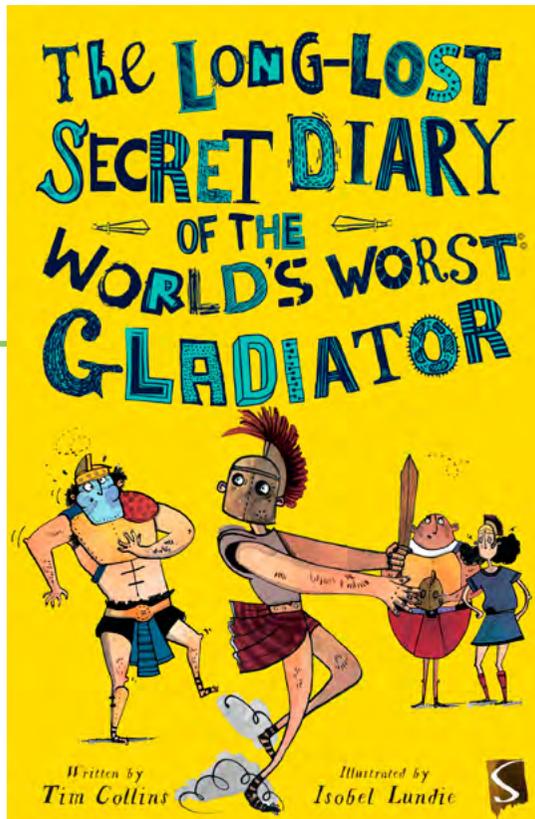
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Age: 9–11 years

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Long-Lost Secret Diary

Tim Collins

This series of hilarious fictional diaries put us inside the heads of hapless figures from history in frazzling situations

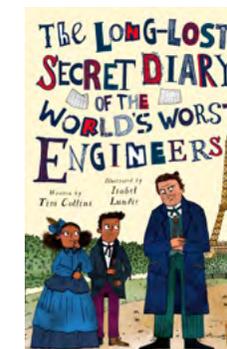
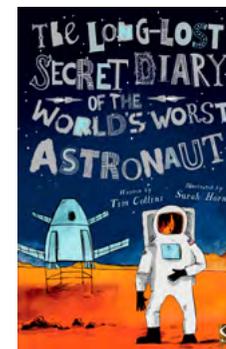
In this laugh-out-loud, middle-grade historical-fiction series, each book is styled as the “secret diary” of a hapless teen plucked into a pivotal (and often perilous) moment in history. From the chaos of the ancient Olympic Games to wacky adventures in space, every adventure mixes hilarious storytelling with fascinating facts and real-world history or science. The accessible, irreverent stories will keep young readers laughing as they learn the importance of not being afraid to learn from ones mistakes.

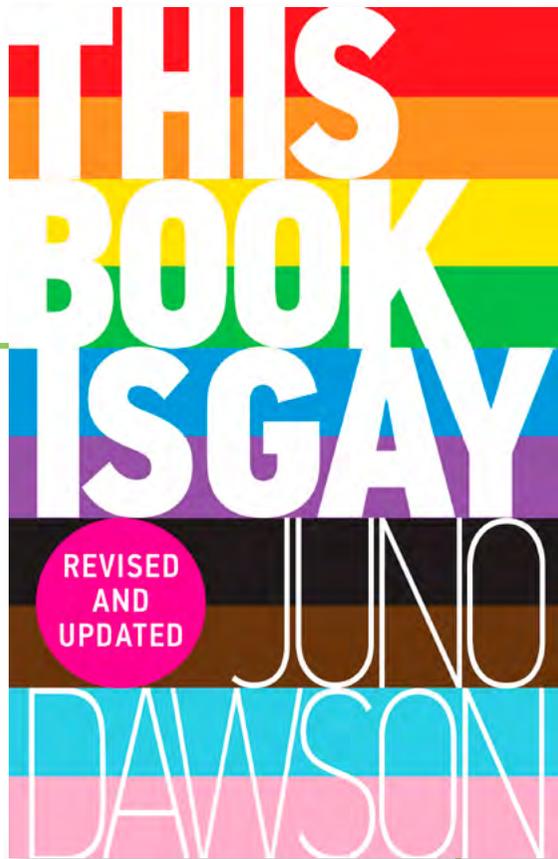
TIM COLLINS is a writer of non-fiction books for adults and children’s fiction books, including books designed to appeal to reluctant readers. His work has been translated into forty languages.

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Age: 7–9 years

Extent: 196pp





This Book is Gay

Juno Dawson

Illustrated by Spike Gerrell

A funny and pertinent book about being lesbian, bisexual, gay, queer, transgender or just curious – for everybody, no matter their gender or sexuality.

Former PSHCE teacher and acclaimed YA author Juno Dawson gives an uncensored look at what it's like to grow up as LGBT. Including testimonials from people across the gender and sexual spectrums, this frank, funny, fully inclusive book explores everything anyone who ever dared to wonder wants to know – from sex to politics, how to pull, stereotypes, how to come-out and more.

Spike Gerrell's hilarious illustrations combined with funny and factual text make this a must-read.

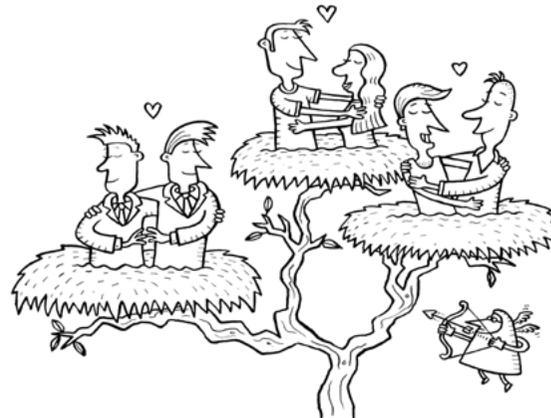
Reading age guidance: content is honestly explicit in places – suitable for 13+

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Black and white illustrations throughout!



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