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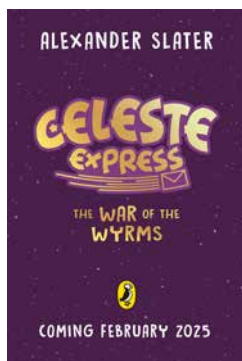
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BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



CELESTE EXPRESS AND THE WAR OF THE WYRMS

Alexander Slater

Peanut Jones meets Adventures on Trains. The start of a fully illustrated lower middle grade fantasy series by TikTok artist sensation, Alexander Slater.

- * Alex is a hugely talented debut author-illustrator, who has spent years honing his craft and gathering fans on his TikTok channel @alexrabbit – where he has amassed an incredible 3.1 million followers, and 44 million likes.
- * Celeste is an unforgettable heroine with enough sass to launch a rocket ship – and enough bravery to navigate the most dangerous of meteor storms
- * Reluctant readers will love Alex's hugely accessible voice, brilliantly pacey storytelling and sparky illustrations

DESCRIPTION

In the Kingdom of Galaxandria, Princess Celeste Starr is in BIG trouble. She's been sent to the kingdom's old post office to do some work and learn to be less spoiled.

Faced with towers of old undelivered letters and an infestation of star bunnies, and a not great assistant called Podge, Celeste gets to work – determined to return to the palace.

But it turns out she's good at the work. Only there are two problems . . . one: nobody cares about post or letters any more because of the magical amazing wurms – communication devices people can use without even having to lift a finger. And two: it turns out that Celeste's mum – who disappeared years before – seems to be connected to the post office and she is determined to figure out how . . .



Alexander Slater is an author and illustrator from London who loves stories with big ideas and bigger

heart. He holds a First Class Honours in Graphic Design & Illustration from the University of Hertfordshire and has earned several awards in design and cartooning. When he's not doodling or daydreaming, he can be found cooking, building Lego or animating TV adverts.

Age: 7-12

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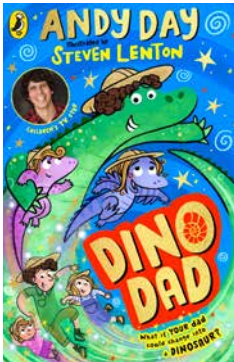
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Film Rights: Blair Partnership

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BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



DINO DAD

Andy Day,
Illustrated by Steven Lenton

A dino-tastic new magical adventure series from CBeebies superstar Andy Day, and illustration powerhouse Steven Lenton!

- * Andy Day is one of the most recognisable and beloved stars of preschool television. His most famous programme is his 'Dinosaur Adventures' series which continues to be one of CBBC's most watched programmes, despite being over ten years old.
- * Andy is a genuine dinosaur expert, and has peppered lots of real-life dino facts within his hilariously anarchic and pitch-perfect child-friendly narrative.
- * The world of *Dino Dad* will be brought to life with Steven Lenton's exceptional illustrations.
- * Puffin have acquired four books in the *Dino Dad* series, and will be launching them in quick succession to feed those hungry young fiction imaginations. Look out for book 2, *Dino Dad: Ice Age*, publishing in October 24.

DESCRIPTION

What if YOUR dad could change into a dinosaur?

Hi, I'm Ruby! And I've got a big secret . . . everyone thinks my dad is an amazing dinosaur expert at our local museum. And he totally is! But he's also . . . a POOPA! And so am I!

What's a POOPA? Well, it means he's a Protector Of Our Dinosaur Allies. When me and Dad touch his special, magic ammonite shell, we travel to an incredible island, full of dinosaurs who live just like us humans do. And when we go there, we turn into dinosaurs too!

We have so many amazing adventures . . . and I can't wait for you to join us!



Andy Day is the star of multiple CBeebies programmes, most notably *Andy's Adventures*, which span from dinosaurs, safari and to aquatic. He is also the star of *Andy and the Band* which features Andy's real-life pop band, Andy and the Odd Socks.



Steven Lenton is a multi-award winning illustrator. He has illustrated many children's books including *Head Kid* by David Baddiel, *The Hundred And One Dalmatians* adapted by Peter Bently, *The Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam* series by Tracey Corderoy, and Frank Cottrell-Boyce's fiction titles.

Age: 5–8 | **Publication Date:** May 2024

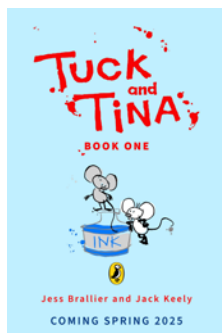
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Illustrations: Black and white illustrations throughout

Acquiring Editor: Naomi Colthurst

Film Rights: KT Forster | **World Rights:** PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



TUCK AND TINA

Jess Brallier and Jack Keely

The first book in a new colour-illustrated early chapter book series created by the founder of Poptropica, Jess Brallier, and bestselling illustrator, Jack Keely.

- * **Funny characters in relatable stories, for fans of Narwhal and Jelly** – Tuck and Tina are the ultimate odd couple and readers will love their fun dynamic in relatable, school-based adventures.
- * **The perfect stepping stone for early readers** - The sweet and simple storytelling combined with funny, colourful illustrations make this the perfect step for children moving from picture books to chapter books.
- * **An impressive creative duo** - Jess Brallier is the founder of Poptropica, the original home of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, while Jack Keely has had an incredible illustration career and numerous bestselling titles.

DESCRIPTION

Meet Tina! She lives in the wall of Room 123 at Boone Elementary and LOVES listening in to Ms Pigeon's lessons and seeing all the kids having fun at school with their friends. But sometimes the hustle and bustle around her makes Tina wish she had a real friend of her own.

So when Ms Pigeon announces that a new class pet is arriving, Tina can't wait to see who might join Room 123 . . .

Meet Tuck! A little mouse with a LOT of energy and a knack for causing chaos. He's exactly the opposite of who Tina wanted for a new friend and she's sure he's going to be nothing but TROUBLE!

Then Boone Elementary is threatened with closure and Tina finds herself having to turn to Tuck for help to find a hoard of ancient treasure that's rumoured to be hidden somewhere in the school – can these two unlikely allies save the school before it's too late?



Jess Brallier is the author of over thirty books including a New York Times bestseller. He was also the creative mind behind Poptropica the world's largest kid's site and original home of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.



Jack Keely has illustrated numerous books for adults and kids, most notably the bestselling *Grossology* series which has since been adapted into an animated film, a video game, and robotic performers in the record breaking international Grossology museum exhibitions.

Age: 6+ | **Publication Date:** March 2025

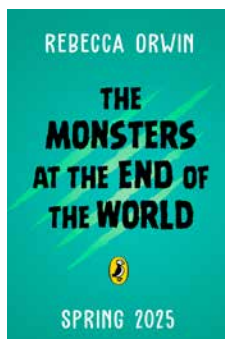
Extent: 144pp | **Word Count:** TBC

Illustrations: Colour throughout

Acquiring Editor: Jane Griffiths

Film Rights: Tobias Literary Agency

World Rights: PRHC



THE MONSTERS AT THE END OF THE WORLD

Rebecca Orwin

An astonishing debut novel about friendship, trust and survival – with a monstrously big heart.

- * David Almond's *Skellig* meets Katherine Rundell's *The Wolf Wilder* with a dash of Patrick Ness's *Chaos Walking*
- * Perfect for any child dreaming of the life-changing and unlikely friendships of films like *E.T.*, *Totoro* and *Abominable*
- * A compelling adventure that explores the power of empathy and kindness to unlock seemingly intractable conflict
- * First in a series featuring the human-monster duo of Sunny and Mo

DESCRIPTION

Two hundred years ago, a series of natural disasters known as the Ruin poisoned the land and caused never-before-seen sea creatures to claim the ocean as their own. For the coastal villages that are all that is left of humanity, they are a constant threat and a frightening story told to keep children out of the shallows. They are precisely what they have been named: monsters.

But when Sunny discovers one of those monsters trapped on the beach, she realises that everything she thought she knew about them is wrong. Mo, as she names him, is an intelligent, gentle creature, far more in tune with nature than humans.

With crops failing on land and hostilities increasing at sea, will Sunny and Mo's unlikely friendship be enough to save what's left of their world?



Rebecca Orwin was brought up in Chesterfield by a mum who loves books and a dad who loves films and ended up loving stories in all their forms. Her favourites are those that provide the most thorough escape from the everyday, full of magic, adventure and preferably a few good jokes. She has a BA in English Literature and an MA in Creative Writing from Newcastle University, and lives in Sheffield with her husband.

Age: 8–12

Publication Date: March 2025

Extent: 320pp

Word Count: 55,000

Acquiring Editor: Ben Horslen

Film Rights: DKW

World Rights: PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



THE MYTHMAKER

Tamzin Merchant

From bestselling author Tamzin Merchant comes a standalone magical middle-grade that reimagines the young lives of King Arthur, Princess Guinevere and Merlin the Magician.

- * Set in the world of The Hatmakers series, this is an enchanting standalone story with brand-new characters and even more exciting exploits.
- * Breathtakingly magical, epic and adventurous, warm-hearted and wise –Tamzin Merchant is a born storyteller and will delight readers who love Harry Potter, Abi Elphinstone, Catherine Doyle, Jessica Townsend and Anna James.
- * Tamzin is a bestselling author, prolific actor and award-winning screenwriter. The world of The Hatmakers was inspired by many hours spent in colourful costume departments.

DESCRIPTION

Twelve-year-old Princess Gwyn has never wanted to act like a lady. She much prefers play fighting with her wooden sword than weaving intricate tapestries.

When her family move to Tintagel to join the royal court of King Uther, she hatches an escape plan. But she's not alone . . . a young magician called Merlin has similar ideas, and it doesn't take long before Prince Arthur catches up to them.

So ensues a journey across Roman occupied Britain and their discovery of a monstrous plan. If this band of unlikely friends don't act fast enough, all the mythological creatures from their lands will be stolen and shipped to Rome. Can they live up to their legends and save the day?



Tamzin Merchant is the bestselling author of The Hatmakers, The Mapmakers and The Troublemakers. She

has been an actor since the age of seventeen. Her acting work has taken her around the world and on a journey through time. She has been a Tudor, a Victorian, a Jacobean, and has survived the Blitz and succumbed to pneumonia in Edwardian times. She's been an alien, a witch, a doomed queen, a feisty Scottish warrior and a rebellious high-society runaway.

Age: 9-12

Publication Date: April 2025

Extent: 352pp

Word Count: 55,000

Acquiring Editor: Amina Youssef

Film Rights: RCW

World Rights: PRHC



SWORD OF FIRE

Federico Ivanier

A sweeping, epic, middle grade fantasy tale about a brave young girl thrust into a perilous journey to save a secret magical world, from an award-winning, acclaimed Uruguayan author.

- * First published twenty years ago in Uruguay as *Martina Valiente*, *Sword of Fire* has won multiple awards and is considered to be the first children's fantasy book published in Uruguay.
- * A thrilling fantasy read for fans of Narnia, Philip Pullman, Harry Potter and *A Wrinkle in Time*.
- * An exciting new addition to A Puffin Book, Puffin's list of modern classics, and the first middle grade title to be translated from Uruguayan Spanish to English and published in the UK.

DESCRIPTION

When ordinary, lonely Martina Valiente discovers a mysterious golden box in a forgotten room at her grandmother's house, she is drawn into the fantastical world of Novrogod – where magic thrives and the balance between Wizardry and Darkness must be carefully maintained.

But now, Novrogod is threatened by Voraz, a wizard of Darkness, and Martina learns that she is 'The Sent One' - a guardian of Novrogod that is destined to return to the land when it needs them the most.

Along with her stepbrother Matias, Martina sets out to collect the magical items that will aid them in restoring peace and balance to Novrogod. But can she defeat Voraz before dark magic consumes this new world?



Federico Ivanier is an acclaimed Uruguayan writer for young people. He has written over twenty books that have been published across Latin America. His works have been awarded the National Prize for Literature from the Uruguayan Ministry for Education and Culture as well as the Premio Bartolomé Hidalgo, one of the country's most important literary awards. As well as writing books, Federico works as an high-school English language teacher.

Age: 9-12

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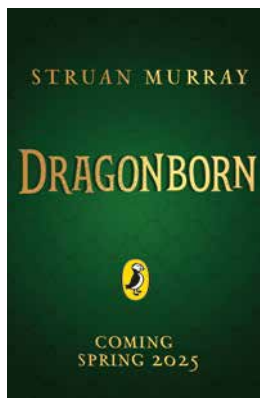
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Acquiring Editor: Kelly Hurst

Film Rights: PRH

World Rights: PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



DRAGONBORN

Struan Murray

The electric new fantasy series that's *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* – but with dragons!

OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:



- * Exceptional, imaginative world-building paired with pulse-pounding adventure
- * Select full-page illustrations bring the dragon-battling action to life
- * The perfect quality-commercial middle-grade offering for fans of AF Steadman and Aisling Fowler

DESCRIPTION

How can you master your destiny when you don't even know what you are...?

Life isn't fun for Alex Evans. Since her dad's mysterious death, she's never managed to get anything right. Nothing is ever good enough for her mother, and nothing makes the children at school like her. When their cruelty finally becomes too much to bear, all the frustration inside Alex finally rushes to the surface.

And fire spills from her mouth.

Because Alex is a dragon. One of the many who live among us, unknown and unknowing, unless something awakens their true nature. Led by the mighty Oliphos to the legendary island of Skralla, Alex must train alongside fierce, frightening dragon-children, if she is to unlock the power of her birthright.

But other dragons are rising too, determined to free their leader, Drak Midna, from the curse that has trapped him in human form for a thousand years. The curse that has kept the world safe.

And Alex has to be good enough for this fight, or the world will burn.



Struan Murray is Scottish and grew up in Edinburgh, the youngest of a large, rowdy family of redheads. His debut novel, *Orphans of the Tide*, won the prestigious Branford Boase Award, and was included in the Guardian's 'Best children's books of 2020'. When he's not writing, Struan is a lecturer at the University of Oxford.

Age: 9-14 years

Publication Date: March 2025

Extent: 400pp

Illustrations: Black and white throughout

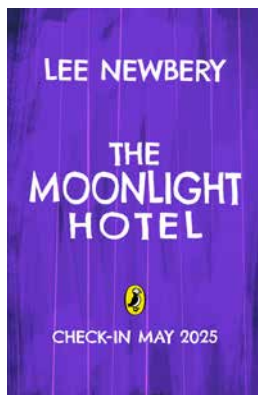
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BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



THE MOONLIGHT HOTEL

Lee Newbery

*Peter Pan meets Oliver Twist in the magical new book by rising star Lee Newbery, author of **The Last Firefox**.*



**OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:**

- * **An accessible, quality-commercial middle-grade adventure about the power of found family.**
- * **Mystery and magic combine, alongside top-notch inclusive representation.**
- * **An evocative illustrated package that brings the world of the Moonlighters to life.**

DESCRIPTION

When ten-year-old Theo runs off from a school trip to London's Natural History Museum and decides to pay his gran a surprise visit, he discovers the surprise is on him – his gran is on holiday and Theo finds himself alone in the big city with nowhere to turn.

Enter Alistair Goodfellow, a mysterious, flamboyant young person with a charismatic twinkle in their eye. Alistair offers Theo a room at the Casablanca Lily – by day, a run-down and unloved hotel; by night, a palace of magical wonders.

Each night, Alistair sends his found family of runaways and ne'er-do-wells, the Moonlighters, out into London in search of lost magical artefacts, gifting them their own magical powers as a reward.

Theo is quickly enthralled, but there is more to Alistair than meets the eye, and soon Theo comes to realize that the items Alistair is hunting could be more dangerous than he'd ever imagined . . .



Lee Newbery lives with his husband, son and dog in a seaside town in West Wales. By day, he helps vulnerable people look for jobs and gain new skills, and by night he sits down at his laptop to write.

His first book, *The Last Firefox*, was Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2023.

Lee enjoys adventuring, drinking ridiculous amounts of tea, and giving his dog a good cuddle - or a cwtch, as they say in Wales.

Age: 9-11

Publication Date: May 2025

Extent: 320pp

Illustrations: Black and white illustrations throughout

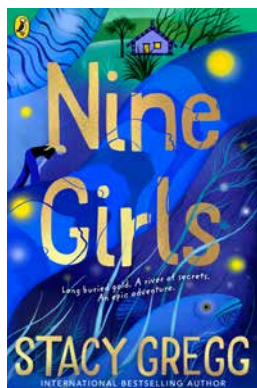
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Film Rights: Skylark Literary

World Rights: PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



NINE GIRLS

Stacy Gregg

A fascinating, funny and heartbreaking insight into Māori legend and culture, *Nine Girls* is an epic adventure that shows what it's like to feel like an outsider in your own world, from the internationally bestselling, award-winning author of *Pony Club Secrets*.

- * Stacy Gregg is the bestselling author of *Pony Club Secrets* as well as several standalone novels
- * This book is a fascinating insight into Māori culture based on Stacy's own life growing up in smalltown New Zealand and draws on many of her own experiences
- * Perfect for readers of middle grade adventure fiction writers like Phil Earle, Lesley Parr and Jacqueline Wilson

DESCRIPTION

They dug a hole and they put the box filled with gold inside it. To keep the gold safe until they could return one of them placed a tapu on it. A tapu so that anyone who tried to touch the gold would die.

Titch is determined to find the gold buried somewhere on her family's land. It might be tapu but that won't put her off. Then an unexpected encounter with a creature from the river reveals there are secrets lying beneath its surface.

How will Titch, her rowdy cousins and her best friend uncover the mystery of the hidden treasure? And what will she find out along the way? Join Titch on her journey to discover her ancestor's role in the brutal Tainui wars, and the dangers of messing with tapu.



Stacy Gregg (Ngati Mahuta/Ngati Pukeko/Ngati Maru) is an award-winning, bestselling New

Zealand writer. She grew up in Ngaruawahia and her essay about the town, *The Māoris From The Town Side of the River* won the Voyager national journalism award in 2023.

Stacy has written over thirty novels. Her *Pony Club Secrets* series has sold over 1.5 million copies globally and was adapted into the CBBC TV series *Mystic*.

Age: 9-12 | **Publication Date:** April 2024
Extent: 256pp | **Word Count:** 42,000 words
Acquiring Editor: Kelly Hurst
Film Rights: Author
World Rights: PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



UNTITLED

Janice Hallett

The first children's mystery from the number-one-bestselling author of *The Appeal* and *The Twyford Code*, Janice Hallett.

- * Janice is an international bestseller, writing adult crime novels with an epistolary twist. Her novels have sold over 350,000 copies through TCM to date, won numerous awards and been translated into 17 languages.
- * This brand new middle-grade series has all the hallmarks of Janice's inimitable and stand-out adult crime novels: incredible plotting, unforgettable characters, compulsive and pacy storytelling, and a truly unique interactive mystery which will challenge readers to crack the case before the solution is revealed.
- * With a contemporary story framing an investigation into a decades-old unsolved mystery, this is the perfect addictive new read for fans of Robin Stevens.

DESCRIPTION

When siblings Ava and Luke discover a mysterious notebook in their dad's attic they are instantly intrigued. And, as they read through letters, diary entries, newspaper cuttings and notarised secret recordings, they realise that a decades-old, still unsolved, murder case is unfolding right in front of them . . .

Determined to discover what really happened, Ava and Luke turn detective to try and crack the case. But soon they realise that the killer might still be out there - and might be closer than they think . . .

YOU know the facts. YOU have all the clues. Can YOU solve the mystery before they do?



Janice Hallett is a former magazine editor, award-winning journalist, and government communications writer. Her enthusiasm for travel has taken her around the world several times, from Madagascar to the Galapagos, Guatemala to Zimbabwe, Japan, Russia, and South Korea. A playwright and screenwriter, she penned the feminist Shakespearean stage comedy *NetherBard* and cowrote the feature film *Retreat*. She lives in London and is the author of *The Appeal*, *The Twyford Code*, *The Mysterious Case of the Alperton Angels* and *The Christmas Appeal*.

Age: 9-13 | **Publication Date:** February 2025

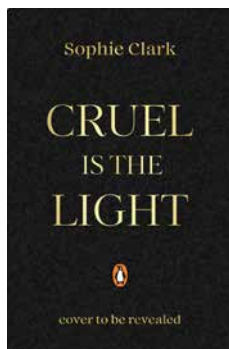
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Film Rights: Shell Land Associates Ltd

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BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



CRUEL IS THE LIGHT

Sophie Clark

SERPENT AND DOVE meets EMPIRE OF THE VAMPIRE: An epic and sizzling YA Romantasy with an addictive, enemies-to-lovers romance at its heart . . .

- * **A MAJOR GLOBAL PRH ACQUISITION:** this was snapped up, in a two-book deal, by three different PRH Publishers (PRH UK, US and Australia), to publish simultaneously.
- * **PERFECT FOR A #BOOKTOK #ROMANTASY AUDIENCE:** A star-crossed, forbidden romance between a demon and a demon-hunter, packed with danger, tension, temptation, secrets and page-turning mystery that's perfect for fans of *FOURTH WING*, *POWERLESS*, *DIVINE RIVALS* and *SERPENT AND DOVE*.
- * **#PITCHWARS ALUMNA AUTHOR:** Sophie Clark graduated in the Pitch Wars class 2021. Her agent fought off five other agents to represent her. She is a fierce storyteller and a major new talent in YA fantasy.

DESCRIPTION

EPIC WAS THEIR LOVE. ENDLESS WAS THEIR POWER.

A brutal war between humanity and demons has raged across Europe for over a century. At its heart, two elite soldiers: Selene Alleva, a powerful exorcist running from a dark legacy, and orphan Jules Lacroix, recruited by the Vatican army and unrivalled in battle.

When their paths unexpectedly cross, despite initial distrust – then unwelcome attraction – Jules and Selene realise they can use each other to unlock the secrets of their pasts. But the truth suggests a terrible conspiracy at the heart of the Vatican . . .

With each new discovery, Jules is forced to question everything he's ever known – including himself. And Selene, unable to ignore her growing feelings for Jules, must make an impossible choice between love and duty.

They say love conquers all – but can it win in a war between demons and exorcists? Or might it just tear them all apart . . . ?



Sophie Clark

graduated in the Pitch Wars class of 2021 and was mentored by Emily Thiede (*This Vicious Grace*) and Lauren Blackwood (*These Wicked Walls*) while writing *Cruel is the Light*. She has a Masters degree in International Relations, and previously worked for the Australian Senate. She now resides in Tasmania, Australia, with a beautiful black and white Border Collie called Indy.

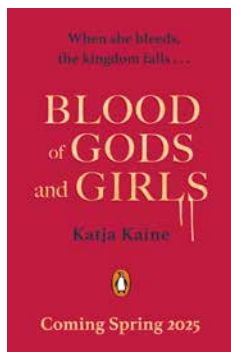
Age: 14+ | **Publication Date:** January 2025

Extent: 480pp | **Word Count:** 100-110,000

Acquiring Editor: Anthea Townsend

Film Rights: Adams Literary

World Rights: PRHC UK



BLOOD OF GODS AND GIRLS

Katja Kaine

A fierce feminist fantasy set in a Singapore-inspired melting pot of Eastern culture – for fans of *The Gilded Ones* and *Children of Blood and Bone*.

- * An epic romantasy featuring powerful female friendships, romance, betrayal and action-packed adventure as well as a fierce feminist heroine who fights for her beliefs and the need to create a better world.
- * The perfect read for fans of compulsive romantic fantasy like *The Gilded Ones* and *Children of Blood and Bone* with the feminist overtones of *The Handmaid's Tale*.
- * The author, Katja Kaine, is half Singaporean and has created a world infused with Singaporean culture that is vividly realised and immersive.
- * *Blood of Gods and Girls* was longlisted for the Bath Children's and WriteMentor novel awards in 2023.

DESCRIPTION

When she bleeds, the Kingdom falls.

At five years old, Nisha was selected to be the Living Goddess – a mortal vessel for the great Goddess Shantavi. But on her twelfth birthday, Nisha escaped the temple before she could be sacrificed at the hands of the Immortal King.

Now the Kingdom searches for its new Living Goddess and their eye has fallen on Ratna, the only family Nisha has left.

Helped by a Golden Eagle Warrior and the only boy she has ever trusted, Nisha must learn to embrace her power in order to liberate her people.

It's time to take the Kingdom back.



Katja Kaine is half Singaporean and half German and has spent most of her life travelling the world. She is UK-based and lives in West Yorkshire with her partner, three fluffballs and two microhumans. She is the creator of the Novel Factory software for writers, through which she has 65,000 writers following her writing journey. *Blood of Gods and Girls* was longlisted for the Bath Children's and WriteMentor novel awards in 2023. Katja's other unpublished works have been shortlisted for the Bath Children's Novel Award, selected for the SCBWI Undiscovered Voices Anthology, and recognised by the Guppy Prize and the Bridport Prize.

Age: 12+ | **Publication Date:** March 2026

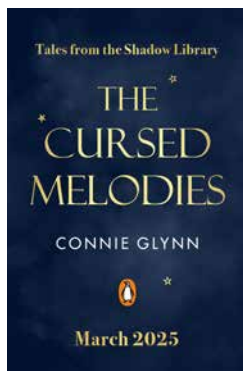
Extent: 400pp | **Word Count:** 98,000

Acquiring Editor: Carmen McCullough

Film Rights: Madeleine Milburn

World Rights: PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



TALES FROM THE SHADOW LIBRARY: THE CURSED MELODIES

Connie Glynn

A teen fantasy adventure full of magic and romance by Connie Glynn, the globally bestselling author of *The Rosewood Chronicles*. Perfect for fans of *Twin Crowns* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

OTHER BOOKS BY THE AUTHOR:



- * Connie Glynn's books have been translated into 16 languages. She is a bestseller in Germany, loved for her boarding British boarding school settings and teenage royalty.
- * The Rosewood Chronicles series has sold just shy of 60,000 copies through TCM and book one made Connie the number one debut author of 2017 in the UK YA market.
- * Sapphic romance, chosen family and strong bonds of friendship light up the page, giving us the diverse and complex queer characters readers have grown to love in Connie's work.

DESCRIPTION

As twins, Astrid and Jonas share a bond. But they also share a gift: flowers whisper instructions, trees sing of their histories. The siblings are kept away from nature by their alarmed caretakers, but it still calls to them.

Meanwhile, Gwen knows all about the shadow world of Bloom Bloods – people living among us who have magic running through their veins. They act under the instruction of the Queen, conserving fantastical creatures and studying the ancient melodies of magic. But Gwen failed her application to the school that trains up the next generation of Bloom Bloods, and she now spends her days in an isolated manor alongside other outcasts. She is determined to prove her worth.

A mysterious evil is spreading throughout the world; unnatural monsters are appearing in surprising places. When the twins and Gwen collide, their unique abilities are revealed. But will their combined powers be enough to stop what's rising in the darkness?



Connie Glynn recently finished a degree in film theory, and it was at university that Connie

started her hugely successful YouTube channel Noodlerella (named after her favourite food and favourite Disney princess). After five years of publicly documenting her life and hobbies to an audience of 900,000 subscribers on YouTube, Connie closed the book on the Noodlerella project in a bid for more privacy and to pursue her original passions in the performing arts. Connie now writes music and fiction full-time. Follow Connie on YouTube, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr @ConnieGlynn

Age: 11-16 | **Publication Date:** March 2025

Extent: 304pp | **Word Count:** 73,000

Acquiring Editor: Ruth Knowles

Film Rights: Conville & Walsh

World Rights: PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



LIGHTS OUT

Jenni Fletcher

The sizzling new sports romance, perfect for fans of Hannah Grace and Lauren Asher

- * Jenni Fletcher is the author of more than twenty romance novels. This is her first sports romance.
- * This is the perfect next read for fans of bestselling Booktok faves Hannah Grace and Lauren Asher.
- * This story features fan-favourite tropes like fake dating, and will deliver spice-levels worthy of Booktok fame.
- * Sports is the next big trend in romance fiction, as demonstrated by the 940M views that #Sportsromance has amassed on TikTok.
- * A must-have read for fans of Netflix's hit show Drive to Survive!

DESCRIPTION

Giovanni Bauer is a gorgeous new Formula One driver, with a bad rep he needs to lose if he wants to become a winner. Maisie Evans is a psychology student desperate to break into the competitive world of sports.

Neither of them are looking for romance, but after a chance meeting the answer to their problems seems obvious: a fake relationship.

She gets to travel the world in luxury, analyse a prestigious F1 team, and channel the invaluable experience into her dissertation. And he gets to fix his bad-boy image, by being seen in a grounding relationship with a 'normal' person.

But when sparks start to fly, will their fake romance set them up for pole position, or have them spiralling off track?

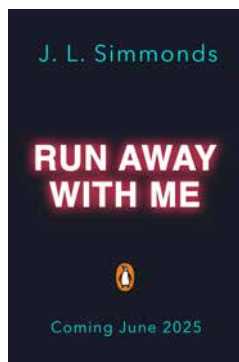


Jenni Fletcher has written more than twenty romance novels, ranging from the Roman to Victorian eras. She teaches

Creative Writing at Bishop Grosseteste University and her books have been nominated for five RNA Romantic Novel Awards. She also won the Libertà Books Shorter Romantic Novel Award in 2020. Jenni grew up in Aberdeenshire and Somerset, has a PhD in Edwardian literature, and now lives in Yorkshire with her family and dog. @JenniAuthor.

Age: 18+ | **Publication Date:** October 2024
Extent: 400pp | **Acquiring Editor:** Katie Sinfield
Film Rights: PRHC | **World Rights:** PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



RUN AWAY WITH ME

J. L. Simmonds

A bold, queer Thelma & Louise for a new generation, this coming-of-age romance-thriller is perfect for fans of Casey McQuiston, Holly Jackson and Tess Sharpe.

- * A joyful and hopeful friends-to-lovers LGBTQ+ romance full of juicy TikTok tropes combined with an addictive and pacy high-concept thriller.
- * YA readers have devoured the likes of Casey McQuiston, Holly Jackson and Tess Sharpe and are hungry for more in this space. *Runaway* is the perfect next book to fill their insatiable appetite.
- * The film potential is clear and as a result we have acquired dramatisation rights.

DESCRIPTION

Jessie "Mouse" Swift needs to get the hell out of Seattle. A few days ago she admitted to wanting her abusive stepfather dead, only to come home and find his murdered body. So when a girl from school offers Jessie a ride in her vintage red Mustang, they embark on an unexpected road trip across America.

Brooke Summer is everything Jessie isn't: popular, confident, wealthy and heart-stoppingly beautiful, and Jessie has been in love with her from afar for years. But Brooke is hiding her own secrets. As they speed out of the city, the girls agree not to discuss why they're running . . . or what they're running from.

But with the cops and even more sinister figures on their tail, how long can Jessie and Brooke stay on the run before they're caught? And as their friendship blossoms into something more, can they find a future worth running to together?



J. L. Simmonds grew up by the seaside but now lives in Bristol. She studied English

Literature and worked in marketing and communications for ten years before returning to Bath Spa for her MA in Writing for Young People. She writes joyful LGBTQ+ YA, bad poetry and text messages with too many emojis. *Run Away With Me* is her debut novel.

Age: 12+

Publication Date: June 2025

Extent: 320pp

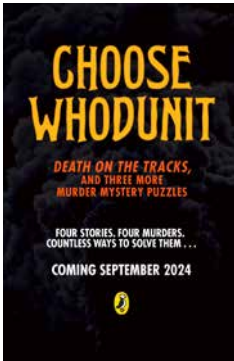
Word Count: 85,000

Acquiring Editor: Amina Youssef

Film Rights: PRHC

World Rights: PRHC

BRAND NEW FOR THIS FAIR



CHOOSE WHODUNIT

Paul Westmoreland

Four stories. Four murders. Countless ways to solve them ...

- * A murder mystery book combined with fiendish puzzles and a 'choose your own adventure' style structure, this is a fun, engaging twist on the puzzle and cosy crime genres.
- * The *Murdle* phenomenon is still going strong, and this book taps directly into the puzzle book market trends that are so hot right now: a strong narrative, an intricate yet effective hook, and a hugely entertaining voice.
- * The unique puzzling structure and emphasis on cosy crime narrative will allow this book to rise above the competition.

DESCRIPTION

Crack the puzzles. Puzzle out the clues. Solve a murder. Sounds simple?

Think again. Not every puzzle has just the one solution, and each answer will take you to a different road in your quest to catch a killer ...

Arlo Banks has always wanted to be a detective. And when he solves a puzzle in *The Times*, set by an elderly Oxford professor, he might just get his chance.

The reward for solving the puzzle is a trip of a lifetime – a journey on the famous Orient Express. It is a trip full of mystery and murder. Clues are everywhere.

As Arlo Banks, your job is track down the truth. But there are puzzles and riddles at every turn, and the answers are not always as straightforward as they seem.

You choose what puzzles you tackle, and what answers might help you solve a murder.

Your choices could take you to the killer – or lead to a more unfortunate fate.



Paul Westmoreland

has been a professional writer for over 25 years, creating award-winning advertising for TV, cinema, radio and digital campaigns. He is now a full-time author, and as well as coming up with fiendish puzzle and mystery books, he is the writer behind the spooky *Rudy* middle-grade series, which first published in 2023.

Age: 9-12

Publication Date: September 2024

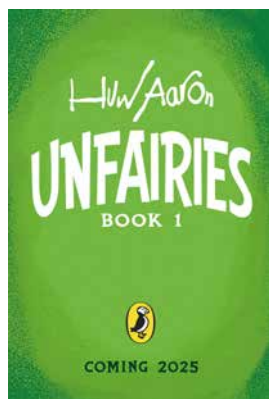
Extent: 240pp

Word Count: 30,000

Acquiring Editor: Tom Rawlinson

World Rights: yes

BRAND NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR THIS FAIR



UNFAIRIES

Huw Aaron

A brand new graphic novel series from incredible new talent, Huw Aaron!

- * **Artemis Fowl collides with Bunny vs. Monkey via Terry Pratchett, in this hilarious graphic novel for middle-grade readers. Huw Aaron is a new talent to watch with a lively illustration style and an accessible, funny fantasy set-up that graphic novel fans will love.**
- * **Puffin acquired seven titles from Huw, the UNFAIRIES graphic novel series and several picture books, in a very competitive auction. We'll be launching Huw in 2025 with a stellar marketing and publicity campaign that will be unmissable.**

DESCRIPTION

Do you believe in fairies?

Ever wish you could see one?

WELL WISE UP! They SUCK.

Forget everything you've been told. Fairies are sneaky and conniving, and spend their entire miserable lives fighting, plotting and double-crossing each other in an attempt to gain control of their world - a strange and wondrous place known as THE GARDEN.

Still think you'd like to meet one? Well, don't say I didn't warn you . . .



Huw Aaron is a Cardiff-based cartoonist and illustrator. His doodlings can be found in a number of children's books and comic strips and he's a regular contributor to Private Eye, The Oldie and The Spectator.

Age: 7-9

Publication Date: August 2025

Extent: 256pp (TBC)

Acquiring Editor: Naomi Colhurst

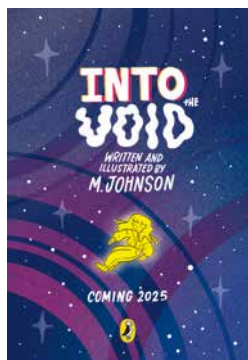
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World Rights: PRHC

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INTO THE VOID

Meggie Johnson

An exciting multi-dimensional mystery middle-grade graphic novel from debut author-illustrator, Meggie Johnson. Perfect for fans of Steven Universe and Roller Girl.

- ★ **DEBUT GRAPHIC NOVEL:** With years of experience in the publishing industry, a wealth of connections among illustrators and almost 100k followers on Instagram, Meggie's debut graphic novel is much-anticipated.
- ★ **FULL-COLOUR ART:** The incredibly vibrant full-colour art is appealing to all, including reluctant readers and confident readers.
- ★ **HEARTWARMING RELATIONSHIPS:** At the centre of the story is a wonderfully-developed friendship between the four girls, as well as a touching sibling relationship that spans dimensions and decades.

DESCRIPTION

FOLLOW CELESTE, FLORA, MABEL, AND REBEL INTO THE VOID!

When sixteen-year-old Erin vanishes without a trace from the small town of Beaver Dam in 1984 – her case remains unsolved for thirty years - until a ragtag group of girls discover the multiverse at the bottom of a bucket discarded in a supply closet at their local roller-skating rink.

Together, Celeste, Flora, Mabel, and Rebel embark on an epic multiverse adventure which accidentally unleashes Erin's grumpy teenage spirit onto their unsuspecting town . . .

Can the girls work together to save Beaver Dam?



Meggie Johnson hails from the snowy mountains of the Balkan Peninsula where she grew up exploring the woods in the sun and stoking the fire in the winter.

Today, she lives in an airy warehouse in the heart of Worcester's Arboretum. She loves illustrating strong female characters, colourful landscapes, magical adventures, and witty mysteries. She adores a challenge and is always ready to pull up her sleeves for the next big task. Under her belt, she has a BSc in Film and Television Production and an MA in International Publishing.

Age: 9-11

Publication Date: March 2025

Extent: 224pp

Word Count: 40,000

Acquiring Editors: Afua Antwi,
and Kate Davies

Film Rights: The Bright Agency

World Rights: PRHC



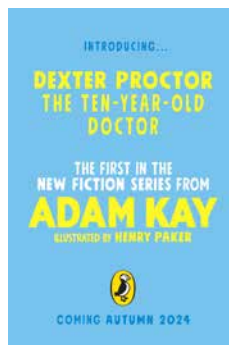
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DID YOU MISS IT?



DEXTER PROCTOR THE TEN-YEAR-OLD DOCTOR

Adam Kay, Illustrated by Henry Paker

The debut novel from the record-breaking writer, comedian and former doctor Adam Kay.

Illustrated throughout by Adam's friend Henry Paker.

OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:



- * *Kay's Anatomy* launched to phenomenal success in Autumn 2020. Puffin's biggest ever non-fiction launch, it became the fastest-selling children's general non-fiction hardback of the last decade and was in the top 50 sellers of the last 10 years after only 10 days of sales.
- * A huge new launch for Adam - taking him into the fiction space for the first time with this hilarious mystery series.
- * Illustrated by Henry Paker, an award-winning comedian, the book has a distinctive and commercial package.
- * Adam is passionate about reaching children and inspiring the next generation of doctors, nurses, medical researchers, carers and scientists - they are needed now more than ever.

DESCRIPTION

When Mr and Mrs Proctor's son was born they knew for an absolute fact that he was special.

The first clue came about 4 seconds after he was born, when he turned to the midwife who delivered him and said "Could I borrow these please?" and pointed to a pair of scissors, which he then grabbed to cut his own umbilical cord – you know, that squidgy stringy thing that comes out of your belly button when you're born.

Dexter Proctor is a 10-year-old doctor. A genius from birth, he finished exams at 8 and stormed his way through medical school, and now he is the newest employee of Lilydale General Hospital. A lot goes on in hospitals – lifesaving things, of course, but much more; things that adults sometimes don't spot . . .



Adam Kay (Author) is a former doctor whose first book, *This is Going to Hurt*, was number one for over a year. His first children's book, *Kay's Anatomy*, became the fastest-selling children's general non-fiction hardback of the decade.

Henry Paker (Illustrator) is an award-winning comedian, writer and illustrator. He co-writes and performs in the Radio 4 sitcom *Reincarnated* and co-hosts the *Three Bean Salad* podcast. Henry has illustrated all of Adam's children's books.

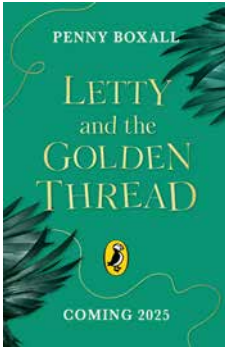
Age: 8–12 | **Publication Date:** September 2024

Extent: 352pp | **Word Count:** 62,000

Illustrations: Black and white illustrations throughout

Acquiring Editor: Ruth Knowles

Film Rights: Curtis Brown | **World Rights:** PRHC



LETTY AND THE GOLDEN THREAD

Penny Boxall

An exciting, middle-grade adventure from debut talent, Penny Boxall; a perfect next read for fans of the plucky hero ENOLA HOLMES, the humour of THE UNADOPTABLES, and the voice of ROOFTOPPERS.

- * **LETTY AND THE GOLDEN THREAD** is a continent-traversing adventure in which the reader joins plucky Letty on a quest through some of the historic cities of Europe - by boat, by carriage, and even hot air balloon.
- * Debut children's author Penny Boxall is a Scottish published poet and an 18th Century enthusiast. She has an MA in Creative Writing and has worked at several museums, making her a passionate historian and perfect spokesperson for the appreciation of antiquities and the stories behind them.

DESCRIPTION

London, 1774

Twelve-year-old Lettice Breech and her father are about to embark on *The Grand Tour* – a journey through the museums and ancient sites of France and Italy, so popular with the youth of the day.

But their plan is dashed when part of a famous statue, discovered by her father over fifty years ago, is exposed as a forgery, and he is arrested for the crime.

Letty knows how to tell a real from a fake, so she must travel to Europe, with only her pet magpie for company, and use her father's mystifying clues to hunt for all the pieces of the real statue. Can she prove his innocence, before it's too late?



Penny Boxall is the author of three adult poetry collections. She won the 2016 Edwin Morgan Poetry Award, the Mslexia/PBS Women's Poetry Competition 2018, and a 2019 Northern Writers' Award. She grew up in Aberdeenshire and now lives in New York.

Age: 8-12

Publication Date: January 2025

Extent: 368pp

Word Count: 50,000 approx

Acquiring Editor: Katie Sinfield

Film Rights: David Higham Associates

World Rights: PRHC

DID YOU MISS IT?



FIA AND THE LAST SNOW DEER

Eilish Fisher

A truly timeless novel in verse about hope, kindness and the power of friendship from an extraordinary new writing talent.

- * A beautiful and haunting debut novel in verse that sings from the first page. Perfect for anyone who loves the accessible verse of Sarah Crossan and the magical wild landscapes of Hannah Gold and Abi Elphinstone.
- * Animal stories are perennially popular and Eilish's debut speaks powerfully to the amazing bond between people and animals - and will break the hearts of anyone who has loved an animal friend.
- * Told in verse, but completely immersive and accessible. This is a novel not just for confident readers, but also for those who struggle with narrative novels but want to escape to a beautiful and evocative world full of adventure.

DESCRIPTION

Born under the same solstice sky thirteen years ago, Fia and her reindeer Solas have a powerful and unbreakable connection. But now, struggling to survive a seemingly eternal winter, Fia's village turn their sights on Solas - both for the meat the last remaining reindeer can provide and an ancient prophecy promise that an ultimate sacrifice will once more return sunlight and life to the world . . .

Refusing to allow the worst to happen, Fia and her cousin Mish run from the village with Solas, seeking out the Deer Mother - the mythical being who wakes the sun at the winter solstice and who they believe is their only hope of saving Solas and their village.

But the wilderness is harsh and shadows lurk at every turn. Can they make it to the Deer Mother? And, if they do, what choices will they face to bring back the sun?

A truly timeless novel in verse about hope, kindness and the power of friendship from an extraordinary new writing talent.



Eilish Fisher lives in a small coastal town in Co.

Wicklow with her husband and son. Eilish received both a Words Ireland mentorship and a full Literary Bursary Award from the Arts Council of Ireland.

Age: 9–12

Publication Date: September 2024

Extent: 224pp

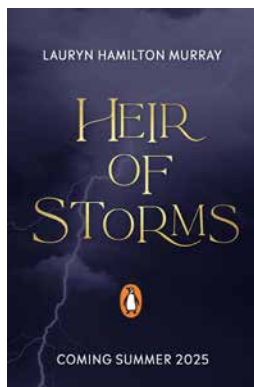
Word Count: 15,000 - 18,000

Illustrations: 2 colour throughout

Acquiring Editor: Jane Griffiths

Film Rights: Skylark Literary

World Rights: PRHC



HEIR OF STORMS

Lauryn Hamilton Murray

A sweeping new YA fantasy series from an incredible debut talent. Enter a world rich with magic, romance and intrigue.

- * **Perfect for readers of TWIN CROWNS, early Sarah J. Maas and THE HUNGER GAMES.**
- * **Epic worldbuilding, commercial accessible writing and a compelling love triangle make this a must-read romantasy.**
- * **Ideal for a broad BookTok audience**
- * **Rights already snapped up in 7 languages this summer**

DESCRIPTION

Born into one of the most powerful fire-wielding families in the kingdom, Blaze's birth summoned a devastating storm that resulted in the deaths of thousands.

Now, alongside her twin brother Flint, she must compete in a series of trials that will decide the future rulers of the kingdom.

The throne is within her grasp. But in order to take the crown, she'll have to destroy her competitors and find the courage to write her own story.



Lauryn Hamilton Murray is a debut author from Scotland. She is currently studying for an MFA at the University of Edinburgh.

Age: 12+

Publication Date: June 2025

Extent: 400pp

Word Count: 100,000

Acquiring Editor: Carmen McCullough

Film Rights: Paper Literary

World Rights: PRHC

7 Languages Sold: German, Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish, French, US English, Italian, Polish

DID YOU MISS IT?



A GIRL CAN DREAM

Emily Barr

A love story and an un-love story all at once, full of unexpected twists – from the YA internationally bestselling author of *The One Memory of Flora Banks* and *Ghosted*.



OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:

- * This is a teen read for those who enjoy concept-driven love stories with a mystery at their heart like Nicola Yoon's *Instructions For Dancing*, and Casey McQuiston's *One Last Stop*, plus movies with a supernatural twist like *Last Christmas*, *Palm Springs*, *About Time* and the YA adaptation *Before I Fall*.
- * Emily Barr is amongst the few UK YA authors who have broken through to see sales success in recent years, consistently performing book on book. Her YA titles have sold over 80,000 copies through UK Bookscan to date, and *The One Memory of Flora Banks* has been translated into 27 languages.
- * This book is the perfect sweet spot between two buoyant areas of the YA market: thriller and romance. This is accessible and commercial YA writing at its best.

DESCRIPTION

Hazel has just got out of a relationship that was no good for her. Her best friend, Phoebe, and step-brother, Enzo, knew it from the start, but Hazel didn't hear them then. To her he was perfect.

Until he wasn't.

That's now over, Phoebe and Enzo have brought her to Venice – to escape, to find herself again. But that's easier said than done. She feels off; Venice feels off. There's a girl with beautiful eyes that she keeps seeing everywhere, and something about her causes Hazel to re-live the same moment . . . again and again . . .



The One Memory of Flora Banks, published in 2017, was **Emily Barr's** first novel for young adults and was a global hit, publishing in 27 languages.

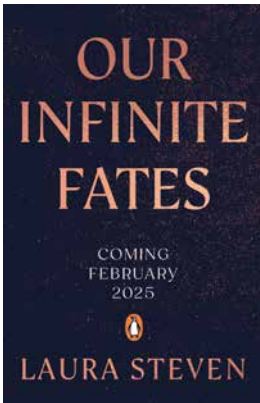
Before that, she worked as a journalist in London but always hankered after a quiet room and a book to write. She went travelling for a year, which gave her an idea for a novel set in the world of backpackers in Asia. This became *Backpack*, an adult thriller which won the WH Smith New Talent Award, and she has since written eleven more adult novels published in the UK and around the world. She lives in Cornwall with her husband and their children.

Age: 12-17 years | **Publication Date:** May 2024

Extent: 400pp | **Word Count:** 80,000 words

Acquiring Editor: Ruth Knowles

Film Rights: Curtis Brown | **World Rights:** PRHC



OUR INFINITE FATES

Laura Steven

From award winning author Laura Steven comes the heart wrenching YA tale of Evelyn and Arden, the star crossed lovers whose story has spanned Millenia.

*** For fans of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, *They Both Die at the End* and *The Time Traveller's Wife*, this YA star-crossed-lovers romance brings together a compelling concept, and a heartbreaking love story**

DESCRIPTION

Evelyn – or Branwen Blythe – can remember all her past lives. She can also remember that in every single one, she's been murdered before her eighteenth birthday.

The problem is that she's quite fond of the one she's in now, and more importantly, her sister needs her for bone marrow transplants to stay alive. So now she has to:

- a) find the centuries-old enemy who hunts her through each life and destroy them forever
- b) figure out exactly why she's being hunted in the first place,
- c) try quite hard not to fall in love with them.

... Again.



Laura Steven is the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of six books for kids and young adults. Her 2018 debut was *The Exact Opposite Of Okay*, a funny feminist YA which won the inaugural Comedy Women In Print Prize.

Age: 12+

Publication Date: February 2025

Extent: 320pp

Word Count: 80,000

Acquiring Editor: Carmen McCullough

Film Rights: Madeleine Millburn

World Rights: PRHC

13 Languages Sold: German, Spanish, French, Italian, Lithuanian, Brazilian Portuguese, Bulgarian, Polish, Hungarian, Greek, Romanian, Ukranian, Portuguese

DID YOU MISS IT?



MASQUERADE

Calum McSwiggan

***The Prom* meets *Groundhog Day* in the irresistible new queer rom com from the author of *Straight Expectations*.**

OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:



- * Inclusive, feelgood romantic comedy perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and Casey McQuiston.
- * Highly diverse cast of characters offering great representation across the LGBTQ+ spectrum.
- * Sits squarely in Calum's emerging YA brand – accessible queer romance with a high concept twist.

DESCRIPTION

Prom is supposed to be the night you remember your whole life. But for seventeen-year-old Zach, it's about to become his whole life – after a kiss from a masked stranger, Zach finds himself stuck in a time loop, endlessly repeating the same day.

Zach thinks that the only way to break the cycle is to work out the identity of his mystery admirer. But when everyone around him is wearing masks of one kind or another, how can he ever find out who his true love might be?



Calum McSwiggan is an author, presenter and LGBTQ+ advocate. He's worked for *Attitude* magazine, written for the *Metro*, *Gay Times* and *Pink News*, and was recently placed in *The Guardian's* list of the 50 most influential LGBTQ+ figures. Putting LGBTQ+ stories at the heart of everything he does, he's produced award-winning films that have been showcased at film festivals around the world, and racked up over 10 million views on his online videos.

Age: 12+

Publication Date: May 2024

Extent: 368pp

Acquiring Editor: Ben Horslen

Film Rights: DKW

World Rights: PRHC



A DUKE FOR CHRISTMAS

Jenni Fletcher

'Tis The Season to be courting.
Discover the gorgeously festive
agency romance from the
author of *How To Lose An
Earl In Ten Weeks* - perfect
for fans of *Bridgerton*!

OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:



- * A fun and fresh regency romance with a seasonal hook. With the romance of *Bridgerton*, and the strong female lead of *Queen Charlotte*..
- * **A DUKE FOR CHRISTMAS** follows on from **TWO DUKES AND A DEBUTANTE** and **HOW TO LOSE AN EARL IN TEN WEEKS** delivering regency romance for the YA market
- * Jenni is a Mills & Boon author and has written several historical romances. She writes satisfying, escapist romances and has an existing readership.

DESCRIPTION

What if you don't believe in fairy tales, but won't settle for anything less than happy ever after?

Imogen Abernethy was the Season's worst debutante. It's now December but the insults still hurt - about her height, her hair, her feet, the list goes on. Only now she also has bigger problems to deal with, such as saving her family home before Christmas.

So when a jilted duke proposes a marriage of convenience, it seems like the perfect solution. There's just one issue: despite all the slights she suffered at the hands of the 'gentlemen' of the *ton*, Imogen still believes in love and won't settle for anything less, no matter how many times the duke proposes.

But the more time she spends with him, the more she begins to discover there might be an actual heart beating beneath his snow-cold exterior. What if saying no was a big mistake? Is it too late for one last proposal before Christmas?



Jenni Fletcher was born in Scotland and now lives in Yorkshire where she writes historical romance novels. She studied English at Cambridge and Hull and has been nominated for 4 RoNA awards, winning for Short Romantic Fiction in 2020. In her spare time she loves baking and, of course, reading.

Age: 16+

Extent: 320pp

Word Count: 70,000

Acquiring Editor: Katie Sinfield

Film Rights: PRHC

World Rights: PRHC

DID YOU MISS IT?



ALEX VS AXEL: THE IMPOSSIBLE QUESTS

Sam Copeland

The hilarious new fantasy adventure from the author of *Charlie Changes Into a Chicken*.

- * First in a brand-new series that blends the real world with a fantasy land, taking the reader to new realms of adventure.
- * Combines hilarious action with huge heart - the classic Copeland combination.
- * Brilliantly illustrated package to highlight the epic scale of the story.
- * Sam's lifetime sales through TCM are now over 80,000 copies.

DESCRIPTION

Alex is a normal, everyday kid, living in a normal, everyday city. Axel is a monster-slaying hero, living in a world of magic. Unfortunately, they look exactly the same. So when the two boys mysteriously swap places, each of them ends up being mistaken for the other.

With zero knowledge of dragon hunting and a very real aversion to danger, Alex is thrust into an epic quest to defeat the evil Felonius Gloam, who has stolen the Book of Lifetales and is using it to unravel the very fabric of the world of Aërth.

Axel's chances aren't much better. Faced with double maths, a grandma who's six months behind on the rent, and a crucial chess tournament he's expected to win, his 'decapitate first, ask questions later' strategy isn't yielding the best results.

Can the two boys complete their Impossible Quests™ and find their way back to their own lives - or will they each discover they don't have a life to come back to . . . ?



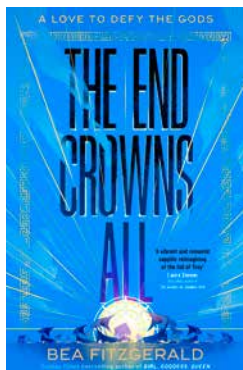
Sam Copeland is an author, which has come as something of a surprise to him. He is from Manchester and now lives in London with two smelly cats, three smelly children and one relatively clean-smelling wife.

He is the author of the bestselling *Charlie Changes Into a Chicken*, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and spawned two sequels: *Charlie Turns Into a T-Rex* and *Charlie Morphs Into a Mammoth*. His other books include *Uma and the Answer to Absolutely Everything* and *Greta and the Ghost Hunters*. With Jenny Pearson, he has also written *Tuchus & Topps Investigate: The Underpants of Chaos*.

Age: 8–12 | **Publication Date:** May 2024

Extent: 320pp | **Word Count:** TBC

Acquiring Editor: Ben Horslen | **Film Rights:** PRHC
World Rights: PRHC



THE END CROWNS ALL

Bea Fitzgerald

The second fierce, fresh and enormously fun YA Greek myth fantasy re-imagining from Bea Fitzgerald – full of snark, sass, romance and #spice, from a growing TikTok superstar

- * We snapped up World Rights in three of Bea's brilliant feminist myth reimaginings in a whirlwind pre-empt acquisition. Three-book deals have subsequently been sold in seven major territories.
- * This sensational book combines a unique, immersive world with characters that leap off the page - and beautifully-done sapphic romance that has Aphrodite-approved levels of sizzle.

DESCRIPTION

Princess. Priestess. The most beautiful girl in Troy. Cassandra is used to being adored – and when her patron god, Apollo, offers her the power of prophecy, she sees an opportunity to rise even higher. But when she fails to uphold her end of the agreement, she discovers just how very far she has to fall. No one believes her visions. And they all seem to be of one girl – and the war she's going to bring to Troy's shores.

Helen fled Sparta in pursuit of love – though that's proving more elusive than she'd hoped. Far from home, Helen's navigating all the politics and backstabbing of the Trojan court. And one princess seems particularly intent on driving her from the city before disaster can strike . . .

But when war finally comes, it's more than the army at their walls they must contend with. Cassandra and Helen might hold the key to reweaving fate itself – especially with the prophetic strands drawing them ever closer together. But how do you change your future when the gods themselves are dictating your demise?



Bea Fitzgerald is an author, agent and content creator.

When she's not writing, she's entertaining her 100K+ followers on TikTok with her mythology-themed comedy account @chaosonolympus, and connecting with fellow BookTokers. Bea lives and works in the UK.

Age: 12+

Publication Date: July 2024

Extent: 512pp

Word Count: 137,000

Acquiring Editor: Naomi Colthurst

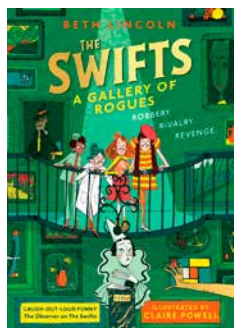
Film Rights: LBA Books

World Rights: PRHC

7 languages sold: German, Spanish (Mexico), Polish, Italian, French, Dutch, Brazilian Portuguese

**NEXT
IN
A
SERIES**





THE SWIFTS: A GALLERY OF ROGUES

Beth Lincoln

The second book in the gleefully gothic series that blends mystery and adventure – perfect for fans of *Nevermoor* or *Coraline*.

OTHER
BOOKS
IN THE
SERIES:



- * Hilarious, critically-acclaimed writing with an utterly unique voice. Beth is an extraordinary new talent in middle grade fiction.
- * Taking the Swifts on tour, in this adventure Shenanigan visits Paris and her French relatives, the Martinets, only for characteristic chaos to ensue.
- * Exceptional illustrated package from Claire Powell brings the eccentric Swift family to life in glorious detail.

DESCRIPTION

Having solved the mystery of Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude's non-murder and uncovered the location of Grand Uncle Vile's long-lost treasure, Shenanigan Swift might just be in the running for junior detective of the year. But when robbers target Swift House, her sleuthing skills are tested like never before.

The trail leads Shenanigan and her sisters to Paris and the Hotel Martinet, home of the estranged French branch of the Swift family. From there, the girls must venture into the spooky catacombs below the city to track down Ouvolpo, a gang of daring thieves who design each of their crimes as audacious pieces of performance art.

What links Ouvolpo and the Swifts? Who kidnapped Cousin Pomme? And why has Uncle Maelstrom taken to wearing an earring again . . . ? All will be revealed in this second hilarious and mysterious adventure for Shenanigan and Co.



Beth Lincoln was raised in a former Victorian railway station in the North of England. She grew neither tall nor wise, and never learned to play an instrument – but she did write stories, a bad habit that has persisted to this day. When she isn't writing, Beth is woodcarving, or making a mess of her flat, or talking the nearest ear off about unexplained occurrences. Her favourite things include ghosts, crisps, and weird old words like bumbershoot and zounderkite. She lives in Newcastle upon Tyne with her partner and hopefully, by the time you are reading this, a dog.

Age: 9–11 | **Publication Date:** February 2024

Extent: 464pp | **Word Count:** 75,000 words

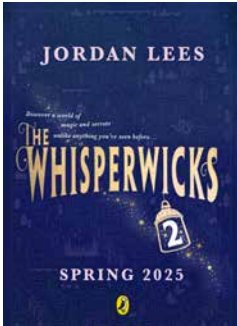
Illustrations: black-and-white illustrations

Acquiring Editor: Ben Horslen

Film Rights: The Bent Agency (option sold to Netflix)

World Rights: PRHC

12 Languages Sold: Brazilian Portuguese, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish and US English



WHISPERWICKS 2

Jordan Lees

Discover a world of magic and secrets in this spectacular new fantasy series from the most exciting new voice in children's books.



**OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:**

- * **The middle grade debut of the decade** - the spell-binding world-building and writing of Philip Pullman and Katherine Rundell with the page-turning kid appeal of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*
- * **A world beyond our imagination:** A richly imagined, atmospheric and evocative world full of spectacular characters and a very special kind of magic
- * The first title in the series, *The Labyrinth of Lost and Found* is **Puffin's lead middle grade debut for 2024** – a major hardback launch with a significant PR and Marketing campaign to ensure this is the one book everyone will be talking about
- * **A global phenomenon:** We have secured thirteen rights deals for **The Whisperwicks** series so far

DESCRIPTION

Benjamin Creek has been desperate to return to the strange and wonderful world of Wreathenwold ever since he arrived home from his fantastical adventure there.

But everything in Wreathenwold is not as it seems. Children are disappearing from the streets of the labyrinth – snatched in the middle of the night by an unknown stranger.

When Benjamin discovers a way back to Wreathenwold, he is reunited with the fierce and brilliant Elizabetha and his magical poppet Nuisance, before learning that he must set out on a new quest that will take him deep into the heart of the labyrinth.

Together with some new friends, Benjamin and Elizabetha risk terrible danger from giant squids, pyrate queens, colour poachers and, most frightening of all, the Witch of Midsommer, Agatha Drake.



Jordan Lees was born in Scotland but grew up in Essex, where he still lives with his wife and young daughter. He studied literature at university and has worked in publishing since, firstly in royalties before becoming a literary agent. When not working, Jordan can usually be found reading whatever is lying around or losing at online chess. *The Labyrinth of Lost and Found* is his first book.

Age: 8–12 | **Publication Date:** April 2025

Extent: 400pp

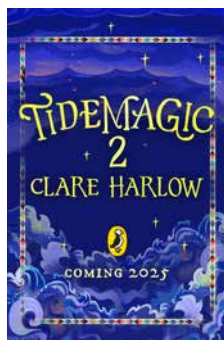
Word Count: 70,000

Acquiring Editor: Carmen McCullough

Film Rights: Madeleine Milburn

World Rights: PRHC

10 Languages Sold: Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish and US English



TIDEMAGIC 2

Clare Harlow

The second instalment in the sumptuously atmospheric Tidemagic series



OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:

- * Exceptional middle grade fantasy, perfect for fans of *Northern Lights*, *The Unadoptables* and *The Hatmakers*
- * Face-changing Ista Flit takes on new adventures in her search for her father, venturing into a magical faerie world and encountering dangerous fresh adversaries
- * *Tidemagic* is Puffin's lead middle grade paperback debut of 2024, with an ambitious marketing and publicity campaign

DESCRIPTION

Ista Flit and her friends Nat and Ruby have foiled a dastardly plot by the Hettle family to take control of the town of Shelwich, but Ista still needs to find her missing father. A magical key transports her to the mysterious Glass Island, where a sinister monster haunts the reed-beds, and the local inhabitants are falling under the seductive spell of the marsh spinners.

Boldly venturing into the marsh spinner court, Ista and her friends will need all their wits and Tidemagic to resist its magical pull. Can they find Ista's father, or will they be lost forever to the power of the spinners' sinister music ... ?



After studying English at university, **Clare** went to drama school and became an actor. A few years ago, she turned her love of storytelling from stage to page and became a writer too.

She lives in south-east London, where she spends a lot of time walking by the river in the hope that a little Tidemagic might rub off on her.

Age: 9–12 | **Publication Date:** February 2024

Extent: 304pp | **Word Count:** 60,000

Illustrations: black-and-white illustrations

Acquiring Editor: Natalie Doherty

Film Rights: PRHC | **World Rights:** PRHC

3 Languages Sold: German, Italian, US English



ARKSPIRE 2: THE ORDER OF MISFITS

Jamie Littler

Arkspire: a city of magic and extraordinary secrets which only one girl can uncover... and the stakes are only getting higher for Juniper Bell

**OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:**



- * *Frostheart* was an incredible success, with over 33,000 copies sold in its first three months on sale, making it the bestselling middle-grade debut of 2019. It was also shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2020, and the series has now sold over 81,000 copies through TCM.
- * In *Arkspire*, Jamie recreates all the amazing adventure, humour and heart that readers loved in *Frostheart*, but in a totally new world with characters children will fall equally in love with.
- * Jamie's brilliant text is matched by his extraordinary illustrations which vividly bring the world of Arkspire to life.

DESCRIPTION

Fresh from her glorious victory (kind of...) over the Shrouded, Juniper, Cinder and their newly formed Order of Misfits are riding high. Or at least they ought to be, but there's the small matter of another deadly Arcanist trial to contend with. Oh, and Juni's sister, Elodie, trying to sabotage her at every turn.

But you have to stay positive about these things. Juni's already passed one trial, and with magical shadow creature Cinder at her side, she's confident she can take on the others – and win.

Juni and the gang will need all of their best tricks to survive. But Cinder's power is growing, not to mention his insatiable thirst for revenge, and things are about to get a lot more complicated...

Juni's used to biting off more than she can chew – but has she gone too far this time?



Jamie is an author-illustrator who graduated from the Arts Institute at Bournemouth in 2008, going on to win a High Commendation in the Macmillan Children's Book Award. When not trying to tame his unnaturally fast-growing hair or having staring matches with next door's cat, he likes drawing, colouring in, cutting things out and sticking things in.

Jamie's other illustration work includes *Hamish and the Worldstoppers* which was the bestselling children's debut of 2015 and *Wilf the Mighty Worrier*, shortlisted for the Laugh Out Loud Book Awards.

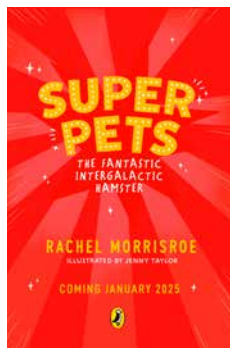
Age: 8–13 | **Publication Date:** July 2024

Extent: 352pp | **Word Count:** 60,000

Acquiring Editor: Naomi Colthurst

Film Rights: United Agents

1 Language Sold: French



SUPERPETS: THE FANTASTIC INTERGALACTIC HAMSTER

Rachel Morrisroe

What if **YOUR** pet was a superhero? The hilarious young fiction series from bestselling author Rachel Morrisroe continues, packed with laughs, heart and superhero pets!



OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:

- * Rachel Morrisroe is a rising star in the picture book world, selling nearly 45,000 copies of her picture book titles through TCM since her debut, *How to Grow a Unicorn*, published in 2020. To date her titles have been sold to fourteen international territories.
- * The Superpets series is Rachel's fiction debut and will bring her wild and wonderful imagination to older readers, reaching new children but also bringing an existing fanbase of families who love her rhyming picture book texts.
- * *The Secret Life of Pets* meets Marvel! in this series for readers aged 7-9, where ordinary pets turn out to have extraordinary superhero powers. The books are full of Rachel's madcap humour and sparky imagination, and are perfect for fans of Pip Jones, Pamela Butchart and Swapna Haddow.

DESCRIPTION

When a spaceship crash-lands outside of Rebecca Refractor's school, full of aliens who look just like adorable hamsters, she knows there is only one kid and Superpet that can help . . . Jack and Hercules the hamster, the superstrength Superpet!

The alien-hamsters can control minds and are determined to turn everyone on Earth into cracker-hunting zombies! But why are the aliens so cracker obsessed? And who (or what) is The Big Cheese – the villain boss the aliens serve?

Get ready for a su-paw-hero space adventure with the Superpets, full of friendship, fun and silly antics!



Rachel Morrisroe is the bestselling author of the *How to Grow Magic* series, *The Drama Llama* and *The Truth*

About Yeticorns. Her favourite job before becoming a writer was working at Battersea, where she got to foster puppies and take dogs for walks on her lunch breaks. Originally from Wales, she now lives in Cheshire with her husband, two young children and a very daft dachshund called Dottie Disco Dog. Visit her at rachelmorrisroe.com and @RachelMorrisroeAuthor on Instagram.

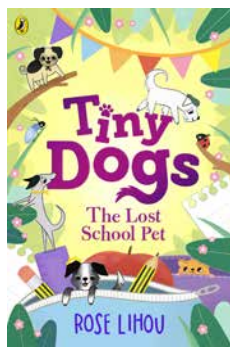
Age: 7–9 | **Publication Date:** January 2025

Extent: 208pp

Word Count: 20,000

Acquiring Editor: Jane Griffiths

Film Rights: Darley Anderson | **World Rights:** PRHC



TINY DOGS: THE LOST SCHOOL PET

Rose Lihou

The second book in the colour illustrated young fiction series featuring Bea and her four delightful tiny dogs!



**OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:**

- * Charming full colour illustrations throughout from author and illustrator Rose Lihou - Tiny Dogs is the ideal companion for readers moving on from picture books
- * Reassuring storylines that encourage gentle learning around themes such as confidence and finding your voice, all while discovering the importance of friendship and nature
- * Puffin have acquired three books in the Tiny Dogs series, which will publish into an under-served area of the young fiction market and offer fans of Isadora Moon and Mummy Fairy four new loyal fur-friends

DESCRIPTION

The big day has arrived. . . It's Bea's first day at her new school.

She's nervous about starting a new school and making new friends but with the help of her tiny dog friends cheering her on, Bea's confidence blooms.

Until Bamboo the class hamster goes missing and Bea was the last person to play with him . . .

Join the FIND BAMBOO club and earn your Animal Hero badge with Bea and the tiny dogs as they work together to find Bamboo!



Rose Lihou is a children's author and illustrator living in Winchester, UK. Having previously worked in design teams across retail and children's publishing, she's now based from her home studio and supplies her illustrations to shops and galleries around the world. When she's not writing and illustrating, you're most likely to find Rose in a field with her two daughters and miniature schnauzer, Herbie.

Age: 5–9

Publication Date: July 2024

Extent: 144

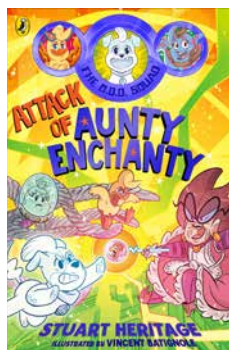
Word Count: 10,600

Acquiring Editor: Kelly Hurst

Film Rights: The Blair Partnership

World Rights: PRHC

1 Language Sold: Polish



THE O.D.D. SQUAD VS AUNTIE ENCHANTY

Stuart Heritage,
illustrated by Vincent Batignole

**Do you want to laugh your pants off?
Come on into the world of the O.D.D.
Squad - a team of (sort of) heroic animal
crime-fighters you'll never forget.**

**OTHER
BOOKS
IN THE
SERIES:**



- * *The Bad Guys* meets *Dog Man* in this utterly hilarious, highly-illustrated new series, perfect for fans of Dav Pilkey and *Bunny Vs Monkey*
- * Stuart's brilliant voice is perfectly matched by Vincent Batignole's comic-book style illustrations, which bring this vibrant world to life in glorious full colour
- * Perfect for reluctant readers, this exciting new series bridges the gap between young graphic novels and chapter books, and is perfect for families to read and share together

DESCRIPTION

The O.D.D. Squad are BACK! And this time, they're even more amazing (well, amazingly rubbish) than ever. Quack Attack, Detective Octopus and Invisidog are the most feared crime-fighters ever to roam Justice City. They're a bit of a strange gang, but they get the job done. Most of the time. And only so long as they criminals they're facing are useless.

But unfortunately for them, their nemesis in this adventure really ISN'T useless. In fact, she's kind of an all-powerful sorceress, who goes by the name of Auntie Enchanty. And what's worse than an all-powerful sorceress? How about an all-powerful sorceress determined to wipe Justice City from the face of the Earth, using mega-monsters . . . One of which looks suspiciously familiar.

Can the gang unite to defeat Auntie Enchanty, or is this the end of the road for the O.D.D. Squad?



Stuart Heritage has written for the Guardian since 2009. Earlier in his career he founded a website that was named as both Metro's Best British Blog and one of the Observer top 50 most powerful blogs in the world. He lives in Ashford, Kent.



Vincent Batignole was born in the southwest of France, and trained at the Ecole Pivaut in Nantes. Vincent has written and illustrated for many international clients, including EPIC!, Capstone and Andrews McMeel, and owns what's easily one of the biggest collections of manga drawn by CLAMP.

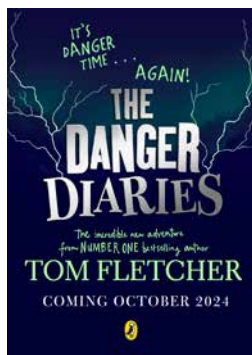
Age: 5–10 | **Publication Date:** August 2024

Extent: 240 | **Word Count:** 16,000

Acquiring Editor: Naomi Colthurst

Film Rights: Greene & Heaton

World Rights: PRHC

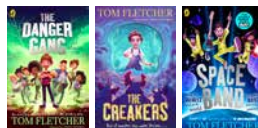


THE DANGER DIARIES

Tom Fletcher,
illustrated by Shane Devries

The exciting, hilarious and heart-warming new adventure from bestselling author Tom Fletcher.

**OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:**



- * Tom Fletcher has sold over five million copies of his books in the UK alone and his novels and picture books have been translated into forty languages
- * Full of humour and warmth, Tom's middle grade novels consistently reach the top of the UK children's charts and his fanbase continues to grow

DESCRIPTION

Return to the town of Freaky in a brand new Danger Gang story!

The kids at Freaky Primary have been asked to write a school holiday diary to share with their class when they return to school, but knowing they can't share their real super-weird adventures, Franky and the rest of the Danger Gang decide to write their own TOP SECRET dossier of their summers. Told in hilarious, episodic chapters from the point of view of each Danger Gang member, this follow-up to the bestselling Danger Gang is not to be missed!



Tom Fletcher is a number-one bestseller and one of the UK's most popular children's authors. Tom writes for children of all ages and to date he has sold over five million copies of his books in the UK alone (TCM) as well as being translated into forty languages.

As well as his career as an author, by the age of 21, Tom had penned 10 UK number 1 singles and is the founding member of the band McFLY. The Brit Award-winning band has sold over 10 million records worldwide and Tom has also written songs for other artists including One Direction, Busted and 5SOS.

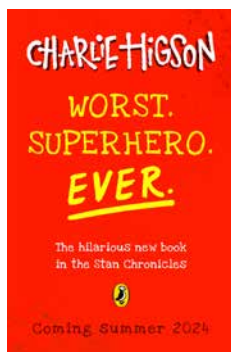
Shane Devries is an illustrator from Adelaide, Australia. He began working as an architectural illustrator and has worked as a graphic designer and now creates visual development art for animation productions and illustrates books. Shane enjoys visiting art galleries, running and travelling and if possible he would spend countless hours gardening in his veggie patch.

Age: 7-11 | **Publication Date:** October 2024

Extent: 400pp | **Word Count:** Approx 45,000

Acquiring Editor: Jane Griffiths

Film Rights: Curtis Brown | **World Rights:** PRHC



WORST. SUPERHERO. EVER

Charlie Higson

With accidental power comes a terrifying amount of responsibility

**OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:**



- * This book is perfect for readers ready to move on from Walliams, Baddiel and Wimpsey Kid. Hilarious, touching, exciting, with a wonderful cast of characters, it will also draw on Charlie's own experience to show life behind the cameras of a famous TV show.
- * This book builds on the success of the previous title in the series, *Worst. Holiday. Ever.*, which received brilliant reviews, had a fantastic PR campaign, and invoiced 27k, with 7.5k sold internationally.
- * In main character Stan, Charlie has perfectly captured the voice of a worried kid on the cusp of adolescence, and created an Adrian Mole for a new generation. A story of how it's OK to be anxious, scared, and sometimes a little bit brave.
- * Charlie Higson is one of the world's most successful authors. His books have sold over 1.5 million copies through UK TCM, and nearly 2.5 million copies worldwide.

DESCRIPTION

Stan has found himself a starring role as superhero in a popular TV show.

He's absolutely terrified.

After surviving a holiday to Italy without his parents, Stan reckons he deserves a bit of a break.

But when he's offered the chance to take a tour around a TV studio, he thinks it can't do any harm.

How wrong he is.

Before Stan can say 'Boy of Steel' he's landed himself a part as a main character in one of the most well-known TV shows there is – as a brainy superhero.

Convinced he's going to embarrass himself in front of millions of people, can Stan find a way to use his new-found fame for good?

Or will he be the Worst. Superhero. Ever . . .



Charlie Higson

started writing when he was ten years old.

After university he

was a singer and painter and decorator before he started writing for television. He went on to create and star in the hugely successful comedy series *The Fast Show*. He is the author of the bestselling Young Bond books and the incredibly successful horror series, *The Enemy*.

Age: 8-12

Publication Date: August 2024

Extent: 352pp | **Word Count:** 70,000

Acquiring Editor: Tom Rawlinson

World Rights: PRHC



BILLY AND THE EPIC ESCAPE

Jamie Oliver

Bestselling author and internationally renowned chef, Jamie Oliver, takes readers back to the magical world of Waterfall Woods in his second children's novel



**OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:**

- * **Jamie Oliver has sold nearly 50 MILLION books worldwide and is a global phenomenon in food and campaigning. Now he's brought his passion for food, family and togetherness to children's books with this brilliant series full of adventure and magic.**
- * **Friendship, Food and Fantastical Adventure! - Speaking to Jamie's passions and brand values, the book explores the importance of friendship and working together, getting out into the wild and exploring the world and, of course, the joy of sharing food with the people you love.**
- * **Accessible and engaging – Jamie has openly discussed his challenges with reading and brings his personal experiences to Billy's story. Accessibility for readers is at the heart of the series with short chapters, dyslexia-friendly fonts and plenty of white space within the interior design.**

DESCRIPTION

The adventure continues in the sequel to Jamie Oliver's bestselling children's debut, *Billy and the Giant Adventure*!

Billy and his friends Anna, Jimmy and Andy are looking forward to a summer full of fun and adventure as they start to explore Waterfall Woods and discover more about its magic. But, when the woods come under attack from the mysterious red lady and the rhythm is once again thrown off balance, it seems that the gang might need to come to the rescue . . . again!



Jamie Oliver is a global phenomenon in food and campaigning. He has sold over 46 million books worldwide, is the top-selling non-fiction author in UK history and achieved an estimated global TV audience reach of 67 million across 182 territories.

Jamie started cooking at his parents' pub, The Cricketers, in Clavering, Essex, at the age of eight. After leaving school he began a career as a chef that took him to the River Café, where he was famously spotted by a television production company and the Naked Chef was born. Jamie now lives in Essex with his wife Jools and their five children.

Age: 8+ years | **Publication Date:** April 2024

Extent: 336pp | **Word Count:** TBC

Acquiring Editor: Jane Griffiths

Film Rights: Jamie Oliver Group | **World Rights:** PRHC

11 Languages Sold: Romanian, Lithuanian, German, Spanish, Slovak, Polish, Dutch, Croatian, Estonian, Ukrainian, US English



A CHRISTMASAURUS CAROL

Tom Fletcher

The Christmasaurus returns in the magical new adventure from number-one-bestselling author Tom Fletcher!

OTHER BOOKS IN THE SERIES:



- * Over 1.3m copies of the CHRISTMASAURUS books have sold in the UK alone. This series is fast becoming a true modern classic for families at Christmas.
- * Tom Fletcher was the 5th bestselling children's fiction of 2022 in the UK, and has sold just under 5m copies in total.
- * This magical new adventure will delight fans of David Walliams and Cressida Cowell.

DESCRIPTION

The Christmasaurus is back! Get ready to soar into the sky with the magical new festive adventure from bestselling author, **Tom Fletcher!**

William Trundle and his family can't wait for Christmas. But when a sprinkle of powerful festive magic brought home from the North Pole is accidentally spilled onto a copy of *A Christmas Carol*, and Ebenezer Scrooge himself emerges from its pages - Christmas is suddenly in grave danger.

Can William, Santa and the most unique and magical dinosaur of all - the Christmasaurus - find a way to return Scrooge to the book and save Christmas, before it's too late?



Tom Fletcher is a number one bestseller and one of the UK's most popular children's authors. *The Christmasaurus* was the biggest debut middle-grade novel of 2016 and was shortlisted for a British Book Award. Since then, Tom has published several more chart-topping children's novels including *The Creakers*, *The Christmasaurus* and the *Winter Witch*, and the instant number one bestseller *The Danger Gang*. Tom also writes the incredibly successful *Who's in Your Book?* picture book series and is one half of the author duo behind *The Dinosaur that Pooped* picture book series too, which has sold over 1.5 million copies. The Christmasaurus is currently being developed by The Greatest Showman director Michael Gracey into an animated, feature-length movie with original songs written by Tom.

Age: 9–11 | **Publication Date:** October 2023

Extent: 400pp | **Word Count:** TBC

Acquiring Editor: Nathalie Doherty

Film Rights: Curtis Brown | **World Rights:** PRHC

3 Languages Sold: German, Norwegian, Ukrainian



UNTITLED STANDALONE

Romesh Ranganathan

The next hilarious new middle-grade novel from comedy superstar Romesh Ranganathan.



OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:

- * As well as being a hilarious and accessible read, the story also delivers a really powerful and heartwarming message about the importance of believing in yourself and following your dreams.
- * Part David Baddiel and part Little Badman, this hilarious commercial middle-grade from a much-loved comedian will sit confidently alongside big hitters such as David Walliams, David Baddiel, *Adam Wins the Internet* and *Vetman*.
- * Romesh has a huge and growing profile. As well as presenting his own shows, including the Bafta award-winning *Asian Provocateur*, Romesh is a regular on several panel shows including *A League of their Own* and is the new face of family gameshow *The Weakest Link*. He regularly tours his stand-up comedy around the UK to huge sell-out audiences.

DESCRIPTION

From comedy superstar Romesh Ranganathan comes a second unique and hilarious middle-grade story!

Set in the same world as *Lil' Muffin Drops the Mic*, we meet a new hero. Filled with hilarious classroom capers, relatable characters and heartfelt moments, this is a brand-new story centring around the fun of online videogaming and football.



Romesh Ranganathan is a comedian, actor and writer. A former maths teacher, he is now known for his award-winning series *The Misadventures of Romesh*

Ranganathan, his weekly topical show *The Ranganathan*, his sitcom *The Reluctant Landlord* and the BAFTA nominated *Asian Provocateur*.

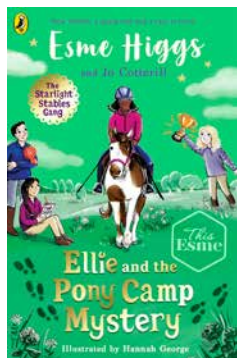
Romesh also presents an award-winning BBC Radio 2 show *For The Love Of Hip Hop* and wrote a bestselling autobiography *Straight Outta Crawley*. *Lil' Muffin Drops the Mic* was his first children's book and gave him an excuse to write about two of his favourite things – hip hop and cake.

Age: 8–12 | **Publication Date:** July 2024

Extent: 288pp | **Word Count:** 35,000 (TBC)

Acquiring Editor: Katie Sinfield

Film Rights: Off the Kerb | **World Rights:** PRHC



THE STARLIGHT STABLES GANG 3: ELLIE AND THE PONY CAMP MYSTERY

Esme Higgs, Jo Cotterill

The third story in this gorgeous pony series for animal-mad readers aged 8–12 – from Youtuber and equestrian influencer Esme Higgs.

OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:



- * Esme is a twenty-one-year-old equestrian influencer with more than 1 million followers across YouTube and Instagram. Her online videos are a mix of tutorials, horse care videos and more general lifestyle content.
- * This is aspirational fiction, with a positive girl-power message, ensuring this series feels fresh and distinctive from other, more traditional animal fiction.
- * Combining relevant social issues and exciting endeavours, this is the perfect animal-adventure series for fans of Clare Balding and Jacqueline Wilson..

DESCRIPTION

The Starlight Stables Summer Show is over, and Ellie's starting at a new school. Even though her best friends Summer and Jessie will be there too, Ellie still can't help but worry a little – will she be able to fit in?

But excitement is on the horizon – news of a half-term pony camp reach the gang, and they're all keen to attend! Along with new faces, horses and activities, there's a mystery to be solved. Will super-sleuth Ellie and the rest of the gang be able to get to the bottom of it before the end of camp?

Full of fun, friendship and mystery, this is the much-anticipated third book in the Starlight Stables Gang series. Beautifully illustrated by Hannah George.



© David Higgs

Esme Higgs is one of the biggest influencers in the equestrian world – with more than a million followers. She's a writer, presenter, video producer – and a horse-mad ordinary girl.

Jo Cotterill is a multi-award-winning writer for children and often gives talks and workshops in schools. She's written and published more than fifty books.

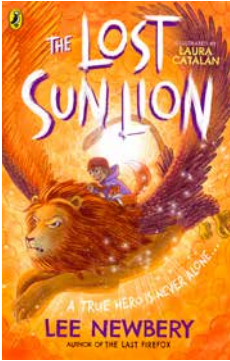
Hannah George's love of drawing and storytelling began at a young age. As a child she carried her sketchbook everywhere capturing all her adventures and mischievous exploits.

Age: 8-12 | **Publication Date:** January 2024

Extent: 320pp (TBC) | **Word Count:** 40,000

Acquiring Editor: Lowri Ribbons

Film Rights: Esme Ltd | **World Rights:** PRHC



THE LOST SUNLION

Lee Newbery

The final magical, inclusive adventure in the spellbinding Last Firefox trilogy.



**OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:**

- * *Cogheart* meets Pokemon in another effortlessly inclusive story combining magical creatures with exciting adventure.
- * Hits the sweet-spot between quality and commercial, with illustrations from Laura Catalan.
- * Lee has racked up UK sales of over 30,000 copies in little more than a year, and won the Fantastic Book Awards. He was also shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, Wales Book of the Year, and Wolverhampton Children's Book Award.

DESCRIPTION

When out-of-control weather brings danger to his home town, Charlie Challinor suspects that more than climate change might be to blame. Heading back to Fargone with Cadno the firefox, Lippy and Roo, Charlie discovers the magical realm is also in dire peril.

The sinister giant Gawr has stolen the Cariat, the Heart of Fargone, mixing up the world's magic and plunging the land into chaos. With the Cariat's ancient guardian, the sunlion Llew, missing in action, only Charlie and his friends can save the day – but at what cost . . . ?

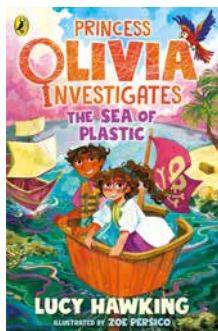


Lee Newbery lives with his husband, son and dog in a seaside town in West Wales. By day, he helps vulnerable people look for jobs and gain new skills, and by night he sits down at his laptop to write.

His first book, *The Last Firefox*, was Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2023.

Lee enjoys adventuring, drinking ridiculous amounts of tea, and giving his family a good cuddle – or a *cwtch*, as they say in Wales.

Age: 8–12 | **Publication Date:** May 2024
Extent: 352pp | **Word Count:** 50,000
Acquiring Editor: Ben Horslen
Film Rights: PRHC | **World Rights:** PRHC



PRINCESS OLIVIA INVESTIGATES 3

Lucy Hawking

The brilliant second book in the unique series by global bestselling and science educator, Lucy Hawking, about a former princess desperate to find out about the world – and what she can do to help it.

OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:



- * Illustrated throughout and with fascinating non-fiction sections from world-renowned scientists, this series will inspire the scientists and activists of the future and is perfect for fans moving on from Rosie Revere Engineer and Ada Twist Scientist.
- * Lucy and Stephen Hawking's series of children's books, *George's Secret Key to the Universe* was a global hit, selling over 400,000 copies worldwide, and their most recent book, *Unlocking the Universe* (2020), sold in sixteen languages.
- * Lucy is dedicated to educating young people about science and this new series introduces them to the concept of climate change in a completely accessible way, with an exciting new heroine in Olivia giving a voice to young girls interested in STEM subjects.

DESCRIPTION

Olivia Alez is loving her life away from the royal palace. Now she doesn't have to do princess stuff she's fascinated by the world around her, and she and her best friends Helga and Ravi are keen to find a new science mystery to investigate.

Olivia has started to notice all the rubbish in the oceans around Alez but when she and Ravi go to visit her uncle Cassander on his island she realises the problems are much worse than she thought - the living things in the seas are dying because of human behaviour. When some pirates turn up, Olivia wonders if they're part of the problem but it turns out she's got even more to learn than she thought if she wants to help the waters around her . . .



Lucy Hawking is a children's writer, the co-creator of non-fiction compendium *Unlocking the Universe* and the *George* fiction series, with her father Stephen Hawking. Lucy is a former journalist, having written widely for British newspapers, and she gives regular talks about science and stories to audiences all over the world.

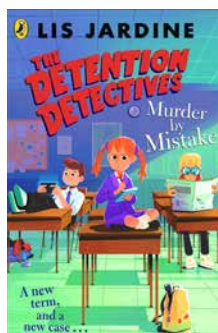
Age: 6–10 | **Publication Date:** April 2023

Extent: 208pp | **Word Count:** 22,000

Acquiring Editor: Ruth Knowles

Film Rights: Janklow and Nesbit

World Rights: PRHC



THE DETENTION DETECTIVES: MURDER BY MISTAKE

Lis Jardine

The second book in the thrilling contemporary murder-mystery series, *The Detention Detectives! A perfect next read for fans of The High-Rise Mysteries.*



OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:

- * Book 2 in the contemporary mystery series, *The Detention Detectives*
- * 9–12-year-old fans of contemporary crime by Sharna Jackson (HIGH RISE MYSTERY) and Robin Stevens (THE GUGGENHEIM MYSTERY) will love this new series. The sparky prose paired with thrilling plotlines set in a modern-day secondary school will hook avid detective story fans and reluctant readers alike.
- * In each book, *The Detention Detectives* will take on a new case. Each story will focus on one of the core characters, and will be recorded from their point of view; this book will be told by school-reporter Lydia.
- * Lis Jardine is an exciting debut talent and graduate of the prestigious Bath Spa MA course. She's a school librarian and is passionate about getting kids reading.

DESCRIPTION

THE DETENTION DETECTIVES ARE BACK! LYDIA leads the new case. As school reporter she's great at getting the facts. But when someone unexpected arrives, it's clear she's missing some clues . . .

DANIEL is convinced this case is linked to their first. He's busy as a young carer, so he needs the trio to work on this together. He just needs to persuade . . .

JONNO, who's distracted by his new band – maybe solving crimes just isn't cool anymore? Or maybe he's scared of finding out the truth . . .

Can you solve the case before THE DETENTION DETECTIVES?



Lis Jardine grew up in various vicarages across London and the Black Country. She has been a lifelong reading addict and is rarely spotted without a book.

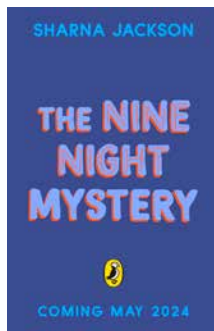
She currently lives in Cheshire with her husband and daughters, where she combines the two best jobs in the world: secondary school librarian and children's novelist.

Lis studied English Literature at the University of Warwick and completed the MA in Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University.

In her spare time, Lis likes to watch TV, learn Norwegian (1300 day Duo streak!) and invent unlikely vegan sandwich recipes.

Follow Lis Jardine on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @LisJardine

Age: 9–12 | **Publication Date:** January 2024 | **Extent:** 352pp
Word Count: 55,000 | **Acquiring Editor:** Katie Sinfield
Film Rights: PFD | **World Rights:** PRHC



THE NINE NIGHT MYSTERY

Sharna Jackson

A thrilling mystery adventure set over the nine nights of the traditional West Indian grieving period featuring Wesley, Josie and Margot from *The Good Turn*, from the award-winning Sharna Jackson.



**OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:**

- * An extraordinary adventure starring ordinary kids, this mystery with themes of grief and friendship has the mystery-solving of Robin Stevens, the real-life setting of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, the adventure of *The Famous Five* and the inspiring quality of *Wonder*.
- * Sharna Jackson's debut novel *High Rise Mystery*, won the Waterstones Prize for Younger Readers and was chosen as a Booktrust pick
- * Sharna Jackson was a 2021 World Book Day author, introducing her characters Josie, Margot and Wesley to thousands of new readers in her WBD book

DESCRIPTION

Wesley, Josie and Margot are ordinary kids, friends who live in a pretty normal cul-de-sac, right?

But now their neighbour has been found dead in her house – clutching a mysterious list of nine clues. There's something not right about the whole thing – and the Copseys are determined to get to the bottom of it. As her friends and family gather for a Nine Night to mourn her and help her spirit pass over, the Copseys know they have to work through the clues before the funeral. As they work through the mystery of the nine tasks, they find out things that they never knew, and a lot about themselves too.



Sharna Jackson is an award-winning author and curator who specialises in developing socially-engaged initiatives for children across culture, publishing and entertainment. She was recently the Artistic Director at Site Gallery in Sheffield, and was formerly the editor of the Tate Kids website. Sharna's debut novel *High-Rise Mystery* received numerous awards and accolades including the Waterstones Book Prize for the Best Book for Younger Readers. Sharna lives on a ship in Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

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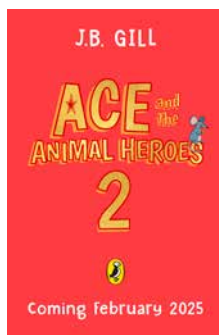
'I utterly loved The Good Turn; it's bone-deep brilliant; a joy to the very end. It's so warm and so funny, and so ferociously on the side of justice and of hope. I adored it.' **Katherine Rundell**

Age: 9–11 | **Publication Date:** May 2024

Extent: 300pp | **Word Count:** 62,000

Illustrations: Chapter Heads | **Acquiring Editor:** Kelly Hurst

Film Rights: Janklow & Nesbit | **World Rights:** PRHC



ACE AND THE ANIMAL HEROES: BOOK 2

JB Gill

Dr Dolittle meets Dick King-Smith in this magical animal-adventure series from popstar, presenter and award-winning farmer JB Gill!

**OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES:**



- * **Fun, magical animal adventures – both classic and contemporary continue to be extremely popular with young fiction and middle-grade readers, from Dick King-Smith to Clare Balding and Sam Copeland.**
- * **Ace and the Animal Heroes was inspired by JB's own move from the city to the countryside. His experience of running a working farm brings a real authenticity to this story.**
- * **Packed full of illustrations by Becka Moor, illustrator of *Wigglesbottom Farm* and the recent reissues of *The Famous Five*.**

DESCRIPTION

Join Ace and the Farm Squad in their second magical farmyard adventure by popstar, presenter and award-winning farmer JB Gill! Perfect for readers 7+ and fans of Clare Balding, Mudpuddle Farm and Dick King-Smith.

Fresh from passing the farm's inspection, Ace and the farm squad (including his new best friend, Bear) are flying high – but soon the weather starts acting strangely. There's snow, rain, sleet and sun – and that's just in one day! What could be happening? And could there be someone at the root of it all . . . ?

With the use of his magical wellies, it's time for Ace to talk to the animals and see what can be done, but will he be able to fix the strange weather in time for the farm's summer festival?

Beautifully illustrated by Becka Moor, Ace's second adventure is full of magic, friendship and environmental themes.



JB Gill rose to fame as a member of one of the UK's biggest boybands – JLS. They dominated the charts for five years, boasting five number-one singles, over 10 million record sales worldwide and a multitude of awards.

Ten years ago, JB set up a farm in the Kent countryside, where he lives with his wife, Chloe, son, Ace, and daughter, Chiara. Their farm successfully produces award-winning KellyBronze turkeys and free-range Tamworth pork.

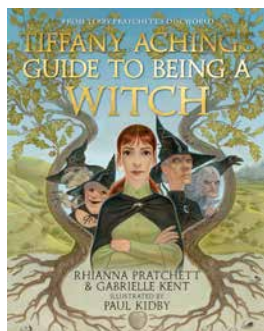
Together with his family, JB presents Channel 5's Milkshake TV series *Cooking with the Gills*. He is also the lead presenter on CBeebies BAFTA-nominated television series *Down on the Farm* and features on Channel 5's *On the Farm* series.

Age: 7–10 | **Publication Date:** June 2024

Extent: 288pp | **Word Count:** 25,000

Acquiring Editor: Lowri Ribbons

Film Rights: Curtis Brown | **World Rights:** PRHC



TIFFANY ACHING'S GUIDE TO BEING A WITCH

Rhianna Pratchett and Gabrielle Kent

Dive into the universe of Discworld in this guide to being a witch from Tiffany Aching herself.

- * **The perfect gift for all Terry Pratchett fans, giving a unique glimpse of the Discworld universe**
- * **A beautiful package inside and out, the book will feature full-colour illustrations from Paul Kidby throughout**
- * **2023 is the 20th anniversary of the first Tiffany Aching title, so this is the perfect addition to the anniversary year**

DESCRIPTION

An illustrated and practical guide to being a witch, compiled by Tiffany Aching, based on her own astonishing experiences. Tiffany's notes are accompanied by snippets of remembered wisdom from Granny Aching and Granny Weatherwax and supplemented by colourful hand-written (often strongly contradictory) notes from Nanny Ogg, Letice Earwig, Miss Tick, and Geoffrey Swivel – Discworld's first male witch.

Covering the whole of witching, casting spells to setting cheese, from dealing with elves to making deals with demons, from tending flocks to fending off forces from other worlds, this colourful, funny and insightful guide is a must-have for all Terry Pratchett fans.



Rhianna Pratchett is a video game writer, journalist and novelist. She has worked on Heavenly Sword, Overlord and Tomb Raider and others and has been nominated for a BAFTA and won a Writers' Guild of Great Britain award. She is the daughter of fantasy writer Terry Pratchett.

Gabrielle Kent grew up in the 1980's riding her bike into trouble, drawing monsters, reading comics and playing games on her best friend's Atari. She has written several children's books including the Knights on Bikes series and Alfie Bloom series.

Age: 9+

Publication Date: October 2023

Extent: 192pp

Word Count: (TBC)

Illustrations: Full colour throughout

Acquiring Editor: Jane Griffiths

Film Rights: RCW

World Rights: PRH

5 Languages Sold: Czech, Polish, Bulgarian, Ukrainian, US English

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SKULKMOOR

Hana Tooke

***Wednesday* meets *The Secret Garden* in this gloriously gothic adventure-mystery about family secrets, devilishly bad deeds, and just a smidge of murder . . .**

OTHER BOOKS

BY THE AUTHOR:



- * Hana Tooke is a break-out star in the UK middle-grade scene, with over 22,000 copies of her books sold through TCM
- * This exceptional story is once again full of all the elements that make Hana a truly special writing talent: a brilliantly evocative setting; a warm and witty voice; unforgettable protagonists; and the promise of the power of finding your tribe
- * Hana is a proud #ownvoices author, who has written in the past about her neurodivergence diagnosis, and in this story takes a careful and sensitive look at Iris's physical disability, which mirrors Hana's own.

DESCRIPTION

Once the great house of Skulkmoor stood proudly on its hillside, commanding the attention of anyone who came by. Now, it is a curious puzzle of a place – not least thanks to the giant wall which cuts it straight in half, separating the two warring families that reside there . . .

A hundred years ago, the Fox family was torn apart by a question of murder – and inheritance. With no clear heir, the vast family fortune – and the rambling house and grounds – has been literally divided in two. But now a reckoning is coming, and it's up to two young cousins – Iris and Ted, who couldn't hate each other more – to solve a decades-old crime, and finally decide which family will take ownership of Skulkmoor.

Can Ted and Iris put their (rather firm) differences aside – or will they destroy everything they know and care deeply for?



Hana Tooke grew up on a polder near Amsterdam, in a house filled with peculiar clocks and a head filled

with a peculiar imagination. She's been a singer, a teacher, and even a mad-scientist, but these days she spends her days writing stories, sculpting puppets, and collecting curiosities. She lives in Bath with two humans, a cat, and a skeleton marionette.

Her debut novel, *The Unadoptables*, was shortlisted for the Bath Children's Novel Award and longlisted for the Branford Boase.

Age: 9-12

Publication Date: May 2025

Extent: 368pp

Word Count: 70,000

Acquiring Editor: Naomi Colthurst

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THE WHISPERLING TWINS

Hayley Hoskins

From the author of spooky Victorian adventure, *The Whispering*, comes a new, thrilling tale. A perfect next read for fans of Emma Carroll and Katherine Rundell.



OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:

- * *The Whispering* was longlisted for the Branford Boase award 2023, alongside bestseller *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* and award-winning *The Cats We Meet Along the Way*
- * LoveReading4Kids Debut of the Month for September 2022
- * This second middle-grade story from Hayley Hoskins can be read as a standalone, but is still set in the *Whispering* world. Fans of Hayley's first book will be pleased to find a few Easter Eggs in this new story
- * Author Hayley was born in the Forest of Dean and currently lives in Cheltenham, and has peppered both *The Whispering* and this new story with lots of interesting south-west historical detail, and lovely local vernacular

DESCRIPTION

Gloucestershire, 1918.

We whisperlings are the living voice for the dead. It's always been so.

But not everyone likes it . . .

Whispering sisters, Violet and Clemency, run regular 'Messaging' sessions at their mam's canal-side pub. People come from far and wide to hear from their fathers, brothers, sons - ghosts of the men who died in the 'great' war. The sisters are happy to do their bit, and the service they provide is welcomed by all.

That is until whisperlings begin to go missing. Girls, with the special ability to speak with the dead, are disappearing, without a trace. And perhaps what had become a prized gift, is once again becoming a reason for persecution.

The girls are afraid but have each other...until Clemency becomes one of the missing. The only option Violet has is to follow her sister's trail, enter a murky underworld beneath the cobbled streets of Gloucester to find both Clemency, and perhaps more than she's ever bargained for.



Hayley is the author of a new, historical

middle-grade fiction series. Her accomplished middle-grade debut, *The Whispering*, which published in September 2022, was longlisted for the Branford Boase award.

Age: 9–12

Publication Date: July 2024

Extent: 368pp

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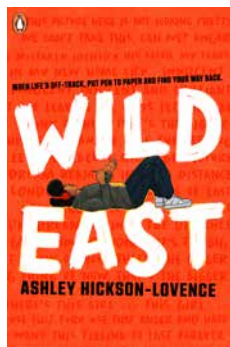
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WILD EAST

Ashley Hickson-Lovence

A soaring and emotional debut YA novel-in-verse by former secondary school teacher. Perfect for fans of Dean Atta and Manjeet Mann.

- * Author and former educator Ashley is passionate about making poetry accessible to all young adult readers, and engage reluctant readers through his work, especially teenage boys
- * The narrative embeds innovative Creative Writing exercises for teachers, serving as a teaching aide for English teachers wanting to try new creative activities in the classroom
- * *Wild East* is inspired by Ashley's lived experiences, including five years as a secondary school English teacher in London, his experience working in a Pupil Referral Unit, and time tutoring a group of asylum seekers and refugees

DESCRIPTION

When fourteen-year-old music-lover Ronny's life gets messy, his mum decides they're moving out of London.

In Norwich, as a Black teenager in a mostly white school, Ronny feels like a complete outsider. He tries his best to keep his head down and keep his goal of becoming a rapper alive.

But when a local poet comes into class, he opens Ronny's world to something new. Rap is like spoken word, lyrics equal poetry - and maybe the combination of both could be the key to Ronny's dreams.



Ashley Hickson-Lovence was born in London and lives in Norwich. He is a former secondary school English teacher, currently completing his PhD in Creative and Critical Writing. Ashley lectures at the University of Suffolk, and works with young writers for England's leading creative writing charity, First Story. He is the author of two adult novels.

Age: 12+

Publication Date: May 2024

Extent: 320pp

Word Count: 35,000

Acquiring Editor: Katie Sinfield

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THE DAY MY DOG GOT FAMOUS

Jen Carney

A laugh-out-loud, caper of an adventure with family and friendship at its heart from Jen Carney, the author and illustrator of the B.U.G series.

- * Readers love Jen's first series, *The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.* - perfect for fans of Tom Gates, with a warm and inclusive LGBTQ thread at its heart. The series has now sold 20,000 copies via TCM.
- * Totally accessible and broad appeal: *The Day My Dog Got Famous* is the perfect blend of the hilarious family caper-antics of Danny Wallace, the warm, funny friendships of Jenny Pearson, and the laugh-out-loud and joyful inclusive family representation of Ben Dean.
- * The book includes comic-style panels and incidental doodle illustrations from Jen which all add a fun, accessible graphic-novel element to the book, an area of the middle-grade market that's proving to be more and more popular, especially with reluctant or less-confident readers.

DESCRIPTION

Meet Ferris Foster - the cartooning genius (if he does say so himself) behind the AUSTOUNDOG comic (available exclusively in Ferris' school playground) and owner of the actual Aldo, quite possibly the world's most average dog . . .

When Ferris' totally annoying neighbour Destiny boasts about her popular YouTube channel, featuring her perfect pooch, Princess Foo Foo, Ferris foolishly claims that Aldo can easily become a BIGGER internet star.

There's just one problem: Aldo has about as much talent as a teaspoon.

Then Ferris and his new foster sister, Tia, accidentally film Aldo doing what looks like an amazing trick . . . will Aldo finally live up to name of his comic book alter-ego and wow the world with his skills or is this about to be the biggest EPIC FAIL ever?



Jen Carney is an author-illustrator living in Lancashire with her wife, three children and an array of animals. She wrote her debut novel to celebrate diverse, contemporary and slightly bonkers families.

Age: 8–12

Publication Date: February 2024

Extent: 208pp

Word Count: 25,000-35,000

Illustrations: comic style panels

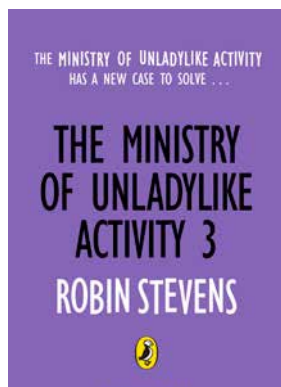
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THE MINISTRY OF UNLADYLIKE ACTIVITY 3

Robin Stevens

The third thrilling and unputdownable mystery starring a new generation of the Detective Society, from the million-copy-bestselling author of *Murder Most Unladylike*: Robin Stevens.

OTHER BOOKS
BY THE AUTHOR:



- * Robin is one of the UK's bestselling children's authors, with over 1.2 million copies sold through TCM. She was the seventh biggest children's fiction author by volume in 2020.
- * This is the third book in the thrilling new series, with everything fans love about Robin's books: brilliant but underestimated children, wonderful friendships, rivalries, twisty mystery plots, and history brought to life. Set during WW2.
- * Stars a cast of fantastic, diverse new characters and the best-loved faces from the *Murder Most Unladylike* series, including Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong.

DESCRIPTION

Join May, Eric and Nuala: courageous, smart, and the Ministry's newest recruit on another WW2 adventure at Bletchley Park the top-secret home of codebreakers!



Robin was born in California and grew up in an Oxford college, across the road from the house where Alice in Wonderland lived. She has been making up stories all her life.

Robin is a full-time author and she hopes she might get the chance to do some detecting of her own one day. She lives in Oxford.

Age: 8–13

Publication Date: October 2024

Extent: 352pp

Acquiring Editor: India Chambers

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