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# Young Fiction







# Captain Sunshine

Alex Milway

**All aboard the Sunshine in this irresistible new series set in the world of *Hotel Flamingo***

It's Isabella's first day onboard as captain of the *Sunshine*! Isabella was always going to follow in the same seafaring footsteps as her family, but commanding a revered and much-loved cruise ship like the *Sunshine* is no easy task. A ship bursting with new passengers from puffins to rhinos, from aardvarks to monkeys, and a crew who are ready to welcome her, from the weathered sea dog Mr Tatou, to the bossy passenger liaison officer Mrs Purspot the cat, to Flip and Flap, the young penguin entertainment team. Has Isabella got what it takes to be Captain Sunshine?

The first in an enchanting and flamboyantly fun four-book series from the author of the bestselling and award-winning *Hotel Flamingo*, fully illustrated in two-colour throughout.

**ALEX MILWAY** is a full-time children's book author-illustrator and screenwriter. His books include *Captain Sunshine*, and the *Hotel Flamingo* and *Big Sky Mountain* series. The *Hotel Flamingo* series has sold over 400,000 copies across the series, in all formats, and sold in 18 languages around the world.



**Pub Date:** 2 July 2026

**Age:** 5–7 years

**Extent:** 192pp / 14,000 words

4 books in series

**Book 2  
Coming  
April 2027**





# Hotel Flamingo: Frosty Fiesta

Alex Milway

**Welcome to the snowiest hotel in town!**

Winter has arrived at Hotel Flamingo! The snow is falling heavily, and while it's usually a quiet time of year for Anna and her animal hotel, this year is shaping up a little differently. The hotel is inundated with guests taking part in the Winter Whiteout Olympics, and Anna and her team need to contend with the demands of a whole host of new guests from penguins to polar bears to arctic foxes. On top of this, long-term resident Mrs Turpington is preparing for her winter hibernation along with fellow tortoises and other long-sleepers, and is expecting a party to be held for them – but can the party go ahead when Hotel Flamingo is snowed in? Anna and her team will have to pull out all the stops to pull off the biggest frosty fiesta that Animal Boulevard has ever seen!

Maybe less sun doesn't mean less fun after all!

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**Pub Date:** 9 October 2025

**Age:** 5–7 years

**Extent:** 192pp / 11,000 words

5 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE







# Luna Grace: Girl from Outer Space – Sea Safari

**Julie Sykes**  
**Emily Jones**

**A bright and colourful new series, perfect for fans of *Isadora Moon* – from Julie Sykes, creator of *Unicorn Academy*.**

Luna Grace, the girl from outer space, is off on a seaside adventure! This series for young readers is filled with colourful illustrations, perfect for fans of *Isadora Moon* and *Hotel Flamingo*!

Luna Grace and her family have come to Planet Earth from Starbright to learn about the humans and animals that live on Earth. And today it's time for them to study the sea life! They're going to go on a boat and Luna is hoping that she might spot her very first mermaid.

But the journey on the waves is not exactly what Luna was expecting – it's bumpy and splashy and wet, and there isn't a mermaid in sight! Then Luna spots a young dolphin in trouble and together with her moon cat Twizzle they jump to the rescue.

**JULIE SYKES** Julie was always telling tales. Julie still loves telling stories and is now the bestselling author of more than 100 books for children of all ages and is published around the world. She lives in Cornwall with her family, two energetic spollies and a white wolf – cunningly disguised as a dog. When she's not writing she likes eating cake, reading and walking, often at the same time.

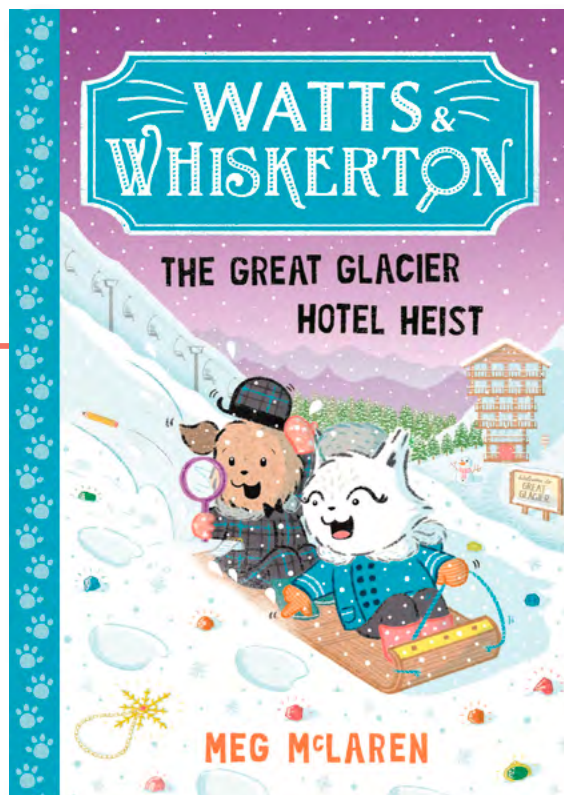
**EMILY JONES** grew up in Tyneside in the 80s where the best form of entertainment was found at the local library. Staring at the illustrations in picture books started a lifelong passion for children's publishing. Emily now lives in Cardiff with her partner and two dogs – the English and Staffordshire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

**Pub Date:** 5 March 2026  
**Age:** 5–7 years  
**Extent:** 160pp / 8,000 words  
3 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE



**Book 3**  
**Coming**  
**August**  
**2026**



# Watts & Whiskerton: The Great Glacier Hotel Heist

**Meg McLaren**

**Join Watts and Whiskerton, a charming dog and cat detective duo, on a curious new case!**

Watts is looking forward to a holiday at the Great Glacier Hotel and Ski Resort. But when they arrive, his and Pearl's quiet vacation soon turns into another high-stakes investigation: the priceless Ice Crystal has been stolen from the hotel safe, and his parents are the prime suspects!

Will Watts and Pearl be able to clear Mr and Mrs Watts' names? And will they be able to catch the real jewel thief? This dog and cat detective duo will have to navigate through heavy snow, suspicious staff, and a locked room mystery. But will they manage to ski, sleuth *and* save the day?

**MEG MCLAREN** is an author-illustrator based in Inverness, Scotland. She has published multiple picture books, including *Life is Magic*, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2017, and most recently *Wee Unicorn*. Watts & Whiskerton is her debut fiction series for young readers. When she's not up to her eyeballs in ink Meg can usually be found on a very long walk, in front of a TV mystery, or trying to convince her dog that it's not dinner time yet.

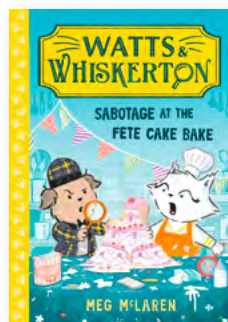
**Pub Date:** 12 February 2026

**Age:** 5–7 years

**Extent:** 128pp / 8000 words

3 books in series

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AVAILABLE







# Dream Keepers: Song of Midnight Meadow

**Rebecca Lewis-Oakes**  
**Anastasiya Kanavaliuk**

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

After banishing the Queen of Nightmares, it's Mai and her friends' jobs as Dream Keepers to craft the sweetest dreams for their sleepy town. Except Mai's family are all having trouble sleeping with her new baby sister crying all night! Mai loves Cam but she can't help thinking life was much simpler when she was an only child . . .

With a solo performance in Sunny Wood's show coming up, Mai is determined to be the centre of attention again. But when Mum has to stay home to look after baby Cam the night of her performance and her Dream Companion, Crystal, goes missing in Moon Wood, it all seems to be going wrong. Could the Queen of Nightmares be meddling with their dreams again?

Can Mai and her friends uncover the mystery and prove there's power in kindness before it's too late?

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

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

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**Age:** 7\_9 years

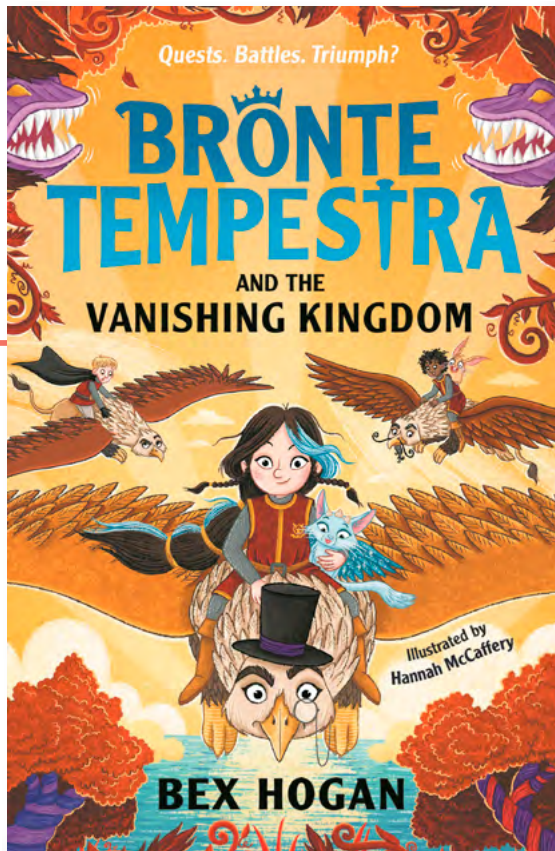
**Extent:** 176pp / 19,500 words

4 books in series

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AVAILABLE**



**Rights sold:** Czech, Hebrew



# Bronte Tempestra and the Vanishing Kingdom

**Bex Hogan**  
**Hannah McCaffery**

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

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

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

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

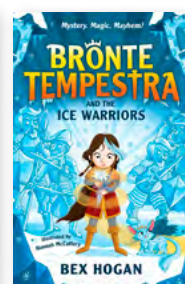
The final thrilling adventure in this fun-filled fantasy series for readers aged 7 and up, packed with illustrations. Perfect for fans of *Rainbow Grey* and *Witch Wars*.

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

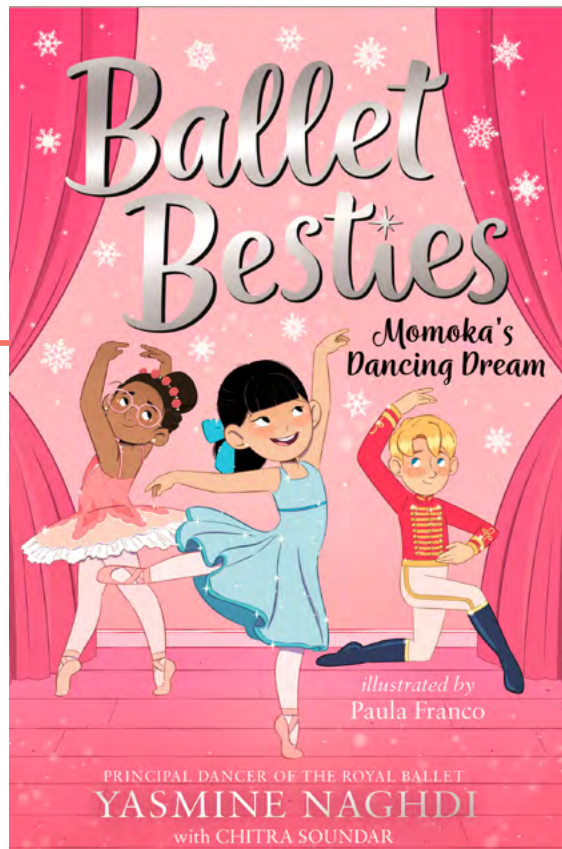
**HANNAH MCCAFFERY** Hannah McCaffery has been an illustrator and storyteller from a young age, when she would fill dozens of sketchbooks with characters and stories. She went on to study Illustration for Children's Publishing at Glyndwr University and now works as an illustrator and designer. She finds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

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

ALSO  
AVAILABLE







# Ballet Besties: Momoka's Dancing Dream

**Yasmine Naghdi and Chitra Soundar**  
**Paula Franco**

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

Momoka lives to dance, and learning ballet at Shimmer & Shine with all her friends is a dream come true! So when her grandma, a world-renowned violinist who wants Momoka to follow in her footsteps, comes to visit, Momoka worries how she will break the news that she just wants to dance. She doesn't want to disappoint Grandma, but her heart belongs only to ballet.

Can the ballet besties help Momoka to embrace her dream to dance? Will a performance of *The Nutcracker* go to plan when she's trying to juggle it alongside violin? And will Momoka ever find the courage to show Grandma just how important ballet is to her?

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

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

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

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

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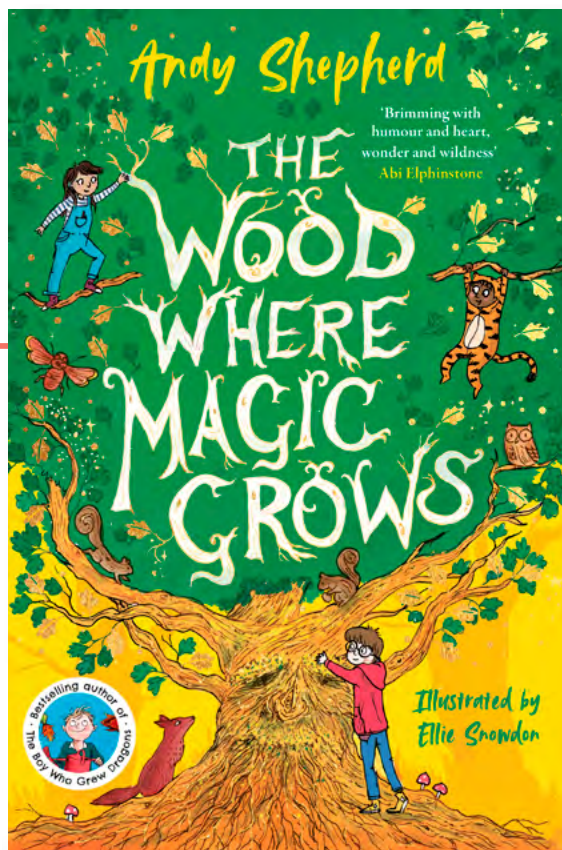
**Age:** 7–9 years

**Extent:** 224pp / 26,000 words

4 books in series

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AVAILABLE





# The Wood Where Magic Grows

**Andy Shepherd**  
**Ellie Snowden**

**You won't believe what nature gets up to when you pay attention!**

When Iggy and his brother Cal move to the countryside, they can't wait to get exploring. Greenacre certainly isn't an *ordinary* house. The plants grow in the blink of an eye, the little wooden animals dotted about the rooms never stay where they are put, and Iggy can't help but feel that the trees outside are beckoning him towards the overgrown wood at the bottom of the garden.

Some say that Wildtop Wood is dangerous; some say it's a place full of wonder. Iggy, Cal and their new friend Mae decide that the only way to find out which is to venture into the woods themselves – where they discover something that desperately needs their help. What is the secret that lies at the heart of the trees – and will Iggy, Cal and Mae be able to summon the wild green magic needed to reveal it?



**ANDY SHEPHERD** is the author of the bestselling The Boy Who Grew Dragons series which has been translated into 25 languages. The first book was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Sheffield Book Award, and longlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award. She lives near Cambridge with her husband and sons.

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

The Wood  
Where  
Stories Sing  
coming  
July 2026

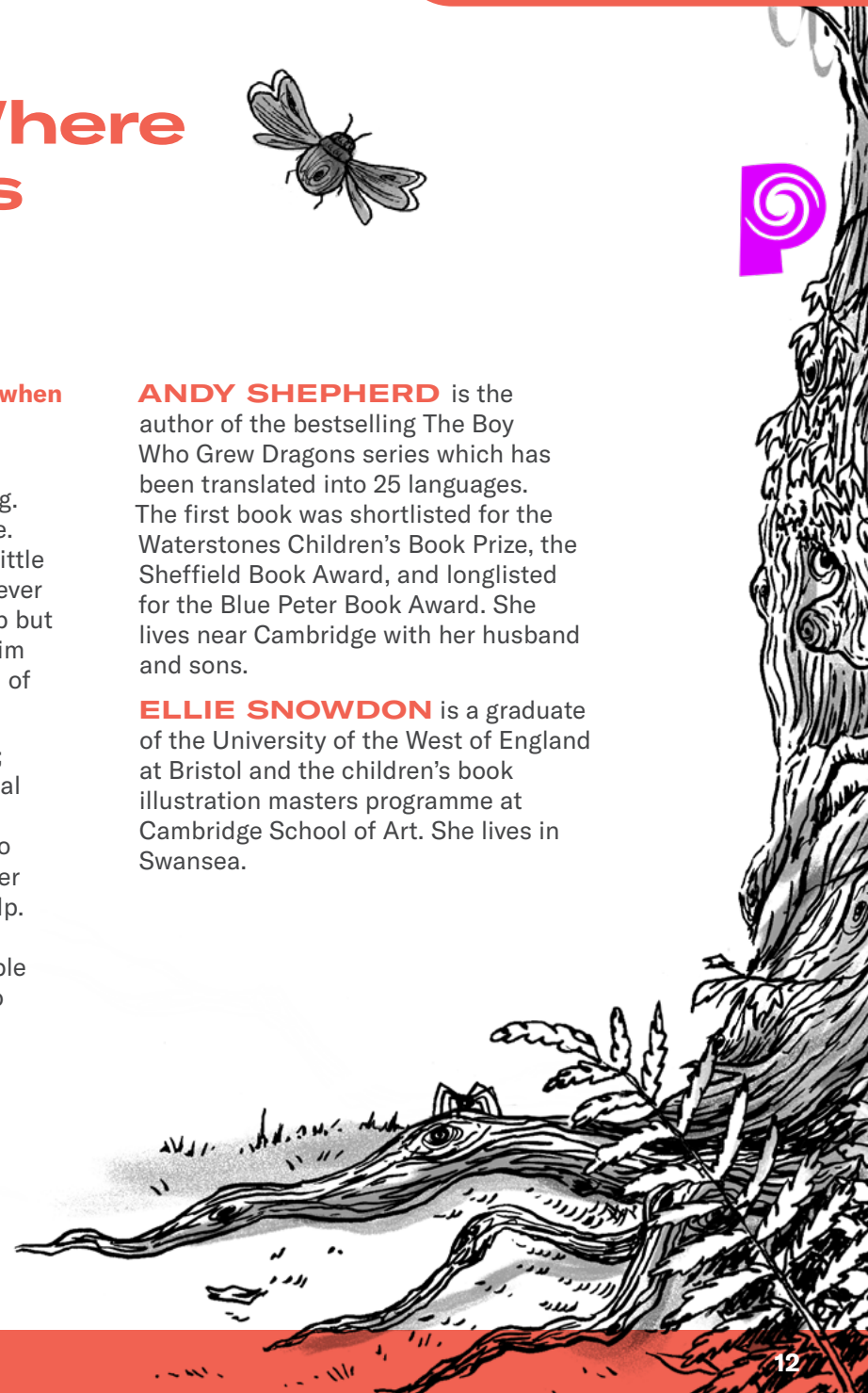
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**Age:** 7–9 years

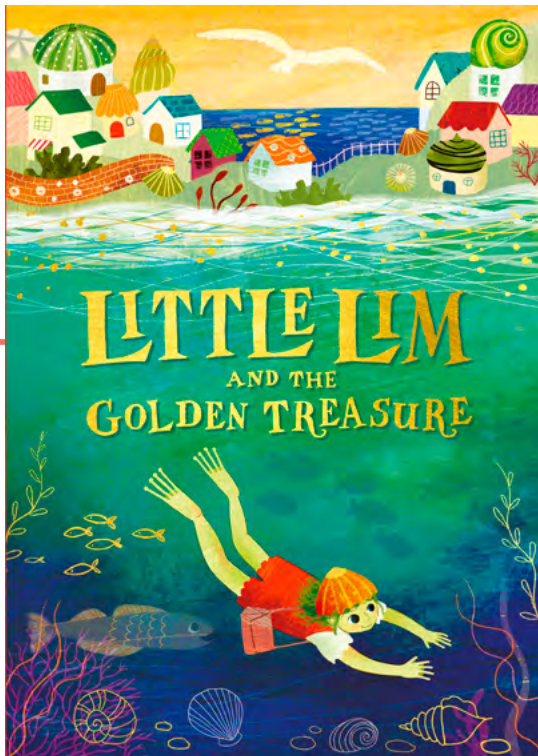
**Extent:** 288pp / 35,500 words

2 books in series

**Rights sold:** Dutch







# Little Lim and the Golden Treasure

Frann Preston-Gannon

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALSO  
AVAILABLE



# Middle Grade





# Murder at Hotel Marvelo

**Ruth Lauren**

**Illustrated by Federica Frenna**

**A murder mystery with a magical twist, perfect for readers aged 9 and up!**

*A fantastical and fun murder mystery for children, perfect for fans of The Swifts and Lemony Snicket.*

Hotel Marvelo's reputation as a safe haven from the pressures of a magical world is unblemished. Until, that is, the wizard Henry Gravelaxe, is discovered dead in the spa. But who is the murderer?

As soon as his parents are blamed, Finnian Marvelo knows that he must do everything he can to clear their names. Together with his siblings Juniper and Teddy, Finnian sets about using his exhaustive knowledge of the hotel to interview the guests and hunt for clues to reveal the truth.

But it soon becomes clear that not even Finnian knew everything there is to know about the hotel – and more than one of their guests is hiding something.

Could the murderer be:

Miss Romunculus, the alchemist?  
Gruffydd, the water sprite?  
Cornelius Ashwand, the sorcerer?

To make matters even harder, their new guardian Mrs Weatherly, is determined that they should stop investigating and focus on their studies. But with the clock ticking, the pressure is on to solve the murder before time runs out!

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

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

**Pub Date:** 12 March 2026

**Age:** 8–12 years

**Extent:** 272pp / 54,000 words





# Adventures in Lylaland

**Louise Pentland**

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

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

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

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

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

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

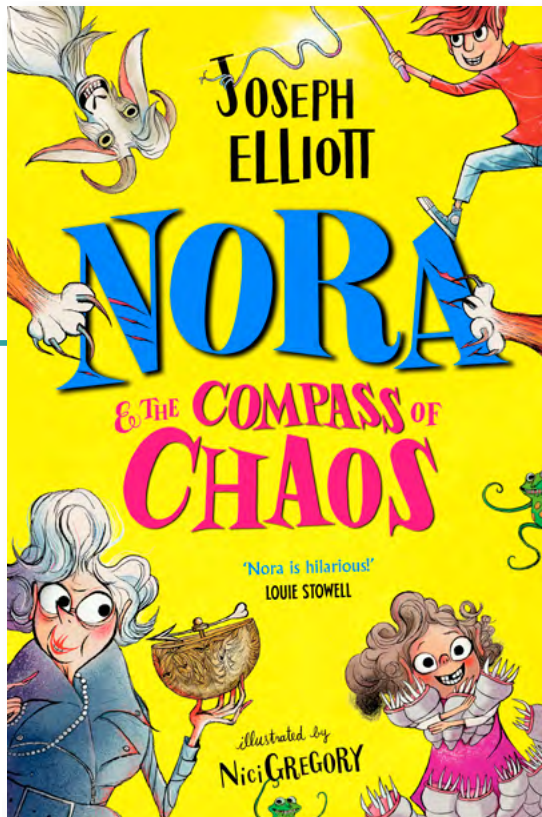
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**Age:** 9–11 years  
**Extent:** 240pp / 40,000 words  
 Standalone

**Author  
Following by  
Country!**

Country	Followers
United Kingdom	1,241,194 / 33.46%
United States	886,762 / 23.9%
Australia	141,229 / 3.81%
Brazil	95,058 / 2.56%
India	90,984 / 2.45%
Canada	88,268 / 2.38%
Ireland	74,690 / 2.01%

Germany	71,974 / 1.94%
France	63,827 / 1.72%
Italy	58,392 / 1.57%
Spain	58,392 / 1.57%
Russia	52,960 / 1.43%
Indonesia	40,740 / 1.1%





# Nora and the Compass of Chaos

Joseph Elliott

Illustrated by Nici Gregory

**The side-splittingly funny sequel to *Nora and the Map of Mayhem* by award-winning author Joseph Elliott, star of CBeebies' *Swashbuckle*.**

When Nora is invited to a fancy dress party, she thinks that's the worst of her problems...until she discovers her friend Grizzler is missing. After finding his boat completely wrecked, Nora sets off on a wild adventure to try and find him – though she doesn't expect her great-grandkids, Atticus and Autumn, to have stowed away for the ride!

Between dodging fingernail-eating skuttlecrags and wrangling ice-breathing jujugars, there's also whispers of a rogue Monster Hunter on the loose with monstrous plans in motion. With only some wool, a corkscrew and half a pack of sweets in their possession, can the trio stop the true villain before it's too late?

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

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

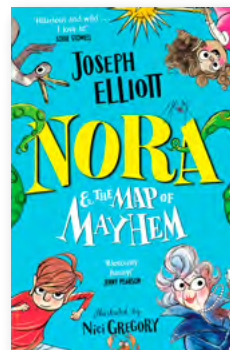
**Pub Date:** 8 May 2025

**Age:** 8–11 years

**Extent:** 384pp / 45,000 words

2 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE





# Beastlands: Legend of the Crystal Caves

**Jess French**

**The epic second instalment in Beastlands – an adventurous fantasy trilogy featuring three unlikely heroes, a realm of mighty beasts, and a daring quest to save their island ...**

The winds of prophecy are whispering. A new beast is rising ...

Alethea, Kayla and Rustus are the only ones standing in the way of the evil Professor Penn, who is raising an army of beasts, led by the fearsome phaegra.

Desperate to protect their home, they split up to find a way to take the professor down. Kayla tries to uncover Penn's plans in the ruthless Southlands, as Rustus hunts for the hidden Crystal Caves to learn about the Lia'Oua's prophecies of what's to come. Meanwhile, Alethea must journey to a new realm to try and unite the people to face the danger ahead.

But the island is changing: plants and beasts are dying, volcanoes are erupting and waterways are drying up. Could it all be linked?

Each on their own quest, Alethea, Kayla and Rustus will have to trust the people and beasts they meet to help them on their way. And listen to the whispers on the wind that warn of an ancient legend ready to rise ...

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

**Pub Date:** 13 March 2025

**Age:** 9–11 years

**Extent:** 352pp / 75,000 words

3 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE



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# Graphic Novels





# Astrosaurs

**Steve Cole and Tobey Cole**  
**Illustrated by Alex Lopez**

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

Young stegosaurus Teggs is the new captain of the DSS *Sauropod*, a spaceship designed to defend the Jurassic Quadrant from evil, carnivorous dinosaurs looking for their next meal.

With his crew, Ginni, Arx and Iggy, Teggs must defeat cunning raptors aiming to disrupt the Great Dinosaur Games, protect the last remaining plateosaurus eggs as they travel to their new home at the far end of the galaxy, and uncover the mystery lurking in the watery depths of Aqua Minor.

From powerful pongs to egg-cellent explosions, missions never quite go to plan... but the Astrosaurs are always there to save the day!

**A brand-new look for the bestselling Astrosaurs series, perfect for fans of Star Cat and Barb the Brave.**

**STEVE COLE** is the best-selling author of over 150 books of which sales exceed three million copies. His works include the hugely successful Astrosaurs series, original fiction titles for Doctor Who, the Young Bond series and *Swarm Rising* co-authored with astronaut Tim Peake. Steve lives and works in Buckinghamshire.

**TOBEY COLE** is a freelance author and screenwriter currently based in London. He graduated from the MetFilm School with a degree in Filmmaking,

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

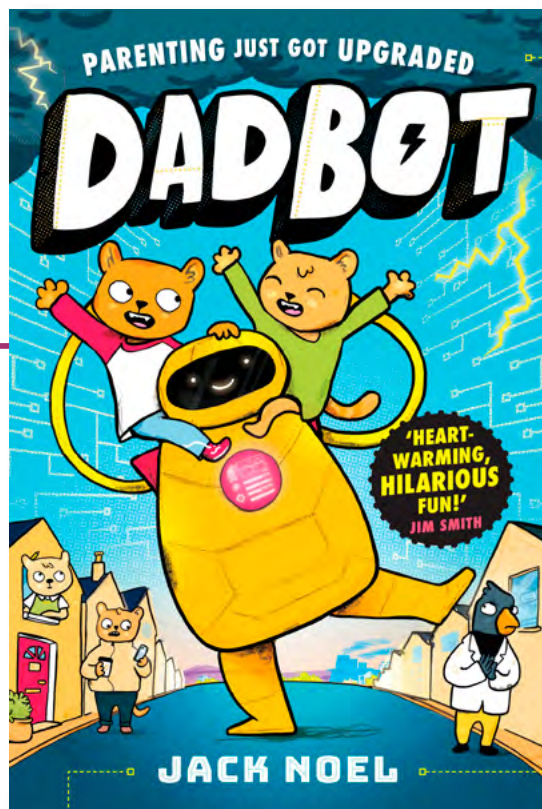
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**Age:** 7–9 years

**Extent:** 192pp / 8,500 words







**Pub Date:** 13 March 2025

**Age:** 7–9 years

**Extent:** 176pp / 5,000 words / panels & speech bubbles

3 books in series

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## Dadbot

Jack Noel

**Introducing the first book in a brand-new graphic novel series, in a riot of colour!**

What do you get when you mix workaholic parents, a car boot sale and a mad scientist together? Dadbot, that's who! With super-strength, hot chocolate on tap and a printer for a butt, Dadbot might be the most exciting thing Josh and Daisy discover – and he only cost £3!

With this major parenting upgrade, Josh and Daisy's summer holidays just went from dull to dynamite. But the evil Doctor Egg is lurking to steal Dadbot for his own plans of world domination... Can Josh and Daisy protect their new robo-parent before it's too late?

**Full of robots, puns and dastardly dad-napping, this hilarious new series is perfect for fans of Bunny Vs Monkey and Cat Kid!**



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



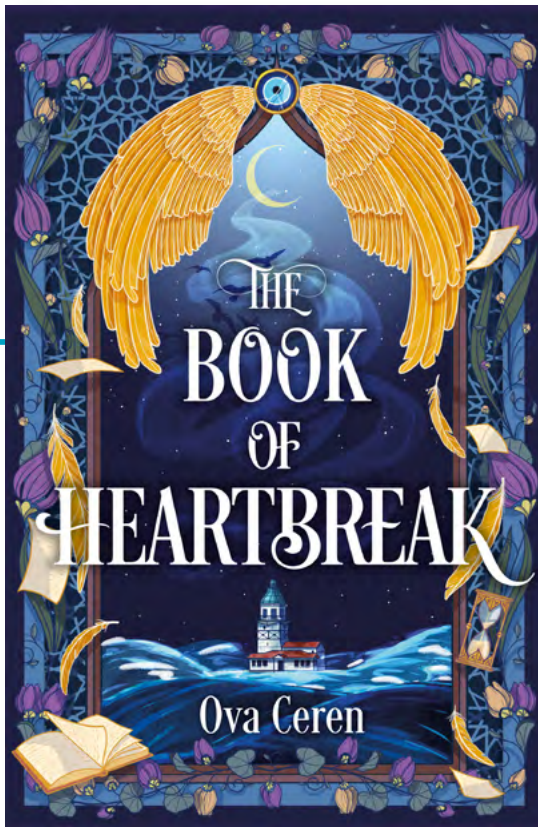
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# Young Adult







# The Book of Heartbreak

**Ova Ceren**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OVA CEREN** is a software developer and the creator behind the highly popular BookTok and Instagram channels @excusemyreading (580k and 125k followers respectively), where she shares literary landmarks, cosy views of her garden library and ongoing adventures of her resident flock of ducks. Half woman, half book, she was born and bred in Izmir, Turkey and now lives in Cambridge, UK. Ova never forgets a heartbreak. She writes magical stories to put the pieces back together.

**Pub Date:** 28 August 2025

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 448pp / 100,000 words





# Heartbreaker

**Anika Hussain**

**He broke her best friend's heart, so now Saachi plans to break his. May the best heartbreaker win...**

Saachi would do anything for her best friend. So when school bad boy Fahim breaks Mona's heart, Saachi is hellbent on getting revenge. It's time to put him in his place once and for all.

And so begins Operation Heartbreaker: Saachi will make Fahim fall in love with her and then pull the plug on him – just like he does to every girl he's ever dated. Simple.

Except as she spends more time with Fahim, against her better judgement, she finds herself falling for him. Unable to talk to Mona about her mixed emotions, and with the mission veering dangerously off course, Saachi will have to embrace her role as heartbreaker or potentially end up with her own heart broken...

**ANIKA HUSSAIN** was born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden, and currently lives and writes in Bristol, Somerset. She is a graduate of the Bath Spa MAWYP. Not having seen herself in the books she read as a teenager, she writes YA novels with South Asian characters at the heart of the story. Aside from writing and working as an Operations Manager, Anika is involved with the Hawkins Project, founded by Dave Eggers, to elevate the voices of young people in the publishing industry. In her free time, she rewatches *Love Island*, listens to too many true crime podcasts and sings pop-punk songs loudly around her apartment.

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**Age:** 12+ years

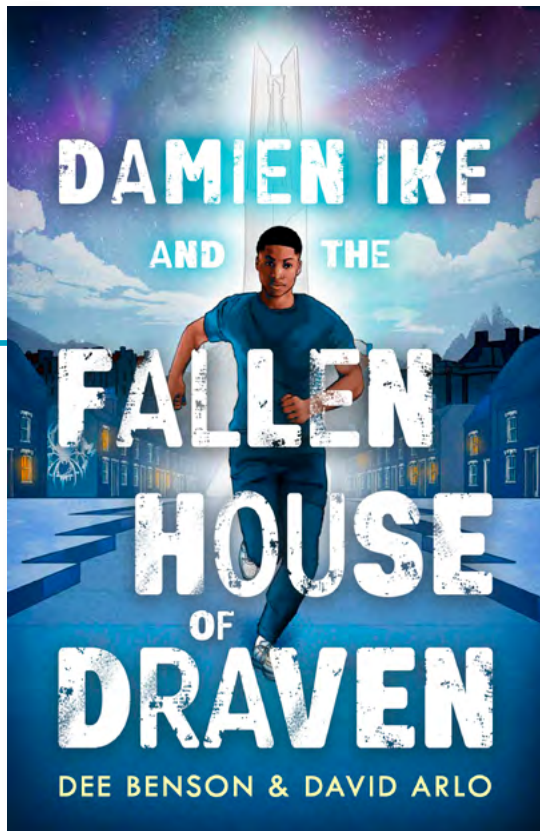
**Extent:** 384pp / 75,000 words

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# Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven

**Dee Benson  
David Arlo**

## Introducing a bold new hero – Damien Ike.

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

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

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

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

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

**Pub Date:** 10 October 2024

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 352pp / 80,000 words



# Within the Heart of Wicked Creatures

**Rima Orie**

**What if the darkest curse was your greatest power?**

Born during the blood moon and cursed with the dangerous ability to manipulate other people's souls, Priya has to hide her power or face death.

But when Priya wins a place to attend the country's elite military academy in Kuwatta, her curse is revealed to be a gift and everything changes. With a centuries old war still raging and strange dangers lurking, Priya must decide how much she is willing to sacrifice for her people and her country.

An electrifying and gripping story of belonging and survival.

'But Awaran was all she knew. The only land whose earth she had trodden, whose air she had breathed and whose water she had tasted. Awaran was the land that had given her life, the land she fought for. She knew nothing else. Why, then, did she still feel like a traveller without a destination?'

**RIMA ORIE** began writing on Wattpad, where her stories gathered thousands of views, and in 2018 she was selected out of 300 entries as the winner of the Moon Uitgeverij YA competition to publish her first novel, *The Rogue Prince*. This was nominated for the Young Adult Boek van het Jaar, the youth literature prize in Ghent, Belgium (known as De Kleine Cervantes), the Hebban (a Dutch bookseller chain) debut novel prize and the Dutch Book Week for Youth list. Her second novel, *In the Cursed Hart*, published in 2022 and she is working on the follow-up. Alongside her writing career, she works in The Hague for the Ministry of Safety and Justice. @rimaoriebooks on Instagram and @rimaorie on TikTok.

**Pub Date:** 12 September 2024

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 448pp / 120,000 words



# New Adult





# Rock the Boat

**Olivia Harvey**

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

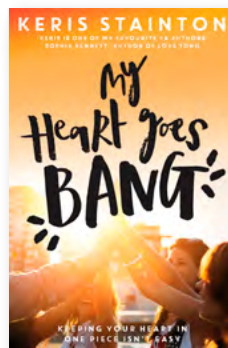
Hope and Adam are newbie yachties on board the *Serendipity* out of Mallorca. They soon realise they're going to have to keep their relationship secret – below deck, it's a tight crew, and things could get messy. It turns out to be pretty sexy though, having to sneak about and keep things secret – until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

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

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

**Pub Date:** 5 June 2025  
**Age:** 16+ years  
**Extent:** 304pp / 70,000 words

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# Hits Different

**Tasha Ghouri**  
**Lizzie Huxley-Jones**

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

Cassie needs a change.

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

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

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

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

**Pub Date:** 6 June 2024

**Age:** 16+ years

**Extent:** 368pp / 88,500 words

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# Somewhere in the Sunset

**Estelle Maskame**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Estelle's books have sold in 20 languages so far!

**Pub Date:** 11 April 2024

**Age:** 18+ years

**Extent:** 288pp / 80,000 words





# Sleigh Ride

**Olivia Harvey**  
**Harriet Reuter Hapgood**  
**Kate Kingsley**

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

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

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

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

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

This anthology contains:

*All I Want For Christmas* by Olivia Harvey

*Last Christmas* by Harriet Reuter Hapgood

*Under The Mistletoe* by Kate Kingsley

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

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

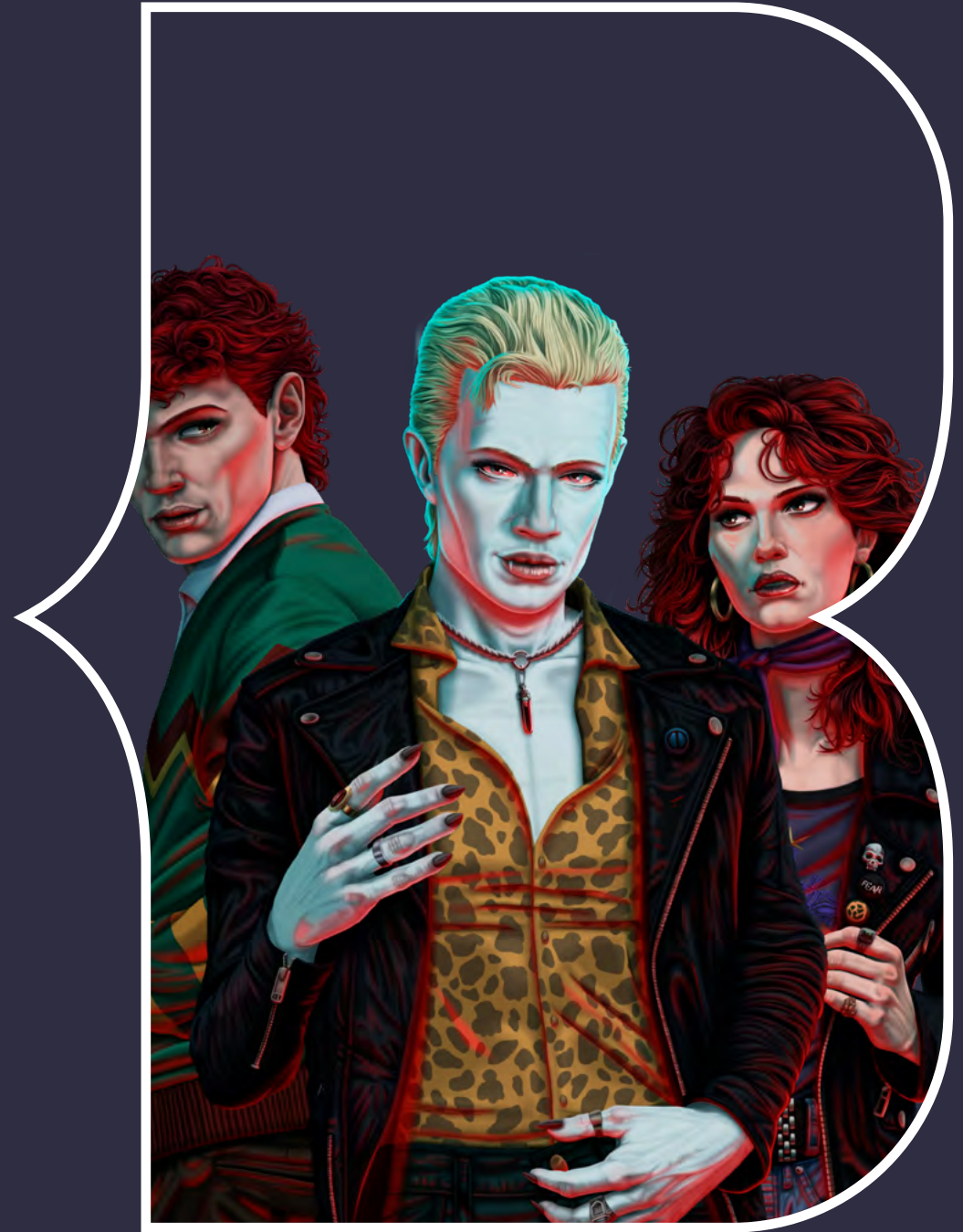
**HARRIET REUTER HAPGOOD** was born in Nottingham and has lived in half a dozen cities since. A freelance journalist, she was the chief sub-editor of fashion periodical *Marie Claire Runway*, helped launch *ELLE Wedding*, and has contributed to *InStyle* and *The Independent*. Harriet is the author of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

**Pub Date:** 29 August 2024

**Age:** 18+ years

**Extent:** 288pp / 68,000 words

# World English





# They Own the Night

Amy McCaw

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

Edinburgh, 1980.

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

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

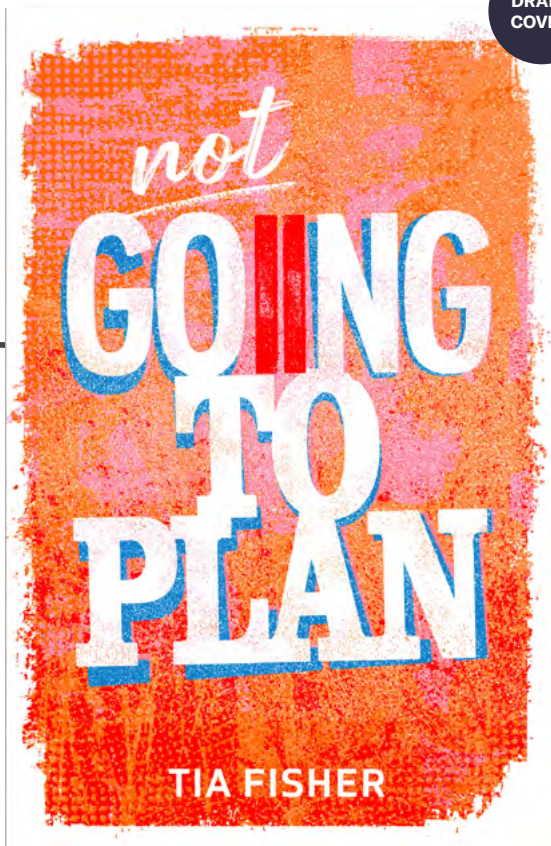
**AMY MCCAW** is a YA author and YouTuber. She's the author of the award-winning Mina and the Undead series, YA murder mysteries set in 1995 New Orleans. She also co-curated the *A Taste of Darkness* horror anthology with Maria Kuzniar, which has recently been named as one of Waterstones' best paperbacks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

**Pub Date:** 23 October 2025

**Age:** 14+ years

**Extent:** 288pp / 85,000 words



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# Not Going To Plan

**Tia Fisher**

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

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

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

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

*Not Going to Plan* is Tia Fisher's second novel, the first being *Crossing the Line*, winner of the Yoto Carnegie Shadow Award, winner 11-14+ category UKLA Awards 2024, included in the 2024 Read for Empathy collection, winner of the Dudley Teen Award 2024, winner of the 'Rapid Read' Coventry Inspiration Book Awards 2024

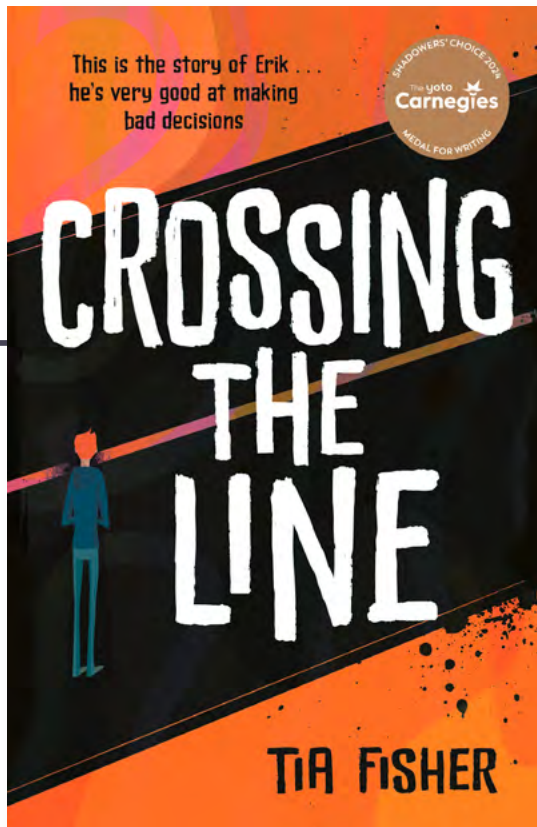
**TIA FISHER** writes books for the rebel inside her. She spent her youth desperate to escape the boredom of a tiny village in Norfolk, reading everything she could lay her hands on. After being expelled from boarding school and dropping out of university, she had a bewildering variety of jobs – from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

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**Pub Date:** 4 September 2025

**Age:** 14+ years

**Extent:** 352pp /38,000 words



# Crossing The Line

**Tia Fisher**

**A powerful novel exploring how teenagers can be swept up into county lines. Winner of the Yoto Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Award 2024 and a Times Children's Book of the Year 2024. Winner of the UK Literary Association Book Award (11-14+).**

Do you feel safe? A powerful novel exploring how teenagers can be swept up into county lines. Erik's life has been falling apart ever since his dad died. Homework and being good at school stop feeling important when you're the new man of the house. When Erik's bad behaviour attracts the wrong crowd, he's sucked into a terrifying new world of drug dealing, trap houses and violence.

Making money feels good but Erik soon learns that a small favour can become a huge debt. And when his sisters' lives are threatened, Erik will have to cross one more line to save them.

Written in stunning verse, this is a poignant story about seeking safety and asking for help in times of crisis.

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**Pub Date:** 30 March 2023

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 368pp /32,000 words



# Feather and Claw

**Marta Palazzesi**

**Illustrated by Ambra Garlaschelli**

**Translated by Denise Muir**

**An atmospheric middle-grade fantasy from a prize-winning author, set in 1914 Valencia – perfect for fans of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret***

Step into the crowds and join the festivities of the colourful *Las Fallas* festival in Valencia, 1914. Meet Amparo and Tomás – a girl who is a hawk by day, and a boy who is a panther by night. As dusk and dawn return, they can never meet as human children. But with the help of street-smart Pepe, these unlikely friends have hopes of working together to uncover the mystery of their shared past.

Told alternately with powerful, atmospheric language and immersive full-page illustrations, this fast-paced magical adventure encourages readers to embrace who they are.

**MARTA PALAZZESI** is children's books writer, translator and consultant for film production companies. She is part of the *Superhero Formation Center*, a non-profit association that holds creative writing workshops for kids. She won the Premio Strega prize for children's literature for her book, *Nebbia (Mist)*. She lives in Milan, Italy.

**AMBRA GARLASCHELLI** is an Italian illustrator and graphic designer based in Milan. She works for magazines, brands and music labels, and uses ink textures, collage, printmaking and digital techniques in her work.

**DENISE MUIR** has been translating from Italian to English since 1998 and in 2014 published her first short story translation. Since then she has published picture and educational books with Italian publishers, championed Italian children's novels and published a YA novel with Barrington Stoke's Bucket List. Denise divides her time between Edinburgh and Abruzzo, Italy.

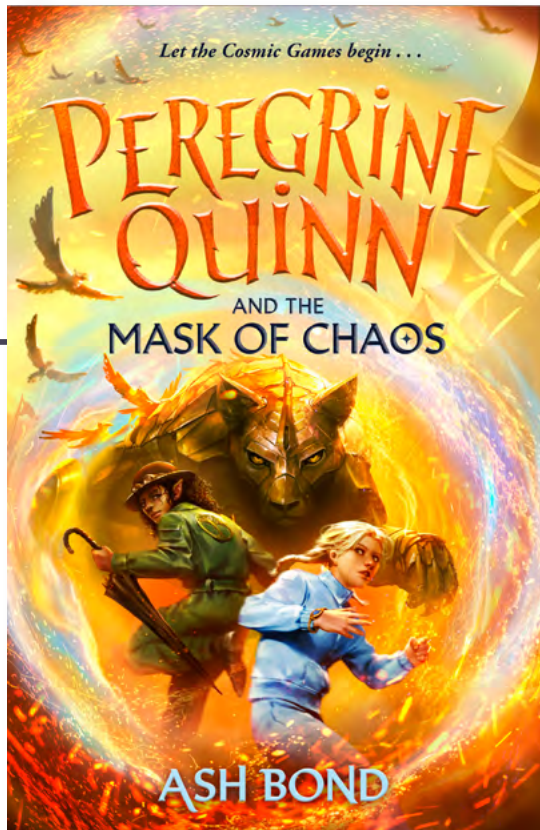
**Pub Date:** 26 September 2024

**Age:** 9–12 years

**Extent:** 240pp / 40,000 words

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# Peregrine Quinn and the Mask of Chaos

**Ash Bond**

**The second installment in the Peregrine Quinn series – be swept away on an adventure into the cosmic realm!**

In Oxford, Peregrine is desperate to know more about the Cosmic Realm but her mother is not keen. Then Peregrine receives a letter from Athene herself, calling Peregrine to be her hero in the Cosmic Games and even her mother knows better than to argue. But just what is going to be in store for Peregrine? How can she possibly compete against the Cosmic contestants? Especially when someone is making it very clear that she should not be allowed to win . . .

Enter the portal to an incredible new world in this epic middle-grade adventure perfect for fans of Skandar, Percy Jackson and Artemis Fowl.

**ASH BOND** writes magical stories that have classical myth sprinkled through them like fairy dust. She is now studying for her PhD, focusing on the relationship between mythology and landscape, at the University of Bristol. When not reading about myths, Ash is also a yoga teacher and loves to move – insisting she gets her best ideas when swimming in rivers, stomping up mountains or doing cartwheels. @ashbwrites

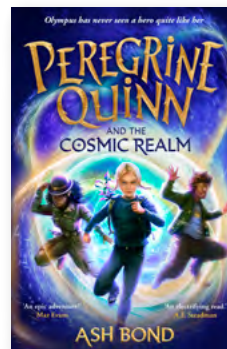
**Pub Date:** 10 April 2025

**Age:** 9–11 years

**Extent:** 320pp / 60,000 words

3 books in series

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## Work It, Lara Bloom

Dee Benson

**Lara Bloom is back with more teenage catastrophes...**

When Lara's school announces a young business competition, her friends are buzzing with ideas. But Lara's focus is on her football training – this is her big chance to take her playing to the next level!

As Lara and her friends set their sights on the prize, can she figure out a way to balance everything *and* have fun? Certain people seem to be taking pleasure in watching Lara struggle to keep her cool... If Lara is going to achieve her dreams, she's going to have to *work it*!

Friendship, football and feelings combine in Lara's hilarious latest teen diary, for fans of Geek Girl, Louise Rennison and Alesha Dixon.

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

**Pub Date:** 9 May 2024

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 416pp / 60,000 words

2 books in series

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# Kate on the Case

**Hannah Peck**

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

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

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

A packet of ginger nuts goes missing...

A collection of gymnastics trophies are stolen...

And some ancient scrolls disappear...

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

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

**Pub Date:** 8 July 2021

**Age:** 7–9 years

**Extent:** 160pp / 9,300 words

3 books in series

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# Princess Katie's Kittens

**Julie Sykes**

**Illustrated by Sam Loman**

**From the creator of Unicorn Academy, now on Netflix!**

Welcome to Starlight Palace!

Princess Katie's greatest wish is to have a kitten of her own to care for. So when she discovers a litter of kittens in the forest, it's a dream come true! But back at the palace she realises that one of the kittens is missing... Can Katie and her best friend Becky find Pixie and bring her to safety?

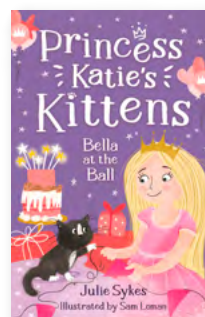
With short chapters, black-and-white illustrations and fabulous facts about kitten care.

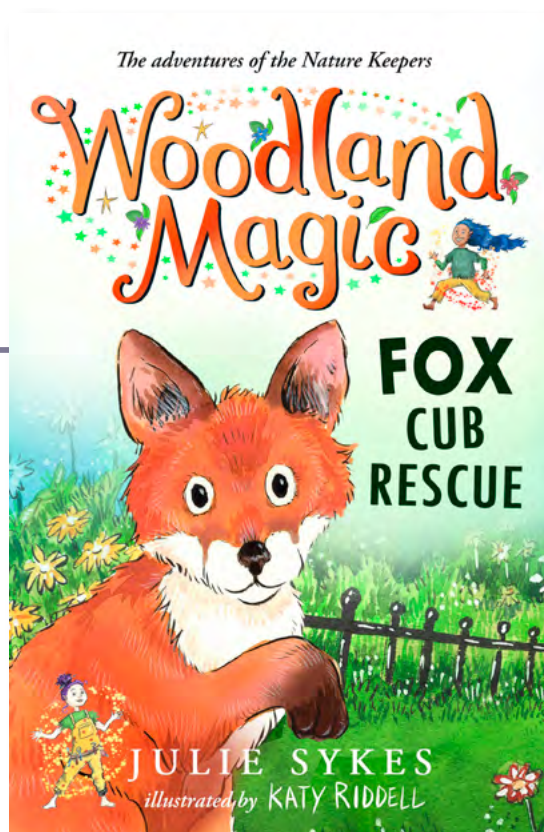
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**SAM LOMAN** studied Illustration at the Academy of Arts in Rotterdam in the Netherlands (BDes) and Art, Design and Illustration at the University of Hertfordshire. She works full-time from her home as an illustrator/author for picture books and designs products like stationery, tableware, cards and more.

**Pub Date:** 30 March 2023  
**Age:** 5–7 years  
**Extent:** 144pp / 8,000 words  
 5 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE





# Woodland Magic

**Julie Sykes**

**Illustrated by Katy Riddell**

**The first story in an illustrated magical adventure series from the bestselling author of the Unicorn Academy, brimming with drama and an environmental theme.**

The Keepers are a secretive tribe of little people who live in the middle of Whispering Woods, coming out at night to care for the countryside and rewild it when humans (or Ruffins as they know them) are careless with it.

Young Keepers Cora and Jax have just finished school and are embarking on a trial, with several friends, to become fully-fledged Keepers. But their first venture out on their own ends in disaster when they become distracted with playing in the Ruffin children's playground instead of concentrating on the task they've been given. Can they ever be trusted to be Keepers in their own right?

A brilliant new magical series perfect for 6–8 year olds combining animal rescue, nature conservation and adventure.

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**KATY RIDDELL** grew up in Brighton and was obsessed with drawing from a young age, spending many hours writing and illustrating her own stories, which her father (award-winning illustrator Chris Riddell) collected. Katy rediscovered her love for illustrating children's books after graduating with a BA Hons in Illustration and Animation from Manchester Metropolitan University. She has worked on a variety of commissions including *Pongwiffy* by Kaye Umansky (Simon & Schuster), *Midnight Feasting* by A.F. Harrold (Bloomsbury) and *Ever After* at the Oxford Story Museum. She lives and works in Brighton.

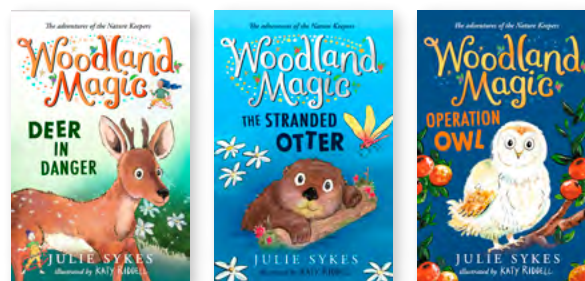
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**Age:** 7–9 years

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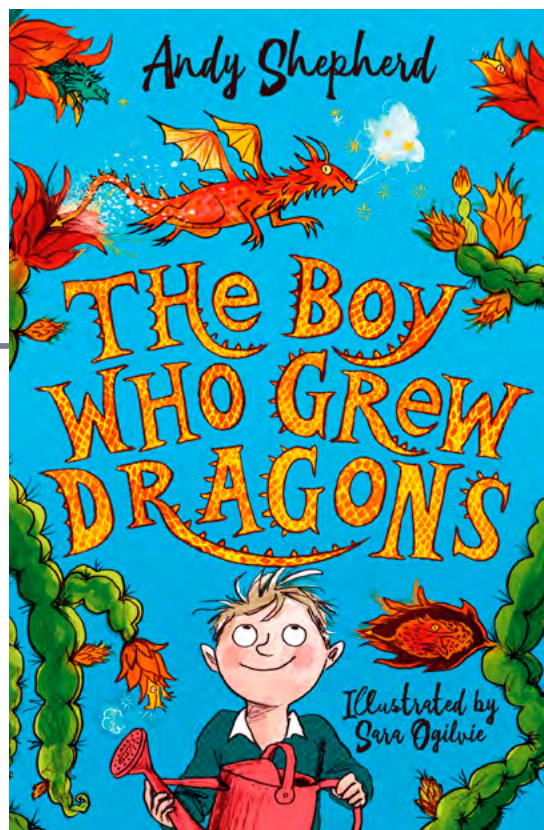
4 books in series

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**Rights sold:** Czech, Serbian





# The Boy Who Grew Dragons

**Andy Shepherd**

**Illustrated by Sara Ogilvie**

**Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019 and longlisted for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2019!**

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

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

**ANDY SHEPHERD** is the author of the bestselling *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* series. She lives near Cambridge with her husband and two sons.

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

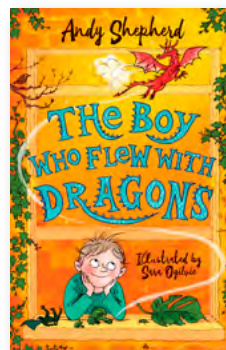
**Pub Date:** 14 June 2018

**Age:** 9–11 years

**Extent:** 224pp / 26,700 words

6 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE





# Sword of the Sun

**Sinéad O'Hart**

**From the award-winning author of *The Silver Road* comes a new tale of contemporary Ireland and ancient myth...**

When Ben and his family have to leave Dublin and move into the remote house where his mother grew up, he's not optimistic about what lies ahead. For him and his brother Fin, it'll mean fitting in to life with his aunts and a cousin he doesn't even know.

But what Ben doesn't expect is that he will be drawn into the mysteries of the wild mystical landscape. He can sense its power, and he can see a light shining from the mountain on the horizon. Even stranger, crows are gathering, watching him and haunting his dreams.

As Ben uncovers the stories of Ireland's mythical heroes and warriors that obsessed his grandfather right up until he died, Ben begins to wonder if there is more to the tales than pure fantasy. It seems like trouble is stirring – and will he have the power to face it?

A powerful new book for children aged 9 and up, drawing on Celtic folklore. Perfect for fans of Catherine Doyle and Ross Montgomery.

**SINÉAD O'HART** is a children's author, a children's literature podcaster (she co-hosts *Storyshaped*, available on all podcasting platforms) and a parent, all of which keeps her busy (but not too busy to read). She's the author of *The Eye of the North*, *The Star-Spun Web*, *Skyborn*, *The Time Tider* and *The Silver Road*, and sometimes she can't quite believe she's lucky enough to do what she loves most (putting fictional people into frankly dangerous situations) as a job!

**Pub Date:** 29 August 2024  
**Age:** 9–11 years  
**Extent:** 320pp / 63,000 words  
 Standalone

ALSO  
AVAILABLE







# Shiver Point

**Gabriel Dylan**

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

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

Intrigued, Alex goes to investigate. But little does he know, four other kids have also spotted the strange streak in the sky: 'troublemaker' Oli, studious Sophia, curious Mo and budding engineer Riley. What they discover is far beyond their wildest dreams – in fact it belongs in their nightmares. Can the gang work together to save the town from the bloodthirsty bodysnatcher that's arrived with the meteorite before it's too late? One thing's for sure: Shiver Point will never be the same again. Packed with chills and thrills, Shiver Point is a hair-raising horror series for readers aged 9–12, perfect for fans of Goosebumps and Dread Wood.

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



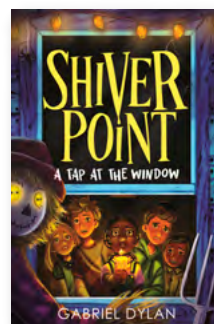
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**Age:** 9–11 years

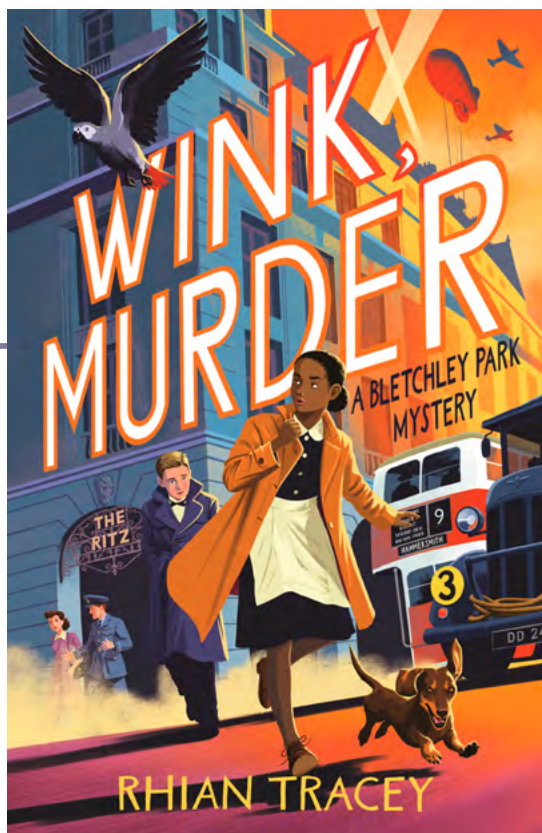
**Extent:** 224pp / 35,000 words

4 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE







# Wink, Murder

**Rhian Tracey**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pub Date:** 27 February 2025

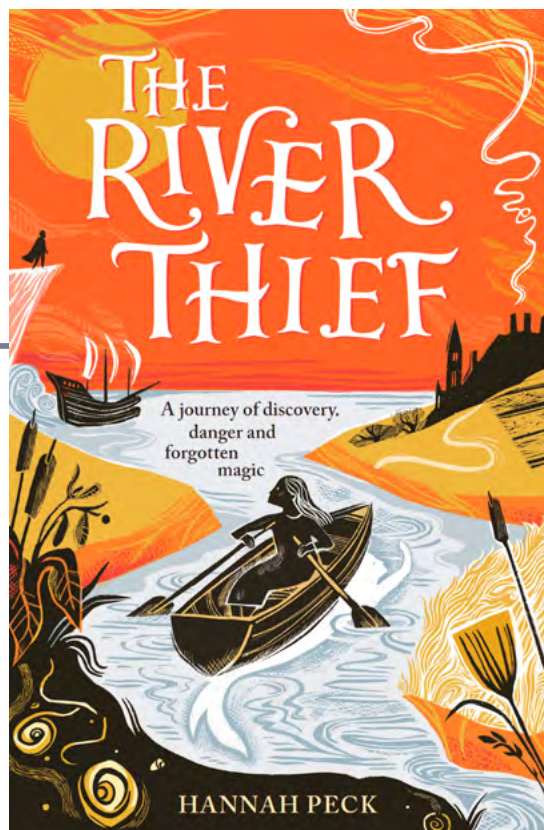
**Age:** 9–11 years

**Extent:** 272pp / 60,000 words

3 books in series

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AVAILABLE





# The River Thief

**Hannah Peck**

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

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

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

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

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

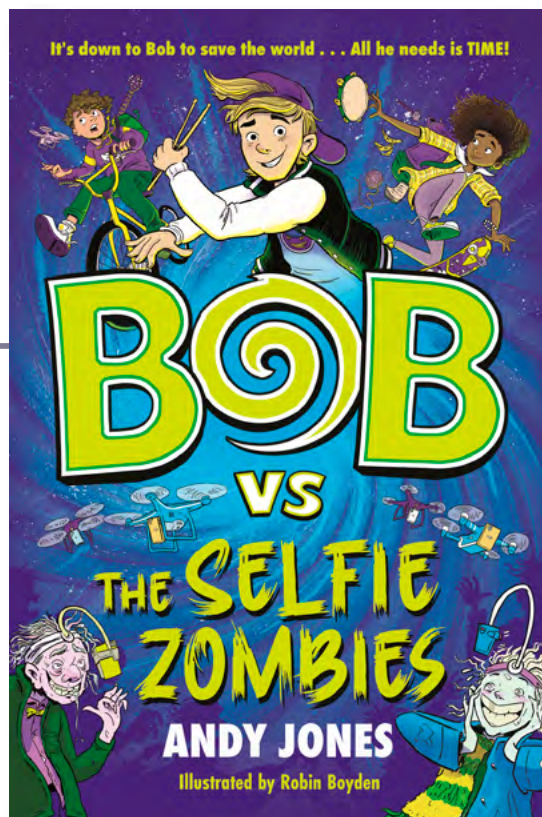


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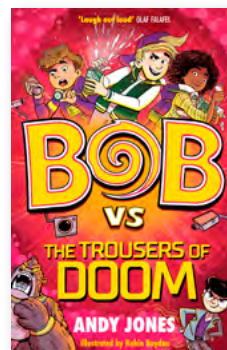
**Extent:** 336pp / 75,000 words

Standalone



**Pub Date:** 2 February 2023  
**Age:** 9–11 years  
**Extent:** 320pp / 39,000 words  
 2 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE



# Bob vs the Selfie Zombies

**Andy Jones**

**Illustrated by Robin Boyden**

**The hilarious and action-packed story of Bob, accidental time traveller.**

It's down to Bob to save the world... all he needs is time!

Bob and his best friend Malcolm are determined to win the school talent competition with their band The Tentacles of Time. For one thing, there's £50 worth of vouchers to be won. For another, the future of the world depends on it.

Bob doesn't know why he can time travel. He does know that it always happens at the worst possible moments. Like when he's in the bath. Awkward! But when Bob comes face to face with his future self in the middle of a disastrous alternative reality, he has to do something!

In this terrifying version of the future, an evil genius has created a smile-operated selfie camera that turns people into zombies. The world as Bob knows it has completely collapsed.

There's not even anywhere to get a decent pizza! It's up to Bob to fix the present, change the course of time and save the whole world!

A hair-raising race into the future and back again... and again.

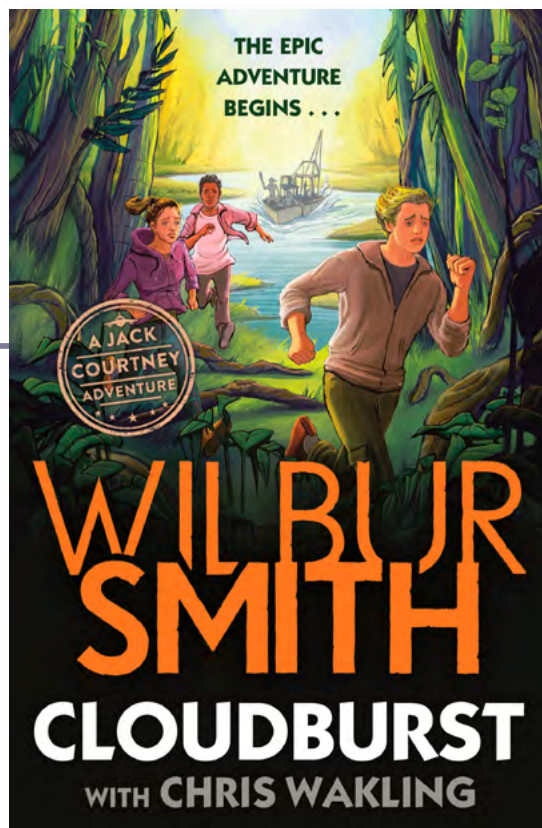
Perfect for fans of David Solomons, David Baddiel and Greg James & Chris Smith.

**ANDY JONES** began his career as an author writing novels for adults. Grown-up stuff about falling in love, falling out of love, falling in love again and having babies. All of which he has experienced in his own life. More recently, he has been writing books for children. Crazy stuff about genies, monsters, time travel and zombies. None of which he has experienced in his own life. Andy's books are funny, dramatic and unpredictable. They might even make you think. Andy lives on the outskirts of London with his wife, daughters and an assortment of other creatures.

**ROBIN BOYDEN** lives in Cheltenham with his partner and their Cockapoo Lupin. Robin has been an illustrator for over a decade and during that time has worked for the likes of *the Guardian*, *the Times*, *the Independent*, Bloomsbury, Nosy Crow and Penguin Random House to name a few. He is also the author and illustrator of the graphic novel *Georgia and the Edge of the World* (David Fickling Books) and the picture book *Gerald Needs a Friend* (Frances Lincoln Children's Books).







**Pub Date:** 19 March 2020

**Age:** 9–11 years

**Extent:** 336pp / 70,000 words

3 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE

## Jack Courtney Adventures

**Wilbur Smith**  
**Chris Wakling**

**Brand new Wilbur Smith series for readers of 10+ starring fourteen-year-old Jack Courtney.**

Share the adventure with a new generation this Christmas!

Jack Courtney has lived in the UK his whole life. But this summer his parents are travelling to the Democratic Republic of the Congo for a gorilla conference, and they've promised to take Jack and his friends with them.

When his parents go missing in the rainforest, abducted by mercenaries, nobody seems to have any answers. Jack is pretty sure that it's got something to do with the nearby tantalum mines, but he needs to prove it. Along with Amelia and Xander, Jack must brave the jungle to save his parents. Standing in his way is a member of his own family – Caleb Courtney.

There are western gorillas, forest elephants and hippos. But there are also bandits, mercenaries and poachers. The three friends will need their wits about them if they are not only to save Jack's parents, but their own lives too.

**WILBUR SMITH** was born in Central Africa in 1933. He became a full-time writer following the success of *When the Lion Feeds*, and has since published over fifty global bestsellers. An international phenomenon, his readership built up over fifty-five years of writing, establishing him as one of the most successful and impressive brand authors in the world. Wilbur passed away peacefully at home in 2021 with his wife, Niso, by his side.





# Slowcoach

**Bethany Rutter**

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

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

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

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

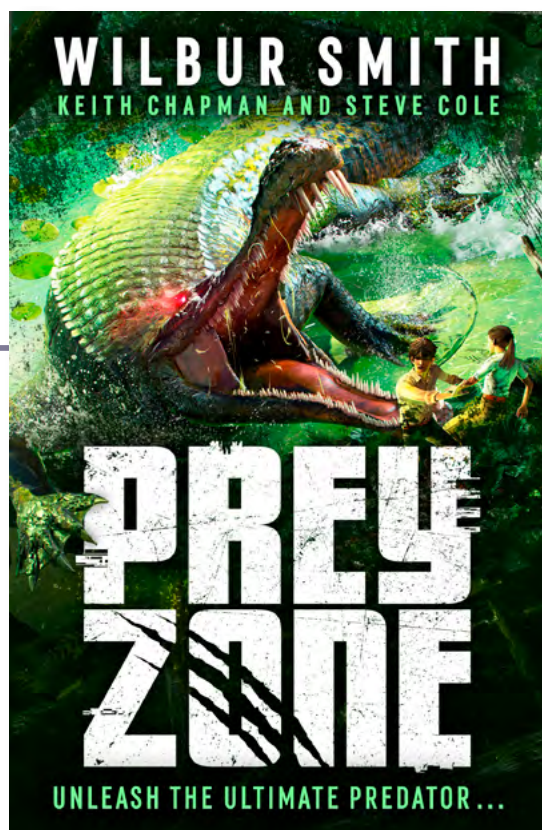
**BETHANY RUTTER** is a writer and podcaster. She writes books about women, bodies and clothes. She lives in Southeast London.

**Pub Date:** 6 June 2024

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 224pp / 56,000 words

Standalone



## Prey Zone

**Wilbur Smith**  
**Keith Chapman, Steve Cole**

**A thrilling new Wilbur Smith series for the next generation with high action and high stakes – starring teen protagonists Ralph and Robyn Ballantyne.**

Ralph and Robyn live at Crocodile Lodge, their family ranch in South Africa, where they help with the animals, aid the conservation effort and learn the land. That is, until a mysterious predator starts terrorising the reserve.

On the trail for answers, the siblings discover the fearsome culprit: the largest crocodile they've ever seen, uncannily similar to the long-extinct *Sarchosuchus* Ralph recognises from his favourite game, *Predasaur*. And when a nearby village is ravaged by a deadly disease, seemingly stemming from a millennia-old animal, the stakes are higher than ever.

As Ralph and Robyn follow the clues, all roads lead them to Crocodile Lodge's infamous

neighbour: billionaire tech giant and hunting enthusiast Josef Gerhard. Could it really be that Gerhard is bringing the beastly creatures of *Predasaur* to life – and at what cost?

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**KEITH CHAPMAN** is a television writer and producer, best known as the creator of children's television programmes *Bob the Builder* and *PAW Patrol*. Keith originates from Norfolk, and currently resides in Monaco.

**STEVE COLE** is the best-selling author of the hugely successful *Astrosaur*s series, original fiction titles for *Doctor Who*, the *Young Bond* series and *Swarm Rising* co-authored with astronaut Tim Peake. Steve lives in Buckinghamshire.

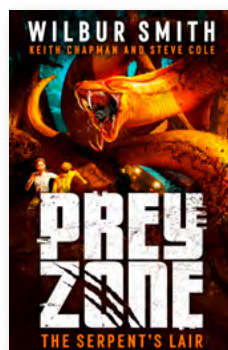
**Pub Date:** 29 September 2022

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 240pp / 53,000 words

3 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE







SHORTLISTED FOR THE  
LAUGH OUT LOUD  
BOOK AWARDS 2024

# The Reluctant Vampire Queen

Jo Simmons

**The perfect lighthearted summer read for 11–14 year olds.**

Meet Mo Merrydrew – independent young woman, Mini Battenberg fan, president of the debating society – and reluctant vampire queen...

Fifteen-year-old Mo Merrydrew isn't exactly expecting to be asked to be Vampire Queen of Great Britain when she's cycling home from school one wet Tuesday evening. Apparently, she is 'the Chosen One'. Aside from being uncomfortable with the idea of unelected power (not very democratic), there's the blood drinking to consider (Mo is a vegetarian), and frankly it's just not really the sort of role Mo's looking for (she wants to aim for a real job in politics). But – if you're Vampire Queen, you probably don't have to do PE any more, and when the dreamy

Luca, a vampire familiar, turns up, it all suddenly starts to look a bit more appealing...

Geek Girl meets Buffy in a brilliantly funny new teen series from bestselling author Jo Simmons.

**JO SIMMONS** is an author of funny fiction. *I Swapped My Brother on the Internet* was shortlisted for the Lollies Book Awards 2020 and was translated into several languages. Jo began her working life as a sub-editor on magazines in London and later became a freelance journalist. She started writing for children when her two boys were young and hungry for daft and silly stories to make bedtime more fun. She lives in Brighton with her family and a small, scruffy dog who leaves hair absolutely everywhere. The Reluctant Vampire Queen is her first series for teenagers.

**Pub Date:** 7 July 2022

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 352pp / 73,000 words

3 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE



Rights sold: German



# Robin Hood

**Robert Muchamore**

**A town. A forest. A hero.**

You can't go far without a quick brain and some rule-bending in a place like Locksley. After its vast car plants shut down, the prosperous town has become a wasteland of empty homes, toxic land and families on the brink. And it doesn't help that the authorities are in the clutches of profit-obsessed Sheriff of Nottingham, in cahoots with underworld boss Guy Gisborne.

When his dad is framed for a robbery, Robin and his brother Little John are hounded out of Locksley and must learn to survive in the Sherwood forest, stretching three hundred kilometres and sheltering the free spirits and outlaws. But Robin is determined to do more than survive. Small, fast and deadly with a bow, he hatches a plan to join forces with Marion Maid, harness his inimitable tech skills and strike a blow against Gisborne and the Sheriff.

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

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 272pp / 48,000 words

10 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE



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





**Pub Date:** 9 August 2018

**Age:** 9–11 years

**Extent:** 208pp / 40,700 words

2 books in series

ALSO  
AVAILABLE



# The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree

**Paola Peretti**

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

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

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

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

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

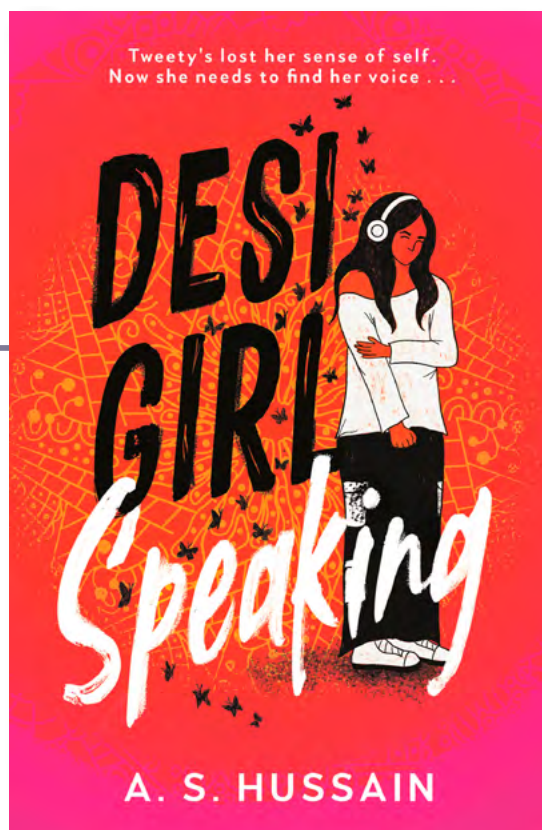
**PAOLA PERETTI** is Italian and was born in the province of Verona, where she still lives today. She studied literature and philosophy and graduated in publishing and journalism in 2011 with a thesis on gender discrimination in literature. Between 2015 and 2016 she attended the Palomar School of creative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

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

*The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree* is her first novel.

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





# Desi Girl Speaking

**A. S. Hussain**

**A powerful and ultimately hopeful exploration of teenage mental health from an important new voice.**

Tweety is struggling.

Battling depression and faced with parents and friends who don't fully understand what's happening, sixteen-year-old Tweety feels like no one is listening and there's nowhere to turn to. Until she stumbles across *Desi Girl Speaking*, a podcast by someone else who's struggling too.

Through episodes and exchanged emails, Tweety and Desi Girl begin to confide in each other, but as Tweety's depression deepens, she'll have to decide whether to stay silenced or use her voice to speak up.

(Trigger Warning: this book explores mental health, including discussion of depression, suicide and self-harm.)

**A. S. HUSSAIN** was born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden but currently lives and writes in Bath, Somerset. She is a graduate of the Bath Spa MAWYP. Not having seen herself in the books she read as a teenager, A. S. writes YA novels with South Asian characters at the heart of the story. Aside from writing and working as an Operations Manager, Anika is involved with the Hawkins Project, founded by Dave Eggers, to elevate the voices of young people in the publishing industry. In her free time, A. S. rewatches *Love Island*, listens to too many true crime podcasts, and sings pop-punk songs loudly around her apartment.

**Pub Date:** 9 May 2024

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 400pp / 67,100 words

Standalone



# The DIMILY Series

Estelle Maskame



**Pub Date:** 6 January 2015

**Age:** 14–18 years

**Extent:** 432pp



**Pub Date:** 10 January 2015

**Age:** 14–18 years

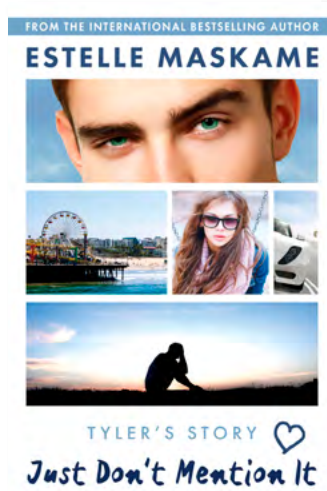
**Extent:** 400pp



**Pub Date:** 24 February 2016

**Age:** 14–18 years

**Extent:** 448pp



**Pub Date:** 21 June 2018

**Age:** 14–18 years

**Extent:** 432pp

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

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

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

## ESTELLE MASKAME

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

# The MILA Trilogy

Estelle Maskame



**Pub Date:** 6 March 2021

**Age:** 14–18 years

**Extent:** 304pp



**Pub Date:** 11 November 2021

**Age:** 14–18 years

**Extent:** 304pp



**Pub Date:** 5 May 2022

**Age:** 14–18 years

**Extent:** 288pp

When Mila's antics make headlines, her dad decides something must be done and dispatches her to small-town Tennessee to cool off. It's summer, she's off-grid in the middle of nowhere, but Mila's no sooner arrived than she falls out – in spectacular style – with the local mayor's son, Blake. Blake knows just how to rattle Mila. He also knows just how she feels. He gets the drama, the dynamics, the tricky parents. Perhaps they have far more in common than either of them cares to admit.

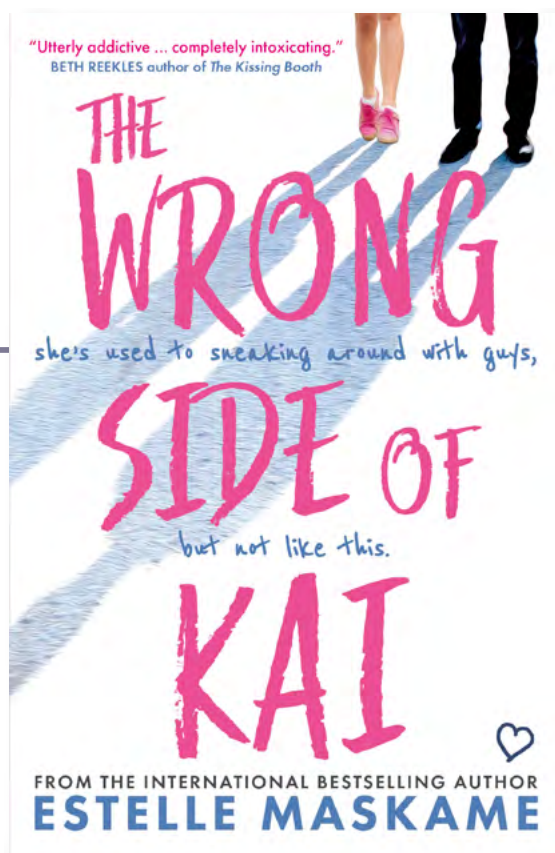
Things are far from cooling off – in fact, between Blake and Mila, things are only heating up...

Set between Los Angeles and Nashville, the MILA trilogy shimmers with friendship, family frictions and romance.

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**Pub Date:** 19 September 2019

**Age:** 12–18 years

**Extent:** 320pp

# The Wrong Side of Kai

## Estelle Maskame

From the international bestselling author of the *Did I Mention I Love You* series, Estelle Maskame.

*Vanessa Murphy doesn't do relationships.*

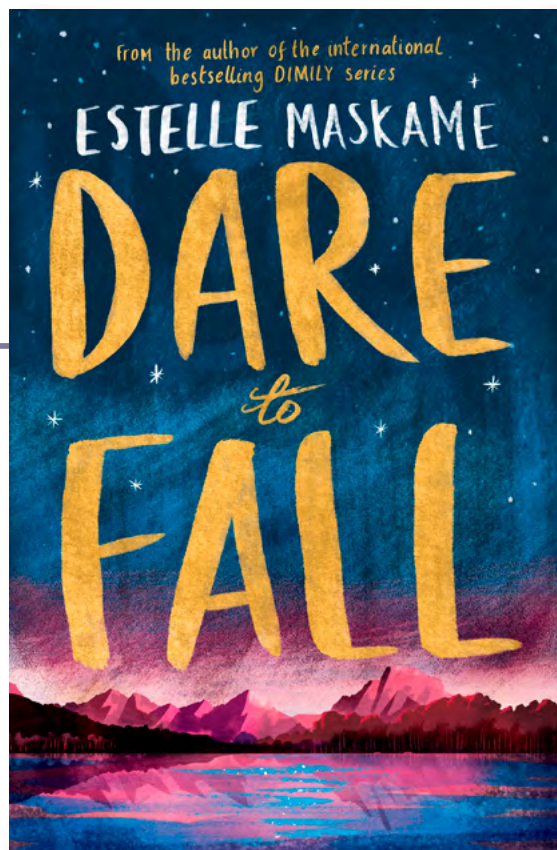
With a father who doesn't notice her, it's easy for her to sneak around with her latest fling, Harrison Boyd. But when an explicit video of Vanessa hooking up with Harrison is leaked the morning after she ends things with him, her life is thrown into chaos.

And Vanessa wants payback. Enter Kai. With his own vendetta against Harrison, Kai proposes revenge, and the two pair up to ruin Harrison Boyd's life. At first, they are nothing more than an illicit partnership. Teammates working towards the same mission.

But – between late-night stakeouts and crime committing – Vanessa is drawn into Kai's life. And, as the two grow closer, she finds herself letting Kai into hers.

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# Dare to Fall

## Estelle Maskame

From the international bestselling author of the *Did I Mention I Love You* series, Estelle Maskame.

MacKenzie Rivers seems like she has it all figured out. She has great friends, she's doing well in school and her handsome ex-boyfriend is desperate to win her back. But something is missing from her life in Windsor, Colorado. And as much as she hates to admit it, that something might be Jaden Hunter. Tall, blond and athletic, a year ago Kenzie was falling fast for him and his crooked smile.

Twelve months later, everything has changed. A tragic accident has destroyed Jaden's family and, despite the way she feels, Kenzie has no idea how to talk to him anymore. She is all too familiar with the impact family tragedy can have on the people she loves, and she can't bear to go through it again with Jaden. She does the only thing she knows how to do: walk away.

When the pair meet again by chance one night, Kenzie realizes that she can't ignore her feelings for him any longer. But as she is drawn back into Jaden's life, she finds herself caught between her increasingly volatile best friend, her interfering ex-boyfriend and her own fears about opening up to Jaden.

Will Kenzie dare to fall for the one person she's so afraid of growing close to?

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**Pub Date:** 7 June 2015

**Age:** 12–18 years

**Extent:** 336pp

**Rights sold:** Czech, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Spanish/ Catalan, US English



# We Have Everything We Need To Start Again

**Koleka Putuma**

**Illustrated by Adriana Bellet**

**A groundbreaking poetry collection for young people from exceptional emerging talent Koleka Putuma.**

*Press both feet to the ground.*

*Place your hand on your heart.*

*You are brave and capable.*

*It will always be your time.*

An empowering and uplifting collection of poems from groundbreaking and award-winning poet Koleka Putuma, about figuring out who you are and embracing it.

With words to affirm, this is the ideal companion to hold your hand while you navigate all the big questions, discoveries and transitions of young adulthood.

The perfect gift for fans of Rupi Kaur, Nikita Gill and Elizabeth Acevedo.

**KOLEKA PUTUMA** is a South African multi-award-winning theatre practitioner, writer and poet. Her bestselling debut poetry collection *Collective Amnesia* received the 2018 Glenna Luschei Prize for African Poetry, was named 2017 book of the year by the City Press and one of the best books of 2017 by *the Sunday Times* and *Quartz Africa*. Her work tackles themes such as sexuality, gender, race and politics. In 2022, Putuma was awarded the Standard Bank Young Artist Award – a first-time award for Poetry. She is also the founder and director of Manyano Media, a multidisciplinary creative company that empowers and produces stories by black queer women. She lives in Cape Town.

**ADRIANA BELLET** is an illustrator with her heart divided between Spain, Britain and Sweden. She has a degree in advertising but has never used it. She discovered her love for illustration while studying design. She taught herself to draw and developed an obsession with old-school art materials. Still, the iPad is her tool of choice. She had three children in five years, has four espressos a day and daily she makes peace with the wonderful absurdities of being an adult in today's world. She is based in Stockholm.

**Pub Date:** 20 June 2024

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 160pp / 7,000 words

Standalone





# Wise Creatures

**Deirdre Sullivan**

**Shortlisted for the An Pos Irish Book Awards 2023.**

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

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

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

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

**Pub Date:** 28 September 2023

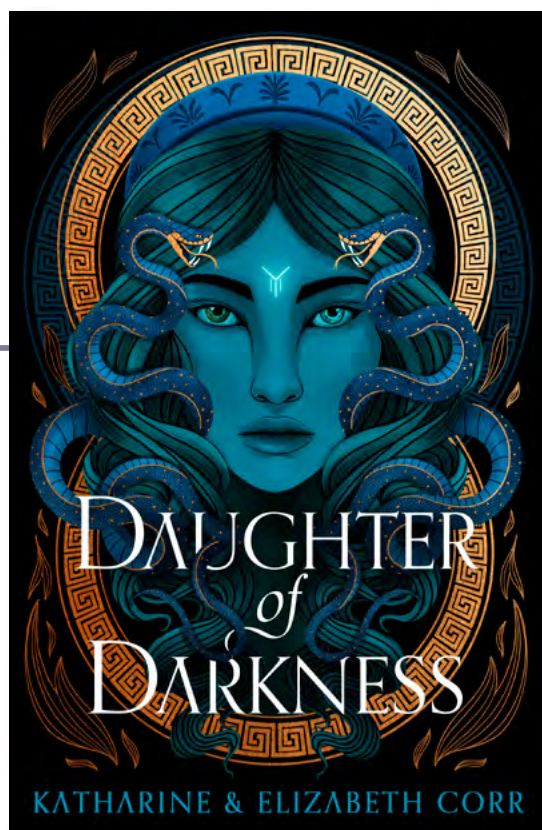
**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 384pp / 75,000 words

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# Daughter of Darkness

**Katharine & Elizabeth Corr**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pub Date:** 4 August 2022

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 448pp / 113,000 words

2 books in series

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# The Forevers

**Chris Whitaker**

**What would you do if you knew the world was going to be destroyed by a huge asteroid in one month?**

The mesmerising YA debut from the winner of the CWA Gold Dagger Award for Best Crime Novel 2021 and the *New York Times* Bestselling author of *We Begin at the End*.

They knew the end was coming. They saw it ten years back, when it was far enough away in space and time and meaning. The changes were gradual, and then sudden.

For Mae and her friends, it means navigating a life where action and consequence are no longer related. Where the popular are both trophies and targets. And where petty grudges turn deadlier with each passing day. So, did Abi Manton jump off the cliff or was she pushed? Her death is just the beginning of the end.

With teachers losing control of their students and themselves, and the end rushing toward all of them, it leaves everyone facing the answer to one, simple question...

What would you do if you could get away with anything?

**CHRIS WHITAKER** is the award-winning author of adult thrillers *Tall Oaks*, *All the Wicked Girls* and *We Begin at the End*. All three books were published to widespread critical acclaim, with *Tall Oaks* going on to win the CWA John Creasey New Blood Dagger Award. An instant *New York Times* bestseller, *We Begin at the End* was picked as a Waterstones Thriller of the Month and won the CWA Gold Dagger Award for Best Crime Novel.

When not writing, Chris works at his local library, where he gets to surround himself with books. A huge fan of teen fiction, *The Forevers* is his first novel for young adults. Chris lives in Hertfordshire with his wife and three children. Follow him on Twitter @WhittyAuthor

**Pub Date:** 14 July 2022

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 352pp / 73,000 words

Standalone





# Waking the Witch

**Rachel Burge**

**A darkly spellbinding tale of female empowerment, steeped in Welsh mythology and Arthurian legend.**

*I tried to keep you safe, but I see now that I can't. They won't stop until they have you...*

When Ivy's search for her mother draws her to a remote Welsh isle, she uncovers a dark secret about her past.

An ancient and corrupt power is stalking Ivy, and her only chance of survival is to look deep within herself. For not every story in legend is true, and some evils are not what they seem...

An unputdownable novel steeped in Welsh mythology and Arthurian legend, from the bestselling author of *The Twisted Tree* and *The Crooked Mask*.

**RACHEL BURGE** works as a freelance feature writer and has written for a variety of websites, including BBC Worldwide, Cosmo and MTV. She lives in East Sussex with her partner and son. She is on Twitter (@RachelABurge), Facebook (RachelBurge) and Instagram (rachelburgewriter) and Pinterest (burge0709). Her website is [rachelburge.co.uk](http://rachelburge.co.uk).

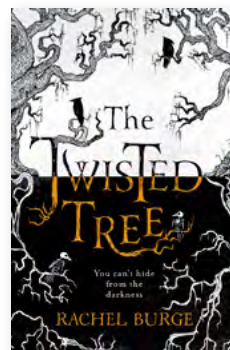
**Pub Date:** 18 August 2022

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 304pp / 76,000 words

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# OVEREMOTIONAL

**David Fenne**

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

*A Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week.*

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

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

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

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

**Pub Date:** 6 July 2023

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 352pp / 89,000 words

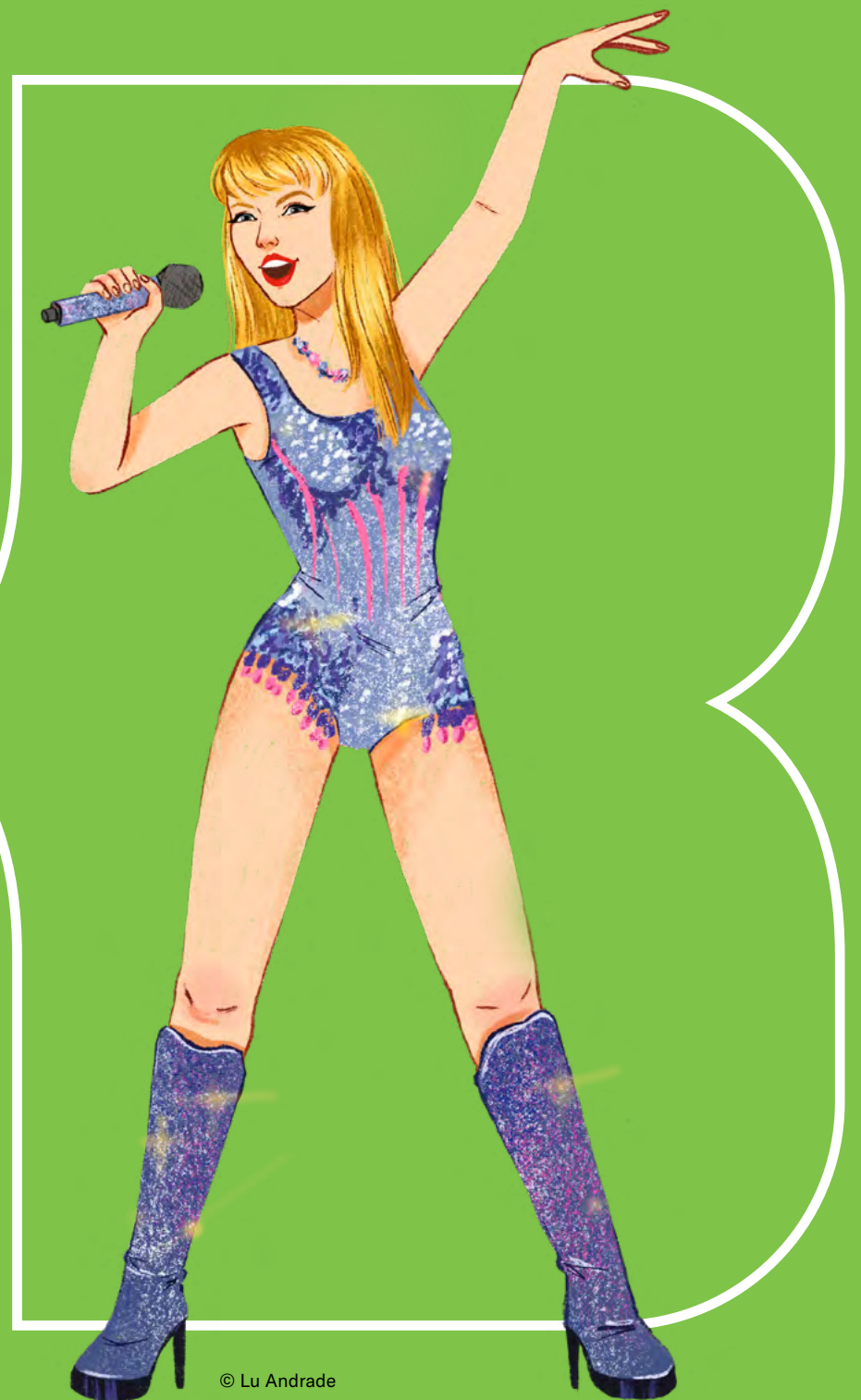
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# Non-fiction



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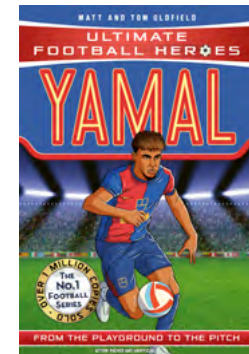
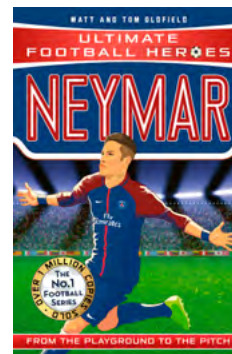
# Ultimate Football Heroes

**Matt & Tom Oldfield**

**The Number 1 football series – over 1 million copies sold**

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

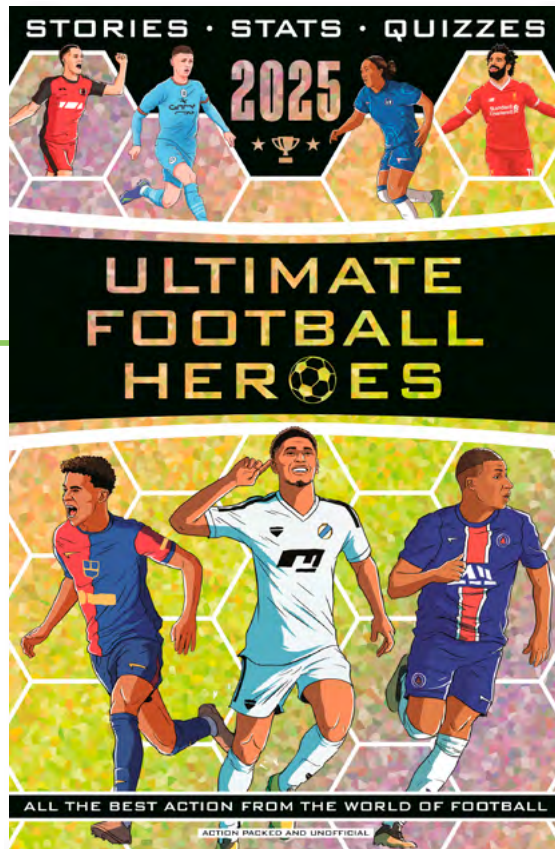
**MATT OLDFIELD** is an accomplished writer and the editor-in-chief of football review site Of Pitch and Page. Tom Oldfield is a freelance sports writer and the author of biographies on Cristiano Ronaldo, Arsène Wenger and Rafael Nadal.



**Age:** 9–11 years

More than 100 titles in series!

**Sold in 19 languages!**



**Pub Date:** 26 September 2024  
**Extent:** 336pp

## More Ultimate Football Heroes



**Pub Date:** 6 October 2021  
**Extent:** 144pp



**Pub Date:** 30 April 2020  
**Extent:** 144pp



**Pub Date:** 10 July 2025  
**Extent:** 80pp



**Pub Date:** 5 September 2024  
**Extent:** 80pp / 2444 Words



# Ultimate Superstars Sabrina Carpenter

**Liz Gogerly**

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

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

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

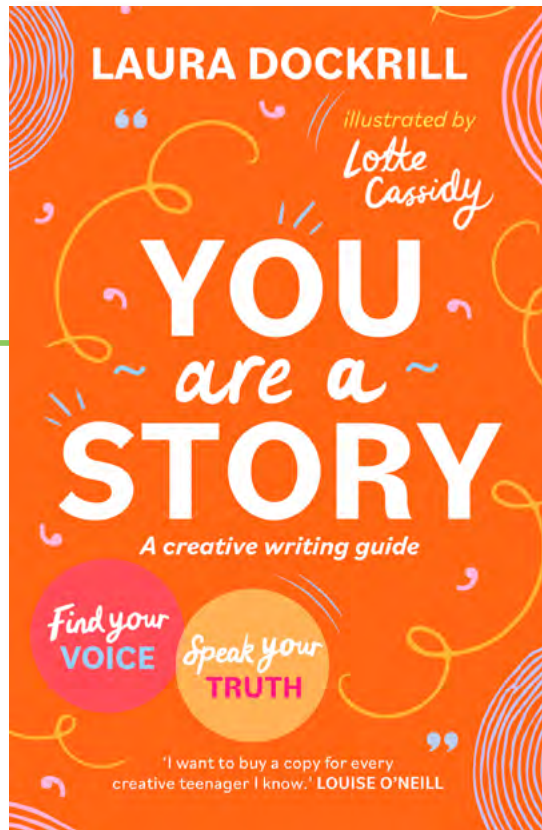


**Pub Date:** 27 March 2025  
**Age:** 9–11 years  
**Extent:** 176pp / 23,000 words

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# You Are a Story

**Laura Dockrill**

**Illustrated by Lotte Cassidy**

**A guide for using creative writing to speak your own truth.**

You are enough. You are interesting. Tell *your* story.

Celebrated writer Laura Dockrill knows that the best writing comes when you are speaking your own truth, with your own voice. Expressing yourself honestly is a powerful way to know yourself and grow to celebrate the exciting, creative, unique person you are.

When you are a teenager, everything feels different. How are you supposed to figure out who you are when it seems like teachers, parents, friends, the rest of the world, are all asking you to be something else? It can be overwhelming but the best way to steer yourself through this crazy, brilliant time is to hold on to your sense of you. Laura's stress-free invitations to creative writing encourage you to find your voice, celebrate it and use it.

**LAURA DOCKRILL** is a performance poet and novelist whose inventive and vibrant approach to life is reflected in the vividly imagined worlds she creates. She is author of the Carnegie Medal nominated YA novel *Lorali*, as well as *Big Bones*, and for younger readers, *The Dream House* and *Butterfly Brain*. Laura has appeared on Blue Peter and CBeebies and is a frequent poet performer at festivals such as Glastonbury, Hay, Edinburgh and Latitude. Laura lives in London with her husband and young son. You can follow her on Twitter @LauraDockrill

**LOTTE CASSIDY** is an illustrator and animator from London, currently studying for a masters at the Royal College of Art. She loves to explore the everyday, inspired by her surroundings, documenting people and their connection to a place. In her camera roll you will find people in puffer jackets, fish and chips, dogs with long legs, chimneys and hopscotch on the pavements.

**Pub Date:** 11 May 2023

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 304pp / 54,000 words

Standalone



# HONEST: Everything They Don't Tell You About Sex, Relationships and Bodies

**Milly Evans**

**Illustrated by Lucia Picerno**

**Sex is EVERYWHERE. So why don't we talk about it properly?**

A bare-all, refreshingly honest guide for teens, written by someone who isn't thirty years older than you.

Being a teen is tough enough without having to navigate the minefields of discovering sex, love and bodies. And let's be real: sex education at school doesn't always cut it.

Sex educator and journalist Milly Evans is here to help – as a young adult who is still figuring life out, she knows exactly what teens are going through. And she's here with answers to all those questions that aren't in their school textbooks.

From orgasms to anatomy, gender identity to masturbation, positive relationships to first times, it's all here, and in candid detail.

With playful and informative black-and-white illustrations by Lucia Picerno throughout, *Honest* is the searingly frank, inclusive and witty guide that every 21st century teenager needs.

Enough foreplay! Let's do this.

**MILLY EVANS**, 22, is a journalist and sex educator who has been campaigning for a more inclusive and comprehensive sex-education curriculum since 2016. She has campaigned with Brook and Terrence Higgins Trust as well as being involved with Stonewall and UNESCO. Before turning to freelance journalism, she was Editor at Patient.info.

**LUCIA PICERNO** is an award-winning designer and illustrator from Uruguay, living in London. She aims to spread thought-provoking messages that inspire women to be seen and heard. Her clients include Penguin Random House, HarperCollins, Honda, Bodyform, Palmer's and Danone among many others.

**Pub Date:** 9 June 2022

**Age:** 12+ years

**Extent:** 320pp / 61,000 words

Standalone



**Pub Date:** 9 April 2014

**Age:** 13–18 years

**Extent:** 288pp

## This Book is Gay

**Juno Dawson**  
**Spike Gerrell**

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

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

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

**Reading Age Guidance: Content is honestly explicit in places – suitable for 13+**

Queen of Teen 2014 Juno Dawson is the multi award-winning author of dark teen thrillers *Hollow Pike*, *Cruel Summer*, *Say Her Name* and *Under My Skin*. In 2015, she released her first contemporary romance, *All of the Above*. *Margot and Me* was published in 2017 and nominated for the Carnegie CILIP Medal 2018. Her first non-fiction book, *Being a Boy*, tackled puberty, sex and relationships, and a follow-up for young LGBT people, *This Book Is Gay*, came out in 2014, and a guide to mental health for young people, *Mind Your Head*, followed in 2016.

**JUNO DAWSON** is a regular contributor to *Attitude*, *GT*, *Glamour* and the *Guardian* and has contributed to news items concerning sexuality, identity, literature and education on *BBC Woman's Hour*, *Front Row*, *This Morning* and *Newsnight*. She is a School Role Model for the charity Stonewall, and also works with the charity First Story to visit schools serving low-income communities. Juno's titles have received rave reviews and her books have been translated into more than ten languages. *Say Her Name* was shortlisted for the YA Book Prize 2015, and *Margot and Me* was shortlisted for the Lancashire Libraries Book of the Year 2018. In 2018 she was shortlisted for the Women in Creative Industries award. Juno writes fulltime and lives in Brighton. Follow Juno on Twitter: @junodawson or on Facebook at Juno Dawson Books.





# Connections Puzzle Book

**Roland Hall**

**Perfect for fans of logic games, this interactive book features 500 challenging puzzles.**

Find the link between four words from a group of sixteen to solve each mind-bending puzzle – but watch out for red herrings!

A take on popular deduction puzzles for fans of daily online games, this book features challenges ranging from easy, medium to hard and extreme. Turn to the back of the book to discover the link and find the answer.

**ROLAND HALL** is an author, editor and puzzle setter. Previously he was a commissioning editor for illustrated books. His most recent publications include the popular *Disney Brain Games*, the Amazon number one bestseller *Wordle Challenge* and the amusing *Believe – The Little Guide to Ted Lasso*. He lives in north London with his family and a vast pile of books he may or may not ever get around to reading one day.



**Pub Date:** 29 August 2024

**Age:** 18–99 years

**Extent:** 304pp / 24,500 words

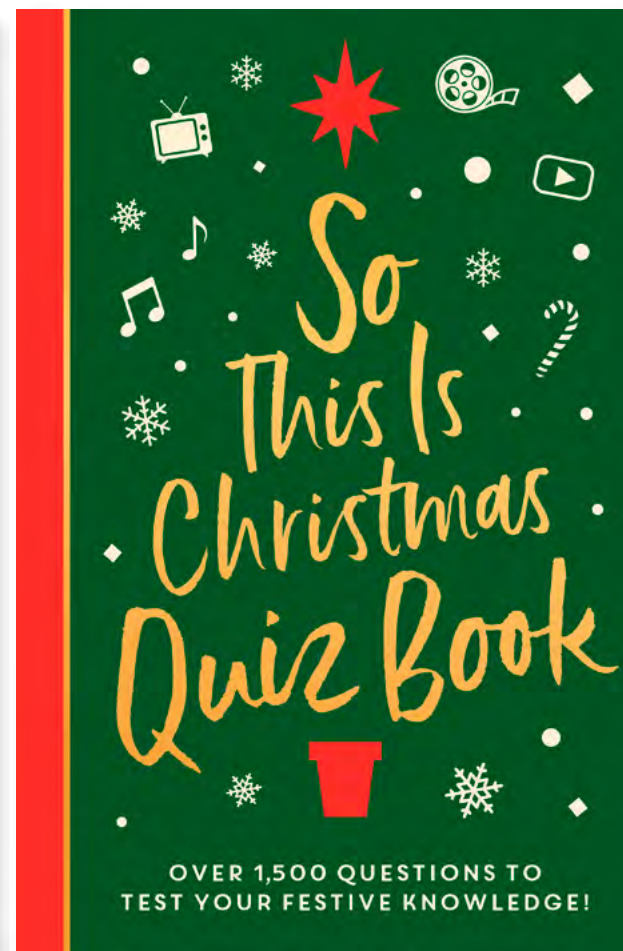
## Quiz Books



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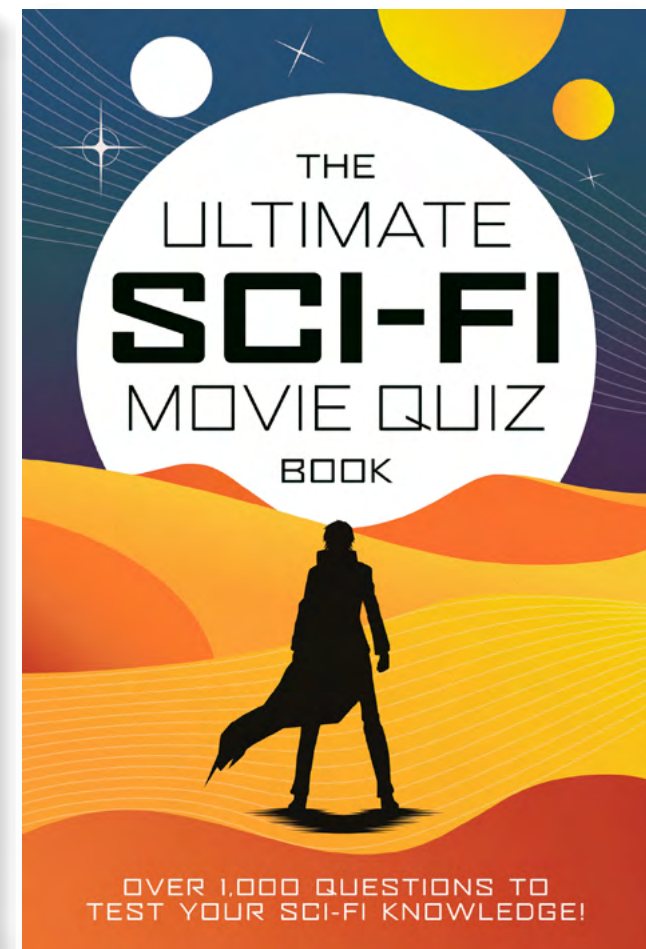
**Age:** 12–99 years

**Extent:** 320pp



**Pub Date:** 13 October 2022

**Extent:** 320pp



**Pub Date:** 26 September 2024

**Age:** 12–99 years

**Extent:** 320pp / 35,500 words