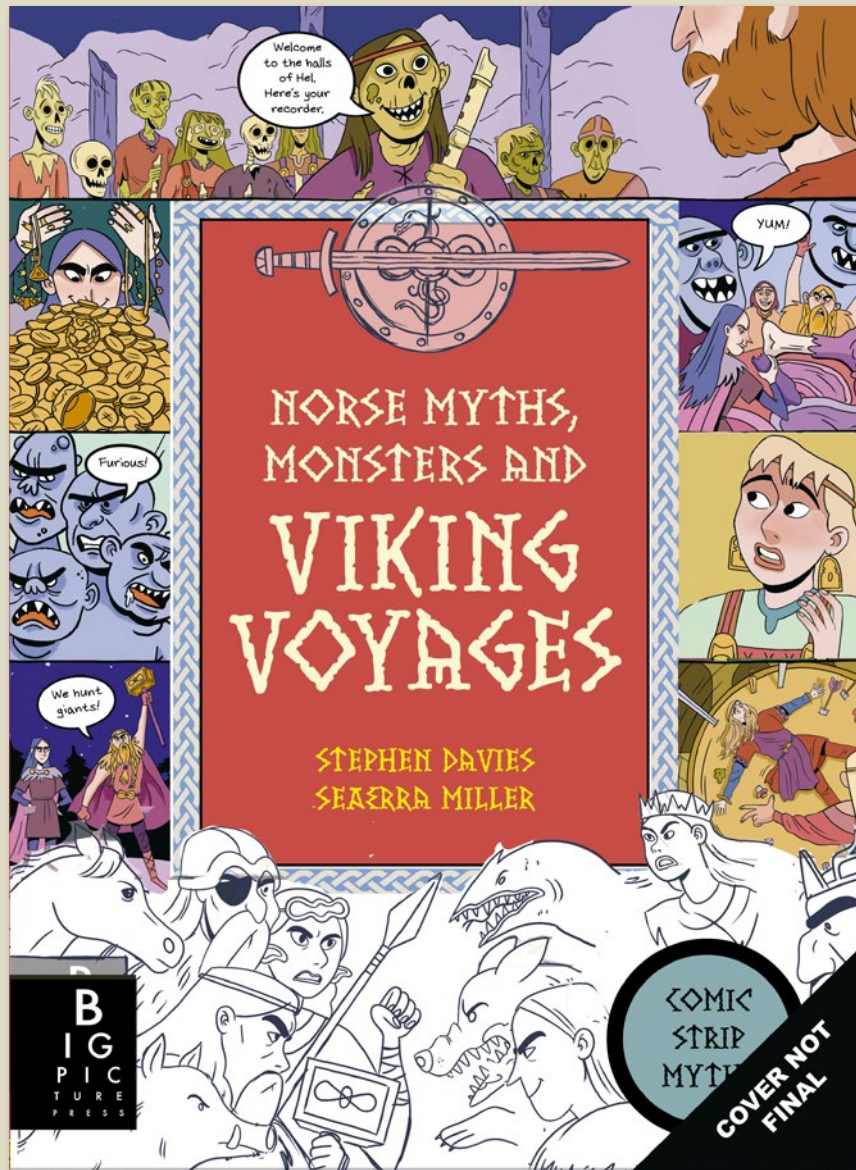




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# Norse Myths, Monsters and Viking Voyages



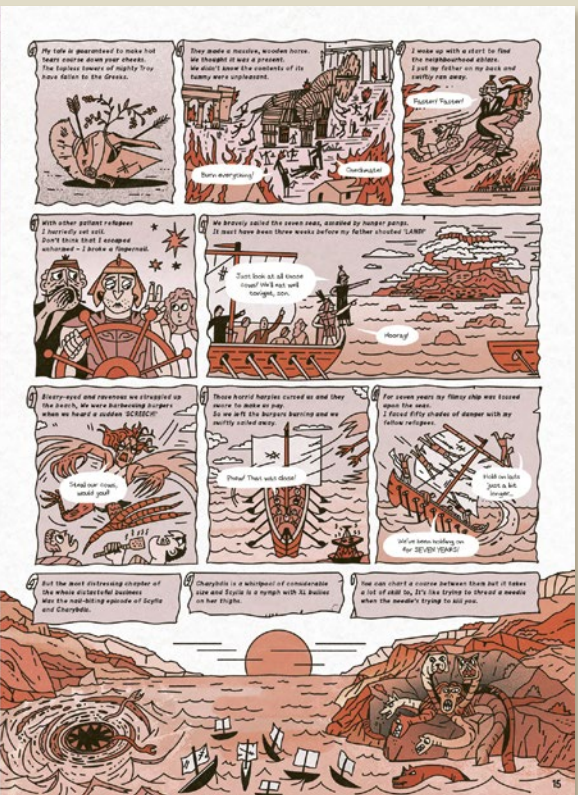
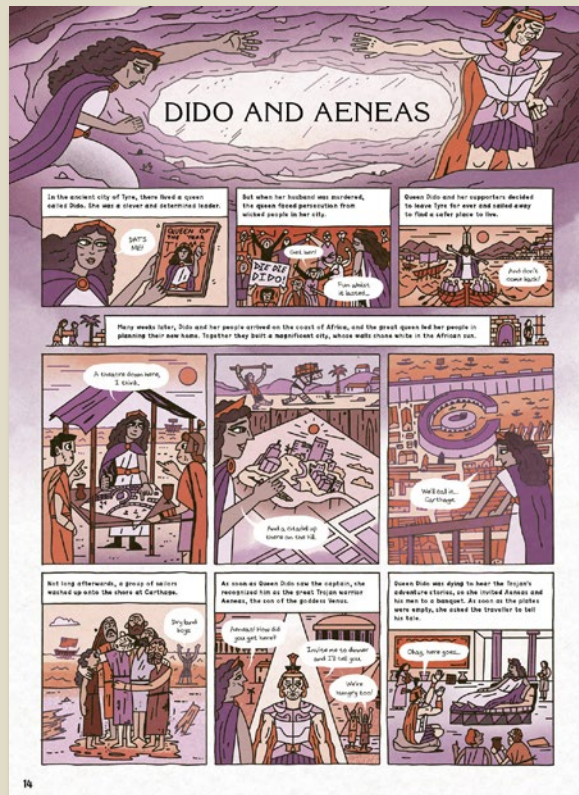
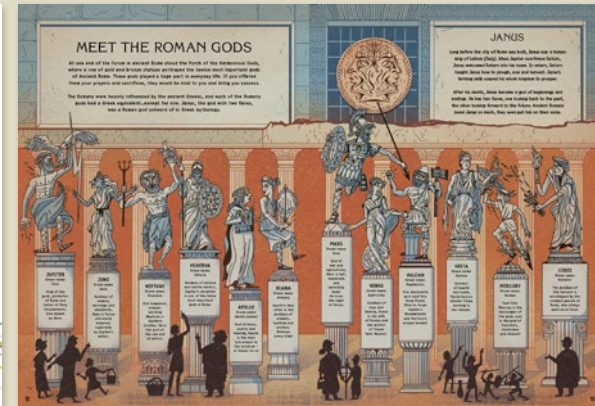
## A vivid comic-strip retelling of the greatest Norse myths.

- Contents: Myths - The Creation Myth; The Theft of Idun's Apples; Treasures of the Gods; Thor's Journey to Utgard; The Deal of Balder; Ragnarok; Sigurd and Fafnir Theme spreads - What are the Norse Myths?; Meet the Norse Gods; How the Myths Explained the World; Meet the Vikings; Mythical Creatures and Deadly Beasts; The Afterlife; How the Norse Myths Came to us; A Mythic Map
- Following on from the success of *Myths, Monsters and Mayhem in Ancient Greece* (which has sold over 50,000 copies worldwide as of July 2024) - this is the next title in a growing series for Big Picture Press



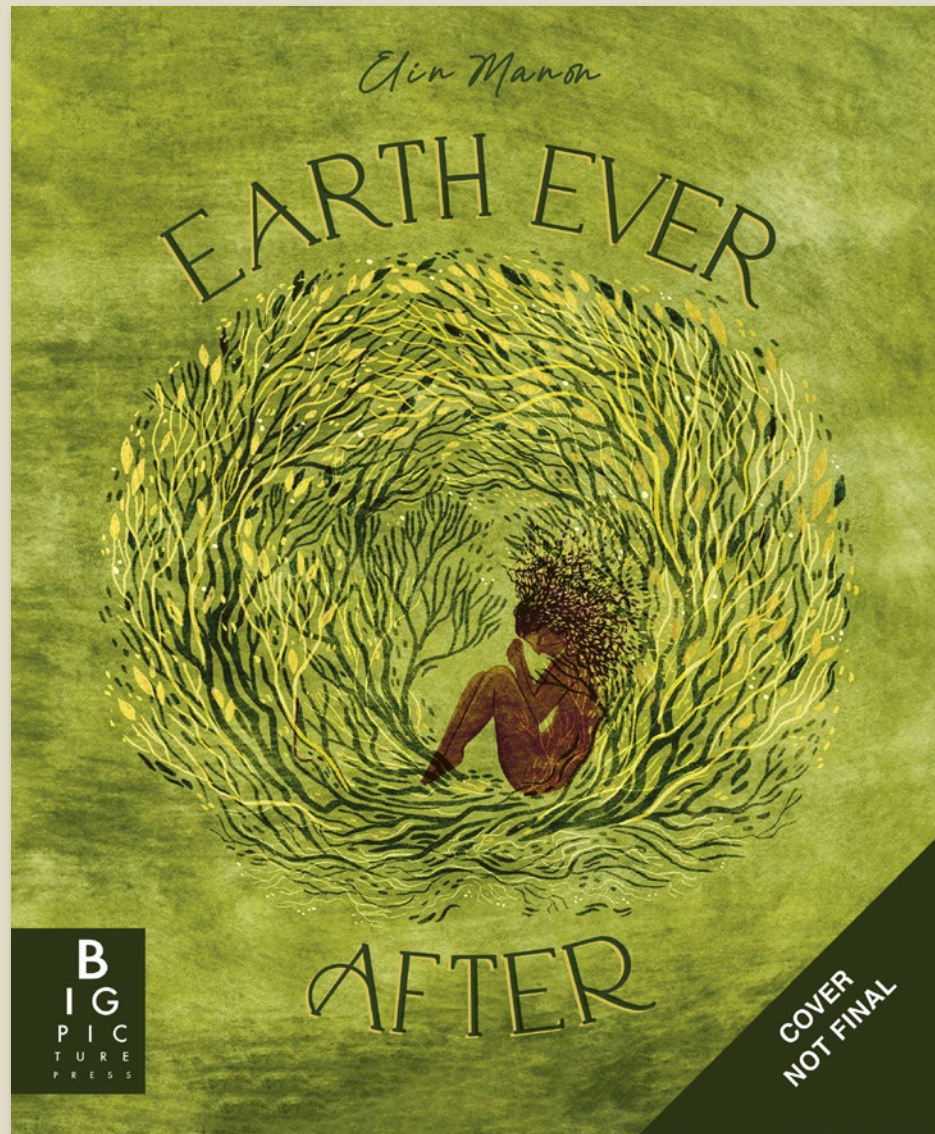


# Myths, Gods and Gladiators in Ancient Rome



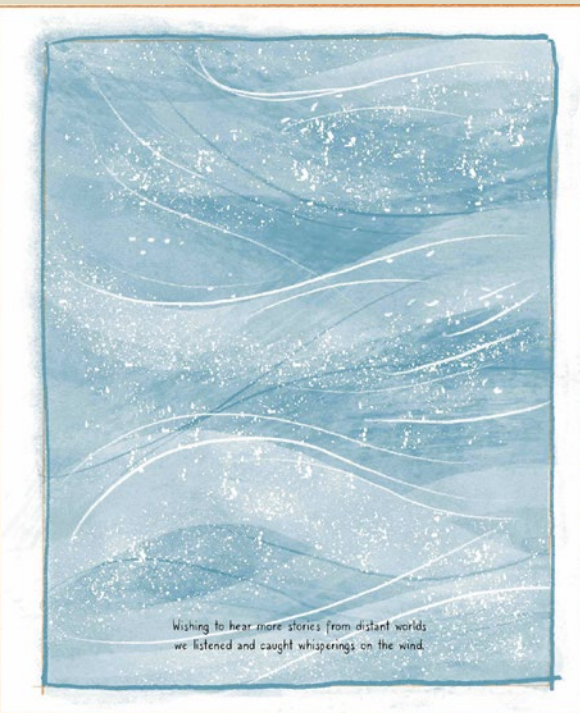
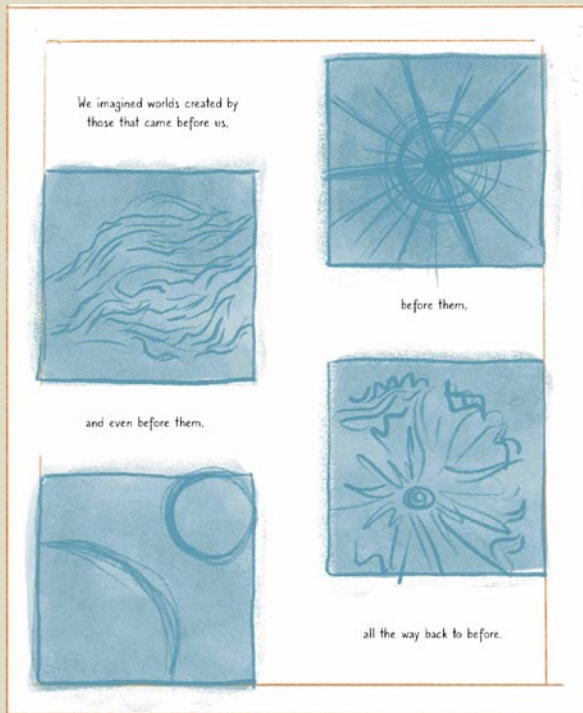
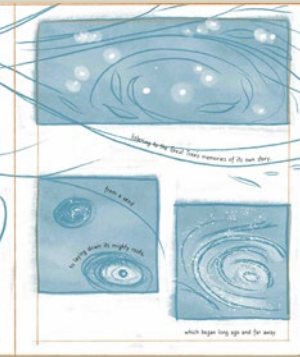
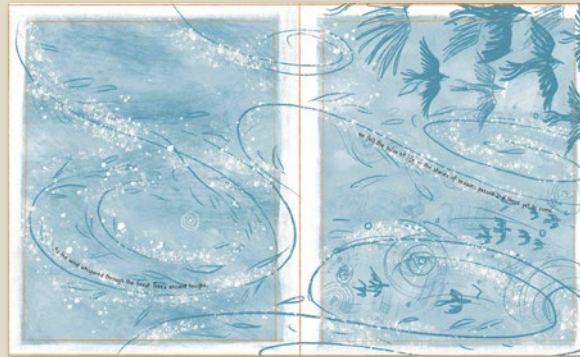
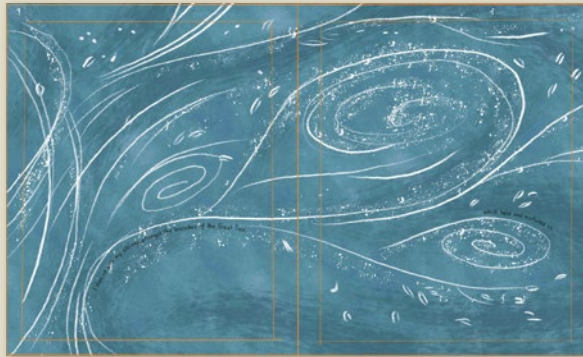
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# Earth Ever After

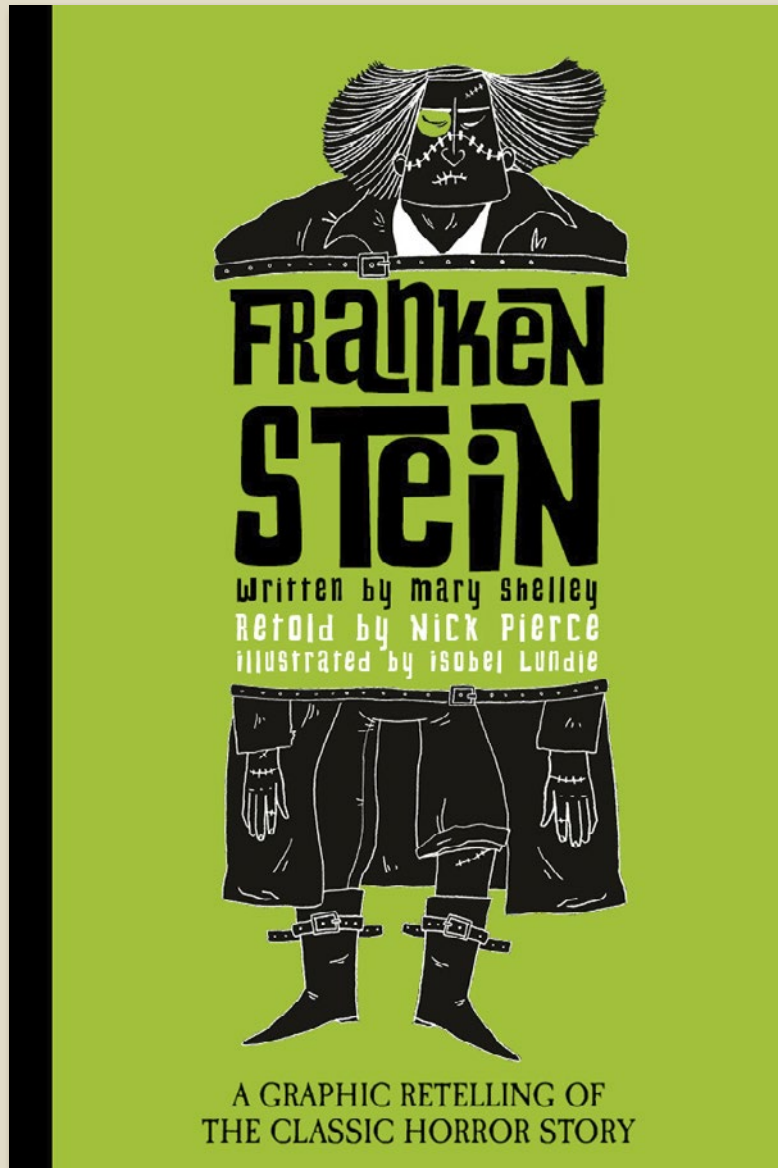


Step into the world of *Earth Ever After*, a stunning fusion of graphic novel artistry and ancient folktale, told through the eyes of Mother Earth. This beautifully illustrated book takes readers on an unforgettable journey from Earth's creation to the present, celebrating our deep connection with nature while offering a poignant reflection on the state of our world.

# Earth Ever After



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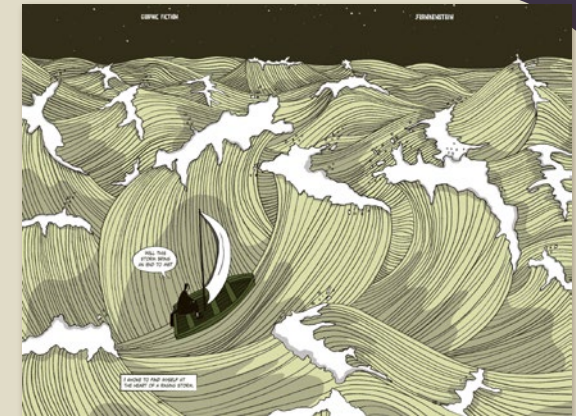
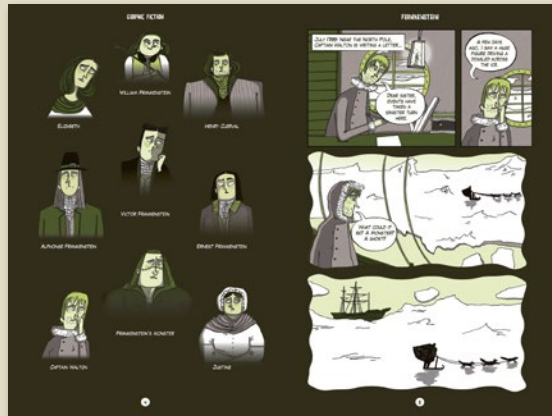


## A graphic retelling of Mary Shelley's gothic masterpiece

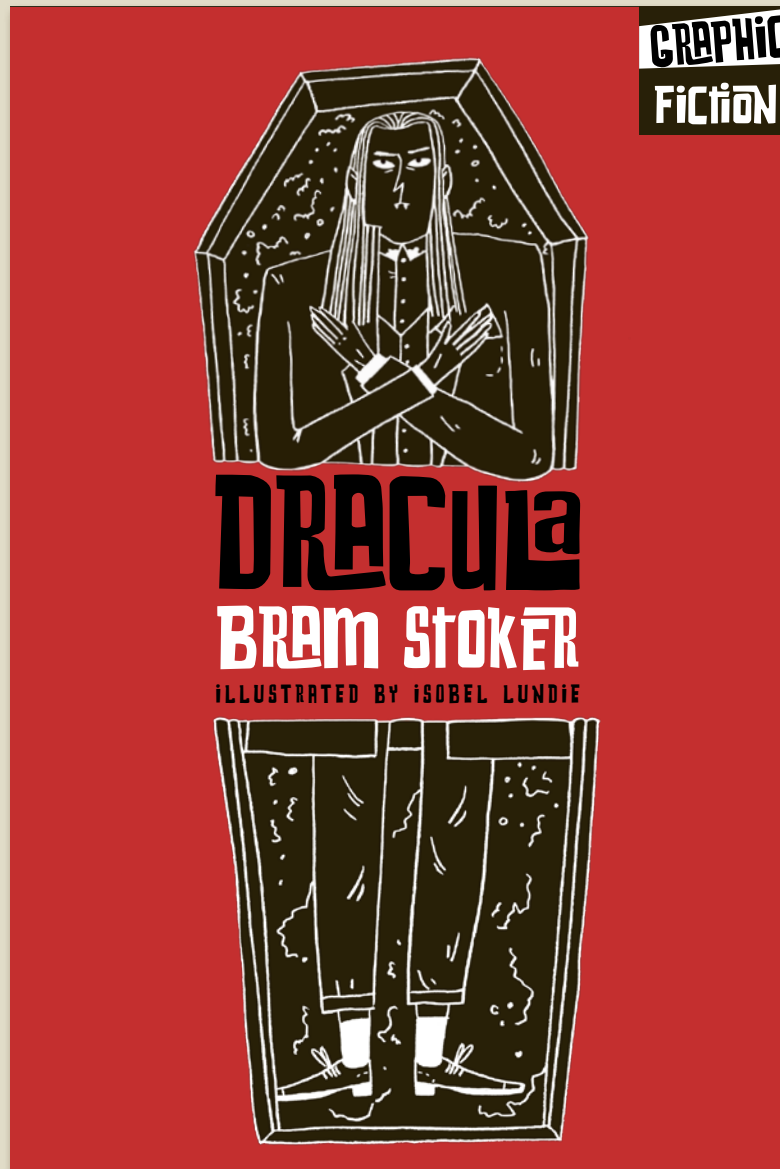
- A contemporary twist on a 19th Century classic. This creepy graphic retelling is the perfect tool for engaging reluctant readers and introducing children to the literary canon.
- An excellent English Literature curriculum companion. The endmatter contains an educational author biography, history of the text and key theme analysis to further help children.
- A wonderful introduction to the horror genre. Young readers will be captivated by Isobel Lundie's beautiful, spooky illustrations.
- Utilises speech bubbles and easy-to-follow sequential ordering to make the story more accessible.
- Next title in the series: Dracula



# Frankenstein



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Pub Price	<b>£7.99</b>
ISBN	<b>9781800788800</b>
H x W	<b>210 x 140mm</b>
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Author	<b>Mary Shelley</b>
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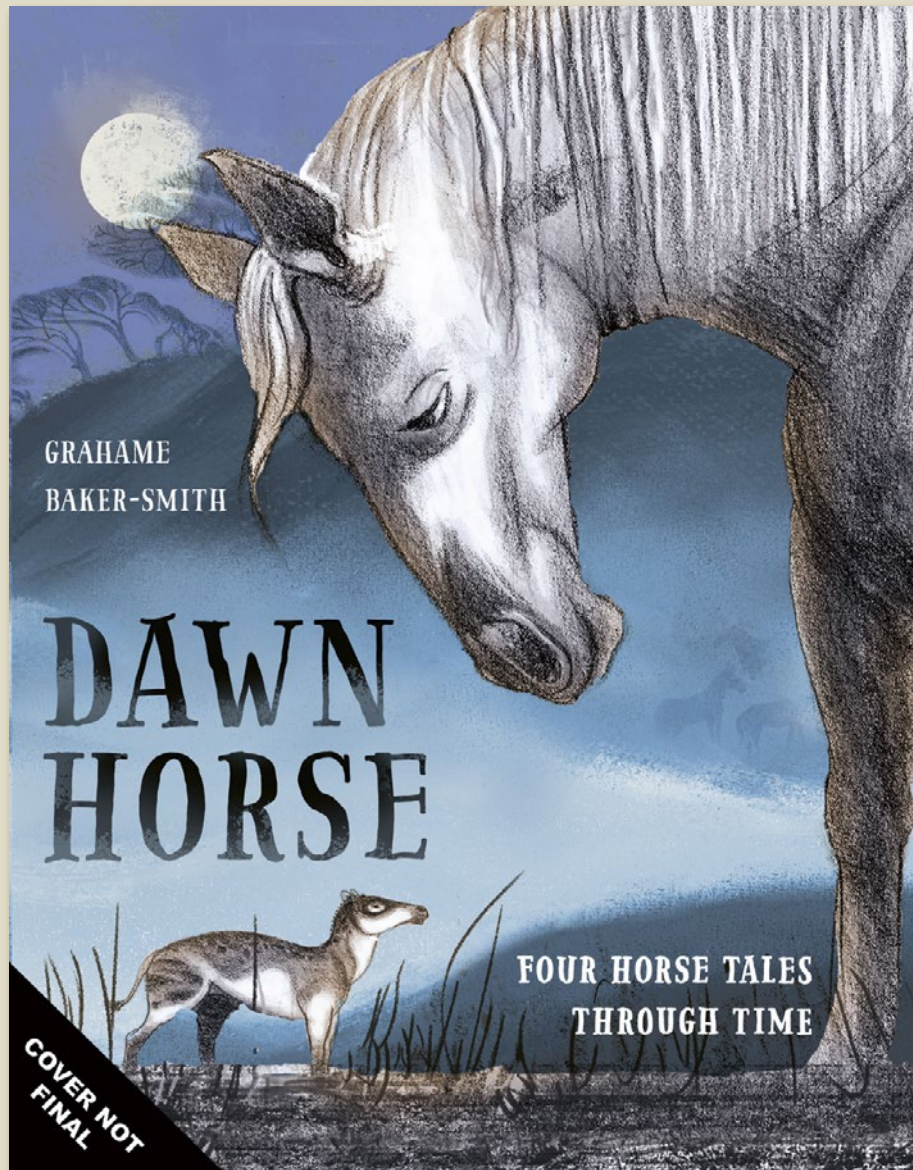


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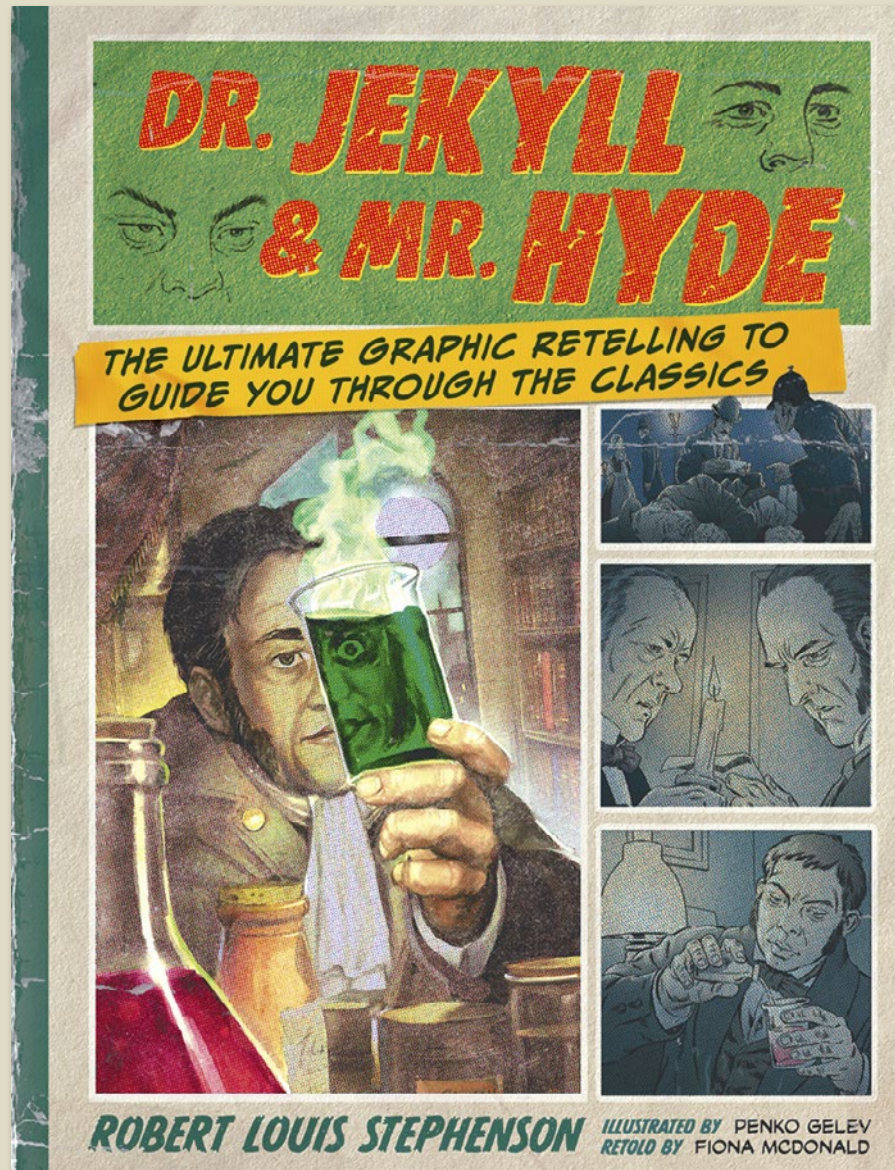


## Discover the incredible story of a horse through time...

- Grahame Baker-Smith is a self-taught award-winning artist from Oxford with an incredible talent for illustrating evolutionary history and the wonders of nature.
- Award-winning books include the Greenaway shortlisted *Leon and the Place Between*, *FArTHER* which won the Kate Greenaway medal in 2011, and *The Rhythm of the Rain* which won the English 4-11 Picture Book Award.
- Perfect for horse lovers, history enthusiasts and anyone fascinated by the evolution of our world.



# Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde: Classic Comics



The ultimate comic book companion to guide you through the Victorian classic, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*

- The highly visual nature of comic book storytelling is the perfect way to encourage reluctant readers who are challenged or intimidated by reading to improve their literacy skills.
- Small amounts of text and easy-to-follow sequential ordering of the picture strips help make Shakespeare more accessible.
- Perfect curriculum companion to students studying Jekyll and Hyde at school, with an additional glossary to help dissect any tricky jargon or Victorian terms.

# Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde: Classic Comics

**A Visit to Dr Jekyll**

AT THE END OF THE DAY, MR. UTTERSON RETURNED HOME TO FIND A NOTE ON HIS TABLE. IT WAS FROM DR. JEKYLL. THE NOTE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN AWAY FOR THE NIGHT AND WOULD RETURN THE NEXT MORNING.

DR. JEKYLL'S LABORATORY WAS A PLACE OF MYSTERY AND DARKNESS. THE AIR WAS THICK WITH THE SMELL OF CHEMICALS AND THE LIGHT WAS DIM AND GLOOMY.

MR. UTTERSON WAS A MAN OF STRICT ETHICS AND HIGH PRINCIPLES. HE HAD KNOWN DR. JEKYLL FOR MANY YEARS AND HAD ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED BY HIS INTELLIGENCE AND KINDNESS.

DR. JEKYLL'S BEHAVIOUR WAS SO DIFFERENT FROM WHAT HE HAD EXPECTED. HE HAD SEEMED TO BE A MAN OF GREAT TALENT AND KINDNESS, BUT NOW HE SEEMED TO BE A MAN OF DARK AND SINISTER INTENTIONS.

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**Smiling Snicker**

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* for an eight-page, 16-page monthly. He had been working as a professional editor since he was 23 years old, and his books had never passed. In 1885, aged 38, he set out on a quest for a new career as a writer, and he was inspired by a letter from a young man named Mr. Utterson. He was inspired by a letter from a young man named Mr. Utterson. He was inspired by a letter from a young man named Mr. Utterson.

**CHRISTMAS HORROR**  
The Christmas holiday was a time when many Victorian families tried to relax by their own fireside with an evening of ghost stories. Publishing houses knew that would give them a safe-but-shocking thrill.

**FACT AND FICTION**  
What inspired Stevenson to write *Jekyll and Hyde* has never been clear. Some say it was a real-life incident that the story came to him in a dream. This may be true, but scholars have also suggested that real-life events and discoveries may have excited Stevenson's imagination. Many of these were connected with Edinburgh, the coastal city of Scotland. Stevenson spent the first half of his life there, and studied at Edinburgh's famous university, which had (and still has) a world-class medical school. Stevenson's family was made up of prominent Edinburgh citizens, but he rebelled against the city's strict - and sometimes hypocritical - rules.

Other ideas that may have inspired Stevenson included the real story of evolution the world was first used in 1882 and controversial theories about criminal behaviour. The theory of evolution suggested that humanity had gradually evolved (changed) from primitive, uncaring, uncontrolled animals to thoughtful, self-controlled people - an idea which many people found shocking and ridiculous. Some 19th-century scientists believed that man was being transformed by a terrifying

**DR. JEKYLL'S NAME**  
Although Jekyll is an unusual name, it is a real English surname. The most famous Jekyll in real life was the painter George Jekyll (1842-1922). Stevenson was a friend of his brother, the brewer Walter Jekyll. The name should really be pronounced 'JEE-AY', not 'JEE-KAY'.

**THE TRANSFORMATION**

THE REPULSIVE MAN ASKED DR. LANTON FOR A MEASURING GLASS, THEN TOOK SOME WHITE POWDER AND RED LIQUID FROM THE DRAWER AND MIXED THEM TOGETHER.

SMILING BROADLY, HYDE TURNED TO DR. LANTON.

And now new knowledge and power shall be laid open to you!

Behold!

Hyde gasped, staggered and clung on to the table, staring with wild eyes and panting, open-mouthed.

1. enigma: riddles, mysteries.

**THE TRANSFORMATION**

THEN HIS FACE SEEMED TO SWELL...

...THE FEATURES SEEMED TO MELT AND CHANGE...

...AND THERE BEFORE DR. LANTON STOOD HENRY JEKYLL!

O God! O God!

LANTON SAT SHAKING, SICKENED AND APPALLED, AS DR. JEKYLL BEGAN TO EXPLAIN. EVERY WORD SEEMED LIKE A DEADLY BLOW, DESTROYING HIS MIND, HIS SOUL, HIS REASON! HIS WHOLE WORLD COLLAPSED AROUND HIM, LEAVING ONLY HORROR, HORROR, HORROR.

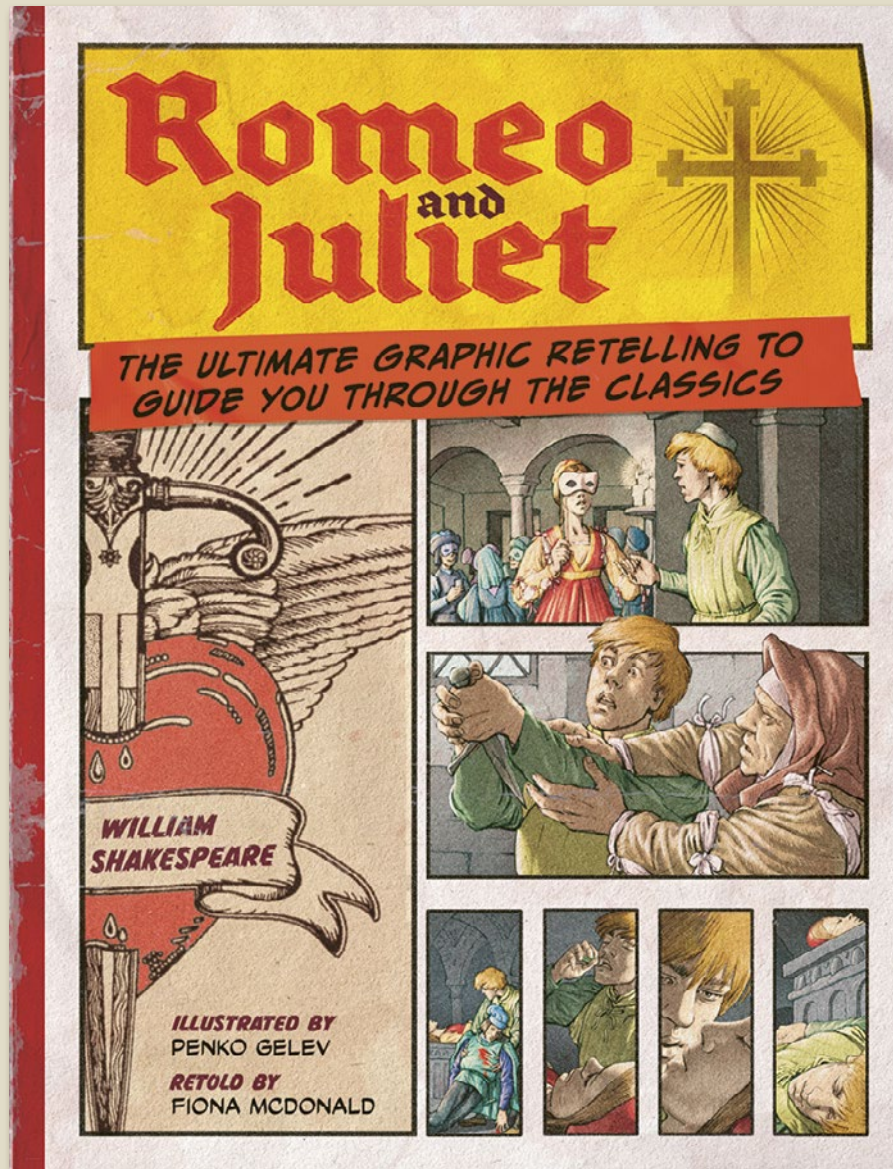
My life is shaken to its roots. I must die!

I saw what I saw, I heard what I heard, and my soul sickened at it.

DR. LANTON COULD NOT BRING HIMSELF TO WRITE DOWN ALL THE FOUL SECRETS DR. JEKYLL TOLD HIM. BUT HE DID RECORD, IN HIS LETTER TO MR. UTTERSON THAT DR. JEKYLL CONFESSED TO BEING EDWARD HYDE - THE MURDERER OF SIR DANVERS CAREW.

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# Romeo and Juliet: Classic Comics

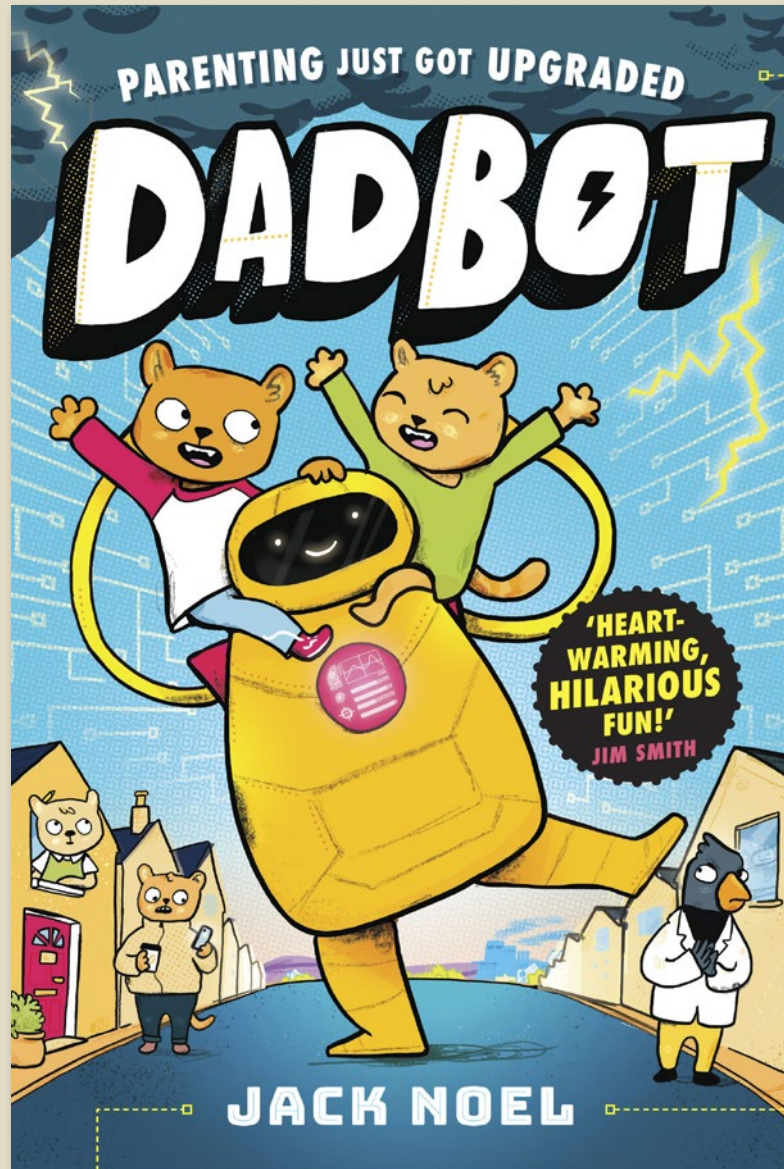


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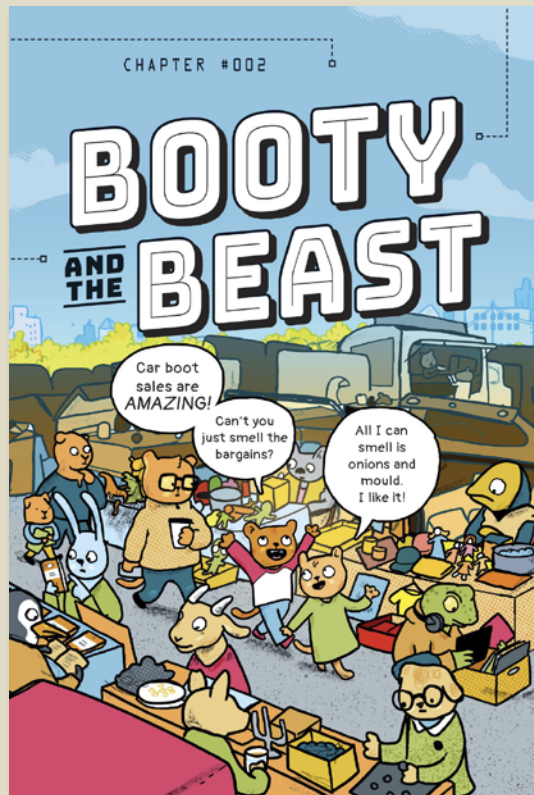
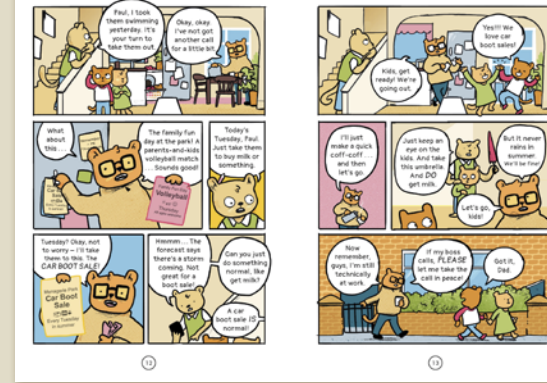
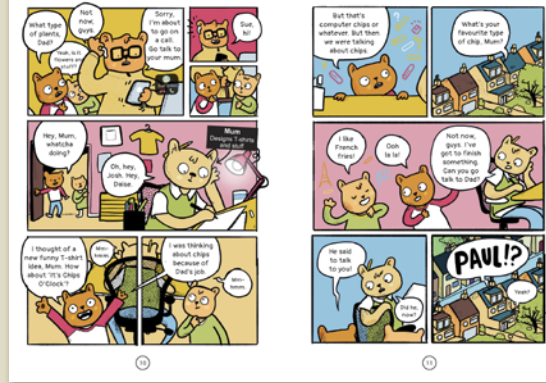
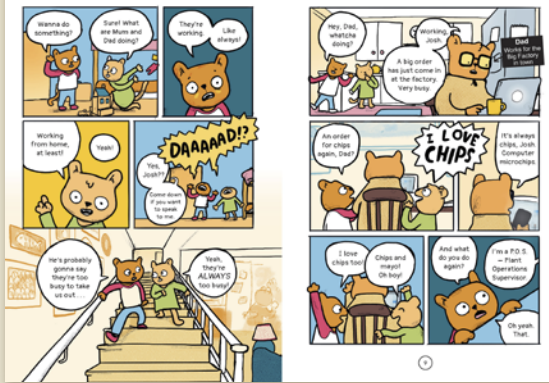






**A brand-new, side-splittingly funny graphic novel series, perfect for fans of DOG MAN!**

- Fast-paced and full of action and humour, this full-colour graphic novel series is perfect for reluctant readers.
- Jack Noel is an author, illustrator and book designer who has worked with numerous top-range publishers.
- The dynamite first book in the series, with two more instalments to follow.
- Heartfelt family drama meets wild and wacky humour, with oodles of characters that young readers will love.
- Perfect for fans of BUNNY VS MONKEY and DOG MAN.



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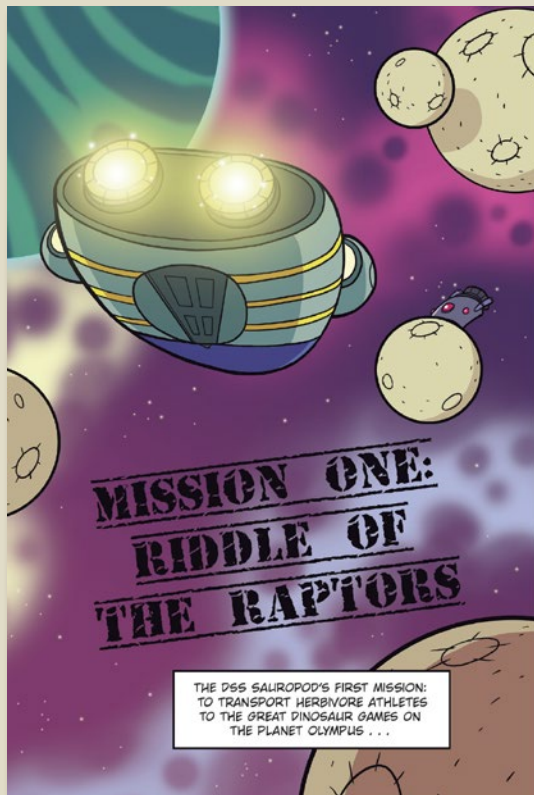
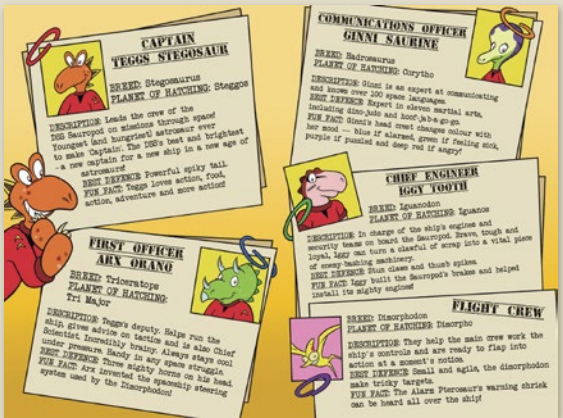
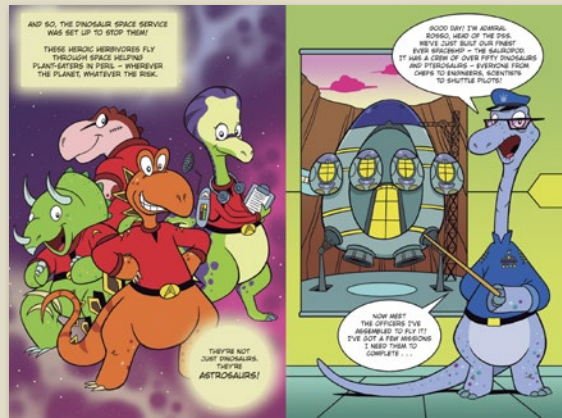
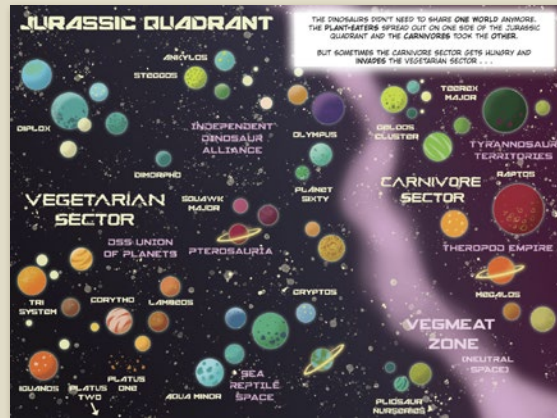
# Astrosaurs: Mission to Infinity



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

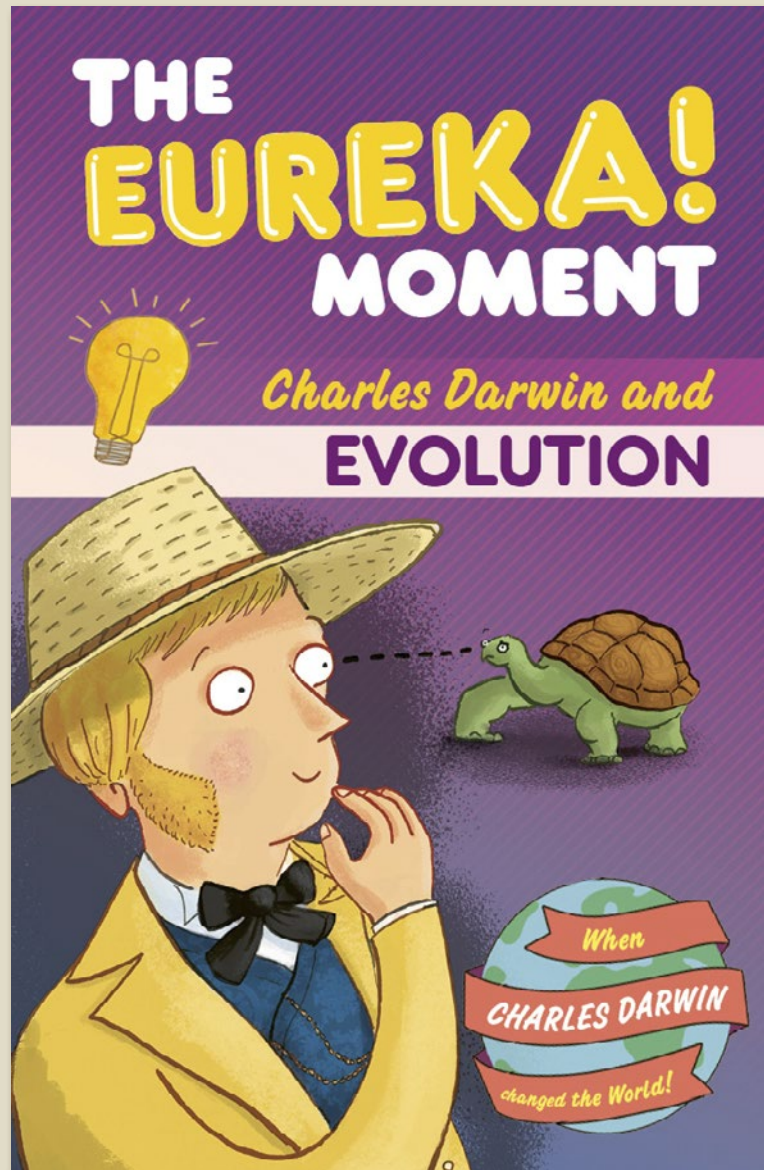
- A reimagining of the brilliantly funny and bestselling *Astrosaurs* series in a fresh new graphic novel format, combining dinosaurs with space for a broad range of readers, from 5- to 12-year-olds.
- The original series was first published in 2005 and has been a UK top-ten children's bestseller, with readers old and new coming back for more even twenty years on.
- The *Astrosaurs* crew features a variety of talents and personalities that every reader can aspire or relate to.
- Split into three fast-paced, easy-to-read, episodic adventures that blend plenty of action and humour, this book is perfect for both confident and reluctant readers.

# Astrosaurs: Mission to Infinity



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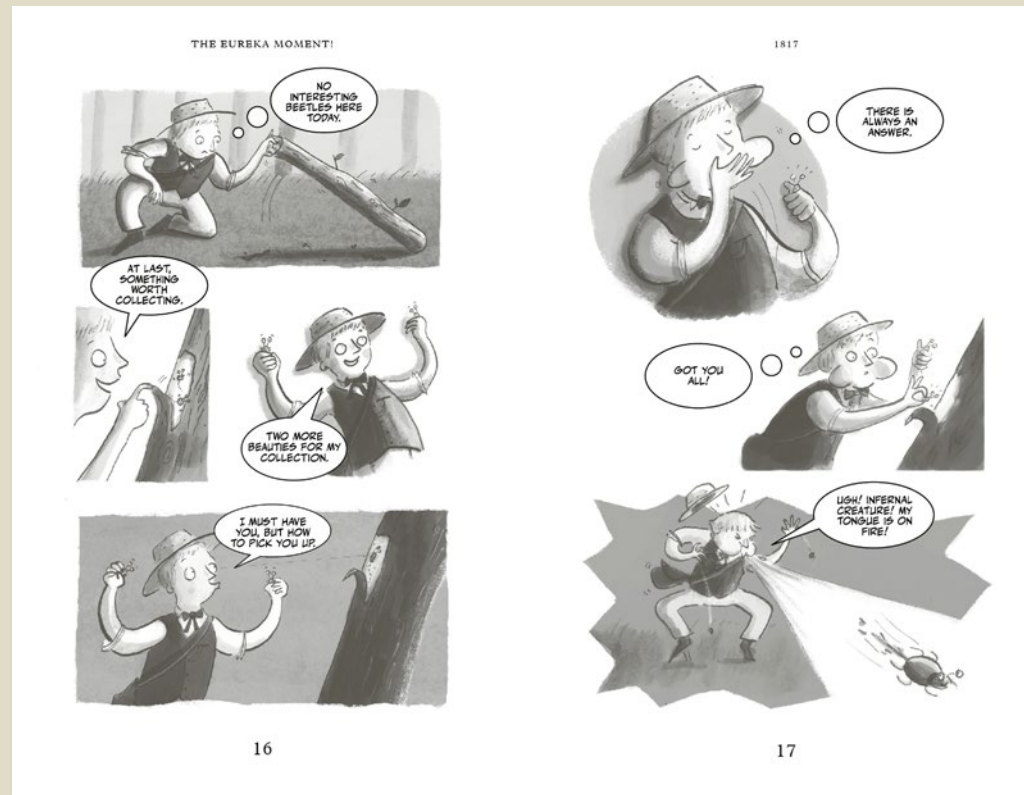
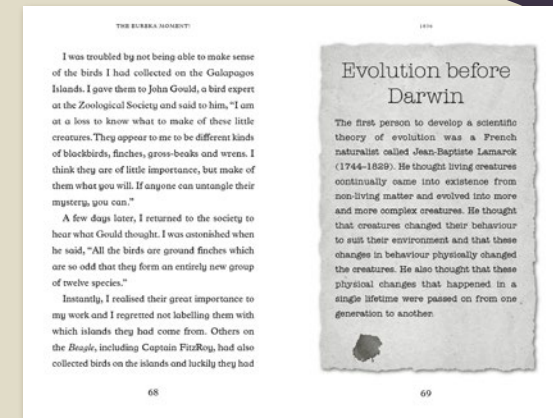
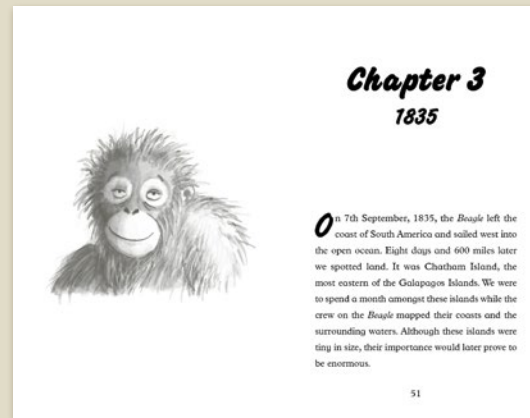
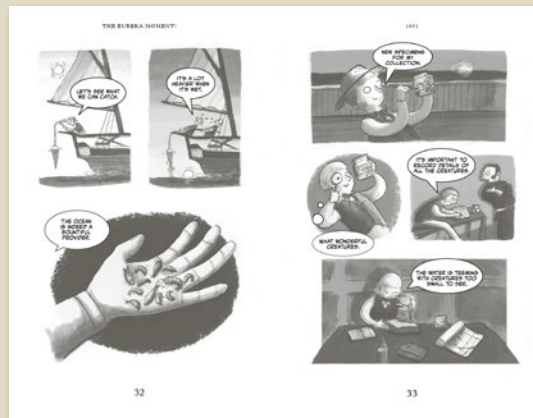
# Evolution: The Eureka! Moment



## Explore Charles Darwin's incredible 'Eureka' moment!

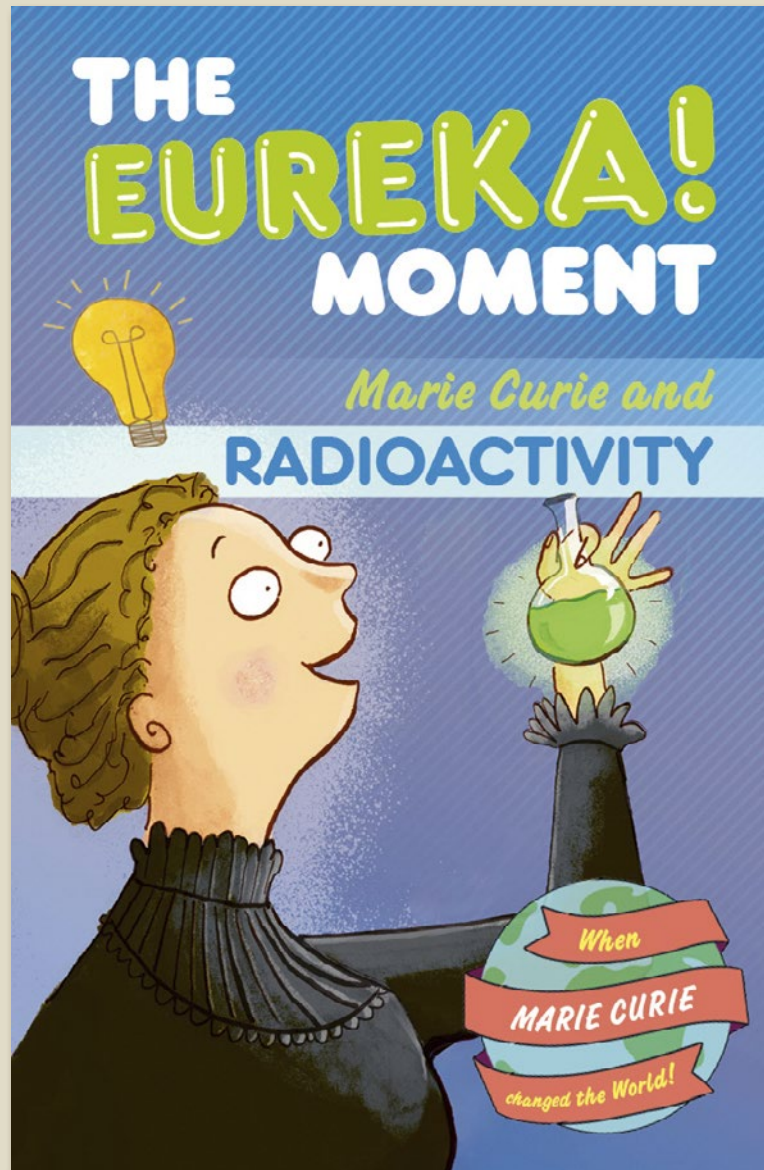
- Child-friendly narrative non-fiction curated to deepen children's knowledge of key moments in the history of science in an accessible, entertaining way.
- Short comic strips scattered throughout the narrative to help children visualise and engage with key events.
- This series introduces children to a myriad of inspirational individuals and the barriers they faced during their quest for knowledge, encouraging and inspiring young people to dare to think differently.
- Combines history and STEM focused learning. The perfect curriculum companion to children studying evolution, adaptation, animal biology, and survival of the fittest.
- Includes extra end matter, such as timeline and glossary, to help children to fully understand concepts and the historical context.

# Evolution: The Eureka! Moment



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# Radioactivity: The Eureka! Moment

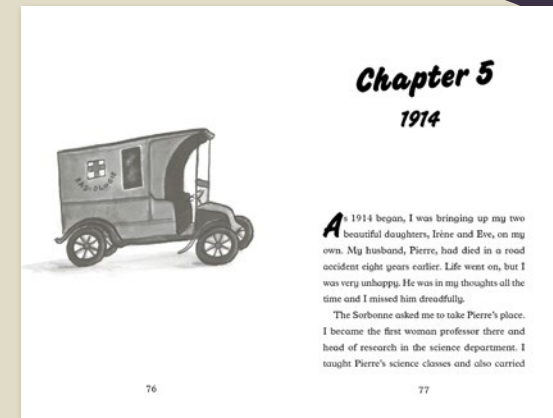
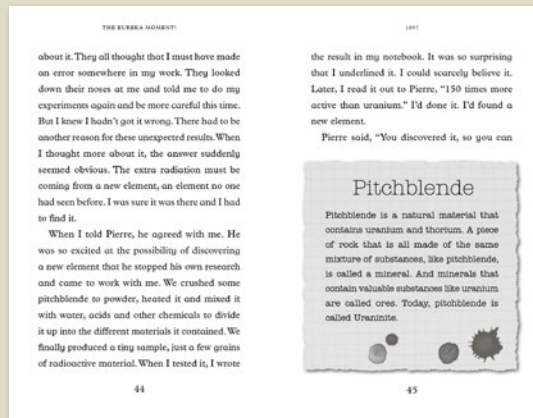


## Explore Marie Curie's incredible 'Eureka' moment!

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- Blends history and STEM-focused learning. The perfect curriculum companion, especially on the themes of radioactivity, medicine and scientific advances during WW1.
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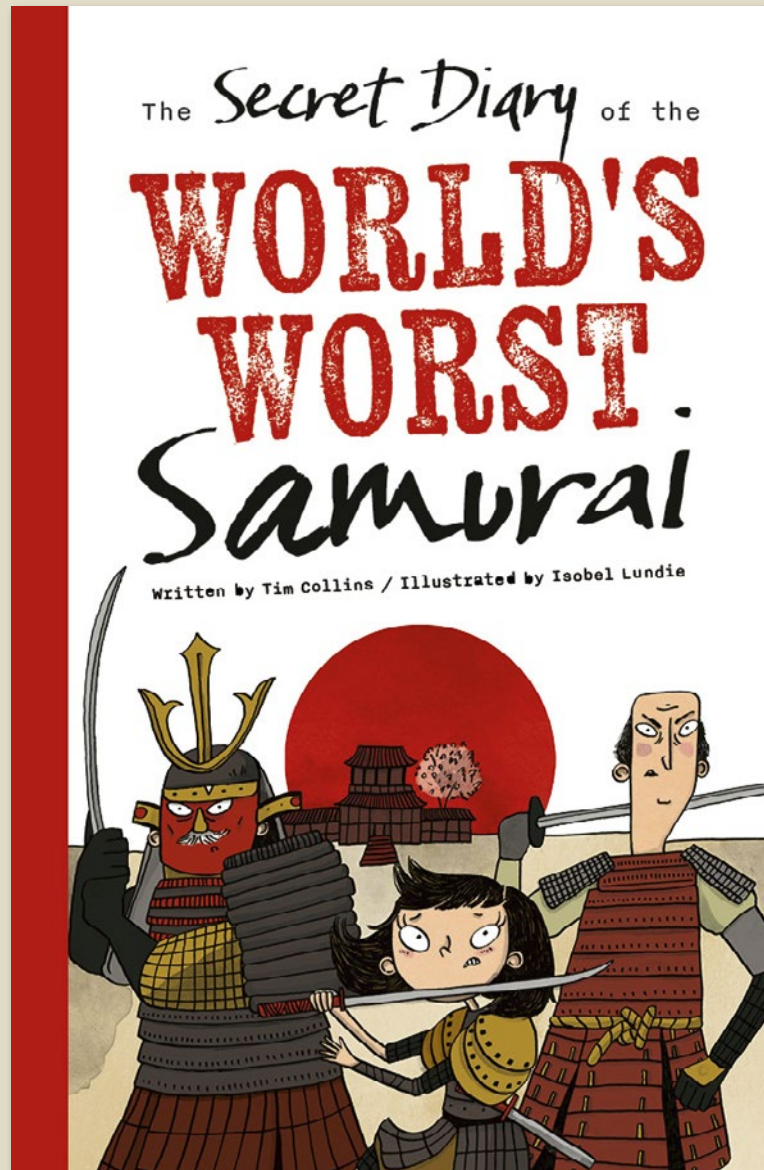


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# World's Worst Samurai



**A hilarious, fictional account of the world's unluckiest Samurai warrior!**

- A fantastically funny illustrated story that promotes an inspiring, positive female role model.
- Engaging story about perseverance, believing in yourself and overcoming barriers.
- Fascinating facts are interspersed throughout the fictional story, with 'get real' sections educating readers about the real-world contexts and histories of Japan and Samurai warriors.
- Endmatter includes a timeline and historical biographies of famous Samurai warriors to help engage children with the real-world historical context and encourage further research.

# World's Worst Samurai



Yasutaro laughed, and I had to stop myself from throwing my bowl at him. I don't know much about the code of the samurai, but I'm guessing that attacking your own brother during a meal probably isn't part of it.

Mother told me to stop talking nonsense and get on with my chores.

I was expecting Father to say something similar, but he didn't. He froze with his rice bowl in his hand and peered at me in silence. Then he asked why I wanted to be a samurai.

I told him I was from a great samurai family, and it wasn't fair that Yasutaro got to be one and I didn't.

Father nodded and asked if I had any other reason.

I said I was better at fighting than Yasutaro, and if I could be sent to Yoshihiro I would emerge as the true warrior of our family.

Father nodded and asked if I had any other reason.

I said I was better at tactics than Yasutaro, and one day I could become a great commander and lead troops to glorious victories.

Father finished his rice in silence. When his bowl was empty, he said he refused to send me to samurai school.

I tried to keep my anger in, but it was no use. I said it was ridiculous that he wouldn't let me train just because I was a girl.

Father laughed. He said that wasn't the reason, and there were many stories about

female samurai who'd commanded armies of thousands. He said the reason he wouldn't send me was because I wasn't thinking like a true samurai should.

Mother repeated her demand for me to get back to my duties, but Father said I could be excused for one day. He told me to take the time to think and then answer the question again tomorrow morning.



## GET REAL

*Female samurai were rare, but some became legendary figures whose stories were repeated long after they died. An epic account of 12th century battles called The Tale of the Heike describes a female warrior called Tanoe Gao. It says she was 'fit to confront a demon or a god' and 'worth a thousand warriors'.*

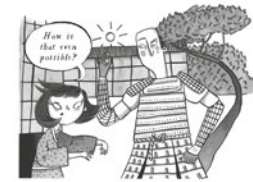
I would never have believed anyone could move that fast, never mind someone so thin and old.

Yoshihiro said we'd try it the other way around. He handed me the pebble and told me to stop him from grabbing it. I placed it in my palm and took a deep breath. This didn't sound too hard. All I'd have to do was clasp my hand as soon as I saw him move.

I told him to go ahead. His hand moved in a rapid blur, and my fingers slapped into an empty palm.

We tried again. I snapped my fingers shut sooner this time, but they still closed on thin air.

I asked Yoshihiro to give me one more chance. He agreed, and this time I smacked my hand shut even faster.



I gasped. There was something inside my hand. On just the first day of training I'd beaten his test. Here was proof that I was destined to be a great warrior.

I opened my hand. In the centre was a small pebble that had been painted red. For a moment, I wondered how it could have changed colour. Then Yoshihiro opened his own hand to

## Chapter I Japan, 1582



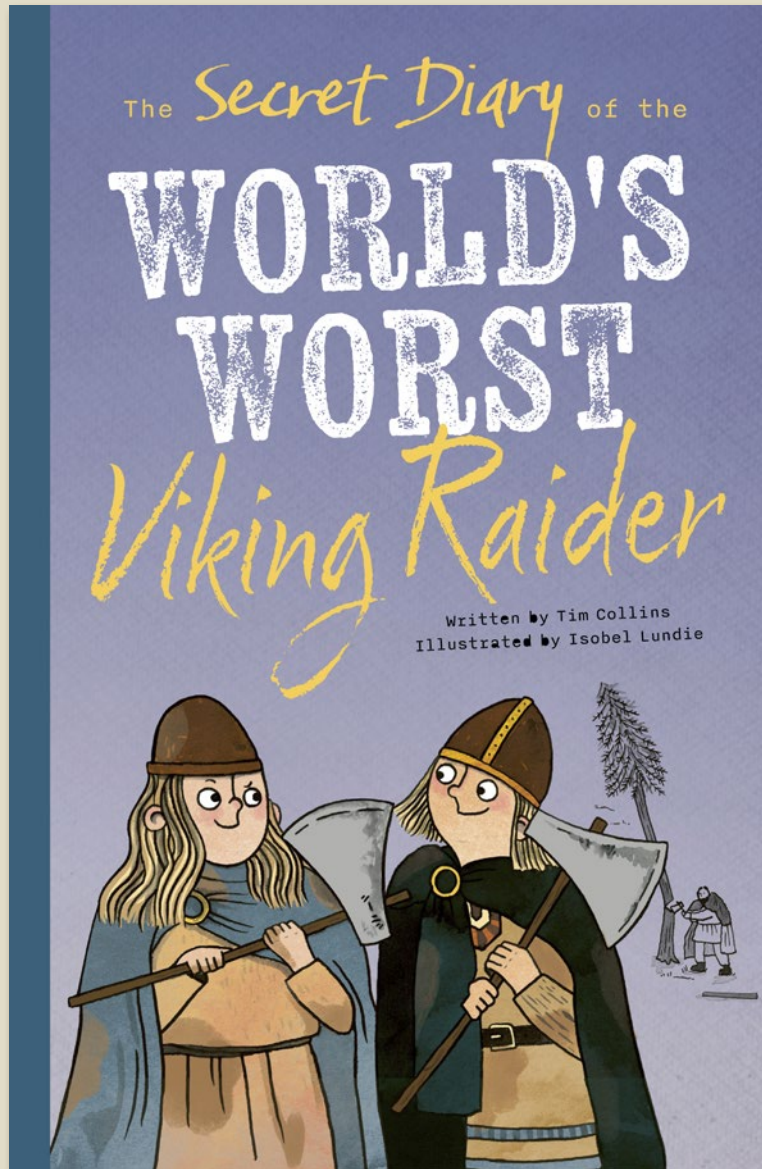
### Day One

Mother thinks I'm practising my writing. I do it every day and she never reads it. So while I kneel here in my silk robe, dabbing my brush onto the paper like an obedient daughter, I'm going to reveal my true destiny.

I, Suki Akiyama, am going to become a samurai warrior. My father is one, and my brother is training to become one. It's in my blood.

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# World's Worst Viking Raider



## An illustrated fictional account of the world's unluckiest Viking!

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# World's Worst Viking Raider

I raced up to him and announced that I was a fearless raider who wanted to join his crew. Unfortunately, he didn't hear, and kept shouting at his men.

I tapped him on the shoulder so I could say it again. It turned out not to be a great idea to surprise a grizzled old raider. He shoved me to the muddy floor, drew his sword and pressed it to my throat. It was so sharp that a single burp could have killed me. I was glad I hadn't eaten too much porridge that morning.

I begged him not to kill me, and told him that he could have anything he wanted if he let me live, including my collection of carved Thor and Loki figures.

He nodded, tucked his sword back into its sheath and asked me what I wanted from him.

I told him I was a fearsome warrior and wanted to join his crew.

Looking back, I can see that might not have been the best time to make the announcement.



## GET REAL

One of the reasons the Vikings were so successful as traders and raiders was their longships. They were narrow enough to travel down rivers, and light enough to be rolled over the ground on logs. Some believe they had dragon heads carved at the front to frighten people as they approached.

## Eighth Day

The raiders moored their ship in the harbour yesterday morning and spent the rest of the day putting up their tents and trading their plundered goods for weapons, clothes, wheat and dried fish. Our village leader, Birger, has said he's happy for them to stay and share our



## Ninth Day

I've found out what the raiders are planning. A trader has told them about a small village on the east coast of England, which has lots of valuable treasure and hardly anyone capable of defending it. They're going to sail across the sea, take all the valuable stuff from it and come back here.

That sounds perfect. I could go with them, join in with the raid and come right back. The English village is an easy target, and I'll be with some very experienced fighters, so I'll be in no danger. I'll get some excellent raiding experience and I won't be away long. There's no way Mum and Dad can object to that.

## Later

Dad and Mum have objected. They think it will be too dangerous, even though I've explained that it won't be. I've warned them that I'm going to keep asking until they agree, but they don't think I actually mean it. They'll find out.



and hacking through wood, flesh, bone and whatever stands in the way of my plunder.

At least I would if I had an axe. Dad won't let me have one in case I cut myself.



## Third Day

Forget what I said. I do have an axe now. Sort of.

I met my best friend Astrid to play at raiding, and she brought one from her dad's workshop. He's the best blacksmith in our village, and he makes amazing shields and weapons.

We went to the forest north of our village and took turns playing with the axe. I pretended I was in a raid and all the trees were terrified locals. I ran towards them, roaring and swinging my axe, then I planted it right into



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off his hiking boots. He fell onto the grass with a groan. "I never want to go on a hike again. Never. They said the Bronze Award expedition would be a piece of cake. I'm dying for a piece of cake right now. My feet are killing me. I give up - where are we?"

Sacha gulped from her water bottle. She sank to her knees, sitting on her mud-caked boots. "I haven't got a clue. Right now, I don't care."

Liam hit into a mini Mars Bar then handed her the rest. "Make the most of this last bite. No more left after this."

Sacha passed him the bottle. "Just a few sips. There's hardly any left."

Clouds cast deepening shadows over the hills. A large bird of prey rose in the sky and soared above the moor.

"This map doesn't make sense. I'm sure we turned left at the church in the village." Liam traced his finger over the map. "It doesn't agree

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with my phone, either. The GPS is useless. The signal's no good out here in the middle of nowhere. It keeps cutting out."

"My battery's virtually given up the ghost. Just like me," Sacha sighed before adding wearily, "I think we should go back. We know there's a pub a few miles back. I'd kill for a plate of hot chips." She looked up. "There's a huge bird up there. It must be a vulture waiting for us to die of thirst."

Liam turned the map round. "Unless that clump of trees is this bit of green on the map and on my phone." He swore when he lost the signal again.

Sacha laughed. "Let's face it, you haven't got a clue."

He kept looking at the map. "There's a red triangle thing marked here. It's a youth hostel. We can't be far off. Let's go there. Hostels are cheap. It's only a couple of miles."

Sacha got to her feet. "If you say so. It'll be

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dark soon." She stared up at the circling bird with a growing sense of doom, as Liam put on his rucksack with a renewed burst of enthusiasm. "We'll be in the dry before the rain starts."

They linked arms and began walking towards the setting sun - towards the bird of prey and the dead of night.

The first drops of rain began to fall as Sacha pulled on the hood of her raincoat.

"How much further, Liam? My blisters say it's bed time."

"Not far. I'll be able to tell when we get to the top of this hill. We'll see down into the next valley. I should get a better phone signal up there."

Sacha snorted. "It'll be dark by the time we get to the top."

Thunder clouds blotted out the rising moon and rolled across the moor as a shriek filled the darkening sky. Liam and Sacha stopped to look

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up. A black shape swooped over their heads. "Scary!" Sacha frowned. "That bird is like an omen. An omen of doom!"

Their boots squelched through mud. "Not long," Liam called. "We'll soon be at the top." A flash of lightning snaked across the sky and a loud crack rumbled over the moor. "It's like something from a horror movie," Sacha panted. The rain swept across in silvery squalls. At the top of the hill Liam pointed into the next valley. "That must be the hostel. Down there. With the tall chimney and smoke."

"I don't like the look of it," Sacha murmured.

"It won't take us long," Liam said, ignoring her. The air was now very still. As they walked down towards the hostel, a strange silence fell. There was no rain here and everything was deathly still - apart from a bird hovering above the smoke that rose towards the pale moon peeping through parting clouds.

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A sign by a set of black iron gates said 'Youth Hostel, Members Only'. Just beyond stood a stark Gothic mansion surrounded by bent and twisted tree trunks.

Apart from a faint glow from one of the large upstairs windows, the house was in eerie darkness.

"I told you we'd find it," Liam said, smiling.

Sacha wasn't so sure. "It doesn't look very nice," she said.

Liam ignored her and added, "I've got cash. They'll let us stay the night."

Clanging through the gate, they walked along the path, up some crumbling steps and to the porch. A pair of boots caked in dried mud lay on the top step. Liam slammed his fist on the heavy door and a hollow thud echoed before the door swung open. A dimly lit hallway with dark oak panels stretched in front of them. The smell of soot drifted out over the porch. A thin, bent man

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in black stood in front of them. He had a hooked nose and small beady eyes. "Yes? What is it?" he croaked. His eyes stared like a bird's.

"Can we stay the night?" Liam said. "I can pay with a card or cash."

The man blinked. The light from a single bulb cast his shadow over the front steps. He had a shadow like a vulture's.

"Members only," he said. "You'll have to join."

"How much?"

"We've got rules," the man continued, not listening. "No matches. No paraffin. No time."

Sacha squeezed Liam's hand. She could smell drink on the man's breath.

"Are you the warden?" Liam asked.

The man ignored him. "It's late. It's only because of the clocks I can bend the rules tonight. We're full. One of you will have to sleep in the attic. The other in the boiler room."

Sacha pulled a face. "I don't like the sound of

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if she'll appear. You see, you shared Cornerstone Cottage with Mrs Coombs. She can be quite unpredictable but at least you survived a full week. Some don't. Apparently, she was the dairy maid long ago... before she passed away while knitting in her rocking chair in the back room. All very mysterious. They say she was found with a row of insect bites in the shape of a letter C on her neck."

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### WHEN THE CLOCK STOPS

**W**hen they wander from the expedition party, fifteen-year-olds Liam and Sacha are alone on the moors. Lost. At first, it's no big deal, as the map shows a hostel isn't too far away. But they haven't bargained on what is waiting in the darkness, and on what will happen on the night the clocks go back...

Liam threw down his rucksack and pulled

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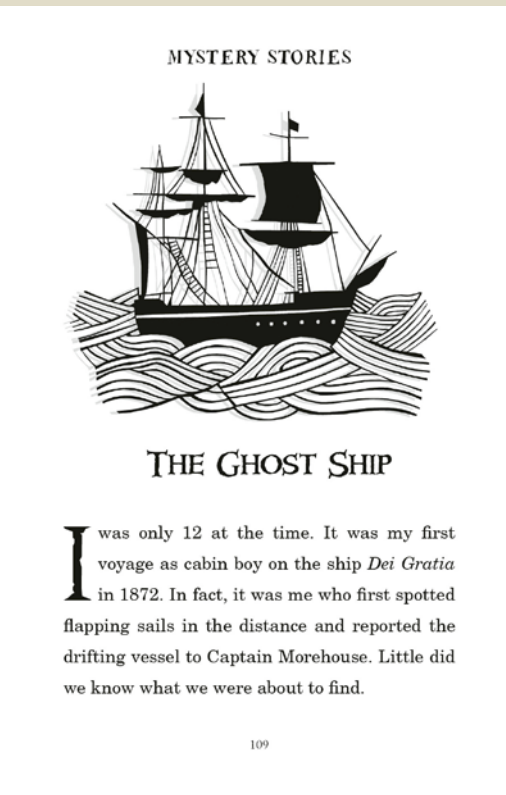
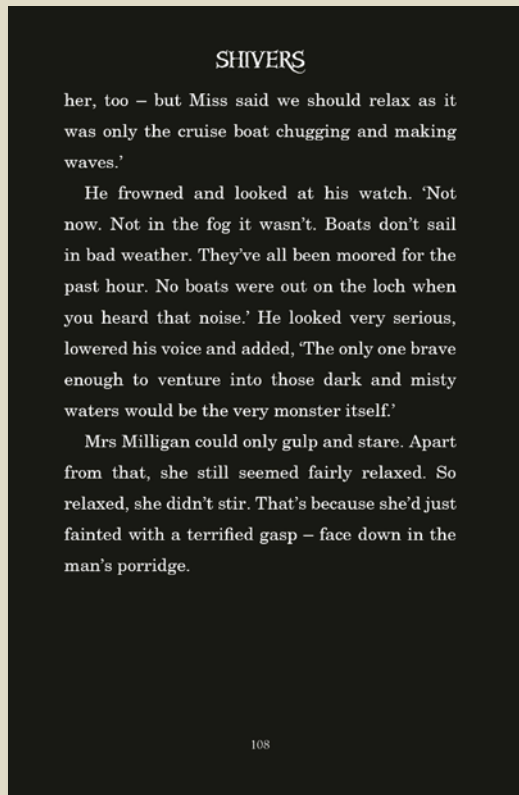
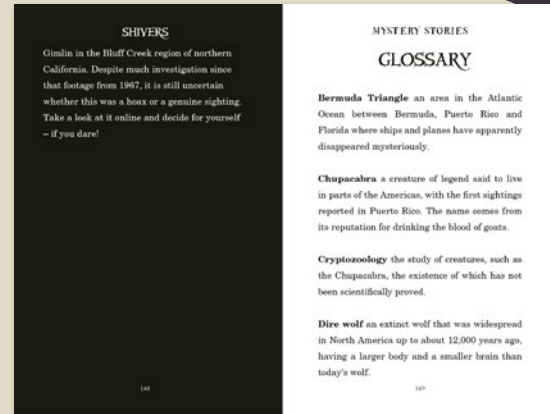
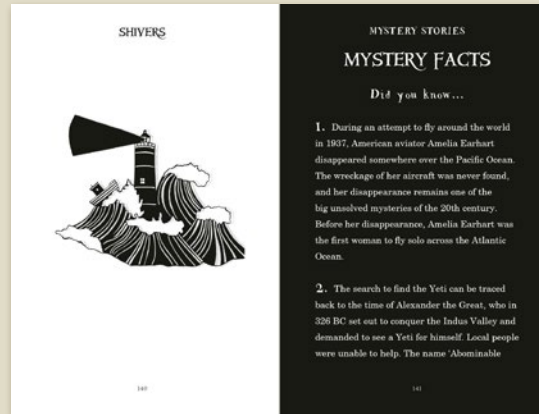
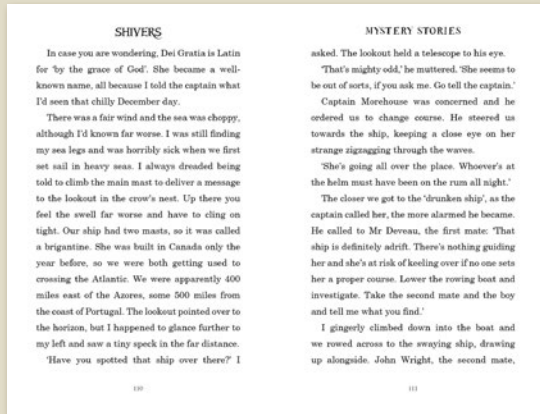


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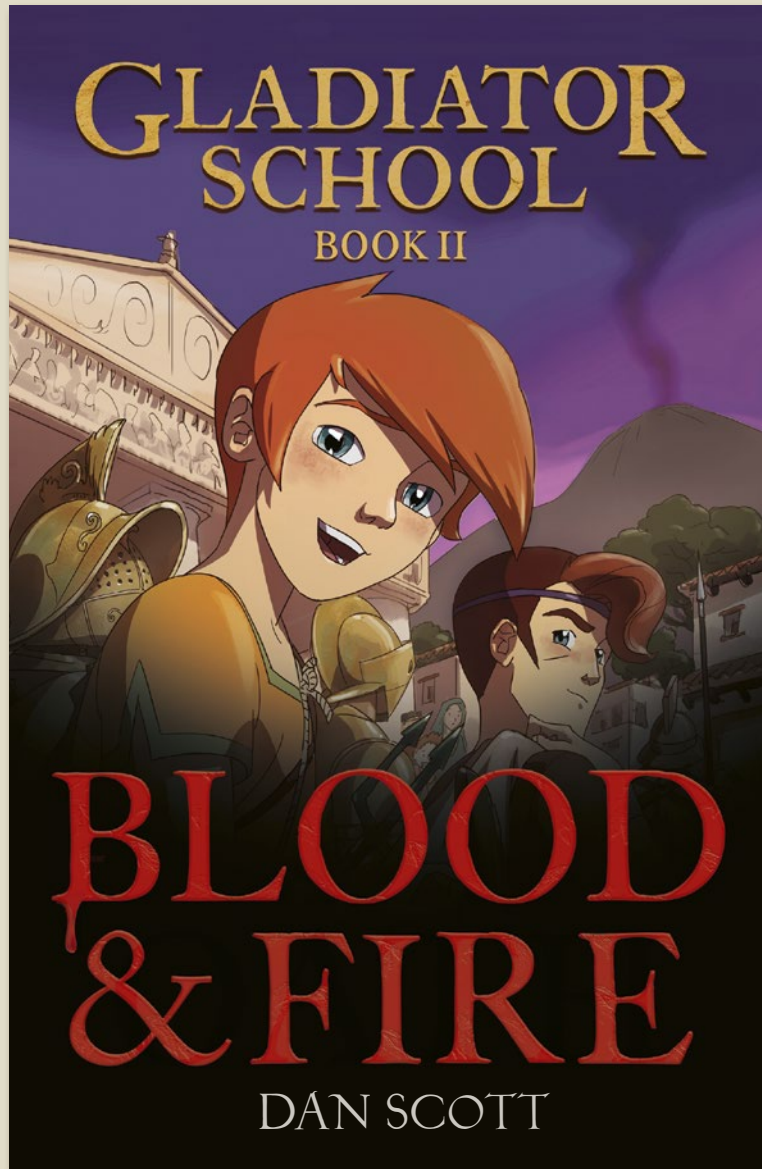


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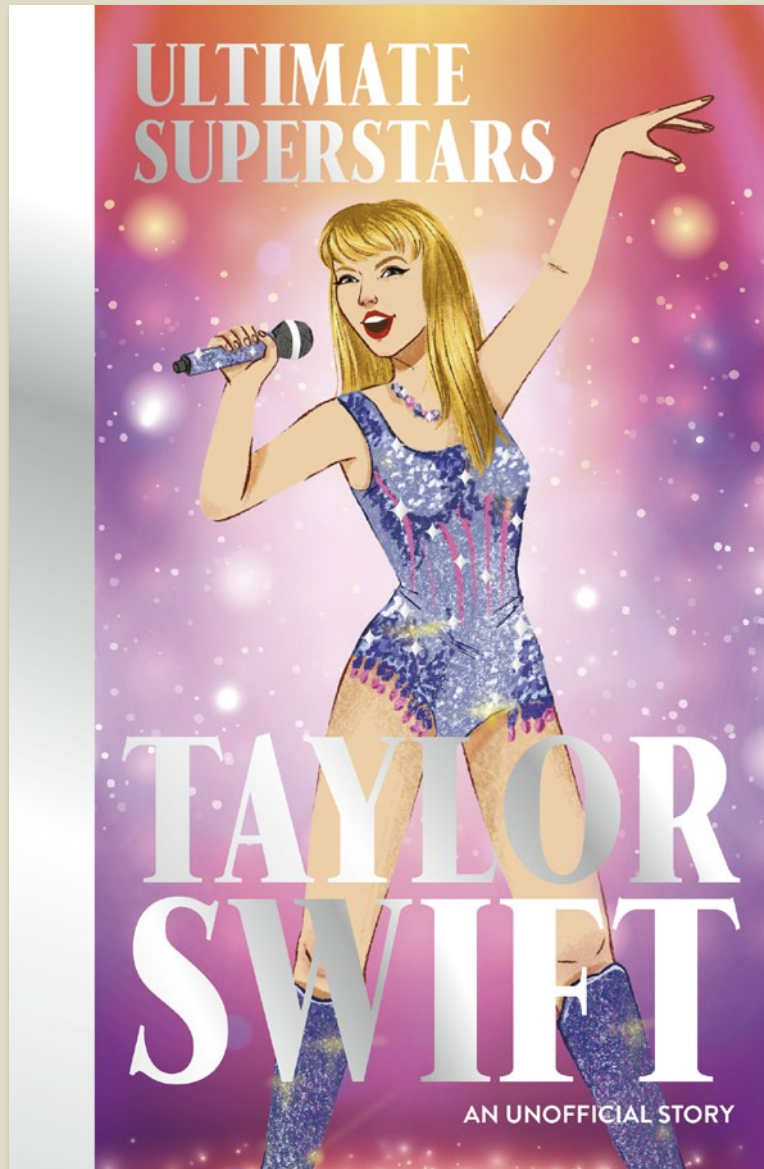


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# Ultimate Superstars: Sabrina Carpenter

## CHAPTER 1

### SWIFTIE TO BESTIE

Sabrina had just received one of the most important calls of her career.

"Taylor wants me to open for her!" Her eyes were wide with disbelief. When she was a little girl she put posters of Miley Cyrus, Ariana Grande, Selena Gomez and Taylor Swift on her bedroom walls. Now Taylor wanted Sabrina to join her on the *Eras Tour*. "Just wait until I tell the fans!" But for now, it was top secret.

Sabrina was so excited. It felt like yesterday that she was sat in her bedroom with only her guitar, painstakingly learning the chords to Taylor's 'Picture to Burn'. One time her dad peeked in and asked her what she was doing.



#### SABRINA CARPENTER

"I'm practicing for when I'm famous," she said with a grin. She was only ten, but she knew what she wanted even then.

Fourteen years later, that dream was a reality – although it did feel surreal. Sabrina was no longer a girl with posters; she was living alongside her idols, one of whom had become a friend and another who she had performed alongside: Ariana. By May 2023, rumours about Sabrina and Taylor's friendship were swirling, fuelled by photos and social media interactions. Then came Sabrina's trip to Philadelphia for Taylor's concert.

What a night that was. The show was everything Sabrina had imagined and more. Sitting with her sister Sarah in the packed stadium, she found herself singing along to every word and laughing when Taylor joked about her cats. The choreography and emotional storytelling made her jaw drop.

"She makes it look effortless," Sabrina whispered. Sarah nudged her. "You're not, you know."

Sabrina rolled her eyes. "Yeah, right."

"Just wait," Sarah replied, with a knowing smile.



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On 2 June 2023, Sabrina posted an announcement on Instagram that sent her fans into a frenzy. It read:

*trying to process this but also i share CANT WAIT TO JOIN THE ERAS TOUR IN LATIN AMERICA thank u @taylorswift i the 1 :)) this is a dream come true*

Within hours, the internet was exploding with excitement. Fans reposted the announcement and the comments section lit up with messages like:

*This is your spot... Show girl!*

Sabrina had every intention of shining. She went straight into rehearsal; there was no time to chill after the spill!

"This is huge," Sabrina flew Sarah. "I've got to get it right."

"You will," Sarah assured her. She always had Sabrina's back.

"This is my big break. I have got this!" The first show where Sabrina opened for Taylor



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was in Mexico City on 24 August 2023. Standing backstage, she had that familiar feeling – sick to the pit of her stomach with nerves! The arena was packed with Swifties, but hopefully there are a few Carpenters out there too. Sabrina thought to herself and crossed her fingers behind her back. She adjusted her microphone pack and glanced in the mirror. She felt sexy in her platform boots and black sequin outfit.

"You have got this, Sabrina Carpenter," she repeated to herself. Flicking her hair back with all the self-assurance of a seasoned star!

As the lights dimmed, Sabrina heard her name being announced. The crowd erupted – Sabrina had a big following in Mexico City. She beamed, she needed to hear the cheers. It drove her on. She stepped onto the stage, launching into 'Feather', the song which had hit number one on the US Billboard Pop Songs chart earlier that year. When Sabrina saw the audience joining in and dancing, she knew she had them – that's when she went into overdrive.

"Don't forget Selena," Sabrina told the crowd as she began singing 'Dreaming of You' by American Tejano singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez. The Tex-Mex singer



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had passed away in 1995, and the Mexican crowd appreciated Sabrina's nod to the star. There were tears and huge cheers as Sabrina hit the final note. She looked across the auditorium and felt the love, the connection and the magic.

By the time Sabrina got to 'Nonsense', the audience was completely in sync with her energy, laughing at her funny ad-libs and singing along to the chorus.

"I love you guys," she told them warmly, her eyes sparkling with mischievous excitement, as she said her farewells after singing an encore.

"Wow, that was the performance of my life!" Sabrina told Taylor later that night.

"Oh girl," Taylor said, giving Sabrina a gentle nudge. "The best is yet to come for you!"

The *Eras Tour* took Sabrina to thirteen shows in Latin America, followed by six in Australia and another six in Singapore. Each night was a new adventure and Sabrina adapted her performances to the unique energy of each audience. In Brazil, she was overwhelmed by the party atmosphere kicked up by the fans, who sang every word of her songs with passion.



#### SABRINA CARPENTER

"It's like they're performing for me," she joked backstage.

Tour life wasn't without its challenges. Sabrina's hit 'Nonsense', known for its cheeky and sometimes risqué lyrics, required a little tweaking for family-friendly crowds.

"I had to tone it down a little tonight," she admitted to the crew in Singapore. "But I still kept it fun!"

Sitting in her hotel room after a show, Sabrina scrolled through fan videos of her performances. One caption really caught her eye:

*Sabrina Carpenter: The Taylor Swift of her generation.*

Sabrina smiled, her eyes misting over with emotion. It was a bold comparison, a HUGE compliment, and it spoke to how far she'd come. She felt proud.

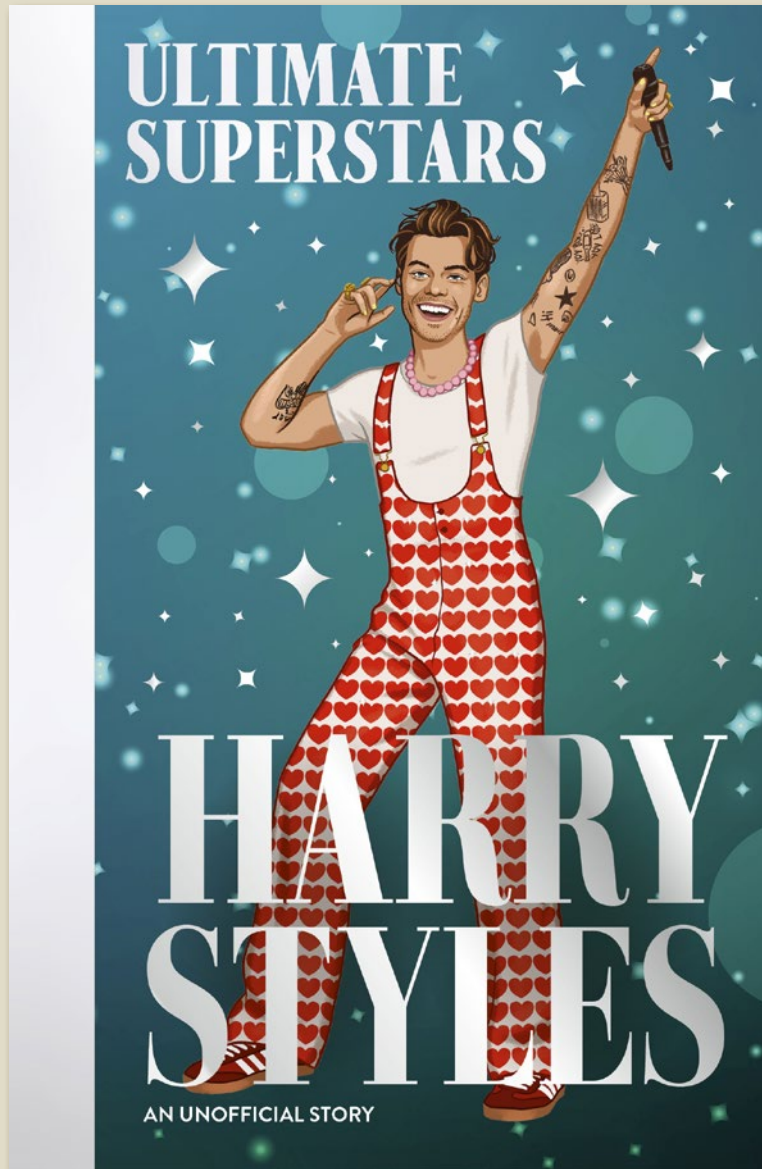
"The best is yet to come, huh?" Sabrina thought, curling up in the super king size bed. Every muscle in her body ached after the performance. And man her feet were on fire after dancing in those boots! But, she didn't care, she was doing the thing she loved best in

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the world. It felt like she was on course to something bigger than she ever dreamed possible. Her head was swirling with happy thoughts as she fell into a deep, deep sleep – with a cheeky grin on her face.

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