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Hachette Children's Group is one of the largest children's publishers in the UK.

Our mission is to make it easy for children and young people everywhere to access books and see themselves reflected there.

We are home to a wide range of groundbreaking illustrators and publish diverse and different voices and ideas in groundbreaking books across every genre, from baby and pre-school to YA.

We aim to inspire a lifelong love of reading and maximise our readers' life chances by publishing books for every child and young person.

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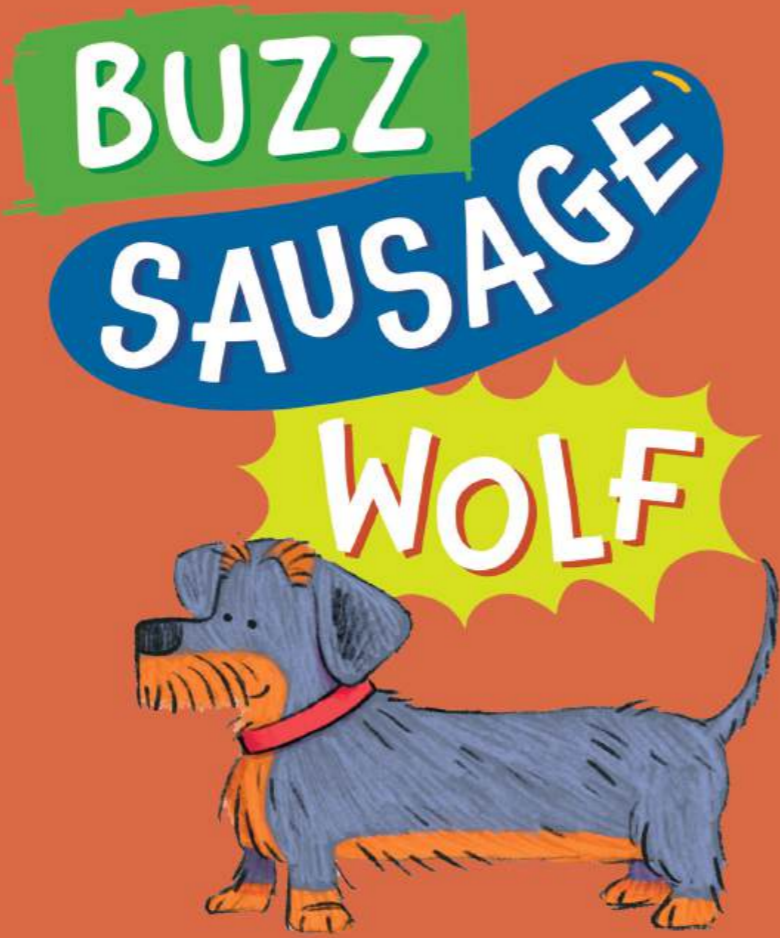
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NEW



- Accessible, heavily illustrated text for newly independent readers making the first step from picture books to chapter books
- Dynamic illustrations by visual development artist and former animation art director Aurélie Lise-Anne (Blue Zoo Animation – *The Adventures of Paddington*, *The Smeds and Smoos*)
- Emotional learnings and engagingly funny narratives about friendship, family and accepting yourself exactly as you are

Major new young fiction character-led series, ideal for 5+ readers of *Rabbit & Bear*, with colour illustrations throughout.

Buzz the dog is keen to win the love (and biscuits) of his New Family. He wants to be the perfect pet – but who is Pack Leader? Britney, the small but shouty one? Her brother who secretly gives Buzz snacks? Or Mum who holds The Lead? Should Buzz be silly or brave to impress them? Too much of either brings chaos!

AUTHOR: Jim Beckett
ILLUSTRATOR: Aurélie Lise-Anne
TITLE: *Buzz Sausage Wolf*
AGE: 7+
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB

SIZE: 181 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 5,600
EXTENT: 112pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1: May 2025; Book 2: Jan 2026;

Book 3: July 2026
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hannah Sheppard Literary Agency/Hachette Children's Group



A brilliantly magical animal-rescue series for readers 5+ featuring the stars of the bestselling *The Magic Pet Shop* picture books.

Princess Ava loves Mrs Paws' Magic Pet Shop – after all, Mrs Paws helped her find her best friend, Pugicorn! So when Mrs Paws needs help, it's Princess Ava and Pugicorn to the rescue! From finding a lost flutterbunny to helping a poorly rainbowcat, Pugicorn and friends are always there to lend a paw.

- *The Magic Pet Shop* picture book series has sold over 120,000 copies since 2019, featuring the same brilliant author/illustrator team, Tim Budgen and Matilda Rose
- Extends the much-loved brand to chapter books filled with magical fun and adventure, set in the same charming world
- Themes of friendship, caring and being true to yourself alongside fun adventures filled with magical animal friends



AUTHOR: Matilda Rose
ILLUSTRATOR: Tim Budgen
TITLE: *Pugicorn to the Rescue!*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 8,000
EXTENT: 128pp
PRICE: £6.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 6
PUB DATE: Book 1: April 2025; Book 2: July 2025; Book 3: March 2026; Book 4: July 2026; Book 5:

March 2027; Book 6: July 2027
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group



MY Magic HAMSTER

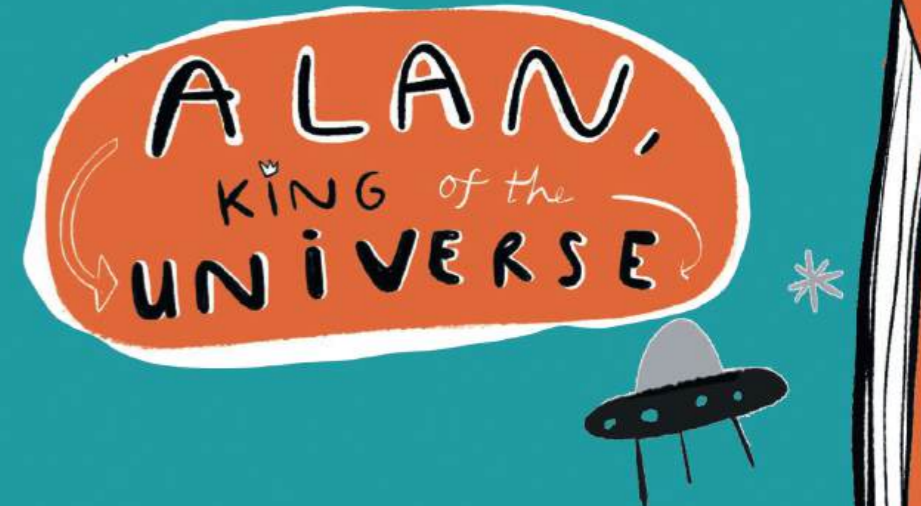
A funny, heart-warming series ideal for newly independent readers, told in short easy chapters with hilarious two-colour illustrations throughout.

Sana has always wanted a pet hamster. But when she chooses Frank she gets a bit more than she'd bargained for. Because Frank is a special hamster. A MAGIC hamster. And a VERY NAUGHTY magic hamster, who keeps getting Sana into all kinds of trouble! Can Sana stop him from turning her bedroom into a massive hamster cage, or parachuting out of the window to visit the cats next door?

- The first in a new four-book series – funny stories full of magic and mischief
- It features a diverse cast of characters and a multigenerational family set-up
- Each story contains beautiful integrated two-colour illustrations by Ellie O'Shea

AUTHOR: Leah Mohammed
ILLUSTRATOR: Ellie O'Shea
TITLE: *My Magic Hamster: Cheeky Wishes*
AGE: 5+
IMPRINT: Welbeck Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 5,000 approx.

EXTENT: 192pp
PRICE: £6.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 4
PUB DATE: Book 1: May 2025; Book 2: May 2025;
 Book 3: October 2025; Book 4: October 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Anne Clark Literary Agency



The first in a new laugh-out-loud graphic novel series by author-illustrator Tom McLaughlin. Perfect for 7+ readers and fans of *Dog Man* and *Bunny vs Monkey*.

An orange cat blessed with opposable thumbs, Alan is convinced he was born to rule and spends his days scheming up brilliant plans to fulfil his destiny. And Fido, his slobbery dog sidekick, is just happy to be along for the ride – as long as they're home in time for tea, of course.

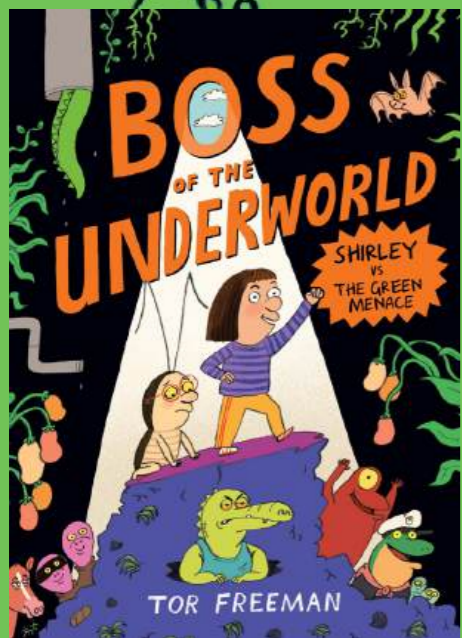
- Commercial, two-colour illustration style combined with an accessible, humorous writing voice
- Suitable for newly independent readers and shared family reading
- Each book includes FOUR stories with a bonus mini-Fido story!

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Tom McLaughlin
TITLE: *Alan, King of the Universe*
AGE: 7+
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB and PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 7,500 approx.
EXTENT: 160pp
PRICE: £12.99 (HB); £8.99 (PB)
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 4
PUB DATE: Book 1: February 2025;

Book 2: February 2026;
 Book 3: February 2027;
 Book 4: February 2028
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: David Higham Associates





BOSS OF THE UNDERWORLD

SHIRLEY VS THE GREEN MENACE

Hilarious full-colour graphic novel series by the award-winning Tor Freeman, perfect for fans of Jamie Smart's *Bunny vs Monkey*.

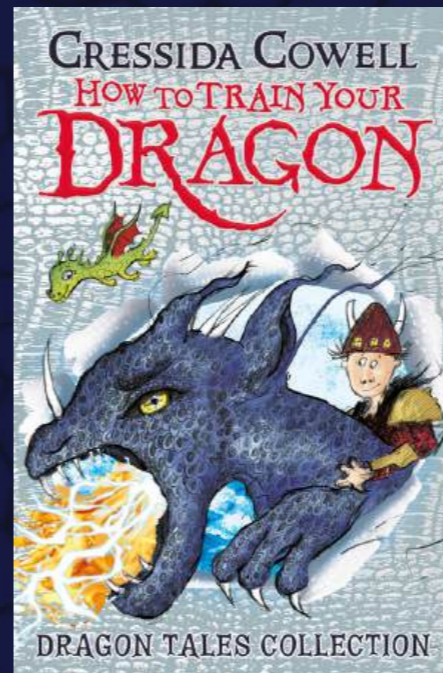
Shirley doesn't want to fight the boss of the Underworld. No, Shirley thinks it's much better to leave the vanquishing to someone else. Unfortunately, the annoyingly quirky inhabitants of the Underworld have other ideas. Soon, Shirley is off on an epic journey with her new friend, a giant cockroach called George. They'll triumph over all the dangers of the Underworld ... or there'll be disastrous consequences!

- Tor's work has huge international appeal: her work has already been published in 29 territories worldwide
- Award-winning author-illustrator Tor Freeman has been awarded the Sendak Fellowship, and won the Observer/Cape/Comica graphic short story prize
- Tor honed her craft with a comic in the *Phoenix* weekly magazine, alongside the likes of Jamie Smart

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Tor Freeman
TITLE: *Boss of the Underworld: Shirley vs the Green Menace*
AGE: 7+
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB

SIZE: 210 x 148 mm
WORD COUNT: Graphic novel
EXTENT: 160pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1: March 2025; Book 2: January

2026; Book 3: June 2026
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group



DRAGON TALES COLLECTION

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

An exciting collection of three tales from the world of *How to Train Your Dragon*.

This collection contains: *The Day of the Dreader* in which the Isle of Berk is stalked by a deadly sea dragon called the Big Dreader; *How to Train Your Viking* in which Toothless gives his best tips on training a human; and *When the Windwalker Changed* in which Hiccup's very own Windwalker enters his chrysalis stage. Presented as a deluxe paperback, this is a perfect gift for all fans of Hiccup and Toothless.

- Cressida Cowell has sold over 16 million books worldwide in 42 languages
- *How to Train Your Dragon* is a major DreamWorks Animation film franchise, as well as being made into a TV series on Netflix and CBBC
- The *How to Train Your Dragon* live-action movie is set to be released in June 2025, and there is a new theme park opening in Florida in 2025



AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Cressida Cowell
TITLE: *How To Train Your Dragon: Dragon Tales Collection*
AGE: 7+
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB

SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 20,000 approx.
EXTENT: 224pp
PRICE: £7.99
PUB DATE: October 2024
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: David Higham Associates

How to ROLLER SKATE with ONE LEG



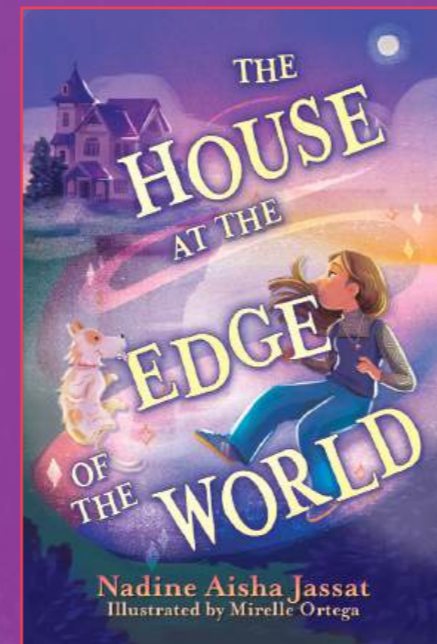
Funny, uplifting middle-grade story that celebrates friendship, family and overcoming adversity.

Maya Bright has spent months recovering from a car accident – and the loss of her leg. Now, she’s finally going back to school. But to Maya’s dismay, her best friend, Sophie, has ditched her for a group of cool girls. When Maya finds a list she made before her accident, of things she wants to do before she’s thirteen, she’s determined to do everything on it – even if some challenges are more difficult with a prosthetic leg. The last thing on the list is throwing an amazing thirteenth birthday party, so Maya can show Sophie what she’s missing!

- Sensitive depiction of disability from an own-voices perspective – the author is a journalist who has been a disability campaigner since losing her own leg
- An uplifting and relatable story for all readers, centring on friendship group changes
- A follow-up title will publish in spring 2026

AUTHOR: Ella Dove
ILLUSTRATOR: Jennifer Jamieson
TITLE: *How to Roller Skate with One Leg*
AGE: 9+
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 46,000
EXTENT: 256pp
PRICE: £7.99
PUB DATE: March 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 C&W Agency/Arena Illustration



A page-turning contemporary middle-grade mystery about saving the family home, overcoming anxiety and learning to speak up.

When Amal’s family inherit a new home on a mysterious cliffside, they think all their dreams have come true. That is until a stranger arrives claiming she is the true owner of the house, and she has plans to tear it down. Amal has no choice but to push through her own anxiety and prove her family are the rightful owners. But can she find enough evidence in time to stop her home being destroyed?

- No one else combines heart and intrigue the way Nadine Aisha Jassat does in her contemporary standalone mysteries
- Beautifully illustrated in black and white, this story has an appealing magical realism twist with an *Encanto*-style magical house
 - Strong themes of family, identity and a central protagonist who overcomes her anxiety



AUTHOR: Nadine Aisha Jassat
ILLUSTRATOR: Mirelle Ortega
TITLE: *The House at the Edge of the World*
AGE: 9+
IMPRINT: Orion Children’s Books

FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 45,000 approx.
EXTENT: 320pp
PRICE: £7.99
PUB DATE: May 2025

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD ACROSS BACKLIST: Portuguese (PT)
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 The Bent Agency





SPY FOX

AND AGENT FEATHERS

Can a crafty fox and a genius chicken complete an epic rescue mission... without one of them getting eaten? A funny action-adventure story from bestselling children's author Dermot O'Leary.

Charles Fox is one of Britain's very best spies. He's dashing, he's clever . . . but he can't stop chasing chickens! When his French cousin goes missing in action, along with some vital war plans, Charles is forced to pair up with a genius code-breaking chicken called Gertrude for the mission. Featuring a castle break-in and a race against time to stop plans falling into the wrong hands, this wartime tale will make you laugh and cry.



- Glorious black and white illustrations throughout by Claire Powell
- Dermot O'Leary is one of Hachette Children's Group's top selling authors
- This is a standalone story, but sits brilliantly alongside *Wings of Glory*, which was Dermot's first Second World War-inspired adventure

AUTHOR: Dermot O'Leary
ILLUSTRATOR: Claire Powell
TITLE: *Spy Fox and Agent Feathers*
AGE: 9+
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB
SIZE: 216 x 153 mm
WORD COUNT: 17,000

EXTENT: 192pp
PRICE: £12.99
PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD FOR *Wings of Glory*: French
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: John Noel Management/Hachette Children's Group

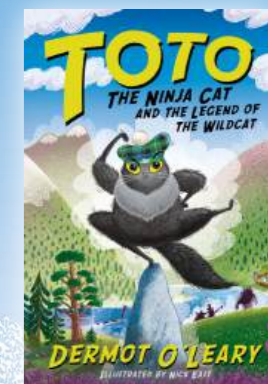
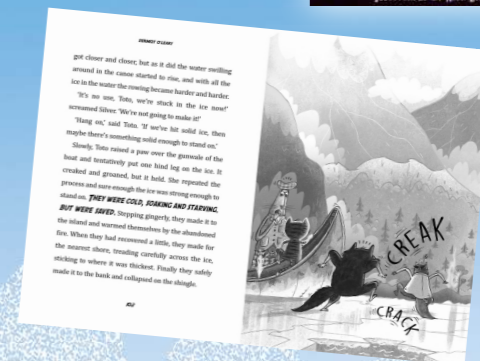
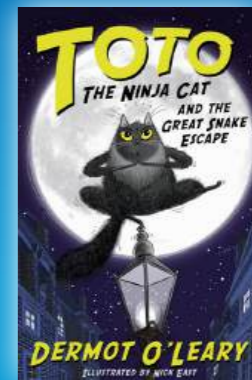
TOTO

THE NINJA CAT

Toto, a fluffy grey cat, is almost totally blind. Her owners think she is an ordinary pet, but when they're not around she's busy having adventures!

Toto learned to trust her senses from a ninja-cat-master and now, together with her brother and a whole gang of friends, she solves mysteries, fights crimes and protects both the animal and human world with her ninja skills!

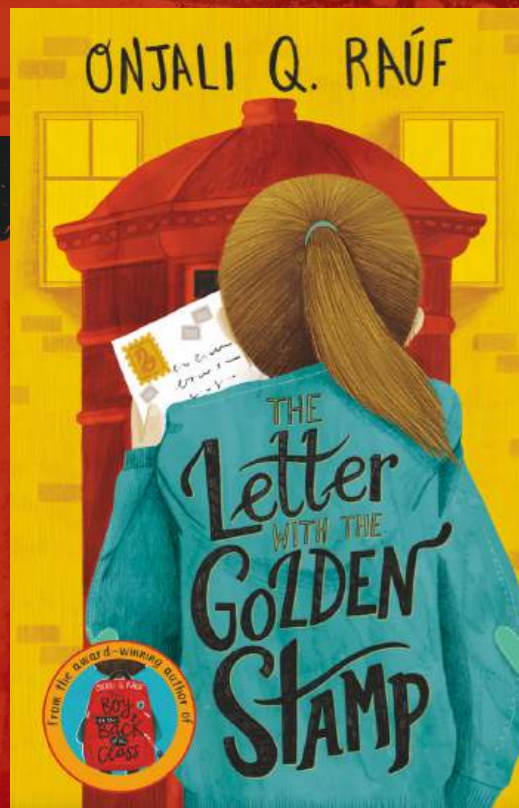
- Bestselling five-book series with sales of over 270,000 copies in the UK and 500,000 copies including export, rights sold in 18 languages and counting, and another title coming in 2025!
- Displaying an empowering way of depicting visual disabilities—through the lens of a resilient cat who can adapt to any situation, and with hilarious black and white illustrations throughout from Nick East
- Optioned by Jellyfish Pictures for an animated TV series, release date to be confirmed



AUTHOR: Dermot O'Leary
ILLUSTRATOR: Nick East
TITLE: *Toto the Ninja Cat*
AGE: 7+
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: B format

WORD COUNT: 20,000
EXTENT: 224pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 6
PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Castilian, Chinese

(Simplified), Czech, Farsi, French, German, Macedonian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (PT), Portuguese (BR), Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group



THE Letter WITH THE GOLDEN STAMP

Told with humour and heart, this incredible story brings into focus the hardships and worries of young carers, alongside the unexpected, invisible sources of kindness that can change their lives.

No one would ever guess that 10-year-old Audrey is a nurse and doctor for her mam, the family food shopper (and sometimes shoplifter), a medicines collector and even bedtime-reader for her younger siblings. But when Audrey's mam gets sicker, it's up to Audrey to get help, and her box of stamps has given her a genius idea . . .

- Onjali's titles have sold over a million copies, have been translated into over 22 languages and won countless prizes, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize
- Accessibly addresses the difficulties faced by children with caring responsibilities, while also showing the power of community and a helping hand
- It's estimated that millions of young children around the world have caring responsibilities at home

AUTHOR: Onjali Q. Rauf
TITLE: *The Letter with the Golden Stamp*
AGE: 9+
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 129 x 198 mm
WORD COUNT: 57,000 approx.

EXTENT: 336pp
PRICE: £7.99
PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Peters Fraser and Dunlop

ONJALI Q. RAUF



Onjali Q. Rauf is a British Muslim women's rights activist and the founder of Making Herstory, a charity that aspires to mobilise men, women and children of all backgrounds to take action against gender-based abuses and crimes both in the UK and beyond. Onjali Q. Rauf has recently been awarded an MBE for her services to literature and women's rights.

The Boy at the Back of the Class has sold over 750,000 copies and has been translated into 22 languages



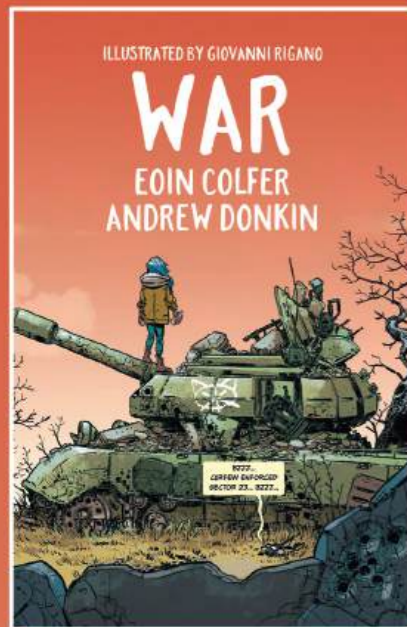
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 45,000/60,000/55,000/58,000
EXTENT: 320pp/336pp/304pp/320pp
PRICE: £7.99

PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US
RIGHTS SOLD ACROSS ALL TITLES: Albanian, Arabic, Castilian, Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, Farsi, French, Georgian, German, Italian,

Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Slovak, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, Welsh
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Peters Fraser and Dunlop

IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: HB
SIZE: 252 x 193 mm
WORD COUNT: 40,000
EXTENT: 256pp
PRICE: £20
PUB DATE: Published

WAR

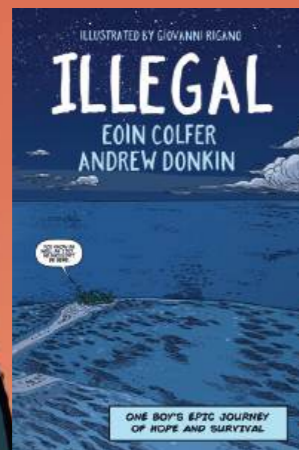
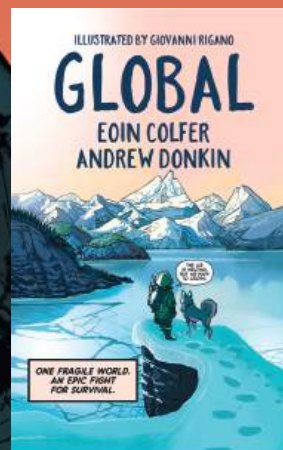


A powerful graphic novel about the effects of war on children – from the award-winning team behind *Global* and *Illegal*.

Teenager Kat suddenly finds her life ripped apart when her city is invaded, her family divided and her father taken captive. Adam has been forcibly conscripted into the invading army. When their worlds collide, can they trust each other long enough to win freedom for Kat's father? *War* is not a story about any one specific war. It is a story about the effects of each and every war on the most vulnerable group of people in the world – children.



- *Illegal* won the Judges' Special Award at the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year Awards
- *Global* has been nominated for multiple awards including the 2024 Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration
- From Eoin Colfer, author of bestselling, award-winning *Artemis Fowl* series; Andrew Donkin, who has written over sixty books; and graphic novels, and illustrated in full colour by award-winning Giovanni Rigano



AUTHOR: Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin
ILLUSTRATOR: Giovanni Rigano
TITLE: *War*
AGE: 9–11
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB and PB
SIZE: 260 x 170 mm

WORD COUNT: 3,000
EXTENT: 144pp
PRICE: £16.99 (HB); £12.99 (PB)
PUB DATE: April 2026
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD ACROSS BACKLIST: Castilian,

Chinese (Simplified),
French, German (Educational edition), Italian, Korean,
Polish, Slovene, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Sophie
Hicks Agency



Swoony slow-burn and cinematic romance set in New York, perfect for YA/crossover fans of *One Day* and *Normal People*.

What if the universe wants them to be together, but they're too messed up to notice? A rookie model navigating the dizzying bright lights of the New York fashion world meets a hot but troubled college dropout with a broken heart. Audrey and Ezra's connection is instant, irresistible, and all-consuming. But when she's confronted with the darker side of the fashion industry and his past proves impossible to outrun, will it be enough?

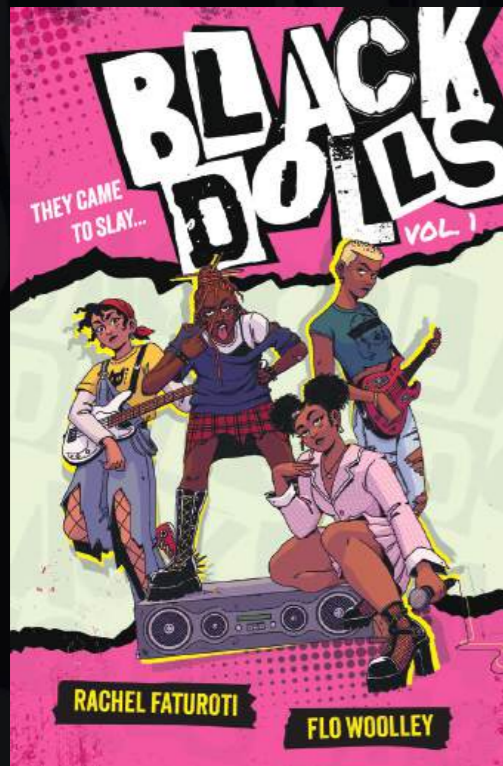
- Aspirational realism in cinematic NYC setting with perennial appeal of YA protagonists in an adult world finding their First Great Love Story
- Hook-laden, trend-led commercial contemporary fiction tapping directly into BookTok tropes: 'he falls first'; 'grumpy x sunshine' 'will they, won't they'!
- Bea Ingalls is a debut author who works as a bookseller, and the talented illustrator of her own book's cover. Her second standalone title coming in 2026!

AUTHOR: Bea Ingalls
TITLE: *We Used To Be Magic*
AGE: YA
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 80,000
EXTENT: 352pp
PRICE: £9.99
PUB DATE: January 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Castilian, French, German,

Hungarian
LICENSING/
MERCHANDISING/
FILM/TV: The Blair
Partnership

WE USED TO BE MAGIC



BLACK DOLLS

Explosive YA graphic novel about finding your tribe and figuring out your identity in a world that tries to define you.

Jada dreams of smashing rules with pop-punk group Black Dolls. But life is continual drama as they battle overbearing families, identity questions, sabotage and media exploitation in the fight to keep their dream alive. There's hooky intrigue, nepotism, frenemies, influencers and a ton of rivalry! Can Black Dolls take over the music industry? Or will they crash and burn before they skyrocket . . .

- Powerful, punchy, ambitious Black female-led cast – from an own-voices author passionate about championing Black representation
- Edgy, dynamic punky illustrations by exciting new talent Flo Woolley
- *Sadé and her Shadow Beasts* was shortlisted for Reader's Choice, Diverse Book Awards 2023, and the author won the Phoenix Award 2024 for *The Boy in the Smoke*



AUTHOR: Rachel Faturoti
ILLUSTRATOR: Flo Woolley
TITLE: *Black Dolls*
AGE: YA
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: PB

SIZE: 234 x 153 mm
WORD COUNT: graphic novel
EXTENT: 240pp
PRICE: £12.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2
PUB DATE: Book 1: July 2025;

Book 2: July 2026
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: ASH Literary Limited/
 Hachette Children's Group



A poignant YA LGBTQ+ graphic novel about self-discovery, skateboarding and finding your true community of friends, perfect for fans of *Heartstopper*.

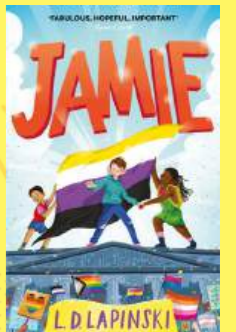
At school, Elliott gets bullied for being 'different to other girls' whereas at the skate park, everyone welcomes Elliott, presuming they're male – but neither label feels right. Elliott's worlds collide at a sports expo where the school netball team and skate crew are competing. Can Elliott find the courage to share what they've learned about non-binary identity? Will best friend Kate or the skateboarding crew accept Elliott for who they are? And Ryan, the skater who Elliott has become increasingly close to romantically?

AUTHOR: L. D Lapinski
ILLUSTRATOR: Logan Hanning
TITLE: *Kick Flip*
AGE: YA
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 234 x 156 mm

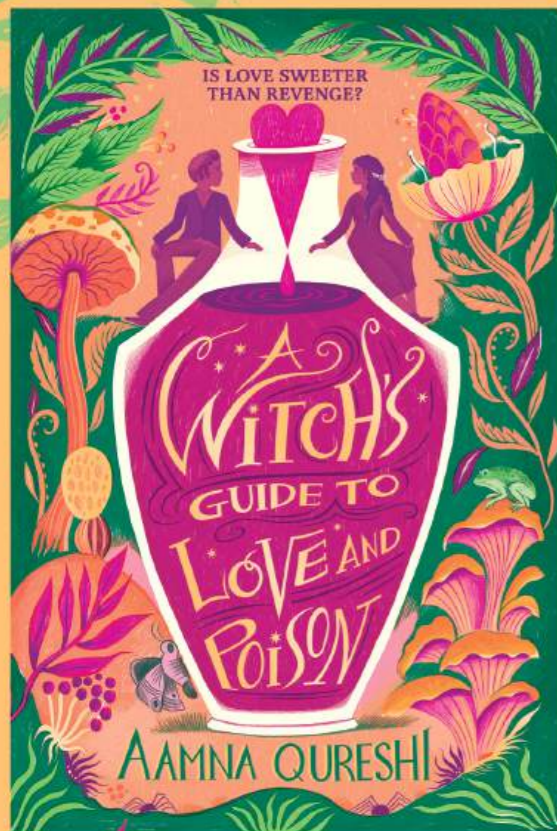
WORD COUNT: graphic novel
EXTENT: 240pp
PRICE: £12.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2
PUB DATE: Book 1: June 2025; Book 2: June 2026
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD ACROSS BACKLIST: Castilian,

Catalan, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Norwegian, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Rogers, Coleridge and White Ltd/Hachette Children's Group

KICK FLIP



- An inclusive, truly warm and hopeful own-voices narrative illustrated with expressive, free-flow skate-inspired black and white graphics
- First in a duology with more gentle romance, identity exploration and real-life narrative in book two
- L. D. Lapinski is one of the most important children's and YA authors writing queer stories today



A WITCH'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND POISON

Charming and addictively romantic cosy YA fantasy set in a richly imagined Enchanted Forest.

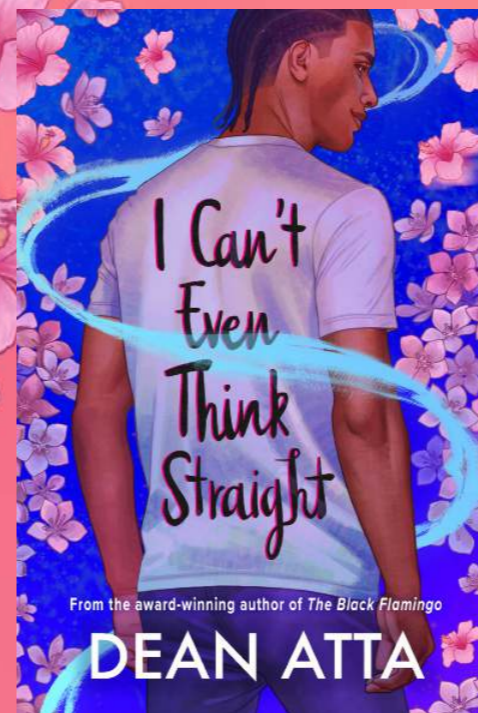
Bisma, a garden witch with a penchant for potions, knows three things to be true: the Enchanted Forest will always be her home; she would go to the ends of the Earth to protect her sisters; and Xander Chapman, the charmingly handsome son of the apothecary, is the most irritating guy she's ever met.

When her sisters are poisoned, Bisma will need to put her feelings aside and enlist Xander's help to find out who is responsible and save the only family she has, before it's too late.

- A rich and beautiful tale of magic, romance and found family with a unique Pakistani twist
- Aamna Qureshi is an award-winning author who is passionate, creative and has built a platform and cult following of dedicated readers
- Taps into the cosy YA fantasy trend which is currently hugely popular on BookTok

AUTHOR: Aamna Qureshi
TITLE: *A Witch's Guide to Love and Poison*
AGE: YA
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB and PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 88,000 approx.

EXTENT: 368pp
PRICE: £18.99 (HB); £14.99 (PB)
PUB DATE: March 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 Hachette Children's Group



A must-read queer coming-of-age story written in verse, for fans of Sarah Crossan and *Sex Education*.

Kai has some big decisions to make: when to come out as gay, what he wants to do in life and who he wants to date. Is it any wonder he can't think straight? Best friends Matt and Kai made a promise to each other to stay in the closet as Matt isn't ready to come out. But Kai decides it's time to break that promise and finally show them his true self. Now out and proud, Kai starts dating super-hot Obi, but it's far from smooth sailing. Is love closer to home than Kai realises?

I Can't Even Think Straight



AUTHOR: Dean Atta
TITLE: *I Can't Even Think Straight*
AGE: YA
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 33,000 approx.
EXTENT: 368pp
PRICE: £8.99
PUB DATE: June 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD ACROSS BACKLIST: French, German,

- Stonewall Award-winning, Carnegie-shortlisted author of *The Black Flamingo*
- This book builds on Dean's reputation as an authentic voice for LGBTQ+ inclusive stories
- Dean is a National Poetry Day ambassador and LGBT+ History Month patron who lives in London and is Greek-Cypriot

Polish, Portuguese (BR), US, Welsh
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 Lewinsohn Literary Agency



BUZZ CLUB

A brilliantly bold, funny and spicy YA novel about female empowerment and finding your buzz.

When Tavi's boyfriend dumps her, days before her seventeenth birthday, friends Ella and Liss gift her the perfect post-breakup present: a vibrator. It's time for the girls to take matters into their own hands and start Buzz Club, an exclusive club for discussing everything from porn to the patriarchy. But with Tavi still pining after her ex, Ella shutting out her boyfriend, and Liss's secret crush, one hell of a climax is coming – especially when one of the girls breaks the club's number one rule: do NOT talk about Buzz Club...

- Xena Knox is a bold, honest and fiercely feminist new voice in YA fiction who speaks with unapologetic, authentic humour
- A taboo-breaking novel, opening up important conversations about teenage body autonomy and positive female sexual experience
- Debut novel *Sh!t Bag* has been optioned by SquareOne Productions and is in film/TV development

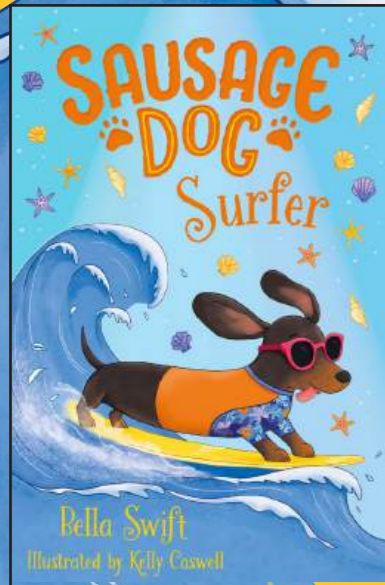


AUTHOR: Xena Knox
TITLE: *Buzz Club*
AGE: YA
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 60,000
EXTENT: 362pp
PRICE: £9.99
PUB DATE: January 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD FOR *Sh!t Bag*: German

LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

5-7 FICTION



SAUSAGE DOG Surfer

Second instalment in a paw-some series for readers age 5+.

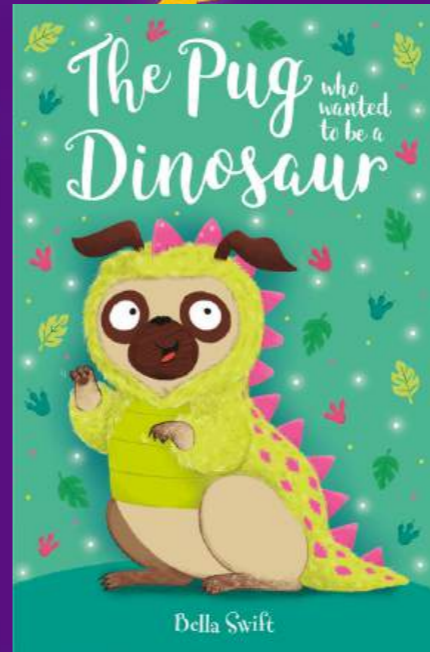


Stanley is off on holiday to the seaside! But he soon finds himself jealous of the cool surfer dogs at the beach. Can Stanley learn to surf and be the coolest dog around, or will he learn that the best dog to be is . . . himself?

- Adorable black line illustrations throughout by Kelly Caswell
- Short chapters are perfect for newly independent readers, or for sharing aloud
- A fun and heartwarming series for dog lovers and fans of Bella Swift, the author of *The Pug Who Wanted to Be A... series*

AUTHOR: Bella Swift
ILLUSTRATOR: Kelly Caswell
TITLE: *Sausage Dog Surfer*
IMPRINT: Orchard
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: B format
WORD COUNT: 11,000 approx.
EXTENT: 160pp
PRICE: £7.99

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1: October 2024; Book 2: June 2025; Book 3: September 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD FOR *Sausage Dog Santa*: Polish, Slovak
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group



The Pug who wanted to be a

The bestselling series of gently humorous stories told from a loveable pug's point of view.

Peggy and her family are off on a camping holiday, and Peggy's best friend, Chloe, is determined to find some dinosaur fossils to show at school. Peggy would do anything to help Chloe and so she embarks on a dinosaur hunt, with hilarious consequences! And if she can't find a dinosaur . . . she'll just have to become one!

- 100,000 copies sold across the series, and rights sold in 11 languages to date
- Relatable and gentle family stories with adorable black and white line illustrations throughout
- Positive and affirming message about being yourself combined with the perennially popular theme of dinosaurs



AUTHOR: Bella Swift
TITLE: *The Pug Who Wanted to Be a Dinosaur*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 11,000 approx.
EXTENT: 160pp
PRICE: £7.99



NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 13
PUB DATE: Books 1–12: Published; Book 13: April 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, Danish, French, Hungarian,

Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Ukrainian, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING//FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group



A brilliantly fun graphic novel series for young readers with full colour illustrations throughout.

Best friends and bugbops Bumble and Snug go on a thrilling, funny adventure when they discover that the three shiny rocks they found are actually dragon eggs! They'll have to work together to help these mini dragons get home. But they're in for a world of chaos when the little dragons fly off... will they be able to find their new friends and help them back to their very worried parents?

- *Dogman* meets *Inside Out* in BIG adventures about BIG feelings. The first four books explore ANGER, EXCITEMENT, SHYNESS and JEALOUSY – but also cover being a good friend, listening, apologising and learning how to be true to yourself
- Over 23,000 copies sold across the series through UK TCM, and rights sold in 13 languages to date
 - *Bumble and Snug and the Angry Pirates* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2022

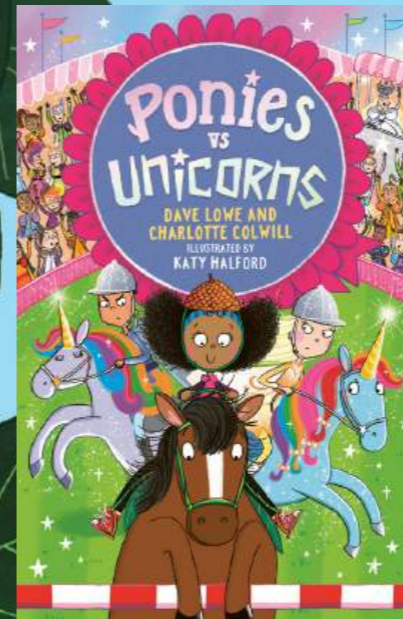
AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Mark Bradley
TITLE: *Bumble and Snug (5): And the Worried Dragons*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 190 x 153 mm
WORD COUNT: 3,500 approx.

EXTENT: 160pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 5
PUB DATE: Books 1–4: Published; Book 5: July 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Castilian, Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Danish, Greek,

Hebrew, Italian, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (BR), Slovene, Turkish, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Darley Anderson Children's Book Agency



Mark Bradley Bumble & Snug



AUTHOR: Charlotte Colwill and Dave Lowe
ILLUSTRATOR: Katy Halford
TITLE: Book 1: *Pixies vs Fairies*; Book 2: *Ponies vs Unicorns*
IMPRINT: Welbeck Children's Books
FORMAT: PB

- A delightfully magical series for readers age 5+
- Characterful black and white artwork throughout by Katy Halford
- Dyslexic-friendly font

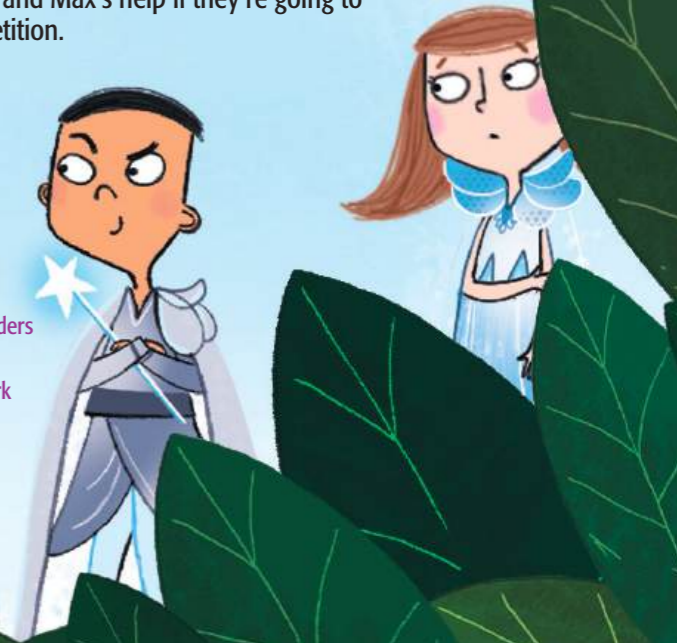
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 10,000 approx.
EXTENT: 112pp
PRICE: £6.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2
PUB DATE: Book 1 and 2: Published

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Danish
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

Pixies vs Fairies

Alice and Max are going on another magical adventure with their pixie friends!

Bran the pixie has challenged the fairies to let their ponies compete in the unicorn showjumping tournament. He is determined to prove that ponies are just as good as unicorns. But if the fairies win, the pixies risk losing their home! The pixies need Alice and Max's help if they're going to stand a chance in the competition.



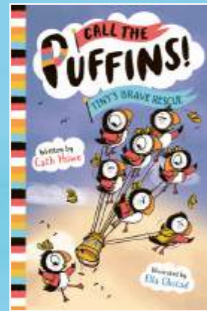
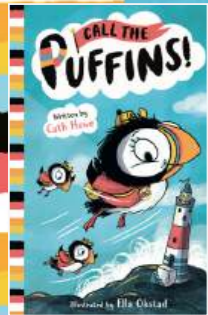
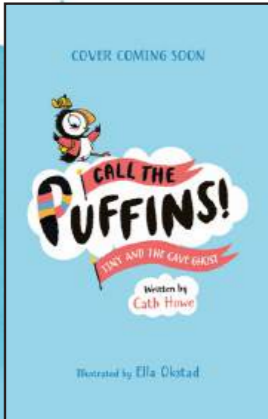
CALL THE PUFFINS!



The last instalment in a delightful four-book series about puffins and teamwork, with gorgeous integrated black and white illustrations.

When a chick goes missing, the young rescue puffins must venture into the dark and spooky caves to search for her. What if the legend of the ghost puffin that haunts these caves is true? Tiny and his friends work together to conquer their fears, rescue the chick and lead everyone to safety.

- Ideal for young readers moving on from picture books to chapter books
- Warm and engaging storytelling with a traditional feel and themes of teamwork and resilience
- Written by Carnegie Medal nominee Cath Howe and illustrated by Ella Okstad, creator of the *Squishy McFluff* series



AUTHOR: Cath Howe
ILLUSTRATOR: Ella Okstad
TITLE: *Call the Puffins! Tiny and the Cave Ghost*
IMPRINT: Welbeck Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 8,000
EXTENT: 176pp/128pp/112pp/128pp
PRICE: £6.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 4
PUB DATE: Book 1–3: Published; Book 4: January 2025

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Anne Clarke Literary Agency/Hachette Children's Group



FAIRY FOREST SCHOOL

A magical fairy school series about helping animals and looking after nature that's perfect for newly independent readers, from the creative home of the bestselling *Rainbow Magic* series!

Join Poppy Merrymoss and her friends at the Oakwings Academy, a beautiful fairy school in the trunk of an old oak tree. Filled with nature, friendship and fairies, these enchanting adventures for readers aged 5+ have important tips for kids on how to look after animals and the natural world around them.

- Fairy school adventures with a focus on the natural world is a winning combination
- Featuring charming black and white interior illustrations from Paula Franco
- With a cast of diverse fairy characters and adorable animals, this series is set in a magical miniature world tailor-made to appeal to readers of 5+

AUTHOR: Olivia Brook
ILLUSTRATOR: Paula Franco
TITLE: *Fairy Forest School*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 8,000 approx.
EXTENT: 128pp
PRICE: £6.99

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 6
PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Serbian, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

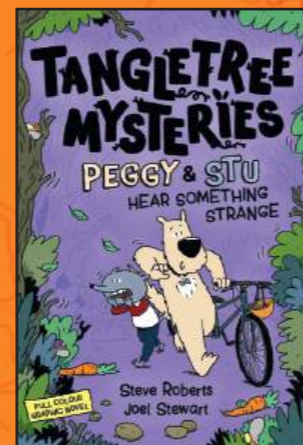
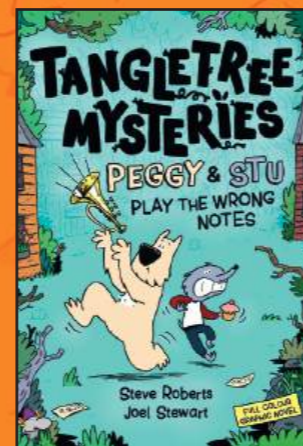
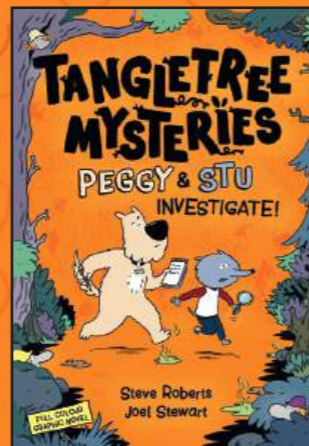


TANGLTREE MYSTERIES

A charming and uplifting colour detective series in graphic novel style for readers aged 5+, perfect for fans of *Bumble and Snug* and *Isadora Moon*.

No mystery is too tricky to solve for Peggy the dog and her faithful sidekick, Stu the shrew! In book 2, can they discover why a trumpet has developed a life of its own? And what evil plan has a new dentist got in store for the townspeople? In book 3, can Peggy and Stu find out what keeps making mysterious noises in the forest? Or why the vegetables are acting strange at the Tangletree Annual Vegetable Growing Contest?

- The *Tangletree Mysteries* series focuses on humour, friendship and empathy – but with plenty of action too!
- With two full-colour stories in each book, this series is gentler in tone than many other graphic novels
- The authors and illustrators have collaborated before on various TV animations, and Joel has also illustrated for Julia Donaldson, Michael Rosen and Michael Bond



AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Steve Roberts and Joel Stewart
TITLE: *Peggy and Stu Investigate; Peggy and Stu Play the Wrong Notes; Peggy and Stu Hear Something Strange*
IMPRINT: Welbeck Children's Books
FORMAT: PB

SIZE: 210 x 142 mm
WORD COUNT: 2,000
EXTENT: 128pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1–2 Published; Book 3: June 2025

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: United Agents

RABBIT & BEAR

Bestselling series with a classic feel, beautiful illustrations and a funny story in each book – ideal for readers moving on from picture books.

Rabbit and Bear are best friends. They couldn't be more different, but they are always ready to learn from each other. Once Rabbit has calmed down, anyway! These are the funniest stories around, but always with a deeper meaning to them – we enjoy Rabbit and Bear discovering life's big lessons, and some facts about nature along the way . . . with a little bit of poo, too.

- 34 rights deals to date, and 230,000 copies sold through UK TCM!
- Laugh-out-loud series from a dynamic creative partnership in a beautiful smaller format, with single-colour insides that represent the seasonal setting of each book
- Simple language and stories, with more complex ideas to entertain adults and give depth to the telling



AUTHOR: Julian Gough
ILLUSTRATOR: Jim Field
TITLE: *Rabbit and Bear*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB and PB
SIZE: 181 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 6,000 approx.

EXTENT: 112pp
PRICE: £10.99 (HB); £6.99 (PB)
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 6
PUB DATE: Books 1–6: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Basque, Bulgarian, Castilian, Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Croat, Czech, Danish, Dutch,

Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Nepali, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovene, Turkish, Ukrainian, US, Vietnamese, Welsh
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Kingsford Campbell/United Agents

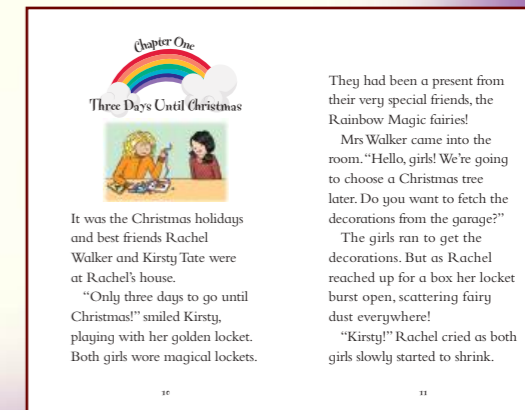
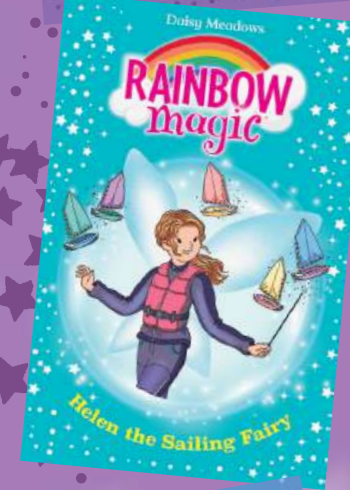
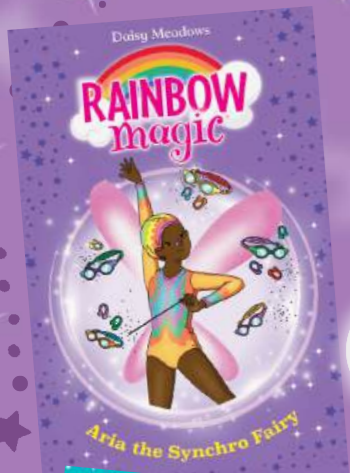
RAINBOW Magic™

The bestselling series for readers 5+ has sold over 40 million copies worldwide. A classic series full of fairies, adventure and friendship.

Rachel, Kirsty, Gracie and Khadijah share a wonderful secret – they are friends with the fairies! Together they have many adventures in Fairyland where they help to defeat Jack Frost and his naughty goblins who are always causing trouble.

The *Rainbow Magic* Early and Beginner Readers bring the magical fiction series to younger readers with abridged retellings of stories in the core series and age-appropriate language endorsed by a literacy consultant.

- Rights have been acquired to make *Rainbow Magic* into a TV series
- There are 27 Early Readers available, and over 300 titles in the *Rainbow Magic* series, covering popular themes and trends such as gaming, sports, STEM and helping the environment
- *Rainbow Magic* is written by a collective of experienced writers under the name Daisy Meadows



AUTHOR: Daisy Meadows
TITLE: *Rainbow Magic*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: Series: 4,000; Specials: 9,000;
 Bind-ups: 18,000
EXTENT: Series: 80pp; Specials: 160pp; Bind-ups:
 320pp

PRICE: Series: £5.99; Specials: £6.99; Bind-ups: £9.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: Fiction series: 300+;
 Beginner readers: 8; Early readers: 19
PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Greek, Portuguese (PT), Slovak,
 Turkish, Ukrainian, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 CPLG on behalf of IoM and DHX WW

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HORRID HENRY

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Number one for fiendish fun! Join Horrid Henry in two more bumper books of mischief.

Horrid Henry is everyone's favourite troublemaker – children everywhere love reading about how he plays pranks on his little brother, Perfect Peter, and gets into mischief at school. Discover how Henry spends his summer holiday, then enjoy a collection of spooky stories!

Horrid Henry has sold over 30 million copies worldwide in over 30 languages and is a hugely successful animated TV series, broadcast in over 90 countries.

Each bumper collection contains six illustrated stories on a seasonal theme plus a bonus joke and activity section.



Francesca Simon is an award-winning author and a passionate advocate for children's literacy.

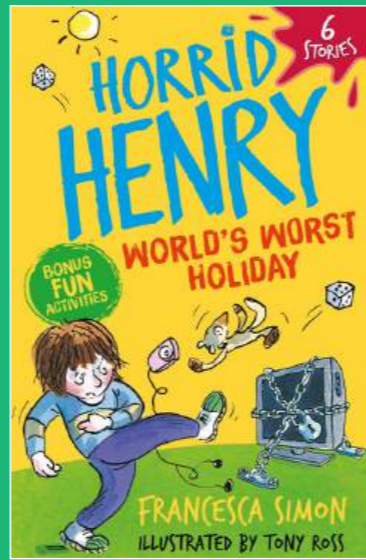


Tony Ross is a hugely popular illustrator, best known for illustrating the works of David Walliams.

AUTHOR: Francesca Simon
ILLUSTRATOR: Tony Ross
TITLE: *Horrid Henry: World's Worst Holiday; Horrid Henry: Monster Mayhem*
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: Chapter books: 7,500; Bumper collections: 14,000

EXTENT: Chapter books: 144pp; Bumper collections: 224pp
PRICE: Chapter books: £6.99; Bumper collections: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN THE CORE SERIES: 25
PUB DATE: *World's Worst Holiday:* Published; *Monster Mayhem:* October 2024
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Castilian, Chinese (Simplified), Croat, Czech, Estonian, Faroese, French, Gaelic, Georgian, Greek, Hebrew, Icelandic, Italian, Korean,

Norwegian (audio) Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish (LAME), US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Novel Entertainment Limited



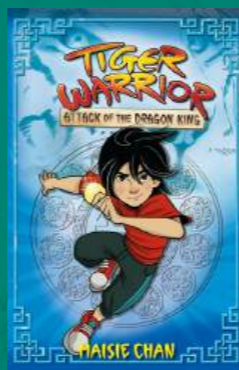


TIGER WARRIOR

A thrilling action-adventure series with the magical power of the Chinese zodiac. Perfect for fans of *Percy Jackson* and *Adam Blade*.

When Jack's grandpa gives him a magical jade coin, Jack finds himself caught in an ancient battle between good and evil. For he is the Tiger Warrior, and it's up to him to save the world! Luckily, Jack has the spirits of the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac to help him.

- Commercial, high-concept action-adventure series
- Rich backdrop of Chinese mythology with black and white line art throughout
- Maisie Chan is a British Chinese children's author with a passion for storytelling and for Chinese myths and legends. She is the winner of the 2022 Jhalak Children's Prize and the 2022 Branford Boase Award



AUTHOR: Maisie Chan
TITLE: *Tiger Warrior*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 12,000 approx.
EXTENT: 144pp
PRICE: £6.99

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 6
PUB DATE: Book 1-6: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Castilian, Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, Swedish, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group



Graphic Novel Stories

CLAUDE

Alex T. Smith



Meet Claude, the ordinary dog with an extraordinary life! A bestselling and award-winning adventure series – adapted for TV on Disney Junior!

- Claude has sold over 900,000 copies worldwide in 28 languages
- Illustrated in two-colour throughout, *Claude in the City* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Alex T. Smith has also won the UKLA Picture Book Award, the Sainsbury's Children's Book Prize and a World Illustration Award
- Several TV tie-ins published with titles ranging from picture books and activity books to comic collections

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Alex T. Smith
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB and PB
SIZE: 181 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 3,000
EXTENT: 96pp
PRICE: £8.99 (HB); £6.99 (PB)
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 10
PUB DATE: Published

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Afrikaans, Bulgarian, Castilian, Chinese (Complex), Chinese (Simplified), Finnish, Georgian, Greek, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese (ex Brazil), Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Slovene, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, US, Welsh

LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group/Sixteen South

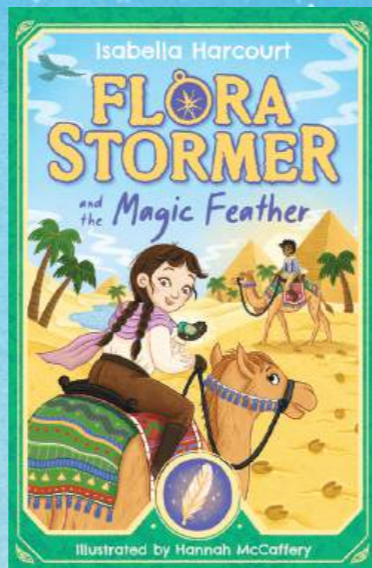
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FICTION

FLORA STORMER

A magical and self-affirming adventure story with a neurodiverse heroine.

On a holiday to Egypt, Flora Stormer has a brush with death when she finds an ancient amulet and meets Rana, the ghost of its former owner! Rana needs Flora's help – she's afraid tomb raiders will steal the magical feather given to her by the god Horus long ago. The feather's powerful magic would be very dangerous if it fell into the wrong hands . . . Suddenly, Flora's relaxing Nile cruise becomes a race across the desert as she searches for Rana's hidden tomb. From angry hippos to lethal booby traps, there is danger at every turn as Flora tries to find the feather and protect it for eternity.

- A magical, action-packed adventure story with stunning black and white illustrations by Hannah McCaffery
- Own voices - like her heroine, Isabella Harcourt has Tourette's syndrome
- Musicians such as Lewis Capaldi and Billie Eilish have raised awareness of Tourette's syndrome



Book 2: October 2024; Book 3: April 2025; Book 4: October 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/ FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

AUTHOR: Isabella Harcourt
ILLUSTRATOR: Hannah McCaffery
TITLE: *Flora Stormer and the Magic Feather*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 22,000
EXTENT: 208pp per book
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 4
PUB DATE: Book 1: Published;

ACTION DUDE

A full-colour, three-book graphic novel series from the million-copy-selling creator of *The Bunny Suicides*.

Action Dude lives for danger and excitement. He's always jumping out of helicopters, crashing ships and running along the tops of cranes. He's nine years old and the bravest action hero there ever was. Except that he's terrified of spiders. (But don't ever tell anyone that!) Each of the three books contains a different high-octane adventure: first a theme park full of robots goes haywire, then aliens threaten to destroy the world, and finally a massive mutant shark is on the loose. It's all in a day's work for ACTION DUDE!

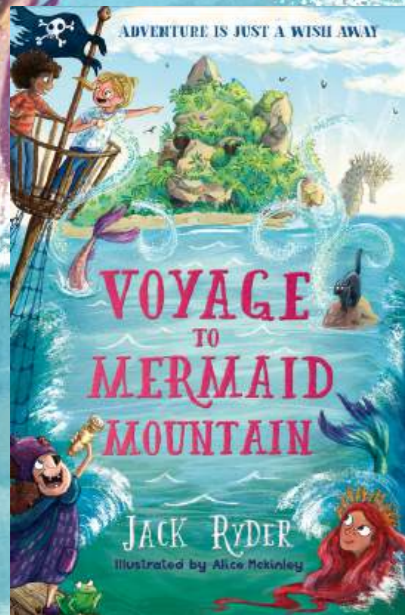
- Graphic novel series packed with Andy's unique art style and accessible humour
- Andy's previous successes include the million-copy-selling *The Bunny Suicides* series (for adults) and *King Flashypants* (for children), which has sold in 21 languages
- For readers of *Wimpy Kid*, *Kitty Quest* and *Dogman*



AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Andy Riley
TITLE: *Action Dude; Action Dude and the Massive Shark; Action Dude: Holiday on the Moon*
IMPRINT: Welbeck Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 5,000
EXTENT: 144pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1–3: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Castilian, Catalan,

Czech, Dutch, Italian, Turkish
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/ FILM/TV: Curtis Brown Group



VOYAGE TO MERMAID MOUNTAIN

A magical journey to the bottom of the sea in this emotional sequel to *WISH*.

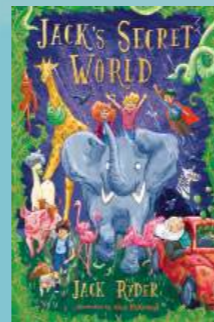
When Pixie discovers the whereabouts of a wish-giving mermaid, she realises this is the only chance she has of being reunited with her missing parents. So, with her best friend, Wylde, and Nanny Monkton – a real life pirate captain! – she sets sail on the good ship *Green Ruby* to find her. But Pixie and her companions know they must face many challenges before they reach Mermaid Mountain. Do they have the courage to prevail?



AUTHOR: Jack Ryder
ILLUSTRATOR: Alice McKinley
TITLE: *Voyage to Mermaid Mountain*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 19,400
EXTENT: 176pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2
PUB DATE: Book 1–2: Published

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US and Canada
RIGHTS SOLD: Portuguese (PT)
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Intertalent Rights Group/Hachette Children's Group



AUTHOR: Tom Easton
ILLUSTRATOR: Steve Brown
TITLE: *Mummy Wrap Battle*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 16,000
EXTENT: 192pp

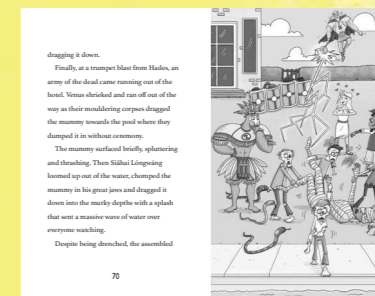
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 4
PUB DATE: Book 1–4: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

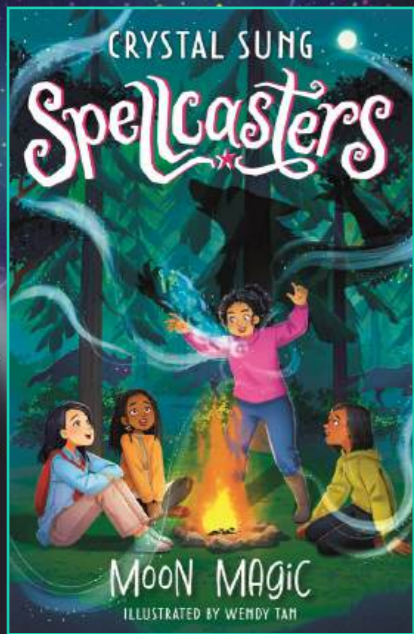
HOTEL OF THE GODS

Check in to *Hotel of the Gods* – where mythical guests cause magical mayhem!

When Bastet the cat goddess is summoned back to Egypt, Atlas can't resist sneaking into her room. That's a big mistake because he accidentally wakes up a cursed mummy with an appetite for destruction! Chaos ensues, and not even the gods and goddesses who live at the hotel can defeat an enemy that's already dead. They need information, and the only way to get it is by sending in a spy . . . Atlas must go undercover and figure out what the mummy wants.

- Hilarious action-adventure stories
- Diverse cast of characters from world mythology
- Dynamic layouts with hilarious black and white illustrations by Steve Brown



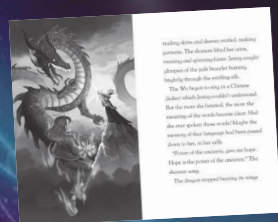


Spellcasters

Four friends channel the magical abilities of their ancestors to protect their community in this empowering, action-packed new series for readers aged 7+.

On a camping trip in the woods, Jenny and the rest of the Spellcasters get to try new activities and tell spooky stories around the campfire. They're thrilled to discover a local legend about werewolves! But after Maya's shapeshifting power goes wrong, her friends fear she could have been changed forever. Luckily Jenny's power of astral projection lets her call on Maya's ancient Egyptian ancestor, and their combined magic saves Maya from a terrible fate.

- A four-book series with exciting magical adventures starring a diverse group of friends – perfect for readers of 7+ who love adventure, magic and girl power
- Celebrates cultural heritage, positive thinking and the magic of friendship
- Debut author with a fresh and authentic voice; illustrated throughout by Wendy Tan



AUTHOR: Crystal Sung
ILLUSTRATOR: Wendy Tan
TITLE: *Spellcasters: Moon Magic*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 21,000
EXTENT: 272pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN THE SERIES: 4
PUB DATE: Book 1–2: Published; Book 3: November 2024; Book 4: March 2025

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Storymix Ltd

INDIGO WILDE

Enter the colourful world of Indigo Wilde and the magical creatures she looks after at Jellybean Crescent! A wonderfully wild series for 7+ fans of *Pippi Longstocking* and *Amelia Fang*.

Indigo and her little brother, Quigley, live in a house full of magical creatures that her parents have taken in over the years. Watch out for the next Monster Mail delivery! Whatever the creature is, Indigo and Quigley are ready for an adventure – it might be an invisible fire-breathing wabbit, a winged moon bear or a GIANT with a problem . . .

- Beautifully designed, with outstanding full-colour artwork throughout
- First book in series won the Alligator's Mouth Award
- Ideal for parents to read to their children and for new readers to read alone



AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Pippa Curnick
TITLE: *Indigo Wilde*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB and PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 10,000/12,500/13,000
EXTENT: 160pp/160pp/160pp
PRICE: £9.99 (HB); £5.99 (PB)

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Books 1–3: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Castilian, Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Korean, Romanian, Russian
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group





MOONLIGHT RIDERS series by Linda Chapman

A six-book series where magical horses learn to harness the power of the elements with their Moonlight Riders, from bestselling author Linda Chapman.

- These chapter books are full of friendship, action and adventure, and feature diverse and modern families with mono illustrations
- At Moonlight Stables the horses have secret magical powers and it's up to their True Riders to help them control them. Amara and her friends have all become True Riders and been on six magical adventures with their horses, defeating the evil Night Riders, discovering new elemental horses and learning how to unify their magic
- Optioned for TV and film by a major production company

IMPRINT: Orchard Books

FORMAT: PB

SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 16,000

EXTENT: 160pp

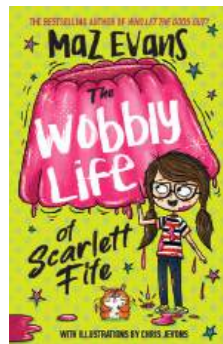
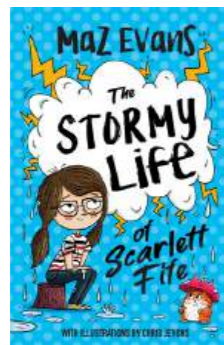
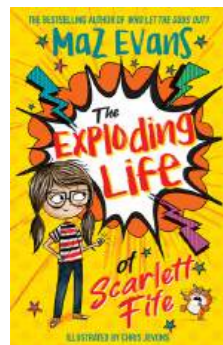
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 6

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, Finnish, Norwegian, Slovak, Swedish, US

LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

9-12 FICTION SERIES



SCARLETT FIFE series by Maz Evans and illustrated by Chris Jevons

Scarlett Fife has BIG feelings, which get her into BIG trouble. From bestselling Maz Evans comes a heartfelt and hilarious series, each book dealing with a different emotion – anger, anxiety and sadness

- Maz Evans' *Who Let the Gods Out?* series has sold over 100,000 copies in the UK and rights have sold in over 15 territories
- Heartfelt and laugh-out-loud funny, this series is perfect for fans of Roald Dahl's *Matilda*
- Black and white illustrations by Chris Jevons

IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books

FORMAT: PB

SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 30,200/32,000/30,000

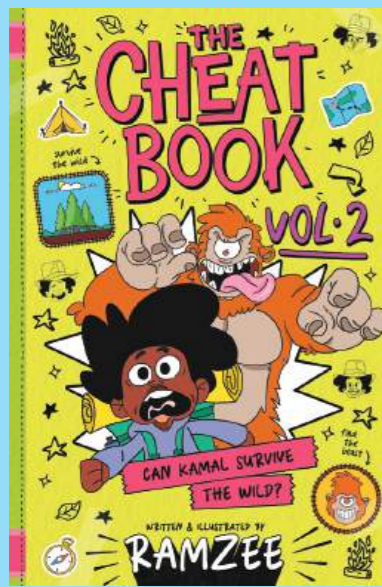
EXTENT: 240pp

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3

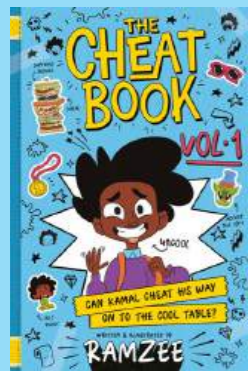
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

RIGHTS SOLD: Norwegian, Polish, Romanian

LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: David Higham Associates/The Bright Agency



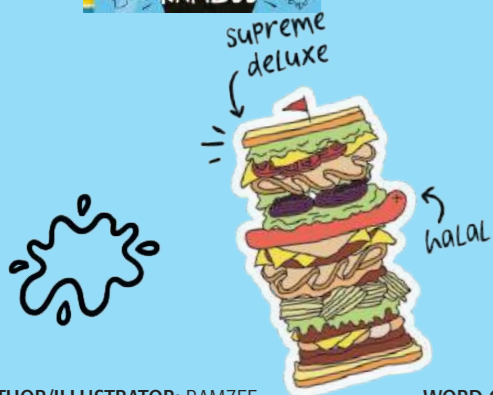
THE CHEAT BOOK



Hilarious guide to being 'too cool for school' (or just cool enough) from brilliant author-illustrator RAMZEE, full of heart and humour.

Kamal's class is going to the woods and Kamal has promised to track down the infamous BEAST OF CRIGGILY WOOD. He throws himself into the wilderness with nothing but his two best friends, his wits and the mysterious Cheat Book... The Cheat Book promises its reader lifehacks for literally any occasion... But can it help Kamal to track down the beast lurking in the shadows, dodge all the poison ivy and make it home in one piece?

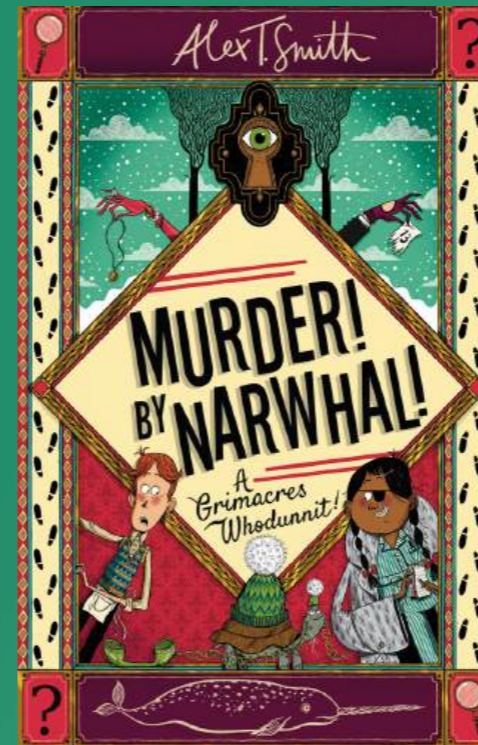
- Perfect for 8+ readers of *Loki*, *Tom Gates* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
- A boy-led project in the younger space with black and white accessible and hilarious illustrations throughout
- RAMZEE is an incredibly talented author-illustrator with an accessible voice and fantastic art style who has written comics for 2000 AD and Marvel



AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: RAMZEE
TITLE: *The Cheat Book (vol.2)*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 25,000 approx.
EXTENT: 240pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1: Published; Book 2: February

2025; Book 3: September 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: The Blair Partnership



MURDER! BY NARWHAL!

A funny, page-turning murder mystery full of eccentric characters and clever clues, perfect for fans of Robin Stevens and *Knives Out*.

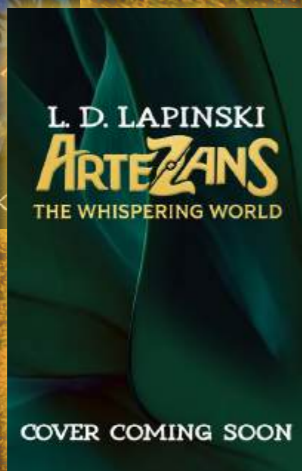
When tyrannical family patriarch Sir Ignatious Gristle is murdered on the eve of his 90th birthday, every one of his gathered family members is a suspect. Trapped by a snowstorm with no way to contact the police, it's up to his granddaughter, Edna, to find out 'whodunnit'.

- From the bestselling author-illustrator of *Mr Penguin*, *The Grumpus*, the *Winston* titles, and the award-winning *Claude* – which has sold in 21 territories, has over 390,000 UK sales and is a successful TV show!
- Funny murder mystery series are perennially popular, and Alex makes the genre his own with this child-friendly take on the classic crime novels of Agatha Christie
- This series marks Alex T. Smith's move into middle-grade and is the first of two titles, with stunning double-page black and white artwork

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Alex T. Smith
TITLE: *A Grimaces Whodunnit: Murder! By Narwhal!*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 70,000
EXTENT: 480pp

PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2
PUB DATE: Book 1: November 2024; Book 2: November 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD FOR *Murder! By Narwhal!*: Polish
RIGHTS SOLD ACROSS BACKLIST: Afrikaans,

Bulgarian, Castilian, Chinese (Complex), Chinese (Simplified), Finnish, Georgian, Greek, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Slovene, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, US, Welsh
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group



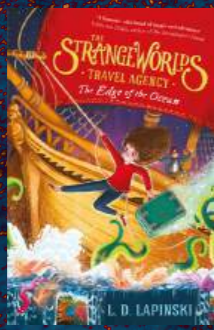
ARTEZANS

THE WHISPERING WORLD

The return to the extraordinary world of Artezans in the electrifying sequel to *Artezans: The Forgotten Magic*.

Twins Elodie and Ed are Artezans of Hidden and Unseen magic and an ominous shared destiny. Ed can control dreams and nightmares, whilst Elodie hears and understands the language of every living thing, including sinister Whispers . . .

Shipwrecked on a remote enchanted isle, they await uncertain rescue as storms rage around them. The islanders are welcoming, but all is not as it seems. Troubled new friend, Laurie, knows more than they are willing to tell. As The Whispers grow louder, Elodie realises nightmarish legends of the past are closer than ever!



- Epic middle-grade fantasy trilogy with brilliantly creative world-building, high-stakes adventure and huge plot twists
- Prolific author authentically writes with inclusive language, LGBTQ+ characters, found family, adoption and blended family themes
- Highly successful bestselling debut series *The Strangeworlds Travel Agency* sold into 17 territories

AUTHOR: L. D. Lapinski
 TITLE: *Artezans: The Whispering World*
 IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 50,000
 EXTENT: 320pp
 PRICE: £7.99
 NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
 PUB DATE: Book 1: Published; Book 2: March 2025;

Book 3: April 2026
 RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 RIGHTS SOLD FOR *The Strangeworlds Travel Agency*: Castilian, Catalan, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Norwegian, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, US
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Rogers, Coleridge & White

'A stupendous, witty, humane fantasy . . . an inventive, compelling world and characters I would die for. L. D. Lapinski is a genius!'

Louie Stowell, author of 'Loki' series

The Sunday Times



THE BIGGEST CHRISTMAS SECRET EVER

A heartwarming and hilarious festive story about a girl who's discovered her stepdad is actually Father Christmas – it's double the Christmas magic with baby Yula in tow!

Harper discovered her mum's boyfriend Nick was Santa Claus two years ago – now their family is one bigger thanks to baby Yula Hall. But baby Yula seems to have Christmas magic she can't control, and people are beginning to notice! The Elf and Safety department think the best option is for Yula to live with them. Can Harper help Nick hide baby Yula's magic and ensure the family stay together?



- With its unique advent-calendar format, this story is great for families to read together in the festive season
- *Jamie* has been nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Award
- Perfect for families with non-traditional structures



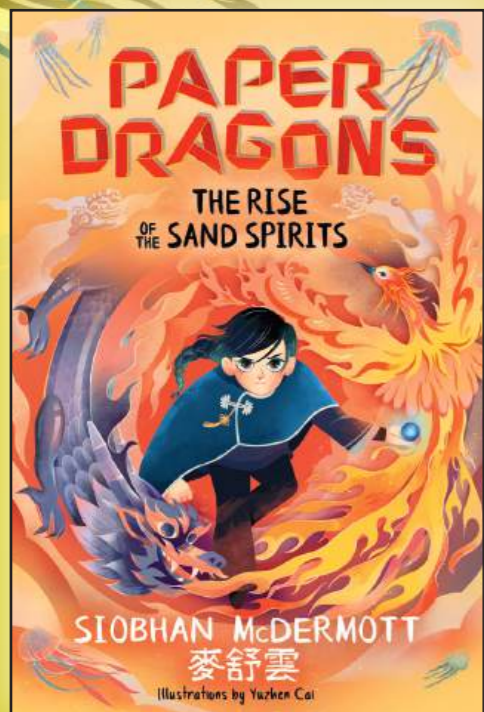
AUTHOR: L. D. Lapinski
 TITLE: *The Biggest Christmas Secret Ever*
 IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm

WORD COUNT: 26,000
 EXTENT: 224pp
 PRICE: £7.99
 NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2
 PUB DATE: October 2024

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 RIGHTS SOLD FOR *Jamie*: Dutch, Swedish, US
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Rogers, Coleridge & White

PAPER DRAGONS

THE RISE OF THE SAND SPIRITS



AUTHOR: Siobhan McDermott
TITLE: *Paper Dragons: The Rise of the Sand Spirits*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 70,000
EXTENT: 368pp

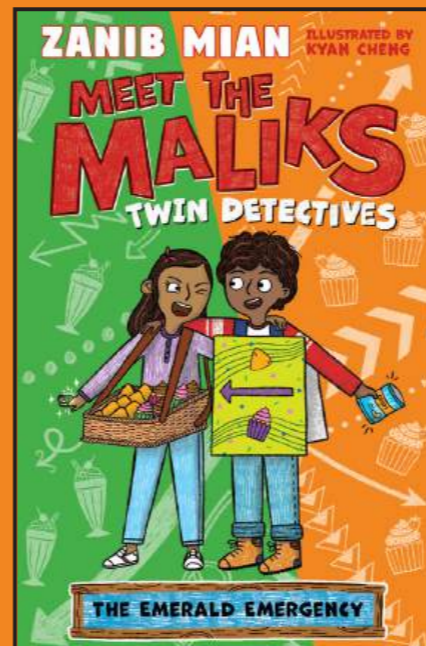
Return to the underwater realm with the highly anticipated second book in the magical Paper Dragons series.

Following the infiltration of Hok Woh and possession of her friends, Zhi Ging sets out on a dangerous mission to find Reishi, the Silhouette Scout, whom she believes has been lured into a dangerous trap. Zhi Ging must fight off dangerous sand spirits, power-hungry enemies and magnificent dragons if she is to save her friends and her new home in the world of the immortals. But as secrets are uncovered and new enemies emerge, can she figure out who to trust?

- The first book in the series, *The Fight for the Hidden Realm*, has sold over 13,000 copies through TCM to date
- A hugely imaginative and commercial series featuring dragons, magic and rich but accessible world-building
- Half Irish and half Cantonese, Siobhan McDermott was inspired to write *Paper Dragons* by her heritage and life



PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1: Published; Book 2: April 2025; Book 3: February 2026
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US and Canada
RIGHTS SOLD: French, German, Italian
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: The Bent Agency



MEET THE MALIKS series by Zanib Mian and illustrated by Kyan Cheng

Meet Maysa and Musa Malik. They might be twins but they are total opposites. Together they make an unstoppable team and must find a priceless emerald ring that goes missing during a fair at the mosque!

- The series gives friendly insight into the life of a normal British Muslim family – and features twin protagonists!
- Infectiously funny and accessible and with black and white illustrations throughout, this story will appeal to readers who love *Tom Gates* and *Planet Omar*
- Zanib's previous series, *Planet Omar*, has sold over 61,000 copies through the TCM including a World Book Day book

AUTHOR: Zanib Mian
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 17,000
EXTENT: 224pp
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch
RIGHTS SOLD FOR Planet Omar: Arabic, Danish, Dutch, German, Italian, Turkish, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group



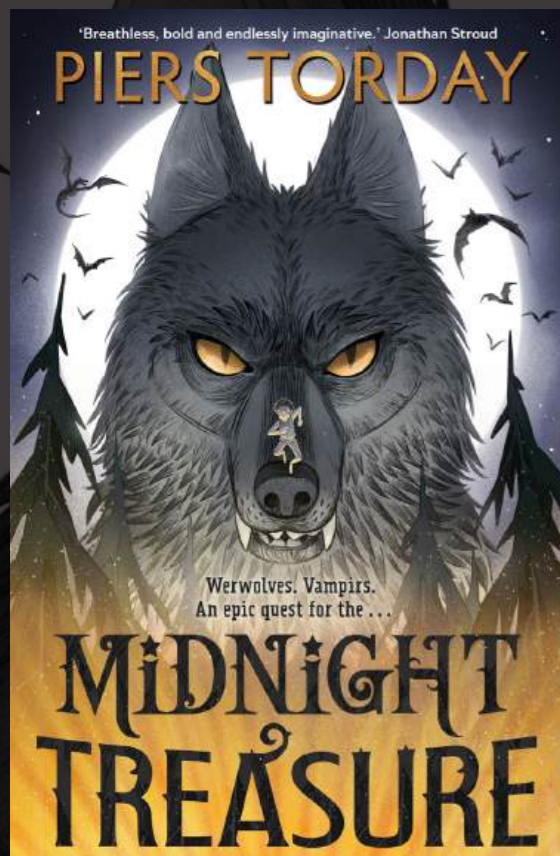
EMBER SHADOWS series by Rebecca King and illustrated by Raquel Ochoa

A heartfelt adventure about two sisters battling to save the landscape of their world from a spreading, poisonous greed before it's too late, perfect for fans of *Alice in Wonderland*.

- Great for girls interested in STEM – Ember Shadows is a keen inventor and she travels through immensely creative magical realms
- Topical and important themes of protecting the environment and thinking of others, approached in a child-friendly way and with beautiful interior illustrations by Raquel Ochoa
- The author is a former journalist with links to Slovakia, and the illustrator is Spanish

IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 50,000
EXTENT: Book 1: 304pp; Book 2: 256pp; Book 3: 336pp

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: The Shaw Agency



MIDNIGHT TREASURE

A breathtaking new fantasy world from the award-winning author of *The Last Wild*, for readers who loved Katherine Rundell's *Impossible Creatures*.

Tibor is a werewolf, adopted by his guardian, a powerful vampir. When Tibor discovers he is doomed by a deadly curse, he and his friend Roza set out to find the only cure: a long-buried treasure with magical powers . . . In this spectacular treasure hunt there will be clues, spells, imprisonments and escapes . . . but above all there will be courage and hope.

- This is an exceptional book, with a strong vampire/werewolf theme underpinned by Piers's family connection to the Transylvanian locations inspiring the story
- Piers Torday's books have sold over 200,000 copies through UK TCM
- Piers's books have been shortlisted for numerous awards, and won the Guardian Children's Book Prize

AUTHOR: Piers Torday
TITLE: *Midnight Treasure*
IMPRINT: Quercus Children's Books
FORMAT: HB
SIZE: 234 x 153 mm

WORD COUNT: 60,000 approx.
EXTENT: 352pp
PRICE: £14.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2
PUB DATE: Book 1: Published; Book 2: October 2025

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Conville & Walsh

THE SPIRITSTONE SAGA



AUTHOR: Sarwat Chadda
TITLE: *Tariq and the Nightmare Kingdom*
IMPRINT: Orchard Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 40,000 approx.
EXTENT: 288pp

PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN THE SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1: Published; Book 2: November 2024; Book 3: May 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

Embark on a quest into the world of dreams . . . and nightmares! Elemental magic and ancient legend combine in this epic conclusion to *The Spiritstone Saga*.

The king and queen of Cernun have sent for Tariq, now a famous seer, because their son has fallen into a mysterious coma. Tariq ventures into the boy's dreams to rescue him from the monsters that have infiltrated his sleep and are attacking the whole northern kingdom. With the help of his friends Livia and Artos, Tariq must find the third spiritstone and use its powerful magic to save the young prince – and the entire world – from the forces of evil.

- Sarwat Chadda is a *New York Times* bestselling author
- This richly imagined story subtly explores themes such as race and class, with a timely message about protecting the environment
- Fantasy is hugely popular, as shown by the success of *Dungeons and Dragons* and *Stranger Things*





THE STORM AND THE SEA HAWK

Unlock the magic in this epic fantasy trilogy from bestselling, award-winning Kiran Millwood Hargrave, for readers of Philip Pullman and Katherine Rundell.

A mysterious earthquake. A rescue mission. And a quest to unlock the earth's most powerful magic. Ysolda has survived her perilous encounter with the wolf queen, but her quest is just beginning. The adventure continues as she travels to Drakken Peak in search of the Ancient Girl, with her faithful sea hawk Nara by her side.

- Kiran Millwood Hargrave's books have sold over half a million copies through UK TCM
- Kiran has won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and a British Book Award. Her novel *Leila and the Blue Fox* recently won the Wainwright Prize for nature writing
- This is the second title in the highly acclaimed new fantasy trilogy



AUTHOR: Kiran Millwood Hargrave
TITLE: *The Storm and the Sea Hawk*
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: HB
SIZE: 234 x 156 mm
WORD COUNT: 67,200

EXTENT: 320pp
PRICE: £14.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1–2 Published;
 Book 3: August 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

'Destined to be a classic'
 GARTH NIX

'A stunning adventure'
 CRESSIDA COWELL



RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, Dutch, French, Polish, Slovak
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Janklow & Nesbit UK Ltd



JAYBEN AND THE DRAGON STONE

The third book in an incredible immersive fantasy series with high-stakes adventure and authentic, own-voices representation of memory loss and epilepsy.

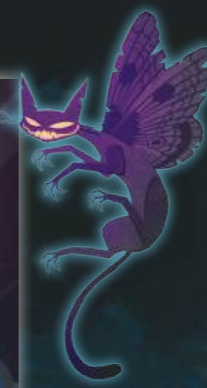
Jayben must defeat the evil villain who has been making everyone in the Elf World forget. But the crystals that give Jayben his power are fading. When Jayben finds a strange stone, he learns that it can transport him anywhere – but it can be dangerous. Learning of a magical elixir that can restore his crystals, Jayben sets out on a quest to find it. But the villain is also racing to get to the elixir. And it seems as if something – or someone – is in Jayben's way.

- Own voices narrative inspired by the author's unique experience of brain injury
- Traditional storytelling voice, quirky humour and unlikely friendships give this the feel of a modern classic
- Strong series arc, enabling us to build a dedicated fanbase



AUTHOR: Thomas Leeds
TITLE: *Jayben and the Dragon Stone*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 62,000
EXTENT: 288pp
PRICE: £7.99

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
PUB DATE: Book 1–2: Published; Book 3: February 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US and Canada
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: The Good Literary Agency





THE STORY OF GREEN RIVER and SWAN'S WARNING by Holly Webb and illustrated by Zanna Goldhawk

From million-copy-selling Holly Webb comes an epic saga in two books about an against-the-odds journey that readers aged 8+ will treasure.

- Modern classics and gorgeously written animal epic stories
- A select number of full-page illustrations by Zanna Goldhawk create maximum visual impact in both books
- Themes such as understanding the point of view of outsiders and coming together as a community are tackled accessibly through the animals' relationship

IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 50,000
 EXTENT: 240pp
 NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Slovak
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: A.M. Heath & Co. Ltd



BELLA BRIGHT AND THE GHOST GAME and BELLA BRIGHT AND THE WITCH TREE by Carolyn Ward

Two ghostly adventures starring Bella Bright and her eclectic friends – expect laughs, tears and a great big dollop of spookiness!

- A spooky middle-grade ghost story, perfect for the Halloween season, with scares that are safe enough for the target audience
- Explores themes of revenge, friendship, family and forgiveness
- This is the follow-up to *Bella Bright and the Ghost Game*, but each can be read as a standalone

AUTHOR: Carolyn Ward
 ILLUSTRATOR: Beatriz Castro
 TITLE: *Bella Bright and the Witch Tree*
 IMPRINT: Welbeck Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 40,000

EXTENT: 304pp
 NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2
 RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Susanna Lea Agency/Advocate Art



THE CROOKHAVEN series by JJ Arcanjo

The fourth book in the 'criminally good' series where students at a secret school are taught to do wrong, so one day they can put the world right.

- Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2024, with rights sold in 15 languages
- This series offers a fresh take on the boarding school setting filled with unique classes like crim-nastics, forgery and reclamation
- Filled with a diverse cast of characters and a main character who reflects the author's own dual-Portuguese and British heritage



IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 68,000
 EXTENT: Book 1: 336pp; Book 2: 336pp; Book 3: 240pp; Book 4: 304pp
 NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 5
 PUB DATE: Book 1–3: Published; Book 4: January

2025; Book 5: August 2025
 RIGHTS AVAILABLE: US
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: The Blair Partnership



HORROR HEIGHTS series by Bec Hill

A fusion of creepy stories with laugh-out-loud humour, this is *Goosebumps* for a new generation by award-winning comedian and TV presenter Bec Hill.

- Easily digestible but with satisfying scares – and enough humour to ensure kids are scared just enough, but not too much
- Accessible format with a dyslexia-friendly font and humorous black and white illustrations
- Bec is a kids' comedy TV writer for several CBeebies, CBBC and Sky KIDS shows



AUTHOR: Bec Hill
 TITLE: *Horror Heights The Slime; Dead Ringer; Now Livescreaming*
 IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 21,000/22,960/21,500
 EXTENT: 192pp

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 3
 RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

Which Way Round the GALAXY

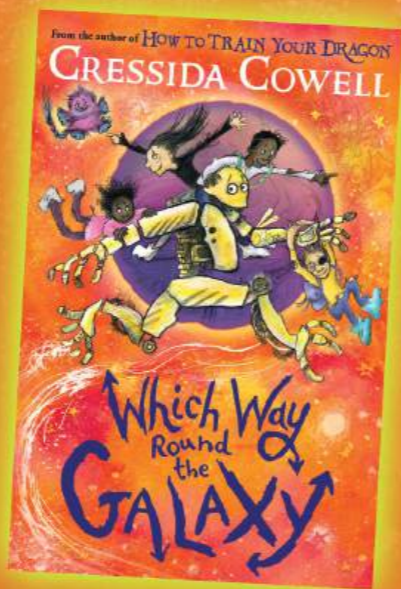
GRESSIDA COWELL

Hold on tight for the sequel in this out-of-this-world new series from former Waterstones Children's Laureate and no.1 bestselling author of *How to Train Your Dragon*.

A Magical Creature lost far from home leads the O'Hero-Smith children on another adventure through the Which Ways and across the galaxy. But by setting off on a secret mission to planet Blink22 to return 'Bug' home, they're heading straight into danger. Can the kids escape venomous snowsnakes, a witch's curse and an army of murderous robots to find their way back through the WHICH WAYS?

Warning: contains dangerous space travel and very illegal magic.

- Cressida Cowell's exciting new series is a story about family and creativity, filled with humour and adventure
- WildBrain have acquired film rights, to be produced by the team behind *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Toy Story*
- Over 50,000 copies of the series have been sold in the UK alone



WHICH WAY TO ANYWHERE
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB
SIZE: 234 x 153 mm
WORD COUNT: 68,000
EXTENT: 432pp
PRICE: £12.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: TBC
PUB DATE: Book 1-2: Published

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US
RIGHTS SOLD: Albanian, Castilian, Catalan, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Korean, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Slovak, Slovene
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: David Higham Associates

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 68,000
EXTENT: 464pp
PRICE: £6.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 12
PUB DATE: Published

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

JUST ANNOUNCED:
NEW LIVE ACTION
HOW TO TRAIN
YOUR DRAGON MOVIE
COMING IN 2025!



Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. The HAIRY HOOLIGAN TRIBE think he's totally useless, but Hiccup is about to face his destiny . . . and one tiny dragon.

Can he prove his worth and become the HERO everyone expects him to be? Or will he be banished forever?

- The *How to Train Your Dragon* series has sold over 11 million books worldwide in 42 languages and is a major DreamWorks Animation film franchise, as well as being made into a TV series on Netflix and CBBC
- The *How to Train Your Dragon* live-action movie is set to be released in June 2025, starring Mason Thames (*The Black Phone*) as Hiccup and Nico Parker (*The Last of Us*) as Astrid
- The series has reached classic status and is beloved of those who grew up reading it

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US
RIGHTS SOLD: Afrikaans, Chinese (Complex), Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, French, Georgian, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Mongolian, Polish, Portuguese (BR), Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Slovene, Turkish, Ukrainian, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: David Higham Associates

THE WIZARDS OF ONCE
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 30,000
EXTENT: 480pp/384pp/384pp/464pp
PRICE: £7.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 4
PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US

The Wizards of ONCE

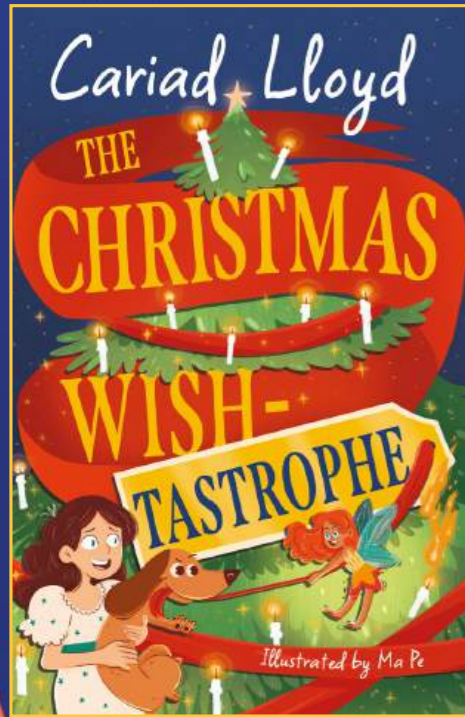


Xar is a Wizard boy who has no Magic and will do anything to get it. Wish is a Warrior girl, but she owns a banned Magical Object, and she will do anything to conceal it. They have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison . . . but they must forget their differences if they are going to defeat the dreadful Kingwitch.

- The *Wizards of Once* series has sold over 600,000 copies so far and has been translated into 38 languages
- DreamWorks Animation has acquired the film rights to *The Wizards of Once* series
- Perfect for both boys and girls who love fantasy adventure

RIGHTS SOLD: Afrikaans, Albanian, Castilian, Catalan, Chinese (Complex), Chinese (Simplified), Croat, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Icelandic, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese (BR), Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Slovene, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, US, Vietnamese, Welsh
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: David Higham Associates

9-12 STANDALONES



THE CHRISTMAS WISH-TASTROPHE

Sparkling fiction full of heart and humour – an unforgettable seasonal story for all the family.

One winter evening, Lydia Marmalade arrives at Lady Partridge's mansion. She has nothing except her sausage dog, Colin, but she's determined to make this her new home. But Lady Partridge isn't at all keen to make Lydia part of the family. If Lydia doesn't behave herself until the end of the winter season, she'll cast her off entirely. Helped (and often hindered) by a winter sprite, a stolen necklace and a hungry Colin, Lydia makes a wish on the most magical night of the year . . .

- As well as her adult non-fiction book, *You Are Not Alone*, Cariad Lloyd is known for her improvisation show, *Austentatious*, and her podcast about grief, *Griefcast*
- This is the first of two Christmas books following the unforgettable Lydia Marmalade, and Cariad's debut for the children's market
- The story follows Lydia as she finds friends, grieves her mother and brings the joy of the festive season to her new family

AUTHOR: Cariad Lloyd
TITLE: *The Christmas Wish-tastrophe*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB
SIZE: 234 x 153 mm
WORD COUNT: 35,000
EXTENT: 304pp

PRICE: £14.99
PUB DATE: October 2024
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Rachel Mills Literary Ltd



The Falling Boy

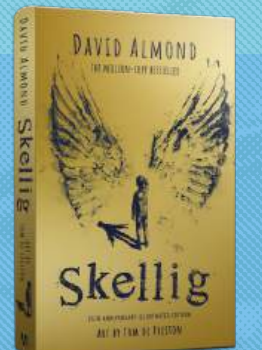
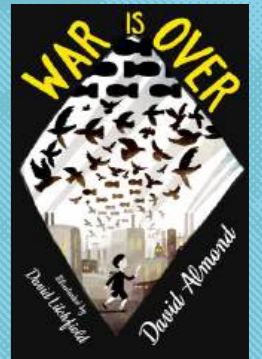
Intense and compelling, this is a brilliant new story from the award-winning author of the bestselling *Skellig*.

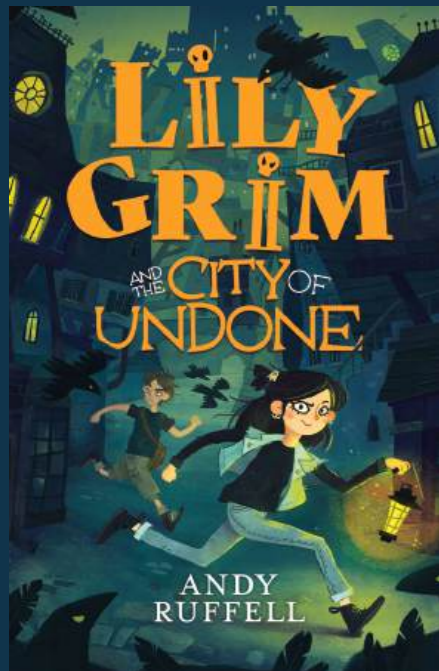
The days are long and hot for Joff. His dad is sick, there's a new kid in town, change is in the air. With his dog, Jet, Joff explores. The Chapel of Doom is always there, ancient and crumbling, with its warning signs and the legend of the Falling Boy. And when Joff goes past those signs, he learns how to use art and friendship to grow and change.

David Almond is a multiple award-winning writer whose work has been translated into 40 languages and adapted for stage and screen. In 2021, he was awarded an OBE for services to literature. In compelling narratives, in prose that is both accessible and hypnotic, David brings to us the magic that exists in the everyday world.

AUTHOR: David Almond
TITLE: *The Falling Boy*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB
SIZE: 216 x 135 mm
WORD COUNT: 40,000
EXTENT: 272pp
PRICE: £14.99
PUB DATE: Published

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: US
RIGHTS SOLD ACROSS BACKLIST: Castilian, Chinese (Simplified), French, Italian, Korean, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Slovak, Slovene, Swedish, Turkish, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Felicity Bryan Associates





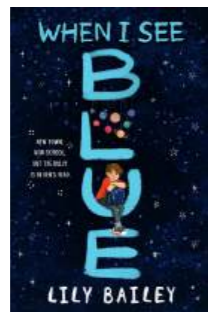
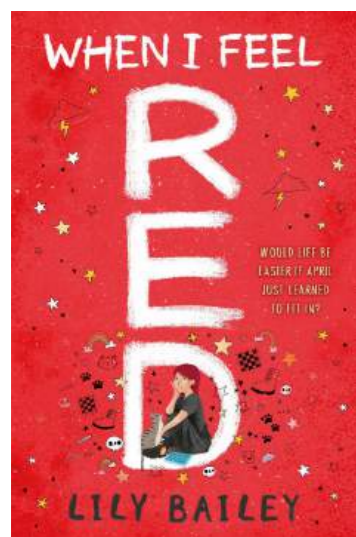
LILY GRIM AND THE CITY OF UNDONE by Andy Ruffell

An original mysterious, gothic fantasy adventure that's perfect for 10+ fans of *Malamander* and *The Uncommons*.

- Lily Grim has lived in the City of Undone for as long as she can remember. But when she discovers she is an Other – someone with special magical gifts – she realises she's in grave danger. Because the Master of the City wants her dead . . .
- Exciting twists and strong themes of acceptance and fighting prejudice
- With map and part title page illustrations in black and white

IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 50,000
 EXTENT: 300pp

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 Hachette Children's Group



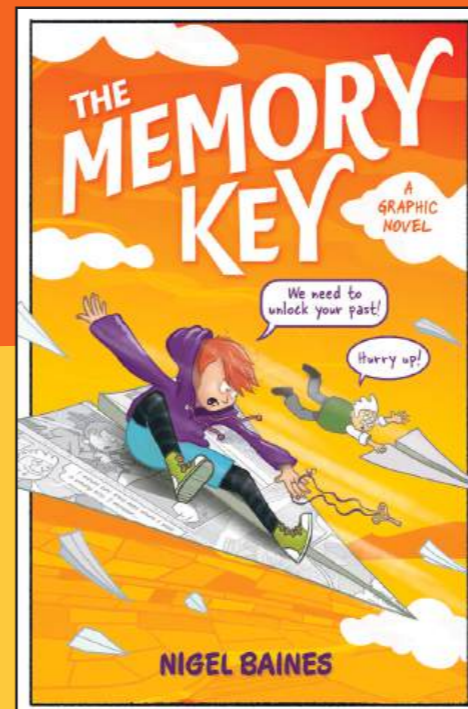
WHEN I FEEL RED by Lily Bailey

An uplifting middle-grade story with a relatable dyspraxic main character that celebrates individuality, identity and finding your place in the world.

- April feels everything to the max and has always struggled with school. Lessons feel like they're in a foreign language, making her brain shut down. As the detentions build up, April wonders if she is doing school wrong? Perhaps life would be easier if she just learned to fit in
- An empowering follow-up to *When I See Blue*, this is another own voices novel with authentic representation of dyspraxia based on author's lived experience
- Reflects the confusing transition from childhood to teenager through the eyes of a relatable character, and offers diverse representation of race, neurodivergence and LGBTQ+ across the cast

IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 68,500
 EXTENT: 368pp
 RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *When I See Blue*: Italian, Korean
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 Writers House LLC



THE MEMORY KEY

An action-packed graphic novel, filled with humour and emotion, about remembering who you are and the bonds that make us.

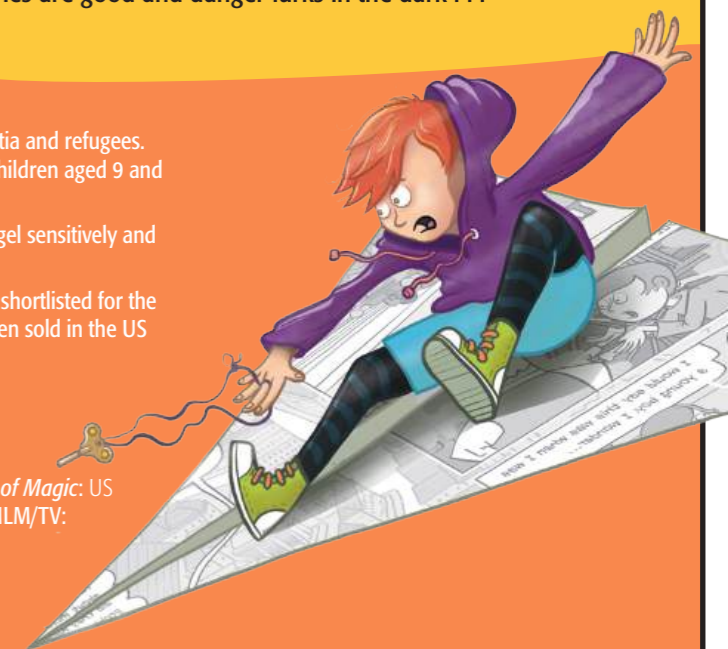
Lately Lily's grandad has been forgetting everything! So when Grandad's toy train comes to life, Lily and Grandad jump on board and revisit his childhood in Hungary. Then they come to a tunnel that Grandad is scared of and Lily knows going through it is the key to making him better. But not all memories are good and danger lurks in the dark . . .



- A black and white graphic novel exploring dementia and refugees. Accessible, funny and moving, this is perfect for children aged 9 and upwards
- Own voices: Nigel's mother had dementia and Nigel sensitively and authentically explores this subject matter
- Nigel Baines's first book *A Tricky Kind of Magic* is shortlisted for the Shropshire Bookfest Big Book Awards and has been sold in the US

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Nigel Baines
 TITLE: *The Memory Key*
 IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 15,000 words approx.
 EXTENT: 224pp
 PRICE: £7.99

PUB DATE: Published
 RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 RIGHTS SOLD FOR *A Tricky Kind of Magic*: US
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 Hachette Children's Group





LEILA AND THE BLUE FOX

Come with an Arctic fox on a breathtaking journey . . . an enthralling story from bestselling, award-winning author/illustrator partnership.

Fox wakes and begins to walk. Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own – finding her way to her mother. On an adventurous journey across the sea, Leila rediscovers herself and the mother she thought she'd lost, with help from a determined little fox.

- Based on a true story, and recent winner of the Wainwright Prize for nature writing
- Kiran Millwood Hargrave's books have sold over 250,000 copies in the UK alone
- Touches upon themes of love, family, identity and inner strength – this compelling, emotional and beautifully illustrated story is perfect for 9+ readers

'Leila and the Blue Fox really is a thing of beauty both inside and out'
A.F. STEADMAN, author of SKANDAR



Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Tom de Freston met in 2009, when Kiran was a student and Tom was artist-in-residence at Cambridge University. They have been a couple and collaborators ever since, but *Julia and the Shark* was their first novel together.

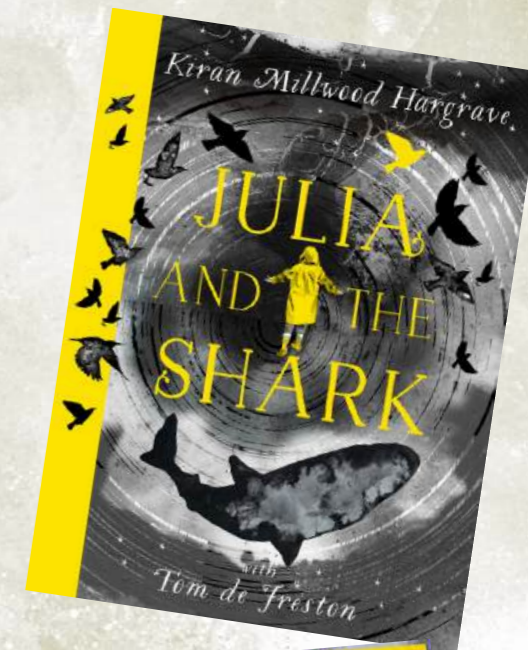
JULIA AND THE SHARK

A captivating, powerful and luminous story about a mother, a daughter and the great Greenland shark.

Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer – her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope . . .

- *Julia and the Shark* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Book of the Year, and chosen as the Waterstone's Gift Book of the Year
- Rights have sold in 19 languages and counting
- A mental health crisis for a parent, experienced from the point of view of a child, is written with warmth and optimism

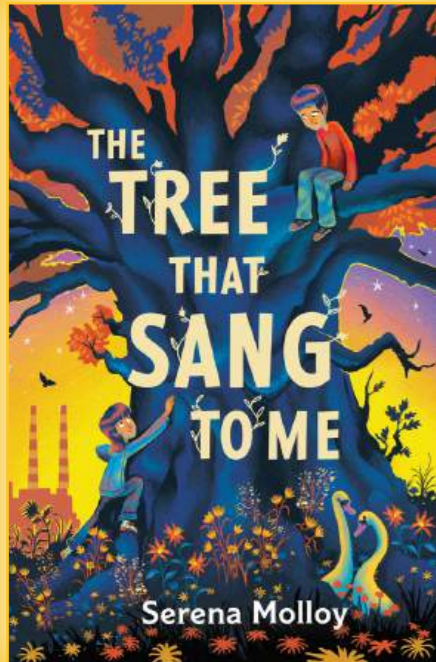
'Deep, beautiful and true. The art shines and the writing soars. A classic from cover to cover.'
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AUTHOR: Kiran Millwood Hargrave
ILLUSTRATOR: Tom de Freston
TITLE: *Julia and the Shark; Leila and the Blue Fox*
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: HB and PB
SIZE: 216 x 153 mm
WORD COUNT: 32,000

EXTENT: 224pp
PRICE: £12.99 (HB) and £7.99 (PB)
PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD FOR *Leila and the Blue Fox*: Castilian, Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, German, Maltese, Slovak, US

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *Julia and the Shark*: Bulgarian, Castilian, Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese (BR), Russian, Slovak, Slovene, Turkish, US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Janklow & Nesbit UK Ltd



THE TREE THAT SANG TO ME by Serena Molloy

A dyslexia-friendly story of friendship, family, self-discovery and the beauty of nature in unexpected places.

- In this inspiring and joyful narrative in verse, Kai is on a poignant journey to realising that he isn't responsible for his older sister leaving home, helped by a new friend
- Serena Molloy's debut of *Wider Than the Sea* was winner of the Ellis Dillon Award for debut children's book at the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards 2024 and was shortlisted for The Week Junior Book Awards 2024 and Brilliant Books Awards 2024
- Fully illustrated with black and white art throughout – emotional and accessible real-life stories

IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 12,000
EXTENT: 240pp
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
Andrew Nurnberg Associates/Hachette Children's Group



THE LOVELY DARK and THE SKY OVER REBECCA by Matthew Fox

Beautifully moving tales of worlds colliding, bravery and second chances, for 9+ readers of Piers and David Almond.

- In *The Lovely Dark*, Eleanor is on a journey to return home from the underworld, in a story of bravery and second chances. In *The Sky Over Rebecca*, Kara discovers Jewish refugees from another time – the Second World War – and has to protect them
- Matthew Fox won the Bath Children's Novel Prize in 2019 – his writing is lyrical and poignant, and he writes stories that really move readers
- 'Fox is a beguiling writer, whose prose cocoons us through the unusual adventures that follow . . . [the twist] left this not-so-young reader close to tears' *The Telegraph* on *The Lovely Dark*

IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 41,206

EXTENT: 272pp
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Bell
Lomax Moreton Agency

TEEN/YA FICTION



YOUNG GOTHIC

Dark and atmospheric gothic horror perfect for fans of *Wednesday* and *Stranger Things*, with deadly secrets and a gruesome mystery . . .

Eve, Griffin, Hal and Ren seek to discover more about their true natures in Transylvania, but children are going missing, townspeople are being brutally killed and a suspicious stranger attaches himself to them. With terrifying twists and turns around every corner, can the group uncover the answers they desperately need, or will this be the end of the Young Gothics?



- Personal fears coming to life and supernatural occurrences
- A fresh take on horror, told through the lens of four young creatives – each from different backgrounds
- M. A. Bennett's other YA series, *STAGS*, has been optioned by Annapurna/Urban Myths Films, has sold over 30,000 copies through TCM and has been sold in 13 territories. She is also the author of *The Butterfly Club* series for readers 9+

AUTHOR: M. A. Bennett
TITLE: *Children of the Night*
IMPRINT: Welbeck Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 99,000 approx.
EXTENT: 464pp
PRICE: £8.99
NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 2

PUB DATE: Book 1: Published; Book 2: February 2025
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Italian, Portuguese (BR)
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Teresa Chris Literary Agency



THE SAD GHOST CLUB

A heartwarming graphic novel series about friendship, compassion and finding your kindred spirits.

When one sad ghost, alone at a crowded party, spies another sad ghost across the room, what happens next changes everything, because they start the Sad Ghost Club. In Volume 4, the club receives an anonymous note from a lonely ghost who is looking for connection. But the ghosts disagree on the best way to help them – especially when no one knows who they are! Can the club find a way to help this lonely ghost?

- The series takes a playful yet profound look at mental health via the metaphor of a person wearing a sheet over their head like a ghost, tackling themes of friendship, identity and the redemptive power of finding your people
- The first three volumes have sold a combined 98,000 copies



AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Lize Meddings
TITLE: *The Sad Ghost Club Vol 4*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 234 x 153 mm
WORD COUNT: Graphic Novel
EXTENT: 240pp
PRICE: £10.99

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 4
PUB DATE: Vol 1–4: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD: Danish, French, Polish, Portuguese (PT), Spanish (LAME), Turkish
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Hachette Children's Group

The Sad Ghost Club's Instagram account has a community of over 600,000 followers around the world



BLACK HEAT

Exile. Rebel. Healer. Three underestimated women, destined to be brought together by revenge in this dark and thrilling new YA fantasy.

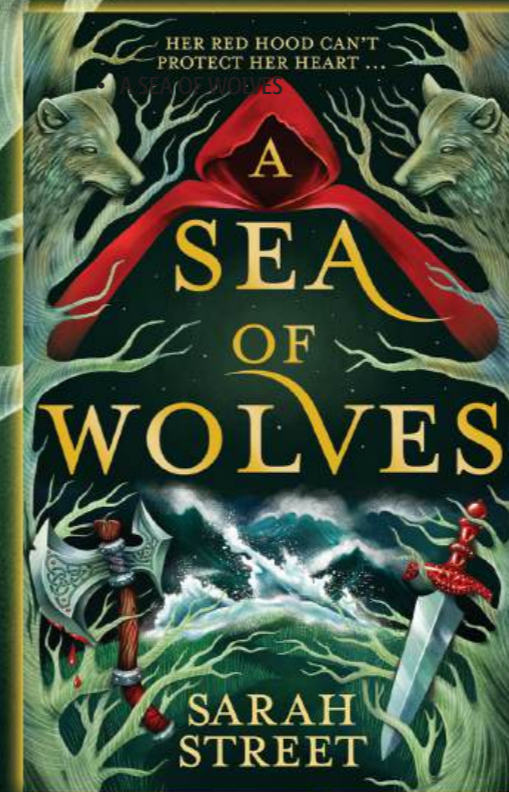
Each young woman wants peace for their country, but in times of war, not everyone fights by the same rules. As their countries burn around them and the stakes of victory rise, each woman will have to decide how far she is willing to go for peace.

But the desire for revenge also burns deep . . .

- A story with one unreliable narrator and a big twist at the end – the unexpected finale of this book will leave readers shocked
- Set between warring kingdoms where power and political intrigue dominate, the three different stories each draw you in to different parts of this fantasy world
- Accessible and commercial, with an appealing enemies-to-lovers romance

AUTHOR: Bex Hogan
TITLE: *Black Heat*
IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 91,000
EXTENT: 384pp
PRICE: £8.99

PUB DATE: Published
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD FOR *The Isles of Storm and Sorrow*: Czech, Hungarian, Indonesian, Russian, Spanish (LAME), Ukrainian.
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Andlyn Agency

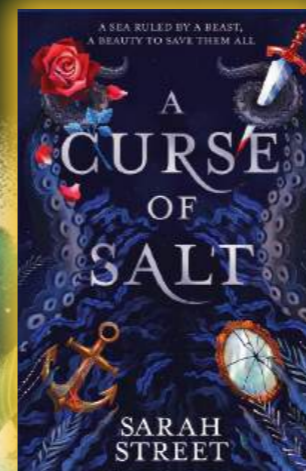


A SEA OF WOLVES

A sapphic enemies-to-lovers romantasy inspired by *Little Red Riding Hood*, brimming with heartbreaking romance and revenge-at-sea.

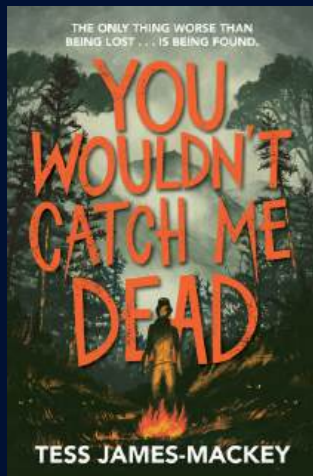
A fifty-year-old treaty between pirates and the city of Bray lies in tatters, so Mersey sets out to free her city from the clutches of the Heartless King. But when her reckless plan fails, she is captured by the world's most notorious pirate crew. As Mersey battles between fighting for Bray's safety and falling into the arms of the ship's cold-blooded first mate, Golde, she's soon caught up in the beginnings of a war.

- High-concept YA fantasy – *Little Red Riding Hood* meets *Pirates of the Caribbean*
- Strong and evocative writing, with an incredibly addictive romance at its core which will appeal to crossover fantasy readers
- Breathtaking and action-packed scenes make this a high-stakes, pacy romantasy



AUTHOR: Sarah Street
TITLE: *A Sea of Wolves*
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: PB
SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
WORD COUNT: 95,000 approx.
EXTENT: 400pp
PRICE: £9.99
PUB DATE: Published

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Peters Fraser and Dunlop



YOU WOULDN'T CATCH ME DEAD and SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU by Tess James-Mackey

Utterly compelling, terrifying thrillers that will have readers on the edge of their seat, from remarkable new author Tess James-Mackey.

- In *You Wouldn't Catch Me Dead*, Keely is roped into a programme that involves camping in the wilderness with five over-keen try-hards. But when they start disappearing and the bodies begin to pile up, Keely has to ask herself: did she run far enough from her past?
- In *Someone Is Watching You*, a game gone wrong sees Nia and her little sister Kayla trapped inside an abandoned prison, and then Kayla disappearing
- Tess's strong and accessible writing voice paired with her vivid imagination makes this an unputdownable read

IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 65,000
 EXTENT: 320pp

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 Curtis Brown Group



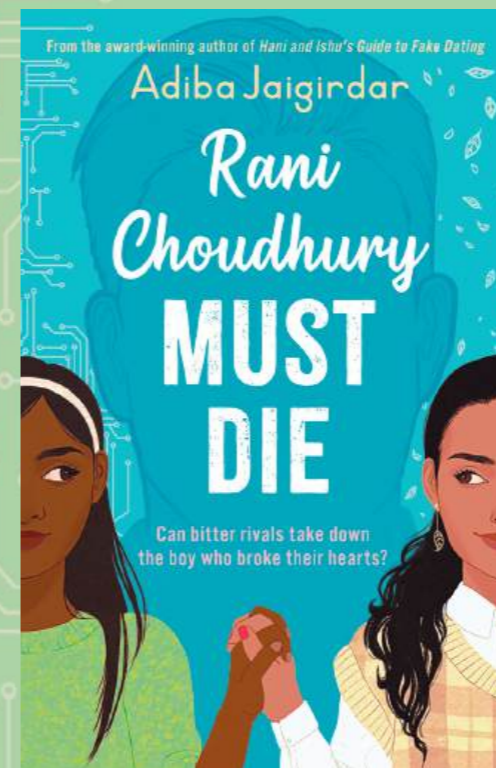
THE DEATHLESS GIRLS by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Gothic, intoxicating, feminist and romantic – this is the breathtakingly imagined untold story of the brides of Dracula, from a bestselling author.

- Kiran is an award-winning author for middle-grade and for adults, and this is her first YA novel. It appeals widely to the YA community and adult readership
- Meets the huge appetite for romantasy YA titles and retellings
- Perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo and Frances Hardinge

IMPRINT: Orion Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 216 x 135 mm
 WORD COUNT: 60,000
 EXTENT: 400pp

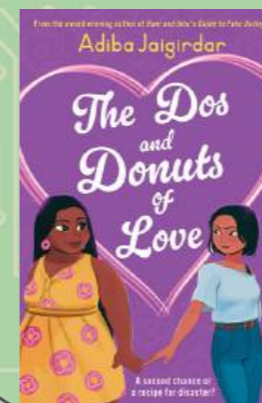
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
 RIGHTS SOLD: French, Italian, Polish, Turkish
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
 Janklow & Nesbit UK Ltd



Rani Choudhury MUST DIE

Rivals team up to get revenge on the boy who wronged them both in this new sapphic YA enemies-to-lovers novel by award-winning author Adiba Jaigirdar.

Meghna and Rani used to be friends. Now they're bitter rivals. Or are they? When Meghna fails to make it to the final round of a competition, but her boyfriend Zak and her rival Rani do, she thinks things can't get much worse. Until she discovers Zak has been cheating on her. With Rani. Soon she realises Rani is also a victim and they team up to expose Zak as a cheater. As the two girls grow closer, they begin to question their feelings for one another . . .



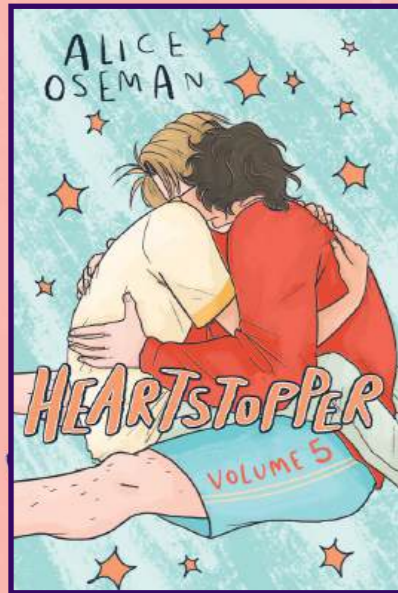
- Adiba Jaigirdar is the winner of the YA Book Prize 2022 and the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards 2021
- Sapphic romance with a commercial hook and accessible voice with an enemies-to-lovers arc
- Adiba's books are warm, inclusive and accessible stories told from a Muslim, Bangladeshi perspective

AUTHOR: Adiba Jaigirdar
 TITLE: *Rani Choudhury Must Die*
 IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
 FORMAT: PB
 SIZE: 198 x 129 mm
 WORD COUNT: 75,000 approx.
 EXTENT: 400pp
 PRICE: £8.99
 PUB DATE: November 2024

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World excluding US
 LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV: Triada US

HEARTSTOPPER

Volume 5



Boy meets boy.
Boys become friends.
Boys fall in love.

The multi-million-copy bestselling series about life, love and everything that happens in between. This is the fifth volume of the global phenomenon: the Heartstopper series.

Nick and Charlie are very much in love. They've finally said those three little words, and Charlie has almost persuaded his mum to let him sleep over at Nick's house . . . But with Nick going off to university next year, is everything about to change?

'Nobody writes teenagers like Oseman'
The Observer



Alice Oseman is an award-winning author, illustrator and screenwriter. Alice is the author of several YA contemporary novels about teenage disasters: *SOLITAIRE* (published when she was 19) and *LOVELESS* (a *New York Times* bestseller). Alice's books have won, been shortlisted or nominated for a number of awards, including the YA Book Prize, the Inky Awards, the Carnegie Medal and the Goodreads Choice Awards. Alice was named the Attitude Person of the Year 2023 and The British Book Awar



Live-action on Netflix;
Season 3
coming in October 2024

FASTEST-SELLING UK GRAPHIC NOVEL EVER!

OVER EIGHT MILLION copies of *Heartstopper* sold worldwide and rights sold in 39 languages to date

- *Heartstopper Volume 5* sold over 100,000 copies in just three weeks, became a UK #1 bestseller across all books and was the fastest-selling UK graphic novel EVER!
- *Heartstopper* has become a cultural phenomenon – it has seen unprecedented growth since its first publication, and it is a *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* #1 bestseller with over 28 weeks in the UK top 10 Children's TCM. The three live-action Netflix TV series are taking it to even higher levels
- In 2023 Alice appeared in *Vogue's* 25 Influential Women and BBC's Top 100 Women; she has won many awards for her writing and illustrating, including Illustrator of the Year at the British Book Awards, the Books Are My Bag awards, the YA Book Prize and an Emmy for her screenwriting on the *Heartstopper* TV show



AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Alice Oseman
TITLE: Heartstopper
IMPRINT: Hodder Children's Books
FORMAT: HB and PB
SIZE: 234 x 153 mm
WORD COUNT: Graphic Novel
EXTENT: 288pp/320pp/384pp/384pp/336pp/
Colouring Book: 96pp/Yearbook: 160pp
PRICE: Volume 1–5: £16.99 (HB); Volume 1–5:

£12.99 (PB); Colouring Book: £9.99;
Yearbook: £14.99
PUB DATE: 1–5, Colouring Book and Yearbook:
Published; Book 6: TBC
RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World
RIGHTS SOLD ACROSS ALL TITLES: Basque,
Bulgarian, Castilian, Catalan, Chinese (Complex),
Croat, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French,
Galician, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian,

Icelandic, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean,
Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (BR),
Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Russian, Serbian,
Slovak, Slovene, Spanish (LAME), Swedish, Thai,
Turkish, Ukrainian, US, Vietnamese, Welsh
LICENSING/MERCHANDISING/FILM/TV:
Rogers, Coleridge & White

CLASSICS IN GRAPHICS

Adapted by Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore



A series of graphic novel adaptations of some of Shakespeare's most famous plays, which will inspire and further a young generation's love of his work.

Each graphic novel has four-colour illustrations and snappy, simplified text presenting Shakespeare's themes clearly. There are introductory materials to help set the scene and context of each story, with extra material at the back exploring themes in the play, the language, Shakespeare's inspirations, the publication and performance of the play in history. They also feature a timeline of Shakespeare's life and works, and much more!

- The wealth of extra material enhances understanding and satisfies curiosity – going above and beyond your typical adaptation
- Fully illustrated with engaging graphic illustrations, commissioned with care to suit each play in its own right
- Designed with dyslexia-friendly fonts and layouts, bringing all readers into the fold of these iconic works

AUTHOR: Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore

TITLE: *Classics in Graphics*

IMPRINT: Franklin Watts

FORMAT: HB

SIZE: 244 x 172 mm

WORD COUNT: 10,000

EXTENT: 112pp

PRICE: £14.99

NUMBER OF TITLES IN SERIES: 6

PUB DATE: *Twelfth Night and Othello*

November 2024

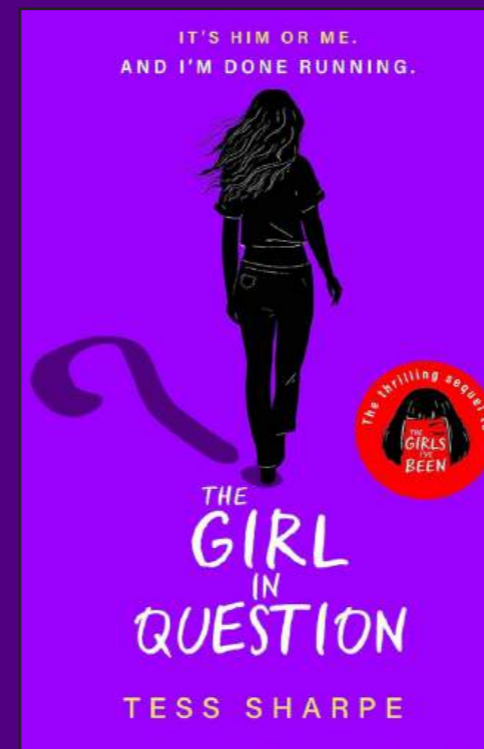
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