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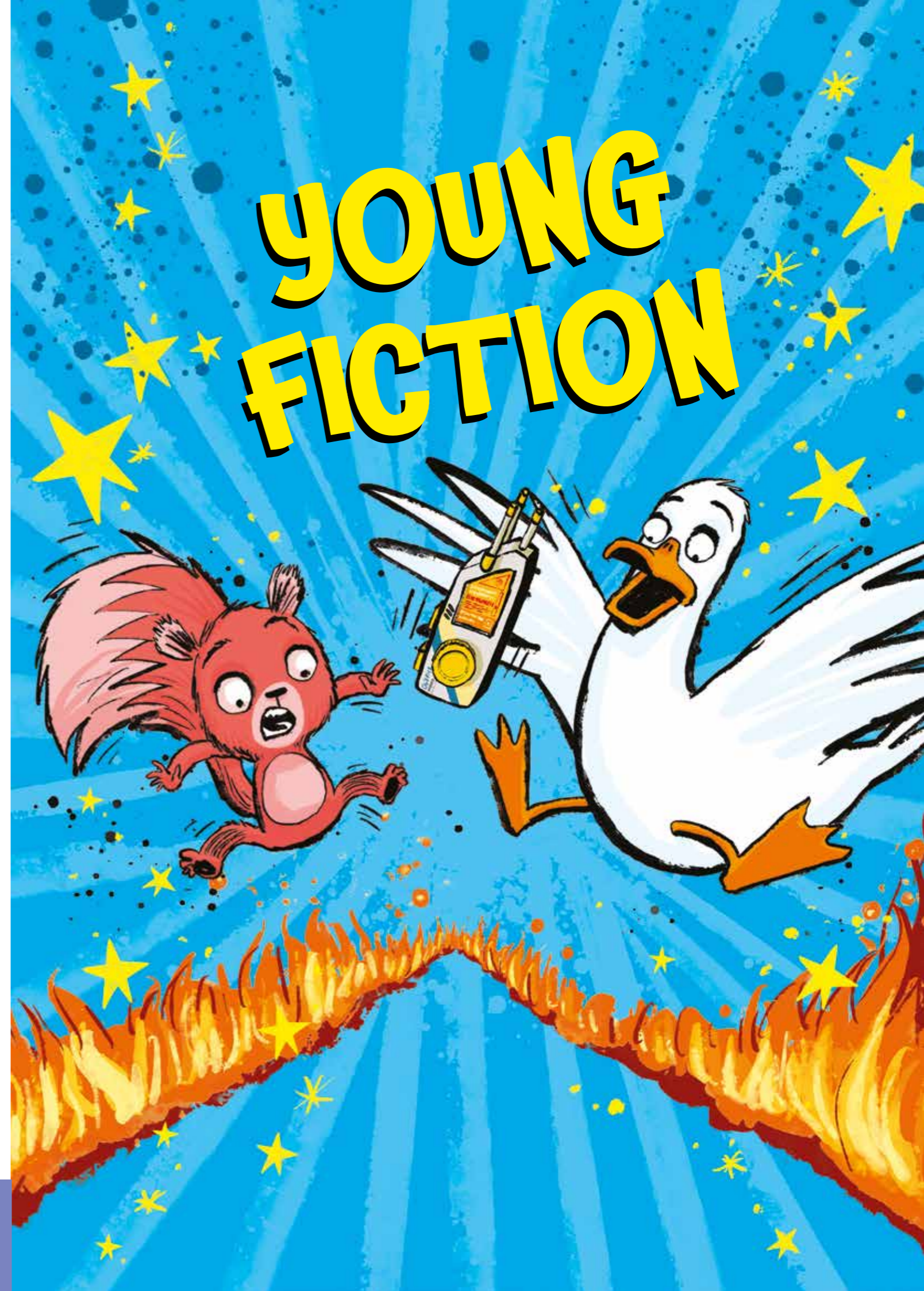
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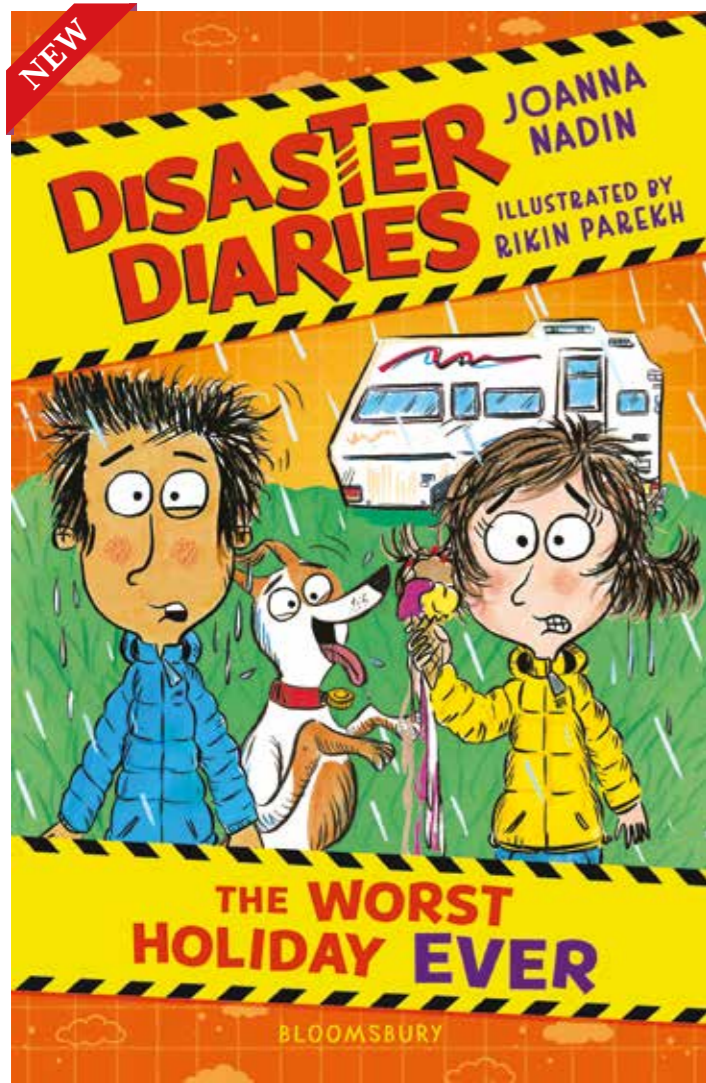
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Disaster Diaries: The Worst Holiday Ever

Author Joanna Nadin
Illustrator Rikin Parekh

Daffodil Patterson is a small girl with BIG plans – it's not her fault that they always seem to go wrong! A brilliant series for young readers, from the author of *The Worst Class in the World*.

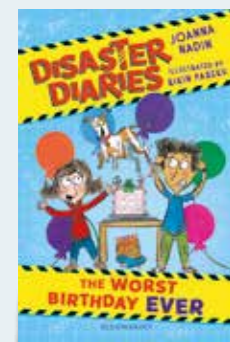
Daff is going on a last-minute trip to a mystery resort called SANDY PALACE. Dad has said it's going to be THE BEST HOLIDAY EVER. Except ... when they get there there's no SAND and there's no PALACE. It's a caravan site that smells bad AND it's raining. It's probably going to be THE WORST HOLIDAY EVER. Can Daff and Nirmal come up with a genius plan to save the holiday?

- Third book in a new series that's perfect for fans of Pamela Butchart, the Daisy books by Kes Gray or Clarice Bean fiction by Lauren Child
- Joanna Nadin has won the Fantastic Book Award and the Surrey Book Award, has been shortlisted for the 2024 Laugh Out Loud Awards (Lollies), the Hearst Big Book Awards, the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, a BookTrust Best Book Award, Queen of Teen, and four times nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal

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176pp / 10,000 words / Age: 7+ / Book 3 of 3
40 b/w line illustrations
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Award-winning author



Joanna Nadin is the author of more than 80 books. Her work has been translated into 14 languages. She also lectures on the acclaimed MA in Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University.



Rikin Parekh studied art at the Camberwell College of Arts and the University of Westminster. A major film buff and Marvel aficionado, he currently works with Year Fives in a London primary school inspiring children to draw their own monsters.



Terrible True Tales: Tudors

Author Terry Deary
Illustrator Helen Flook

Horrible Histories author Terry Deary presents a rip-roaringly funny collection of Tudor tales based on thrilling true stories – four books in one!

Terry Deary's *Terrible True Tales: Tudors* explores the world of the Tudors through the eyes of children who could have lived at the time. Packed with fun illustrations by Helen Flook, these stories feature real people and take place in some of the most recognisable Tudor settings. This new edition features notes for the reader to help extend learning and exploration of the historical period. Perfect for history fans (and those who don't know they're history fans yet) aged 7+.

- Impeccably researched and packed with details about Tudor life, landmarks and historical figures, including Queen Elizabeth I
- Terry Deary has more *Terrible True Tales* titles publishing in 2026, including *Pirates*, *Shakespeare*, *Victorians* and *Saxons*

Terry Deary's *Horrible Histories* series has sold over 30 million copies worldwide and has been translated in to 32 languages



Terry Deary is the author of over 300 fiction and non-fiction books, which have been published in 40 languages. Terry's non-fiction has been consistently on the bestseller lists since 1994, and he was voted 'Outstanding children's non-fiction author of the 20th Century' by *Books for Keeps* magazine.



Helen Flook is known for her evocative pen and ink designs and has illustrated more than 100 books for children and adults.

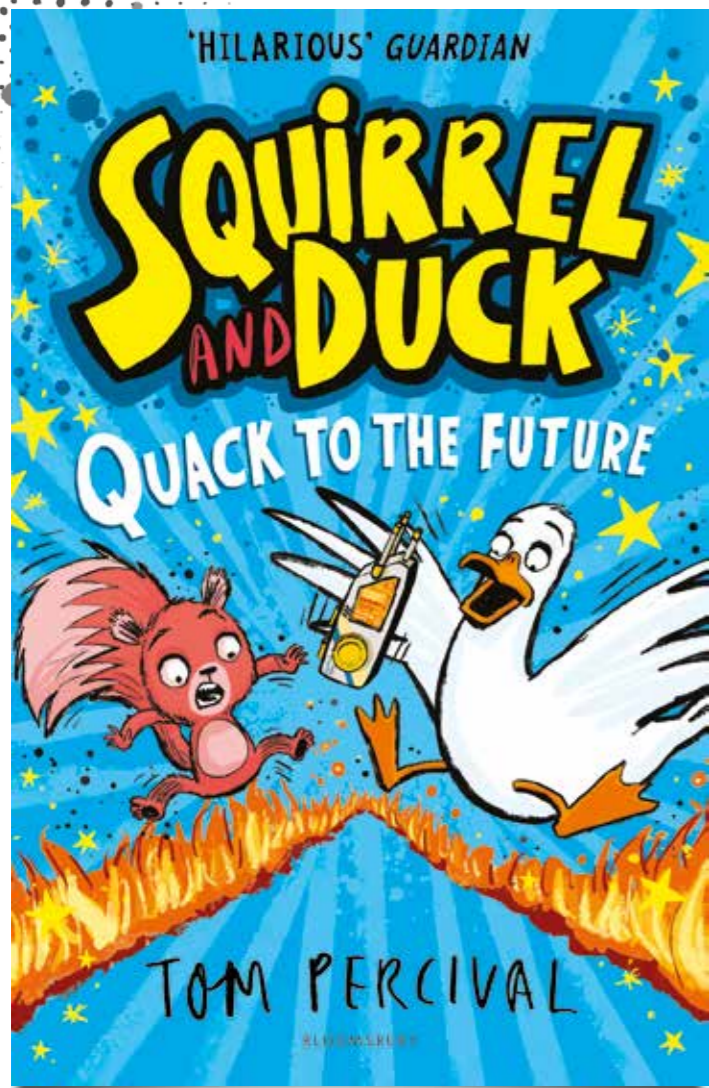


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Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99
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Age: 7-9 / Book 1 of 12
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From the bestselling author of the Big Bright Feelings picture books

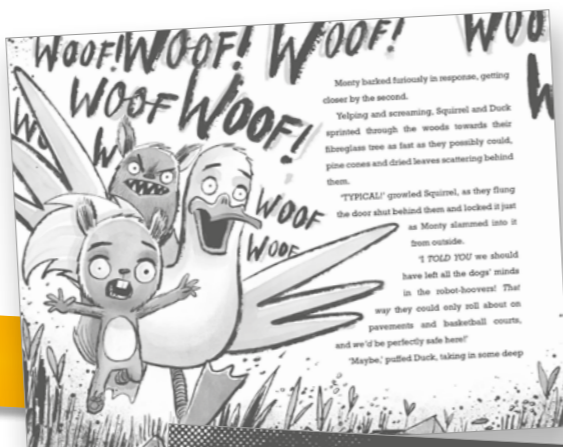
Squirrel and Duck: Quack to the Future

Tom Percival

The hilarious third instalment in the illustrated fiction series about unlikely friends Squirrel and Duck. Join them on a mind-blowing adventure to find out why they are the only two talking animals in the world. Perfect for fans of the madcap humour of Mr Gum or Dog Man.

Squirrel and Duck can't remember where they first met, but Duck is having some strange flashbacks to a secret underground science lab. Trying to find it again, they meet a friendly ferret, a distinctly UNfriendly scientist and uncover some shocking secrets behind their own existence!

- Superb accessible reads but with higher-level humour for middle-grade audiences
- Tom Percival is a bestselling picture book star
- Wide-ranging appeal from six- to ten-year-olds plus. A brilliant read-aloud for the whole family or primary classroom



Tom Percival is a writer, artist, video producer and musician. His series Big Bright Feelings is widely loved. In Squirrel and Duck, his new young fiction series, his irrepressible sense of humour and love of the anarchic come to the fore.

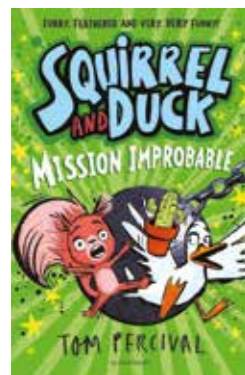
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Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £7.99
198 x 129mm / 272pp / 23,500 words / Age: 7+ / Book 3 of 3 / B&W throughout

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Author's books sold in 26 languages

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Wildlife Rescue series

Author Kate Messner Illustrator Jen Bricking

From the bestselling author of the Ranger in Time series Kate Messner, a family volunteer at a wildlife hospital to help rehabilitate animals.

Siblings Ivy and Ezra couldn't be more different, but they have one thing in common: a love of animals. Their family volunteers for the local wildlife hospital as "critter couriers", helping transport injured and orphaned animals so they can get medical help.

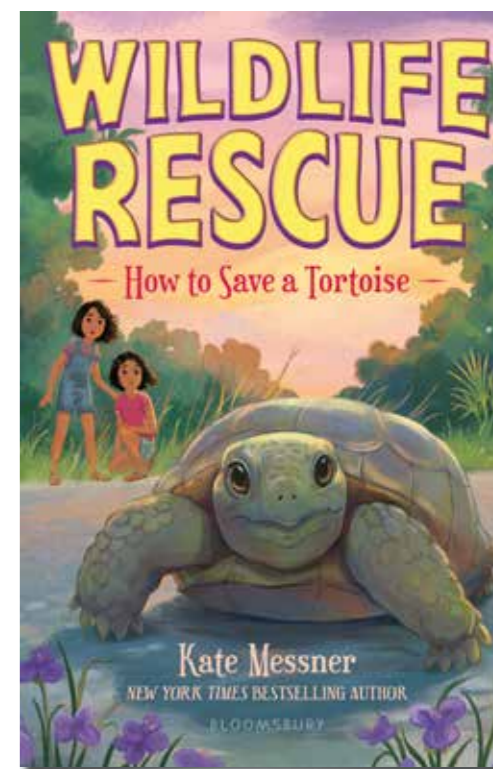
Blending adventure, science, and cute animals, acclaimed author Kate Messner pens an accessible, fun-filled new chapter book series.

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- High interest series with fun science elements: Kate blends adventure with science and cute animals with this series that features a family rescuing different animals
- Perfect blend of fiction and nonfiction for fans of the Magic Treehouse: Back matter includes animal facts, recommended reading, tips for protecting wildlife, and an author's note

Kate Messner is an award-winning author of *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.*; *Eye of the Storm*; *Wake Up Missing*; *All the Answers*; *The Seventh Wish*; *The Exact Location of Home*; *Breakout*; *Chirp*; and *The Trouble with Heroes*. She lives on Lake Champlain with her family.



MARCH 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback \$17.99 / Paperback \$6.99
197 x 129mm / 128pp / 9,000 words
Age: 5+ / Book 3 of 3 / B&W throughout

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Kat & Mouse: Let's Have a Sleepover!

Salina Yoon

From Geisel Honor winner Salina Yoon comes the second book in a charming early reader series starring the hilarious pair, Kat and Mouse!

Kat and Mouse are having a sleepover! It will be so much fun – if they can agree on what happens at a sleepover! Reading or dancing? Fort-building or dress-up? Will these best friends find something that they both enjoy?

- For fans of Elephant and Piggie and other bestselling Early Readers: This format is a sweet spot for emerging readers, with potential for huge sales
- Continuing an exciting early reader series in our bestselling publishing track with Salina Yoon
- Top-selling author/illustrator with US sales topping 1.4 million!

Salina Yoon is the Geisel Honor-winning author-illustrator of nearly 200 books for children, including the Penguin series, the Duck, Duck, Porcupine series; the Bear and Floppy series; *Be a Friend*; and *Kiki & Jax*, written with Marie Kondo.



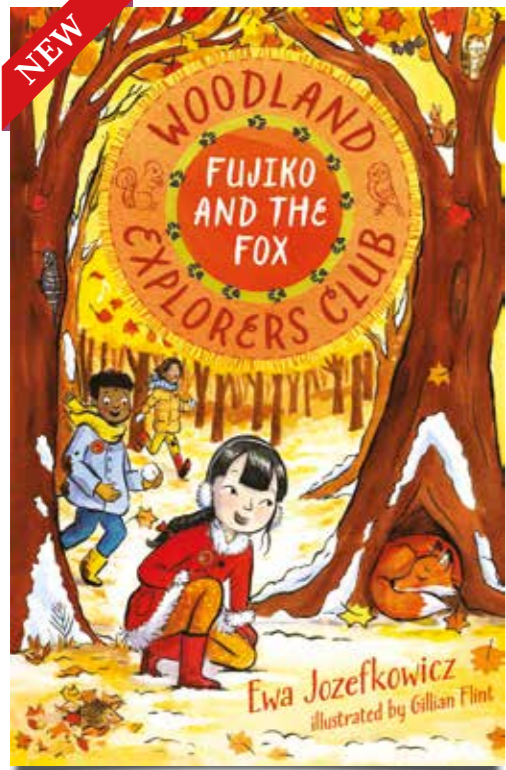
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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$12.99
229 x 165mm / 64pp / 500 words
Age: 5+ / Series / Full colour illustrations

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Woodland Explorers Club

Author Ewa Jozefkowicz Illustrator Gillian Flint

The Woodland Explorers solve mysteries and protect the animals of Willow Wish Woods. A six book series for 6+ inspired by Forest School, by prize-shortlisted author Ewa Jozefkowicz, with fun illustrations by Gillian Flint.

Fujiko and the Fox

Since breaking her arm in a cycling accident, Fujiko misses playing her violin and something strange is going on with the sounds she hears. Instead of tweeting birds and rustling leaves, she keeps hearing tyre screeches and sirens.

When the Woodland Explorers find a fox living in the woods, Fujiko discovers they have a special connection.

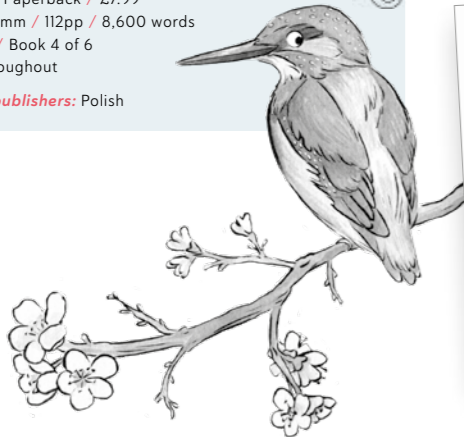
Friends, fireworks, and the unusual fox all play a part in Fujiko's story as she recovers from her accident and music returns to her life.

- Full of friendship, adventure, and learning through nature
- A series celebrating how nature boosts children's creativity, self-esteem, well-being and independence
- Illustrated with black and white illustrations on every page and printed in dyslexia-friendly font, each book includes endmatter extras for embracing the natural world

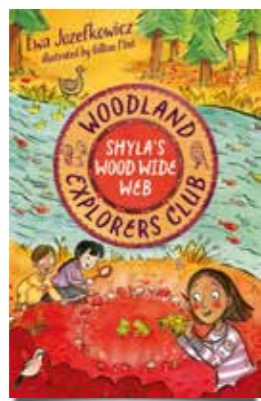
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Zephyr / Paperback / £7.99
198 x 129mm / 112pp / 8,600 words
Age: 6+ / Book 4 of 6
B&W throughout

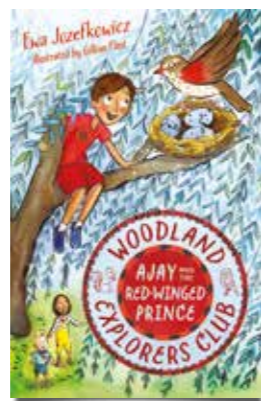
Option publishers: Polish



MAY 2024



NOVEMBER 2024



MAY 2025



MAY 2026



NOVEMBER 2026

Ewa Jozefkowicz's debut novel *The Mystery of the Colour Thief*, published by Zephyr in 2018, was shortlisted for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize. This is Ewa's debut fiction series for younger readers.



Gillian Flint has been published widely in the UK, USA and Australia. She works with watercolours, inks and pastels.



BLOOMSBURY YOUNG READERS



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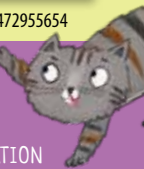


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Guided reading notes by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) and free audiobooks available at bloomsburyreaders.com

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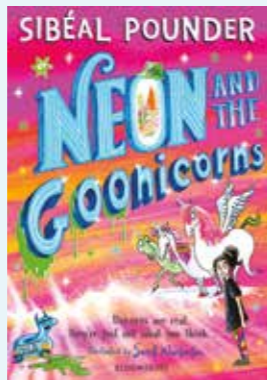
The Time Machine Next Door: Inventors and Dinosaurs

Author Iszi Lawrence Illustration Rebecca Bagley
 A page-turning, hilariously funny time travel adventure by broadcaster and podcaster Iszi Lawrence, perfect for fans of *Horrible Histories*.
 Bloomsbury UK / June 2025
 Paperback / £7.99
 198 x 129mm / 192pp / 17,000 words / Age: 7+
 Book 5 of 6 / B&W throughout
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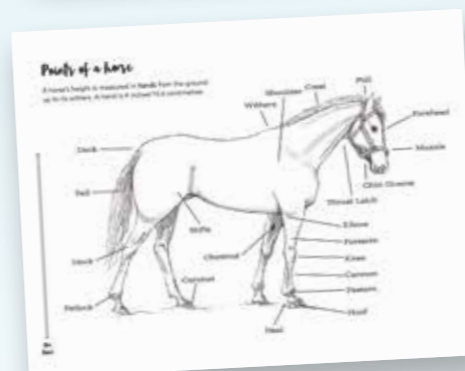
Neon and the Goonicorns

Author Sibéal Pounder Illustration Sarah Warburton
 The final UNiverse adventure from the bestselling author of *Wonka (Puffin)*, as well as the *Witch Wars* and *Bad Mermaids* series (with combined sales of almost 600,000 copies!).
 Bloomsbury UK / April 2025
 Paperback / £6.99
 182 x 129mm / 224pp / 20,500 words / Age: 7+
 Book 3 of 3 / B&W throughout
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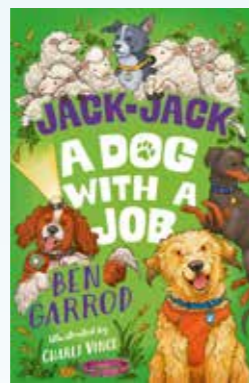
Pippa's Pony Tales: Team Magic

Author Pippa Funnell Illustration Jennifer Miles
 A new title in the Pippa's Pony Tales series, a must-have for any reader who loves horses and ponies. Tilly and her horse, Magic Spirit, are inseparable. Are they closer to achieving their dreams of stardom?
 Zephyr / May 2025
 Paperback / £7.99
 198 x 129mm / 144pp / 16,000 words
 Age: 8+ / Book 4 of 4
 Rights sold: Hungarian



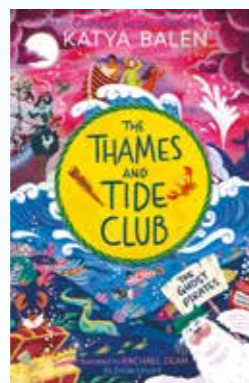
Jack-Jack, A Dog with a Job

Author Ben Garrod and Jack-Jack Illustration Charlie Vince
 Meet Jack-Jack, the world's coolest dog! A funny adventure series with short chapters narrated by Jack-Jack, illustrated in black and white.
 Zephyr / September 2025
 Paperback / £7.99
 198 x 129mm / 112pp / 10,000 words
 Age: 7+ / Book 4 of 4
 World all languages

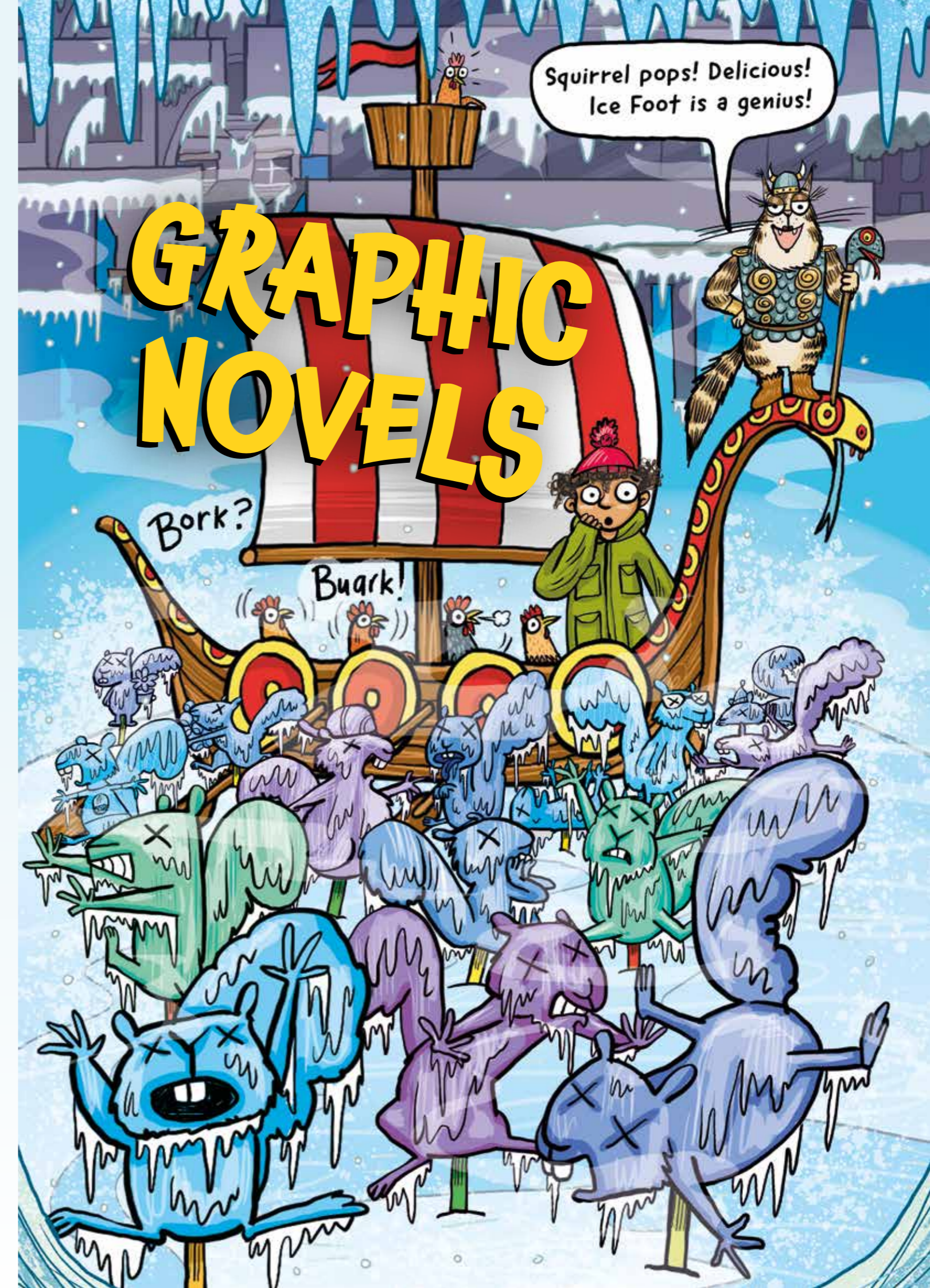


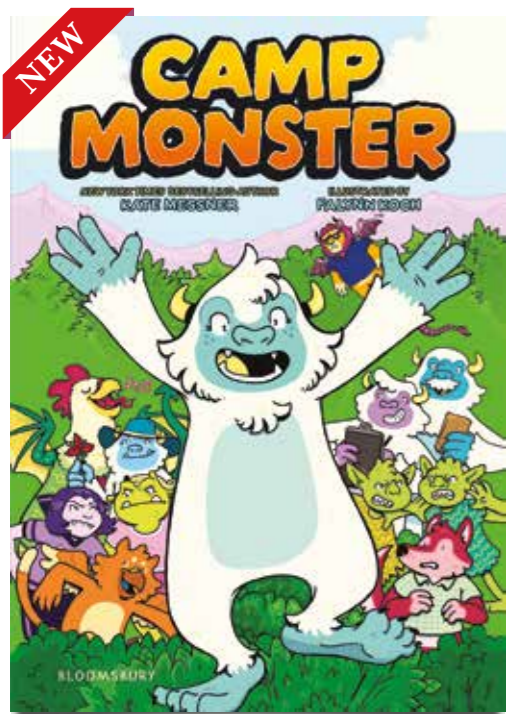
The Thames and Tide Club: The Ghost Pirates

Author Katya Balen Illustration Rachael Dean
 The third instalment in the fabulously funny, critically acclaimed series from award-winning author Katya Balen.
 Bloomsbury UK / October 2024
 Paperback / £6.99
 198 x 129mm / 160pp / 15,100 words / Age: 6+
 Book 3 of 3 / B&W throughout
 Rights sold: Chinese (simple)
 Option Publishers: German



GRAPHIC NOVELS





Camp Monster

Author Kate Messner

Illustrator Falynn Koch

Bestselling author Kate Messner invites you to Camp Monster in this fun-filled young middle-grade graphic novel, perfect for fans of InvestiGators.

Tasha's family has run Camp Yeti for generations, but these days there just aren't enough Yetis to fill the bunks. This summer they are rebranding as CAMP MONSTER—a super fun camp for ALL of monster-kind. But things aren't going smoothly—the goblins are causing a ruckus, the ogre is a total diva, and the werewolf keeps disappearing. But when someone tries to sabotage Camp Monster, these monsters must set aside their differences to find out who is behind the hijinks!

- **Successful funny young graphic-novel category:** The kid-friendly, quirky writing, and vibrant illustrations are sure to capture the attention of readers who love this engaging format
- **Large cast of wacky characters:** With Manny the Manticore groundskeeper, and campers like Lupo, a shapeshifting werewolf, and prankster goblin twins Tom and Zelbawog, readers will have a blast meeting all the characters

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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$12.99
148 x 213mm / 224pp / 24,000 words
Age: 8–11 / Book 1 of 3 / Full color throughout

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New York Times bestselling author **Kate Messner's** titles include *Over and Under the Snow*, *The Scariest Kitten in the World*, *The Trouble with Heroes*, the *Wildlife Rescue* series, and the *History Smashers* graphic nonfiction series among others. She splits her time between Lake Champlain and South Florida.



Falynn Koch has an MFA in sequential art from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta and is a graduate of the International Culinary Center in New York City. She loves to travel with her husband and dogs.

Pablo and Splash: Viking Voyage

Sheena Dempsey



Time-travelling penguins Pablo and Splash are battling a Viking invasion in the latest instalment of this bestselling, full-colour graphic-novel series. Fans of *Bunny vs Monkey* and *InvestiGators* will love it.

When Pablo and Splash tell their cheeky friend Benji about the Vikings and their impressive longships, Benji is desperate to steal a time machine and go plundering for treasure with those ancient warriors. Our intrepid time-travelling heroes Pablo and Splash must get to Ireland in the year 795 CE to warn the monks about the imminent Viking (and penguin!) invasion. Can they reach their new friends – and save the day – in time?

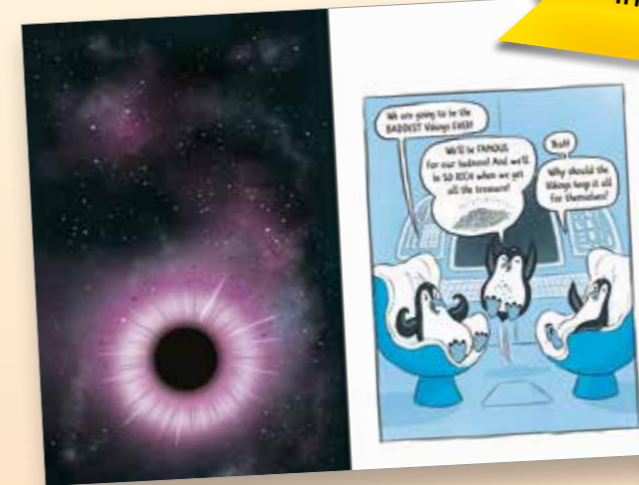
- The bestselling new graphic-novel series in the UK in 2024
- The first book in this acclaimed series was shortlisted for the British Book Awards 2025, *The Week Junior* Book Award 2025, and won the Sakura Medal 2025 for English Graphic Novels in Japan
- 'You'll laugh your flippers off!' – John Patrick Green, creator of *InvestiGators*
- A fifth book in the series is planned for May 2027



JUNE 2026

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99
210 x 140mm / 240pp / Age: 7+ / Book 4 of 5
Full colour throughout

Option publishers: Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese (simple), German, Greek, Hebrew, Latvian, Polish, Slovenian, Spanish, Turkish



'Irresistibly funny'
Guardian



Praise for PABLO AND SPLASH

'Pablo and Splash is utterly charming!
"Krilly" good indeed'

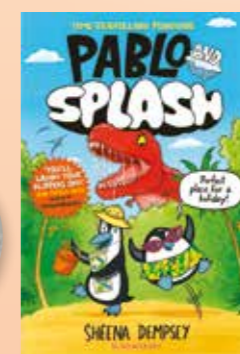
Steven Lenton, author of
Genie and Teeny

'Joyful, fun and very silly indeed'

Louie Stowell, author of
Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good

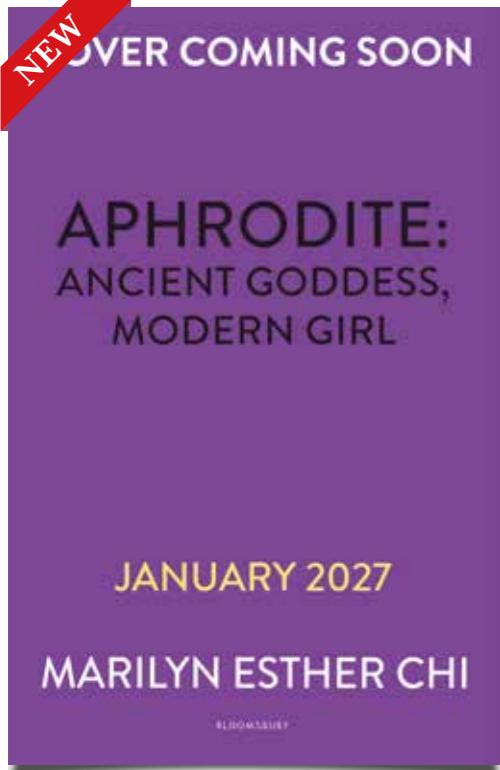
55k copies sold of
books 1 and 2 combined!

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Sheena Dempsey is an award-winning illustrator. *Pablo and Splash* was based on a webcomic she created during the Covid lockdowns. Sheena was born in Cork, Ireland, but now lives in Folkestone, Kent, in England.





Aphrodite: Ancient Goddess, Modern Girl

Marilyn Esther Chi

She's never been kissed. She's not interested in relationships. A total lone wolf. But somehow Tabatha is Aphrodite, your Goddess of Love. A hilarious and heartwarming graphic novel for fans of *Lore Olympus*.

Tabatha has never needed anyone but herself. So when she's teleported to the top of a skyscraper and told she's the reincarnation of Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, she's understandably confused. Her new boss, Hera, gives her a task. She must bless the world with eight different kinds of love, and the failure to do so will result in her death. With just a year to finish her test, Tabatha has a choice: learn how to love, or die trying ...

- A graphic novel with a modern twist on Greek mythology, packed with humour and heart
- Perfect for fans of *Lore Olympus* and *Heartstopper*, as well as comedy manga like *Spy x Family*



JANUARY 2027

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £9.99
234 x 156mm / 304pp / Age: 12+ / Book 1 of 2
B&W throughout

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Marilyn Esther Chi is a UK-based author and illustrator who takes inspiration from anything and everything. Having graduated from UCL with a Masters in pharmacy, the obvious next steps were illustration and writing. Her aim is to create stories that can be cherished, and worlds of wonder for people to get lost in. Marilyn has illustrated books written by Sharna Jackson, Joseph Coelho and Patrice Lawrence. *Aphrodite* is her graphic-novel debut.

Chicken Hill: Frozen Squirrel Rescue Mission

Beccy Blake

Return to the seriously weird town of Chicken Hill - three MORE brilliantly hilarious and off-the-wall stories in one full-colour graphic novel, perfect for fans of *Bunny vs Monkey*.

Life is never normal in the town of Chicken Hill. Just ask local boy Ferdy, a tech wiz with some serious inventing skills, or his pets: farty Gripper and always-sleepy Tink. For them, investigating a cave full of frozen squirrels, saving snails from the clutches of shady foxes – AND uncovering the mystery behind the world's greatest graffiti artist – is just another average day.

Because in Chicken Hill, there's only one rule: if you think things can't get weirder, *they always can*.

- Three short stories packed into one full-colour package, perfect for fans of *Dog Man* and *Bunny vs Monkey*
- Beccy Blake has previously worked as an animator and storyboard artist, and *Chicken Hill* is her debut graphic-novel series
- Third book coming in February 2027



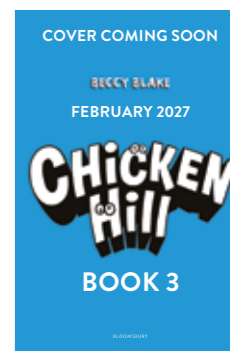
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Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99
210 x 140mm / 240pp / Age: 7+ / Book 2 of 3
Full colour throughout

Rights sold: Polish

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COMING SOON...



Beccy Blake has always loved drawing and writing about silly things and weird stuff. She went to art college in Newcastle and got a degree in illustration and design. *Chicken Hill* is the first in her debut full-colour graphic-novel series.





Shero

Lee Lennox

Meet Flea: Guardian of the Mystic Woods and your guide through a saga of magic, danger and pancakes. Lots of pancakes.

Introducing Flea: a fierce Shero with an insatiable taste for adventure.

When a few kids of the forest go missing, it's up to Flea and her grumpy (but loveable) wolf pal, Rara, to rescue them. What follows is epic – an adventure of ancient curses, family drama, SERIOUSLY dark magic and, of course, pancakes. *Sweet, delicious pancakes...*

- *Shero* is the first in an upcoming trilogy of full colour, graphic novel adventures from debut talent Lee Lennox
- Lee is an experienced artist, writer and director, who has done work on countless music videos, Hollywood films and animated series
- Features an unforgettable and irreverent heroine in Flea who will capture the heart of any reader with her appetite for adventure, snarky sense of humour and boundless love for snacks

SEPTEMBER 2026

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £9.99
210 x 140mm / 240pp
Age: 8+ / Book 1 of 3 / Full colour throughout
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Lee Lennox is a talented artist, writer and director, with a career spanning over two decades in film, TV and animation. *Shero* is his debut graphic-novel series.



Princess Academy The Graphic Novel

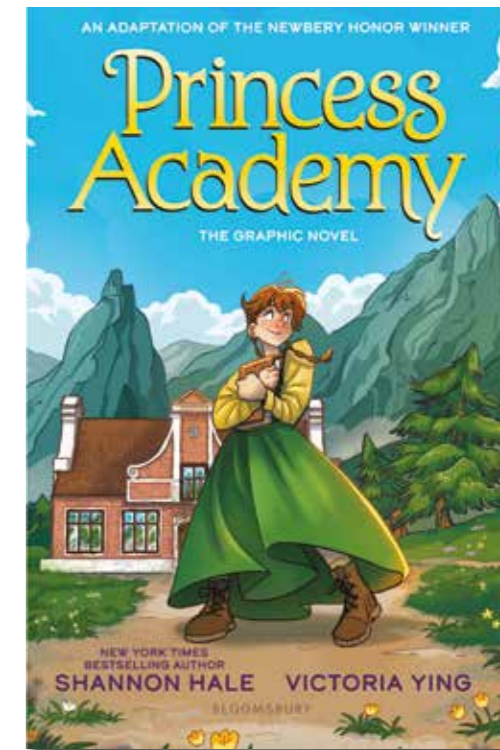
Author Shannon Hale

Illustrator Victoria Ying

Shannon Hale's beloved Newbery-Honor winning and New York Times bestselling *Princess Academy* comes to life in this graphic novel adaptation.

Miri's ancestors have always lived a simple life, working in the quarry. But then word arrives that the prince will choose his princess from among the village girls. An academy is set up and every eligible girl must learn how to become a proper princess. Soon Miri is confronted with a harsh academy mistress, bitter competition, and her own conflicting desires. Does Miri really want to leave her home and family behind for a royal life?

- *Princess Academy* is a classic, has sold more than 1.5 million copies in North America, was translated into 25 languages, spent over 6 months on the NYT bestseller list, and won a Newbery Honor
- **Powerhouse Graphic Novel Author:** Shannon Hale's GN Real Friends series has sold well over a million copies



APRIL 2026

Bloomsbury US
Hardback \$24.99 / Paperback \$14.99
229 x 152mm / 288pp / 25,000 words
Age: 9+ / Standalone / Full colour throughout
Option publishers: Romanian



Shannon Hale is the *New York Times*–bestselling author of over thirty books, including fantasy novels *The Goose Girl* and *Book of a Thousand Days*, Newbery Honor winner *Princess Academy*, graphic novel memoirs *Real Friends* and *Best Friends and Friends Forever* (with LeUyen Pham), and romantic comedy *Austenland*.



Victoria Ying is an author and artist whose film credits include *Frozen*, *Moana*, *Tangled*, *Wreck-It Ralph*, *Big Hero 6*, and *Paperman*. She the illustrator of the DC Comics graphic novel *Diana: Princess of the Amazons* and the author and illustrator of her original graphic novels *City of Secrets* and *Hungry Ghost*.

MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION



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The Magician of Saltstone

Katya Balen

There is magic on Saltstone ... The first novel in a brand-new middle-grade adventure series by Carnegie Medal-winner Katya Balen.

Kit is new to her family. She hates being away from home, and that she'll be spending her holiday with her step-siblings on Saltstone, the island they visit every summer. That is, until she finds treasure hidden in the attics of the old family house. It's exciting at first, but when strange incidents start happening, Kit learns the treasure is not what it seems ...

- A fresh new adventure series with a fantastical twist, retaining Katya's trademark evocative voice. Each book in the series will focus on the adventures of a different sibling as they explore the mysterious island of Saltstone
- Combines the joy and adventure of *The Famous Five*, the intrigue and mystery of *The Traitors*, and the natural themes of Hannah Gold
- Katya Balen is the author of multiple critically acclaimed books, including the Yoto Carnegie Medal-winning *October, October* which has sold over 123,000 copies and *Ghostlines*, winner of the Indie Book Award for Children's Fiction 2025
- Katya's books have sold in over 24 languages
- A follow-up book will be released in 2028

Katya Balen is an award-winning author of books for children. Her debut novel, *The Space We're In*, was highly commended for the Branford Boase Award, and *October, October* won the Yoto Carnegie Medal and the UKLA Book Award.



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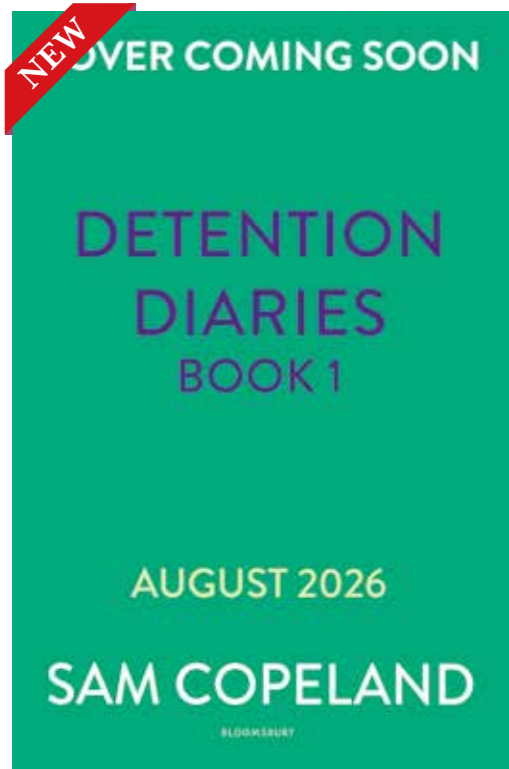
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The Detention Diaries

Author Sam Copeland Illustrator TBC

The ultimate boy-friendly read! This brand-new diary-format series documents the howl-somely funny injustices of a kid whose best intentions always lead to the detention room.

Arthur Guppy is in detention. The school axolotls have been kidnapped and Arthur is the prime suspect. But how did Arthur's best friend, Carlos Chickens, and an unusual assortment of their classmates end up in there with him? Arthur is about to tell you... and you may also learn: WHY you shouldn't glue nits to your face, HOW to do a standing up wee without pulling your trousers down and MUCH more!

- The first of three books in an accessible, relatable series, packed with slapstick comedy and 100 black and white illustrations; tried and tested on ACTUAL boys who cannot stop laughing
- Sam Copeland's children's books have sold over a quarter of a million copies and been published in 27 languages



Sam Copeland is the award-winning author of the bestselling Charlie Changes into a Chicken series and Waterstones Book of the Month *Alex vs Axel*. He is a director and agent at RCW Literary Agency and lives in London.

Holiday at the Castle

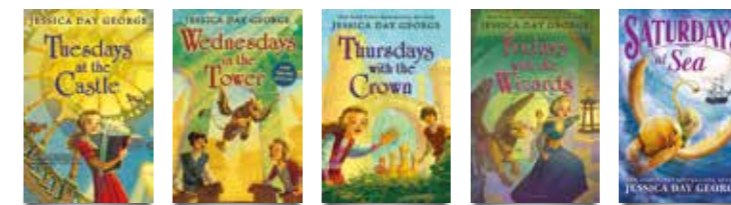
Jessica Day George

A follow-up to Jessica Day George's magical bestselling series, where Celie and her family celebrate the winter holidays in their beloved Castle!

A new addition to the Tuesdays at the Castle series, this delightful winter holiday-themed book will feature Celie, the beloved Castle, and all its new inhabitants!

- To celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Tuesdays at the Castle series, this cozy winter-themed holiday story will be a great follow-up to the beloved series!
- To celebrate the anniversary, the entire series will be repackaged with the beloved original covers

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Jessica Day George is the *New York Times* bestselling author of The Rose Legacy series, the Tuesdays at the Castle series, the Twelve Dancing Princesses series, the Dragon Slippers trilogy, as well as *Sun and Moon*, *Ice and Snow* and *Silver in the Blood*. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, with her husband and children.



SEPTEMBER 2026

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Age: 8-11 / Book 6 of 6

Option publishers: Romanian



AUGUST 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$17.99
210 x 139mm / 256pp / 50,000 words / Age: 9-14
Book 1 of 2 / B&W chapter opening and full-page illustrations

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The Hungry Forest

Kaela Rivera

In this middle-grade horror, a boy must confront his grief and save his little brother from a cursed forest.

Since Dad's death, Ryan's tried to be the kind of man his father would be proud of. When Teddy hears their father's voice in the forest and ventures inside, Ryan follows and finds that the place is as cursed as the legends say. And if he can't find his brother and escape before sunrise, they'll be trapped forever.

- Horror is trending, and this book offers a perfect middle-grade level of scary, while also featuring impactful themes of grief, anger, and masculinity. This book will resonate with kids and their adults alike
- Kaela's CeCe Rios series from HarperCollins was highly awarded with stellar reviews; we expect the same here



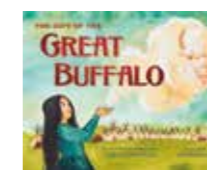
Kaela Rivera still believes in the folktales of her Mexican American and British parents, but now she writes about them from the adventure-filled mountains of the Wild West.

Red River Rose

Carole Lindstrom

In this historical novel by bestselling author Carole Lindstrom, an Indigenous girl takes a stand to protect her way of life.

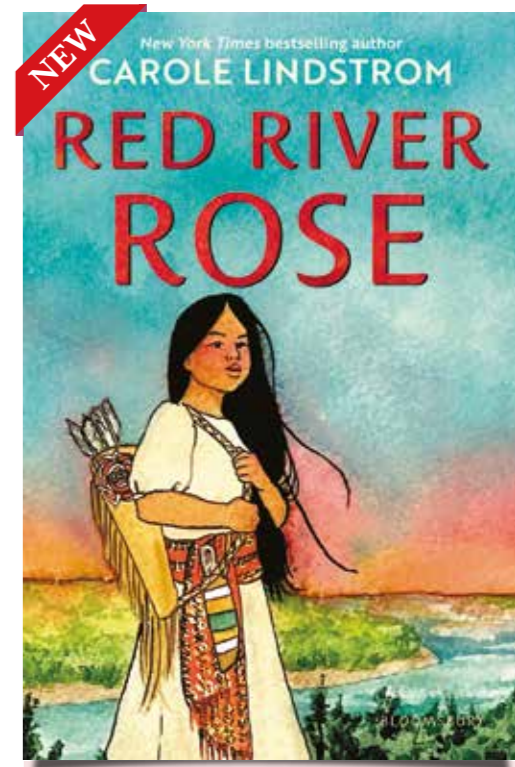
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Rose and the Métis people have lived on the land for generations. But when Rose learns that the government wants to push the Métis off their land again, Rose fears that their lives are at risk. Determined to protect her family and home, Rose sets out on an adventure that will test her bravery more than she ever expected.

- Award-winning author pens an adventurous story that illuminates life for Indigenous children during the 1860s, showing how one child's bravery can make a difference
- Carole's personal connection to this history adds depth to the narrative and creates a touching, well-crafted story

Carole Lindstrom is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling and Caldecott Award-winning *We Are Water Protectors*; *My Powerful Hair*; *Autumn Peltier*, *Water Warrior*; and *The Gift of the Great Buffalo*. She is Anishinaabe/Métis and is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe Indians. She was born in Nebraska and currently lives in Maryland.



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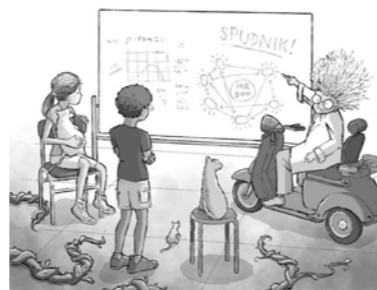
Project W.O.O.F.F.

Matthew McElligott

Team up with Alex, Lily, and Professor Fuzzypants—the smartest cat in the world—to discover the truth behind this science experiment gone wrong.

Alex Grebert lives in the off-grid community of Underland. When his best friend Lily Day takes in a stray cat named Professor Fuzzypants, PhD., they learn that Project W.O.O.F.F., a top-secret government project that used AI to develop intelligent, speaking animals, was never shut down as Underland thought. Now, Alex and Lily are determined to find out what went wrong.

- Under 200 pages, this high interest, wacky science fiction adventure series features spunky talking animals and hilarious hijinks, with black and white art inside
- This world incorporates fun real-science elements as the basis for the zany experiments, encouraging kids' interest in STEM topics



Matthew McElligott is the author of several books for children, including *The Lion's Share*, *Absolutely Not*, and *Backbeard and the Birthday Suit*. He teaches at Sage College and also visits elementary schools around the country. He lives in New York.

OCTOBER 2026

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210 x 139mm / 192pp / 25,000 words
Age: 8–11 / Book 1 of 2 / B&W chapter opening illustrations
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Isaac Turner Investigates: The Galileo Heist

Author Sam Sedgman Illustration David Dean

The third adventure in the Isaac Turner Investigates series. Isaac is in Florence, embroiled in a heist to clear his grandfather's name. Can Isaac shine a light on the truth?

Every summer, Isaac visits his grandfather, Ferdinand, in Italy, and this year his friend Hattie is coming too. Everything points to a fantastic summer, until Ferdinand is wrongfully arrested for jewellery theft.

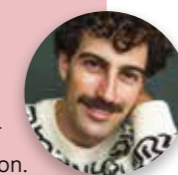
Drawn into a daring heist during a solar eclipse, Isaac and Hattie must deduce who's telling the truth, and who's using the cover of darkness to deceive them ...

- The first book in this series, *The Clockwork Conspiracy*, was *The Times* Children's Book of the Week and shortlisted for numerous awards
- This adventure will explore Florence, Italy, feature an exciting jewel heist set during an eclipse and will be themed around the measurement of light – the candela

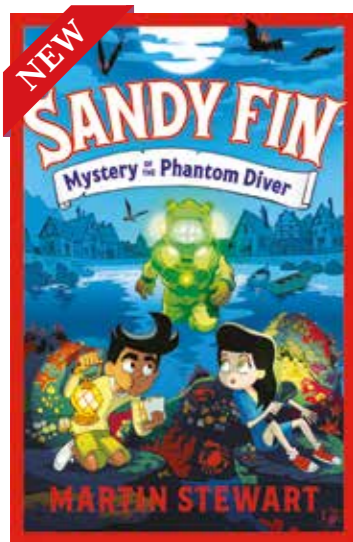


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Age: 9+ / Book 3 of 3 / B&W throughout
Rights sold: Dutch, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil)
Option publishers: Catalan, German, Greek, Japanese, Spanish



Sam Sedgman is a bestselling author, confirmed nerd and enthusiastic ferroequinologist. Forever interested in piecing things together, Sam is a lifelong fan of puzzles and detective fiction, and once founded a company making murder mystery treasure hunts for adventurous Londoners. He lives in London, on top of a railway station.



Sandy Fin: Mystery of the Phantom Diver

Author Martin Stewart Illustration Santy Gutiérrez

Meet ocean explorer Sandy Fin, silver-scaled diver of the deep, puzzler of puzzles and hero of a new humorous series inspired by Jacques Cousteau.

Sandy Fin and his best friend Lily are enjoying life by the sea when, suddenly, odd things start to occur: an escaped convict is on the loose, curious mounds of sand appear. Strangest of all are reported sightings of the Phantom Diver – a figure of Portwhistle legend!

Sandy and Lily dive, snoop and climb their way through the mystery towards the Phantom Diver's true identity.

- Energetic, commercial, boy-lead series of underwater adventures, illustrated in black and white by Spanish artist Santy Gutiérrez
- Adventure, high levels of humour and an ingenious imagination

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Zephyr / Paperback / £7.99
198 x 129mm / 224pp / 33,000 words
Age: 8+ / Series Book 2 of 4
B&W throughout
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Martin Stewart is an English teacher and lecturer in creative writing whose work has been shortlisted for major awards. His Bridget Vanderpuff series published by Zephyr has been translated into 10 languages to date.

Santy Gutiérrez won Best Spanish Young Editorial Cartoonist and Best Galician Caricaturist. He founded the BAOBAB Studio Artists Collective and has been chairman of the AGPI (Galician Professional Illustrators Association) for 6 years.

Scare B'n'B: Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun

Author Catherine Doyle Illustration Rachael Dean

'Tis the season for SPOOKING as winter hits the haunted Tartarus Hotel, in this hilarious follow-up to Catherine Doyle's middle-grade romp *Scare B'n'B*.

Ted and Frankie are unlikely step-siblings and staff at the Tartarus Hotel, host to guests living and ghostly alike. Chaos ensues when the Duke of Snoring – the hotel's most notorious (and obnoxious) ghost – decides to throw his 353rd birthday party on the exact same day that the hotel hosts the high-profile celebrity wedding of a glitzy pop megastar.

- A fun and funny trilogy from a bestselling author, combining her trademark sense of humour with a classic manor-house spooking!
- Easy to read and accessible, and accompanied by black and white illustrations by Rachael Dean, this is a commercial, entertaining package

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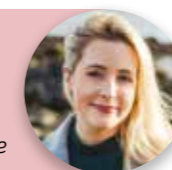


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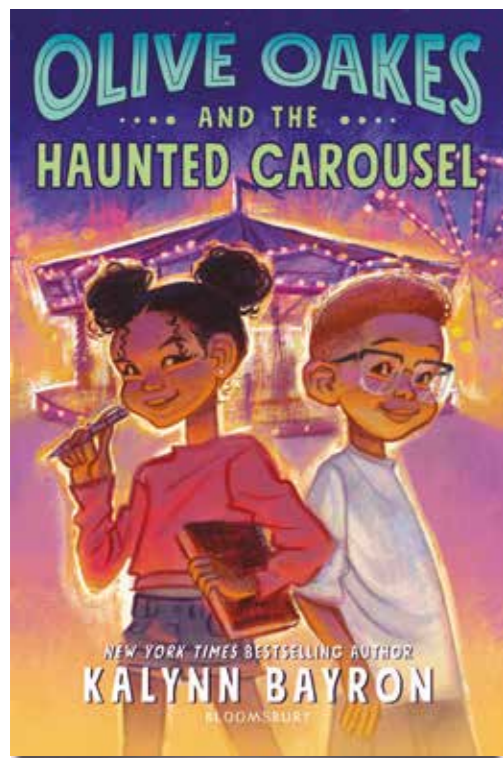
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Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £7.99
198 x 129mm / 256pp / 60,000 words
Age: 9+ / Book 2 of 3 / B&W throughout
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Catherine Doyle is the author of the bestselling Storm Keeper trilogy, *Pirates of Darksea*, *The Lost Girl King*, and debuted her YA romantasy novel *The Dagger and the Flame* (Simon & Schuster) in September 2024.

Rachael Dean is a UK-based children's book illustrator, who lives on the coast near Liverpool. She has created illustrations for middle-grade fiction as well as picture books, and was recently selected to illustrate Dame Jacqueline Wilson's new titles.



Olive Oakes and the Haunted Carousel

Kalynn Bayron

From *New York Times* bestselling author Kalynn Bayron comes a delightful middle-grade mystery series full of heart.

Arriving in Whispering Woods, detective-in-training Olive Oakes uncovers a mystery linked to a traveling circus. With rumors of missing kids and ghosts, it sounds like the perfect next case! But the townspeople refuse to talk to outsiders. If Olive is going to solve the mystery, she'll need to uncover the town's secrets by herself.

- Contemporary mystery series featuring compelling twists, and lots of heart will expand Kalynn's readership



Kalynn Bayron is the *New York Times* author of young adult novels *Cinderella Is Dead*, *This Poison Heart*, *This Wicked Fate*, *You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight*, *Sleep Like Death*, and *Make Me a Monster* and the middle-grade *Vanquishers* series. She lives in Ithaca, New York with her family.

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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$17.99
210 x 139mm / 160pp / 32,000 words
Age: 8+ / Book 1 of 2
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Mayowa and the Fire of Speech

Chibundu Onuzo

The second title in a dazzlingly imaginative adventure trilogy about one girl's power to change the world through the magic of book-jumping and the power of words.

Eleven-year-old Mayowa is spending the summer in Nigeria visiting her family. While there, she meets her mysterious great-aunt, Iya Ibeji, who introduces Mayowa to the true power of words using the art of *ẹṣin l'òrò*.

- Chibundu is an established, award-winning adult author. Her most recent book, *Sankofa*, was published in 2021 by Virago and was Reese Witherspoon's Book Club choice

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JUNE 2026

Bloomsbury UK / Hardback / £12.99 / 198 x 129mm / 304pp / 60,000 words / Age: 8+ / Book 2 of 3 / B&W throughout
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The Domesday Cows

Iszi Lawrence

A comical culture clash between Anglo-Saxons and Normans takes centre stage in this humorous tale from Iszi Lawrence.

Young Nora has learned that her sister is being forced to marry a Norman, so she hides her father's cattle to make their family appear poor! Join Nora on an exciting adventure of sneaking around and secret plans.

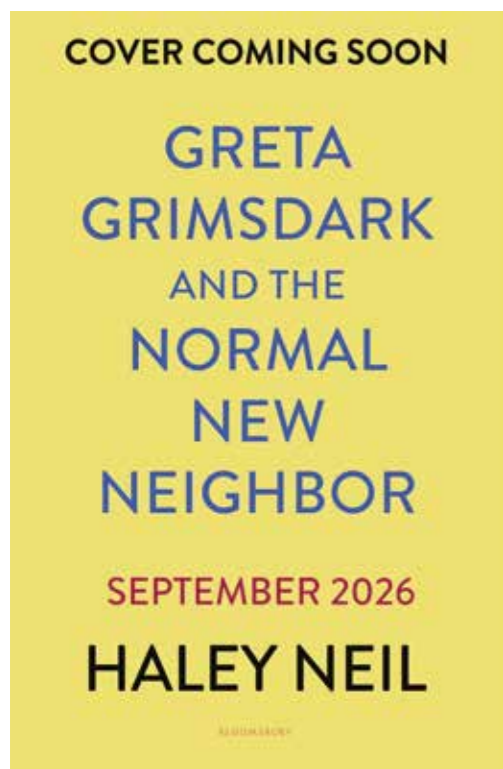
- A tale of hijinks and cows with a culture clash, featuring real-life details.
- Iszi Lawrence is a rising star of children's historical fiction and is a regular on TV history documentaries.

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JANUARY 2026

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £7.99 / 198 x 129mm / 208pp / 40,000 words / Age: 9+ / Standalone
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Greta Grimdark and the Normal New Neighbor

Haley Neil

In this young middle-grade series starter with black and white illustrations, a spooky family tries to befriend a normal girl.

Greta Grimdark lives in a haunted castle at the edge of a dreary forest. Her parents are dragons and her brothers are a zombie, a vampire, and a ghost. When a normal new neighbor moves across the street, Greta is faced with something scarier than her pet alligators or haunted dolls: trying to make a new friend.

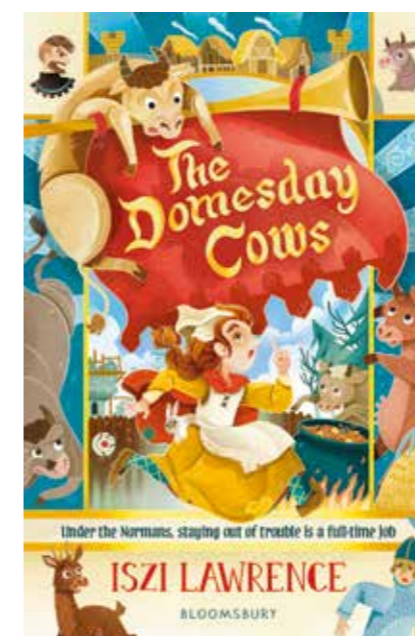
- Young MG Series: With a short page count and illustrations, this series is perfect for reluctant readers
- Humor and Horror: This book is spooky and fun!



Haley Neil is the author of *Once More With Chutzpah* and *Planning Perfect*, and a children's librarian.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$17.99
210 x 139mm / 208pp / 20,000 words
Age: 8+ / Book 1 of 3 / B&W throughout
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Destiny of the Diamond Princess

Sherri Winston

The *Princess Diaries* meets *The Mummy* in this story about a girl who discovers she is an African princess and the key to unlocking an ancient curse.

When adopted twelve-year-old Zahara-Grace discovers she's the princess of a small African country, she feels torn between two worlds. Then an ancient cult comes after her, believing she's the key to awakening a powerful, and Zahara-Grace must find a way to embrace both sides of herself in order to survive.

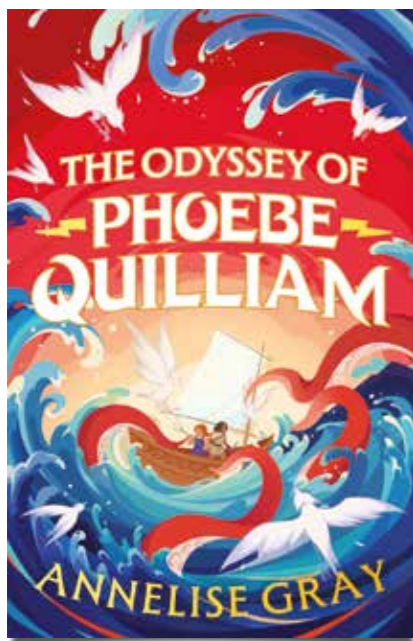
- National Book Award longlist author and Kirkus Prize finalist Sherri Winston pulls from her experience as an adoptive mother to write this adventurous middle-grade

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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$17.99 / 210 x 139mm / 240pp / 60,000 words / Age: 8+ / Standalone
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The Odyssey of Phoebe Quilliam

Annelise Gray

A mythical timeslip story about family, love, loss and memory, with an epic sea voyage at its heart, inspired by Odyssean legend.

When grief drives Phoebe to ruin her grandmother's painting, she is mysteriously swept away to a fantasy world that resembles her favourite myth – the Odyssey. Only by defeating a shapeshifting monster will she have any hope of finding her way home.

- A standalone fantasy adventure, with an epic quest full of Ancient Greek myth and the author's original creations

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Under Fire

Sufiya Ahmed

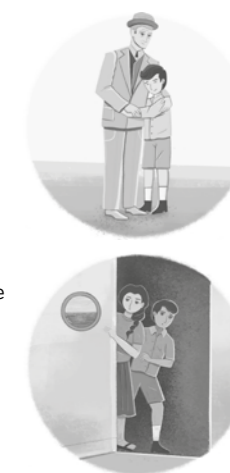
Hasan, a 12-year-old Anglo-Indian boy, is sent to live with his grandpa in India and learns about fighting for freedom during World War II.

Hasan's life is upturned during the Blitz in World War II when his parents send him to live in Calcutta. Discovering a world of inequality and secrets, he befriends a strong-minded girl named Jaya and they decide to stand up for what they believe is right: fighting for freedom.

- An action-packed story featuring a half-Indian, half-English main character
- Sufiya Ahmed also wrote the well-loved Rosie Raja series

AUGUST 2025

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £7.99 / 198 x 129mm / 208pp / 34,000 words / Age: 9+ / Standalone
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Swanfall

Author Sophie Kirtley

A thrilling new adventure story inspired by Irish folklore. Perfect for fans of Sophie Anderson's *The House with Chicken Legs*.

Every winter, Pip waits for the swanfall – when the majestic Bewick's swans return from migration. But this December, Pip's favourite swans haven't appeared. As Pip investigates, he unravels the truth of a curse thought merely to be fairytale...

- Sophie's trademark beautiful prose will tug on heartstrings and sweep readers away on a magical adventure

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The Girl with Gills

Becca Rogers

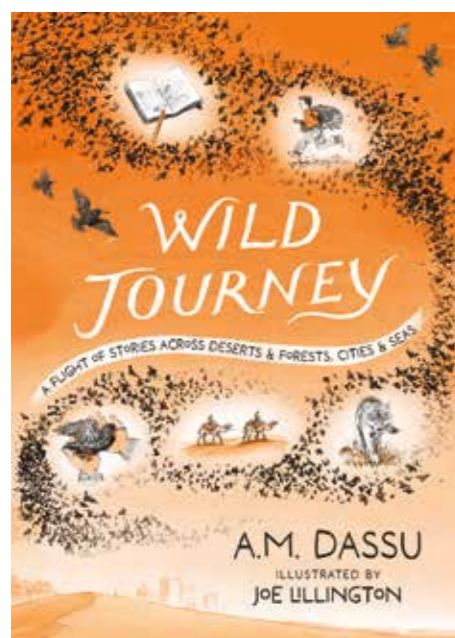
An original, 9+ fantasy awash with adventure for fans of Katherine Rundell, Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Abi Elphinstone. A determined heroine and a sinister villain clash to reveal river lore in a watery world of fantastical creatures and colossal challenges.

In a time and place which might be now, people with gills, Larkers, live in secret communities along the river, concealing their gills from land lubbers. When merciless Rivermun, a larker gone bad, threatens her brother Fleet, it is down to thirteen-year-old Effra to save him!

- An accomplished debut, with exceptional worldbuilding, pacy plotting, a lively, lovable and courageous heroine and truly dark villains. For 9+ boys and girls

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World All Languages



Wild Journey

Author A M Dassu Illustrator Joe Lillington

A flight of stories across deserts and oceans, forests, cities and seas.

Illustrated in striking black and orange artwork on every page, a story collection about five children, connected by startling murmurations. A runaway, a rescue, a desert drama; the starlings swoop and dive as the children watching them begin their own journeys.

- Stories from around the world, showcasing both the diversity of children's voices and the similarities that unite them
- Author is a winner of the Little Rebels Award for Radical Fiction, has been shortlisted for *The Week Junior Award* and is a World Book Day author

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Zephyr / Paperback / £12.00 / 216 x 155mm / 144pp / 15,000 words / Age: 7+ / Standalone
2-colour illustrations on every page
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My Family the Enemy

Karen McCombie

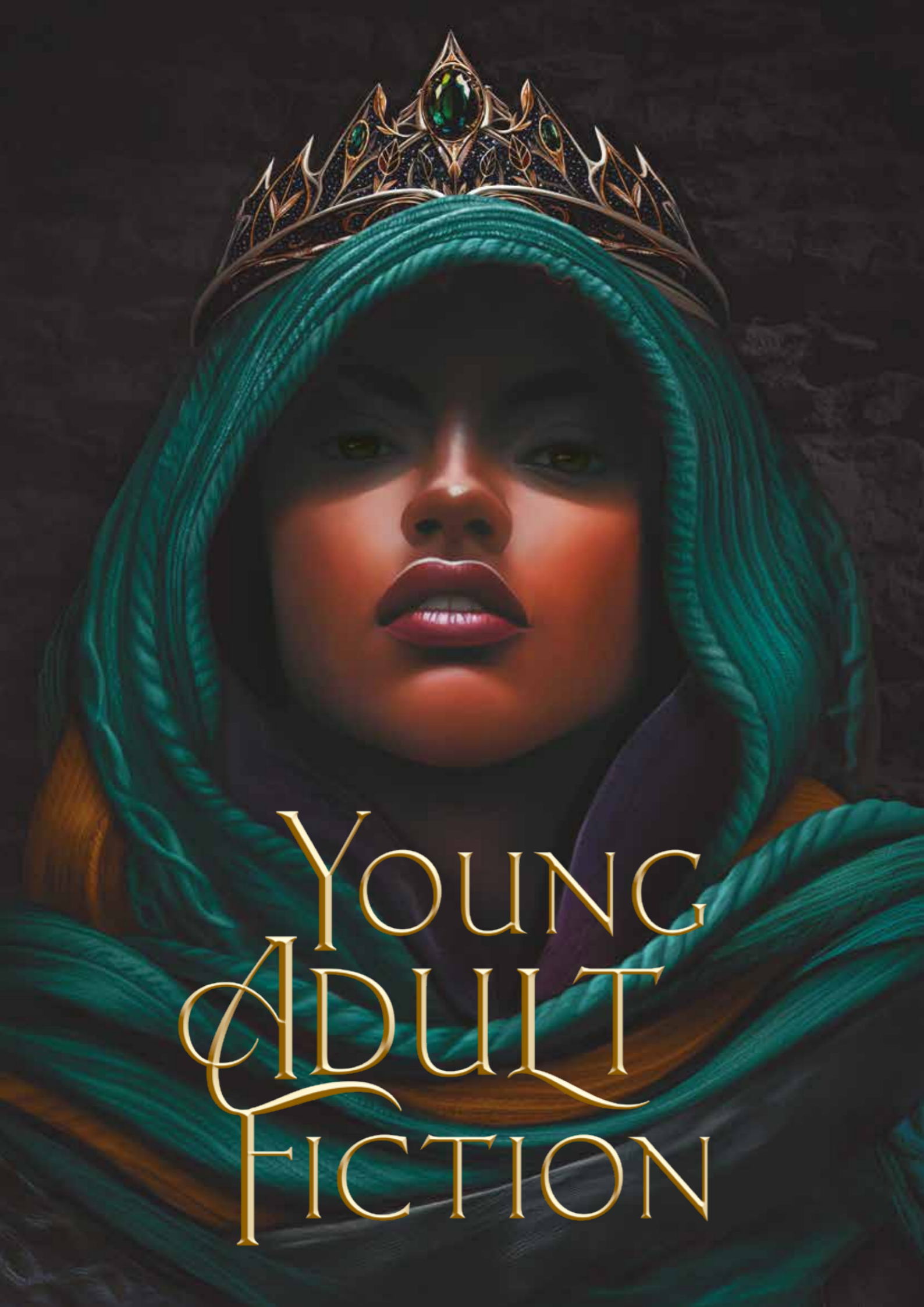
Fred Müller's dad is taken away – suddenly his family are the enemy because of where they come from.

It's 1914 London and war with Germany is looming. Fred's family are being treated as the enemy. Is everyone against them, or can Fred and his mother find glimmers of kindness and hope in these terrible times?

- Based on historical events with details about the internees of Alexandra Palace in World War I.
- Karen McCombie is an award-winning author of both children's and young adult books.

OCTOBER 2025

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £7.99 / 198 x 129mm / 256pp / 30,000 words / Age: 9+ / Standalone
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Heart-Shaped Curse

Eleanor Drage

Love is a curse. Dark, nostalgic, funny, and tragic — this is a supernatural romance for anyone who knows how much being a teenager sucks.

Since 1994, Alyssa has been cursed. Cursed to be 16 forever, to feed off the emotional pain of others, and to forever be obsessed with Nirvana. Until she meets Polly, whose mysterious immunity to the curse could be the key to curing it. But as something grows between them, Alyssa must decide if love is the antidote to her pain, or just a different kind of poison ...

- *Heartstopper* meets *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*: a queer paranormal romance with a 90s twist — perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and Lex Croucher
- A YA debut author with a fresh, distinctive voice that captures the essence of teen attitude in its most relatable form

Eleanor Drage writes speculative fiction about queer joy, heartbreak and the myriad of emotions in between. She lives in Brighton where she likes to swim in the sea (when it's sunny), talk enthusiastically in the pub (when it's rainy), and walk her dog on the beach (whatever the weather).



FEBRUARY 2027

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99
198 x 129mm / 368pp / 73,000 words
Age: 12+ / Standalone

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I Didn't Do It

Elle Gonzalez Rose

A YA thriller about the daughter of a killer who must prove her innocence after a night of fun turns deadly.

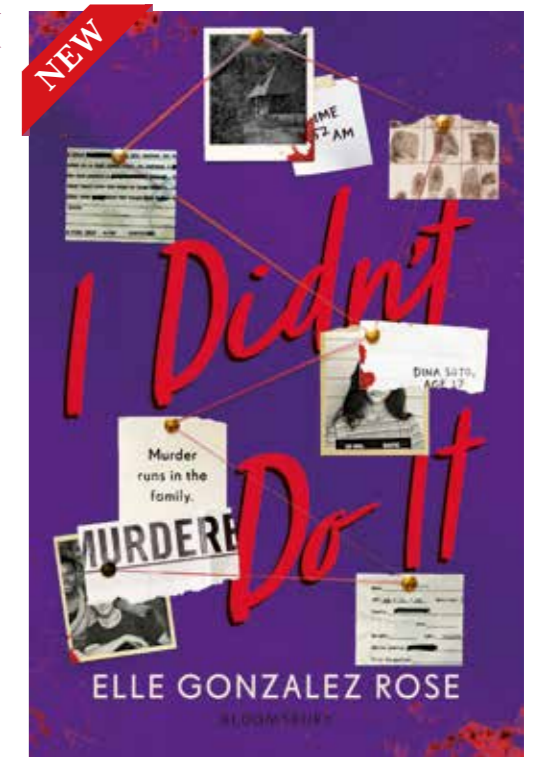
When Dina's crush invites her to a party, she soon realizes one night won't change her reputation as the daughter of a killer—especially not when people start turning up dead. The truth of what happened that night unravels alongside long-held secrets, but one thing remains true: Dina is adamant she didn't do it. Now, she just has to prove it.

- This has all the elements of a classic YA thriller, perfect for fans of Karen McManus and Jessica Goodman
- Told in part through police evidence, the fresh format plus unreliable narrator keeps readers guessing

Elle Gonzalez Rose is the author of the YA rom-coms *Caught in a Bad Fauxmance* and *10 Things I Hate About Prom*, and YA thriller *The Girl You Know*.



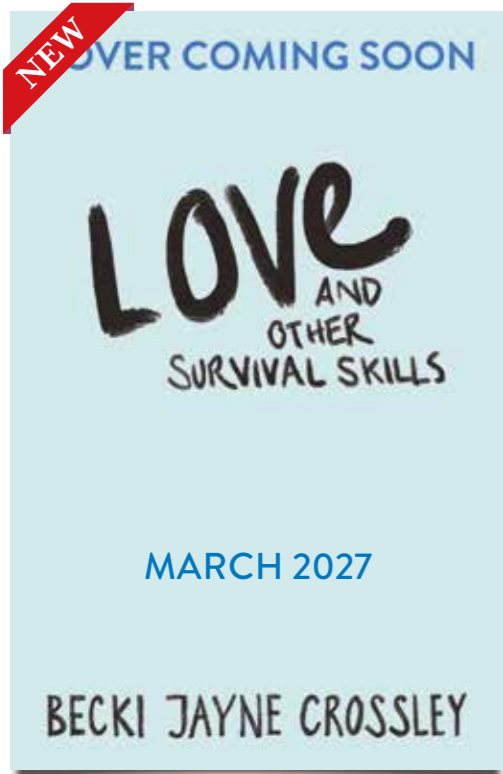
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210 x 139mm / 288pp / 62,671 words
Age: 14+ / Standalone

Option publishers: Ukrainian



Love and Other Survival Skills

Becki Jayne Crossley

Is love enough to survive in the wilderness? A bisexual romcom about messy feelings, big secrets and owning your queerness.

Ruby and Sean couldn't be more different. Ruby's life seems perfect; Sean's is a mess. After they find themselves stuck together on an outdoor adventure trip, a tentative friendship starts to blossom into more. But as buried secrets begin to work their way to the surface, they're about to realise they'll need more than love to survive the wilderness ...

- Cosy YA queer romance — be swept away by this swoonworthy friends-to-lovers queer romance that explores biphobia and the pressures of being a teen in the 21st century
- From the author of *Tart*, this is a new, heartfelt novel about coming out and accepting yourself

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MARCH 2027

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Becki Jayne Crossley (she/they) has had a book in her hands since before she could actually read, and since mastering the art of holding a pencil they've been writing down stories.

Sky Dancers

Chris Vick

A new story of dangerous enchantment and sorcery set in the 1950s and contemporary times, from Carnegie-shortlisted Chris Vick.

Hilly Seaborne is a dreamer, a skilled acrobat and an outcast. After moving to a new village, she visits the old deserted lighthouse, and uncovers tales of strange sightings and unnerving events from years past. A story of dark and deadly magic unfolds.

- A richly-imagined dual narrative full of compelling unearthly elements, with shades of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*
- Author's previous title *Girl. Boy. Sea.* was shortlisted for the Carnegie medal (2020) and nominated for the Sakura Medal (2022)

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AUGUST 2026

Zephyr / Paperback / £7.99
198 x 129mm / 304pp / 60,000 words
Age: 12+ / Standalone

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Chris Vick is a graduate of the Bath Spa MA in Writing for Young People. In between writing and teaching, Chris works for a whale and dolphin conservation charity and is a member of Authors4Oceans.



Tell the Ghosts I'm Gone

Kalynn Bayron

From *New York Times* bestselling author Kalynn Bayron comes a new horror novel about a group of teens with unique—and potentially deadly—gifts.

Moll and her friends each have a gift—Moll can see and manipulate people's emotions, Agnes is psychic, Ossie can control pests, and Redd has the power of distraction.

They run a blog documenting the supernatural. When the group investigates a haunted theater, Moll is eager to learn more about the paranormal world. But digging deeper into the origins and extents of their powers could have deadly consequences.

- Bestselling author crafts commercial horror novel perfect for fans of Tiffany D. Jackson and Holly Jackson: Kalynn's fast-paced, accessible writing is a perfect fit for the horror genre and perfectly blends modern teen life with imaginative storytelling

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SEPTEMBER 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99
210 x 139mm / 352 pp / 90,000 words
Age: 13+ / Standalone

Option publishers: Bulgarian, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, Ukrainian



Kalynn Bayron is the *New York Times* bestselling author of young adult novels and books for younger readers, including *Olive Oakes* and *the Haunted Carousel*, and the middle-grade *Vanquishers* series.

Devils We Know

L.T. Thompson

In book two of this YA historical fantasy duology, queer teens must find Death to save one of their own.

Cas, Remy, and Finn are running from the Order of Lazarus, a secret society that wants to use Cas's prophetic powers to capture and control Death. To protect their found family of queer pirates, the friends must find Death first. But the Order is hot on their heels—and so is a demon, determined to claim the soul he's owed.

- This fast-paced historical fantasy features empowering representation that shows the queer and trans characters readers fell in love with in *Devils Like Us* getting the freedom to imagine and build the lives they want for themselves
- There are so few YA books with trans protagonists, particularly in fantasy, and readers are eager to support these books when they come out, as with bestsellers such as *Cemetery Boys* and *Hell Followed With Us*

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JUNE 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$20.99
210 x 139mm / 400 pp / 95,000 words
Age: 14 & up / Book 2 of 2

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L.T. Thompson is a proud library worker and the author of two books for middle-grade readers: *The Best Liars in Riverview* and *The House That Whispers*. L.T. grew up in Kentucky, spent a decade in Boston, and now lives in Iowa with their wife and cat.



Faery Realms: Rowan

Bex Hogan

A third story from the Faery Realms series laced with faery beauty set in the Shadow Mountains, under the ominous light of a single star.

Rowan's ancestor followed a white hare and disappeared without trace. Throughout the generations, the women of the family have been warned against the magic of the cunning, shape-shifting hare. Centuries later, heartbroken Rowan ignores the warnings and follows it to a new world. All promises of happiness and healing turn to dust as she finds herself in the clutches of an evil fae witch.

- A standalone story by the author of *Nettle* and *Owl King*, with a focus on a different realm and a new heroine, set in the same faery world
- Dark fairy tale with a hint of romance, *Dangerous Liaisons* meets *Rapunzel*. Haunting, beautifully written, richly imagined, taps into fairy myth and folklore for fans of Holly Black

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Bex Hogan has previously published the Isles of Storm and Sorrow trilogy and *Black Heat* with Hachette. *Rowan* is her third novel for Zephyr, following *Nettle* and *Owl King* in the Faery Realms series.

OCTOBER 2026

Zephyr / Hardback / £14.99
216 x 135mm / 304pp / 55,000 words
Age: 12+ / Standalone
Option publishers: Italian, French, Turkish, US & Canada



Dead Straight Line

Malcolm Duffy

Two unlikely worlds collide as prize-winning Malcolm Duffy explores the life-changing repercussions of a single action in a game gone wrong.

Sixteen-year-old Rory is a rule-breaker. He's invented a game – wherever you are, you must get home in a dead straight line, whatever it takes.

He pressures his friend Eliot into playing, resulting in a serious accident, and the fury of his parents. His school pairs him with Tanker, a Geordie military veteran, in a care home. Perhaps 'it takes an old man to change a young man'.

- **Malcolm's signature storytelling:** thoroughly researched contemporary themes approached with wit, warmth and humanity, and a powerful family drama at its core
- Heart-wrenching vulnerability beautifully juxtaposes with humour in this intergenerational story featuring a boy lead and authentic disability representation

Geordie **Malcolm Duffy's** debut, *Me Mam. Me Dad. Me.* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, and, alongside *Sofa Surfer*, *Read Between the Lies*, and *Seven Million Sunflowers* has won and been shortlisted for multiple regional awards.



APRIL 2026

Zephyr / Paperback / £7.99
198 x 129mm / 304pp / 55,000 words
Age: 12+ / Standalone
All rights available



Twelve Dark Hours

Amber Hamilton

In this high-concept dark academia romantasy, a girl must team up with her worst enemy to defeat her soul mate.

Hazel has overcome many hardships to be with her prince—her cruel stepsisters, the disdainful royal court, and the prince's wicked brother. But with the help of her godmother, she won her prince and she's now prepared to live happily ever after.

But when guests start disappearing during their betrothal ball, Hazel realizes she might not know her fated mate as well as she thought. With only twelve hours to stop him, Hazel must join forces with the person she hates most: his brother.

- **Follow-up to a hit romantasy:** Amber Hamilton's debut is poised to be THE big romantasy hit of 2025 with rights sold in TEN different languages. Her second book offers readers everything they loved about *Seven Deadly Thorns* in a new fantasy world with an exciting new couple
- **High concept dark academia romantasy with crossover appeal:** This romantasy is EXACTLY what is working in the YA market now



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Amber Hamilton writes stunning escapist fantasy full of harrowing monsters and lovable villains. She lives with her French bulldog, Waffles, in Texas, where you can find her indulging her book buying addiction, making vibrant art, and pretending every day is Halloween. She is the author of *Seven Deadly Thorns*.

OCTOBER 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$20.99
210 x 139mm / 400pp / 100,000 words / Age: 15+ / Standalone
Rights sold: Croatian, Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, Ukrainian
Option publishers: Bulgarian, Italian, Polish

To Steal a Throne

Gabi Burton

In this YA fantasy novel perfect for fans of *Divine Rivals*, a girl who has always served others decides to take power for herself.

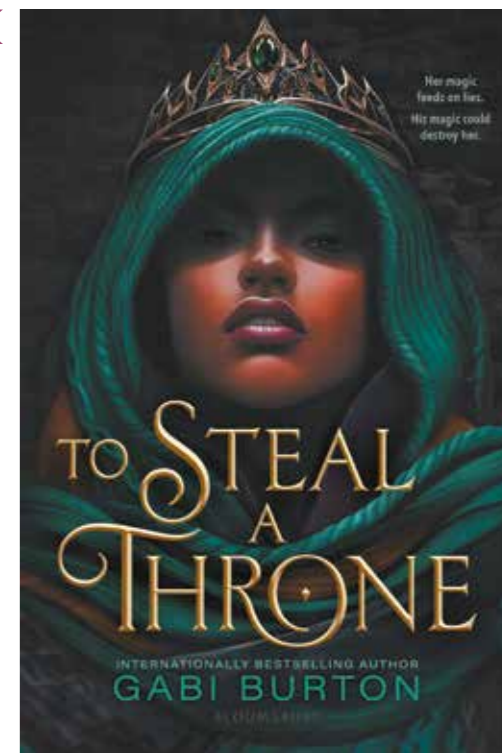
Mira Kyler runs the court of Virdei from the shadows. But when newcomer Kaidren Vale shows up and challenges her half-brother Luc's leadership, he threatens the stability Mira has worked so hard for. Mira realizes that the one boy who could destroy everything is the one boy she might not be able to resist.

- **High concept fantasy with forbidden romance:** Intricate world building combines with a high-stakes competition and the delicious tension of a forbidden romance
- **New fantasy series by acclaimed bestselling author:** Gabi is the internationally bestselling author of *Sing Me to Sleep*, which received four starred reviews and was named a Kirkus best book of the year

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Gabi Burton is the author of *Sing Me to Sleep* and *Drown Me with Dreams*. She grew up reading and writing in St. Louis, Missouri. Now, she works as a paralegal and author.



APRIL 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$20.99
210 x 139mm / 400pp / 80,000 words
Age: 14+ / Book 1 of 2
Option publishers: French, German, Portuguese (Brazilian)



Boy Friends

Kai Spellmeier

How do you delete the space between boy friends? A cosy queer romance perfect for fans of Alice Oseman.

Luca and Simo have always been best friends, growing up together in the quaint seaside town of Lombard. But Luca has a secret — he's in love with Simo. He wishes he knew how to tell him the truth, but he's terrified it will mean losing his best friend. When an anonymous message on the town noticeboard announces that SIMO AND LUCA ARE IN LOVE, both are forced to confront their deepest secrets and feelings for one another.

- The book features celebrated themes and tropes that YA readers will love: slow burn romance, friends-to-lovers, found family
- Cosy, contemporary and perfect for fans of Alice Oseman, Rainbow Rowell, Sophie Gonzales and *Gilmore Girls*

MAY 2026

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99
198 x 129mm / 368pp / 70,000 words
Age: 12+ / Standalone
World English



Kai Spellmeier is a German author currently living in England. He is a Children's & YA scout in London and has published three YA books in Germany to great success. He writes joyful queer literature and has been blogging about queer books on Instagram for many years. *Boy Friends* is his English Language debut.



Day of Now

Miranda Reason

A page-turning dystopian YA perfect for fans of *The Last of Us* and *The Quiet at the End of the World*.

A pandemic has wiped out most of society. When Dayna and Pax's father gets sick, they must race against time and across a ruthless landscape to save him.

- Pacey, moving and gripping — explores dark themes in a post-apocalyptic world where friendship, love and loyalty are everything

FEBRUARY 2026

Bloomsbury UK / Hardback / £16.99 / 216 x 135mm / 432pp / 98,000 words / Age: 12+ / Book 1 of 2
World English



Where You'll Find Us

Jen St. Jude

In this profound novel, a trans teen finds a house where queer teens from all different decades have found refuge from hatred—and from time.

Searching for a place to belong, trans teen Calla stumbles upon a magical house filled with queer teens from across time. But then the clock starts ticking—literally—and they begin to wonder what queer people lose when their history is lost to time.

JUNE 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99 / 210 x 139mm / 368pp / 85,000 words / Age: 12+ / Standalone
Option publishers: Hebrew, Polish

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Songs for Ghosts

Clara Kumagai

From *Catfish Rolling's* Clara Kumagai, a second novel full of longing, love and heartbreak, inspired by Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*.

Japanese-American 17-year-old Adam has just broken up with his boyfriend Evan and is not looking forward to the excruciating awkwardness at school. But then Adam discovers a diary in some boxes in the attic and is quickly enthralled by its poignant story. It was written by a young woman in Nagasaki in 1911. Adam is enraptured by her life and loves, becoming totally absorbed in her story. Then he starts to be haunted by her ghostly presence.

- A supernatural tale steeped in Japanese history, folklore, culture, music, myth and legend
- Clara's debut novel, *Catfish Rolling*, was KPMG Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year 2024, was Yoto Carnegie nominated, an Irish Independent Top 20 Irish Kid's books of 2023 and a Best Book of 2023 for *The Irish Times*, *Observer* and *Waterstones*

ALSO AVAILABLE



MARCH 2026

Zephyr / Paperback / £8.99
198 x 129mm / 432pp / 90,000 words
Age: 12+ / Standalone
World All Languages (excluding Canada/USA)
Rights sold: Italian



Clara Kumagai is from Ireland, Japan and Canada. *Catfish Rolling*, her debut novel, was a 2024 YOTO Carnegie Medal nominee, and winner of the 2024 KPMG Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year. She lives and writes in Ireland.



This Could All Go Bad

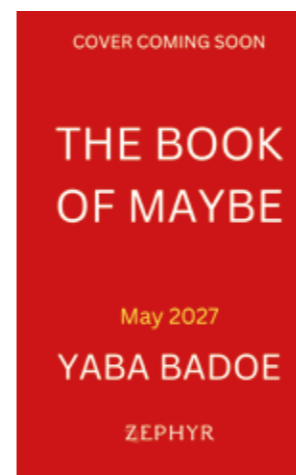
Spencer Hall

One night can change everything in this hilarious and heartfelt novel perfect for young teens.

On the night of their eighth-grade graduation, Jensen and his two best friends set out on an epic journey to face their fears, encountering everything from bullies to angry teachers to Jensen's crush. But when Jensen finds out that his friends have been keeping a huge secret from him, he'll need every scrap of his newfound bravery to save their friendship.

JUNE 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99 / 210 x 139mm / 288pp / 60,000 words / Age: 12+ / Standalone
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The Book of Maybe

Yaba Badoe

A 12+/teen fantasy romance about Sheba and Maybe who live in the Village with No Name.

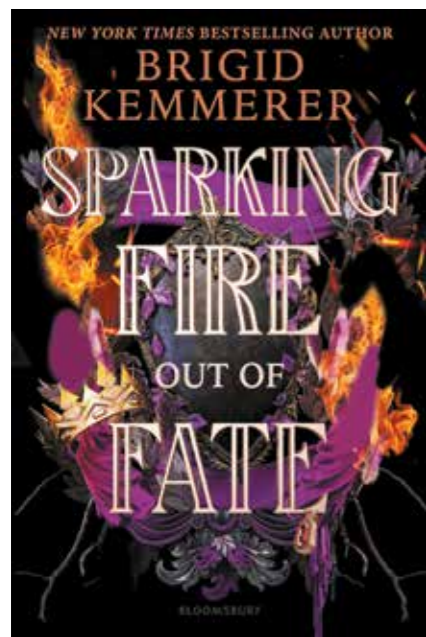
- Rich with the beat of African magic; blood ties, dark deeds, myth and family feuds
- Sensuous, memorable writing from *Sunday Times* Book of the Week and multiple prize shortlisted author, including the Branford Boase Award, Stanford's Travel Writing Prize and the Little Rebels Award

MAY 2027

Zephyr / Paperback / £7.99 / 198 x 129mm / 320pp / 70,000 words / Age: 12+ / Standalone
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Sparking Fire out of Fate

Brigid Kemmerer

New York Times bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer's stunning conclusion to the heart-pounding Forging Silver into Stars trilogy.

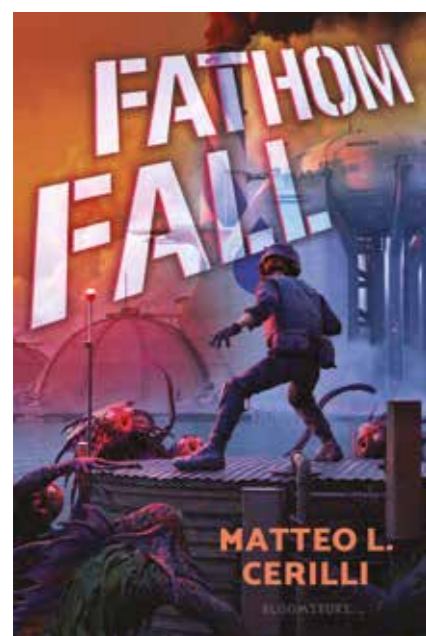
With one last chance to save their magic and their kingdoms, Tycho, Jax, and Callyn must work together, or lose everything. War has erupted. Love is tested. And without sacrifice, magic could destroy everyone...

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JANUARY 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$20.99 / 229 x 152mm / 448pp / Age: 13+ / Book 3 of 3
 Option publishers: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Romanian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian



Fathom Fall

Matteo L. Cerilli

The Maze Runner meets Fortnite in this action-packed young YA about a boy who finds out the monsters from his favorite video game are real.

Wyatt is determined to win the upcoming tournament of his favorite video game, Fathom Fall. When he discovers the monsters from the game are real and the competitors are being trained to fight them, he's determined to protect his country. But why would the military train kids to fight for them? And how far is Wyatt willing to go to prove himself?

MARCH 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99 / 210 x 139mm / 288pp / 55,000 words / Age: 12+ / Book 1 of 2
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If We Never End

Laura Taylor Namey

You've Reached Sam meets If I Stay in this epic romance spanning life and death.

Every summer, Sylvie Castellano's parents jet off to work on a luxury yacht, dumping her with her tia Vivian. When Sylvie scores the thrift find of a lifetime—a vintage gold watch worth thousands—she thinks maybe her luck is turning around. Then a turn of the watch's dial summons a ghost boy. Sylvie's summer is suddenly full of road trips, beach bonfires, and festival rides, until a devastating discovery brings everything crashing down.

APRIL 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99 / 210 x 139mm / 336pp / 80,000 words / Age: 14+ / Standalone
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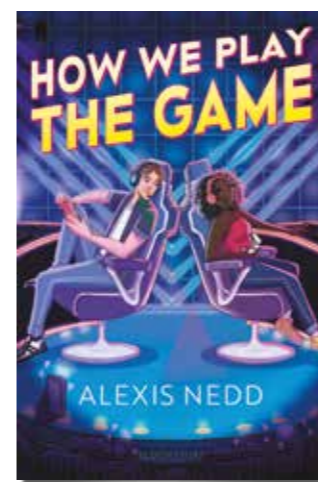
Becki Jayne Crossley

A heartwarming friends-to-lovers queer romance about coming out and finding yourself along the way. Perfect for fans of She Gets the Girl and Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda.

- YA queer romance with an unexpected twist
- A brilliant debut novel that explores consent, slut-shaming and finding queer joy in a small town

AUGUST 2025

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99 / 198 x 129mm / 384pp / 93,000 words / Age: 13+ / Standalone
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How We Play the Game

Alexis Nedd

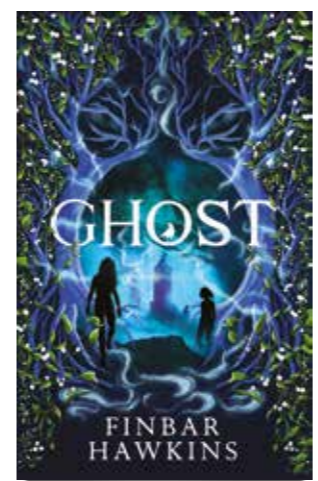
Competitive gaming and fake dating combine to create a razor-sharp romance perfect for fans of Twelfth Knight and SLAY.

Zora Lyon plays to dominate. And as a no-nonsense, strategic prodigy of Wizzard Gaming's viral battle royale, she has all the skills she needs to do so. So when Wizzard offers their top players a chance to participate in a summer academy designed to launch them into the world of professional gaming, Zora knows she has what it takes to be the last player standing.

NOVEMBER 2025

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99 / 210 x 139mm / 400pp / 70,000 words / Age: 13+ / Standalone
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Ghost

Finbar Hawkins

Three girls from different centuries lay to rest an ancient evil in this supernatural story, with a hint of horror.

- Perfect for horror revival market and Halloween: ghostly voices of the past echo uneasily in the present. Powerful ancient magic is always a draw
- Finbar Hawkins is the author of internationally bestselling Witch, the second most gifted YA book in Modern and Contemporary YA Historical Fiction. 1000+ 4* reviews

NOVEMBER 2025

Zephyr / Hardback / £14.99 / 216 x 135mm / 240pp / 36,000 words / Age: 12+ / Standalone
 Option publishers: French, Hungarian, Italian



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Strange Nature

Mary Watson

Part murder mystery, part seductive love story and part dark-academia thriller, the new novel from Mary Watson is perfect for fans of A Good Girl's Guide to Murder.

- Mary Watson's debut YA novel, *The Wren Hunt*, was shortlisted for the Irish Book Awards and nominated for the Carnegie Medal

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