

By the Grace of Todd

by Louise Galveston

#ImaginativeAdventure

Working Partners • Translation

PRH • 272 pages • Age: 8+ • 2 books

An imaginative, laugh-out-loud adventure for boys about growing up, taking responsibility, and running a tiny civilization from your bedroom.

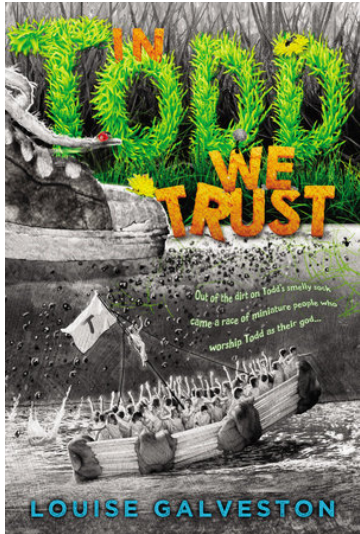
When twelve-year-old Todd inadvertently creates a primitive civilization in his dirty laundry, he finds that being a god isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Todd is having a hard enough time starting middle school. When he discovers a tiny civilization brewing in his dirty laundry, his first instinct is to ignore it. But he soon finds that his "Toddlians" not only revere him, but need him to help them evolve.

With caring, ingenuity, and a little library research, Todd finds himself evolving into a more responsible, capable sixth grader. But can the Toddlians survive roomcleanings, dog attacks, and the mysteriously frequent visits of Todd's little sister, Daisy? By the grace of Todd, they just might...

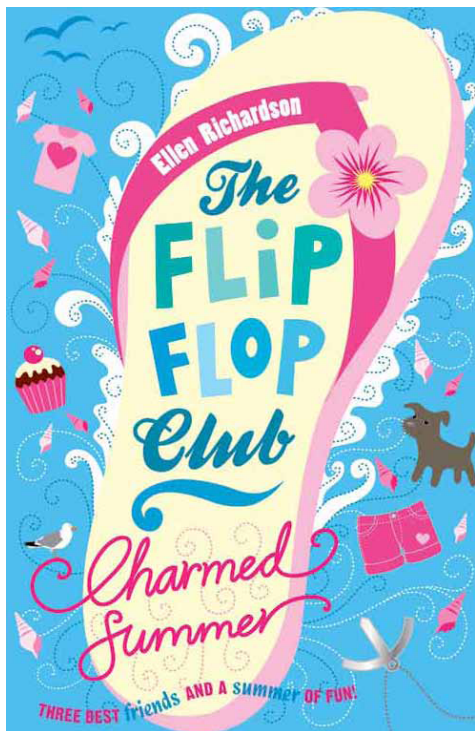
Book 1: By the Grace of Todd

Book 2: In Todd We Trust



Louise Galveston is a writer, playwright, and director of children's theater. She lives with her husband in the Midwest and, like Todd, she presides over a small civilization of her own: a parrot, cockatiel, horse, African dwarf frog, and eleven tiny people who happen to be her children!

Praise for *By the Grace of Todd*:
"...this story is all about the ride, in all of its gross and grimy glory. Galveston . . . delights in the icky habits of the Toddlians ("dead skin cell and toe jam sandwiches" are a delicacy), yet her portrayal of the brutalities of middle school feels as real as the things Todd learns about friends, popularity, and being true to oneself." —Publishers Weekly



The Flip Flop Club

by Ellen Richardson

#SummerFun #Friendship #Mystery

Working Partners • Translation

Oxford University Press • 224 pages • Age: 9+ • 4 books

A gorgeous series full of sunshine, secrets, and surprises!

When Elly is sent to stay with her aunt on Sunday Island for the summer, she is bored and lonely. But then she receives a mysterious invitation to a midnight feast in a tree house, and her summer suddenly gets much sunnier!

She sneaks out of the house only to stumble into a girl called Sierra, who is just as lost as she is. Then a helpful little dog leads them into an overgrown maze, where a smiling girl called Tash welcomes them in to the midnight feast!

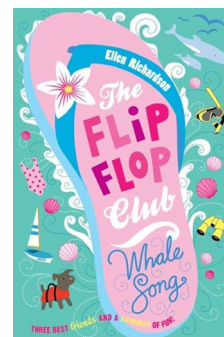
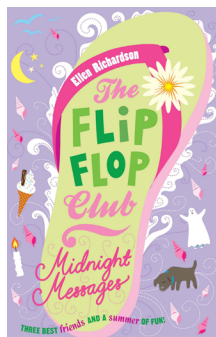
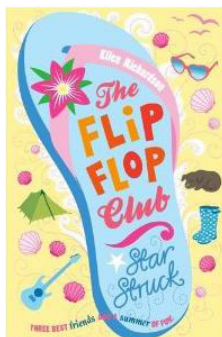
Soon the girls are fast friends, exploring the island, swimming and eating ice creams. But what buried mystery from the past links the lives of these three strangers?

Book 1: Charmed Summer

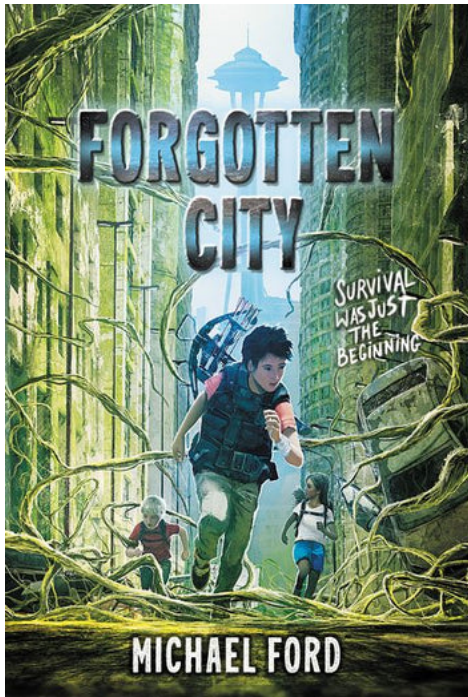
Book 2: Star Struck

Book 3: Midnight Messages

Book 4: Whale Song



Ellen Richardson grew up in Missouri, USA. All the time she was growing up, she longed to see the ocean, and finally did on a school trip when she was the same age as Elly, Tash and Sierra. Ellen now lives in England with her family, and every summer, they spend as much time as they can by the sea.



Forgotten City

by Michael Ford

#SurvivorAdventure #ActionPackedRead

Working Partners • Translation

Harper Collins • 288 pages • Age: 8+ • 2 books

Nail-biting suspense and nonstop thrills make this action-packed adventure perfect for young readers who love survival adventures.

Thirteen years ago, the world ended. A deadly chemical called Waste began to spread across the globe, leaving devastation in its wake. Millions died. Cities fell into chaos. Anything the Waste didn't kill, it mutated into threatening new forms.

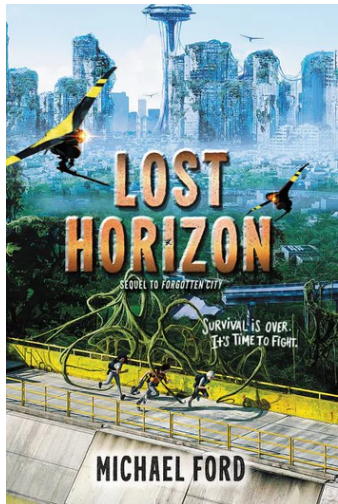
Kobi has always believed he and his dad were the only survivors. But when his dad goes missing, Kobi follows his trail—and discovers a conspiracy even deadlier than the Waste itself.

Nonstop action, chilling dangers, and edge-of-your-seat twists make this gripping, fast-paced read perfect for young readers who love survival adventures like Gary Paulsen's Hatchet and dystopian series like Jeanne DuPrau's City of Ember.

What happens when the only person you trust is gone, and the world is more dangerous than you ever imagined?

Book 1: Forgotten City

Book 2: Lost Horizon



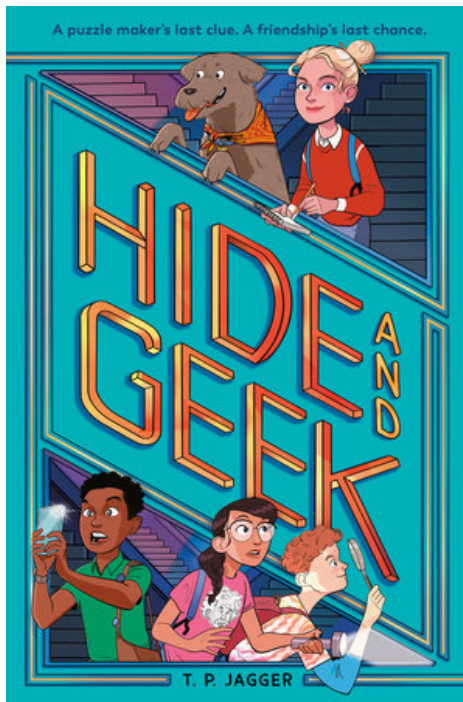
Michael Ford lives in the North of England with his wife, two obedient dogs, and two less obedient children. He writes books for childlike adults and adultlike children.

Praise for *Forgotten City*:

"[A] tightly and effectively written thriller. This book is sure to infect readers' curiosity for a sequel." - Kirkus Reviews

"An action-packed plot and clever narrative twists. Engaging and accessible science fiction for middle grade readers." - SLJ

"Dizzying twists and betrayals page after page; a gripping adventure." - BCCB



Hide and Geek

by T. P. Jagger

#PuzzleAdventure #FriendsOnAMission

Working Partners • Translation

PRH • 336 pages • Age: 8+ • 2 books

Brains, teamwork, and a whole lot of adventure! In the Hide and GEEK series, four friends prove that being a geek is a superpower as they chase a puzzlemaker's last clue to hidden treasure.

The GEEKs:

Gina, Edgar, Elena, and Kevin have been best friends for as long as they can remember. So when their archnemesis points out that their initials make them literally GEEKs, they decide to go with it.

The problem:

The GEEKs' hometown of Elmwood was once the headquarters of the famous toymaker Maxine Van Houten. Her popular puzzle sphere, the Bamboozler, put the town on the map. But Maxine passed away long ago. Now the toy factory is shutting down, and Elena's mom and Kevin's dad are losing their jobs. They might have to move—and that would mean splitting up the GEEKs!

The quest:

Maxine left one final puzzle, a treasure hunt that could save the town and keep the friends together. But only those who know and love Elmwood best will be able to solve it. GEEKs to the rescue!

Book 1: Hide and Geek

Book 2: The Treasure Test



T. P. Jagger is an author, editor, and teacher. He has over 25 years of teaching experience, doing everything from teaching elementary students how to write to teaching teachers how to teach writing. He helps writers write and teachers teach through his 3-Minute Writing Teacher series of how-to creative writing videos and his free readers' theater scripts for elementary and middle school classrooms.





Robots Rule!

by C. J. Richards

#FriendshipAndCourage #STEMforKids

Working Partners • Translation

Clarion Books • 208 pages • Age: 9+ • 3 books

A funny, fast-paced chapter book packed with clever inventions, mechanical mayhem, and creative problem-solving perfect for young engineers and tinkerers.

George Gearing is a whiz with mechanics, which isn't surprising, since his uncle runs a scrapyard. George has a ton of friends—but unfortunately they are all either robotic or over 65. But when his best bot, Jackbot, gets an unexpected upgrade, things start to change. Jackbot's amazing new abilities catch the eye of Dr. Micron, head of robotics at TinkerTech, and suddenly George thinks that his future isn't so bleak after all. Then Jackbot is kidnapped, and all the robots in town start losing control. Suddenly it's up to George and his new friend Anne to test their mettle and save the day.

What happens when your best friend holds the key to a robot uprising?

Book 1: Junkyard Bot

Book 2: Lots of Bots

Book 3: Battle of the Bots



C. J. Richards has loved tinkering with gadgets since he was a little boy. He remembers fondly the time he accidentally blew up his father's radio after some experimental rewiring. Mr. Richards lives with his wife, his cat, and his eight televisions.

Praise for *Robots Rules!*:

"Young robot enthusiasts will surely be amused." —Kirkus

"A humorous, fast-paced, action-packed science fiction novel." —SLJ

"Clever, whimsical, and fast-paced, this adventure never loses its sense of fun." —Publishers Weekly

"The snappy pace and straightforward storytelling give this accessibility to a younger crowd, while Fujita's occasional digital artwork complements the story's techy underpinnings and adds a bit of visual interest. Aspiring mechanics will be inspired by what Jackbot and his cohorts can do." —Bulletin



The Crims

by Kate Davies

#LaughOutLoudMystery #CrimFamilyChaos

Working Partners • Translation

Harper Collins • 304 pages • Age: 9+ • 3 books

Packed with hilarious hijinks and clever twists, this is a laugh-out-loud adventure perfect for solving the case of the missing—and very valuable—lunch box.

The Crim family is full of notorious criminals. Notoriously inept, that is. Uncle Knuckles once tried to steal a carnival. Great-Uncle Bernard held himself hostage by accident. Aunt Drusilla died slipping on a banana peel. But Imogen is different. She was born with a skill for scandal. A knack for the nefarious. A mastery of misdemeanors.

Despite her natural talent for all things unlawful, Imogen got out of the family business years ago. But when the rest of the Crims are accused of pulling off a major heist—which seems doubtful, to say the least—Imogen is forced to step in to clear their names. Because only a truly skilled criminal can prove the bumbling family's innocence....

Book 1: The Crims

Book 2: Down with the Crims!

Book 3: The Crims at Sea



Kate Davies lives in London, where she writes children's books, performs improv comedy. She also edits other people's children's books and she once worked at Buckingham Palace, selling tea towels to tourists.

Praise for *The Crims*:

"Hand this to fans of Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events or Eoin Colfer's Artemis Fowl series." - SLJ

"Davies' light tone, throwaway lines, and inventive details let readers know they're in for a hilarious, eccentric romp. With Mysterious Benedict Society flair, Davies' novel is packed with ridiculous criminal plans, secret hideaways, wordplay, and heart. In other words, it delivers the goods." - Booklist