

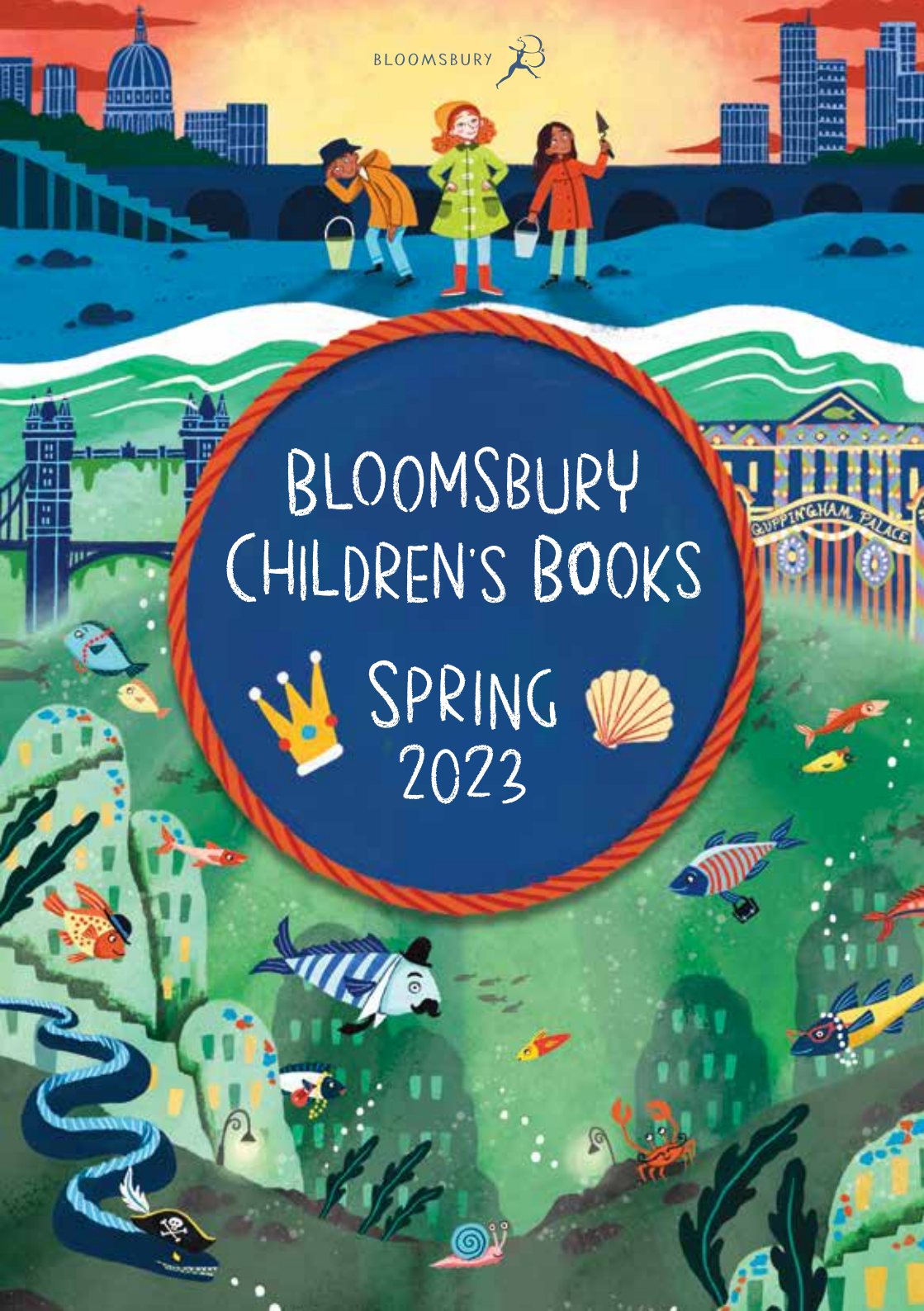
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# YOUNG FICTION



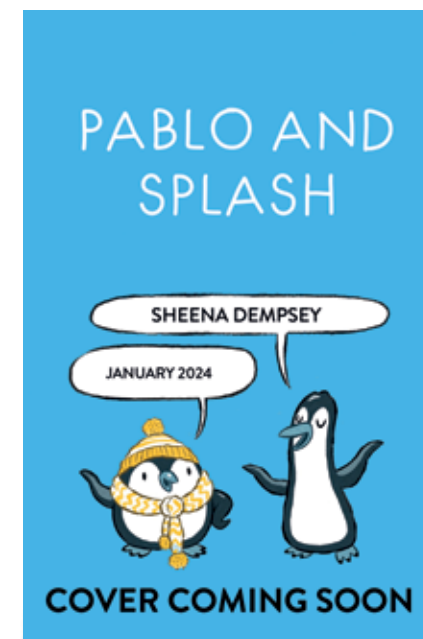
## Pablo & Splash

Sheena Dempsey

Penguins Pablo and Splash are best friends and complete opposites! Join them on their first hilarious time-travelling adventure in this full-colour graphic novel series by award-winning author-illustrator Sheena Dempsey. Perfect for 7+ fans of Bumble & Snug or Bunny vs Monkey.

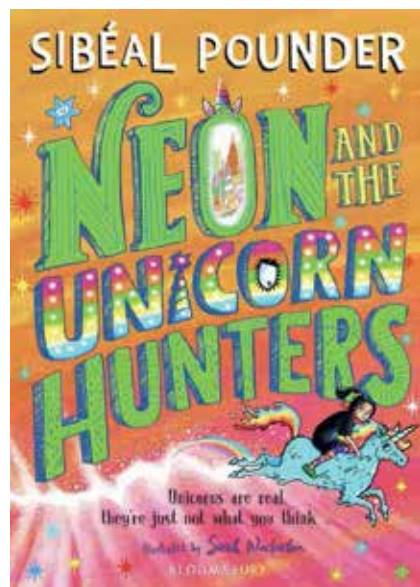
Antarctic penguins Pablo and Splash are polar opposites and besties for life. Pablo is a home-bird and a meticulous planner. Splash is easily bored, with the attention span of a krill. Sick to her flippers of the harsh, freezing weather, Splash persuades Pablo to go on a holiday with her. And not just any holiday, a beach holiday. But Splash gets more than she bargained for when the pair fall through a hole in the ice and discover a secret underground laboratory and an incredible machine that lets them travel through time! So begins a hilarious new time-flipping adventure series!

- Sheena Dempsey is an award-winning children's book illustrator from Cork, Ireland. She has illustrated over thirty books, including *Yoga Babies* by Fearne Cotton and the Dave Pigeon and Bad Panda series by Swapna Haddow
- Huge growth in the market for graphic novels for this age group
- Perfect for fans of Bumble & Snug, Bunny vs Monkey, Narwhal and Jelly and Kitty Quest series
- Brilliant end matter includes real historical facts and fun how-to-draw guides



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## Neon and the Unicorn Hunters

**Sibéal Pounder**  
**Sarah Warburton**

Dive back into the Uni-verse with Neon for another GOO-TASTIC adventure from Sibéal Pounder.

Now a fully-fledged unicorn (no, not the horse kind, the ultra-powerful human-looking kind), Neon Gallup is LOVING her secret double life in the extraordinary UNI-VERSE, creating goo-powered magic and going on adventures with her unicorn friends.

However, she is unaware that she has been spotted opening a portal by none other than the neighbourhood unicorn hunter, Priscilla. Now that she's seen Neon's portal opener, Priscilla is determined to steal it and destroy unicorns once and for all.

With the unicorn hunters closing in on all sides, will Neon discover the sinister plot in time to save the day once again?

- Sibéal Pounder is the author of two much-loved and seriously stylish children's fiction series, *Witch Wars* and *Bad Mermaids*. Her first book, *Witch Wars*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award and she was also a World Book Day author for 2019
- Sarah Warburton – a super-talented, super-illustrator superhero – works in a studio at the bottom of her garden. She lives in Bristol in a homely hideaway



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## The Thames and Tide Club: Squid Invasion

**Katya Balen**  
**Rachael Dean**

Dip back into another phenomenal adventure, where Clem, Ash and Zara have become Guardians of the Mudlarking Museum in London. Their job is to return precious and powerful objects back where they belong, but more trouble is in store for the team as they discover that being a Guardian is not as simple as they expected!



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## The Thames and Tide Club: The Secret City

**Katya Balen**  
**Rachael Dean**

From the critically acclaimed author of *The Space We're In*, *October*, *October* and *The Light in Everything*, comes a brand-new younger middle-grade series.

Clem, Ash and Zara are members of the Thames and Tide Club. Every weekend they run down to the river and go mudlarking – searching for treasures that have washed up on the shore. One day, Clem finds something special. Something magical that belongs in the river and must be returned to its rightful owner ... or else. Join the club and dive into this amazing underwater adventure!

- The start of a brand-new series for younger readers to fall in love with Katya Balen's inimitable, fun and exciting storytelling
- A glorious mix of magic and real life, with a fresh, contemporary setting and featuring beautiful black-and-white illustrations by Rachael Dean
- Katya's middle-grade novel *October, October* won the CILIP Carnegie Medal in 2022



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## The Time Machine Next Door: Scientists and Stripy Socks

**Iszi Lawrence**  
**Rebecca Bagley**

A page-turning, laugh-out-loud time-travel tale with a twist, by comedian, broadcaster and podcaster Iszi Lawrence, perfect for fans of Horrible Histories.

Sunil's neighbour, Auntie Alex, isn't like other neighbours. She once set fire to her own bedroom, has a windmill in her garden and, most importantly, is the inventor of the world's only time machine. But using it is dangerous and Alex isn't sure she wants to be a scientist any more. Can visits to her scientific heroes change her mind? Join Sunil and Auntie Alex on a hilarious adventure through time.

- Features Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton and Caroline Herschel, and factual information about them and their work, alongside a fun-packed story with illustrations by Rebecca Bagley
- Iszi Lawrence is a comedian, podcaster and author of three historical middle-grade adventures for Bloomsbury. She is the co-host of BBC Radio 4's *Making History* and the British Museum Membercast podcast



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## The Time Machine Next Door: Explorers and Milkshakes

**Iszi Lawrence**  
**Rebecca Bagley**

A hilarious and action-packed time-travel tale with a twist, which will take young readers on an immersive journey through the history of exploration.

When Sunil accidentally breaks his grandfather's most prized possession his first thought is that Auntie Alex, his eccentric next-door neighbour, will be able to help him fix it. But Alex's solution to his problem is ... her time machine! Soon, Sunil is thrust into a much bigger adventure than he ever imagined. Join Sunil and Auntie Alex on a hilarious adventure through time.

- Features Ernest Shackleton and Neil Armstrong, and factual information about them and their work, alongside a fun-packed story with illustrations by Rebecca Bagley
- Iszi Lawrence is a comedian, podcaster and author of *The Unstoppable Letty Pegg*, *Billie Swift Takes Flight* and *Blackbeard's Treasure*. She is the co-host of BBC Radio 4's *Making History* and the British Museum Membercast podcast

## The Time Machine Next Door: 3

**Iszi Lawrence**  
**Rebecca Bagley**

A page-turning, laugh-out-loud time travel tale with a twist, by comedian, broadcaster and podcaster Iszi Lawrence, which takes a look at the history of war.

Something strange is going on at Alex's house – she has a visitor who looks oddly familiar to Sunil. Soon, two versions of Alex (one from the future) and Sunil are off on another adventure through time. With a pesky kiwi in toe they're soon on their way to Roman Britain and checking out the War of the Roses.

- Features the tribal resistance to Roman rule, the War of the Roses and seventeenth century witch trial, with factual information alongside a fun-packed story with illustrations by Rebecca Bagley
- Iszi Lawrence is a comedian, podcaster and author of three historical middle grade adventures for Bloomsbury. She is the co-host of BBC Radio 4's *Making History* and the British Museum Membercast podcast
- Two adventures featuring Explorers and Scientists publish in April 2023 with two more books to follow in April 2024. These hilarious and fact packed stories make history exciting and immersive for children



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**Rebecca Bagley**

A page-turning, laugh-out-loud time travel tale with a twist, by comedian, broadcaster and podcaster Iszi Lawrence, which takes young readers on a journey through the history of leadership.

Sunil's in trouble at school but his neighbour Alex has a perfect solution. Her time machine! Soon they're visiting leaders from across history – all while trying to make sure a certain pesky kiwi doesn't get them into trouble. Join Sunil and Alex on another hilarious adventure through time.

- Features Rosa Parks, Ghengis Khan and Queen Elizabeth I and factual information about them and their lives, alongside a fun-packed story with illustrations by Rebecca Bagley
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## Pegasus Princesses: Rosie's Rhythm

Emily Bliss  
Sydney Hanson

From the author of Unicorn Princesses comes a series about a girl who goes on magical adventures with the Pegasus Princesses.

Princess Rosie is preparing for the Garden Orchestra's annual concert, and she invites Clara to join. Clara can't wait to perform with the Pegasus Princess, but when a mishap in the garden causes chaos to bloom, it looks like the whole concert might be cancelled! Can Clara come up with a solution in time to save the day?



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## Pegasus Princesses: Snow's Slide

Emily Bliss  
Sydney Hanson

Princess Snow and the other princesses are preparing for the Pegasus Winter Games – a day of magical sledging with friends from the Snowflake Realm! But when they accidentally invite the GLOW leopards instead of the SNOW leopards, all the snow melts! Can Clara come up with a solution to help her friends beat the heat and restore the snowy fun?

- **Bloomsbury sweet-spot:** We have a strong track record with these super sparkly, very commercial chapter books, with series like Unicorn Princesses, Princess Ponies and Kitty's Magic showing success in many channels
- **Bright packages with interior b&w illustrations:** These series have adorable and fun black-and-white illustrations throughout the books
- **Standalone readability:** These books can be read in any order! Each features a unique adventure in the realm of Pegasus Princesses and a new conflict caused by their mischievous winged cat, Lucinda

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## The Worst Class in the World: Animal Uproar

Joanna Nadin  
Rikin Parekh

The latest book in the hilarious young fiction series written by bestselling author Joanna Nadin and illustrated by Rikin Parekh.

Class 4B are back again, determined to prove that they are not the WORST CLASS IN THE WORLD. But they didn't LITERALLY mean to release their class-pet stick insects all around the school, and they really didn't LITERALLY mean to make a mess creating modern art. These things just happened, even though best friends Stanley and Manjit had FOOLPROOF plans to get away with it all.

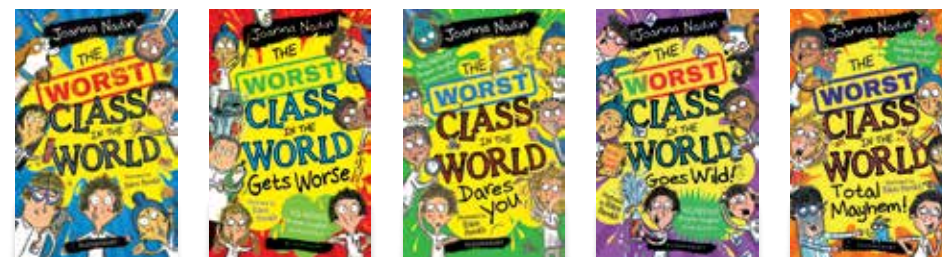
- *The Worst Class in the World's* £1 World Book Day Book was the number one bestselling fiction title during World Book Day week, selling almost 100,000 copies
- Bestselling author Joanna Nadin has written more than seventy books including the Penny Dreadful series, the Flying Fergus series with Chris Hoy and the Carnegie-nominated *Joe All Alone*, which is now a BAFTA-winning film
- Chock-full of hilarious illustrations by Rikin Parekh and with two madcap adventures in each book, this series is perfectly pitched for children ready to read their first chapter books
- *The Worst Class in the World* has been optioned by BAFTA award-winning producer Dominic Macdonald through his company Dog Rock Films
- Sits alongside Francesca Simon's Horrid Henry books and Kes Gray's Trouble with Daisy books. A great stepping stone up to Pamela Butchart



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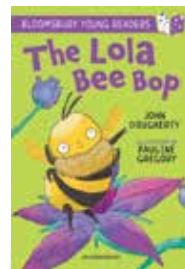
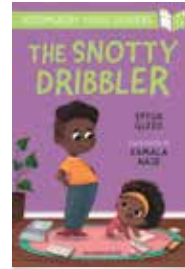
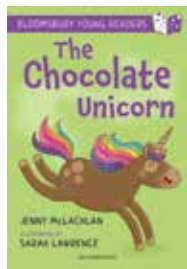
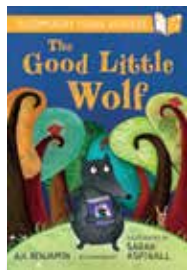






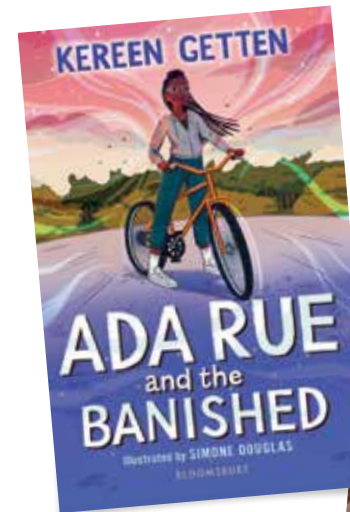
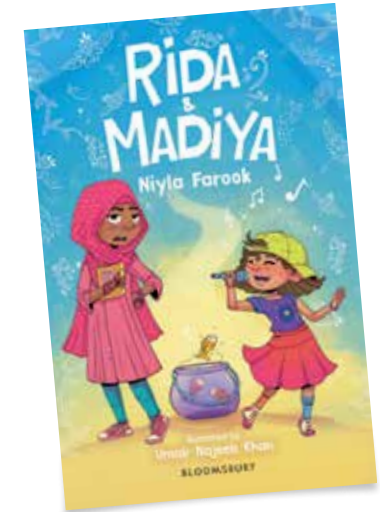
## Bloomsbury Young Readers

Bloomsbury Young Readers are perfect for getting children aged 5-7 excited about reading, featuring stories written by brilliant authors like Julia Donaldson, Ben Bailey Smith and Sarah Crossan accompanied by engaging colour illustrations. All the stories have been reviewed by literacy experts to make sure they are exactly the right level to help children progress, and teaching notes are available which are written by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE), a UK-based charity who work to raise children's achievement in reading and writing by putting high quality children's books at the heart of all learning. For more information and to access the teaching notes, visit: [bloomsburyreaders.com](http://bloomsburyreaders.com)

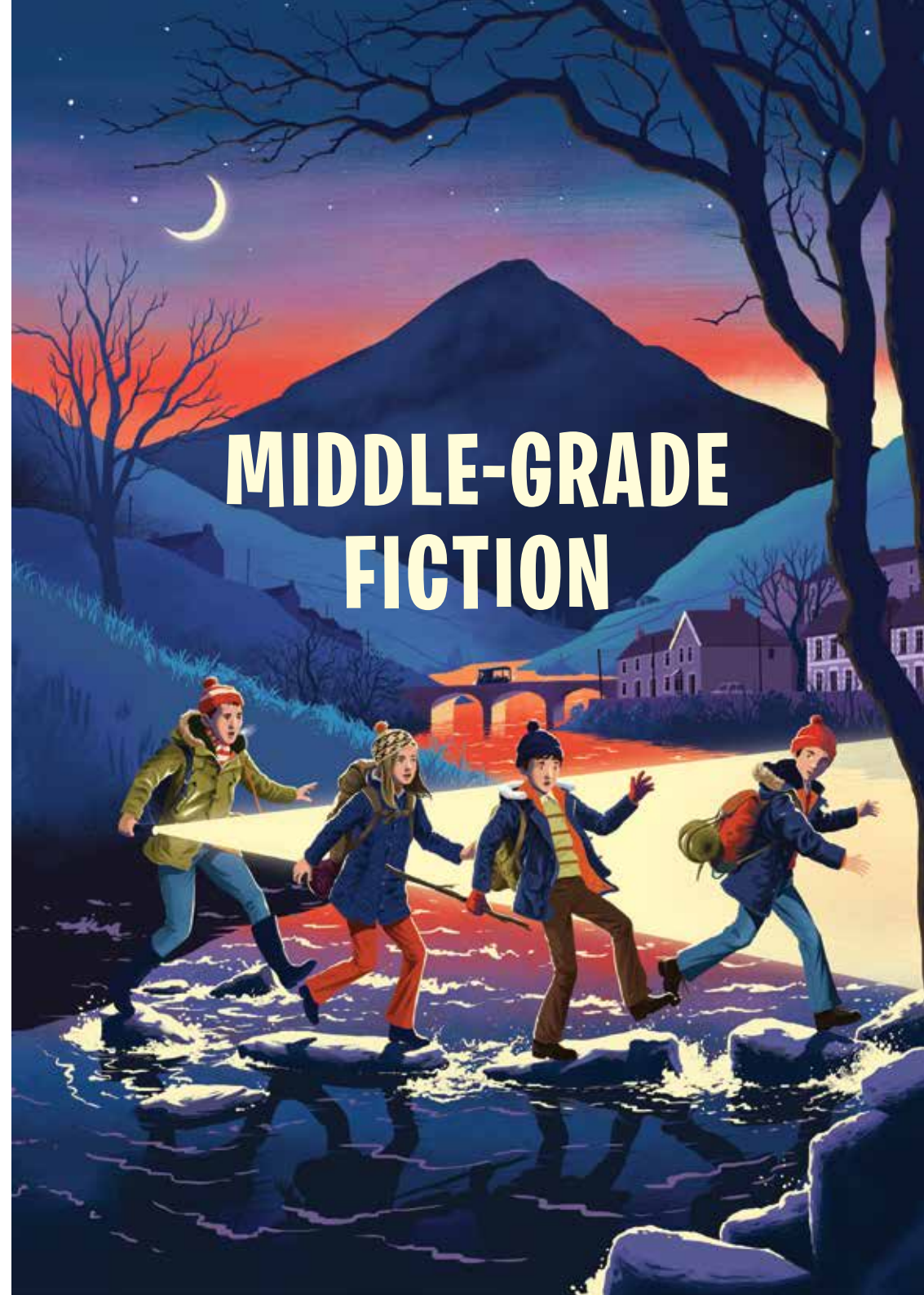
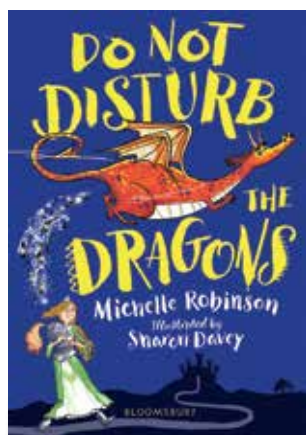
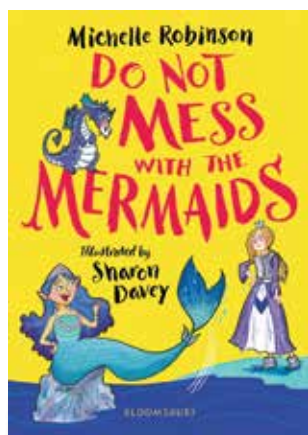
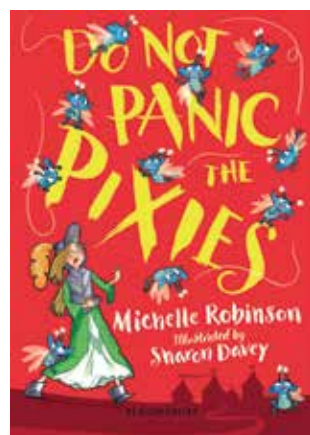
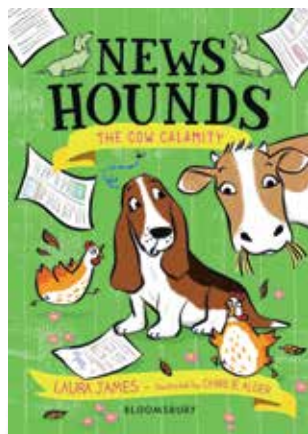
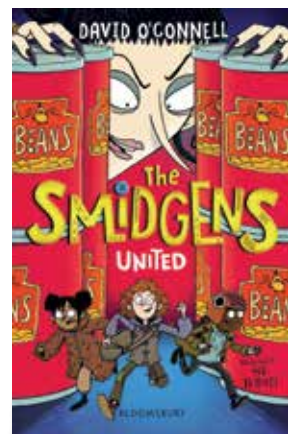
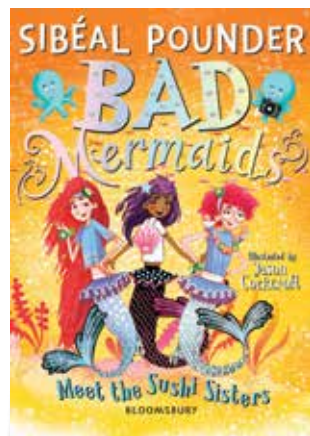


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## The Clockwork Conspiracy

**Sam Sedgman**

From co-author of the internationally bestselling *Adventures with Trains* series, Sam Sedgman, comes an impeccable solo debut: a locked-room mystery packed with rooftop chases, hidden codes and mind-bending science! This is the first book in an epic globetrotting series.

Aspiring inventor Isaac Turner lives with his dad, the Chief Horologist in charge of the Big Ben clock in London. But when his father vanishes from the belfry on the night the clocks go back, leaving behind only a smashed pocket watch and a cryptic message, Isaac is determined to find him.

Hunting a trail of clues through the city's landmarks, Isaac uncovers a sinister plot in the gears of government and must race against time to save his father – and time itself.

- Sam Sedgman is the award-winning co-writer of the bestselling *Adventures on Trains* series (with M.G. Leonard), which has already sold in eighteen languages around the world
- Told in sixty chapters and packed with illustrated cross sections, codes and clues, there's so much to this mystery series that children won't be able to put it down!
- Ambitiously pre-empted by Bloomsbury Children's the day after submission, Sam's impeccable writing and tight twisty plot makes this one of our biggest children's titles of 2024
- Sam is an incredibly charismatic person and an experienced host, currently presenting *Down the Rabbit Hole*, a podcast about children's books

## Fablehouse

**E.L. Norry**

The beginning of an outstanding middle-grade fantasy series. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* meets *The Dark is Rising* in this spectacular adventure for 9+ readers.

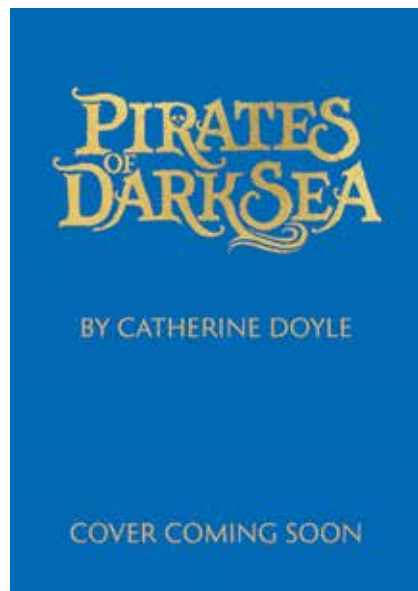
Fablehouse is a children's home like no other. Housed in a crumbling mansion that perches on a cliff and backs on to ancient woodland, this is the home for many of Britain's Brown Babies in the 1950s – children born to African-American GIs and white, British women after the Second World War.

Heather has already been through several children's homes and foster families and is trying her hardest not to trust Fablehouse and its unusual head teacher. When kids start acting strangely, Heather discovers a plot from a fey realm to infiltrate and overthrow the human world. With the help of Palamedes – the Black Knight from King Arthur's Round Table who has been guarding the ancient doorway to the fairy world – and three friends, Heather sets off on a quest to rescue the children who have been replaced by changelings. No child will be forgotten or discarded on her watch. Soon she finds herself drawn into a battle to save the first place that has felt like home for years.

- A middle-grade fantasy like no other! Bought in a six-figure pre-empt, *Fablehouse* will be Bloomsbury Children's Books biggest publication for 2023
- Publication to be supported by a huge multi-platform marketing and publicity campaign
- Perfect for fans of *Amari and the Night Brothers*, as well as big fantasy titles such as *Fireborn* and *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*
- Emma Norry is a thrilling new talent who, having been through the care system herself, brings #OwnVoices heart and authenticity to this extraordinary adventure. Magic is for everyone!



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## Pirates of Darksea

Catherine Doyle

Climb aboard for another thrilling adventure from the bestselling author of the Storm Keeper series, Catherine Doyle.

Max and his big brother Christopher longed to venture on the high seas with Captain O'Malley. But now Christopher is ill and Max isn't sure what to do.

Then a rather loud parrot turns up with a message: O'Malley is looking for a brave someone to join his crew, for a reward beyond Max's wildest dreams and maybe a chance to help his brother.

Max is soon off on the adventure of a lifetime to the magical Eighth Sea. However, something monstrous is following, something that is devouring the islands one by one ...

- Catherine Doyle's Storm Keeper trilogy is an international success story and has been translated into over twenty languages
- *The Storm Keeper's Island* won two major national awards: the Books Are My Bag Reader's Award and the IBW Children's Book Award. It was also selected as Children's Book of the Month across four different retailers in the UK and Ireland, including Waterstones

## The Lost Girl King

Catherine Doyle

Step into the world of Tír na nÓg for an edge-of-your-seat, page-turning adventure, for fans of Rick Riordan.

Amy and Liam Bell have been packed off to stay at Gran's house for the summer. Out for a walk on the first morning of their holiday, they follow the flight of a hawk to a nearby waterfall – and disappear through it! Amazed, they soon realise they've discovered the entrance to Tír na nÓg, the legendary land of eternal youth.

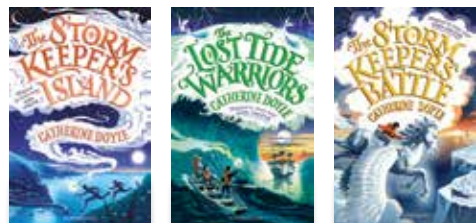
But they've been tricked. Almost immediately, Liam is captured by a troop of headless horsemen and taken to Tarlock, the ruling sorcerer of Tír na nÓg, who is seeking the bones of a human child for a sinister new spell.

- Catherine Doyle has a rising profile; she is an outstanding, bestselling middle-grade author and has recently had a hit with her YA debut *Twin Crowns*, authored with her sister-in-law Katherine Webber
- *The Lost Girl King* was Catherine Doyle's first standalone middle-grade novel and *Pirate of Darksea* continues this strand with another thrilling solo adventure. With bigger, bolder, more epic storytelling than ever before, Catherine Doyle is Ireland's answer to Rick Riordan!
- Catherine Doyle won two major national awards for *The Storm Keeper's Island*: The Books Are My Bag Reader's Award and the IBW Children's Book Award. It was also selected as Children's Book of the Month in four different retailers across the UK and Ireland, including Waterstones
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## The Vanquishers: Secret of the Reaping

Kalynn Bayron

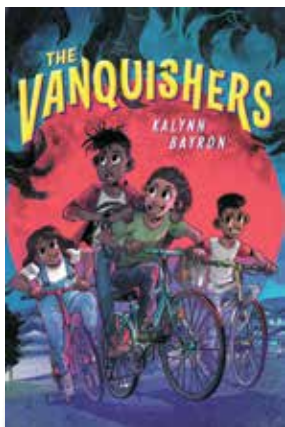
The Vanquishers are back with new junior members that are ready to defend against the undead in the thrilling sequel by *New York Times* bestseller Kalynn Bayron.

Boog, Cedrick, Jules and Aaron – aka The Squad – stick together. Now that vampires have returned, they must take their Vanquisher lessons more seriously than ever.

When strange disappearances begin across their community it looks like uncovering the truth won't be easy. The Squad is eager to kick undead butt, but can they convince their parents they're ready to be Vanquishers?

- **Building Kalynn in the middle-grade space:** This exciting, high-stakes sequel is sure to please readers and further solidify Kalynn in the middle-grade market

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## The Vanquishers

Kalynn Bayron

*New York Times* bestselling author Kalynn Bayron's middle-grade debut brings readers into the world of the Vanquishers, where vampires were history ... until now.

Malika "Boog" Wilson and her friends idolise the Vanquishers, heroic vampire hunters who defeated the undead decades ago. Nowadays, most people believe vampires are extinct, but Boog's parents still follow the old precautions.

When a friend disappears, Boog wonders if vampires might not be vanquished after all.

No one expected the Vanquishers to return, but if their town needs protection from the undead, Boog knows who to call.

- **Commercial, spooky middle-grade series, perfect for fans of Goosebumps:** Featuring strong friendships, quirky vampire-avoiding parents, mystery and danger, this series has strong commercial appeal and fits alongside the growing market for spooky middle-grade
- **Intersectional storytelling:** Kalynn's stories in all age categories will always centre Black, queer characters, and she celebrates their strengths and joys, not just the challenges they face

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## Sprouts

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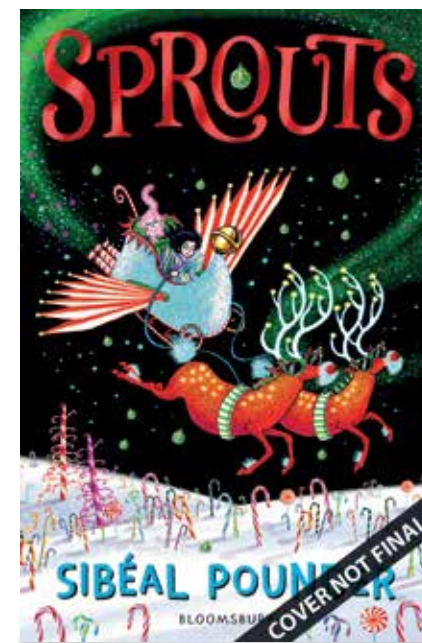
The festivities return in this fantastic, *futuristic* and chaos-filled adventure where Christmas has snowballed and is celebrated every day! Perfect for 9–11 fans of Sibéal Pounder's *Tinsel* and children everywhere who are obsessed with Christmas.

Enter the future where it's Christmas Day ... every day. But in the country of Mince Pie, a young girl called Santa Claus and her grandmother are rebels, celebrating it once a year with the belief that less is more.

Then one day, Santa's life turns upside down when she's revealed to be the only living relative of the inventors of Christmas! Overnight, she becomes the most famous girl in the world. But she also becomes the focus of the Krampus Alliance who are determined to rid the world of Christmas by any means necessary ...

Will Santa be able to bring balance back to Christmas, or will the Christmas-mania engulf her completely?

- Sibéal Pounder is the author of the bestselling *Witch Wars* and *Bad Mermaids* series. *Bad Mermaids Meet the Witches* was a 2019 World Book Day title, a *Sunday Times* bestseller and has been optioned by Sony Animation
- A perfect book for family reading during the winter holidays. The heart-warming relationship between Santa and her grandmother as they attempt to save the world brings home the true meaning of Christmas
- Sibéal's books have been published internationally and she has sold over 255,000 copies in the UK alone
- This is Sibéal's second standalone novel, which can be read as a follow-up to her first Christmas-themed standalone, *Tinsel*
- In 2019, Sibéal was selected as one of ten UK children's authors to write a World Book Day title. She has also been shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award



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## Hummingbird Season

Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic

An honest and healing novel-in-verse documenting the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic and the things that bring us together when circumstances keep us apart.

Archie's life – and the whole world – is turned upside down by Covid-19. But while everyone else seems to be adapting to their new normal just fine, Archie feels like he is permanently on mute, unable to find the words to describe how he feels. The bright spot of Archie's days at home is watching the hummingbirds that feed outside his windows. But just when it seems like this could be what brings his family together again, Archie's favorite hummingbird disappears. In a time when hope is hard to hold on to, Archie must find his voice and find hope once again.

- **Moving and healing novel from an author writing to her own experience:** Stephanie is a seasoned author writing from the heart, pulling inspiration from her time helping her sons navigate the pandemic in early 2020
- **An emotional and universal story about Covid-19:** This story perfectly captures the experience of the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is both healing and affirming for those who lived through this time, and will be invaluable for teaching this event in history to future generations
- **Important perspective on mental health:** Archie struggles with his mental health as the world shuts down and he feels isolated from his friends and family. Readers who relate to his experience will take away an important message about seeking help when they need it
- **Long term classroom tie-in potential:** This story would be a perfect companion to lessons about what life was like at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic and has the potential to be on classroom curriculums for years to come

## Cameron Battle and the Escape Trials

Jamar J. Perry

In this middle-grade fantasy inspired by West African and Igbo history and mythology, the last descendant must fight to save the world and find his path to greatness!

After his first adventure as the Descendant, Cameron can't sit through school – especially with his mum still trapped in Chidani and his dad still missing. But when he encounters a nasty bully in his new school, Cameron and his trusty friends Zion and Aliyah realise that the troubles of Chidani won't stay away for long.

With the *Book* to guide them, Cameron and his crew are transported to Chidani sooner than anticipated, and the gods and goddesses they encounter don't intend to make Cameron's journey easy. Can he finally outwit and outlast the villainous god set on destroying their worlds?

- **Commercial, action-packed middle-grade fantasy from a promotable author:** This series started out strong in the US with good support across all retailers
- **A convincing entry in the middle-grade market:** This series continues to fit right alongside bestsellers like the Rick Riordan presents titles and further explores the isolated enclave of the Chidani, which has notes of Wakanda from *Black Panther*
- **Involves West African American mythology and history based on research and the author's own heritage:** Chidani is a rich fantastical location rooted in the traditions of Igbo oral-storytelling
- **Explores themes of identity:** Cameron continues to reflect on his queer identity and ponders his relationship with Zion, offering an additional layer of thoughtful queer representation for readers



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## Emma and the Love Spell

Meredith Ireland

A magical contemporary middle-grade fantasy about a girl who tries to use her fickle witchy powers to keep the parents of her best friend (and long time crush!) together so Evangeline won't have to move away.

Twelve-year-old Korean-American adoptee Emma Davidson has a problem. Two problems. OK, three:

1. She has a crush on her best friend, Evangeline, that she hasn't been able to share
2. Evangeline now has to move out of their town because her parents are getting a divorce
3. Oh, and Emma is a secret witch who can't really control her powers

It's a complicated summer between sixth and seventh grade. Emma's parents made her promise that she'd keep her powers a secret and never, ever use them. But if Evangeline's parents fall back in love, then she won't have to move. And how hard could one little love spell be?

- **Charming, magical MG that's a powerful queer metaphor:** Emma's parents want to support her but they're afraid of how the world will react to her magic, so they insist she keeps it a secret, which makes Emma feel ashamed. Throughout the story, Emma learns to embrace her magic, making this story a powerful metaphor about accepting your queer identity
- **Reluctant reader appeal:** This book has a compelling and easy-to-read voice, a fun and fast-paced plot and a short page count, making it accessible to reluctant readers
- **Adopted main character:** Like the author, Emma is a Korean adoptee raised by white parents, which complicates her understanding of her magic and where it came from
- **Middle-grade debut of a well-connected author:** Meredith Ireland has almost seventeen thousand followers on Twitter and is well-connected in the kidlit community

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## Shark Teeth

Sherri Winston

From acclaimed author Sherri Winston comes an important and stirring middle-grade novel about a girl's tumultuous journey to keep her family together, even when she's falling apart.

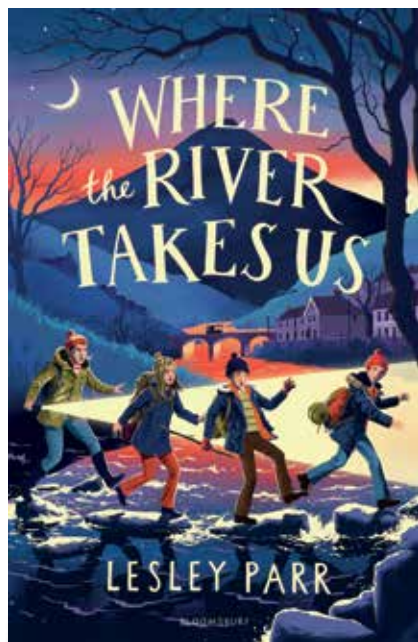
Sharkita "Kita" Hayes is always waiting. Waiting for her mama to mess up. Waiting for her and her siblings to be separated again. Waiting for all her worst fears to come true.

Mama promises things are different now, but Kita can't shake the feeling that everything could go up in flames at any moment. When her assistant principal starts asking questions, Kita is more determined than ever to keep up appearances to make sure her family stays together – even if it means putting herself at risk. But could it be that Kita's worst fear is actually the best thing that could happen to her family ... and to her?

- **Deeply moving contemporary middle-grade from an acclaimed author:** Sherri's books have garnered numerous starred reviews and have been selected for the Kids Indie Next List, multiple state book awards, the 1000 Black Girl Books campaign with Marley Dias and more
- **An important story that is rarely told:** This tough-stuff contemporary novel fits right alongside award-winning and bestselling books by Jason Reynolds, Renee Watson and Jacqueline Woodson
- **Real-world problems reflected on the page:** Sherri pulled inspiration from her own childhood to write this heartrending story detailing the affects alcoholism and the foster care system can have on a family
- **A standout voice that will stay with you long after the book ends:** Sherri's writing has never been better. She has created a singular voice in main character Kita that will capture the attention of any reader



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## Where the River Takes Us

**Lesley Parr**

A thrilling adventure, with echoes of *Stand By Me*, set during the blackouts of the 1970s from the author of *The Valley of Lost Secrets*. Perfect for fans of Emma Carroll and Michael Morpurgo.

Ever since their parents died, it has just been Jason and his older brother Richie. But when it looks like they might be separated, Jason sets off on an epic quest with his friends to save the day. A reward has been offered for anyone who can find The Beast – a wild cat rumoured to be living in the valleys. Starting at the bridge of their village and following the river to its source, the four friends soon find themselves on a journey that will change each of them ... forever.

- Lesley Parr's debut novel, *The Valley of Lost Secrets*, was Waterstones Children's Book of the Month in January 2021 and published to rave reviews. It has been shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award and longlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal
- Lesley writes the most authentic, flawed yet relatable, characters. This is the kind of fiction that is timeless, with relationships and characters that speak to every reader
- Lesley is a primary school teacher from a Welsh working-class background, and she is passionate about seeing more working-class voices in fiction for children. This has been written from the heart

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## Kyan Green and the Infinity Racers

**Colm Field**

*Jumanji* meets *Spider-man: Into the Spider-verse* in this hilarious, high-octane race across the multiverse for 8+ readers from debut author Colm Field.

When Kyan finds a battered old racing-car game, he doesn't believe the big claims written on the box. What kind of 'Infinite Race' only has seven pieces of track?

So it comes as a shock when the game really does take him on the journey of a lifetime – through multiple universes!

- Fans of Danny Wallace, Ben Miller and Rob Biddulph's *Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City* will race through this!
- Featuring epic black-and-white illustrations from up-and-coming artist David Wilkerson



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## The Stupendous Sonny

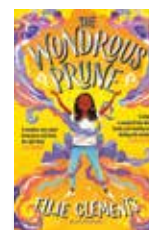
**Ellie Clements**

A hugely commercial adventure about a boy who discovers he has an incredible gift. Perfect for fans of *Amari and the Night Brothers* and *High-Rise Mystery*.

Sonny has always dreamed of having a superpower, but recently those dreams have become real life. First there was the night he woke up in his room and everything around him was levitating. And now he's somehow transported himself from school to the skate park!

Sonny really does have powers and he can't wait to practice them. But someone is watching and danger is lurking ...

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- Following on from *The Wondrous Prune*, this next adventure in this sequence about remarkable children from the same neighbourhood is heartfelt and surprising, with wonderful wish-fulfilment and deft storytelling
- Ellie Clements is an exciting talent on the Bloomsbury list and is passionate about writing stories where Black characters get to be the heart and soul of each adventure



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## Swimming on the Moon

**Brian Conaghan**

An unforgettable story about one family searching for happiness in the heartache of divorce. Perfect for 10+ fans of Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Ross Welford and Elle McNicoll.

Twelve-year-old Anna's parents are going through a rough patch, but she can't let them split up. Not when it might mean living apart from Anto, her twin brother. So she hatches a plan ...

- A moving, life-affirming portrayal of twins on the cusp of becoming teenagers – one neurotypical, one non-verbally autistic – and their unshakeable bond
- Brian Conaghan has won the Costa Children's Book Award and the Irish Book Awards Teen/Young Adult Book of the Year

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## Search for the Ruby Turtle

**Stephen Bramucci**

A heartfelt middle-grade eco-adventure story that highlights conservation, experiences with ADHD, friendship and self-discovery, perfect for fans of Gary D. Schmidt.

Jake Rizzi is about to spend the summer at his great-aunt's remote cabin in the Oregon backwoods, where stories say a mythical ruby-coloured turtle lives.

Thanks to a viral article, strangers have arrived to search for it too. Jake hopes finding the turtle will change how people see his "attention issues" but when things turn dangerous, he must find a way to protect the turtle.

- **Heartfelt summer adventure for the new climate-conscious age:** Evocative of classics like *Holes* by Louis Sachar and *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen, this story features a modern awareness of conservation and the threats to our global climate
- **A deeply personal approach to neurodiversity:** Steve has poured much of his own experience with ADHD into Jake's character, creating an interior life that is authentic and heartfelt
- **Engaging, promotable author:** Steve is a charismatic speaker brimming with ideas about dynamic programming. He already speaks to kids about his experience with ADHD and is excited to continue connecting with young people

## The Storm Swimmer

**Clare Weze**

An imaginative, heartfelt adventure about a life-changing friendship spanning an ocean of difference. Perfect for fans of *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*.

It's the summer holidays and Ginika is stuck at the dead-end seaside boarding house run by her grandparents.

Then she meets Peri, the boy from the sea. He dives through the water like a dolphin and talks like a burst of bubbles.

Soon the lights and noise of the human world start to change Peri, and Ginika must be the bravest she's ever been to save her friend ...

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- This is a moving story about the huge divides – including background, language and even species – that can be crossed by friendship and connection
- Clare Weze's debut novel, *The Lightning Catcher*, has been longlisted for the 2022 Branford Boase Award and the Diverse Book Awards 2022



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## The Raven Throne

**Stephanie Burgis**

The unmissable sequel to *The Raven Heir* and conclusion to the epic middle-grade fantasy series, perfect for fans of Abi Elphinstone and Piers Torday.

Once their triplet Cordelia became the Raven Queen, Giles and Rosalind knew they would have to behave at court. What they didn't foresee was having to foil a plot against their sister.

When Cordelia falls into an enchanted sleep, Rosalind and Giles must quest across the kingdom to seek help. It will take everything to fight against their family's enemies and save their sister.

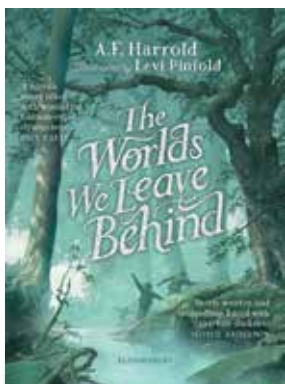
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- *The Raven Throne* has huge emotional heart, with impactful and timely pro-environment and anti-war messages, as well as positive portrayals of sibling relationships
- Stephanie Burgis is the author of the much-loved middle-grade Dragon Heart fantasy trilogy



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## The Worlds We Leave Behind

**A.F. Harrold**  
**Levi Pinfold**

A powerful, poignant and sophisticated illustrated story about friendship, perfect for fans of Neil Gaiman and David Almond.

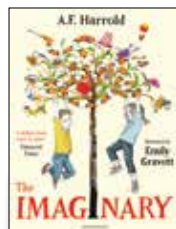
Hex meets a mysterious woman who offers to rid the world of people who wronged him, allowing Hex to carry on as if nothing ever happened. But someone else has been offered the same deal. Can both new versions of the world co-exist? Or is there a way to make a new world that is better for everyone?

- Stunning black-and-white half-tone illustrations

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## Blackbeard's Treasure

**Iszi Lawrence**

A swashbuckling tale set during the height of the golden age of piracy in the Caribbean. From the rising star of children's historical fiction, Iszi Lawrence, this is the perfect high-action adventure for fans of Emma Carroll and Jacqueline Wilson.

It's 1718: pirate ships sail the oceans and brutal slave masters control the plantations.

Eleven-year-old Abigail lives with her father in the Caribbean. Her clothes are made of finest muslin so she can't play in them, not that she has anyone to play with anyway. But when pirates attack, Abigail's life changes forever. Suddenly her old certainties about right and wrong start to unravel.

Maybe Abigail doesn't have to be so ladylike after all ...

Packed with historical detail about the Atlantic slave trade and the ravages of empire, *Blackbeard's Treasure* is a swashbuckling adventure which takes a look at the real pirates of the Caribbean.

- Iszi Lawrence is a rising star of children's historical fiction and writes with a mission to shine light on lesser-known stories from history
- Includes lots of real-life figures including famous pirates like Blackbeard, Anne Bonny and Black Caesar, and historically accurate details about the reality of piracy and the slave trade

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## Ways to Build Dreams

**Renée Watson**

Ryan is learning more about her ancestors and their hopes for her generation. She wonders who she wants to be and what kind of person her family hopes she'll become. Drawing on the ambitions of those who came before her and her own goals, Ryan is determined to turn her dreams into reality.

- **Personal connection to children's classic character, Ramona Quimby:** Raised in Portland, Oregon, where the Ramona books were set, Renée loved them but wondered why people who looked like her family were missing from that world
- **Author whose profile is growing:** In addition to the amazing praise and attention her books have garnered, Renée is becoming a voice in the community who people look to

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## Rosie Raja: Mission to Cairo

**Sufiya Ahmed**

Rosie Raja is back for another WWII adventure, this time set in the powder keg atmosphere of 1940s Cairo, where nothing is as it seems.

It's the autumn of 1941 and Rosie Raja is determined to help her spy father with his new mission. Before long, she's undercover in the magnificent city of Cairo, officially to make sure Egypt's precious historical artefacts are kept safe from the Nazis ... but really to hunt a traitor. Working out who to trust is difficult ... and could be deadly.

- Rosie's first adventure can be found in *Rosie Raja: Churchill's Spy* which was published by Bloomsbury in 2020

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- Written by a British Asian author and featuring a Muslim heroine, this book touches on issues of empire and colonisation which are often written out of history
- Sufiya Ahmed is the author of several children's books including *Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan* and *Princess Sophia Duleep Singh*



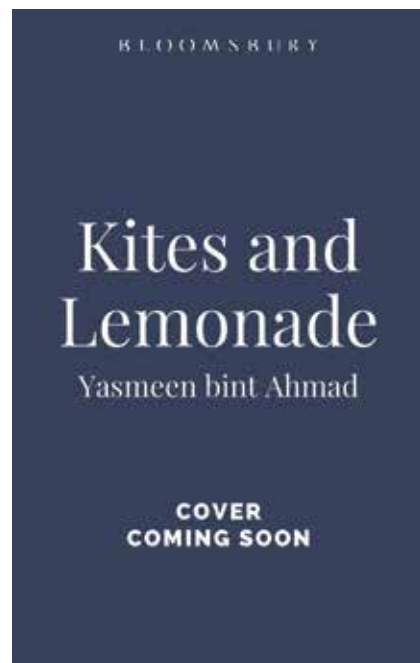
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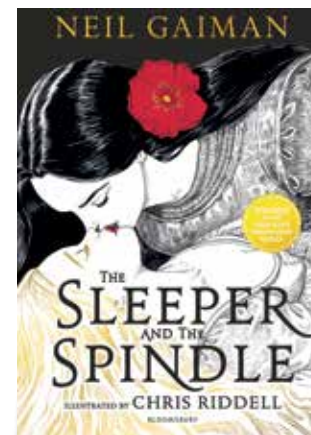
## Kites and Lemonade

Yasmeen bint Ahmad

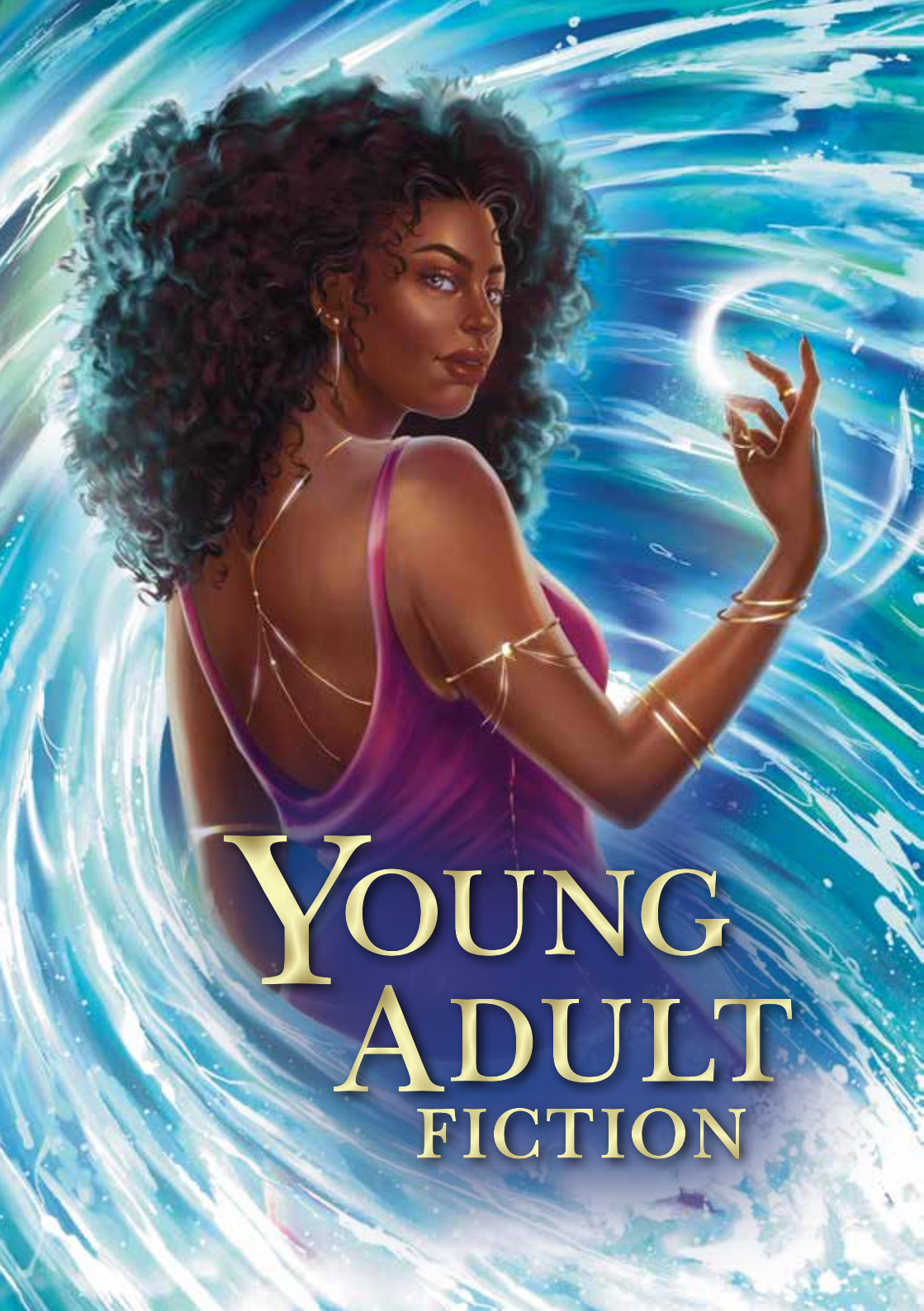
A magical journey of secrets and self discovery.

Lina has spent her life in a wheelchair and has never been friends with another differently abled person until she meets Amara, who is blind. And they both have a secret they must keep from everyone else! Together with Amara's brother Omar they solve a mystery and save the day.

Yasmeen bint Ahmad has a BA from the University of Roehampton in Early Childhood Studies focusing on disabled children in literature, and a Masters from UCL in Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights. She works as Education and Awareness Manager at The King Salman Center for Disability Research and is developing and producing a documentary about autistic children, looking at the difficulties and prejudices they face on a daily basis, and how best they and their families can be supported. *Kites and Lemonade* is her first book for middle-grade readers.







## HoverGirls

Geneva Bowers

A YA fantasy graphic novel developed from a successful web comic, *HoverGirls* is about family, following your dreams and fighting monsters, perfect for fans of *Check, Please* and *Heartstopper*.

Jalissa and Kim Vasquez are cousins who move to the city of Los Aguaceros together. Kim dreams of becoming a famous model and fashion designer, while Jalissa is just trying to hold herself together after a breakdown the year before. When a curious incident on the beach leaves them with supernatural powers and monsters start attacking the city, Kim decides that using their powers to stop them is the perfect way for them to become famous. But being heroes isn't as easy as it seems – and Los Aguaceros is in more danger than they imagine.

- **Superstar author/illustrator:** Geneva has 275K followers on Instagram, a rabid fan base, and is the acclaimed illustrator of the picture books *GLOW* and *CURLS*. She's perfectly positioned to generate a lot of buzz for her author/illustrator debut
- **Adapted from a popular webcomic:** Like *Heartstopper*, *Nimona*, *Lore Olympus* and *Check, Please*, this graphic novel began as a webcomic, which developed a strong fan base and has been viewed more than 875,000 times on Webtoon. This print edition features an expanded story and updated art
- **Afro-Latinx superheroes:** The superhero genre has been dominated by white male characters. *HoverGirls* features two Afro-Latinx girls fighting monsters and saving the world!



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## Let's Play Murder

**Kesia Lupo**

Gaming has never been so murderous. A new horror thriller for fans of *Squid Game* and *One of Us is Lying* that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Veronica wakes trapped in a snow storm, in a mansion with four strangers and a dead body.

It all feels so real, but it isn't. This is VR and this is THE Game, a secret competition with a prize beyond the players' wildest dreams. And there is no escape until the game is won.

But something is not right in the VR world. Blackouts, glitches, strange characters. Then, when a player dies, and also dies in real life, all hell breaks loose.

This may not be a game Veronica wanted to play, but it's one she has to win – or die trying.

- Previously a YA fantasy writer, Kesia Lupo is an editor for Chicken House and now draws on her talent for twists and spine-tingling horror for this new thriller
- Perfect for fans of *Squid Game* and *One of Us is Lying*, *Let's Play Murder* brings out the horror in YA thrillers and will keep readers enthralled with its twists
- A perfect mix of Agatha Christie whodunnit mystery and high-stakes thriller, combined with elements of horror and a gasp-out-loud twist

## Count Not the Years

**Naz Kutub**

A teen finds himself in a race against time when he learns he's given away more years than he has left to live in this thought-provoking speculative romp inspired by *A Christmas Carol*.

On the anniversary of Hazeem's father's death, a mysterious figure appears calling himself Time. They tell Hazeem that he has been giving away years of his life and has accrued a time debt, putting the entire timeline in serious danger. In order to save the timeline and himself, Hazeem must journey through and against time to take back some of the life he has granted other people. But as Hazeem confronts the events of the past, he must confront the mistakes he made along the way – but is it too late for him to really start living?

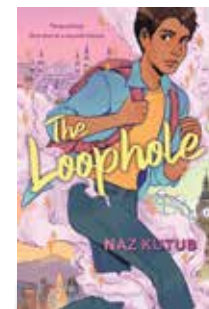
- **A magical, moving adventure through time from the author of *The Loophole*:** Naz brings his signature voice to this enchanting and touching story of a gay Muslim teen taking control of his life
- **Message of self care:** There is a needed message of self-care here that will resonate with readers grappling with burnout or who feel their needs aren't as important in comparison to others
- **Overcoming grief:** As he grapples with his father's death, Hazeem realises he has been so caught up in his grief that he's forgotten to live his own life. It's an important reminder to find the bright spots in the darkness and not lose sight of what's important
- **Hilarious magical companion:** Like in Naz's first book *The Loophole*, this story has a magical sidekick – a personification of Time – to keep the tone light and humorous



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## Sing Me to Sleep

**Gabi Burton**

In this dark and seductive YA fantasy debut with an all Black and Brown cast, a siren must choose between protecting her family and following her heart in a prejudiced kingdom where her existence is illegal.

Saoirse Sorkova survives on lies. As a soldier, she lies about being a siren to avoid execution. At night, working as an assassin, Saoirse lies about her true identity. And to her family, Saoirse tells the biggest lie of all: that she can control her powers and doesn't constantly grapple with the impulse to kill.

When Saoirse is forced to accept a job guarding the crown prince, she expects to hate Prince Hayes. After all, his father enforces the kingdom's brutal creature segregation laws. But Saoirse finds herself drawn to him – especially when they're forced to work together to stop a deadly killer. There's only one problem: Saoirse is that deadly killer.

- **Promising debut author:** Gabi is an exciting debut author who's very active on Twitter and extremely plugged in to the YA author community. She's eager to promote the book in any way that she can
- **Dark YA with crossover appeal:** This older-leaning YA is violent and seductive, which gives it strong crossover appeal and fits in well with recent successful fantasies, such as *These Violent Delights* and *Lore*
- **Themes of Black empowerment and beauty:** Gabi Burton wanted to create a Black main character who unapologetically celebrates her beauty and power, even when society refuses to recognise it
- **Forbidden romance:** The romance between Saoirse and Prince Hayes is sweet, sexy and deliciously complicated by all of the lies Saoirse is telling!
- **All BIPOC fantasy world:** This high-concept story takes place in an entirely Black and Brown fantasy world. The author was passionate about creating a magical kingdom where she could see herself in every single character

## If Tomorrow Doesn't Come

**Jen St Jude**

*We Are Okay* meets *They Both Die at the End* in this YA debut about queer first love and mental health at the end of the world – and the importance of saving yourself, no matter what tomorrow may hold.

Avery Byrne has secrets. She's queer; she's in love with her best friend, Cass; and she's suffering from undiagnosed clinical depression. But on the morning Avery plans to jump into the river near her college campus, the world discovers there are only nine days left to live: an asteroid is headed for Earth, and no one can stop it.

Trying to spare her family and Cass additional pain, Avery does her best to make it through just nine more days. As time runs out and secrets slowly come to light, Avery would do anything to save the ones she loves. But most importantly, she learns to save herself. Speak her truth. Seek the support she needs. Find hope again in the tomorrows she has left.

- **Passionate author:** Like her protagonist, debut author Jen St Jude has struggled with depression, suicidal thoughts, and accepting her queerness. She's passionate about showing young people that they are never alone, even when it feels impossible to imagine tomorrow
- **Literary story combined with hook-y plot:** This is a serious story with important themes and beautiful writing that will appeal to gatekeepers, but the fast-paced plot and alternating timelines make it a page-turner that teens will find hard to put down. This story is the whole package!
- **Crucial discussions of mental health:** This book tackles the struggles of living with depression, the taboos around mental health and the stigma of treatment in an honest, encouraging way
- **Queer friends-to-lovers romance:** The romance in this book is so moving and sweet that reading this book feels exactly like falling in love
- **First year of college depression representation:** Struggling with depression during your first year in college is a very common experience, but there are only a few YA books that tackle this topic



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## You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight

**Kalynn Bayron**

*New York Times* bestselling author Kalynn Bayron crafts thrill after thrill as teens try to survive a deadly curse at their summer job.

Charity Curtis has the summer job of her dreams, playing the “final girl” at Camp Mirror Lake. In this full-contact terror game, guests actually pay to be scared, as Charity and her summer crew recreate scenes from a classic slasher film, *Curse of Camp Mirror Lake*.

Then Charity's co-workers start disappearing. When one ends up dead, Charity's role as the final girl begins to feel all too real. If Charity and her girlfriend Bezi hope to survive the night, they'll need to stick together and figure out what the killer is after. But there could be more to this place and its dangerous past than Charity ever knew.

- **Bestselling author is on trend with exciting YA genre:** Horror is growing as a popular genre in the YA space, especially with authors of colour. Kalynn's take on high-concept horror will fit right in with *White Smoke* and *The Honeys*
- **Intersectional storytelling mixed with resonant themes:** Kalynn always centres and celebrates Black queer characters. Horror is especially ripe for social commentary, and amidst the tension and excitement, Kalynn is able to weave in topics of identity and inclusion
- **Major breakout opportunity:** With great success from Kalynn's previous YA fantasies, this is a big opportunity to bring her publishing to a new level and grow her brand, branching out into this new genre to attract new fans and provide something new and exciting for her readers

## This Poison Heart

**Kalynn Bayron**

From bestseller Kalynn Bayron comes an enchanting story about Briseis, a young woman with the power to control plants, who inherits a sinister new home filled with the deadliest botanicals in the world and generations of secrets.

- **Darkly alluring contemporary fantasy:** Combining *The Secret Garden* and Greek mythology with deadly plants, long-held family secrets, discussions of systemic oppression and the occult, Kalynn follows her debut with a captivating story that keeps readers guessing

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## This Wicked Fate

**Kalynn Bayron**

In the sequel to *This Poison Heart*, bestselling author Kalynn Bayron continues the story of Briseis and her family's unique magic as Bri has one chance to find the last fragment of the deadly Absyrtus Heart and save her mother.

- **Exciting author to expand global presence:** With this book, Kalynn has become a *New York Times* bestseller and looks to amplify her audience with her signature alluring fantasy stories that celebrate Black queer girls

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## Cinderella is Dead

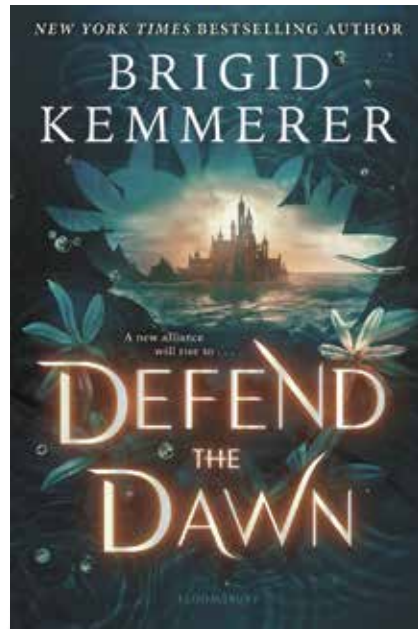
**Kalynn Bayron**

In this powerful retelling of 'Cinderella', girls team up to overthrow the kingdom and construct a better world.

- **Fresh spin on a popularly retold fairytale:** The fact that the fairytale is history allows for an interesting perspective starring queer Black girls and examining how they are affected by the kingdom's heteronormative rules

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Brigid Kemmerer

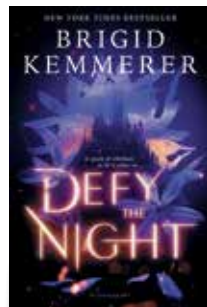
The eagerly anticipated sequel to the *New York Times* bestseller *Defy the Night* by Brigid Kemmerer brings more royal intrigue, more sizzling romance and shocking twists that will leave readers breathless.

Tessa Cade has gone from masked outlaw to palace advisor, but she still can't stop the sickness and the kingdom's supply of Moonflower elixir is dwindling. Prince Corrick is trying to find a new way to lead and repair the rift between the royals and the people – and between himself and Tessa.

When an emissary from a neighbouring kingdom arrives with an intriguing offer, Tessa and Corrick set out to find a new source for the elixir. They must decide who they can trust, but they're shocked to discover that betrayal may be much closer than they think ...

- **Important global house author:** We're growing Brigid's audience in a big way, co-publishing all her books with our UK division and selling her titles worldwide. This unputdownable series is full of danger, mystery and romance is perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Holly Black
- **Timely themes within a rich fantasy world:** The kingdom of Kandala mirrors the socioeconomic inequality in our own world that's been cast into sharp relief amid the global pandemic, and follows a girl determined to flip the system and bring justice

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Discover the global phenomenon of the Cursebreaker series in this gorgeous three-book hardcover box set of *A Curse So Dark and Lonely*, *A Heart So Fierce and Broken* and *A Vow So Bold and Deadly*.

In the heart of Emberfall, Prince Rhen is trapped by a curse while his kingdom falls to ruin.

In Washington DC, Harper is used to being underestimated because of her cerebral palsy, but when she tries to help someone in danger, she finds herself sucked into Rhen's cursed world.

Enter a world of magic, danger, love and betrayal in *New York Times* bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer's Cursebreaker series.

- **A beautiful box set of a *New York Times* bestselling series:** This gorgeous box set includes all three books in the wildly successful Cursebreaker series!
- **Bestselling commercial fantasy series:** The fan base for this series has grown tremendously since it launched in 2019. This blockbuster, unputdownable series is full of danger, mystery and romance – perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Marissa Meyer



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## Forging Silver into Stars

Brigid Kemmerer

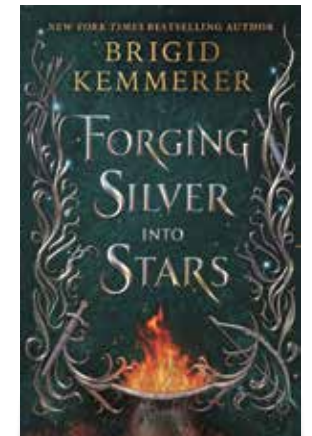
In *New York Times* bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer's electrifying new series, all's fair in love, war ... and magic.

Tycho, the King's Courier, arrives in Briarlock to escape the demands of the royal court. He doesn't expect to fall for a blacksmith with a bruised heart.

After years of his father's cruelty, Jax never dared to dream of a better life – until a magic-wielding young lord offers an escape.

Jax's best friend, Callyn, doesn't trust this new friend. Magic killed her parents, and she is determined to protect Jax. But when a powerful man from the capital seeks her help, Callyn must question everything she thought she knew about magic – and herself.

- **New series from bestselling house author:** Bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer begins a new epic fantasy series, full of danger, mystery and romance – perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Marissa Meyer
- **Spotlight on fan-favourite character:** Tycho became a fan-favourite character in the Cursebreaker series, and readers will love to see him star in his own story, as well as seeing the other characters and where they are four years later



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## Secret of the Moon Conch

David Bowles and  
Guadalupe García McCall

Award-winning authors David Bowles and Guadalupe García McCall craft an extraordinary YA fantasy about the difficulties of persecution, omnipresent hope, fighting for change and the power of love to transcend any obstacle – even centuries.

In modern-day Mexico, Sitlali has no family left and has caught the attention of a dangerous gang leader. She must make the perilous trip to the US border and track down her long-absent father. Before her journey, she finds a beautiful conch.

In 1521, Calizto is an Aztec warrior fighting desperately against Spanish imperialists. Surrounded by the horrors of war, Calizto asks a sacred moon conch for guidance.

Through the magical conch, Sitlali and Calizto are able to communicate across centuries. With each conversation they fall deeper in love, but will they find a way to each other?

- **Award-winning, high-profile Mexican American authors:** David and Guadalupe have many awards for prior books and are very established authors
- **Award-worthy writing:** This story has gorgeous literary elements in a plot that is appealing and pitchable. The historical elements and gorgeous writing also give this crossover adult appeal
- **Important contemporary issues:** Tackling subjects like immigration and the effects of colonisation through this modern and historical lens, this book will give teachers and librarians many conversation starters and curriculum ties
- **Sweeping, romantic dual timeline fantasy:** This book brings Indigenous Mexican history and Mexican American stories to life in an exciting and romantic story

## Planning Perfect

Haley Neil

In this YA romcom about being on the asexual spectrum, a girl discovers that sometimes the best parts of life can't be planned.

When her mum gets engaged, Felicity sees the wedding as the perfect opportunity to show off her event-planning skills. Especially when her friend Nancy offers her family's apple orchard as a venue. But when it starts to seem like there might be something besides friendship between them, Felicity isn't sure how she feels. As someone on the asexual spectrum, what would dating even look like for her? And would Nancy be open to dating when Felicity doesn't even know what she wants from a relationship?

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- **An asexual perspective on "happily ever after":** This story offers a thoughtful exploration of Felicity's burgeoning romance with Nancy and what it means to pursue a relationship without physical elements, as well as the character's anxiety and openness about going to therapy
- **Jewish representation with universal relatability:** The author thoughtfully explores the character's experience as a culturally Jewish teen



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## Seasons of Flesh and Flame

A.G. Howard

*New York Times* bestselling author A.G. Howard continues her dark, compelling YA fantasy duology about twins separated by a family curse.

Lark Loring spent three years trapped in the magical world of Mystiquel, held captive by the Goblin King. Until her sister, Nix, found her way into Mystiquel and offered herself up as a captive instead. When they switched places, Lark finally discovered the truth: Lark was never meant to be the Goblin King's captive, Nix was. But Nix let him take Lark in her place.

Lark has been forever changed by her imprisonment, but she hides her growing darkness from her uncle and former boyfriend, letting them think she's on their side. But she's haunted by one question: will she save Nix, or finally get her revenge?

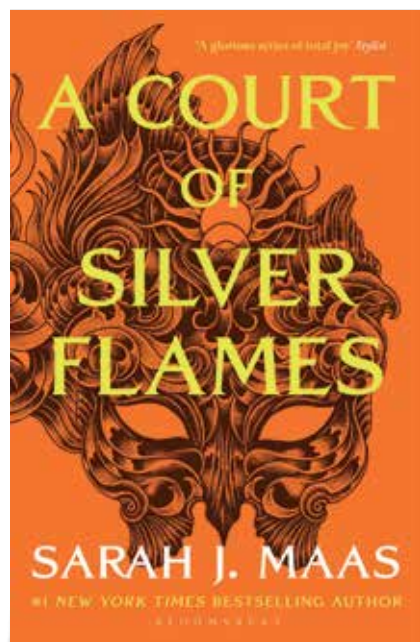
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- **Exciting new dark fantasy duology from bestselling author:** A.G. Howard has a fantastic track as the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the Splintered series and *Roseblood*. She's written a captivating and compelling urban fantasy with a goth/dark slant that will appeal to many
- **Dark, horror slant to YA fantasy:** While firmly landing in YA fantasy, this story has some darker elements that the many fans of horror will love



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Sarah has sold  
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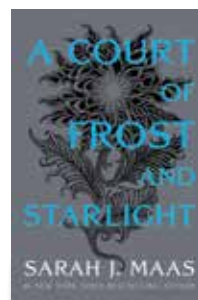
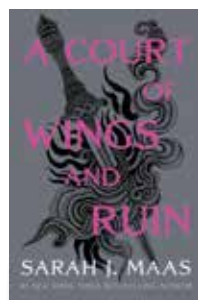
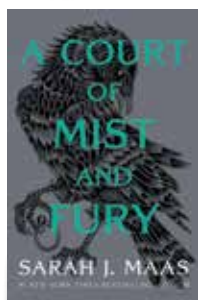
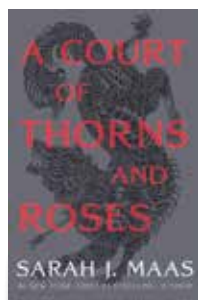
## A Court of Silver Flames

Sarah J. Maas

Sarah J. Maas's sexy, richly imagined series continues with the journey of Feyre's fiery sister, Nesta.

- **A new chapter in the *New York Times* bestselling series from our biggest author, Sarah J. Maas:** Sarah's *Throne of Glass* and *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series are global successes, published in thirty-seven languages with more than nine million copies sold
- **Bestselling Author:** *A Court of Silver Flames* was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller when it released in 2021. In 2017, *A Court of Wings and Ruin* sent the series to the #1 position on the *New York Times* list. The series stayed on the list for eight weeks. *A Court of Wings and Ruin* was named a BuzzFeed Best YA of 2017, was among Barnes & Noble's best teen books of the year and won the Goodreads Choice Award for YA Fantasy. Sarah has more than 375,000 social media followers, and her books have been *New York Times* bestsellers 104 times
- **Fan favourite:** Sarah's fans have been dying for Nesta and Cassian's story for AGES. There is HUGE demand for this book and a great deal of love for these characters (especially these characters getting together!)
- **Strong series for fantasy market:** High-fantasy perfect for both adults and teens (now pubbing as adult)
- **Film option:** The *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series has been optioned for film
- **Tie-ins:** Sarah has official licensing with Litographs, which creates *Throne of Glass* T-shirts, totes and posters

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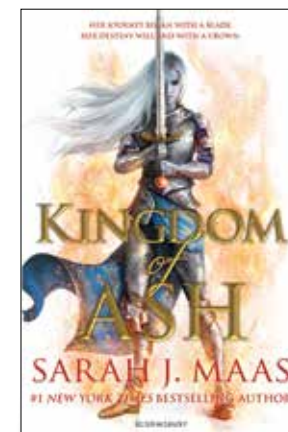


## Kingdom of Ash

Sarah J. Maas

Years in the making, Sarah J. Maas's #1 *New York Times* bestselling *Throne of Glass* series draws to an epic, unforgettable conclusion. Aelin Galathynius's journey from slave to king's assassin to the queen of a once-great kingdom reaches its heart-rending finale as war erupts across her world ...

- The final book in the massively successful *New York Times* bestselling series by Sarah J. Maas
- With the publication of *Kingdom of Ash*, *Throne of Glass* became a #1 *New York Times* bestselling series and stayed on the list for six weeks. The *Court of Thorns and Roses* series previously became a *New York Times* #1 bestselling series with the publication of *A Court of Wings and Ruin*, and again with *A Court of Frost and Starlight*
- *TIME* magazine named *Kingdom of Ash* one of the best fantasy books of the year, calling it 'A worthy finale to one of the best fantasy book series of the past decade'
- *Kingdom of Ash* was the Goodreads Choice Award Winner for Best Young Adult Fantasy and Fiction for 2018, the fourth consecutive year Sarah won this honour
- Sarah J. Maas books have sold more than fifteen million copies and have been translated into thirty-six languages



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## Throne of Glass Box Set (Hardback)

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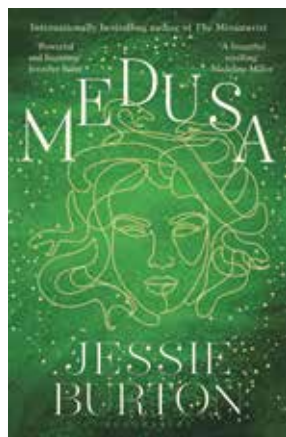
Discover the worldwide phenomenon of the *Throne of Glass* series in this gorgeous hardcover box set featuring stunning new covers.

- **A beautiful box set of the *New York Times* bestselling series from our biggest author, Sarah J. Maas:** This gorgeous box set includes all eight books in the wildly successful *Throne of Glass* series! The *Throne of Glass* series has built with each book and earned many awards and accolades. With the publication of *Kingdom of Ash*, *Throne of Glass* became a #1 *New York Times* bestselling series and stayed on the list for six weeks
- **Critically Acclaimed:** All titles in the *Throne of Glass* series have received rave reviews, with the first two books receiving starred reviews. *Throne of Glass* was a Kirkus Best Teen Book, an Amazon Best Book and a YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Book; *Queen of Shadows*, *A Court of Mist and Fury* and *A Court of Wings and Ruin* are Good Reads Choice award winners; *Tower of Dawn* is an Amazon Best Book of 2017; and *Tower of Dawn* and *A Court of Wings and Ruin* are Barnes and Noble Best Books of 2017



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## Medusa

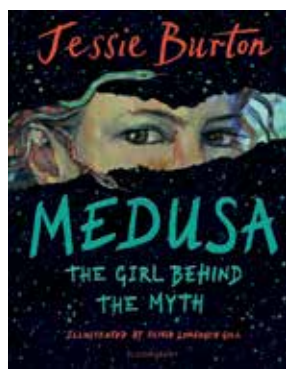
Jessie Burton

Forget what you think you know about Medusa. Internationally bestselling author Jessie Burton reimagines the Greek myth in this dazzling feminist retelling – now in an unillustrated paperback edition!

Exiled to a far-flung island after being abused by powerful Gods, Medusa has no choice but to forget the life she had before everything was stolen from her, and make peace with her present: Medusa the Monster. But when the charmed and beautiful Perseus arrives on the island her lonely existence is blown apart, unleashing desire, love ... and betrayal.

- This beautiful paperback with flaps will resonate deeply with 21st-century readers in the #MeToo age, and contains reading group questions to help lead discussions
- Jessie Burton is the author of three internationally bestselling novels for adults which have been translated into thirty-eight languages and have sold over a million copies worldwide

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## Medusa: Illustrated Edition

Jessie Burton  
Olivia Lomenech Gill

A dazzling, feminist retelling of Greek myth from the internationally bestselling author of *The Miniaturist*, stunningly illustrated by Olivia Lomenech Gill.

- Jessie was inspired by the myth of Medusa, and this is a lyrical, fierce, feminist retelling that will resonate deeply with 21st-century readers in the #MeToo age
- Jessie Burton is the author of three internationally bestselling novels for adults, *The Miniaturist*, *The Muse* and *The Confession*, which have been translated into thirty-eight languages and have sold over a million copies worldwide
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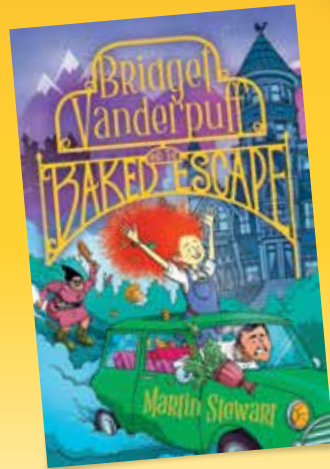




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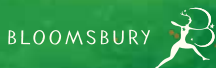
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