



Children's Fiction & Non-Fiction

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Sparkle Pigs

by Kit Holliday

#MagicalPets #WhimsicalJourneys #FriendshipQuest

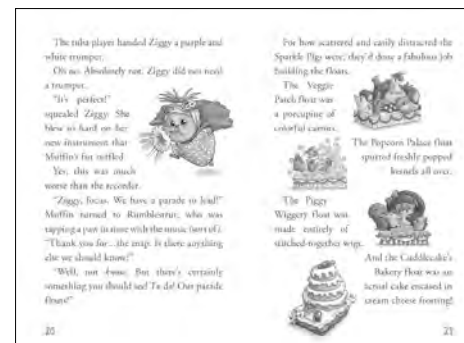
January 2025 • Working Partners • Translation
HarperCollins Inc • 90 pages • Age: 6–8 • 3 books

Embark on a whimsical adventure in Piggiland: where friendship and magic collide!

When Muffin the guinea pig is brought home from the pet shop, she is looking forward to living in a neat little hutch all of her own. So, she is horrified to realise that she will be sharing quarters with another guinea pig, the impulsive whirlwind, Ziggy. Muffin struggles to get used to her loud, messy roommate, whilst Ziggy is desperate to become best friends with Muffin and persuade her to play.

But both of them are astonished when a glowing door appears in the hutch at night and a mysterious party invitation arrives through it... Before they know it, Muffin and Ziggy are whisked away to a magical place called Piggiland, where the magical sparkle pigs are holding a fancy dress carrot party! The party host has mysteriously disappeared and it falls to Muffin and Ziggy to find him, but it's a tricky quest in the sparkly chaos of Piggiland, where the party never stops...

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Kit Holliday is the pen name of Stephanie Campisi, an Australian-born author living in the USA (which puts her much closer to the natural habitat of guinea pigs and capybaras—hooray!). She loves sparkly things, silly jokes and carrot cake, and puts as many of these in her stories as possible. When she's not dreaming up magical worlds, she spends her time going on adventures with her fabulous family and her cheeky dog.

Titles in the *Sparkle Pigs* series:





Harvey Hammer: S.O.S. Mess!

by Davy Ocean

#ReluctantReaders #FunnyFishTales #FriendshipAdventures

February 2024 • Working Partners • Translation

Aladdin (Simon & Schuster) • 80 pages • Age: 5–8 • 4 books

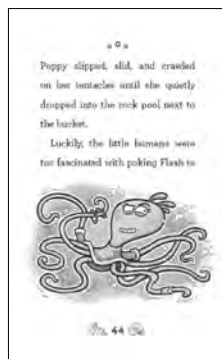
Follow the exciting, under-the-sea, adventures of Harvey, a hammerhead shark, and his fishy friends, with the *fintastically* funny *Harvey Hammer* series.

Harvey asks his best buddy Flash the turtle to join him on a family vacation to the Safari Park to see leggy-airbreathers (humans). But when Harvey and Flash get bored and wander too close to the rock pools, Flash is turtle-napped by the leggyairbreathers! Will Harvey be able to save his pal, or is Flash destined to become someone's pet—or worse, a bowl of soup?

The *Harvey Hammer* series is part of the Quix collection from Aladdin/ S&S, which publishes entry-level chapter books targeted to help first readers, with simple language, quick paced plots, a glossary giving definitions of longer words, and lots of illustrations.

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Davy Ocean is the pseudonym of Paul Ebbs, novelist and screenwriter. His favourite shark is the Hammerhead because he has a funny shaped head too.

Titles in the *Harvey Hammer* series:



Book 4
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Spanish (DK)

The Timekeepers

by SJ King

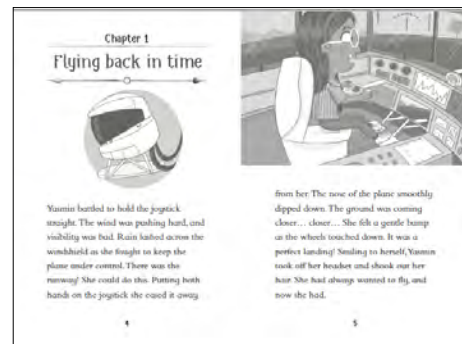
#TimeTravel #History #EduFiction

September 2023 • Working Partners • Translation
Dorling Kindersley (Penguin) • 128 pages • Age: 7–9 • 8 books

Join the Timekeepers as they travel through time to fix problems in the past. These history-themed adventure stories will help readers discover the amazing people and events that shaped our world.

The Timekeepers are a secret organization of kids from around the world who keep the course of history on track. And history needs them—a villain named DeLay is set on causing chaos! When the hands on their special watches start to spin backward, the Timekeepers know that DeLay has been up to no good, and it's up to them to make things right...

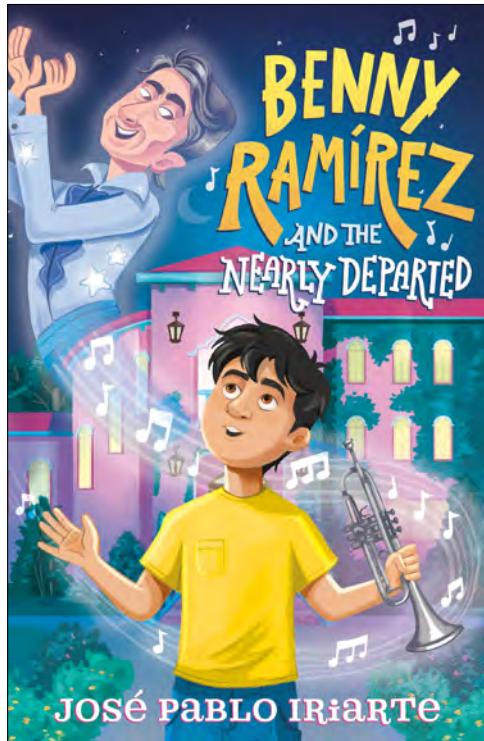
The next books in the series will cover adventures with the Ancient Egyptians, the Vikings, the Aztecs, Japan's Edo Period, and much more. With a range of adventures that span all of history, *The Timekeepers* series is perfect for any adventure lover.



SJ King loves museums, libraries, and building machines from scrap. King can usually be found exploring—from investigating tiny bugs, to trekking up enormous mountains.

Titles in *The Timekeepers* series:





Benny Ramírez and the Nearly Departed

by José Pablo Iriarte

#Supernatural #Family #FindingYourself

April 2024 • Working Partners • Translation
Knopf (Penguin) • 272 pages • Age: 8–12

Benny Ramírez can see dead people...Well, one dead person, anyway. A hilarious and heartwarming story about a boy who can suddenly see the ghost of his famous musician grandfather!

After moving cross-country into his late grandfather's Miami mansion, Benny discovers that the ghost of his famous trumpet-playing abuelo, the great Ignacio Ramírez, is still there...and isn't too thrilled about it. He's been barred from the afterlife, and no one can see him except his grandson. But Benny's got problems of his own. He's enrolled in a performing arts school with his siblings, despite having no obvious talent.

Luckily, Abuelo believes they can help each other. Abuelo has until New Year's Eve to do some good in the world and thinks that teaching Benny how to play the trumpet and become a school celebrity might be the key to earning his wings. Having no better ideas, Benny finds himself taking Abuelo's advice—to disastrous and hilarious results.

Benny and Abuelo will find that there's more than one way to be great in this unforgettable, laugh-out-loud tale of family, music, and self-discovery.



José Pablo Iriarte is a Cuban American high-school math teacher. They are also a Nebula, Hugo, Sturgeon, and Locus Award nominated author of fantasy and science fiction. Their stories have been published in

Uncanny Magazine, *Lightspeed Magazine*, and *Strange Horizons*, among others. *Benny Ramírez and the Nearly Departed* is their debut novel. José grew up in Miami and still lives in Florida.

Praise for Benny Ramírez and the Nearly Departed:

"Hilarious and heartfelt...A musical, food-filled party for the artist in everyone!"—Carlos Hernandez, Pura Belpré Award-winning author of Sal and Gabi Break the Universe

"A humorous and haunting riff on a classic storyline."—Kirkus Reviews

Sweet and funny"—Booklist

"Benny's story is a charming, not-scary ghost story with moments of joy, sadness, and wishing-you-were-there in Miami eating a delicious Cubano sandwich."—SLJ





Little Holmes

by James Noble

#DetectiveAdventures #UrbanMystery #YoungSleuth

March 2024 • Working Partners • UK & Comm, Translation
CCPPG • 45,000 words • Age: 8–12 • 4 books

A fast-paced mystery series set in contemporary London, a city where intrigue can lead you right into the dangers lurking around many corners. Ideal for Sherlock Holmes fans and amateur sleuths alike!

When twelve-year-old Li Chung moves to London from Beijing, he can't believe his luck: his new house is in Baker Street, the same address as his fictional idol, Sherlock Holmes. There's hardly any time to settle into this very different life before mystery comes calling in the form of a series of missing paintings.

Using his unique powers of deduction, and teamed up with his very own Dr Watson, schoolfriend Ronwen, Chung undertakes a city-spanning investigation that tests his parents' patience, puts himself in grave danger, and earns himself an unexpected and powerful enemy.

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James Noble is an editor from London who has also written under a variety of pseudonyms, one of which is much more famous than he is. He has a lifelong love of adventure and mystery stories, though he suspects he would lose a Conan Doyle trivia contest with Li Chung. He has a degree in creative writing and film studies, and in his free time can usually be found reading, writing, or despairing over the fortunes of his local football team, Millwall F.C.

Titles in the *Little Holmes* series:



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...Illustrated Chapter Books/Middle Grade



DINOSAUR CLUB by Rex Stone

(Working Partners – Dorling Kindersley – September 2023 – 11 Books)

- Travel back in time to the world of the dinosaurs! Children will be inspired to discover the prehistoric world with these character-driven adventure stories
- A 2024 World Book Day title, #1 on Amazon UK and #3 on The Bookseller charts for March. **Over 100,000 copies sold** in English!
- Rights sold in Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, Norwegian, Spanish, and Swedish



PIXIE MAGIC by Daisy Meadows

(Working Partners – Hachette Children's Books – July 2023 – 6 Books)

- A magical series from the multi-million best-selling authors of *Rainbow Magic*, *Magic Animal Friends* and *Unicorn Magic*
- Lovely black and white illustrations throughout
- Rights sold in Czech, German, Hungarian, Hebrew



MONSTROUS MIA by A.B. Saddlewick

(Working Partners – Michael O'Mara/Kerle – 2013 – 10 Books)

- A great alternative to princess books for middle-grade readers, full of silliness and monster fun—along with likeable characters and a great twist at the end
- 🎬 Animated feature currently in production with arx anima (Germany)
- **Over 70,000 copies sold!**