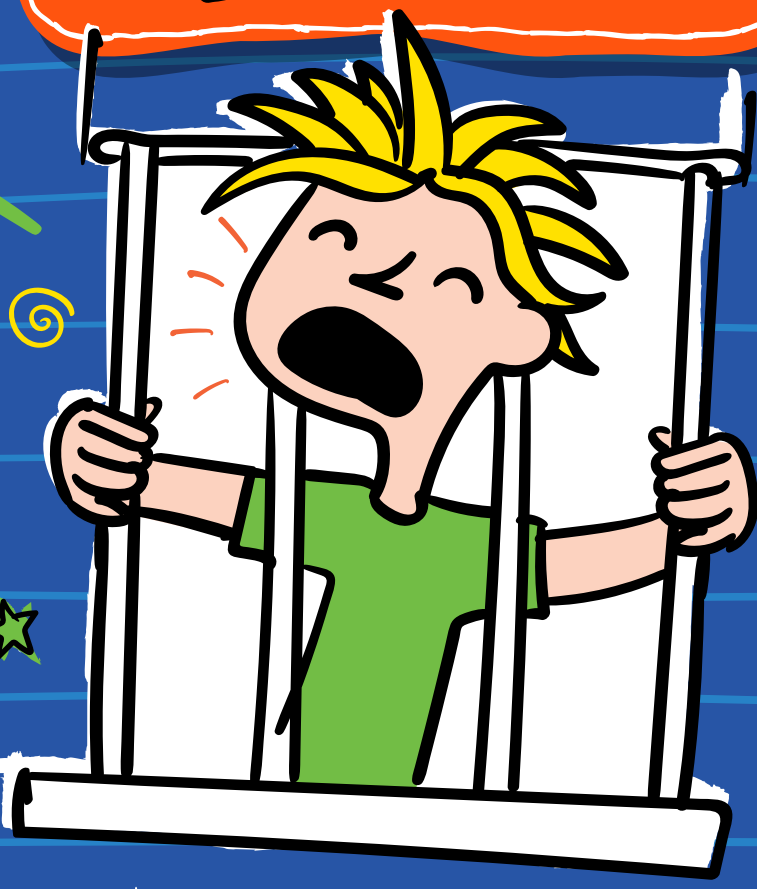


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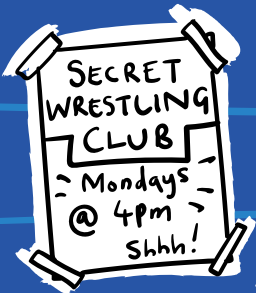


Camila Wither-Kay  
(goody two-shoes)



Carlos Chickens  
(My best friend)

My shorts!



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# YOUNG FICTION





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## The Cosmic Club

Nicola Colton

Welcome to the Cosmic Club – everyone's invited! Join Pickle, Spark, Bo and their zoomy snail sidekick Mr Sprinkles in a dazzling, new, full-colour graphic-novel series for young adventurers everywhere. Perfect for fans of Bumble and Snug, Happy Hills and Kitty Quest.

When glittering Star Stairs appear at their favourite hangout, the Starnut Tree, the friends discover the Cosmic Club – a universe of magical worlds! But three Cosmic Stars are missing, and without them, the fun-filled lands will become gloomy and sad. Can the pals use their new magic skills to find the stars? First stop: Ice-Cloud Land...

- Bursting with child appeal, this vibrant new series celebrates inclusivity, joy and magic, with gentle neurodiverse representation in all three main characters
- Broad appeal for ages 5–9 and an accessible alternative to early chapter books like Rainbow Magic and Unicornia
- Make your own club badge in every book! Features creative Make-and-Do activity pages throughout
- Books 2 and 3 will publish in January and July 2028



**Nicola Colton**, originally from Ireland, is an award-winning children's author and illustrator based in Bristol, UK. Jasper and Scruff, her first fiction series, was a *Guardian* Book of the Month, and she is also the creator of the Bertha and Blink series. Nicola is passionate about her books for children and is a part-time children's bookseller.

## Kat and Mouse: A Friendship Surprise and You Are My Hero

Salina Yoon

Two new titles in Geisel Honor winner Salina Yoon's early reader graphic series starring Kat and Mouse!

In book three, *You Are My Hero!*, Kat and Mouse find they have different play styles on the playground, but can be brave even when they are scared.

In book four, *A Friendship Surprise!*, Mouse shows up to battle Kat's sick-day blues, and they both show how friends stick tight when times are tough.

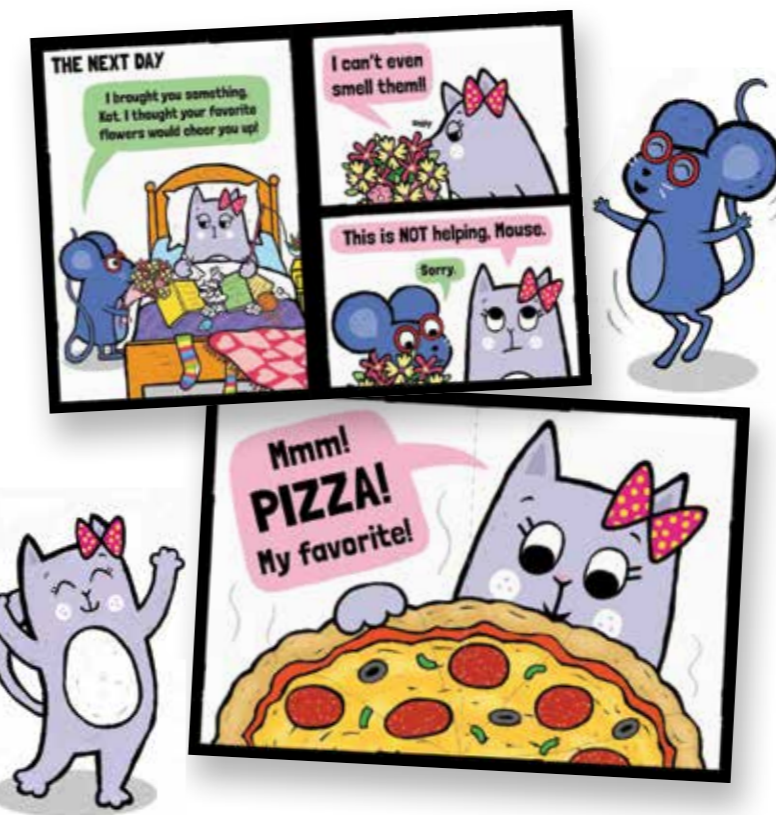
- For fans of *Elephant and Piggie* and other bestselling Early Readers: This format is a sweet spot for emerging readers, with potential for huge sales
- Continuing an exciting early reader series in our bestselling publishing track with Salina Yoon
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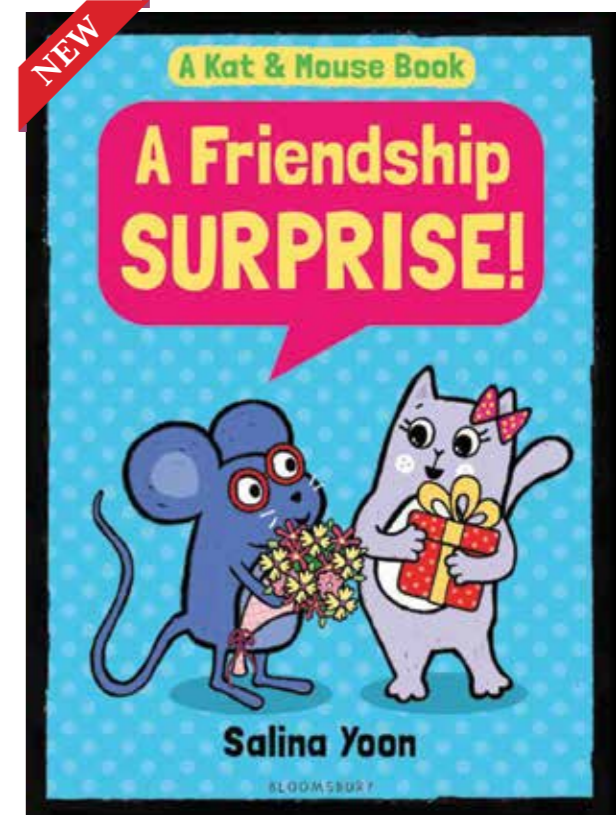


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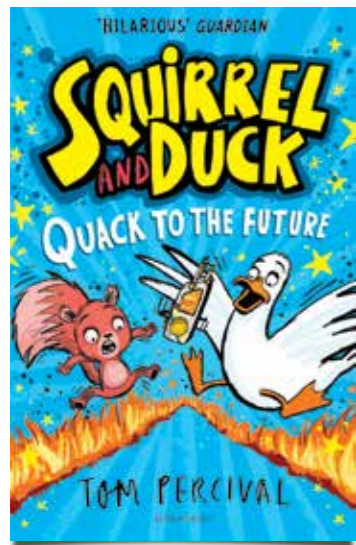


**Salina Yoon** is the Geisel Honor-winning author-illustrator of nearly 200 books for children, including the Penguin series, the Duck, Duck, Porcupine series; the Bear and Floppy series; *Be a Friend*; and *Kiki & Jax*, written with Marie Kondo.



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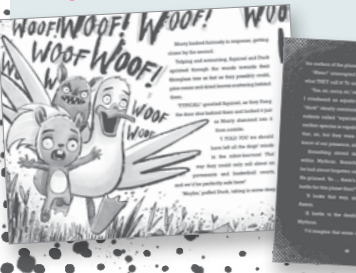
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Age: 7+ / Book 3 of 3 / B&W throughout

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## Squirrel and Duck: Quack to the Future

Tom Percival

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

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

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



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

From the bestselling author of the Big Bright Feelings picture books

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## Woodland Explorers Club

Author Ewa Jozefkowicz Illustrator Gillian Flint

The Woodland Explorers solve mysteries and protect the animals of Willow Wish Woods. A six book series for 6+ inspired by Forest School.

### Trix's Tree House

Trix loves building dens! She is very excited to show the rest of the Woodland Explorers how to build THE BEST tree house, but when they arrive at her favourite spot, Trix notices there are fewer flowers than last summer. Time for mission 'Save the Bees!' From tree houses to bee houses, Trix's den-building skills are put to the test, and the Woodland Explorers discover the importance of bees as pollinators.

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



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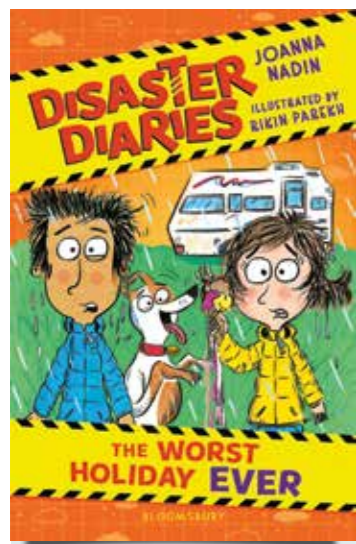
Zephyr / Paperback / £7.99  
198 x 129mm / 112pp / 8,600 words  
Age: 6+ / Book 5 of 6  
B&W throughout  
Option publishers: Polish



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



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



JANUARY 2026

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £6.99  
198 x 129mm / 176pp / 10,000 words  
Age: 7+ / Book 3 of 3  
40 b/w line illustrations

Option publishers: Dutch

## Disaster Diaries: The Worst Holiday Ever

Author Joanna Nadin Illustrator Rikin Parekh

Daffodil Patterson is a small girl with BIG plans – it's not her fault that they always seem to go wrong! A brilliant series for young readers.

Daff is going on a last-minute trip to a mystery resort called SANDY PALACE. Dad has said it's going to be THE BEST HOLIDAY EVER. Except... when they get there there's no SAND or PALACE. It's a smelly, rainy caravan site. It's obviously THE WORST HOLIDAY EVER. Can Daff come up with a genius plan to save the holiday?

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



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

Award-winning author

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



## Terrible True Tales: Tudors

Author Terry Deary Illustrator Helen Flook

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

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

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



Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99 / 198 x 129mm / 256pp  
16,000 words / Age: 7-9 / Series of 12 / B&W throughout  
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**Terry Deary** is the author of over 300 books, which have been published in 40 languages. Terry's non-fiction has been on bestseller lists since 1994, and he was voted 'Outstanding children's non-fiction author of the 20th Century' by *Books for Keeps* magazine.



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



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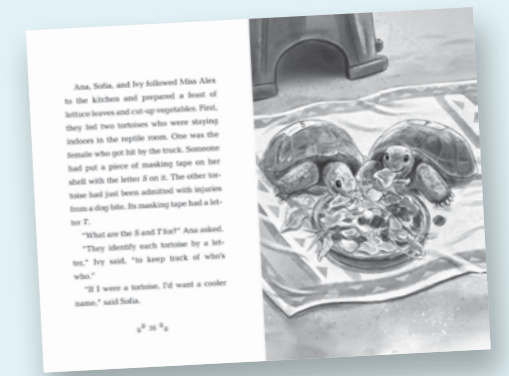
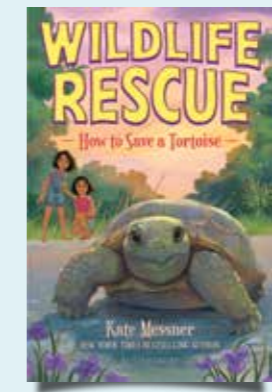
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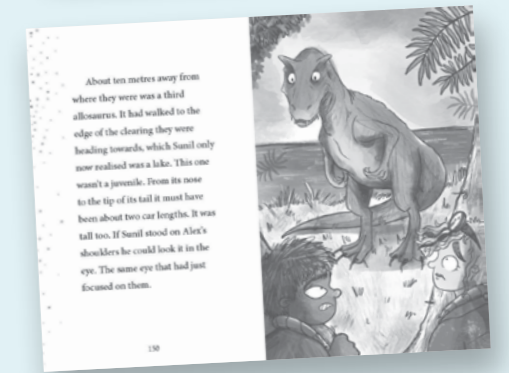
## Wildlife Rescue: How to Save a Tortoise

Author Kate Messner Illustrator Jen Bricking  
From the bestselling author of the Ranger in Time series Kate Messner, a family volunteer at a wildlife hospital to help rehabilitate animals.  
Bloomsbury US / March 2026  
Paperback \$8.99  
197 x 129mm / 128pp / 9,000 words  
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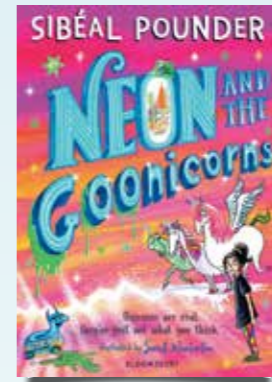
## The Time Machine Next Door: Inventors and Dinosaurs

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

Author Sibéal Ponder Illustrator Sarah Warburton  
The final UNiverse adventure from the bestselling author of Wonka (Puffin), as well as the Witch Wars and Bad Mermaids series (with combined sales of almost 600,000 copies!).  
Bloomsbury UK / April 2025  
Paperback / £7.99  
182 x 129mm / 224pp / 20,500 words / Age: 7+  
Book 3 of 3 / B&W throughout  
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## Jack-Jack, A Dog with a Job

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

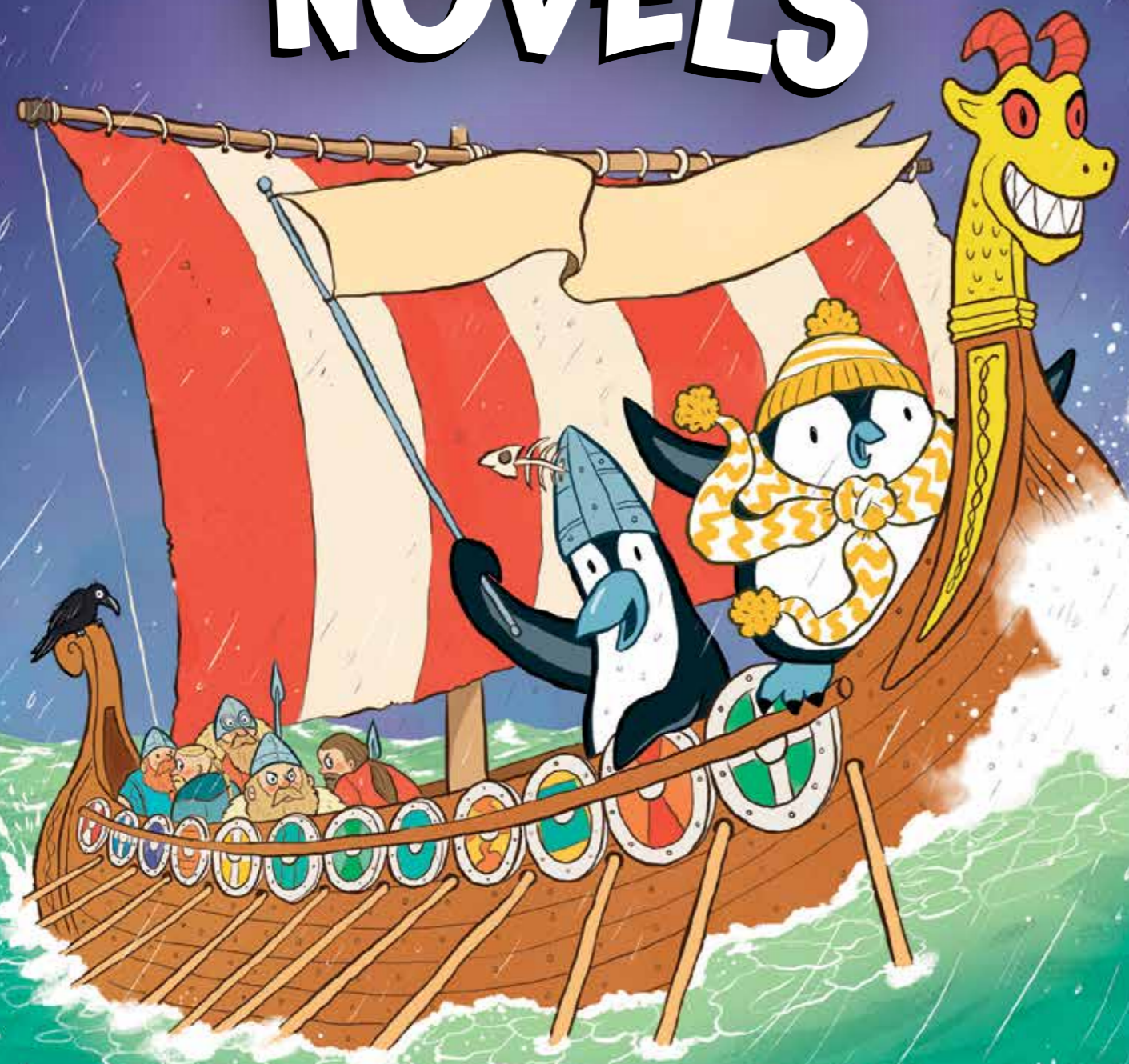


## The Thames and Tide Club: The Ghost Pirates

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



# GRAPHIC NOVELS



## Chicken Hill: Revenge of Dr Strangeburger

Beccy Blake

Come for another stay in the SERIOUSLY weird town of Chicken Hill. Another three brilliantly hilarious and off-the-wall stories in one full-colour graphic novel.

Things have not gotten any more normal in the town of Chicken Hill. Especially not for Ferdie the expert inventor and his pets, the mega-farty pug, Gripper, and the always-sleepy cat, Tink. They've battled zombie cactuses and rescued frozen squirrels, just two of the countless, strange goings-on the gang has had to solve. But that's not all – even more mayhem is in store for them!

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

- Three short stories packed into one full-colour package, perfect for fans of *Dog Man* and *Bunny vs Monkey*
- Beccy Blake previously worked as an animator and storyboard artist



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210 x 140mm / 224pp / Age: 7+ / Book 3 of 3  
Colour

Option publishers: Polish



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**Beccy Blake** has always loved drawing and writing about silly things and weird stuff. She went to art college in Newcastle and got a degree in illustration and design. Since then, she has continued to do illustration as well as animation work. *Chicken Hill* is her debut graphic-novel series.



# TIME-TRAVELLING PENGUINS PABLO AND SPLASH

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Guardian



## Pablo and Splash series

Sheena Dempsey

Pablo and Splash are time-travelling penguins, traversing the globe and the centuries on a hilarious quest for adventure — and SNACKS! A bestselling graphic-novel series.

In Pablo and Splash's most recent outing, *Viking Voyage*, they sailed to Ireland on a longship in the year 795, to warn of an imminent invasion by ferocious warriors (and some very naughty penguins).

Previous epic journeys have been to the Jurassic era, the Ice Age and ancient Rome, plus a short story in medieval England. In 2027, our intrepid penguins venture to ancient Egypt.

- Pablo and Splash was shortlisted for the British Book Awards Children's Illustrated Book of the Year 2025
- Fun educational content in every book plus lots of end matter including quizzes, facts and character drawing guides
- A huge international success: *Pablo and Splash* has been sold in 13 languages



Praise for PABLO AND SPLASH

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

Steven Lenton, author of *Genie and Teeny*

'Joyful, fun and very silly indeed'

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

Over 185,000 copies sold  
of books 1-3 combined!

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210 x 140mm / 240pp / Age: 7+ / Series  
Full colour throughout

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



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

## Shero

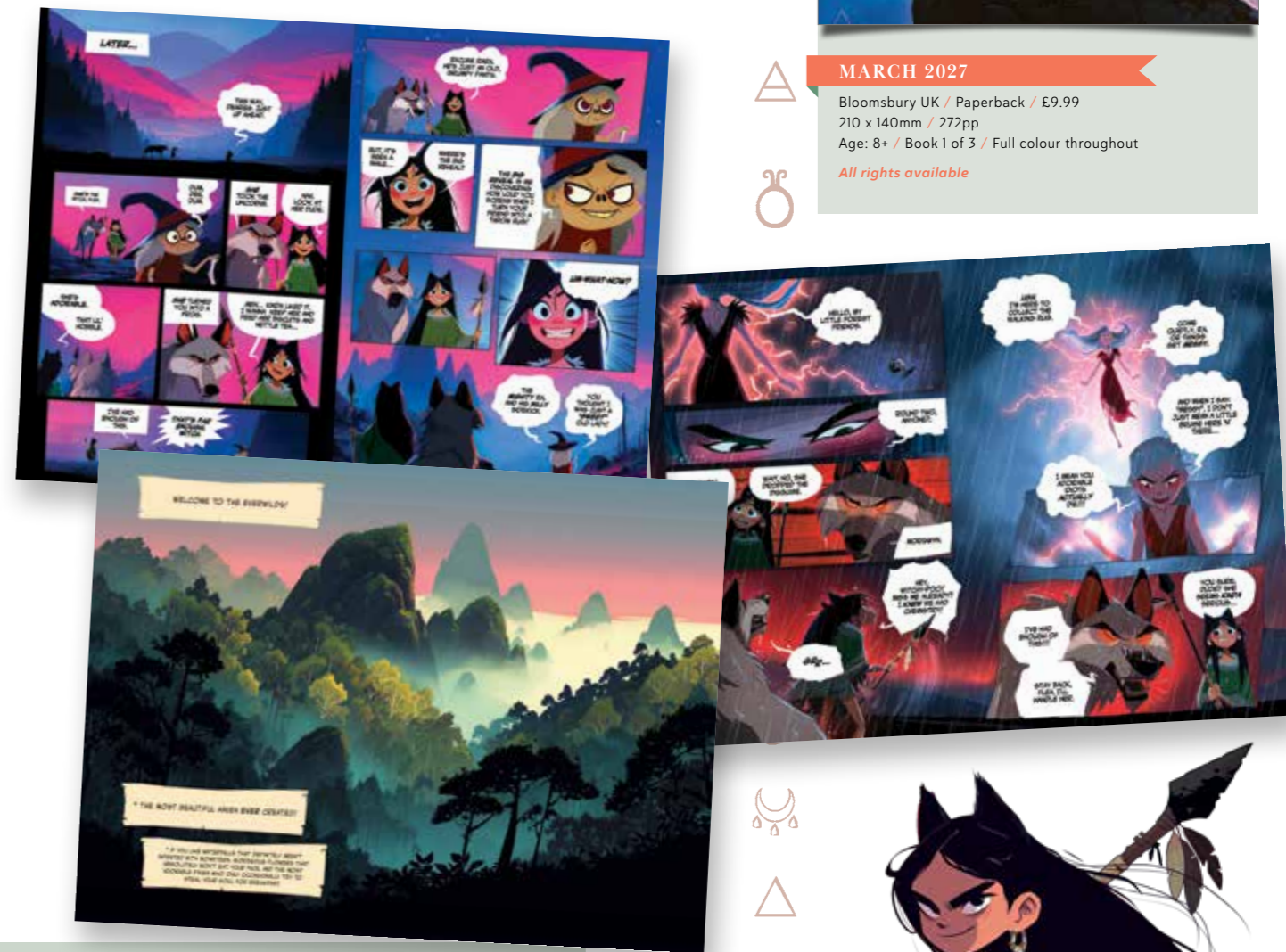
Lee Lennox

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

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

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

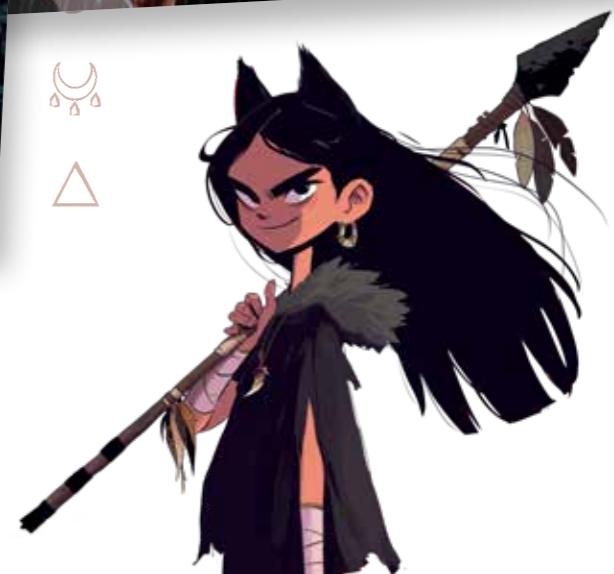
- *Shero* is the first in an upcoming trilogy of full-colour graphic-novel adventures from debut talent Lee Lennox
- Lee is an experienced artist, writer and director, who has done work on countless music videos, Hollywood films and animated series
- Features an unforgettable and irreverent heroine in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

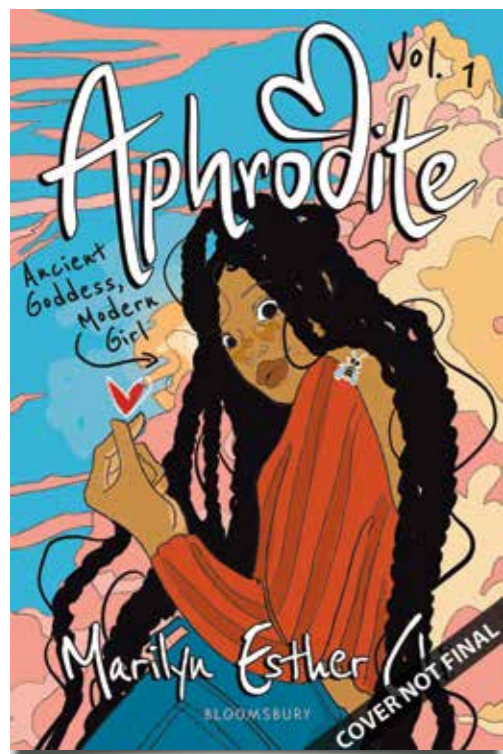


Lee Lennox is a talented artist, writer and director, with a career spanning over two decades in film, TV and animation. *Shero* is his debut graphic-novel series.



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## Aphrodite: Volume 1 Ancient Goddess, Modern Girl

Marilyn Esther Chi

**She was a total lone wolf. But now, somehow, Tabatha is Aphrodite, your Goddess of love. A hilarious and heartwarming graphic novel for fans of Lore Olympus.**

Tabatha has never needed anyone but herself. Then — she's selected as Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love. Her new boss, Hera, gives her a task. She must bless the world with eight different kinds of love, and failing to do so will result in her death. With just a year to succeed, Tabatha has a choice: learn how to love, or die trying ...

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



**Marilyn Esther Chi** is a UK-based author and illustrator. Having graduated from UCL with a Masters in pharmacy, the obvious next steps were illustration and writing. Marilyn has illustrated books written by Sharna Jackson, Joseph Coelho and Patrice Lawrence. *Aphrodite* is her graphic-novel debut.

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234 x 156mm / 272pp / Age: 12+ / Book 1 of 2  
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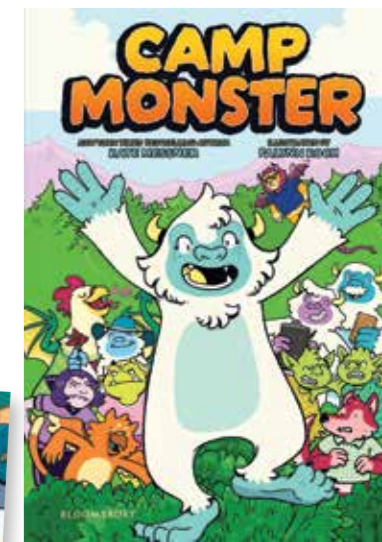
## Camp Monster

Author Kate Messner Illustration Falynn Koch

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

Camp Yeti is rebranding as CAMP MONSTER—a super fun camp for ALL of monster-kind. But things aren't going smoothly—the goblins are causing a ruckus, the ogre is a total diva, and the werewolf keeps disappearing. But when someone tries to sabotage Camp Monster, these monsters must set aside their differences to find out who is behind the hijinks!

- **Successful funny young graphic-novel category:** Kid-friendly, quirky writing, and vibrant illustrations
- **Large cast of wacky characters:** Manny the Manticore groundskeeper and campers like Lupo, a shapeshifting werewolf, and prankster goblin twins Tom and Zelbawog



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148 x 213mm / 224pp / 24,000 words  
Age: 8–11 / Book 1 of 3 / Full color throughout

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**Kate Messner** is an award-winning author of *All the Answers*; *Breakout*; *Chirp*; and *The Trouble with Heroes*.



**Falynn Koch** has an MFA from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta.



## Grind Like a Girl (w.t.)

Veronica Casson

**In this semi-autobiographical YA graphic novel, a trans teen navigates Catholic school, confusing crushes, and coming out.**

It's 1993, and after closeted trans girl Heather gets taunted for her Beauty and the Beast Halloween costume, she vows to remain in the closet focusing on her friendships. Despite crush complications, Heather slowly finds the courage and community that she needs to be herself—no matter what other people might think.

- **Full color, graphic novel with nuanced queer representation:** Explores the difficulties and rewards of coming out—showing that acceptance often occupies a gray space, and how the most important part is accepting yourself
- **Relevant themes:** This thoughtful, compelling, and necessary depiction of what it was like to come up and come out in the 90s is made relevant and more urgent than ever



**Veronica Casson** is an illustrator, graphic designer, and queer mom. She is the creator of Ignatz Award nominated webcomic *Claviger*. *Grind Like a Girl* is her first book, which was first published as a webtoon.

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216 x 152mm / 368pp / Age: 14+ / Standalone / Colour

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## Princess Academy The Graphic Novel

Author Shannon Hale Illustration Victoria Ying

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

Miri's ancestors have always lived a simple life. But then word arrives that the prince will choose his princess from the village. An academy is set up and every eligible girl must learn how to be a princess. Miri is confronted with a harsh mistress, bitter competition, and conflicting desires. Can Miri really leave her home and family behind?

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



APRIL 2026

Bloomsbury US  
Hardback \$24.99 / Paperback \$16.99  
229 x 152mm / 288pp / 25,000 words  
Age: 9+ / Standalone / Full color throughout  
Option publishers: Romanian



**Shannon Hale** is the *New York Times*—bestselling author of over thirty books.



**Victoria Ying** is an author and artist who has worked on films and graphic novels.



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## The Absolutely True Confessions of a Funny Girl

Rea Malhotra Mukhtyar

Meet Subha — eleven years old and *destined* for stardom. A new, funny, fully illustrated middle-grade series perfect for fans of Lottie Brooks.

Subha Bakshi *knows* she'll be famous. As does her Bollywood-obsessed Gran, who secures her a spot in the country's most elite performing arts school. But the road to celebrity ISN'T easy. Before fame, Subha has to deal with awkward crushes, best friends who won't text back, plus the tiny matter of figuring out what her *actual* talent is ...

- Laugh-out-loud funny, painfully relatable and brimming with earnest, emotional depth — *The Absolutely True Confessions of a Funny Girl* is the perfect slice-of-life read for older children and tweens
- Combining text messages, comic panels, vision boards, notebook doodles and traditional prose, *The Absolutely True Confessions of a Funny Girl* is a highly illustrated reinvention of the diary format, perfect for engaging reluctant readers



**Rea Malhotra Mukhtyar** is an actor, voice-over artist and English and drama teacher, who tells stories full of heart and humour. Born in Mumbai, she now lives and works in London and when not on stage or writing, she loves to swim with jellyfish, dance in muddy fields and buy sparkly things!

Shortlisted for the Books are my Bag Readers' Award

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## Isaac Turner Investigates: The Deadly Feast

Author Sam Sedgman Illustrator David Dean

Isaac heads to Hong Kong, where a deadly dinner sparks the fourth adventure in the Isaac Turner Investigates series.

Isaac is thrilled to join Hattie in Hong Kong for an exclusive Chinese New Year dinner party. But disaster soon strikes: Out of the thirteen diners, only twelve survive.

As Isaac and Hattie investigate, they uncover a dangerous world of corporate espionage amongst the glittering high rises and chaotic streets — and face the chilling return of an old enemy.

- The fourth instalment in the Isaac Turner Investigates series, where high-stakes adventure meets STEM-by-stealth learning. Each mystery is cleverly built around one of the seven scientific units of measurement
- The first book in this series, *The Clockwork Conspiracy*, was *The Times* Children's Book of the Week, and was shortlisted for the Indie Books Awards 2024 and the Books Are My Bag Readers Award for Children's Fiction 2024



**Sam Sedgman** is a bestselling author, confirmed nerd and enthusiastic ferroequinologist. His other middle-grade series, *Adventures on Trains*, has sold 100,000+ copies.

**David Dean** has illustrated multiple award-winning books and is known for his lively and colourful work, with a strong focus on mood and drama.

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## THE SHADOW FIEND

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Age: 9+ / Book 1 of 2  
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## The Shadow Fiend

Author Francesca Gibbons

The first story in a magical new fantasy duology is a timeless coming-of-age quest from an astonishing voice in children's fiction.

Music is bad for you; Lorna Periwinkle knows this. Five years ago she accidentally summoned a shadow fiend with her father's violin, on a day when she disobeyed the rules and saw her father swallowed by the creature that she summoned. Now, as she approaches her thirteenth birthday, it turns out that the shadow fiend her father banished isn't gone forever...

- From firecats to sea hags, cloud-walking to wind-whistling, this epic story is full of wonder and will be loved by fans of Katherine Rundell's *Impossible Creatures* and Pari Thomson's *Greenwild*
- Francesca Gibbons' first trilogy for children was published in 11 languages and her debut novel, *The Shadow Moth*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's book prize



**Francesca Gibbons** has been telling tall tales for as long as she can remember. Her debut novel, *A Clock of Stars*, was published in 2020 and the first book was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

## Outlaws

E.L. Norry

A page-turning story about three unlikely schoolfriends who learn they can take on the world when they stick together; perfect for fans of Jacqueline Wilson.

Robyn, Will and Scarlet first meet in detention. They don't have much in common, besides having a harder time at home than most. But when they notice that their new headteacher is singling out the kids least able to defend themselves, they decide to join forces. Banding together, the three unlikely 'outlaws' come up with a crazy idea to help those in need.

- Touches on many important and relevant topics that are great talking points for PR, teachers, libraries and beyond: young carers, dementia and children in foster care
- A funny, fresh and thought-provoking new take on familiar Robin Hood tropes

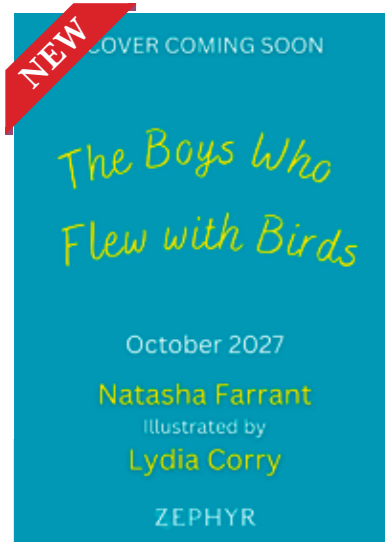


**E.L. Norry** is the acclaimed author of several children's books. She has a BA (Hons) in film and an MA in screenwriting. She was born in Cardiff and grew up in the care system. She now lives in Bournemouth with her husband and children and works in further education.



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Age: 9+ / Standalone  
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Zephyr / Hardback / £12.99  
216 x 155 / 144pp / 22,000 words  
Age: 7+ / Standalone / Colour

Option Publishers: Catalan, Dutch,  
French, German, Italian, Polish,  
Romanian, Spanish, Turkish



## The Boys Who Flew with Birds

Author Natasha Farrant | Illustrator Lydia Corry

A lavish gift book of six magical tales with fascinating bird facts, to inspire the next generation of bird lovers!

Two brothers sit on their balcony overlooking a park. Helped by a half wild parakeet and a magic book, Cal opens Jonah's eyes to the wonderful kingdom of birds. From a northern island to a tropical cloud forest, twilight marshlands to epic migrations – the brothers fly on the wings of their feathered friends to find courage, kindness and bravery.

- Gorgeous, full-colour companion volume to *Eight Princesses and a Magic Mirror* and *The Girl Who Talked to Trees* by the same internationally successful author/artist team
- A classic gift book for every child's bookshelf. Five magical original stories about different birds combined with fascinating facts

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**Natasha Farrant** is a Costa Children's Book Award Winner who also works in publishing. She is three quarters French and lives in London.



**Lydia Corry** is a Royal College of Art graduate. Her debut, *Eight Princesses and the Magic Mirror* was published by Zephyr and has been translated into 12 languages.

## Scamp Saltbrance and the Tidal Clock

Becca Rogers

From the author of *The Girl with Gills*. Scamp Saltbrance embarks on a thrilling fantasy adventure, with a tidal clock that controls the oceans.

When an ancient pact between mermaids and sailors is broken, it's up to misfit Scamp to fix it. Braving raging oceans full of unknown dangers and guided by a mysterious tidal clock, Scamp must find the mermaid queen and challenge wicked smuggler, Victor Marrow, to save everyone and everything she cares about.

- For 9+ boys and girls, an action-packed adventure set in an imaginative and original fantasy world above and below the waves
- For fans of Abi Elphinstone, Katherine Rundell and Catherine Doyle

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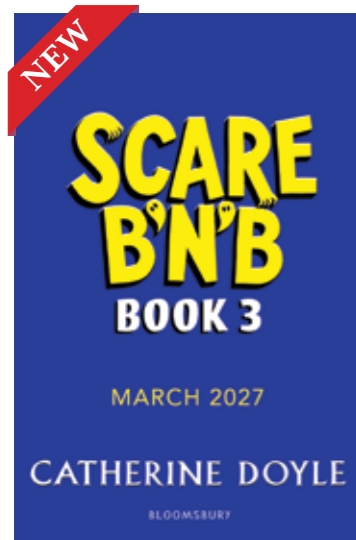
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Age: 9–12 / Standalone

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**Becca Rogers** grew up in rural Devon, an avid reader in a house full of folk music and books. Her debut novel *The Girl with Gills* is published by Zephyr.



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198 x 129mm / 256pp / 60,000 words  
Age: 9+ / Book 3 of 3 / B&W throughout  
Option publishers: French

## Scare B'n'B: Book 3

Author Catherine Doyle | Illustrator Rachael Dean

Mystery, mayhem and MURDER strike in Ted and Frankie's third adventure in Catherine Doyle's frightfully funny middle-grade series.

Ted and Frankie have a crime to solve – and this time it's not centuries old! When a murder occurs on a writers' retreat at Tartarus Hotel, everyone turns detective. Including the long-deceased, only slightly nosy Duke of Snoring. But who knows if the culprit is even alive? It will take all residents, living and dead, to figure it out!

- Perfect for fans of BBC's *Ghosts*, this is the third book in the Scare B'n'B middle grade series, packed with commercial appeal, laugh-out-loud charm and hilarious illustrations by Rachael Dean
- Catherine Doyle is a standout voice in children's fiction. Her previous middle-grade series, the Storm Keeper trilogy, was an international success story and translated into over 20 languages

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**Catherine Doyle** is a bestselling author across age groups, from the Storm Keeper trilogy to her acclaimed YA series, *The City of Fantome* and *Twin Crowns* (co-authored with Katherine Webber).



**Rachael Dean** is a UK-based illustrator whose work spans picture books and middle-grade fiction. She was recently chosen to illustrate new titles by beloved children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson.

## Keep the Ghost Light On

Kate Messner

Bestselling author Kate Messner presents a voice-driven mystery novel about three kids who uncover a ghost with a big secret.

When Daphne, Luna, and Felix break into a shuttered theater, they are confronted by the ghost of a former dancer. The only way for the trio to free themselves is to uncover the betrayal that ruined the ghost's life a hundred years ago. But Daphne, Luna, and Felix must overcome their own hauntings, if they want to save each other.

- High concept mystery for fans of Erin Entrada Kelly: Reveals layers of personal growth in a moving, yet fun narrative voice
- Unique multimodal format: Will include stage play scenes, diary excerpts, song lyrics, and articles alongside prose

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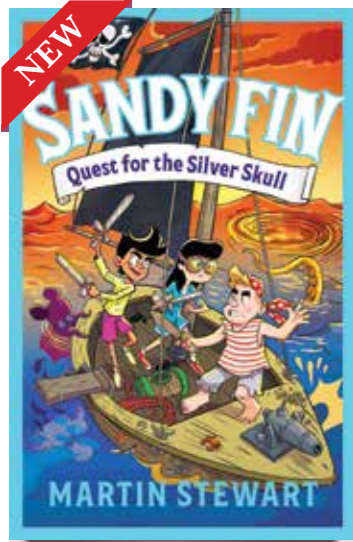
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Age: 10+ / Standalone

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**Kate Messner** is a bestselling author who is passionately curious and writes books for kids who wonder, too. Her titles include *All the Answers*; *Breakout*; *Chirp*; and *The Trouble with Heroes*.





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Zephyr / Paperback / £7.99  
198 x 129mm / 224pp / 32,000 words  
Age: 8+ / Series Book 3 of 4  
B&W illustrations throughout  
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## Sandy Fin: Quest for the Silver Skull

Author Martin Stewart Illustrator Santy Gutiérrez

Silver-scaled ocean explorer Sandy Fin and his best friend Lily's third adventure in this hilarious middle grade series.

Nothing strange has happened in Portwhistle for nearly a fortnight. Then Sandy and Lily discover a map to the Crooked Blade shipwreck, a sunken galleon rumoured to house hoards of gold and Blackbeard's silver-plated skull! Sandy and Lily set out to find it, but they're not alone. Armed with Emile's latest inventions, can Sandy and Lily make it to the treasures first?

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



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**Martin Stewart** is an English teacher whose work has been shortlisted for major awards. His Bridget Vanderpuff series published by Zephyr has been translated into 10 languages.



**Santy Gutiérrez** won Best Spanish Young Editorial Cartoonist and Best Galician Caricaturist. He founded the BAOBAB Studio Artists Collective and is chairman of the AGPI (Galician Professional Illustrators Association).

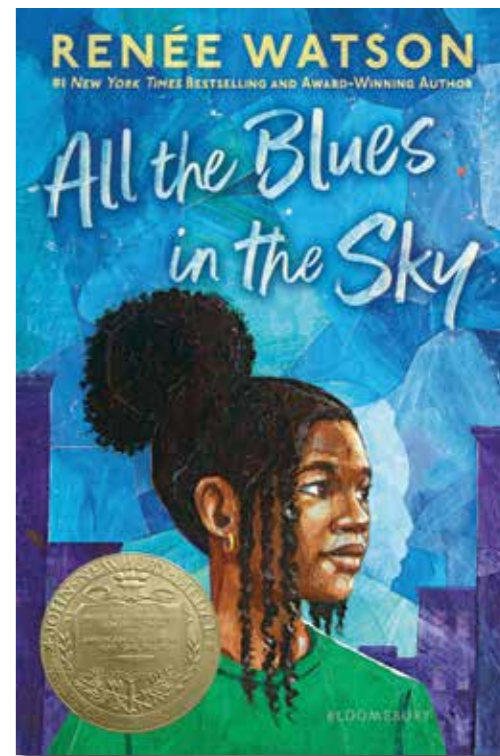
## All the Blues in the Sky

Renée Watson

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author and Newbery Medal winner Renée Watson explores friendship, loss, and life with grief in this poignant novel in verse and vignettes.

Sage's thirteenth birthday was supposed to be about movies and treats, staying up late with her best friend and watching the sunrise together. Instead, it was the day her best friend died. In a counseling group with other girls who have lost someone close to them, she learns that not all losses are the same, and healing isn't predictable. And even as Sage grieves, new, good things enter her life—and she just may find a way to know that she can feel it all.

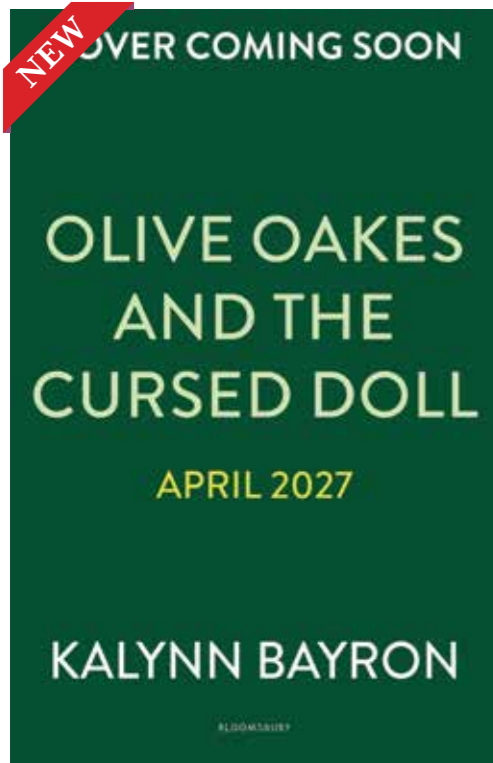
- Published in February 2025, *All the Blues in the Sky* is a multi-award-winning, literary, standalone story that sits in the older middle-grade/young YA space
- **Themes of loss and compassion:** Sage's journey to understanding loss is a roadmap for all young people navigating the ups and downs of grief
- **Award-winning and best-selling author:** Renée's *Piecing Me Together* was a Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award winner, and she has sales of over 1.1 million in the US of her Bloomsbury titles



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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$17.99  
210 x 140mm / 192pp / 20,000 words  
Age: 10–14 / Standalone  
Rights sold: Korean

**Renée Watson** is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author. Her novel *All the Blues in the Sky* won the Newbery Medal, and *Piecing Me Together* received a Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award.



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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$18.99  
210 x 140mm / 256pp / 32,000 words  
Age: 8+ / Book 2 of 2  
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## Olive Oakes and the Cursed Doll

Kalynn Bayron

*Goosebumps* meets *Nancy Drew* in *New York Times* bestselling author Kalynn Bayron's cozy mystery starring Olive Oakes.

While visiting Gloomvale Station, Olive and her cousin Eli discover a collection of supposedly haunted dolls. As they dig deeper into the mystery, Olive and Eli unearth strange tales of a missing girl, a suspicious neighbor, a cooky thrift shop owner, and a set of twins who have the inside scoop on all of Gloomvale Station's strange happenings.

- Commercial mystery series by bestselling author: Featuring strong friendships, compelling twists, and a lot of heart
- *Nancy Drew* for a new generation: Spooky, relatable, and compelling, this book also brings diversity to the mystery genre

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**Kalynn Bayron** is the bestselling author of YA and MG novels, including *Cinderella Is Dead*, *You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight*, *Make Me a Monster* and the *Vanquishers* series.

## Project WOUFF

Matthew McElligott

Team up with Alex, Lily, and Professor Fuzzypants—the smartest cat in the world—to uncover a science experiment gone wrong.

Best friends Alex and Lily live in Underland, an off-grid community. When Lily rescues a talking cat, they learn that top-secret Project WOUFF, which used AI on animals, was never shut down. Alex and Lily are determined to discover why.

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

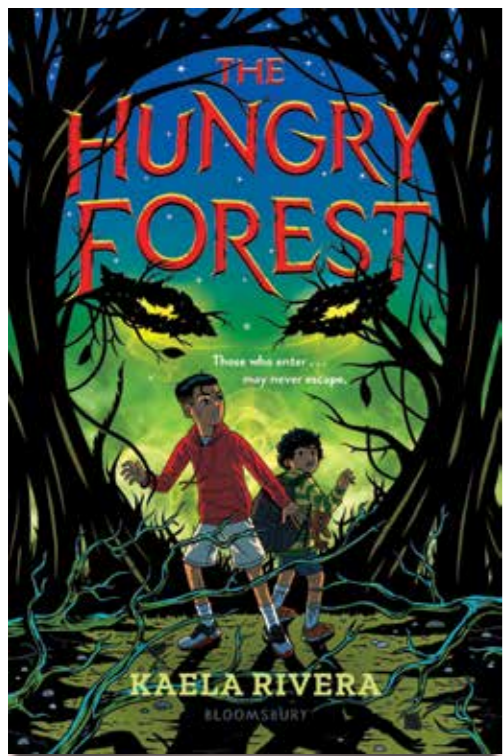


**Matthew McElligott** is the author of several books for children, including *The Lion's Share*, *Absolutely Not*, and *Backbeard and the Birthday Suit*. He teaches at Russell Sage College and also visits elementary schools around the country. He lives in New York.



OCTOBER 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$17.99  
210 x 139mm / 192pp / 25,000 words  
Age: 8–11 / Book 1 of 2  
B&W chapter opening, full, and half-page illustrations  
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## The Hungry Forest

Kaela Rivera

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

When Ryan and Teddy hear their late father's voice coming from the Hungry Forest and venture inside, they find that it's as cursed as the legends say. And if they can't escape before sunrise, they'll be trapped forever.

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



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

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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$17.99  
210 x 139mm / 256pp / 50,000 words / Age: 9–14  
Book 1 of 2 / B&W chapter opening illustrations  
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## Greta Grimdark and the Normal New Neighbor

Author Haley Neil Illustration Anna Davis Court

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

Greta Grimdark lives in a haunted castle near a dreary forest. Her parents are dragons and her brothers are a zombie, a vampire, and a ghost. When a normal new neighbor moves across the street, Greta faces the terror of trying to make a new friend.

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$17.99 / 210 x 139mm / 208pp / 20,000 words / Age: 8+ / Book 1 of 3 / B&W throughout  
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## Mayowa and the Fire of Speech

Chibundu Onuzo

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

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

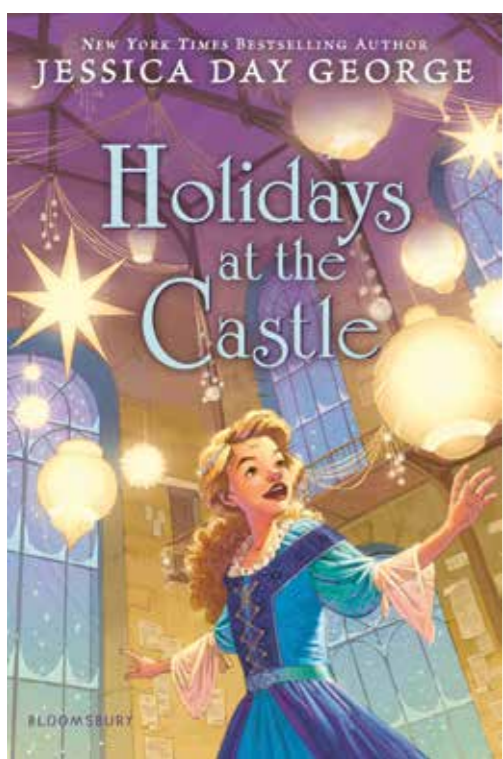
- Chibundu is an established, award-winning adult author. Her most recent book, *Sankofa*, was published in 2021 by Virago and was Reese Witherspoon's Book Club choice

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## Holidays at the Castle

Jessica Day George

A new edition to Jessica Day George's magical bestselling series, where Celie celebrates the winter holidays in her beloved Castle!

The winter holidays are Celie's favorite time of the year! However, right before the festivities begin, the griffins start acting out. The holidays are meant to bring everyone together, but will they still be able to celebrate?

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

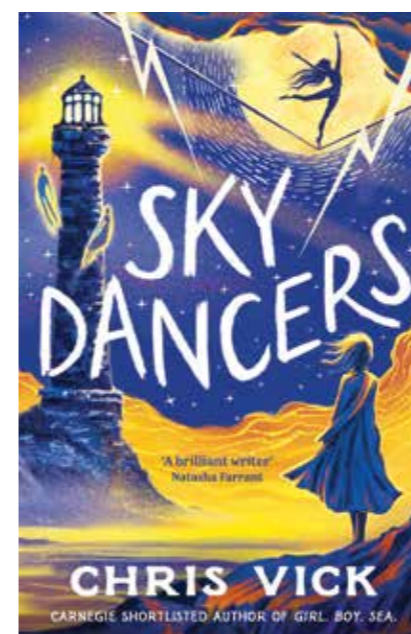
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**Jessica Day George** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Rose Legacy* series, the *Tuesdays at the Castle* series, the *Twelve Dancing Princesses* series, the *Dragon Slippers* trilogy, as well as *Sun and Moon*, *Ice and Snow* and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

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210 x 139mm / 208 pp / 28,000 words  
Age: 8–11 / Book 6 of 6  
Option publishers: Romanian



## Sky Dancers

Chris Vick

A new story of dangerous enchantment and sorcery from Carnegie-shortlisted Chris Vick.

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

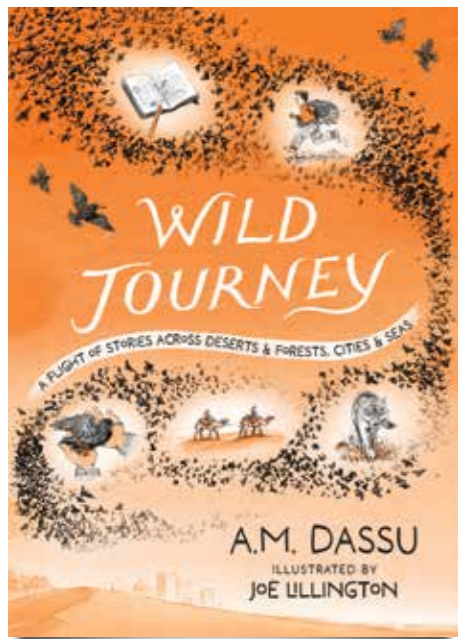
- A richly-imagined dual narrative full of compelling unearthly elements, with shades of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*
- Author's previous title *Girl, Boy, Sea* was shortlisted for the Carnegie medal (2020) and nominated for the Sakura Medal (2022)

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## Wild Journey

Author A M Dassu Illustration Joe Lillington

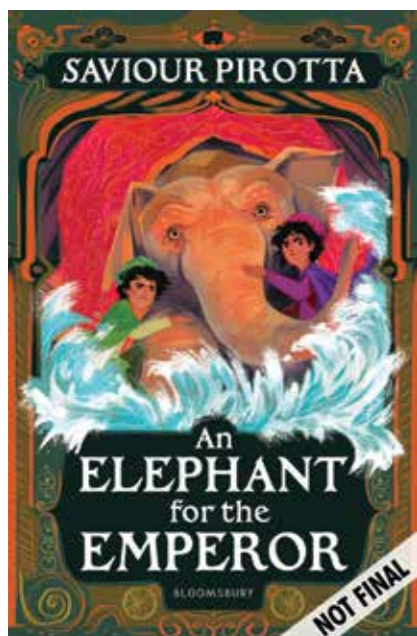
**A flight of stories across deserts and oceans, forests, cities and seas.**

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

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

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## An Elephant for the Emperor

Saviour Pirotta

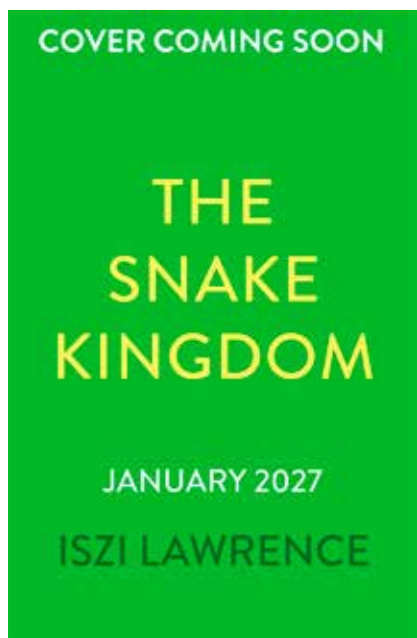
**A thrilling quest set during the golden age of Islam in Baghdad, a treasure trove of excitement and adventure.**

In 798CE Baghdad, Farouk joins a caravan travelling to the Emperor's court in Germany to redeem himself after losing his father's prized horses. Young Hudayn joins him, along with his elephant as a gift to the emperor. Will they make it safely to the emperor's court?

- An accessible, drama-filled story, ideal for gaining insight into Islam and the historic culture of the Middle East. This story is based on real events

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## The Snake Kingdom

Iszi Lawrence

**Is truth something you're told, or something you seek ... even if doing so means letting go of everything you believed in?**

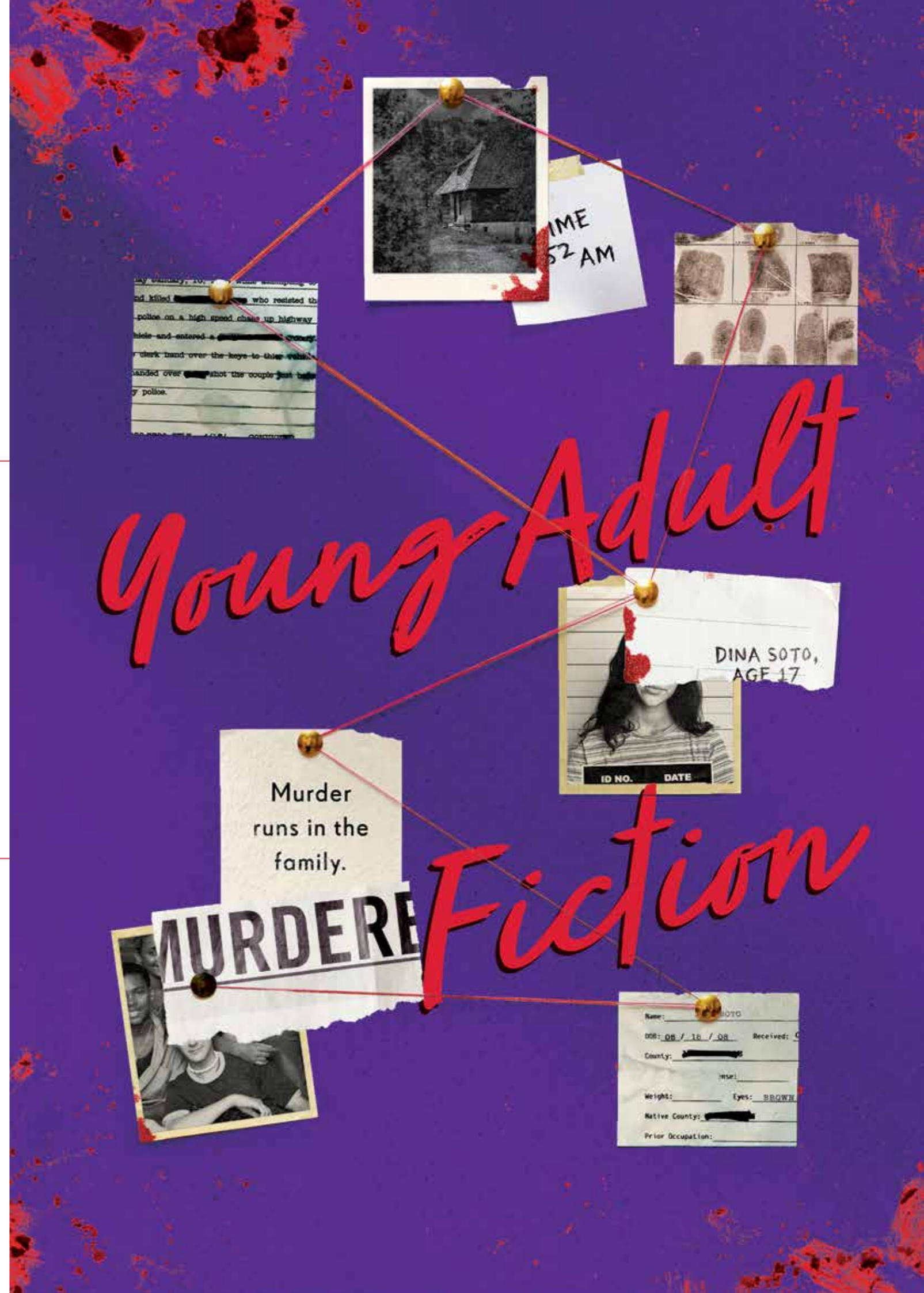
Twelve-year-old Eloy dreams of glory. Not as a warrior, but as a *pok-ta-pok* player, the brutal game where losers are sacrificed to the gods. Through collapsing jungles and dangerous truths, this is a story of belief, survival and changing your fate.

- Set during the Mayan civilisation around the year 900, Eloy grows up in a world where gods demand blood and doubt is dangerous

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LEXI SMITH  
McNICHOLAS

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140 x 210mm / 304pp / 85,000 words / Standalone

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## Oh So Many Teeth

Lexi Smith McNicholas

**In this horror-tinged YA paranormal fantasy, sapphic werewolf cowgirls hunt for cursed treasure and learn to free their inner monsters.**

Ingrid Connor's life has always been confined to the isolated desert home she shares with her aunt Cora, to keep Ingrid safe from werewolf hunters, and humanity safe from Ingrid.

That tiny world shatters when another werewolf Alice kidnaps Ingrid, thinking she's being kept against her will. But Ingrid isn't ready for freedom and returns home—to a pool of Cora's blood.

World-wise Alice agrees to help Ingrid find Cora in exchange for help seeking a legendary cursed gold mine. To survive and protect the girl she's growing to love, Ingrid will have to uncover—and embrace—what it truly means to be monstrous.

- With a dynamic voice and mash up of werewolves in the atmospheric Wild West, this is an exciting commercial fantasy debut, with an untitled standalone TK in 2028
- Ingrid and Alice's sapphic loathing-to-lovers romance plays on a trope beloved by romantasy readers while bringing a paranormal twist
- Exploring monstrousness as a metaphor for queerness is popular with readers looking for more empowering queer rep in YA genre fiction, such as with the instant *NYT* bestseller *Hell Followed with Us* and *She Is a Haunting*



**Lexi Smith McNicholas** is a speech therapist and coach for a high school running team. She has a passion for creating stories about messy queer girls who become their own heroes. Instagram: @lexithewriter

## Heart-Shaped Curse

Eleanor Drage

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

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

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

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

Twelve  
Dark Hours

Amber Hamilton

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

For Vesper and Lonan, winner takes all. Battling to be the top student at Gossemort Academy, they both keep dangerous secrets.

They will be tested during the Ridding—the competition for graduating meigas. Failure means banishment forever. When students start dying, Vesper and Lonan must relinquish their secrets. But is this enough to save their kingdom from the Dark?

- **Follow-up to a hit romantasy:** Amber Hamilton's *Seven Deadly Thorns* was the BIG romantasy hit of 2025 with rights sold in TWELVE different languages. 60k copies were sold in the first 4 months of publication and the book was an instant *New York Times* bestseller!
- **High concept dark academia romantasy with crossover appeal:** This romantasy is EXACTLY what is working in the YA market now and offers readers everything they loved about *Seven Deadly Thorns* in a new fantasy world with an exciting new couple

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



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229 x 152mm / 400pp / 100,000 words / Age: 15+ / Standalone

Rights sold: Croatian, Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, Ukrainian

Option publishers: Bulgarian, Italian, Polish, Turkish



## To Burn a Kingdom

Gabi Burton

Mira Kyler chooses between true love and true power in this YA fantasy duology conclusion for fans of *Heartless Hunter*.

When Mira agrees to a fake engagement with Raevin Grey, Prince of Petruvia, it is *only* to free her imprisoned mother. But as Mira peels back the layers of the icy prince to find that they are more alike than not, she must ask herself what she wants most: love, or power? And can Mira make a world where she can have both?

- **Empowering, High-Concept Romantasy Duology:** This duology follows a black girl's decision to break a corrupt system and take power for herself. Featuring an inventive magic system, addictive romance tropes, and lush worldbuilding, this follow-up will give *To Steal a Throne* fans everything they're craving!
- **Critically Acclaimed Author:** *To Steal a Throne* has received three starred reviews, and Gabi's debut *Sing Me to Sleep* appeared in the *New York Times*, *Buzzfeed*, *Glamour* and more. Gabi is perfectly positioned for her breakout moment!

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**Gabi Burton** is the international bestselling author of *To Steal a Throne*, *Sing Me to Sleep*, and *Drown Me with Dreams*. She grew up in St. Louis, Missouri.

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## Tell the Ghosts I'm Gone

Kalynn Bayron

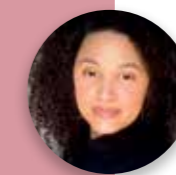
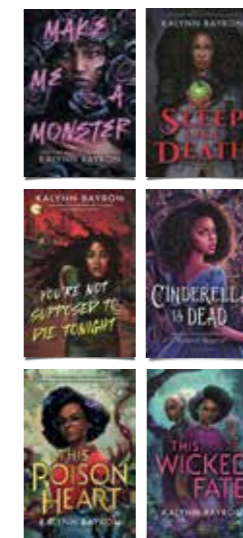
From *New York Times* bestselling author Kalynn Bayron comes a new horror novel about a group of teens with unique—and potentially deadly—gifts.

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

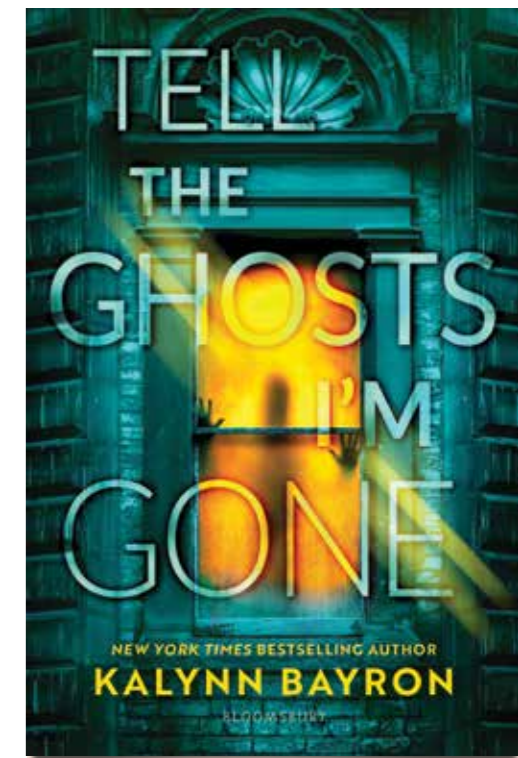
Together, they offer paranormal investigative services and are pulled into the case of a missing woman, last seen at a coffee shop in a haunted Victorian mansion. But digging deeper into the case—and into the origins and extents of their powers—could have deadly consequences.

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

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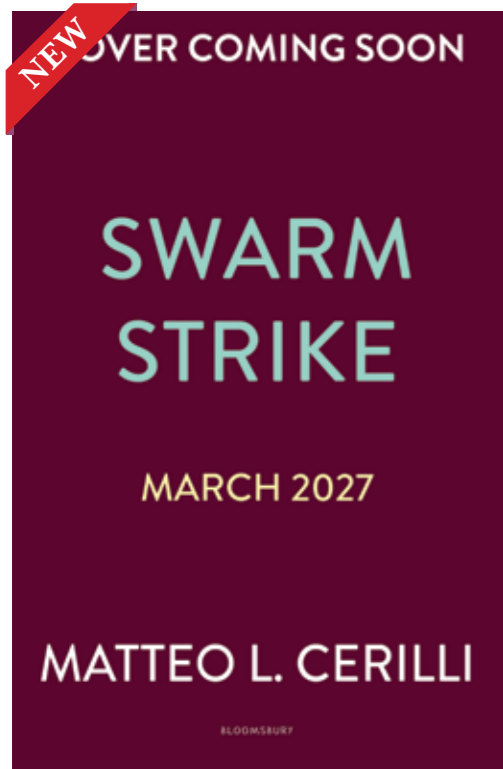


**Kalynn Bayron** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of young adult novels and books for younger readers, including *Olive Oakes and the Haunted Carousel*, and the middle-grade *Vanquishers* series.



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Age: 13+ / Standalone  
Option publishers: Bulgarian, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, Ukrainian



## Swarm Strike (Fathom Fall 2)

Matteo L. Cerilli

In book two of this young YA dystopian duology, teens battle an evil corporation.

Wyatt Docherty's video gaming prowess has proved him to be so much more than a coddled Waterbaby on the unfolding battlefield. Having uncovered Hydrexo's diabolical plans, Wyatt's new-found friends form the SWARM resistance group and strike back to save life as they know it.

- **Exciting, action-packed conclusion to young YA duology:** This action-packed series is perfect for reluctant readers, teenage boys, and young teens who are having trouble finding books in today's crossover-leaning YA market
- **Daring dystopian with classic feel:** With its relatable protagonist, video game hook, and non-stop action, *Fathom Fall* offers a fresh new series for young fans of *The Hunger Games*, *Divergent*, and *The Maze Runner*

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**Matteo L. Cerilli** (he/him) is a transmasculine author specializing in speculative fiction for all ages, including *Lockjaw* and *Bad in the Blood*. He currently lives in Toronto with his partner.

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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99  
210 x 140mm / 352pp / 75,000 words  
Age: 12+ / Book 2 of 2  
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## Faery Realms: Rowan

Bex Hogan

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

Rowan's ancestor followed a white hare and disappeared without trace. Throughout the generations, the women of the family have been warned against the magic of the cunning, shape-shifting hare.

Centuries later, heartbroken Rowan ignores the warnings and follows it to a new world. All promises of happiness and healing turn to dust as she finds herself in the clutches of an evil fae witch.

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

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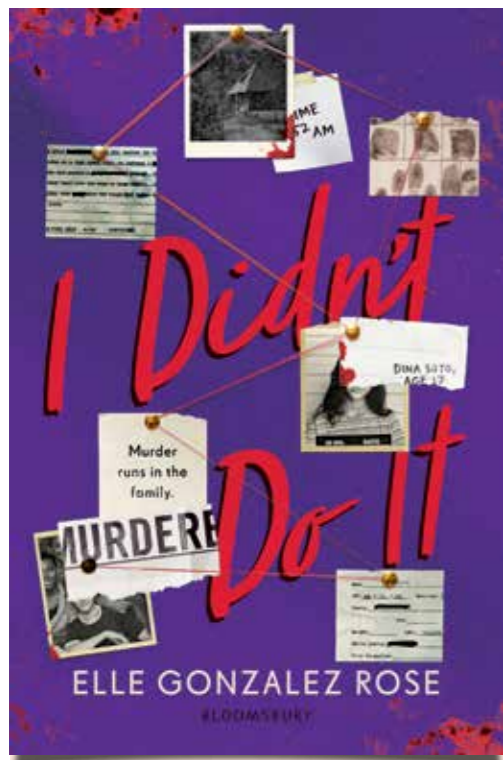


**Bex Hogan** has previously published the *Isles of Storm and Sorrow* trilogy and *Black Heat* with Hachette. *Rowan* is her third novel for Zephyr, following *Nettle* and *Owl King* in the *Faery Realms* series.



OCTOBER 2026

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216 x 135mm / 304pp / 45,000 words / Age: 12+ / Standalone  
Option publishers: Catalan, Italian, French, Polish, Spanish, Turkish, US & Canada



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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99  
210 x 139mm / 240pp / 62,671 words  
Age: 14+ / Standalone  
Rights sold: Brazil (Portuguese)  
Option publishers: Ukrainian

## I Didn't Do It

Elle Gonzalez Rose

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

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

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



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

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## Devils We Know

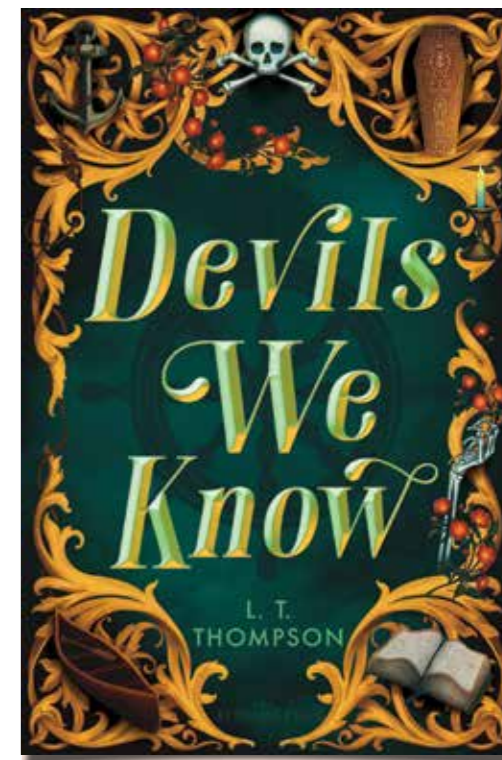
L.T. Thompson

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

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

- The sequel to the Stonewall Honor-winning *Devils Like Us*
- This fast-paced historical fantasy features empowering representation that shows the queer and trans characters readers fell in love with in *Devils Like Us* getting the freedom to build the lives they want for themselves
- Readers are eager to support YA fantasy centering trans protagonists, as seen with bestsellers such as *Cemetery Boys* and *Hell Followed With Us*

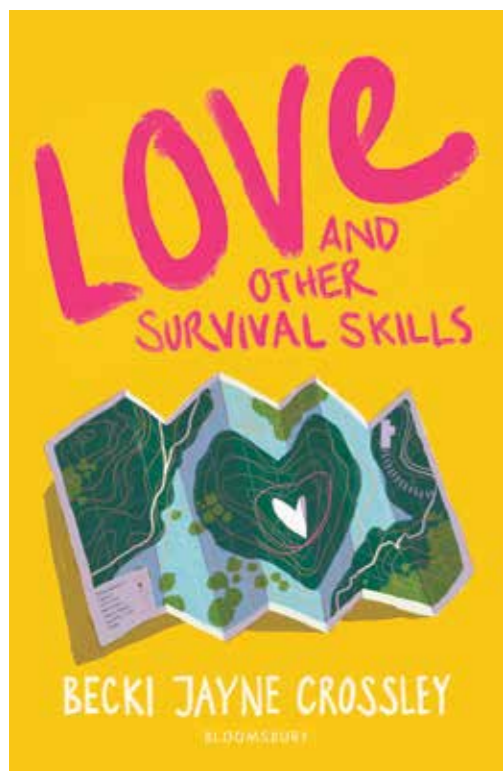
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**L.T. Thompson** is a proud library worker and the author of two books for middle-grade readers: *The Best Liars in Riverview* and *The House That Whispers*. L.T. grew up in Kentucky, spent a decade in Boston, and now lives in Iowa with their wife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



MARCH 2027

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99  
198 x 129mm / 384pp / Age: 12+ / Standalone  
Option publishers: French

## Love and Other Survival Skills

Becki Jayne Crossley

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

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

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

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

## This Could All Go Bad

Spencer Hall

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

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

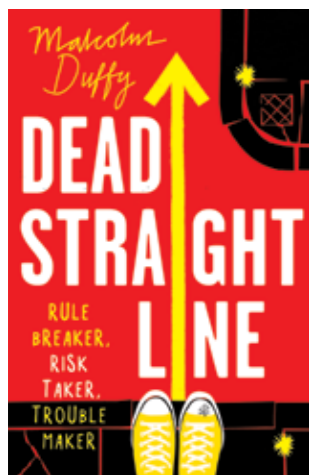
- A hilarious and heartfelt lower YA novel perfect for young teens, boys, and reluctant readers
- Laugh-out-loud antics pair with discussions of mental health to promote healthy ideals of masculinity

**Spencer Hall** is a graduate of University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky. After moving to Chicago to study improv, he soon realized he's better at writing than making things up on the spot. He enjoys writing comedic stories about friendship, embracing the unexpected, and self-discovery.



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Bloomsbury US / Hardback / \$19.99  
210 x 139mm / 256pp / 63,000 words  
Age: 12+ / Standalone  
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## Dead Straight Line

Malcolm Duffy

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

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

APRIL 2026

Zephyr / Paperback / £8.99 / 198 x 129mm / 304pp / 55,000 words / Age: 12+ / Standalone  
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## Where You'll Find Us

Jen St. Jude

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

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

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JUNE 2026

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



## Boy Friends 2

Kai Spellmeier

Simo and Luca are finally a couple. Prepare to be swept away by this beautiful, contemporary queer romance as two teenage boys navigate first love together.

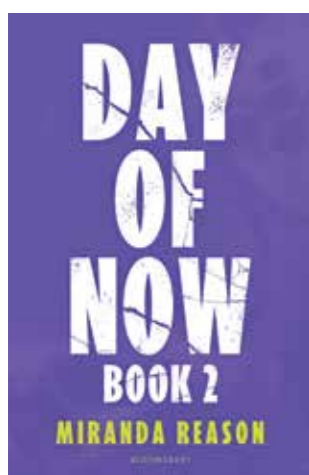
- Cosy, contemporary and perfect for fans of Alice Oseman, Rainbow Rowell, Sophie Gonzales and *Gilmore Girls*

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MAY 2027

Bloomsbury UK / Paperback / £8.99 / 198 x 129mm / 368pp / 70,000 words / Age: 12+ / Book 2 of 2  
World English



## Day of Now 2

Miranda Reason

A society torn apart by a fungal pandemic. A family's world shattered by betrayal. *The Last of Us* meets *All That's Left in the World* in this explosive, post-apocalyptic sequel to *Day of Now*.

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

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