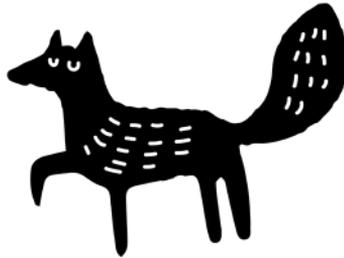




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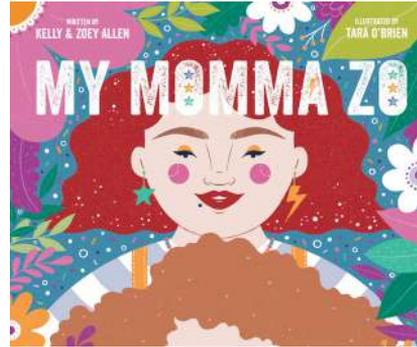


MY MOMMA ZO

Kelly and Zoe Allen,

Illustrated by Tara O'Brien

“We used to call her Daddy.
She was often sad and unhappy,
but nobody knew why.”



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Happy families come in many shapes and sizes. Molly's includes Momma Zo, Mommy Kel, George, and Ziggy the dog. Whether they are taking trips to the beach or staying at home crafting, life is always busy with lots to do! An empowering story of a family that helps to support one another through happy and challenging times, helping each other to feel confident and comfortable in who they truly are.

My Brother George is coming July 2024

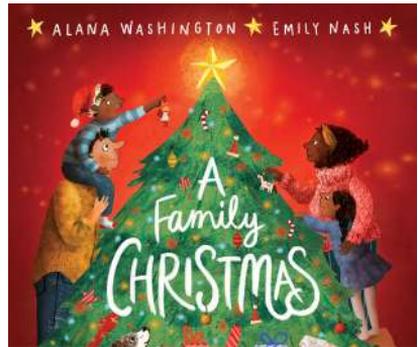
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A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Alana Washington,
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A heart warming Christmas tale
that invites every child to see
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its pages.



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A Family Christmas is a deceptively simple rhyming story that carries us along as Christmas Day unfolds. With family, festivities and fun at its heart, and all the magical ingredients needed to make the perfect Christmas Day.

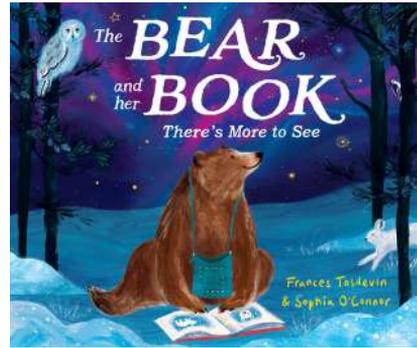
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THE BEAR AND HER BOOK: THERE'S MORE TO SEE

Frances Tosdevin, illustrated
by Sophia O'Connor

**“The bear gave a sigh and she
waved a paw,
I’m a curious bear, who must
explore,
The world is big, and there’s
more to see -
And I’ll find this bear who is
not like me”**

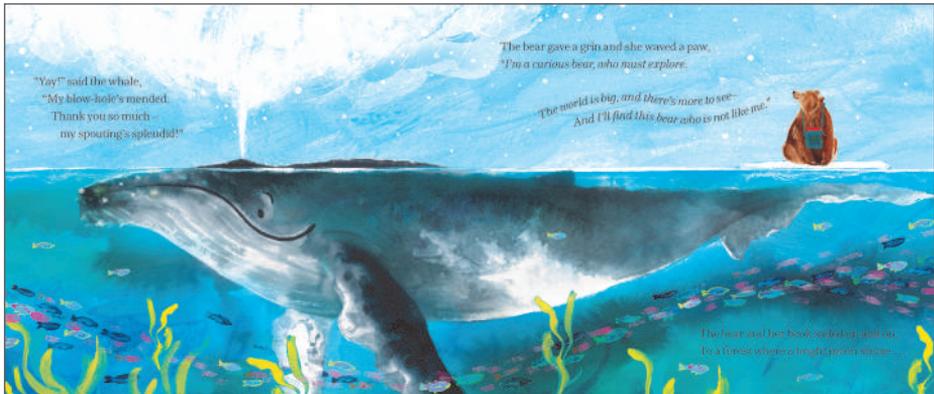


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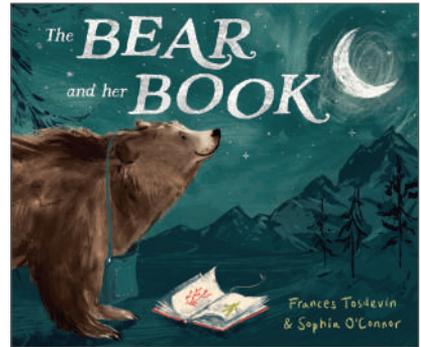


With the call of the wild giving her itchy paws, the bear sets off on a new adventure with her book, fixing problems and making friends as she travels. But will she find the strange bear from her book - and if so, will it be that different?

THE BEAR AND HER BOOK

Frances Tosdevin, illustrated
by Sophia O'Connor

**“The world is big and there’s
much to see,
And a bear must go where she
wants to be.
And a bear as curious as me –
longs to gaze at the starlit sea!”**



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£7.99 • 9781912979608 • 280x240mm
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32pp • Picture book

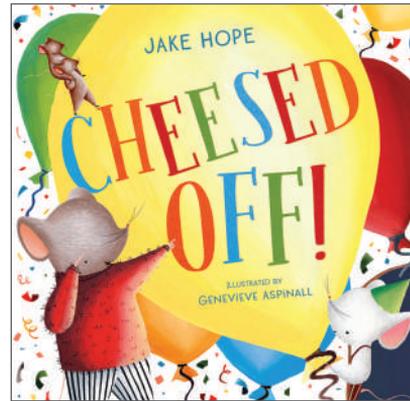


A book-loving bear sets off to see the world. She takes one special thing – her Bear’s Big Book of Being Wise. But when she meets different creatures – each needing her help – she discovers that books aren’t just brilliant at fixing problems, they can also help you make new friends. And if you’re lucky, books can take you to a very special place indeed . . .

CHEESED OFF!

Jake Hope, illustrated by
Geneveive Aspinall

A playful and interactive picture
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Jake Hope.

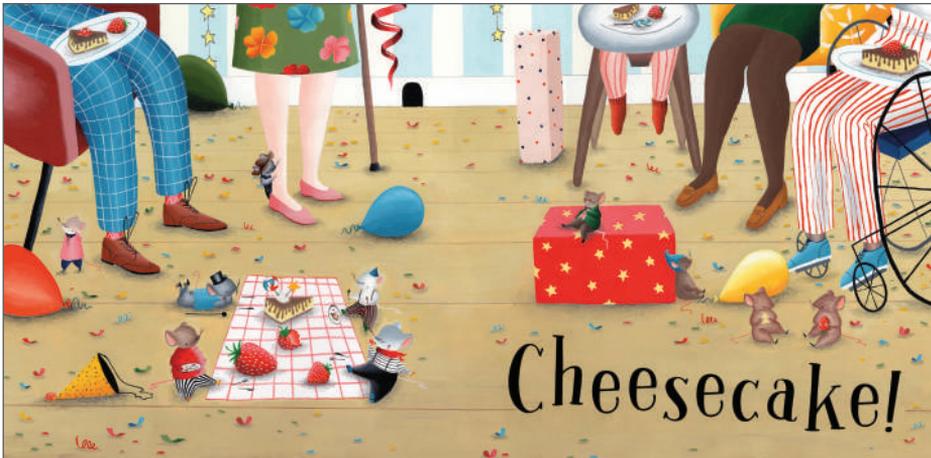


03/03/2022

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It's time for a P-A-R-T-Y and
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Join the fun with photos, presents, party foods and some special
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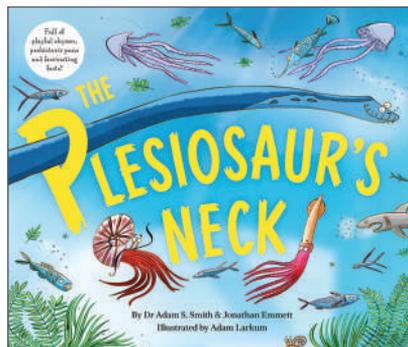
'Whisker-twitchingly fun!'
The Daily Mouse's Nose Paper

'A brie-lliant party story!'
The Cheesy Smellograph

THE PLESIOSAUR'S NECK

Dr Adam S. Smith & Jonathan Emmett, illustrated by Adam Larkum

“There’s one thing about her that’s hard to ignore, THAT RIDICULOUS NECK! What on Earth was it for?”



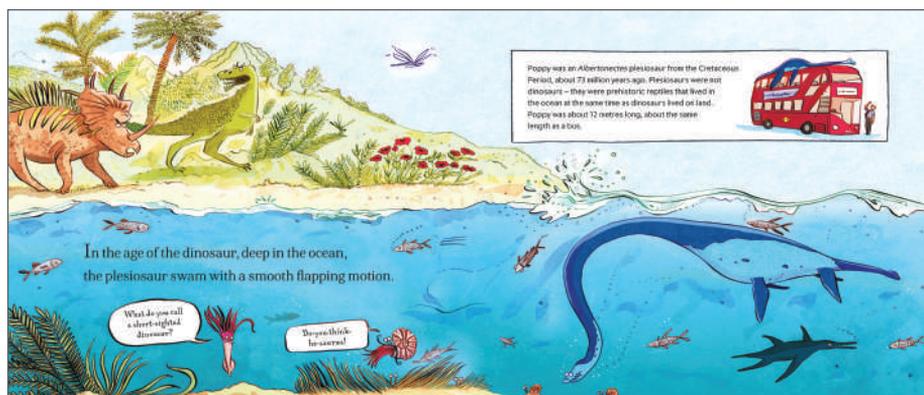
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The Tyrannosaur's Feathers coming August 2023!



Poppy the plesiosaur had a preposterously long neck – but what was it for? Did she use it to pluck off pesky parasites, to zap predators with electricity or to ambush unlucky fish?

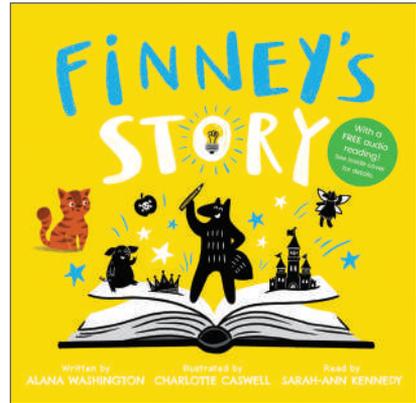
From the brilliant minds of world-renowned plesiosaur expert Dr Adam S. Smith, award-winning author Jonathan Emmett and illustrator Adam Larkum.

FINNEY'S STORY

Alana Washington,
illustrated by
Charlotte Caswell

*Be original! You are one of a kind,
and so is your story!*

A timely story full of heart and
humour, exploring issues of
representation in a fun way.



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Finney the Fox wants to write a book. He's just bursting with ideas. The only problem is . . . all the original ideas are gone! Or are they? Join Finney as he tries to find his story, with a little help from a friend.

Based on the UCLan Publishing logo, Finney the Fox has been brought to life by competition winner Alana Washington and illustrator Charlotte Caswell.



CHAPTER BOOKS

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MAGIC FACES

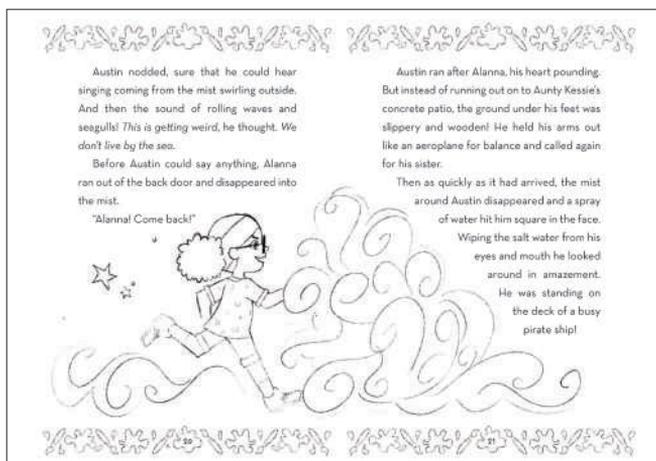
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Six year old twins Alanna & Austin are living with their Aunty Kessie and her lovable but anxious sausage dog, Ozzy. Their favourite thing to do is explore their aunt's studio.

COVER
REVEAL
COMING
SOON

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Twins Alanna and Austin find an old face-painting kit in their Aunty Kessie's studio, and inside is a magic paintbrush! The paintbrush asks them to choose a story world, and then transforms them into characters, ready for adventure! Together, the twins explore a whole series of different worlds, and discover more about themselves and their sibling bond along the way.



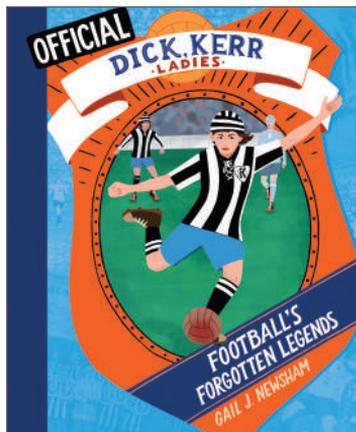


**NON-FICTION
PICTURE BOOKS**

THE DICK, KERR LADIES: FOOTBALL'S FORGOTTEN LEGENDS

Gail J. Newsham

Lace up your boots and get ready for kick-off – it's time to discover the true story of the Dick, Kerr Ladies football team, courageous pioneers of women's football in the UK.



06/05/2021

£9.99 • 9781912979462 • 260x210mm

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40pp • Picture Book



From the founding of the team in World War One to the eventual ban of the women's game by the FA, join the team in their journey to the top of the league.

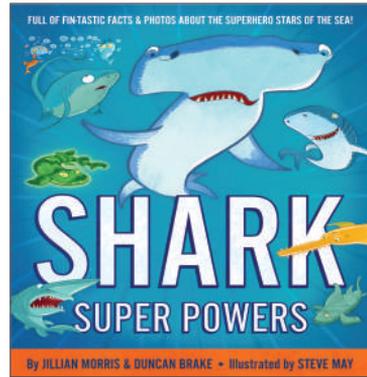
Written by a world authority on the Dick, Kerr Ladies, and featuring original artefacts and a history of the game, this Companion Guide is a must for any football fan.

SHARK SUPER POWERS

Jillian Morris & Duncan Brake, illustrated by Steve May

We all know about the Great White, but do you know about the shark that can glow in the dark? Or the one that can trump to lose buoyancy?

Shark Super Powers is the perfect guide for any shark fanatic.



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Dive right in with marine biologists Jillian and Duncan as they take you into the depths of the ocean. There you'll discover all sorts of weird and wonderful sharks you perhaps didn't know existed. Learn all about these amazing creatures and their extraordinary super powers.

BLAST OFF TO THE MOON!

Produced in association with British Interplanetary Society (BIS)

An accessible book for children that will inspire and encourage a love of learning about science and space.

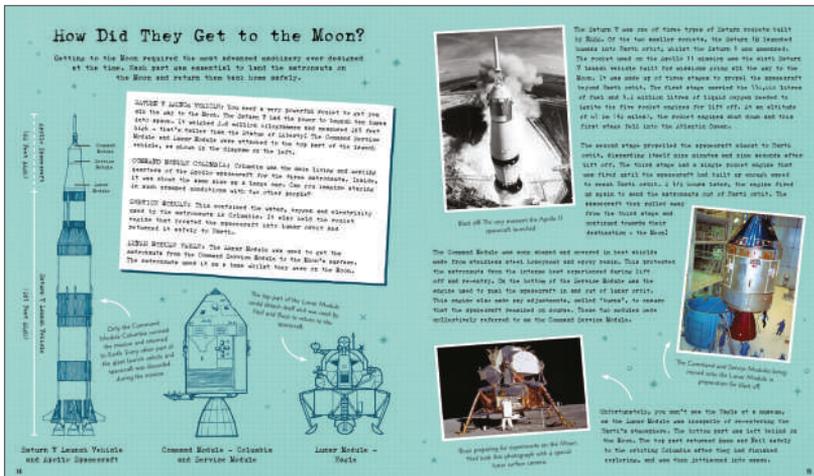


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PB • Worldwide Rights • 9+

40pp • Non-Fiction



Based on the original NASA Press Kit for the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Mission, this is full of exclusive never-before-seen content from the BIS archives. Includes an introduction written by Helen Sharman, the first woman to visit the Mir Space Station!

This book captures the excitement of the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing, how it happened, why it happened, what the team discovered and what followed on Earth.



**MIDDLE GRADE
FICTION**

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STAND AND DELIVER

Philip Caveney

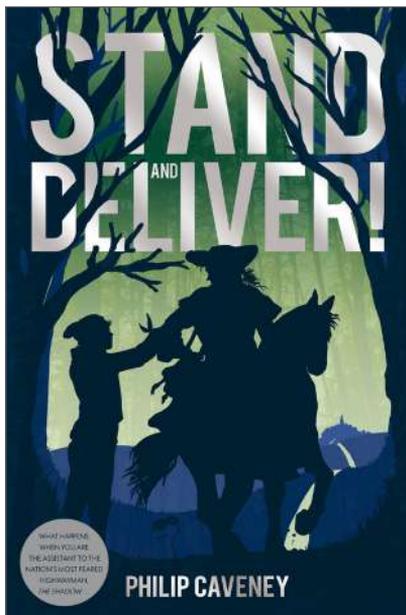
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• Fiction

Ned is awkward, a little shy, and just trying to find his place in the world. He also happens to be the assistant to the nation's most feared highwayman, The Shadow . . .



In a time when highwaymen ruled the roads, Ned is reluctantly swept up into a whirlwind of adventure. Whilst escaping the grasps of the thief-takers, Ned soon finds himself stepping into his Master's shoes and an unwanted life of crime. The pressure is building with new friends and enemies galore when Ned stumbles upon a long-infamous gem, The Bloodstone, which forces him to make an important choice. Can he ultimately escape this new threat and finally free himself from the grips of The Shadow?

COMING SOON

MATILDA MEETS THE UNIVERSE

Dom Conlon, illustrated by Heidi Cannon

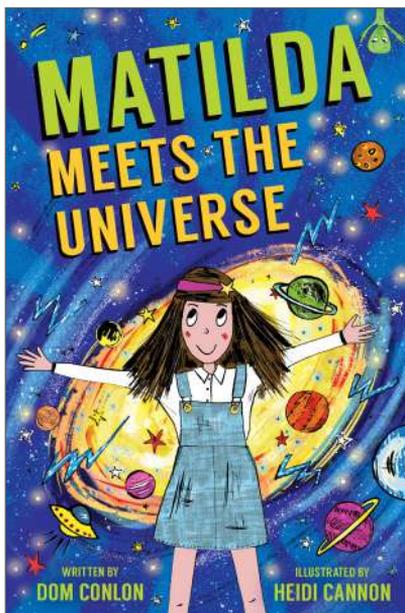
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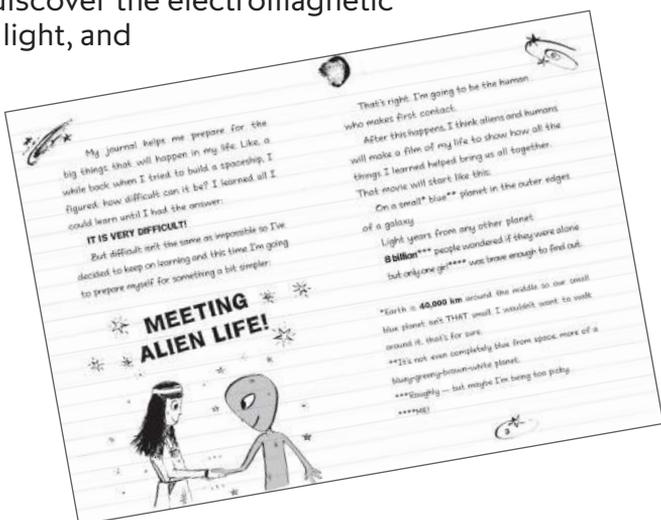
208pp • Fiction

So, you want to make contact with aliens? How hard can it be?



Meet Matilda as she launches her mission to discover how likely it is that life exists on other planets. With the help of her friends and family she learns all she can. What was the Big Bang? How does the universe expand? How are stars and planets are formed?

Along the way she will discover the electromagnetic spectrum, the speed of light, and so much more in an easy-to-understand look at physics, history, language, and of course the all important snacks



MEET MATILDA ROCKET BUILDER

Dom Conlon, illustrated by
Heidi Cannon

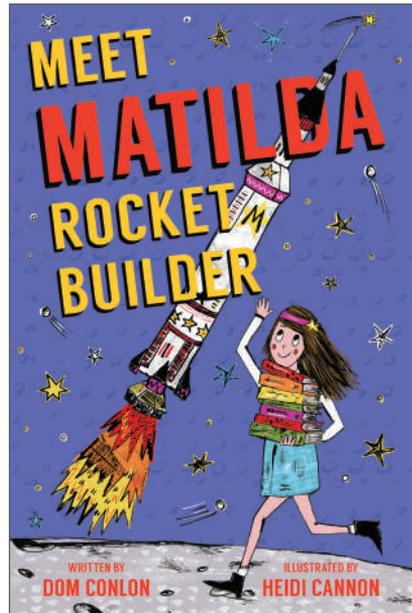
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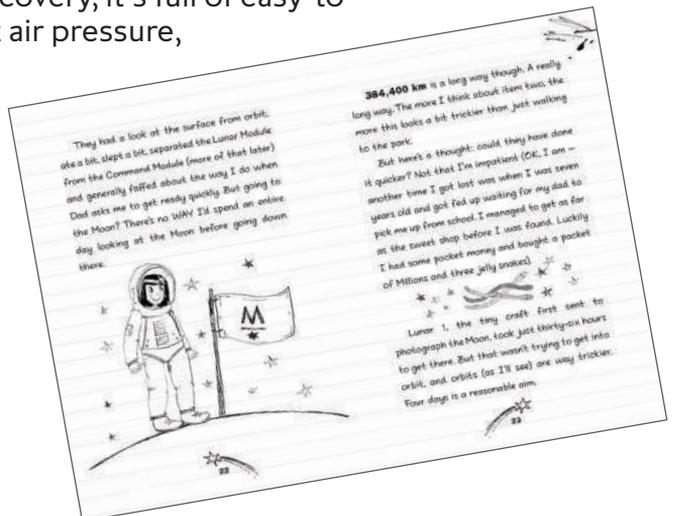
208pp • Fiction

Going to the Moon is SO last century, so how difficult can it be – even for a ten-year-old – to follow in the footsteps of Neil Armstrong and the Apollo astronauts?



Meet Matilda, the girl who'll give it her best shot to learn everything she needs to learn in order to get there herself. From how to pee in zero-G to why pizzas won't take you up, up and away, this is science for the curious!

Told as a journey of discovery, it's full of easy-to-understand facts about air pressure, escape velocities, coding, and falling around the Earth, in a way which will inspire the next generation of moon walkers.



THE BOOK OF SECRETS

Philip Caveney

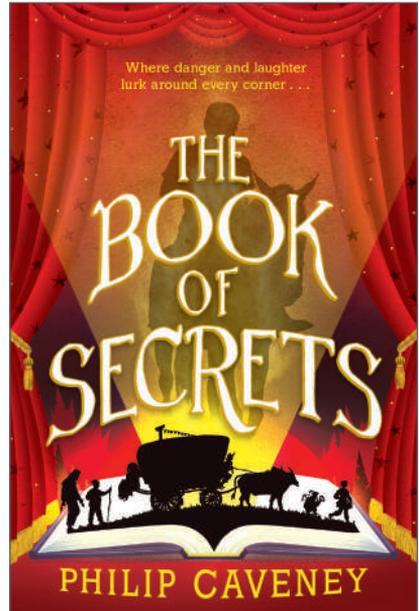
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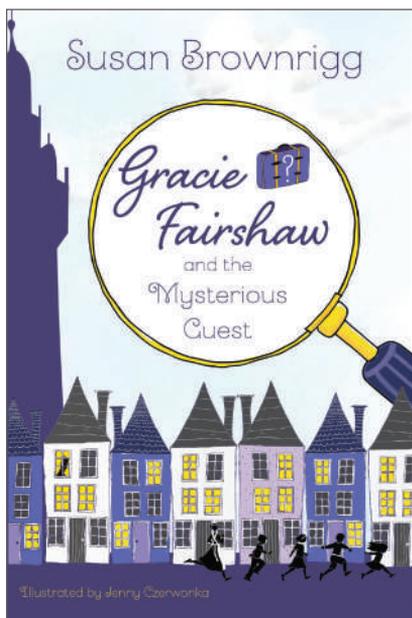
A brand new stand-alone Middle Grade adventure from the author of *Sebastian Darke*, Philip Caveney.



Boy rides across the desert on a ‘borrowed’ horse. His destination? The great city of Cherabim. He carries with him the Book of Secrets, which contains his late father’s brilliant inventions, one of which could change the world forever.

But Boy falls in with brigands who rob him and leave him for dead in the harsh desert sands. Then along comes Lexi, with her group of eccentric travelling players, and it just so happens they are looking for a new leading man . . . Can Boy help them out by starring in their latest show? And can they help him out by tracking down the all-important Book of Secrets?

A rollicking medieval romp where laughter and action abound in equal measure . . . and where danger lurks around every corner.



GRACIE FAIRSHAW AND THE MYSTERIOUS GUEST

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*'A delightfully engaging mystery,
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Katherine Woodfine

Gracie Fairshaw and her family have barely moved into The Majestic, a Blackpool boarding house, when her Ma mysteriously vanishes.

Gracie teams up with her younger brother, George, siblings, Violet and Tom, and maid, Phyllis. They must work out why one of the guests - a conman conjurer - has made Ma disappear . . . Can they get her safely home, as the clock ticks down to the 1935 Illuminations Switch-on?

'A magical rollercoaster of a ride.'

Marie Basting

*'Satisfyingly sprinkled with clues to sniff out, this is a timeless,
accessible and well-paced mystery with bags of atmosphere.'*

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GRACIE FAIRSHAW AND THE TROUBLE AT THE TOWER

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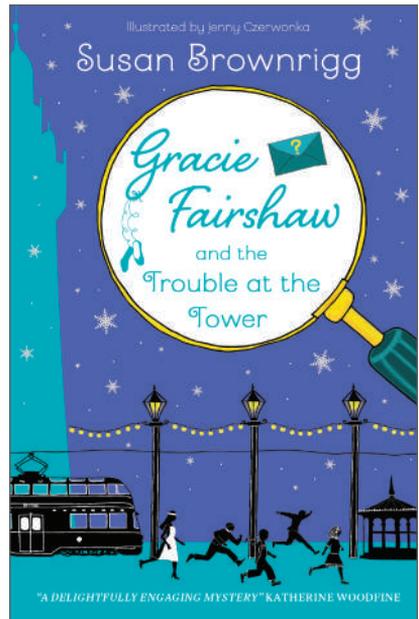
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282pp • Fiction

**The stage is set for a
thrilling mystery!**



Gracie Fairshaw is delighted to get a sneak preview of the Children's Ballet's Christmas spectacular. But when the curtain rises, things go horribly wrong for the young dancers.

Accidents, pranks and a poison pen letter make Gracie wonder if someone is trying to spoil the show.

Can Gracie and her friends stop the saboteur before their final act?

Gracie Fairshaw and the Missing Reel coming 2024!

THE SPYBRARIAN

Jon Mayhew

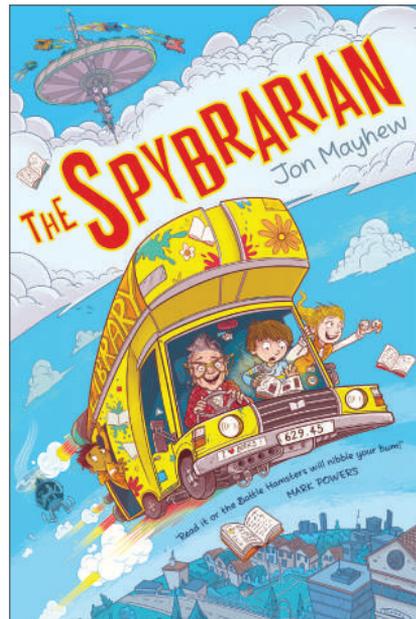
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**'The Secret Library Service:
Who Reads Wins!'**



“Believe me, Kian Reader, without librarians, the world is doomed! He said. ‘Doomed to be ruled by me! Mwaahahahahahahaha!’.”

Evil genius, and a bit too bonkers, Doctor Badd is determined to create a bigger, more powerful F.A.R.T. than the world has ever seen - Fellowship Against Reading Texts. With Martin Marvello, the famous local, best-selling, award-winning children’s author on side, will he be able to overthrow the powerful Secret Library Service, or will Kian Reader, ably assisted by his friends, Asif and Prissy, be able to thwart their plans?

Stacks of humour, a reluctant hero with almost total recall and a fiendish plot make this a long overdue action adventure.

‘Fast and funny with more twists and turns than a corkscrew on a helter skelter. I loved it!’

Philip Ardagh

KINTANA AND THE CAPTAIN'S CURSE

Susan Brownrigg

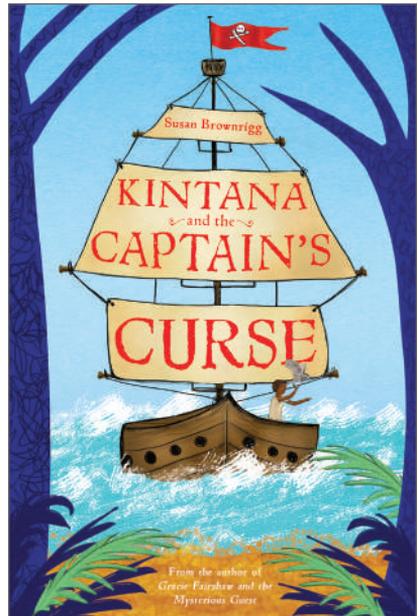
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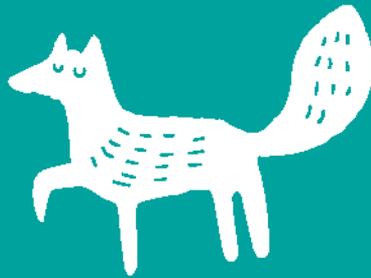
Ahoy there! *The Nine Sails* is casting off for Madagascar, so all aboard for a treasure hunt you'll never forget!



Kintana has grown up listening to stories of life at sea from her Pa, an ex-pirate turned pet shop owner. So, when a tall ship – *The Nine Sails* – berths at Pirate Island, she eagerly joins the motley crew as a cabin boy - even though her main duty will be to look after the pirate's pets.

But someone on board is determined to disrupt the voyage. Could the dreaded Captain's curse be to blame? Or is it the lure of buried treasure that will draw the ship back?

One thing is for sure: Kintana is about to discover that, sometimes, adventure is found closer to home.



**YOUNG ADULT
FICTION**

THE HAUNTING OF LINDY PENNYWORTH

Sam Pope

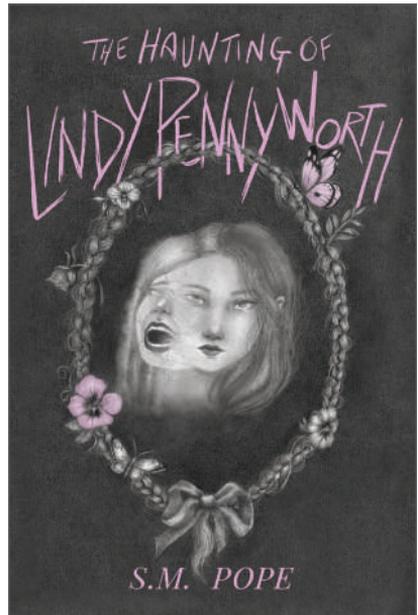
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292pp • Fiction

A psychological horror that will grip you from the first page, and haunt you long after you've finished the last.



Nobody believes Lindy when she says she doesn't pull her out on purpose. Nobody believes Lindy when she says she hears voices in the night. Nobody believes Lindy when she says her dead ancestors are haunting her dreams. Nobody believes Lindy . . .

Sam has been shortlisted for two national short-story awards and won the Theatre Cloud's "Tell a Tale" short-story competition, based on their theatre production of Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*. *The Haunting of Lindy Pennyworth* is Sam's first YA novel, and was inspired by her love of Victorian and Gothic Literature, particularly the works of M. R. James, Mary Shelley, Shirley Jackson and Charles Dickens.

THE MONSTER BELT

Ruth Estevez

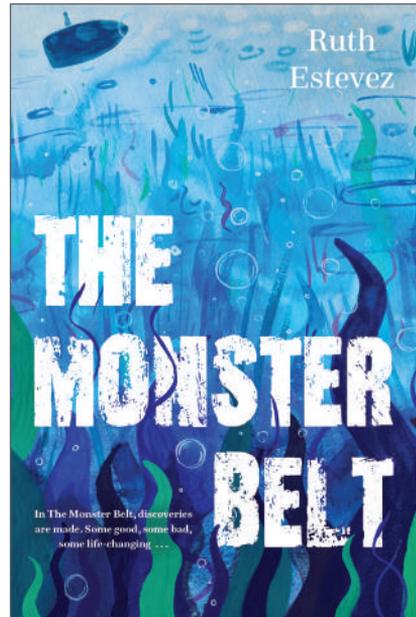
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In the Monster Belt, discoveries are made. Some good, some bad, some life changing.



Harris White is on a journey, one that takes him across land and sea, in search of The Monster Belt, where he believes he'll find the key to unravelling a mystery deeply rooted in his past.

Dee Winter, however, has her sights set firmly on a future away from The Monster Belt. When their paths collide, will Harris and Dee find the answers they've been looking for?

A HUNTER'S MOON

Danny Weston

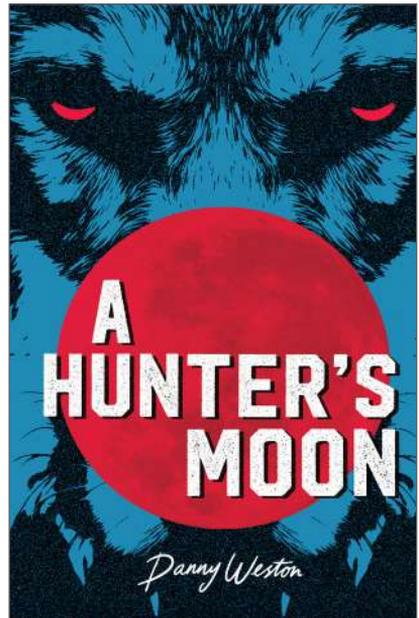
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282pp • Fiction

The forest belongs to the
walkers . . . Enter at your peril.



A fearsome beast lurks deep in the Forest of Tay. Under cover of darkness, it emerges to feed on the local farmer's sheep – and sometimes the farmers themselves.

Fraser McCloud believes it's a wolf, but some whisper that it's the Cù Sìth, a creature summoned by the mysterious 'Walkers in the Woods.'

Callum is Fraser's young apprentice. He's understandably apprehensive when Fraser insists that he must help hunt down and kill the beast.

In the local village, Callum meets Mhairi, the innkeeper's daughter, who knows more about the Walkers than she really should.

As time passes, the killings become ever more audacious - and Callum realises he has every reason to be afraid . . .

THE WITCHING STONE

Danny Weston

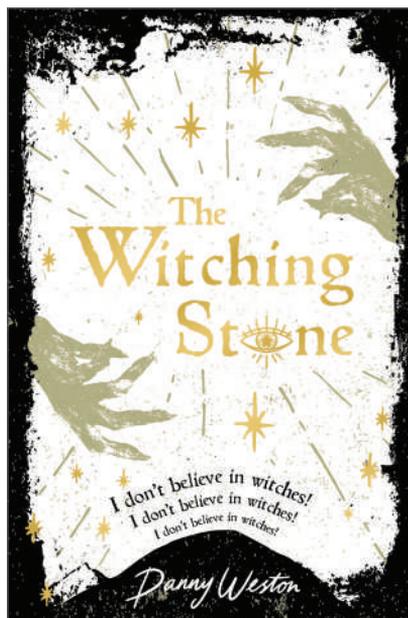
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282pp • Fiction

*I don't believe in witches!
I don't believe in witches!
I don't believe in witches!*



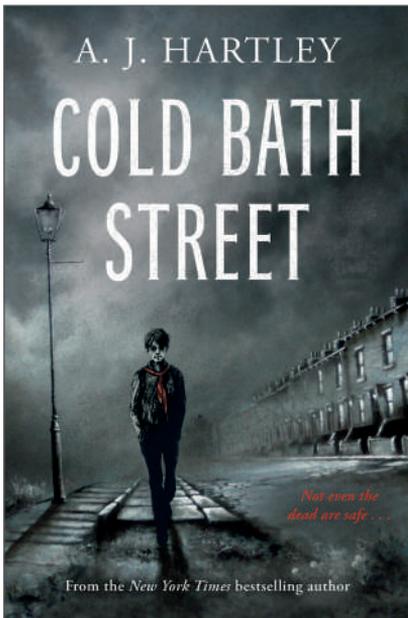
For Alfie Travers, a summer away from his now ex-girlfriend can not come quick enough, even if it means tagging along on his dad's dull work trip to the village of Woodplumpton, Preston.

Shortly after arrival, Alfie strolls off to see what the place has to offer. Not much, it seems . . . until he chances upon a girl called Mia in the church graveyard.

She shows him a strange gravestone, said to cover the remains of alleged witch, Meg Shelton. "Walk around the stone three times whilst saying, "I don't believe in witches" and Meg will come after you.'

Alfie takes the challenge and his moment of daring results in the return of the vengeful witch. The only way to save himself – and his friends – is to give Meg whatever she desires . . .

But time is running out . . .



COLD BATH STREET

A. J. Hartley

27/04/2018

£7.99 • 9780995515574 • 198x129mm

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316pp • Fiction

Preston Oldcorn is in a desolate void between life and death. In order to save his soul he must brave his greatest fear - Cold Bath Street. A gothic thriller that will keep you gripped to the end.

Preston Oldcorn lay quite still, eyes tight shut, trying to shrug off the cold grip of the nightmare. It was 9:22 p.m. It was always 9:22 p.m. A cold hand had plunged into Preston's chest and tightened its icy grip around his heart.

In an instant, Preston was dead.

Preston finds himself in a desolate void, trapped in the chasm between life and death. Soon discovering that he is not alone, Preston must stay one-step ahead of his enemies and discover the mysteries held by this new world as he tries to save his soul. But doing so means braving the darkest and most feared part of town: Cold Bath Street.

"This is an excellent book with compelling characters, a creepy atmosphere and a clever plot. It was hard to put down and I finished it in one day."

Joseph Delaney

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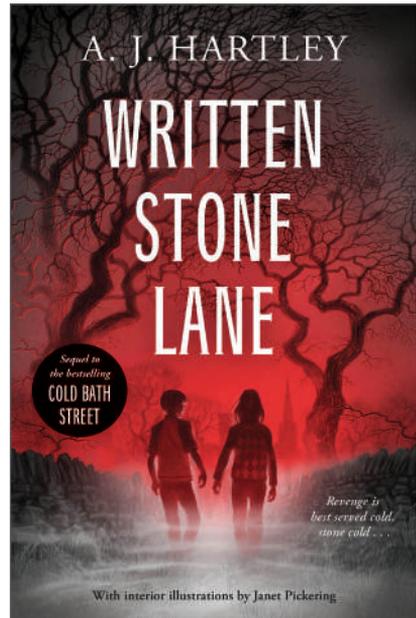
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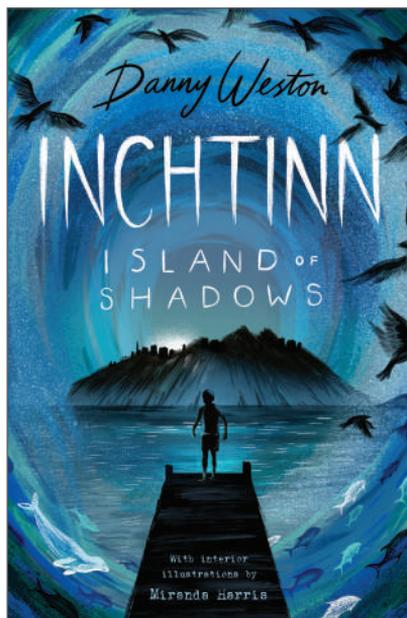
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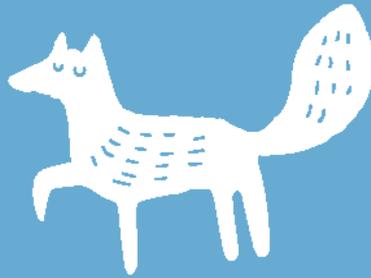
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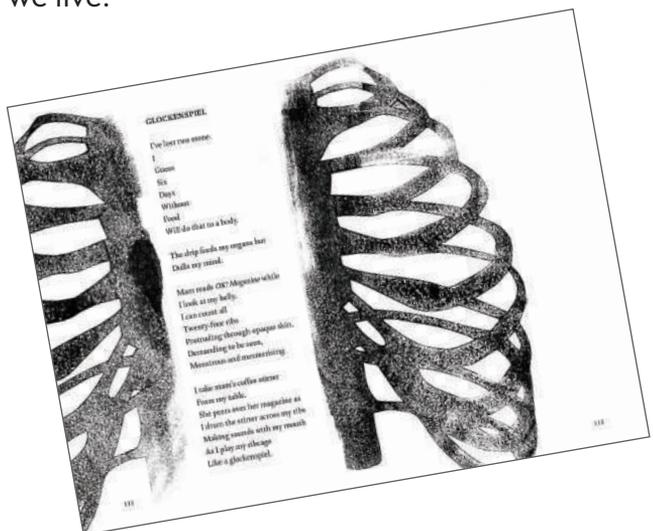
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Familial adenomatous poly- posis

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An inherited disorder
characterised by the rapid
growth of small, pre-can-
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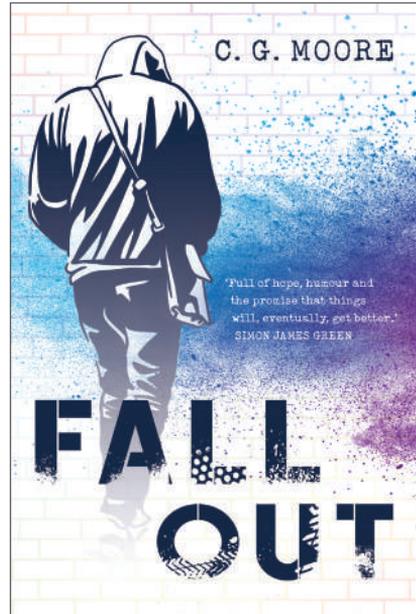
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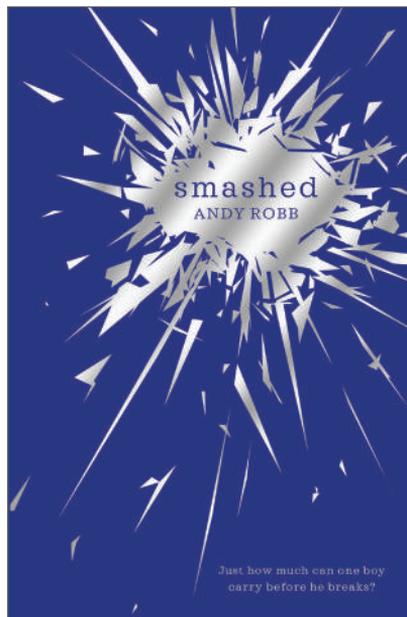
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Having learned that the best way to deal with feelings is to push them down as far as they'll go, he finds help from an unlikely source. Drinking makes him feel invincible – Super Jim can take on anything – and anyone . . . But how long will it be before this particular well of wisdom runs dry? And what will it take for Jamie to realise that help was at hand all along?

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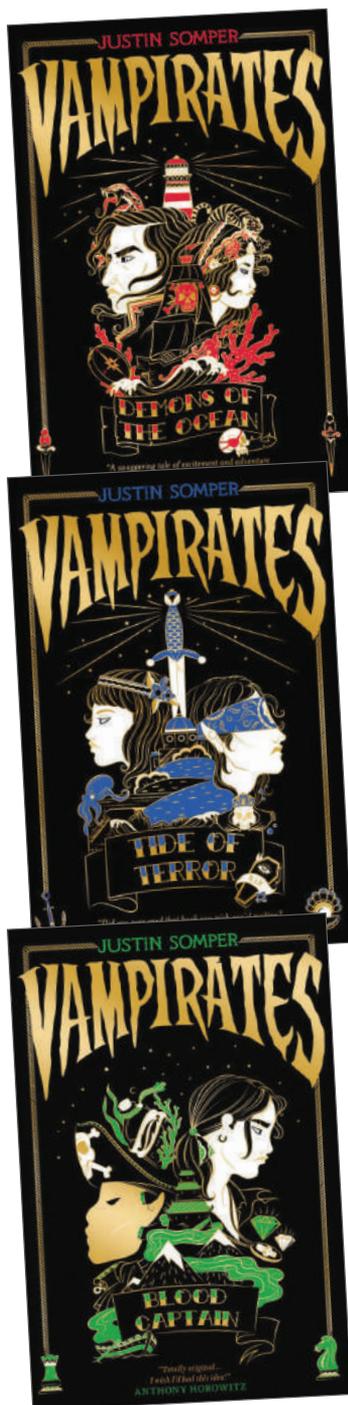
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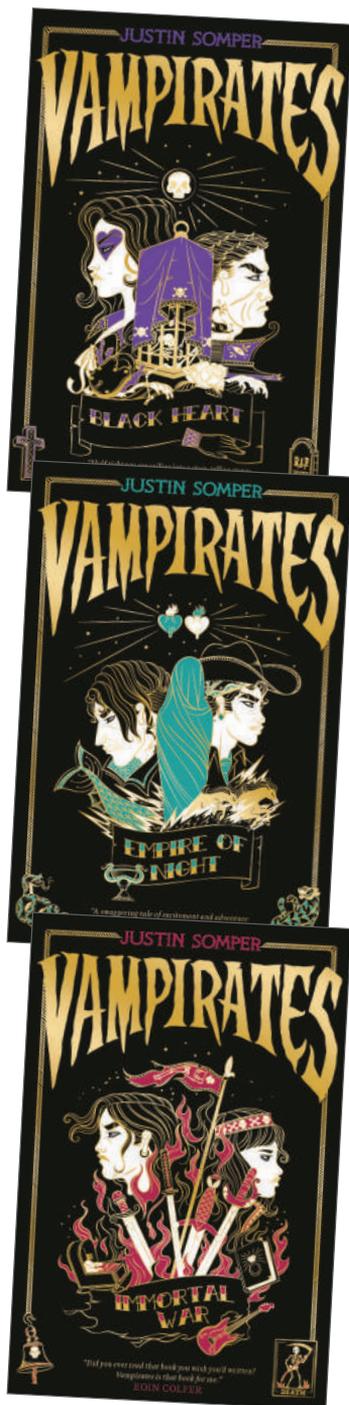
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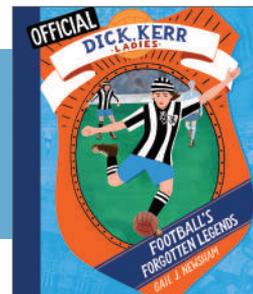
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Based on the thrilling true story of the Dick, Kerr Ladies team – football's forgotten legends.

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With the end of WW1 being declared, Hettie's brother, Freddie, should be feeling relieved, but unfortunately his personal war has only just begun. He is still crippled by nightmares and guilt about a mistake that led to a man's death in the war.

He tries to distract himself by helping Hettie support the Dick, Kerr team, and his love for photography sees him quickly become their unofficial photographer, taking team shots and getting to know the girls.

Can the introduction of a new key player, Jessie Walmsley - a brave and heroic woman, help Freddie face his demons? And will a new job opportunity, giving him the chance to travel the country, reporting on the Dick, Kerr Girls, finally appease his Dad?

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ALL TOGETHER NOW

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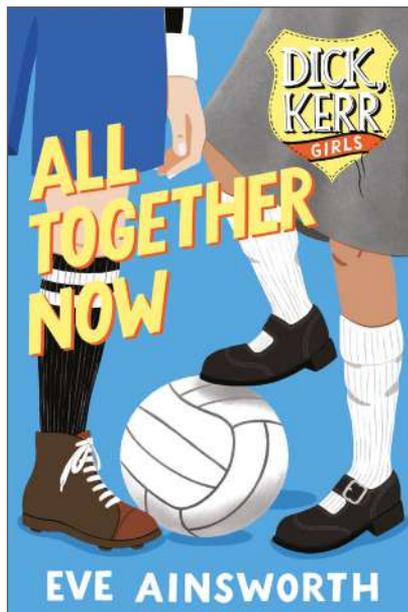
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