SUPER HAPPY MAGIC FOREST IS THE PERFECT SERIES FOR CHILDREN THAT LOVE ADVENTURE AND LAUGHTER.

The SUPER HAPPY MAGIC FOREST is a place filled with sunshine, rainbows, and good times. When Zorgoth ‘SLUG OF DOOM’ threatens to destroy the forest, five brave heroes must follow his slimy trail and stop his evil plan before it is too late.

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When the mystical crystals of life are stolen, five brave heroes must go on an epic quest to get them back and save the Super Happy Magic Forest from the root of all evil.

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MONSTER in the HOOD

BEWARE! THERE IS A MONSTER IN THE HOOD!

From the creator of Betty Goes Bananas, Please Mr Panda, and The Queen’s Hat comes a thrilling cautionary tale with a stylish urban setting and double-twist ending!

- Innovative ‘map’ pages that provide a visually different and impactful approach to storytelling.
- Urban setting and design creates a unique reader experience.
- Illustrator with a fast-growing reputation and record.

...so Sammy Squirrel shouted.

‘Come out, come out wherever you are! You won’t scare us!’

And then they heard a SQUEAK!

Steve Antony

Steve Antony is a rising star of picture books. Since graduating from Anglia Ruskin University with an MA in Children’s Illustration, Steve has quickly established a reputation for creating outstanding, stylish, and rhythmic picture books that children adore. Steve was recently awarded Oscar’s First Book Prize and shortlisted for the Waterstone’s Prize and prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal.

Also available

Betty goes bananas

www.steveantony.com
How to Find a Friend

YOU JUST NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO LOOK!

Two seemingly solitary woodland creatures are so absorbed in their own busy lives that they miss (by a whisker each time) the friend that they wish they had. But, through the efforts of two little bugs, the reader, and a dramatic chance meeting, Rabbit and Squirrel’s lives happily collide and friendship is found.

• A visual dual narrative that shows the comical flipside of every moment.
• The characters are resourceful but also a little clueless—readers can’t help but love them!
• Bold and graphic linocut artwork in a vibrant Mediterranean palette.

Maria S. Costa
Maria is a graduate of the prestigious Cambridge MA in Illustration. She loves to bring humour and even a touch of nonsense to her illustrations which are often inspired by vintage colours and patterns, rendered through a mix of traditional printmaking and digital techniques.

Looking for more titles about friendship?

www.mariascosta.com
THE MOUSE THAT CANCELLED CHRISTMAS

FOR ONE LITTLE MOUSE CHRISTMAS MEANS JUST ONE THING . . . DANGER!

After a traumatic bauble-related incident when he was a baby, Mouse has decided that getting in the festive spirit is far too dangerous—from sharp pine needles on the Christmas tree, to paper cuts from wrapping paper and sneeze-inducing clouds of icing sugar for decorating the gingerbread biscuits. How will the other animals in Jingle Bell Forest persuade him to loosen up? Find out in this warm and comical Christmas tale.

• Everyone loves a story with something at stake. This is a Christmas story where Christmas itself is at stake.
• Children will relish the anticipation of Christmas and the comical responses that Mouse has to all the preparations.
• From Ebenezer Scrooge to the Grinch—everyone loves to witness how Christmas has the power to change hearts and minds.

Samara Hardy
Samara has recently graduated from Falmouth University. She has been building up her portfolio and working on some exciting commissions. This will be her first picture book.

Madeleine Cook
Madeleine is new to the world of picture books. From her Oxfordshire home she loves cooking up stories!
Yes!
The chase is on!
Tiny cops, don’t fail me now!
Phew! Copper Chris has got me!

But look out, tiny cops! The tiny robbers won’t give in so easily . . .

Oi!
Come ‘ere! Not likely!

Ha ha!
Stop those cops!

Ho ho!
Lovely snuggly!

Uh-oh!

FIND OUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENS TO ALL THOSE MISSING SOCKS AND KEYS!

Up on a high shelf, among all the odds and ends, is where the tiny robbers like to hide. They’re a naughty lot—always looking for something they can take. But don’t worry, here come the tiny cops! They’re ready for action. Which is a good thing, because the tiny robbers are after something really BIG this time . . .

• An irresistible story about tiny cops and robbers running around your home.
• Packed with lots of details that children will love to pore over.
• The exuberant artwork and timeless adventure story will captivate boys and girls alike.

Joel Stewart

Joel Stewart is the hugely talented creator of the popular children’s television series The Adventures of Abney and Teal, which he created, directed, co-wrote, and designed. Selected by the Book Trust as one of the best 10 children’s artists of the last decade, Joel is also the very talented illustrator of books by Julia Donaldson (The Magic Paintbrush), Carol-Anne Duffy (Underwater Zoo), Michael Rosen (Red Ted), and his own Dexter Bexley, Me and my Mammoth, and others.
Ben and Bella star in another winning title from Richard Byrne. Their attempts to play with Ben’s remote-controlled toy fire engine are sent into comedy chaos when the naughty book whose pages they inhabit starts its mischievous tricks.

- A participatory reading experience where the readers are recruited to help.
- Comedy slapstick on the page—where the dog is the fall guy for the book’s naughty behaviour.
- The book’s subtext is a fun commentary on the unpredictability of technology.

Richard Byrne
With a background in graphic design, Richard Byrne is an exciting picture book creator. His artwork style and stories have attracted attention and he’s already been nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal in addition to picking up regional awards in the UK.
Max is a four-year-old whirlwind. His socks are often odd, his bedroom is chaotic, and his mind is so full of imaginative worlds that following even the simplest of instructions can end in mayhem. Max’s bedtime routine, so seemingly simple, unravels delightfully before readers’ eyes. As Max gets ready for bed there are funny alternative courses of action for readers to relish.

- Celebrates the power of the imagination, taking the simple bedtime routine and subverting it in a really engaging way.
- Fun ‘multiple choice’ spreads will encourage parents and children to talk about how to make good choices, and about cause and effect.
- Will be a big hit with parents who have their own unstoppable toddler.
THE WAY TO OUTER SPACE

YOUR IMAGINATION CAN REALLY LET YOU FLY . . .

This is a stunning debut picture book that incorporates simple activities into the story to inspire creative play. Sitting at home one evening, Em receives a mysterious parcel with instructions for building her very own space rocket. Harnessing the power of her imagination (with the help of two loo rolls and some sticky-back plastic) Em travels through space, with her pet cat as her sidekick, to another planet, whose inhabitants need her help!

• Encourages creative play and celebrates the power of imagination.
• Original artwork that takes readers on an adventure into space.

Jay Eunji Lee
Jay is a former primary school teacher and recently graduated from Brighton University with an MA in Sequential Illustration. The inspiration for The Way to Outer Space came from her desire to celebrate the importance of play and the power of the imagination.
A little polar bear, Miki, wanders away while his mother is diving for fish. He sees a dot in the snow and rushes towards it. Readers discover that the dot is a little girl. But Miki has never seen a human before and the little girl has never seen a polar bear. They discover more about each other as they play in the snow but then the perils of the polar landscape impel Miki to reunite the dot with her family before undertaking the long journey to find his own mother.

- A powerful and emotive story about a curious polar bear, a little girl lost in the snow, and their brief but precious friendship.
- Beautiful artwork evokes the polar landscape.
- Wraps up important themes about empathy, understanding, and compassion.
- From a talented new writer and an exceptionally exciting new illustrator.

www.fionawoodcock.com

New

a DOT in the SNOW

HEART-WARMING DRAMA ON THE ICE

Corrinne Averiss
Corrinne Averiss works as a scriptwriter and director in children’s television, writing for shows such as Pip Ahoy! on Channel 5 and CITV’s Share a Story. This will be Corrinne’s first picture book.

Fiona Woodcock
Fiona Woodcock has a degree in visual communication from Glasgow School of Art. Since graduation she has worked as a freelance illustrator and animator for commercials and animated films. She uses printmaking techniques including stencilling and screen-printing.

www.fionawoodcock.com

2+ 32 pages 230 x 270 mm OCT 2016
A STUNNING CELEBRATION OF WINTER, BASED ON A FAMOUS SONG

‘Later on we’ll conspire, as we dream by the fire. A beautiful sight, we’re happy tonight, Walking in a winter wonderland.’

This is a stunning celebration of the most beautiful time of the year, based on best-selling song Winter Wonderland and lavishly illustrated by award-winning artist Tim Hopgood. The book takes readers on an enchanting journey through a winter landscape replete with beautiful wildlife, gorgeous snowflake patterns, and breathtaking scenery.

• Artwork that encourages children to see the beauty of the natural world.
• Celebrates the joy of spending time with loved ones.
• Brimming with hope and optimism for the future, this is the perfect book for all ages.

Richard Smith wrote the lyrics to Winter Wonderland after seeing his US home town covered in snow. It is imagined that like generations of children through the town’s history, Smith spent many happy winters building snowmen there. Composed by Felix Bernard, this song celebrates the natural beauty of winter and its power to inspire joy and wonder. In recent years, it has become synonymous with the festive season and is one of the most played at Christmas worldwide.

Tim Hopgood
Tim Hopgood is an award-winning picture book author and illustrator. He has been nominated for the prestigious Kate Greenway Medal on five occasions.

‘Hopgood does the impossible and makes a song as ubiquitous as What a Wonderful World feel fresh again... the colours of the rainbow never looked prettier.’
Huffington Post

Available in 6 international editions to date

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Huffington Post

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CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF EVERYONE’S FAVOURITE HEROINE!

Pippi Longstocking is one of the most popular children’s characters of all time and has been read and loved by millions of children since she was first published 70 years ago.

- Stunning gift edition with illustrations by the best-selling and award-winning illustrator Lauren Child.
- Available in multiple formats.

Astrid Lindgren
Astrid Lindgren’s books have sold over 100 million copies worldwide in over 90 languages. During her lifetime, Lindgren was awarded dozens of Swedish and international prizes for her writing, among them the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen medal in 1958.

www.astridlindgren.se/en

Lauren Child
Award-winning Lauren Child’s illustrations for Pippi Longstocking have been described as ‘an inspired choice’ by the Telegraph and ‘sublime’ by The Times.

www.milkmonitor.com

TALL TALES AND BUNDLES OF FUN FROM THE CHEEKIEST GUINEA-PIG EVER!

Olga da Polga has left the pet shop to start a new life with her owners. Her home is now a large and airy hutch and it’s not long before she meets Noel the cat, Fangio the hedgehog, and Graham the tortoise. Her garden companions soon discover that Olga loves an audience and from the moment she arrives she tells them stories about her wild and exciting adventures. Although they are not always sure whether to believe everything Olga says.

- Michael Bond is internationally acclaimed for his creation Paddington Bear.
- A sumptuous gift edition of a classic story full of good humour and fun, a great choice for all animal lovers.
- Catherine Rayner breathes beauty and energy into a modern classic of children’s literature.
When a boy leans over the side of a boat with his fishing net, his mother is there to keep him safe. The boat’s captain is there to keep them both safe. The guiding star in the sky is there to keep the boat safe. But who will keep the star safe? This is a beautiful, lyrical exploration of that most fundamental human need—security.

Layn Marlow: over 1m copies sold worldwide in 26+ languages

A little girl, her father, a snowman, and the simple pleasure that a smile always brings. Told through a very simple narrative, and illustrated in a captivating watercolour art from Layn Marlow, this story set amid the changing seasons reassures us that true friendship will always remain.

Michael Bond
Michael Bond is something of a national treasure. He was recognised in 2015 with a CBE for his services to children’s literature. His world-famous Paddington Bear has been delighting readers for 60 years and is now captivating cinema audiences.

Catherine Rayner
Kate Greenaway Medal-winning picture book illustrator Catherine Rayner is renowned for her animal images. She is the perfect choice to breathe fun and energy into Olga the guinea pig, Noel the cat, Fangio the hedgehog, and Graham the tortoise.

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www.laynmarlow.co.uk

2+ 32 pages
Detective McWoof

He’s a Pooch that’s a Sleuth for the Truth!

Detective McWoof is always sniffing around for new cases to solve. However, he sometimes misses the most obvious clues. Luckily his trusty assistant, Wanda, keeps him scampering in the right direction. Together they will leave no case unsolved and no bone unchewed . . .

- A loveable ‘lead’ character with a mix of Inspector Clouseau and Philip Marlowe.
- Children will laugh out loud at Detective McWoof’s slapstick humour.

THE PERFECT BOOK FOR CHILDREN THAT LOVE VEHICLES!

Today the town of Furryville’s a very noisy place, crammed with crowds of creatures getting ready for a race. The air is filled with honking horns and engines revving up, as racers take their places for the Silver Serpent Cup! From Furryville to Featherport a thousand miles away, this pack of eager animals will get there in one day. On the ground or in the air, floating or submerged—there’s just one rule: to win this race you have to get there FIRST!
The competition’s getting fierce and high up in the sky, Ella Egghart’s aeroplane has just come soaring by. As Featherport comes into view she has a beaky grin, Everyone’s behind her, so surely she must win!

MOVE OVER SUPERMAN . . . THERE’S A NEW SUPERHERO IN TOWN!

Mighty Small may only be very small—but he has the largest amount of courage! Follow his action-packed adventure as he overcomes all the odds to save the day.

• A life-affirming superhero adventure that shows how even the smallest people can achieve great things.
• Readers will love the dynamic and action-packed illustrations.

As Featherport comes into view she has a beaky grin, Everyone’s behind her, so surely she must win!

Packed with amazing vehicles competing in this energetic no-holds-barred race, children will love poring over the detailed spreads long after the race has finished . . .
• An exciting ending that will have readers cheering for the quick-witted underdog.

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2+ 32 pages 270 x 230 mm
A HILARIOUS NEW PICTURE BOOK FROM RISING STAR ELYS DOLAN!

Steven Seagull has retired from the Beach City Police Department—but when things get tough they need him back on the force. Along with his ex-partner, Mac, Steven has to foil the dastardly scheme of Claude Von Crab and the Crustacean Crew and save the beach from imminent disaster.

• Contains Elys Dolan’s trademark style and humour.
• Introduces a wonderful beach-city world populated by funny characters.
• Elys provides so much for children to spot and discuss in the artwork.

Elys Dolan
Elys Dolan is the creator of Weasels and Nuts in Space (Nosy Crow) and the illustrator of The Clockwork Dragon (OUP), written by Jonathan Emmett. Elys has previously been shortlisted for The Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2013, shortlisted for the Waterstones Children’s Book Prize 2014, and nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2014.
‘REEVE AND MCINTYRE HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE FINEST YOUNG FICTION OF RECENT YEARS’
Fiona Noble, The Bookseller

- A dynamic partnership between two inspirational talents, Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre.
- Highly illustrated throughout in glorious two colour.
- Irresistible adventure stories bursting with eccentric characters.

‘Children will love the chaotic fun and cartoonish illustrations in this fast paced fantasy’
Daily Mail

A FOURTH REEVE AND MCINTYRE PRODUCTION, COMING TO YOU SOON!

‚Immersive, richly textured, and enormous fun. It’s a great example of what illustrated children’s novels can achieve.’
Guardian

‘A gloriously wacky space adventure packed with illustrations and quirky humour.’
The Bookseller’s Children’s Buyer’s Guide

Fiction

Philip Reeve
Philip Reeve is a diverse and hugely talented author whose books have been published worldwide. He won the Carnegie Medal for Here Lies Arthur, an array of prizes for his Mortal Engines series, and Oliver and the Seawigs was shortlisted for the Best Book of Year Awards, 2014.

Sarah McIntyre
Illustrator and writer Sarah McIntyre makes picture books and comics in an old police station in south London. Her picture books include the bestselling, You Can’t Scare a Princess and Morris the Mankiest Monster. An inspirational and exuberant character, her blog, website, and Twitter feed are hugely popular.

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Fiction

Tom Moorhouse
Tom Moorhouse is the author of The River Singers and The Rising and has also written the text for The Adventures of Mr Toad. He works in Oxford University’s wildlife conservation unit and his knowledge of his animal subjects infuses his work.

Also available

TRICKSTER

FIRST A RAT MUST EARN HIS NAME.
THEN HE MUST LIVE IT.

This is the story of Gabble, a young rat with a wild, beloved, but unpredictable brother, Ash. At the start of the book Ash tricks Gabble into going out with him on a ‘name raid’, a dangerous mission to earn a True Name, normally reserved for older rats.

Gabble finds himself drawn into a dangerous adventure, crossing boundaries, fighting with enemy rat packs, and eventually being forced to confront both his brother and himself in the most dramatic fashion.

• Exciting, adventurous, pacy story with great characters.
• Conjures up a powerful, believable, yet slightly alien, world of rats running alongside our own world.
• From a master storyteller with a fast-growing reputation.

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Dad made me come to this snowy wilderness. My natural habitat is the shopping mall and the multiscreen cinema. I miss my friends and I’m not good at skiing or chopping wood . . . or living without wi-fi.

Mum, Dad, and Jem are all thriving here but I’m getting weaker and sicker with each day that passes.

Then I find the bear. She’s huge and scary, but she makes me feel . . . alive . . . and connected to this amazing place. The thing is, she needs me just as much as I need her. And I don’t know if I’m strong enough . . .

- A beautifully-written lyrical tale that will stay with the reader long after they put it down.
- Steeped in atmosphere, the setting invites the reader to get lost in this powerful story.
- Inspired by the author’s real life encounters with a wild bear.

Mimi Thebo
Originally from Kansas, Mimi has experienced a wide range of life from being a cowgirl and a roller-skating waitress to living on a boat near Bath. She lectures on the Young Person’s Writing Course at Bath University.
A summer spent in the place Noah and his friends call the Wilderness, is a summer spent making dens, sleeping under the stars, and toasting marshmallows over an open fire. It’s freedom.

Until one day their Wilderness is sold and set for development and their dens torn down to make way for houses. For Noah and his friends this means war and they’ll do anything to stop the Wilderness being destroyed.

• A celebration of the wild outdoors and the freedom to explore it at will.
• Julia Green evokes the natural world with her wonderfully lyrical writing style.
• Pacy, exciting story. Will the kids save their Wilderness?
A seriously funny debut from Richard Joyce featuring washed-up circus owner Berto, a Wonder Goat called Zoltan, and a boy called Tom. Together they will make you laugh, cry, and shout, ‘Skaboonky!’

In a ramshackle old caravan on the edge of a cliff, two legends of the Escorvian circus live. The amazing Berto Baboomski and his performing goat, Zoltan. Berto may be a crazy-looking nutcase with a bonkers moustache, but he’s full of wise words and valuable life lessons, which he passes on to ‘The Boy’, his dear friend, Tom.

Together they put on a show-stopping performance to save the town from seriously fishy goings on.

• A funny and heart-warming tale about friendship and fitting in.
• Hilarious black and white illustrations are dotted throughout this brilliant book.
• Perfect for fans of David Walliams and Andy Stanton—choc-full of unforgettable characters, and silly sayings . . . Skaboonky!
• Kids won’t be able to get enough of wacky circus performer Berto Baboomski. The book has extra pages written just by him, including recipes, tips, and funny instructions including ‘How to make a friendship moustarche’.

Richard Joyce
Richard Joyce has written two adult non-fiction books. The first, about cricket, was nominated for the MCC and Cricket Society Book of the Year. His first book for children is the product of an alphabetical negotiation: his family lobbied him for a pet, he offered them an ant, they badgered him for a badger, he countered with offers of a centipede, dust mite, earwig, and flea; in the end they settled on a story about a goat. He lives in Hertfordshire with his wife and three children.

Freya Hartas
Freya Hartas is a UK-based illustrator. She specializes in conjuring up strange characters, animals, and monsters—creating fantastical worlds for them to inhabit and get lost in.
ONE GIRL. ONE TURTLE. ONE EPIC VOYAGE.

When Nelly says she’s going to do a thing, she does it, whatever it is.

Learn to juggle china cups? Of course!
Eat lemons for a month? Why not?
Set out in a boat with knitted sails, with her turtle Columbus, to find her long-lost father Captain Peabody? Absolutely!
And she won’t let anything get in her way . . .

• Beautifully illustrated in two colour by the talented Ella Okstad.
• A quirky adventure story matched with a host of eccentric characters.
• An engaging main character full of steely determination, reminiscent of Pippi Longstocking.
Isadora Moon is special because she is different. Her mum is a fairy and her dad is a vampire and Isadora is a bit of both. She loves the night, bats, and the colour black, but she also loves the outdoors, using her magic wand, and the colour pink. When it’s time for Isadora to start school, she’s not sure where she belongs—Vampire School or Fairy School?

- A totally unique new heroine with an out-of-this-world family.
- Beautifully illustrated in two colour by author/illustrator Harriet Muncaster.
- Fans of Claude, Dixie O’Day, and Squishy McFluff will love these books.
- Perfect for readers who want their magic and sparkle with a bit of bite!

Harriet Muncaster
Isadora Moon is the creation of Hertfordshire-based author-illustrator Harriet Muncaster. Harriet is a graduate of the Cambridge MA in Children’s Illustration, and is the illustrator of Parragon’s Glitterbelle books, as well as her own I Am a Witch’s Cat, and Happy Halloween, Witch’s Cat!, published by Harper Collins in the US.
‘Greetings, humans. I am Louie the Unicorn and this is my tale of stardom. It all started one day in Story Land when a mysterious scrap of paper floated into my life on a breeze.

Wow! And another wow! Fame? Glory? New York? Three times wow! Bright lights. Big dreams. Even bigger donuts. This was my destiny. I, Louie the Unicorn, was going to become a super-sized New York superstar. Nothing could stop me. Although I should probably check with Mum and Dad first . . .’

• Elf meets Fame—traditional fairy-tale characters clash with the hustle and bustle of New York City in this hilarious fish-out-of-water story.
• Louie the Unicorn’s lovable mix of naivety and enthusiasm will have you rooting for him. He’s going to be a STAR!
• Photographs of iconic New York landmarks, mixed with hilarious illustrations of Louis and his friends—it’s New York as you’ve never seen it before.
The Kingdom of Izzambard is in trouble. Big trouble. Griselda, the Master Clockmaker, has stopped time and released her mechanical birds to spread chaos and misery. They spy on anyone who might believe in the old ways of magic and laughter and the whole kingdom lives in fear.

Brother and sister, Leo and Ella Leggit are clever enough and brave enough to stop Griselda and her birds—they just don’t know it yet. But when a magical train puffs into their lives, driven by the mysterious Bartholomew Buckle, all that changes...

Will Leo and Ella be able to bring magic back to Izzambard once again and get home in time for fish fingers?

Take a trip on The Secret Railway to find out!

- Enid Blyton brought bang up to date with lots of humour and a good dash of the surreal.
- Quirky illustrations and striking typography make it immediately standout and appealing.
- Children will relate to Leo and Ella—normal kids in an extraordinary situation.

Wendy Meddour
Wendy spent many years teaching English Literature at Oxford University but took a little break so that she could concentrate on writing children’s books. Only the little break turned into a BIG break and, though she’s back teaching at university, she LOVES writing for children and really can’t stop!

Sam Usher
Sam studied illustration, graduating in 2008. His first book, Have You Seen Sassoon? was longlisted for the Greenaway Medal and shortlisted for the Red House Children’s Book Award and the Waterstones Children’s Book Prize.
Crash landings, accidental blizzards, and a wet and wacky water fight—fairy fans can expect plenty of mischief and mayhem with Nixie the bad, bad fairy.

It’s not that Nixie means to be bad, but she does love to have fun, and that usually leads to all sorts of trouble. The main problem is her dodgy wand—it’s just as mischievous as she is, and definitely NOT to be relied on. That’s why Nixie always carries a spanner in her boot, ready to face any problem with a practical solution.

• Promoting a go-getting and practical approach to life within the enchantment and magic that fairy fans love.
• Packed with gorgeous illustrations by Ali Pye. Available in black and white or colour.
• A refreshingly fun and original look at the world of fairies.

‘I absolutely love Nixie, a funny little fairy with attitude. This is a stylishly told, delightful story for girls just starting to tackle chapter books—or a brilliant bedtime story to be read aloud.’ Jacqueline Wilson

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SOMETHING’S OUT OF CONTROL IN THE CLASSROOM . . . 
AND FOR ONCE IT ISN’T THE KIDS

Following a succession of bad teachers, class 5b finally has the best teacher in the whole world, Mr Hyde. His lessons are always lots of fun and he is really understanding and supportive. The only problem is that Mr Hyde keeps transforming into a mischievous little creature whenever he becomes really happy or really angry or really excited or really—well, you get the idea!

Jake and his class must find a way to control the creature and protect their teacher’s secret. But that is proving more and more difficult.

• A monstrously funny series where all the pupils are supporting the teacher for once.
• Creature Teacher is the most mischievous, and yet lovable, character you’re ever likely to meet!
• Highly illustrated throughout with energetic artwork from David O’Connell.
PUPPIES TO THE RESCUE!

Puppy Academy introduces young readers to a team of plucky, irresistible puppies, learning their jobs as working dogs. Follow these adorable puppies as they overcome obstacles on their way to achieving their dreams.

- Highly illustrated animal stories that appeal to boys as strongly as to girls.
- Combines the appeal of puppies with a universal school setting and the emergency services.
- Internationally best-selling author and animal expert Gill Lewis brings authenticity to the portrayal of the different breeds of dog.

Heart-warming medical dramas set in a community of cute, fluffy, and furry animals. Dr KittyCat and her faithful friend Peanut the mouse use their first aid skills to great effect in each charming story.

- A unique visual package combining a surreal and charming mix of photography with hand-drawn elements.
- With fun and familiar contexts that children can relate to, lovable characters, and strong storylines, the series has real appeal for its target audience.
Despite the best efforts of some very bad badgers, some really ruthless racoons, some extremely menacing moles, plus the International Gang of Badgery Naughtiness and an ominous bunch of office chair bandits, there is no stopping this series in its quest to win over the hearts, minds, and funny bones of children all over the world.

• Stories full of wit and clever humour.
• Will appeal as much to adults reading to their children as to children reading for themselves.
MAIDSERVANTS, MYSTERY, AND MURDER!

When Nancy Parker gets her first position as a housemaid to Mrs Bryce, it’s not exactly her dream job—she’d rather be out solving mysteries. But she soon discovers there are plenty of suspicious occurrences going on beneath her very nose . . . Time for Nancy to set to work not just with her mop but also with her Theory of Detection!

A hilarious and energetic middle-grade mystery, narrated part in the third person and part through Nancy’s journal.

• Fantastically fun writing from a talented new author—longlisted for the 2014 Branford Boase award.
• Entertaining, endearing heroine who readers will be rooting for all the way.
• Taps into the vogue for middle-grade mystery stories with heart and humour.
TRICKSTER, MAGICIAN, DAREDEVIL: THE LEGEND BEGINS.

World-famous magician. Death-defying escape artist. Fearless stunt performer. That was the man. But where did his legend begin?

In 1880s New York, Harry Houdini is just a shoe-shine boy dabbling with a few escape tricks. But danger is never far away. Together with his best friends, Billy and Artie, he finds himself drawn into deadly investigations.

Harry must put all his extraordinary skills into action—not just to solve mysteries—but to stay alive.

- A high-concept mystery series, packed with daredevil stunts and magic tricks that will make readers gasp!
- Gripping, plot-driven, and fiendishly fast-paced.
- Readers will love discovering the secrets behind Harry’s sensational escape tricks.

Simon Nicholson

Simon Nicholson grew up in London. He worked in theatre for a while, and then started to write, mainly for children. He has written plays, books, and over a hundred episodes of television series, and has been nominated for BAFTA and RTS awards. He lives in Winchester with his young family—and lots of books about Houdini.

Harry Houdini

Born in 1874, Harry Houdini was a Hungarian-American stunt performer, magician, and escapologist, famed for his sensational magic tricks and daring acts of escape. Houdini performed with great success not only in the US, but also in England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Russia.

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Scarlet and her dad are on a mission to return stolen treasure to their rightful owners. But when they take an ancient Aztec bracelet, her world turns upside down.

Dad goes missing, and mysterious powers erupt inside her. She’s hunted by sinister people, who will stop at nothing to possess the bracelet. Searching for her dad, Scar must learn who to trust before it’s all too late.

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Tamsin Cooke
Having lived in several exotic places, Tamsin has a love of travel, adventure, and wild animals. She used to be a primary school teacher but now writes at every opportunity, while living in Somerset.
If I hadn’t argued with my best friend, I’d never have been struck by lightning. But if I hadn’t been struck by lightning, I’d never have got my superpowers. Maybe some things are meant to be.

Holly Sparkes was just your average 12-year-old, that was, until a bolt of lightning crashed into her. Now Holly is extraordinary. Like a human battery Holly can generate a massive amount of electricity in seconds, and if she can’t learn to control it she could put herself and everyone close to her in serious danger!

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‘So, one minute my ex-best friend, Izzy, and I are rummaging in the PE cupboard, looking at some hilarious prom stuff from the 1980s. The next minute, we’re there. Actually there, in the 80s. And that’s not all—our mums are there too. But they’re our age! Check out their hair! It’s weird enough for Izzy, who’s not really getting on with her mum at the moment. Not that I care, we’re not friends any more anyway. But the thing is, my mum died in a car crash when I was four. I’ve always longed to get to know her, and now’s my chance!

Izzy says we mustn’t change anything in the past, as it might mean our future selves don’t even get born. But how can I not warn my mum about her fate? If there’s a chance that I can save her, surely I’ve got to take it. Wouldn’t you . . . ?’

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- Really engages the reader, asking ‘what would you do?’ in the same situation.
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Ben Davis
Ben Davis is a stand-up comedian and has written jokes for everything from radio shows to greetings cards. He based the character Joe on himself as a teenager.

Mike Lowery
Mike Lowery’s work has been seen on everything from greetings cards to children’s books to gallery walls all over the world, and he is a Professor of Illustration at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, USA.

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