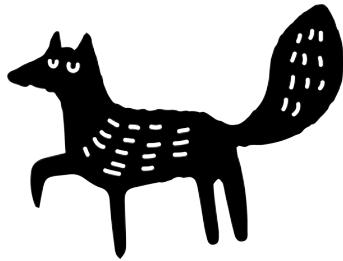




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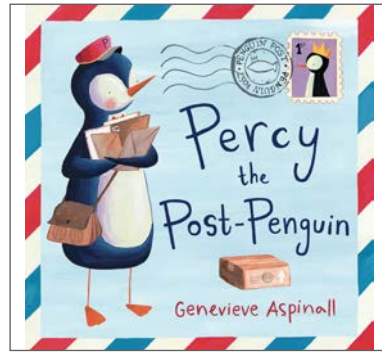
PICTURE BOOKS

COMING SOON

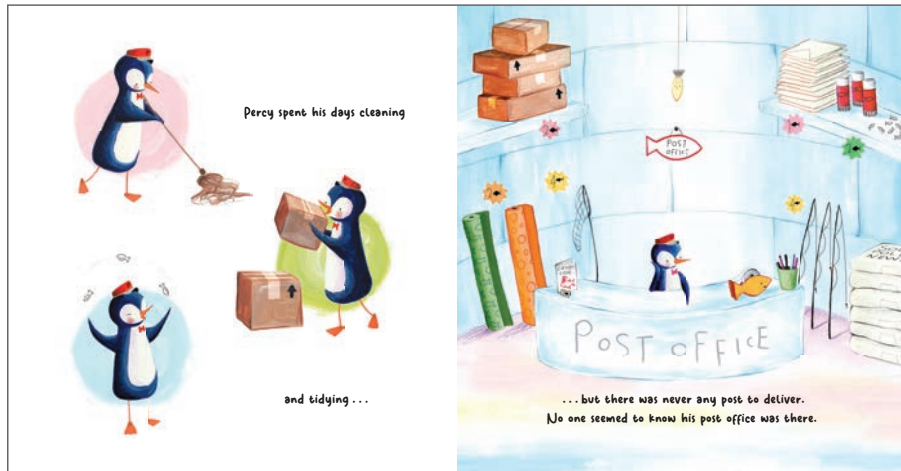
Percy the Post Penguin

Genevieve Aspinall

Cheesed Off, Genevieve's first illustrated picture book, written by Jake Hope, has been longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize.



02/10/2023
£7.99 • 9781915235794 •
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In the chilly South Pole, a hardworking little penguin named Percy lives next to his post office. But not many residents of the South Pole seem to know it is there. With determination and confidence Percy sets off on a mission to make himself known...

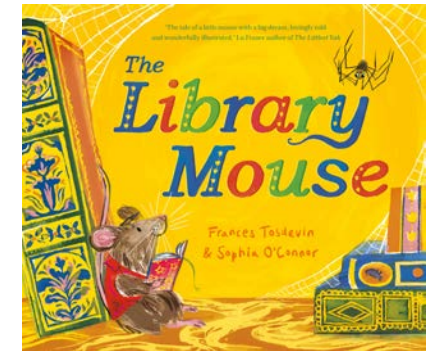
Will he be able to make his dream come true and create a successful business?

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The LIBRARY MOUSE

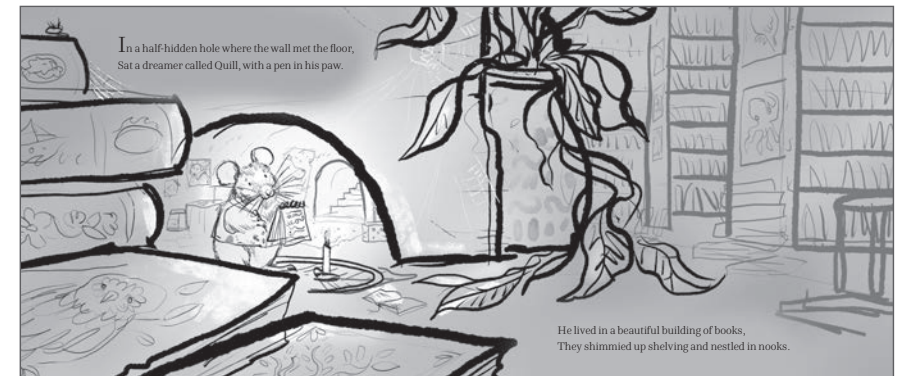
Frances Tosdevin,

Illustrated by
Sophia O'Connor



04/04/2024
£7.99 • 9781915235893 •
PB • Worldwide Rights • Early Years
• Picture book

Rough interior spread



From dream duo, Frances Tosdevin and Sophia O'Connor (creators of *The Bear and Her Book*, and *The Bear and Her Book: There's More to See*), we present a brand new picture book. Quill, the mouse, is a dreamer! He longs to write stories and share them with children in his beloved library. But getting his words noticed seems impossible for such a small creature. Can he and his spider friend, Leggsy, find a way to make his voice stand out from the crowd – or will Quill's stories remain forever unheard?

COMING SOON



LOLA LOVES WALKIES

Jake Hope,
Illustrated by James Brown

‘Pawsomely fun.’
The Woofington Post



04/04/2024
£7.99 • 9781915235930 •
PB • Worldwide Rights • Early Years
• Picture book



Her favourite place to walk is in the **park**.

Ready or not, Lola loves kisses and cuddles, friends and fun, but what she loves most of all is walkies!

Join Lola as she plays hide and seek, leaps in and out of the long grasses and watches her poochy pals fetching sticks on an adventure that's a walk in the park!

MY MOMMA ZO

Kelly and Zoey Allen,
Illustrated by Tara O'Brien

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



02/03/2023
£7.99 • 9781915235084 •
PB • Worldwide Rights • Early Years
• Picture book



She thought we'd be upset and wouldn't love her anymore,
but I just wanted her to be *happy*.

But Mommy Kel felt *worried*.
She was scared she was
going to lose my Daddy, but
George reminded her that
Momma Zo was still the
same person *inside*.

I asked her whether she'd be wearing sparkly dresses

Except now,
she's *happier* than
ever before.

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

Kelly and Zoey Allen,
Illustrated by Tara O'Brien

An uplifting story about daring to be different, but finding our place as part of loving, happy families.



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£7.99 • 9781915235398 •
Worldwide Rights • Early Years
• Picture book

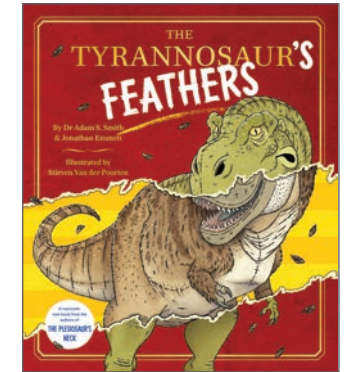


Molly's brother George tells funny jokes and has the best laugh! When they are together, they have all sorts of adventures, whether that's on the beach, climbing trees or snuggling on the sofa at home. Sometimes other children laugh at George and don't understand that his long hair and clips are just part of who he is and how he is.

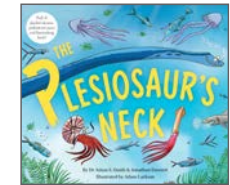
THE TYRANNOSAUR'S FEATHERS

Jonathan Emmett and
Dr. Adam S. Smith,
illustrated by
Stieven Van Der Poorten

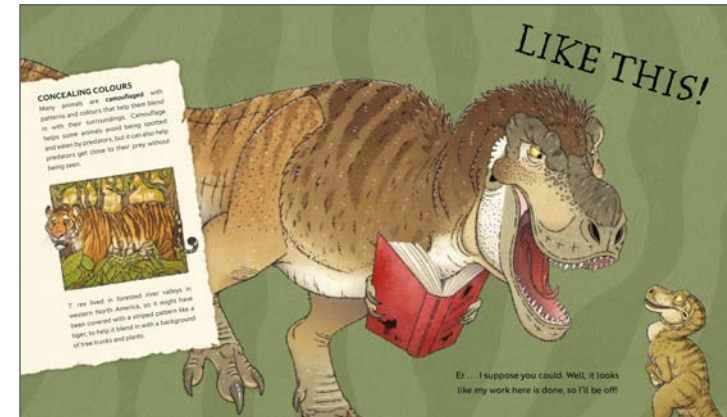
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£7.99 • 9781915235596 • Worldwide Rights •
Early Years • Picture book



From the brilliant minds of
world-renowned expert Dr Adam
S. Smith, award-winning author
Jonathan Emmett and illustrator
Stieven Van der Poorten.



9781912979424



Tyrannosaurus rex may be the king of the dinosaurs, but that doesn't stop know-it-all Velociraptor from telling him he looks old-fashioned and needs a makeover. So, with an improved posture, some restyled body parts and a coat of shaggy feathers, T. rex gets a new look to match the latest evidence. From the authors of The Plesiosaur's Neck, The Tyrannosaur's Feathers takes an amusing and informative look at how new discoveries have transformed our understanding of T. rex's appearance since this giant prehistoric predator was first unearthed over a century ago.

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Alana Washington,
illustrated by Emily Nash

A heart warming Christmas tale that invites every child to see themselves and their family within its pages.



27/10/22
£7.99 • 9781912979950 • 280x240mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • Early Years
32pp • Picture book

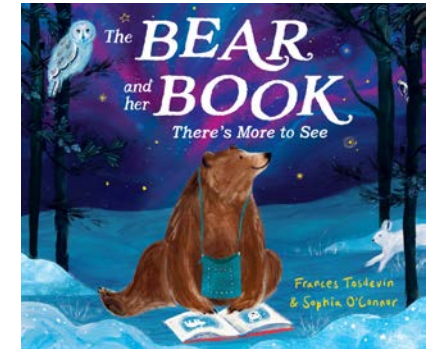


A Family Christmas is a deceptively simple rhyming story that carries us along as Christmas Day unfolds. With family, festivities and fun at its heart, and all the magical ingredients needed to make the perfect Christmas Day.

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”



06/10/22
£7.99 • 9781915235244 • 280x240mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • Early Years
32pp • Picture book



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!”



07/10/2021
£7.99 • 9781912979608 • 280x240mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • Early Years
32pp • Picture book

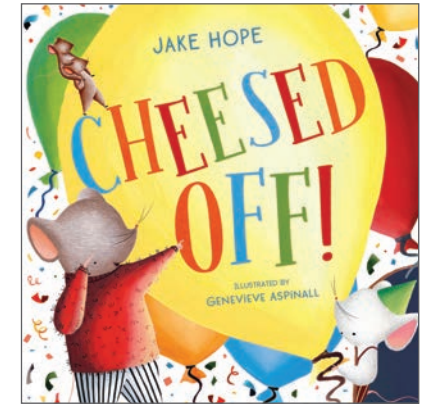


A book-loving bear sets off to see the world. She takes one special thing – her Bear’s Big Book of Being Wise. But when she meets different creatures – each needing her help – she discovers that books aren’t just brilliant at fixing problems, they can also help you make new friends. And if you’re lucky,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

CHEESED OFF!

Jake Hope, illustrated by Genevieve Aspinall

A playful and interactive picture book from Reading Development and Children’s Book Consultant, Jake Hope.



03/03/2022
£7.99 • 9781912979745 • 216x216mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • Early Years
32pp • Picture book

It’s time for a P-A-R-T-Y and you’re invited!

Join the fun with photos, presents, party foods and some special surprise guests in this enjoyable and engaging story . . .



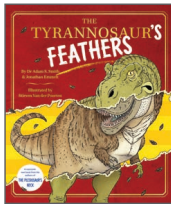
‘Whisker-twitchingly fun!’
The Daily Mouse’s Nose Paper

‘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?”

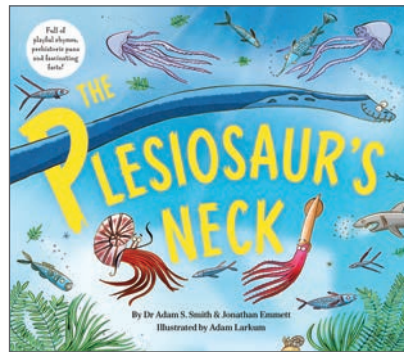


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Poppy the plesiosaur had a preposterously long neck – but what was it for? Did she use it to pluck off pesky parasites, to zap predators with electricity or to ambush unlucky fish?

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



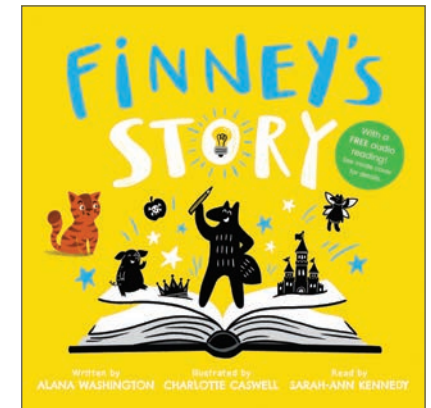
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PB • Worldwide Rights • 5 –7 years
32pp • Picture book

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.



04/03/2021
£7.99 • 9781912979486 • 215x215mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • Early Years
32pp • Picture book



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

MAGIC FACES: HEROES OF THE PIRATE SHIP

Esi Merleh
illustrated by Abeeha Tariq

03/03/2023
£6.99 • 9781915235060 •
PB • Worldwide Rights •
5+ • 76pp • Chapter Book

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



Twins Alanna and Austin find an old face-painting kit in their Aunt 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.

MAGIC FACES: SUPERHERO MEGA MISSION

Esi Merleh
illustrated by Abeeha Tariq

01/06/2023
£6.99 • 9781915235541 •
PB • Worldwide Rights •
5+ • 76pp • Chapter Book

*Open the MAGIC face paints and
adventure awaits...*



Alanna lifted her head up to catch the wet raindrops on her tongue. When she looked down again she was amazed to find herself on the pavement of a busy city. Austin and Ozzy were right behind her.

The big, tall buildings surrounding them were shiny and sleek. The pavement glistened with rainwater, and Alanna could smell hot dogs being fried nearby. Cars beeped their horns in a big traffic jam on the road.

The magic face paints have transformed Austin, Alanna and sausage dog Ozzy into superheroes! When two supervillains, Foul Prune and Brains, swoop into the busy City Museum in a flying machine, they steal a priceless gem and Austin and Alanna narrowly escape being hit with their Freeze Ray. Alanna Storm and Austin Steel must track the supervillains down, return the gem and save the museum before their time in this superhero world runs out!

MAGIC FACES: MONSTER MAYHEM

Esi Merleh
illustrated by Abeeha Tariq

07/09/2023
£6.99 • 9781915235602 •
PB • Worldwide Rights •
5+ • 76pp • Chapter Book

*Fairytale world or Monster Ball
Which one will you choose? In
each a race to find the prize, Will
you win or lose? Austin, Alanna
and sausage dog Ozzy are going
to a Monster Ball!*



With the help of a magic paintbrush, Austin has been transformed into a werewolf, and Alanna is a vampire. Their mission is to find a crystal ball, but when a pair of evil skeletons steal a witch's wand, mayhem ensues on the dance floor. Will Austin and Alanna take back the wand and complete their mission before their time in the monster world runs out?

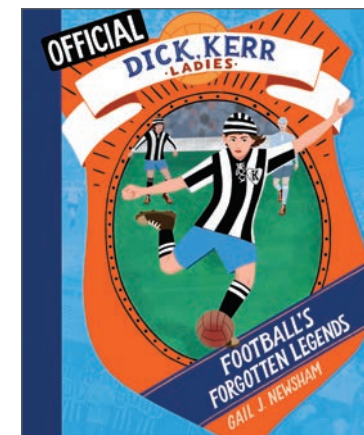


NON-FICTION
BOOKS

THE DICK, KERR LADIES: FOOTBALL'S FORGOTTEN LEGENDS

Gail J. Newsham, illustrated
by Thy Bui

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

PB • Worldwide Rights • 9+
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.

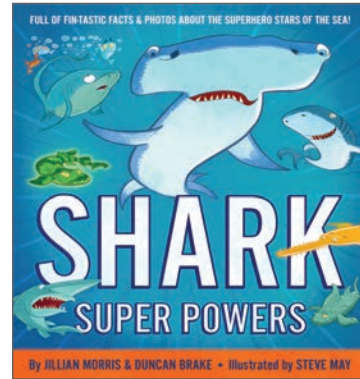
Written by a world authority on the Dick, Kerr Ladies, and featuring
original artefacts and a history of the game, this Companion Guide
is a must for any football fan.

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.



04/06/2020
 £9.99 • 9781912979165 • 260x210mm
 PB • Worldwide Rights • 9+
 32pp • Non-Fiction



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.

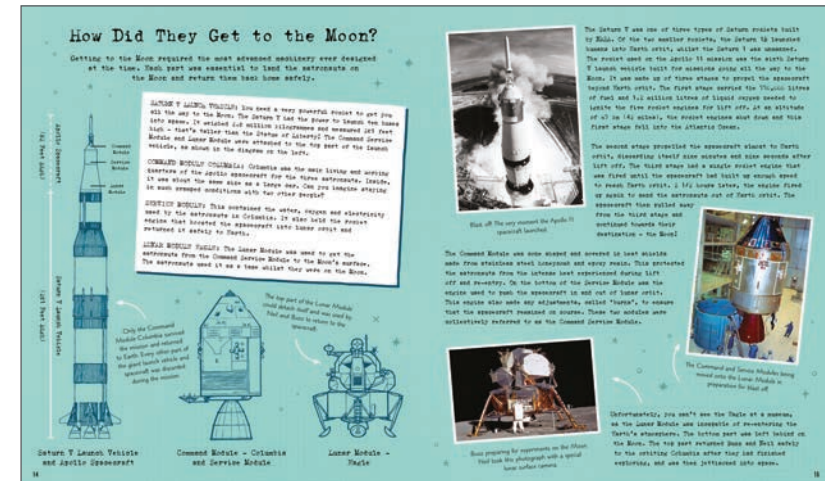
BLAST OFF TO THE MOON!

Produced in association with British Interplanetary Society (BIS), illustrated by Euan Cook

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



03/06/2019
 £9.99 • 9781912979011 • 260x210mm
 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

COMING SOON



GRACIE FAIRSHAW AND THE MISSING REEL

Susan Brownrigg,

Illustrated by
Jenny Czerwonka

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£7.99 • 9781915235800 • 198x129mm

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282pp • Fiction



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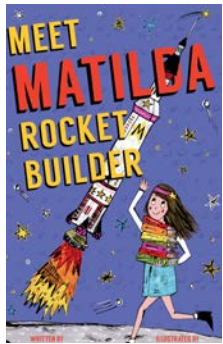
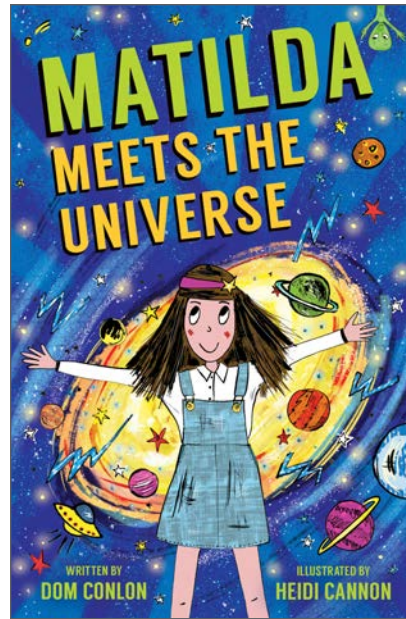
Lights, camera, action! A new movie being filmed in Blackpool is a real scoop for trainee reporter Gracie Fairshaw. When she's invited to interview the star, Sally Sunshine, Gracie uncovers a plot as exciting as the one being filmed. Someone has stolen a vital film reel - and then a vicious attack is attempted on Sally! In a world of body-doubles, stunts, costumes and makeup, not everything is what it seems. Gracie must go behind the scenes and work out which of the cast and crew can't be trusted, before the thrilling final act . . .

MATILDA MEETS THE UNIVERSE

Dom Conlon, illustrated by Heidi Cannon

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 £7.99 • 9781915235381 • 198x129mm
 PB • Worldwide Rights • 8+
 208pp • Fiction

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



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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.

STAND AND DELIVER

Philip Caveney, illustrated by Jill Tytherleigh

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 £7.99 • 9781915235411 • 198x129mm
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 256pp • 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 . . .



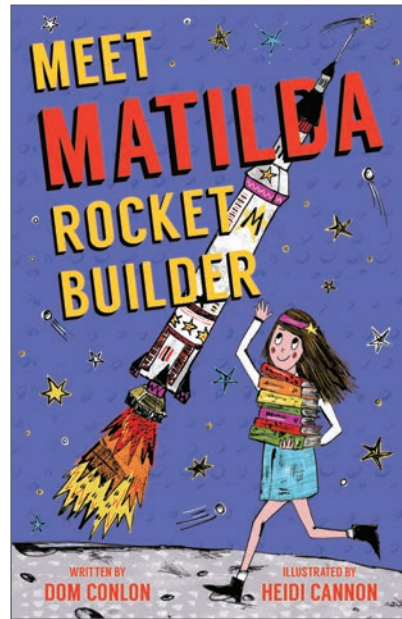
In a time when highwaymen ruled the roads, Ned is reluctantly swept up into a whirlwind of adventure. Whilst escaping the grasps of the thief-takers, Ned soon finds himself stepping into his Master's shoes and an unwanted life of crime. The pressure is building with new friends and enemies galore when 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?

MEET MATILDA ROCKET BUILDER

Dom Conlon, illustrated by
Heidi Cannon

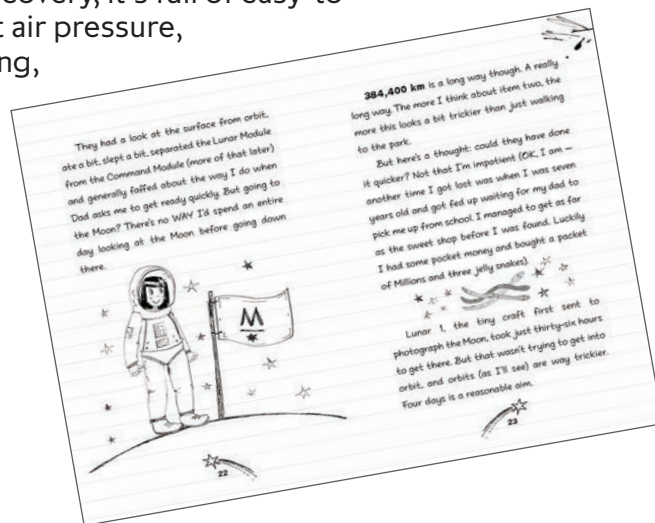
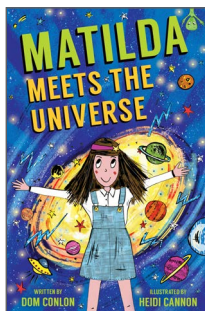
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208pp • Fiction

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.

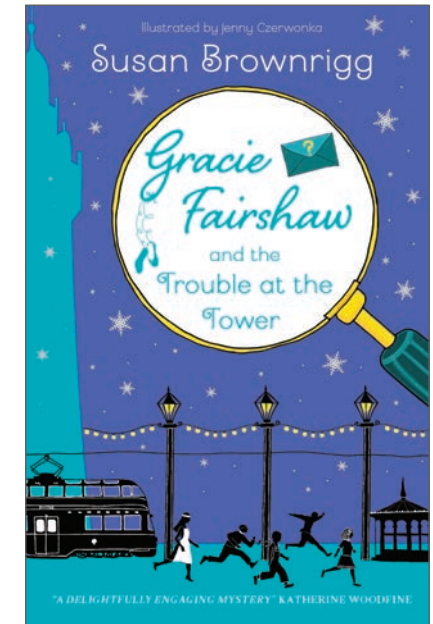


GRACIE FAIRSHAW AND THE TROUBLE AT THE TOWER

Susan Brownrigg
illustrated by
Jenny Czerwonka

07/10/2021
£6.99 • 9781912979592 • 198x129mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • 9-12
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!

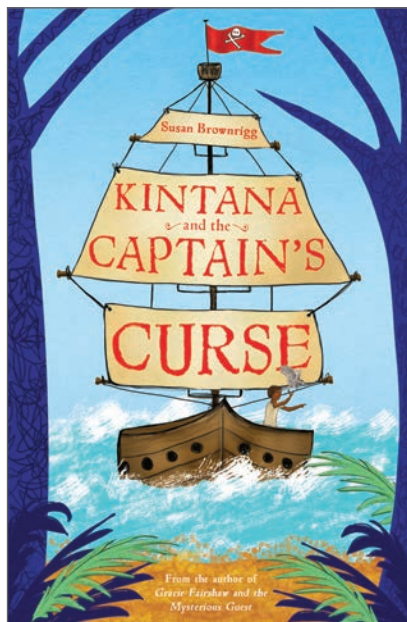


KINTANA AND THE CAPTAIN'S CURSE

Susan Brownrigg,
illustrated by
Jenny Czerwonka

01/07/2021
£6.99 • 9781912979561 • 198x129mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • 9–12
182pp • Fiction

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.

THE SPYBRARIAN

Jon Mayhew,
illustrated by Robin Boyden

07/01/2021
£6.99 • 9781912979356 • 198x129mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • 9–12
322pp • Fiction

**'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! Mwaahahahahahaha!’”

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

GRACIE FAIRSHAW AND THE MYSTERIOUS GUEST

Susan Brownrigg,
illustrated by
Jenny Czerwonka

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PB • Worldwide Rights • 9–12
282pp • Fiction



9781912979592

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 delightfully engaging mystery, with a wonderful setting in 1930s Blackpool.'
- KATHERINE WOODFINE



THE BOOK OF SECRETS

Philip Caveney

02/04/2020
£7.99 • 9781912979141 • 198x129mm
PB • Worldwide Rights • 9–12
180pp • Fiction

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.

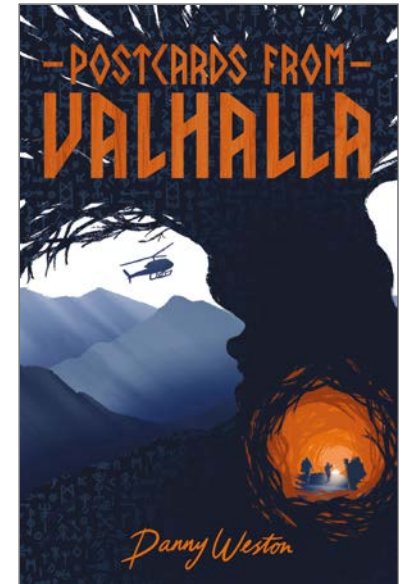


**YOUNG ADULT
FICTION**

COMING SOON
**POSTCARDS FROM
VALHALLA**

Danny Weston

03/11/23
£8.99 • 9781915235657 • 198x129mm
PB • Worldwide • 12+ •



Viggo is sixteen years old, living in Edinburgh with his mum. He has no plans for the future other than to watch the new Thor movie at his local multiplex. But one morning, he wakes to the news that his older brother, Magnus, has gone missing on Shetland. Mum has already booked tickets to go and search for him.

There's good reason to be worried. Five years ago, Viggo's dad, Jonathan, went 'off grid' in the same location and disappeared. He is now 'missing presumed dead.'

Viggo has no option but to go to Shetland with Mum - but from the moment they set off, he's troubled by strange visions: images of armed warriors, mythical creatures and Viking longboats.

And then they encounter Leon, a mysterious wandering musician who attaches himself to them and proves impossible to shake off. How does he know so much about them?

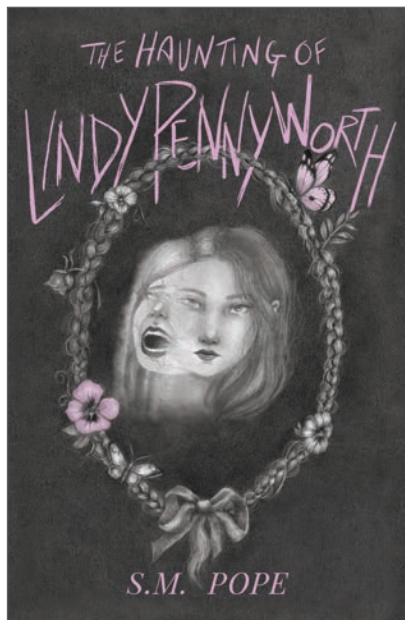
Once on Shetland, the search for Magnus begins in earnest and Viggo's troubling visions start to intensify. Soon he is finding it difficult to separate fact from fantasy... and who knows what terrors lie in wait for him deep beneath the ground?

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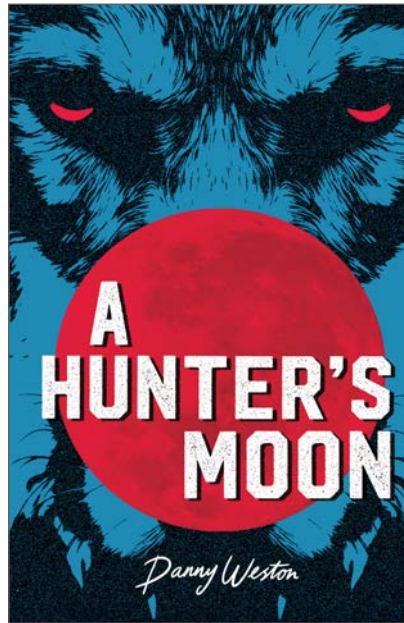
Dee Winter, however, has her sights set firmly on a future away from The Monster Belt. When their paths collide, will Harris and Dee find the answers they've been looking for?

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



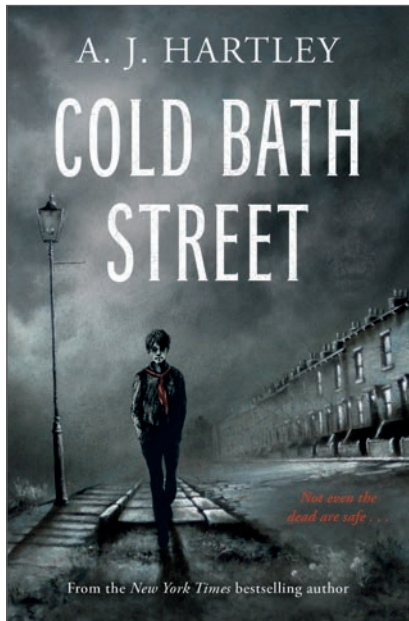
For Alfie Travers, a summer away from his now ex-girlfriend can not come quick enough, even if it means tagging along on his dad's dull work trip to the village of Woodplumpton, Preston.

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 . . .



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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.”
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The much anticipated sequel to the Carnegie nominated *Cold Bath Street*.



RAUFFE RADCLIFFE LAID THIS STONE TO LYE FOREVER: AD 1655 . . . so says the mysterious stone laying on Written Stone Lane. When the stone is moved years later, murderous ghosts and ancient specters are released. The only person that can save the world from murder and destruction is Preston Oldcorn, a 15-year-old boy from the North of England, and his friends.

A fast-paced ghost thriller that will set your heart racing until the very end, *Written Stone Lane* is a direct sequel to the bestselling YA/crossover novel, *Cold Bath Street*, but can be read as a stand-alone.

INCHTINN: ISLAND OF SHADOWS

Danny Weston,
illustrated by Miranda Harris

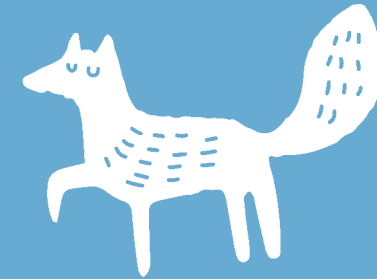
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“Inchtinn - where sinister beings stir and tormented souls seek revenge. What if survival relied on facing your greatest fears?”



Noah is forced to travel with his distant mother to the remote Scottish island of Inchtinn. Since the death of his father, she's been struggling for inspiration for her next bestselling children's book, and hopes an adventurous trip will help them both.

Yet adventure isn't the only thing that awaits their arrival. When things take a turn for the worse, Noah has to face the most unimaginable horrors . . .



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“At school,
I learned that words,
More than weapons,
Could destroy bodies,
Could break hearts
More than fists or fury.”

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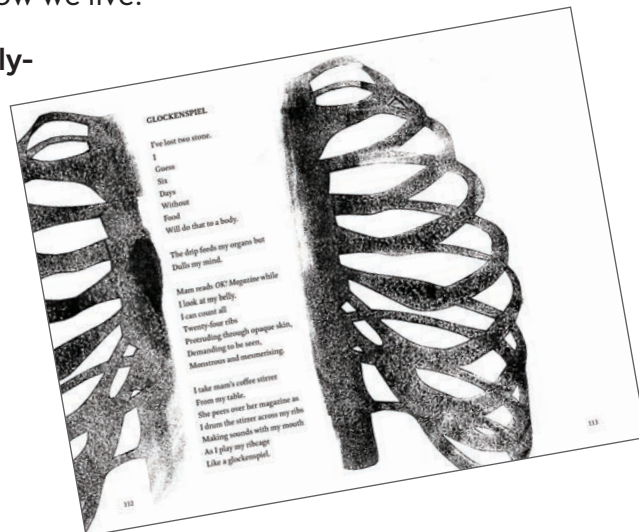
This is the story of Chris, what happened to him at age eleven and how that would change the rest of his life. A life-affirming and powerful coming-of-age verse novel that shines a light on chronic illness, who we are and how we live.

Familial adenomatous poly- posis

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noun

An inherited disorder
characterised by the
rapid growth of small,
pre-cancerous polyps in
the large intestines.



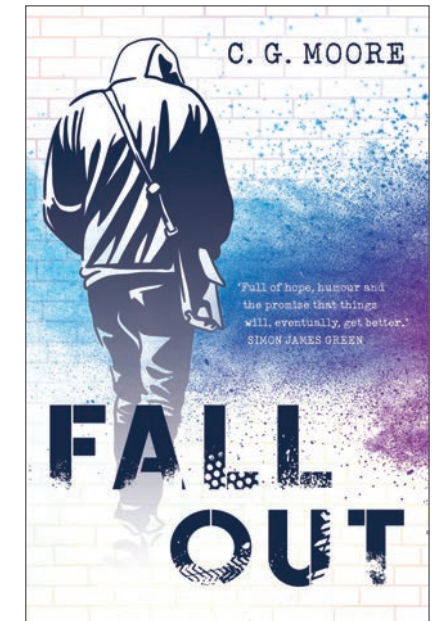
FALL OUT

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‘A devastatingly raw reminder that
some LGBTQ+ kids still face preju-
dice, hate and a daily struggle just
to live their lives. But *Fall Out* is
also full of hope, humour and the
promise that things will, eventually,
get better.’

Simon James Green, author of
Noah Can’t Even and *Alex in
Wonderland*



“I am Cal Adams – what does that mean?

Sixteen years old

Black hair

Blue eyes

Short

Gay.”

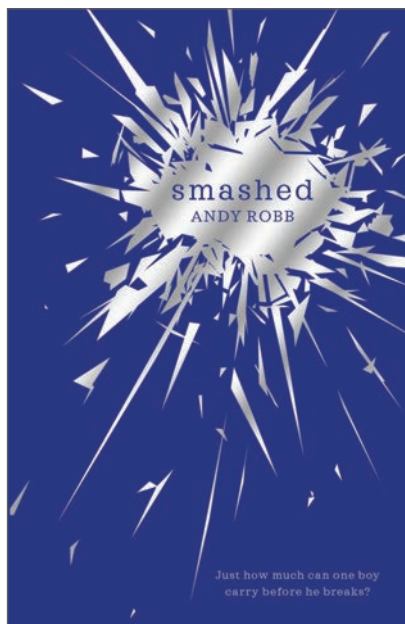
For Cal, coming out is explosive, but that is nothing compared to the fallout from his family, friends and foes. When events in Cal’s life reach critical point, he is shaken to his core. Can he rely on his loved ones to help avoid meltdown?

SMASHED

Andy Robb

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From the author of the *Geekhood* series, the first of which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award, comes *Smashed* by Andy Robb.



When his dad moves out, Jamie tries to fill his shoes. He needs to become head of the household – right? With his mum dealing with the aftermath of toxic masculinity at its finest, and his little sister, Bex, struggling to understand what's going on, Jamie has to navigate the choppy waters of what he thinks it means to be a man.

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?

Funny, touching, with a narrator readers will instantly love, *Smashed* is a rollercoaster exploration of young masculinity. The story would appeal to fans of *Me Mam, Me Dad, Me*. and *Noah Can't Even*.



KICKING OFF!

Eve Ainsworth,
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The remarkable story of the Dick, Kerr Ladies is brought to young readers for the very first time by CILIP Carnegie nominated Eve Ainsworth.

It's 1917, and Britain is at war. Shy teenager Hettie wants to help the war effort, and signs up to work in the local Dick, Kerr & Co. munitions factory. She's nervous, but she has no idea quite how much her life is about to change . . .

For, inside this factory are young women who are about to make sporting history. Can Hettie find the courage to join them, and in doing so, find her own place in the world?

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

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THE PERFECT SHOT

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'Female friendship and tenacity. Family love and conflict. Wartime realities that stir social revolutions - what a pitch-perfect story this, and told in a clear, readable style that could hook reluctant readers.'
Joanne Owen



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?

As the girls embark on their first domestic and international tour against the French Ladies team, Freddie finds he is on a journey of his own, facing up to his mistakes and taking a step to correct them. Can he learn from the vital lesson that the Dick, Kerr Girls have to offer? That team work, communication and friendship can overcome just about anything.

ALL TOGETHER NOW

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The final book in the Dick, Kerr Girls series.



It's 1920, and the Dick, Kerr Girls football team have a new member training with them . . . Martha, little sister to Hettie and Freddie, has finally been given her chance to swap street kickabouts with the local lads for the chance to play alongside the world's best female footballers.

But Martha has more to worry about than keeping up with the older girls. She's dealing with new and confusing feelings, things at home are hard, and the future of women's football is under threat.

Are Martha's dreams – both on and off the pitch – too far out of reach?



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