



Chicken House

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GUIDE**

2024

The background is a solid light yellow color. It is decorated with numerous white, oval-shaped confetti pieces scattered across the surface. At the top of the page, there are three streamer-like decorations. Two are on the left, one with a teal top and one with a blue top, both featuring black and white striped tails. A third, smaller streamer with a teal top is on the right. A large white rectangle with a blue border is centered on the page, containing the text 'NEW YOUNG ADULT' in blue outline letters.

NEW YOUNG ADULT

A white oval shape with a blue shadow, containing the text 'Chicken House' in a blue, handwritten-style font.

Chicken
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YA



£8.99

Ages **14+**

Pub date: **1st August 2024**

Word count: **75k**

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including film rights.

When homeless schoolgirl, Jenny, meets demon, Luc, they make a dangerous pact. Both have been scarred by the same childhood event – the day Jenny’s soul was stolen by the Devil, Luc’s father. Now Luc has promised to return it, but can a demon be trusted? Jenny must find the courage to follow Luc into Hell and save him from the darkness that waits.

- The stunning debut novel from the *Times*/Chicken House Children’s Competition 2022 Chairman’s Choice Prize-winner, **Jess Popplewell**.
- Draws on the author’s own experience of homelessness, making this a powerful, authentic story.
- Dante’s *Inferno* meets *Euphoria* in this fresh contemporary YA.
- An inventive, funny and quirky reimagining of a modern version of hell.

BOOK 1



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Ages **14+**

Pub date: **9th May 2024**

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Sage is an ordinary girl and a werewolf. When her friend is murdered, she is determined to help warlock investigator Oren Rinallis, and find the killer. Unless she and Oren kill each other first . . .

- The first in a stunning YA crime fantasy series – each title standalone – from outstanding new talent **Amie Jordan**. Book 2 to come in May 2025.
- Think slow-burn romance, twisty crime, and heart-warming friendship in a unique urban romantasy setting under the city of Manchester – *Rivers of London* meets Cassandra Clare.
- A major launch and super-lead title for Chicken House; razor-sharp PR and marketing campaign to come.

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BOOK 2



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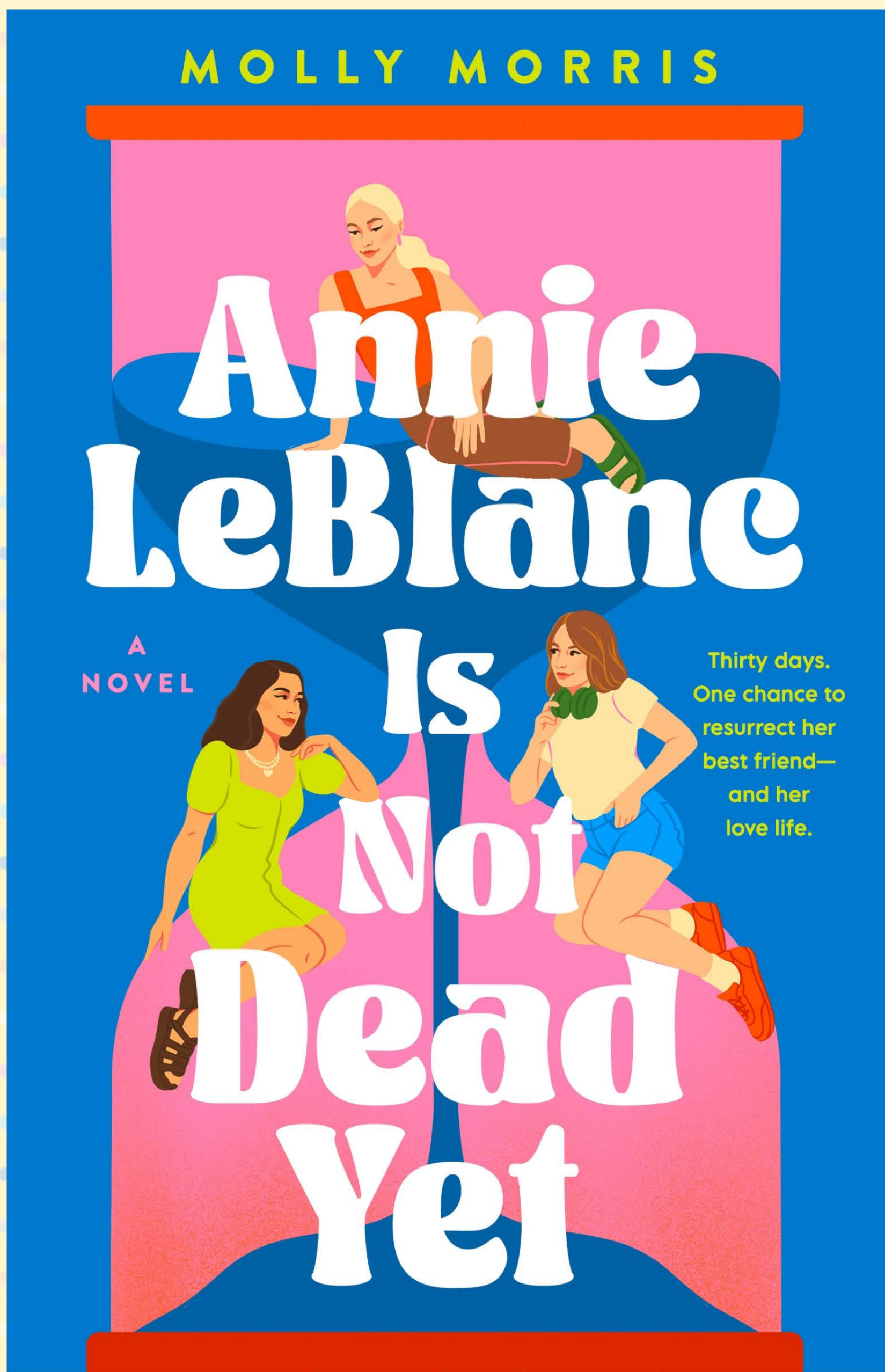
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Sage and Oren are sent to deescalate the rising tensions in the Jura Mountains. The witches and werewolves that live either side of the river are always at each other's throats. But after dealing with murder, this case feels tame – punishment for their undeniable connection that so irritates the captain. They do expect warring witches and werewolves, but what neither of them expect to stumble across are traces of old magic, lost souls, and fog that kills all it touches.

- Book 2 in the gripping new YA crime fantasy series by outstanding new talent, **Amie Jordan**.
- Book 3 to come in 2026.
- Think slow-burn romance, twisty crime, and heart-warming friendship set this time in the French mountains.

YA



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Ages 14+

Pub date: 4th July
2024

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Every ten years in Wil's home town of Lennon, California, one person is brought back to life for thirty days. Wil brings back her ex-best friend Annie LeBlanc. Wil's ecstatic – who cares that Annie stopped speaking to her before she died? Discovering a loophole that means Annie can stay alive, Wil has one summer to make things work. But first, Wil might have to face some difficult truths about their past friendship.

- An unforgettable new contemporary story from major YA talent and author of *This is Not the End*, **Molly Morris**.
- Addressing healthy friendships, LGBT+ relationships and friendship break-ups in a clever, witty and relatable way.
- Perfect for fans of contemporary YA with a speculative edge such as *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*.

THE ISLAND OF INFLUENCERS

BY T.M. TURNER



COVER
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SOON

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Ages 14+

Pub date: 13th Feb
2025

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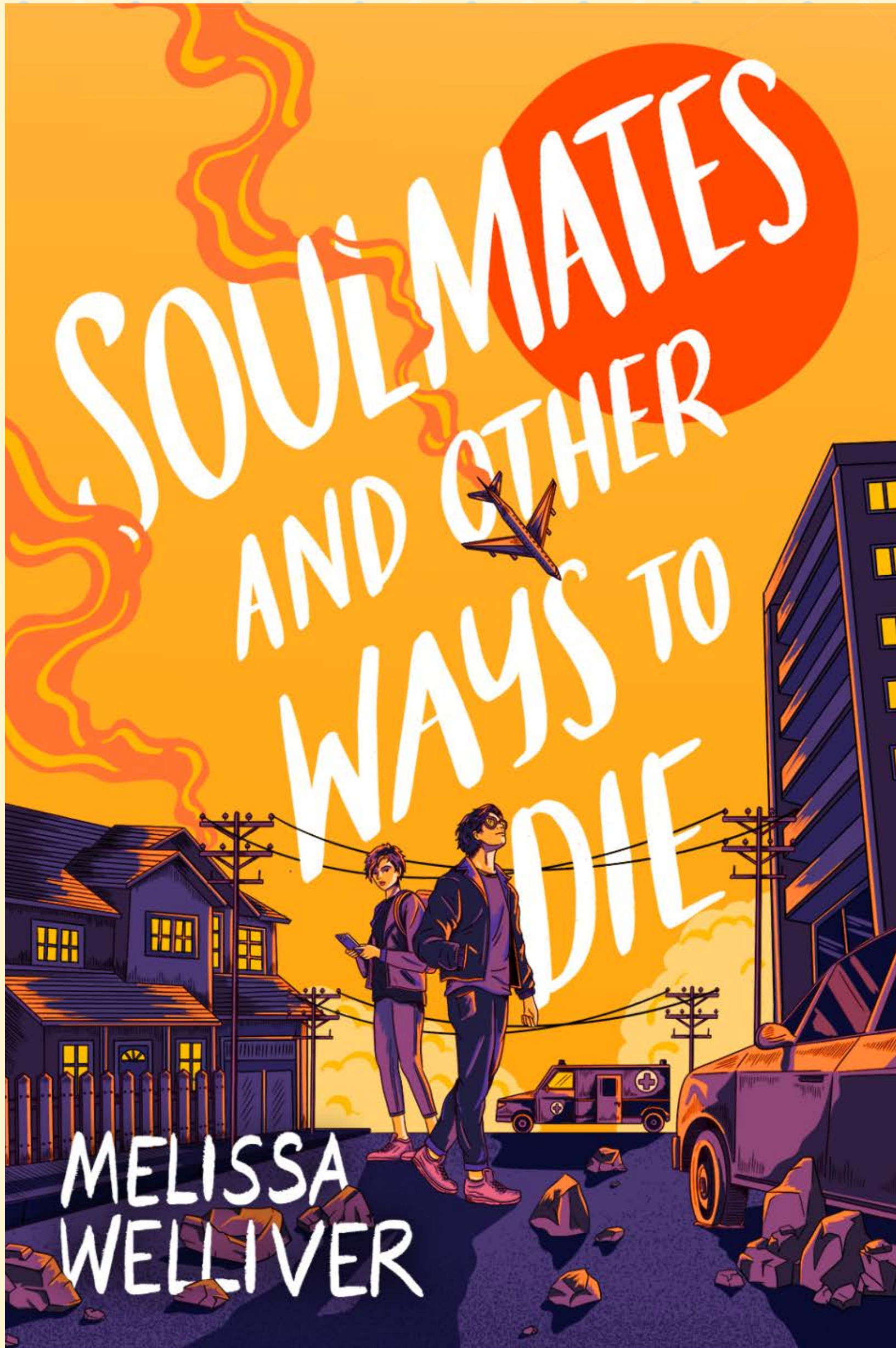
Harper wants to be an influencer. Badly. But when her cousin and idol, Bellee is the latest victim in a string of influencer kidnappings, Harper discovers the kidnappings are fake – victims are put on an island for a new reality show. *The Island of Influencers* pits the greatest internet talents against each other, and Harper is added on at the last minute. With the constant pressure of a live audience judging their every move, it's not long before cracks begin to appear in the influencers' shiny veneers.

- The thrilling contemporary debut novel from Guppy Open Submission shortlistee **T. M. Turner**, who has experience working for social media stars!
- A *Hunger Games* concept exploring the negatives and positives of internet culture and idol worship. Funny, dramatic and sometimes dark, perfect for those who love a *Black Mirror* twist. .
- Highly relatable for a YA market. Love them or loathe them, influencers are at the forefront of many young peoples' internet experiences.



RECENT YOUNG ADULT

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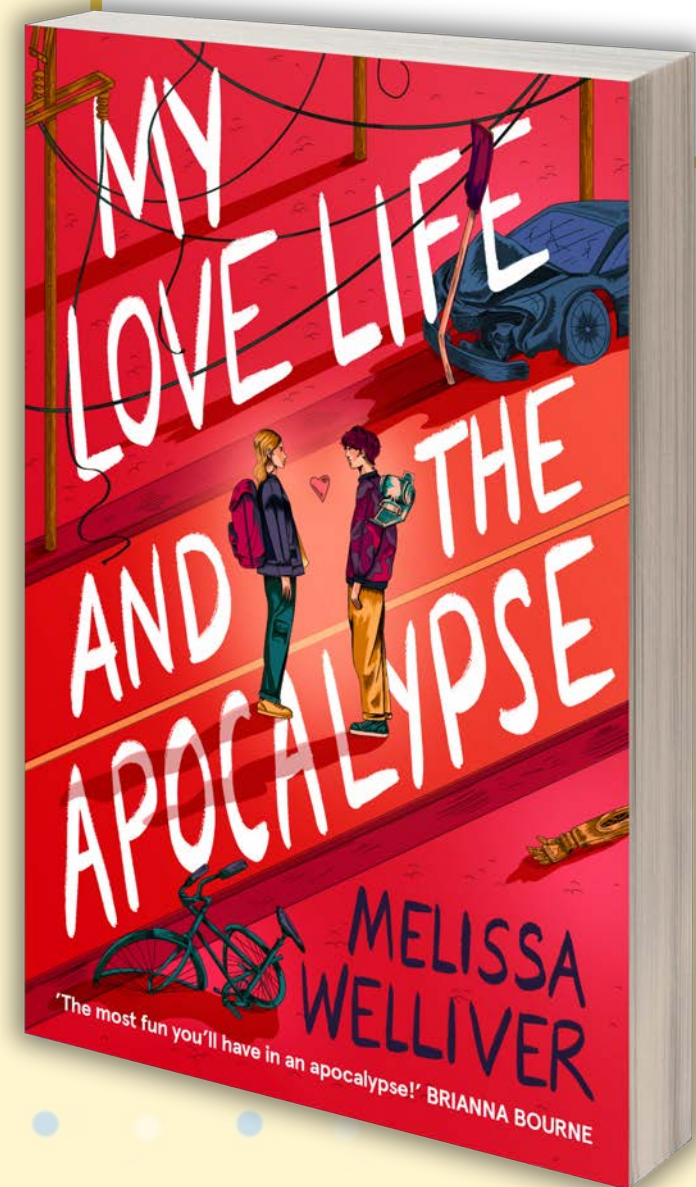
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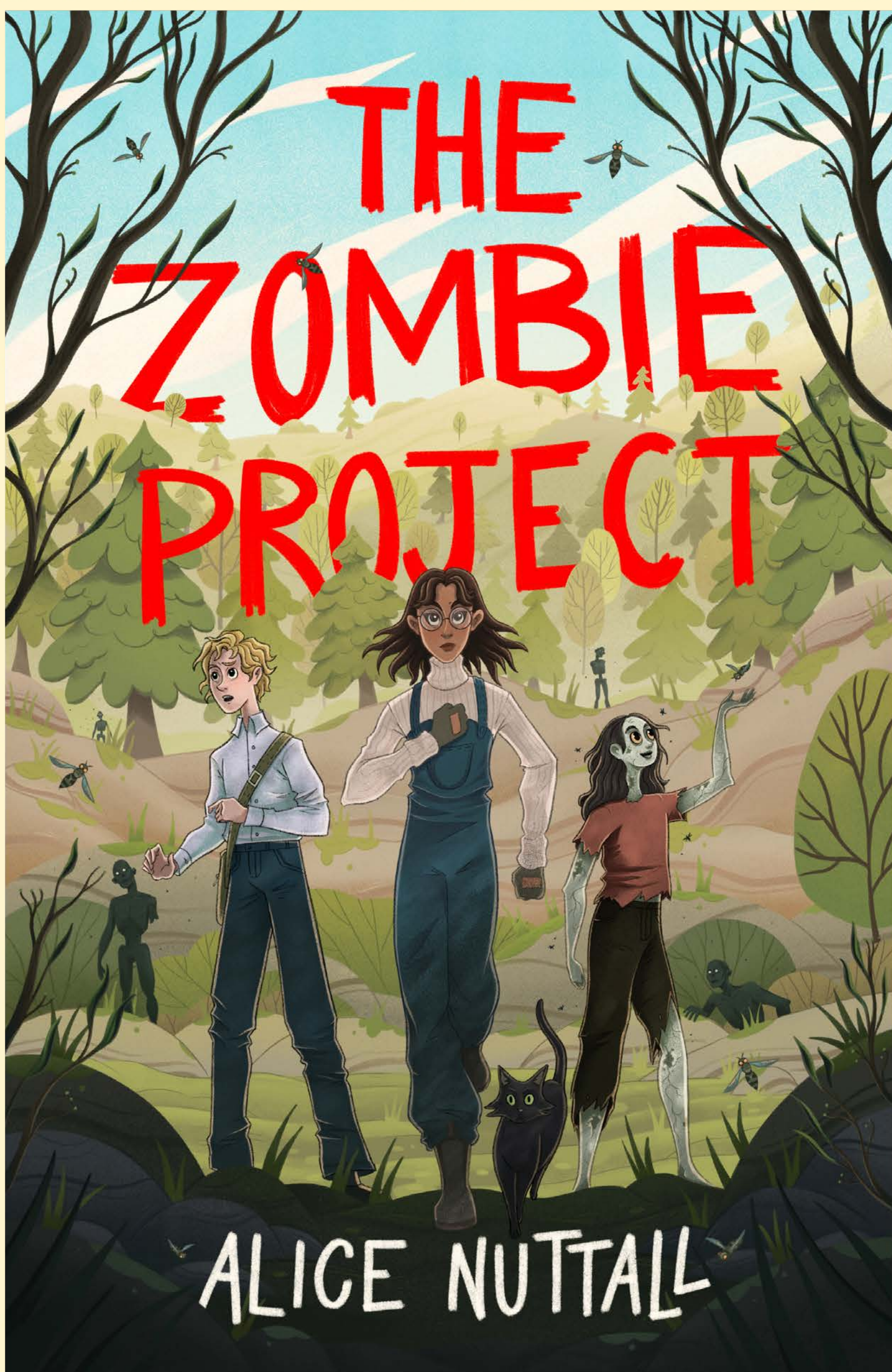
Control freak Zoe is determined to stay single in a society where soulmates are real. KinTwins. When your KinTwin hurts, you hurt. If they die, you die. When she matches with Milo Spencer, a boy who lives for recreational danger, Zoe strives to break their bond.

- A brand-new high-concept speculative romance story from **Melissa Welliver**, author of *My Love Life and the Apocalypse*.
- A sure-fire TikTok sensation.
- An enemies-to-lovers soulmate story; perfect for fans of *They Both Die at the End*.



NEW MIDDLE GRADE

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Ages 9+

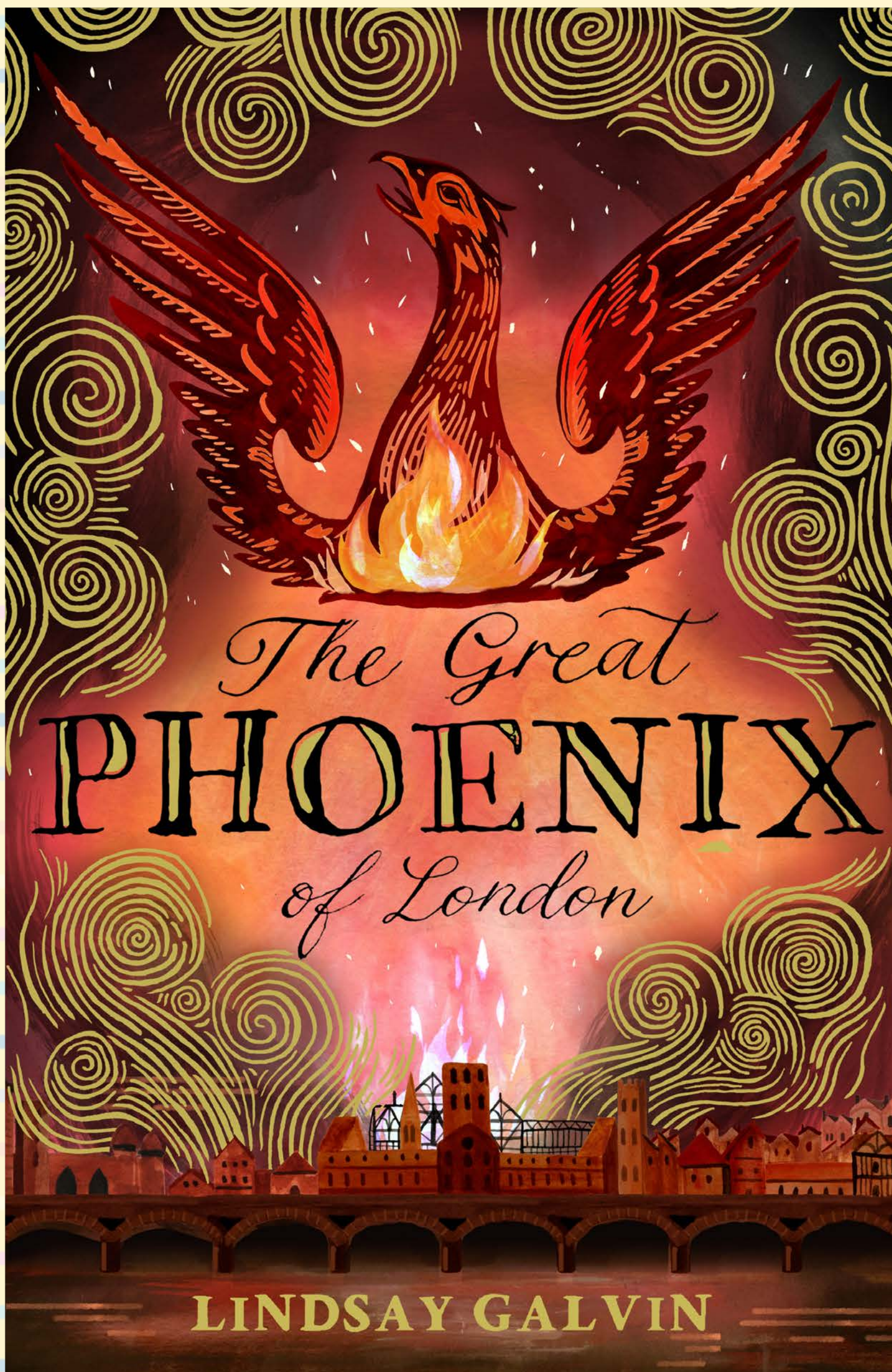
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When the bees die out, a new pollinator arrives. Deathflies help grow crops but there's a nasty side effect . . . zombies. Laying their eggs in people, deathflies turn people into dangerous zombies when they die. But the world must adapt or there won't be enough to eat. Can Merian and her scientist mum convince others to save the zombies? Or will the big corporation succeed in convincing people to kill them? And just what does it mean when a docile zombie shows up?

- The action-packed debut novel of MSLexia Children's and YA 2023 winner, **Alice Nuttall**.
- An original idea that turns the usual zombie story on its head – save the zombies, don't kill them!
- With environmental themes packaged alongside age-appropriate horror and scares, this is the perfect book for upper-middle-grade fans ready for a meaningful zombie story.



£7.99

Ages **9+**

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September 2024

Word count: **40k**

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1666. When 11-year-old bookish Gil finds a strange 'heaven stone' by the Thames, he never thought it would hatch. Or that so soon after the Great Plague, a small fire in London would become a deadly inferno.

Soon Gil, his phoenix, and his spiky friend Magda must cross the burning city, avoid a terrifying mob, and find a place where they can all be safe.

- The fourth middle-grade historical adventure by hugely successful and critically acclaimed **Lindsay Galvin**.
- A unique spin on the infamous tragedy with Galvin's original mix of mythology, history and science.
- The Great Fire of London is a favourite National Curriculum teaching topic.
- A touching animal friendship at the heart of the story.



RECENT MIDDLE GRADE

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BOOK 1

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Ages 9+

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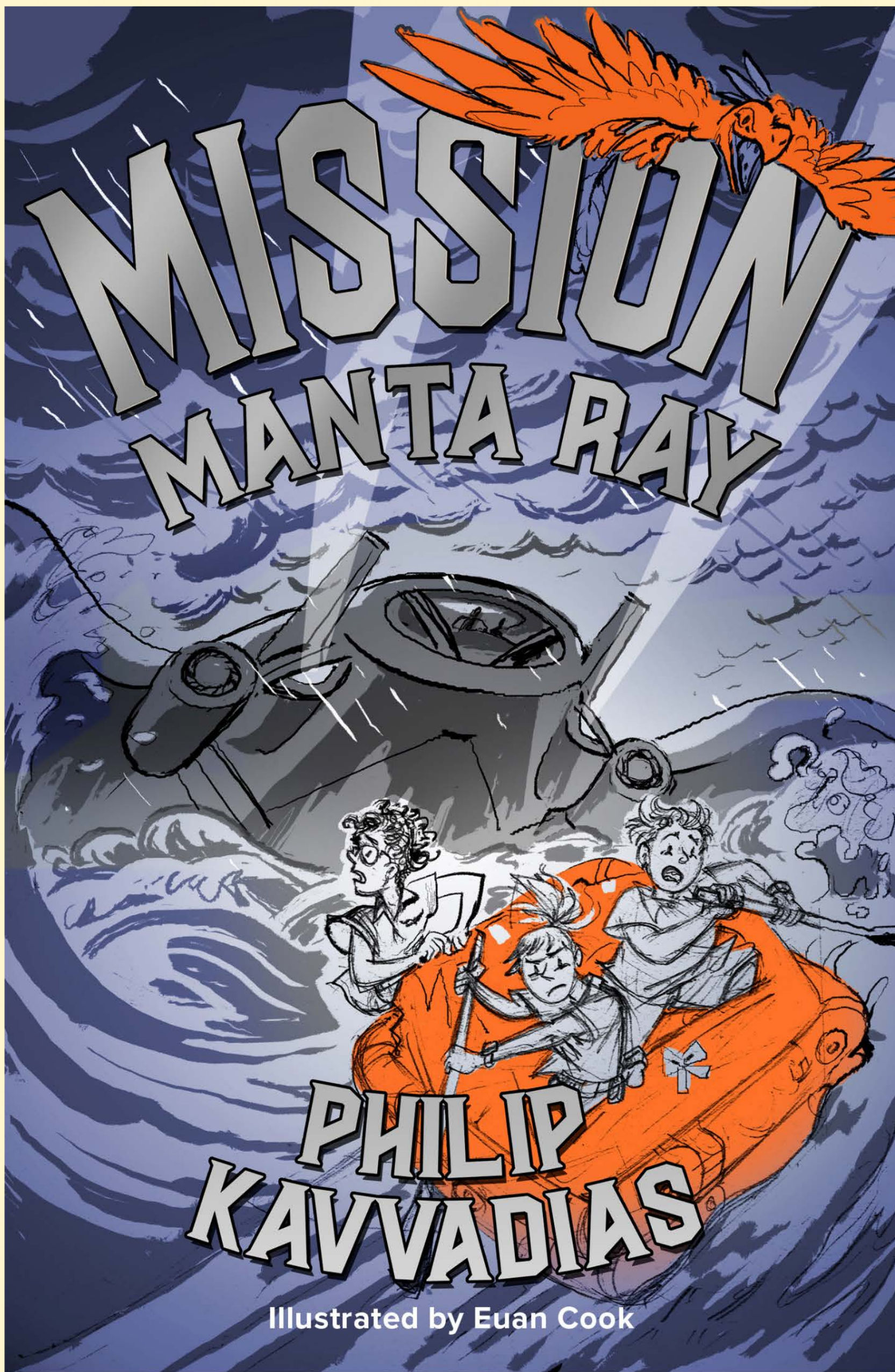
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Falling behind their classmates on a school trip to the Alps, Finn and Milo stumble upon an egg buried in ice. Later that night it hatches and a sixty-five million-year-old baby is born: Arty is a microraptor brought back from extinction. But keeping her safe proves harder. Wicked scientists will do anything to get their hands on her, and soon Finn and Milo must run for their lives...

- The first from **Philip Kavadias** in a thrilling new series of all-action environmental adventures – with added dinosaur friend Arty!
- A super-cool debut voice in middle grade; think *Jurassic Park* meets *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, with a dash of *Alex Rider*.
- Features brilliantly charming illustrations from Euan Cook throughout.

BOOK 2



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Ages 9+

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January 2025

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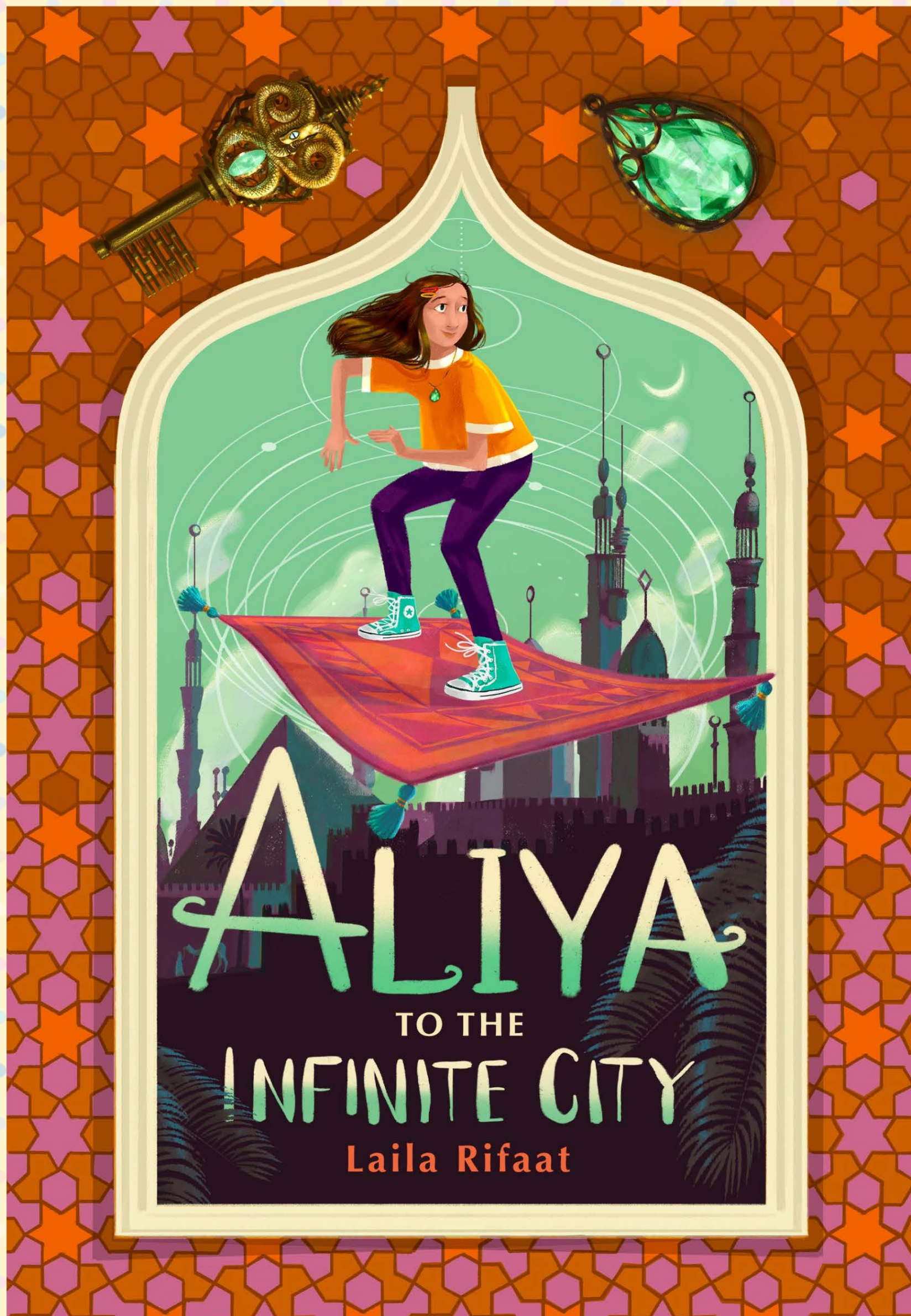
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Finn, Milo, and new girl, Tassi – together with Arti, the microraptor, are sent to investigate deep-sea disturbances. Soon they are plunged into danger when their research ship is torpedoed by a vast submersible shaped like a manta ray. Once again, the junior agents are face to face with an enemy that has bottomless ambition . . .

- The second in the all-action adventure series from **Philip Kavadias** – with added environmental themes.
- Features brilliantly charming illustrations from Euan Cook throughout.
- Praise for *Mission: Microraptor*: ‘Fast, funny and fabulous.’ **MAZ EVANS**

BOOK 1



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February 2024

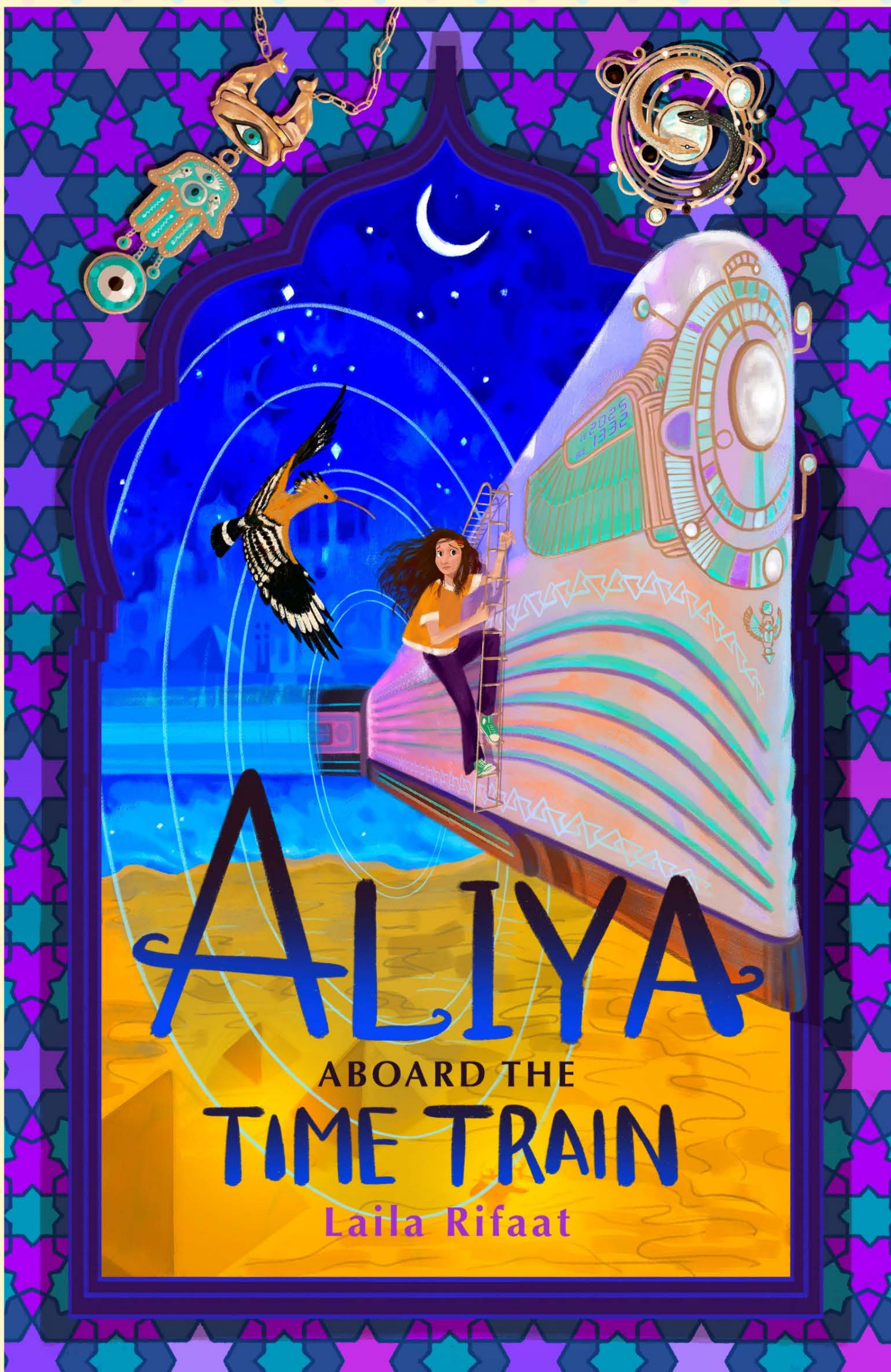
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(Insel Verlag), UK
Audio (Ulverscroft),
Vietnam (Waka)

A glittering birthday gift arrives for Aliya promising her greatest wish – to know her late parents, who were time-travellers from a parallel Egypt. But ruthless Dorian Dark will stop at nothing to snare Aliya’s secret inheritance . . .

- Chicken House’s lead middle-grade by **Laila Rifaat**; a sparkling magical debut, set in a fantastical Egypt.
- Shortlisted for the *Times*/Chicken House Children’s Fiction Competition.
- Recent bestsellers *Nura and the Immortal Palace* and *The Kingdom Over the Sea* show a current appetite for Middle Eastern-inspired fantasy.

BOOK 2



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Ages 9+

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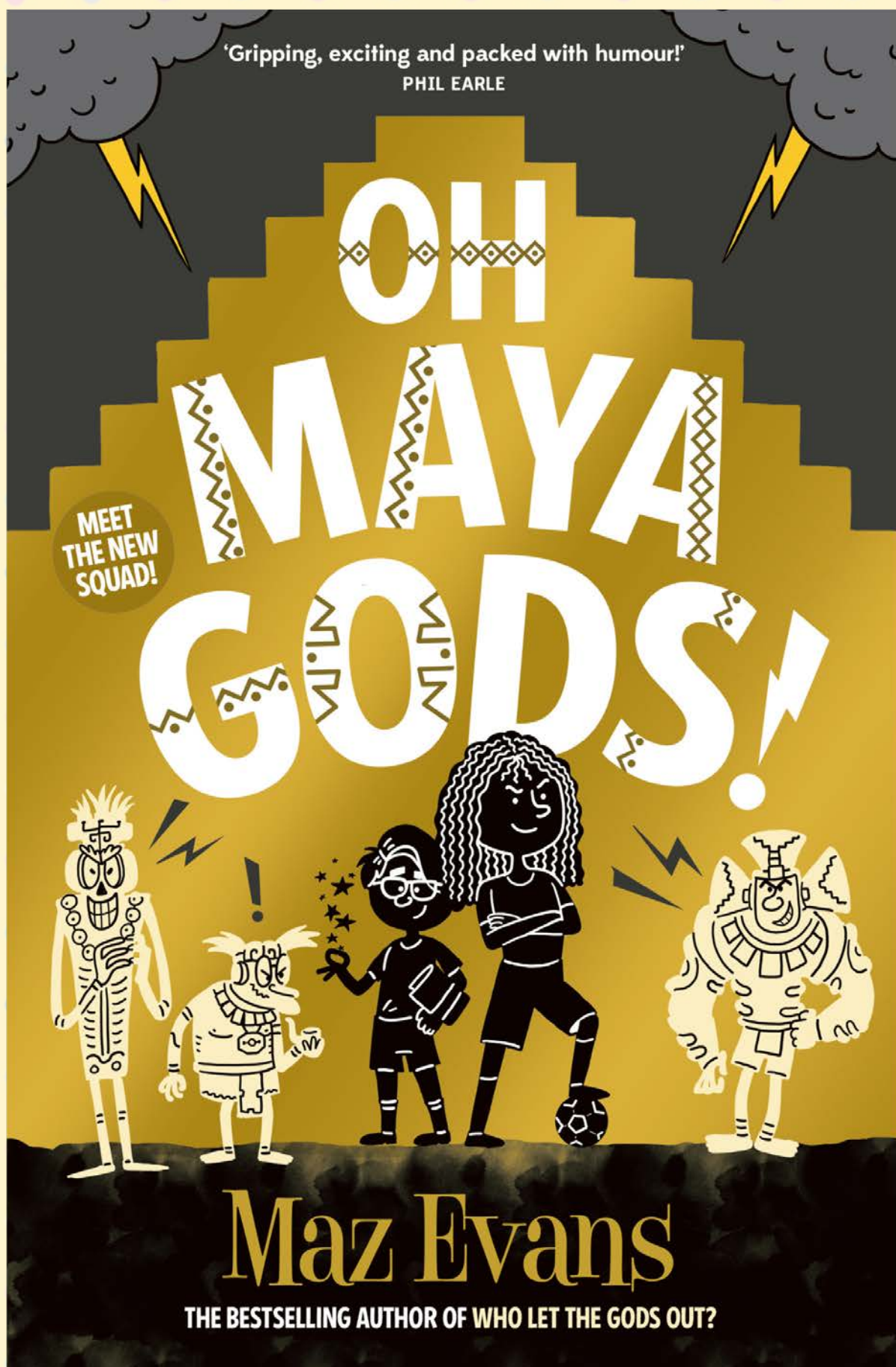
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(Waka)

When sinister magic threatens Aliya's world once more, she is sent away on a school trip for her own safety aboard the time-travelling Silver Express. But what is supposed to be an educational journey through Egyptian history becomes a deadly race to save it from evil time-twister and master of disguise, Dorian Darke.

- Sequel to the sparkling *Aliya to the Infinite City*, which was shortlisted for the *Times*/Chicken House Children's Competition 2021.
- A Middle Eastern-inspired fantasy, set in a parallel Egypt.



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Ages 9+

Pub date: 28th

September 2023

Word count: 60k

BOOK 1

Meet the brand-new Gods Squad led by Vesper, the bossy, football-mad adopted daughter of Elliot Hooper. Along with Virgo's son, Aster, she heads to ancient Meso-America to save the world from Mayan immortals messing with astronomy, chocolate and human sacrifice ...

- Superstar author **Maz Evans'** epic new adventure is a welcome return to the bestselling world of the *Who Let the Gods Out?* series.
- In this new trilogy, each novel focuses on a different group of mythical villains inadvertently freed from captivity.

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BOOK 2

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Ages 9+

Pub date: 11th April 2024

Word count: 60k

The brand-new Gods Squad is back! Seth, the Egyptian God of War, has stolen the Sun God. Vesper and Aster must save the world again, but enemies old and new are gathering . . .





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September 2024

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Vesper and Aster need Excalibur to save the world. At the top of Glastonbury Tor, they find an elevator down to the enchanted realm of Camelot, where Arthur has been waiting for this day. The elderly King and his loyal knights snap to attention – at last they have a quest! But Excalibur will only serve its chosen master. What would anyone do with such power?

- The third and final instalment in the hilarious bestselling series.
- Over half a million copies of Maz's books sold.
- Ties in neatly with KS2 curriculum as readers learn about mythology and Arthurian legend.
- Full of epic adventure and big laughs!

Winner of The *Times*/Chicken House Competition 2020
Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2023

MG

Book 1

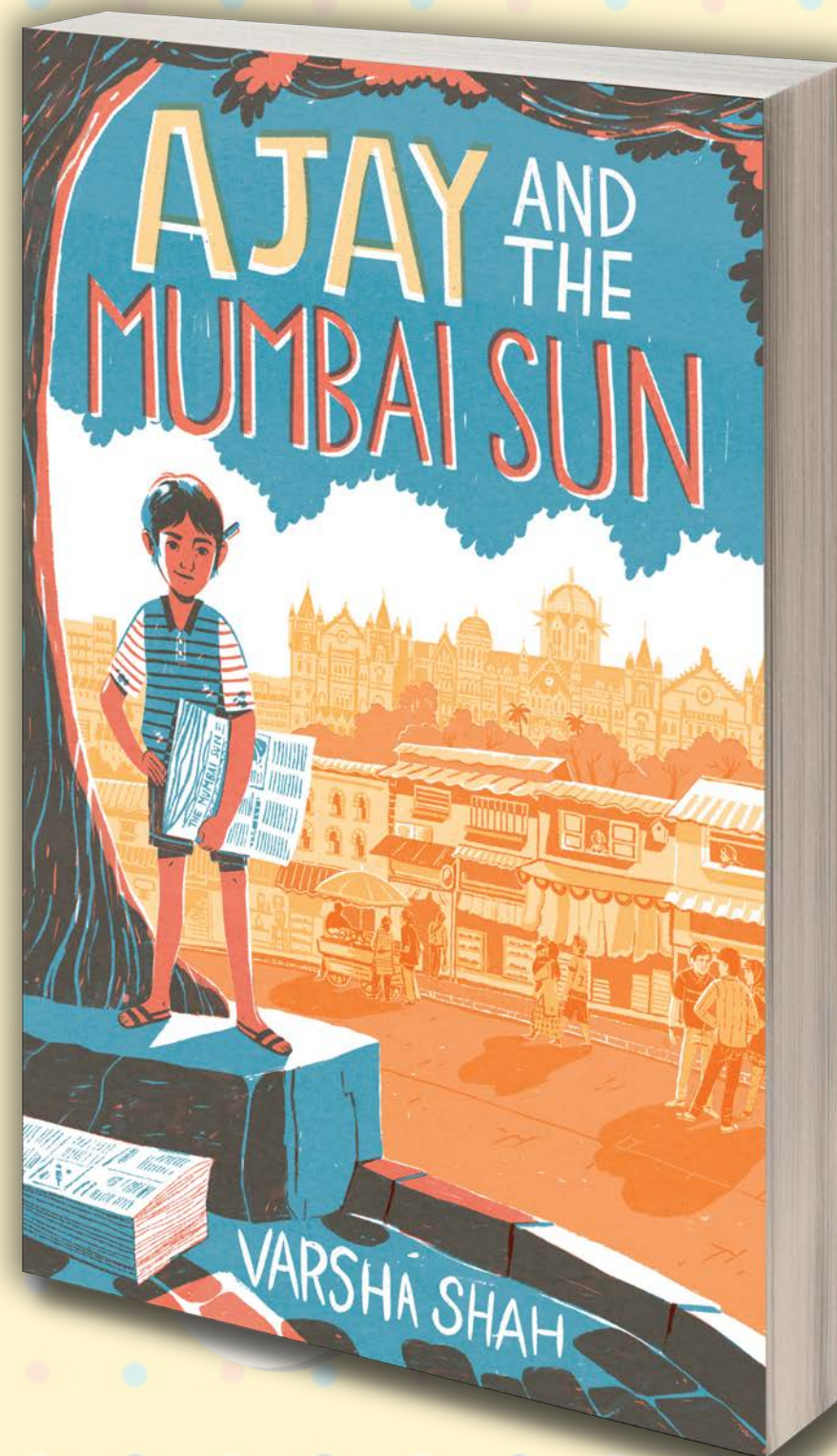
Illustrated by Sònia Albert

£7.99, Ages 9+, Pub date: 7th April 2022, Word count: 42k

Rights: World, including film rights.

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Ajay is a Mumbai railway kid, a newspaper seller, but his great dream is to be a journalist. His dream comes true when he and a gang of friends create their own newspaper – but what is the cost of uncovering the truth?



Book 2

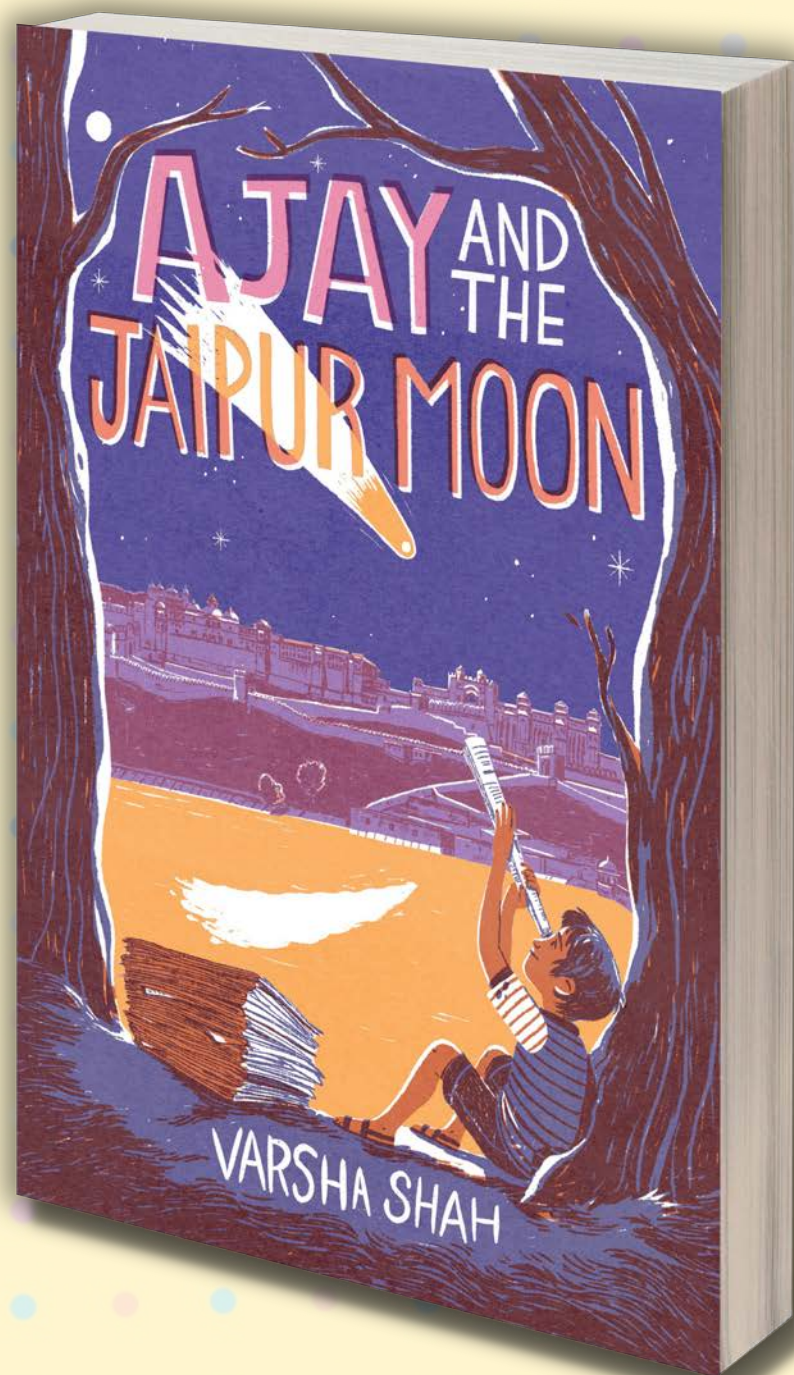
Ajay's wish has come true – he's a news reporter for the paper he and his friends set up, The Mumbai Sun. But money is tight, so when he learns of a cash prize for the first person to find a crashed meteor, the race is on . . .

£7.99, Ages 9+, Pub date: 13th April 2023, Word count: 40k

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Rights sold: World English Audio (W.F Howes)

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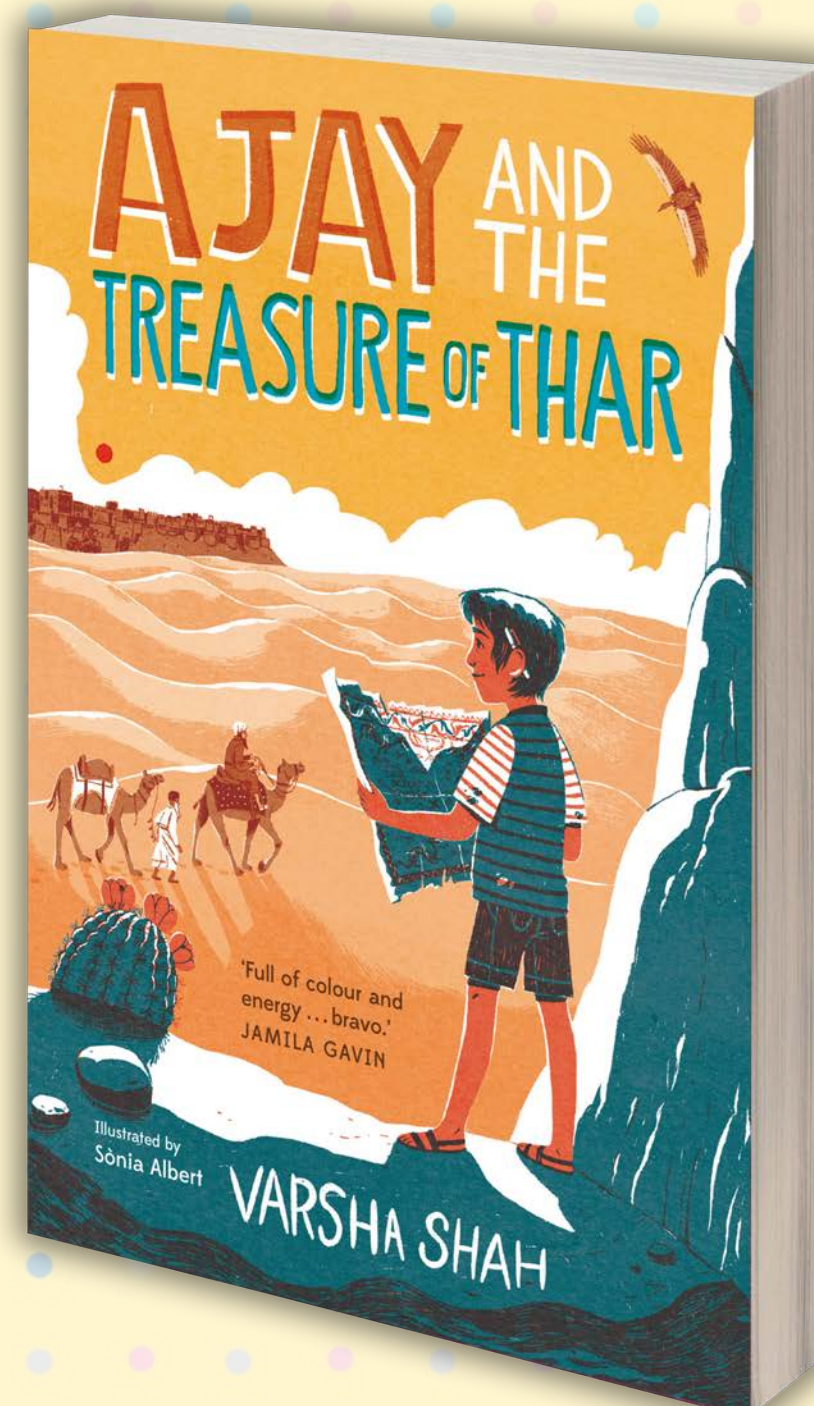
When eight-year-old Kai – custodian of a legendary treasure map – asks the Mumbai Sun team for help, Ajay knows he has landed on his next story. The team is propelled into a journey through the Blue City of Jodhpur, to the temples of Ranakpur, and the desert city of Jaisalmer. But a dastardly billionaire treasure hunter has heard of the map too . .

£7.99, Ages 9+, Pub date: 6th June 2024, Word count: 40k

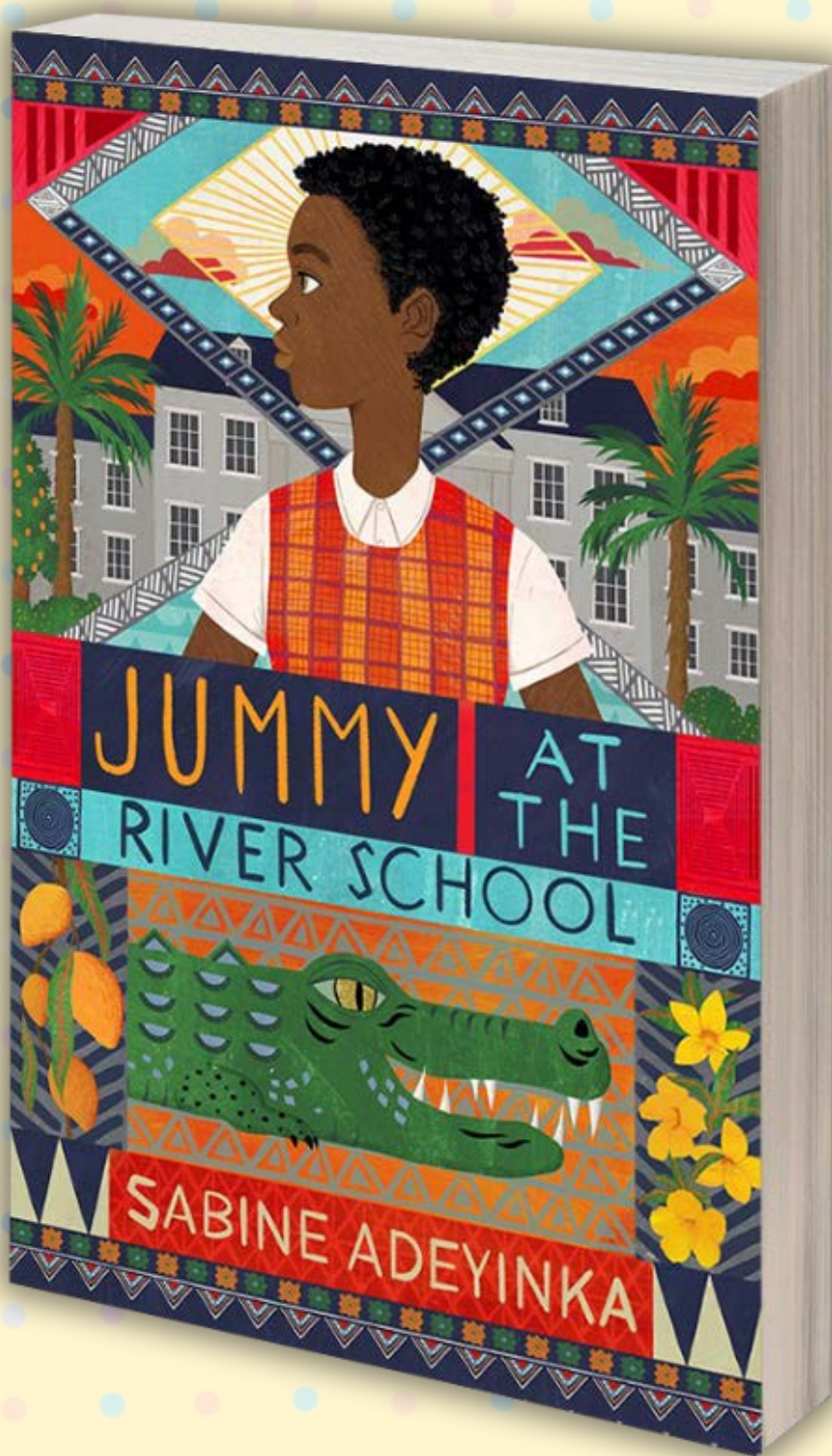
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Book 3



Book 1



£7.99, Ages 9+, Pub date: 6th January 2022, Word count: 50k

Rights: World, including film rights.

Rights sold: World English Audio (Audible), Nigeria (Masobe Books)

Jummy has won a place at the River School, the finest girls' boarding school in Southern Nigeria. It's everything she could wish for, until her less fortunate best friend from home, Caro, arrives unexpectedly at the school ... to work, not to learn.

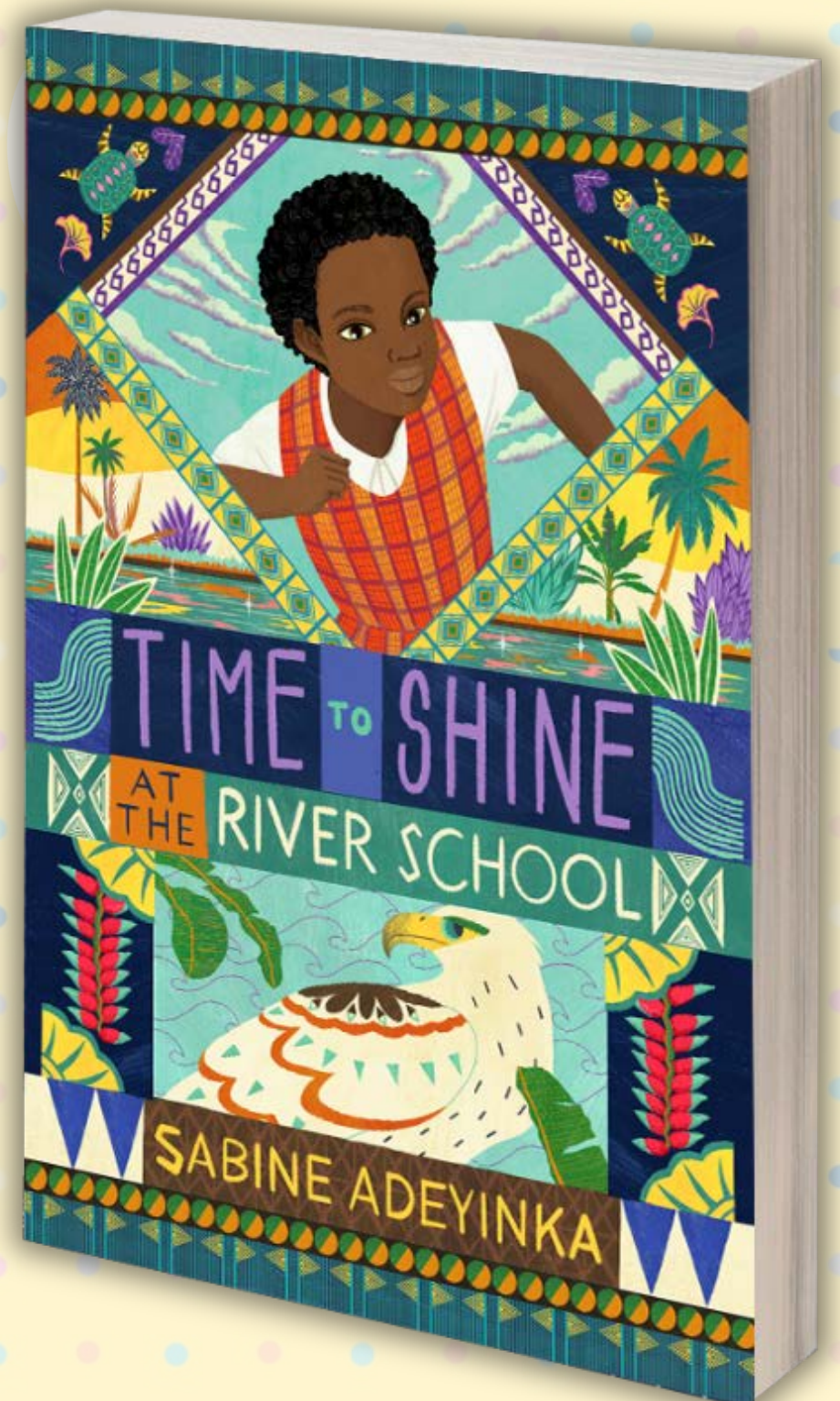
Book 2

Welcome to a new term at the River School! Best friends Jummy and Caro are attending together and they're thrilled to discover that they both get to work on Nile House's agricultural project. But the Shine-Shine River is running low and Jummy will have to step up if she wants to save it ...

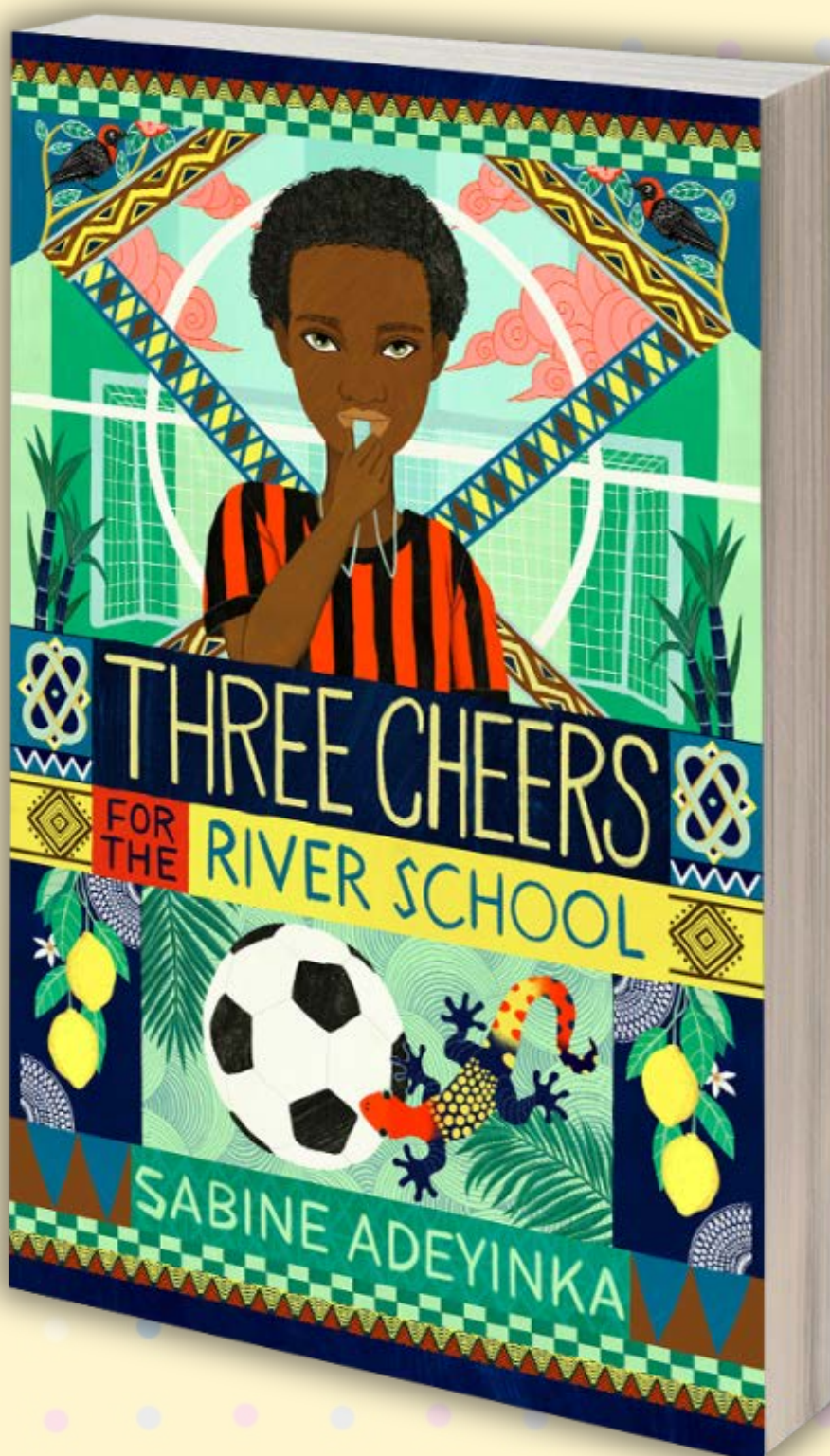
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Book 3



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It's a new school year and Jummy is looking forward to playing football – but then the new head teacher decides to ban it! Instead, the girls must host an inter-school music festival that the rival boys' school is likely to win. With River School pride at stake, Jummy and her team must come up with a new game plan – and fast.



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Ages 9+

**Pub date: 9th May
2024**

Word count: 40k

Rights: World,
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Hiya! I'm Silvia, an ordinary kid just like you. At least, I was ordinary until I wound up in Ancient Rome as a demi-goddess. Yeah, that took me by surprise too. But seriously, travelling back in time is nothing compared to what's happening now: Medusa the gorgon wants her head back – and she's chosen me to find it!

- Packed full of Roman and Ancient Greek mythology – as you've never seen it before!
- A laugh-out-loud funny family caper full of excitement and heart: perfect for fans of *Loki*, *Horrible Histories* and *Who Let the Gods Out?*.
- **Marie Basting** takes readers on a second time-travel adventure – following the well-loved story of *My Family and Other Romans*.
- Perfect for ages 8 and up; sure to be a hit with KS2 readers, as Romans and Greeks are a staple on the curriculum.



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Ages 9+

Pub date: 4th January 2024

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(Ulverscroft), France

(Bayard)

While helping her sister in their grandpa's magical emporium, eleven-year-old Bramble Browning unearths a curious scarlet mask. A tingling in her fingers tells her to try it on. But it fits so well, she can't take it off ... And when she looks in the mirror, the face of a highwayman, Diamond Jack, stares back. It seems Bramble has been chosen for a mission. Time to stand and deliver!

- A thrilling highway-girl adventure with a magical twist from the brilliantly named **Anna Rainbow**.
- The first in a fun, feminist, all-action series for ages 8–11.
- A deliciously familiar but wholly original mash-up of classic tales: shades of *The Red Shoes*, *The Three Musketeers* and *Robin Hood*.



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Ages 8+

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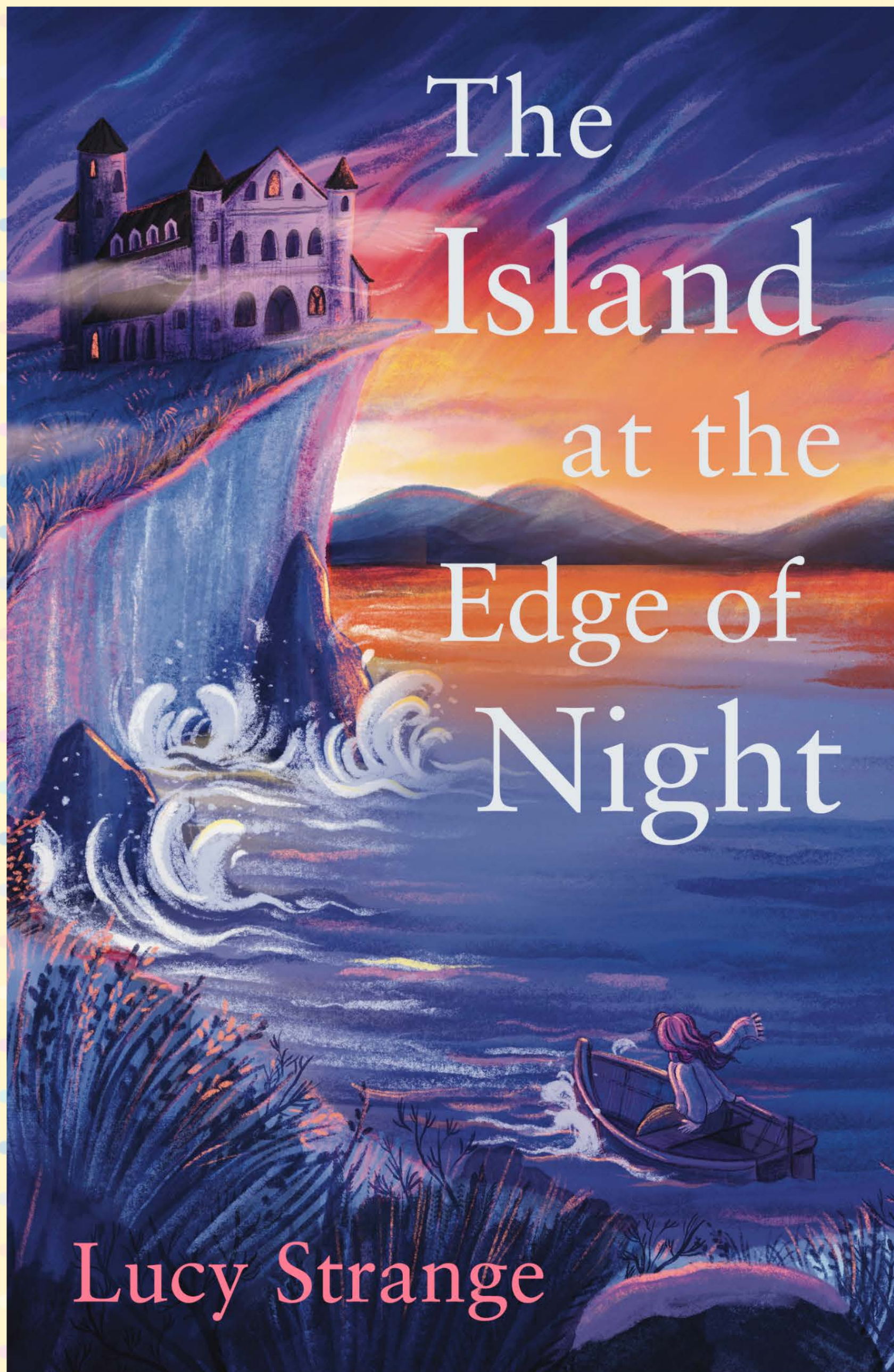
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Audio World (Bolinda), Taiwan (Delight Culture & Publishing)

Mara lives with her sick father in a drought-stricken village where rain comes at a price controlled by powerful cloud-makers. Without enough water, the village crops, animals and people will continue to suffer. To save them, Mara chooses to do something wrong – stealing from those who will do anything to protect their cruel trade.

- Set in a unique magical world, where clouds are made, bought, and sold – for fans of Diana Wynne Jones with an eco twist.
- Features a courageous female protagonist and explores important themes such as climate change, animal rights and inequality in an engaging child-friendly and accessible way.



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Ages **9+**

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Word count: **50k**

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Abandoned at a boarding school on a wild and remote island, Faye Fitzgerald discovers that she and the other pupils have been sent there for doing something wicked. But what is it that Faye has done? She might be bold enough to tackle the sinister mysteries of the island, but has she the courage to face the secrets deep within herself?

- A stunning new tale from the Queen of Gothic, **Lucy Strange** – author of *The Secret of Nightingale Wood*, *Sisters of the Lost Marsh* and the Waterstones Prize-shortlisted *Our Castle by the Sea*.
- A masterful blend of thrilling Gothic mystery, a touch of magical realism and stunning writing, all wrapped up in a twisty-turny plot.
- Perfect for fans of Frances Hardinge and Emma Carroll.



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