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Robin Scott-Elliot has been a sports journalist for over 25 years with the BBC, ITV, the Sunday Times, the Independent and 'i', covering every sport you can think of and a few you probably can't. The highlight was the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics; the lowlight turning up at the wrong stadium to cover Scotland's football team.

Finding Treasure Island will be his fourth historical-fiction novel after *The Tzar's Curious Runaways*, *The Acrobats of Agra* and *Hide and Seek*.

He lives in Helensburgh with his wife and two daughters, and a dog, a cat, a rabbit and a guinea pig.

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Finding Treasure Island | Robin Scott-Elliot

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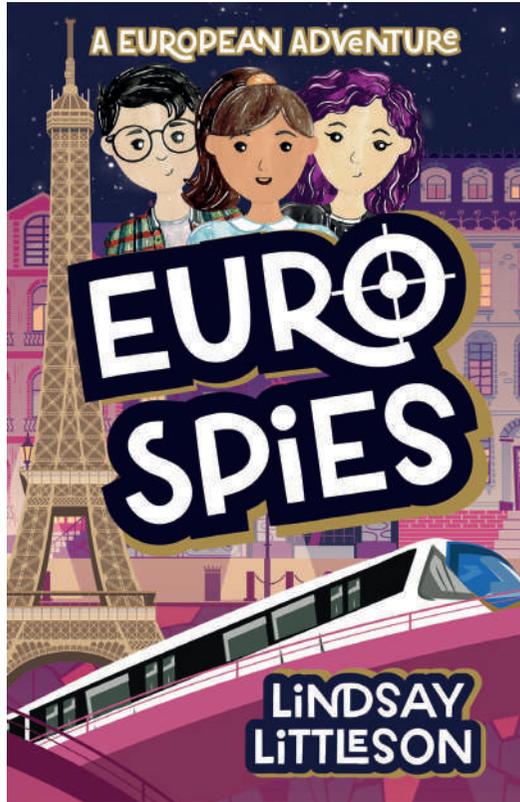
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COULD YOU BE A EURO SPY?

LINDSAY LITTLESON

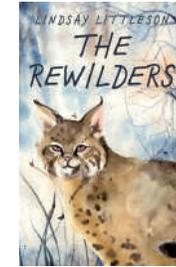
Samia is thrilled to win a sight-seeing holiday to Europe, but when shots are fired in the middle of the night on the Euro Metro, it becomes clear that this is no ordinary school trip.

Samia, and her fellow prize-winners, Ava and Frankie, are catapulted into a world of art, espionage, and terrible danger, as they discover the trip is being used as cover for a spying mission.

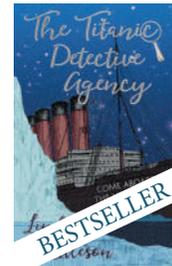
Can the children solve the fiendish clues hidden on famous European landmarks and avoid the scary strangers who are stalking their every move as they help Miss Watson from MI6?



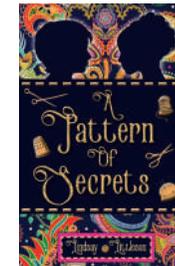
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Lindsay Littleton is a bestselling, prize-winning author. She won the Kelpies Prize for her first children's novel *The Mixed-Up Summer of Lily McLean*, (Floris, 2014). *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns* (Floris, 2019) was nominated for the 2020 CILIP Carnegie Medal. Her best-selling *The Titanic Detective Agency* (Cranachan, 2019) regularly tops the Amazon charts in its category. *The Rewilders* (Cranachan, 2022) and *Euro Spies* (Cranachan 2023) are Lindsay's seventh and eighth children's novels respectively.

Lindsay lives with her partner Ian and their very noisy cat in a small village near Glasgow.

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Euro Spies | Lindsay Littleton

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 Europe'
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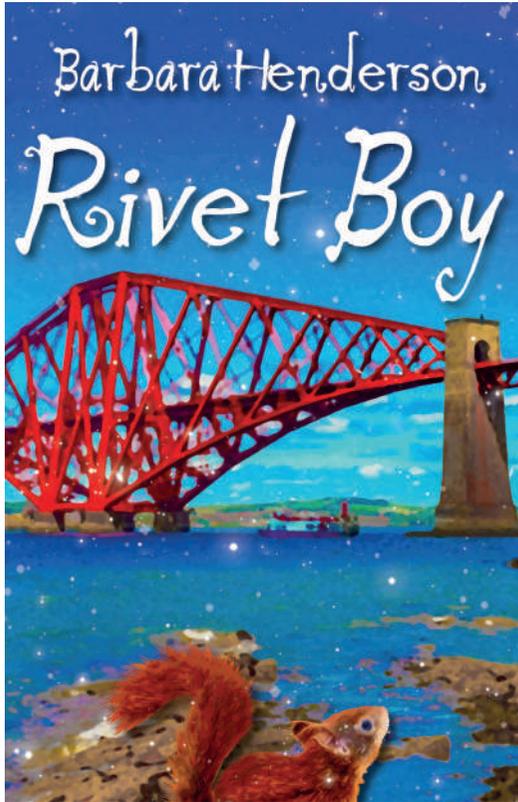
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 AGAINST THE CLOCK!

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Whatever you do, don't look down...

When 12-year-old John Nicol gets a job at the Forth Bridge construction site, he knows it's dangerous. Two boys have already fallen from the bridge into the Forth below. But John has no choice—with his father gone, he must provide an income for his family—even if he is terrified of heights.

John finds comfort in the new Carnegie library, his friend Cora and his squirrel companion, Rusty.

But when he is sent to work in Cain Murdoch's Rivet Gang, John must find the courage to climb, to face his fears, and to stand up to his evil boss.



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Barbara Henderson

Inverness-based Barbara Henderson is the author of historical novels *Fir for Luck*, *Punch*, *Black Water*, *The Siege of Caerlaverock* and *The Chessmen Thief* as well as the eco-thriller *Wilderness Wars*.

The Siege of Caerlaverock won the Historical Association's Young Quills Award for the best children's historical fiction in 2021 and *The Chessmen Thief* was shortlisted in 2022.

Barbara shares her home with one teenage son, one long-suffering husband and a scruffy Schnauzer called Merry.

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Rivet Boy | Barbara Henderson

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 £7.99

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Children's Fiction 8-12
 Historical Fiction
 Bridges/Construction

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The story of one boy's role in the building of the iconic Forth Rail Bridge—Scotland's greatest man-made wonder—in 1889.

Forth Bridge Construction

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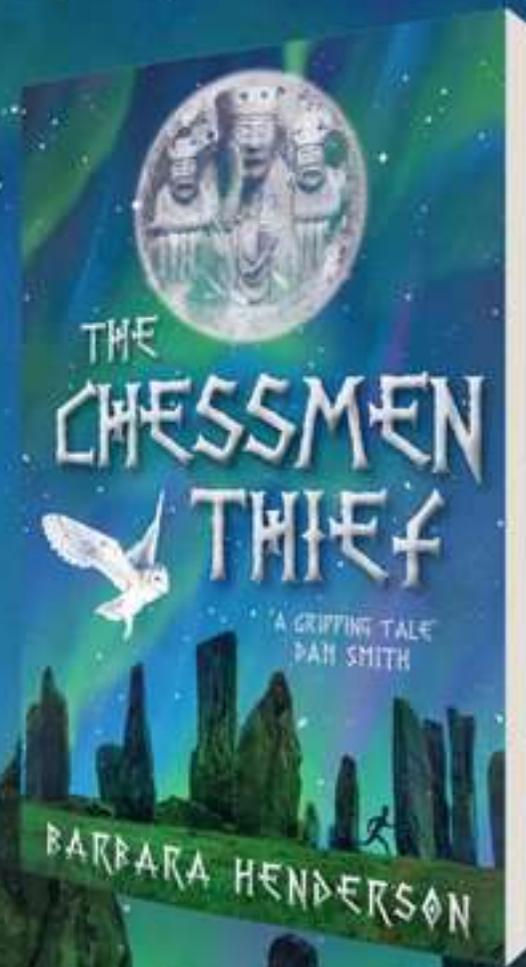


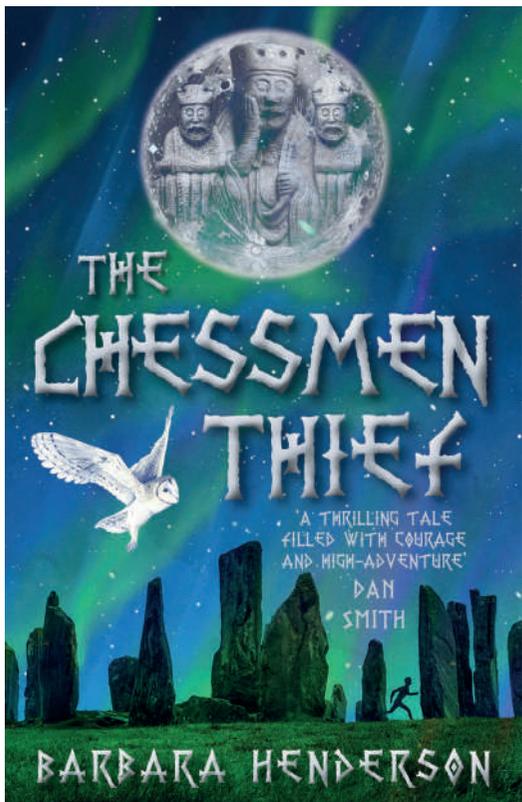
Winner

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for Historical Fiction for
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The Chessmen Thief | Barbara Henderson

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WIN. LOSE. SURVIVE.

*I was the boy with a plan.
Now I am the boy with nothing.*

From the moment 12-year-old Kylan hatches a plan to escape from his Norse captors, and return to Scotland to find his mother, his life becomes a dangerous game.

The precious Lewis Chessmen pieces—which he helped carve—hold the key to his freedom, but he will need all his courage and wit to triumph against Sven Asleifsson, the cruellest Viking in the realm.

One false move could cost him his life.

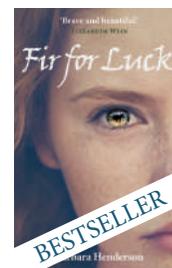
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Scottish Historical
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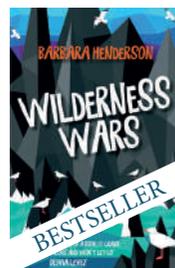
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BARBARA HENDERSON

Barbara Henderson is the Inverness-based author of the critically acclaimed historical children's novel *Fir for Luck*, and the historical smuggling novella, *Black Water*, also set in Dumfries and featuring Robert Burns. Barbara is known for her energetic, interactive school events and author visits.

She splits her time between writing and teaching Drama to young people. Her house is home to one husband, three teenagers, a dog and a crazy collection of puppets.

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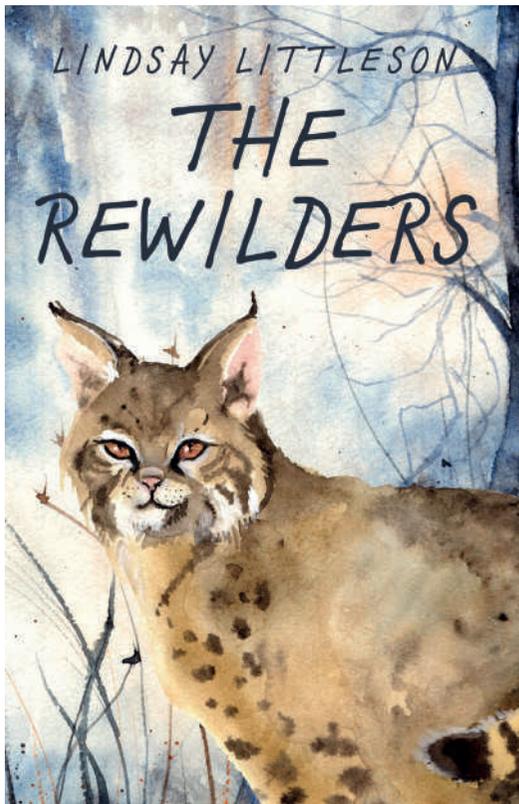
The Lewis Chessmen

Action & Adventure

Chess

Viking Scotland

Family & Morality



The Rewilders | Lindsay Littleson

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3rd March 2022
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B-format 198mm x 129mm

Esme is annoyed and braced for boredom when she's sent to stay with her gran for the weekend, until she discovers a terrible mistake. Cora, the abandoned kitten Gran found on the Rothiecraig Estate, is in fact a wild lynx kit and she is growing—fast!

Suddenly, Esme finds herself on a dangerous mission to rewild Cora, along with Callum Docherty for company, the school's 'bad boy', and Shug, the worst guard dog in the world.

The situation takes a terrifying turn when the children pitch their tents on a bleak Highland moor and hear wolves howling outside...

Children's Fiction 8-12
Contemporary
Environment/Animals

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'WE ARE FACING NOTHING LESS THAN THE COLLAPSE OF OUR LIVING WORLD, THE EVERYTHING WE RELY ON FOR EVERY ELEMENT OF THE LIVES WE LEAD. WE MUST REWILD THE WORLD.'

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH



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Action & Adventure

Animals & Habitats

Bullying & Peer Pressure

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LINDSAY LITTLESON

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In 2015 her WW1 novel *Shell Hole* was shortlisted for the Dundee Great War Children's Book Prize.

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Hag Storm

Victoria Williamson

978-1-911279-91-4 £7.99

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THE WITCHES ARE GATHERING...

12-year-old Rab spends all of his time doing backbreaking work on his family's farm instead of attending school, but when he finds a hag stone in one of the fields, everything changes.

Looking through its circular hole, he sees witches gathering in a coming storm, and they've set their sights on his family.

Can Rab save his sisters from the clutches of the witches' coven before their Halloween ceremony in the old church?

Filled with mystery and magic, Hag Storm is a spooky, historical adventure with a supernatural twist.

Cover Illustration
Elise Carmichael

Children's Fiction 8-12
Fantasy / Witches

eBook available

WHAT WILL YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK THROUGH THE HAG STONE?

'Hugely relevant for today's generation, Victoria Williamson writes with a galloping pace packaged at every turn with extraordinary compassion, delivering an enjoyable and empathy-building reading experience Brilliantly written.'

BOOKS FOR TOPICS

Witches & Witchcraft

Historical Setting

Spooky Adventure

Mystery & Magic

Robert Burns

Tam o Shanter

VICTORIA WILLIAMSON

A lifelong storyteller and daydreamer, Victoria Williamson is a children's author and teacher.

Her previous novels, *The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle* (2018, Floris Books), and *The Boy with the Butterfly Mind* (2019, Floris Books) were based on her experiences of teaching children with diverse backgrounds and have been shortlisted for a number of awards.

Victoria divides her time between writing, visiting schools and speaking at festivals to encourage children of all ages to write their own stories and exercise their imaginations.

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Escape from Zombie High

Adam Bestwick & Chris Cady

No one ever went near Granite High Boarding School set deep within its dark forest estate. Once term had started and the giant iron gates were closed, no one entered, and no one left.

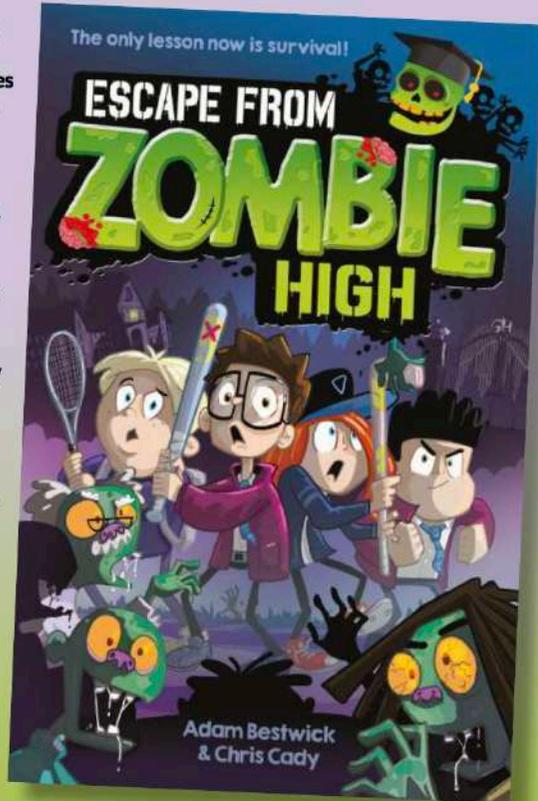
So, when Mackenzie Ryan knocks over some formula, zombifies his science teacher, Mr Smithers, and the entire staff room gets infected, too...no one is coming to the rescue. It's up to Mackenzie and his friends to save the day!

First lesson: Survival. Dump Smithers outside the science block (before he becomes conscious again) and make a plan!

Second lesson: Maths. Figure out how quickly one infected teacher can multiply and infect the others. And calculate how we can divide them, and more importantly, subtract them!

Third lesson: Geography and orienteering. Navigate the basements, attics, corridors and tunnels of Granite High to make it to the outside world.

Can the gang escape and get help before Smithers and the rest of the staff put 'kids' on the school menu? A classic kids-on-the-run game of cat and mouse where the only lesson now is survival!



RRP: £6.99
Age: 7+ years
Type: Chapter Book
Format: Paperback
Size: 152mm x 230mm
Pages: 188
ISBN: 978-1-78749-049-9
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Ruby Rotten



Graphic Novel



Ruby doesn't try to be rotten... not always anyway!

Follow the everyday adventures of a tooth fairy called Ruby Rotten who lives in a secret world inhabited by all types of fairies!

With long-suffering parents and a general do-gooder of an arch-nemesis, Ruby is always getting into mischief. Confident and determined, Ruby's strong sense of self will appeal to readers, as will her short-temperedness and hint of cheeky wickedness!

Bold illustrations will appeal to both voracious and reluctant readers as they experience life with Ruby and her pet dragon Spike!



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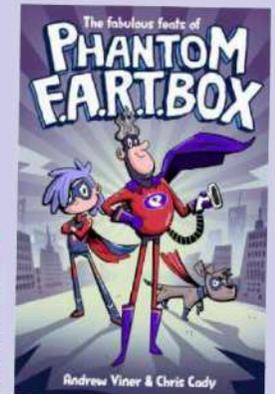


FINAL QUEST Graphic Novel

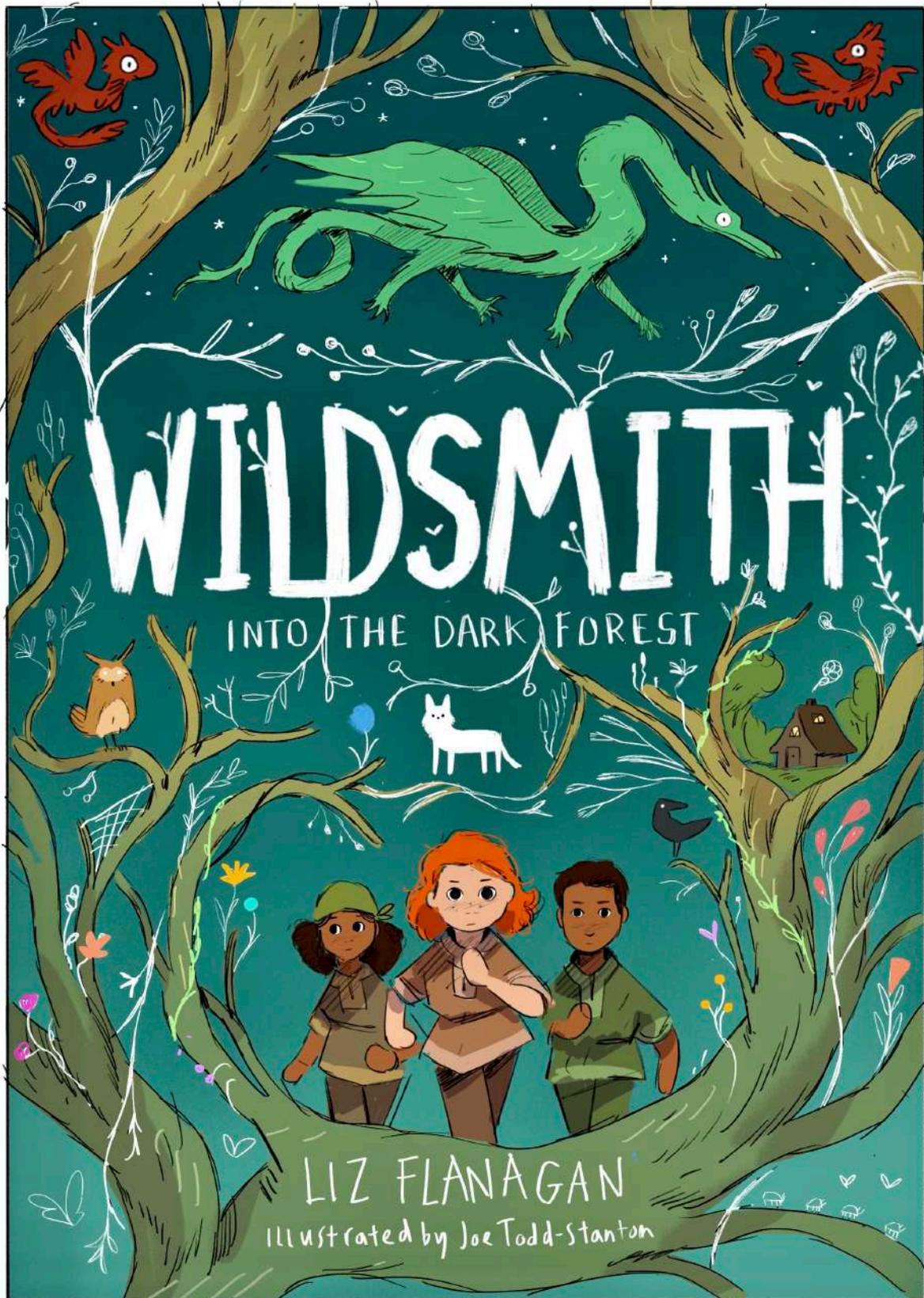
Pepper, a Halfling princess, has run away from her duties at home for adventure. She joins up with Gwen Ironboar, a barbarian dwarf, and a strange wizard called Rizwan, as they strive to become rich and famous!

PHANTOM F.A.R.T.BOX Chapter Book

Professor Frump's inventions never work as planned! His gadget to suck up the dog's flatulence detects 'bad egg' criminals! And now, with a little help from his superhero-obsessed daughter, their time together is suddenly a LOT more exciting!



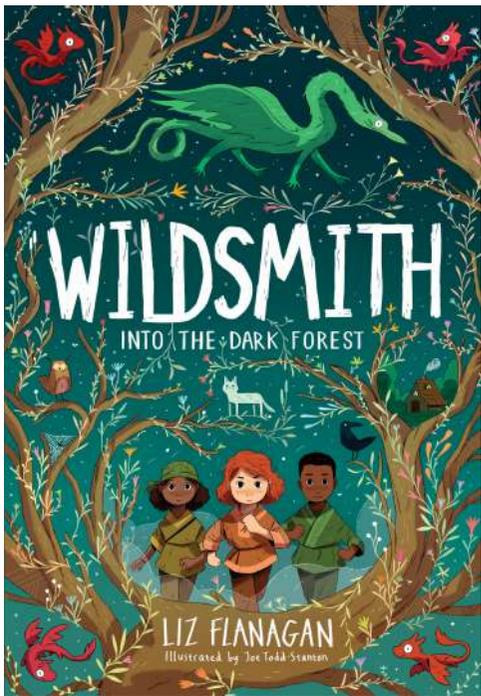
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INTO THE DARK FOREST

LIZ FLANAGAN
Illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton



INTO THE DARK FOREST

LIZ FLANAGAN

THE BOOK

When war threatens her beloved city, Rowan and her mother must flee to the Dark Forest, meeting Grandpa and his white wolf Arto for the first time.

Though she misses her father, Rowan makes new friends - including a trio of powerful witches. When she rescues a baby dragon from poachers, she discovers the secret of her own identity: Rowan is a wildsmith!

Fostering a whole clutch of dragons, the summer speeds by. But when danger threatens, Rowan and her grandpa must call on all their friends for help.

THE AUTHOR

Liz Flanagan is an award-winning author who writes for children and young adults. Her books include *Dragon Daughter*, *Rise of the Shadow Dragons* and *Eden Summer* (nominated for the Carnegie Medal) .

Joe Todd-Stanton grew up in Brighton and received a first-class degree in Illustration from UWE Bristol. He is the author and illustrator of *The Secret of Black Rock* (Flying Eye Books), which won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2018 (illustrated category) and was longlisted for the 2018 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal.

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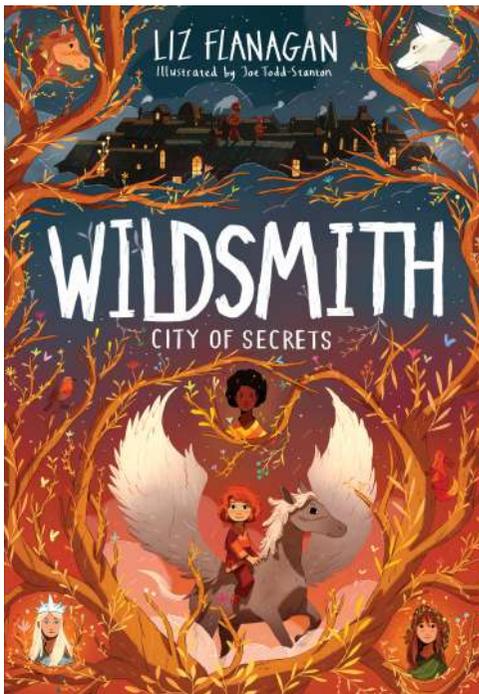
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CITY OF SECRETS

LIZ FLANAGAN

THE BOOK

Rowan starts to embrace her gifts as a magical wildsmith who heals and speaks to animals. But saving a young pegasus brings difficult decisions. Danger comes closer than ever, threatening her family and even Rowan's own life. When she is betrayed, which friends can she trust? With her family divided and war still raging, where does Rowan belong now?

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WENDINGTON JONES AND THE MISSING TREE

DANIEL DOCKERY

THE BOOK

Wendington Jones has her world abruptly up-ended when her adventuring mother dies in a car crash in late 1920. Left in the care of her Grandmamma and her valet Rohan, Wendington receives a parcel in the middle of the night, seemingly from her dead mother.

It's half of a manuscript from a book her mother was writing, and describes a mystery surrounding the mythical Tree of Life. When Wendington reads that the tree could have the power to bring her mother back to life, she throws herself into finding the remainder of the manuscript and solving her mother's mystery. However, her initial attempts are laced with danger. Other people also seek to find the Tree of Life and Wendington has to trick, fight and talk her way out of many perilous situations. Does Wendington have what it takes to complete her mission?

Enola Holmes meets Indiana Jones in this epic story of mystery, adventure and learning to live with grief along the way.

THE AUTHOR

Daniel Dockery has written storylines and scripts for one of the UK's most popular tv series, Hollyoaks, including award winning stories about anorexia, young LGBT relationships and criminally exploited children. As well as working on Coronation Street's award winning 50th anniversary, he's developed and storied several feature films starring Robert De Niro, Dave Bautista and Olga Kurylenko.

He has also written theatre pieces, staged in Manchester schools where he has taught drama when not writing.

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Bosco by the River

By Rod O'Grady

Bosco Jones is very bright, very funny and very kind, but he lacks confidence, and friends.

He isn't expecting anything much to happen in week one of the summer holidays; his father is away recovering from stress-related depression after leaving the army, and his mother has a full-time job as a train driver. His older brother Patrick, known as Patch, is away on a cycling holiday, and Bosco has only Martin the cat, and an Xbox with Lone Wolf Shadowtime loaded, for company.

Things change dramatically when a letter is delivered to their small house in South West London not far from the River Thames.

His father has sent the first clue in a quest, a quest that his father knows Bosco will not be able to resist, and that will get him out of the house and away from his Xbox. The series of clues he must find will test his intelligence, stretch his self-confidence, and introduce him to every nook and cranny of his neighbourhood.

Eight clues on eight postcards hidden by his father around the town and by the river, lead Bosco on a merry dance, with new friends collected along the way.

With a subplot involving stolen paddleboards offering him an added distraction, those few summer days of freedom prove an awakening for Bosco, a firing up of his imagination, seemingly through time spent in nature, riddle-solving, new faces and places, but mostly through an almost magical connection to the tides and time spent on and around the watery wonder that is the mighty river Thames.



Shelving Cat.	Middle Grade Fiction
Audience	8-12
Extent	44,889 Words
Illustrations	Possible B/W Spots



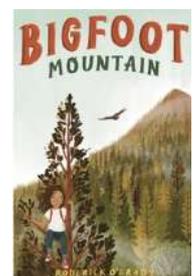
RODERICK O'GRADY

After embarking on an acting career in London, Roderick moved to New York in the nineties. After some success Off-Broadway and popular US daytime soap 'As the World Turns' he returned to the UK with a wife and two children.

His stage play- 'A Foolish Fancy- How Not to Get Ahead in the Theatre' was Time Outs Critic's Choice on the London Fringe.

Rod's first novel, **Bigfoot Mountain** was published in 2021 by Firefly Press.

Firefly will publish the sequel, **Bigfoot Island** in 2023



The adventure continues as an angry rogue Sasquatch arrives, threatening the harmony of the forest for both the humans and the Bigfoots. Taayii, now Guardian of the Forest asks Minnie and Dan to help and they find themselves stranded on a deserted island as a storm rages trying to rally the Sasquatch clan.

Rights Available Worldwide

What Happens If You Swallow the Tooth Fairy

by Bafta-Winning Author
Daniel Peak



A story that sits amongst the fairy, mermaid and unicorn books but is funnier, grubbier and more badass.

Olive Onions woke up at half past six with a fluttery feeling in her tummy and a small, hairy creature standing at the bottom of her bed.

“Are you going to eat me?” asked Olive.

“Eat you? Me? Eat you?” said the creature. Its voice was as croaky and as crusty as a frog pizza. “You’re the one who goes around eating folk.”

“What do you mean?” asked Olive. As far as she could remember, she had never eaten anyone in her entire life.

The creature pointed a bony finger at her. “You swallowed the Tooth Fairy.”

King Flinch is an ugly, hairy, smelly little goblin. He seeks out Olive Blytheway when she accidentally swallows the Tooth fairy. The two of them must band together to save Olive from the fate that befalls those who swallow the tooth fairy (though this really doesn't happen all that often) and Flinch from having to spend 250 years in Fairy Prison. They embark on an adventure where they clash, co-operate, clash again and finally come to form a sort-of friendship.

Shelving Cat.	Early Reader/Chapter Book
Audience	6-9
Extent	12,000 Words
Illustrations	Possible Spot Illustration

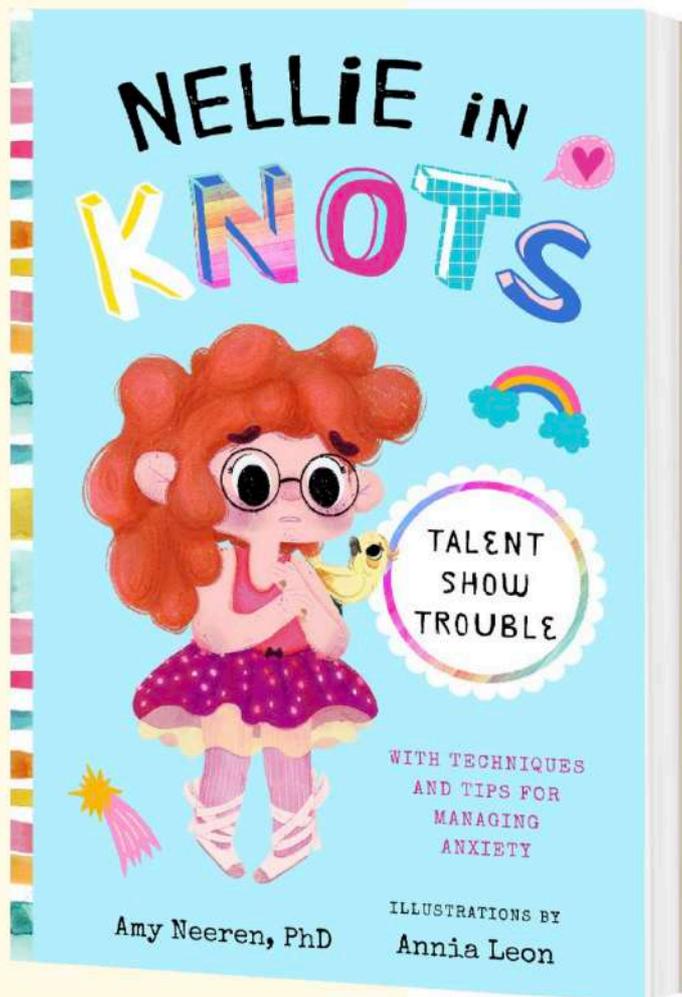
Daniel Peak is a BAFTA, RTS and International Emmy Award-winning TV scriptwriter. He is one of the lead writers on the CBBC show *Horrible Histories* and co-writer of Lee Mack's BBC1 comedy *Not Going Out*, currently the longest-running sitcom on British television, with audiences of over four million people a week.

Sky Vision and the team behind Broadchurch are producing Danny's new show- his first series as sole author- police comedy *Code 404*, starring *Rogue One's* Daniel Mays and *Boardwalk Empire's* Stephen Graham.



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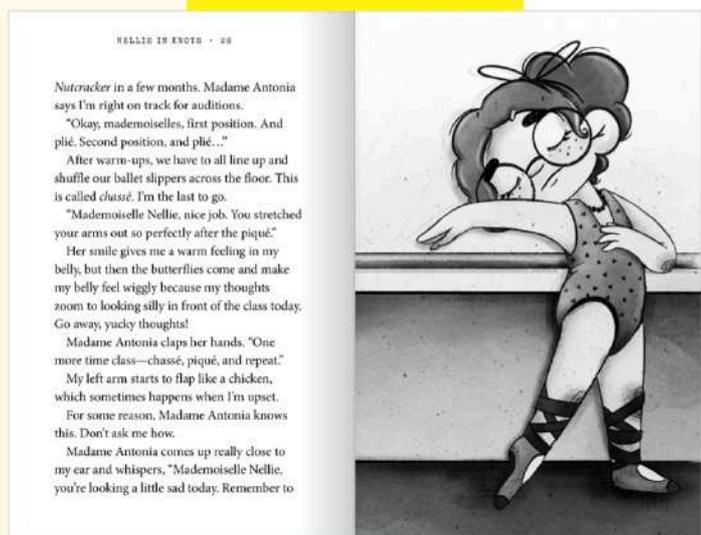
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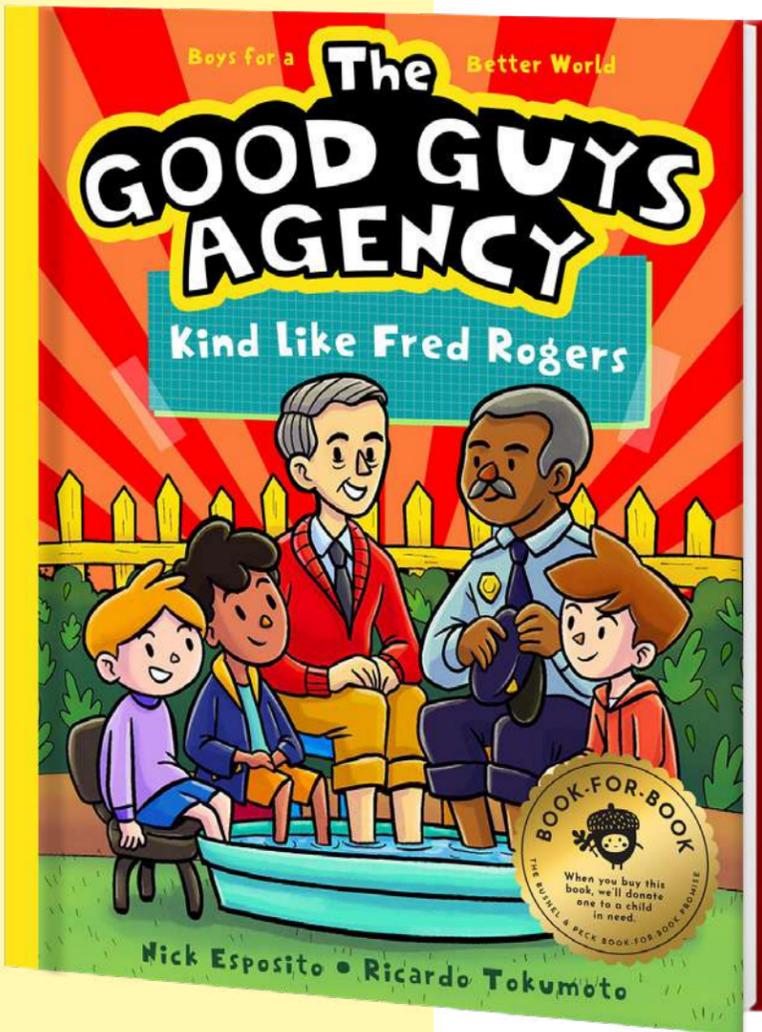
Amy Neeren, PhD, Illustrated by Annia Leon

Nelly has worry thoughts—lots of them. Math class. Parties. Lightning. Catastrophes in the making! But when Ms. Rubinflaker announces a class talent show, it's officially too much. Can Nelly conquer her anxiety, or will it be the biggest disaster of the year? Anxious kiddos will instantly find a friend in Nelly in Knots, the funny, heartwarming story of Nelly, her talking bird Larry, and her journey to navigate one of today's most common childhood challenges: anxiety. Told in humorous, first-person narrative and filled with funny doodles and illustrations, the book is both earnest and humorous—a perfect balance to help anxious find validation and guidance through their own nervous struggles. Best of all, author-psychologist Amy Neeren, PhD, weaves in practical tips and practices to help kids take control of worry thoughts of their own.

KEY POINTS

- Funny and accessible, just what kids need!
- Includes practical tips and best-practices to help kids manage their worry thoughts
- Written by a clinical psychologist
- Illustrated throughout





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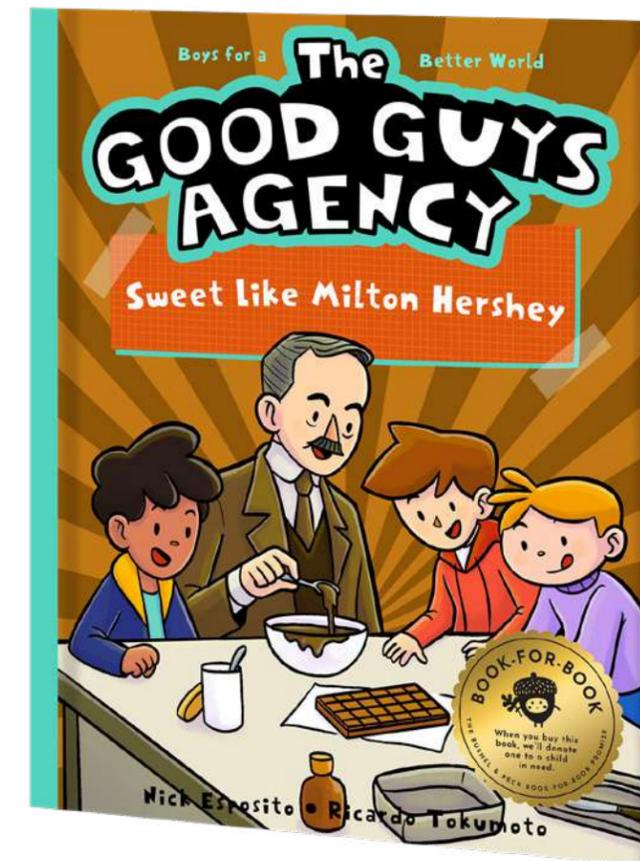
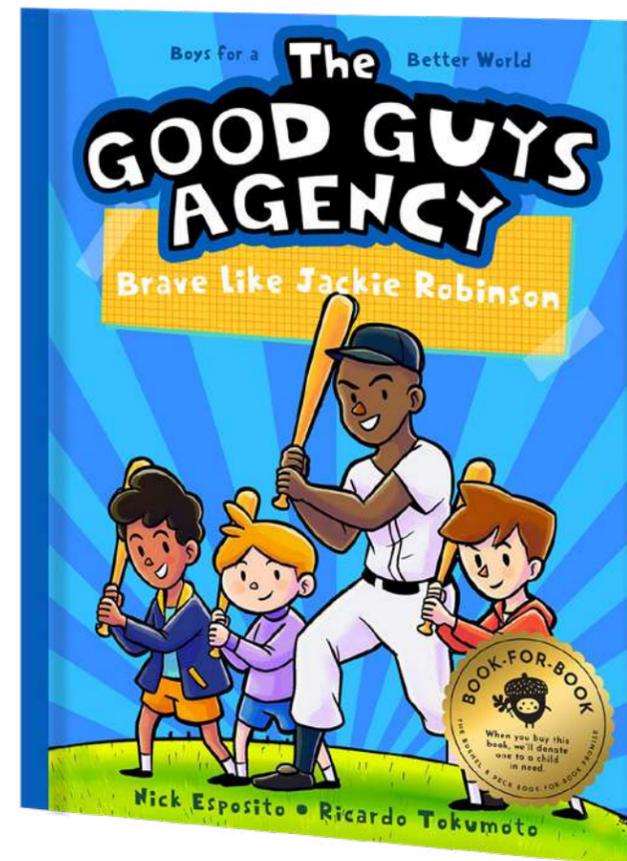
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KEY POINTS

- An exciting new series to inspire a new generation of good men!
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nick Esposito is an award-winning teacher and education consultant with a passion for bringing best practices of service learning into the classroom. Nick has travelled around the world serving with different organizations for different cultures and peoples. Nick has degrees from Villanova University (Journalism, Sociology, Peace & Justice), Johns Hopkins (Masters in Urban Education) and the University of Pennsylvania (Masters in Education Entrepreneurship). Nick is the ecstatic husband of the love of his life and 'Habitat Crush', Cynthia.



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Illustrated by Monica De Rivas

Pub date: May 7, 2022

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Price \$6.99 USD

Ages 7-10

Number of pages: 160

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Finding themselves transported to a magical island once again, Daniel, Joy, and Kimani emerge from a mysterious cave to see blue waters—they're by the beach! And in the near distance, across large sand dunes and up a hill, stands a familiar tall tower. There, the pirate Captain Wei awaits with all the answers to their questions... if they ever reach the tower in time. Using items stashed around the cave, the friends must build themselves a blowcart and use wind power to sail across the bumpy beach. But how do they make a cart fast and sturdy enough to carry the three of them? See what surprises are in store for the three friends in this new Challenge Island adventure!

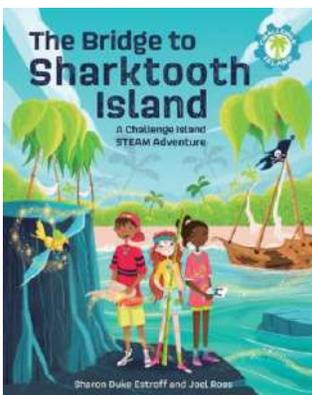
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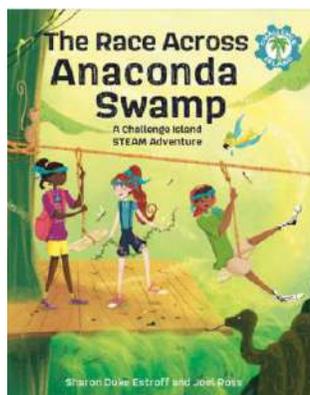
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*This is the third book in the **Challenge Island** series.*

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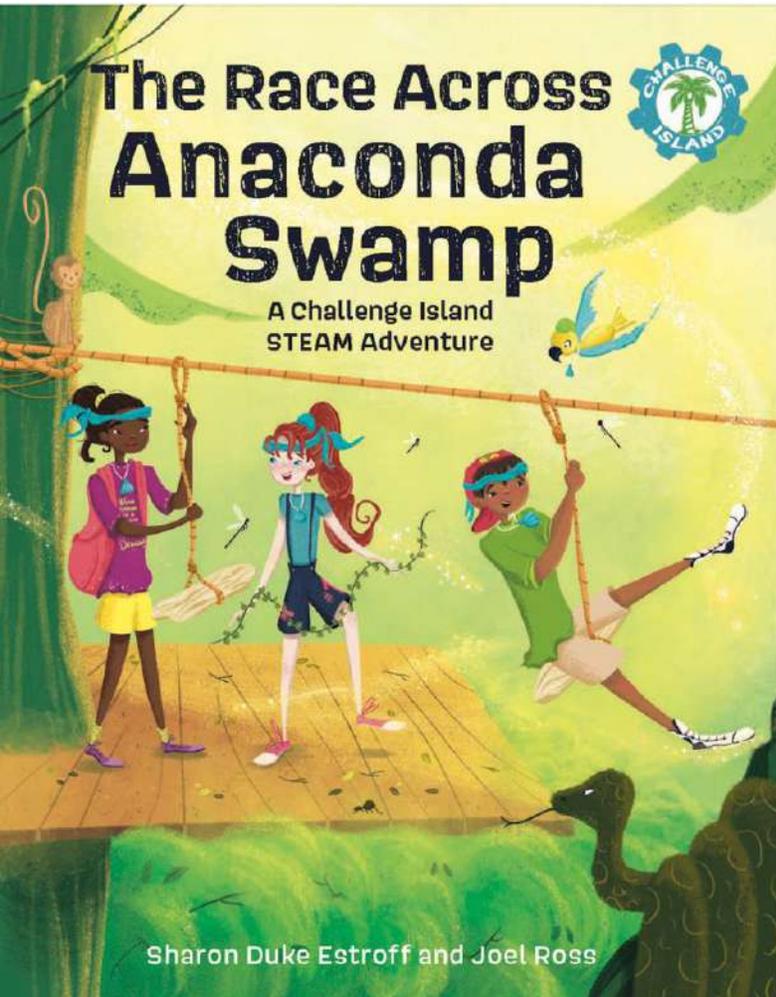


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Race Across Anaconda Swamp: A Challenge Island® STEAM Adventure

Sharon Duke Estroff and Joel Ross
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Price \$6.99 USD
Ages 7-10
Number of pages: 128
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Once again Daniel, Joy, and Kimani are transported to mysterious island! This time, they're high in the canopy of a rainforest, surrounded by amazing plants and animals. But they can't stay long. They need to escape the rainforest before sunset, by mastering the force of friction and 'flying' along ziplines between the trees. They speed onward, eager to meet the mysterious person who summoned them to the island ... then stop when they discover a baby monkey in danger. Can they save monkey and leave the forest in time?

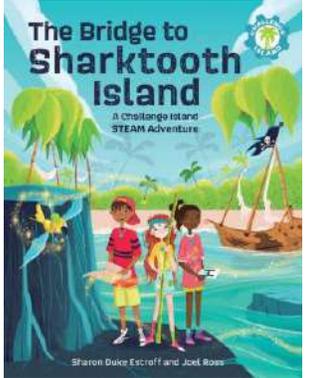
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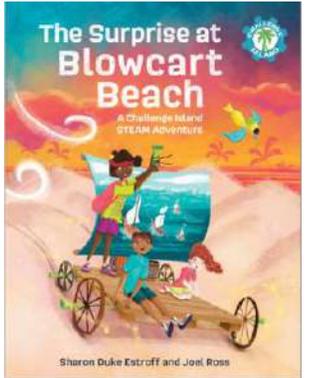
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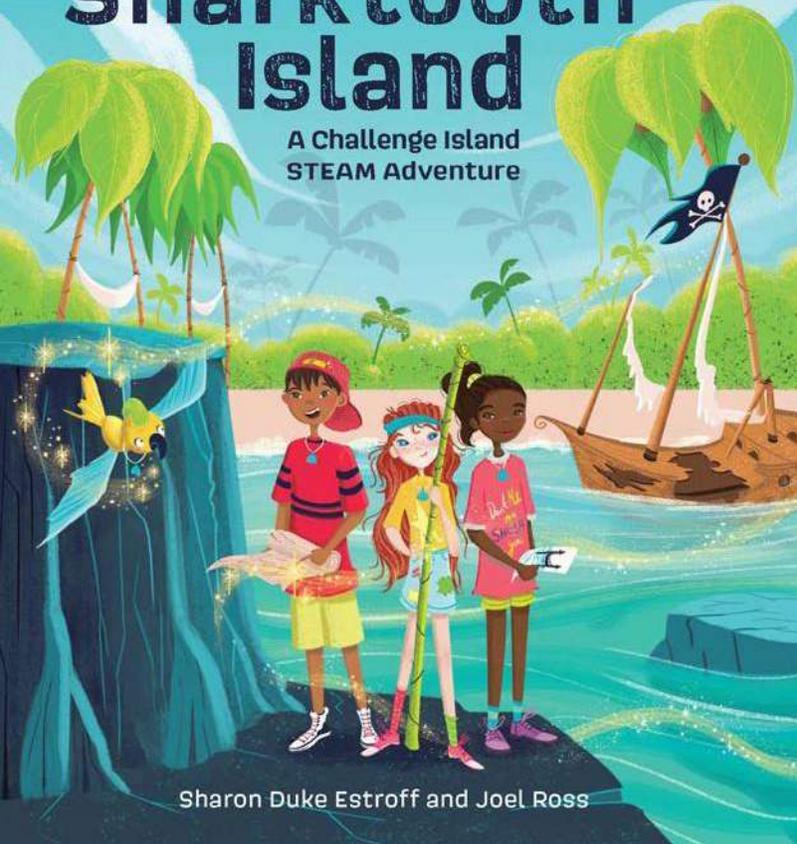
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The Bridge to Sharktooth Island

A Challenge Island
STEAM Adventure



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Sharon Duke Estroff and Joel Ross

Illustrated by Monica De Rivas

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Ages 7-10

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One second cautious Daniel and his brave cousin Joy are playing in the snow, and the next second they're stranded on a mysterious island surrounded by sharks. Where are they and how did they get here? And how will they find their way back home? With their studious new friend Kimani, the kids find clues hidden around the island and realize that if they want to escape, they'll have to work together to build the strongest bridge they can to get to safety!

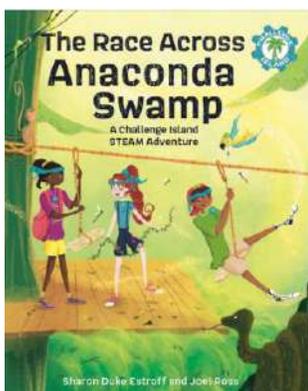


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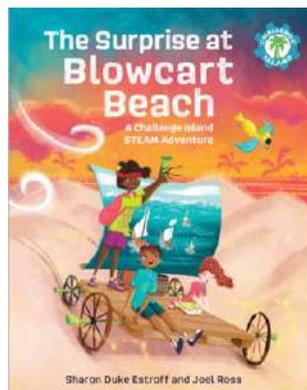
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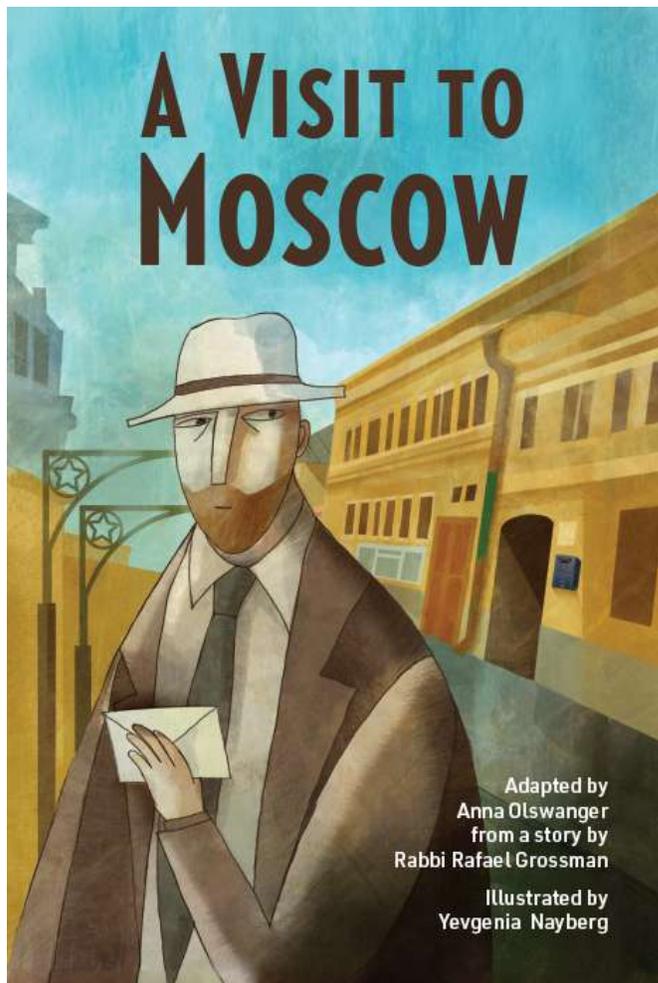
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A Visit to Moscow

Adapted by Anna Olswanger

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Page count: 72

Dimensions: 6x9 inches

Available: 05/24/2022

In the summer of 1965, a rabbi travels to the Soviet Union and embarks on a secret journey that would change his life. Featuring gorgeous, uniquely stylized illustrations by Yevgenia Nayberg, this graphic novel reveals a poignant story of formidable perseverance and strength during a modern Jewish exodus that is often overlooked.

Anna Olswanger is the author of the middle grade novel *Greenhorn* and a longtime literary agent based in the Metro NYC area.

The late **Rabbi Rafael Grossman** was a respected leader at several distinguished Jewish organizations. He often wrote and spoke about his 1965 trip to the USSR to visit Jewish victims of government-sponsored anti-Semitism.

Yevgenia Nayberg is an award-winning set and costume designer and the author-illustrator of the picture books *Mona Lisa in New York* and *I Hate Borsch!*



I saw a bed along the left wall. A woman, who didn't look at me or at Meyer, stood in front of the bed and looked at the floor. She wore a brown head scarf as they sat at Meyer's table.



Meyer introduced me in a low voice.



My wife
I smiled at the woman. She smiled back at the floor.



"This beautiful, haunting story evokes the tragedy and the triumph of Soviet Jewry in a way that few books have managed to do."

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The Miracle Seed

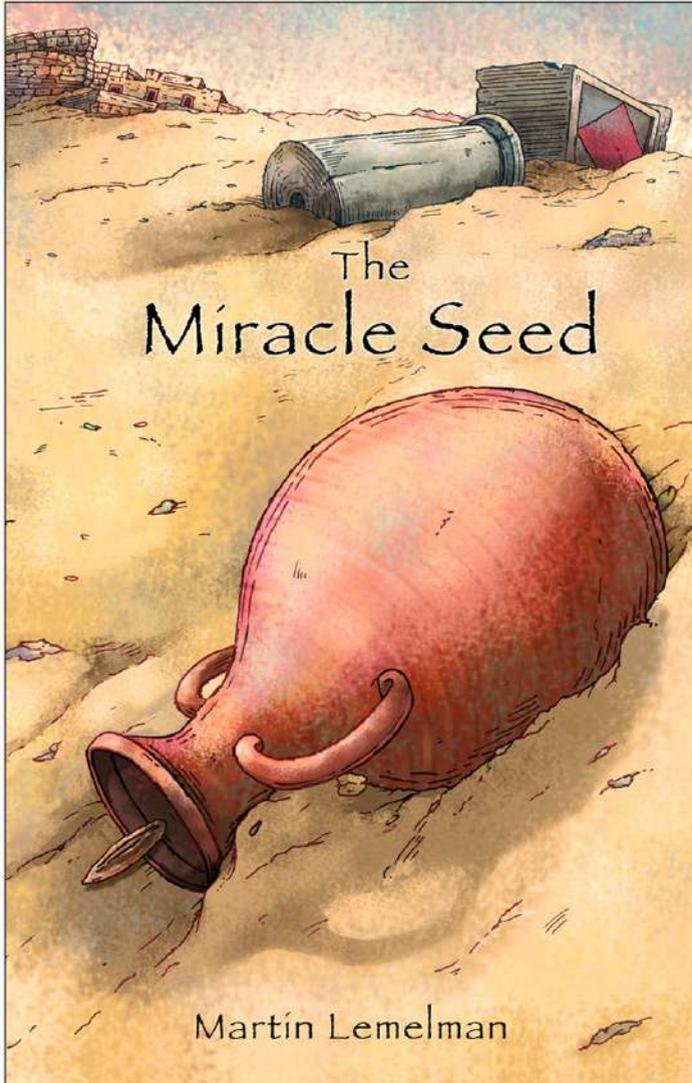
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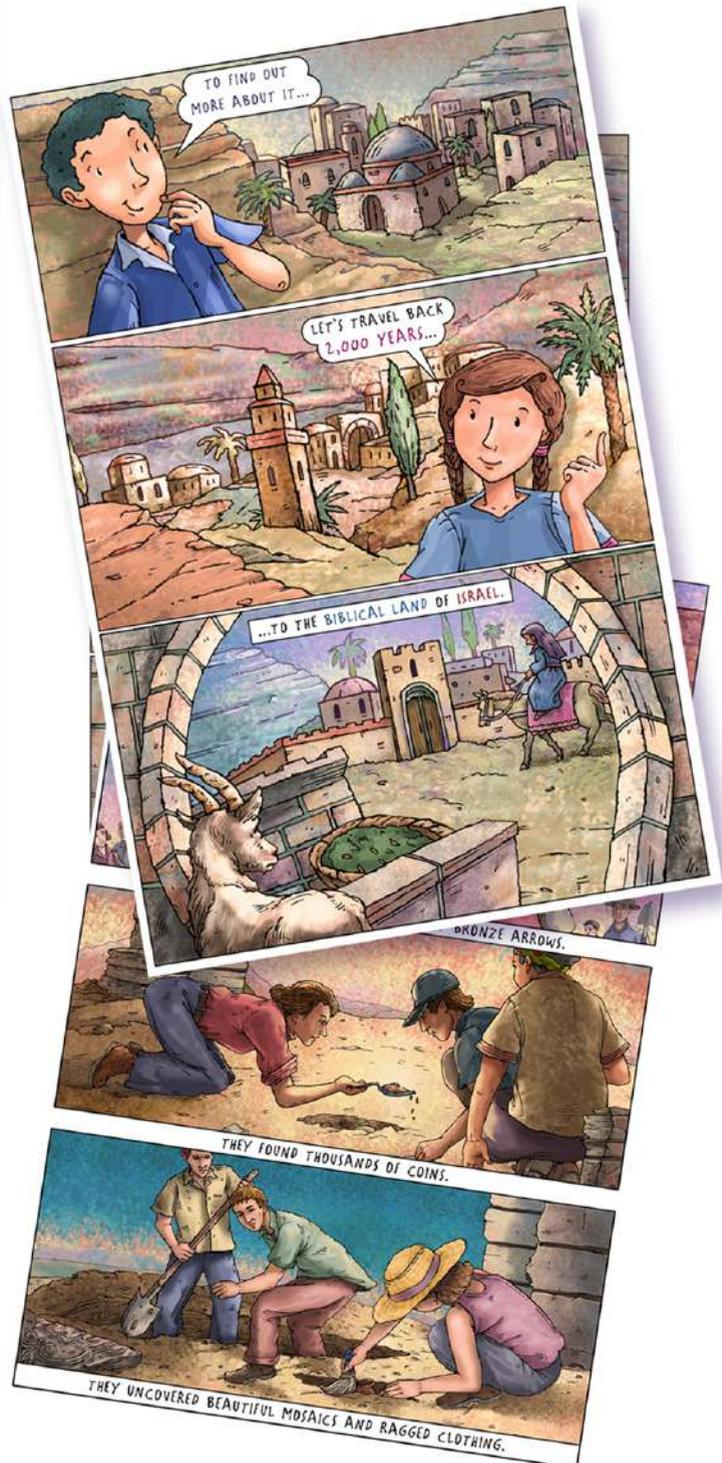
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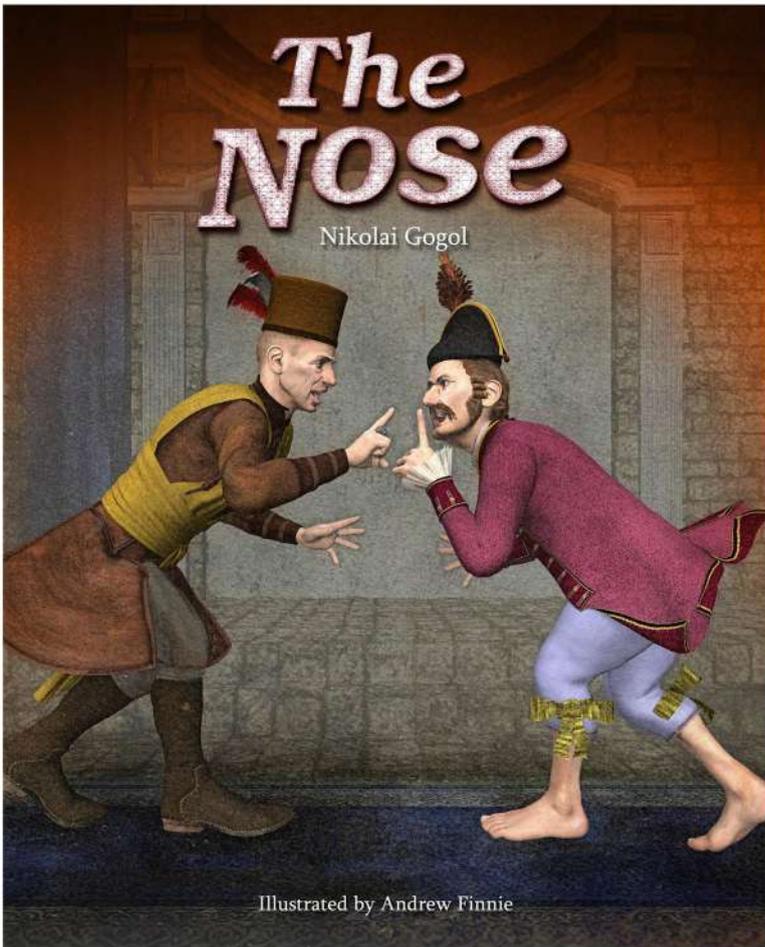


Martin Lemelman is an award winning writer and illustrator. His graphic memoir, *Mendel's Daughter*, was ranked by Entertainment Weekly as number eight in their Top 10 Greatest Graphic Novels. It has been translated into French, Spanish and Polish. His book, *Two Cents Plain: My Brooklyn Boyhood* was selected as one of the best memoirs of the year by Kirkus Reviews. He recently completed art for the animated movie, *The Tattooed Torah*, narrated by Ed Asner.

The Miracle Seed is the tale of the beloved Judean Palm Tree, a palm that produced the sweetest fruit and was believed to cure many diseases. It was so valued, it was pictured on ancient coins. Yet, war and global warming led to its extinction.

In this book, children travel through time to discover the history of the Judean Palm Tree and meet the women biologists who bring the seed back from the dead—after 2,000 years!





THE NOSE

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Set in 19th century St. Petersburg, Finnie's adaptation of Gogol's "The Nose" tells the story of Major Kovaloff, a self-absorbed, petty Russian official, who wakes one morning to find that he has no nose.

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In a society where appearance is everything, Andrew's illustrations bring alive the absurd realism of Gogol's 19th century world.

Born in 1957, Andrew Finnie works in Newcastle, Australia, where he studied Fine Art at the Newcastle Art School. His work has appeared on book covers and movie posters and can be found in both public and private collections. After working in traditional painting mediums for many years, he now specializes in digital media.





Dead Max Comix Book 2: The Rocking Dead

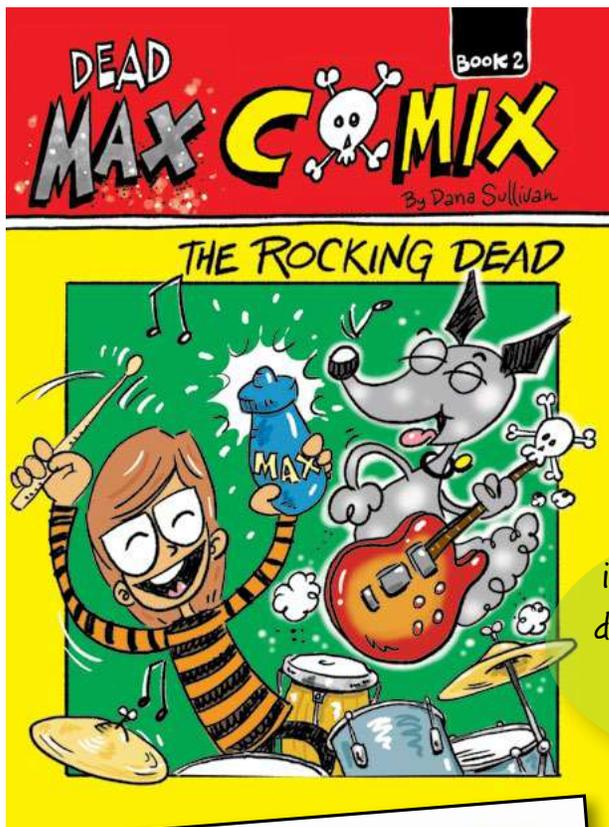
Dana Sullivan

Format: HC Graphic Novel

Pages: 60. 6.5" x 9"

Ages 9-13 Grades 4-8

ISBN: 978-1-63440-858-5



Seventh grader Derrick's "Dead Max Comix" are such a hit in the school paper that he and Max start an advice column. Derrick and Doug should have asked for advice before they started a band without inviting Kim and Keisha to join. To get even, Kim challenges the guys to come up with awesome costumes for Comic-Con and enter the upcoming Battle of the Bands. Will the Battle of the Bands mean the end of Derrick and Kim? More importantly, who will win?

Dana takes things to the MAX!

He's drummed up some super funny and heartfelt beats in this book! Rock on!

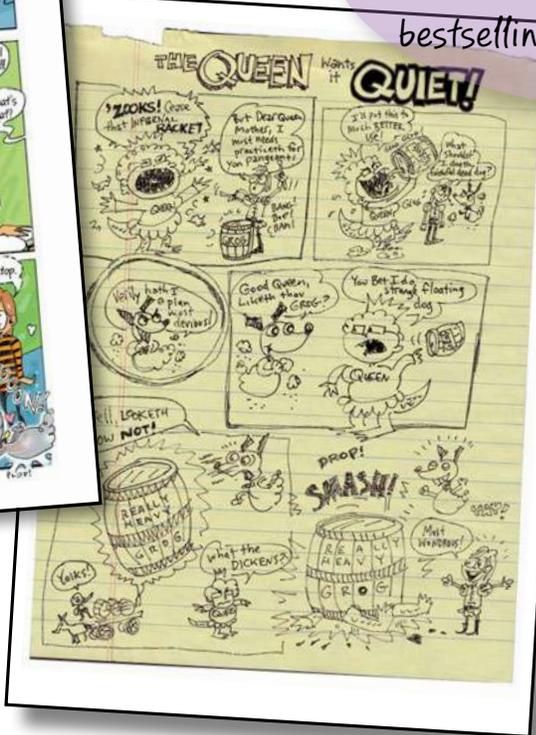
- Ben Clanton, Eisner Award-winner and bestselling creator of Rot and the Narwhal and Jelly books

Dead Max is not only pawsome, it's DRAWsome! This wonderfully illustrated dog tale (see what I did there?) takes me right back to my school days...really!

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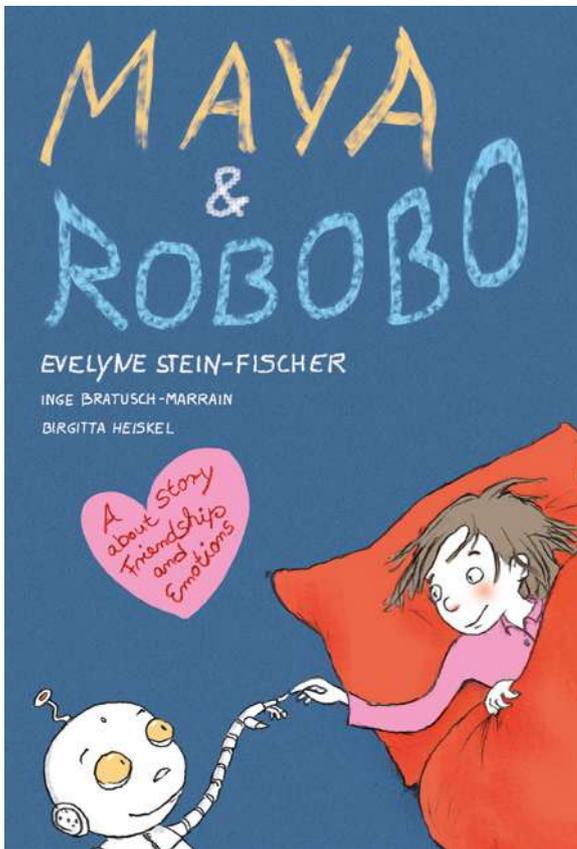
Dana Sullivan lives in Port Townsend WA with his lovely wife, Vicki, and barky dog, Bennie. They go for hikes in the woods when he's not drawing, writing, t or visiting schools. He wrote and illustrated the picture books **Ozzie and the Art Contest** and **My Red Velvet Cape**. Dana's favorite color is dog and his favorite vegetable is peanut butter.

See Dana's work at www.danajsullivan.com

Backlist Highlights

Ragged Bears UK

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Ragged Bears

Maya & Robobo

Written by Evelyne Stein-Fischer and
Inge Bratusch-Marrain, Illustrated by Birgitta Heiskel

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Extent: 128pp
Price: £6.99
Rights: World English speaking
Bic: YFP / YX

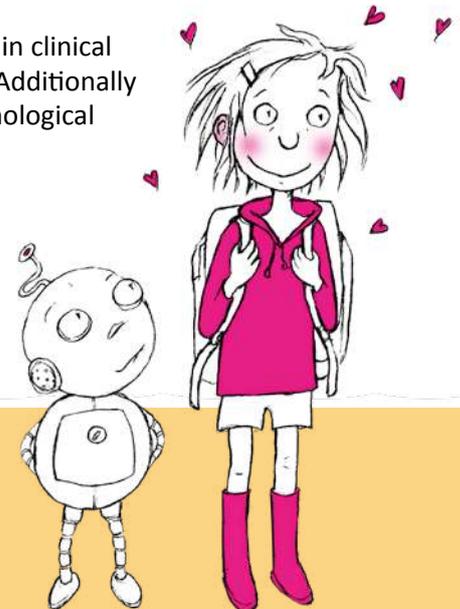
One night Maya wakes up to an unusual sound, and standing before her is a small robot. The robot has been sent to her to try and find out all he can about human emotions. This story of an unlikely friendship is a warming and heartfelt story from Evelyne Stein-Fischer is about a girl going through many changes and challenges. Her story will encourage readers to feel confident about situations in every day life which can feel overwhelming. In the second part of the book,

clinical psychologist and psychotherapist, Dr Inge Bratusch-Marrain, discusses the power of emotions and suggests solutions for helping to alleviate stress.

AUTHOR: Evelyne Stein-Fischer was born in Paris, and lives in Vienna. She studied journalism, worked as a journalist, graphic designer and a book illustrator. Today she is a prolific children and young adults' book author. She is very enthusiastic about working with children and is convinced that every child has a special ability. So far she has published over twenty books, some of which have been translated into several languages.

Inge Bratusch-Marrain, was born and raised in Vienna, and she holds a doctorate in clinical psychology. After studying, Inge set up a psychological service for kindergartens. Additionally she has trained in several psychotherapeutic methods. She has worked as a psychological counselor and consultant for youth departments for almost thirty years.

ILLUSTRATOR: Birgitta Heiskel was born in Frankfurt / Main. She studied at the University of Fine Arts in Braunschweig and has been working as a freelance illustrator mainly for book and magazine publishers in Vienna since 1990. She has already received several awards for her children's book illustrations. Bertelle. She has developed many educational experiences in Padua, London and Cuba.



KEY SELLING POINTS

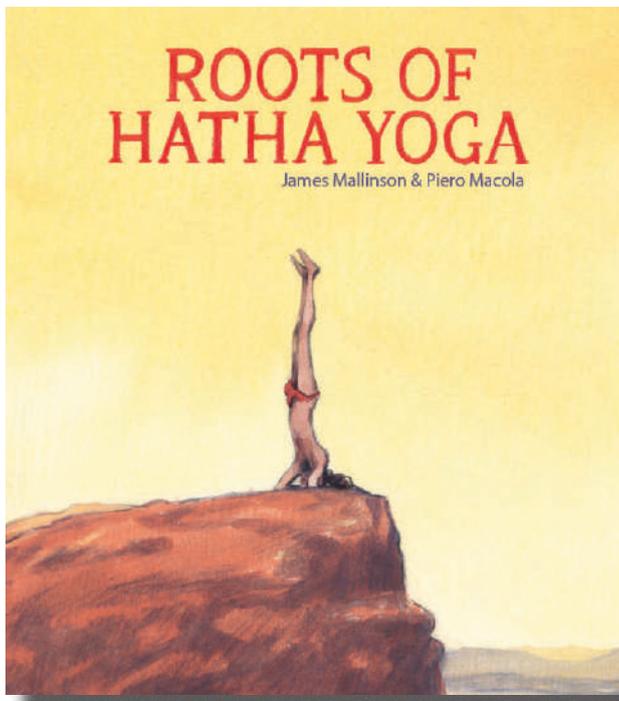
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Take a magical trip to India with The Roots of Hatha Yoga, and meet some of the rishis from ancient times who are synonymous with the practice.

Dr James Mallinson is a lecturer at the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) and he is the western world's leading expert on the subject. Having travelled to India for the first time at the age of 17, Mallinson received initiation into a Hindu religious order of yogis, called Tagys in 1992. He is also the only Westerner to have been awarded with the honorary title of Mahant.

His linguistic skills and his deep knowledge about India, make him the perfect guide to describe the world of Hindu ascetics, since they are the heirs of the first yoga practitioners. He has translated many Sanskrit texts including Shiva Samhita and Gheranda Samhita, Khecarīvidyā (published by YogaVidya.com) and co-wrote Roots of Yoga with Mark Singleton (Penguin Classics 2017)

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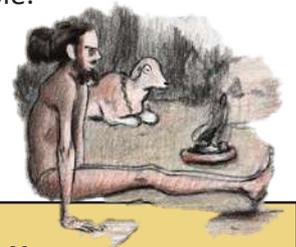
Dr James Mallinson is a university lecturer at SOAS. He is a world renowned Sanskrit scholar, with a vast knowledge of hatha yoga. He lives with his family in the U.K. His hobby is paragliding and he leads paragliding holidays in the Himalayas.

Illustrator:

Piero Macola is a graphic novelist and freelance illustrator, born in Italy in 1976. He completed his studies in Brussels. He moved to Paris in 2002, where he currently lives. Since then he has been working for French and Italian publishers of literature and graphic novels. He is the author of the following graphic novels, all of them published in France: Les Nuisibles; Kérosène; Le tirailleur; Dérives; Aller simple.

Among his works as illustrator, the Italian versions of White Fang by Jack London and The puppet boy of Warsaw by Eva Weaver.

He also collaborates with newspapers and magazines, creating illustrations and short graphic novels



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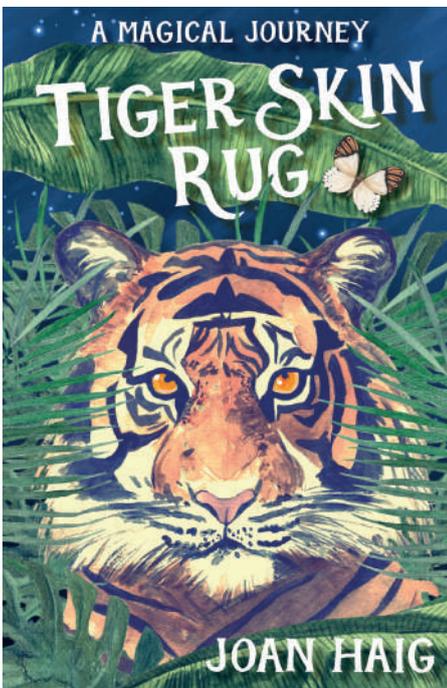
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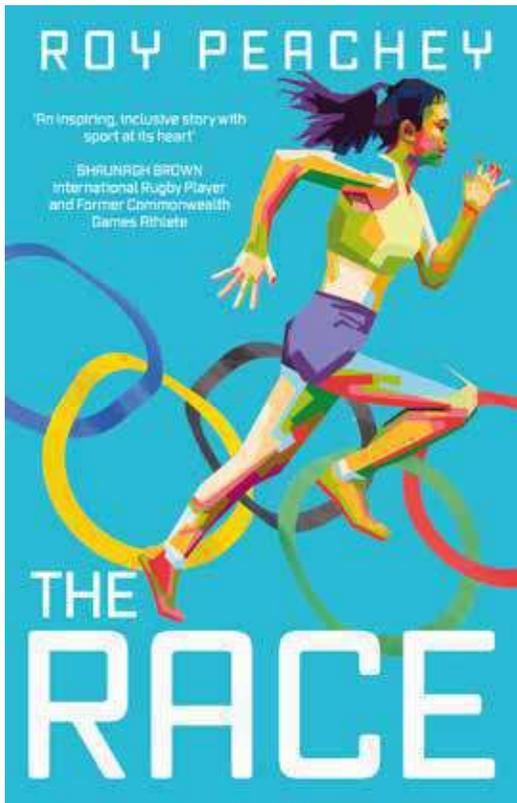
/ About the Author /

Joan Haig, born in Zambia, was weaned on avocados and stories. When she was twelve, her family moved to the happy isles of Vanuatu in the South West Pacific. She has lived and travelled all over the world, most recently settling with her husband, children and cats into a little cottage in the Scottish Borders.



Joan has researched and taught at the University of Warwick and University of Edinburgh; her teaching has won awards and her work on migration and belonging has been published in academic journals and edited volumes.

Her writing dream is that her stories for children are enjoyed far and wide—and touch some grown-up hearts along the way.



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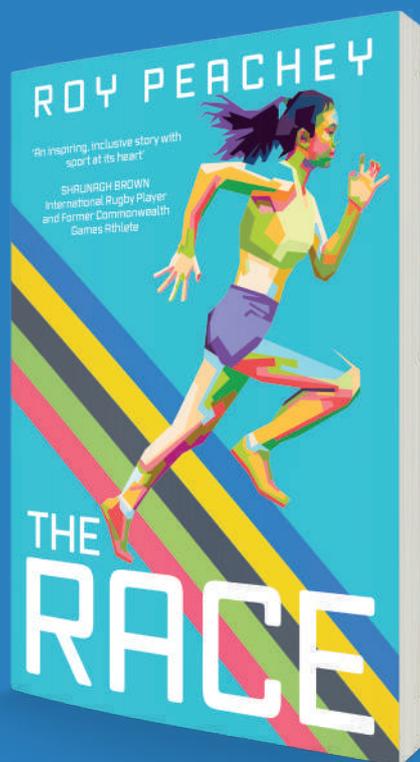
ROY PEACHEY

Roy lives with his wife, two daughters, two dogs, two cats, one rabbit, one tortoise, and a few fish. When he isn't spending time with his family, writing books, or looking after the menagerie, Roy is a teacher and charity worker.

Peachey's first novel for adults, *Between Darkness and Light*, the story of a translator with the Chinese Labour Corps during World War I, was published in 2019 by Eyrie Press. He is also the author of three non-fiction books: *Out of the Classroom and Into the World*; *50 Books for Life*; and *Did Jesus Go To School?*

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THE BOOKWITCH

‘This book is built around the foundations of sport; what it really teaches children is about family, the meaning of home and of the beauty and validity of dual identity.’

THE NATIONAL

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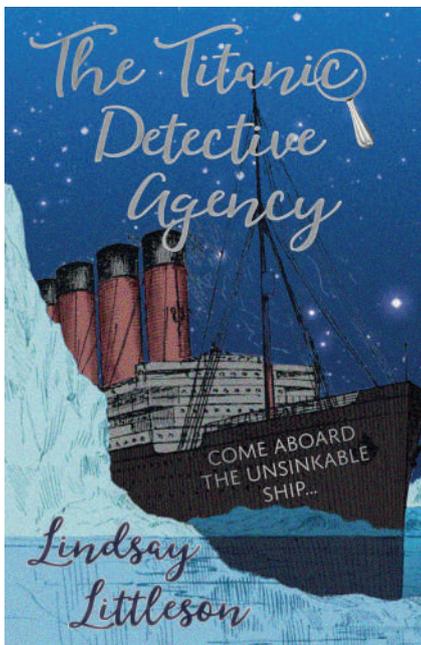
ROARING READS

‘This is a book with many aspects to it, and could spark discussions about resilience, race and identity, research, the Olympics, history, family and personal priorities. It is aimed at ages around eight to twelve, and is sure to offer an extra special appeal this year in the run-up to the Olympic Games.’

BOOKS FOR TOPICS



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The Titanic Detective Agency
Lindsay Littleton

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/Children's Fiction 8-12 / Historical / Titanic

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Bertha Watt, tree-climber and would-be polar explorer, is excited to be on RMS Titanic's maiden voyage, as she leaves Aberdeen behind for the glamour of a new life in America.

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/ In a Nutshell /

- A fresh and compelling re-telling of the Titanic voyage—with a Scottish twist—by best-selling children's author Lindsay Littleton
- Based on real passengers and events, fact and fiction are skilfully woven together to create a meaningful and moving account of events aboard RMS Titanic
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- Book launch tour scheduled for school Easter holidays April 2019

/About the Author/

Lindsay Littleton has four grown-up (ish) children and lives near Glasgow. She began writing for children in 2014 and won the Kelpies Prize for her first children's novel *The Mixed Up Summer of Lily McLean*. The sequel, *The Awkward Autumn of Lily McLean*, is also published by Floris Books.

In 2015 her WW1 novel *Shell Hole* was shortlisted for the *Dundee Great War Children's Book Prize* and she enjoyed engaging in research so much that she was inspired to write more historical novels including her gripping Victorian mystery for children *A Pattern of Secrets* and *The Titanic Detective Agency*.



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Her energetic school visits have taken her across the length and breadth of Scotland, and sometimes beyond. Barbara shares her home with one teenage son, one long-suffering husband and a scruffy Schnauzer called Merry.

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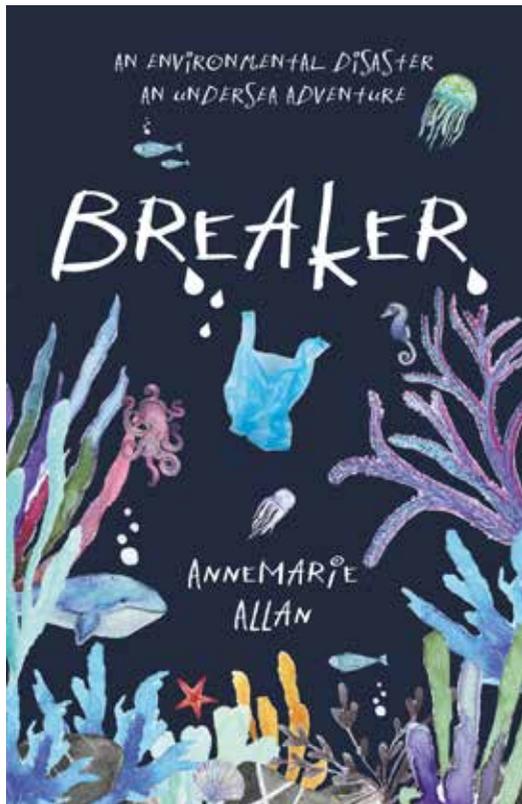
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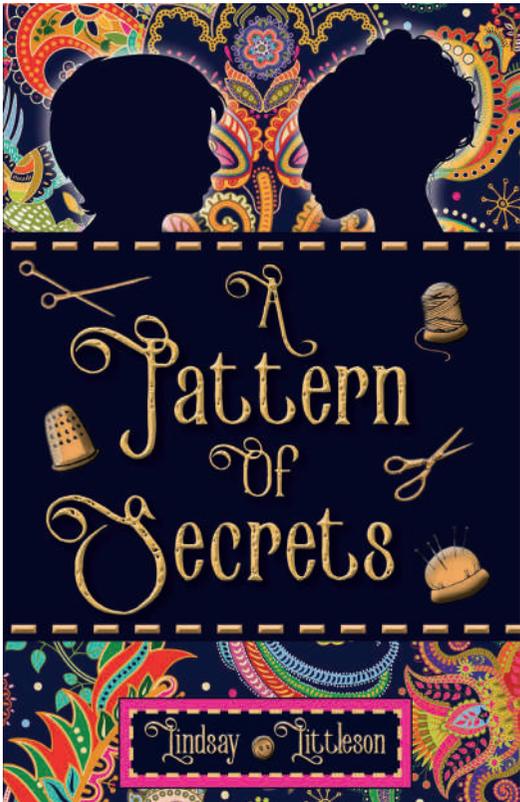
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Can the secrets of the past save the future?

Paisley 1876. 12-year-old Jim has escaped from the Poor House and now he must save his little brother from the same fate.

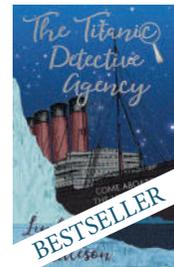
His only hope lies in a mysterious family heirloom—a Paisley patterned shawl that has five guineas sewn into its hem—the price of freedom.

Now Jim must find the shawl and break into the big house to steal it back. But the girl with the red hair is always watching...

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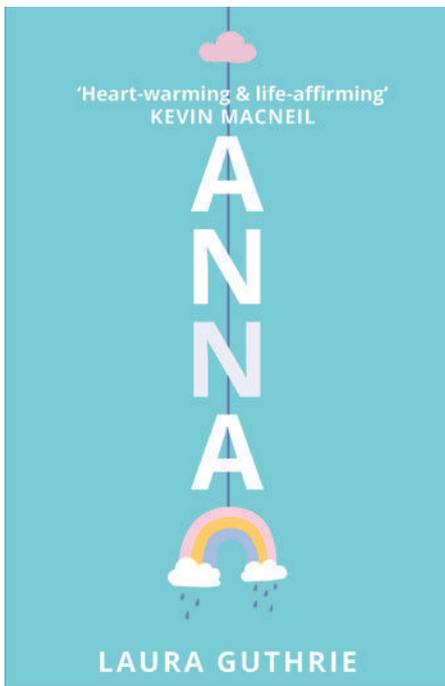
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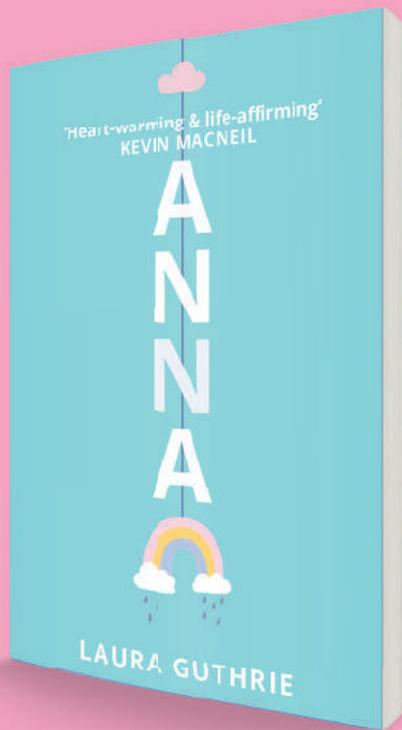
/ About the Author /

Laura Guthrie grew up in the rural Scottish Highlands ("I come from where the planes don't fly") and currently lives in Inverness.

She has an honours degree in biological sciences from the University of Edinburgh, and a PhD in creative writing from the University of Glasgow.

She is a member of the Dingwall-based Ross-Shire Writers, and has produced two of her own plays with her theatre company, *Sunrise Theatre*. Her poetry and short fiction have been anthologised by several Scottish presses. She is the winner of the 2016 *Exeter Story Prize*. *Anna* is her first novel.





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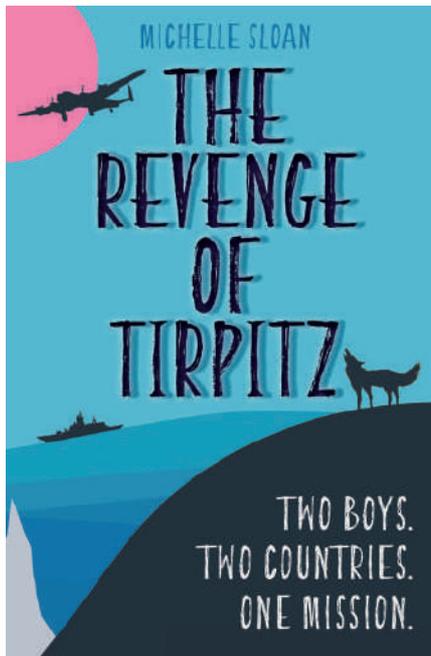
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Tirpitz will have her revenge...**

Norway 1944

When Erik strikes up an unlikely friendship with German Radar operator, Hans, the pair soon become involved in a race against time to help destroy the Nazi warship, Tirpitz.

Will their secret mission succeed?

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Finn's great-grandfather receives a letter threatening the "revenge of Tirpitz". They escape on a fishing boat, making the perilous journey to Norway, where they realise that facing up to the past puts their future in danger...

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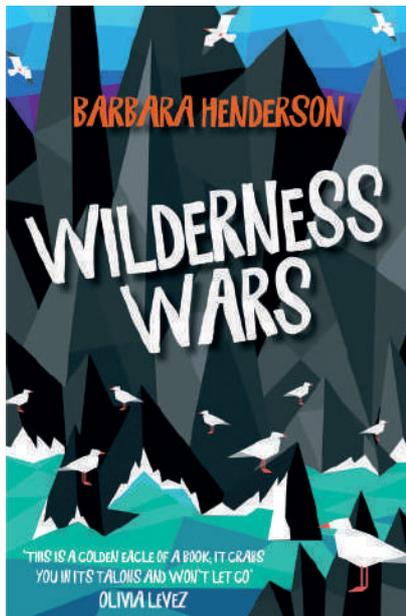
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Michelle lives in Broughty Ferry, Dundee with her family and three rescue dogs. Michelle trained as a Primary Teacher and worked for many years in Edinburgh, before indulging her love of all things theatrical by returning to university to study Drama.



When it comes to writing fiction for older children, Michelle is inspired by the stories and bravery of previous generations – particularly those connected to WW1 and WW2. Focussing on historical fiction gives her a fantastic opportunity to engage in research and to bring those stories to life with an exciting modern day twist.

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/Children's Fiction 8-12 / Nature /Environment

Em and Zac battle nature in this eco-thriller set on a remote Scottish island.

What if nature fights back?

In a daze, I take it all in: the wind, the leaden skies, the churning moody sea.
And, far in the distance, a misty outline.

Skelsay.

Wilderness haven. Building-site. Luxury-retreat-to-be.

And now, home.

When her father's construction work takes Em's family to the uninhabited island of Skelsay, she is excited, but also a little uneasy. Soon Em and her friend Zac realise that the setbacks, mishaps and accidents on the island point to something altogether more sinister: the wilderness all around them has declared war.

Danger lurks everywhere. But can Em and Zac persuade the adults to believe it before it's too late?

/ Praise for Wilderness Wars /

Wilderness Wars slow-builds menace from its nail-biting opening to its stunning apocalyptic climax. This is a golden eagle of a book—it grabs you in its talons and won't let go. A thought-provoking and often frightening study of what happens when you mess with Nature and Nature decides to fight back. And how faith, family and friendship can forge the right path.

Olivia Levez

Author of *The Island and The Circus*

/About the Author/

Barbara Henderson is the Inverness-based author of the critically acclaimed historical children's novel *Fir for Luck*, and her last published historical children's novel *Punch*. She is also known for her energetic school events.

She splits her time between writing and teaching Drama to young people, but also volunteers on her local book festival committee.

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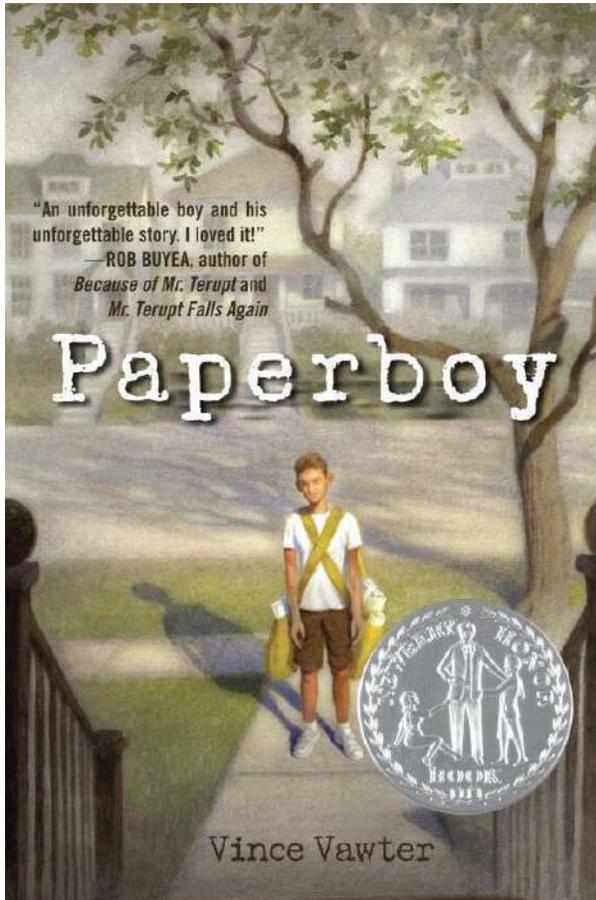
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Awards

Newbery Honor Award

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Bank Street College of Education Best Book of the Year

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Little Man throws the meanest fastball in town but talking is a different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering – not even his own name. In the segregated south of the 1950s, he is forced to take on his best friend's newspaper route – a month that changes his sheltered life forever.

Booklist Starred Review: "The well-crafted characters, the hot Southern summer, and the coming-of-age events are reminiscent of *To Kill a Mockingbird*."

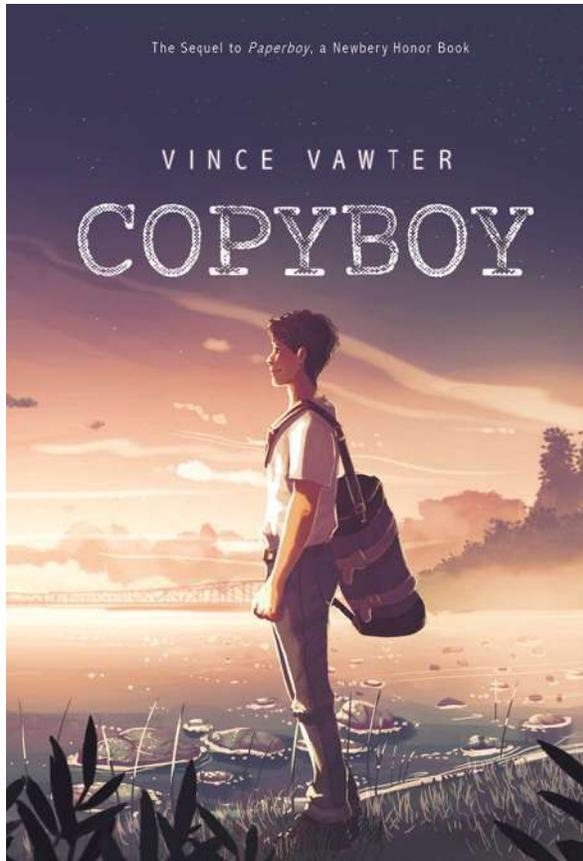
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Vince Vawter, a former newspaper editor and publisher, weaves a unique blend of fact and fiction into his highly autobiographical novels, which can be enjoyed by any age. He lives in East Tennessee with his wife on a small farm near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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Realistic Young Adult Fiction

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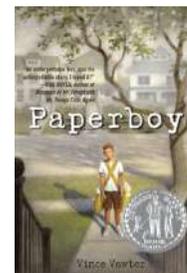
Sequel to the Newbery Honor *Paperboy*: Victor Vollmer isn't a paperboy anymore. He's 17 now and a copyboy, but his newspaper duties are interrupted by a last request from his beloved mentor that sends him on a journey hundreds of miles from home and toward a gathering storm. Confronted by an unfamiliar and threatening world, he meets a girl who is strong, smart and bold like no one he has known. Together they venture to a place where the river meets sea, and where Victor finds out what the fates have in store for him.

Kirkus Starred Review: "Victor's first-person voice – enhanced by the teen's love of language – is brilliantly authentic and heartfelt, especially with his ever-challenging stutter. A lyrical and immersive journey."

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The Last Cherry Blossom

Author: Kathleen Burkinshaw

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Based on the real-life experiences of the author's mother, ***The Last Cherry Blossom*** tells the story of a young girl living in Hiroshima during WWII and surviving the atomic bomb. Through her 12-year-old eyes discover the Japanese culture, mindset, and daily life during WWII leading up to and through the horror of that fateful day. Through this unique story, the reader learns that those who we may think of as our "enemies" are not so different from ourselves.

Kirkus Review -

"Told with reverence and authenticity, Yuriko's journey is inspired by the author's mother's real-life experiences growing up in Hiroshima and surviving that tragic day on Aug. 6, 1945. Tragedy and hope collide in this promising middle-grade debut"

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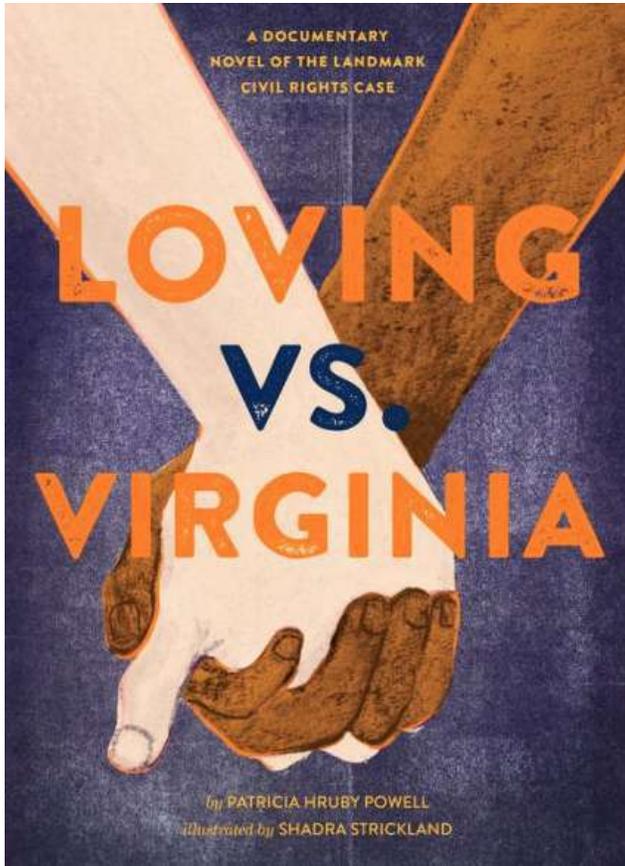
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Kathleen Burkinshaw is the Japanese-American daughter of a Hiroshima survivor residing in Charlotte, NC. When not writing, she presents her mother's experiences in Hiroshima to middle and high school students around the world. In 2019, Ms. Burkinshaw was the featured speaker at the United Nations Fall Education Summit on Disarmament in NYC. She has presented at multiple education, literature and Japanese cultural conferences since the book's publication in 2016.

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Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel on the Landmark Civil Rights Case

Patricia Hruby Powell

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From acclaimed author Patricia Hruby Powell comes the story of a landmark civil rights case, told in spare and gorgeous verse. In 1955, in Caroline County, Virginia, amidst segregation and prejudice, injustice and cruelty, two teenagers fell in love. Their life together broke the law, but their determination would change it. Richard and Mildred Loving were at the heart of a Supreme Court case that legalized marriage between races, and a story of the devoted couple who faced discrimination, fought it, and won.

Booklist (Starred Review)

Fine dramatic storytelling.

Kirkus Review (Starred Review)

A powerful and riveting account of an American couple in love when that love was ruled illegal.

Publishers Weekly

Well-researched novel-in-verse.

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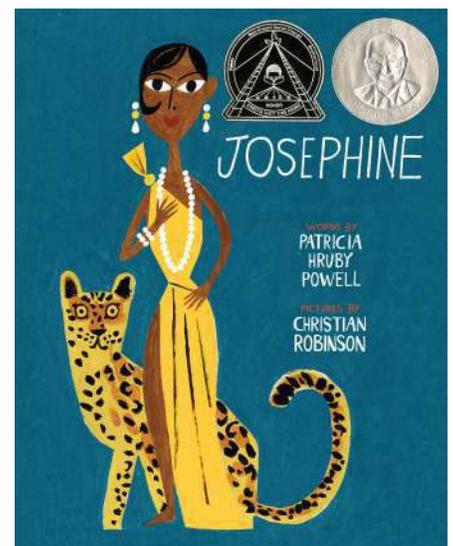
Filled with small, quietly eloquent moments and honest emotion...this documentary novel brings the past to life.

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Powerful story.

Patricia Hruby Powell grew up in a musical family, became a concert dancer and choreographer, and married a jazz musician. She lives in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

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WHEN FIFTH-GRADER JEROME BARNES meets Arkie in the local junkyard, he can't believe his eyes! Jerome's never seen any kid like Arkie, because Arkie's no ordinary kid. He looks more like a robot. Or a toy. He's a Scrapper, from Smithytowne, a whole city far beneath the surface, where everything is made of Topside discards: street signs, bicycles, vacuum cleaners, old tires, everything. Even the people!

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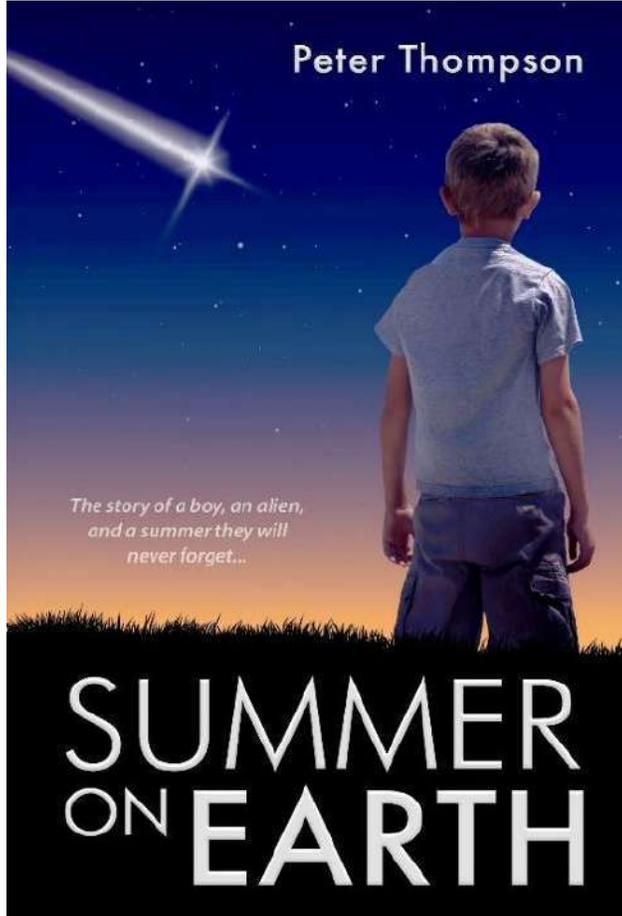
"The pages practically turn themselves."

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REVIEWS



Author **D. S. THORNTON** lives in Southern California. She loves to collect antique kitchenware with her husband and spends lots of time in antique shops. That's where the idea for **SCRAP CITY** came from. If you want to see her smile, hand her a puppy. dsthornton.com

SUMMER ON EARTH



Peter Thompson

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JUVENILE FICTION/Science Fiction/Family

The night that eleven-year-old Grady Johnson looked out his window and wished upon a shooting star, his life changed forever. Grady, his Ma, and younger sister Luanne are having a hard summer. His Dad has died and they are about to lose their farm.

The shooting star he saw was a space craft plunging to Earth, landing near their barn. ET engineer Ralwil Turth has one goal, to fix his power drive and go back home. Stuck in human form, he sees this world with alien eyes and starts to learn what it means to be human. Using his advanced technology he comes up with a magical creation and is sure it will solve all their problems – but the troubles are only beginning.

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—Kelsey Johnson-Kaiser School Library Journal

SUMMER ON EARTH is a fine way to start a middle-grader on science fiction. Taking place in the in 1978, there's a farm family, an alien, some actual science and some psuedo-science, and a great deal of humor. Plus at its core it's a sweet tale of first contact that is also about the welcome given a stranger, his integration in the family—that has the ring of truth in it, especially needed in these tough times.

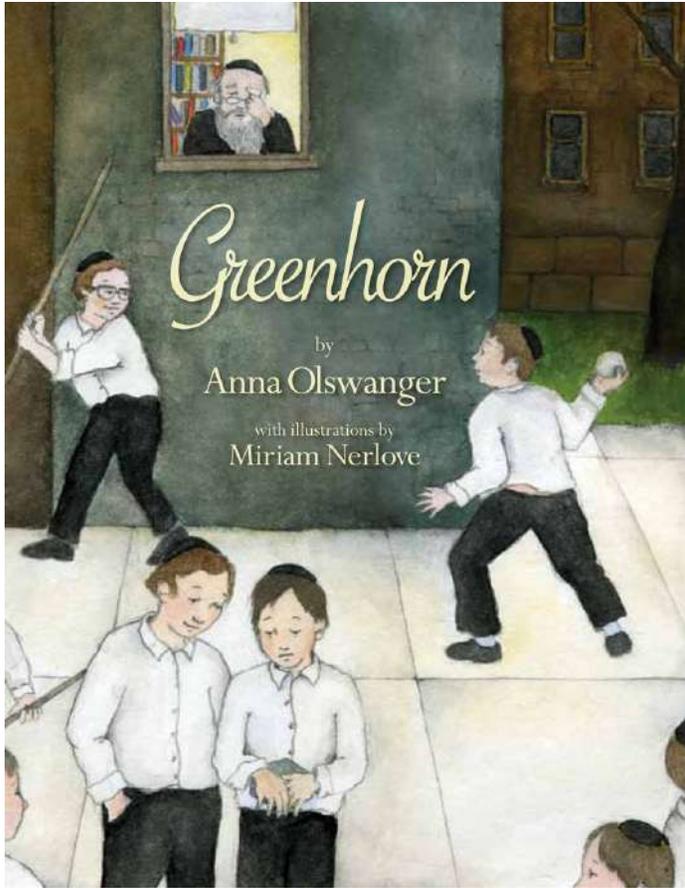
- Jane Yolen, Nebula Award Winning Author of Twelve Impossible Things Before Breakfast

Peter Thompson remembers how excited he was when he watched the live television transmission of the first astronaut stepping on to the moon. Since that moment, he began to appreciate the vastness of space and the possibility of the existence of alien civilizations.

Award-winning author of *Living Proof*, this is Peter's first novel for young readers, born from his love of reading children's books to his three sons. Peter Thompson lives with his family outside of Chicago.



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Greenhorn is based on the true story of an 11-year old Holocaust survivor named Daniel who arrives at a Brooklyn yeshiva in 1946. He is befriended by Aaron, a boy with a stutter, and the two of them stand up to the bullies who make fun of them—Aaron because of his stutter and Daniel because of the small box, with its terrible secret, that he won't let out of his sight.

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Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

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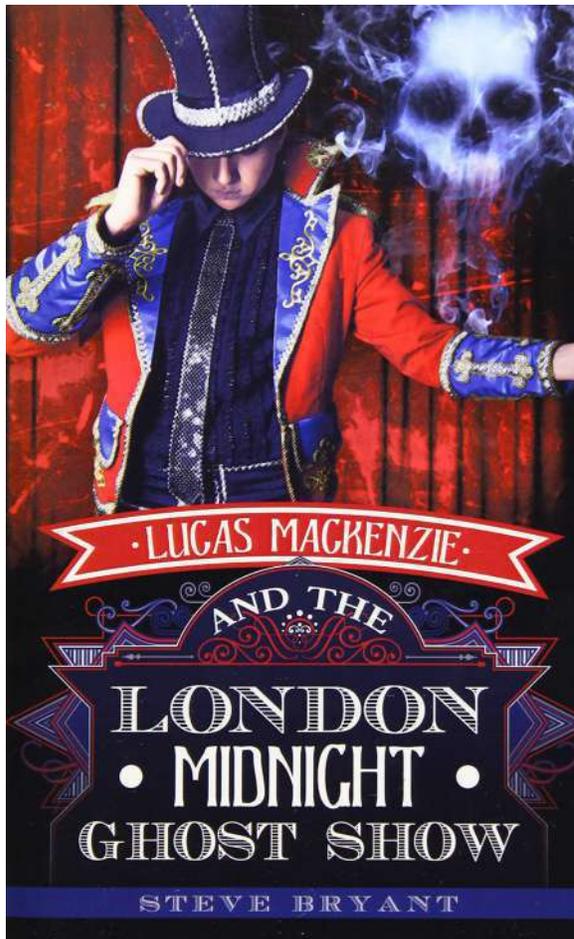
Anna Olswanger is both an author and literary agent with a special interest in illustrated books. She co-produced the award-winning film adaptation of *Greenhorn*, which premiered at The Museum of Tolerance in New York. Her picture book *Shlemiel Crooks*, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book and PJ Library Book, was adapted into a musical for families by the Kaufman Center in New York.

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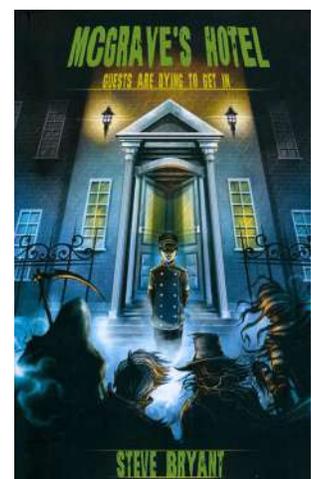
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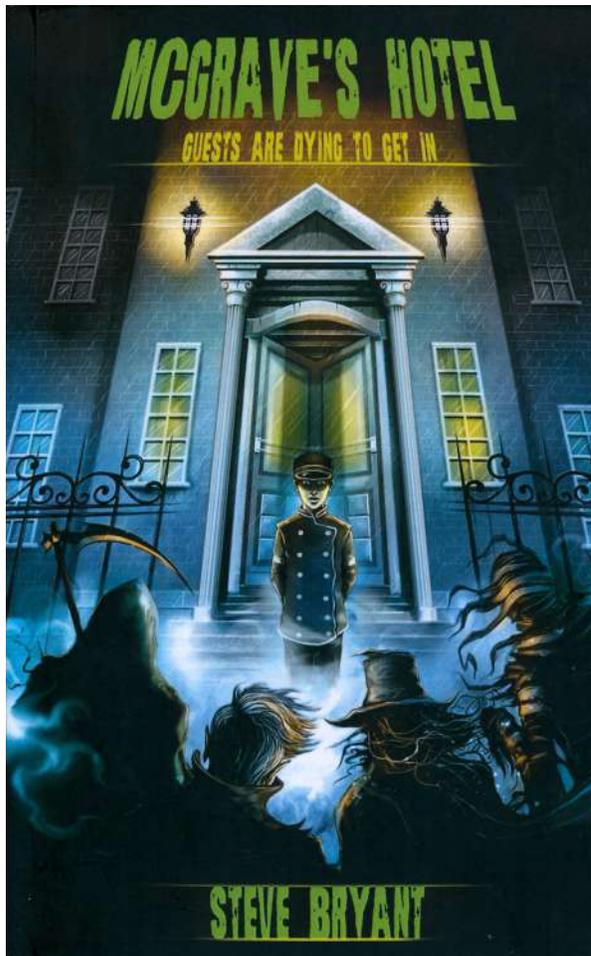
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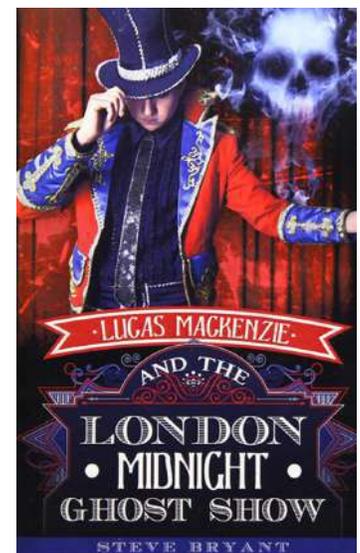
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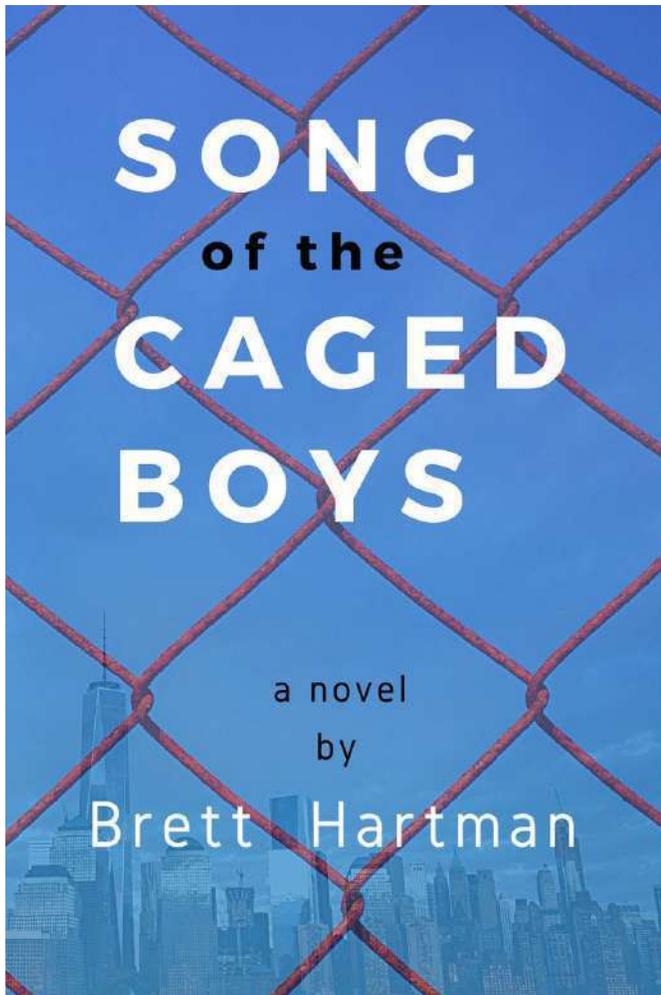
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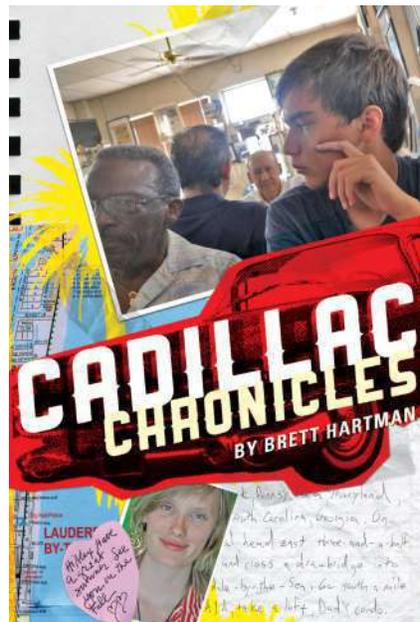
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