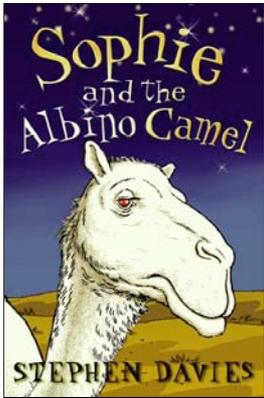


Stephen Davies

Sophie series, 7-9 years



Sophie and the Albino Camel (2006 - 80 pages)

An exciting adventure story starring Sophie, Gidaado the Fourth and Chobbal, the albino camel, complete with ruthless bandits, deadly snakes and a camel chase!

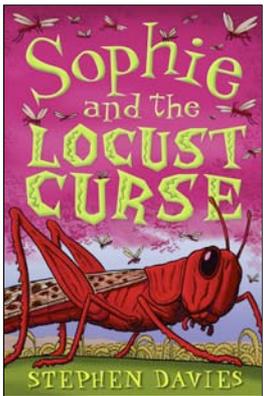
Sophie lives in Gorom-Gorom with her carnivorous-plant obsessed dad. Despite speaking the local language, Sophie finds it difficult to make friends. So when she meets Gidaado, a young griot (story-teller) she agrees to join him and his albino camel, Chobbal, on a journey to his village. It is not until they have set off that Sophie begins to realise just how dangerous the desert is.

Winner of the 2006 Glen Dimplex Children's Book Award

'Pure adventure story . . . An exceptional short novel.' - TES

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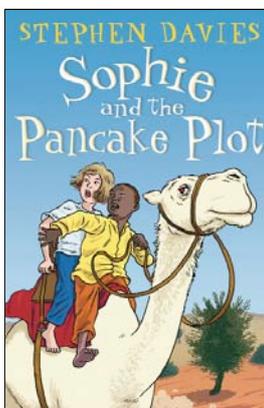
Sophie and the Locust Curse (2007 - 80 pages)

Complete with locusts, dancing flowers and the 404th Oudalan Province Camel Race.

Sophie and Gidaado are back and this time the enemy is more dangerous than camel thief Moussa ag Litni. Locusts with their crop-devouring mandibles threaten the livelihood of the entire Oudalan Province. Gidaado is forced to become a crier announcing local news and the descriptions of missing cows. With Sophie's help, Gidaado's announcements become great hits! Who could resist Gidaado's crooning "Has anybody seen my Skinny Legs?"

'This classy tale is as much a snapshot of West Africa as an adventure, but it has a thrilling camel race and a surprising denouement.' - Judith Woods, Daily Telegraph

'A rich and fascinating insight into West African culture.' - Carousel



Sophie and the Pancake Plot (2008 - 96 pages)

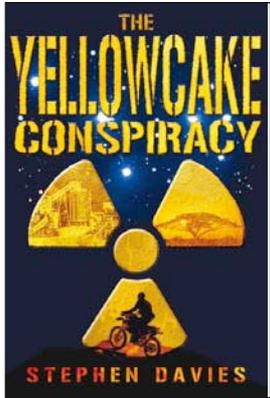
A dodgy election in the African desert sets up a new chase for Sophie.

Gidaado the Fourth and his albino camel are working for a famous General in his campaign to win the state elections. General Crêpe-Sombo is everyone's hero, but Sophie reckons there is something fishy about him. It turns out that the General is more crooked than Sophie and Gidaado could ever have imagined. They must expose him before he becomes President! In a final breathtaking scene, the children are racing across the desert sands on camelback, pursued by General Crêpe-Sombo in his jeep.

'While the adventure is standard children outwitting bad adults, the setting and the characters make it different from the usual. It's very speedy... [and] great fun.' - School Librarian

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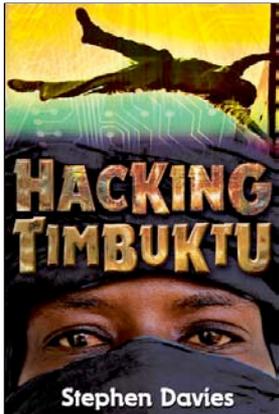
**A gripping tale of murder, espionage and nuclear terrorism from Africa
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Haroun works in a Saharan uranium mine. When the mine's director is mysteriously murdered, Haroun embarks on a dangerous new role as a spy for the French Government. A shocking conspiracy is unearthed – somebody is trafficking 'yellowcake', a key ingredient in the production of nuclear bombs. Will the yellowcake fall into the hands of a rogue state?

'Stephen Davies writes brilliantly, building suspense and bringing the story to a dramatic climax.' - Write Away

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'Absolutely amazing!! No exaggerations needed.' - Dragonfly Book Reviews

Sold: USA

Stephen Davies is a missionary who lives with his wife amongst Fulani herders in West Africa. The author living locally allows for a lot of genuine African details and authentic background. He speaks Fulfulde, eats millet, and accompanies cattle-drives. He also writes for the Guardian Weekly (Letters from Burkina Faso) and occasionally for the Sunday Times.

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