

## 7-8 YEARS:

### THE DRAGONSITTER by Josh Lacey

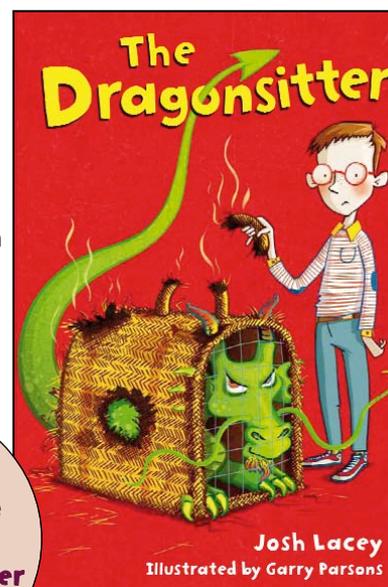
Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize (7-14 category)

'Dear Uncle Morton. You'd better get on a plane right now and come back here. Your dragon has eaten Jemima. Emily loved that rabbit!'

It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, and the postman is fleeing down the garden path.

- Hilarious novel for younger readers.
- 'Short, sharp and funny.' Martin Chilton, Telegraph
- 'Ideal for young or reluctant readers and belly-busting laughter for all the family.' We Love This Book
- 'Will entertain any child of 7+.' The Times
- 'Josh Lacey's comic timing is impeccable . . . This witty little book deserves to be read and reread.' Books for Keeps
- Illustrated throughout by Garry Parsons.
- **Rights:** All (Sold: Germany) 112pp b/wills

Publication of the first title in May 2012



Coming up in May 2013, the second title in the series:  
**The Dragonsitter Takes Off**

### A FRIEND IN NEED by Julia Jarman

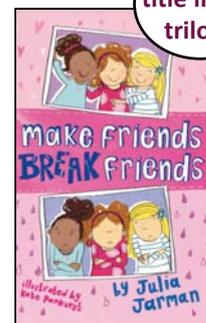
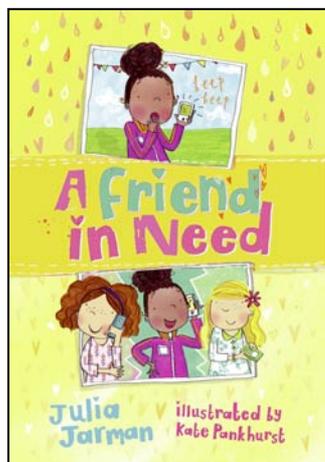
When popular Erika is being bullied, she doesn't know who to tell

Erika is good at sport, actually she's good at everything, and she has loads of friends. But her two best friends Daisy and Phoebe are worried about her – she seems really quiet and is avoiding them.

If it wasn't Erika they'd be worried she was being bullied, but surely no one would bully the most popular girl in school?

- **Second in a trilogy each featuring one of the three friends.**
- Brilliant new series for girls of 7+.
- Books that all girls will relate to.
- Illustrated throughout by Kate Pankhurst. Kate illustrated *Danny Baker*, *Record Breaker*, which was nominated for the Waterstone's Children's Books Prize
- **Rights:** All (sold to Korea) except audio rights (for audio rights, contact David Higham Agency)

96pp b/wills Publication May 2013



First title in the trilogy

### AUNT SEVERE AND THE TOY THIEVES by Nick Garlick

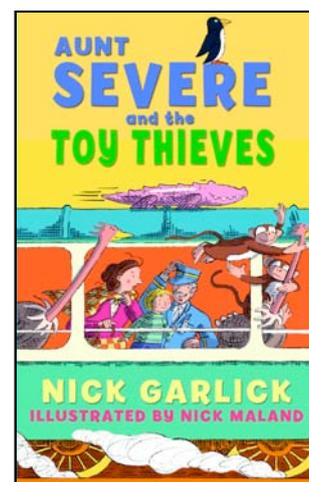
The second book in the imaginative and funny Aunt Severe series.

The Colonel is missing, and Aunt Emily is sad and severe again. But what does the Colonel's disappearance have to do with two notorious toy thieves? Daniel sets to work to find out. With the help of some escaped zoo animals, can Aunt Severe and Daniel track down the toy thieves and bring the Colonel home again?



First title in the series

- Perfect for new young readers. Full of fun and adventure.
- Beautifully illustrated throughout by Nick Maland, who won the Booktrust Early Years Award for *Oliver Who Travelled Far and Wide*, and was shortlisted for Mother Goose Best Newcomer.
- ← • Aunt Severe and the Dragons: 'A super book with excellent pictures' Carousel
- **Rights:** All except film (first title sold in Turkey and audio) b/wills Publication March 2013



## FLUFF THE FARTING FISH by Michael Rosen

Illustrated by Tony Ross.

Elvie is desperate for a puppy that she can train up to do amazing tricks. But it's not a puppy Mum returns from the pet shop with, it's a fish.

But Elvie doesn't give up. Determined to fulfill her dream of having a performing pet she trains up Fluff the fish. She can't sit, she won't bark on command, but she does have a very special fishy talent all of her own . . .

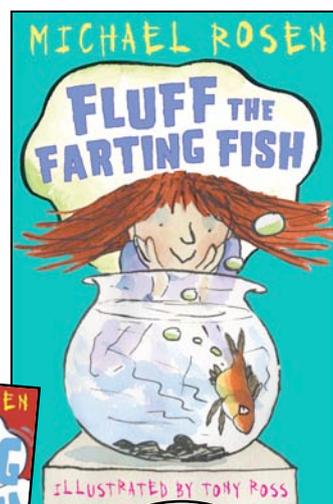
• **A brand-new creation from this hilarious collaboration between the famous poet and the exceptional illustrator!**

• With black and white illustrations throughout, this is perfect for new young readers

• Radio broadcaster, poet, and whirlwind performer, Michael Rosen makes young audiences howl with laughter. He is an astonishingly prolific writer for both children and adults.

• **Rights:** All

80pp b/w ills Publication January 2013



Third title coming up in August 2013: **New Dog**



## The Not So Little Princess Read-Alones by Tony Ross and Wendy Finney

**A whole new direction for Tony Ross's bestselling Little Princess: a set of colour first readers - the Little Princess is not so little any more!**

Two titles to be published in the Autumn 2013

*Title 1 - The Princess's New Name:* The King and Queen realise they need to call the Little Princess by her real name now that she's actually not so little anymore. But there's trouble . . . her real name is so awful, so terrible that nobody can pluck up the courage to tell her what it is.

*Title 2 - Rosie Gets a Friend*

• **These young fiction colour first readers will take Tony Ross's Little Princess to a whole new audience. The perfect experience for new readers.**

• Tony Ross's classic Little Princess books have sold 3,500,000 copies worldwide and have been translated into 31 languages. The animated series is sold in over 100 territories.

• **Rights:** All

64pp Full colour insides Publication September 2013

**9-11 YEARS:**

## RUN RABBIT RUN by Barbara Mitchelhill

**A thrilling and poignant World War II adventure, the story of a young girl whose father is a pacifist.**

When Lizzie's dad refuses to fight in the Second World War, the police come looking to arrest him. Desperate to stay together, Lizzie and her brother Freddie go on the run with him, hiding from the police in idyllic Whiteway. But when their past catches up with them, they're forced to leave and it becomes more and more difficult to stay together as a family. Will they be able to? And will they ever find a place, like Whiteway, where they will be safe again?

• Nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal, 2012

• Winner of the Young Quills Prize for Historical Fiction 2012

• Shortlisted for the Coventry Inspiration Award in the Raring to Read (age 7-11) category

• Winner of the Stockton Children's Book of the Year Award

• A Red House 'Pick of the Year'

• *'This book will be a real hit with the many readers who love Carrie's War and Goodnight Mr Tom.'* Armadillo Magazine

• Barbara Mitchelhill's lifetime sales with Andersen Press to date are more than 100,000 copies.

• Barbara is currently writing another historical fiction: **Twist of Fortune**

• **Rights:** All (except film and dramatization) **256pp**



## SPACE BLASTERS by Philip Caveney

Have you ever wanted to enter the world of the film you are watching? Well, Kip does, and he is headed into deepest, darkest space in the third book in this action-packed movie series.

The mysterious Mr Lazarus has helped Kip and his father to completely change the fortunes of the small local cinema they own and run – but now Stephanie, a local journalist, is sniffing around, wanting to know how he's done it . . .

With the launch party for the huge space adventure movie, *Space Blasters*, approaching, Kip is desperate to keep Stephanie away. But when Mr Lazarus himself ends up stuck inside the film at the mercy of the evil Emperor Zarkan, Kip has no choice. He has to go in after him – to a galaxy far, far away . . .

- *Last Action Hero* meets *Time Riders*; from the author of the much-acclaimed Alec Devlin and Sebastian Darke series

**Praise for the first book in the series, *Night on Terror Island*:**

- 'A thrilling nightmare of an adventure.' Julia Eccleshare, LoveReading4Kids

*Night on Terror Island* was shortlisted for the Warwickshire Book Award, the Stockport Book Award, the Cumbrian Secondary Schools Book Award and the Oldham Book Award

**Praise for the second book in the series, *Spy Another Day*:**

- 'The thrills just keep on coming . . . it's a cracker!' - Bookbag
- 'Fantastic stuff, suitable for all' - Bookwitch

Rights: All Publication May 2013



## LILLIPUT by Sam Gayton

A hugely imaginative tale about a very small girl desperate to find her way home.

'Have you heard of the tale that's short and tall? There's an island in the world where everything is small!'

She is a girl three inches tall with eyes like drops of dew. Her clothes are cut from handkerchiefs and stitched with spider silk. For half of her life, she has been trapped in a birdcage while her giant kidnapper sits beside her, writing a leather-bound book the size of a house.

Her name is Lily, and tonight she is escaping. She is going home. To Lilliput.

Inspired by Gulliver's Travels, Lilliput is an exhilarating adventure filled with cunning escape plans, evil clockmakers and very talkative parrots. Join Lily as she travels over rooftops, down chimneys and into chocolate shops on a journey to find the one place in the world where she belongs . . . Home.

Rights: All, except film b/w ills Publication March 2013

Reviews and awards for Sam Gayton's debut book, *The Snow Merchant*:

- 'The most imaginative tale I've read in a very long time.' Literary Loves
- 'A germ of JK and a pinch of Pullman.' TES
- 'A tale of self discovery, family and friendship...an inventive and accomplished debut.' Daniel Hahn, Independent on Sunday
- 'Beautifully old-fashioned storytelling weaves a hugely imaginative tale of alchemy, family and snow in this quirky debut novel.' The Bookseller
- Longlisted for the Branford Boase award, shortlisted for the Sheffield Children's Book Award.



## THE SULTAN'S TIGERS by Josh Lacey

The second book featuring Tom Trelwaney sees him and his eccentric Uncle Harvey in search of some hidden family treasure in India.

Tom Trelwaney discovers an incredible family secret. While serving as a soldier in India one of his ancestors stole and then hid a precious, jewel-encrusted tiger. The tiger is one of eight, all identical, that once surrounded the throne of a legendary sultan. Now a ruthless Indian billionaire is attempting to collect the full set, and only one is still missing . . .

With his dodgy Uncle Harvey in tow, Tom sets off to find this family treasure. But they're not the only people looking for it . . .

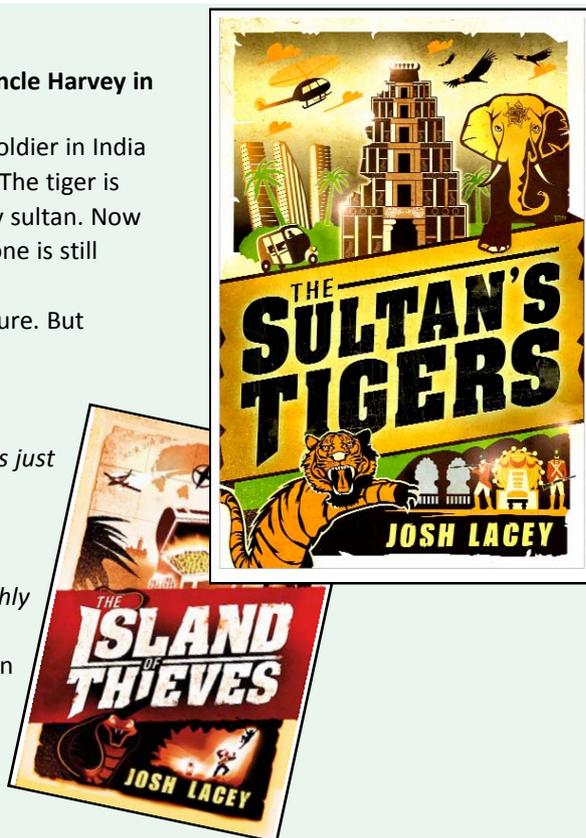
• **By the author of the internationally renowned GRK series**

**Praise for *The Island of Thieves*:**

- *'Funny and action packed, this well-paced, smartly written crime caper is just the thing for boys of 8+.'* The Times
- *'A thrilling adventure.'* Guardian
- *'A cracking thriller packed full of intrigue, danger and daring.'* Observer
- *'A stunning treasure story . . . fast-paced, exciting and very realistic. Highly recommended.'* Mandy Southgate, blogcritics.org
- Ideal for readers still too young for the Alex Rider, SilverFin or Chris Ryan books

• **The Island of Thieves** was shortlisted for the Salford Children's book award 2013 and nominated for the Leicester Our Best Book Award 2012

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## WILL GALLOW'S series by Derek Keilty

Thrilling new series where fantasy meets the Wild West

**Title 3: Will Gallows and the Rock Demon's Blood**

Sky cowboy, Will Gallows, is finding life hard on the ranch. Should he follow his heart and join the elf side of his family, learning their magical secrets? Or should he join the Sky Cavalry with his friend Jez?

His decision is put on hold when his grandma is kidnapped – by the most terrifying creature Will has ever encountered, a rock demon with a seventy-year-old grudge to avenge . . .

**Title 1: Will Gallows and the Snake-Bellied Troll**

Will Gallows rides out on a perilous quest to bring the evil snake-bellied troll bandit, Noose Wormworx, to justice. Noose is wanted for the murder of Will's pa, the deputy sheriff of Oretown. Will's journey takes him to the dark underground city of Deadrock, where he soon uncovers a deadly secret that could spell disaster for the whole of the West-Rock.

**Title 2: Will Gallows and the Thunder Dragon's Roar**

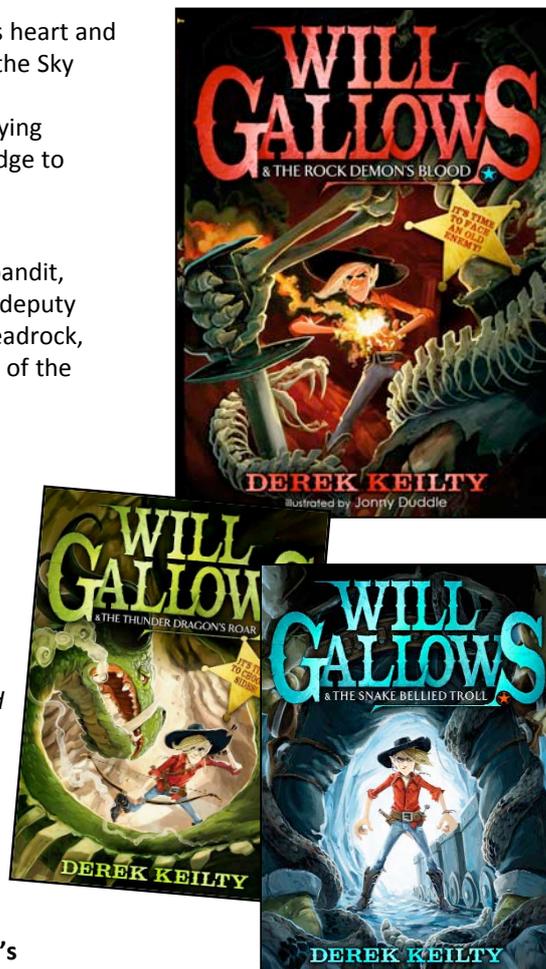
Book 4 commissioned (publication in 2014)

- **Film rights optioned by Elton John's Rocket Pictures**
- Chosen for the coveted Richard & Judy Book Club
- *Will Gallows & the Snake Bellied Troll* was shortlisted for the CBI (Childrens Books Ireland – formerly the Bistos) Book of the Year Award 2012.
- *'Like Eoin Colfer, Derek Landy and Garret Carr, it is full of Irish wit, dystopian vision and musicality, merging three genres (SF, hard-boiled detective story and the Wild West) within a children's novel. Extremely funny and utterly bonkers.'* The Times
- *'Wow, what a brilliant read. Fresh and original – and very funny too.'* Joseph Delaney, author of *The Spook's Apprentice*
- *'With an epic journey, dramatic setting and a host of terrifying monsters, there's a thrill on every page.'* Booktrust, Richard and Judy Book Club
- Brilliantly illustrated throughout by **Jonny Duddle, who won the Waterstone's**

**Children's Book Prize 2012**

• Publishers can apply for a **translation grant** through the Ireland Literature Program.

• **Rights:** All (Sold: France, Brazil, Germany, Spain, Israel, audio and film) **256pp b/w illus**



**12+ YEARS:**

**HAV3N by Tom Easton**

A killer virus has struck, and only one community has survived, in this gripping, dark psychological thriller.

'It seems likely, that . . . we could be the only survivors.'  
 'In the country?'  
 'In the world.'

It starts with a cough, a few aches and pains and a weird spot on the back of your neck. It is HAV3N, the deadliest disease the world has ever known.

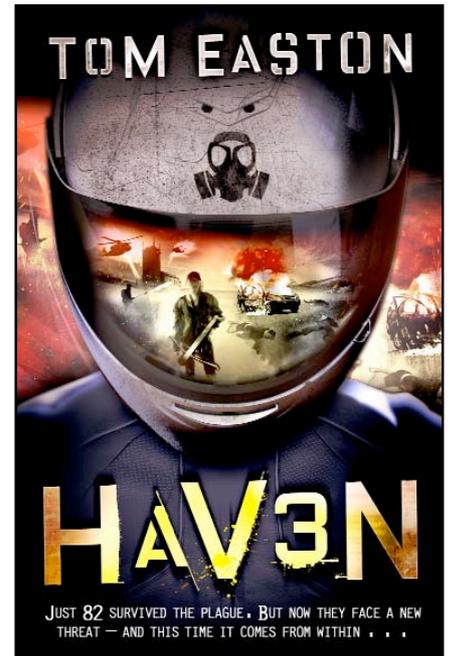
With friends and loved ones dying in their thousands, the villagers of picture-postcard village Great Sheen are convinced this is more than just media hype. Their entire existence is under serious threat. So they barricade themselves in – and the infected out.

Seventeen-year-old Josh, his sister Martha and their two friends survive the onslaught of HAV3N, along with only seventy-eight other villagers. But they now face a very different future. One in which they could be the only living teenagers in the world . . .

- A fast-paced, dark, filmic thriller in the vein of *Contagion* and *I Am Legend*.
- Raises debatable questions: is repressive social control necessary for a small society to survive?
- Tom Easton's next young adult cross-over book is **Seven-Second Delay**, a thriller with sci-fi elements. We will have material ready for Bologna 2013.

**Rights:** All except film rights. For film rights, contact Rogers, Coleridge and White.

**400pp, publication August 2012**



**NEXT edited by Keith Gray**

A collection of new short stories about the afterlife.

Some of today's leading writers for teens, including Jonathan Stroud, Malorie Blackman, Frank Cottrell Boyce, Julie Bertagna, Keith Gray and Sally Nicholls have come together to ask what happens after you die? Heaven? Hell? Purgatory? Reincarnation? Nothing . . . ?

Will you go out with a bang? Or find a peace that only you can see?

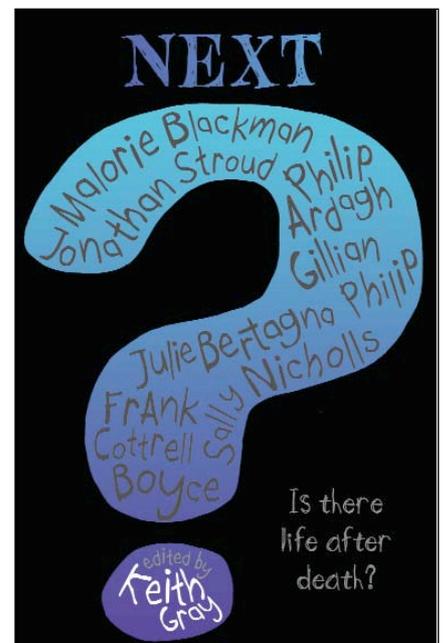
Is heaven spending eternity reliving your happiest memories? Or is your future in someone else's thoughts?

Could it even be that you leave a part of yourself behind?

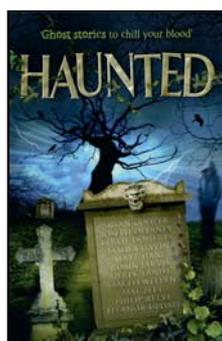
- The perfect book for one of life's key questions: what next?
- Between them these authors have won all the major children's prizes going
- A companion piece to Keith Gray's critically acclaimed *Losing It*.

**Rights:** All except film rights (sold: Audio) **240pp**

**Publication June 2012**



**Other short stories collections:**



## Melvin Burgess - New editions

### AN ANGEL FOR MAY, historical novel

Tam is unhappy at home and often takes refuge in the ruins of Thowt It Farm. But then one day he is transported back to the Second World War. Alone and afraid, he makes friends with May, who has been rescued from a bombed-out house. She tries to persuade him to stay at the farm, but Tam is afraid of being trapped in the past forever.

- Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal
- 'An atmospheric, eerie book' - Carnegie Medal judges
- 'An intricate, moving tale' - The Observer

Rights: All

### THE CRY OF THE WOLF, thriller

It was a mistake for Ben to tell the Hunter that there were still wolves in Surrey. For the Hunter was a fanatic, always on the lookout for unusual prey. Driven by an ambition to wipe out the last English wolves, the Hunter sets out on a savage quest. But what happens when the Hunter becomes the hunted?

- A new edition of Melvin Burgess's highly acclaimed first novel
- *The Cry of the Wolf* was highly commended for the Carnegie Medal: 'So powerfully written that we had to include it. The characterisation of the wolves was masterful.' Carnegie judges
- 'A disturbing book, but of real quality.' Observer
- 'A Dickens of the future.' Michael Rosen

Rights: All 160 pp

### BURNING ISSY, historical novel

'Are you frightened of dying, Issy?'

Issy doesn't know where she came from or who she is. Night after night, she has the same nightmare: she burns in a fire and at the heart of the flames is a face she dares not look at. Fear and superstition are everywhere. She must run – from the Witch-finder, from the evil hag who wants her, from those she loves and maybe even from her own true nature . . .

- 'Brutally honest . . . this remarkable historical novel erupts into life from the very first page.' Financial Times
- 'Vivid and atmospheric . . . Unforgettable stuff.' Guardian

Rights: All 176 pp

### THE BABY AND FLY PIE, dystopian thriller

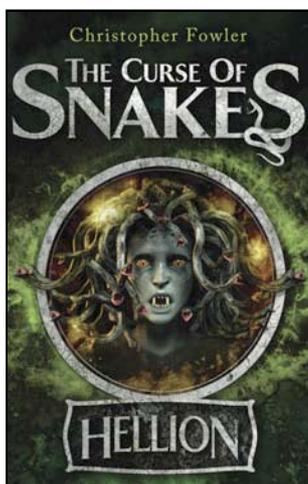
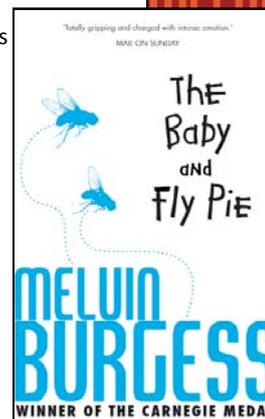
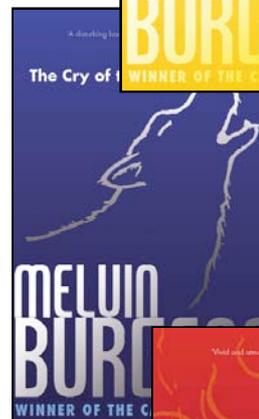
'We're the rubbish kids, losers and orphans. Everyday we go out on to the Tip to sort rubbish for Mother Shelly.'

For Sham, Fly Pie and his sister Jane, this is the grim reality of their lives. Then one day everything changes when they find a baby on the Tip – a baby worth seventeen million pounds . . .

This discovery takes them into a savage, lonely city and so begins an endless fight for survival.

- 'Gritty and realistic, this novel touches and challenges, and certainly can't be put down.' Books for Keeps
- 'Totally gripping and charged with intense emotion.' Mail on Sunday

Rights: All (film option sold) 256pp



## THE CURSE OF SNAKES - HELLION by Christopher Fowler

A creepy, thrilling urban teen novel from the multi award-winning adult author Christopher Fowler  
*'Something had been released into the night streets. It moved unnoticed and sucked the life from people. It caused slow painful death, but even those who could sense its presence were too scared to admit it was there.*

*And now, with quiet deliberation, it was heading for the street where I lived.'*

Red Hellion lives opposite the creepy, tightly locked Torrington Park, or 'Viper's Green'. Walking home from school one day, he meets Max, who is trying to break in. Before he knows it, Red finds himself sucked into Max's plans to discover the whereabouts of his father, who disappeared weeks before under sinister circumstances connected with the park. But neither Max nor Red realize just how much their lives are at risk for their investigations into the park are linked to the terrible the legend of Medusa, and are about to lead them into horrific danger...

- Fast-paced urban teen novel, based on Greek legend.
- 'Thrilling, scary and very readable' - The Teacher

Rights: All 208pp, publication April 2010

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