

9-12 YEARS:

WILL GALLOWS SERIES by Derek Keilty

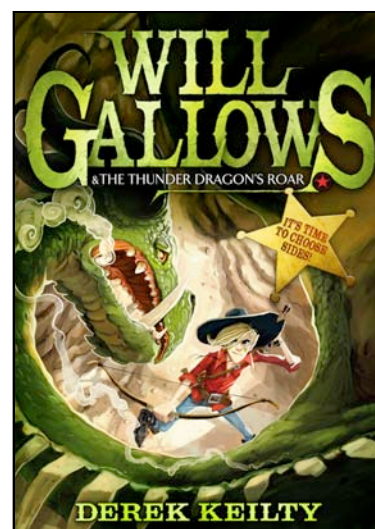
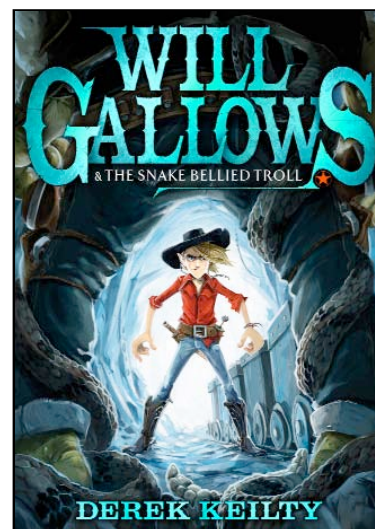
Book 1: WILL GALLOWS AND THE SNAKE-BELLIED TROLL

Book 2: WILL GALLOWS AND THE THUNDER-DRAGON'S ROAR, publishing February 2012

Thrilling new series where fantasy meets the Wild West

Book 1: Will Gallows, a young elfling cowboy, 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.

- **Film rights optioned by Elton John's Rocket Pictures**
- Chosen for the coveted Richard & Judy Bookclub
- *'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*
- *'A romping cowboy story with a difference, this is entertaining, action pack adventure set in a richly imagined fantasy world.'* - Julia Eccleshare, *LoveReading*
- *'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**
- **Rights:** All (Sold: France, Israel, audio and film) **256pp** **b/w ills**



THE SNOW MERCHANT

Sam Gayton

A hugely imaginative and quirky debut novel

Lettie Peppercorn lives in a house on stilts near the wind-swept coast of Albion, with no one to talk to but Periwinkle the pigeon. Her days are filled with floor-sweeping, bed-making and soup-stirring. Her nights are filled with dreams of her mother, who vanished long ago. Nothing incredible has ever happened to Lettie, until one winter's night.

The night the Snow Merchant comes.

He claims to be an alchemist – the greatest that ever lived – and in a mahogany suitcase, he carries his newest invention. It is an invention that will change Lettie's life – and the world – forever. It is an invention called snow.

- *'The most imaginative tale I've read in a very long time.'* - Literary Loves
- *'A beautiful modern day fairytale . . . I absolutely loved this story! (5 stars)'* - Waterstone's Read and Review
- *'Beautifully old-fashioned storytelling weaves a hugely imaginative tale of alchemy, family and snow in this quirky debut novel.'* - The Bookseller
- *Northern Lights* meets *James and the Giant Peach*
- A story of alchemy, family and an astonishing new creation, snow
- Beautifully illustrated throughout by Tomic Tomislav

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LOLLY LUCK

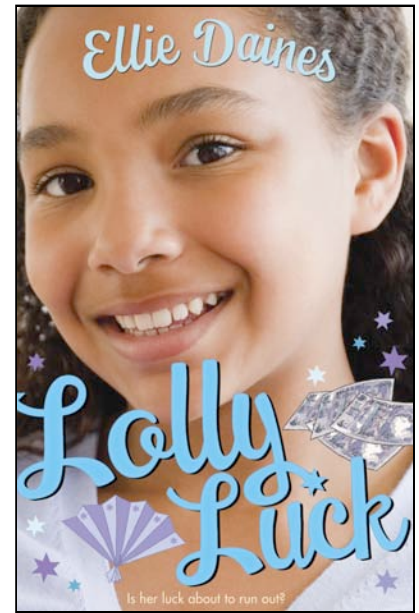
Ellie Daines

Lolly Luck is lucky by name, lucky by nature. But suddenly her luck starts to change.

Lolly always wins magazine competitions, finds money and picks winning lottery numbers. But when her dad loses his job and then the family home, Lolly's luck starts to change. And when she overhears her parents arguing, she learns a secret that will change her life forever.

- Perfect for fans of Cathy Cassidy and Jacqueline Wilson
- An exciting new Black British writer for pre-teen girls
- Tackling real-life family issues, such as redundancy, repossession and true parenthood, through a heroine girls will love

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THE ISLAND OF THIEVES

Josh Lacey

Buried treasure. Ruthless gangsters. An ancient clue . . .

Tom Trelawney was looking for excitement. Now he's found it. With his eccentric uncle Harvey, he's travelling to South America on a quest for hidden gold. But Harvey has some dangerous enemies and they want the treasure too. Who will be the first to uncover the secrets of the mysterious island?

- *Treasure Island* meets *Indiana Jones*
- **By the author of the internationally renowned GRK series**
- *'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
- *'One of the best children's adventure stories of the year.'* - Books for Keeps
- Ideal for readers still too young for the Alex Ryder, SilverFin or Chris Ryan books
- **Sequel publishing Summer 2012.**

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NIGHT ON TERROR ISLAND

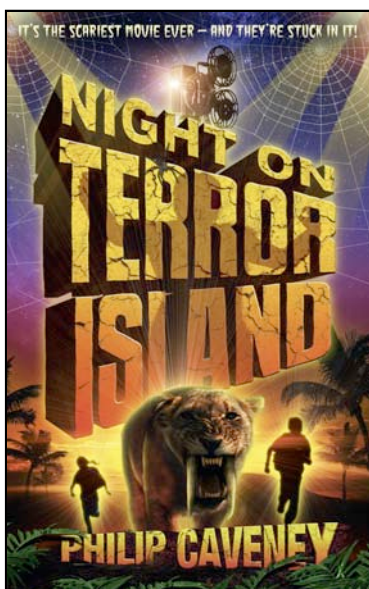
Philip Caveney

First in a cinematic new adventure series where the narrator ends up IN the film he is watching!

Have you ever wanted to be in the movies? Kip has, and when he meets mysterious Mr Lazarus he thinks his dream's come true. Because Mr Lazarus can project people into movies! Films like *Terror Island*, full of hungry sabre-toothed tigers and killer Neanderthals. When you're in a film, everything is real: real bullets, real swords, real monsters. But beware . . . if you don't get out by the time the closing credits roll, you'll be trapped in the film forever! Can Kip rescue his sister before the sabre-toothed tigers get her? And if he can – how is he going to get back?

- Fast-paced action to get every child reading, **fantasy to appeal to lovers of adventure**
- *'A thrilling nightmare of an adventure.'* - Julia Eccleshare, LoveReading4Kids
- *'A thriller, laden with heart-stopping chases and a lot of humour . . . a sure-fire winner.'* - The Bookbag
- Mr Lazarus is a mysterious, persuasive character who will feature in many more adventures with Kip and his friends
- Phil Caveney is author of the internationally renowned Sebastian Darke series
- **Second novel available to read soon**

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HAUNTED

A collection of ghost stories from today's leading children's authors: Derek Landy, Philip Reeve, Joseph Delaney, Susan Cooper, Eleanor Updale, Jamila Gavin, Mal Peet, Matt Haig, Berlie Doherty, Robin Jarvis and Sam Llewellyn

These prize-winning and best-selling authors are brought together in a spine-chilling collection of original ghost stories for readers of 10+. There are soul-eaters, a drowned boy determined to find someone to play with, a lost child trapped in a mirror, a devilish abhuman waiting for its next victim.

- This anthology, perfect for Halloween or spooky sleepovers, will chill you to the core
- Will haunt you gently long after you've put the book down
- Brings together some of the most exciting and award-winning voices in children's literature today

Rights: All except film rights

336 pp



12+ YEARS:



NEXT

Edited by Keith Gray

A collection of short stories about the afterlife

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

- 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*.

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ANNEXED

Sharon Dogar

The internationally-acclaimed and beautiful novel of life with Anne Frank

Everyone knows about Anne Frank, and her life hidden in the secret annexe – or do they? Peter van Pels and his family are locked away with the Franks too, and Peter sees it all differently. What is it like to be forced into hiding with Anne Frank, to hate her and then find yourself falling in love with her? To know you're being written about in her diary, day after day? What's it like to sit and wait and watch whilst others die, and you wish you were fighting? Anne's diary ends on August 4 1944, but Peter's story takes us on, beyond their betrayal and into the Nazi death camps. He details with accuracy, clarity and compassion, the reality of day to day survival in Auschwitz - and the terrible conclusion.

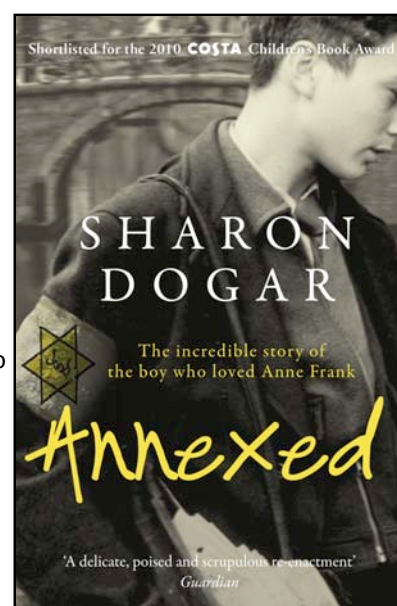
- Part fact, part fiction, this is a beautiful and haunting novel
- **Shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award and longlisted for the UKLA Award**
- 'A delicate, poised and scrupulous re-enactment.' - The Guardian
- 'Dogar's decision to write the novel from Peter's point of view is inspired.' - John Boyne, Irish Times

• 'Dogar has...done the memory of Anne Frank a great service.' - Mal Peet

• 'Dogar has created a story that can stand proudly alongside *The Diary of a Young Girl*, but can also shine in its own light.' - Publisher's Weekly

• 'Absorbing...more truthful than *The Boy in Striped Pyjamas*'. 5 stars! - Books for Keeps

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OUTLAW

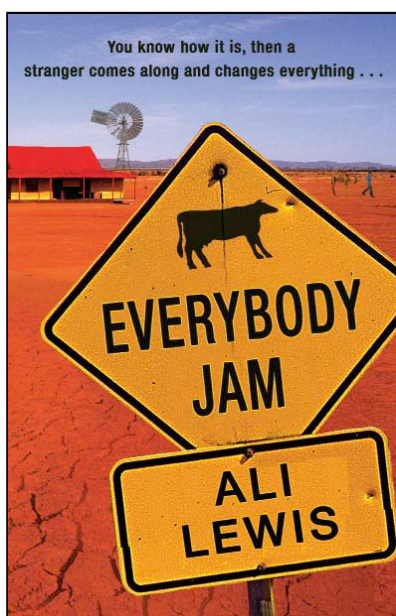
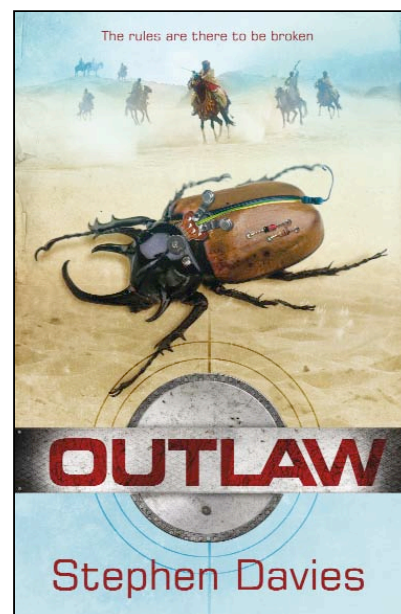
Stephen Davies

A Robin Hood story set in the Sahara - adventure and high-speed chases in a dry, hot climate!

Fifteen-year-old Jake Knight is an explorer and adventurer at heart but this often gets him into trouble. When a stuffy English boarding school suspends him for rule-breaking, Jake flies out to Burkina Faso where his parents are living. He is expecting a long, adventure-filled vacation under a smiling African sun. But what awaits him there is kidnapping, terrorism and Yakuuba Sor – the most wanted outlaw in the Sahara desert.

- Author's previous titles sold in 6 languages
- 'I have a dreadful urge to run around town waving a copy of *Outlaw* at every potential reader I can think of.' - Bookwitch
- 'A strong desert setting and a corkscrew of a plot make this a terrific page-turner.' - Julia Eccleshare, LoveReading4Kids
- Topical themes of terrorism and corruption

Rights: All (sold: USA) **272 pp**



EVERYBODY JAM

Ali Lewis

A funny and moving debut. Not to be missed!

Danny lives on a cattle station in the middle of the Australian outback, where everyone's getting ready for the annual muster. But this year, everything is different: because Danny's beloved older brother Jonny has died in a farm accident, and nobody talks about it; because his fourteen-year-old sister is pregnant, and about to be packed off to Alice Springs in disgrace. Because his mother can't cope, and has decided to hire a housegirl . . . and what they get is a wide-eyed English backpacker called Liz. She has no idea what she's let herself in for. Neither do they . . .

- A moving and original debut from an exciting new voice. Ali Lewis is a writer to watch.
- 'Engrossing . . . an extremely promising debut.' - Guardian
- 'A compellingly readable book full of truth and wonder. I didn't want it to end.' - Rebecca Stead, author of Newbery-medal-winning *When You Reach Me*
- 'What an incredible debut. Lewis brings rough poetry and raw poignancy to this coming-of-age tale set in the epic Australian outback. I loved it.' - Keith Gray
- Currently longlisted for the UKLA Award

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OUT OF SHADOWS

Jason Wallace

Winner of the 2010 Costa Children's Book Award, Branford Boase Award and the UKLA Award, shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and the Booktrust Teenage Prize.

'Honest, brave and devastating – *Out of Shadows* is more than just memorable. It's impossible to look away.' Markus Zusak, author of *The Book Thief*

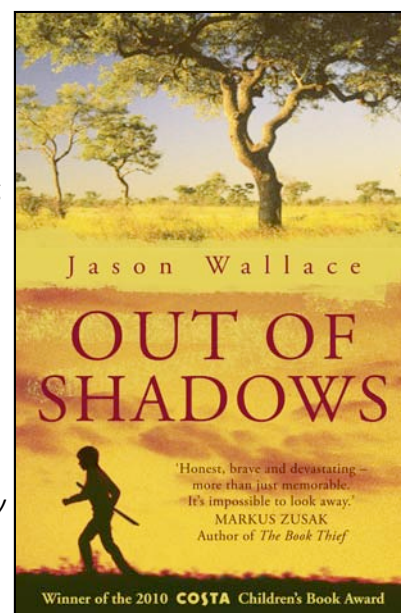
Zimbabwe, 1980s

The war is over, independence has been won and Robert Mugabe has come to power offering hope, land and freedom to black Africans. It is the end of the Old Way and the start of a promising new era.

For Robert Jacklin, it's all new: new continent, new country, new school. And very quickly he learns that for some of his classmates, the sound of guns is still loud, and their battles rage on...white boys who want their old country back, not this new black African government. For these boys there is still one last battle to fight, and they're taking it right to the very top.

- **A compelling, controversial and debut set in Africa**
- *Lord of the Flies* meets *If*
- 'A stunning debut novel without a false note. Accomplished and powerful, it changes the way you think.' - Costa Book Award
- 'A powerful, devastating read for older teens.' - Patrick Ness, The Guardian
- 'Wallace's unblinking portrait of true evil raises it above the norm... Bravo!' - The Times
- 'An extraordinary coming-of-age novel . . . a startlingly original debut . . .' - Jake Hope, Bookseller's choice, The Bookseller

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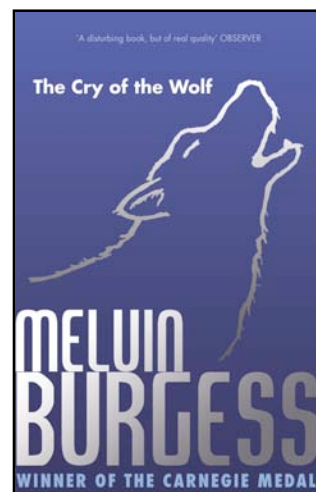
Melvin Burgess - New editions

THE CRY OF THE WOLF

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 writer of the highest quality with exceptional powers of insight.' - Sunday Times
- 'A disturbing book, but of real quality.' - Observer
- 'A Dickens of the future.' - Michael Rosen

Rights: All 160 pp



BURNING ISSY

'Are you frightened of dying, Issy?'

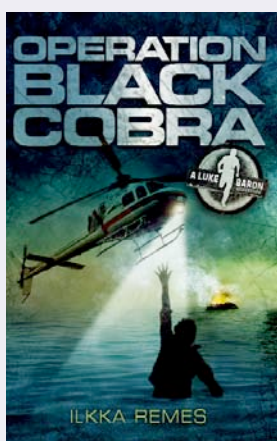
Issy doesn't know where she came from or who she is. Night after night, she has the same nightmare: she burns in a fire and at the heart of the flames is a face she dares not look at. Fear and superstition are everywhere. She must run - from the Witch-finder, from the evil hag who wants her, from those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



World English rights only:



NEW SCANDINAVIAN THRILLER SERIES from Finnish best-selling author Ilkka Remes

Book one: OCEAN EMERALD

Book two: BLACK COBRA

Ocean Emerald: A giant cruise ship with over 1,000 passengers and 500 crew, the Ocean Emerald is a floating luxury palace. But for 14-year-old Luke Baron the cruise is a nightmare from the moment the ship sails. Luke has unwittingly disturbed the plans of a criminal gang, and his efforts to stop them place him firmly in the firing line.

Black Cobra: Luke Baron has agreed to buy a fake driving licence from a girl he's just met online. But when he realises he's made a big mistake and tries to back out, he discovers that Gemma Dolan is in serious trouble with her criminal dad. Trying to protect her, he gets caught up in a terrifying plot to attack an armed nuclear convoy. Who's behind it and what do they want? Luke is starting to like Gemma, but should he trust her? And can he stop the catastrophe that threatens to engulf London, the UK and the world?

- High profile new thriller series from Scandinavia
- Ideal for readers of Anthony Horowitz, Charlie Higson and Andy McNab
- Finland's unrivalled publishing sensation, Remes is famous for his high-octane thrillers with international settings. His first book for adults appeared in 1997 and was an immediate success. Since then, he has published 12 books for adults and 6 for children, hitting the bestseller list every time.
- 'A tense, action-packed thriller, this will grab the reader's attention from the first moment and hold them spell bound as the dramatic action unravels.' - Julia Eccleshare, LoveReading4kids
- 'A real page turner.' - Emily Turner, Angels and Urchins

Rights: World English, large print, audio, educational. Others through Ari Hiltunen -ari.hiltunen@ilkkaRemes.com

Age group: 12+ years 320 pp



SERIES 6-9 YEARS:

• MsWiz by Terence Blacker



'Funny, magical... with wicked pictures by Tony Ross, it's the closest thing you'll get to Roald Dahl.' THE TIMES

This bestselling series, in which a classroom teacher is a *real* witch, is already sold in many languages and has moved from Macmillan to Andersen Press.

- Two entirely new stories and eighteen old titles are available
- The Ms Wiz books have sold over 1 million copies
- 'Hilarious and hysterical.' - Susan Hill, Sunday Times
- 'Sparkling zany humour . . . brilliantly funny.' - Children's Books of the Year

Rights: World English, translation (Sold: USA and many others now reverted) / Caroline Sheldon: film, audio
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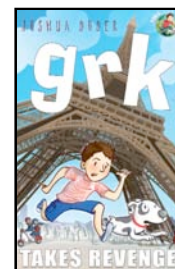
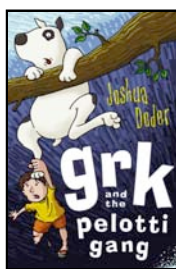
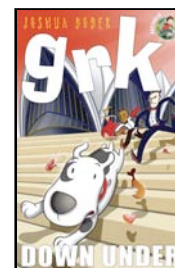
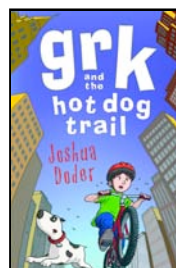
• GRK SERIES by Joshua Doder-Lacey

When Timothy Malt finds a little white dog sitting outside his house and decides to adopt him, he little suspects what adventures he is signing up for. He flies a helicopter in Eastern Europe, exposes an international art thief in New York, and chases bank robbers through the jungles of Brazil.

- Each book is set in a different country where our heroes stumble across real-life villains.
- These books are **light and entertaining while delivering hard facts** from around the world.
- Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award and the Branford Boase Award.
- 'Touching, crazy and smart.' - The Times
- 'This dynamic duo are your best bet yet.' - Sunday Times
- 'Infectious mix of thrills, spills and off-the-cuff humour.' - Scotsman
- 'Not since Tintin and Snowy has there been such a touching boy-dog relationship.' - The Times

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