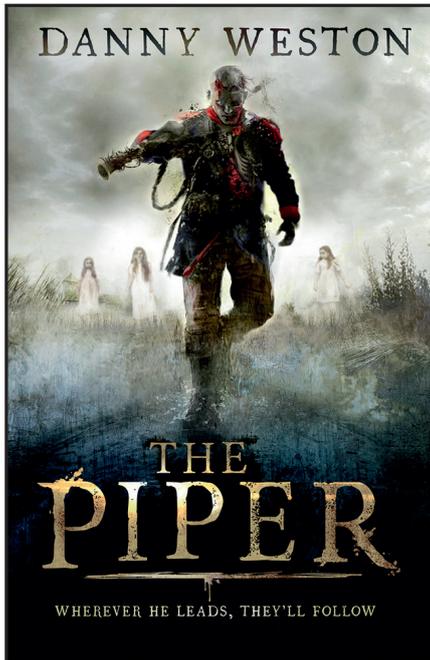


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## The Piper

**A chilling ghost story set in the second world war.**

When Peter and his little sister, Daisy, are evacuated from London to the countryside, they find themselves on an isolated farm in the middle of a treacherous marshland.

As Daisy gets drawn deeper into the secrets of their new home, Peter starts to realise that something very sinister is going on. What is that music they can hear at night? And who are the children dancing to it?

He who pays the piper calls the tune.

*"Wonderfully twisty chiller that's sure to make you want to keep all of the lights on"* Scotsman

*"...spookily enchanting"* Literary Loves Blog

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## Mr Sparks

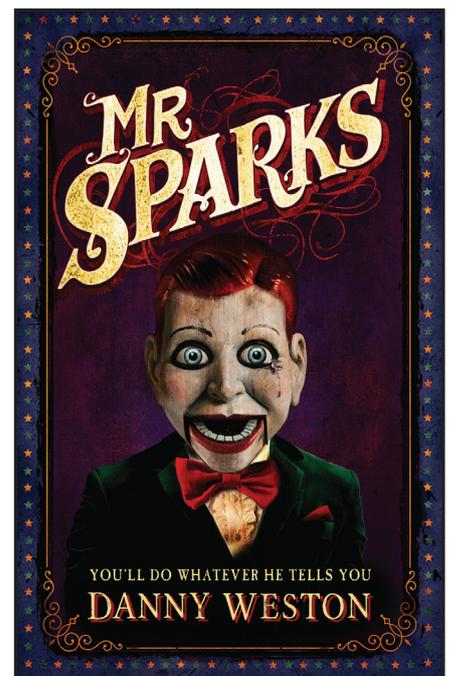
After his father goes missing in the Great War, Owen is abandoned to live with his cruel aunt in her seaside hotel. Here he meets a mysterious guest, who appears to make his ventriloquist's dummy speak, even in his sleep.

Soon Owen realises that the dummy, Mr Sparks, can really talk – and he's looking for a newer, younger puppetmaster. But Mr Sparks has a dark past . . .

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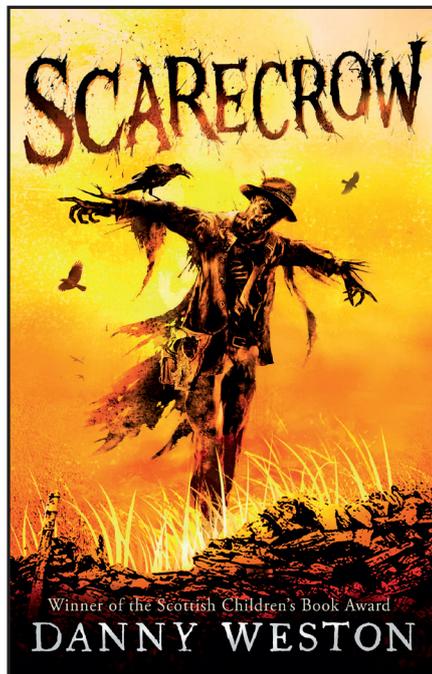
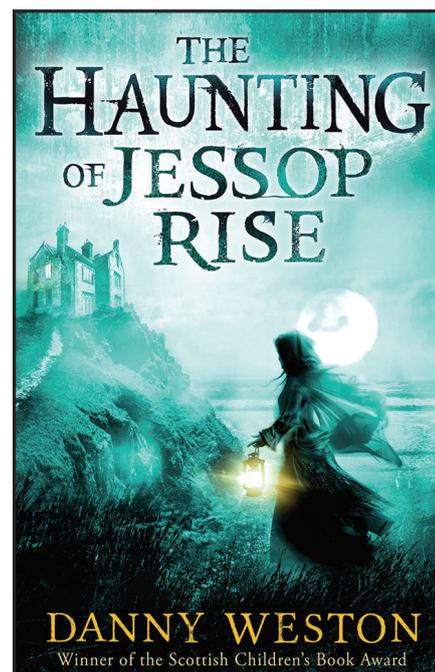
**A terrifying haunted house mystery. Who are the spectral creatures that prowl in the shadows of Jessop Rise?**

Alone and penniless after his father is killed in a cotton mill accident, fourteen-year-old William faces the rest of his childhood in a brutal workhouse. Then his long-estranged uncle Seth sends for him, and William thinks his fortunes are changing.

But arriving at Uncle Seth's grand house, Jessop Rise, William encounters ghostly figures. What is the dark secret that Uncle Seth has been keeping for so long? As William uncovers the clues, he finds himself caught up in a dark and terrifying mystery – one that will test him to the very edge of reason.

*"A truly gripping tale"* Joanne Owen, LoveReading4Kids

*"An atmospheric and creepy Hallowe'en read... the engaging, warm writing draws you in and the fast-paced story races you to a satisfying conclusion."* Scotsman



## The Scarecrow

**Jack is on the run with his dad. Hiding in a remote Scottish lodge, Jack witnesses something impossible – and he realises that the mysterious scarecrow in the nearby field may just be alive, and very hungry...**

Jack and his dad are runaways. Jack's father recently turned whistleblower, revealing the truth about the illicit dealings of some powerful people. Realising that he and Jack might be in danger, Dad drives them to a remote shooting lodge in the Scottish Highlands, where they intend to lay low.

In the cornfield beside the lodge stands a scarecrow. When Jack witnesses something incredible, he begins to realise that it is no ordinary scarecrow – it is alive, hungry and fuelled by rage. And when Dad's enemies begin to converge on the lodge, the scarecrow might just turn out to be Jack's best hope of survival.

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