A woman in a dark hooded garment is shown in profile, looking upwards with her eyes closed. She is positioned in the lower half of the frame, set against a misty, teal-toned forest background. A silhouette of a wolf is visible behind her, appearing to walk across a small patch of ground. The overall mood is ethereal and mysterious.

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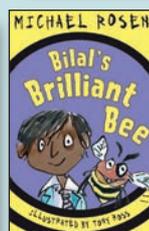
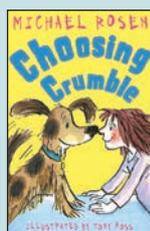
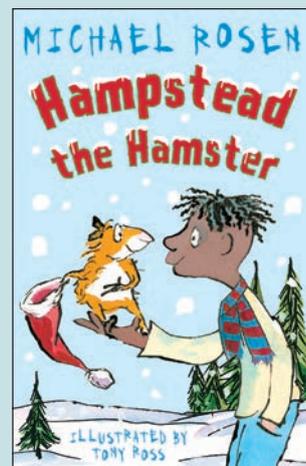
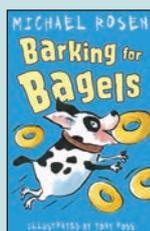
ANIMAL TALES FOR YOUNG READERS

MICHAEL ROSEN & TONY ROSS

Each story features a larger than life animal-child friendship where the animal gets its own way with hilarious consequences!

Christmas is coming, and what Leo wants more than anything is a pet hamster. And guess what? He gets one! Leo names his new pet Hampstead, after an autocorrect mistake on his wishlist. Everything is great, that is until Leo realises that Hampstead is miserable. What can Leo do to cheer Hampstead up?

- Six animal stories written by best-selling author Michael Rosen with hilarious illustrations by Tony Ross
- Encourages empathy with animals by showing animals as real characters
- 'Perfect for newly independent readers.'
- The School Librarian



Publication date **Book 6:**

Oct 2018

Extent: 64 / 80 / 96 pages

(b+w illustrations)

Andersen Press: All rights

Rights sold in: Audio, France, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Slovenia and Turkey

Age group: 6-9 years

Agent: United Agents Ltd

- Michael Rosen is a former Children's Laureate who set up the Roald Dahl Funny Prize.

Book 6
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NO.1 BOY DETECTIVE

BARBARA MITCHELHILL & TONY ROSS

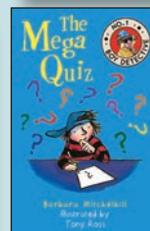
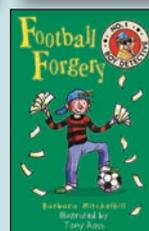
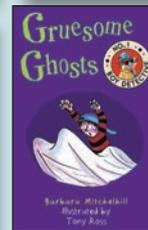
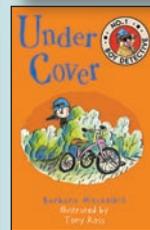
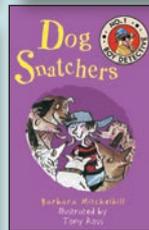
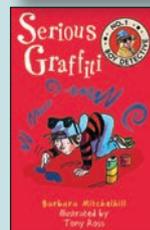
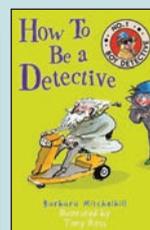
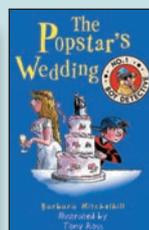
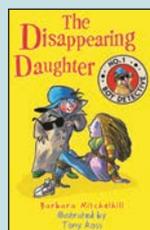
Meet Damian Drooth, the one of a kind, clean-up-the world hero.

Criminals beware – and be very afraid!

Follow Damian Drooth, ace boy detective, as he sniffs out kidnapped dogs, spooks some gruesome ghosts, and kicks out football ticket cheats. It's all in a day's work for this brilliantly funny supersleuth!

Damian narrates his own story, but attentive readers will notice that he needs a bit more help from his friends than he might like to admit... A hilarious series of stories with lots of humour at the expense of its swaggering boy hero.

- Packed with rib-tickling pictures from Tony Ross, creator of the Little Princess series and illustrator of *Horrid Henry* and David Walliams, this is perfect for newly confident young readers!
- 'Extremely funny' – Books for Keeps
- 'Madcap, cartoon-sketch humour' – TES



Publication date: Throughout 2018

Extent: 64 pages (b+w illustrations)

Andersen Press: All rights

Age group: 7-9 years

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THE BATTLE OF THE BLIGHTY BLING RUTH QUAYLE ILLUSTRATED BY ERIC HEYMAN

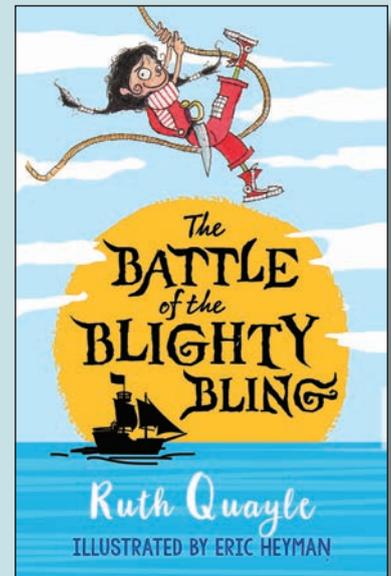
Meet the Parrot McScurvys – the oddest, most bonkers family on the block.

Vic and her younger brother and sister Bert and Maud have been left alone at home, which means they will surely get into mischief. But not just any ordinary kind of mischief, because Vic and her family are PIRATES.

Since Dad sunk the family pirate ship the family has had to live in a caravan by the sea. In this adventure, the kids take to the high seas to get it back along with the legendary pirate treasure the Blighty Bling.

But their adventure runs into a few problems when they meet their old pirate enemy, Captain Guillemot, and Vic discovers a few home truths along the way...

- Nicely observed friendship and rivalry between the pirate brother and sisters and their know it all neighbours who accompany them on their adventure
- An exciting debut fiction series for middle grade readers
- A hilarious adventure following a bunch of intrepid pirate kids onto the high seas as they battle grown up pirates and sail their way into danger
- Perfect for fans of *The Accidental Pirates* series, *Abi Elphinstone* and *My Brother is a Superhero*



Publication date: Aug 2018

Extent: 224 pages (b+w illustrations)

Andersen Press: All rights (except film)

Age group: 7-9 years

Agent: Holroyde Cartey Limited

A MOON GIRL STOLE MY FRIEND

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY REBECCA PATTERSON

It's 2099. Lyla lives in a world of robocats, flying sweets and instant snow, but some things never change. Little brothers are still annoying, schoolteachers make you cringe, and, when your best friend deserts you for the new girl, it still HURTS.

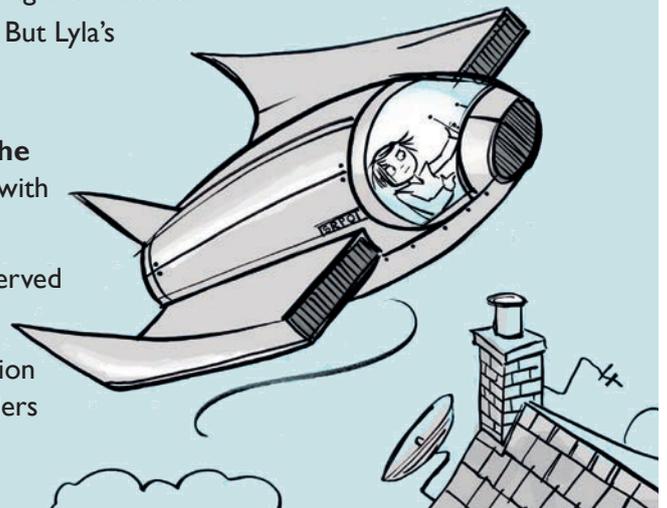
Lyla and Bianca are best friends, they are as close as sisters. But when Petra Luna arrives at their school, things start to change. Bianca deserts Lyla for the new girl and Lyla is left on her own with only her annoying little brother and Louis, a boy who is always in trouble, to hang out with. But Lyla's problems lead her into unexpected adventures ...



- Rebecca Patterson won **The Roald Dahl Funny Prize** with *My Big Shouting Day*

- A funny and brilliantly observed story of a friendship crisis

- An exciting new debut fiction series for middle grade readers



Publication date: March 2019

Extent: 22,000 words approx, fully illustrated (in b+w or IC)

Andersen Press: All rights (except film)

Age group: 7+

Agent: Anne Clark Literary Agency

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THE BOLDS JULIAN CLARY ILLUSTRATED BY DAVID ROBERTS

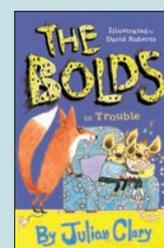
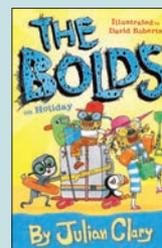
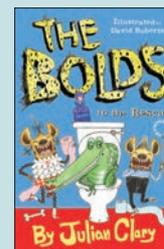
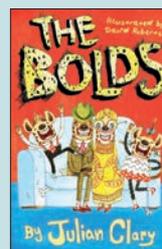
Fabulously funny children's series from comedy king Julian Clary.

Mr and Mrs Bold are just like you and me: they live in a nice house (in suburbia), they have jobs (like writing jokes), they have two children and they love to laugh. One slight difference: they're hyenas!

- Selected as a World Book Day book for 2018
- UK sales have reached over **100,000 copies**
- Themes of fitting in and accepting cultural differences
- Will appeal to fans of best-selling comedy from the likes of David Walliams and Roald Dahl
- 'Silliness and fun' – Nicolette Jones, Sunday Times, Children's Book of the Week
- 'Joyful' – The Telegraph
- 'Although Clary plays up the humour, the underlying warm message is of tolerance' – Daily Mail



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Age group: 7-9 years
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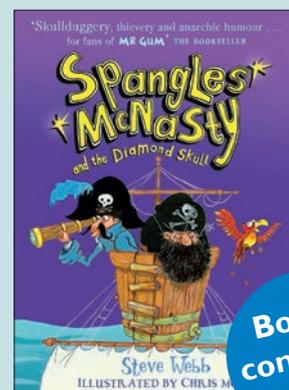
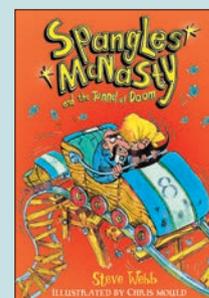
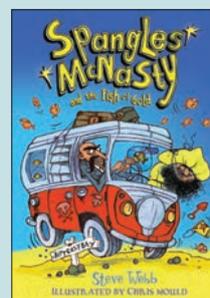
SPANGLES MCNASTY STEVE WEBB ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS MOULD

A slapstick series perfect for fans of Mr Gum, Tom Gates and Barry Loser.

Spangles McNasty is a greedy villain. There is nothing he likes more than stealing. He also likes eating cold chips out of bins, shouting at babies and pulling faces at old ladies.

Spangles and his best mate Sausage-face Pete are always making plans to get rich quick. So it's no surprise that when the famous, and very sparkly, Diamond Skull pirate hat comes to Bitterly Bay Museum, they want to get their thieving fingers on it. But they haven't reckoned on local boy Freddie Taylor and his cunning plan...

- Packed with hilarious illustrations by Chris Mould, the award-winning illustrator of *A Boy Called Christmas*
- Longlisted for the **Branford Boase Award**
- Perfect for reading alone or with a parent
- 'Skulduggery, thievery and anarchic humour in a heavily illustrated tale perfect for fans of Mr Gum.' – The Bookseller
- 'A totally silly adventure' – The Bookbag



Book 3
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May

Publication date Book 3: May 2018
Extent: 176 / 192 / 208 pages (b+w illustrations)
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Age group: 7-9 years
Rights sold in: Audio, Denmark, the Netherlands and Romania

MOSSBELLY MACFEARSOME AND THE DWARVES OF DOOM

ALEX GARDINER

Roger is just an ordinary boy in an ordinary world – or so he thinks until a grumpy dwarf warrior, Mossbelly MacFearsome, appears from nowhere and saves him from the school bully.

If that wasn't incredible enough, now Moss has decided that Roger is the perfect human companion for his daring quest to defeat the dwarves' arch enemy Leatherhead Barnstorm and his horrifying horde of monstrous (but very polite) gorefiends. If Roger doesn't help Moss, the world will be destroyed. If he does help, he will be late for tea.

A Highland castle, a trainee witch who knows karate, and an ancient spell to be broken – Roger isn't sure what he's got himself into. But the fate of the world rests on his shoulders...

- A funny, fast-paced middle grade comic fantasy adventure, perfect for fans of Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* series and Neil Gaiman's *Fortunately, The Milk*
- Science fiction and fantasy readers will love this comic spoof of the genre
- Funny and accessible for those who wouldn't normally call themselves fantasy fans
- Heroic boy and girl characters, lots of action and madcap humour makes this an irresistible package



Publication date: January 2019
Extent: 40,000 words approx
Andersen Press: All rights
Age group: 9-11

THE LAST ZOO SAM GAYTON

ILLUSTRATED BY TOMISLAV TOMIC

Pia is no ordinary zoo keeper. Instead of animals she looks after spirits, devils, angels and genies – oh, and a pair of ghosts who happen to be her parents.

She spends her days trimming genie-beards, trying to avoid being tricked into selling her soul, and waiting for the angels to make a miracle big enough to save the world.

Then the angels go missing. Can she solve the riddles of the mysterious haloes the angels have left behind? Is the zoo's devil really trying to help her? And what does this all have to do with her best friends, the Rekkers? Pia needs to solve the mystery fast, because everything around her seems to be ending: her friendships, her childhood, and maybe even the world itself.

- Gayton is masterful at building fantasy worlds and creating unlikely characters with real moral dilemmas
- Sam Gayton has been nominated for the **Carnegie Medal**, and is the winner of the **West Sussex Children's Story Award, Parents' Choice Gold Award, Tower Hamlets Book Award** and **Somerset Book Award**
- Praise for *His Royal Whiskers*: 'An outstanding story packed with magic and mayhem' – Abi Elphinstone
- Praise for the author: 'Gayton [writes] with a light touch and fertile inventiveness.' – Children's Book of the Week, Sunday Times
- 'Gayton is going from strength to strength; definitely an author to follow.' – Books for Keeps



Publication date: November 2018
Extent: 60,000 words approx
Andersen Press: All rights
Age group: 10+
Agent: Lindsay Literary Agency

A WOLF CALLED WANDER ROSANNE PARRY

ILLUSTRATED BY MONICA ARMINIO

'The wolf star, brightest of all in the summer sky, shines over my home ground. I know every hidden lake and rocky ridge, but if my pack is not in the mountains, then it is no home to me. I feel a howl deep inside, but dare not let it out.'

Swift lives with his pack in the mountains, until one day a terrible danger takes his home and family away. Alone and starving, Swift must make a choice: stay and try to survive on the borders of his old hunting grounds, or venture out and find a new place to call home.

The journey Swift must go on is long and full of peril for a lone wolf, and he must take every chance he finds. Will he find the courage to survive all by himself?

- A beautifully produced story inspired by an incredible true-life wolf's journey
- Wonderfully exciting and sensitive first person narration as a wolf cub tells us of his first sensations as new pup, his feelings as he grows up with the pack, the tragedy of losing his family, and the struggle to fend for himself in a world of danger and possibility
- Children and adults alike will savour the rollercoaster of emotions as they discover the wolf's world first hand, and learn about wolf behaviour, habit and terrain
- With factual section exploring the truth behind the tale, the lives of wolves and their environment
- *White Fang* meets *Call of the Wild* in this hugely engaging novel with potential to become a classic

Praise for *Turn of the Tide*:

- 'A touching, heartwarming story' Booklist, starred review
- 'This affecting work of realistic fiction is one to be savored' SLJ, starred review

Awards and praise for *Heart of a Shepherd*:

- **Kirkus Reviews Best Books of the Year 2009, Horn Book Fanfare Best Books of 2009, Washington Post Best Children's Books of 2009, 2010 Oregon Spirit Book Award**

- 'At once a gripping coming-of-age novel and a celebration of rural life, quiet heroism and the strength that comes from spirituality, this first novel is an unassuming, transcendent joy' Kirkus, starred review

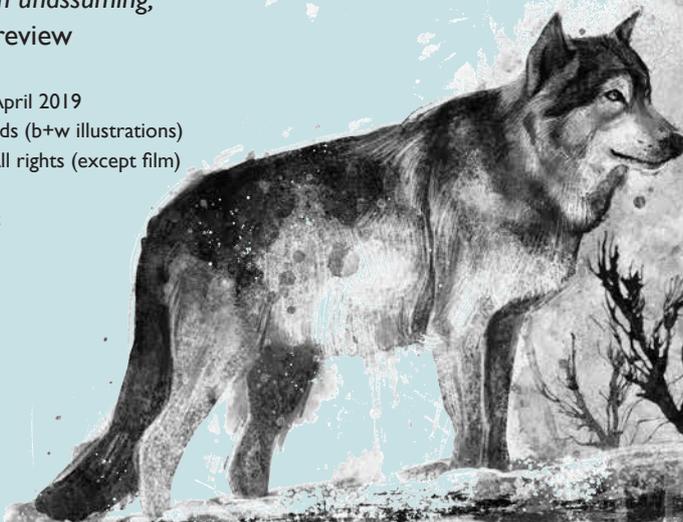
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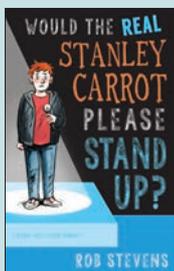


LUCKY BREAK ROB STEVENS

Laugh-out-loud funny and beautifully sad. When Leon meets Arnold he really has no idea how awkward things are about to get...

Leon's twin, Lenny, was the best brother ever. But a year ago Lenny died and the family hasn't been the same since. Then a new boy, Arnold, starts at Leon's school.

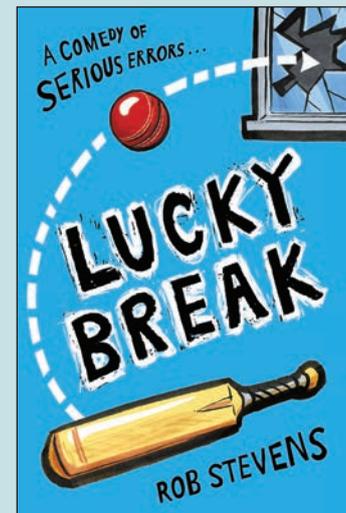
An unlikely friendship begins, even though Arnold is very odd: he doesn't get jokes, sarcasm is lost on him and he can be completely blunt. Things quickly start to get out of hand thanks to Arnold's unique world-view, and they go from breaking a window to holding up a bank – completely accidentally. But amidst all this craziness, might Arnold actually help Leon and his family to come to terms with their loss?



- Rob Stevens was shortlisted for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize for his first book, *The Mapmaker's Monsters*.

Praise for *Would the Real Stanley Carrot Please Stand Up?*:

- 'Heart-warming and charming and funny and hopeful and original and just utterly perfect.' – Blog of a Bookaholic
- 'Truly funny story. Heart-warming.' – Books for Keeps



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Age group: 11+ years

MUD EMILY THOMAS

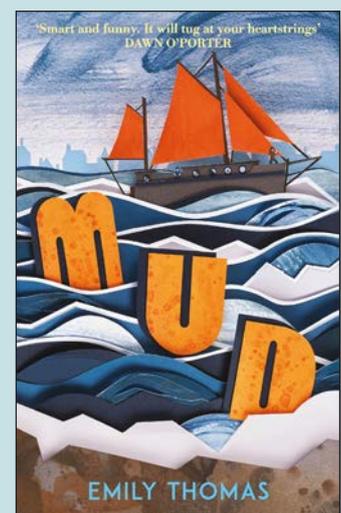
A funny and touching story for anyone who has been thrown in at the deep end.

'We're going to live on a Thames barge, Lydia,' Dad said quickly. 'All of us.'
'Dad... 'I said, finally, as calmly as I could. 'I hope this is one of your jokes, as that will absolutely, completely ruin my life. Sorry. No.'

It's 1979, and Lydia has no idea how she'll cope when her dad announces that the family has to sell up and move onto a Thames sailing barge in Essex. With Dad's girlfriend. And her three kids.

Between trying to keep her clothes dry in a leaky cabin, disastrous hair-dye attempts, awkward encounters with local boys, and coping with her suddenly enormous and troublesome family, Lydia fears she'll sink rather than swim. With a little help from her friend Kay, Lydia finds she has the courage to face even the choppiest of waters.

- Touching, honest and hilarious, *Mud* is truly a tale that will have you laughing through your tears
- Based on the author's own adolescence, *Mud* is a retro diary-style book perfect for fans of *Adrian Mole*, *Louise Rennison*, *I Capture the Castle* and *Love, Nina*
- 'This brilliant gem of a book is an acutely observed story of the challenges of adolescence, grief and family life. A truly charming, funny and poignant novel for anyone who has lost a mother, or been a sister. I devoured it.' – Clover Stroud



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Age group: Young Adult

Agent: Aitken Alexander Associates

LITTLE LIAR JULIA GRAY

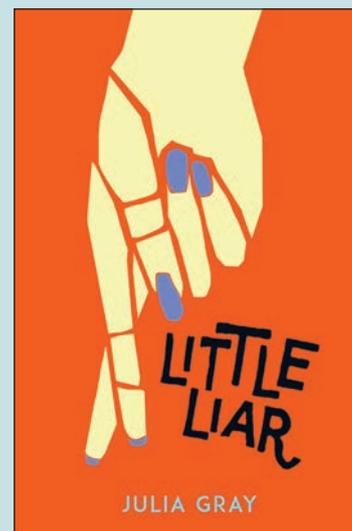
A psychological thriller for teens.

Nora has a tale to tell. A tale of seduction, envy and a friendship dangerously out of control. And lots of lies.

There's a new art assistant at Nora's school, and he's crossed a line. Nora decides to teach him a lesson he won't forget. But things don't go to plan, and lies, Nora begins to discover, have consequences.

Nora befriends the rich, talented and unpredictable Bel, who longs to be a famous actress. But as their friendship develops and a new world opens up for Nora her deceptions get larger, her loyalties are tested and events start to spin wildly out of control.

- Julia Gray has been longlisted for the Branford Boase Award and nominated for the Carnegie Medal.
- *'Intense, psychological, gripping; The Talented Mr Ripley for YA'* – Anna McKerron
- *'Smart, gripping and sharply-observed YA, with a pitch-perfect narrative voice.'* – Katherine Woodfine
- *'Another wildly inventive, thrillingly unreliable narrator from the immeasurably talented Julia Gray. Full of twists and turns this story leaves you wondering who is telling the tallest story. A great novel about truth and lies and what we need to believe to stay alive.'* – Julia Bell



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Andersen Press: All rights (except film)

Age group: Young Adult

Agent: Luigi Bonomi Associates Ltd

THE LOST WITCH MELVIN BURGESS

Carnegie Medal-winning author Melvin Burgess returns with a powerful, thrilling fantasy for young adults.

Bea is being hunted, and she doesn't know who to trust, or where to run. Bea is different – she has the powers of a witch, hearing and seeing things that no one else can – creatures, voices, visions.

Who can Bea trust: these peculiar visitors who call themselves witches? Or Lars, the mysterious boy she meets at the skate park? Or even the doctors on the mental health ward where she is going to be placed?

Soon Bea realises she isn't safe, and she must break free – at any cost.

Praise for Junk:

- *'Everyone should read Junk'* – The Times
- *'One of the defining books of YA fiction'* – The Bookseller
- A stunning return to young adult fiction from the winner of the **Carnegie Medal**, the **Guardian Children's Fiction Prize** and the **YA Book Prize special achievement award**



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