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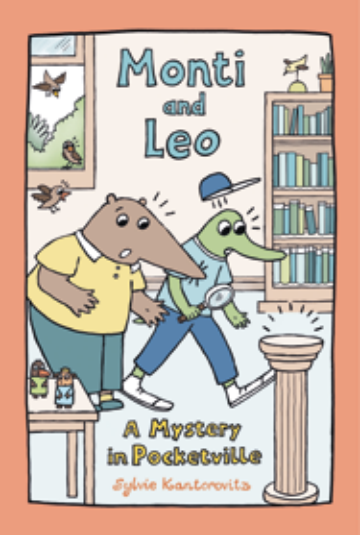


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SYLVIE KANTOROVITZ



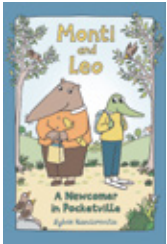
Monti and Leo: A Mystery in Pocketville

The second book in this charming series of graphic chapter books, featuring two friends navigating the misunderstandings of smalltown life

Pocketville is in the grips of a collecting fad! Mrs Sheep collects precious figurines. Leo collects rocks. Carl, the librarian, collects things that Pocketvilleans have left in library books. Monti desperately wants to be a collector, too, but he can't think of anything to collect! Then Mrs Sheep's favourite figurine goes missing and she suspects Monti! Soon, everyone doubts Monti's innocence, even Leo! Will the real thief ever be discovered?

80 pages • February 2025 • Rights sold: Catalan, Danish, Italian, Simplified Chinese, Spanish (EU) • Walker Books US

With gentle humour, Sylvie Kantorovitz explores the ways groups can be wrong-headed, and what individuals can do to make things right.



JARVIS



Bear and Bird: The Stick and Other Stories

The loveable bestest of friends, Bear and Bird, are back in this fourth set of charming and funny stories

Join Bear and Bird as they play swapsies, learn to tell the time (in their own very unique way) and definitely do NOT argue over a stick. Full of funny mix-ups and comic misunderstandings, as well as genuine warmth and affection, these four stories will make little readers laugh out loud and fall in love with Bear, Bird and all their friends. This irresistibly charming chapter book series from an award-winning author-illustrator is fast becoming a firm favourite.

64 pages • October 2024 • Rights sold: Catalan, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (EU), Simplified Chinese, Spanish (EU), Swedish, Turkish • Walker Books

BOOK 5 FOLLOWING IN MARCH 2025  
BOOK 6 FOLLOWING IN OCTOBER 2025



Marty Moose

CLAIRE POWELL

Marty Moose: First Class Mischief

The first instalment in a funny and charming two-colour series from a beloved and bestselling illustrator

It's Marty Moose's first day on the job as Postmouse. He's ironed his uniform, polished his buttons and waxed his whiskers; he's ready to go! But things take a tricky turn when he gets lost in Whisker Warren and needs rescuing by a doolally rabbit named Nibbles, and then gets caught in the crossfire of two less-than-neighbourly toads. Who knew postage could be so perilous!

With lively, funny and characterful illustration and a brilliantly charming voice, this series is perfect for newly confident readers.

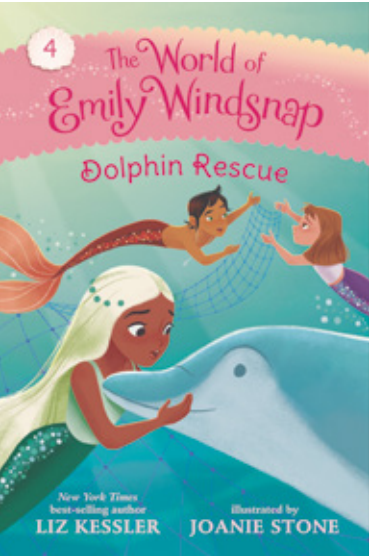
144 pages • February 2025 • Rights sold: Dutch, Italian, Simplified Chinese • Walker Books

Authorial debut from the bestselling  
illustrator of *The Swifts* by Beth Lincoln  
and *Montgomery Bonbon* by  
Alasdair Beckett-King.

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2025  
BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN FEBRUARY 2026  
BOOK 4 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2026



LIZ KESSLER



Best friends Emily, Shona, and Aaron find themselves in another engaging adventure that encourages readers to advocate for themselves and others.

The World of Emily Windsnap: Dolphin Rescue

illustrated by Joanie Stone

Swim with the dolphins and cheer for the protection of sea mammals in this early-reader adventure inspired by the New York Times best-selling Emily Windsnap series

Emily and her best mer-friends are wandering the ocean in search of something to do when they see a boat advertising “attractions” at a place called Sea Park. On their way to the boat, the trio pass a pair of frantic dolphins caught in nets. Could Sea Park’s attractions involve captured dolphins, or even mermaids? How can the mermaids and other sea creatures show the boat’s crew that sea animals should be playing free, not in a tank?

64 pages • June 2024 • Rights sold: Czech, German, Greek • Candlewick Press



PATRICIA TOHT



Vicky and June: Friends at Play

illustrated by Hoang Giang

Meet Vicky and June – the very best of friends – in this brand-new chapter book series from a beloved picture book writer

Vicky likes games that are loud and fast, like Follow the Leader (and she’s *always* the leader). June prefers to read, or play *quiet* games like Hide and Seek. But Vicky thinks June is a little too good at hiding! Even though they may sometimes differ, Vicky and June are always best friends – and best friends are something very special. Vicky and June explore, play and laugh together across four charming chapters in the first book in this exciting new series for young readers. Perfect to read aloud or for children who are starting to read by themselves, these beautifully illustrated stories are full of warmth, humour and sweet, treasured moments.

64 pages • September 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN MARCH 2026

MEGAN McDONALD



Fairy Door Diaries: Eliza and the Flower Fairies

illustrated by Lenny Wen

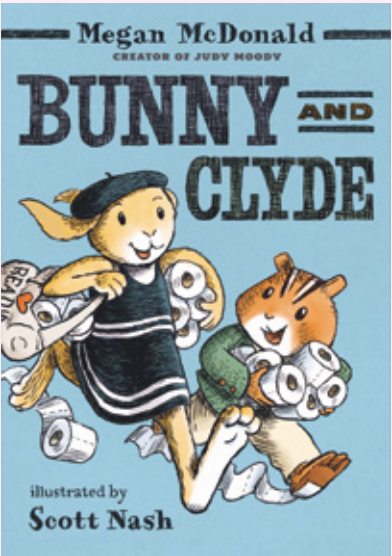
From the beloved author of the Judy Moody and Stink series comes the first in a sparkling series of chapter books about a girl whose love for magic and fairy folk takes her on enchanting adventures

In this launch of a new series, Megan McDonald brings her well-honed flair for wordplay to delicious villains like the witches Wolfsbane and Belladonna as she follows a child with a big imagination to a different fairy realm in each book. Lenny Wen’s delightful, richly coloured artwork brings Eliza’s world to life with fanciful details sure to have readers creating their own cosy retreats – and visiting magical lands beyond the door.

96 pages • February 2025 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

Pure magic: that’s what you get when you stir together fairies, lands of enchantment, a magic diary, jewel-toned illustrations, easy-to-read text, and Megan McDonald.

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2025  
BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2026  
BOOK 4 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2027



Bunny and Clyde

illustrated by Scott Nash

Two New York Times best-selling creators team up for a droll comedy for early readers about an endearingly inept pair of outlaws

These by-the-rules buddies, a rabbit and a chipmunk, are sick and tired of being good. For once, they want to know what it’s like to be baddies – rotten to the core! But to get really good at being bad, they’re going to need some experience. Megan McDonald brings her quick wit to Scott Nash’s deft black-and-white animal characterizations for a hilarious caper of criminal intentions gone awry.

128 pages • March 2024 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

Bunny and Clyde are really just two imaginative kids looking for fun and excitement in their otherwise average – even boring – suburban lives.

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN SPRING 2026





The Hotel Balzaar

illustrated by Júlia Sardà

In a wise and magical follow-up to the New York Times best-selling *The Puppets of Spelhorst*, we are welcomed back to the fairy tale land of Norendy

One day at the Hotel Balzaar where Marta’s mother cleans rooms and Marta roams quietly, a mysterious countess with a parrot checks in, promising a story – in fact, seven stories in all. As the stories unfold, Marta begins to wonder: could the secret to her father’s disappearance lie in the countess’s tales? With elegant line art by Júlia Sardà, *The Hotel Balzaar* masterfully juggles yearning and belief, shining light into every dark corner.

160 pages • October 2024 • Rights sold: Catalan, Complex Chinese, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Simplified Chinese, Spanish (EU, US) • Candlewick Press

FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2025

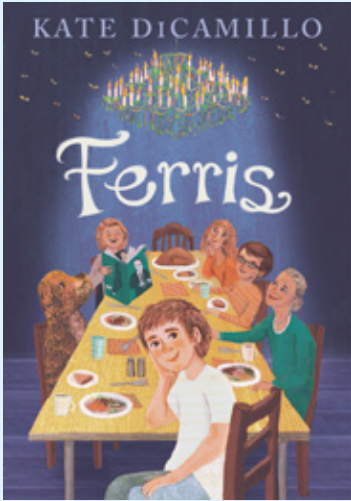
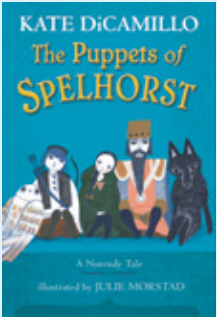
Lost Evangeline

illustrated by Sophie Blackall

The story of a mouse-size girl named Evangeline who is separated from her shoemaker father and needs to find her way back home.

“Kate DiCamillo’s books made my world a better place. They changed my life.”

Ann Patchett, New York Times bestselling author



Ferris

A hilarious and achingly real love story about a girl, a ghost, a grandmother and growing up

It’s the summer before fifth grade, and for Ferris Wilkey, it’s a summer of sheer pandemonium: her little sister has vowed to become an outlaw. Uncle Ted has left Aunt Shirley and is holed up in the Wilkey basement. And Charisse, Ferris’s grandmother, has started seeing a ghost, which seems like an alarming omen given that she is also feeling unwell. But the ghost is not there to usher Charisse to the Great Beyond. Rather, she has other plans – wild, impractical, illuminating plans. As Charisse likes to say, “Every good story is a love story,” and Kate DiCamillo has written one for the ages.

240 pages • March 2024 • Rights sold: German, Simplified Chinese, Spanish (US) • Candlewick Press

ORRIS AND TIMBLE  
Lost and Found



Orris and Timble: Lost and Found

illustrated by Carmen Mok

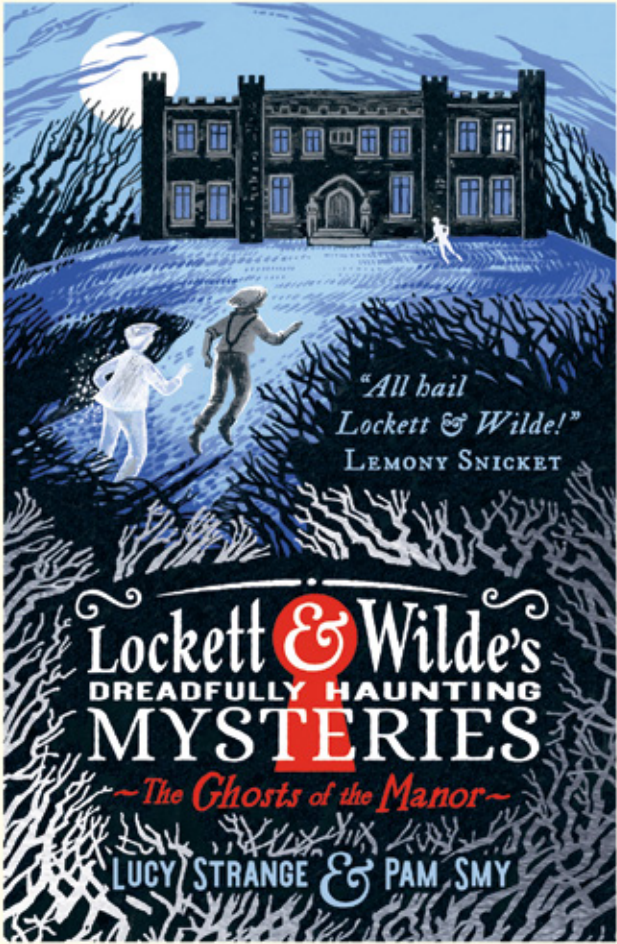
Every friendship faces challenges. Orris the rat and Timble the owl are back in a poignant and evocatively illustrated tale of trust.

80 pages • April 2025 • Rights sold: Greek, Romanian, Spanish (US) • Candlewick Press

BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN JANUARY 2026

“Tenderly resonant and memorable.”

Kirkus Reviews  
(starred review)



“More delicious twists than my favourite pretzel. All hail Lockett & Wilde!”

Lemony Snicket

“A stunningly spooky mystery. A veritable showstopper.”

Maz Evans, author of *Who Let the Gods Out?*

“Funny, spooky and cosy – I loved it!”

Andy Stanton, author of *Mr Gum*

LUCY STRANGE & PAM SMY

Lockett & Wilde’s Dreadfully Haunting Mysteries: The Ghosts of the Manor

illustrated by Pam Smy

The first instalment in a spirited series of cosy gothic ghostly mysteries set in the 1930s, starring supernatural sleuths Lockett & Wilde

Matilda Lockett is used to playing the role of *Poor Dead Edna the Orphan* on stage with her spirit-medium aunt Evelyn and thespian uncle Barnabus – but when they all decamp to Beauchamp Manor to deal with a *most dreadful haunting*, she discovers she *really can* see ghosts! There she meets ghost boy Edgar Wilde, who shares her love of snooping, and together they set about unravelling the case of *The Ghosts of the Manor*.

224 pages • September 2024 • Rights sold: Dutch • Walker Books

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN APRIL 2025  
BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN OCTOBER 2025



Illustrated Middle-grade Fiction



# LOUIE STOWELL

## Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Making Enemies

The fourth doodle-packed diary in the international bestselling series about the Norse god of tricks and mischief sent to Earth to learn how to be good

Loki has never been popular, but right now his enemies are multiplying. His friend Georgina won't speak to him, a vengeful elf has challenged him to a magical duel, and then there's the worst enemy of all: the school winter fair. With Loki brought so low, and the weather turning seasonably cold, this would be a perfect time for another Frost Giant attack...

272 pages • September 2024 • Rights sold: Albanian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil, EU), Romanian, Serbian, Simplified Chinese, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish (World), Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian • Walker Books

Praise for *A Bad God's Guide to Being Good*

*"This bad boy's journey is a laugh-out-loud delight, packed with cartoons and footnotes, perfect for fans of The Wimpy Kid."* Daily Mail

Praise for *A Bad God's Guide to Taking the Blame*

*"Underpinned by Nordic mythology and a satirical approach to contemporary culture, this entertaining romp already has a cult of worshippers."* Sunday Times

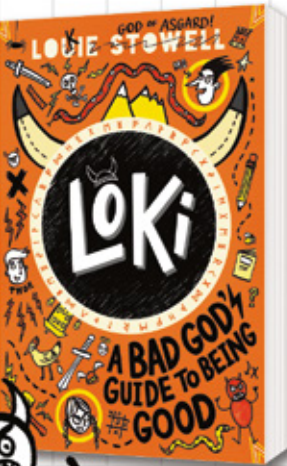
Praise for *A Bad God's Guide to Ruling the World*

*"A hilarious book about friendship, family and challenging expectations."* Children's Books Ireland



The Bad God's Guide series has sold over 200k copies in the English language.

BOOK 5 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2025  
SPIN-OFF NON-FICTION ACTIVITY BOOKS FOLLOWING IN MARCH 2025 & MARCH 2026



## JOSEPH COELHO

# RELIC HAMILTON

## GENIE HUNTER

### Relic Hamilton, Genie Hunter

illustrated by Hyun Song We

The gripping first instalment in a new middle grade trilogy written by the current UK Children's Laureate

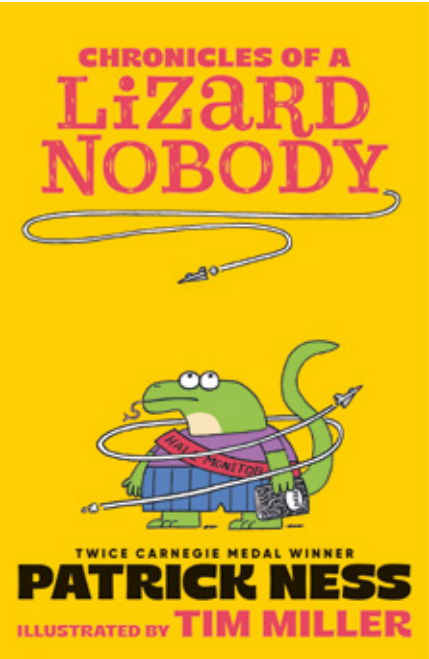
Relic lives with his grandfather above their old antique shop in Chinatown. One day, Relic is polishing a mysterious brass lamp, when something extraordinary happens – he unleashes a genie! An EVIL genie that feeds on the hope that people feel when they make a wish. Relic soon finds himself at the centre of an underground community ... of archaeologists! Together, they hunt rogue genies before they can wreak havoc on the world.

256 pages • October 2024 • World rights available  
Walker Books

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2025  
BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2026



## PATRICK NESS



### Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody

illustrated by Tim Miller

A madcap school adventure with a sardonic twist by a twice Carnegie Medal-winner and internationally bestselling author

Zeke and Daniel have just been made hall monitors by Principal Wombat. (This of course has nothing to do with the fact that they are monitor lizards.) Together with Alicia, the third in their hall monitor trio, the friends must impose order on arrogant lions, excitable seals and super-relaxed pandas. And worst of all is Pelicarnassus – a pompous giant pelican, son of a major supervillain, who inexplicably has it in for them. How on earth can the hall monitor lizards keep their school safe...?

224 pages • September 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books

Features witty illustrations that bring the fantastical setting and humour to life.

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN JUNE 2025



CHRISSIE SAINS



*A warm-hearted and funny illustrated series featuring an irrepressible protagonist with cerebral palsy.*

**A Spy in the Jam Factory**

illustrated by Jenny Taylor

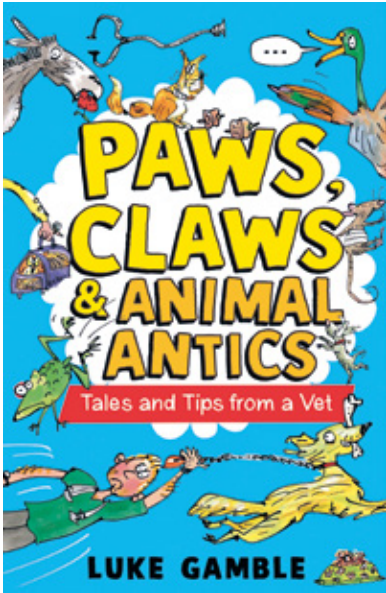
The fourth and final book in the hilarious series about Scooter and his alien best friend, Fizzbee, is jam-packed with espionage, super-spy gadgets and a robot sidekick

Scooter and Fizzbee are experts when it comes to making out-of-this-world jam inventions. But lately there have been a few hiccups. Giant vegetables, floating children . . . their new line of alien-inspired jam has got a little out of control. Now Scooter and his friends need to find a way to make Fizzbee popular again. Unfortunately, someone else is determined to make Fizzbee look bad. Agent Fleur De Vious wants Earth to be alien-free . . . and she’s going undercover on a mission to have Fizzbee evicted!

224 pages • April 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books



LUKE GAMBLE



*Paired with Mark Beech’s lively art, Luke’s sparky storytelling will entertain and inspire any young would-be vet.*

**Paws, Claws and Animal Antics: Tales and Tips from a Vet**

A collection of fun and playful animal stories inspired by the author’s experiences as a vet, interspersed with facts and practical tips for young pet-owners

From a duck who loses her quack to a labrador puppy who bounces off a cliff, a Siamese cat with delusions of grandeur to an African bullfrog with eye trouble, there is no end to the variety of a vet’s caseload. The highs and lows of animal care are hilariously captured in this sparkling collection of short stories for young readers, interspersed with fun, practical and relatable advice for animal-lovers of every description.

176 pages • August 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books

ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING

**MONTGOMERY BONBON**

**Montgomery Bonbon: Mystery at the Manor**  
illustrated by Claire Powell

Bonbon is back in the third instalment in a brilliantly clever, funny and highly illustrated murder mystery series

Bonnie Montgomery (as her case-cracking alter-ego Montgomery Bonbon) has been tasked with delivering a priceless diamond to Adderstone Manor; the home of retired master thief Fergus Croke. The plot thickens faster than a good roux when Croke is found dead hours later; and every one of his four protégés is suspected of the dirty deed. But when everyone is a crook, how does even the great Bonbon know where to begin?

With the help of Grampa Banks and an undercover best friend, it's not long before Bonbon reveals hidden identities, motives a-many, and a rather surprising hedge maze full of monkeys. But can they catch the killer, before it's too late?

288 pages • July 2024 • Rights sold: Catalan, French, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (EU), Spanish (World) Turkish, Ukrainian • Walker Books

BOOK 4 FOLLOWING IN JUNE 2025

**MURDER AT THE MUSEUM**  
ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING

**DEATH AT THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING

Illustrated Middle-grade Fiction

**MYSTERY AT THE MANOR**  
MONTGOMERY BONBON  
ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING  
ILLUSTRATED BY CLAIRE POWELL

**“Perfect for readers who love mystery, mayhem and fake moustaches.”** Shane Hegarty

**“The funniest detectives in children’s fiction – I loved it so much!”** Maisie Chan





PETE HAUTMAN

Answers to Dog

National Book Award winner Pete Hautman explores a friendship like no other – and the universal truth that dogs make life better, especially for underdogs

Evan doesn't seem to fit in at school or at home. He goes out of his way to avoid attention. But when a border collie starts following him around and joining him on his runs, Evan's simple existence becomes a lot more complicated . . . a lot more like life. Evolving from wary companions to steadfast friends, Evan and the dog find the courage to stand up for themselves and to open up to those who matter most. Narrated in alternating viewpoints, this relatable middle-grade novel with classic coming-of-age themes has all the emotional complexity that mark Pete Hautman's books.

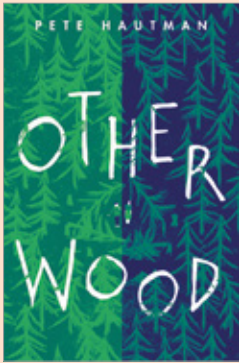
240 pages • October 2024 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

*“Yet another book about a boy and a dog? Yes, please! I fell into books at age nine, and the first ones to sweep me away were dog stories: Big Red, The Call of the Wild, Old Yeller, and every other dog book I could get my hands on. Today, there are hundreds of such books to choose from, so why write another? I did it for me. For the nine-year-old who lives inside me. Because dogs make us better. Answers to Dog is my homage to every child who ever loved a dog, and to the dogs who loved them back.”*

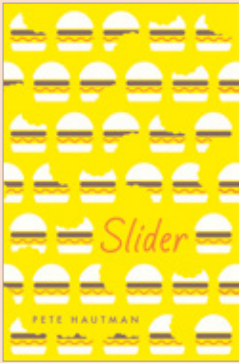
Pete Hautman



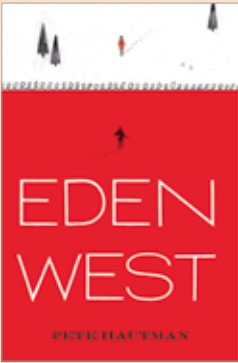
**“Exemplary storytelling.”**  
Booklist  
(starred review)



**“An intensely atmospheric ghost story and elegy for a vanished world: spellbinding.”**  
Kirkus Reviews (starred review)



**“A fantastically funny, relatable book.”**  
School Library Journal  
(starred review)



**“Thought-provoking and quietly captivating.”**  
Booklist (starred review)

MIKE EDWARDS

DARKWATER

Darkwater

A dark, pacy and atmospheric journey of self-discovery from a debut author and performance poet

Tess lives in the “turns”, a network of tunnels under the River Tees, with her Aunt Peg and her monstrous Unkle Darkwater. When Aunt Peg starts to develop signs of dementia, Tess must find someone else to keep her safe. But Tess is an amphibious creature who has never known dry land or dry-folk, and she is beginning to doubt her aunt's stories about where she came from. Who is she *really*? And does she have the strength to change who she will become?

240 pages • April 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

**A delightfully original literary debut reminiscent of David Almond and Sophie Anderson.**



Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre

Charles Dickens' Great Expectations

Classic adult novels abridged and retold for a brand-new generation of middle-grade readers

Walker Books is proud to be publishing some of the greatest stories ever told, carefully abridged for middle-grade readers by today's best writers for children. Kicking off with Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* and Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations*, acclaimed authors Patrice Lawrence and A. L. Kennedy skilfully pare down the original text to a quarter of the length, providing not only engaging and accessible editions for young readers to enjoy now, but also a stepping stone to the full texts in years to come.

224 pages • January/June 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books

Praise for *Jane Eyre*

**“With great skill, Lawrence helps readers fall for Jane’s determination and Rochester’s dark, brooding presence, and all the passion and drama of Brontë’s original remains. A triumph.”**

The Bookseller Editor's Choice

**PRIDE AND PREJUDICE**, ABRIDGED BY TANYA LANDMAN, FOLLOWING IN JANUARY 2025  
**FRANKENSTEIN**, ABRIDGED BY LUCY STRANGE, FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2025  
**THE MOONSTONE**, ABRIDGED BY KATHERINE WOODFINE, FOLLOWING IN JANUARY 2026





JUSTYN EDWARDS

**The thrilling conclusion to the Great Fox series. Can Flick and Charlie finally uncover the Bell System, the greatest – and most dangerous – magic trick of all?**

Flick is a magician out of tricks. Every attempt to find her father has so far failed. Now the police have accused him of stealing the Crown Jewels – and they want Flick’s help to work out how he did it.

Flick and her best friend, Charlie, travel to Cornwall, where they believe her father may be hiding in an abandoned museum of magic. There they find master illusionist the Great Fox, also hot on the trail. But something else is hidden at the heart of the museum – the Bell System, the most dangerous magic trick the world has ever seen.

304 pages • August 2024 • Rights sold: Dutch, French, Greek, Italian, Ukrainian • Walker Books

Praise for *The Great Fox Illusion*

**“A delightfully tricky tale of magic and misdirection. A page-turner that’s also great fun to read.”**  
M. G. Leonard



**This series contains excellent disability representation.**



JENNIFER BELL  
**MAGICALIA:**  
**THIEF OF SHADOWS**

Bitsy and Kosh are on the run in the second page-turning adventure in the spectacular series from a bestselling author, bursting with incredible magicores and amazing science

When Kosh is accused of being the notorious thief the Shadowsmith, he and Bitsy must go into hiding before Kosh is arrested. Determined to prove his innocence, Bitsy, Matteo and Kosh set out to find the real villain. But they have something the Shadowsmith desperately wants, something the conservatoire also needs for protection. Can Bitsy, Kosh and Matteo figure out the true culprit before time runs out and someone catches them?

352 pages • February 2025 • Rights sold: Danish, French, German  
Walker Books

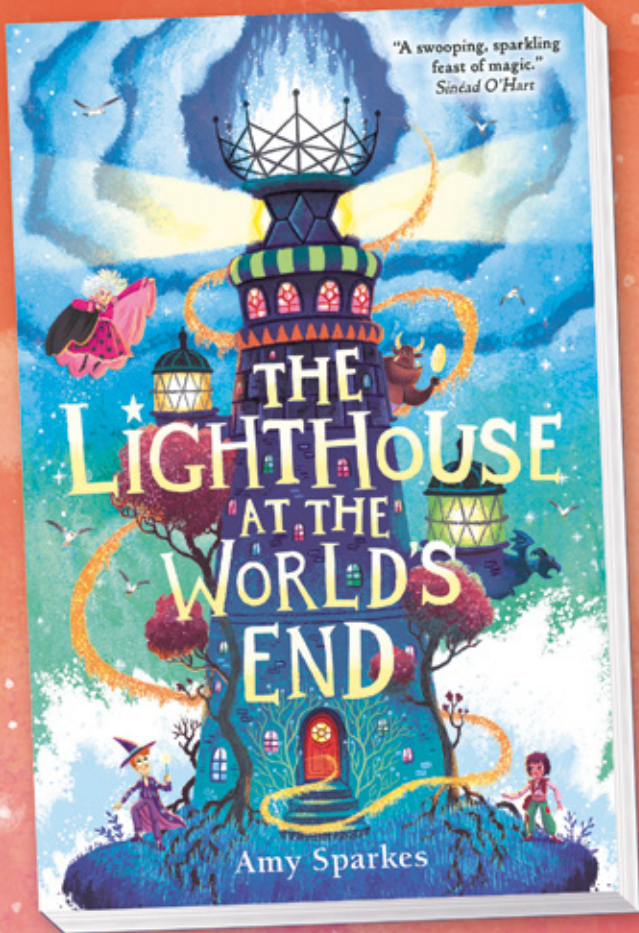
**Jennifer Bell is a bestselling author with UK sales of over £700k. Her books have twice been chosen as Waterstones Children’s Books of the Month.**



BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN FEBRUARY 2026  
BOOK 4 FOLLOWING IN MARCH 2027







AMY SPARKES

The Lighthouse at the World's End

The adventurous, magical and brilliantly funny conclusion to the House at the Edge of Magic series

Nine and her friends are headed to the mortal realm in search of the only thing that will shake a very tricky witch off their tail: a priceless stargold locket. It lies hidden in the Nest of a Thousand Treasures, guarded by Nine's old foe – the formidable gangmaster of all the thieflings in London.

Even if Nine can get her hands on the locket, the friends must find a way to release its power – and for that they must travel through the World Between Worlds to a lighthouse where nothing is quite as it seems...

272 pages • April 2024 • Rights sold: French, German, Italian, Russian, Turkish, Ukrainian  
Walker Books

Praise for *The House at the Edge of Magic*

**"This energetic, inventive romp has a touch of the late, great Diana Wynne Jones."**

The Guardian



ANN SEI LIN



Rebel Dawn

The third and final book in a vivid fantasy adventure set in a world of flying ships, sky cities and powerful paper spirits

Kurara and her friends have found the key to releasing shikigami from their bonds and granting them eternal freedom – if they can unlock its power. The answer lies in Kurara's homeplace, deep in the mountains of Mikoshima. But can the crew reach it before the imperial forces catch up with them, or their own internal battles break them apart forever?

Excellent world-building, a dramatic and pacy plot, and an array of deep and believable characters – explored through multiple perspectives – make for a thrilling final instalment in this masterful fantasy adventure.

384 pages • November 2024 • Rights sold: Bulgarian, French, Russian, Spanish (World), Turkish • Walker Books

Praise for *Rebel Skies*

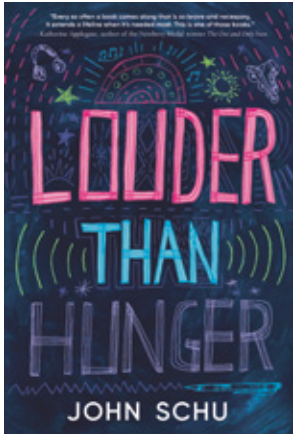
**"Featuring a vivid mythology, spectacular battles, and an endlessly surprising heroine . . . intricate, beautiful and startling."**

Jonathan Stroud

**"A splendid adventure."**

Tamora Pierce

JOHN SCHU



Louder Than Hunger

Revered teacher, librarian, and story ambassador John Schu explores anorexia – and self-expression as an act of survival – in a wrenching and transformative novel-in-verse

Jake volunteers at a nursing home because he likes helping people. He also likes avoiding people his own age . . . and the cruelty of mirrors . . . and food. Jake has read about kids like him in books – the outsider – and would do anything *not* to be that kid, including shrink himself down to nothing. But the less he eats, the bigger he feels. A fictionalized account of the author's experiences and emotions living in residential treatment facilities as a young teen with an eating disorder, *Louder than Hunger* is a triumph of raw honesty.

528 pages • March 2024 • Rights sold: German • Candlewick Press

**"An unflinching depiction of resistance and disordered eating recovery."**

Publishers Weekly (starred review)

**"A sensitive, true-to-life narrative that is respectfully and indelibly portrayed."**

Kirkus Reviews

**"A searing, deeply intimate verse novel, depicting the emotional and physical devastation wrought by disordered eating with brutal, gut-punching honesty."**

The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books



LAUREN JAMES



Last Seen Online

A contemporary murder mystery set in sun-drenched LA, inspired by a hugely popular online serialisation by the author

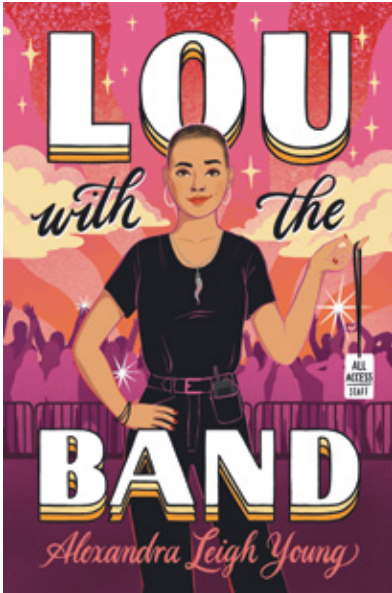
When Delilah meets Sawyer Saffitz (son of the Anya Saffitz, aka Hollywood royalty), she becomes hooked on a decade-old scandal. In her quest for the truth, Delilah uncovers blogposts written by the mysterious “gottiewrites” and is soon caught up in a world of greed, fandom conspiracy theories ... and murder. And the deeper Delilah digs, the more dangerous it becomes – because someone is willing to kill to hide the truth.

352 pages • August 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books

“Lauren James isn’t just headed for the stars – she’s already there.”

Samantha Shannon

ALEXANDRA LEIGH YOUNG



Lou with the Band

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