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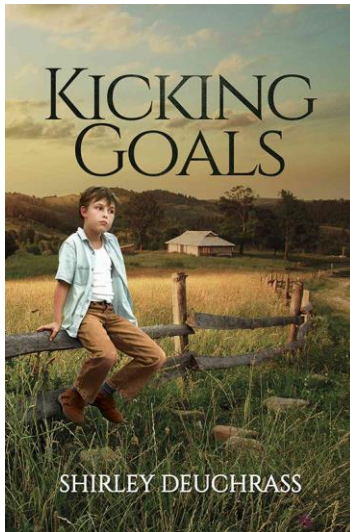
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## Kicking Goals

Shirley Deuchrass



Jack lives on a farm in southern New Zealand. He's the youngest of five children, is shy and doesn't like school. When there's time between chores, he plays rugby with his three brothers in the paddock in front of the house. One day, he has a dream which changes his life forever.

### The Author

Shirley Deuchrass was born in Dunedin, New Zealand, and grew up on a farm in South Otago. She was educated in Dunedin, where she developed a love for writing. Although her first career path was nursing, she gained a BA in English at Otago University in 2003 and began writing in earnest.

Many of her poems grace the pages of *Blackmail Press*, *PoetryNZ* and *Takahe* magazines. A collection of poems was published in a book in 2010 titled *River Calls Me Home*. Shirley's writing history includes a self-published children's novel called *Isabella's Diary* in 2005 and several biographical titles.

She is married, with four children and seven grandchildren and currently lives in Wanaka, New Zealand.

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## Mee Mei

Shakira N Meghie



The Sinclair twins 'Mee Mei' are the genetically fabulous black and white twins born thirty seconds apart. Their only difference is their complexion.

The fertility clinic claims there was a mix up, others say their parents paid for the best fertility eggs money could buy.

Mee Mei, being part of one of the richest families in London, live a life one could only dream of. No one dares to question that by some act of nature one is black and one is white. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and it is clear the beholder has spoken, leaving everyone astonished by their beauty. Mee Mei take you on their adventure of stepping into the real world for the first time without their luxury comforts. Will they be able to pull themselves from the shallow waters of life and conquer their biggest challenge to date? Let's dive into the first of the series of the boss babes Mee Mei.

### The Author

Shakira N Meghie is a self-taught black British bestselling author and screenwriter from South London, creating diverse stories for all ages. She worked as an independent screenwriter for five years before deciding to become an author.

Writing is Meghie's dream job, as she believes bringing stories to life is her biggest accomplishment, which she proves in her debut bestseller, *Paper Cuts*. She brings to you her first teenage novel, *Mee Mei*.

Meghie conveys humorous delights with her comical and edgy stories, delivering a strong message that she so cleverly likes to submerge into the characters, which provoke life lessons within oneself. Meghie is quickly gaining international status with her talent for writing.

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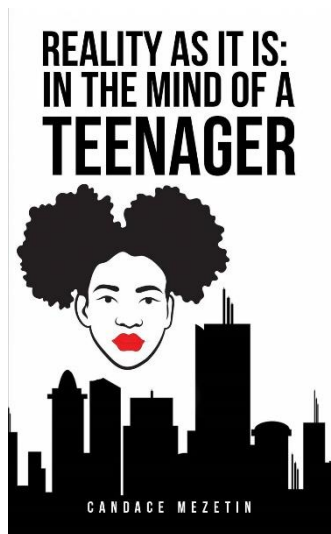
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## Reality As It Is: In the Mind of a Teenager

Candace Mezetin



Teenage life is comprised of a myriad of feelings and emotions, some of which include finding and seeking love, finding a place of happiness and joy, seeking acceptance from the world, experiencing heartbreak, feelings of betrayal, loss and confusion, familial breakdowns, feelings of defeat, and depression. How often are these feelings expressed? How often do you find a *brave* teenager who is willing to hang their heart on the clothesline? How many teenagers are willing to show the world what they really feel inside? Some may fear judgment; others may be shy or may simply not know how to articulate their feelings into words that make sense.

This book, *Reality As It Is: In the Mind of a Teenager*, is the window where you can catch a glimpse into the soul of a budding adult. Fasten your seatbelt and get ready for a ride of a lifetime. You will experience the real-life emotions of teenagers seeking to find and define themselves as they transition from teen to adulthood.

### The Author

Candace Mezetin has an immense love and passion for writing. It is the truest window to her soul. Since the age of 8 years, she has been writing short stories and poetry. Even though Candace is an accomplished occupational therapist and a certified group fitness instructor, writing is her first love. In addition to poetry, she has written short stories, children's books, fictional memoirs, and musical productions. She is a devoted mother of four children and she has purposed her life toward leaving a legacy for them that will forever shine bright.

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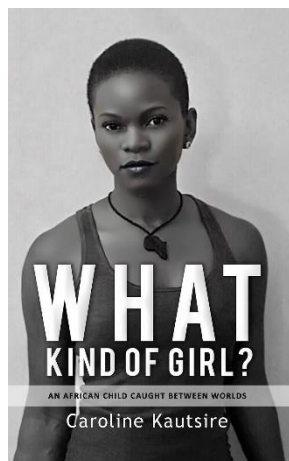
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## What Kind of Girl? – An African Child Caught Between Worlds

Caroline Kautsire



For Caroline, being a girl is already confusing, and growing up in the small African country of Malawi, she is constantly asked the question, “What kind of girl behaves this way?” With a thousand cultural ideas flooding into her head from American TV and movies, she struggles to fit into the traditional African society she was born into. Instead, she chooses to stand out by taking risks that are curious beyond what is proper, leading to disapproval and harsh consequences. At nine years old, she finds herself enrolled in a high school at a boarding school far from her home and parents. Alone, she must finally answer the question “What kind of girl are you?” for herself. *What Kind of Girl?* is a sweeping coming of age story about a girl in Malawi who must tangle with the gender restrictions, religious institutions, American cultural attitudes, and African traditions that seek to define who she can be as a woman. It is also a tale of how one girl's story in a distant country in Africa can become all of our stories.

### The Author

Caroline Kautsire is originally from Malawi, Africa, and is currently an English literature and writing professor at Bunker Hill Community College and Bay State College in Boston. She has published poetry and flash fiction that explores themes such as searching for identity, struggling with intimacy, and learning to love. Also, a stage actress and director, Caroline was nominated for best-supporting actress by the Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theatres for her performance as Trinculo in William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. She also teaches public speaking and has given several inspirational talks at colleges in Boston.

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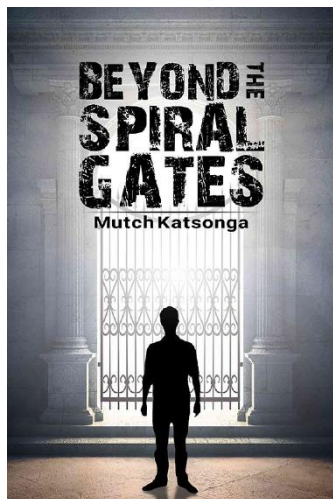
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# Beyond The Spiral Gates

Mutch Katsonga



Wickfields was the name of an institution that housed children deemed too dangerous to live in regular society.

*Beyond the Spiral Gates* is a raw coming-of-age odyssey, a first-hand account of one boy's experiences at the archaic Wickfields School for Criminal Children. From the idyllic sun-drenched fields of Hayvern to the shadowy hallways of Wickfields, the story delves deep into the epicentre of the human psyche. Starting in the present day with the protagonist as an elderly man and chronic insomniac who struggles to come to terms with his own mortality as he confronts the demons of his youth spent at Wickfields, the story spins us back through the years to where it all began. It's a tale of self-exploration, a redemptive narrative as well as a harrowing love story that does not spare raw emotion as the protagonist grapples with the trauma of the events that shaped that period of his adolescent life. *Beyond The Spiral Gates* is a gut-wrenching account of one boy's journey of self-discovery, told in an unflinching and engaging voice.

## The Author

Mutch Katsonga is a songwriter and musician as well as an author. He has lived, worked and performed in the UK, USA and Australasia. He majored in Creative Writing and Journalism at Griffith University, Australia. He is also a qualified Mental Health Professional and has worked in various youth and rehab services. *Beyond The Spiral Gates* is his debut novel. He continues to record, perform and release his original music, which is available online under his stage name *Indie Soul*.

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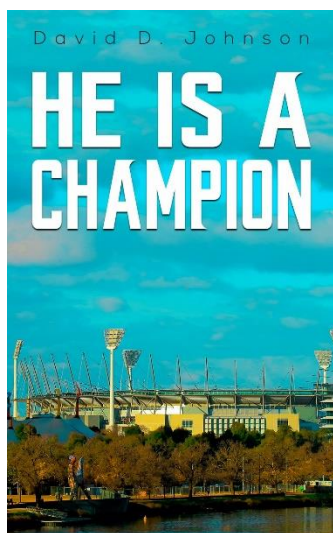
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# He is a Champion

David D. Johnson



*He Is a Champion* follows the life of a young boy, at first only accustomed to working hard on the family farm. His life changes drastically when he is sent to a new school in the city. There, a new life unfolds as he discovers new friends, women, and, perhaps more importantly, sports. As he slowly begins to climb the ranks and become one of Australia's greatest athletes and businessmen, his family holds center stage in his life when his parents are killed, and he is not included in the will. He traces a mysterious, lost secret and a hidden past. All alone and confronted with the unknown, he is led on a new journey.

A story packed with truly Australian flavor, *He Is a Champion* is a captivating mix of adventure, intimate drama, and sporting action—from Aussie Rules to running, cycling, and many more events.

## The Author

David D. Johnson is an exciting author with flair for the unexpected and always capitulates stories with an Australian flavor that draws the reader into his novels. He lives in Devonport Tasmania, Australia, with his wife, and writes fiction drama including children's books. With a zest for life that includes, family, sports, fitness and the great outdoors, he is often busy running marathons or mountain climbing.

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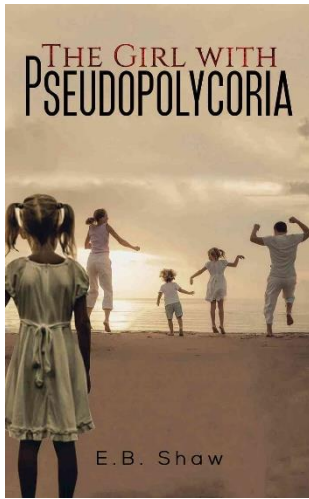
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# The Girl With Pseudopolycoria

E.B. Shaw





“Oh, *Club of Eden*. I want to act in that when it becomes a movie,” the brown-haired boy said, and I looked at him. He had brown hair and blue eyes and I recognised him. He was the world-famous actor, Ben Foxe. “Yeah, and how are you going to get famous enough to star in a worldwide bestseller?” I asked him as I looked at him with a smirk. “Oh, if you look on the Internet, you would find out how.” “I’m sorry, that wouldn’t be possible. I left my phone at home today.” “Who leaves their phones at home nowadays.” “Someone who doesn’t like phones bothering them every minute of every day,” I said as door to the office opened. “Nadira Roseberry,” the principal said, and I stood up. “Nice meeting you, Roseberry,” he said and smiled. “You too, Foxe,” I said with a smirk as he gasped, realising that I was playing him all along. Nadira, a 16-year-old girl, is moving with her father to live with her new stepfamily. But when she arrives, she is mistreated and blackmailed because of an eye condition that she has, which makes her eyes appear to have two pupils each. This has also caused Nadira to never have any true friends before in her life. But when she begins to attend her new school, for the first time she finds a true friend – and maybe there are more friends to be made. Together with her new friends, Nadira finds out who she really is, who she isn’t, and who she can become...

#### The Author

E.B. Shaw is an Australian teenage writer who loves to read and create stories in her head. She goes to a high school in the city that she lives, though she grew up in a seaside town which she still loves dearly. When she is not writing, she is either reading, doing homework or talking to her friends. While her favourite animal are dragons, she predicts that she would have about a hundred cats when she grows up.

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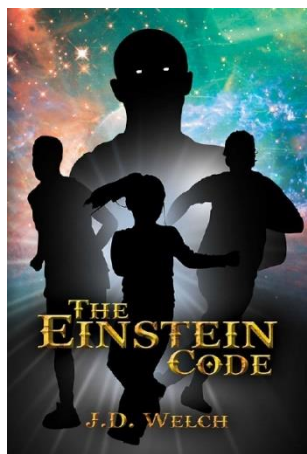
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## The Einstein Code

J.D. Welch

Ben's mother has been kidnapped and the adults don't believe it. They think she's just missing, and her employers and the police don't really want to know. The meeting she attended, after all, never took place. But the message she sent Ben tells a different story.

To find his mum Ben must follow a perilous trail and solve a series of difficult clues, whilst evading being captured by the kidnappers. With help from his alarmingly clever cousins, Jess and Freddie, as well as some hindrance from his uncle, he investigates her mysterious disappearance.

Tormented by conflicting leads and a growing threat, Ben's search becomes increasingly desperate. Can he solve the puzzles and save her, before anything terrible happens to her - or him?

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## The Darwin Code

J.D. Welch

In her book *The Darwin Code* J.D. Welch uses her love of science and puzzles to help her characters try to solve two mysteries whilst also delivering an interesting and understandable insight into human genetics. Set against a backdrop of the streets and colleges of Oxford, a story of intrigue and suspense unfolds. When Ben Baxter and his mother Sue escape from a horrific ordeal, their lives remain in danger as they race to prevent a deadly poison being launched. For Ben, this also brings the opportunity to discover the answer to a very important question; who is his father?

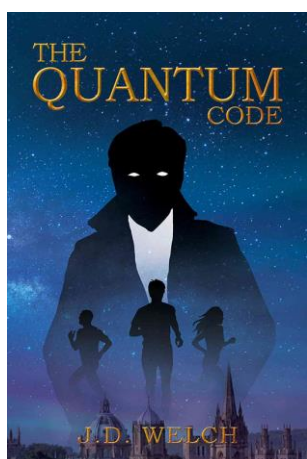
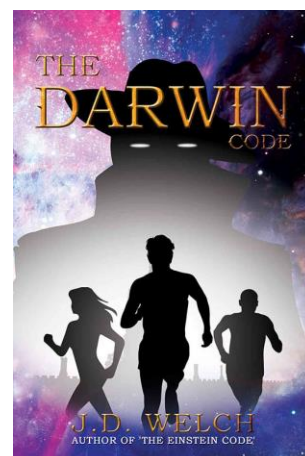
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## The Quantum Code

J.D. Welch

Whilst still recovering from the Chief's terrible attack, Ben and his family are horrified when the police arrest the wrong person. Determined to vindicate them, he tries to find the real Chief, but the danger around him is intensifying and the odds are escalating.

Jess and Freddie work with him to try and stop the Chief before anyone else is killed, but they disagree on who is guilty and on how to stop them. Ben is prepared to risk everything, but so, it seems, is the Chief...

*The Quantum Code* is the third and final story of Ben, Jess and Freddie vs. the Chief.

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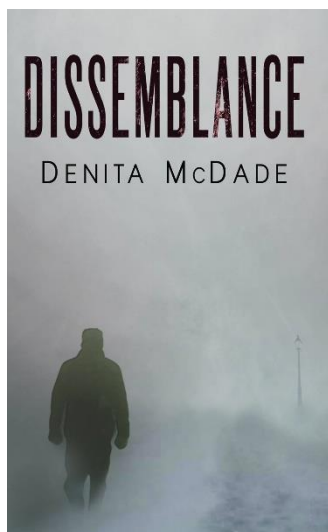
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### The Author

Born and raised in Stockport, Jo has always loved reading, puzzles and music. After graduating in Chemistry from Oxford she was employed in various marketing management roles, but after having children, has focused on raising her family, caring for her parents and writing.

# Dissemlance

Denita McDade



Set in a small town, *Dissemlance* is a compelling drama following the unexpected death of a beloved and respected local politician's teenaged son.

As the family and town mourn his loss, curiosity leads the surviving brother to dig around for answers and find closure – only to uncover a web of lies, scandal, and murder from those closest to him. A fast pace thriller you won't want to miss.

## The Author

Denita McDade is a passionate writer with a love for thrilling and fictional stories that stimulate the reader and keep them craving for more. Using her vivid imagination, and wild and eccentric personality, she produced this compelling novel which is guaranteed to be readers' favourite.

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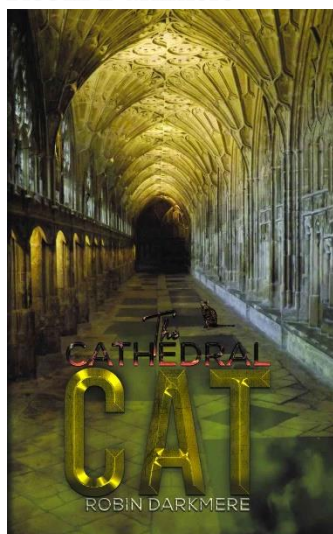
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# The Cathedral Cat

Robin Darkmere



Enter the mysterious and fantastic world of a cathedral at night.

Oswald is the Gloucester Cathedral's cat. He sings in the choir and roams all over the cathedral and is loved by all who meet him.

One dark autumn night, Oswald enters the cathedral by his secret entrance to find a strange blue glow in the dark by the tomb of King Edward II who was buried there in 1327. *Or was he?*

According to traditional history, King Edward II was murdered by his enemies at Berkeley Castle, twenty miles away.

Oswald asks his friend, Gideon, the mouse, what the blue glow is. He soon learns that it is the ghost of the unhappy king.

Oswald gradually makes friends with the ghost and learns the true story of the king and what really happened that September night in 1327 at Berkeley.

It is a magical tale of a ghost with a story to tell, a story of friendship and love and of a truth never before told. The Author Robin Darkmere was born in 1966 and has for the most part of his life been fascinated by the life and times of King Edward II. He spent twenty-eight years in the NHS in various clinical roles and served as an officer

in Gloucestershire Special Constabulary before retiring. As well as writing, he enjoys photography and watercolour painting. He lives in Gloucestershire with his wife of thirty years and their four cats.

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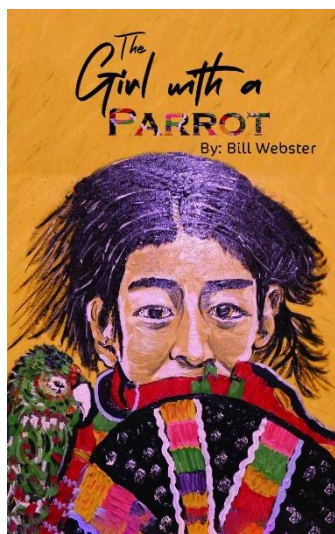
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## The Girl with a Parrot

Bill Webster



In the second thrilling adventure of The Sloping Meadow trilogy, Lucy continues as the storyteller. She with her friends experience a series of adventures. The story's exposition involves the saving of a drowning man. He is Bora, a very special man, keen to help his friend, Professor Mendoza; since he is ill, he will be sending his daughter first. This will be by a nuclear submarine.

The enigmatic daughter arrives and is taken by Lucy and her friends to Box Hill, but on the visit to a London museum, North Kortana has already tracked the submarine and now activates its most ruthless spy, Hye Booh. A drone tries to film them all in Sloping Meadow but they are helped by Helen Scott, an MI6 officer. They are all kidnapped when the professor arrives and are dragged to an abandoned airport, where Helen Scott tries to save them...

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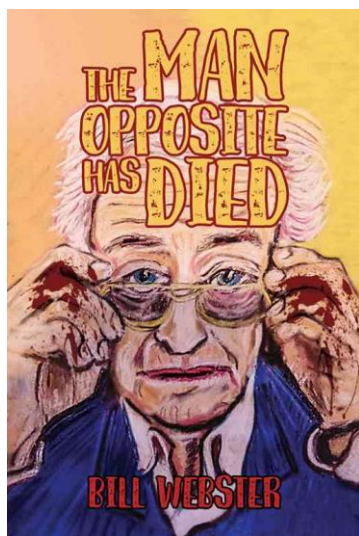
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## The Man Opposite Has Died

Bill Webster



When the news breaks that the man opposite has died, Lucy, the storyteller, and her friends decide that now is the time to take the late George up on his promise that they can visit the pond to see his newts. As Giselle caresses the long, luxuriant grass in George's garden, her fingers come across a severed finger and they are now on the trail of a suspected murderer. George's ghost assists them in this thriller. With the majestic sweeping sloping meadow and its captivating beauty, where Monaie, her dad and their donkey, Benjamin, live, they stumble over two men digging up bags and chase them. Having brought them to justice and survived a plane crash, they are empowered now to confront George's widow over her part in his murder...

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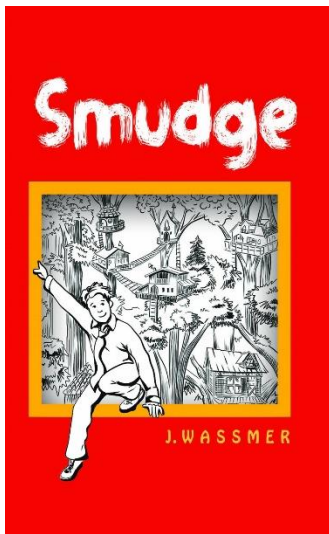
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### The Author

Bill was a Theatre Manager at Epsom Playhouse as well as a Civil Servant for almost 39 years serving the most vulnerable children and adults in the High Court. Taught English Literature by Peter Dale, the Modern Poet, he enjoys painting in oils and drawing in pastels.

# Smudge

J. Wassmer



*'Dear family, try not to worry... I'm okay. I'm so sorry to leave you this way but I knew you wouldn't let me go. We all know that my memory is fading, and I still have some things I need to do. We've had many wonderful years together, and I will always treasure them. I am going on a journey to a place filled with friends who are waiting for me. They will take good care of me and I've wanted to visit for a long time. I've gathered a few things to give to you.'*

*All my love,  
Grandma Edie'*

As if seventh grade isn't already complicated enough, Evan's eccentric grandma is gone, leaving behind a note and several keepsakes. When Evan tries drawing with an old-fashioned pen she left for him, his drawings magically come to life. With the help of his best friends, twins Taye and Tia, he must learn to govern his little world of characters called Smudge. This fast-paced adventure will have you cheering along as Evan explores the endless possibilities of using his imagination to solve problems and make Smudge the hidden world of his dreams.

## The Author

J. Wassmer discovered at a young age that with a pencil and paper, one could create worlds. It felt like the closest thing to magic that she had ever experienced. As she grew up moving around, visiting the library in each new city helped her to feel at home. She loves anything to do with art, especially working with glass. Her family of six lives in Montana, where they enjoy boating, skiing, tennis, and golf.

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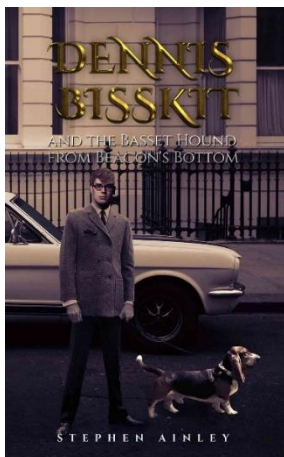
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## Dennis Bisskit and the Basset Hound from Beacon's Bottom

Stephen Ainley

It's 1969 and Dudley's premier private investigators, Bisskit and Blackshaw, are at the top of their game. After they foil a gang of shoplifters and save Christmas for the children of Birmingham, their fame spreads far and wide. Lady Ophelia Babbington-Perch hires them to safeguard her Crufts dog show favourite, Bertie. It all seems straightforward enough, but is there more to it? What if it all went wrong? Could this be the end of the road for Dennis Bisskit and Stinky Blackshaw?

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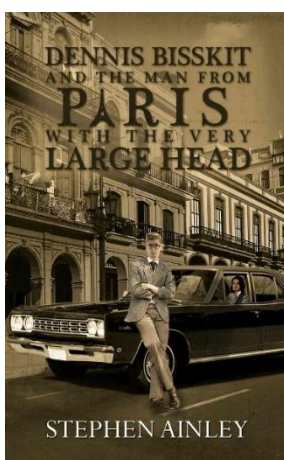
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## Dennis Biskitt and the Man from Paris with a Very Large Head

Stephen Ainley

1969 – Man is about to set foot upon the moon. Meanwhile, momentous events are also taking place in the West Midlands. Weddings, funerals, hereditary hair loss, M. J. K. Smith's cricket bat, a missing masterpiece; dastardly deeds are taking place, above and below the streets of Birmingham. The police are baffled. This looks like a job for Dudley's finest, Bisskit and Blackshaw – private investigators. Yes, the boys are back. Older, but none the wiser in Dennis Bisskit and the Man from Paris with the Very Large Head.

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## The Dennis Biskitt Adventures

Stephen Ainley

THE HILARIOUS STORY OF A YOUNG BOY'S GROWING UP YEARS

Meet Dennis Bisskit, short; ginger-haired; kind-hearted; game for anything. Born in 1945 on the day the war ended; it should have been a good omen. Instead it's been one disaster after another. Luckily fate normally steps in to save the day. Gasp at the great holiday camp knobbly-knees scandal of 1955! Be amazed as Dennis attempts to win back the world mile record for queen and country! Discover Fosdyke's department store and the all-powerful Mrs Ricketts! Shed a tear as Dennis visits the battlefields of France with his granddad. And meet the memorable Colour Sergeant Plunkett who teaches Dennis everything he needs to know about the army and finally makes a young man of him.

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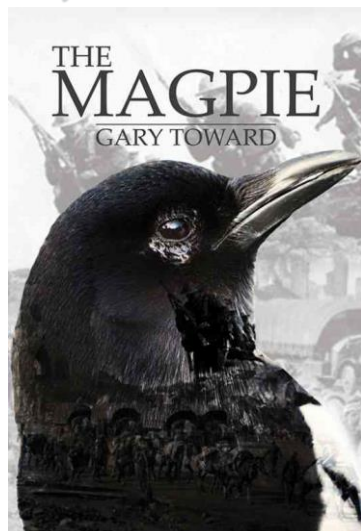
### The Author

Stephen Ainley was born in Birmingham U.K. in 1952. He served in the British Airborne in the 1970s before emigrating to Australia. He has written short stories and articles for many years but this is his first novel. He resides in Western Australia with wife Jane and Irish terrier O'Malley..



# The Magpie

Gary Toward



It is December 1913 and Detective Constable Frank Bolam has a murder to solve. The victim is found drowned in the River Wear with a vicious knife wound to his lower back. There are no witnesses and no clues.

A few months later another body is found with the same vicious knife wound, followed closely by a further two murders with the victims stabbed in a similar manner. This is a clever killer. No clues are found and Bolam cannot find a way to break the deadlock in his most perplexing case.

Having risen from a lowly mining family, Bolam has strong moral values and becomes totally obsessed with the killer and the devastating sadness brought to the victims' relatives. He vows to bring the murderer to justice, whatever the cost.

These are turbulent times, with the country in the middle of an attritional war. In his quest to find the murderer, Bolam follows his hunch and enlists in the army, heading for the trenches to track down a cold-blooded killer in the middle of the most mechanised slaughter the world has known.

## The Author

Gary taught for over 33 years in 6 schools, leading three as head teacher. His passion for WW1 began when, with colleagues, he developed educational visits to Ypres. Now a key note speaker and educational trainer, he is co author of four successful books for teachers. He is married with two grown up children.

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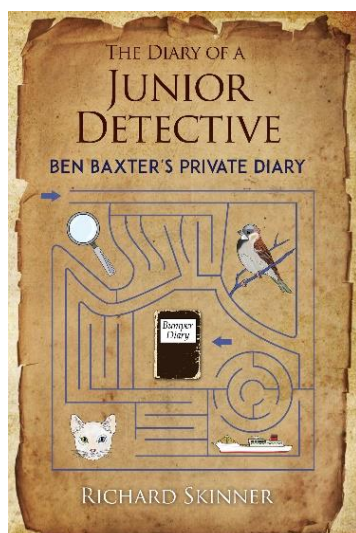
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# The Diary of a Junior Detective. Ben Baxter's Private Diary

Richard Skinner



It's Ben Baxter's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, and he is particularly thrilled by one of his presents. An aunt has given him *The Junior Detective Manual* by Ricky Barton. He dips into it and decides he would definitely like to become a detective. His pal Johnny agrees to help. They decide: *what could be easier than becoming store detectives?*

They enter a large store and start looking for possible thieves, catching the eye of the resident store detective who is convinced they are up to no good. Luckily, after a ride home in a police car and some friendly advice from a police officer, they have much greater success in solving several puzzling crimes. In this they are helped by Ben's sister Katie, a retired Major, Ben's rather odd uncle, who is an electronics wizard, and especially by his unusual pet Chippy, who certainly helps rescue them from more than a few scrapes.

## The Author

The author was born in India to missionary parents. He attended school at Eltham College and obtained degrees at Newcastle University and Imperial College, London. He has worked in various parts of England and Wales as an environmental and farming consultant. He is married with three sons and has two grandchildren. His hobbies include reading, painting, gardening and playing the saxophone. The sequel '*Ben Baxter Investigates The*

*Haunted Vicarage and other Mysteries*' is soon to be released.

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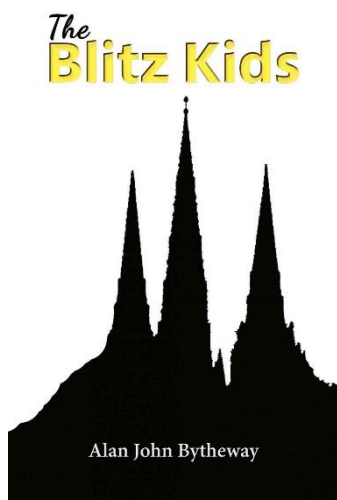
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## The Blitz Kids

Alan John Bytheway



The bombs are beginning to fall over Britain but four young children, Boss, Brains, Muncher and Pip, are enjoying their freedom to play. The setting is Coventry, 1940. Little do the children know that before the year is out, they will be hoping to escape with their lives as they shelter from the blitz of November 1940. The children's loyalty and togetherness is ever evident. One for all and all for each other. Pip is an absolute joy, Muncher is easy-going and a follower, Brains is just Brains, quick-thinking but prone to cause trouble. Boss is the leader of the group and is the central character around whom events unfold. Often in trouble but ever cheerful despite numerous health and school problems, he remained true to his friends and they to him. Read *The Blitz Kids* and you will experience a touch of sadness but also fun and joy, with children happy in each other's company.

### The Author

Living in retirement in Addingham, West Yorkshire, the author is a former teacher and lecturer. As an eight-year-old child living in Coventry throughout 1940, he experienced the blitz first-hand. Without the vividness of his recollections, this book could not have been written.

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Age Group: 12-14

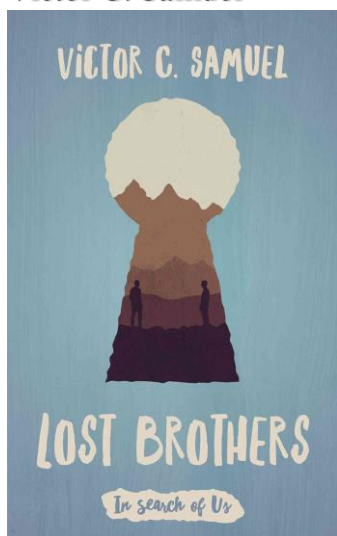
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## Lost Brothers – In Search of Us

Victor C. Samuel



Jay and Perry are fraternal twins separated at birth. Their biological mother, Gloria, kept Jay to raise and Perry was given up for adoption. Two brothers living their early stages of life in Paris attended high school together, unaware of their relation, and later became good friends. What would you do if you found out you were separated at birth from your sibling? Although Perry was raised by wealthy loving parents, he lacked confidence; whereas, Jay, raised in poverty, was more of an outgoing self-assured person. In high school, Jay always protected Perry from the typical bullies. They were the complete opposite yet the same. As time passed, their lives moved in different directions. Perry was determined in search of his birth mother, Gloria. Will his search of Gloria lead him to Jay? A friendship bonded by loyalty and brotherly love will be tested. What will be the outcome?

### The Author

Born in Nigeria, Victor Samuel experienced the tragic loss of his mother at the young age of 4. Growing up, Victor lived in villages and cities with extended family. Eventually, Victor was able to make it to the United States where he landed in Georgia. His inspiration comes from understanding the feeling of connection between a reader and a writer. He uses the arts to tone his sense of self.

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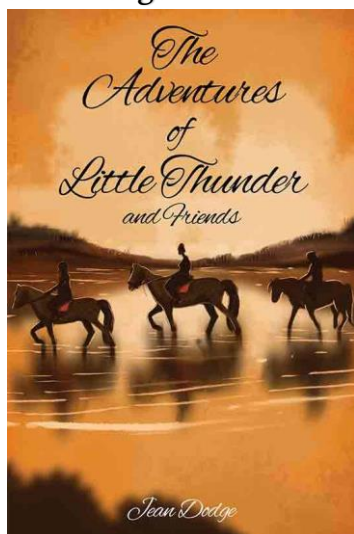
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# The Adventures of Little Thunder and Friends

Jean Dodge



The stories in the book are collected from events experienced by the author while running the riding centre and they give an insight to many lesser-known facts about horses and ponies and the way they interact with their riders and each other. The author spent many years running a riding centre and came across some interesting characters both human and equine.

Most of the stories are based on actual facts and events but some are from sheer imagination.

## The Author

Jean Dodge grew up in Manchester. She is grammar-school-educated, a retired civil servant and is a member of Mensa. She has owned various businesses including a greengrocer and florist shop, a licensed guesthouse and riding centre, and a takeaway fish and chip shop. She moved to Bala, North Wales, and opened a riding centre. For the past ten years, she has worked in publishing. Her extended family includes four grown-up children, ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

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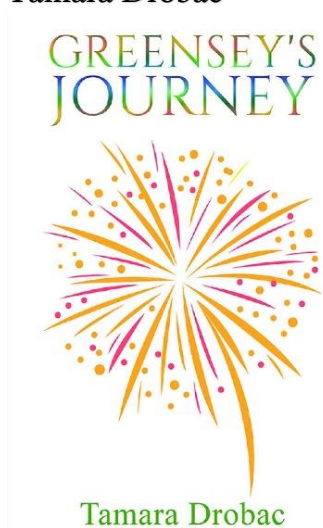
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# Greensey's Adventure

Tamara Drobac



Greatest treasures and mysteries are sometimes hidden in the simplest things and are there in plain sight. However, only those with a humble and pure heart can notice and discover them. Be careful how you speak to children and their toys because you never know what great power is in their hands. Greensey not only accepts the mission he is sent into, but he also delivers it with great success in a way no one imagined it was possible. Based on a true story, this is a journey through danger, filled with love, friendship and laughter.

## The Author

Tamara has lived in three countries so far. Sounds quite exciting, and she would also have it described as an extraordinary experience. Tamara is now anchored in London, UK. What very few people know about her is that she has a small furry friend that keeps following and protecting her everywhere she goes since she was a child. In all the cities she has lived, this tiny friend was first to jump into her pocket and get ready to go. He is waiting for you behind these pages. Tamara would like you to meet him and have an unforgettable time.

Publication date: June 2019

Age Group: 9-11

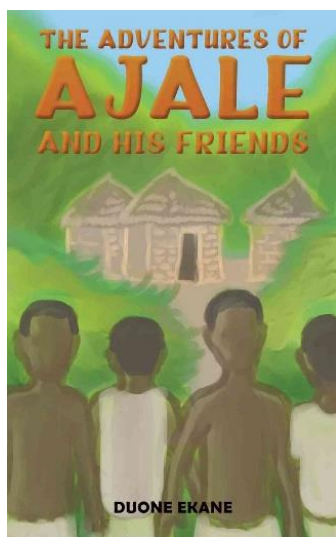
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# The Adventures of Ajale

Duone Ekane



*The Adventures of Ajale and His Friends* is a book that is centred on the life of a ten-year-old boy named Ajale and his three friends, Menyinge, Meniake and Wangtuge. It explores how the boys under the leadership of Ajale navigate life in their small remote village in the central part of Africa. Driven by Ajale's curiosity and investigative instincts, the boys are determined to go the extra mile to unravel mysteries that beset their village which at times led them into dangerous situations. This includes solving the problem of theft in their village, rescuing Ajale's cousin, Bahki, from an arranged marriage, and saving the Ewang dance group from a sabotage attack. This book provides a captivating and thrilling insight into the lives of the four boys.

## The Author

Duone Ekane was born in Buea, in the southwest region of Cameroon. She hails from the Bakossi tribe, which is a Bantu-speaking tribe. The story, *The Adventures of Ajale and His Friends*, was inspired by her nephews and nieces.

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# Orphan's Bond

G.B. Gurland



Thirteen-year-old John Robert O'Neill, better known as Robbie, is a precocious young man with an old soul. Robbie, the younger of two brothers, delights in his special relationship with his grandfather, for whom he is named. Henry, seven years older than Robbie, is completely opposite in demeanor and manner from his younger brother.

The tension between Robbie and Henry is palpable when they first encounter each other in the hospital corridor, where they await news of their grandfather's stroke.

Indeed, the untimely stroke and resulting loss of speech occur the night before Robbie was to come over after school to learn of a secret Grandpa had never shared with anyone in the family.

Grandpa's struggle to communicate since the stroke leaves Robbie with few clues and harrowing choices. The puzzle pieces come together with unanticipated twists and turns. Robbie discovers a brother he never quite knew before. Grandpa learns to forgive himself and others. That which is genuinely to be treasured is revealed, not in its price, but its unbreakable bond.

## The Author

G. B. Gurland has been an educator for over forty years. She has extensive experience working with children, adolescents, and young adults with reading and literacy challenges. She has edited and published several workbooks in the area of vocabulary development, and is the author of the highly praised middle grade novel, *The Secret Files of Phineas Foster*, as well as the delightful *Olives, Where Are You?*, and *Emily Fisher-Word Maven* for young readers.

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# Rose Beanie and The Best Sumer Adventure Ever!

Kika Dee



Rose Beanie is a fifth grader in her last week of school. Together, she and her three friends, Molly, Albert and Archer, create a project that they call the best summer adventure ever! During their summer, the four friends learn how to care for four farm animals: a chicken, a pygmy goat, a cow and a miniature donkey. Also, a couple of things go missing. It is up to them to solve the mystery together.

At the end of the summer, they share their project with the town and it is a big hit!

## The Author

Kika Dee is a former substitute teacher, mostly for language arts. She was a private algebra tutor and ran an after-school homework program for at-risk youth. She was also a camp counsellor at a Dude Ranch camp. She lives in northern California.

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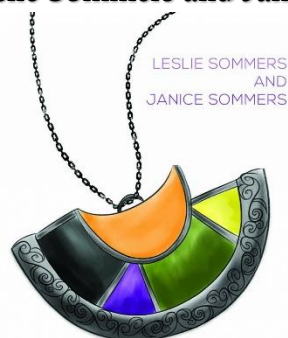
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# Brighde Reborn

Leslie Sommers and Janice Sommers



## Bridget's Senior Year Checklist

- 1) Hook the new guy, Trip
- 2) Hang with newly discovered cousin, Cay, aka the most popular boy at OCHS
- 3) Discover you're basically a weather goddess thrown into the ancient family feud
- 4) Find missing weather-controlling amulet
- 5) Pass SATs
- 6) Save the world

Wasn't senior year supposed to be a breeze?

## The Author

Leslie holds a B.A. in English with a concentration in creative fiction writing from Montclair State University. Like Bridget, Leslie was born and raised in New Jersey and inherited her love of reading from her mother. Janice holds a B.S. in education from Seton Hall University. Her passion for books was passed on to the next generation of her family.

Both the authors, Leslie and Janice, currently live in New Jersey with their two cats, in a busy little town, and they couldn't think of a more perfect setting for their heroine. *Brighde Reborn* is their first young adult novel.

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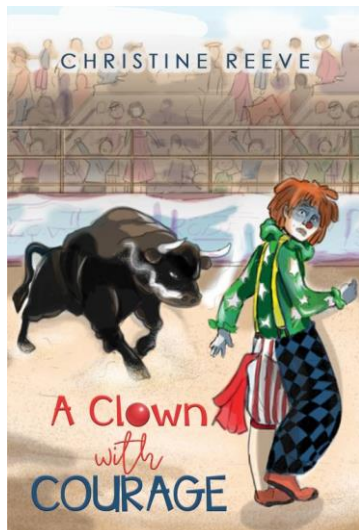
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# A Clown with Courage

Christine Reeve



Ryan Miller is a determined 16-year-old from a small town called Baladin. His parents didn't like the idea of him wanting to learn the art of becoming a rodeo clown. When he gets a job on the property of the local rodeo proprietor, Tom Jillings, he learns how to ride a horse, in precarious ways at times! Faced with a bull stampede, he has to figure things out very quickly, and it brings him to a life-changing decision.

Ryan adapts to rodeo life in his typical gangly manner and learns many lessons about growing up along the way from his mentor-turned-friend, Bill Sinclair.

Then he meets Angela, and together with Bill's help, they train an unruly mare for the competitive sport of barrel racing. Ryan, unexpectedly, gets his chance as a rodeo clown.

## The Author

Christine Reeve is 55 years old and lives on the outskirts of Melbourne, Australia. She is a former resident of New Zealand, where she left school at 15 to work with

racehorses.

It was not until she came to Australia in 1984 that she took out her jumps jockey license. She rode 30 winners over the jumps.

Christine always enjoyed the spectacle of rodeo and would have loved to live that life, but she always found herself drawn to racing. She is still a track-work rider at the Cranbourne Training Complex, Victoria, Australia.

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Age Group: 15-17

Extent: 94 pages

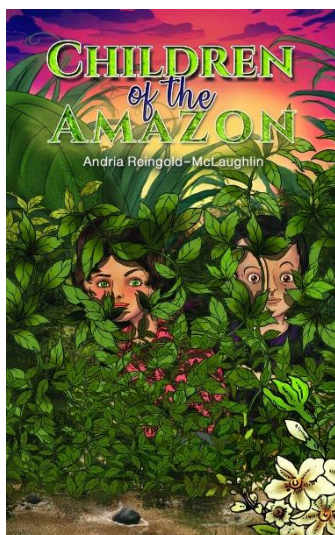
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# Children of the Amazon

Andria Reingold-McLaughlin



Larissa was born with a gift. The Brazilians call it *poderes*. With the help from her brother Sergio, the children convince their father to take them on a trek to Brazil. Their mission is to find their mother, whose plane has disappeared somewhere over the Amazon rainforest. Larissa helps her family by uncovering clues from her vivid dreams that foretell the future. They travel a long, treacherous journey through unexplored regions of the Amazon and meet mysterious children in a hidden village. The children help Larissa and Sergio face their fears, find out who they truly are, and discover the secrets of the white flower.

## The Author

Andria Reingold-McLaughlin is an artist, educator, and writer who resides on Long Island. Since receiving her M.A. in communication arts and an M.S. in school counseling, she has worked in a public school, teaching art to students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. She has two boys, Tyler and Aaron, who continue to inspire her to write stories about children with a voice, strength, and intelligence.

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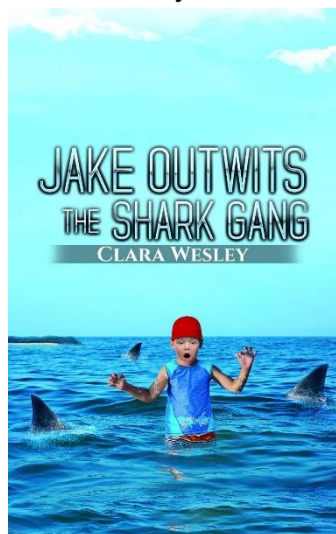
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# Jake Outwits the Shark Gang

Clara Wesley



*“It’s not easy being a lone fish in a big ocean...”*

Jake Mackay Junior, known to all as J.J., is reeling from a series of events that completely change his life. His mother left home, his father has a new girlfriend named Sonia, and he is being tormented at school by a group of bullies known as the Shark Gang.

J.J. is glad when school starts in September, though he is a loner with no one to talk to. Things begin to look up when he gets involved with school activities, begins bonding with his father over swimming, and starts to build a relationship with Sonia. But the Shark Gang continues to circle him and they won’t stop until something drastic happens...

## The Author

The Canadian authors, a mother-daughter team, are both educators with a great passion for mystery fiction and epic thrillers, international travel, and music and arts.

Their first novels were an Inuit trilogy: *Alec’s Journey*, *Son of Alec*, and *Malakiak, Dog-Sleuth*. They also wrote *Four Girls Named Clara*, the story of four generations spanning from the 1890s to the present; *Animal Academy*, a contemporary, light-hearted satire on education; and *Destination Istanbul*, a mysterious cruise to a city of secrets with undercover agent Damien Hardwycke in hot pursuit of forged Euros.

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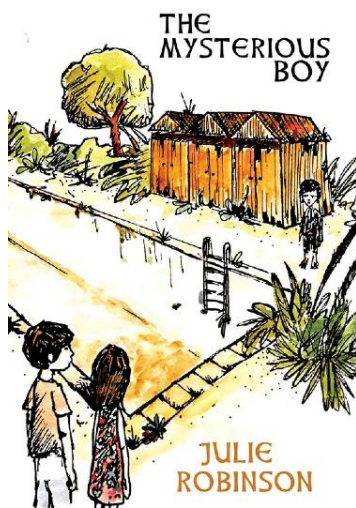
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# The Mysterious Boy

Julie Robinson



We both waited for a few quiet moments for him to tell us his name, neither of us expecting what we heard.

“Mine is Edwin Lavin,” he said, in quiet Cornish tones. “You’ve probably heard of me. I’m the son of the game-keeper, but I didn’t start the fire!”

A holiday in Cornwall for twins Sarah and Mark turns out to be something they could never have imagined after discovering the over-grown garden, the disused swimming pool, the stables and the mysterious boy. It actually turned out to be quite an exciting and adventurous holiday!

## The Author

Julie is a retired N.H.S. worker and lives in Cornwall with her husband and their dog, Rosie. She has one daughter and four wonderful grandchildren. Apart from her writing, Julie also loves to paint in watercolours and loves reading.

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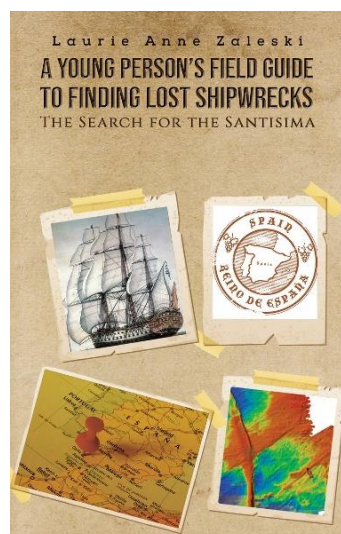
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# A Young Person's Guide to Finding Lost Shipwrecks

Laurie Anne Zaleski



*A Young Person's Field Guide to Finding Lost Shipwrecks* is an autobiographical account of a nautical archeological expedition. Written by the marine geologist in charge of the survey, it discusses and explains the science behind a multibeam sonar and other technology used for the expedition, as well as describing the day-to-day operations aboard a 37-meter research vessel. The story begins alongside a dock in Cadiz, Spain, where three archeologists, two college students on a summer internship, three captains, one cook, one engineer, two scuba divers, one able-bodied seaman and the author, a marine geologist, are aboard the Hercules getting ready to set sail in search of the *Santisima*. Readers learn a lot more than science in this true-life account of a scientific expedition. They learn history, eat tapas, and even dance the flamenco, all while in search of a 200-year-old shipwreck.

## The Author

Laurie Anne Zaleski, a marine geologist, has traveled extensively, from the Arctic Circle to Saipan and beyond, conducting geophysical surveys. She has mapped thousands of kilometers by plane, boat and foot. Laurie wrote *A Young Person's Field Guide to Finding Lost Shipwrecks* because of her love of science, moreover, for the essential need for children to find a connection to themselves through math and science. Laurie is a member of EAGE (Women in Geoscience and Engineering) and AGU (American Geophysical Union) and a firm believer in giving back to the community by doing what you love. This is her first book.

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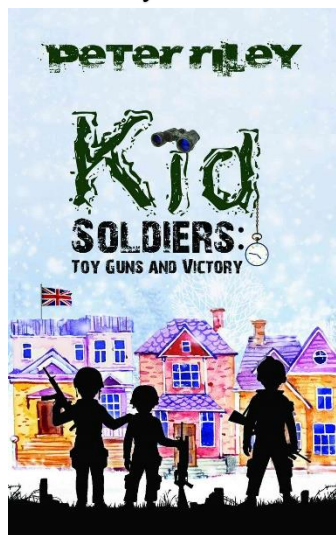
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# Kid Soldiers: Toy Guns and Victory

Peter Riley



*Kid Soldiers* is about a boy called Clive Flynn, aged 10. He spends most of his childhood in an army environment, where he lives with his twin sister, Cassey Flynn, his mum (housewife) and his dad, who is serving in the British Army. Clive, often in the book, forgets some simple rules and has to learn when to keep his mouth shut or pay the price! He has an obsession with army stuff, from playing with toy soldiers, to actually playing real-life armies with his friends using toy guns and imaginary hand grenades in the form of pinecones that are found in the woods. This book has its funny side, plenty of family dramas and everyday life stuff. So get ready for adventures and real dramas, sit back and let the fun begin!

## The Author

My name is Peter Riley, aged 39. My dad was in the British Army and served for a long time. For most of my childhood, I grew up in a military environment and schools. I lived with my dad, mam (housewife) and my sister, who is two years younger than me. We moved around a lot and as such, I had the privilege of living in Germany and many places around the UK whilst my dad was serving. A family member asked me not so long ago what my childhood was like and I told them about the things I got up to, the adventures I had, to building and making dens (bases), making bows and arrows, you know, the things that kids did, before modern technology of mobile phones, advanced computers, etc. Now this got me thinking, I should write about them and now that I'm a lot older, I should re-live my childhood memories and the adventures I had with my friends, and to let others enjoy my memories while mentioning the not-so-good parts and make for interesting reading.

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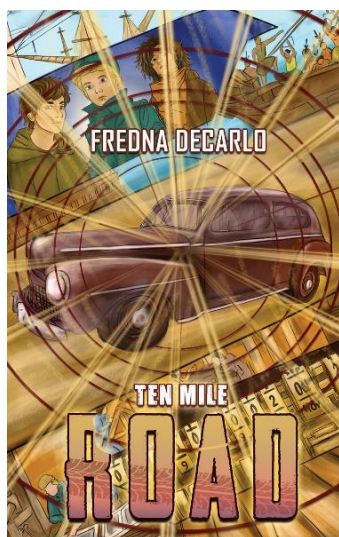
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# Ten Mile Road

Fredna DeCarlo



Three young city boys stumble upon an old, abandoned car on their grandparents' West Texas ranch one summer. The car looks and feels like it fell directly out of a horror story, and before the summer is over, this will prove true. These three young brothers will learn hard lessons about history, themselves, life, honour, and respect before this summer trip to their grandparents is over. This old car will send them back in time to where they will fight as young soldiers in the Battle of Gettysburg. They will experience the terror of runaway slave children on the Underground Railroad. They will travel the devastating miles of the Trail of Tears as Cherokee children. Then they will survive the mind-bending realities of the Sobibor extermination camp during the Holocaust.

## The Author

Fredna DeCarlo lives with her family in Houston, Texas. Her previously published works include *Toenail Trail*, *36 Hours at the Intersection of Mercy and Grace (Lura's Story)*, *The Life of a Blanket in the Medical Centre*, *Cause and Effect*, *Significant Other*, and *Thoughts and Afterthoughts*.

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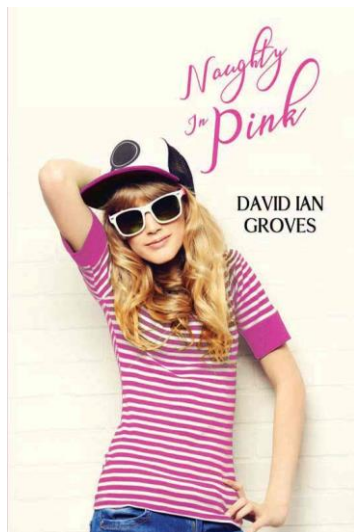
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# Naughty in Pink

David Ian Groves



From the day of her birth, Daisy Dikdocks has 'Pinkitis'—a condition which spells out a life as *Naughty in Pink*. With her clever mind and expressive face, she is a challenge to all those in authority, including her mum, never quite disobeying but finding ways to create mayhem wherever she goes. Her special friends love her naughty attitude and her ability to think up funny pranks and clever tricks that she performs on their teachers. Her mischief at school and outside makes life exciting and fun for all of them when Daisy is around.

Her school principal, Sister Thelma, believes that Daisy is leader of a gang that is causing all the trouble at school. She is resolved to outwit Daisy, discover the gang and stop all the nonsense with the threat of a single large bottle marked 'SLIME' on her desk. But will she be able to link Daisy to the havoc at the school? Or will Daisy be able to outwit her principal and preserve her gang of special friends?

## The Author

Born in Brighton, England, David was educated at Varndean Grammar School before migrating to Australia. He gained first-class BSc Honours and PhD degrees at the University of Tasmania before joining the University of Western Australia. He was rapidly promoted to Professor and Director of a major research centre, winning numerous medals and awards for his research and research publications in Economic Geology, including papers in the prestigious journal *Nature* and *Scientific American*. He was awarded an Honorary DSc from the University of Western Australia and was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. As Emeritus Professor, he commenced writing novels with his first published work being *The Digital Apocalypse*. *Naughty in Pink* is his first children's novel.

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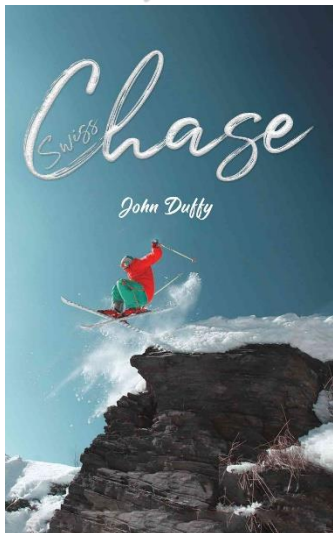
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## Swiss Chase

John Duffy



Genevieve and Andrew are British children happily living with their scientist parents in rural Switzerland. Suddenly, one night they find themselves being bundled out of bed by Nanny Claudia as a gang of men surround the house. They break through the circle but Claudia is captured. What should they do now, and who are these men? What is going on?

Join Genie and Andrew on an epic trek across the length and breadth of Switzerland as by water, air and land, they attempt to avoid capture and discover what has happened to their parents; and also, why the gang is so keen on trapping them? What is it they have that is so important for the gang to pursue them so desperately?

As they meet a variety of colourful characters on their travels, how will Genie and Andrew know who they can trust and who they can't. Can they trust those closest to them? Can they even trust themselves?

### The Author

John Duffy is a long-term resident of Basel, Switzerland, living with his wife, children and animals in the 'Three Countries' Corner'. His day job is in the manufacturing industry, looking after computer systems and writing business documents. At night, he gets to write of adventure and fun in his adopted land. He continues to write about the settings and experiences he has had travelling around Europe and UK.

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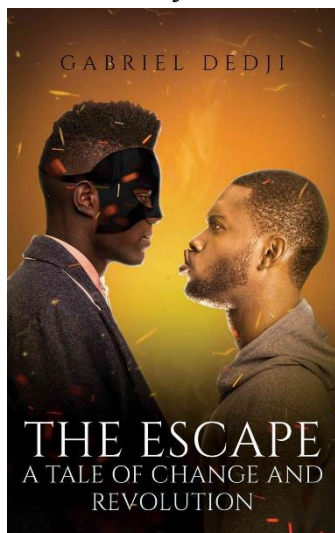
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## The Escape: A Tale of Change and Revolution

Gabriel Dedji



The start of our story begins in a place called Rebellion, found after the journey through the rough and troubled path of a teenager's mind.

Fights. Parties. Supernatural appearances?

Remel Brathwaite grows to be knowledgeable in almost each one of these fields and he's paved a way in which he can find no joy or success. Certainly, it seems as if he is journeying to a set end on a path with no alternative choices.

Until one day...

There is the appearance of a metaphorical light that calls him to do something meaningful; something that means more than the life that he lives within the inescapable pit which he has let himself fall into. Yet it seems, in line with all reason, that he has gone mad. Can this be a reality? Whilst his past-life disappears behind him, Remel is allowing himself to follow the words of a mystical stranger named 'King Keys' for the sake of change and revolution.

### The Author

At home, the 17-year-old author still lives with both of his parents, his father, a Cambridge PhD graduate working as a Methodist Minister; and his mother, a Science teacher. He also has three older siblings.

When he isn't fantasising about conspiracy theories, listening to or playing his own music or reading novels, he is studying hard for his A-levels in French, Politics and English Literature.

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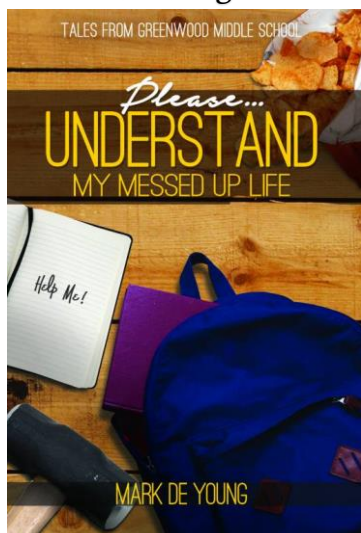
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# Please... Understand My Messed Up Life: Tales From Greenwood Middle School

Mark De Young



Greenwood Middle School has your typical hip-hop dancers battling out their best moves in the cafeteria, brownies with special surprises waiting for just the right person, and sledgehammer-wielding teachers. Oh, this doesn't happen at your school. Even so, I guess you have your own wacky stories of what happened during your time at middle school. One thing that I know for certain is the fact that a day at a middle school without an ounce of craziness is plain crazy itself.

How does someone survive this chaos? Sometimes we just need someone to come along to say that they understand. Come dive into the adventures of the students and teachers of Greenwood Middle School as they help each other understand their messed-up lives.

## The Author

Mark De Young is a veteran teacher of 14 years from Yuma, Arizona. Currently teaching fifth and sixth grade, he is an innovator in personalized learning and technology in the classroom. He also established global awareness projects in which his students Skyped with organizations in El Salvador and Uganda and

raised funds for school improvement and clean water projects.

Mark De Young holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix. In 2010, he earned the "Intermediate Teacher of the Year" for Yuma County.

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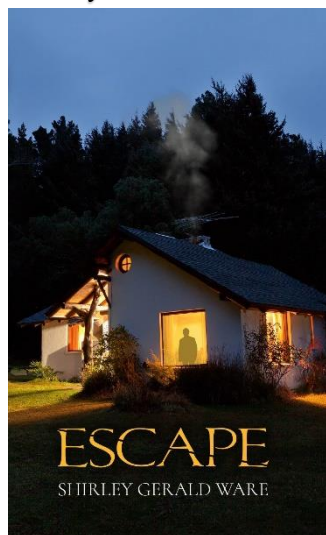
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# Escape

Shirley Gerald Ware



*Escape* is a very moving young adult novel that tells an intriguing story about a family placed in the witness protection program. As the story unfolds, Shirley Gerald Ware brilliantly engages her readers in solving the mystery. Just when you think you have figured out the mystery, she skillfully drops another theory.

Young Sally Matthew is portrayed with cleverness and grace. Just when the family thinks they can put their past behind them and live a somewhat normal life, their life is filled with drama. After they settle in their new home and become engaged in the community, they encounter a dilemma that makes it almost impossible to live a fulfilling life. The family is concerned over the mischief and danger that has crept into their lives, nearly taking over it.

## The Author

Shirley Gerald Ware is the author of eight books and the publisher of a magazine that publishes teens and adults locally and worldwide. She is widely known for writing numberless poems and short stories. Many of her poems were nominated for awards.

She was nominated 'Author of the Month' by *Eye On Magazine*.

Her novel *On the Run* is available on ten different channels around the world and is available in many countries including China, Germany, India, Taiwan, and Malaysia. The author studied English Writing at Northeastern University and Psychology at University Of Massachusetts. She gives credit to her mom for the ability to craft stories. Her dad is credited for her ability to never give in to criticism.

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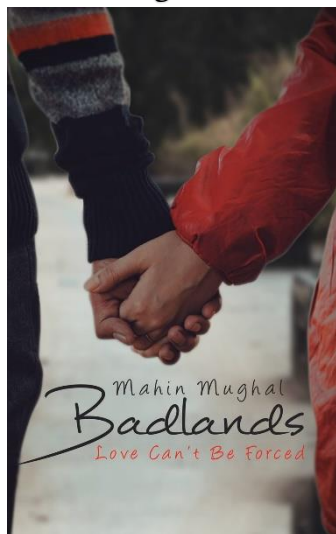
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## BadLands

Mahin Mughal



Henrietta (Ria) is seventeen and never been kissed. While one part of her wants a boyfriend, another part of her is confused. Then Ria meets Flynn. Sweet and smart with a sly grin and an intense gaze, Flynn seems to be the kind of boy that Ria has been thinking about. But as their relationship deepens, Ria senses that Flynn is keeping secrets—dark, dangerous ones.

### The Author

Mahin was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. She's been writing since she was a child. *BadLands* was written when she was 15. This is her first novel. You can find her drowned in a book or watching *Lord of the Rings* religiously.

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Age Group: 15-18

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## Happenstance

Tammy Mentzer Brown



*Happenstance* follows the ins and outs of young adults who make decisions that determine the fates of their hearts, at that moment in time. Lori returns home after one year of college, certain that age no longer presents an obstacle to pursuing Branson, the older gentleman she met the previous summer. Unexpected circumstances and moral roadblocks taint the possibilities and expose Lori's own immaturity, both spiritually and emotionally. Unable to find her definition of the perfect man, Lori moves her focus from guys to her career before entering into another relationship, complicated by its own set of challenges. All seems lost until a chance encounter introduces her to the girl that holds the key to her happiness.

### The Author

An avid nature lover, Tammy enjoys hiking, biking, and fishing, especially in the beautiful mountains of Tennessee. Her favorite pastime is curling up by the fire with a cup of coffee and getting lost in a good book, not stopping until it is finished.

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Age Group: 15-17

Extent: 202 pages

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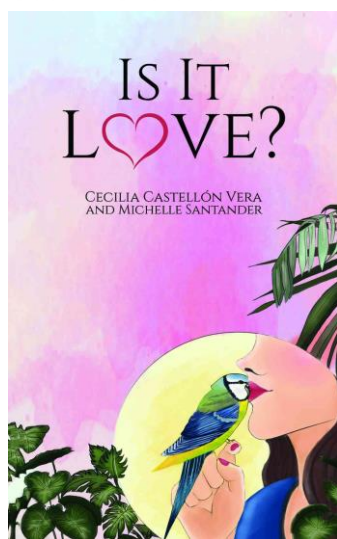
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# Is it Love?

Cecilia Castellón Vera and Michelle Santander



Rose learns the hard way of what true love really is. Thanks to her budgerigars, she learns about pethood and the true meaning of it, about the relationship between human beings and animals.

The love we feel for our pets is a given. The feelings a puppy or a fluffy kitten give us may be genuine and difficult to be denied.

However, can we talk about love? Are those feelings truly what unconditional love means or entitles?

Well, despite Rose's strong bond between her and her birds, an awakening awaits her as she learns throughout the most painful yet significant learning experiences, that love is not about possession, it is about freedom.

She becomes aware of the fact that animals have rights and the most important of all is the right to be loved by their status of being, not objects to be traded off as commodities.

## The Author

Cecilia Castellón Vera was born in Santiago, Chile, on March 30, 1953. She has lived in Sydney, Australia, since 1987. Although she started her literary career in Spanish, her native language, she has also explored writing in English. She has tried poetry, winning a prize in 1993. She has also published some articles and poems in Spanish magazines in Sydney. In 1998, she participated in a bilingual poetry anthology, *Over the Horizon/Sobre el Horizonte*, a project developed by La Trobe University.

In 2017, she launched her novel *Calvary of a Life, The Awakening of a Soul* in Spanish language in Santiago, Chile.

Michelle Santander, the youngest daughter of Cecilia Castellón Vera, was born in Sydney, Australia, on August 17, 1993. She has graduated from The University of New South Wales with a bachelor's degree in arts, majoring in Korean language, and is now getting ready to teach English in Korea.

Starting from a young age, Michelle has loved reading non-fiction books and when the opportunity of co-writing a book with her mother came up, she was ecstatic and agreed immediately. This book will be her first-ever publication.

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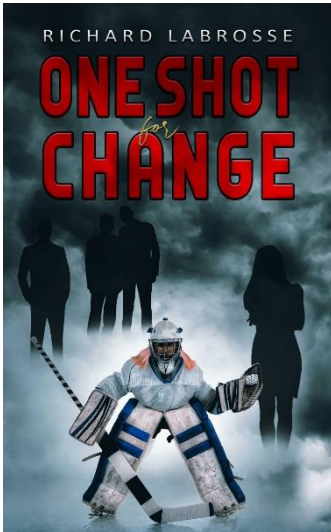
Extent: 96 pages

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## One Shot For Change

Richard Labrosse



A Woman's Natural Right to Be Equal One Shot for Change finds a young Casey, a star goalie in the women's league, who has a chance of a lifetime to try out for a major elite boys' junior hockey team, a dream come true. However, she has to face the pushback of the boys and coaches' mindset, that is, she does not belong in their world at that high level. In parallel, Amanda Anderson is the new owner of the junior team after her husband's tragic death. She, too, faces the same mindset that she does not belong. Unexpected events and tragedies will put them on a path that no one will expect.

### The Author

Richard Labrosse was born in Montreal, Canada, and through work and hockey, he has traveled the world where he witnessed the inequalities that women are treated with. The book represents his strong beliefs in 'women's equality.' Growing up in a hockey family, he used hockey as the storyline to share the message.

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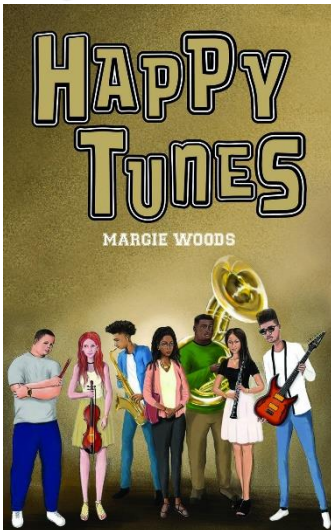
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## Happy Tunes

Margie Woods



The beloved, mild-mannered Ms. Sady Kara Oke, music teacher at Lakeview Middle School in New Orleans and daughter of the belated American Blues trumpeter Happy, faces two major battles that will either mean defeat or success: a historic middle school band competition win with her selected student musicians, and the discovery of the love of her life.

### The Author

Margie Woods, a Texas native, is an innovative author with stories as deep as the heart of this great state. The inspiration of the many novels she writes comes from a world within her mind's eye, which is most definitely thought-provoking, stimulating, passionate, and gives a creative beauty and bloom to the unconventional. She is an artist who gives living color to fiction, non-fiction, lyrics, and poems.

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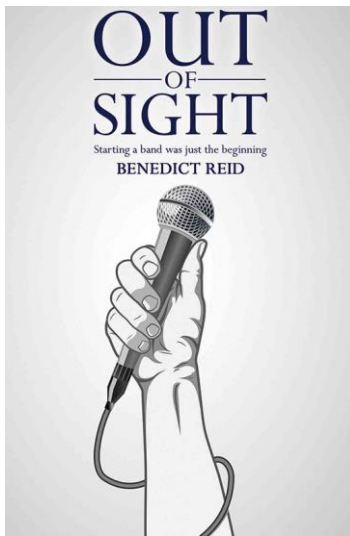
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# Out of Sight

Benedict Reid



“This is a fabulous young adult novel that completely grips from the opening page to the very satisfying ending. Robert Clarke is 16 years old, an American who now lives in New Zealand. He decides to start a band, *Out of Sight*, with some of his friends. He really loves music, but unfortunately, despite his best efforts, his guitar playing isn’t any good. He doesn’t have any rhythm on the drums, and he doesn’t have much of a singing voice. But realizing this, he decides it is best to step back from performing to become the band’s manager. This is a page-turning read as Robert manages the changing personal dynamics of the group as they enter a major competition. Then they decide to do a fundraiser for his friend Sarah, who needs to have some medical treatment overseas. The teenage characters are engaging and spot on. Robert’s story of managing the band becomes something much bigger than he first thought, and by the end of the book, it seems he is well on his way to having a career as a band manager, working at something he really loves. *Out of Sight* is a great and inspirational read. I’d recommend this novel to every teenager as it will open their eyes to so many possibilities in life.”

Karen McKenzie, *Goodreads*.

## The Author

Author Benedict Reid has worked in the publishing, journalism, screen and arts industries for 20 years and has held a variety of management roles with NZ Sky TV, Māori Television and is currently Assistant Head of Television at NZ on Air. Benedict is a former Vice President of the New Zealand Writers Guild and has script credits on productions by Gibson Group, Ninnox Films and BBC Radio 4. His journalism has appeared in a variety of publications such as *Sunday Star-Times*, *Lifestyle* and *Investigate* magazines.

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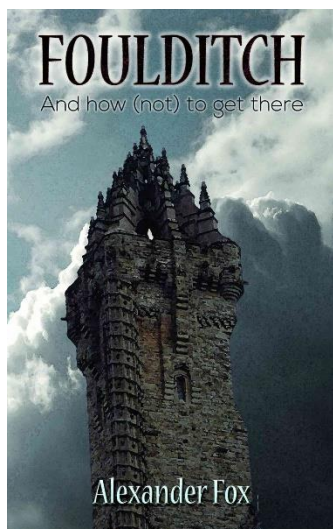
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## Foulditch. And How (not) to get there

Alexander Fox



Foulditch beckons. Just... pass their tests and the interview. But how the heck do you get there? They aren't exactly forthcoming! In fact, they hide themselves away! So begins a quest to complete a far-from-easy and way far-from-normal admissions regime for a far-from-regular school. Foulditch College for the Gifted is a devil of a place to get to.

Moreover, you're on your own – parents not permitted: no grannies, no grandads, no guardians whatsoever. Reasonable enough! If a trifle daunting...

Well...

Enter Ethan Bard! A near-eleven-year-old with brains and determination, he's got it covered. He knows where to go, and correctly directs his coachman on a journey not for the weak. Battling the dark and the cold, he encounters all sorts – monsters, wraiths and sundry killer wildlife! Just when all seems lost, he bumps into Max; and a far-from-regular 'tour guide' known as Billy – a conjurer for sure, who fixes them up and feeds them, then sends them on their way... up a high and dangerous tower where further encounters ensue... and mystery piles upon threat.

Freezing and nearing their limits, they struggle onwards and upwards towards their goal. Bravely tackling insurmountable odds, they wonder if they'll make it. The going is tough. Far-from-regular tough! What was never intended was the additional encumbrance of a localised alien invasion.

### The Author

Alexander Fox studied at the University of Aberdeen, where, after four years of slogging, he qualified with a BSc in Anatomy. Determined to put his knowledge to good use, he followed through with an even longer slog towards his PhD, with the ultimate intention of teaching this stuff to science and medical students. Now a reasonably well-accomplished scientist, equipped with a set of finely-honed laboratory skills, he discovered that the job was all about research with remarkably little teaching. With little hope of a lectureship, he looked for something else, and here he is, a storyteller—his best decision ever!

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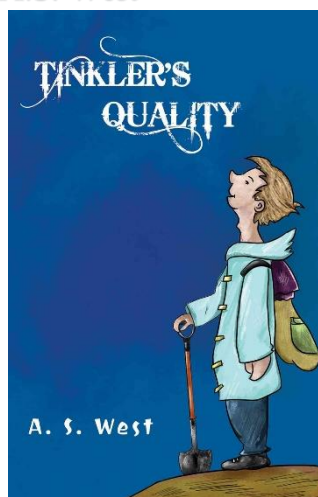
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## Tinkler's Quality

A.S. West



Hans Tinkler is a gifted watchmaker living in Henkel on the outskirts of the Bavarian Forest. The local townspeople treat Hans with suspicion because of the rumour that he was long ago involved in the murder of a young woman in the forest. Unbeknown to the townspeople, he is also one of the five sentinels, all with magical powers, who all that time ago unwittingly released an evil spirit into the forest and were forced to take up strategic positions to prevent the evil escaping to threaten the world. But times are changing. By chance, at the moment of Hans' untimely death, his power and responsibility are transferred to Thomas, the ten-year-old son of his housekeeper. And it is Thomas who goes into the forest to overcome dark forces and imprison the evil spirit.

### The Author

Introducing A. S. West, an exciting, new fantasy writer hailing from Singapore.

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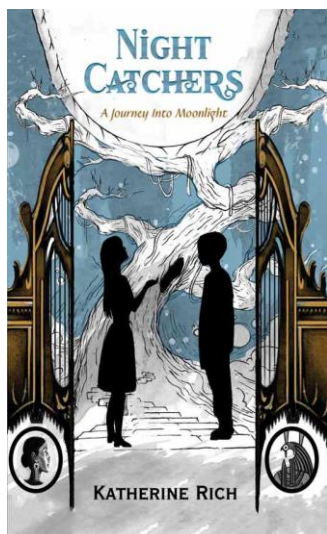
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# Night Catchers

Katherine Rich



When Aya moves away from the city to the remote English countryside, she and her stepbrother, Joe, discover a mysterious world where dark forces exist. What begins as a dream becomes an astonishing adventure where myths and legends come alive. The Night Catchers must not only navigate an ancient and mysterious world, but one in which the levels of a computer game force them through dangerous landscapes. Challenged by evil deities, giants, unicorns and warriors, the fight between good and evil threatens the very fabric of nature bringing it to the brink of environmental disaster. Only Aya can read the signs that awaken the spirits of the underworld and save both worlds. But will she succeed before it is too late?!

## The Author

Katherine Rich was educated in London where she gained a BA in Fine Arts at London Guildhall University. Originally from Devon in England, she has been living and teaching in the UAE with her husband for several years, while indulging in her love of literature and writing. She has two children, James and Nadia. This is her first published novel.

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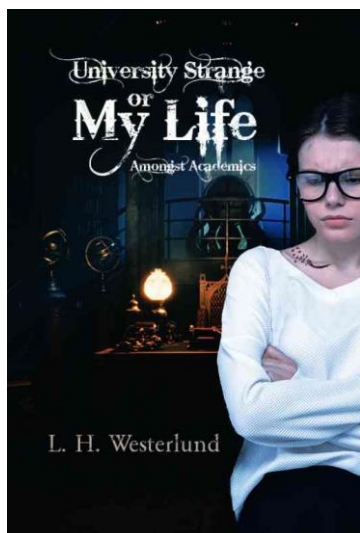
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# University Strange or My Life Amongst Academics

L. H. Westerlund



In *University Strange or My Life Amongst Academics*, we meet magician-to-be Kiera Sparrow. We enter her life right as she goes for her magical majority, stepping out from under her successful (and far more conventional) brother's shadow and into the utter chaos of her choosing.

She is on the path of making her own magical career and taking on a series of magical challenges worthy even of her angel tutor and best friend, Stormmaster Alexis Darn. But is she quite as protected—and safe—as her protective big brother would like to think? Does she *want* to be?

Simply put? No.

## The Author

L. H. Westerlund is a Scandinavian author, engineer and classic literature enthusiast living in London. She is currently working on several new novels, including a sequel for the *University Strange Series*.

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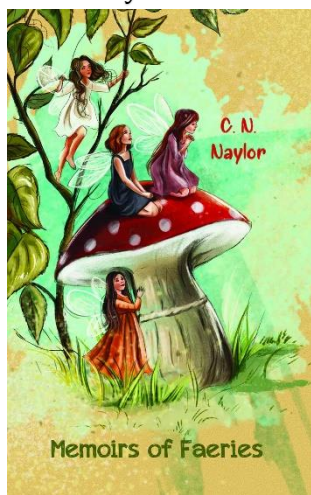
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# Memoirs of Faeries

C.N. Naylor



Katie was eight years old when her grandma died, leaving a secret untold. Thanks to a house move, a visitor and an old leather-bound diary given to her from her grandfather, Katie begins to piece together the truth.

She is the heir to an almost-forgotten magical kingdom and with a little help from her grandma's diary and some strange dreams, she realises that she must reconnect with her ancestors and make amends before it's too late.

## The Author

Carol-Anne was born in Fife, Scotland, before moving to the Midlands, when she was seven years old and to Cheshire when she was fifteen. It was a story told to her as a child that inspired her writing. Carol-Anne met her husband in Cheshire in 2012; they married in 2013 and three years later, Carol-Anne graduated from Staffordshire University with a PGCE in Primary Education. Having previously worked with younger children, Carol-Anne has a love for learning and loves to see the children in her care develop and grow. She now lives in Lancashire

with her husband and their son. They enjoy family days out and have recently discovered their enjoyment for family cruises.

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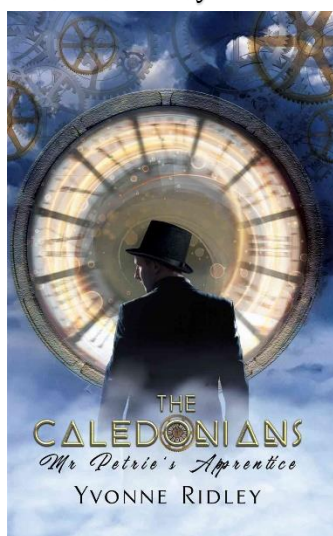
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# The Caledonians

Yvonne Ridley



Scottish history master Mr Petrie has the gift of eternal life. Working for a group of mystical superior beings, his time-travelling missions land him in all sorts of death-defying scrapes and encounters, sometimes with famous and ruthless people. To help him in his dangerous work, he's told to find a young apprentice. Duncan Dewar could be a candidate but has his own secrets too, and without realising it, their lives are indelibly linked.

## The Author

British journalist Yvonne Ridley has had a successful career in the media spanning four decades. The former Fleet Street reporter has written several books, but this is her first departure into the world of fiction.

Inspired by the dramatic scenery and surroundings of her remote Scottish farm and the rich but often violent history of the Borders, she created The Caledonians.

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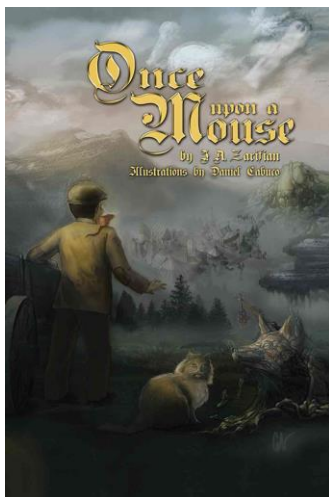
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# Once Upon a Mouse

J.A. Zarifian



It's a rollicking cat-and-mouse tale, but this time, they're both on the same side – racing against time to save our world and theirs. The task takes on new urgency when they discover that what is at stake is nothing less than the power of Imagination itself. A modern take on timeless truths, familiar rhymes, fables, and fairy tales, told through the eyes of an 'ultra-logical' mouse, a non-predatory cat, and a teenage storyteller. You think you know these tales, but once the layers start peeling back, what is underneath will surprise and delight you. Don't read this book if you think children should be seen and not heard, or if you hope that everyone you meet will turn out to be just like you, or if you just don't want to be bothered with any new experiences.

## The Author

Jaz Davison (writing as J. A. Zarifian) is an award-winning Stage Director and Actor. She has been by turns a daughter, a sister, a cousin, a mother, a divorcee, an aunt, a widow, a lover, a godmother and an eminence grise. No one remains unchanged after meeting her. This is her first novel

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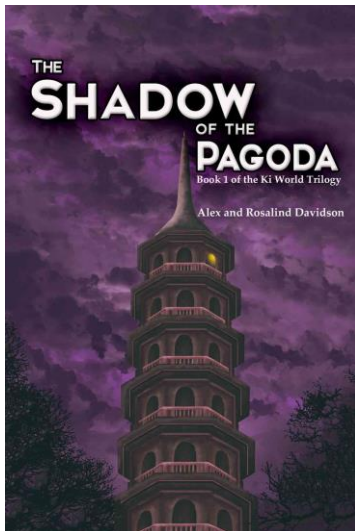
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# The Shadow of the Pagoda

Alex and Rosalind Davidson



A magical gateway to a parallel world has opened within the world-famous Kew Gardens. Auberon is a powerful magician who rules the world of Ki from the towering Pagoda. Ki is dying and being destroyed, and the creatures live in fear of Auberon's wrath.

A young boy named Tom has gone missing and Charly, a teenage schoolgirl on holiday in Kew, decides to help in the search for him.

Charly, with the aid of Kew's mythical creatures, finds her way through the gateway and follows Tom through Ki World to try to rescue him.

And so, the adventure begins...How will she survive the dangers that lie ahead? Will she succeed in rescuing Tom? Will she ever make it home again?

Join Charly in an exciting and fast-paced fantastical journey in Book 1 of the Ki World Trilogy.

## The Author

**Alex** is a retired managing director of a large IT company who recently graduated with a BA (Honours) in English literature from the Open University, majoring in creative writing. **Rosalind** is a trained actor and a qualified dramatherapist who provides therapy to autistic children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. She has an MA in dramatherapy from Roehampton University and has had a chapter on 'Autism and the Therapeutic Use of Metaphor' published within a new Dramatherapy and Autism textbook.

Between them, they have created a unique and exciting fantasy novel for pre- and early-teen readers.

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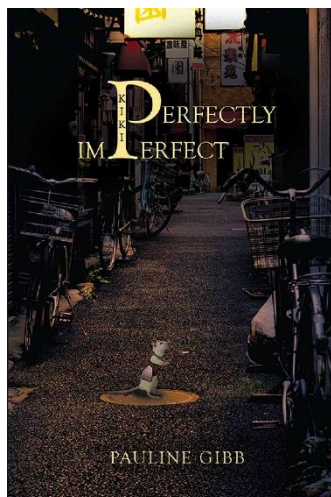
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# Kiki - Perfectly Imperfect

Pauline Gibb



Being born in Nishinari—a poor district of Japan—has its challenges, and for Kiki the mouse, these were more about his appearance than a lack of wealth, so his caring mother did all she could to build resilience in him before she allowed him to take his first excursion into the outside world.

Protected by her wise words and a special jacket she crafts for him; he sets off one night to see the sights with his brothers and sisters. That excursion teaches him the first in a series of lessons about survival as he and his siblings are confronted by a gang of feral rats.

Kiki learns valuable lessons about different personalities and the darker side of life on the streets as he ventures further and further away from home. This leads him on a quest for enlightenment, which has him stowing away on a cruise ship bound for Australia.

## The Author

Pauline is known for her quick wit and quirky sense of humour which is reflected in everything she does including her writing. She is passionate about many things; most importantly her daughter Georgia. She enjoys a close circle of friends, loves her animals and the odd glass or five of red wine.

She has a very impressive and *eclectic range* of creative and artistic *talents* which she uses to positively inspire others. She is practical and realistic about life and knows what it is like to “do it tough” having grown up in a housing commission area where she was the only member of her family to graduate from secondary school and go on to study a university degree becoming a teacher and later an educational administrator.

Writing has always been one of Pauline’s key interests, so she took the opportunity to follow that passion when a forced sabbatical saw her temporarily cease full-time employment two years ago. She has since written several stories, Kiki being the first to be published.

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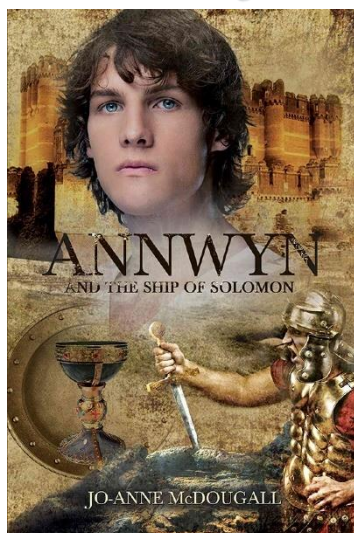
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# Annwyn and the Ship of Somolom

Jo-Anne McDougall



## Every Myth Has A Hero

Aaron Annwyn is a student in his final year at a Welsh Grammar School, when he accidentally trips through a portal to King Arthur’s Britain. In order to continue his time shifting, he must solve complex problems and overcome adversity.

He leads a double life, split between the medieval world of knights and battles and his present-day family and friends. He falls in love with the beautiful but doomed Dindraney, and becomes intricately involved in her protection and the quest for the Holy Grail. Can he change history?

## The Author

Jo-Anne McDougall was born and raised in Brisbane, Australia. She is a graduate from the University of Queensland and the University of New England. Most of her career has been spent in Secondary School education. She is married with two sons and now lives on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. Her interest in travel, old books and conspiracy theories has led her to be passionate about delving into

history, mythology and inexplicable mysteries. She is also a fervent believer in engaging young adults through page turning tales into which the reader steps.

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Extent: 266 pages

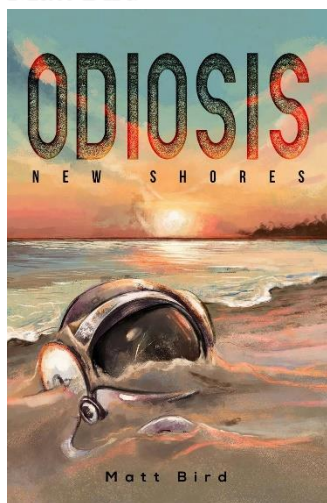
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## Odiosis

Matt Bird



*Odiosis* is the story of three ordinary people whose lives are transformed forever because of one man's delusion.

Odi is faced with a moral decision that could change the flare of the very planet. Sarah doesn't know whom to trust as she is moved around in a sadistic game of chess full of pawns. Alek fights to survive his own losses while trying to dismantle the game he is forced to play.

All three must face their challenges if they hope to see a better future.

### The Author

Matt Bird lives in Provo, Utah, near his childhood home. He is currently studying at Brigham Young University. His first book, *He Atoned for Me*, was released in 2019.

Matt grew up with a love for adventure stories, influenced greatly by his father's artwork, mainly a sculpture made by his father, when the author was very young, of a knight fighting a snake-like dragon across large boulders. Things like this spurred him along to create the stories that he now writes.

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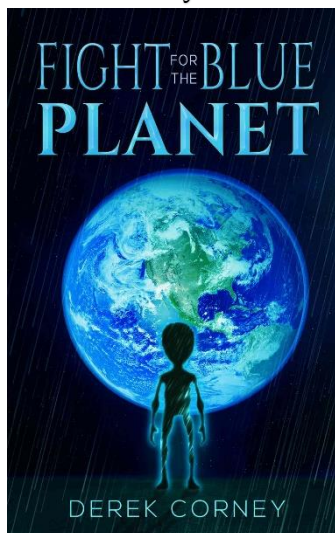
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## Fight for the Blue Planet

Derek Corney



"The Targ are a warlike people from a distant galaxy whose own planet, Nedali, is running out of resources. The most valuable one being water." He looked at the children and realised they didn't quite understand. "Aliens are going to take over the Earth," he said, "and you have to stop them."

Siblings Timmy, Adam and Salma are surprised by an unexpected visitor and the message he brings that the Earth is in danger. Do they refuse to help, or will they take up the challenge to save the world and become heroes?

### The Author

Derek Corney was born in London but brought up in Hartlepool. One of four brothers, he enjoyed reading from an early age. The notion of writing didn't occur to him until much later whilst travelling the world, working as an oilfield engineer. Visiting and working in places such as North and South America, the Middle and Far East, Pakistan and India, and the Falklands gave him the opportunity to observe

how man is exploiting the Earth's natural resources and was a great incentive when writing his novel. The idea of wrapping it up in a children's book came from his children and their concern for the environment.

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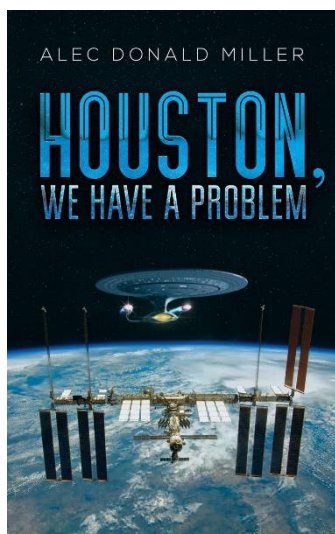
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# Houston, We Have a problem

Alec Donald Miller



When Elsa attended her last night at the Star Trek Convention, she had no idea that the journey home would lead her to the other side of the galaxy, the ISS, and the future survival of Earth itself.

## The Author

Alec Donald Miller was born in a small seaside town in South Wales. He is the middle child of three children to a Scottish father and German mother. He left school at the age of fourteen.

At the age of fifteen, he joined the British army as a junior guardsman and later joined the regular army with the 1st Battalion the Welsh Guards. He saw active service in Northern Ireland and Cyprus with the United Nations. He was transferred to Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve, the Royal Regiment of Wales, in 1977.

He immigrated to Australia in 1982 and studied for three years, becoming a registered nurse in 1985. He became a member of the Australian Army Reserve in 2007 as a specialist service officer. He currently works as a theatre nurse in a southern suburb of Sydney.

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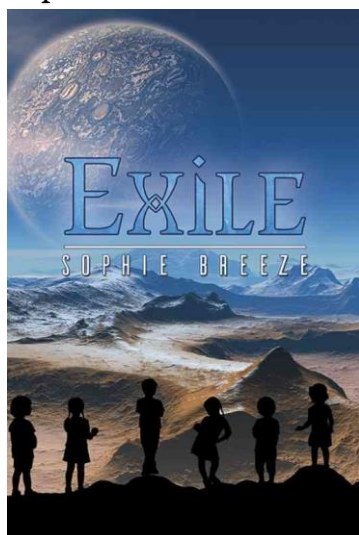
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# Exile

Sophie Breeze



Hybrids, outcasts, of their own world. Five children, Josh, Bailey, Ella, Eric and Blaire, live on planet Mellania. They each have one human parent and one Mellanian. Their partial alien DNA means they possess unique powers, making them both an asset and a threat to the Mellanian government. Captain Melsom, Mellania's ruler, works beside Lucia, a malicious demon, to eliminate the young hybrids.

The operation involves transferring the children to Earth where they will be immediately killed. Lucia is to be transported with them to oversee their termination. Upon arrival, things don't work out quite as expected.

The children have to draw on their powers to survive now, all the time trying to find Lucia before she can wreak her own chaos upon Earth.

But just who is controlling the situation and for what reason suddenly becomes very clouded. Even those closest to them begin to drift apart, and it becomes increasingly clear that nothing is what it seems.

## The Author

Sophie Breeze is a high school student from Sydney, Australia. She will graduate in 2017 and is endeavouring to pursue creative writing at university level. She started writing her first novel, Exile, at nine years old and has been an avid writer ever since. Her dream career is to be a professional novelist.

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