

## **BURN MY HEART** Beverley Naidoo

An intensely vivid story of friendship and betrayal, set against the violent background of rebellion in colonial Africa.

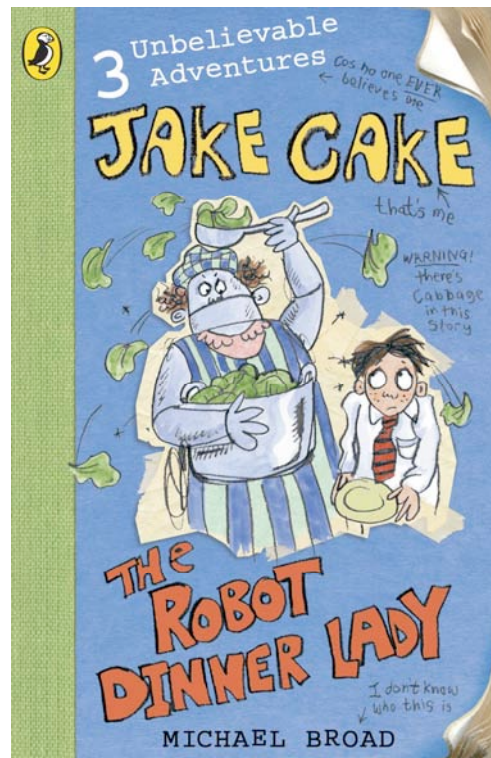
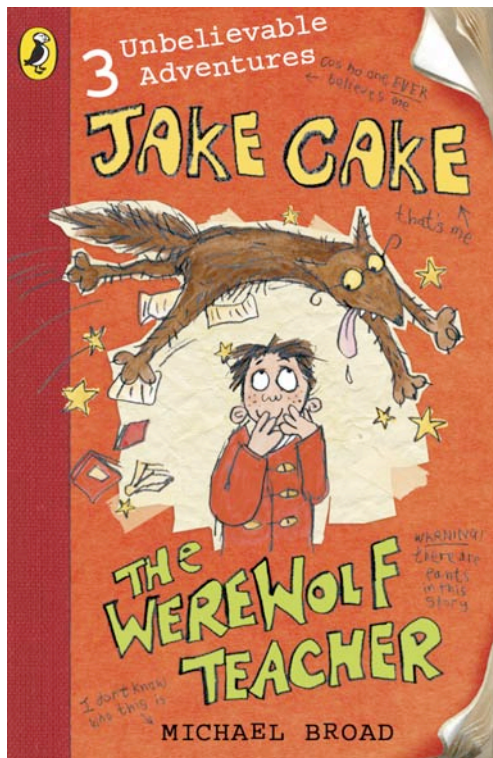
Two boys – one black, one white. Despite their different circumstances they are friends, but in a country rife with fear and prejudice, even the best of friends can betray one another . . .

The internationally acclaimed and award-winning author, Beverley Naidoo, creates real and sympathetic characters in an engrossing and accessible story, opening the reader's eyes to conflict and troubles in the wider world.

'Sometimes you have to break the rules, particularly when those rules are based on prejudice. Naidoo breaks the rules, producing books for young people which recognize that they want to know about the real world' –  
*The Guardian*

May 2007  
224pp, Age: 10+

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## **JAKE CAKE: THE WEREWOLF TEACHER and THE ROBOT DINNER LADY**

Michael Broad

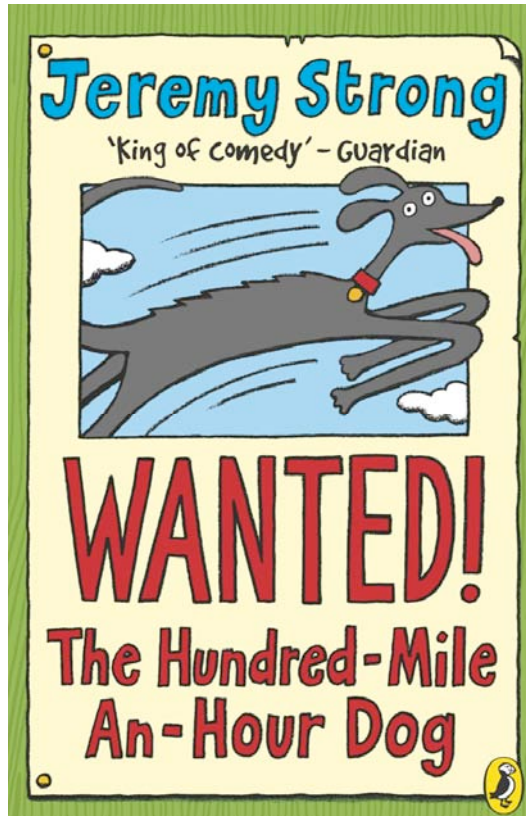
Deliciously funny, these first two titles in a four-book series are a satisfying blend of comforting real life mixed with magical mayhem and will appeal to all fans of Horrid Henry.

Jake Cake is an ordinary kid who likes writing stories about his amazing adventures. He swears they're all true, but no one ever believes him. Fresh, original and inventive, each book contains three unbelievable adventures written in Jake's own notebooks and embellished with his gloriously funny comments and illustrations throughout.

An exciting new talent, this is Michael Broad's first foray into children's fiction. He has previously written and illustrated the picture books, **BROKEN BIRD** and **THE LITTLE STAR WHO WISHED** both published by Puffin.

February 2007  
144 pp, Age: 7+

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**WANTED! THE HUNDRED-MILE-AN-HOUR DOG**  
Jeremy Strong

WARNING! Side effects include split sides, aching cheeks and tears of laughter. Laugh your socks off with the third book in the adventures of Streaker, the hundred-mile-an-hour dog.

Sales of the first two hilarious books in this series total more than 350,000, and Jeremy's total UK sales now exceed 3 million. His books have been translated into ten languages worldwide.

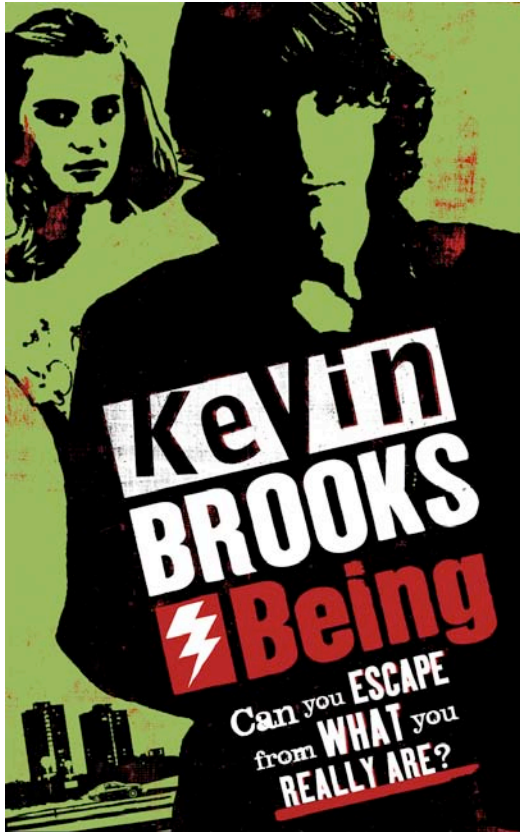
Watch out for Jeremy in January 2007, with the brand new and brilliant *Beware! Killer Tomatoes* and *My Brother's Famous Bottom Gets Pinched*.

Jeremy is immensely popular with children, particularly boys, who love his unique brand of silliness.

'Strong's books are hugely popular with young children with their breezy, daft exuberance' – *Sunday Times*

September 2006  
160pp, Age: 7+

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**BEING**  
Kevin Brooks

Sixteen-year-old Robert Smith lies anaesthetised. A routine operation has just gone wrong. As he slowly wakes, he can hear, he can feel, but he can't scream. The operation isn't over. But life, as Robert knows it, is.

Robert goes on the run, terrified and desperate for answers. But what if the answers are too terrifying to face?

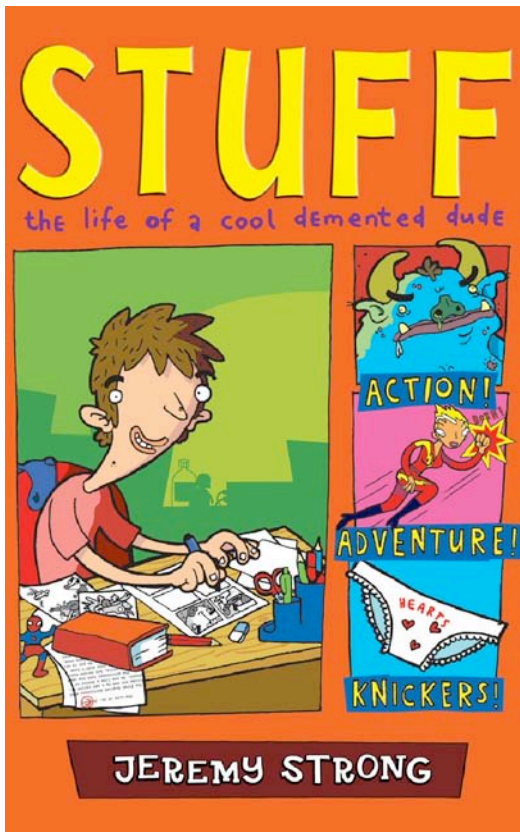
Powerful and intense, this is gripping reading for teenagers and beyond. A first-class thriller from major award-winning writer Kevin Brooks, new to the Puffin list.

'Brooks is one of the best young adult writers around' – *Irish Times*

'This is very good stuff indeed. Watch this guy, he's good' – *Melvin Burgess*

256pp, Age: 12+

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**STUFF**  
Jeremy Strong

Laugh your socks off with Jeremy Strong – one of the most popular children's authors of today.

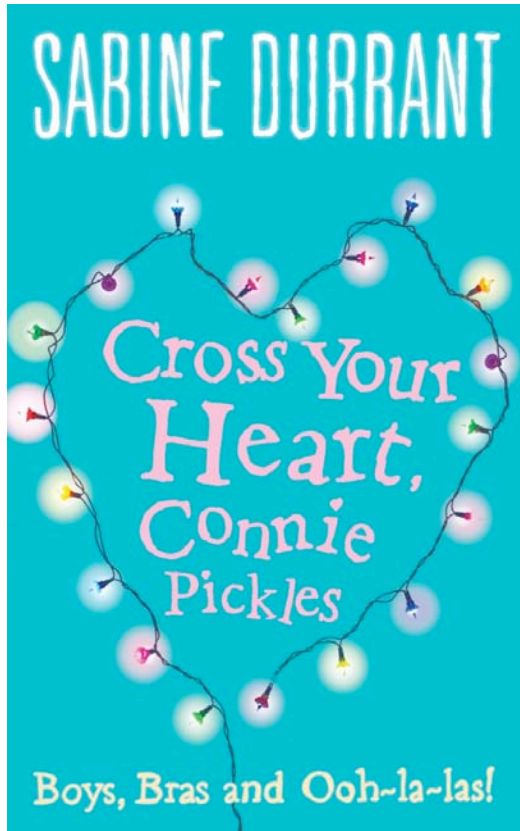
Unique and original, this part-text, part-graphic novel is warm, very funny and accessible. It's Louise Rennison for boys, and appeals to teenagers of both sexes.

'Stuff is brilliant. It's a witty and entertaining book for boys about relationships, family and being 14 (and girls will love it too)' – *Publishing News*

'Preposterously entertaining' – *The Observer*

224pp, Age: 11+

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## **CROSS YOUR HEART, CONNIE PICKLES**

Sabine Durrant

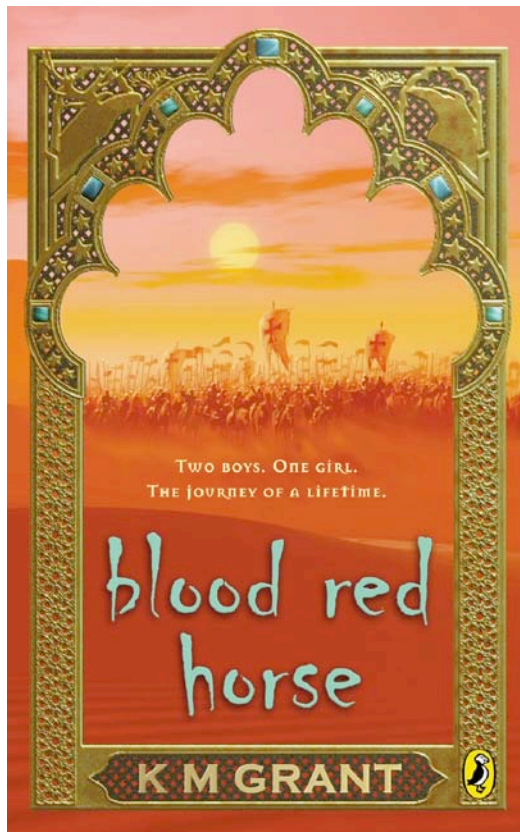
Connie's life is spiralling out of control. Her mother refuses to fall for the right man, her friend William is acting strangely and her own heart is in tatters. So she sets out to solve the eternal mysteries of love, French things (including kisses) and incredibly uncomfortable underwear.

Sabine combines the laugh-out-loud humour of Louise Rennison, the sharp perception of Anne Fine, and the instant girl appeal of a younger Bridget Jones. With two bestselling adult novels to her name, this delightful book marks her out as a talent to watch in the world of young adult fiction.

'Cross Your Heart, Connie Pickles is a dream of a read . . . It is humane, sweetly funny, delightfully done.' – *The Observer*

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## **BLOOD RED HORSE trilogy**

K.M Grant

Two boys. One girl. The journey of a lifetime – a breathtaking series from a talented author who brings the past vividly to life.

Perfect for girls who love horses, adventure and romance, and boys who love action- packed epics with a thrilling blend of battles, blood and betrayal.

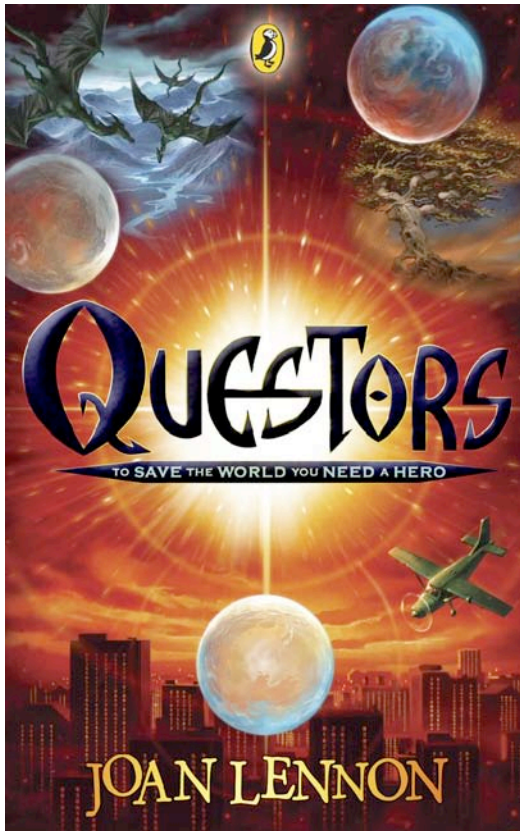
Full of real contemporary resonance, this story of turmoil in the Middle East, is a reminder that the current tensions between west and near east go back a very long way.

'Atmospheric and evocative, this terrifically exciting novel is very readable' – *INK*

'A coming-of-age book in ancient mythic tradition . . . a ripping yarn of old' – *The Guardian*

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**QUESTORS**  
Joan Lennon

Meet Madlen, Bryn and Cam  
A girl, a boy and one who's undecided  
They're in charge of saving the world  
They're just not entirely sure how . . .

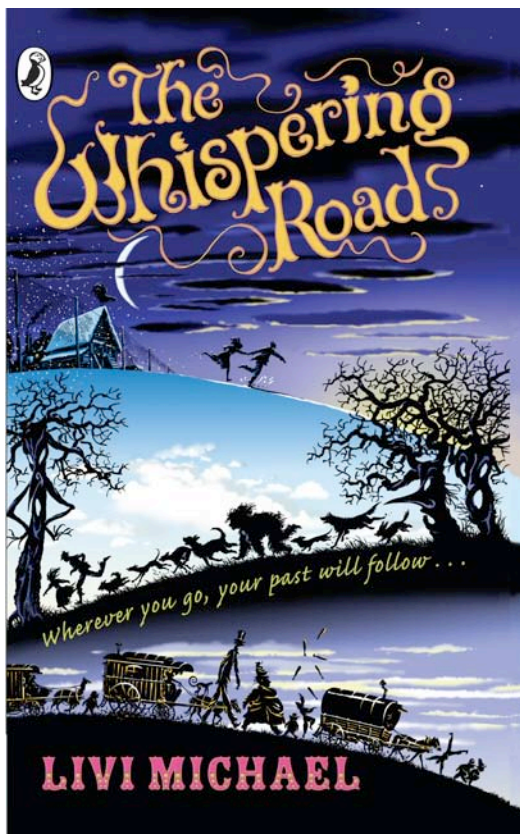
Futuristic, fantastical, funny - an unforgettable fantasy debut full of atmosphere and humour – think Susan Cooper with a helping of Diana Wynne Jones and a soupcon of Philip K. Dick.

A gripping page-turner for readers aged 9+ who love fantasy, dragons and heroes.

With debut author Joan Lennon's unique characters, intricate plotting and light touch, this is one to watch.

368pp, Age: 10+

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**THE WHISPERING ROAD**  
Livi Michael

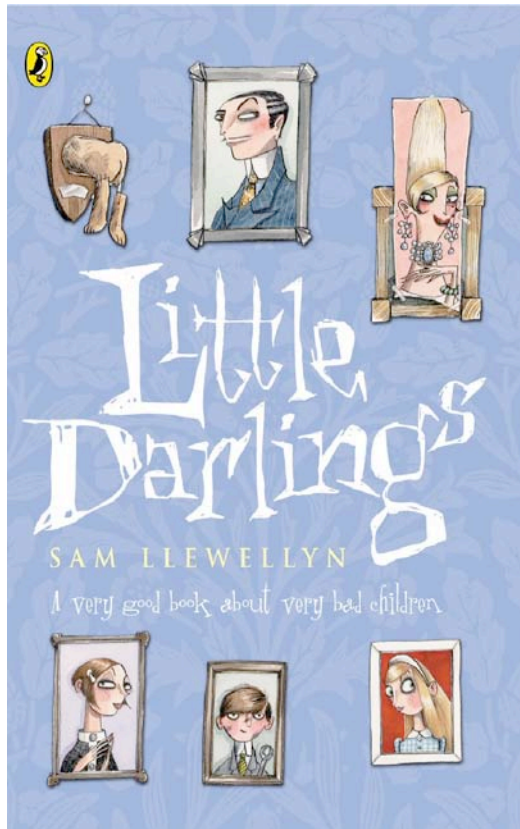
A moving story about two siblings, Joe and Annie, who flee from a dreadful existence as servants in search of their mother, forced to leave them at the workhouse when they were very young.

Gritty and evocative, THE WHISPERING ROAD is a truly haunting read. Written with a Dickensian flair, Livi's style is vivid with a wonderfully rich cast of characters. This is a children's classic in the making, reminiscent of the finest Victorian epics.

Livi Michael is the author of the best-selling FRANK series – starring everyone's favourite hamster hero.

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## **LITTLE DARLINGS series**

Sam Llewellyn

Stranger than Snicket, odder than the Osbournes – it's Peter Pan turned bad! A deliciously daft comedy series about a family of very bad children.

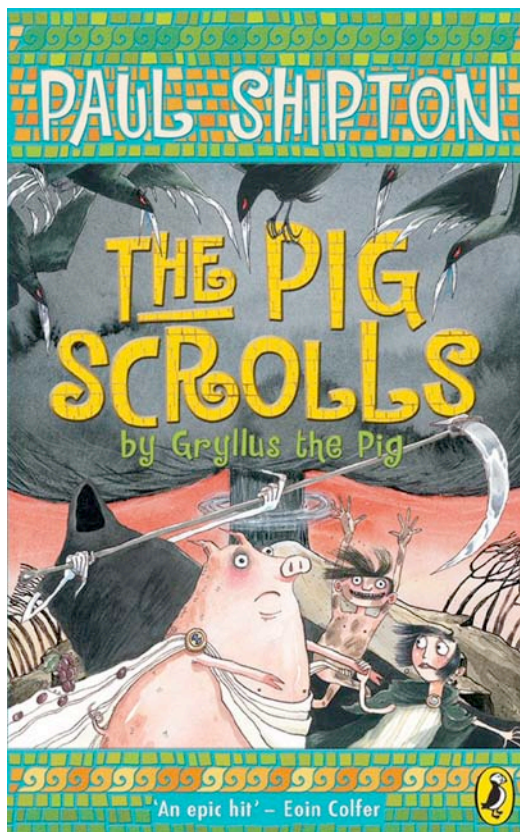
Incredibly funny, sharp and witty writing for the younger market – perfect for boys and girls aged 9+.

The series has sold a fantastic 70,000 copies since 2004.

'Every now and then, a children's book comes along that is completely different. Little Darlings is one of these' – *Children's Book of the Week, Sunday Times*

192pp, Age: 9+

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## **THE PIG SCROLLS and THE PIG WHO SAVED THE WORLD**

Paul Shipton

Go back in time to Ancient Greece and follow the hilarious adventures of Gryllus, the talking pig. Gryllus faces no end of peril and generally nasty things in order to save the world!

A quirky, laugh-a-minute comedy adventure, which doubles up as a fun introduction to Greek mythology for boys and girls of 10+.

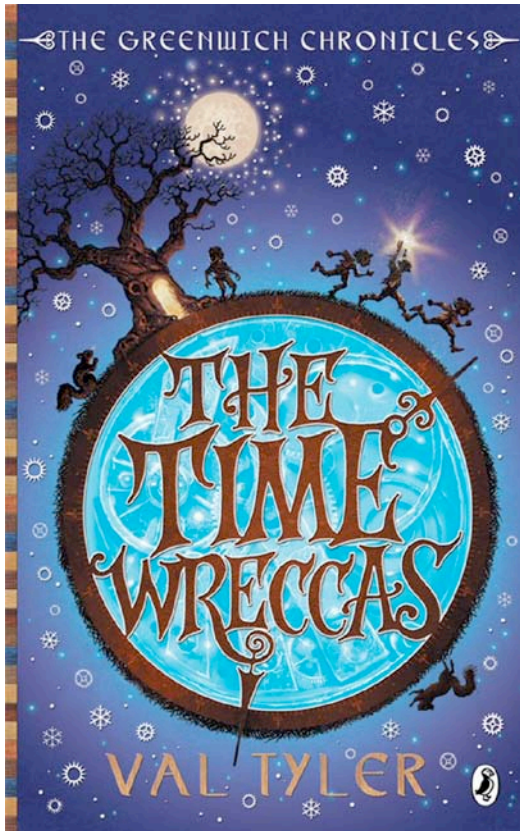
A huge film deal with Dreamworks for THE PIG SCROLLS has now been confirmed.

'An epic hit' – Eoin Colfer

'A rollicking uproarious adventure' – *Times Educational Supplement*

224pp, Age: 9+

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Rights sold: US, German, Italian, Turkish



**THE TIME WRECCAS and THE TIME APPRENTICE**  
Val Tyler

An exciting fantasy adventure series set in Greenwich, where our world secretly coincides with the invisible world of the Guardians and Wreccas . . .

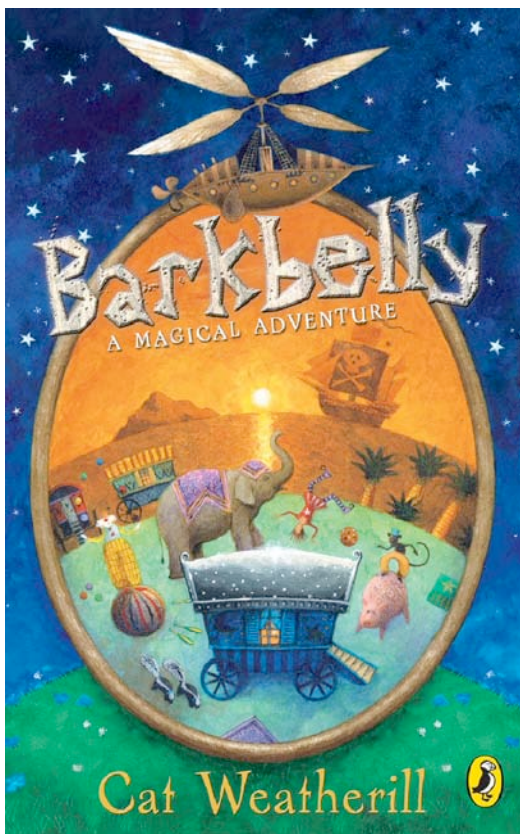
Enticing characters, enchanting relationships and a gripping plot make this the perfect read for younger fantasy fans.

THE TIME WRECCAS was nominated for the inaugural *Ottakars Book Prize*.

‘Delightfully inventive’ – *The Bookseller*

352pp, Age: 8+

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Rights sold: Korean, Portuguese, Russian



**BARKBELLY and SNOWBONE**  
Cat Weatherill

A whirlwind adventure from a startling, fresh voice in children’s books.

Welcome to the strange and beautifully-realised world of the Ashenpeakers – wooden people who hatch from eggs. Cat is a wonderful storyteller and both tales are full of poetry, magic, and dark twists of fate.

Appealing to both girls and boys, BARKBELLY and SNOWBONE are contemporary classics.

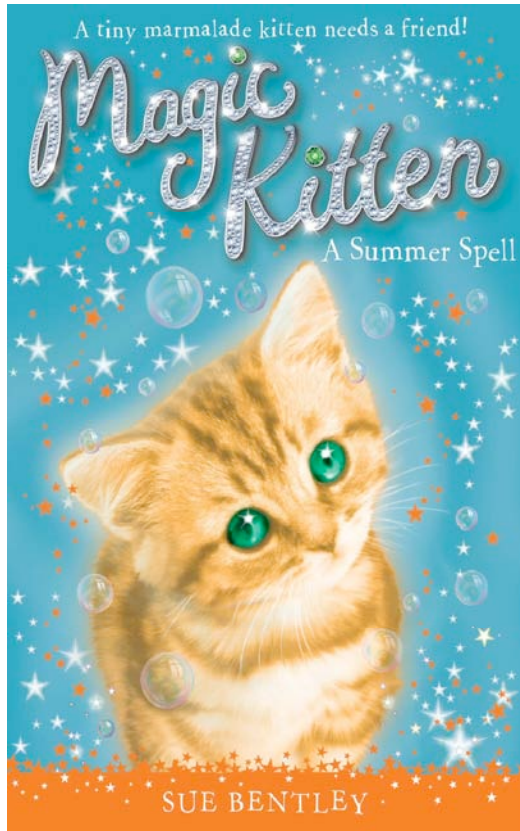
Reviews for BARKBELLY:

‘A magical and moving debut’ – Erica Wagner, *The Times*

‘Vivacious and inventive’ – Michael Morpurgo

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## MAGIC KITTENS

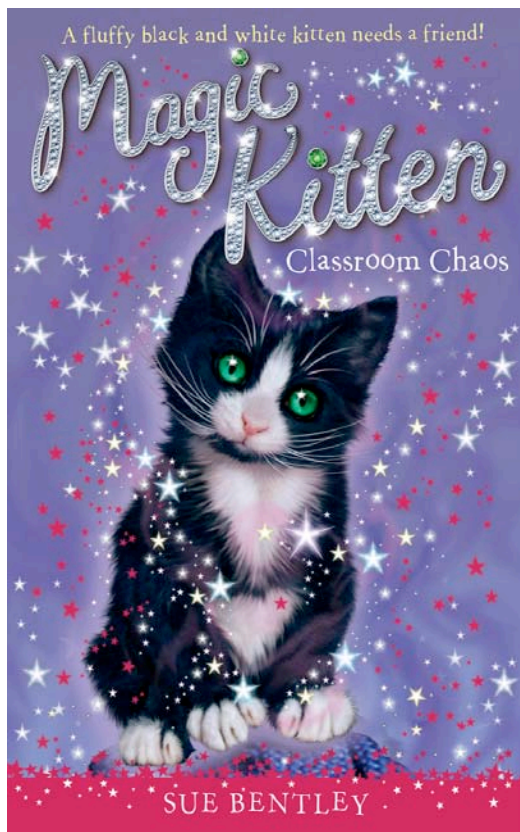
Sue Bentley

A sparkling series for young girls – an irresistible mix of cute kittens, mischief and magic.

From the author of the incredibly successful *Rainbow Magic* books, comes the adventures of a fluffy magic kitten called Flame who causes chaos with his spells.

Since publication in July 2006, the series has amassed staggering sales of over 100,000 copies.

With a twelve-book deal already signed, this series will become the perfect must-have package for little girls everywhere!



Titles in the series so far:

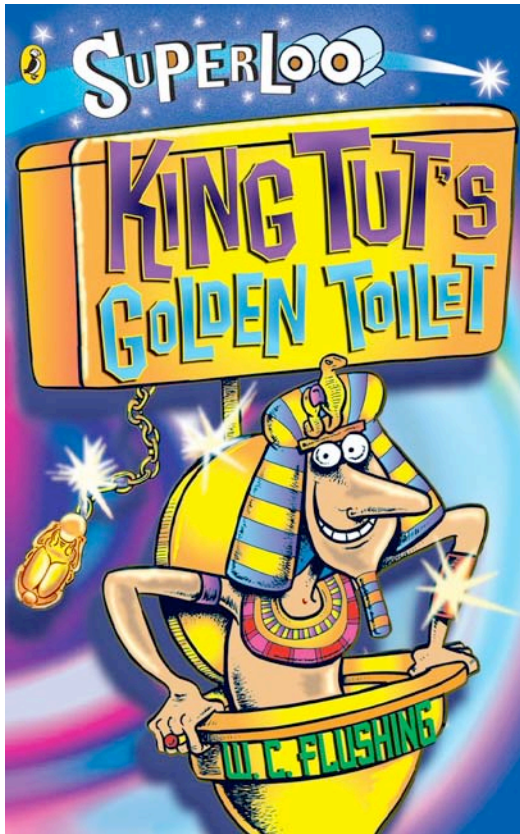
A SUMMER SPELL  
CLASSROOM CHAOS  
STAR DREAMS  
DOUBLE TROUBLE  
July 2006

MOONLIGHT MISCHIEF  
A CIRCUS WISH  
September 2006

SPARKLING STEPS  
A GLITTERING GALLOP  
January 2007

SEASIDE MYSTERY  
FIRELIGHT FRIENDS  
May 2007

144pp. Age: 6-8  
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**SUPERLOO**  
Susan Gates

A wild and wacky four-book series from popular children's author Susan Gates.

Superloo is a power-crazed toilet with a planet-sized ego, a micro-chip that belongs to NASA and a reluctant human helper called Finn...and he's on a mission to rescue his toilet ancestors!

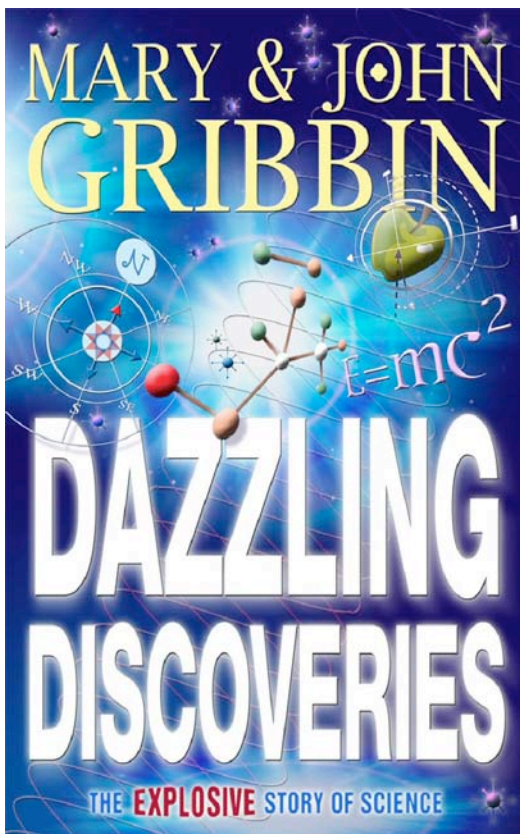
Join Superloo and Finn as they embark on a series of hair-raising and hilarious trips into the past – on the trail of some very famous loos...

Introducing popular history topics in an accessible way, Superloo's adventures will appeal to 8 to 10 year olds, boys in particular.

'A truly funny British children's writer who can keep up the humour to the last page' – *The Independent*

160pp, Age: 8-10

US and translation rights: Puffin UK



**DAZZLING DISCOVERIES**  
John and Mary Gribbin

A fascinating and accessible approach to science for children, revealing the human side of scientific discovery. Covering an epic sweep of history, from the Greek philosophers through to Einstein, Mary and John Gribbin examine the personalities and events that lie behind the scientific milestones in history.

The Gribbins are internationally renowned, award-winning popular science authors.

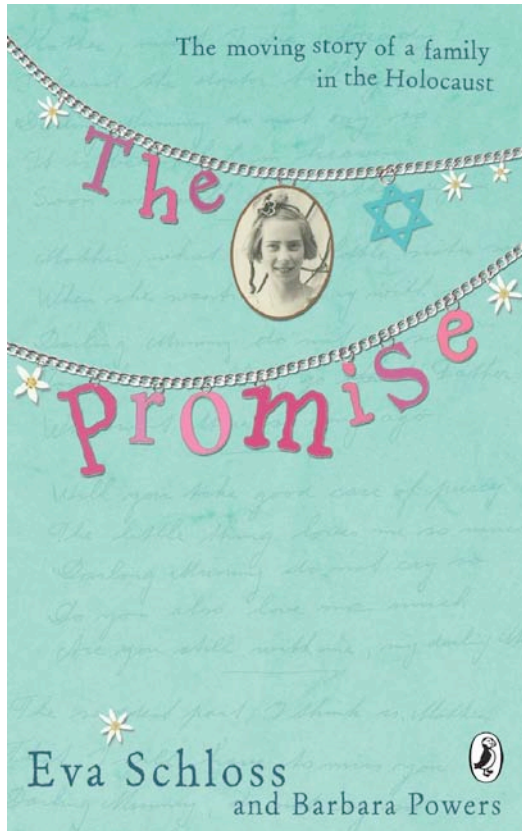
'Their gift lies not just in eloquent and lucid presentation of complicated ideas, but in writing about them as if they were adventures' – *Financial Times*

'This book, which is about scientists rather than science, deserves to be a bestseller' – *The Times*

256pp, Age: 11+

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## THE PROMISE

Eva Schloss

An inspiring story of survival, this is an account of one of the most disturbing periods in recent history told with compassion and clarity.

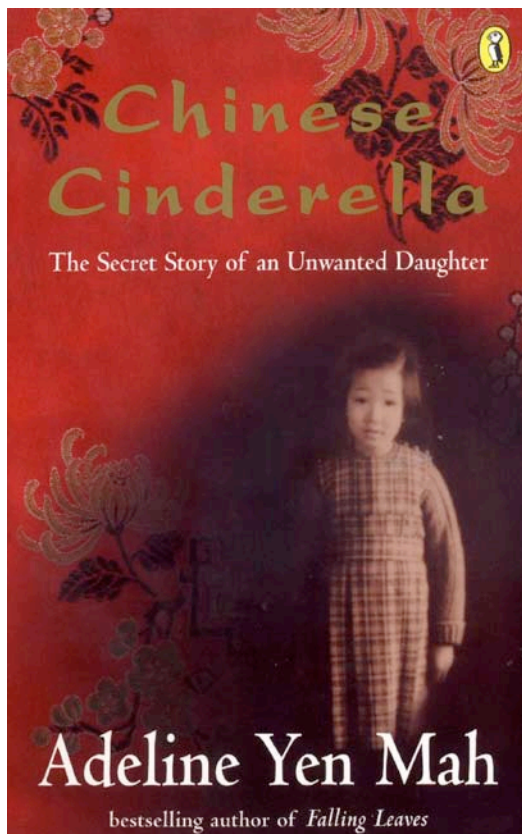
Written especially for children, this is the author's story of growing up during the Second World War, caught in a world turned upside down by the Nazis.

Eva's family lived in Austria during the Second World War, and following Hitler's rise to power, her family was torn apart. Tragically, they would not all survive the war years.

Eva's friendship with Anne Frank and her family adds to the poignancy of their story, as does the fascinating discovery after the war of 30 paintings completed and then hidden by Eva's brother Heinz during his time in hiding.

144pp, Age: 11+

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## CHINESE CINDERELLA

Adeline Yen-Mah

Adapted from the international bestselling autobiography, *FALLING LEAVES*, this is the story of a young Chinese girl living in China and Hong Kong during the 1940s and 1950s.

Adeline's story of triumph over adversity moves the reader from laughter to tears, and offers a unique and personal insight into a fascinating historical period.

A phenomenal success, *CHINESE CINDERELLA* has sold over 300,000 copies in the UK alone.

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