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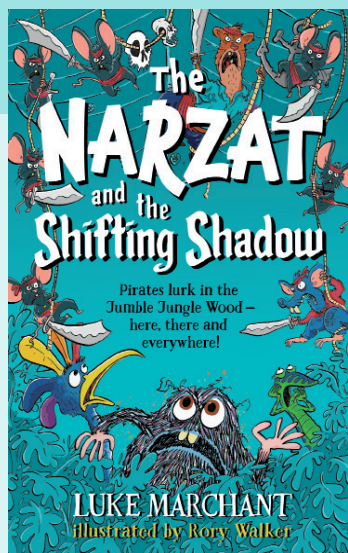
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Everything with Words publishes literary fiction for children and adults. We began publishing fiction for children in 2017 and literary fiction for adults in 2020. Our books have been picked as books of the year by The Times, Sunday Times, Guardian, FT, Observer, Irish Times, and the Telegraph, and won or been shortlisted for prestigious prizes. We publish page-turning historical novels, classic fantasy, comedy, magical realism and bold young adult novels and adult literary fiction. We look for compelling, original writing that sweeps the reader along and characters that leap off the page, touch and surprise.

THE NARZAT AND THE SHIFTING SHADOW

Luke Marchant



Meet the world's most wicked pirate and his crew!

The legendary Captain Carver and his wicked pirate crew commanded by the GLOOM BADGER have arrived in the Jumble Jungle Wood on board their pirate ship THE SHIFTING SHADOW in search of monsters they plan to use to tyrannise all the animals in the wood. They have already captured the Ravenoserous, the Chargemeleon and are heading for FIRE ISLAND beyond the DEEP DARK DEPTHS with the daringly wicked plan to steal the eggs of the GORGONCONDA, a two head snake whose look can turn any living creature into stone.

The Narzat , the Looky Lizard and the Chatty Chirper aren't daunted but can they save the Jumble Jungle Wood?

Luke Marchant studied English and Creative Writing at Cardiff University. He is now Head of a Primary school in darkest Devon..

'I was influenced by the fantasy world-building of Terry Pratchett's Maurice and his Amazing Rodents, the environmental adventures of Nizrana Farook's The Boy Who Met a Whale, and having a humourous ensemble of characters such as Maz Evans' Who Let the Gods Out?'

Praise for The Narzat

Imagine a jungle with Dahlesque villains and a Walliams style storyline and you've got The Narzat!

– The School Librarian

'A wonderfully whacky story with bad baddies and loveable underdogs' Rashmi Sirdeshpande

'Wickedly Funny' Mary Rees, Book Craic

- Age **6+**
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages **204**

- Illustrations by **Rory Walker**
- Published May 15th 2025
- RRP **£8.99**

- ISBN **9781911427445**
- World rights



A PLACE OF A THOUSAND WISHES

Sarah Merrett



It's 1899. Mason makes the world's BEST ice cream, but he's got mysterious and powerful enemies.

Nothing is going right for unlucky ice cream seller Mason. But then famous wish-maker, Darlington, comes to town and opens his mysterious manor for the first time. Mason is stunned to be invited to his first performance. He hopes his luck is about to change. After all, Darlington is famous for granting wishes. But Mason gets even more than he bargained for. He and Darlington share magical gifts and family bonds, but also powerful enemies. Mason finds himself in a race against time to rescue Darlington – or lose his magic, his wish, and his family.

Praise for Sarah's debut *The Others*:

“Eerie and exciting- it will shock and surprise you. Like a middle-grade H.G.Wells! ‘

Kieran Larwood

‘Thrilling’ *Telegraph* *****

‘Compelling, brimming with empathy’ *New Statesman*



- Age **9+**
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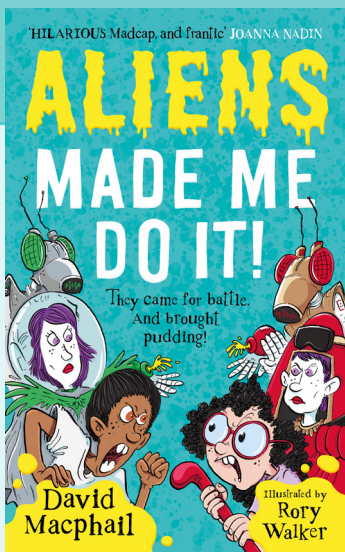
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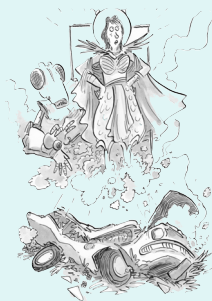
David Macphail



When aliens land in Hillman's back garden, nothing is ever the same again, not even for his pet rabbit, Arthur.

On a deeply ordinary day Hillman Patel finds that Cassiopeia and her android Silver have landed their space ship in his back garden and crushed his dad's car, his precious Hillman.

Cassiopeia is a princess who claims to rule galaxies, only she's shrunk her armada and needs help, or Perseus, her galactic enemy, might defeat her AND destroy this manky planet, just to show he means business. Can Hillman, an eleven year old boy, and Cassiopeia defeat Prince Perseus, Lord of the Five Spirals, Admiral of the 1st Attack Fleet, Commander of the Order of Zarg, and more recently winner of the Alpha Centauri Award for Best-Dressed Galactic Despot? We'll see. Perhaps, after many twists and turns...



David Macphail has worked as a chicken wrangler, a ghost-tour guide, and a waiter on a tropical island, and he now has the sensible job of writing about yetis, Vikings, mad aliens and the funny side of history. David is the author of the Lollies-nominated Thorfinn the Nicest Viking series, the Top-Secret Grandad series, the Velda the Awesomest Viking series, An Amazing Illustrated Atlas of Scotland and An Amazing History Atlas of Scotland. He lives in Perthshire, Scotland.

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 204

- Illustrated by **Rory Walker**
- Published **September 25th 2025**
- RRP **£8.99**

- ISBN **9781911427469**
- World rights



THE FEATHERED BOOK

Charlie Nutbrown



Charlie Nutbrown is a children's writer from Bristol. After studying English Literature at Cambridge University, he had an underwhelming career as a musician. He now works as a writer and subeditor. He lives in Bristol with his wife, two daughters, and cat. The Feathered Book is his debut novel.

Introducing Monty the Fox— an awesome detective!

The Feathered Book, the creation of Prendergast the Raven who dabbled in alchemy has disappeared from the humungous library in the ancient oak tree. A library full of turrets and towers.

Last seen by Peksniff, the ancient squirrel in charge of the rambling library and the only one who knew where it was. Who could have taken it?

It is both cursed and the most precious thing in the whole library as it is rumoured to contain the secret of how to make gold. There are almost too many suspects!

Monty the Fox is a true Sherlock Holmes. But where would Monty be without Nettle, the rabbit? A tale of friendship and foes!



- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 304

- Illustrated by Ewa Beniak-Haremska
- **September 11th 2025**
- RRP **£8.99**

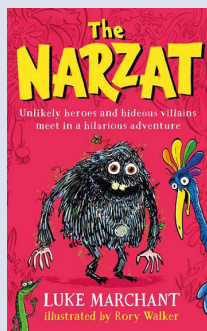
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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

THE NARZAT

Luke Marchant



The Narzat lives in the Jumble Jungle Wood. One day two dastardly villains arrive, Lord and Lady Snide.

The Snides have a vast collection of furs and hides but they want more!

“Imagine a jungle with Dahlesque villains and a Walliams style storyline and you’ve got The Narzat!

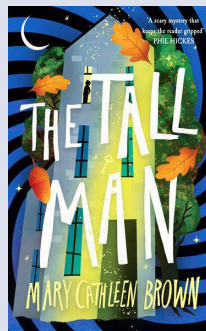
School Librarian

- Age 7+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Illustrations by **Rory Walker**
- Pages **252**
- RRP **£7.99**

- ISBN **9781911427384**
- World rights

THE TALL MAN

Mary Cathleen Brown



A time slip adventure with a touch of horror. Tom has just moved to the Tall Man's house. The Tall Man is long dead, though he lives on in sinister rhymes and his house seems haunted.

‘Highly inventive, beautifully written’ **OBSERVER**

‘A Gothic world of ominous intrigue’ **IRISH TIMES**

‘Thrilling’ **TELEGRAPH**

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages **324**

- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427391**
- World rights

THE OTHERS

Sarah Merrett



Reuben lives in an observatory with his astronomer grandma who is determined to win the Guzman prize, a real historical French prize for discovering extra-terrestrials.

“Thrilling *****”
TELEGRAPH
“Compelling”
NEW STATESMAN

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Illustrations by **Ewa Beniak-Haremska**

- Pages **324**
- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427407**
- World rights

BLACK GABLES

Eibhlís Carcione



Meet the world's creepiest teachers and their pets! Rosella's mother has lost her memory and the family has returned to her home town where ghouls and ghosts stalk the streets.

A **SUNDAY TIMES** BEST BOOK FOR HALLOWEEN

‘A Gothic mystery’
IRISH TIMES

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages **288**

- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427438**
- World English rights



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

THE LAST BOY

Eve McDonnell



Inspired by the real life story of George Brewster, whose death led to an act of Parliament banning child chimney sweeps.

‘Extraordinary. Anyone lucky enough to read it won’t forget it for a long time’

BOOK TRUST

‘Powerful’

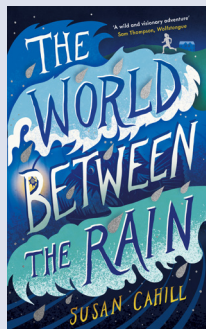
IRISH EXAMINER

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 352
- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427414**

- World rights

THE WORLD BETWEEN THE RAIN

Susan Cahill



Marina has entered a watery world full of strange creatures, demons, gods and dream makers. Meanwhile in our world, her family needs her and her special powers to survive. Will Marina make it back in time?

‘Wild and visionary’ Sam Thompson

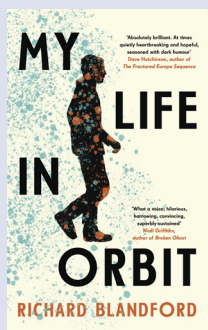
‘Impressive and stylish’ IRISH TIMES

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 324

- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427315**
- World English rights

MY LIFE IN ORBIT

Richard Blandford



He’s about to meet his adult daughter whose existence he’s just discovered. He’s a born narrator and wants to tell her his life story—all of it.

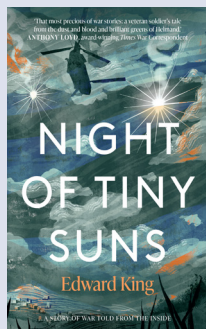
‘Exquisite. Sharply observed’ TBC Pierre, Vernon God Little

- Literary Fiction
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 324
- RRP **£9.99**

- ISBN **9781911427377**
- World rights

NIGHT OF TINY SUNS

Edward King



Captain Nick Russell is drawn to Afghanistan by his profession. Ghul Khan, once a Mujahideen warrior, is now a farmer desperate to find peace for his village. Haji Mansur battles for the ideals that gave birth to the Taliban.

‘Deft, powerful and deeply moving.’ ANTHONY LOYD, AWARD WINNING TIMES SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

- Lit fiction, action
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 304

- RRP **£10.99**
- ISBN **9781911427421**
- World English rights



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME TO DEAD TOWN RAVEN MCKAY

Eibhlís Carcione



When her parents disappear, 12-year-old Raven McKay is put into foster care in the town of Grave's Pass. It's not an ordinary town. It's a town where the living and the dead live side by side, but few wear their identity on their sleeves.

'Deliciously dark and gorgeously Gothic' – Kieran Larwood

A Times Best Summer Reads 2023

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Illustrations by Ewa Beniak-Haremska
- Pages 288

- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427339**
- World English, Italian and French rights

SWEET SKIES

Robin Scott-Elliott



Berlin, 1948. A city besieged. A boy reaches for the sky and dares to dream in a city where betrayal is everywhere.

'Unusually convincing and atmospheric' – Sunday Times

'Alive with atmosphere, action and dynamic dialogue' – LoveReading4Kids

TLS Best Book of the Year

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 288

- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427322**
- World rights

THE KINGDOM OF BROKEN MAGIC

Christine Aziz



A whirlwind of a story with talking tigers, a knitting elephant and a sinister monkey. In the Kingdom of Broken Magic, who can you trust?

'Vibrantly visual, in The Kingdom of Broken Magic Aziz has created a richly-imagined world that fizzles with drama and big themes, and all delivered in an energetic style that will engage 8+-year-old adventure-lovers.' – LoveReading4Kids
Debut of the Month

- Age 7+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Illustrations by Ewa Beniak-Haremska

- Pages 246
- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427308**
- World rights

RUNNER HAWK

Michael Egan



Something is happening to Leo, something is happening to his world, but will anyone listen? Leo is running out of time – has he got enough days left to learn how to live love, and catch a killer? Go meets The Catcher in the Rye in this beautifully crafted coming of age love story and fantasy thriller.

A Times & Sunday Times Best Children's Book of the Year 2023

- Age 12+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 320

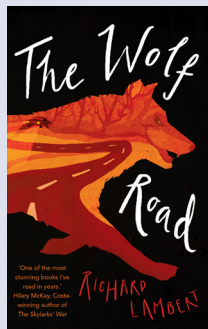
- RRP **£8.99**
- ISBN **9781911427360**
- World rights



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

THE WOLF ROAD

Richard Lambert



Carnegie longlisted, a Guardian & Times Best Book of the Year. A gripping thriller that is also a tale of loss and grief.

- Age 12+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 352
- RRP £8.99

- ISBN 9781911427162
- World rights (rights sold: Russian, Italian, Lithuanian, Korean, simplified Chinese)

SHADOW TOWN

Richard Lambert



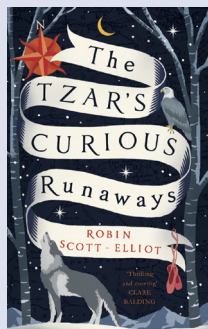
A Times Best Book of the Year. Toby follows his cat Alfred into a spine chilling world of deception and love. A gothic tale.

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 356
- RRP £7.99

- ISBN 9781911427223
- World rights (rights sold: Russian)

THE TZAR'S CURIOUS RUNAWAYS

Robin Scott-Elliot



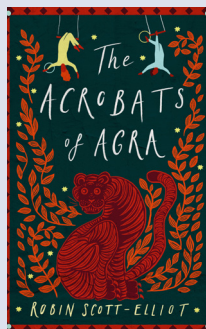
A Telegraph Best Book of the Year. The Tzar – Peter the Great – has died and those who belong to his Circus of Curiosities must fend for themselves. Can they survive?

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages 304

- RRP £8.99
- ISBN 9781911427131
- World rights

THE ACROBATS OF AGRA

Robin Scott-Elliot



A Guardian Best Book of the Year. It's the year of the Indian rebellion: 1857, a French Circus is trapped in Agra under siege, can two children save a starving tiger?

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Illustrations by Holly Owendon

- Pages 304
- RRP £8.99
- ISBN 9781911427148
- World rights



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

ELSETIME

Eve McDonnell



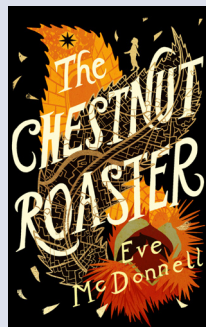
Shortlisted for the Awesome Book Award. There's a flood and twelve people will die. Can two children travel back in time and save them?

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages **346**
- RRP **£8.99**

- ISBN **9781911427179**
- World rights (rights sold: German)

THE CHESTNUT ROASTER

Eve McDonnell



A Guardian Best Book of the Year, Times Book of the Week.

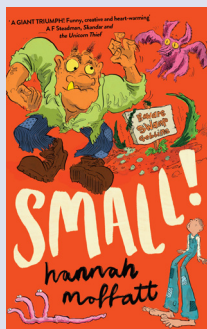
Paris 1888. Everyone seems to have suddenly lost their memory of last year. Can Piaf and her brother Luc catch the memory thief? Nominated for the Carnegie, Shortlisted for the Week Junior Awards.

- Age 9+
- B-format **Paperback**
- Pages **336**

- RRP **£7.99**
- ISBN **9781911427292**
- World rights

SMALL!

Hannah Moffatt



A Times Book of the Week . Shortlisted for the Waterstones' Children's Book Prize. Harvey is in a giant world but on stilts. If the giants discover, they'll stomp him into a sandwich!

- Age **6+**
- B-format **Paperback**
- Illustrations by **Rory Walker**

- Pages **224**
- RRP **£6.99**
- ISBN **9781911427278**
- World English rights

SMALL BITES BACK

Hannah Moffatt



The hilarious sequel to Small!

Beware this book contains vampires, were-wolves, zombies and tooth-fairies! Viscount Bloodsucker, vampire in chief, has got a dream. Will he realize it or will Harvey, with the help of some friendly were-wolves frustrate his hopes?

A Sunday Times Book of the Week

- Age **6+**
- B-format **Paperback**
- Illustrations by **Rory Walker**

- Pages **226**
- RRP **£7.99**
- ISBN **9781911427346**
- World English rights





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