Open Book

Every story starts with an open book



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Open Book is an innovative new series created to help more children experience the joy and success of reading.

- Developed to be accessible, the books in this series are especially supportive for children with diverse needs, including autism, ADHD, speech and language challenges (SLCN), dyspraxia and more.
- Simple images at the start of each chapter make unfamiliar words clear, helping readers build confidence and enjoy reading independently with understanding.
- Supportive layouts with short chapters and predictable structure.
- Carefully crafted to balance readability with rich, compelling storytelling, helping more children experience the joy and confidence of independent reading.
- High interest but age-appropriate to ensure engagement and challenge.
- Off-white paper for reduced visual load.
- Dyslexia-friendly fonts and spacing.

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"Open Book is designed not just to help children get through a book – it's to help them feel successful and most importantly, to feel the joy of being a reader."

DR SARAH MOSELEY



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Acclaimed children’s authors



Accessible by design



Built with expertise



Inclusive for all



Engaging by nature

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Created with educational consultant and SEND expert, Dr Sarah Moseley





Dr Sarah Moseley is an experienced education consultant, researcher, and speaker with a passion for inclusive learning. With over 25 years working across mainstream and special education, Sarah specialises in literacy, SEND, and neurodiversity — helping schools create environments where every learner can thrive.

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Accessible, contemporary fiction that's age-appropriate

Symbols support the meaning of unfamiliar words

Short chapters and predictable structures



Lisa Thompson photo by Tom Soper Photography

Lisa Thompson
Bestselling author of the Goldfish Boy mysteries



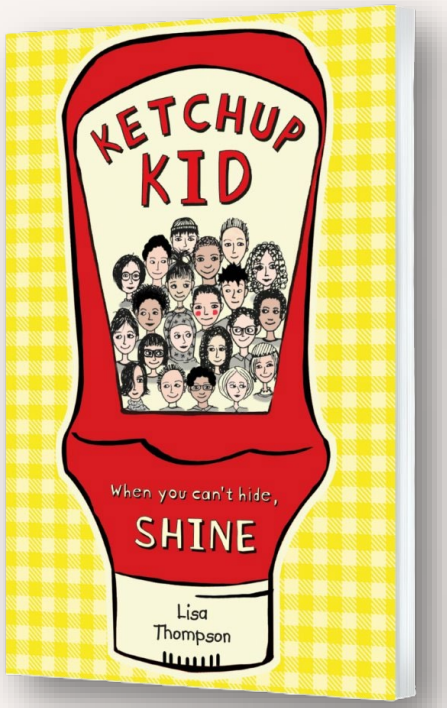
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Polari-prize-winning author



Karen McCombie
Highly-acclaimed and much-loved children's author

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The series will debut with *Ketchup Kid* by **Lisa Thompson** and *My Totally Epic Disaster Week* by **Ian Eagleton** in January 2027 and *Sadie Sometimes* by **Karen McCombie** in February 2027.



January 2027

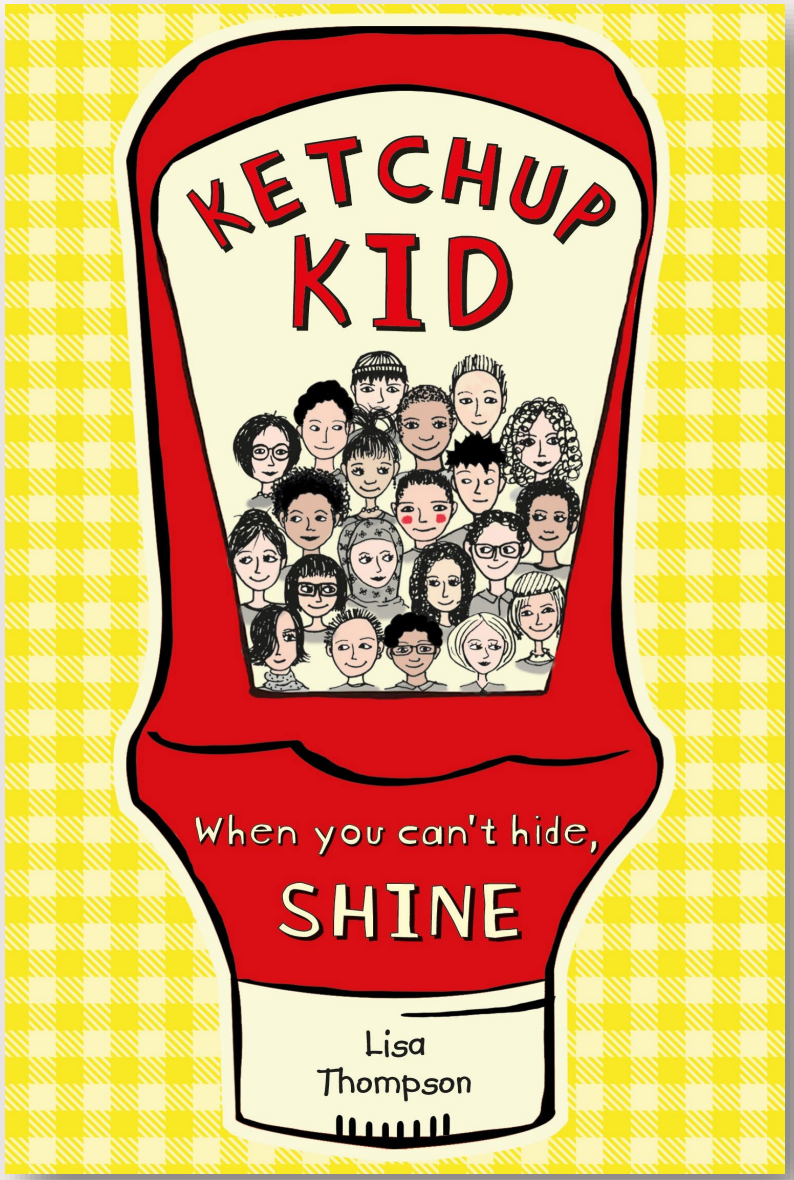


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February 2027

Further books by **Ben Davis**, **Bali Rai** and **A. M. Dassu** will follow in February and March 2027.



Some days, you just want to DISAPPEAR

Henry feels that way. A lot.

Everyone at school knows him as **'Ketchup'** thanks to his inconvenient habit of blushing like a tomato.

He keeps his head down, stays out of sight, and hopes no-one notices.

At his grandad's home, things are different. He's seen. He's heard. He can **just be Henry.**

But when a charity gig needs last-minute performers, Henry's pushed into the spotlight. Is it time to finally show the world who he really is?

A feel-good story about finding your people, having the courage to be yourself, and realising that your kind of brave is enough.

Lisa Thompson is an award-winning author best known for her debut novel *The Goldfish Boy*. Her books explore themes of friendship, loneliness and resilience and are loved for their relatable characters and emotional depth.

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One Week.
No Hiding.
Face it all.

Thomas is *never* going onstage again.
Ever. Not after that disaster.

Except... this week has other ideas.

Awkward games. **Full-on panic.**
Everything **going wrong** — fast.
Friendships wobble, **nerves explode**,
and somehow it keeps getting worse.

Yep. This isn't just a mess.

It's Thomas's most legendary fail yet.

Ian Eagleton is an author, editor and former primary school teacher, known for his inclusive and heartfelt children's books. He is one of the authors who has helped to create the SEND-Inclusive Publishing Pledge.

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Sometimes being someone new feels amazing. Until it doesn't.

Sadie likes things calm and familiar. But a week by the sea **shakes everything up.**

When she meets bold, unpredictable Maz, Sadie starts to feel like someone new.

As fun turns risky and friendships strain, Sadie begins to wonder who she really wants to be – and how much of herself she's willing to change.

A warm, thoughtful story about friendship, identity and the courage it takes to stay true to yourself.

Karen McCombie is a bestselling author of children and young adult fiction, known for her warm, humorous and relatable stories. Her work often explores friendship, family and growing up.

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