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# Chicken House

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# NEW YOUNG ADULT



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A BRAND NEW LEAD TRILOGY



***Sage is an ordinary girl and a werewolf. When her friend is murdered, she is determined to help warlock investigator Oren Rinallis, and find the killer. Unless she and Oren kill each other first . . .***

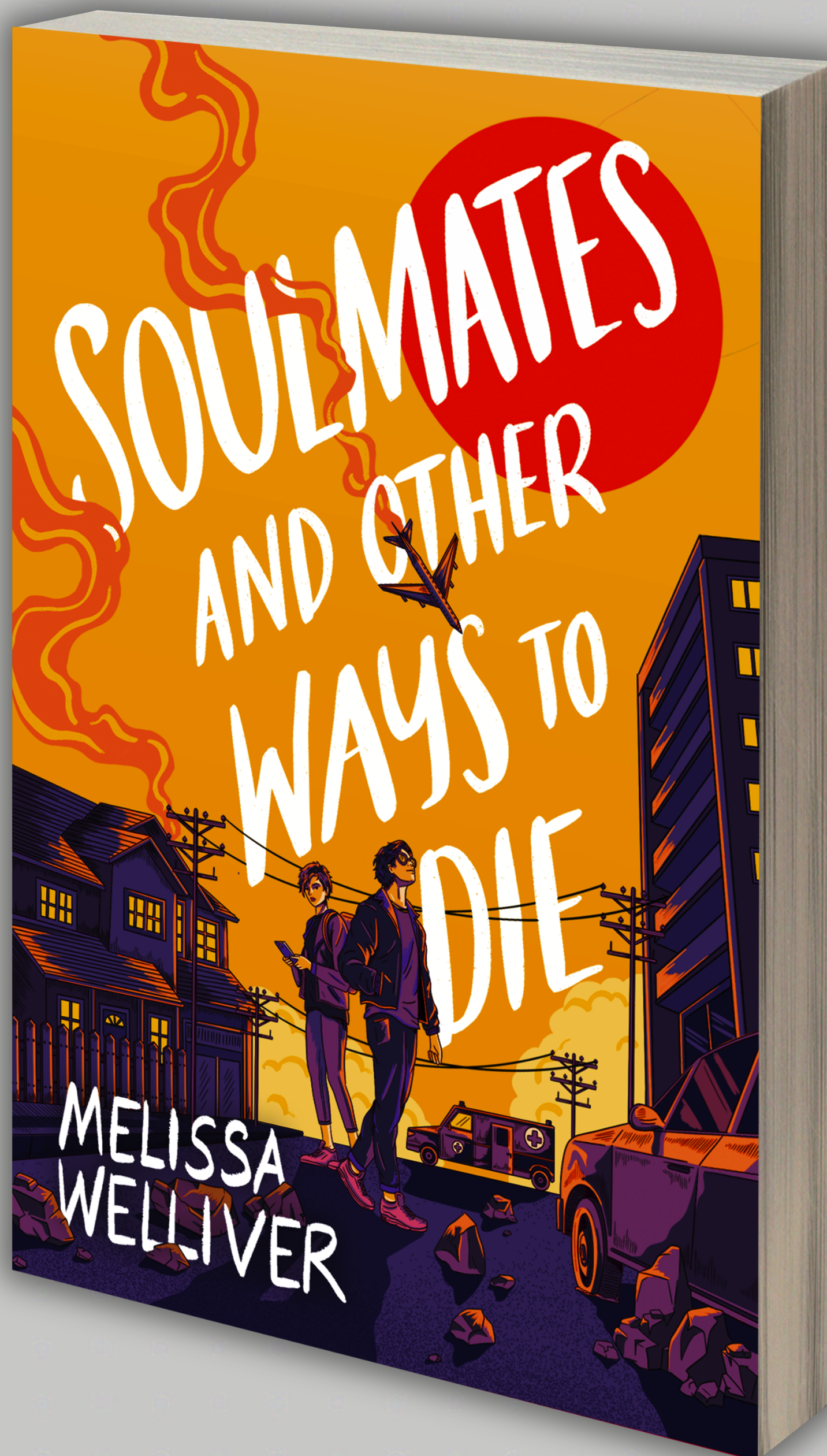
- The first in a stunning YA crime fantasy series – each title standalone – from outstanding new talent **Amie Jordan**.
- Think slow-burn romance, twisty crime, and heart-warming friendship in a unique urban romantasy setting under the city of Manchester – *Rivers of London* meets Cassandra Clare.
- A major launch and super-lead title for Chicken House; razor-sharp PR and marketing campaign to come.

£8.99, 14+, PB, pub date:  
9th May 2024, 75,000  
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***Control freak Zoe is determined to stay single in a society where soulmates are real. KinTwins. When your KinTwin hurts, you hurt. If they die, you die. When she matches with Milo Spencer, a boy who lives for recreational danger, Zoe strives to break their bond.***

- A brand-new high-concept speculative romance story from **Melissa Welliver**, author of *My Love Life and the Apocalypse*.
- A sure-fire TikTok sensation; *My Love Life and the Apocalypse* was a huge hit with YA readers and influencers.
- An enemies-to-lovers soulmate story; perfect for fans of *They Both Die at the End*.

£8.99, 14+, PB,  
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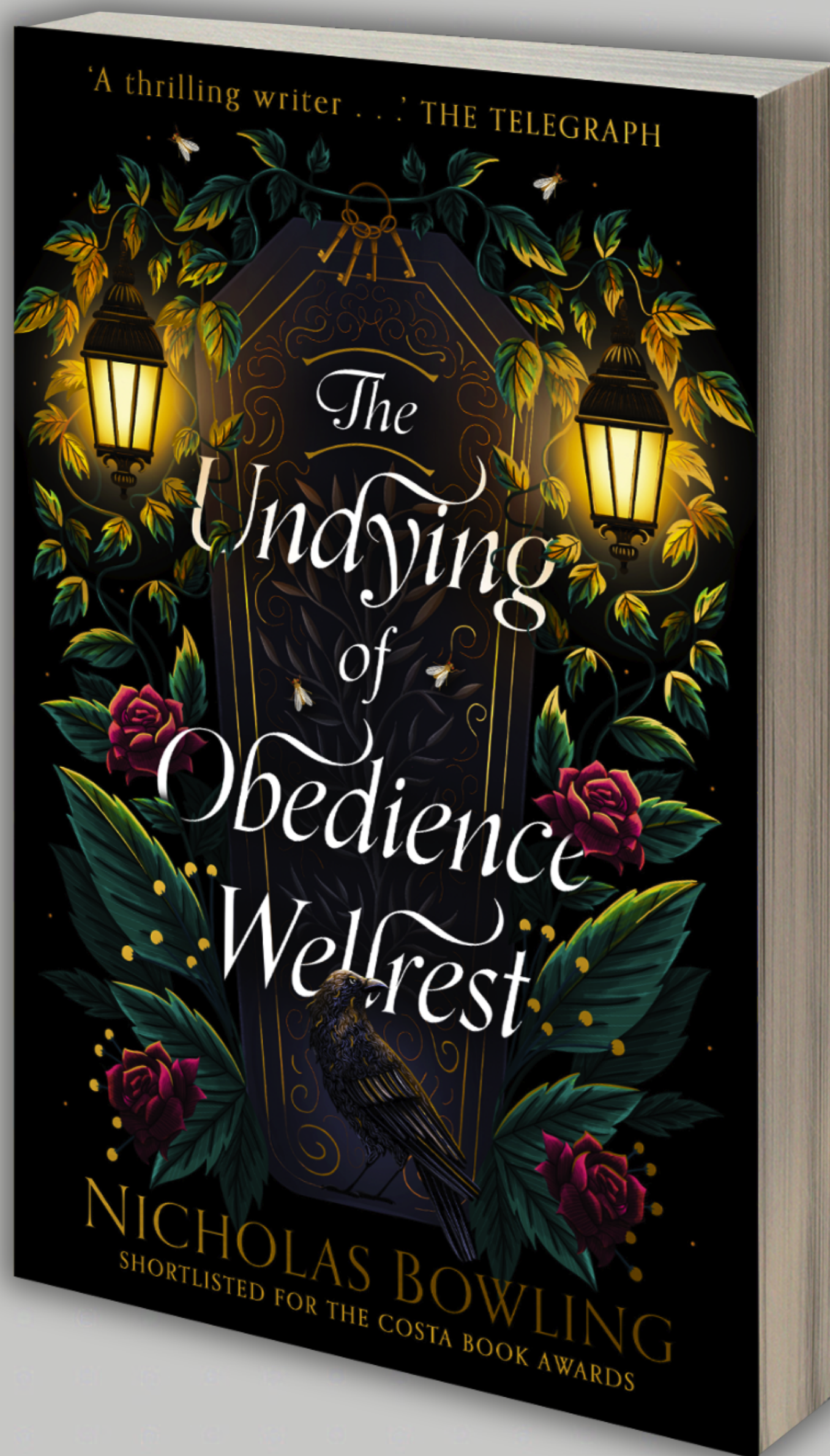
# RECENT YOUNG ADULT



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***Ned works as a gravekeeper with his grandfather. Ned's odd life is disrupted when graves are disturbed and an attractive young woman, Obedience Wellrest (Bede), starts visiting the cemetery. A mystery of science and magic unravels – and no-one is quite as they seem . . .***

- A new direction for Costa-shortlisted **Nicholas Bowling** in this dark gothic mystery for teen readers.
- A mesmerising tale of magic, death and science.
- A dual narrative with historical grounding but highly original fantastical touches, think Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell for younger readers.

£8.99, 14+, PB,  
pub date: 9th  
November 2023,  
70,000 (words approx.)

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*Twin sisters, Icari and Sephie, live in a world where magical gifts are bestowed on a chosen few. Sephie discovers she has two powers – a crime punishable by death. Then, winged demons steal her to the underworld. Only a pair of wings can bring Icari to save her twin . . . But can a gentle healer learn to fight – and fly?*

- **Anna Waterworth**, critically acclaimed author, lives in the north-east of England and works as a clinical psychologist.
- A thrilling romantasy adventure loosely inspired by Greek mythology.
- A tale of love, sisterhood, magic and the triumph of life and truth over death and deception in a desert world of oases and citadels.

£8.99, 14+, PB, pub date: 6th July 2023, 100,000 (words approx.)

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# NEW MIDDLE GRADE



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***When Finn and Milo find an egg buried in ice, a sixty-five million-year-old microraptor is brought back from extinction. But wicked scientists will do anything to get their hands on the boys' new friend . . .***

- The first from **Philip Kavadias** in a thrilling new series of all-action environmental adventures – with added dinosaurs!
- A super-cool debut voice in middle grade; think *Jurassic Park* meets *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, with a dash of *Alex Rider*.
- Packed full of humour, action and adventure – with survival skills and a dinosaur friend called Arty!
- Features brilliantly charming illustrations from Euan Cook throughout.

£7.99, 9+, PB, pub date: 11th April 2024, 45,000 (words approx.)

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# MG

## A BRAND NEW LEAD TRILOGY



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the Time Train*

***A glittering birthday gift arrives for Aliya promising her greatest wish – to know her late parents, who were time-travellers from a parallel Egypt. But ruthless Dorian Dark will stop at nothing to snare Aliya’s secret inheritance . . .***

- Chicken House’s lead middle-grade by **Laila Rifaat**; a sparkling magical debut, set in a fantastical Egypt.
- Shortlisted for the *Times*/Chicken House Children’s Fiction Competition.
- Recent bestsellers *Nura and the Immortal Palace* and *The Kingdom Over the Sea* show a current appetite for Middle Eastern-inspired fantasy.

£7.99, 9+, PB, pub date: 1st February 2024, 70,000 (words approx.)

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*Eleven-year-old Bramble unearths a scarlet mask in her grandpa's magical emporium. When she tries it on she becomes a notorious highwayman, Diamond Jack. It seems Bramble has been chosen for a mission: stand and deliver!*

- A thrilling highway-girl adventure with a magical twist from the brilliantly named **Anna Rainbow**.
- The first in a fun, feminist, all-action series for ages 8–11.
- A deliciously familiar but wholly original mash-up of classic tales: shades of *The Red Shoes*, *The Three Musketeers* and *Robin Hood*.

£7.99, 9+, PB, pub date: 4th January 2024, 60,000 (words approx.)

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***Mara lives with her sick father in a drought-stricken village where rain comes at a price controlled by powerful cloud-makers. Without enough water, the village crops, animals and people will continue to suffer. To save them, Mara chooses to do something wrong – stealing from those who will do anything to protect their cruel trade.***

- Set in a unique magical world, where clouds are made, bought, and sold – for fans of Diana Wynne Jones with an eco twist.
- Features a courageous female protagonist and explores important themes such as climate change, animal rights and inequality in an engaging child-friendly and accessible way.

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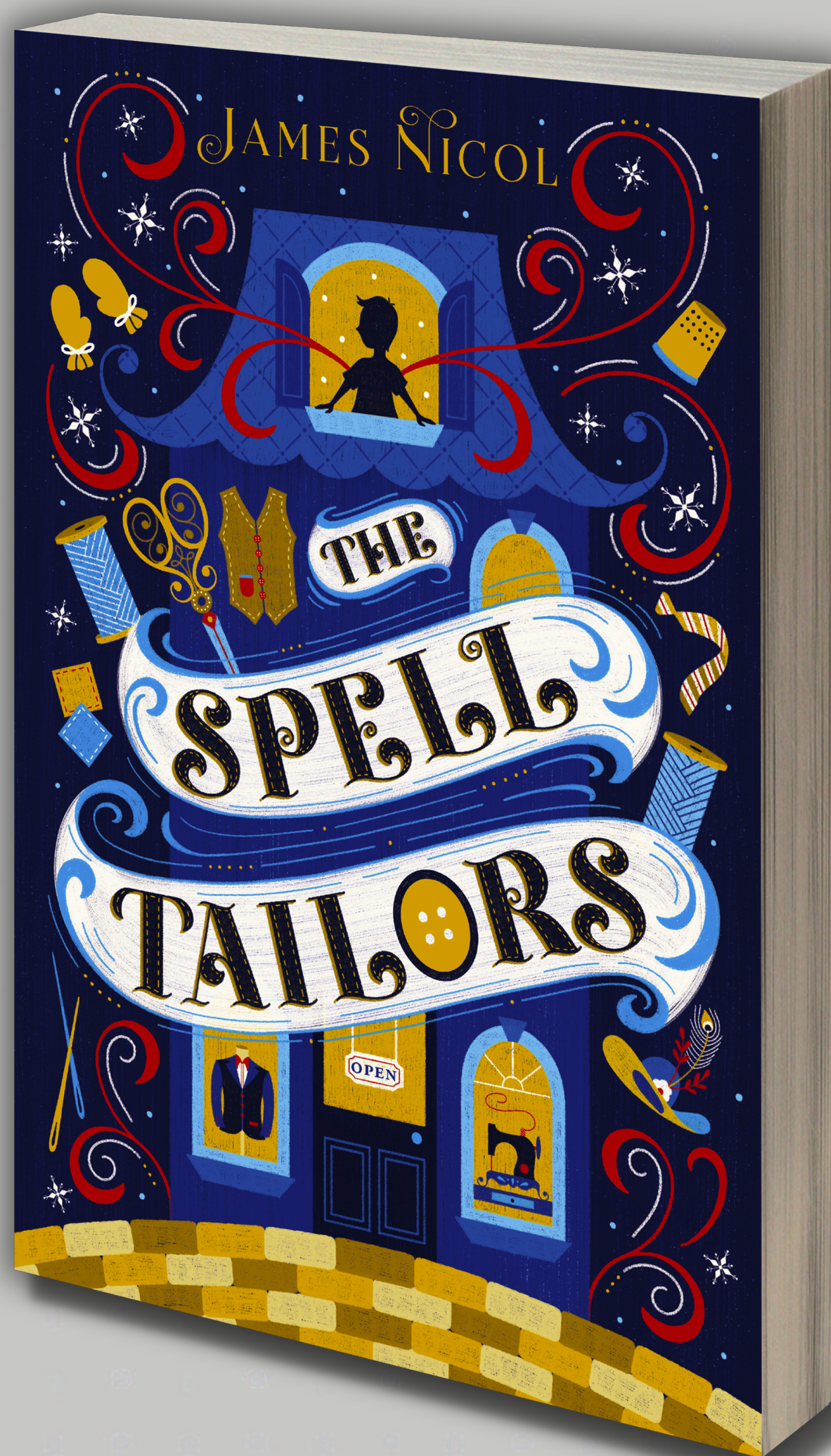
# MG

## MORE FROM JAMES NICOL

*Hen dreams of becoming a spell tailor, stitching spells into clothing. But when he stumbles upon a new kind of stitch, he's banned from sewing. What is the power of the stitch that can sew memories into clothes – and could it be the very thing to save the family business?*

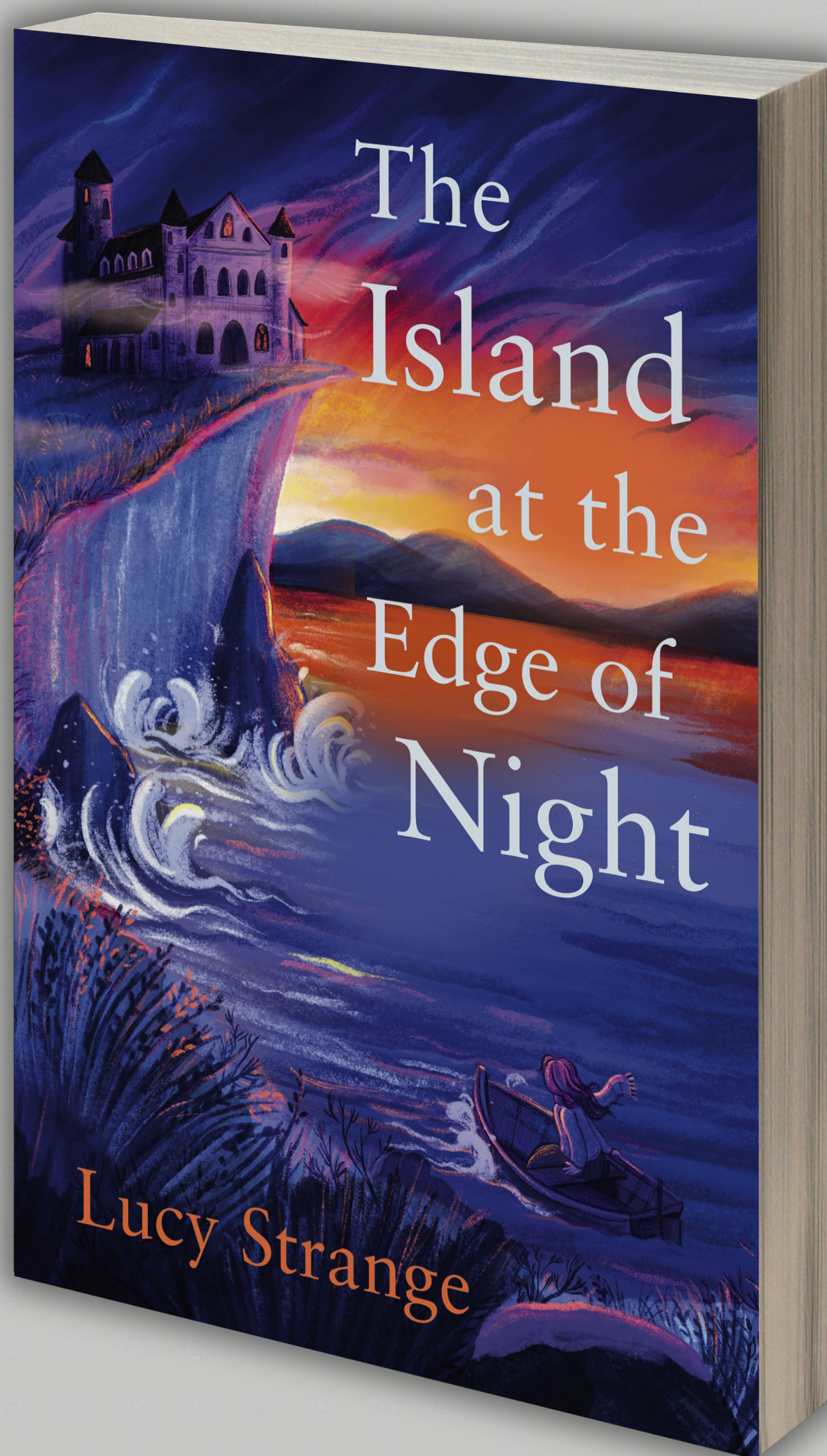
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***Abandoned at a boarding school on a wild and remote island, Faye Fitzgerald discovers that she and the other pupils have been sent there for doing something wicked. But what is it that Faye has done? She might be bold enough to tackle the sinister mysteries of the island, but has she the courage to face the secrets deep within herself?***

- A stunning new tale from the Queen of Gothic, **Lucy Strange** – author of *The Secret of Nightingale Wood*, *Sisters of the Lost Marsh* and the Waterstones Prize-shortlisted *Our Castle by the Sea*.
- A masterful blend of thrilling Gothic mystery, a touch of magical realism and stunning writing, all wrapped up in a twisty-turny plot.
- Perfect for fans of Frances Hardinge and Emma Carroll.

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# MORE FROM LUCY STRANGE



## PRAISE FOR LUCY STRANGE

‘Strange elegantly blends a sense of period with compelling emotion and excitement’  
**GUARDIAN**

‘Mesmerising’ **TELEGRAPH**

‘One of my very favourite children’s writers . . . Lucy Strange just gets better and better. I read this in a single sitting: luminous, atmospheric storytelling.’ **FIONA NOBLE**

‘Lucy Strange has tapped into a growing market for family adventure stories in historical settings . . . she sets up her story powerfully, draws her characters well and is good on sister dynamics.’ **THE TIMES**

‘. . . an exciting thriller and a thoughtful examination of how appearances can be deceptive . . . Underpinned by the legend of a sea monster, this is a rewarding read.’  
**DAILY MAIL**



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BOOK 2



*The brand-new Gods Squad is back! Seth, the Egyptian God of War, has stolen the Sun God. Vesper and Aster must save the world again, but enemies old and new are gathering . . .*

- The second story in superstar author **Maz Evans**'s hilarious new series, which started with *Oh Maya Gods!*
- Over half a million copies of Maz's books sold.
- Ties in neatly with KS2 curriculum as readers learn about Ancient Egyptian mythology – amongst epic adventure and belly laughs!
- Book 3 – centred on Arthurian legend – to publish in spring 2025.

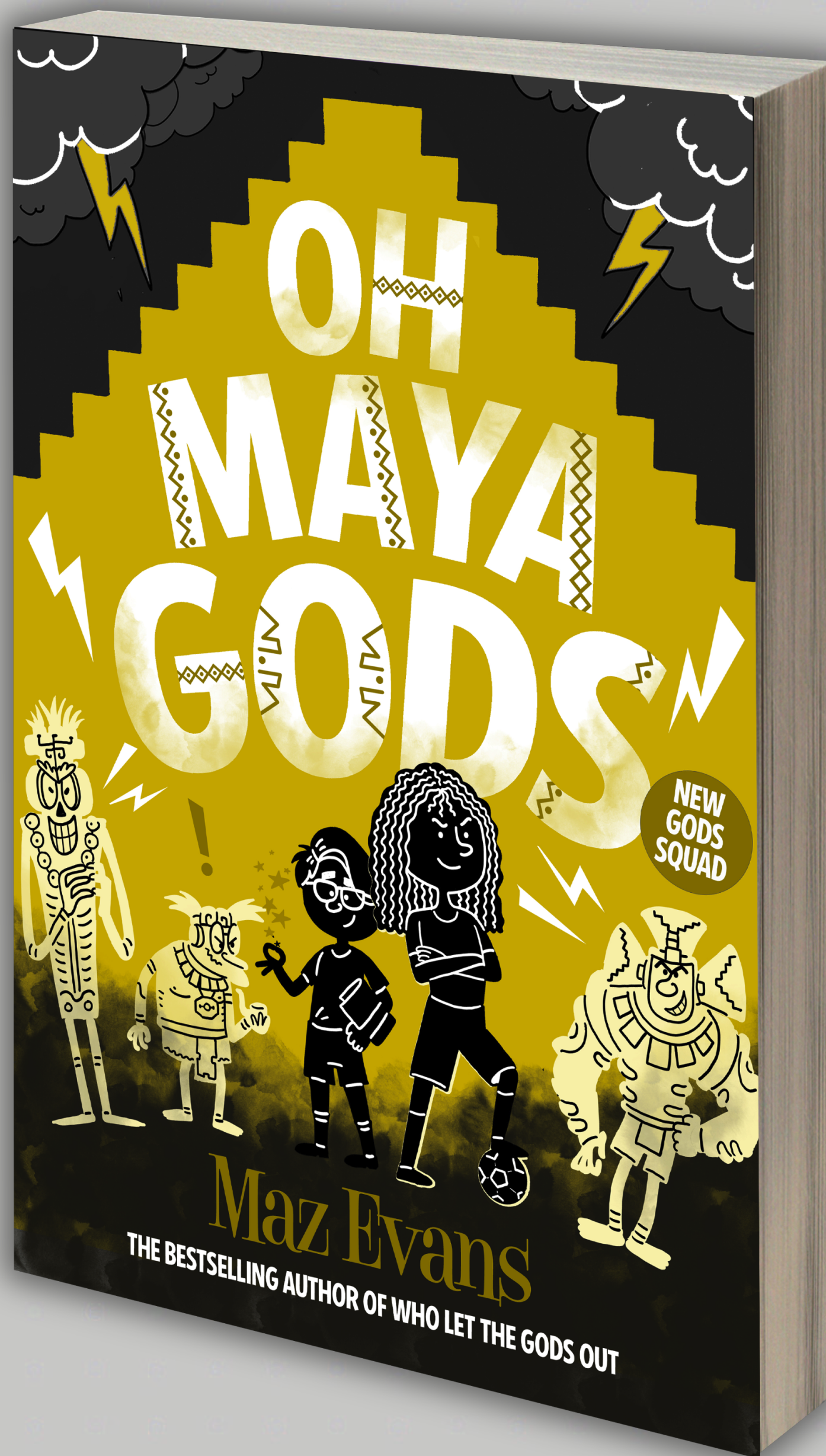
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BOOK 1



*Meet the brand-new Gods Squad led by Vesper, the bossy, football-mad adopted daughter of Elliot Hooper. Along with Virgo's son, Aster, she heads to ancient Meso-America to save the world from Mayan immortals messing with astronomy, chocolate and human sacrifice ...*

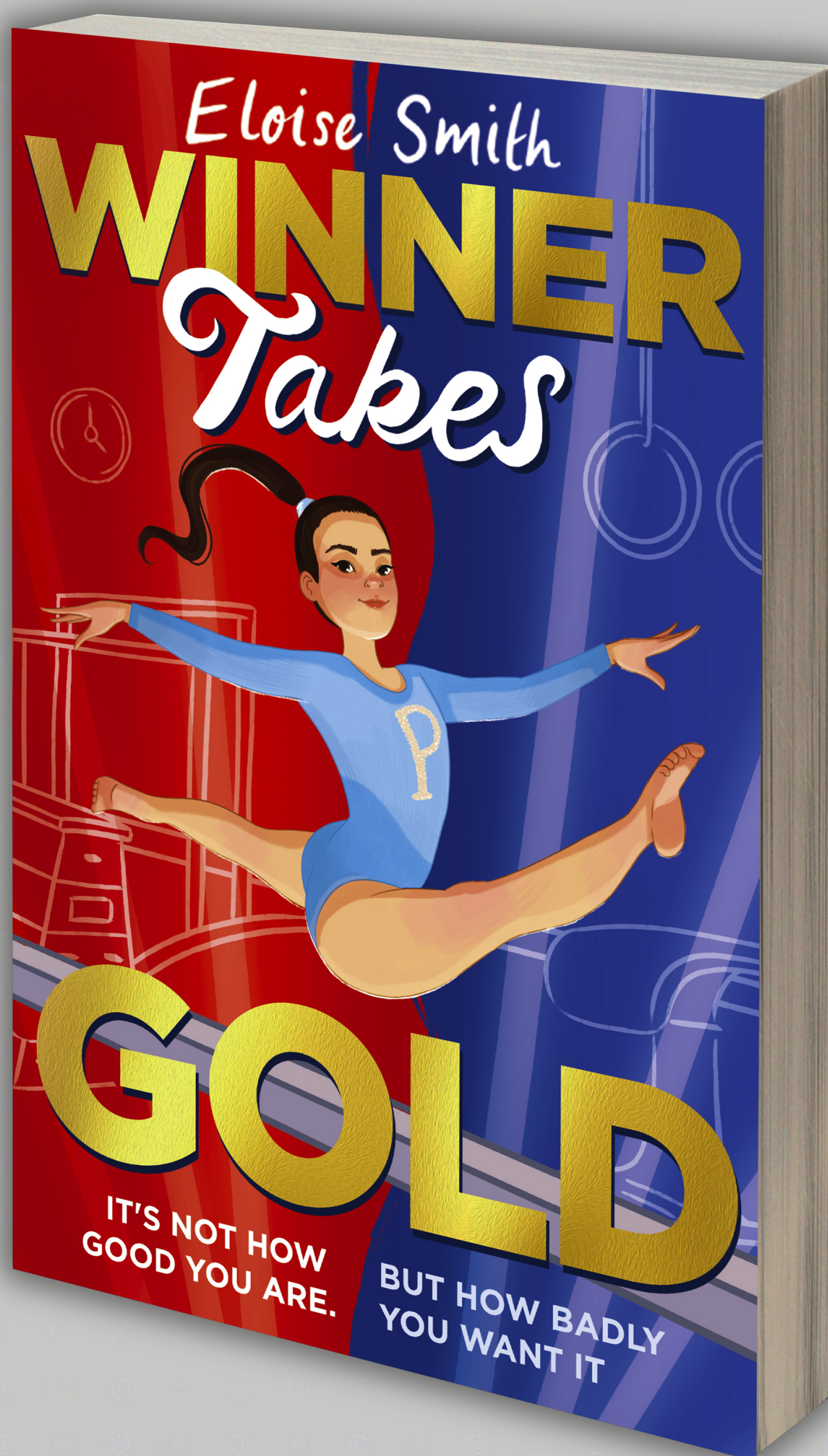
- Superstar author **Maz Evans'** epic new adventure is a welcome return to the bestselling world of the *Who Let the Gods Out?* series.
- Maz is also the founder of Story Stew, a creative writing programme that visits primary schools and literary festivals around the UK.
- In this new trilogy, each novel focuses on a different group of mythical villains inadvertently freed from captivity.

£7.99, 9+, PB, pub date:  
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***Pearl is a young gymnast hoping to be selected for the World Cup in Paris. With best friend Ryan and champion Jada-Rae, she's facing her fears. But when sporting success is on the line, how far will they go to win? Is friendship for losers?***

- An all-action sporting drama set in the world of gymnastics from the author of *Sister to a Star*.
- A great transitional read; perfect for tweens aged 10-13.
- Author **Eloise Smith** is an ex-Olympic fencer and three-time Commonwealth gold medal winner!

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£7.99, 9+, PB,  
pub date: 4th  
January 2024,  
50,000 (words  
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***A charming stranger arrives in Sleeford Lock. Intrepid reporter, Veena Vale, is suspicious. But only Nightshade, the talking black cat, is listening. Together, they unravel an ancient river curse, tell uncomfortable lies and bake an awful lot of flapjacks ...***

- The third novel in **Nicki Thornton's** spin-off series from the bestselling *Seth Seppi Mysteries*.
- Nicki Thornton's critically acclaimed magical murder mysteries – pitched as Agatha Christie meets *Harry Potter* – have sold nearly 50,000 copies (Nielsen) in the UK alone.

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# MG

Winner of The Times/Chicken House Competition 2020  
Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2023

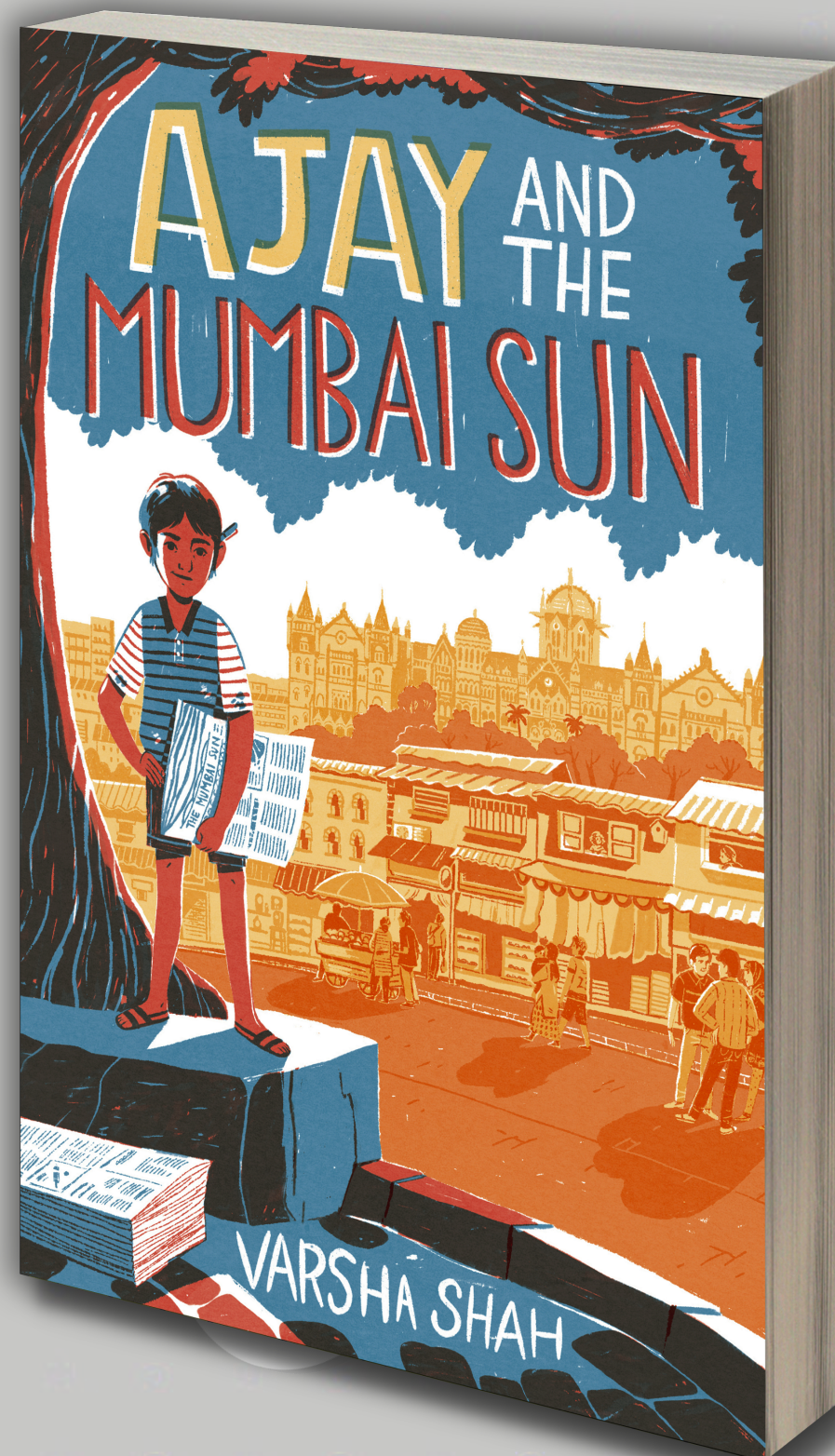
Illustrated by Sònia Albert

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*Ajay is a Mumbai railway kid, a newspaper seller, but his great dream is to be a journalist. His dream comes true when he and a gang of friends create their own newspaper – but what is the cost of uncovering the truth?*



## Book 2

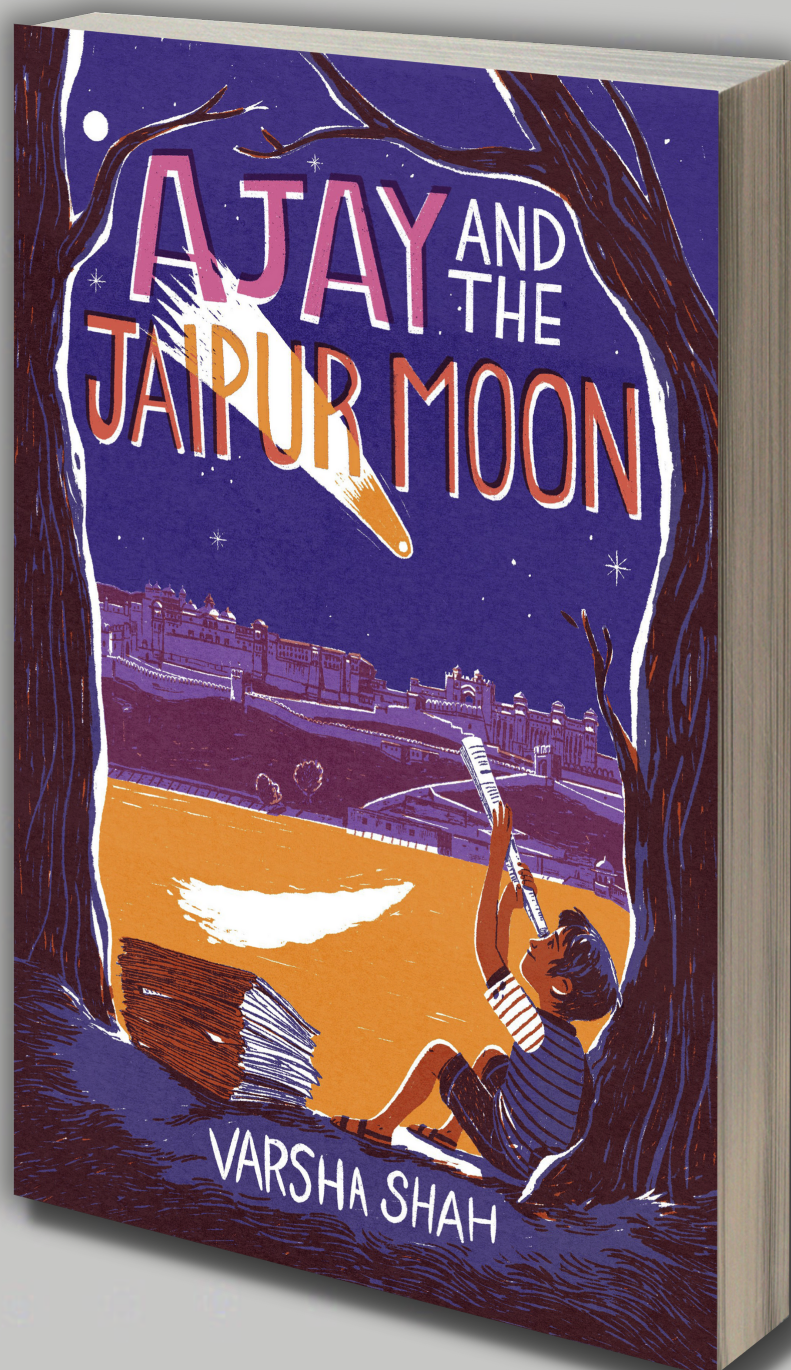
*Ajay's wish has come true – he's a news reporter for the paper he and his friends set up, The Mumbai Sun. But money is tight, so when he learns of a cash prize for the first person to find a crashed meteor, the race is on . . .*

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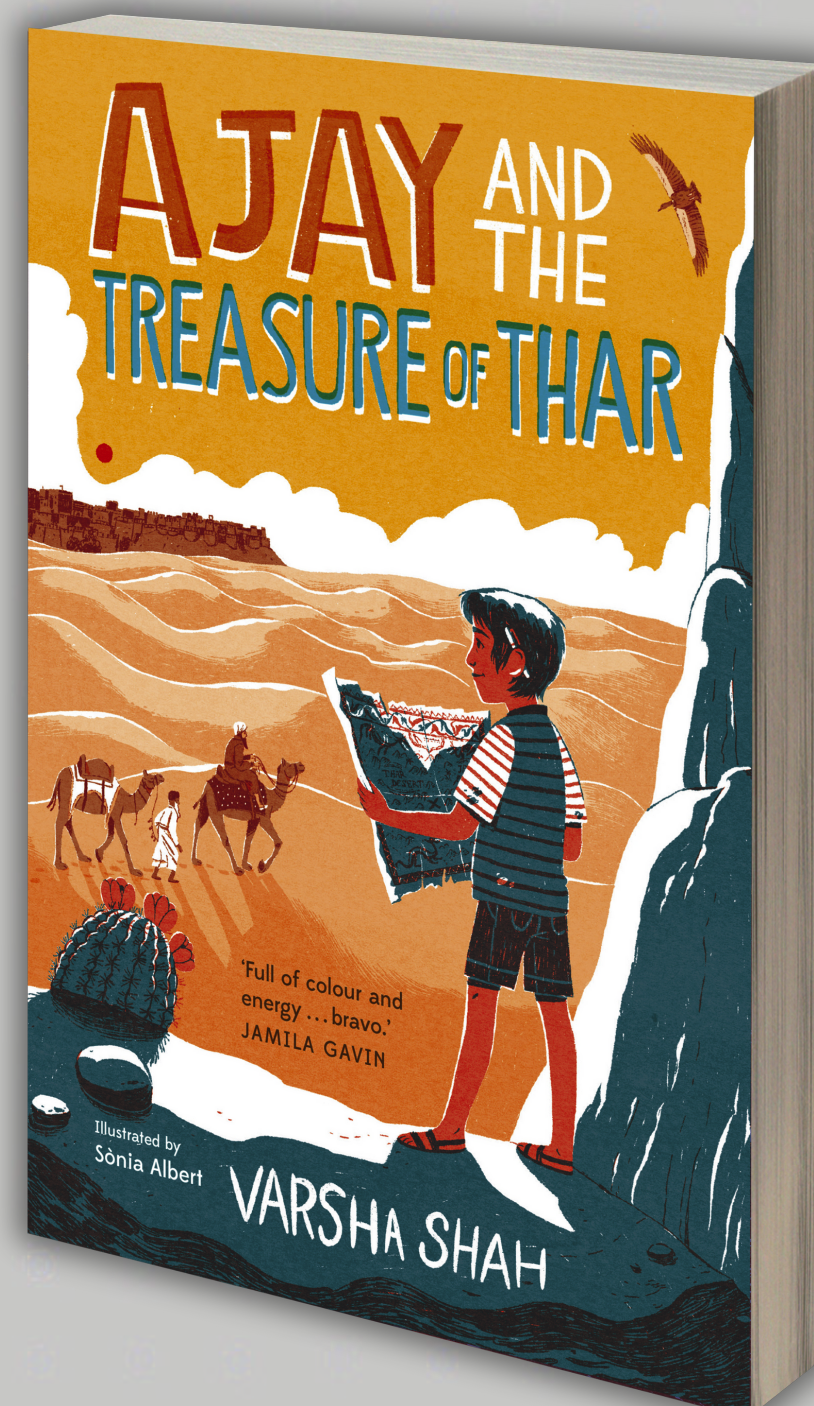
£7.99, 9+, PB, pub date: 13th April 2023, 39,000 (words approx.)



*Kai, a serious, spectacled 8-year-old, has come to the Mumbai Sun team for help. He is custodian of a legendary map that leads to treasures untold. But dastardly looters have heard of the map, and soon the children find themselves in a race – and a heist – against time. From the blue city of Jodhpur, to the temples of Ranakpur, and the desert city of Jaisalmer, they must find and protect a very curious treasure . . .*

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## Book 3







# RECENT MIDDLE GRADE



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Winner of The  
Times/Chicken  
House  
Competition 2021

*Autumn sees dead people, much to her annoyance... but when her father drowns, he's the one ghost that doesn't appear. Then, a clause in his will sends her to the remote isle of Imber. Can Autumn uncover Imber's dark past before it comes hurtling into the present?*

- **Emily Randall-Jones** is the winner of both the Mslexia Children's and YA Novel prize and the *Times/Chicken House* award.
- A gripping, chilling tale which offers an original new spin on a traditional ghost story – elements of a children's *The Wicker Man*.
- Emily's lyrical, atmospheric writing is perfect for fans of Frances Hardinge.

£7.99, 9+, PB, pub  
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2023, 50,000 (words  
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***Deliah, Sam and Claude follow little sister Amity inside a mysterious mansion. But no sooner have they found her than the floor beneath their feet starts to twist and turn: the house rearranges itself like a giant Rubik's cube. To escape, they must solve the puzzle – and the century-old mystery of a girl who disappeared ...***

- *Milton the Mighty* was **Emma Read's** first novel, and was shortlisted for the 2017 Bath Children's Novel Award.
- A fabulous twist on a timeless haunted house adventure.
- *Scooby-Doo* meets *The Mysterious Benedict Society* via *Escape Room*.

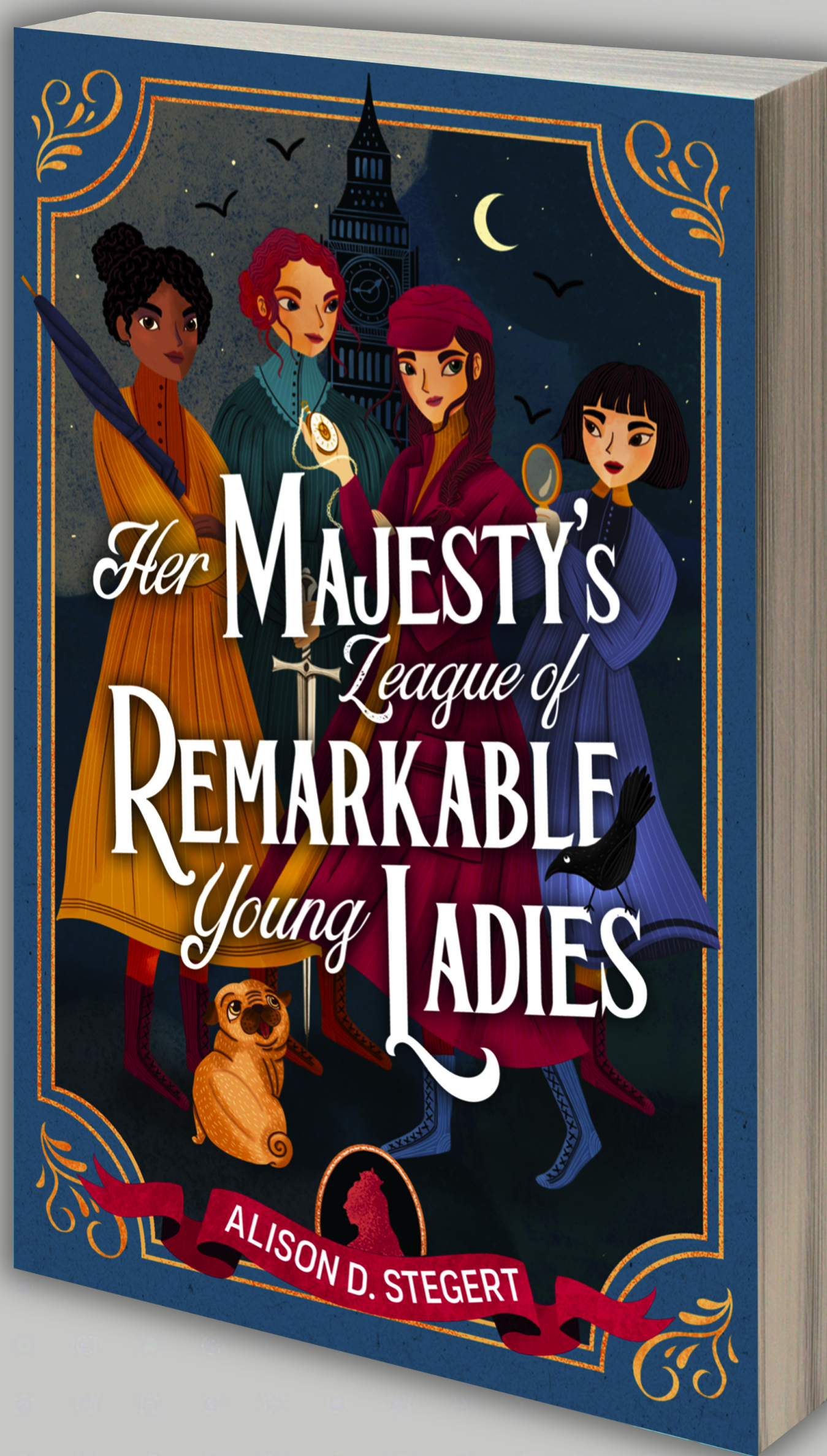
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Winner of The IET  
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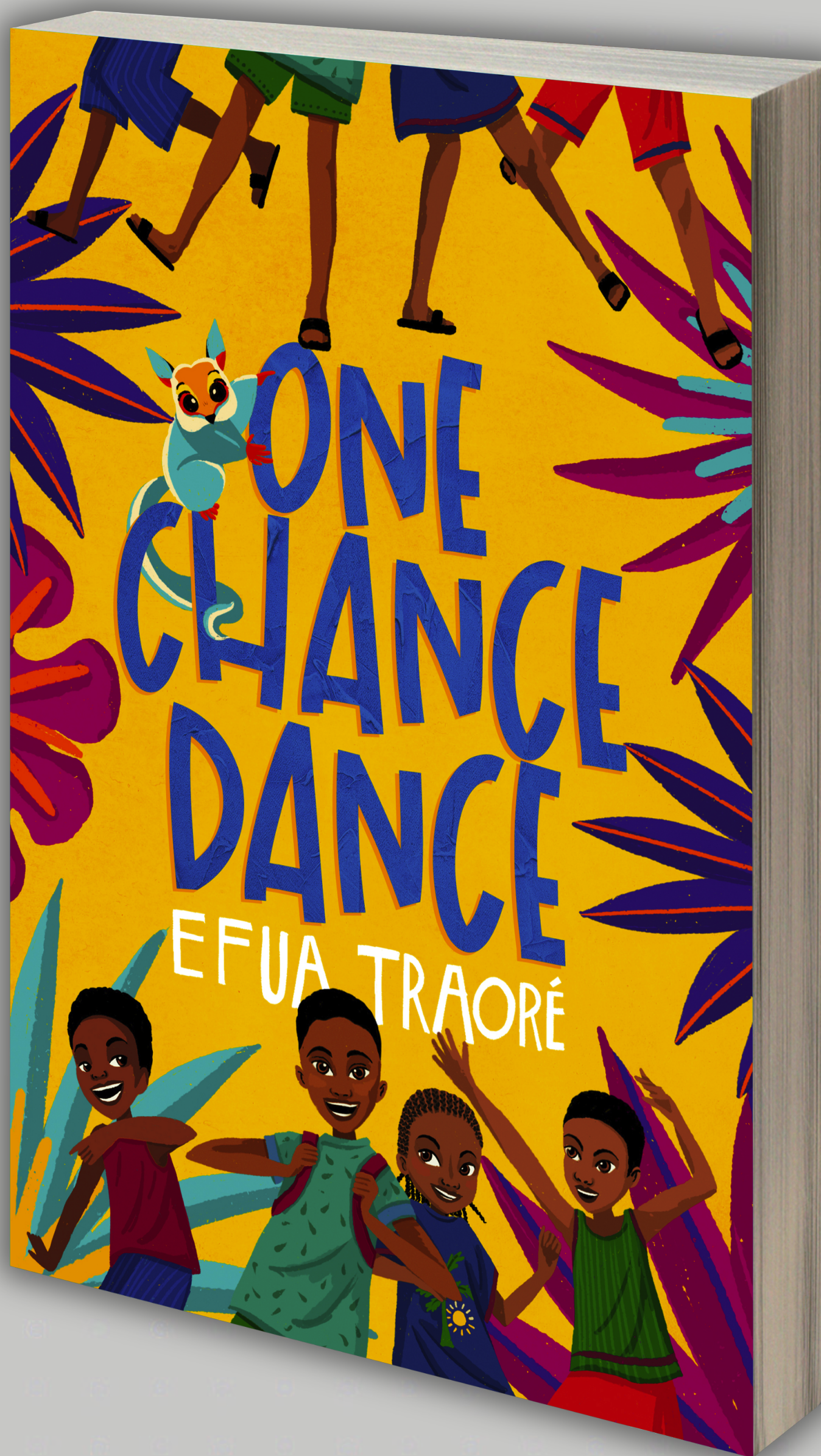
*At her dull Victorian finishing school, fourteen-year-old Winnie dreams of becoming a top inventor like her father. Then, she's recruited into a league of young women guarding Her Majesty the Queen. Soon, Winnie is not only serving royalty but learning what she needs to save her papa.*

- **Ali Stegert** has three daughters and now focuses on her writing, while residing in Australia.
- Plots, spies, inventors and a celebration of girls in STEM – and the hurdles they overcome – in an epic adventure set between London and Paris.
- Despite the fictional league, the novel draws on real-life historical inventions and events.

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£7.99, 9+, PB,  
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July 2023,  
50,000 (words  
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***Jomi's Mum left him to find their destiny in Lagos. Now, Jomi and his friendly bush baby follow her – but their only starting place is a TV dance competition his mum used to love. If Jomi and his new Lagos friends can get on that TV show, then maybe Jomi's mum will see him and they can find their destiny together . . .***

- **Efua Traoré** is a Nigerian-German writer who had a never-boring childhood in a small town in Nigeria.
- The third standalone middle-grade novel by author of Waterstones Prize-shortlisted *Children of the Quicksands*, Efua Traoré.
- A contemporary adventure of destiny, friendship and dance set in the vibrant city of Lagos.

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Winner of The  
Times/Chicken  
House Competition  
2019



## PRAISE FOR CHILDREN OF THE QUICKSANDS

### SHORTLISTED FOR THE WATERSTONES CHILDREN'S BOOK PRIZE 2022

*'I was swept away by this fast-paced magical-realist debut.'* **THE BOOKSELLER**

*'Children of the Quicksands is full of secrets and myths that we discover alongside Simi, whose mother raised her far from the old-fashioned reach of her own mother, priestess of the Yoruba deity Oshun. Drawn by a power greater than her own will, Simi discovers a forbidden lake of quicksand, what lies beneath it and what it means to her broken family.'* **THE OBSERVER**

*'[Children of the Quicksands] is the beautifully evoked story of a girl sent to stay with her grand-mother in a remote Nigerian village. When Simi suspects her grandmother is hiding family secrets, she sets out across the forbidden quicksands to discover the truth.'* **THE TELEGRAPH**



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