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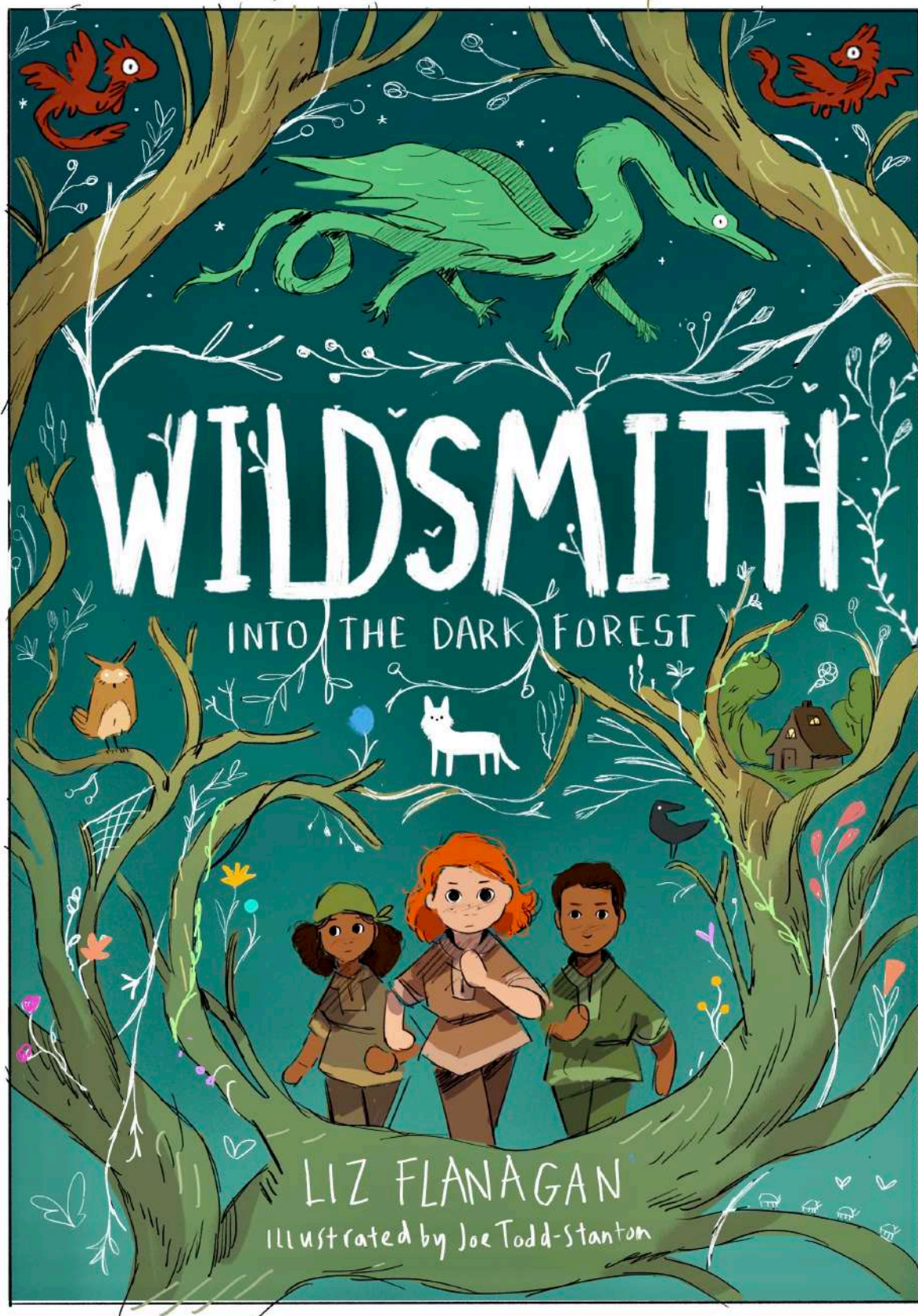
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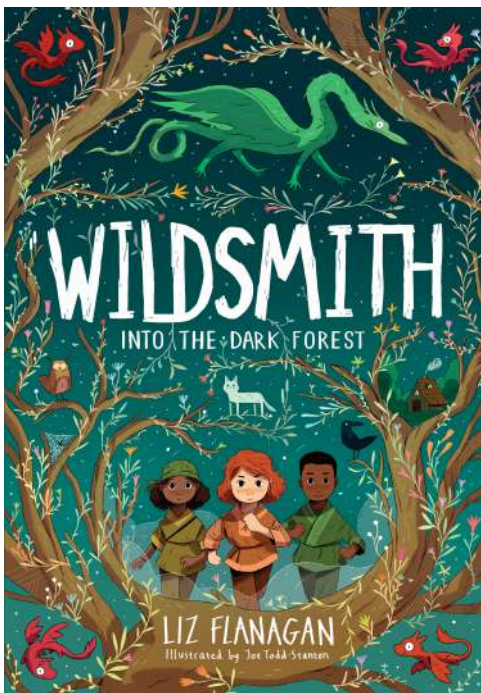
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# INTO THE DARK FOREST

LIZ FLANAGAN

## THE BOOK

When war threatens her beloved city, Rowan and her mother must flee to the Dark Forest, meeting Grandpa and his white wolf Arto for the first time.

Though she misses her father, Rowan makes new friends - including a trio of powerful witches. When she rescues a baby dragon from poachers, she discovers the secret of her own identity: Rowan is a wildsmith!

Fostering a whole clutch of dragons, the summer speeds by. But when danger threatens, Rowan and her grandpa must call on all their friends for help.

## THE AUTHOR

Liz Flanagan is an award-winning author who writes for children and young adults. Her books include *Dragon Daughter*, *Rise of the Shadow Dragons* and *Eden Summer* (nominated for the Carnegie Medal) .

Joe Todd-Stanton grew up in Brighton and received a first-class degree in Illustration from UWE Bristol. He is the author and illustrator of *The Secret of Black Rock* (Flying Eye Books), which won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2018 (illustrated category) and was longlisted for the 2018 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal.

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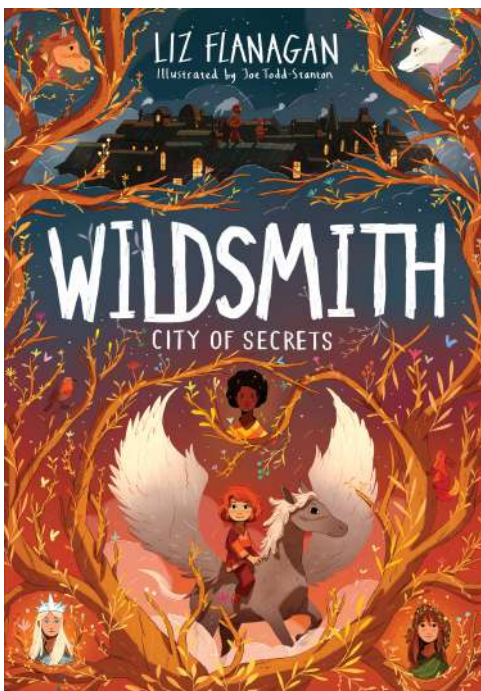
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# CITY OF SECRETS

**LIZ FLANAGAN**

## THE BOOK

Rowan starts to embrace her gifts as a magical wildsmith who heals and speaks to animals. But saving a young pegasus brings difficult decisions. Danger comes closer than ever, threatening her family and even Rowan's own life. When she is betrayed, which friends can she trust? With her family divided and war still raging, where does Rowan belong now?

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# WENDINGTON JONES AND THE MISSING TREE

**DANIEL DOCKERY**

## THE BOOK

Wendington Jones has her world abruptly up-ended when her adventuring mother dies in a car crash in late 1920. Left in the care of her Grandmamma and her valet Rohan, Wendington receives a parcel in the middle of the night, seemingly from her dead mother.

It's half of a manuscript from a book her mother was writing, and describes a mystery surrounding the mythical Tree of Life. When Wendington reads that the tree could have the power to bring her mother back to life, she throws herself into finding the remainder of the manuscript and solving her mother's mystery. However, her initial attempts are laced with danger. Other people also seek to find the Tree of Life and Wendington has to trick, fight and talk her way out of many perilous situations. Does Wendington have what it takes to complete her mission?

Enola Holmes meets Indiana Jones in this epic story of mystery, adventure and learning to live with grief along the way.

## THE AUTHOR

Daniel Dockery has written storylines and scripts for one of the UK's most popular tv series, Hollyoaks, including award winning stories about anorexia, young LGBT relationships and criminally exploited children. As well as working on Coronation Street's award winning 50th anniversary, he's developed and storied several feature films starring Robert De Niro, Dave Bautista and Olga Kurylenko.

He has also written theatre pieces, staged in Manchester schools where he has taught drama when not writing.

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# What Happens If You Swallow the Tooth Fairy

by Bafta-Winning Author  
**Daniel Peak**



*A story that sits amongst the fairy, mermaid and unicorn books but is funnier, grubbier and more badass.*

*Olive Onions woke up at half past six with a fluttery feeling in her tummy and a small, hairy creature standing at the bottom of her bed.*

*"Are you going to eat me?" asked Olive.*

*"Eat you? Me? Eat you?" said the creature. Its voice was as croaky and as crusty as a frog pizza. "You're the one who goes around eating folk."*

*"What do you mean?" asked Olive. As far as she could remember, she had never eaten anyone in her entire life.*

*The creature pointed a bony finger at her. "You swallowed the Tooth Fairy."*

King Flinch is an ugly, hairy, smelly little goblin. He seeks out Olive Blytheway when she accidentally swallows the Tooth fairy. The two of them must band together to save Olive from the fate that befalls those who swallow the tooth fairy (though this really doesn't happen all that often) and Flinch from having to spend 250 years in Fairy Prison. They embark on an adventure where they clash, co-operate, clash again and finally come to form a sort-of friendship.

Shelving Cat.	Early Reader/Chapter Book
Audience	6-9
Extent	12,000 Words
Illustrations	Possible Spot Illustration

**Daniel Peak** is a BAFTA, RTS and International Emmy Award-winning TV scriptwriter. He is one of the lead writers on the CBBC show *Horrible Histories* and co-writer of Lee Mack's BBC1 comedy *Not Going Out*, currently the longest-running sitcom on British television, with audiences of over four million people a week.

Sky Vision and the team behind Broadchurch are producing Danny's new show- his first series as sole author- police comedy *Code 404*, starring *Rogue One*'s Daniel Mays and *Boardwalk Empire*'s Stephen Graham.



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## The Spear of Truth | Caroline Logan

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Final book  
in the  
'Four  
Treasures'  
series

## Get ready for the final showdown

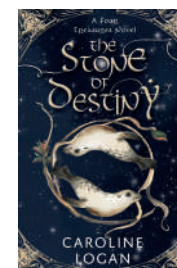


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BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN.'

THE NATIONAL



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War has arrived in Ossiana; Four Treasures and four fae are all that stand between Eilanmor and destruction. But with Ailsa and her friends scattered to the winds, will they find each other before their enemies tighten their chokehold on the continent?

Still reeling from her revelation in the mountains, Ailsa must prove she is worthy of the Spear of Truth to win it from the witches. Surrounded by strangers and abandoned by both her demon and her spirit guide, things have never looked bleaker.

But the gods have their own plans and soon Ailsa and her companions find that what was once dead and buried will rise again.

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Self-Discovery

LGBT Themes

# caroline logan

Caroline Logan is a writer of Young Adult Fantasy. Her debut novel, *The Stone of Destiny*, is the first in The Four Treasures series and is followed by *The Cauldron of Life*, *The Sword of Light*, and *The Spear of Truth*.

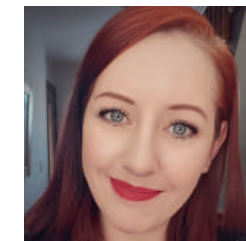
Caroline is a high school biology teacher who lives in the Cairngorms National Park in Scotland, with her husband. In her spare time, she tries to ski and paddle board, though she is happiest with a good book and a cup of tea.

Fun fact: Caroline actually drew the map inside all of her books!

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## Finding Treasure Island | Robin Scott-Elliot

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## *A summer that will change lives forever*

The Highlands, 1881

A boy seeking a father...  
A girl seeking treasure...  
A writer seeking a story...

When Robert Louis Stevenson sketches a map to amuse his stepson Sam it sets them off on the adventure of a lifetime.

While Stevenson is inspired to write his first great story, Sam has a treasure hunt of his own to pursue, guided through the hidden forests and dangerous glens of the Cairngorms by the mystical Jen Hawkins.



*"brilliantly  
suspenseful  
and beautifully  
imagined"*

*THE DAILY TELEGRAPH*  
*The Tzar's Curious Runaways*

*Finding Treasure Island is the missing memoir of Sam Osbourne, which reveals his part in the birth of the greatest adventure story written.*

Robert Louis Stevenson

Victorian Scotland

Mystical Adventure & Action

Based on Real People / Events

## *Robin Scott-Elliot*

Robin Scott-Elliot has been a sports journalist for over 25 years with the BBC, ITV, the Sunday Times, the Independent and 'i', covering every sport you can think of and a few you probably can't. The highlight was the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics; the lowlight turning up at the wrong stadium to cover Scotland's football team.

*Finding Treasure Island* will be his fourth historical-fiction novel after *The Tzar's Curious Runaways*, *The Acrobats of Agra* and *Hide and Seek*.

He lives in Helensburgh with his wife and two daughters, and a dog, a cat, a rabbit and a guinea pig.

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## Euro Spies | Lindsay Littleton

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# COULD YOU BE A EURO SPY?

Samia is thrilled to win a sight-seeing holiday to Europe, but when shots are fired in the middle of the night on the Euro Metro, it becomes clear that this is no ordinary school trip.

Samia, and her fellow prize-winners, Ava and Frankie, are catapulted into a world of art, espionage, and terrible danger, as they discover the trip is being used as cover for a spying mission.

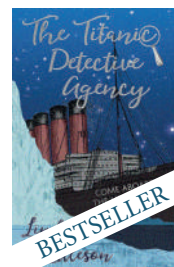
Can the children solve the fiendish clues hidden on famous European landmarks and avoid the scary strangers who are stalking their every move as they help Miss Watson from MI6?



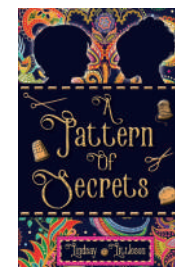
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YOU READ ALONG IN A RACE  
AGAINST THE CLOCK!**

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Languages & Landmarks

Friendship, Fun & Food

## LINDSAY LITTLESON

Lindsay Littleton is a bestselling, prize-winning author. She won the Kelpies Prize for her first children's novel *The Mixed-Up Summer of Lily McLean*, (Floris, 2014). *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns* (Floris, 2019) was nominated for the 2020 CILIP Carnegie Medal. Her best-selling *The Titanic Detective Agency* (Cranachan, 2019) regularly tops the Amazon charts in its category. *The Rewilders* (Cranachan, 2022) and *Euro Spies* (Cranachan 2023) are Lindsay's seventh and eighth children's novels respectively.

Lindsay lives with her partner Ian and their very noisy cat in a small village near Glasgow.

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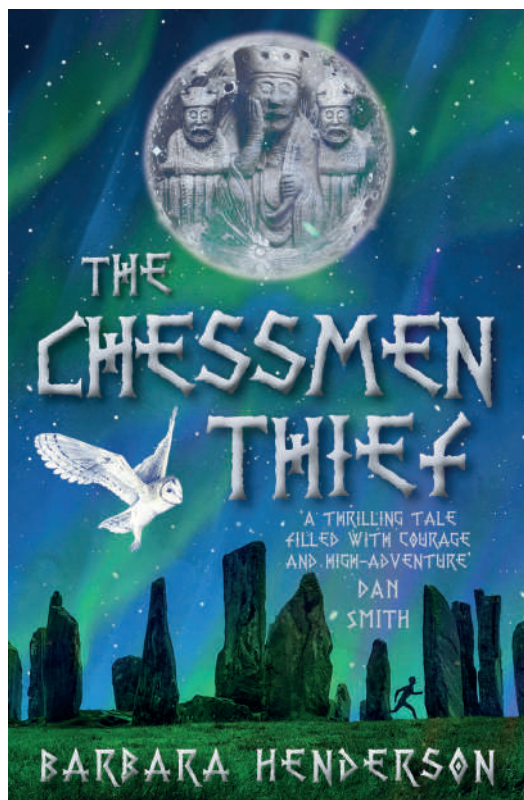
**Winner**

**Young Quills Award  
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## The Chessmen Thief | Barbara Henderson

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WIN. LOSE. SURVIVE.

*I was the boy with a plan.  
Now I am the boy with nothing.*

From the moment 12-year-old Kylan hatches a plan to escape from his Norse captors, and return to Scotland to find his mother, his life becomes a dangerous game.

The precious Lewis Chessmen pieces—which he helped carve—hold the key to his freedom, but he will need all his courage and wit to triumph against Sven Asleifsson, the cruellest Viking in the realm.

One false move could cost him his life.

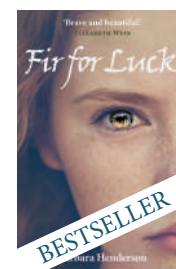
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'A GRIPPING TALE OF COURAGE AND HIGH-ADVENTURE'  
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## BARBARA HENDERSON

Barbara Henderson is the Inverness-based author of the critically acclaimed historical children's novel *Fir for Luck*, and the historical smuggling novella, *Black Water*, also set in Dumfries and featuring Robert Burns. Barbara is known for her energetic, interactive school events and author visits.

She splits her time between writing and teaching Drama to young people. Her house is home to one husband, three teenagers, a dog and a crazy collection of puppets.

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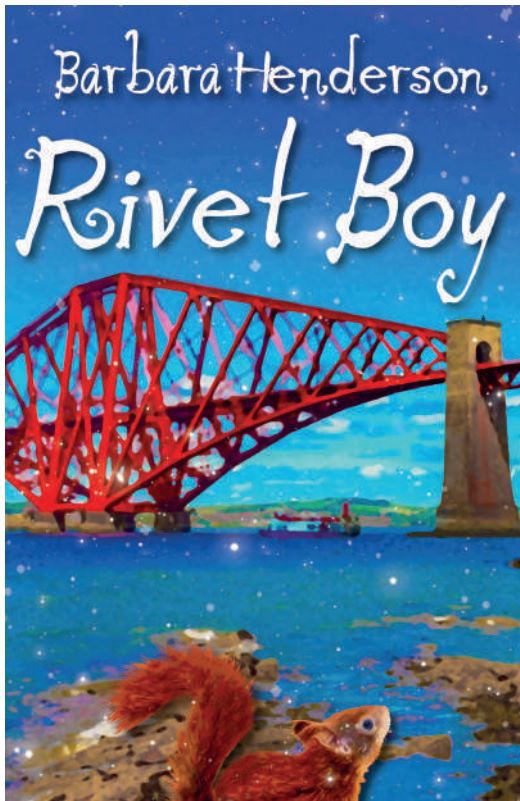
The Lewis Chessmen

Action & Adventure

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## Rivet Boy | Barbara Henderson

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from  
award-winning  
author  
Barbara  
Henderson

## Whatever you do, don't look down...

When 12-year-old John Nicol gets a job at the Forth Bridge construction site, he knows it's dangerous. Two boys have already fallen from the bridge into the Forth below. But John has no choice—with his father gone, he must provide an income for his family—even if he is terrified of heights.

John finds comfort in the new Carnegie library, his friend Cora and his squirrel companion, Rusty.

But when he is sent to work in Cain Murdoch's Rivet Gang, John must find the courage to climb, to face his fears, and to stand up to his evil boss.



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The story of one boy's role in the building of the iconic Forth Rail Bridge—Scotland's greatest man-made wonder—in 1889.

Forth Bridge Construction

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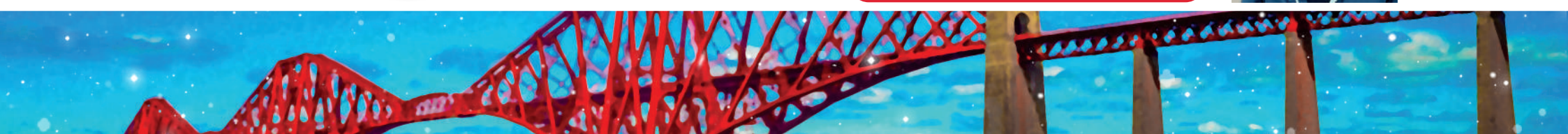
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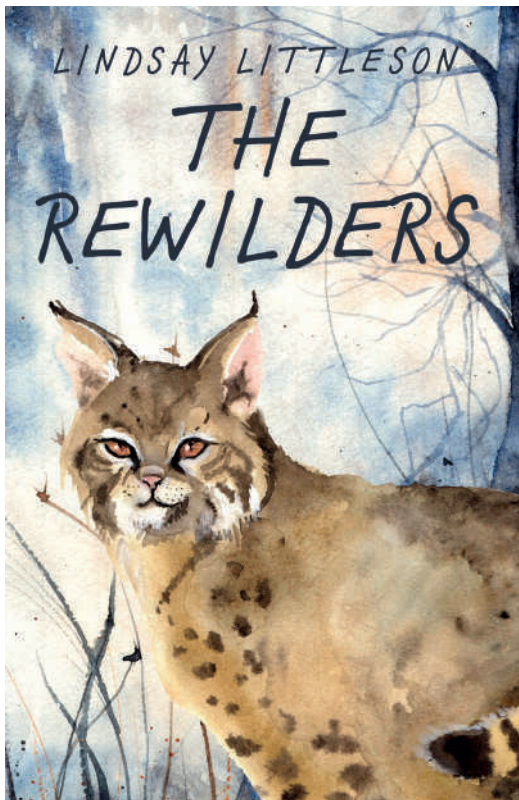
Inverness-based Barbara Henderson is the author of historical novels *Fir for Luck*, *Punch, Black Water*, *The Siege of Caerlaverock* and *The Chessmen Thief* as well as the eco-thriller *Wilderness Wars*.

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## The Rewilders | Lindsay Littleson

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Esme is annoyed and braced for boredom when she's sent to stay with her gran for the weekend, until she discovers a terrible mistake. Cora, the abandoned kitten Gran found on the Rothiecraig Estate, is in fact a wild lynx kit and she is growing—fast!

Suddenly, Esme finds herself on a dangerous mission to rewild Cora, along with Callum Docherty for company, the school's 'bad boy', and Shug, the worst guard dog in the world.

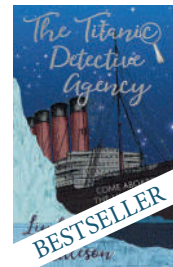
The situation takes a terrifying turn when the children pitch their tents on a bleak Highland moor and hear wolves howling outside...

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In 2015 her WW1 novel *Shell Hole* was shortlisted for the Dundee Great War Children's Book Prize.

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## Hag Storm

### Victoria Williamson

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4th November 2021

PB 198 x 129mm | 200 pp tbc

## THE WITCHES ARE GATHERING...

12-year-old Rab spends all of his time doing backbreaking work on his family's farm instead of attending school, but when he finds a hag stone in one of the fields, everything changes.

Looking through its circular hole, he sees witches gathering in a coming storm, and they've set their sights on his family.

Can Rab save his sisters from the clutches of the witches' coven before their Halloween ceremony in the old church?

Filled with mystery and magic, Hag Storm is a spooky, historical adventure with a supernatural twist.

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Children's Fiction 8-12  
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## WHAT WILL YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK THROUGH THE HAG STONE?

*'Hugely relevant for today's generation, Victoria Williamson writes with a galloping pace packaged at every turn with extraordinary compassion, delivering an enjoyable and empathy-building reading experience Brilliantly written.'*

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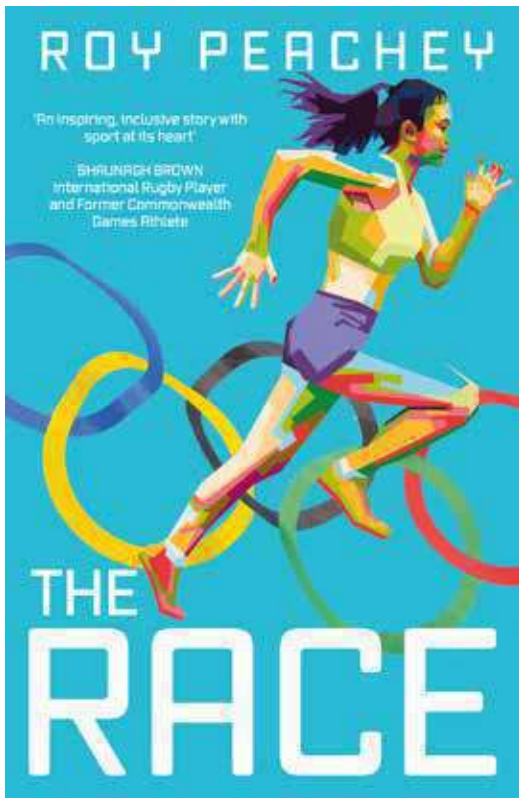
A lifelong storyteller and daydreamer, Victoria Williamson is a children's author and teacher.

Her previous novels, *The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle* (2018, Floris Books), and *The Boy with the Butterfly Mind* (2019, Floris Books) were based on her experiences of teaching children with diverse backgrounds and have been shortlisted for a number of awards.

Victoria divides her time between writing, visiting schools and speaking at festivals to encourage children of all ages to write their own stories and exercise their imaginations.

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## The Race | Roy Peachey

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## TWO COUNTRIES. TWO ATHLETES. ONE GOAL.

This original dual narrative, introduces Lili, a young athlete with her own point to prove, and features Eric 'Chariots of Fire' Liddell, the hero of the 1924 Olympics, as they both prepare for the race of their lives.

United by the country of their birth, and their love of athletics, Eric and Lili face very different challenges. Having been adopted from China as a baby, Lili also has issues to work through.

When her athletic preparations are thrown into chaos by events outside her control, she must decide between family and the race of her life.

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*'An original, immensely readable take on the Eric Liddell story for the 21st century.'*

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## ROY PEACHEY

Roy lives with his wife, two daughters, two dogs, two cats, one rabbit, one tortoise, and a few fish. When he isn't spending time with his family, writing books, or looking after the menagerie, Roy is a teacher and charity worker.

Peachey's first novel for adults, *Between Darkness and Light*, the story of a translator with the Chinese Labour Corps during World War I, was published in 2019 by Eyrie Press. He is also the author of three non-fiction books: *Out of the Classroom and Into the World*; *50 Books for Life*; and *Did Jesus Go To School?*

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'Recommended for lovers of Michael Morpurgo'  
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'Written with a warm sense of inclusion and friendship, *The Race* is both an inspiration and an emotional journey into the lives of two runners, one fictional and one very real, but both with battles to fight and problems to solve.'

**LANCASHIRE POST**

'This is a book with history and fiction combined. A moving tale of what is important – what really is important. About the decisions we make and why we make them. A book everyone should read. Buy it if you race. Buy it, if you play rugby. Buy it anyway.'

**WATERSTONES**

'The *Race* is a fabulous tale; Lili's story interwoven with Eric Liddell's. I loved every minute of this fairly short book... It's this kind of surprise find that makes reading such a great pleasure.'

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'This book is built around the foundations of sport; what it really teaches children is about family, the meaning of home and of the beauty and validity of dual identity.'

**THE NATIONAL**

'An emotional story that follows two narratives set in two different decades, with the main focus being schoolgirl Lili as she prepares for the race of her life. Recommended for lovers of Michael Morpurgo, this book will tug at your heartstrings as Lili tugs at the knot of her shoelaces.'

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'The *Race* is an incredibly inspirational and heart-warming dual narrative about racing, family and dedication which kept me completely engrossed throughout. An absolute winner!'

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'The *Race* is an inspiring and multi-layered read that both celebrates sport and assesses it. It gets off to a sprint start, but as the two runners chase their bumpy destinies, it evolves into an engrossing distance event, in which they face hurdles and select strategies, and ultimately remind us that determination, compassion and love have greater value than glory.'

**ROARING READS**

'This is a book with many aspects to it, and could spark discussions about resilience, race and identity, research, the Olympics, history, family and personal priorities. It is aimed at ages around eight to twelve, and is sure to offer an extra special appeal this year in the run-up to the Olympic Games.'

**BOOKS FOR TOPICS**



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Old Barn Books UK

**Author:** Anne Fine  
**Availability:** 10th February 2022  
**Age guide:** 10+

## About the author

Former Children's Laureate Anne Fine has written over seventy books for children and has twice won the Carnegie Medal. She began to write to entertain herself when she was unable to get to the library to change her books in a snowstorm, and she hasn't stopped since. Her writing very often tackles serious social issues but can also be laugh-out-loud funny and her range is demonstrated by the successes of *Madam Doubtfire* and *Goggle Eyes*.

**Format:** Hardback, jacketed  
**Size:** 128 x 198 mm  
**Extent:** 288 pp  
**BIC Code:** YFD  
**BISAC:** JUV039030, YAF021000  
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## Aftershocks



## About Aftershocks

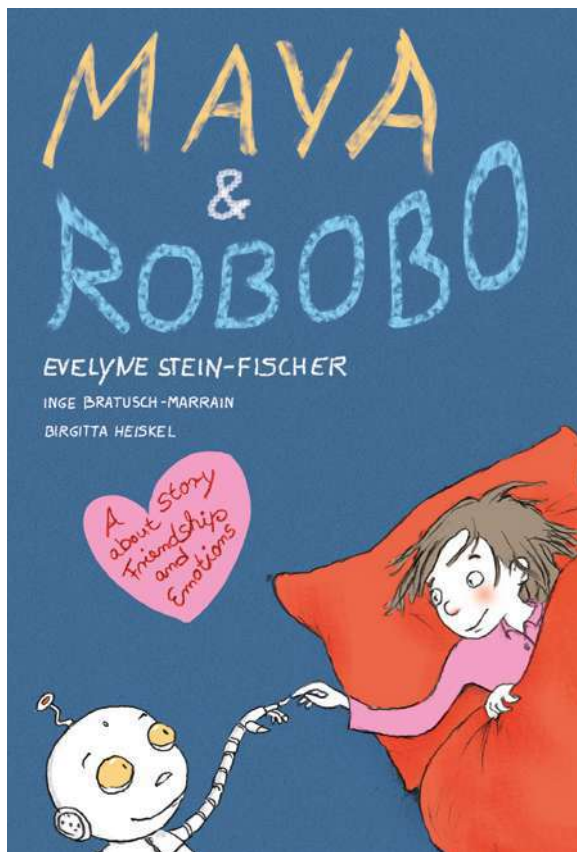
A family mix-up means Louie has to tag along with his engineer father and his team as they head for a routine job in the farthest flung and most neglected province of the Federation. A massive earthquake, with ensuing tsunami, devastates the entire isolated coastal region, laying bare the other-worldly manner in which the silent and strange Endlanders deal with life, death and the hinterlands of memory and loss. Their curious and unsettling ways raise ghosts for Louie, who has recently lost his own brother. This modern fable – **part ghost-story, part coming-of-age novel** and part astute social and **family** observation – explores the ways in which **grief** can affect not only individuals, but communities at large.

'...a very other-worldly novel that explores ideas of loss and grief both on a macroscopic and microscopic level and the kinds of collateral damage that can arise from this within families. ...how well Anne realises the emotional capacity of boys and how timely that feels amidst discussions on toxic masculinity.' - **Jake Hope, reading consultant**



# Ragged Bears UK

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# Ragged Bears

## Maya & Robobo

Written by Evelyne Stein-Fischer and  
Inge Bratusch-Marrain, Illustrated by Birgitta Heiskel

**ISBN:** 9781857144833  
**Pub date:** 24th September 2020  
**Age range:** 8 - 12 years  
**Format:** Paperback 145 x 210mm  
**Extent:** 128pp  
**Price:** £6.99  
**Rights:** World English speaking  
**Bic:** YFP / YX

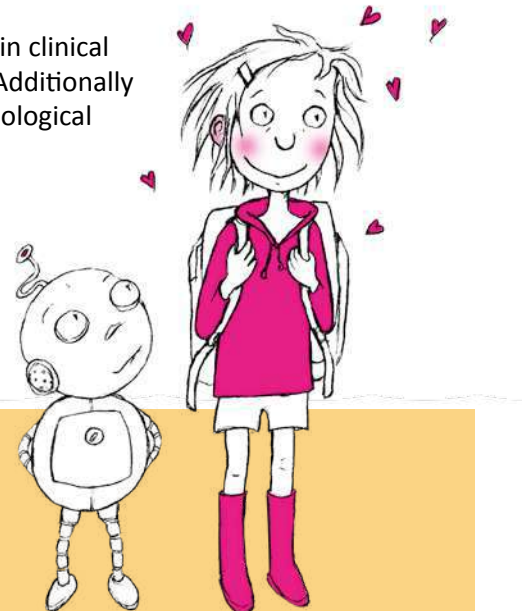
One night Maya wakes up to an unusual sound, and standing before her is a small robot. The robot has been sent to her to try and find out all he can about human emotions. This story of an unlikely friendship is a warming and heartfelt story from Evelyne Stein-Fischer is about a girl going through many changes and challenges. Her story will encourage readers to feel confident about situations in every day life which can feel overwhelming. In the second part of the book,

clinical psychologist and psychotherapist, Dr Inge Bratusch-Marrain, discusses the power of emotions and suggests solutions for helping to alleviate stress.

**AUTHOR:** Evelyne Stein-Fischer was born in Paris, and lives in Vienna. She studied journalism, worked as a journalist, graphic designer and a book illustrator. Today she is a prolific children and young adults' book author. She is very enthusiastic about working with children and is convinced that every child has a special ability. So far she has published over twenty books, some of which have been translated into several languages.

Inge Bratusch-Marrain, was born and raised in Vienna, and she holds a doctorate in clinical psychology. After studying, Inge set up a psychological service for kindergartens. Additionally she has trained in several psychotherapeutic methods. She has worked as a psychological counselor and consultant for youth departments for almost thirty years.

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Birgitta Heiskel was born in Frankfurt / Main. She studied at the University of Fine Arts in Braunschweig and has been working as a freelance illustrator mainly for book and magazine publishers in Vienna since 1990. She has already received several awards for her children's book illustrations. Bertelle. She has developed many educational experiences in Padua, London and Cuba.



### KEY SELLING POINTS

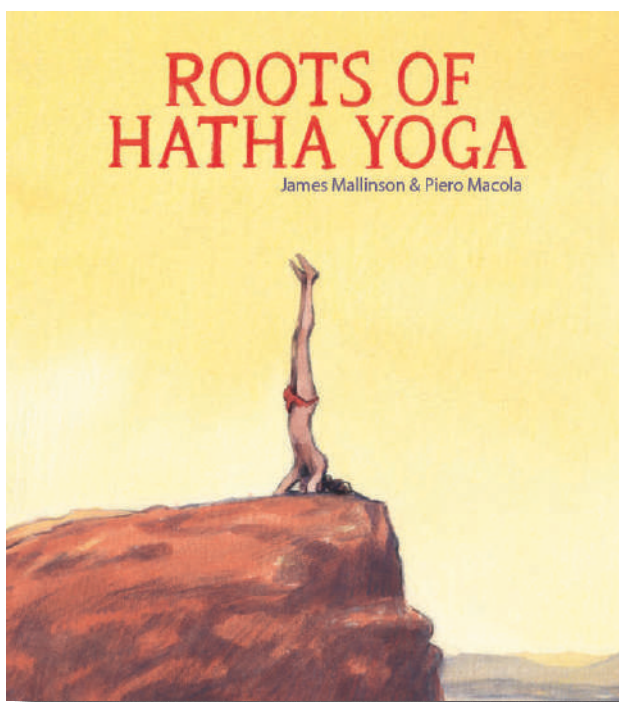
- A very readable novel for ages 7+
- Warm and humorous illustrations throughout the story
- Written by a popular author from Austria
- Also co-written by a child psychologist
- Includes methods for alleviating stress, made accessible for children and adults alike

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## Roots of Hatha Yoga

Written by Dr James Mallinson

Illustrated by Piero Macola

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**Pub date:** 24th June 2021  
**Age range:** 14+ years  
**Format:** Hardback 205 x 260mm  
**Extent:** 54pp  
**Price:** £14.99  
**Rights:** Worldwide  
**Bic:** FXZ / YNM / YNR

Take a magical trip to India with The Roots of Hatha Yoga, and meet some of the rishis from ancient times who are synonymous with the practice.

Dr James Mallinson is a lecturer at the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) and he is the western world's leading expert on the subject. Having travelled to India for the first time at the age of 17, Mallinson received initiation into a Hindu religious order of yogis, called Tagys in 1992. He is also the only Westerner to have been awarded with the honorary title of Mahant.

His linguistic skills and his deep knowledge about India, make him the perfect guide to describe the world of Hindu ascetics, since they are the heirs of the first yoga practitioners. He has translated many Sanskrit texts including Shiva Samhita and Gheranda Samhita, Khengarividyā (published by YogaVidya.com) and co-wrote Roots of Yoga with Mark Singleton (Penguin Classics 2017)

### Author:

Dr James Mallinson is a university lecturer at SOAS. He is a world renowned Sanskrit scholar, with a vast knowledge of hatha yoga. He lives with his family in the U.K. His hobby is paragliding and he leads paragliding holidays in the Himalayas.

### Illustrator:

Piero Macola is a graphic novelist and freelance illustrator, born in Italy in 1976. He completed his studies in Brussels. He moved to Paris in 2002, where he currently lives. Since then he has been working for French and Italian publishers of literature and graphic novels. He is the author of the followings graphic novels, all of them published in France: Les Nuisibles; Kérosène; Le tireur; Dérives; Aller simple. Among his works as illustrator, the Italian versions of White Fang by Jack London and The puppet boy of Warsaw by Eva Weaver. He also collaborates with newspapers and magazines, creating illustrations and short graphic novels



### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Teen and young adult graphic novel with a fascinating look at the roots of Hatha Yoga
- Learn some of the most popular yoga postures
- Remarkable graphic illustrations which capture the essence of the story

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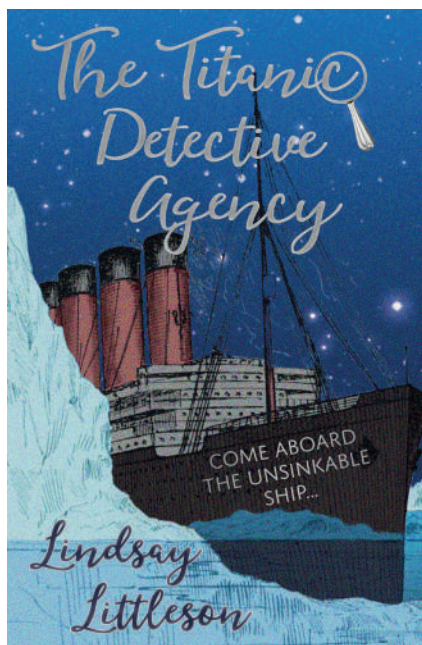
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**The Titanic Detective Agency**  
**Lindsay Littleton**

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## /Children's Fiction 8-12 / Historical / Titanic

### *Unlock the secrets of the unsinkable ship...*

Bertha Watt, tree-climber and would-be polar explorer, is excited to be on RMS Titanic's maiden voyage, as she leaves Aberdeen behind for the glamour of a new life in America.

But Bertha quickly realises that some passengers are behaving strangely, and she determines to unravel their secrets. With new friend, Madge, Bertha sets up her own detective agency to try and solve the mysteries onboard, but they have no idea that disaster is looming for Titanic.

Can they help Johan find the hidden treasure and unmask the identity of the enigmatic Mr Hoffman before time runs out on the 'unsinkable' ship?

### / In a Nutshell /

- A fresh and compelling re-telling of the Titanic voyage—with a Scottish twist—by best-selling children's author Lindsay Littleton
- Based on real passengers and events, fact and fiction are skilfully woven together to create a meaningful and moving account of events aboard RMS Titanic
- Ideal to tie in with the most popular Social Studies topic in Scottish primary schools: The Unsinkable Ship
- Book launch tour scheduled for school Easter holidays April 2019

### /About the Author/

Lindsay Littleton has four grown-up (ish) children and lives near Glasgow. She began writing for children in 2014 and won the Kelpies Prize for her first children's novel *The Mixed Up Summer of Lily McLean*. The sequel, *The Awkward Autumn of Lily McLean*, is also published by Floris Books.

In 2015 her WW1 novel *Shell Hole* was shortlisted for the *Dundee Great War Children's Book Prize* and she enjoyed engaging in research so much that she was inspired to write more historical novels including her gripping Victorian mystery for children *A Pattern of Secrets* and *The Titanic Detective Agency*.



[www.lindsaylittleson.co.uk](http://www.lindsaylittleson.co.uk)



## Fir for Luck | Barbara Henderson

978-1-911279-09-9  
£6.99

PB 210 pp  
B-format 198mm x 129mm

*Would you be brave  
enough to fight back?*

When 12-year-old Janet's village is under threat—she decides to take action. It's a split-second decision that could cost her everything: her home, her family—even her life.

Can Janet save her village from being wiped out? Or will her family and friends be forced from their homes to face an uncertain future?

Based on real life events, *Fir for Luck* is a tale of the brutal Highland Clearances, when land owners cared more about sheep than people.

Children's Fiction 8-12  
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Gaelic Language

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★★★★★ 4.9 out of 5

60 global ratings

## Barbara Henderson

Inverness-based Barbara Henderson is the author of historical novels *Fir for Luck*, *Punch*, *Black Water*, *The Siege of Caerlaverock* and *The Chessmen Thief* as well as the eco-thriller *Wilderness Wars*.

Her energetic school visits have taken her across the length and breadth of Scotland, and sometimes beyond. Barbara shares her home with one teenage son, one long-suffering husband and a scruffy Schnauzer called Merry.

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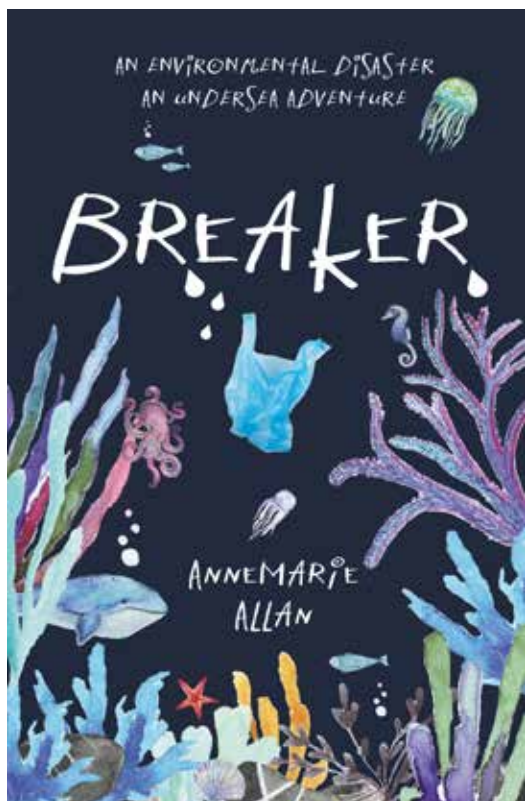
'A Children's Classic'

Dramatic & Atmospheric

Based on Real Events

Young Activism

Family & Morality



## Breaker | Annemarie Allan

978-1-911279-73-0  
£6.99

April 2020  
PB 200 pp  
B-format 198mm x 129mm

## AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER AN UNDERSEA ADVENTURE

Tom and Beth are not happy when they move to Scotland and find themselves facing a rainy, windswept beach, a house that's falling to pieces, and a school full of strangers.

But when an oil tanker crashes into the Bass Rock, their small seaside town is shaken to its core and Tom and Beth suddenly find themselves in a race to rescue the local sea life and save their new community from environmental catastrophe...

Children's Fiction 8-12  
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*'Awash with activism and adventure in a rising tide of tension. A book about kids who care and exactly the kind of book our planet needs! Truly a book for our times.'*

BARBARA HENDERSON

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ANNEMARIE ALLAN 

Annemarie Allan's first published novel, *Hox*, won the 2007 Kelpies Prize and was shortlisted for both the Scottish Children's Book of the Year and the Heart of Hawick book awards. Her third novel, *Ushig*, a fantasy based on Scottish myths and legends, was shortlisted for the 2011 Essex Children's Book Award.

She writes for both adults and children and her novels and short stories range from fantasy and science fiction to historical and contemporary fiction, taking their inspiration from the landscape and culture of Scotland, both past and present. Annemarie lives in Prestonpans, near Edinburgh.

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## A Pattern of Secrets | Lindsay Littleson

978-1-911279-26-6  
£6.99

2018  
PB 170 pp  
B-format 198mm x 129mm

Can the secrets of the past save the future?

Paisley 1876. 12-year-old Jim has escaped from the Poor House and now he must save his little brother from the same fate.

His only hope lies in a mysterious family heirloom—a Paisley patterned shawl that has five guineas sewn into its hem—the price of freedom.

Now Jim must find the shawl and break into the big house to steal it back. But the girl with the red hair is always watching...

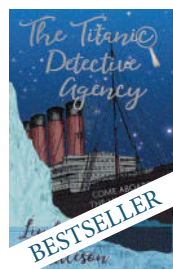
The worlds of rich and poor collide in this gripping Victorian adventure.

Children's Fiction 8-12  
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'Superb book, full of exciting action, well-researched social history, and vivid characters. Highly recommended.'

John R Fulton



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Mystery & Adventure

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Lindsay Littleson

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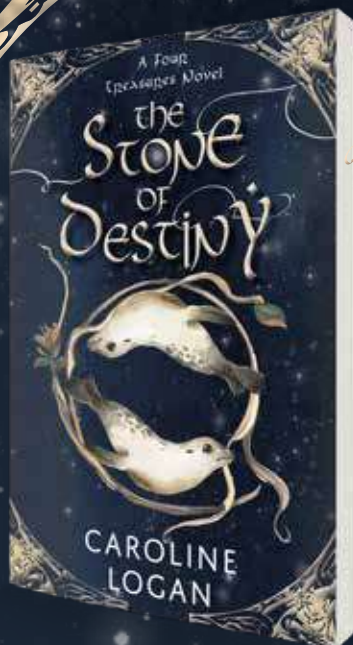
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Lindsay lives with her partner Ian and their very noisy cat in a small village near Glasgow.

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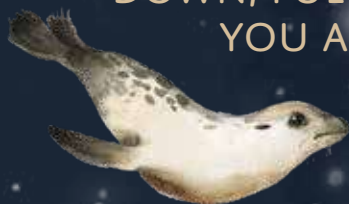


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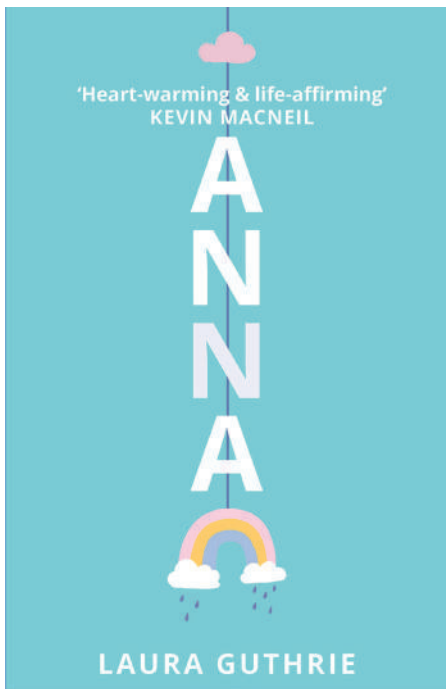


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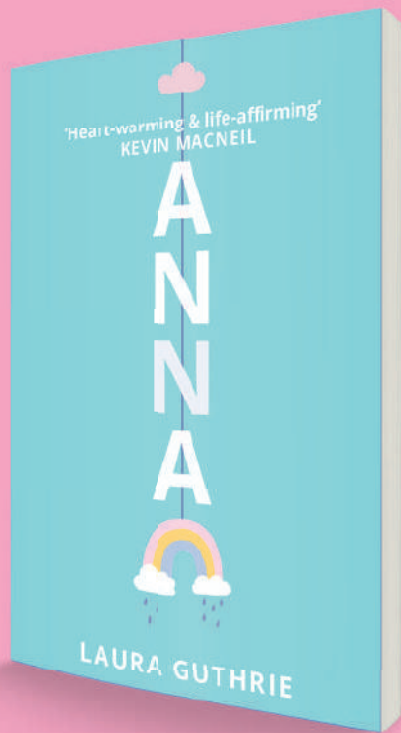
### / About the Author /

Laura Guthrie grew up in the rural Scottish Highlands ("I come from where the planes don't fly") and currently lives in Inverness.

She has an honours degree in biological sciences from the University of Edinburgh, and a PhD in creative writing from the University of Glasgow.

She is a member of the Dingwall-based Ross-Shire Writers, and has produced two of her own plays with her theatre company, *Sunrise Theatre*. Her poetry and short fiction have been anthologised by several Scottish presses. She is the winner of the 2016 *Exeter Story Prize*. *Anna* is her first novel.





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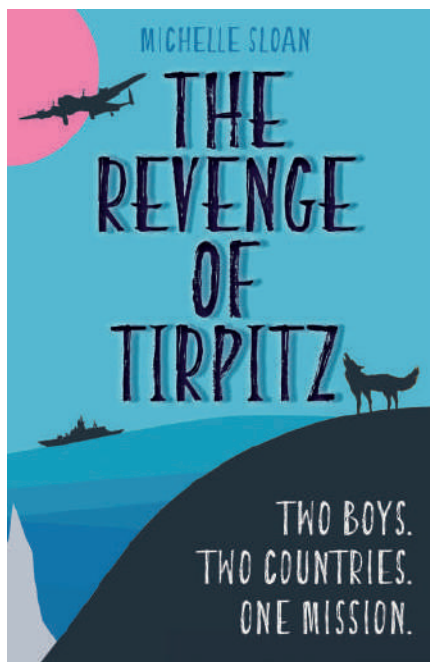
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## The Revenge of Tirpitz

Michelle Sloan

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**We know what you did.  
We know where you are.  
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Norway 1944

When Erik strikes up an unlikely friendship with German Radar operator, Hans, the pair soon become involved in a race against time to help destroy the Nazi warship, Tirpitz.

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Finn's great-grandfather receives a letter threatening the "revenge of Tirpitz". They escape on a fishing boat, making the perilous journey to Norway, where they realise that facing up to the past puts their future in danger...

**Gold. Spies. Danger. Adventure. Michelle Sloan keeps readers hooked in this thrilling, suspenseful, time-shift page turner.**

/ Praise for The Revenge of Tirpitz /

'A thoroughly exciting tale that has the ring of real historical plausibility. *The Revenge of Tirpitz* is a fantastic tale of courage and determination in the face of evil, and highly recommended for anyone who likes wartime adventures.'

'A first rate, action packed thriller, underpinned by the authenticity of real events, which will keep the reader enthralled and fascinated all the way to the last page.'

'A fast paced, action packed read – reminiscent of the Young James Bond series of spy thrillers. Readers aged 10-14 and up will instantly be drawn into this gripping story full of intrigue, suspense, bravery and humor; this is a satisfying read.'

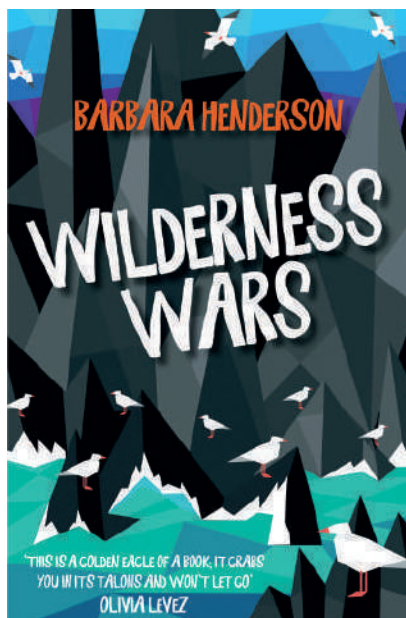
/ About the Author /

Michelle lives in Broughty Ferry, Dundee with her family and three rescue dogs. Michelle trained as a Primary Teacher and worked for many years in Edinburgh, before indulging her love of all things theatrical by returning to university to study Drama.



When it comes to writing fiction for older children, Michelle is inspired by the stories and bravery of previous generations – particularly those connected to WW1 and WW2. Focussing on historical fiction gives her a fantastic opportunity to engage in research and to bring those stories to life with an exciting modern day twist.

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## Wilderness Wars

Barbara Henderson

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## /Children's Fiction 8-12 / Nature /Environment

Em and Zac battle nature in this eco-thriller set on a remote Scottish island.

What if nature fights back?

In a daze, I take it all in: the wind, the leaden skies, the churning moody sea.  
And, far in the distance, a misty outline.

Skelsay.

Wilderness haven. Building-site. Luxury-retreat-to-be.

And now, home.

When her father's construction work takes Em's family to the uninhabited island of Skelsay, she is excited, but also a little uneasy. Soon Em and her friend Zac realise that the setbacks, mishaps and accidents on the island point to something altogether more sinister: the wilderness all around them has declared war.

Danger lurks everywhere. But can Em and Zac persuade the adults to believe it before it's too late?

## / Praise for Wilderness Wars /

Wilderness Wars slow-builds menace from its nail-biting opening to its stunning apocalyptic climax. This is a golden eagle of a book—it grabs you in its talons and won't let go. A thought-provoking and often frightening study of what happens when you mess with Nature and Nature decides to fight back. And how faith, family and friendship can forge the right path.

**Olivia Levez**

Author of *The Island* and *The Circus*

## /About the Author/

Barbara Henderson is the Inverness-based author of the critically acclaimed historical children's novel *Fir for Luck*, and her last published historical children's novel *Punch*. She is also known for her energetic school events.

She splits her time between writing and teaching Drama to young people, but also volunteers on her local book festival committee.

Her house is home to one husband, three teenagers, a dog and a crazy collection of puppets.

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