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YA SCI-FI

DÉBUT



John Connolly & Jennifer Ridyard CONQUEST

BRAND NEW YA SCI-FI TRILOGY FROM INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR

SOLD FOR SIX-FIGURE PRE-EMPT TO HEADLINE IN OVERNIGHT REACTION

A SUSPENSE-FILLED TALE OF LOYALTY, LOVE AND PROTECTING 'HOME'

We have long been suppressed. We will not be broken. We will have our revenge.

Earth is no longer ours. It is ruled by the Illyri, a beautiful, civilised yet ruthless alien species. But humankind has not given up the fight, and Paul Kerr is one of a new generation of young Resistance leaders waging war on the invaders.

Syl Hellas is the first of the Illyri to be born on Earth. Trapped inside the walls of her father's stronghold, hated by the humans, she longs to escape.

But on her sixteenth birthday, Syl's life is about to change forever. She will become an outcast, an enemy of her people, for daring to save the life of one human: Paul Kerr. Only together do they have a chance of saving each other, and the planet they both call home.

For there is a greater darkness behind the Illyr conquest of Earth, and the real invasion has not yet even begun...

They are from different worlds, but Earth is their home.

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www.chroniclesoftheinvaders.com

408 pages

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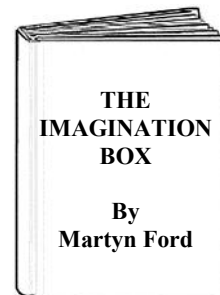
UK & COMMONWEALTH: Headline (Frankie Gray)

NORTH AMERICAN: Simon & Schuster / Atria

Jennifer Ridyard grew up in South Africa. After working as a journalist on several South African publications, Jennifer moved to Dublin in 2004 where she writes, reads, tries to paint, and enjoys long walks with her two sons and the family's puppies. **John Connolly** is the bestselling author of the Charlie Parker thriller series for adults and the stand-alone YA novel *THE BOOK OF LOST THINGS*, which has now been translated into 21 languages. He was the first non-US author to win the Shamus Award. He is also the author of *HELL'S BELLS* and *THE GATES*, a humorous adventure series for young readers (8+) featuring Samuel Johnson.

CHILDREN'S 9+

DÉBUT



Martyn Ford

THE IMAGINATION BOX

THE FIRST IN AN EXCITING NEW TRILOGY FOR MIDDLE-GRADE READERS

INTRODUCING TIMOTHY HART, HIS AMAZING IMAGINATION BOX AND HIS TALKING FINGER-MONKEY, PHIL

“There is a box. Anything you imagine will appear inside. You have one go, one chance to create *anything* you want. What would you pick?”

That’s exactly the question ten-year-old Timothy Hart gets to answer after discovering The Imagination Box. The greatest toy on earth.

The top-secret contraption transforms his life, but when the box’s inventor, Professor Eisenstone, goes missing, Tim knows he has to investigate.

With the help of a talking finger monkey called Phil, he sets out to find the Professor. In order to rescue his friend, he must face his darkest fears and discover the true potential of his own mind.

UK publication: 2015

208 typescript pages

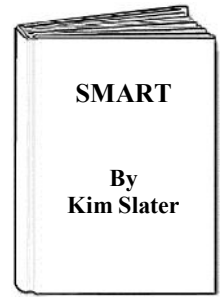
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Martyn Ford is a 25-year-old journalist from Hampshire where he writes for the Bordon Herald. His first book, *It Happened to Me*, a collection of shocking true stories, was published in 2010 by Summersdale. In 2011, Martyn’s TV script was in the finals of the BBC Laughing Stock Competition. This is his first story for young readers.

YOUNG ADULT

DÉBUT



Kim Slater

SMART

AN UPLIFTING STAND-ALONE DÉBUT ABOUT AN EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG BOY'S STRUGGLE TO BE UNDERSTOOD

'POIGNANT AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING. KIM SLATER IS A TRULY ORIGINAL VOICE IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE'

Rachel Kellehar, Editor, Macmillan Children's Books

Kieran Woods is about to show the world just how smart he really is...

When fourteen-year-old Kieran Woods finds the body of a homeless man in the river near his home, he refuses to believe the death was accidental. But Kieran has a special way of thinking that leads most people to underestimate him. People like his bullying stepfather and stepbrother Ryan.

Now Kieran has the chance to put his special skills to use, not only to catch a killer but also find his missing grandma. With the help of his exceptional artistic ability, his love for artist L. S. Lowry and his one and only school friend, Karwana, Kieran sets out to solve a murder...

But will anyone believe him? And can Kieran catch the killer before the killer catches him?

SMART is an absorbing and inspiring story that will captivate readers young and old.

UK publication: June 2014

www.kimslater.com

137 typescript pages

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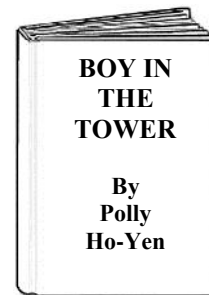
UK & COMMONWEALTH: Macmillan Children's Books (Rachel Kellehar)

GERMAN: DTV Junior

Kim Slater is currently working in Nottingham inner-city schools where she gets to meet many boys like Kieran. Two years ago, she graduated with a first-class honours degree in English and Creative Writing. Last year Kim was a runner-up in the Mystery Women national short story competition. She is now writing her second YA novel, SUPERTASTER.

CHILDREN'S 9+

DÉBUT



Polly Ho-Yen

BOY IN THE TOWER

A CAPTIVATING FABLE ABOUT FEAR AND HOPE, LONELINESS AND FRIENDSHIP

'THE DAY OF THE TRIFFIDS FOR MIDDLE GRADE'

Lauren Buckland, Editor, Random House Children's Books

It all began on the day the rain stopped falling.

First, the buildings fell. Then the people on the streets. No one could explain why. Until they found the Bluchers.

Ade lives on the seventeenth floor of an inner city tower block. He's just an ordinary boy. Apart from the fact that his mother won't leave her bedroom. And he's only got one true friend: the girl he's known all his life, Gaia.

When the Bluchers, a plant-form that dissolves buildings and releases fatal spores into the air, take over the city, everyone is forced to evacuate and Ade is left alone to face them.

Trapped in his tower block, how can Ade survive as the Bluchers weave their deadly circle around his home?

UK publication: June 2014

www.pollyhoyen.com

105 typescript pages

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UK & COMMONWEALTH: Random House Children's Books (Lauren Buckland)

Polly Ho-Yen lives and works in south London, having studied English at Birmingham University. After working in publishing for several years, she is now a primary school teacher. In both jobs she has been surrounded by books, which is where she is happiest. Sometime between 5am and sitting down in front of a classroom of five-year-olds, **BOY IN THE TOWER** was written. She lives with her partner and their very vocal cat, Milo.

Cathy Cassidy

CHOCOLATE BOX GIRLS:

COCO CARAMEL



THE FOURTH TITLE IN THE DELICIOUS CHOCOLATE BOX GIRLS SERIES BY THE BESTSELLING QUEEN OF TEEN 2010, NOW SOLD IN 17 LANGUAGES

TOP 5 UK BESTSELLER; TOP BESTSELLER IN FRANCE

CATHY NOW HAS HER OWN YOUTUBE CHANNEL: MEET ALL FOUR COSTELLO SISTERS ON CATHY CASSIDY TV

EACH SISTER HAS A DIFFERENT STORY TO TELL, WHICH ONE WILL BE YOUR FAVOURITE?

Coco is the youngest of the Tanberry sisters but she's as head strong as any of them.

Coco is crazy about animals and loves her riding lessons. When her favourite pony at the stables is sold, Coco scopes out the new owner - and she is not happy about what she discovers.

With big sister Honey going off at the deep end, and Summer only just recovering from her eating disorder, Coco can't rely on family help. Can Coco save Caramel alone? Or will a new friend help her?

UK publication: 6th June 2013

www.cathycassidy.com

288 pages

Praise for the CHOCOLATE BOX GIRLS series:

'10 out of 10! Just perfect'

The Guardian

'All the humours of romance, jealousy, friendship and sorrow rage in this brilliantly observed story of contemporary life'

Julia Eccleshare, Love Reading For Kids

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UK & COMMONWEALTH: Puffin (Amanda Punter)

Cathy Cassidy lives in north west England with her husband, two children, three cats, two rabbits and their friendly, mad, hairy lurcher called Kelpie.

Cathy Cassidy **CHOCOLATE BOX GIRLS: BITTERSWEET**



SELECTED FOR WORLD BOOK DAY 2013

NO.2 IN UK BESTSELLING CHILDREN'S BOOK CHART

SHAY TELLS HIS SIDE OF THE STORY

Shay, the boy with the cool blond fringe and the blue guitar, the boy who smells of darkness and the ocean, is Cherry's boyfriend. But it wasn't always this way. Once, he was in love with Honey, Cherry's oldest step-sister. Since their break-up, bitterness has twisted every word she's said to him.

Now Honey needs his help. Should Shay reach out to her - or is it safer to steer clear?

UK publication: 7th March 2013

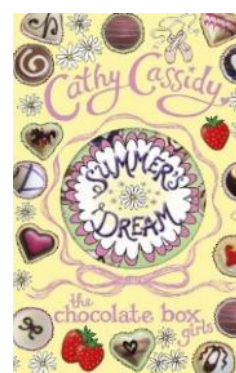
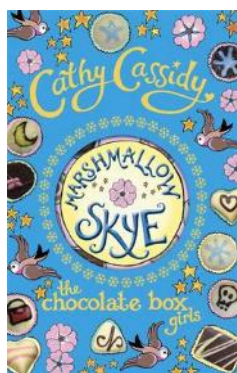
www.cathycassidy.com

90 pages

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UK & COMMONWEALTH: Puffin (Amanda Punter)

FRENCH: Nathan

DON'T MISS THE REST OF THE CHOCOLATE BOX GIRLS SERIES:



CHOCOLATE BOX GIRLS: CHERRY CRUSH

BULGARIAN: Art Line Studios; **FINNISH:** WSOY; **FRENCH:** Nathan; **GERMAN:** Random House; **INDONESIAN:** UFUK; **ITALIAN:** Edizioni EL; **PORTUGUESE:** Civilização; **SERBIAN:** Leo Commerce

CHOCOLATE BOX GIRLS: MARSHMALLOW SKYE

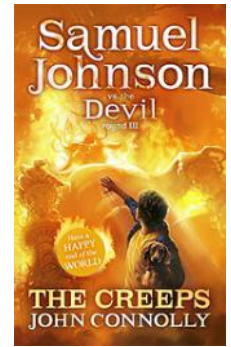
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CHOCOLATE BOX GIRLS: SUMMER'S DREAM

FINNISH: WSOY; **FRENCH:** Nathan

CHILDREN'S 8+

John Connolly
THE CREEPS
SAMUEL JOHNSON V. THE DEVIL.
ROUND III



HOTLY ANTICIPATED SEQUEL TO THE INFERNALS

'EASILY ALTERNATES AMONG SLAPSTICK COMEDY, POWERFUL DRAMA AND SKIN CRAWLING HORROR' Publishers Weekly

THE GATES HAS BEEN LONGLISTED FOR THE TOP 100 BEST-EVER UK NOVEL

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy End of the World.

Samuel Johnson is not in a happy place. He is dating the wrong girl, demons are occupying his spare room and the town in which he lives appears to be cursed.

But there is some good news on the horizon. After years of neglect, the grand old building that once housed Wreckit & Sons is about to reopen as the greatest toyshop that Biddlecombe has ever seen, and Samuel and his faithful dachshund, Boswell, are about to be guests of honour at the big event. A splendid time will be had by all, as long as they can ignore the sinister statue that keeps moving around the town, the Shadows that are slowly blocking out the stars, the murderous Christmas elves, and that fact that somewhere in Biddlecombe a rotten black heart is beating a rhythm of revenge...

A trap has been set. The Earth is doomed. The last hope for humanity lies with one young boy and the girl who's secretly in love with him. Oh, and a dog, two demons, four dwarves and a very polite monster.

UK publication: October 2013

www.johnconnollybooks.com

312 pages

Praise for THE INFERNALS

'Connolly's graceful prose, laced with acerbically witty footnotes, is a joy to read'

Publishers Weekly

'Brilliantly funny, often touching, with enough action to keep adventure fans on the edges of their chairs'

Kirkus

'Connolly lets his imagination and his wit run delightfully wild'

New Orleans Times-Picayune

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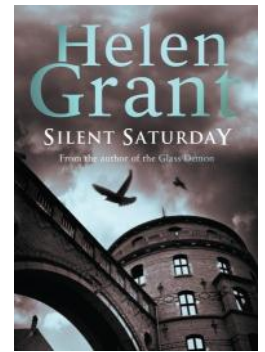
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YOUNG ADULT



Helen Grant

FORBIDDEN SPACES:

SILENT SATURDAY

FIRST IN THE HUGELY ANTICIPATED NEW TRILOGY FOR YA READERS

FEATURED ON *THE INDEPENDENT'S* 50 BEST SPRING READS 2013

'ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING LITERARY THRILLERS OF 2013'

Annie Eaton, Publisher, Random House Children's UK

De Jager, that was what he called himself, that was what defined him. The Hunter. And tonight he had work to do...

Seventeen-year-old Veerle is bored with life in suburban Brussels. But a chance encounter with a hidden society soon opens up a whole new world of excitement. And danger.

When one of the society's founding members disappears, Veerle begins to grow suspicious. But nothing can prepare her for the horror that is about to unfold when an old foe emerges from the shadows.

No one is safe. The Hunter *will* strike again.

Jo Nesbø meets Marcus Sedgwick in this totally engrossing, utterly chilling new novel from Helen Grant.

UK Hardback: April 2013 UK Paperback: April 2014

www.helengrantbooks.com

416 pages

Praise for SILENT SATURDAY:

'Grant has established herself as a major talent in YA fiction... a compulsive first adventure'

Daily Mail

'The excellent writing, and the eschewing of anything remotely winsome or mawkish, make this an eerily subtle literary page-turner'

The Guardian

'Well-plotted and beautifully written, it is everything a young adult novel should be'

The Independent

'For something so chilling, it is terrific entertainment'

Sunday Times

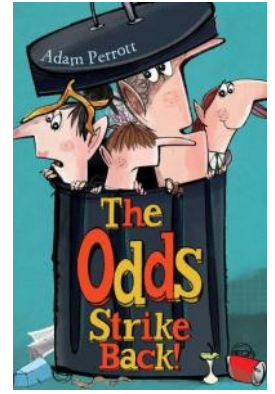
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Helen Grant was born in London in 1964. She studied Classics at Oxford University before working in marketing. She lives in Perthshire, Scotland with her husband and two children. Helen is a highly acclaimed author and her titles have been short listed and long listed for the CILIP Carnegie Medal, as well as the International Thriller Writer of the Year Award. She is currently working on *THE DEMONS OF GHENT*, the second title in this chilling new trilogy for YA readers.

CHILDREN'S 7-10



Adam Perrott **THE ODDS STRIKE BACK!**

SECOND IN THE HILARIOUS SERIES FEATURING THE ODDS FAMILY

A LOVE-READING BOOK OF THE MONTH

TWICE CHOSEN AS BOOK OF THE MONTH BY STORYTELLERS INC.

WINNER OF THE UK'S BERYL BAINBRIDGE AWARD

Have you ever fallen flat on your face just seconds after buying an ice-cream? That's the Odds at work!

The Odds are a family of Meddlers (or Professional Pranksters) who love nothing more than making mischief for the townspeople of Trott.

But when the Odds face inspection by the head prankster, to ensure they are still up to their meddling best, they are in for a shock. The inspector is none other than Mr. Nobody. Sworn enemy of Mr. Odd!

This will call for a spectacular pranking plan...

UK publication: February 2013

144 pages

Praise for THE ODDS:

'The Odds oozes fun and mischief and presses all the right buttons... will appeal to boys and girls alike'

Library Mice

'The story is brilliantly written and will have children giggling their way throughout'

Sarah's Book Reviews

'Kids in the target 8-10 audience will find much to enjoy here - and any parents reading this aloud at bedtime will also be charmed'

Thoughts From The Hearthfire

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