

MONSTER BOOKS



Astonishing tales for extraordinary minds
New titles 2018-2019

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Publication date: 1 August 2018

ISBN: 978-1-9998844-0-6

Price: £7.99

Format: 300 mm x 250 mm Portrait

Binding: Soft

Extent: 32 pages

Illustrations: Full Colour. Kate Shannon

Age: 5-8

Marketing

- Voice Over by ITV's Medicinal Chef Dale Pinnock
- Bespoke Recipes by Dale Pinnock
- Social media smoothie making demonstration for kids filmed with author's children and Dale
- Competition to make Food Fight machines from everyday household items

August 2018

Description

The (completely) true story of how the smoothie was invented.

The Fruitopians only eat fruit, in Vegtaville they're mad about greens. But their differences resolved through the power of healthy eating (and throwing food at each other).

'Fear not my King!' cried out the Queen.
'I'll get them with my aubergine!'

Then from every nook and cranny,
Raced boy and girl, grandpa, granny!

Gunk explosions by the squillion,
Bombs of blue, green and ver-millon.



'This is just my kind of book. An utter delight for children of all ages. (And me.)'
Andrew Weale
Winner of The Red House Children's Book Award

Illustrations by Kate Shannon

Publication date: 1 September 2018

ISBN: 978-1-9998844-4-4

Price: £9.99

Age Range: Middle Grade

Format: 220 mm x 140 mm

Binding: Hard case

Extent: 272 pages

Design: Innovative metal tag design on spine

Marketing

- School visits with treasure hunts and metal detecting (you have to read the story to appreciate why)
- Competition in Beano to guess the contents of a box and what it can do, most imaginative entry wins £500 Amazon vouchers.

January 2019

THE HAIRY HAND

Description

With great power at the end of your fingers comes great trouble.

The Hairy Hand is a gothic adventure story with magical familiars, a Dickensian cast and jokes. It is 36,000 words for middle grade readers or slow-witted adults and is currently a standalone – although the ending leaves plenty of room for a series about a powerful boy warlock and his familiar. It inhabits a similar space to *Muncle Trogg* and/or *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. We see it working well as a film with the author played by Brad Pitt or that guy from One Direction.

Septimus feels out-of-place in his village where everyone else his age is called Garp, Darg or Smerg or Blaarg. Good, honest names that sound like you are have just swallowed something pointy or are sneezing into custard. Even his parents make him feel like a complete stranger. *Especially his parents*. Then he inherits something strange and frightening from his uncle. A Hairy Hand. It has the magical ability to find buried treasure which suits his parents (thieves by trade) down to the ground. However, instead of making his life better, it suddenly gets a lot more dangerous. So, it is up to Sept to find out what else the Hand knows and put things right.



Publication date: 1 July 2018

ISBN: 978-1-9998844-2-0

Price: £9.99

Age Range: Middle Grade and upwards

Format: 220 mm x 140 mm

Binding: Hard case

Extent: 272 pages

Design: Innovative metal tag design on spine

Marketing

- Best Summer reads advertising in Beano, Aquila and Week Junior
- Design your own Space Dragon competition to win a year's free supply of school books

June 2019

Description

It's got dragons ... in space! **Space Dragons** is 36,800-word cosmic adventure for middle grade and is currently a standalone but easily extendable into a series with Stan and his sparky sister, Poppy, as central characters.

If Stan Pollux had known he would be spending his summer holidays in the outer reaches of our solar system, he would have put on different underpants.

But when he gets kidnapped by the Planet Dragon, Mercury, most things suddenly seem small and insignificant. Stan finds himself in a universe of dragons who had once ruled the skies as gods: Mars, Venus, Saturn and even Uranus way out back. This is shaping up to be the best summer holiday in the history of the cosmos until Stan discovers his stupid sister is missing and that Pluto (AKA Hades) is trying to use her to destroy the Solar System. And it will be all Stan's fault if he doesn't get Poppy back.

So, all Stan has to do is learn how to fight like a hero in space armour, defeat the dragon god of the Underworld, Hades, rescue his sister and save the world. All before his parents realise she is missing.

Easy.

SPACE DRAGONS



**A BREATH-TAKING
ADVENTURE THROUGH
A VIBRANTLY
RE-IMAGINED
SOLAR SYSTEM.**

**TOLD WITH
WIT AND WARMTH,
IT'S A WONDERFUL
STORY WITH LOVE
AT ITS HEART.**

JENNIFER KILICK
AUTHOR OF ALEX SPARROW
AND THE REALLY BIG STINK

ROBIN BENNETT

Publication date: 1 November 2018

ISBN: 978-1-9998844-6-8

Price: £9.99

Age Range: YA Crossover

Format: 220 mm x 140 mm

Binding: Hard case

Extent: 272 pages

Design: Innovative metal tag design on spine

Marketing

- Series of 4 animated film shorts on social media

November 2019

Small Vampires

Award-winning retelling of the Arthurian myth. All 3 books in 1 volume for the first time. Beautifully bound Christmas edition

1500 years after the first Arthurian story, comes a re-telling ... with Vampires. When all is said and done, it's about blood

Description

Sixteen years ago, a letter from a stranger led translator Robin Bennett on a journey from Henley-on-Thames to the north of England. At the end of this journey, he found himself the unexpected beneficiary of three tattered and disreputable looking volumes of indeterminate provenance and indecipherable lexis.

Ten years later, the translation of the first volume, **Picus the Thief**, was published, winning Indie Book of the Year Writers News in 2012. This was followed by two more volumes: **Mousch the Crooked** and **Raptor the Avenger** and now the trilogy is complete.

Bennett gave his 'translations' the collective name **Small Vampires** – together they relate the explosive and moving story of an intelligent species that has lived amongst us, largely in secret, for thousands of years...

Beautifully bound

3 books in one volume for Christmas 2018



"Robin Bennett's *Small Vampires* is that seemingly impossible take on the genre - funny, intelligent, imaginative storytelling that mixes Arthurian legend with faeries and vampires and comes up with a unique mix of all three."

SSF Chronicles

Publication date: 15 July 2013

ISBN: 97809568684-80

Price: £5.99

Subject: YA

Format: 220 mm x 140 mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 240 pages

Illustrations: Start of each chapter

Marketing

- Animated film short on social media

**Back
catalogue**

Iron Knights

Description

Three best friends uncover a brooding secret in a deserted castle: 3 huge mechanical knights. They set about repairing them but their enthusiasm turns to panic when the Iron Knights turn out to be bonkers and almost completely evil. They reduce the boys' village to rubble and the friends are exiled.

By luck, they are taken in by 3 separate Lords who look after them. They return a few years later to do the honourable thing: become warriors themselves and destroy the Iron Knights.

"Blights in shining armour"
CHEVALIER DOBSCROSS MADDLE

"Putting the Evil in Medieval"
IRWENE GIDDY-SLEPE,
CHRONICLER, WHAT SCROLL?

"Hilarious! Just goes to show
the Dark Ages had a lighter
side"
BARON CRAMPSELL

Iron Knights



by
Robin Bennet
"Putting the **Evil** back into Medieval"
Irwene Giddy-Slepe, Chronicler, What Scroll?

Published: 15 October 2012

ISBN: 9780956868442

Genre: Teen Fiction

BIC: YF

Binding: Paperback

Dimensions: 110 x 178mm

Pages: 149

Price: £5.99

Marketing

- Ongoing social media
- School history visits

**Back
catalogue**

ANGEL OF MONS

Mons, 1914:

Corporal Sam Lyle sees a ghost
in the heat of battle

Mons, 2014:

Ben sees him too.

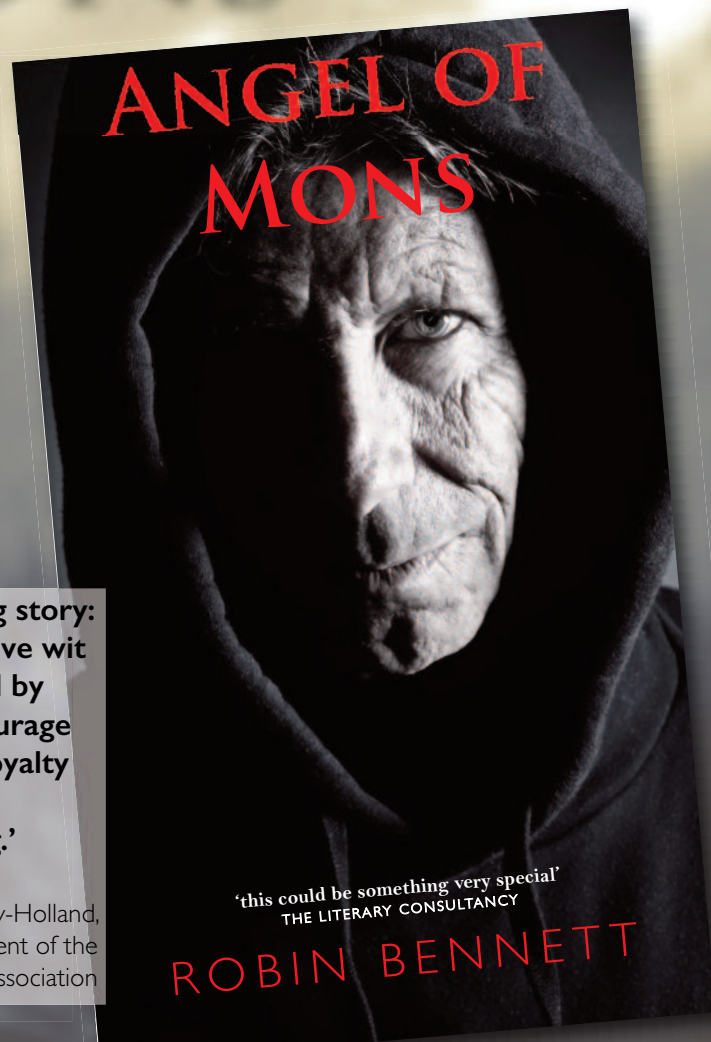
What is happening to Ben?

Do angels exist?

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for announcements of
special events throughout
the Armistice anniversary
Year of 2018

'This is a stunning story:
it's alive with native wit
and, underpinned by
the conflict of courage
and cowardice, loyalty
and bullying, it's
genuinely moving.'

Kevin Crossley-Holland,
Author and President of the
School Library Association



'this could be something very special'
THE LITERARY CONSULTANCY

ROBIN BENNETT

Collectors' signed editions

Picus the Thief

Publication date: 15 July 2011

ISBN: 9780956868404

Price: £9.99

Subject: YA

Format: 220 mm x 140 mm

Binding: Hard case

Extent: 236 pages

Illustrations: Start of each chapter

Description

"The biggest mistake we Vampires and others in the Hidden Kingdom ever made was to hide away – for what you Humans cannot see, you fear and what you fear, you would make monsters of."

Picus has a lot of powerful enemies he is keen to avoid...

Mousch the Crooked

Publication date: 15 April 2013

ISBN: 978-0956868466

Price: £9.99

Subject: YA

Format: 220 mm x 140 mm

Binding: Hard case

Extent: 280 pages

Illustrations: Start of each chapter

Description

Turn your gaze to a half-remembered world of childhood that exists below the tall grass and flowering hedgerows. Look very carefully and you may be able to trace faint pathways through the undergrowth, leading to small mounds of dry foliage in curious, deliberate shapes – Leaf Castles! These are perhaps the last visible remains of the Hidden Kingdom

Crippled since childhood and half blind, Möusch must use his unusual talent to find the Chalice before Corbeau does...

Raptor the Avenger

Publication date: 1 October 2014

ISBN: 978-0-9929041-0-4

Price: £9.99

Subject: YA

Format: 220 mm x 140 mm

Binding: Hard case

Extent: 272 pages

Illustrations: Start of each chapter

Description

Final in the series, Raptor ends the civil war and leads a united Hidden Kingdom against the armies of the Thin Man.

Think you know the truth about Vampires? Well, think again. A mysterious volume in an unknown tongue, a thief who could change the course of the world and a closely-guarded secret, older than Humankind...





IMAGINARIUM

Monster Books Imaginarium

A factory of the imagination, for kids to share story ideas, explore new concepts and engage their inventiveness and creativity at the highest level.

Independent Book seller space

Book shops can also have a platform to advertise events nationally, comment on current trends, post updates and book reviews, and get stuck in.

The tableau will have winking lights and children can browse these at will. The 'world' we create will be ever-changing: click on a fading spark at the entrance of a cave one week, might lead into an animation of a poem about trolls or a story about ice witches ... or a riddle that needs to be solved to get you through another door ... to quite another place. The portal in the sky could lead to other worlds, or someone's life a bit like yours: it's designed to be a shifting narrative that relies on their input as much as ours, so users can add ideas, embellish existing ones and generally run riot creatively.



From 2018 all new titles published by Monster Books will feature an innovative tag on the spine.

To enhance their collectability, books will also feature a uniform back cover design, and will be colour-coded on the spine and back cover:

- Middle Grade
- Young adult/Teen
- Translations

