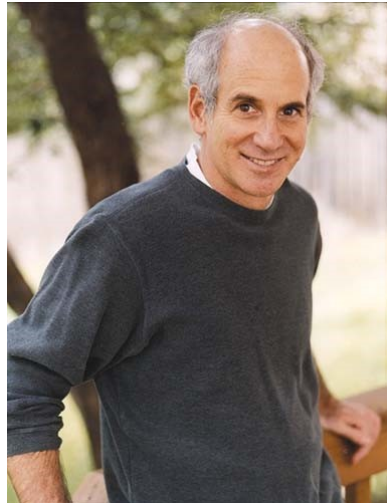




Louis Sachar



Louis Sachar is an American young-adult mystery-comedy author.

He is best known for the Wayside School series and the novel Holes.

Louis Sachar is a qualified lawyer. He worked as a lawyer for 9 years, until his books began to sell well enough for him to give it up.

The Cardturner is Louis Sachar's favourite of his own books. He found Holes the most difficult to write.

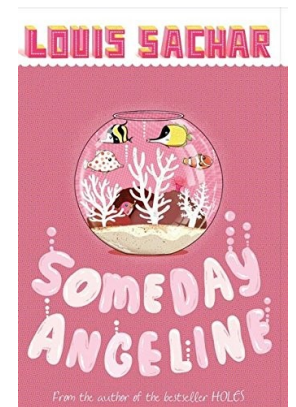
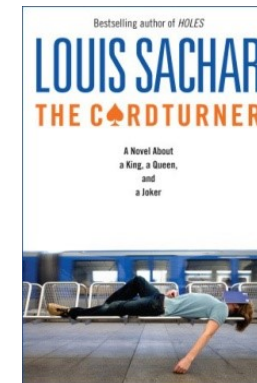
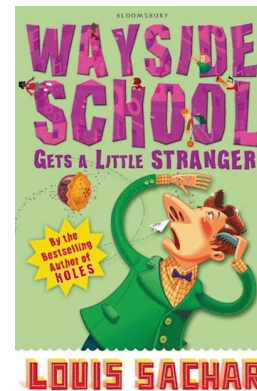
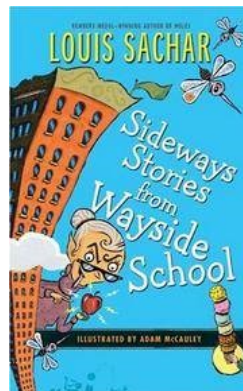
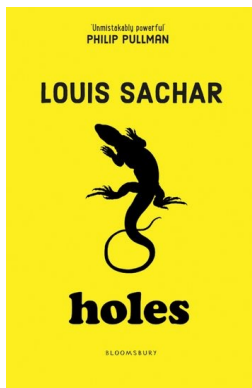
Louis Sachar has published 25 books, all for children or young adults.

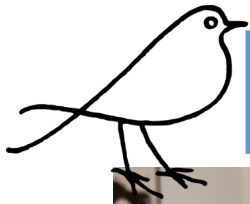
Louis Sachar writes for two hours every morning. He does not talk to anyone about a book until it is finished.

It takes him up to two years to write a book, and he rewrites it five or six times during the process.

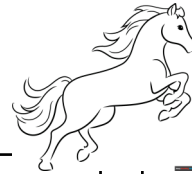
Holes has won awards including the 1998 National Book Award for Young People's Literature and the 1999 Newbery Medal. Over 8 million copies of the book have been sold.

Some of the books written by Louis Sachar are...





R J Palacio

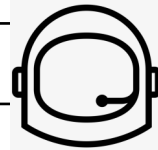


Palacio believed that she should write a book when the time was right. She realised that she would never write if waiting for the perfect time. She had spent 20 years to design a book jacket for other people.

Even though Palacio worked as an art director, she always wanted to write.

Actually, R.J. Palacio is a pen name. The real name of the author is Raquel Jaramillo.

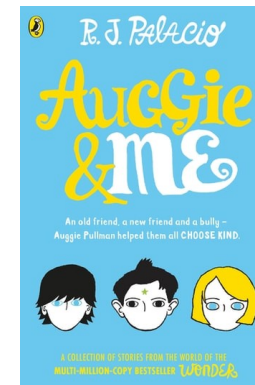
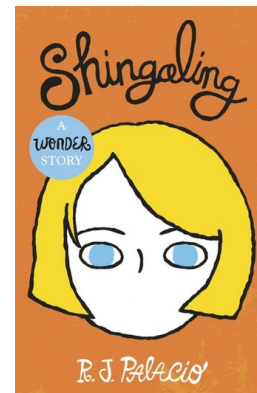
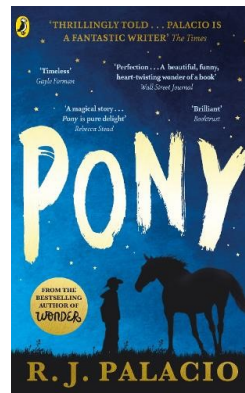
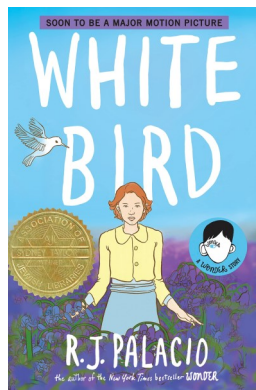
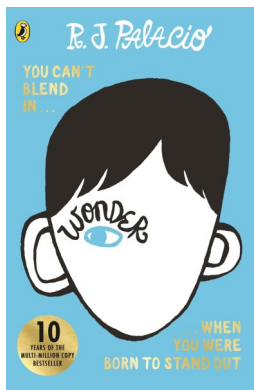
She was a recipient of the Christopher Award for Wonder in 2013, and the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award in 2014. Wonder was on The New York Times Best Seller list.



Palacio is welcome for speaking engagement and school visits. She is interested to share her ideas about writing her novels.

Palacio inspired to create Wonder after she had an incident with her 3-year-old son. They spotted a girl with a facial birth defect when waiting for a line to buy ice cream. Palacio attempted to remove her son because she was afraid that her son would react negatively against the girl.

Some of the books written by R J Palacio are...





Michael Morpurgo



Michael Morpurgo is an award-winning English author, born in St. Alban's in 1943.

Michael now lives in Devon and has written more than 130 books! You can read more about his life in Michael's biography, *War Child to War Horse*.

In 2003 Michael became the third Children's Laureate.



Michael was inspired by (and later became great friends with) the poet Ted Hughes.



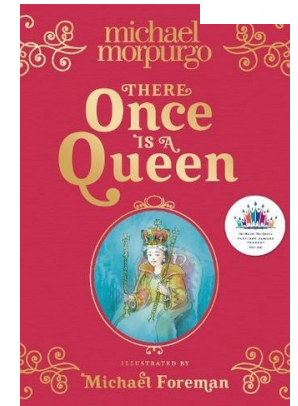
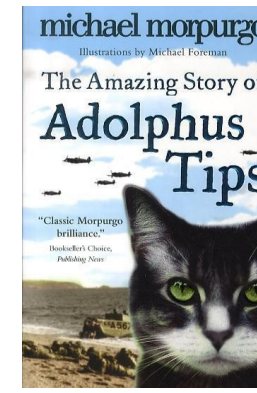
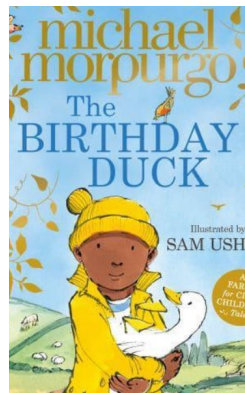
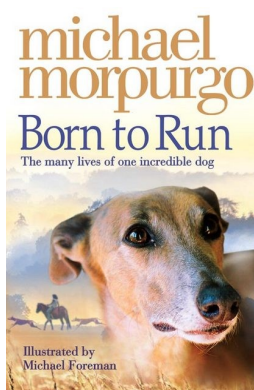
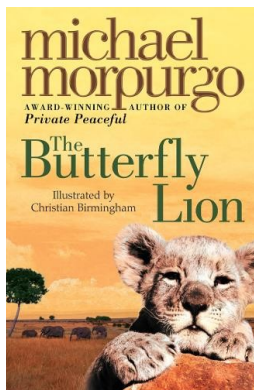
Michael joined the army but decided it wasn't for him and became a teacher instead, where he says "I ran out of other writers' stories to read, so started making up some of my own".

After attending St. Matthias primary school in London, Michael was sent away to boarding school, which he never liked and wrote about in his novel, *Butterfly Lion*.

After ten years as a teacher, Michael and his wife Clare, set up a charity called Farms for City Children, to help inner city children experience life in the countryside. Over 90,000 children have benefited by spending time on one of the three farms run by the charity.



Some of the books written by Michael Morpurgo are...





C S Lewis



C. S. Lewis was born on 29th November 1898 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

His full name is Clive Staples Lewis, but his friends and family called him Jack.

As a child, he loved the books of Beatrix Potter and he often wrote and illustrated his own animal stories.



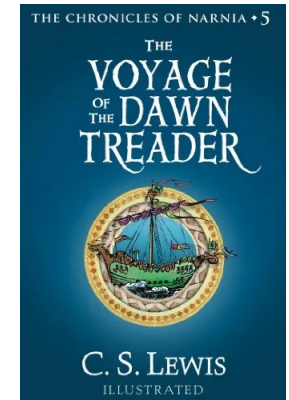
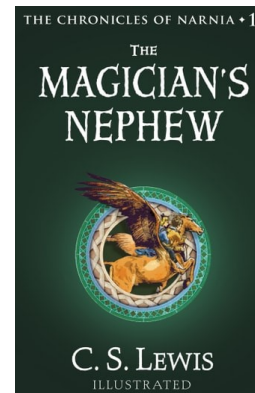
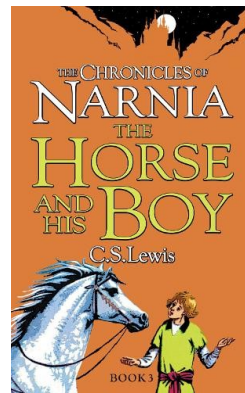
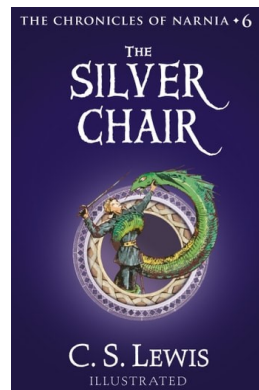
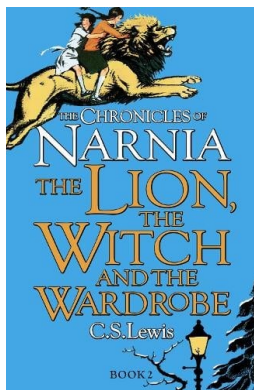
C. S. Lewis became a tutor in English Literature at Magdalen College, Oxford, a post he held for nearly 30 years.

C. S. Lewis fought in the trenches in the Somme Valley in France during World War 1. He was wounded in April 1918 and returned to Britain.

He was educated at the Wynard School in Watford, Campbell College in Belfast, Cherbourg House, and Malvern College. When he left Malvern he was tutored at home.

His most famous series of novels was The Chronicles of Narnia. These books for children, written between 1949 and 1954.

Some of the books written by C S Lewis are...





Amy Sparkes



Amy Sparkes lives in Devon with her husband, six children and a sock goblin called Arthur.

She writes stories for children of all ages, runs workshops for aspiring authors and produces the 'Writing for Children' pages for the bestselling Writing Magazine.

Amy started writing for children seriously when she had a toddler and a baby.



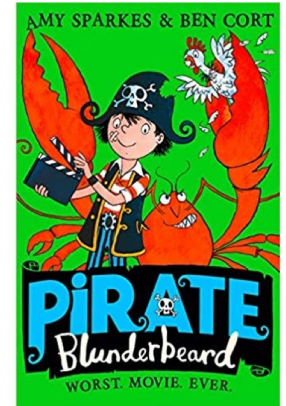
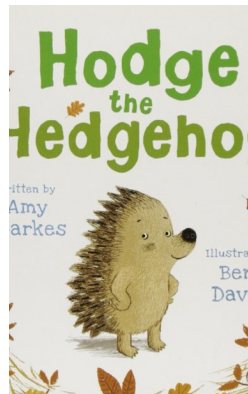
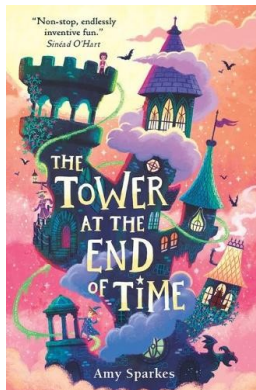
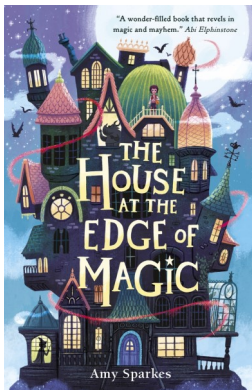
Amy likes to use words and pictures to tell stories, "With picture books, a lot of storytelling can be done through illustration. The pictures are crucial."

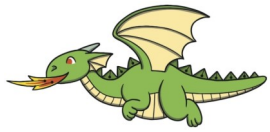
Amy says "The first thing I remember writing was a song when I was five years old. As a child, I loved writing stories, poems and plays. So, writing for children has always been part of my life!"



The House at the Edge of Magic was written for older children. "I'd been delaying it, waiting for a 'good time', then realised that was never going to happen. The story was bursting to get out so I decided to write it anyway!"

Some of the books written by Amy Sparkes are...





Andy Shepherd



Andy Shepherd is a children's writer, working on stories for 5-12 year olds. Growing up on the Essex coast, she spent most of her time scribbling stories and messing about in boats.

"I love to read and own paperbacks and they would definitely be my first choice. There is something about curling up with an actual book that just transports me back to being kid and feels comforting."

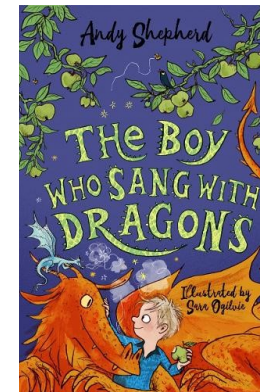
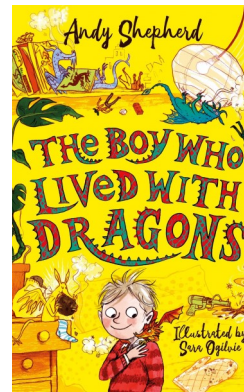
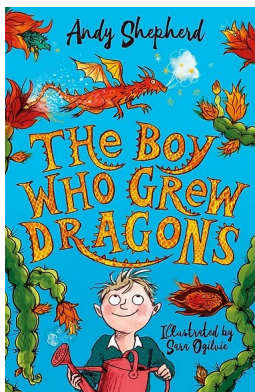


Andy's debut book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019, the Sheffield Book Award, and long-listed for the Blue Peter Book Award.

Andy lives near Cambridge with her husband, her two sons and an absurd number of tiny dragons, and spends her spare time trying to figure out how to move this beautiful city closer to the sea.

Andy's favourite place to write is at home – "Lots of people like going to cafes, but I like to be in my own space. I can wear comfy clothes and slippers and wander into the kitchen for a cuppa or make some soup or jam if I'm stuck."

Some of the books written by Andy Shepherd are...





E B White



Elwyn Brooks White was born on July 11, 1899, in Mount Vernon, New York. He began working as a writer soon after graduating from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, in 1921.

White disliked publicity so much that when unexpected visitors came to meet him at his office, he'd hide on the fire escape to avoid them. He'd likewise avoid interviews, public speaking engagements and photographers.

He married a fellow wordsmith, fiction editor of The New Yorker, Katharine Sergeant Angell. They married in 1929 and then moved to a farmhouse in Maine, which later served as inspiration for Charlotte's Web.

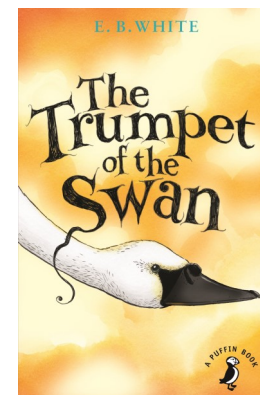
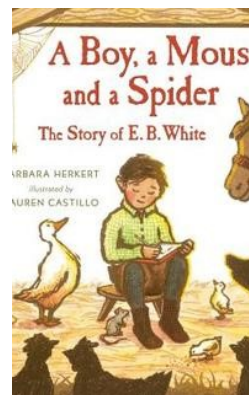
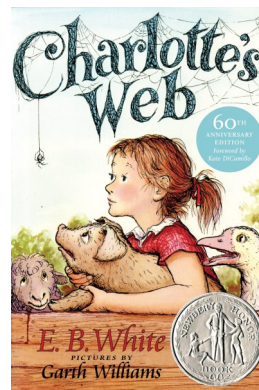
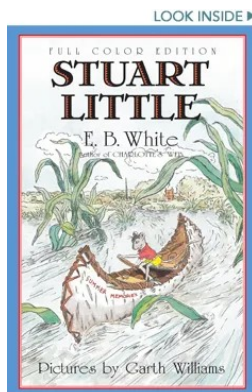


White's first book for children - Stuart Little - appeared in 1945. It tells about the adventures of a boy who is as small as a mouse. Charlotte's Web, about a pig and his friends in the barnyard, followed in 1952. Both have been enjoyed by many children.

White preferred outdoor activities to reading and was an avid sailor.

It took the author three years to write Charlotte's Web, during which he reworked the book several times, including eight iterations of the first page.

Some of the books written by E B White are...





Iva Ibbotson



Born in Vienna, Eva Ibbotson came to England as a small girl. She didn't speak a word of English but taught herself by reading every book in the library!

She had four children (three boys and a girl) and took great care to give them the happy childhood she never had. In the 1960s, when her kids were teenagers, she went back to University and studied to become a teacher.

Eva said she "Began writing stories when I was about seven years old, and just carried on so I became a writer gradually".

Eva Ibbotson had written 17 children's books and 7 young adult books. Her last book, *One Dog and His Boy* was published just after her death.

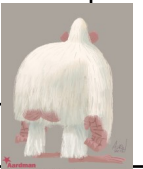
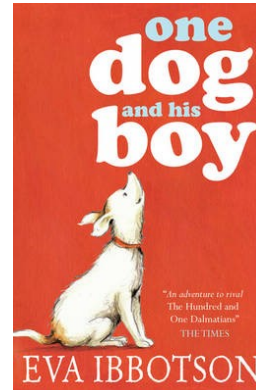
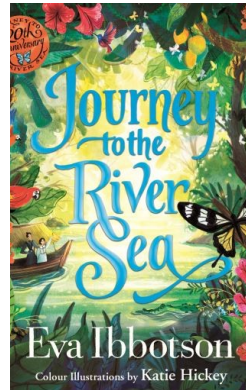
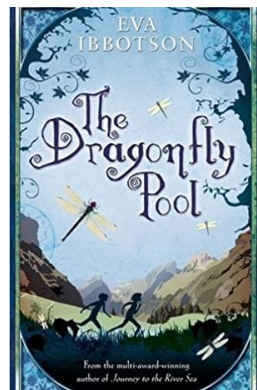
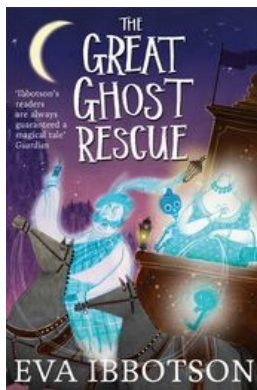
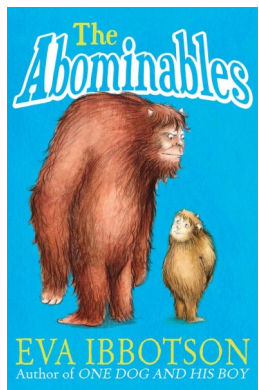
When she was almost 50 years old, her first children's book, *The Great Ghost Rescue*, was published. This was a very funny book and she kept writing funny stories about witches and ghosts for the next twenty years.



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Eva loved nature and animals, and in fact one of her most famous stories, *The Star of Kazan*, reflects her love for the countryside.

Some of the books written by Iva Ibbotson are...





M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman



M. G. Leonard has made up stories ever since she was little. Back then, adults called them lies or tall tales, so she didn't write them down. Now, she makes up stories about beetles, birds, trains or anything that sparks her imagination.

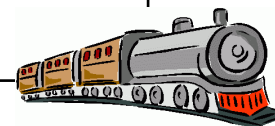


M G Leonard (Maya) lives in Brighton with her husband and two sons, a dog called Nell, a cat called Kasper and a tank of exotic beetles.

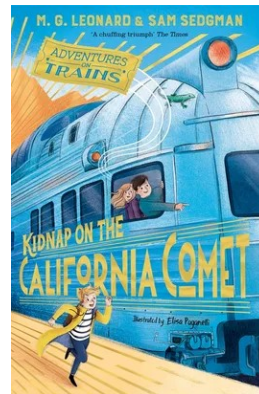
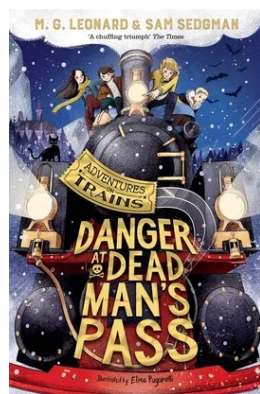
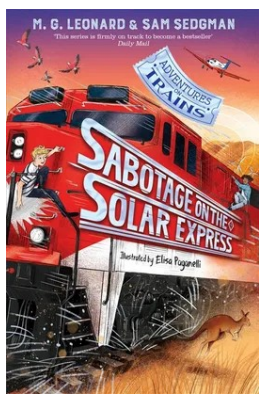
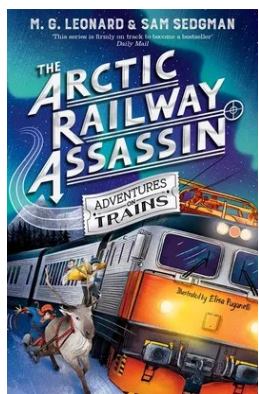
Maya says "My stories are for young people, or people who are young at heart, who embrace nature's wild and crazy majesty. But right now, for me, it's beetles that are blowing my mind. There isn't anything as wild, crazy or majestic as the beetle."

Sam Sedgman is a novelist, playwright and award-winning digital producer. He lives in London and is a lifelong train and mystery enthusiast.

"Bringing that joy to the reader is really important to me. Plotting an exciting crime on board a train makes the 10-year-old in me incredibly happy." says Sam



Some of the books written by M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman are...



Sam says, "As I've said, I adore trains. I grew up with a railway line at the bottom of my garden and I've loved them ever since."



Onjali Q. Raúf



Born: February 1981

Nationality: British

Lives: London, United Kingdom

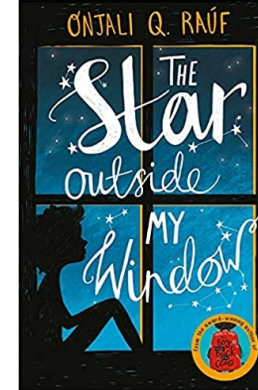
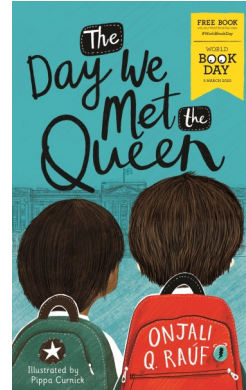
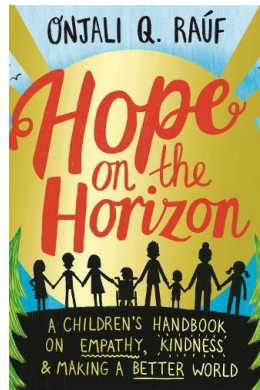
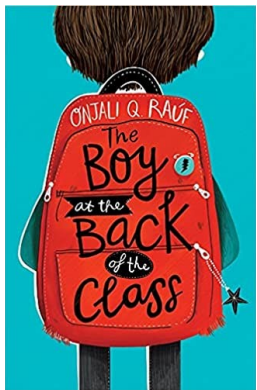
Favourite drink: Elderflower Fizz

Favourite comic book:
The Adventures of Tin Tin



When she was little, she was always being told off in class for daydreaming – when really, she was trying to spot a unicorn and thinking up stories!

Some of the books written by Onjali Q. Rauf are...



Onjali Q. Raúf is the award-winning author of her debut book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. Her second book, *The Star Outside My Window*, delicately deals with the issue of domestic abuse. Her latest book, *The Night Bus Hero*, is eagerly anticipated and explores the theme of homelessness.



She eats at least one piece of chocolate every day and would one day like to fly a plane all on her own!

“Through something so simple as the pages of a book, you can travel to new places, meet the most extraordinary people, and go on adventures that you'll never want to forget!”

Onjali is the Founder and CEO of O's Refugee Aid Team, which delivers emergency aid and funds to frontline refugee aid teams in northern France and beyond.



Kirsty Applebaum



Kirsty was born in Essex and grew up in Hampshire. She has had a wide variety of jobs including bookselling, railway re-signalling, picking stones off conveyor belts and putting lids on perfume bottles. She now lives with her husband on top of a hill in Winchester.

Her debut novel, *The Middler*, was published in 2019 and was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. It was followed by *Troofriend* in 2020.



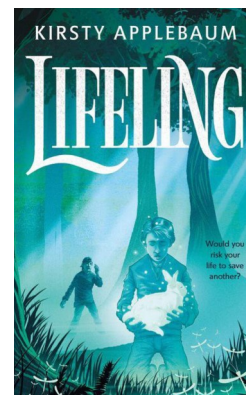
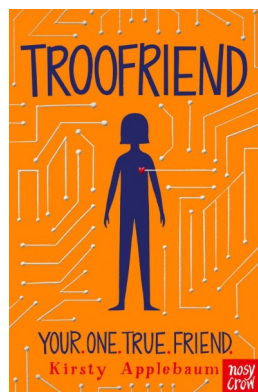
Of her books, Kirsty says, "I wanted the chapters to feel short and readable, and I also wanted each one to end in such a way that the reader would want to start reading the next. These things dictated the chapter length, rather than trying to fit them into one chapter per day."

"Troofriend is set in a near future world, but this time it is a much nearer future. The world is very much like our own, but with a little more artificial intelligence in daily life. It tells the story of a girl called Sarah, and it all begins when Sarah's mother introduces her to a rather unusual AI friend."



"So many authors have influenced me and I enjoy reading so many books – but I'll try to select just a few!
As a child, I loved reading Roald Dahl and I also love Louis Sachar."

Some of the books written by Kirsty Applebaum are...





Mark Lowery

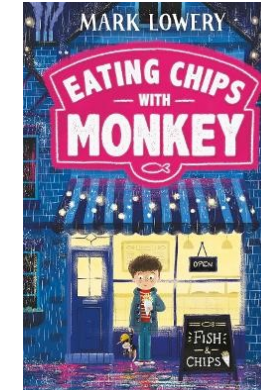
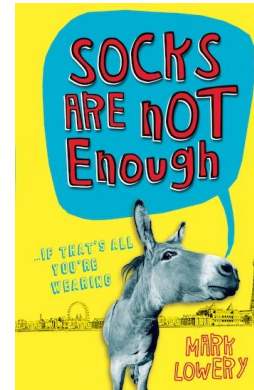
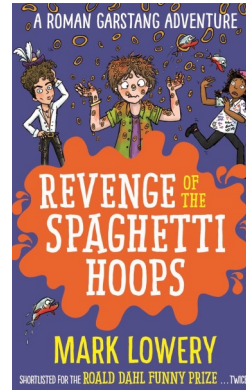
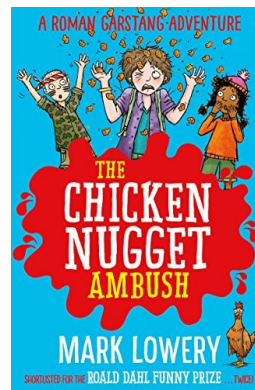
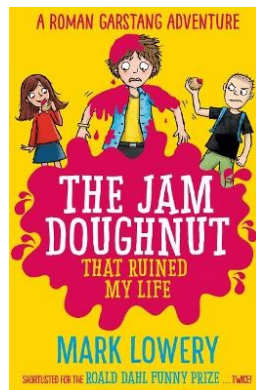
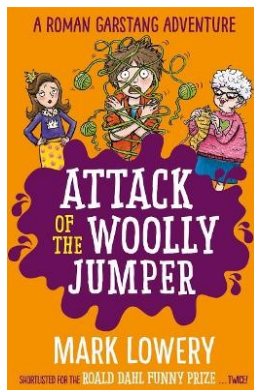
Mark Lowery grew up in Preston but now lives near Cambridge with his young family. Some of the time he is a primary-school teacher. Mark Lowery is a small man with a big head. He sings like an ostrich, plays the guitar like a squid and speaks Italian like an overcooked lasagne.

In the olden days he used to spend his time doing lots of active stuff like running, hiking, snowboarding and swimming but now he prefers staying in and attempting to entertain his children.

His enthusiasm for literature is very evident, not just in his writing but in his teaching. He says, "I love to find an amazing book that I know my pupils will love. Their enthusiasm is one of the real pleasures of teaching." Some of his favourites include Louis Sachar's Holes, Andy Mulligan's Trash and Frank Cottrell-Boyce's Cosmic.

He is yet to find a cake that he doesn't like. Follow Mark on www.marklowery.co.uk or on Twitter: @hellomarklowery

Some of the books written by Mark Lowery are...



He has an MA in Writing for Children and his first two books - Socks Are Not Enough and Pants Are Everything - were both shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny

