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THE ADVENTURES OF PIPÌ

THE PINK MONKEY

CARLO COLLODI

RETOLD AND EXPANDED BY ALESSANDRO GALLENZI

ILLUSTRATED BY AXEL SCHEFFLER

Axel Scheffler is best known for the children’s books he has illustrated through his partnership with author Julia Donaldson. Together they created *The Gruffalo*, which has sold over 13 million copies, in 70 languages throughout the world. He lives in London.

This is the first publication in English of a tale written by Collodi (the author of the immensely popular children’s classic *Pinocchio*) immediately after his better-known masterpiece – retold and expanded by Alessandro Gallenzi.



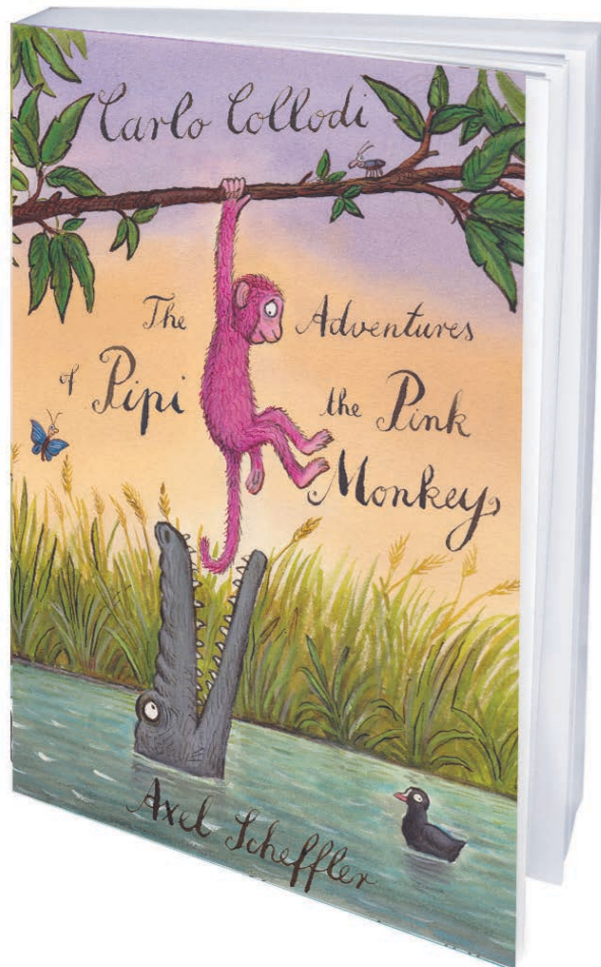
Author portrait: Axel Scheffler



Photo: Liam Jackson

Pipì isn’t like his four brothers or the other young monkeys living in the forest of Hullabaloo: he has bright-pink fur, a mischievous character and a rebellious streak that lands him into all sorts of scrapes.

Collodi wrote this story immediately after *Pinocchio*, and the little monkey’s adventures present clear similarities, both in terms of themes and characters, with his more celebrated masterpiece. This rediscovered gem of Italian literature, beautifully illustrated by Axel Scheffler, preserving all of Collodi’s trademark wit and linguistic crispness, will delight and enthrall a new generation of children.



“With so much excitement packed into a relatively short book, this is a pacy and highly enjoyable read, with the added benefit of lovely illustrations by Axel Scheffler.”

Parents in Touch

Carlo Collodi
The Adventures of Pipì
 THE PINK MONKEY

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THE NEW TEACHER

BOOK 1 IN THE *MISS CHARLOTTE* SERIES

DOMINIQUE DEMERS

A former professor and journalist in her native Canada, Dominique Demers is the successful author of over fifty books for children, young adults and adults.

Mademoiselle Charlotte, the new teacher, is not like the others: she wears a large hat and a crumpled dress that make her look like a scarecrow, and she talks to a rock. The children think she is crazy at first, but soon realize she makes school more fun than ever, getting them to measure the room with cooked spaghetti in maths class, telling fascinating stories about a gorilla and even taking the pupils on at football.

The first book in Dominique Demers's popular series, *The New Teacher*, brilliantly illustrated by Tony Ross, is an entertaining, imaginative and inspiring book that will make you wish you had a teacher just like Mademoiselle Charlotte.



Photo: Martine Doyon

THE MYSTERIOUS LIBRARIAN

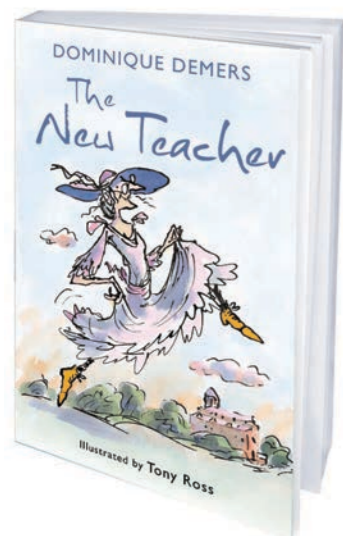
BOOK 2 IN THE *MISS CHARLOTTE* SERIES

DOMINIQUE DEMERS

When the mysterious and eccentric Miss Charlotte arrives in the village of Saint-Anatole to take over the tiny library, the locals are surprised to find out that she does things differently.

Wearing a long blue dress and a giant hat, she takes her books out for a walk in a wheelbarrow and shows the children that reading can be fun and useful. Sometimes she is so caught up in the magic of the stories she shares with her audience that she forgets all sense of reality – so much so that one day she loses consciousness and the children must find a way to bring her back.

The second in Dominique Demers's popular *The Adventures of Miss Charlotte* series, *The Mysterious Librarian*, brilliantly illustrated by Tony Ross, is a wonderful story about the magical and inspiring power of books.



Dominique Demers
The New Teacher

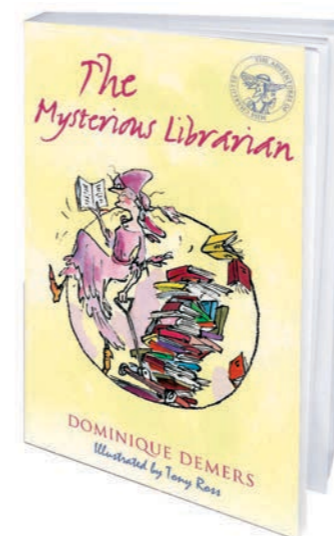
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"Like all Demers's series, this one is fabulously penned, imaginative, relevant and funny."

"Mademoiselle Charlotte, a modern-day Mary Poppins (with a lousy singing voice) has charmed... hundreds of thousands of Quebec children"



Dominique Demers
The Mysterious Librarian

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THE PORRIDGE PLOT

CHE GOLDEN

Che Golden is an English-Irish writer who studied creative writing at Bath University. Her popular *Feral Child* trilogy, published by Quercus, blends Irish mythology and fairy tales.

When Maya and her family move to the countryside, they are intrigued to find a house sprite living in their new home. This unwanted resident, which identifies itself as a Brownie, gets very upset when it realizes it won't be getting its bowl of porridge, which Brownies expect to receive in exchange for doing the housekeeping. As the furious creature wreaks havoc

on the household, will Maya and her family find a way to resolve this situation, or will they have to leave their new home?

A delightful story of magic and fantasy, Che Golden's *The Porridge Plot* is also a touching portrayal of family life, which emphasizes the importance of love and togetherness, and is brought to life by Ella Bailey's warm illustration.



Photo: Lou Abercrombie



Photo: Louis Berk

THE EMERGENCY ZOO

MIRIAM HALAHMY

Miriam Halahmy is an author and a poet. She has published four novels and three collections of poetry, as well as short stories and education resources. Her young-adult novel, *Hidden*, was a *Sunday Times* Children's Book of the Week and nominated for the Carnegie Medal. It has recently been staged in a small Paris theatre.

Honest and very reassuring.
Jacqueline Wilson, in praise of *Peppermint Ward*

A brilliant book... deserves a wide audience.
Leslie Wilson, in praise of *Secret Territory*

If you and your family have to leave home at very short notice on no account leave your animals in the house or turn them into the street. If you cannot place them in the care of neighbours, it really is kindest to have them destroyed.

Extract from 'Advice to Animal Owners', Ministry of Home Security, August 25th 1939

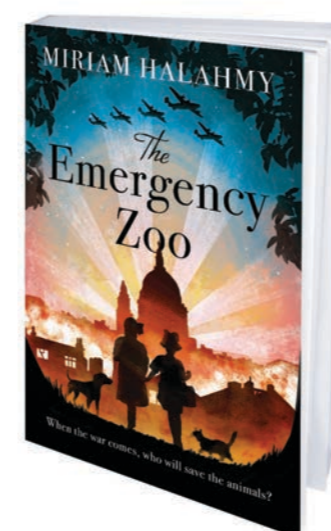
It is late August 1939: Britain is on the brink of war, and preparations are under way to evacuate London's children to the countryside. When twelve-year-old Tilly and her best friend Rosy find out that they will not be able to take their beloved dog and cat with them – and that, even worse, their pets will, along with countless other animals, be taken to the vet to be put down – they decide to take action.



Che Golden
The Porridge Plot

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Miriam Halahmy
The Emergency Zoo

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The Jewish Chronicle

JACK FORTUNE

AND THE SEARCH FOR THE HIDDEN VALLEY

SUE PURKISS

Alongside her career as a children’s book writer, Sue Purkiss – a former educator and RLF Fellow – teaches creative writing and is very involved with the Scattered Authors Society. She lives in Bristol and enjoys drawing and singing in a choir.

An orphan child full of mischief, Jack lives with his crotchety spinster aunt in Victorian England. His naughtiness knows no limits, and when one day he goes a step too far, Aunt Constance decides that she’s had enough: from now on, his bachelor uncle can take care of him. Uncle Edmund is in no way prepared for a boy with boundless energy and an impish streak – and anyway, he’s off to the Himalayas to search for rare plants! But Aunt Constance is absolutely determined, and Jack’s uncle has no choice – he will have to take the boy with him.

What follows is a terrific adventure that will see Jack and his uncle – the most unlikely of all expedition teams – sail to India, cross the jungle and reach their mountainous destination, before returning to London to present their findings to the Royal Society. Along the way, Jack will finally come to terms with the great loss that has blighted his childhood years and discover, quite unexpectedly, that he and his late father have much in common.



Sue Purkiss
Jack Fortune and the Search for the Hidden Valley

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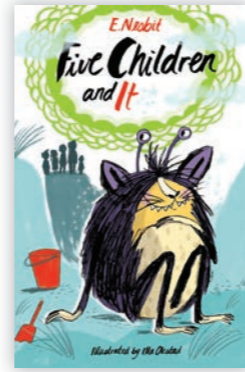
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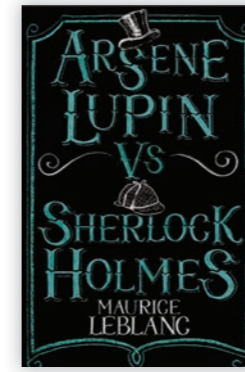
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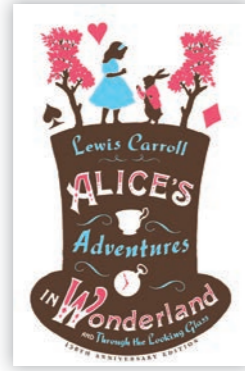
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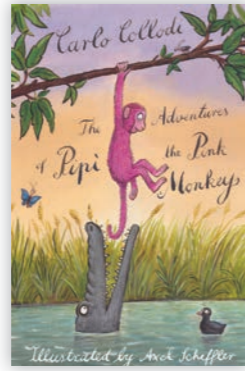
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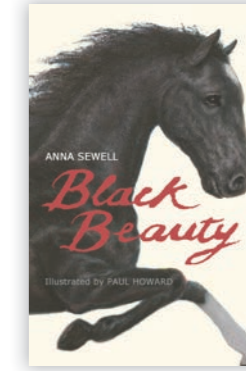
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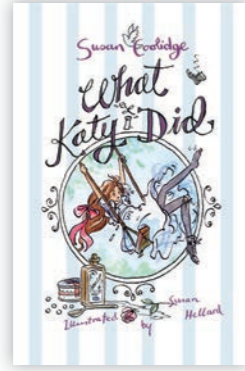
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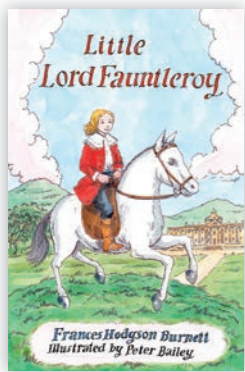
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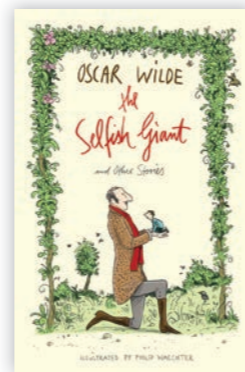
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