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# SPACE ON EARTH

SHEILA KANANI

ILLUSTRATED BY DEL THORPE

Have you ever looked up into the sky and wondered about space, astronomy and the universe? Perhaps you have. But you’ve probably never looked around you – at the water you drink, the sunglasses you wear or the selfies people take – and thought about space. The truth is, there is more of space on earth than you realize...

Full of amazing facts about everyday innovations inspired by space travel and sections on the people who brought them to us, *Space on Earth* is an entertaining and fascinating look at space and the untold relationship with the planet we live on, helping children not only to feel the awe and wonder of the universe, but also to understand the reasons why space is relevant to us here on Earth.



Sheila Kanani  
Space on Earth

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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.

Based on 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.



Photo: Liam Jackson

“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

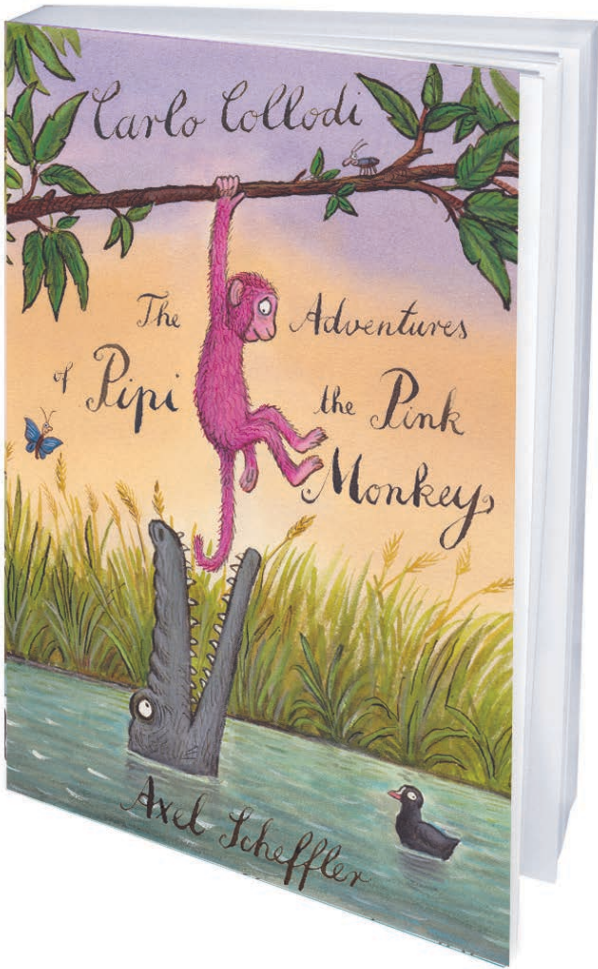
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Pipì isn’t like his four brothers or the other young monkeys living in the forest of Hullabaloo: he has bright-pink fur, a mischievous character and a rebellious streak that lands him into all sorts of scrapes.

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.



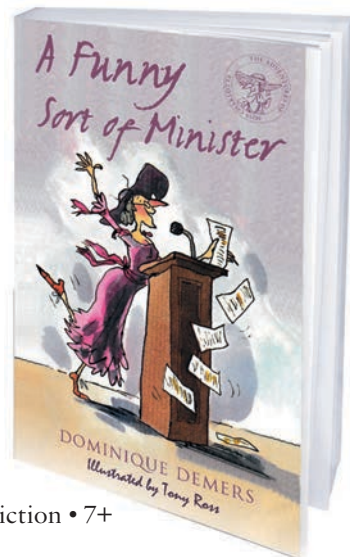


## A FUNNY SORT OF MINISTER BOOK 4 IN THE *MISS CHARLOTTE* SERIES

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.

At a train station on her way to meet her friends, Miss Charlotte accidentally picks up the Prime Minister's bag instead of her own. As it contains important documents and the politician is due to make an important speech, Miss Charlotte embarks on a quest to track him down. Along the way, Miss Charlotte cannot help making speeches on behalf of the country's leader and putting her own original twist on his boring children's policy, while attracting at the same time the attentions of the media and the secret service.



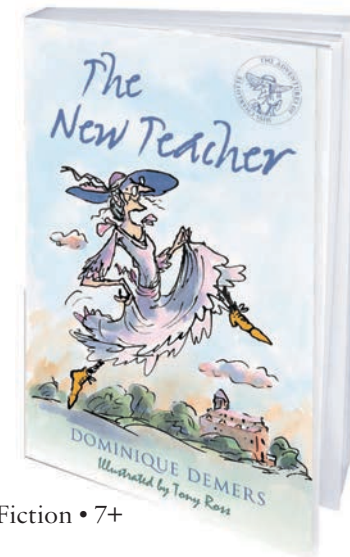
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## THE NEW TEACHER BOOK 1 IN THE *MISS CHARLOTTE* SERIES

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.



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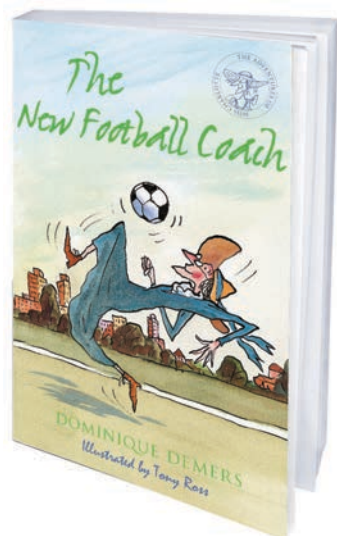
June 2016

Sold to France, Italy, Netherlands, Korea, Macedonia, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria.

## THE NEW FOOTBALL COACH BOOK 3 IN THE *MISS CHARLOTTE* SERIES

Miss Charlotte – the new coach of a children's football team – has some odd methods to prepare them for the big match. She decides to teach them to lose! And to have fun. Incredibly, it seems to work.

The latest instalment in Dominique Demers's popular *Adventures of Miss Charlotte* series, *The New Football Coach*, brilliantly illustrated by Tony Ross, is a marvellous tale about believing in yourself and beating the odds.



Dominique Demers  
*The New Football Coach*

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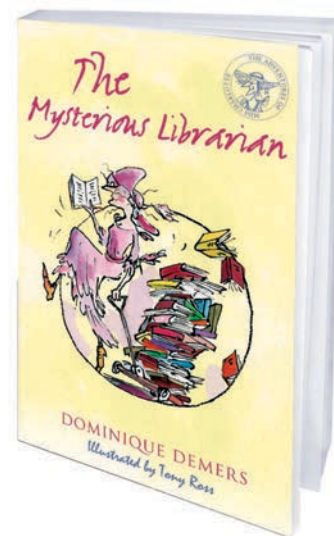
Photo: Martine Doyon



## THE MYSTERIOUS LIBRARIAN BOOK 2 IN THE *MISS CHARLOTTE* SERIES

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.

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.



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# 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.



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.

*"This novel turned out to be a treat. An informative afterword outlines what was happening in the burgeoning world of science and exploration at the time. A riveting read for me, and for Key Stage 2."*

*Historical Novel Society*

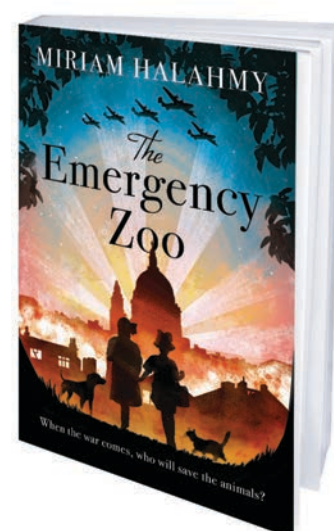
*Selected for  
The Summer  
Reading Challenge 2018,  
which involved more than  
800,000 children  
across the UK*



Sue Purkiss  
*Jack Fortune and the Search for the Hidden Valley*

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Miriam Halahmy  
*The Emergency Zoo*

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Paperback  
320 pp • £6.99  
ISBN 9781846883972

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Rights sold to Korea, Italy and Turkey.

*"A tautly written and compelling novel, it is a stirring defence of animal welfare."*

*The Lady Magazine*

*"A classic den-in-the-woods adventure for age nine to 12 and a subtle fable about asylum seekers."*

*The Jewish Chronicle*

# QUEST

STORIES OF JOURNEYS FROM AROUND EUROPE FROM THE AARHUS 39  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH HAY FESTIVAL

*Quest*, a volume of seventeen stories aimed at children, will whisk you away from dark bedrooms to new dimensions and fantasy realms, via the Russian countryside and modern Rome. You'll encounter talking field mice, invisible friends, flying kraiks, white elephants, runaway books and wardrobes that act as magic portals. Hopping across all sorts of genres and showcasing authors from all over Europe – from the Basque country and Cyprus to Iceland and the Czech Republic – this book is certain to broaden horizons and engage the reader in all kinds of fun.

Hay Festival is delighted to present *Aarhus 39*, a two-volume collection of the best emerging writers for young readers from across wider Europe. Three of Europe's best-loved children's authors – Matt Haig (UK), Kim Fupz Aakeson (Denmark) and Ana Cristina Herreros (Spain) – have selected thirty-nine writers under the age of forty, and invited them to write an original story on the theme of "journey". These new stories, together with the specially commissioned illustrations that accompany them, are a celebration of great new writing for young people and reflect issues facing them in contemporary Europe. Reading stories of other people's lives and journeys extends understanding and empathy to new generations.

FEATURING:

AUTHORS: Katherine Rundell, Anna Woltz, Aline Sax, Laura Dockrill, Ludovic Flamant, Nataly Savina, Maria Parr, Ævar Þór Benediktsson, Alaine Agirre Garmendia, David Machado, Jana Šrámková, Dy Plambeck, Antri Antoniou, Maria Turtschaninoff, Stefan Bachmann, Katherine Woodfine, Annelise Heurtier.

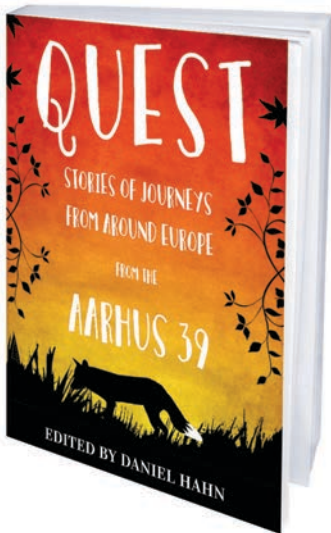
ILLUSTRATORS: Adam Stower, Axel Scheffler, Benji Davies, Chris Riddell, Ian Beck, Joel Stewart, Neal Layton, Ross Collins, Tony Ross, Anna Höglund, Barbara Nascimbeni, Cato Thau-Jensen, Charlotte Pardi, Kamila Slocinska, Lilian Brøgger, Moni Port, Philip Waechter.

Aarhus 39  
Quest: Stories of Journeys from  
around Europe from the Aarhus 39

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# ODYSSEY

STORIES OF JOURNEYS FROM AROUND EUROPE FROM THE AARHUS 39  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH HAY FESTIVAL

*Odyssey*, a volume of twenty-one stories aimed at young adults, offers a variety of takes on the theme of travelling – at times funny and playful, at others dramatic and poignant – covering a wide range of subjects relevant to teenagers across Europe such as coming of age, sexuality, migration, identity and displacement. Whether you're after realism or escapism, tales about inner cities, sunny holidays or sci-fi ventures into the future, this book will have something for everyone.

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FEATURING:

AUTHORS: Finn-Ole Heinrich, Stefanie de Velasco, Annette Münch, Peder Frederik Jensen, Michaela Holzinger, Nina E. Grøntvedt, Endre Lund Eriksen, Elisabeth Steinkellner, Salla Simukka, Cathy Clement, Sandrine Kao, Inna Manahova, Laura Gallego García, Sarah Engell, Gideon Samson, Ana Pessoa, B.R. Collins, Sarah Crossan, Sanne Munk Jensen, Victor Dixen, Cornelia Travnicek.

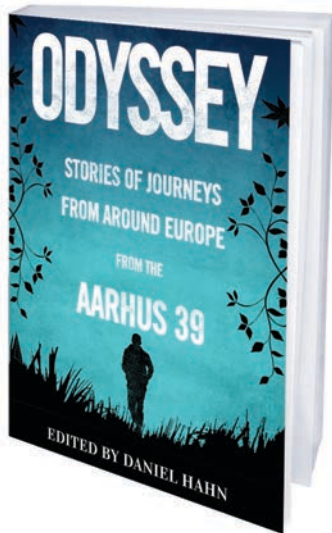
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Aarhus 39  
Odyssey: Stories of Journeys from  
Around Europe from the Aarhus 39

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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.



Photo: Lou Abercrombie

“A touching, gripping story”  
The Primary Times



Che Golden  
*The Porridge Plot*

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# CLASSICS

## AN INTRODUCTION

Our stunning new collection of children's classics is here!

From well-known titles such as *Lassie* or *Treasure Island* to lesser-known gems such as Aubry's *Belle and Sébastien*, our classics list will move and entertain, make the reader travel deep within and far away.

Bringing a fresh shine to these exciting texts, we are proud to welcome onboard the Alma ship some wonderful illustrators such as Philip Waechter, Ian Beck and Susan Hellard, amongst others.

The texts are unabridged. Each book includes comprehensive extra material, with notes on the text and the author's life.

The rights are available for all illustrations and/or extra material, as a series or individually.

We hope you will take pleasure in following our growing collection!

## THE COLLECTION – ILLUSTRATORS

Timeless stories with a modern look from illustrators you love

<i>Little Women</i>	Ella Bailey	<i>The Silver Skates</i>	Peter Bailey
<i>Belle and Sébastien</i>	Helen Stephens	<i>Arsène Lupin vs. Sherlock Holmes</i>	Thomas Müller
<i>The Complete Peter Pan</i>	Joel Stewart	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	Susan Hellard
<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i>	Ella Okstad	<i>Five Children and It</i>	Ella Okstad
<i>Little Lord Fauntleroy</i>	Peter Bailey	<i>The Phoenix and the Carpet</i>	Ella Okstad
<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Peter Bailey	<i>The Railway Children</i>	Peter Bailey
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<i>What Katy Did</i>	Susan Hellard	<i>Heidi</i>	Susan Hellard
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<i>The Jungle Books</i>	Ian Beck	<i>The Selfish Giant and Other Stories</i>	Philip Waechter
<i>Lassie Come-Home</i>	Gary Blythe		