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Marco Moves In

by Gerry Boland, UK publisher O'Brien Press, proprietor O'Brien Press

First publication: Fall 2011

Product line: Fiction

64 pages

Ages 6+

US: Frankfurt 2011



Gerry Boland

Born in Dublin, Gerry Boland is a writer, teacher and committed environmentalist. He now lives in Roscommon and this is his first children's book.



Sally Go Round the Stars

by Sarah Webb, by Claire Ranson, proprietor O'Brien Press

First publication: Fall 2011

64 pages

Ages 5-8

US, Frankfurt 2011

A beautifully-illustrated collection of favourite nursery rhymes known and loved throughout Ireland. It includes favourite international, British and Irish rhymes as well as special Irish favourites.

This beautiful collections includes:

- Sally Go Round the Moon
 - Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling
 - Two Little Dicky Birds
 - Are Ye Right There, Michael?
 - Half a Pound of Tuppenny Rice
 - Adam and Eve and Pinch Me
- and many, many more!



Sarah Webb

Sarah Webb has written seven bestselling novels. Her books have been published in many different countries including the U.S. and Indonesia. She has also written four children's books.

Claire Ranson

Claire Ranson was born in England where she completed a degree in English Literature and a Master's in Children's Literature. She has worked with Poetry Ireland and Children's Books Ireland. She now lives in Dublin with her husband and two children.



How (Not) To Make Bad Children Good

by Emma Barnes, illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark, Proprietor:
Strident Press, UK publisher: Strident Press

First publication: 01 August 2011

Ages 8-10

Translation; Frankfurt 2011

*Strident is delighted to publish a brand new novel by Emma Barnes, with a specially commissioned cover from the wonderful Emma Chichester Clark. *

Ever since she bit Father Christmas when she was six months old, it has been downhill all the way for Martha Bones. She is horrible to her baby brother Boris and elder sister Sally, and her parents are tearing their hair out. Far away from Earth, Marthas behaviour has come to the attention of the Interstellar Agency whose aim is to make bad children good. Fred, an Interstellar agent with a poor track record, is sent to Earth as Martha s guardian agent. His mission: to make Martha good. However, Martha has other ideas!

Award-winning author, Emma Barnes, grew up in Edinburgh and studied at Cambridge. Her books have been translated into several languages, and broadcast on BBC Radio. She regularly visits school, libraries and festivals, sharing her passion for books and reading. Also by Emma Barnes: Jessica Haggerthwaite: Witch Dispatcher: (New edition: May 2011) Wolfie (to be published in 2012)



Emma Barnes

Emma Barnes published her first book for children in 2001 - the much praised Jessica Haggerthwaite: Witch Dispatcher. A sequel, Jessica Haggerthwaite: Media Star continued Jessica's adventures. Emma's third book Sam and the Griswalds told the story of the over-protected Sam Harris, whose life is totally transformed when the crazy and irrepressible Griswald family moved next door – it won the Rotherham Children's Book Award. Emma's books have been published in many languages and broadcast on BBC radio.

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Danny Lansing series

by Matt Cartney, Proprietor: Strident Press, UK publisher: Strident Press

First publication: 01 August 2012

175 pages

Ages 9-12

US; Translation; Frankfurt 2011

* The latest instalment in the rip-roaring adventure that will keep you on the edge of your seat! *

When Danny goes to live with his cool Uncle Angus, he knows life will never be the same again. But he doesn't expect to be catapulted into a world of guns, explosions and high speed chases. After they uncover a top-secret, highly illegal operation to ship arms out of the country, Danny and Angus race to North Africa to investigate. As they pursue the bloodthirsty Sons of Rissouli the stakes get higher, and Danny is thrown into dangers he could never have imagined. He'll have to be tough enough to survive in the brutal furnace of the desert. But when another life is at stake, will he have the guts to risk his own? There's no doubt about it. It's going to be an adventure...

Fans of Alex Rider, Young Bond and Jimmy Coates will love this book!

The first in the series SONS OF RISSOULI was published in August 2011, and Strident will publish book two - RED, WHITE AND BLACK - in August 2012.

Our Book Reviews Online: "Packed with action and humour this book will delight all young boys...just honest to goodness adventure."



Matt Cartney

When he's not working and writing, Matt is an intrepid traveller, and has documented his travels with a series of stunning photographs from Morocco and the Atlas Mountains. He expands his readings with anecdotes about his adventures. A previous attempt to reach Nepal by motorbike in aid of Save the Children, had to be abandoned in the final stages, when he was advised that the route he was taking through Iran was too dangerous. Matt Cartney is also a keen snow-boarder and mountaineer.



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Eva's Holiday

by Judi Curtin, proprietor O'Brien Press

First publication: Fall 2011

Product line: Fiction

256 pages

Ages 10+

US: Frankfurt 2011

Follow-up to the best-selling Eva's Journey!

Eva Gordon likes fashion, fun and hanging out with friends, so she can't believe she has to spend the entire summer in a cottage in the countryside with her parents and eight-year-old Joey. Worse, it looks like she's going to be stuck with Sam, the girl next door who doesn't care about being cool... it's Eva's worst nightmare come true! But when the girls have to pull together to solve a problem, Eva finds out that there's more to life than having the right hair or clothes and sometimes 'weird' girls can make the best friends.

Praise for bestseller, Eva's Journey:

'An author with a huge following is, of course, Judi Curtin, whose Eva's Journey, her first book after the Alice and Megan series, takes her heroine from "spoilt princess to pretty cool girl" in a story told with her trademark wit and warmth' Sunday Independent

'a charming, topical story about what really matters in life' Bookfest



Judi Curtin

Judi Curtin is the best-selling author of the Alice and Megan series, now totalling seven titles and a cookbook. Her books have strong appeal for readers in the Jacqueline Wilson/Meg Cabot/Cathy Cassidy age group and market. Judi has also written three adult novels: Sorry, Walter, From Claire to Here and Almost Perfect.



Cat's Tail

by Nick Green, Proprietor: Strident Press, UK publisher: Strident Press

From the series: Cat Kin

First publication: 01 August 2012

Ages 9-12

North America; Translation; Frankfurt 2011

* The eagerly-awaited third and final book in The Cat Kin trilogy *

Pashki: the ancient Egyptian art of moving like a cat.

The Cat Kin: London's most unusual after-school club.

The Cat Kin are not the only ones with extraordinary skills. Ben Gallagher has stumbled on a far more sinister gang, ruled over by a man with a horrific past. Deep beneath the city streets hides the deadly secret that Ben and Tiffany must uncover - but can the evil be stopped in time?

Even with the help of their remarkable new teacher Geoff White, no-one can hope to escape unscathed when cat meets polecat.

"Not all books get several reviews from me. But then, not all books are this good, and quite so deserving... Cat's Paw is even better than The Cat Kin. Nick Green is truly one of the best writers of children's fiction today." Ann Giles at the Bookwitch
"ONE OF THE BEST CHILDREN'S NOVELS THAT I'VE SEEN IN YEARS - GRIPPING, ACTION-PACKED AND STUNNINGLY ORIGINAL." Lee Weatherly, author of 'Kat Got Your Tongue'.



Nick Green

Not much is known about author Nick Green, beyond the fact that he is the one who rediscovered pashki and made it his mission to introduce it to a wider audience. Naturally reclusive, he is rarely seen in public, even when he is in fact there. This picture may be him. We're not sure.

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The Gussie Series

by Ann Kelley, proprietor Luath Press, UK publisher Luath Press

Product type: Fiction

First publication: 01 July 2005

192 pages

Ages 10+

North American; Translation; Frankfurt 2011

A Snail's Broken Shell is the fourth in the critically-acclaimed Gussie series, from the Costa Award-winning author Ann Kelley.

Gussie is a young girl born with a serious heart condition. After her heart and lung transplant, Gussie returns with her mother to her home on St Ives, where she experiences life as a 'normal' girl. School, friendship, love and separation all play a part in the heartfelt novel, in which the immediate accessibility of Gussie's narration gives us a fresh perspective on her life.

Praise for 'The Bower Bird':

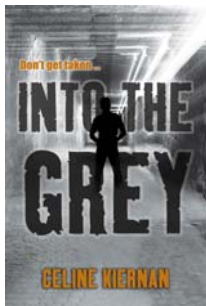
"The world of life and death, beauty and truth seen through the eyes of a 12 year old girl. A rare and beautiful book of lasting quality - we felt this book is a voice that needs to be heard and read." -Costa Award Judges

"Lyrical, funny, full of wisdom. " - The Guardian

"Gussie will win the hearts of readers." - School Library Journal

Ann Kelley

Ann Kelley is a photographer and prize-winning poet who once nearly played cricket for Cornwall. She has previously published a collection of poetry and photographs, a book of photos of St Ives families and an audio book of cat stories. She lives with her husband and cats on the edge of a cliff in Cornwall where they have survived a flood, a landslip, a lightning strike and the roof blowing off.



Into the Grey

by Celine Kiernan, proprietor O'Brien Press

First publication: Fall 2011

240 pages

Ages 10+

US, Frankfurt 2011

“The scream was awful – a horrible desolate cry...the child led my unresisting brother up the path and further into the tangled garden. Out of my sight.”

My name is Patrick Finnerty. I am fifteen and I'm losing my brother. A ghost has stolen him. I know how crazy that sounds. But my brother, my twin, is going to die; I'm watching him die. No one else can see what's happening. What can I do? The answers seem to lie within the memory of a dream – between this world and the next. Within The Grey. But I don't want to go into The Grey. I don't want to. I've seen what it's like...

*'Ireland's answer to J.K. Rowling
... at the forefront of Irish fantasy
writing' Sunday Independent*



Celine Kiernan

CELINE KIERNAN is the internationally acclaimed author of The Moorehawke Trilogy. She trained at the SullivanBluth Studios as a classical feature animator and has worked for years in film business. Married and the bemused mother of two entertaining teens, Celine currently lives a peaceful life in the blissful countryside of Cavan, Ireland.

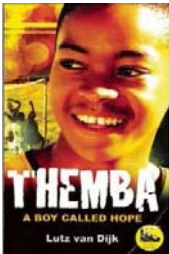
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Themba

Lutz Van Dijk

First publication: Fall 2011

166 pages

Ages 12+

Frankfurt 2011; US

The incredible book that inspired a feature film, released at the World Cup.

Themba grows up dreaming of becoming a football star. One day he leaves the village and travels with his sister to the city in search of their mother. Life is a struggle and Themba has to grow up fast.

A lucky break gives him the chance to train as a footballer and play professionally - but Themba has a secret - should he tell the truth and risk everything he's ever dreamed of?

Lutz Van Dijk

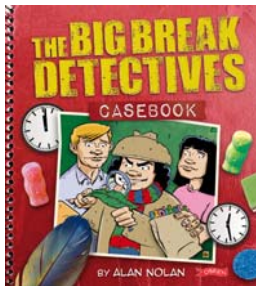
Lutz van Dijk is a prize-winning author. Among other books, he has written a youth novel *Stronger than the Storm* and *The History of Africa* with a preface by Archbishop Tutu. His books have been published in several languages including Chinese and isiXhosa.

He is co-founder of HOKISA a charitable organization for children affected by IV/AIDS, based in Cape Town.



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Big Break Detectives Casebook

by Alan Nolan, proprietor O'Brien Press

First publication: Summer 2011

Product line: Fiction

64 pages

Ages 8+

US: Frankfurt 2011

* A fun mystery collection for middle-grade readers!*

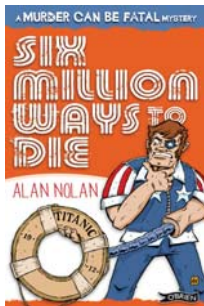
The Big Break Detectives are three school friends, Danny, Kate and her brother, Tom, who, from their secret base under the school, solve crimes, right wrongs, unravel mysteries and nab evil-doers – all on their lunch break!
An exciting graphic novel for children of all ages which includes four mind-boggling mysteries:

- The Case of the Rude Parrot
- The Case of the Sabotaged Circus
- The Case of the Invisible Penguins
- The Case of the Phantom Lollipop Lady



Alan Nolan

Alan Nolan is a comics writer, graphic designer, artist and co-creator of the horror series Sancho. He is the creator of The Big Break Detectives Casebook, a graphic novel for younger readers, and the Murder Can Be Fatal mysteries. Born in Dublin, he studied at the National College of Art and Design. He lives in Bray, County Wicklow, with his wife and three sons.



Murder Can Be Fatal

by Alan Nolan, proprietor O'Brien Press

US; Frankfurt 2011

A thrilling new graphic novel mystery series for readers 10+

Death by Chocolate

Marcel Petit-Pois, the famous but bumbling Swiss detective, and his sidekick Tesla, the second cleverest chimp in Ireland, are on the trail of the mysterious Chocolatier, a murderous confectioner who has perpetrated a series of confectionery-related deaths. In a rollercoaster adventure that brings our heroes across Europe (and beyond), Petit-Pois teams up with old friends, follows clues, uncovers gruesome murders and eventually finds out that although he believes himself to be an investigative genius, he's actually second banana to a chimp.

Six Million Ways to Die

Daredevil stuntman Rex 'Thunderclap' Aldrin is horribly injured in a terrible crash; when he wakes up, he finds the world has changed, and so has he! In a mind-warping adventure that brings him time-travelling back to the Titanic, Rex must right the wrongs of the past, solve a series of gruesome on-board murders, and try to turn the present day back to the way it was!

Praise for DEATH BY CHOCOLATE:

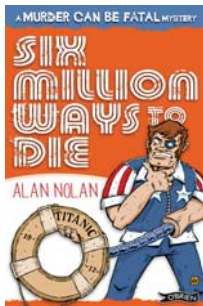
'brilliant ... very distinctive ... really funny ... I would be all over this as a kid- it's got really gruesome murders!' The Comic Cast

'Death by Chocolate is a great book that doesn't speak down to its audience and manages to pull in readers of all ages with its fun and quirky story' Comic Related



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Six Million Ways to Die

by Alan Nolan, proprietor O'Brien Press

From the series: Murder Can Be Fatal

First publication: Fall 2011

80 pages

Ages 10+

US; Frankfurt 2011

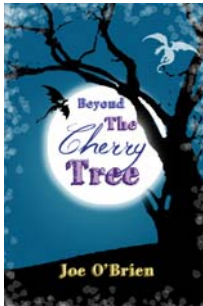
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Beyond The Cherry Tree

by Joe O'Brien, proprietor O'Brien Press

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Product line: Fiction

224 pages

US, Frankfurt 2011

Beyond the cherry tree lies a wonderful and enchanting land, inhabited by amazing and magical creatures...

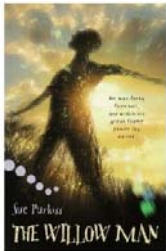
When Josh Bloom and his friends visit Cherry Tree Manor on a school trip what really interests the class is the mystery about the manor's owner, General Edgar Pennington, who disappeared exactly twelve years before. Everyone hopes to find a clue to where the General has gone. Then Josh discovers something in the manor library that sends him on an adventure of a lifetime – to the land beyond the cherry tree. Josh's quest is one of magic, danger and excitement, true friends and terrifying enemies; a quest to fulfil his own destiny. Will he ever return from beyond the cherry tree?



Joe O'Brien

Joe O'Brien is the author of nine Alfie Green books for younger children as well as three books in the Danny Wilde series for 10yrs+. He is an award winning gardener who lives in Dublin with his wife and children, and is a regular contributor on both radio and tv shows.

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The Willow Man

by Sue Purkiss, UK publisher: Walker, Proprietor: Fraser Ross

Product type: Fiction

First publication: 01 January 2006

Ages 10 - 14

North American; translation; Frankfurt 2011

A contemporary drama about family life.

When Sophie has a stroke, completely out of the blue, the family is shattered. At first, the situation is so grave that all they can do is live from moment to moment. But even when she begins to recover, the family is stuck - fearful and apprehensive.

Sophie's brother Tom bears the brunt of the situation, largely ignored because he is a good lad. But then he becomes friendly with Ash who, for his own reasons, is stuck. The friendship offers Tom an escape from the tensions at home, but in escaping he becomes embroiled in the challenging world of Ash's broken family, and he endangers himself and his sister.

Sue was inspired to write the novel by the huge willow statue which was created by Serena de la Hey beside the M5 Motorway on the outskirts of Bristol. It plays an important part in *The Willow Man*.

"A satisfying read for children aged nine and above... the storytelling is deft and the issues of illness, dyslexia and bullying are not overdrawn. Nor do the pyrotechnics overwhelm the composition when the iconic Willow Man is destroyed by fire." - Gaye Hicyilmaz, Times Educational Supplement

"Another children's novel that's not afraid of the issues - in this case, disability. Eight-year-old Sophie suffers a severe stroke... There's a danger of putting the squeamish reader off with a theme like this ... but the light, sensitive touch of Purkiss's writing carries it off. It's compellingly readable... Both boys and girls of 10 and up would enjoy this." - Brandon Robshaw, Independent on Sunday



Sue Purkiss

Sue lives in Somerset with her family. She undertakes many school visits and runs a local creative writing workshop programme. www.suepurkiss.com

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The Revenge Files of Alastair Fury

by Jamie Rix, UK publisher Random House Children's Books, Fraser Ross

Product type: Fiction

152 pages

Ages 8-12

North American; Translation; Frankfurt 2011

Learn to wreak revenge against mean big sisters, boring teachers and everyone else who's unfair to you in this hilarious diary, packed with brilliant cartoons.

Alistair Fury is one of a long line of rather unsuccessful Alistairs in the family, and the joke around which the series centres is his general incompetence and his outrage at the way his family treats him. The books are written in the form of a diary in Alistair's voice - full of (often quite gross!) humour and annoyance at the stupidity of his family, and of adults in general.

There are six books in the series.

"Britain's answer to The Simpsons" - The Times

"The problems that go with being a younger sibling are well documented but Jamie Rix's take on the phenomenon is to appeal straight to the heart and humour of the matter." - Scotsman

'If you've not come across this series, get ready for a severe injection of unconventionality... jilts from random thought to comic memory...' - Junior

'A perfect summer fun read... may particularly encourage reluctant readers.' - Lancashire Evening Post"

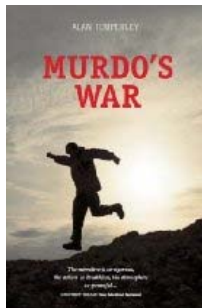


Jamie Rix

Jamie Rix is a children's author, an animation writer and director, and a producer of television comedy.

Jamie has published over forty titles now, ranging from picture books and first readers to novels and books of short stories.

Two elements link all of his stories – comedy, and a love of the grotesque.



Murdo's War

by Alan Temperley, Proprietor: Luath Press, UK publisher: Luath Press

Product type: Fiction

First publication: 15 August 2011

192 pages

Ages 10+

US; Translation; Frankfurt 2011

It's February 1943 and the Nazis have a secret plan to invade Britain. Only fourteen-year-old Sutherlander Murdo stands in their way... Thrilling and dangerous, this adventure story chases over harsh Scottish terrain through freezing weather and the stakes couldn't be higher.

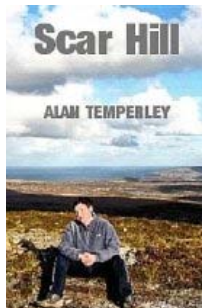
'The narrative is so vigorous, the action so breathless, the atmosphere so powerful...' Geoffrey Trease, *Times Educational Supplement*

'Temperley is a consummate storyteller and his novels are steeped in detail.' *The Telegraph*

Alan Temperley

Alan Temperley was born and grew up in Sunderland. Leaving school at sixteen, he joined the Merchant Navy and has sailed as deck hand and ship's officer. After a spell in the RAF he studied at Manchester and Edinburgh Universities and became a teacher of English in the Highlands. As an author he has won several awards, his books are in seventeen languages and two of his books have been adapted into award-winning TV series, 'Harry and the Wrinklies' and 'The Magician of Samarkland'. He has one son and lives near Castle Douglas in south-west Scotland.

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Scar Hill

by Alan Temperley, Proprietor: Luath Press, UK publisher: Luath Press

Product type: Fiction

First publication: 28 June 2010

288 pages

Ages 10+

US; Translation; Frankfurt 2011

Peter Irwin is far from your normal teenager. Thriving in his remote surroundings Peter finds himself facing some tough problems as his father battles Gulf War Syndrome, he struggles with his irresponsible mother and fights with his pregnant teenage sister who is following in her mother's flamboyant footsteps. Yet in these circumstances, Peter still instinctively knows what is important to him. His priorities are to stay at his Highland home where he feels free, rather than be sent into care, and to protect his new niece. Peter does not shy away from the realities of his life, or the responsibilities this entails, and fights for his independence.

Popular culture has always loved to focus on teenage angst, depression and social issues, from 'The Catcher in the Rye' to 'Skins'. This is different. 'Scar Hill' touches on these themes without dwelling on them.

Temperley is a consummate storyteller and his novels are steeped in detail. Scar Hill is real edge-of-the-seat stuff and perfect for confident 10-year-olds and upwards. -- Judith Woods, The Telegraph

A thoughtful coming-of-age story which will also appeal to older readers. --The Scots Magazine

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