

Further Information



More about Kate Bolden and *Lottie Larkin's Magical Mishap*

There is magic to be found beneath the surface of things. There is good magic, and bad magic, and very very bad magic...

Lottie Larkin isn't happy. Not only is her screaming baby sister about to steal her bedroom, Lottie's parents have packed her off to stay with their crazy old neighbour and her sulky grandson, Finn.

But Nora is no ordinary old lady. Lottie has stumbled into a world of spells and unexpected cats, where the evil Administrator wants to destroy Nora and Finn's family forever. What can Lottie do against the threat of dark magic?

A witty, fantastical race against time, *Lottie Larkin's Magical Mishap* is a fresh and funny adventure set in Glasgow's hidden magical streets.

Kate Bolden was born and raised in Australia, graduating from the University of Melbourne with a degree in English and Film. She now lives in Glasgow's west end. She likes to make things and has held market stalls in the past selling illustrated brooches and painted ceramics. She is currently the Office Manager of a Scottish children's charity.



More about Debbie Cannon and *David and the Surprisingly Smart-o-saurus*

Tap. Tap-tap. Tap-tap-tap. CRACK!

Eleven-year-old David is pretty surprised to discover that the special stone he picked up at the beach is actually an egg and home to a very small DINOSAUR... with a big attitude!

Hector's herd has sent him on a top-secret mission to spy on humans, and he's chosen David to help him. But carrying a teeny tiny dinosaur in your pocket isn't as much fun as it sounds: Hector is crazy for bacon rolls, likes to poo in David's mum's flowers, *and* he keeps talking in class.

Hector and David's mission quickly becomes dangerous. Not only is Hector's herd about to be uncovered, they could be wiped out. Forever!

Fun-packed and full of laughs, *David and the Surprisingly Smart-o-saurus* proves that small can also be mighty!

Debbie Cannon is an actor, tutor, apprentice storyteller and the announcing voice of Edinburgh's buses and trams. She grew up in Dundee and now lives in Edinburgh. She studied at York University to become a doctor of Medieval Studies. Her past jobs include children's sleep counsellor, chocolate-seller, and guide on Edinburgh's tour buses. In 2016, she was one of the Edinburgh City of Literature Storyshop emerging writers and read her story *Billy's War* at Edinburgh International Book Festival. She also writes poetry and comedy sketches which have been performed on stage and on BBC Radio Scotland.



More about Emily Ilett and *The Girl Who Lost Her Shadow*

When you're sinking, you need something, or someone, to hold onto.

On the morning of Gail's birthday, her shadow escapes under the kitchen door.

Gail's not surprised it's decided to leave. Her dad has left for good and her sister Kay, who has always swum through life with her, is sinking into sadness. Gail is angry: angry that Kay doesn't seem to care any more. Then Gail's anger frightens her sister's shadow away too.

Determined to put things right, Gail chases after it. But where there are shadows, there's darkness, and Gail discovers she's not the only one looking for something lost...

Gail's love for Kay will be tested to the extreme – can she retrieve her sister's shadow, and her own?

A magical and beautifully lyrical tale of sisterhood, *The Girl Who Lost Her Shadow* is a story about bravery and the power of friendship, and being strong enough to ask for help when we really need it.

Originally from North Yorkshire, **Emily Ilett** graduated from the Glasgow School of Art and has an MLitt in Creative Writing from Glasgow University. She lives in Glasgow where she currently works at the Women's Library. Emily was awarded the Mairi Hedderwick Writing for Children Bursary from Moniack Mhor in 2015 and was Children's Writer in Residence at Wigtown Book Festival the same year. She read a children's short story at Ullapool Book Festival 2016 and held a writing workshop at Byres Road Book Festival 2016. Her writing has been published in *The Island Review*, *Popshot Magazine*, *2HB* and *Litro Magazine*.

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