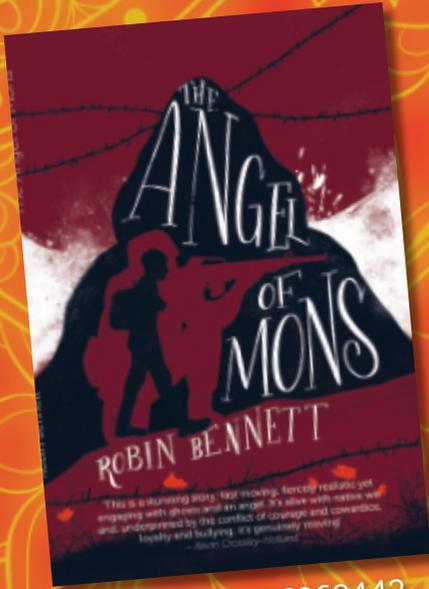


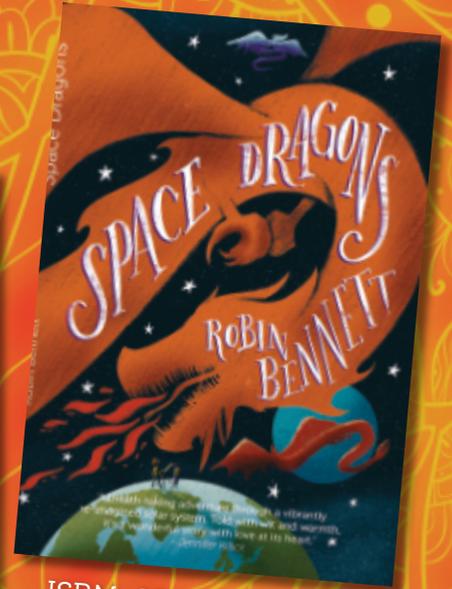
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Our story

Monster Books is just one of the many hobbies of author, Robin Bennett, although since 1997 it's probably gone a little over-the-top: these days, we've got editors, bloggers, distributors, sales reps, designers and essential people who make coffee and buy chocolate biscuits. In fact, it has everything you would expect to find in a normal publisher, except other authors.

In 2021 we are relaunching a lot of our more popular titles in paperback. Cover designs have all been done by the brilliant Becky Thorns

Becky is an illustrator and lettering artist based in Cornwall, who specialises in children's illustration and literary themed works, drawing inspiration from adventure, story-telling and the beautiful world around her. When she's not working, you can often find her exploring the great outdoors or curling up with a nature or true crime documentary.

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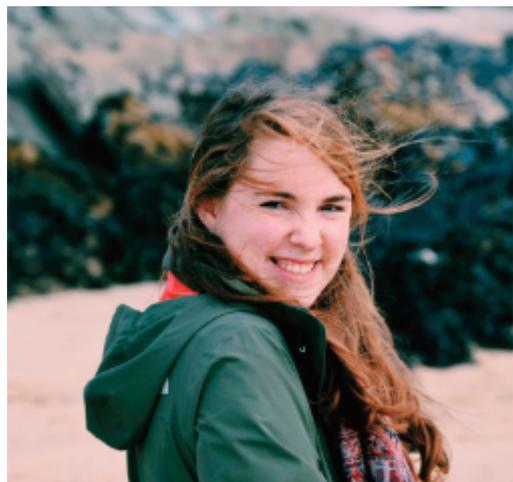
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Extent: 180 pages



'I love what the press sometimes call magic realism and have wanted to write something in the genre for a while now. The idea actually came to me having lunch in Falaise Square one day and it is really my take on the Alice story. It's about growing up and accepting the world for what it really is but it is also about how we lose the alchemy of imagination – the blending of reality and fantasy – a neat trick that all children seem to have leaves many of us in our teens.'

Robin Bennett

If you love what you have, the world belongs to you.

Nancy's mother is having a baby and it is making her ill; Nancy's father is angry with her mother because they can't afford the baby; Nancy ... well Nancy is angry with pretty much everyone.

Then she starts to see things ... things that should only happen in fairytales. Is Buk a sign she is going mad or is he there to save her?

About the story

Set in Henley-on-Thames at the start of a long summer, the action takes place in the thirteen-year-old Nancy's world.

All purchases receive a free audio copy narrated by Imogen Stubbs with music by Tatiana Tindall



XII

Paperback edition

'Chronicles of the Old and New Testament: from Genesis to the Crucifixion sensitively and often thrillingly dramatised for teens and above.'



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Binding Paperback

Extent 192 pp

Rights Information: World

Extract

It's a small world

Imagine a time capsule hurtling through space. It dates from the early 1970s and it sits within the alloy casing of the US space probe, Ulysses. The contents are:

A bound copy of the Bible encased in heat-resistant glass (but no other religious texts: it was launched from the Midwest of America in less enlightened times, after all)

A copy of our DNA.

The small but plucky Ulysses leaves our green and blue planet –

never to return – on 12th August 1974.

It travels for a very long time.

In fact, it takes Ulysses 17,720 years to cover a light year. After nearly 100,000 years it reaches the neighbouring star system Humans once called Alpha Centuri. There, it encounters a wormhole and so, before it has had a chance to make any kind of difference in its protracted but spectacularly uneventful life, our time capsule winks out of existence.

Pop!

Gone ...

Nano seconds later, or perhaps after several million years – for the gravity around the wormhole has distorted Time as to make it unrecognisable even to itself and indeed many of its closest relatives (namely, Space & Continuum) – it re-appears, washed up on the fringes of a distant outpost of an Empire more vast than the Milky Way and older than our Sun.

It bobs about for a bit ... uncertain, like someone arriving at a party on their own ... then begins to drift in the direction of a sentient clutch of asteroids.

For this little capsule has sparked

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Collectors' hardback edition

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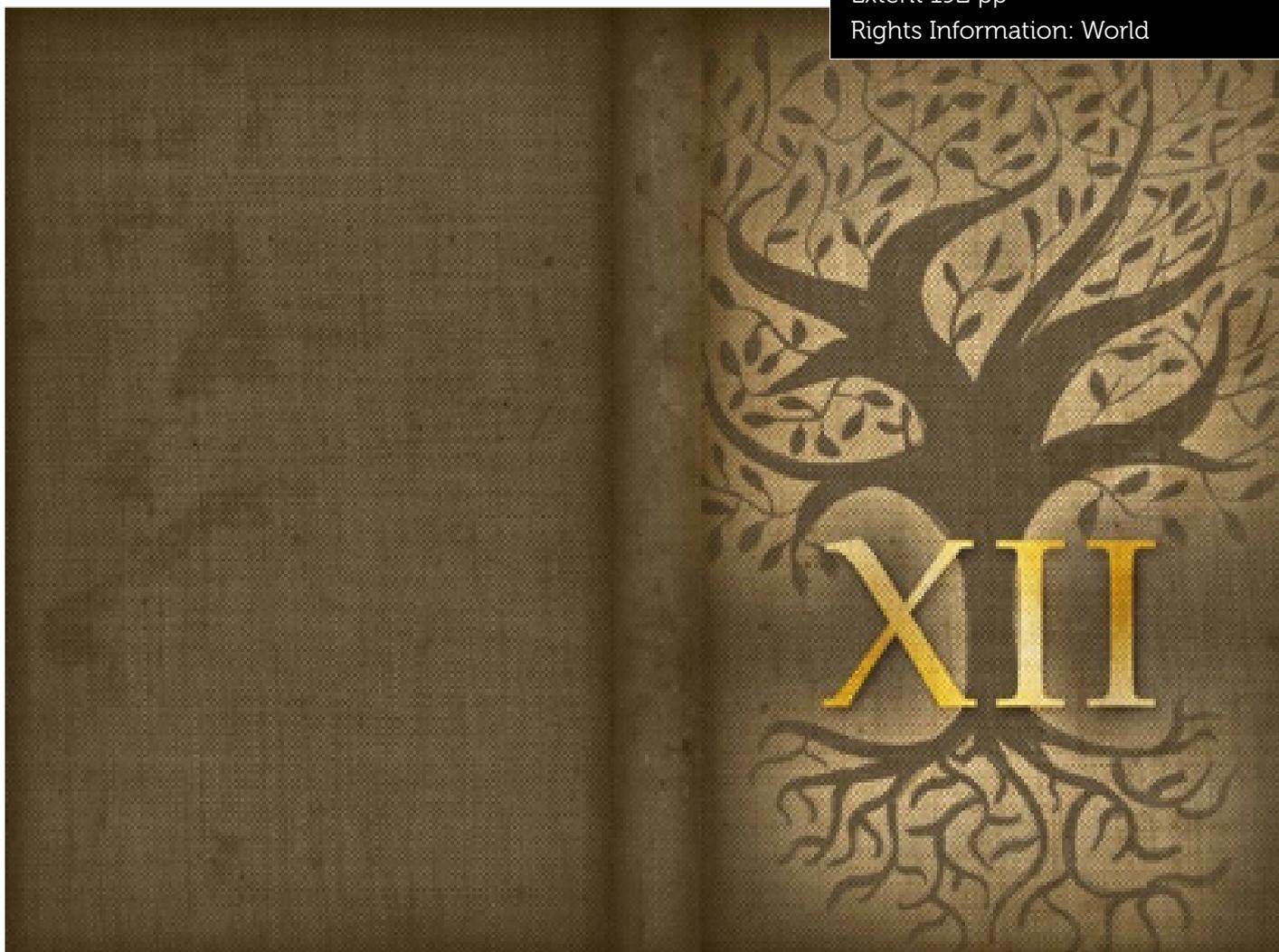
CBMC code D3N69

Format 129mm x 198 mm

Binding Hardback

Extent 192 pp

Rights Information: World



interest from beings we cannot comprehend; evolved entities of almost infinite power and wisdom as to be gods compared to us.

Its contents have caused more than a few raised eyebrows amongst these super-beings.

If they had eyebrows.

Initially it is the DNA that snags their attention – for it is mysteriously close to their distant ancestry. They look closer: Elvis and Mozart are discarded, the two-dimensional picture considered and put to one side, for

later ... but the Bible they pore over. It is a puzzling, yet somehow rather pleasing object: they are sure this four-sided, flapping item contains data.

They ponder what they've got, their vast intellects sparked.

Eventually, after grafting our DNA onto a carbon-based life form common enough in their system, they are able to make a human avatar in a closed nitrous bubble; and one capable of relating the contents of the book in terms they readily understand.

They are justifiably very pleased with themselves and sit back with the alien equivalent of mugs of cocoa to hear what the avatar has to say.

And, as they listen, they fall into deep thought ... and wonder: for this battered tome, sent by beings whose very existence was considered rumour, contains something that fascinates and delights them.

For it tells **our** story ...

And it is **their** story, too.

Angel of Mons

Available fully translated
in German and French

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Price: £5.99

Age Range: 9–12

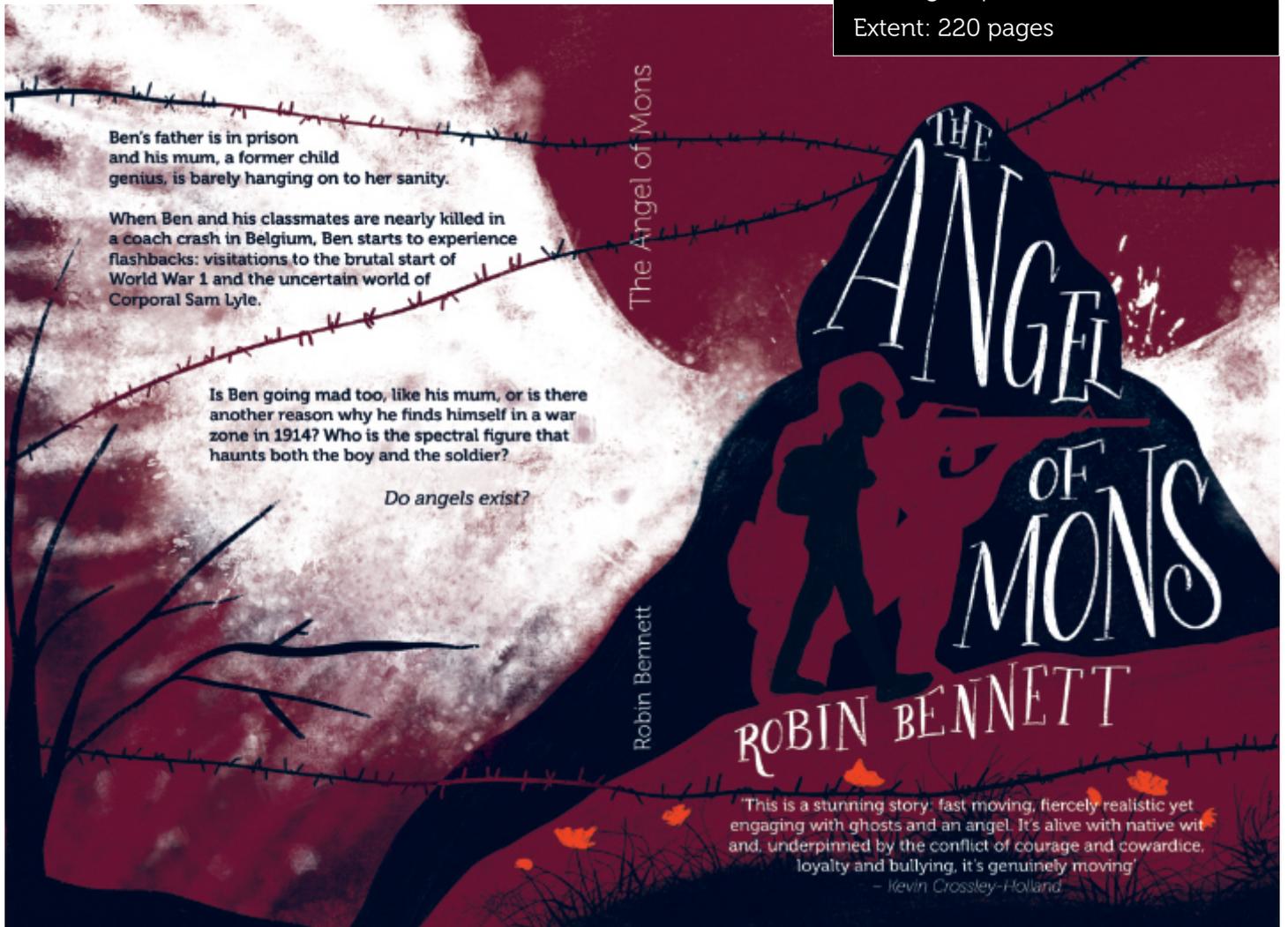
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CBMC code: D3N69

Format: 129 mm x 198 mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 220 pages



Mons, 1914:

Corporal Sam Lyle sees a ghost in the heat of battle

Mons, 2014:

Ben sees him too.

What is happening to Ben?

DO ANGELS EXIST?

Original adventure, ghost story and fascinating insight into the early stages of World War 1

'This is a stunning story: it's alive with native wit and, underpinned by the conflict of courage and cowardice, loyalty and bullying, it's genuinely moving.'

Kevin Crossley-Holland,
Author and President of the
School Library Association

Lief the Lesser and Hell

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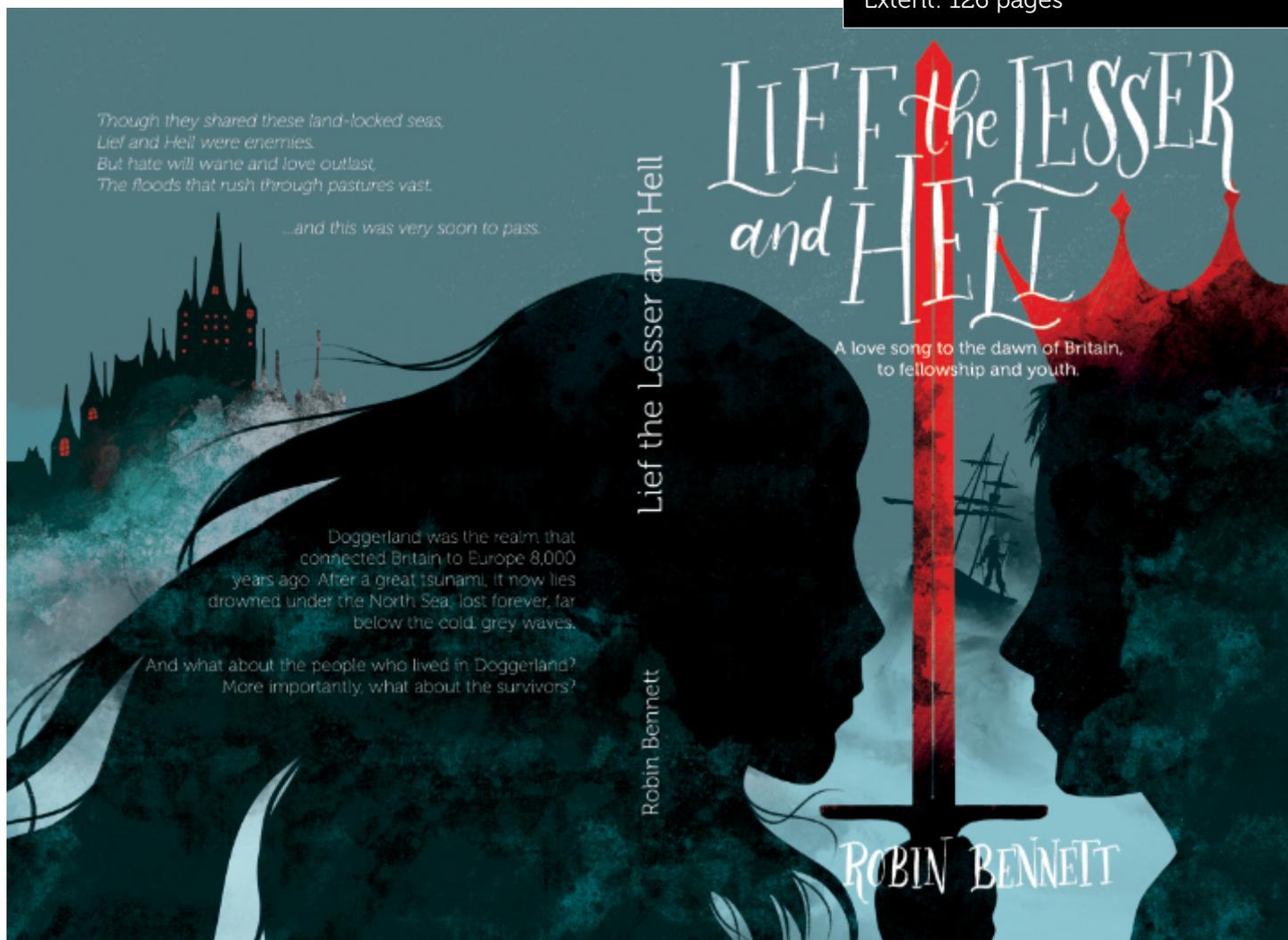
Age Range: Teen

CBMC code: D3N69

Format: 129 mm x 198 mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 126 pages



Prose poetry account of two children and the dawn of the British Isles.

Doggerland was the realm that connected Britain to Europe 8,000 years ago. After a great tsunami, it now lies drowned under the North Sea; lost forever, far below the cold, grey waves.

And what about the people who lived in Doggerland?

**More importantly,
what about the survivors?**

*Though they shared these land-locked
seas,
Lief and Hell were enemies.
But hate will wane and love outlast
The floods that rush through pastures
vast.
... and this was very soon to pass.*

'A love song to fellowship
and youth.'

**Touring performances in schools.
Free audio edition with purchase**

Space Dragons

Available fully translated
in German and Italian

Publication date: 30 October 2020

ISBN: 9781916375130

Price: £5.99

Age Range: 9–12

BIC codes: YF, YFQ, YFG

CBMC code: D3N69

Format: 129 mm x 198 mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 220 pages



'A breathtaking adventure through a vibrantly re-imagined solar system. Told with wit and warmth it's a wonderful story with love at its heart.'

Jennifer Killick
author of Alex Sparrow
and the Really Big Stink

Description

It's got dragons ... in space!

If Stan Pollux had known he would be spending his summer holidays in the outer reaches of our solar system, he would have put on different underpants.

But when he gets kidnapped by the Planet Dragon, Mercury, most things suddenly seem small and insignificant. Stan finds himself in a universe of dragons who had once ruled the skies as gods: Mars, Venus, Saturn and even Uranus way out back.

This is shaping up to be the best summer holiday in the history of the cosmos until Stan discovers his stupid sister is missing and that Pluto (AKA Hades) is trying to use her to destroy the Solar System. And it will be all Stan's fault if he doesn't get Poppy back.

So, all Stan has to do is learn how to fight like a hero in space armour, defeat the dragon god of the Underworld, Hades, rescue his sister and save the world. All before his parents realise she is missing.

Easy.

Small Vampires

Volumes 1-3

Available fully translated
in German and French

Publication date: September 2022

ISBN: 9781999884451

Price: £9.99

Age Range: YA Crossover

BIC codes: YF, YFA, YFH

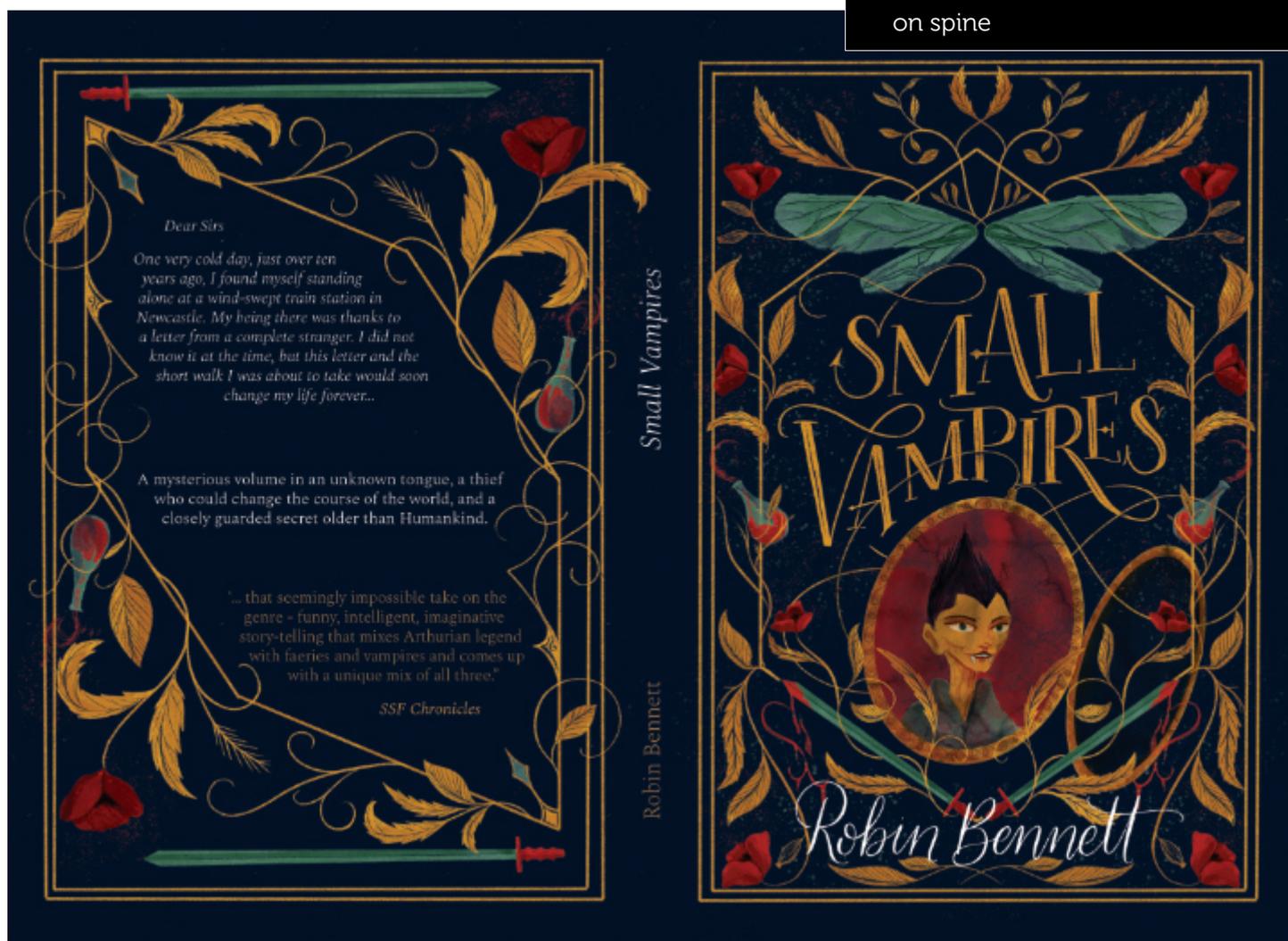
CBMC code: D3N69

Format: 129 mm x 198 mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 800 pages

Design: Innovative metal tag
on spine



'Robin Bennett's *Small Vampires* is that seemingly impossible take on the genre - funny, intelligent, imaginative story-telling that mixes Arthurian legend with faeries and vampires and comes up with a unique mix of all three.'

SSF Chronicles

Award-winning retelling of the Arthurian myth.

All 3 books in 1 volume for the first time.

1,500 years after the first Arthurian story, comes a re-telling ... with Vampires. Because, when all is said and done, **it's all about blood**

Sixteen years ago, a letter from a stranger led translator Robin Bennett on a journey from Henley-on-Thames to the north of England.

At the end of this journey, he found himself the unexpected beneficiary of three tattered and disreputable looking volumes of indeterminate provenance and indecipherable lexis.

Ten years later, the translation of the first volume, *Picus the Thief*, was published, winning Indie Book of the Year from *Writers News* in 2012. This was followed by two more volumes: *Mousch the Crooked* and *Raptor the Avenger*, and now the trilogy is complete.

Hairy Hand

New in paperback

Publication date: 30 October 2020

ISBN: 9781916375147

Price: £5.99

Age Range: 9–12

BIC codes: YF, YFQ, YFD

CBMC code: D3N69

Format: 129 mm x 198 mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 220 pages

When Septimus inherits a magical, treasure-finding Hairy Hand from his uncle, life suddenly becomes a lot more exciting – and dangerous!

This story is for any kid who has looked at his or her parents and seriously wondered if they were adopted (or worse), for any boy or girl who likes the thought of being able to find hidden riches and master immense magical power (as if).

With a gruesome cast of characters such as Skrewskint the Miser, Stomp the Bully and Plog the Sneaker (good-for-nothing burglar), The Hairy Hand isn't really like anything out there.

Robin Bennett

Hairy Hand

HAIRY
HAND

ROBIN
BENNETT

'Hairy Hand' is a stonking adventure of a story. I dare you not to laugh, weep, and fall in love with the devious and dastardly Mr and Mrs Plog!

- Alex Campbell

With great power at the end of your fingers comes great trouble.

A strangely terrifying box inherited from an uncle he never knew he had.

What Septimus finds inside could be the best thing that ever happened to him ... or the worst.

Hairy Hand is a gothic adventure story with magical familiars, a Dickensian cast and jokes. It is 36,000 words for middle grade readers or slow-witted adults and is currently a standalone – although

the ending leaves plenty of room for a series about a powerful boy warlock and his familiar. It inhabits a similar space to *Muncle Trogg* and/or *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*.

Septimus feels out-of-place in his village where everyone else his age is called Garp, Darg or Smerg or Blaarg. Good, honest names that sound like you are have just swallowed something pointy or are sneezing into custard. Even his parents make him feel like a complete stranger. Especially his parents. Then he inherits something

strange and frightening from his uncle. A Hairy Hand. It has the magical ability to find buried treasure which suits his parents (thieves by trade) down to the ground. However, instead of making his life better, it suddenly gets a lot more dangerous. So, it is up to Sept to find out what else the Hand knows and put things right.

Iron Knights

Available fully translated
in German and French

Publication date: 30 October 2020

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Price: £5.99

Age Range: 9–12

BIC codes: YF, YFQ, YFH

CBMC code: D3N69

Format: 129 mm x 198 mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 250 pages



'It is a universal law of nature that three boys let loose in any wood, in any part of the world, will get themselves into some sort of trouble before teatime.'

Three best friends uncover a brooding secret in a deserted castle: three huge mechanical knights. They set about repairing them but their enthusiasm turns to

horror when the Iron Knights come to life and turn out to be almost completely evil and a bit bonkers. To rid their village of these monsters, they must become knights themselves.

Putting the Evil back into Medieval

Sir Gwain Quiggly, Chronicler, What Scroll?

Robin Bennett

Iron Knights

'A thrilling, fast-paced adventure. And very funny too.'
- The Wishing Shelf Awards

'Blights in shining armour'

Chevalier Dobscross Muddle

'Putting the Evil in Medieval'

Irwene Giddy-Slepe, Chronicler, What Scroll?

'May they rust in peace!'

Baron Crumpsall

Three best friends uncover a brooding secret in a deserted castle: 3 huge mechanical knights. They set about repairing them but their enthusiasm turns to panic when the Iron Knights turn out to be bonkers and almost completely evil. They reduce the boys' village to rubble and the friends are exiled.

By luck, they are taken in by 3 separate Lords who look after them. They return a few years later to do the honourable thing: become warriors themselves and destroy the Iron Knights.

Collector's Editions

Available now

Space Dragons

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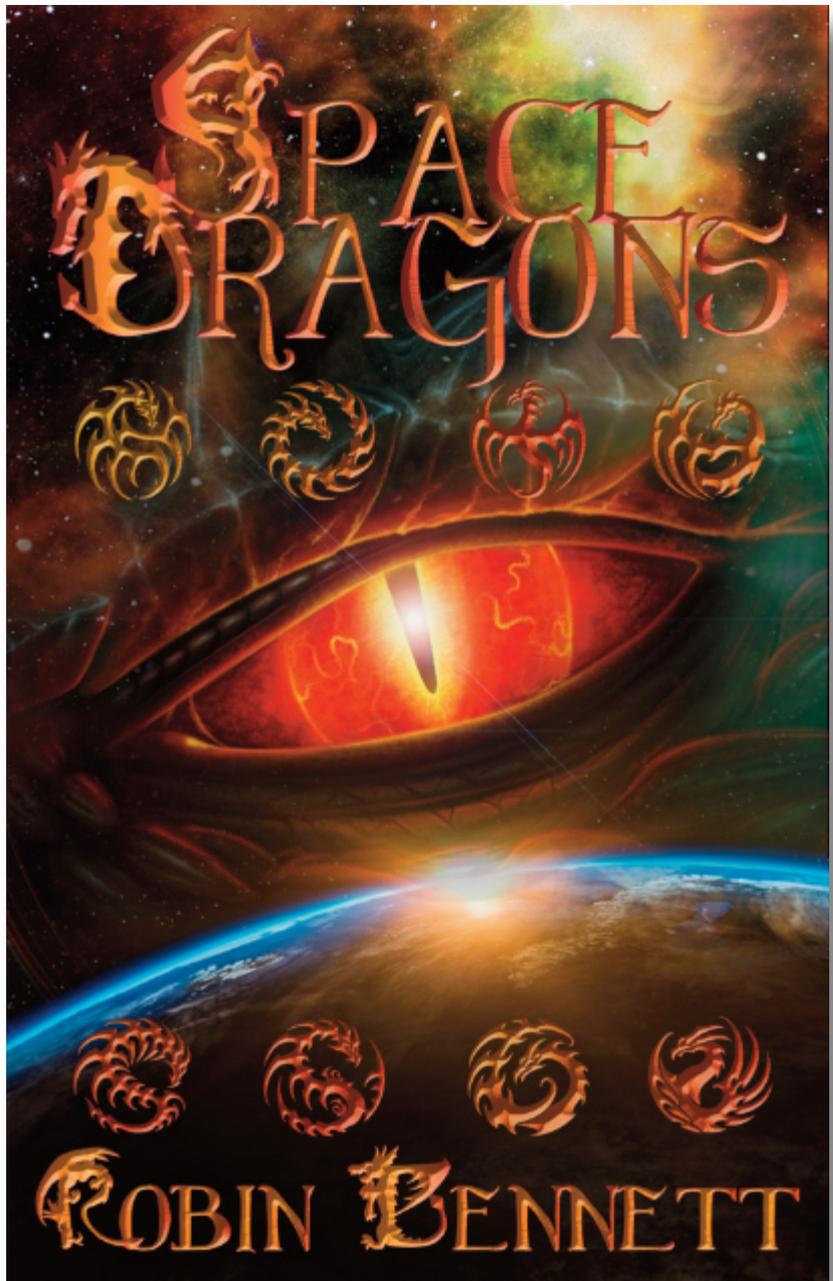
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Binding: Hardback

Extent: 200 pages



Hairy Hand

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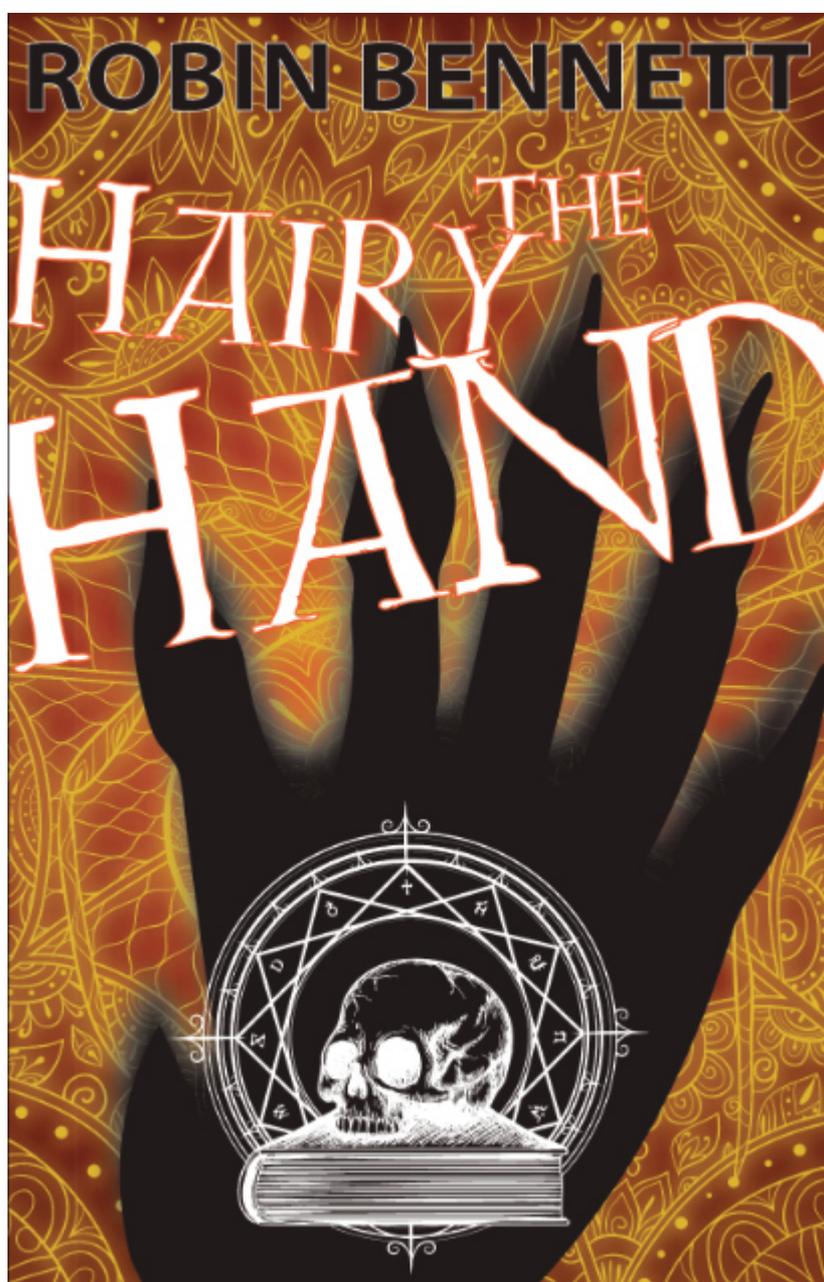
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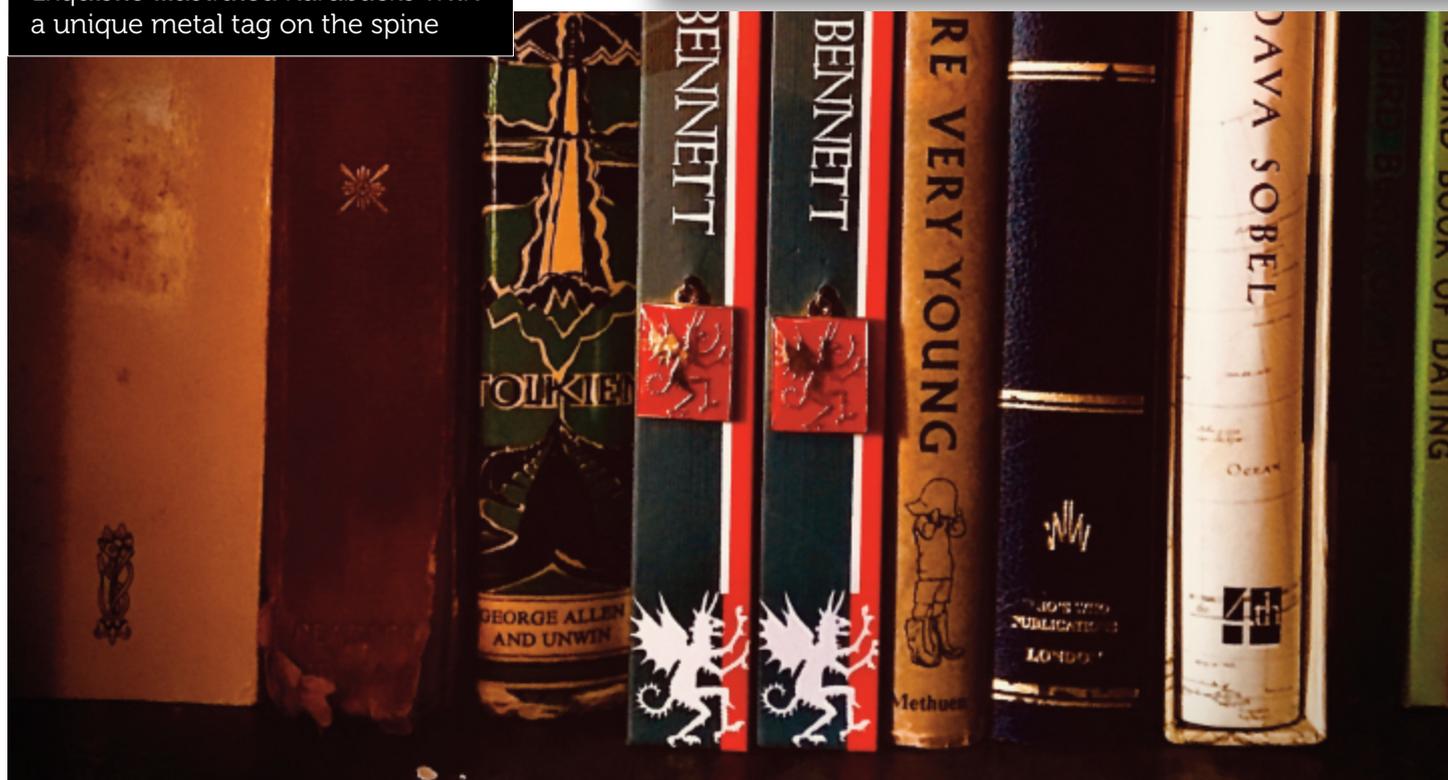
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