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Mystifying: Sinister Stories of the Unexplained

Two runaway children hide out in a theme park and become enmeshed in an unearthly battle between the forces of good and evil.

Stonestruck

The second book in the super-funny classic series The Bagthorpe Saga, starring the TOTALLY unforgettable

Bagthorpe family - from best-loved author Helen Cresswell.

Black Hearts in Battersea

Jessica discovers a spell-bound castle of whispering mists and grey-faced children searching out homesick evacuees to catch in their ghostly net.

Rumpelstiltskin

The first title in the Winklesea trilogy. Readership level 7-9 years.

Bagthorpes Haunted

In between the world wars, during the Great Depression, American democracy is being threatened by a shadow Hitler-Nazi party in America, complete with a self-proclaimed American Hitler and a 1939 Nuremberg-like rally at Madison Square Garden. Inspired by a true American legend, a Jewish boxer trained by the mafia and FBI fights the rising American Nazi party. During his undercover mission to rid the country of the American Führer, he falls in love with the enemy's daughter.

Classic Fairy Tales

When the woman looking after them in their parents' absence dies suddenly, three children find themselves in foster care and must use all their courage and ingenuity to cope with the situation.

Lizzie Dripping

A clanking iron giant topples from a cliff and lies smashed on the rocks below. Then his various parts begin to stir and reach out for one another. The Iron Man is ready to walk again, and he is very hungry.

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

A beautifully-written, magical tale of a village that discovers a tiny but beautiful sea horse, perfect for newly-confident readers.

The Piemakers

In famed author-illustrator P.J. Lynch's gorgeous tale, he creates two worlds--underwater and above--to tell an epic and haunting love story. Jacob and his father are the only people who fish Lake Spetzia, which was formed when the river was dammed and their town was flooded. The villagers say the lake is haunted, but Jacob and his father don't want to leave, because Jacob's mother is buried in the cemetery below the water. As Jacob grows up, a village girl named Ellen falls in love with him, and he with her. But before they are married, Jacob disappears--lured underwater by the ghosts who inhabit the sunken village. Years go by, with Jacob held captive by the watery spirits and Ellen never giving up hope that she will find him, until a fateful night when Jacob sees the light of Ellen's boat floating above. Can he break free and reach the surface? Masterful illustrations alive with achingly expressive characters and eerie underwater light

bring readers into acclaimed creator P.J. Lynch's rich world of love, loss, and hope.

A Treasury of Fairy Tales

A collection of poems by early 20th century poet, H. D.

Eating Things on Sticks

Step aside Hygge. Lagom is the new Scandi lifestyle trend taking the world by storm. This delightfully illustrated book gives you the lowdown on this transformative approach to life and examines how the lagom ethos has helped boost Sweden to the No.10 ranking in 2017's World Happiness Report. Lagom (pronounced 'lah-gom') has no equivalent in the English language but is loosely translated as 'not too little, not too much, just right'. It is widely believed that the word comes from the Viking term 'laget om', for when a mug of mead was passed around a circle and there was just enough for everyone to get a sip. But while the anecdote may hit the nail on the head, the true etymology of the word points to an old form of the word 'lag', which means 'law'. Far from restrictive, lagom is a liberating concept, praising the idea that anything more than 'just enough' is a waste of time. Crucially it also comes with a selflessness and core belief of responsibility and common good. By living lagom you can:

- Live a happier and more balanced life
- Reduce your environmental impact
- Improve your work-life balance
- Free your home from clutter
- Enjoy good food the Swedish way
- Grow your

own and learn to forage Cherish the relationships with those you love

Oxford Bookworms Library: Stage 3: Moondial

Tom is not prepared for what is about to happen when he hears the grandfather clock strike thirteen. Outside the back door is a garden, which everyone tells him does not exist.

The Ghost of Thomas Kempe

Secret, strange, dark, impure and dissonant Enter the haunted landscapes of folk horror, a world of pagan - village conspiracies, witch finders, and teenagers awakening to evil; of dark fairy tales, backwoods cults and obsolete technologies. Beginning with the classics Night of the Demon, Witchfinder General, The Wicker Man and Blood on Satan's Claw, We Don't Go Back surveys the genre of screen folk horror from across the world. Travelling from Watership Down to The Texas Chain Saw Massacre, with every stop inbetween, We Don't Go Back is a thoughtful, funny and essential overview of folk horror in TV and cinema. "A beautiful rumination on the dark films and television that shaped me and a generation of odd children, for good or ill, worth a year of your time, because you won't just read the book, you'll feel a burning desire to watch everything mentioned within." - Robin Ince "A comprehensive, accessible and often riotously funny tome weaving together folk horror in all its forms, from British television to the

American backwoods, from Eastern European fairytales to the vengeful ghosts of East Asia. Ingham explores uncanny landscapes haunted by things buried, old cultures converging with the reluctance of contemporary reason, that very tension that gives his book its name. He attempts to both define folk horror and free it from definition, creating the ultimate guide to the genre's manifestations on film and offering a convincing argument as to why the genre resonates so compellingly with people today." - Kier-La Janisse, author of House of Psychotic Women

The Bongleweed

'I Hate Everyone'. In our worst moods, it's a phrase you just want to shout out loud, even if deep down, you don't really mean it. Set at a birthday party, the disgruntled first-person narration portrays the confusing, often contradictory feelings that can sometimes make it impossible to be nice - particularly when what you might need most is for someone to be nice to you. A gorgeous, poetic contemplation, sure to elicit a reaction from readers. A worthy successor to Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible No-Good Very Bad Day.

The Watchers

Bagthorpes Unlimited

Word count 10,650 Suitable for younger learners

Gift from Winklesea

The classic ghost story from Penelope Lively, one of the modern greats of British fiction for adults and children alike. When James' family moves to an ancient cottage in Oxfordshire (with grounds that are great for excavations and trees that are perfect for climbing), it doesn't take long for odd things to start happening. Doors crash open and strange signs appear, written in an archaic hand. James soon discovers the culprit: a ghost! It's the spirit of Thomas Kempe, a 17th century apothecary who wants James to be his apprentice. The problem? No one else believes in ghosts. It's up to James to get rid of him. An iconic ghost story for children, *The Ghost of Thomas Kempe* is adored by generations of readers.

Return of the Psammead

Everyone in the village where Lizzie lives thinks that she's a dreamer - so it's no wonder that they don't believe her when she says she's seen a witch. But Lizzie doesn't care because she knows it's true and having a witch for a friend makes life much more exciting. *Helen Cresswell is a well-known writer and has written more than forty books. She has adapted stories such as *The Phoenix and the Carpet* and *The Demon Headmaster* for television.

The Secret World of Polly Flint

While on vacation, the eccentric and talented Bagthorpe family tries to contact the ghosts of their

reputedly haunted house, pursues Cousin Daisy's elusive goat, and general stirs up the quiet Welsh countryside.

The Haunted Lake

Just in time for the spooky season, this collection of nineteen stories is full of mysterious circumstances and spine-tingling plot twists. Edited by one of the greats of children's literature and including stories by such masterful authors as Ursula Le Guin, Joan Aiken, Diana Wynne Jones, and Agatha Christie, this collection is just the thing to get readers' pulses racing.

The Beachcombers

A new edition of the much-loved classic story of time travel, ghosts and friendship. Even before she came to Belton, Minty Cane had known that she was a witch, or something very like it . . . Minty is the kind of girl who notices things. Pockets of cold air on a stairway. Cries on the wind. Ghosts. On night-time jaunts from the house where she's staying while her mother recovers from an accident, Minty stumbles upon a moondial which takes her back in time. She finds Tom, a sickly kitchen boy, and Sarah, a girl with a birthmark who is only allowed out at night because her family think she has the mark of the devil . . . Can Minty save her friends, or will she get stuck in the past . . .? 'Fresh and entertaining.' Publishers Weekly 'Carefully wrought and evanescent as a ghost story should be, this will be enjoyed by any admirer of

Tom's Midnight Garden.' Kirkus

Dear Shrink

Wicked wolves and a grim governess threaten Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia when Bonnie's parents leave Willoughby Chase for a sea voyage. Left in the care of the cruel Miss Slighcarp, the girls can hardly believe what is happening to their once happy home. The servants are dismissed, the furniture is sold, and Bonnie and Sylvia are sent to a prison-like orphan school. It seems as if the endless hours of drudgery will never cease. With the help of Simon the gooseboy and his flock, they escape. But how will they ever get Willoughby Chase free from the clutches of the evil Miss Slighcarp?

The Bagthorpe Saga: Absolute Zero (Collins Modern Classics)

The Night Watchmen

A collection featuring such tales as "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," "Cinderella," "Rapunzel," "Snow-White and Rose-Red," and "Hansel and Gretel"

The Iron Man

The Rollers are the finest pie-makers in Danby Dale. So when they're asked to make a special pie for the king, the Rollers are thrown into a frenzy of excited activity. This will be their best pie ever! But wicked

Uncle Crispin has different plans for the pie - plans that involve a large helping of pepper* This is Helen Cresswell's first book and was nominated for the Carnegie Medal* Helen Cresswell has been twice BAFTA-nominated for her tv adaptations of such books as The Demon Headmaster and The Phoenix and the Carpet.

The Little Sea Horse

The New York Times bestselling sequel to Melissa Albert's beloved *The Hazel Wood*! In *The Night Country*, Alice Proserpine dives back into a menacing, mesmerizing world of dark fairy tales and hidden doors of *The Hazel Wood*. Follow her and Ellery Finch as they learn *The Hazel Wood* was just the beginning, and that worlds die not with a whimper, but a bang. With Finch's help, Alice escaped the Hinterland and her reclusive grandmother's dark legacy. Now she and the rest of the dregs of the fairy tale world have washed up in New York City, where Alice is trying to make a new, unmagical life. But something is stalking the Hinterland's survivors—and she suspects their deaths may have a darker purpose. Meanwhile, in the winking out world of the Hinterland, Finch seeks his own adventure, and—if he can find it—a way back home Don't miss *Tales from the Hinterland*, coming January 12, 2021!

The Stolen Lake

When Jilly asks her father for a pet dragon he doesn't take her seriously. Only Mr Pink at the magic shop can

help. Soon Jilly's dreams come true on her very own dragon ride. Large print. 6 yrs+

Lagom

When she arrives in Wellow, Polly knows there is magic in the place. The story goes that if you put your ears to the ground on Sundays you can hear the church bells of the missing village of Grimstone. But Polly seems to be able to call up the village that has disappeared - and the people who live in it, as they slip in and out of time.

Tom's Midnight Garden

A hilarious story about the bongleweed, a weird and wonderful plant that's threatening to take over the village. It's up to Becky and Jason to try and stop the wickedly wild weed before it's too late* Helen Cresswell has been twice BAFTA-nominated for her tv adaptations of such books as The Demon Headmaster and The Phoenix and the Carpet.

Darkwater

Looking for something to fill his lonely days, a young boy recuperating from a long illness meets two tramps who live in a world that hardly seems real.

Moondial

Everybody in Jack's family seems to be brilliant - apart from Jack and his downtrodden dog Zero. Even his

little sister can beat him at swimming. But Jack's uncle Parker has come up with a plan to make him and Zero shine: they'll pretend that Jack can tell the future! If only they could foresee what chaos the plan will cause . . . * Helen Cresswell is the much-loved writer of over 40 children's books. She's the author of classics such as Lizzie Dripping as well as having adapted The Demon Headmaster for television. She has been runner-up for the Carnegie Medal four times.

Collected Poems 1912-1944

In this hilarious classic adventure, an innocent boy and his friends must stop a plot to topple the King of England. Simon, the foundling from *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*, arrives in London to meet an old friend and pursue the study of painting. Instead he finds himself unwittingly in the middle of a wicked crew's fiendish caper to overthrow the good King James and the Duke and Duchess of Battersea. With the help of his friend Sophie and the resourceful waif Dido, Simon narrowly escapes a series of madcap close calls and dangerous run-ins. In a time and place where villains do nothing halfway, Simon is faced with wild wolves, poisoned pies, kidnapping, and a wrecked ship. This is a cleverly contrived tale of intrigue and misadventure. Perfect for fans of Lemony Snicket and Roald Dahl "It's a marvel!" —*The New Yorker* "A wild yarn, not to be put down once it is started." —*Washington Post* "A riot of wildly improbable adventures happening to absurd and loveable characters with Dickensian names in a time

that never was . . . Heartrending, hair-raising, rib-tickling, and delightful.” —New York Times

The Night Country

A sumptuous collection of favourite tales by renowned author Helen Cresswell, with exquisite illustrations by Siân Bailey.

Newark Minutemen

Ned is sent away on holiday to the seaside, to stay with the Pickering family, who are shifty and unpleasant. Ned meets the charismatic Dallaker family on the beach and they become regular company for him. When Ned discovers that they are searching for their long-lost treasure, he wants to help.

The Winter of the Birds

In this fantasy adventure, a young girl visits a land where birds carry off men, fish eat human flesh, and she must rescue a pilfered lake. Readers who have followed Dido Twite’s escapades in *Black Hearts in Battersea* and *Nightbirds on Nantucket* will welcome her return in her wildest escapade yet. Now back in print, *The Cuckoo Tree* and *The Stolen Lake* continue the *Wolves Chronicles*, the exhilarating and imaginative series that stemmed from Joan Aiken’s classic *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*. A dazzling piece of dramatic, snowballing adventure, *The Stolen Lake* is full of fantastical details: revolving palaces,

witches who are also court dressmakers, an apocalyptic volcanic eruption, and an infernal country with a noticeable lack of female children. On her way back to London aboard the British man-of-war Thrush, twelve-year-old Dido Twite finds herself and the crew summoned to the aid of the tyrannical queen of New Cumbria. A neighboring king has stolen the queen's lake and is holding it for ransom, and it's up to Dido and the crew to face fire, flood, execution, and wild beasts to get the lake back—or else. Perfect for fans of Lemony Snicket and Roald Dahl “Aiken lures us into historical fantasy . . . our interest never slows.”
—School Library Journal “The adventure Miss Aiken has dished up . . . in *The Stolen Lake* is zanier and more devilishly fiendish than ever.” —New York Times

We Don't Go Back

A retelling of the traditional spine-chilling tales of Rumpelstiltskin. A young girl is locked in a room, and on the strength of her father's boast, she is requested by the king to spin gold. In a panic, she pledges her first born child to the creature that can help her.

Dragon Ride

Harry is in trouble. He's burned down the family kitchen so now has to spend a week of his summer hols with his uncle Tristram - who's heading off to stay with a new girlfriend - Morning Glory - on a tiny British island. Harry doesn't expect it to be a lot of fun - with just a wacky competition at the end of the week to look forward to. He certainly didn't expect to

discover all the beards. Or the angel on the mountain. Or the helicopters circling overhead all week. And he definitely didn't think it would be so wet . . .

I Hate Everyone

It is a life-changing deal—and it will end your life as you know it. Sarah Trevelyan would give anything to regain the power and wealth her family has lost, so she makes a bargain with Azrael, Lord of Darkwater Hall. He will give her everything she needs to restore the Trevelyan name, and one hundred years to do it—in exchange for her soul. Fast-forward a hundred years to Tom, who dreams of attending Darkwater Hall School. A professor named Azrael offers him a bargain. Will Sarah be able to stop Tom from making the same mistake? Catherine Fisher's version of Faust is utterly spellbinding!

Ordinary Jack

When Mr Bagthorpe gets his latest bank statement, all hell breaks loose! He thinks he's broke and nothing can persuade him that the bank has made a mistake. All he can think about is saving money - and that means that if the Bagthorpes don't raise it themselves, they're not eating it. Noshops; no sweets; no arguments. But the Bagthorpes have never really been hunter-gatherers. So, while Granny Bagthorpe retires to her room to scoff a hamper from Harrods, the rest of the family find food - and how to stop it escaping - a whole new challenge!

Bagthorpes V. the World

The competitive Bagthorpes join forces in a rare display of solidarity when Grandma organizes a family reunion.

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