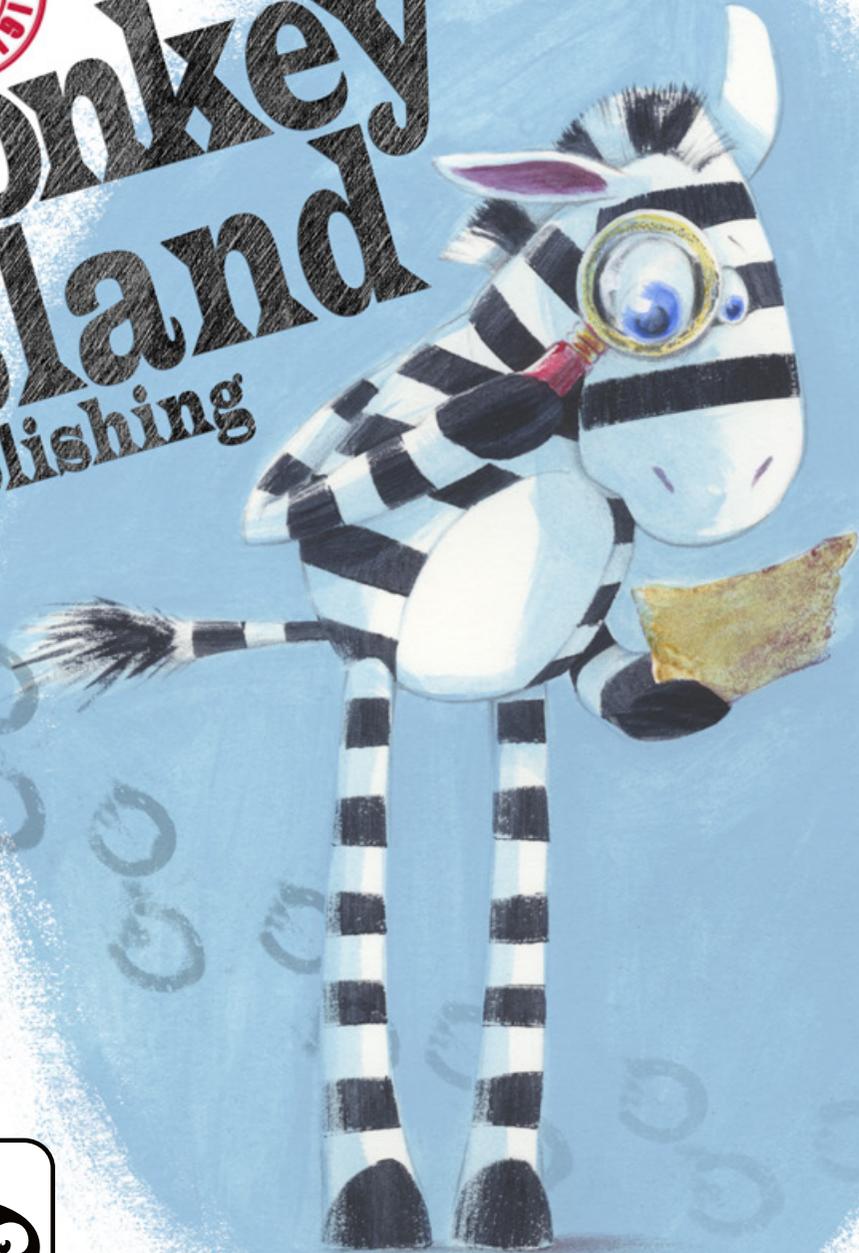


Catalogue  
2019



# Monkey Island Publishing



On the trail of a  
good read?

## About Monkey Island

Monkey Island Publishing is the result of a chance meeting between Gill McLean and Karen Langtree, in a cafe in York in 2014.

Gill has a great track record as an illustrator and designer with some of the major publishing houses, such as Templar, QED, and Parragon, and has also had her work featured on CBeebies.

Karen is a qualified primary school teacher and musician, with a love of the creative, whether writing or in music, and a passion to have her work published.

Their first project, Angel Small, initially an idea for a musical to be performed as a school nativity, was such a success they decided to join forces, using Karen's story writing skills and Gill's amazing illustrations.

From the original separate companies, Top Banana Publishing (Gill) and OneWay Press (Karen), a new company was formed. In 2014 Monkey Island Publishing, their joint venture, came into being with a determination to create high quality books for children of all ages.

We are a UK based publisher with an output which covers a broad range; from first board books, novelty and picture books through to junior fiction and young adult fiction.

In 2017 we joined forces with a team of agents to develop awareness of our growing list and to bring it to a worldwide market.

Our 2019 catalogue introduces new titles, as well as sequels to our existing range, in all age categories. We hope you enjoy reading our books as much as we have enjoyed creating them.

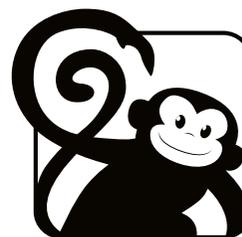
With best wishes from



Gill McLean



Karen Langtree



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# Angel Small

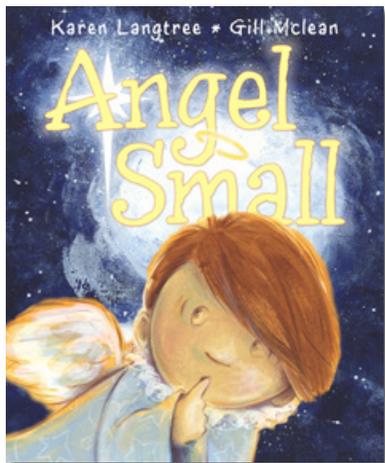
There's a buzz of excitement in Heaven.  
It's Christmas Eve.  
But not just any old Christmas Eve.  
This is the first one ever!

Written by Karen Langtree \* Illustrated by Gill McLean

# Angel Small Follows the Star

It's the first Christmas Day ever!  
Heaven is having a party  
to celebrate the arrival of the new king.  
Can one little angel help three Wise Men  
and their troublesome camels  
to find Him?

Written by Karen Langtree \* Illustrated by Gill McLean



## Book Specification

Paperback : 24 Pages (245 x 275 mm)  
ISBN 978-0-9930636-0-2  
Picture book aimed at ages 3-7  
Published by Banana Boat Books  
£5.99  
BIC : YBCS

## Key Selling Points

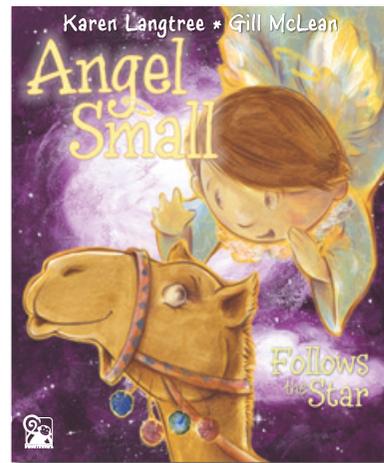
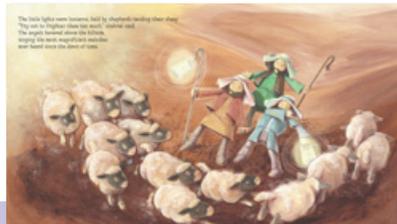
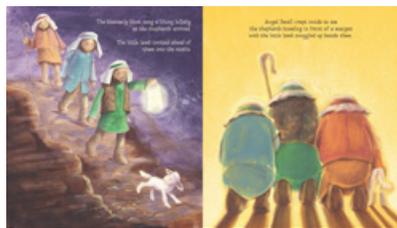
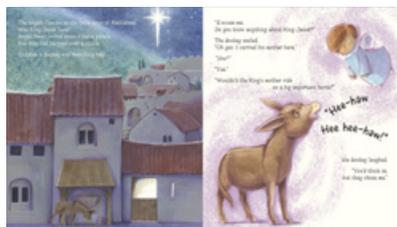
The traditional telling of the Christmas story seen through the eyes of the littlest angel who is full of curiosity. What will he find when he follows the shepherds to Bethlehem?

Accompanying musical nativity combining both Angel Small books - ideal for Key Stage 1 Christmas productions. Downloadable songs and playscript available from our website.

Colour illustrations throughout.

*"Beautifully written to capture the true meaning of Christmas ... a fantastic story, which will engage and excite children of all ages (and adults too!)."*

Emma Coulson, Nursery and Key Stage One teacher, York



## Book Specification

Paperback : 28 Pages (245 x 275 mm)  
ISBN 978-0-9930636-1-9  
Picture book aimed at ages 3-7  
Published by Banana Boat Books  
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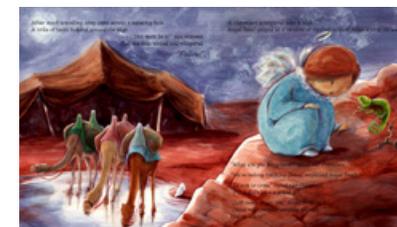
The traditional telling of the Christmas story through the eyes of the littlest angel, as he helps three wise men and their mischievous camels to find Baby Jesus.

The companion title to *Angel Small*.

Colour illustrations throughout.

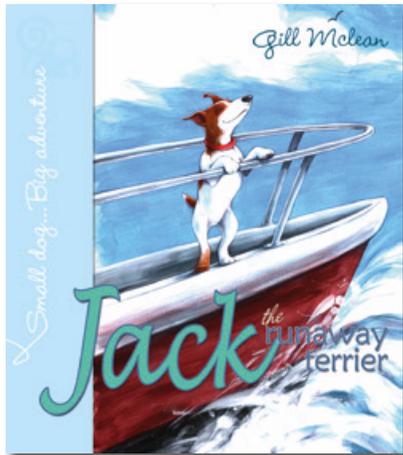
*"A truly adorable rendition of the nativity story with endearing illustrations that will captivate both story teller and listener."*

Helen Horner, Nursery manager



# Jack the runaway terrier

Gill McLean



## Book Specification

Paperback : 32 Pages (245 x 275mm)

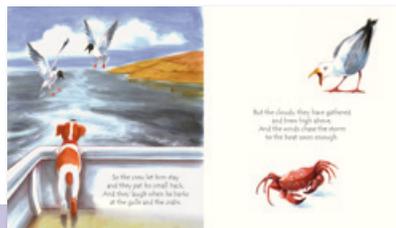
ISBN 978-0-9933079-1-1

Picture book aimed at ages 3-7

Published by Banana Boat Books

£6.99

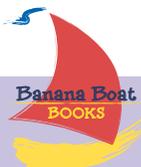
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## Key Selling Points

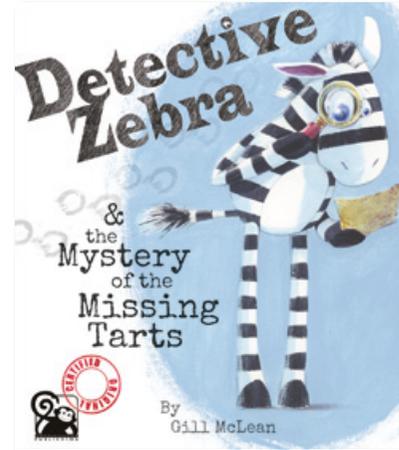
A tale of adventure, love and redemption about a mischievous dog who bites off more than he can chew.

Colour illustrations throughout and rhyming text.



Gill McLean

# Detective Zebra & the Mystery of the Missing Tarts



## Book Specification

Paperback : 32 Pages (245 x 275mm)

ISBN 978-0-9933079-0-4

Picture book aimed at ages 3-7

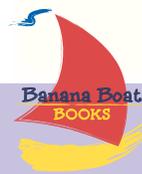
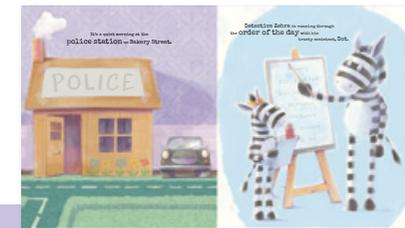
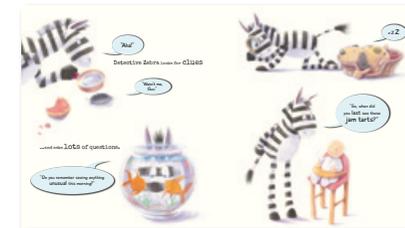
Published by Banana Boat Books

£6.99

BIC : YBCS

## Key Selling Points

Meet Detective Zebra and his sidekick Dot, in their first adventure where they investigate the untimely disappearance of the jam tarts.

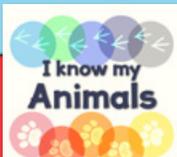
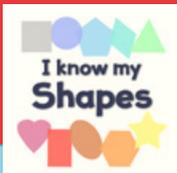


# Building Books

## First Foundations

by Gill McLean

Learn about numbers, shapes, colours and animals with Building Books. Stack the books to reveal four animal puzzles.



### Book Specification

4 x Board books as a cube: 11 Pages (50 x 50 x 50mm)

Printing on every side to create a building block

Slipcase with 2 windows reveals block puzzles

ISBN 978-0-9933079-3-5

First concepts board books for pre-school children

Published by Top Banana Books

£ 12.99

BIC : YBGT YBL

### Key Selling Points

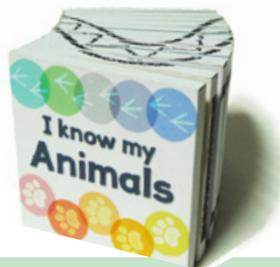
A perfect introduction to first concepts; colours, numbers, shapes and animals, with bold, eye-catching illustrations.



Illustrations on all sides of the cube shaped books create a building block - a traditional stacking toy.

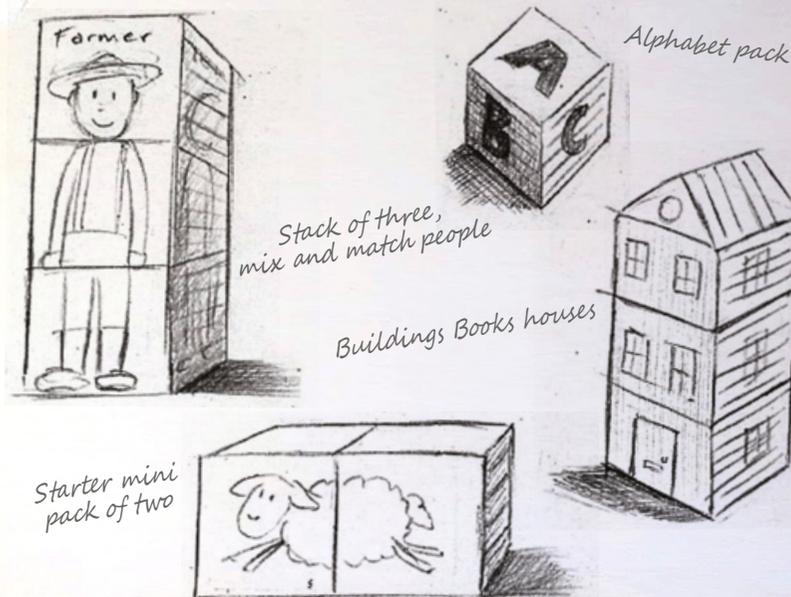
The books can be stacked to reveal 4 animal puzzles (in a stack of two and four), as well as a counting aid up to four.

The blocks fit neatly into a lidded slipcase.



## On the Drawing Board...

### New Building Books Formats



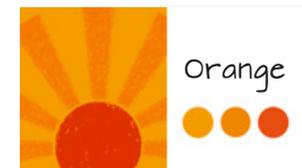
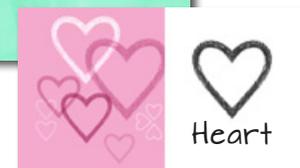
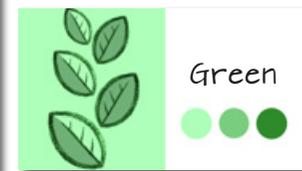
Starter mini pack of two

Stack of three, mix and match people

Alphabet pack

Buildings Books houses

See the video on our website:  
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# Winter Wonderland

By Gill McLean



## Book Specification

Board book : 8 Pages (210 x 210 mm)

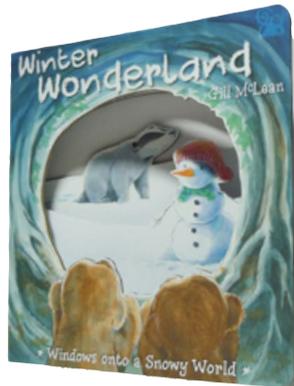
Die-cut window on cover and 2 die cut pages  
Glitter on cover, spine and first page

ISBN 978-0-9933079-2-8

Picture board book for pre-school children  
Published by Top  
Banana Books

£ 10.99

BIC : YBGT



## Key Selling Points

Die-cut windows lead the reader through the book, each turn of the page revealing the back of the scene as though walking through the snowy landscape.

Colour illustrations throughout and rhyming text.



On the Drawing Board...

The sequel to Winter Wonderland

## Wonderful Springtime

By Gill McLean



What Will the Baby Bear Cubs See?

At last it's Spring and the baby bears come out of their winter home to play in the melting snow. What will they discover in the big wide world beyond the bear den?



# Nelephant

By Gill McLean

## Finds her feet



### Book Specification

Board book: 9 Pages (180 x 180 mm)

Flocking on the cover

ISBN 978-0-9933079-4-2

Picture board book for pre-school children

Published by Top Banana Books

£ 8.99

BIC : YBGT

### Key Selling Points

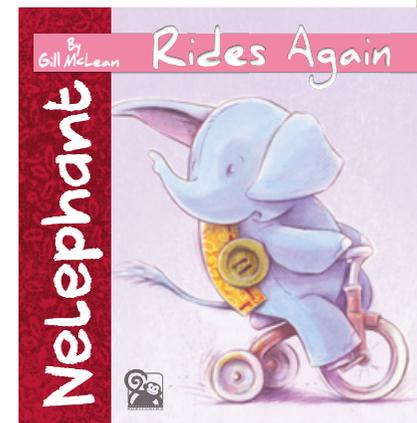
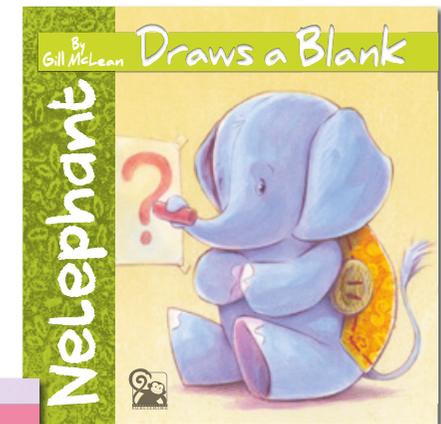
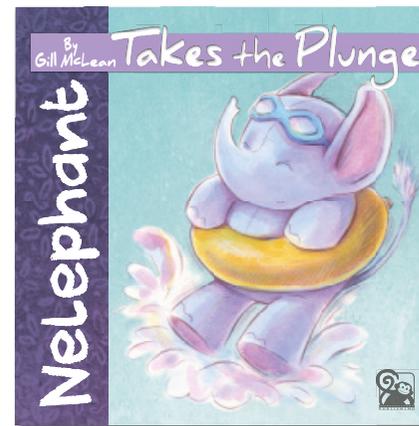
Introduction to the Nelephant character and her friends.

Follow their adventures as she draws the scenes that can take them anywhere their imagination wishes. A series based on first experiences for pre-school children.

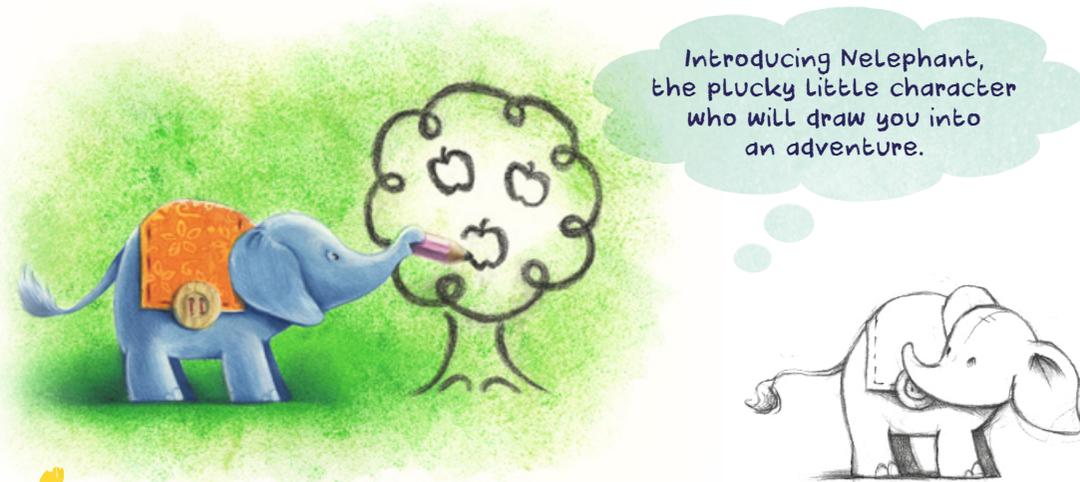
Colour illustrations throughout.



Meet Nelephant's new friends; Waggy, Ziggy Zaggy, Wabbit and OLly Wolly who join her on her imaginative travels.



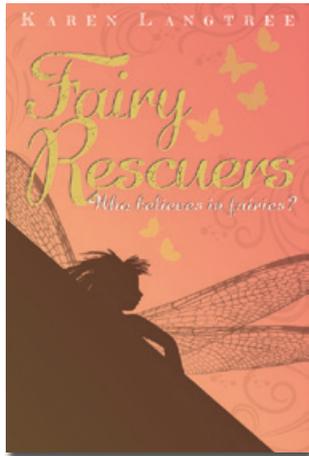
*New titles coming soon...  
Nelephant Takes the Plunge  
Nelephant Draws a Blank  
Nelephant Rides Again*



# Fairy Rescuers

By Karen Langtree

Who believes in Fairies? *Certainly* not Ellie!  
But when an injured fairy arrives in her garden,  
she *has* to help.



## Book Specification

Paperback : 112 Pages (126 x 198 mm)  
Spot metallic ink on the cover  
ISBN 978-0-9561086-1-6  
Aimed at readers 6+  
Published by GoApe Books  
£5.99  
BIC : YFH

## Key Selling Points

A first novel for fluent readers.  
Black and white illustrations throughout.

*'An enchanting tale which opens up the fantasy genre to a group of children who may not have felt inclined to read a book about fairies, but find themselves following a very believable heroine.'*

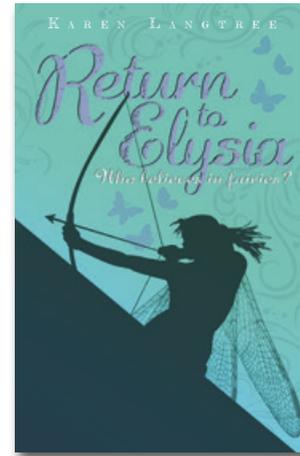
Deputy head teacher: Andrew Spencer



# Return to Elysia

By Karen Langtree

Once again Ellie takes up the challenge of a  
rescue mission in the Fairy Kingdom.  
But how did the school bully get there?



## Book Specification

Paperback : 148 Pages (126 x 198 mm)  
Spot metallic ink on the cover  
ISBN 978-0-9561086-6-1  
Aimed at readers 6+  
Published by GoApe Books  
£5.99  
BIC : YFH

## Key Selling Points

A first novel for fluent readers.  
Black and white illustrations throughout.

*'A fun modern fairy tale with a feisty heroine that children will be able to identify with.'*

Stephen Lewis, York Press



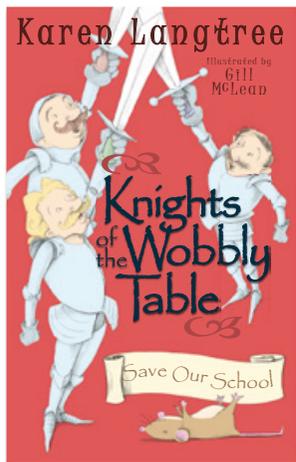
# Knights of the Wobbly Table

Save Our School



Written by Karen Langtree  
Illustrated by Gill McLean

What would you do if three time-travelling knights appeared in your garden shed? Sir Trumpsalot, Sir Gasehad and Sir Windibot get up to some seriously silly medieval mischief.



## Book Specification

Paperback : 112 Pages (130 x 197 mm)

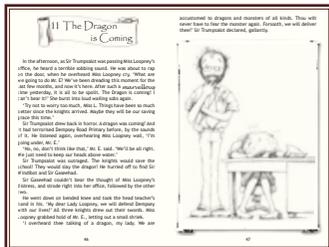
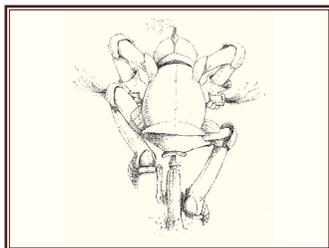
ISBN 978-0-9930636-2-6

Aimed at readers 6+

Published by GoApe Books

£5.99

BIC : YFQ



## Key Selling Points

- A first novel for fluent readers.
- Black and white illustrations throughout.
- First title in the 'Knights of the Wobbly Table' series.

## Titles to follow:

- Knights of the Wobbly Table - Raise the Drawbridge
- Knights of the Wobbly Table - Tally Ho!

*'Guffing knights on bikes surely cannot fail to be a hit with any junior school reader. Fast paced, quirky and funny with a high degree of silliness... I'd say this is a joustingly good read.'*

Ali Sparkes, winner of the Blue Peter Book Award 2010, author of 'Frozen in Time' and 'Destination Earth'.

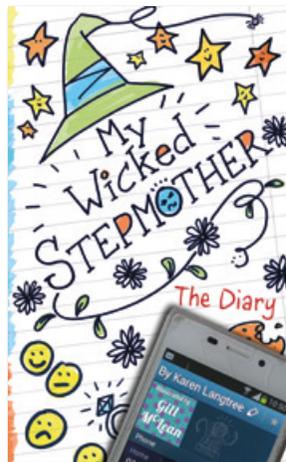


By Karen Langtree



The Diary

Lou is about to meet her new stepmother. But will she be wicked, like the ones in fairy tales? Lou uncovers the truth about her stepmother, as well as someone else in her family.



## Book Specification

Paperback : 240 Pages (130 x 197 mm)

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ISBN 978-0-9930636-4-0

Aimed at readers aged 9-12

Published by GoApe Books

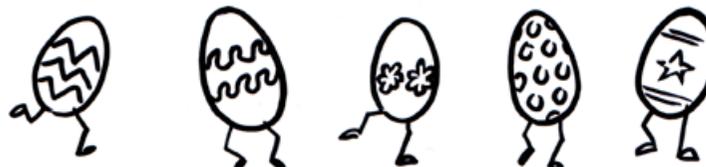
£6.99

BIC : YFN



## Key Selling Points

- A novel for confident readers in diary format.
- Black and white doodles throughout.
- A tale of break-up, love and the power of forgiveness.



*'Normally it would take me at least a week for me to read a book like that but it was so good I couldn't stop reading. The whole book was touching and beautiful and it made me want to read more books from you.'*

Miranda, age 11



# KAREN LANGTREE'S Breaking Trilogy



## Breaking Silence: Book Specification

Paperback : 400 Pages (130 x 197 mm)

ISBN 978-0-9561086-7-8

Aimed at readers 12+

Published by GoApe Books

£7.99

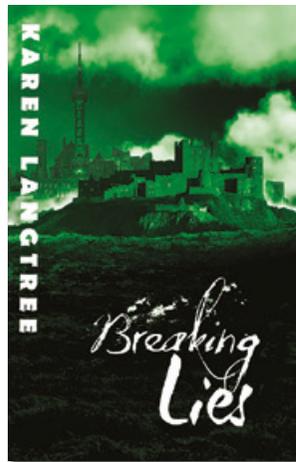
BIC : YFCB

### Key Selling Points

Dystopian novel.

First title in the Breaking Silence trilogy

*Having escaped from a high security detention centre, the Last thing Silence Hunter expects to run into is a girl, threatening him with a knife.*



## Breaking Lies: Book Specification

Paperback : 412 Pages (130 x 197 mm)

ISBN 978-0-9561086-5-7

Aimed at readers 12+

Published by GoApe Books

£7.99

BIC : YFCB

### Key Selling Points

Dystopian novel.

Second title in the Breaking Silence trilogy

*Chas has disappeared, leaving Si to face his enemies alone. She is hunting down her nemesis, but nothing can prepare her for what she finds.*

## Praise for Breaking Silence:

*'Fantastic! I genuinely loved it! It was well written and the storyline was so creative and intriguing. Si is an ordinary boy with an extraordinary story.'*

Caitlin, aged 15

*'This book is amazing! So gripping, thrilling and exceedingly exciting. I can't wait 'til book two. The characters seem very mysterious and secretive, you never know what will happen next.'*

Betty, Amazon reviewer

## Praise for Breaking Lies:

*'Breaking Lies? More Like breaking my heart with book-gripping action, hair-pulling suspense and heart-wrenching twists. Can't wait for the next one!'*

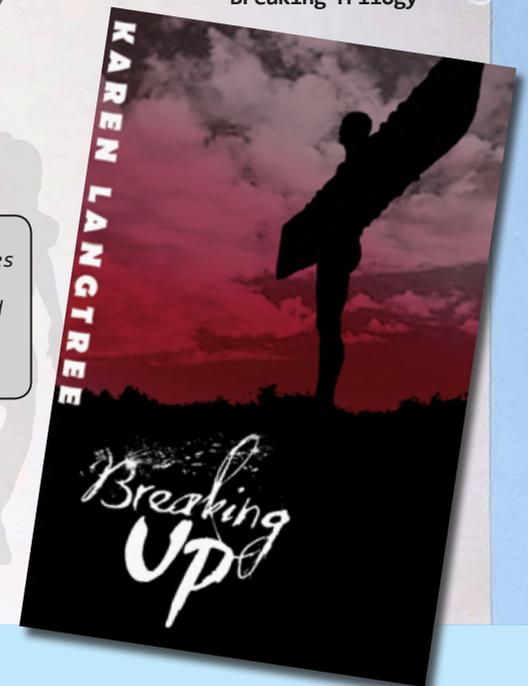
Evelyn, Preview reviewer

## On the Drawing Board...

*The finale...  
Breaking Up  
Coming soon*

Part **3** of the  
Breaking Trilogy

*Chas is trapped in the Citadel whilst plague rages throughout the country. Can Si and the rebels find a way to bring down the Rulers? Time is running out.*





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