



**LUCY WILSON**  
**BRAND NEW SHORT STORY**  
**IN EIGHT MINUTES AND FORTY-SIX SECONDS**

Candy Jar Books is pleased to announce its latest free-for-download short story, *8.46*. The story sees Lucy Wilson and Hobo Kostinen face the realities of prejudice.

*Written by critically acclaimed African American author, Julia Press Simmons, 8.46 has been created in response to the death of George Floyd and protests that followed. She says: "When Shaun at Candy Jar asked me to work on this story I was so pleased. Lucy Wilson is an amazing character and I am honoured and humbled to play a small part in her universe."*

Head of publishing, Shaun Russell, felt that it was very important to tackle this subject. He says: "Lucy Wilson is a not only a lead female character (which there are very few), but also a person of colour. I felt it would be a dereliction of duty to not cover this topic. I also wanted the story to feel authentic so, through a mutual friend, I contacted the wonderful Julia Press Simmons."

Julia has written more than twenty books including *The Strawberry Mansion*, and the award-winning play *Down There* (selected by the Black Festival Emerging Playwright's series in Nashville). *8.46* is a departure from the standard Lucy Wilson tale. Julia has written a story which is based on her real-life experiences growing up. She continues: "I must admit that initially I struggled with the tone of this project. Lucy is such a marvellous role model for children and I wanted her story to capture my personal experiences while keeping it age-appropriate. Although BAME life



in the UK is different from the African American experience I felt that there was enough commonality for me to tell this tale.”

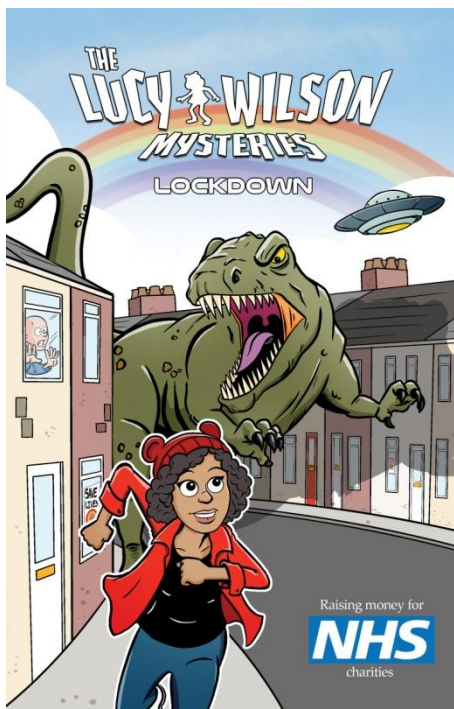
Tim Gambrell, who has written *Lucy Wilson & the Bledoe Cadets*, as well as several short stories including the upcoming *The Midwife & the Alien*, was involved in the editing process of this story. He says: “8.46 is a brief and powerful story that needs to be told, in my view. It doesn’t labour the fact. It doesn’t accuse the reader of anything. It just tells a simple story and packs quite an emotional punch with it.”

For *Doctor Who* fans that are unaware of Lucy Wilson, she is the granddaughter of the iconic Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart, one of *Doctor Who*’s longest running characters. “The Brigadier”, as he is known to fans, was played by the late Nicholas Courtney.

Blurb:

*It's 2020 and Lucy Wilson has just witnessed the death of George Floyd, followed by the toppling of the Edward Colston statue in Bristol.*

*Over eight minutes and forty-six seconds, Lucy and Hobo travel through time to discover why the past still has lessons to teach us all.*



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