

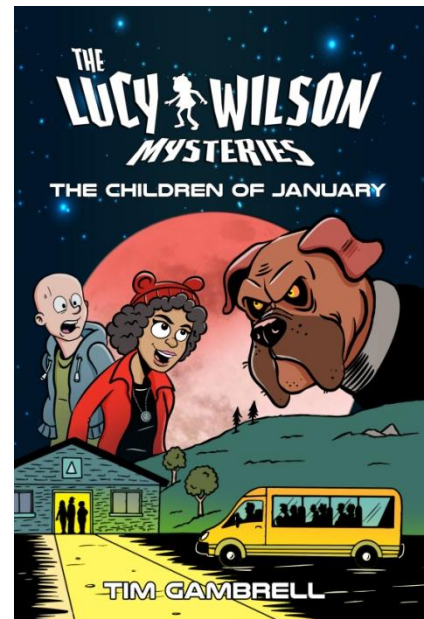


THE CHILDREN OF JANUARY

Candy Jar Books is pleased to announce that *The Children of January*, the latest instalment of *The Lucy Wilson Mysteries*, is now available for pre-order, exclusively from the Candy Jar and Lethbridge-Stewart websites.

Lucy Wilson is the granddaughter of the iconic *Doctor Who* favourite Brigadier Alistair Lethbridge-Stewart, and the last four years have seen her contend with a succession of extra-terrestrial threats drawn to her home in the seaside village of Ogmores-by-Sea, Wales.

This time, however, Lucy is packed off on a school trip to Dartmoor, where to her surprise she encounters seven other young defenders of Earth.



Head of publishing at Candy Jar, Shaun Russell, said: "Lucy and Hobo have really grown as characters since Sue Hampton masterfully introduced them in *Avatars of the Intelligence*. Since then we've seen them thwart an invasion of Mirror Clowns, end the TV career of Billy Bandrel, meet the Quarks, help the Brigadier save the universe, visit Fang Rock, and even witness Lucy's birth. But now Lucy and Hobo are taking on their greatest challenge – and this time they need help!"

Enter Joshua Benton, Reisha Travers and many more – the Children of January!

Tim Gambrell, the author of *The Children of January*, is thrilled to be kicking off this new phase of the Lucy Wilson saga. He says: "For one reason or another, I seem to have spent a lot of time with Lucy Wilson and Hobo over the past two years! It wasn't planned that way, that's just

how it's worked out. For me, at least, it's been a joy. Lucy and Hobo are great characters to write for and build stories around. But since *The Brigadier and the Bledoe Cadets* was published, the next planned step for me was always *The Children of January*."

The book is set in January 2020 (hence the title), before the impact of COVID-19. Lucy and Hobo are sent off to Dartmoor to represent their school, alongside various other pupils from schools nationwide. This adventure ties up a few loose ends from the previous books, and establishes a brand new mystery for our heroes.

Tim continues: "*The Children of January* was never going to be just another *Lucy Wilson Mysteries* book. Shaun gave me the title and a shopping list of things he wanted the book to contain. This included quite a large cast of characters. In fact, there's even a guest appearance from a certain well-known warrant officer! Shaun then left me to turn his shopping list into an engaging *Lucy Wilson Mysteries* book. It was a challenge, for sure, but hopefully I've succeeded."

Blurb of *The Lucy Wilson Mysteries: The Children of January*:

A new calendar year. A new term. A new set of challenges for Lucy Wilson and Hobo Kostinen.

The two of them discover they've been selected to represent their school at a national team event, that weekend.

But why such short notice? Who are the other seven children making up their team? And why are none of them bothered by the prospect of searching out concealed aliens on the frozen wastes of Dartmoor in January 2020?

Pretty soon, Lucy and Hobo realise that no one is quite what they seem on this particular weekend away.

The Lucy Wilson Mysteries is a Lethbridge-Stewart spin-off adventure inspired by characters created for Doctor Who by Mervyn Haisman and Henry Lincoln. It also features Sergeant Benton, created by Derek Sherwin.