



THE PHANTOMS OF TUSKER ROCK

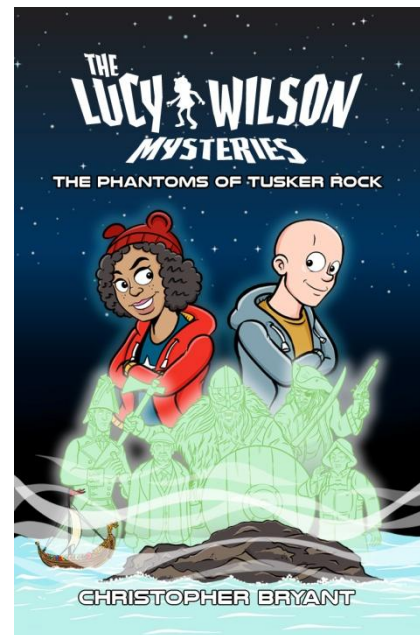
Candy Jar Books is pleased to announce that *The Phantoms of Tusker Rock*, the latest installment of *The Lucy Wilson Mysteries*, is now available for pre-order, exclusively from the Candy Jar and Lethbridge-Stewart websites.

Lucy Wilson is the granddaughter of the iconic *Doctor Who* favourite Brigadier Alistair Lethbridge-Stewart, and the last three years have seen her contend with a succession of extraterrestrial threats drawn to her home in the seaside village of Ogmore-by-Sea, just outside of Bridgend.

Like several of Lucy's previous adventures, the latest mystery is rooted in the area's ancient legends. It was a concept that appealed to author Christopher Bryant, whose Welsh heritage has always informed his life and work.

Christopher says: "One of the things I've always loved about *Doctor Who* is how it opens a portal – sometimes literally – between the everyday and the fantastic. In particular I've always liked the episodes that take the viewer into history. Whether it's the Doctor's flirting with Elizabeth I, or taking a jaunt around Dickensian London, it's such a cool way of giving young viewers a sense of connection to their heritage. When Candy Jar approached me, I saw the opportunity to root around in that rich trove of folklore and myth and, hopefully, introduce it to a new generation."

In *The Phantoms of Tusker Rock* we find Lucy and her superbrain sidekick Hobo encountering the ghostly *cyhyraeth* – a disembodied howl portending the death of the listener, which, legends say, can be heard emanating from Ogmore's Tusker Rock to this day.



The Rock has long been a source of legend, the ruin of unwary ships for centuries. And where myths collide, and the supernatural threatens, Lucy Wilson is sure to be found.

South Wales, of course, has been a hotspot of all things extraterrestrial, extratemporal and extraordinary ever since the BBC established the home of *Doctor Who* in Cardiff. As the capital of not only (unquestionably) the world's most beautiful country, but also one of its most loved and enduring franchises, in recent years the city has drawn in tourists from all over the world, keen to see the real-life home of the Doctor's adventures.

As Candy Jar's Head of Publishing, Shaun Russell, puts it: "You can go anywhere in the world and people know Wales because of the Doctor. When we started the Lucy Wilson series, we knew we wanted to build on this connection; not only did basing our stories in Wales help establish an internal logic within the wider universe, but being a Cardiff company built up Lucy's adventures. Lucy is a mixed-race character, who moved to the area from London. Using her character as the means to explore Wales' folklore, we hope to paint a picture of Wales in the modern day – a country proud of its traditions yet cosmopolitan, diverse, and entirely at home in the twenty-first century."

Blurb of *The Lucy Wilson Mysteries: The Phantoms of Tusker Rock*:

Lucy Wilson might be the scourge of all things extra-terrestrial, but her latest opponent is a little closer to home. Try as Lucy might, her dad just doesn't get it. Earth's last line of defence doesn't get to take days off, even if it means staying out on a school night!

Particularly when those nights are broken by the sound of supernatural howling. And ghostly Vikings stalking the streets. And a mysterious coven of druids, led by someone who looks awfully like the little old woman down the road...

Whatever her dad says, Lucy's got a job to do. But with night falling, and the waters rising, soon she finds herself cut off from everyone she loves.

The Lucy Wilson Mysteries is a Lethbridge-Stewart spin-off adventure inspired by characters created for Doctor Who by Mervyn Haisman and Henry Lincoln.