Hip hip hoorays for the *Knight Sir Louis* series!

'Absolutely hilarious nonsense. I even forgive them for spelling my name wrong in the title, that's how funny it is.' Louie Stowell

'Sublimely funny and seriously entertaining, this is the ideal way to get your youngsters hooked on reading. . . and medieval mischief!'
Lancashire Evening Post

'What a hero! What a story! Sublime daftness on every page.'
Jeremy Strong

'I love these books so much! *Mr Gum* levels of weird and brilliant.'
Jo Nadin

'Probably the funniest book I've ever read. A masterclass in silliness!'
Gary Northfield, author of *Julius Zebra* series

'A ridiculously appealing story . . . wacky, original, fantastic and funny, it's so good you'll have to read it for yourself!' *School Librarian*

'Brimming with ludicrous magic and fizzing with irresistible comedy.'
Peter Lord

'As if Hans Christian Andersen had cornered you in a pub and got his own yarn in the wrong order, or The Brothers Grimm had squeezed up next to you with a Tupperware box of home-made sandwiches on a long coach journey.' Stewart Lee, comedian

'Dazzlingly silly and brilliant fun.'
Matt Brown

'Will appeal to anyone who likes adventures and laughing.'
Philip Reeve

'One of the funniest books you will read this year!' – My Book Corner

'Refreshing and entertaining.' – Books for Topics

'Reading Knight Sir Louis is like being on a roller coaster with your nan's best mates whose teeth have fallen out and they're all giggling uncontrollably, it's a lot of fun!' ***Maisie Chan, author***

'I just love Knight Sir Louis so so so so so much!'
Samuel Henderson

'Verry gooooood . . . It was soooo funny I would recommend it to lots of people.' *Carlie, aged 9*

'Clunkalot is my favourite and I love the adventures they have. Every chapter ends on a cliffhanger.'
Ava

'Absolutely hilarious. I just had to read it to my family so we could laugh out loud together. So funny, a must read by everyone, can't wait for another book in the series.' *Matty, aged 10*

'PLEASE MAKE MORE BOOKS . . . I absolutely loved this book it is a really good story and really funny!' **Debra**

'Funny, silly, adventurous & more funny.'
Sami, aged 8

KNIGHT SIR LOUIS

AND THE CAULDRON OF CHAOS



GUPPY BOOKS

KNIGHT SIR LOUIS AND THE CAULDRON OF CHAOS
is a GUPPY BOOK

First published in the UK in 2024 by
Guppy Books,
Bracken Hill,
Cotswold Road,
Oxford OX2 9JG

Text copyright © The Brothers McLeod, 2024

978 1 916558 274

1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2

The rights of The Brothers McLeod to be identified as
the author of this work has been asserted in accordance
with the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced,
stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by
any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or
otherwise, without the prior permissions of the publishers.

Papers used by Guppy Books are from well-managed
forests and other responsible sources.



GUPPY PUBLISHING LTD Reg. No. 11565833

A CIP catalogue record for this book is
available from the British Library.

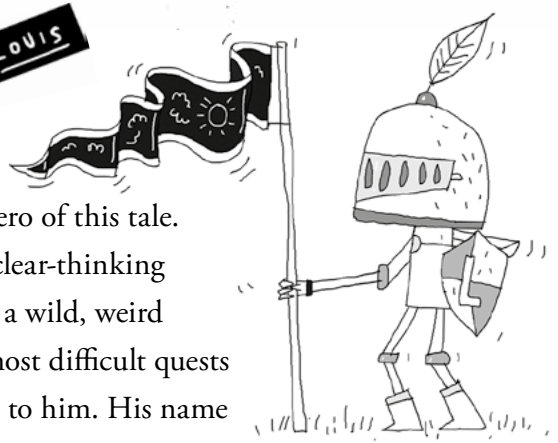
Typeset in 13½/20 pt Adobe Garamond by
Falcon Oast Graphic Art Ltd, www.falcon.uk.com

Printed and bound in Great Britain by CPI Books Ltd

To Caroline

So who's in this book exactly?

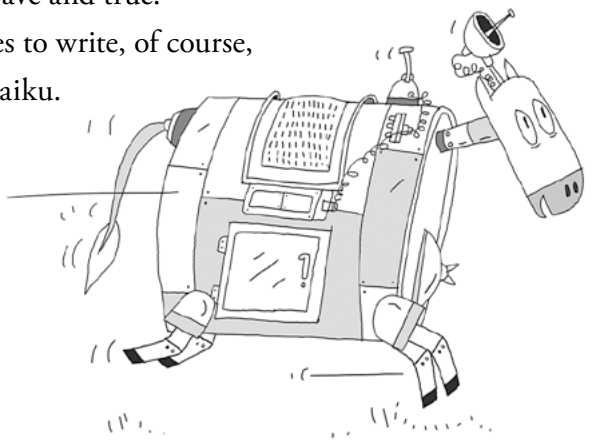
Knight Sir Louis



The young hero of this tale.
A calm and clear-thinking champion in a wild, weird world. The most difficult quests are entrusted to him. His name is pronounced 'Loo-ee'.

Clunkalot

Clunkie the flying robot horse is sturdy, brave and true.
He also likes to write, of course, especially haiku.



Henrietta Catalogue



A super-smart boar with a love of adventure, mushrooms and adventure. Did I mention she likes adventure? And mushrooms.

Pearlin



A young, self-taught wizentor (that's a wizard *and* inventor). Always coming up with new and fun ways to use machines and magic.



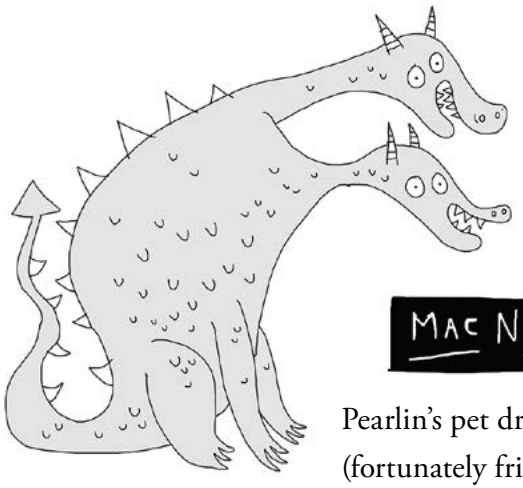
King Burt the Not Bad

The (mostly) kind and often (not) sensible King of Squirrel Helm who rules from Castle Sideways.

DAVE THE SWORD



A magical sword recycled from a magic mirror. Likes reflecting magical spells, chopping through nasty things, and singing. (Is an awful singer).



MAC N CHEESE

Pearlin's pet dragon with two (fortunately friendly) heads.

MYSTO

The greatest wizentor ever known. Prone to magical accidents. Curently on holiday.



CILLA DA SPELL

A young witch with big ambitions. Has a brain fizzing and popping with new ideas and new ways to become the best-known witch ever, anywhere, full stop.

THE CAULDRON OF CHAOS

An ancient, naughty cauldron who loves scoffing down money, gems, gold, silver and anything precious. Ha, ha, ho!



CHAPTER WITCH

This is a story about witches.

How do stories about witches usually start? Well, usually . . .



- it's a dark, stormy night
- there are three witches

- on a spooky lump of land called a heath
- with a big cauldron full of a nasty soup made from frogs' toes and newts' eyeballs.

But that isn't how this story begins.



Sorry, you're not in this story.



But don't worry. There are going to be some witches. And there is definitely going to be a big cauldron.



CHAPTER 1



Cilla Da Spell was a witch.

Almost.

She was an apprentice. She had taken her witchery exams, but they still hadn't sent a letter. Had she passed or not? It was awful having to wait for the results.

She'd been an apprentice for sooooo long. She had spent so much time having to do what she was told by the older witches. She couldn't wait to leave. Yes, she had enjoyed the lessons about spells and magic. But the things they learnt seemed ancient and dull. Where was the new magic?

She had never really clicked with the other apprentices either. Nobody was mean to her. But they weren't friends either. The others seemed to be content to learn the old spells and nothing more. But Cilla wanted to invent her own spells and potions! She often volunteered for chores. That way she could be on her own and think about her magical ideas. She cleaned the potion bottles, washed and ironed the witches' robes, added sticky cobwebs to the doorways and made sure the stairs were still creaky.

Right now, she was scrubbing out one of the many cauldrons. They were all so battered and blackened. It was back-breaking work. She promised herself that when she made full witch, she'd get herself a lovely brand-new non-stick cauldron. As she worked, she liked to listen to Radio Owl.



Hoooo-doooo! Twit-twoo!

Today's headlines:

King Burt has just returned from an exciting tour of the other kingdoms.

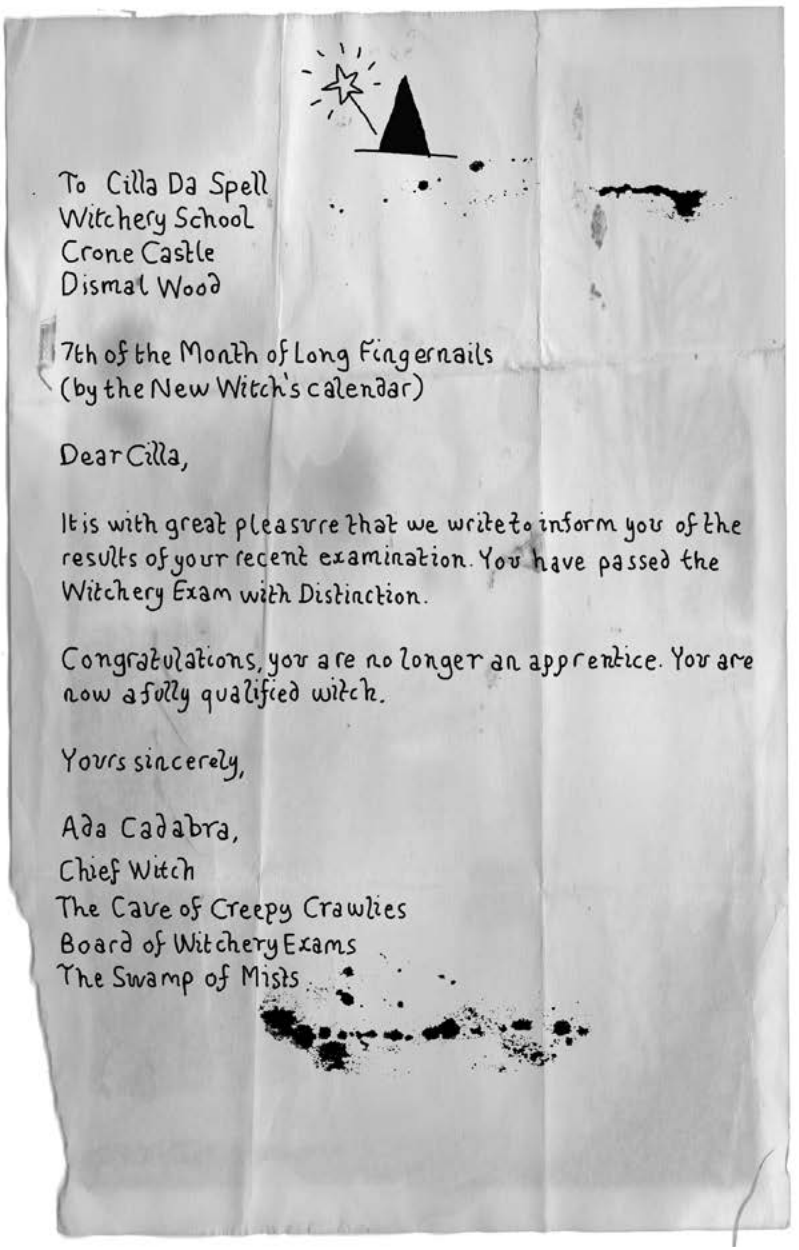
He enjoyed a day at the new fun park, the Big Widget, in the kingdom of Proud Fidget.

He was very impressed by the Republic of Klaptrap's new theme park, Thunderclap Towers.

And finally, he also spent time at the Principality of Plopp's new adventure centre, Top of the Plopps.

Cilla listened with envy. She wished she could be like King Burt. Be her own boss. Do whatever she wanted when she wanted!

Just then, as she scraped the inside of the cauldron with a wire brush, she heard the letterbox clatter. Cilla climbed out of the cauldron and went to the door. There on the ground was a gilt-edged envelope addressed to her. She took off her cleaning gloves and picked up the envelope. She carefully lifted out the letter inside. Slowly but surely, a big smile crossed Cilla's face.



To Cilla Da Spell
Witchery School
Crone Castle
Dismal Wood

7th of the Month of Long Fingernails
(by the New Witch's calendar)

Dear Cilla,

It is with great pleasure that we write to inform you of the results of your recent examination. You have passed the Witchery Exam with Distinction.

Congratulations, you are no longer an apprentice. You are now a fully qualified witch.

Yours sincerely,

Ada Cadabra,
Chief Witch
The Cave of Creepy Crawlies
Board of Witchery Exams
The Swamp of Mists



CHAPTER 2

Here is King Burt the Not Bad.

King Burt has just arrived home to Castle Sideways. You would think that after his tour he'd be bright and breezy. But instead, he was as glum and grumpy as Cilla Da Spell was ecstatic.



'It's so boring here! Why don't I have an amusement park?' he grumbled to himself.

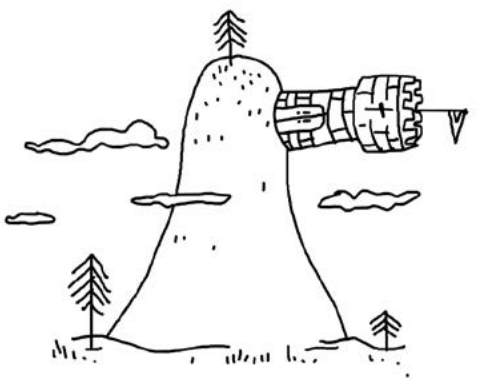
He looked around for his champion knight. Surely Knight Sir Louis, daring adventurer, would have some exciting ideas about how they could get

their own fun park built right here outside Castle Sideways!

'Sorry, your majesty,' explained a footman. 'He's busy. He's about to save the world again.'

King Burt shook his head, irritated.

'Typical! Saving the world. Pah! But what about me? I want to have fun!'



CHAPTER 3

And now, an exciting chapter featuring our hero, Knight Sir Louis!

