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To Sophia and William,
love Auntie Rach XX

For Paul and Mandy,
love from Steven X



I'm Mr Pottifer.
Hi, everyone!
You're in the right place
for some fabulous fun!

Pottifer's Parlour of Plants is my shop,
It's so full of magical blooms it might pop!

Meet Sarah. She helps at the gardening store,
Inside, we plant dragons and mermaids and more!

Enchantment Street here is unlike any other,
There's all kinds of magical shops to discover.

Riding a unicorn can be quite hard,
So learn it at Yasmina's Unicorn Yard!



The Roarium Emporium will sell you a treat,
In case your pet dragon needs something to eat.

And if you like dinosaurs, come down and see them!
Here at the Magical History Museum!



And as for the school?
Well, you have to come soon!
It's half normal classroom, half
MERMAID LAGOON!



Now, back to my shop,
it's the place I love best,
But growing fresh magic
can be quite the test!

See, sometimes my planting does not go as planned,
And for this adventure, I might need a hand.

So please plant your fingerprint into this pot,
Fire up all the imagination you've got.

Next, twitch your nose, give your hands a big swish,
Say 'GROW ME A STORY!' (It helps if you wish.)

Then, settle down and get comfy and snug,
(Might I recommend something warm in a mug?).

Turn over this page, we're about to dive in,
Your trip to Enchantment Street's soon to begin . . .




MR POTTIFER'S
PARLOUR OF PLANTS
Welcome to
Enchantment
Street


Primary
School



Chapter One

This story starts at the primary school, right in the heart of Enchantment Street. This town is unlike any other. Here, magic really does grow on **trees!**

Take a short stroll and you will meet unicorns, dinosaurs, dragons, mermaids and more, all grown using the rarest seeds from Pottifer's Parlour of Plants, a magical



gardening shop.
It is owned by
Mr Pottifer, the world's
chattiest Venus flytrap. Seven-
year-old Sarah helps out there on
weekends and sometimes after school.

Luckily, you've arrived at Enchantment Street Primary on the best day of the week. And that's because today is when Miss Joy's class have their very favourite lesson:

Magical Gardening!

Ever since Sarah started helping Mr Pottifer, she's loved growing magical plants. Thanks to the shop, the school now has its own very special garden, and the friendly flytrap teaches the children how to make sure their plants bloom and grow!

‘I wonder what seeds Mr Pottifer will bring today,’ says Sarah, sitting down at her desk.

‘I don’t know,’ says her friend, Jasper, sounding nervous. ‘I hope it’s not too hard to grow.’

‘Don’t worry. Seed packets always have instructions,’ Sarah tells him. ‘We just need to follow the rules carefully.’

Their friend Alba splashes up to them, taking a seat beside Sarah’s desk. ‘And



even when magic goes wrong, fun things might happen!' she says with a giggle. Alba **splashes** her friends playfully with her purple, shimmering tail.

Sarah laughs. Alba is right; growing doesn't always go to plan, but magic has a way of making mishaps fun.



After all, it was a magical mistake that brought Alba and the other mermaids to Enchantment Street in the first place because they grew from seeds in Mr Pottifer's shop. And they're why Sarah's classroom looks like a poolside holiday – only there are desks and chairs next to the pool instead of sun loungers!

A tiny unicorn jumps out of Sarah's bag and knocks over a pot of pencils.

'Ooops. Careful, Sprout!' she says, with a chuckle. Her unicorn, Sprout, and his



friends were also magical accidents. Sarah had only meant to grow one unicorn but ended up sprouting enough to fill a whole stable! Luckily, Yasmina, one of the town's residents, was a keen rider and had jumped at the chance to set up her very own Unicorn Yard.

‘With all the strange things that have been happening recently, I hope it’s something nice and safe, like pixies or puppies!’ says Sarah’s friend Amir.

‘Me too,’ says Alba. ‘Did we ever find out why the dandelions grew rock-star hairdos?’



‘Perhaps we planted them too close to the rockery?’ suggests Sarah.

‘And remember the cowslips we grew last week?’ says Amir. ‘They squirted so much milk that everyone thought it was raining!’



Jasper smiles. ‘My mum ran to the shop to buy a pack of freshly grown Rich Tree biscuits and some takeaway cups so we could catch the milk for biscuit dunking!’



‘Maybe something fishy is going on,’ says Sarah. ‘Magical gardening sometimes goes wrong, but not **THIS** often or **THIS MUCH**.’



There is a gigantic roar, and the children peer out of the window as Miss Joy lands in the school playground on Gertrude, her dragon. The teacher waves to the children and hops down off Gertrude's back. The magical creature lumbers over to join other dragons sitting on the special perches that tower as tall as buildings around the school playground.



The dragons will wait there until their owners finish school for the day.

'Good morning, everyone!' Miss Joy says as she walks into the classroom. 'Now, I know how excited we all get when Mr Pottifer comes to visit. So, what are we waiting for? Let's head outside to the magical garden!'

The children cheer excitedly and hop down from their chairs or splash away from their rubber rings.



‘See you out there!’ calls Alba as she dives into the splashy, twirly merslides that loop around the building like colourful octopus tentacles. The merslides join all the classrooms to the rivers and lagoons in the playground so the merkids can get around the school.



Outside, the unicorns glitter in their stables, neighing a hello to their owners as the children walk past. Sprout whinnies in reply from Sarah’s

backpack. ‘Don’t worry, I’m sure you’ll grow enough to join the big unicorns soon!’ she says. Sprout bloomed much earlier than the other unicorns in his crop, but he still has a bit of growing to do before he can safely gallop about with his siblings or carry Sarah.

‘Remember when we had to walk or catch the bus to school?’ says Amir. ‘Now it’s dragon or unicorn travel all the way! Thank goodness for Pottifer’s Parlour of Plants! And thank you for being such a great magical gardener, Sarah.’

‘Thanks!’ Sarah laughs. ‘We’ve made a few mistakes with our planting along the way, but things have turned out pretty great!’

Sarah jumps as she hears a sudden cry coming from the school garden.

‘Help, help, **HELLLP!** The peas are revolting. **THE PEAS ARE REVOLTING!**’