

Hello, Our Lady's Terenure! Thanks so much for having me to over (virtually) to talk to you yesterday.

Here's a list of my own books:

The Eye of the North

The Star-Spun Web

Skyborn

The Time Tider

The Silver Road

Sword of the Sun

And the series I've written, for younger readers, is as follows:

Lola and Larch Fix a Fairy Forest

Lola and Larch Save the Sunshine Spell

Lola and Larch Make a Winter Wish

And the fourth book, *Lola and Larch Mend a Magic Mess*, is coming out in April 2025!

In terms of books I'd recommend by other authors... Phew! *takes a deep breath*

Anything by Vashti Hardy (she has so many, I'd be here all day typing them out!)

The *Huntress* trilogy by Sarah Driver

The Kingdom Over the Sea by Zohra Nabi

Magicalia by Jennifer Bell (or anything by Jennifer Bell)

Saffiyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

The Last Boy by Eve McDonnell

Anything by Pádraig Kenny (especially if you like spooky books)

The Mountain Rescue Dog by Juliette Forrest

The *Yesterday Crumb* series by Andy Sagar (super-sweet cosy fantasy, but with a spooky core!)

The *Artezans* books by LD Lapinski (or anything by LD! They're brilliant)

The World Between the Rain by Susan Cahill

Bird Boy by Catherine Bruton

I Am Wolf by Alastair Chisholm

The *Loki* books by Louie Stowell (so funny)

The House at the End of the Sea by Victoria M. Adams

Steady for This and *King of Nothing* by Nathanael Lessore

Dinosaur Pie by Jen Wallace and Alan O'Rourke (super-fun with great graphic novel-style art!)

The Song from Somewhere Else and *The Worlds We Leave Behind* by AF Harrold, with excellent art by Levi Pinfeld (though, these are a small bit on the spooky side, so be careful!)

Mallory Vayle and the Curse of Maggoty Skull by Martin Howard (don't be put off by 'maggoty skull' – this book is really fun, though be careful as it does involve bereavement right at the start)

Fia and the Last Snow Deer by Eilish Fisher and Dermot Flynn (a good winter book!)

Interdimensional Explorers by Lorraine Gregory

High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson (or anything by Sharna, who is brilliant!)

Keedie and *A Kind of Spark* by Elle McNicoll

The *Onyeka* series by Tola Okogwu (begin with *Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun*)

As you can see, I could go on all day about books by other authors. There are so many books out there, and there are books for everyone... No matter what you love, or like, or don't like, there's a book for you. Please do remember to ask your local librarian, or bookseller, for their recommendations – and you can always ask your teacher or grown-up to write to me at sjohart@sjohart.com and I'll try to help! (Please don't write directly to me, as – in keeping with my Child Protection Policy – I can't reply directly to a person under 18 on a private messaging service like email. Ask a friendly grown-up to do it for you instead!)

There's also the BRILLIANT website www.discoveririshkidsbooks.ie which is jam-packed full of recommendations for readers of all ages, shapes and sizes – and all the books are written by Irish authors, or illustrated by Irish artists! It's great, so make sure to check it out.

Happy reading! And, if you haven't yet discovered the book (or audiobook, or graphic novel) that makes your heart sing, please don't give up. I promise you, it's out there. Keep looking! Have loads of fun reading your way through life, and always remember to cultivate your curiosity, which keeps your Storyfinding muscles strong. Stories are everywhere – and they're for everyone!

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