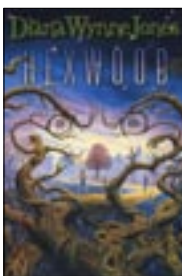
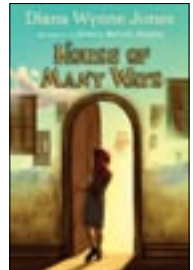


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DIANA WYNNE JONES was born in London in 1934, where she had a chaotic and unsettled childhood against the background of The Second World War. The family moved around a lot, finally settling in a village in Essex, full of bizarre personalities.



Here, deprived of books by a father 'who could beat Scrooge in a meanness contest,' she decided she would have to write them herself...

Diana went on to study English at Oxford University, where she attended lectures by J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis.

It was at Oxford that she met her future husband, John Burrow. They married in 1956 and now live in Bristol, where he was Professor of Early English Literature at the University. They have three sons.

Her first children's book, WILKIN'S TOOTH, was published in 1973. Since then she has written 40 books, nearly all still in print, and published in more than 20 languages.

"Wynne Jones belongs to an elect clan of the most treasured of British children's authors, creating her own unique brand of fantasy."
THE GUARDIAN

"Her hallmarks include laugh-aloud humour, plenty of magic and an imaginative array of alternate worlds. Yet, at the same time, a great seriousness is present in all of her novels, a sense of urgency that links Jones' most outrageous plots to her readers' hopes and fears."
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

AWARDS

Diana won the Guardian Award for Children's Fiction in 1978, with CHARMED LIFE. In 1999, she won two major fantasy awards: the Mythopoeic Fantasy Award in the US (for the second time), and an award from the British Fantasy Society for her lifetime contribution to fantasy writing. Diana has won further prizes in Holland and Germany, and in 2007 she received a LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD at the World Fantasy Convention. She has been shortlisted for the 2010 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

★ HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE was made into an animated film directed by Hayao Miyazaki for Studio Ghibli. It broke all box office records in Japan in 2004 and 2005, and was nominated for an Oscar in 2006.

Diana's new novel ENCHANTED GLASS was published by HarperCollins UK in January 2010, and will appear in the US in spring 2010.



"One of the brightest, funniest fantasy writers currently working"
GOOD BOOK GUIDE

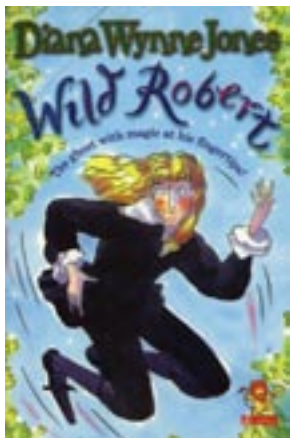
"Diana Wynne Jones is, quite simply, the best writer of magic there is, for readers of any age."
NEIL GAIMAN

Take a look at one of Diana's websites

Official HarperCollins website www.dianawynnejones.com
Official website for fans www.leemac.freeseve.co.uk
Chrestomanci Castle website for fans suberic.net/dwj

Stories for younger readers (7-10)

WILD ROBERT



Illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark

Wild Robert is a gentle, charming ghost, who is half a magician (on his mother's side). At Heather's summons, he returns after 350 years and is horrified by the antics of the tourists at his former home, Castlemaine House.

Since he is a ghost who haunts by day, he plays some wonderfully wicked magic jokes on the unwanted visitors.

“a lively, fantastic and satisfying story of romance and come-uppance”

TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

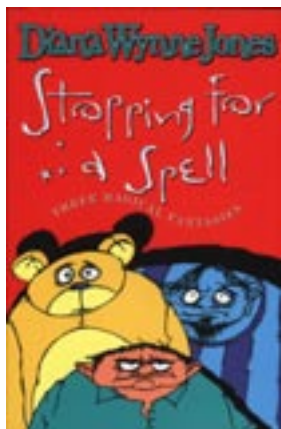
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STOPPING FOR A SPELL

A collection of three magical fantasies

How do you get rid of a guest who picks you up by the hair, or who breaks the furniture, or who just won't leave? In these three short stories, the Chair Person, four grannies and Angus Flint are the uninvited guests who just have to go!

But help comes from an unexpected source, and just a pinch of magic...



“Jones's sly wit and irrepressible imagination are a delight - in fast moving, easily read, laugh-aloud stories”

KIRKUS REVIEWS (starred review)

“three stories brim with the wry takes on everyday situations and the slapstick wizardry that have made Jones's novels so howlingly funny.”

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

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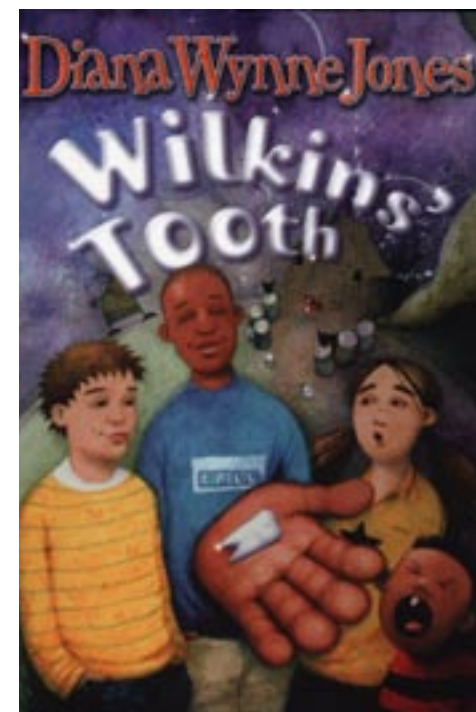
WILKIN'S TOOTH (US title: WITCH'S BUSINESS)

**OWN BACK LIMITED
REVENGE ARRANGED,
PRICE ACCORDING TO TASK**

It seemed like a good idea at the time. After all, Frank and Jess needed the money and a revenge business should be the ideal way to earn it. But good ideas like revenge tend to go horribly wrong and soon they find themselves in deep trouble with Buster Knell's gang.

What's more, the local witch, Biddy Iremonger, sees Own Back Ltd. as competition to her business, and when Biddy is angry, there's no end to the trouble she'll cause...

And it all began with Wilkin's tooth.



“A fresh, entertaining fantasy”
TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

“This richly humorous story...is also a spine-chiller of the first order”
THE TIMES

“An exhilarating thrill-ride of a tale!”
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

Rights sold: UK (HarperCollins), US (Greenwillow), Japan (Hayakawa Shobo), Russia (Azbooka)

Stories for ten years and over

BLACK MARIA (US title: AUNT MARIA)

- ★ An AMERICA BOOKSELLER "Pick of the Lists"
- ★ A Library of Congress Children's Book of the Year



When Mig and her brother Chris go to stay with old Aunt Maria in Cranbury-on-Sea they quickly realise that the village isn't as peaceful as it seems.

The men are grey-suited zombies; the children behave like clones and the women nervously flock around Aunt Maria's tea parties to do her bidding. She looks like a sweet little old lady, but she's deadly as poison.

And then she turns Chris into a wolf! If Mig's family is to escape, Mig must find out what has given Aunt Maria her power - and defeat her!

"An unusual yarn that is at once supernatural and realistic, humorous and horrifying, mysterious and enlightening."

SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

"With her usual facility, Jones plunges an ordinary family...into a weird mix of small-town pettiness, magic, and witchcraft, all overlaid with a wryly original look at the war between the sexes."

KIRKUS REVIEWS

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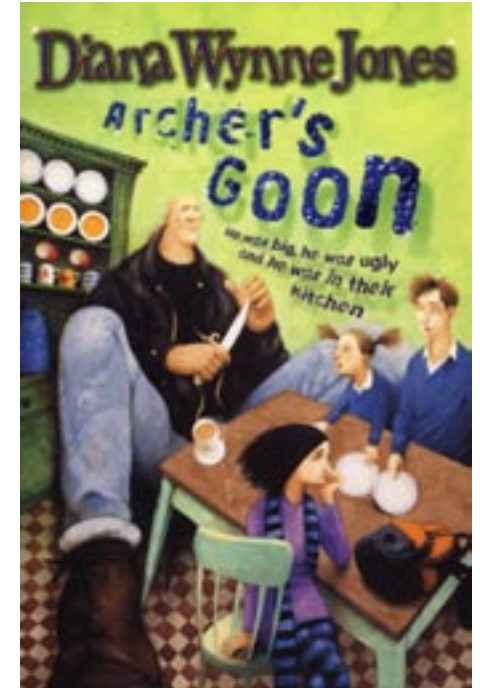
ARCHER'S GOON

- ★ Nominated for the Best Novel category of the World Fantasy Award
- ★ An ALA Best Book for Young Adults
- ★ An ALA Notable Children's Book
- ★ An SLJ Best Book of the Year

*"Face the facts!
This town is run by seven
megalomaniac wizards!"*

When Howard Sykes comes home and finds the Goon taking up all the available space in the kitchen, life turns upside down. Archer, one of seven siblings who control everything in their town from electricity to the police, has sent the Goon to collect the two thousand words Howard's father owes him.

Suddenly, the Sykes family is caught in the middle of the wizards' battle for power - and only Howard can save them.



*"Brimful of seemingly effortless creativity...
ARCHER'S GOON leaves readers wanting more"*

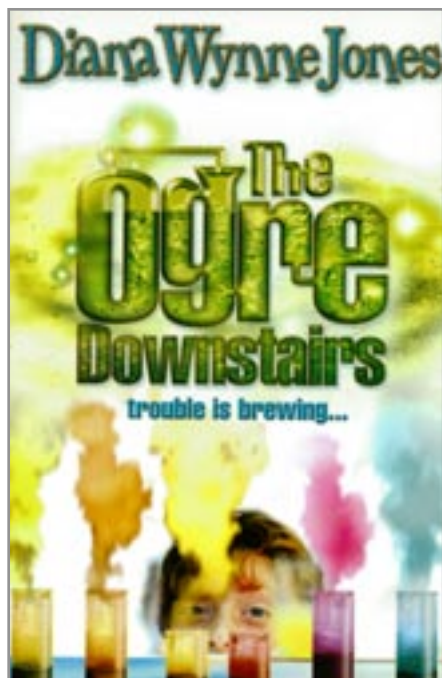
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"A brilliantly wayward fantasy."

THE GUARDIAN

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THE OGRE DOWNSTAIRS



Caspar, Johnny and Gwinny are less than pleased when their mother marries a man they call 'The Ogre'.

To make matters worse The Ogre's obnoxious children, Malcolm and Douglas, move in as well. But when The Ogre gives a chemistry set to each group of kids, bigger problems take over. As their experiments soon show, these are not your average chemicals...

Are one combustible step-family and two explosive chemistry sets a formula for disaster?

"Diana Wynne Jones' inventiveness knows no bounds"
TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

"Crammed with incident, packed with fast and witty dialogue"
THE TIMES

***"Readers caught up in the well-delineated characters
will be swept along to the end."***
ALA BOOKLIST

Rights sold: UK (HarperCollins), US (Greenwillow), Complex Chinese (Sharp Point), Japan (Tokyo Shogen-Sha)

A TALE OF TIME CITY



When Vivian is evacuated from London in 1939, instead of being taken to the safety of the countryside, she is unexpectedly whisked away to Time City, a place that exists outside time and space.

The Time Patrol works to preserve the correct sequence of historic events, but rogue time-travellers are plotting to take control and are stealing the wards that protect the city. If they succeed, Time City and History as we know it will be destroyed.

Jonathan and Sam are convinced that Vivian can help save their world. But how can she possibly know what to do, when the important event hasn't even happened yet?

***"There is never a dull moment, with a new crisis or twist at every turn...
In all a spirited, funny, and entertaining story"***
KIRKUS REVIEWS

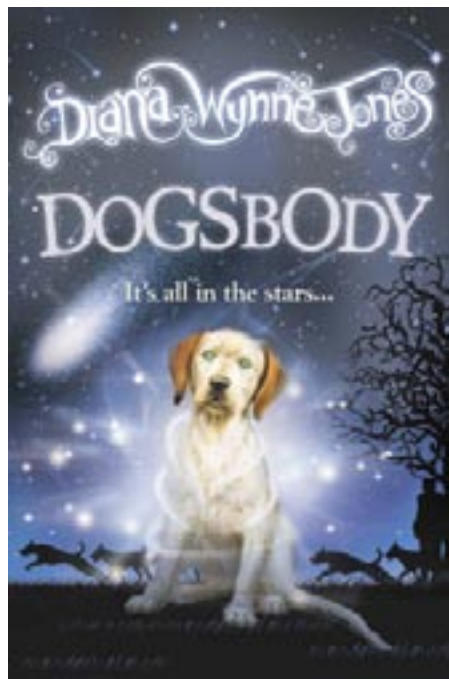
"Absolutely first-rate entertainment!"
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL (starred review)

***"The characters are memorable, and the details of life in Time City
are fascinating...One always wonders how Diana Wynne Jones
can get any cleverer, but she always does."***
THE HORN BOOK

Rights sold: UK (HarperCollins), US (Greenwillow), Complex Chinese (Sharp Point), Japan (Tokuma)

DOGSBODY

- ★ Commended for the Carnegie Medal and the Guardian Award
- ★ An ALA Notable Book
- ★ A Library of Congress Children's Book of the Year



Sirius, immortal Lord of the Dog Star and infamous for his fiery temper, is outraged when he is falsely accused of murder and banished to Earth. There he must live - and die - in the body of a dog unless he can retrieve a mysterious celestial weapon and thereby clear his name.

He is adopted by Kathleen, who has no idea that her beloved dog is anything more than an abandoned stray. With only dim memories of the star-world from which he has fallen, Sirius embarks on his mission. But Sirius soon learns that he has enemies amongst the humans, as well as among the unearthly beings who sentenced him...

"This bold attempt to combine SF and reality has succeeded brilliantly. Among the most rewarding novels available, for readers of all ages."
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"Comic, chilling and touching...readers will certainly not complain of too little action!"
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

Rights sold: UK (HarperCollins), US (Greenwillow), Complex Chinese (Sharp Point), Japan (Hayakawa Shobo)

EIGHT DAYS OF LUKE

*"Just kindle a flame and
I'll be with you."*

It's the summer holidays, and all David can see stretching before him is weeks of misery with his awful relatives. Then Luke turns up, full of jokes and plans, and the peculiar idea that David has released him from some kind of prison.

At first Luke seems like any other boy. But strangely enough, whenever David strikes a match, Luke turns up at once. David's new friend has family problems of his own, and some very dark secrets. And when David enters into a bargain with the mysterious Mr Wedding, life becomes very unusual indeed!



"An immensely enjoyable and dramatic story which should not be missed"
TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

"full of vivid moments"
THE GUARDIAN

Rights sold: UK (HarperCollins), US (Greenwillow), Complex Chinese (Sharp Point), Japan (Tokyo Shogen-Sha)

THE WORLDS OF CHRESTOMANCI

“The Chrestomanci chronicles fall beautifully into that ‘after Harry Potter, what next?’ slot, and pre-dating Potter as they do, are no mere read-alikes...exciting, surprising and hugely enjoyable”

THE BOOKSELLER

THE PINHOE EGG



“The egg was large and round and mauvish. It sat in a nest of old moth-eaten blankets. The moment Cat touched it he knew it was very strange and valuable indeed.”

Following immediately on from CHARMED LIFE this novel tells the further adventures of Cat Chant and the story of Marianne Pinhoe, a young witch discovering the extent of her powers (they are extensive). Together they find a mysterious egg while clearing out her grandmother's attic.

When the egg eventually hatches within the safety of Chrestomanci Castle chaos breaks out, and it's Chrestomanci's job to make sure everything is under con-

“Wynne Jones is at the top of her form in this excellent addition to the Chrestomanci books, set not long after the events chronicled in CHARMED LIFE...Witty, wise and wonderfully imaginative - this novel ranks among the author's best”

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (starred review)

“Another joyful romp in Jones's Chrestomanci universe... This chaotic adventure, full of familiar characters, will delight old and new fans alike.”

KIRKUS

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CHARMED LIFE

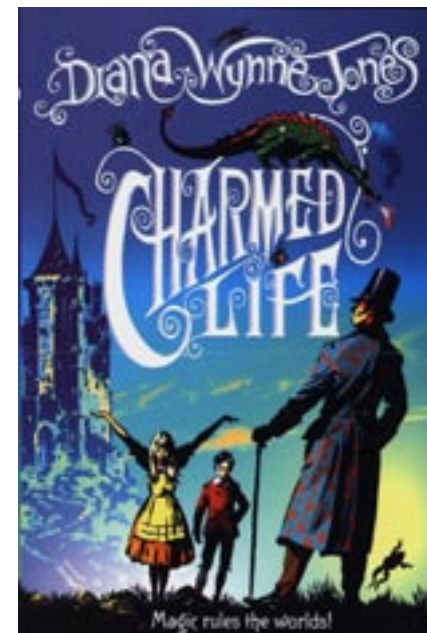
- ★ Winner of the Guardian Award
- ★ Highly commended for the Carnegie Medal
- ★ Silver Pencil Award (Holland)

“There's one absolute rule,” said Chrestomanci.

“No witchcraft of any kind is to be practised by children without supervision. Is that understood?”

Everybody says that Gwendolen Chant is a gifted witch with astonishing powers, so it suits her enormously when she is taken to live with the enchanter, Chrestomanci. Her brother Eric (better known as Cat) is not so keen, for he has no talent for magic at all.

However, life with the great enchanter is not what either of them expects and sparks begin to fly!



“Set in a time vaguely reminiscent of Edwardian England, the novel presumes the existence of numerous worlds - past, present and future - each with its own history. The concept is ingenious...and shy small Cat, intimidated by his selfish sister, is a particularly appealing character”

THE HORN BOOK

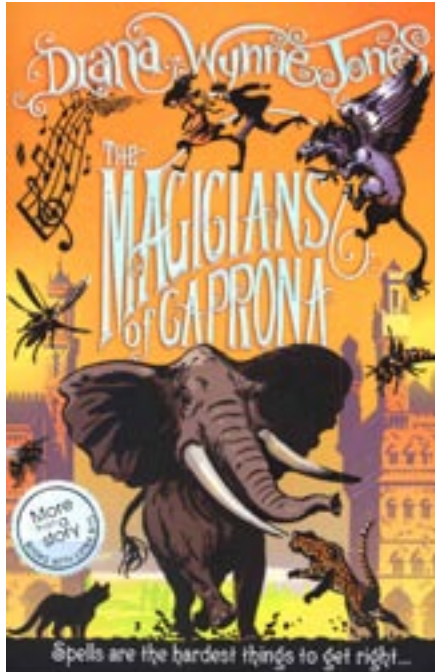
“Outstandingly inventive and entertaining...Altogether a delightful book”

TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

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THE MAGICIANS OF CAPRONA

“You lying Petrocchi swine! Kidnapper!”
“Swine yourself! Spell-Bungler! Traitor!”



Casa Montana and Casa Petrocchi look after the magical business in the Dukedom of Caprona, where music is enchantment and spells are as slippery as spaghetti.

The families have been feuding for years, so when all the spells start going wrong, each naturally blames the other.

When Chrestomanci turns up, it confirms all their suspicions - something is terribly wrong. Can the rumours of a White Devil who threatens Caprona be true after all?

“A wicked enchanter is at work undermining the charms which once defended [Caprona] from its foes...The author has a remarkable talent for creating a time which never was, yet which seems believably familiar...a gorgeous concoction of humor, suspense, and romance.”

THE HORN BOOK

“A brilliant and talented writer...Diana Wynne Jones tells a magnificent story for all it's worth”

JUNIOR BOOKSHELF

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WITCH WEEK

★ **School Library Journal Best Book of the Year**

“The note said: **SOMEONE IN THIS CLASS IS A WITCH.**”

When the note, written in ordinary blue ballpoint, appears between two of the homework books Mr Crossley is marking, he is very upset. For this is Larwood House, a school for witch-orphans, where witchcraft is utterly forbidden. And yet, suddenly magic is breaking out all over the place - like measles!

The last thing anybody needs is a visit from the Divisional Inquisitor. If only Chrestomanci could come and sort out all the trouble!



“A wonderful fantasy from one of the genre's best practitioners”
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

“A compulsive, exhilarating and often hilarious story”
BRITISH BOOK NEWS

“Highly entertaining”
THE OBSERVER

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THE LIVES OF CHRISTOPHER CHANT

- ★ Runner up for the Carnegie Medal
- ★ An ALA Notable Book
- ★ A Nebula Award Nominee



“Stay where you are,” said the Goddess, “or I’ll call down fire to blast you!” Christopher, much to his surprise, found he could not move from the spot.

Discovering that he has nine lives and is destined to be the next ‘Chrestomanci’ is not part of Christopher’s plan for the future: he’d much rather play cricket and wander around his secret dream worlds. But he soon finds that destiny is difficult to avoid, and that having more than the usual number of lives is pretty inconvenient - especially when you lose them as easily as he does!

Then an evil smuggler, known only as The Wraith, threatens the ways of the worlds and forces Christopher to take action...

“Wonderfully entertaining. A born storyteller weaves her own brand of magic...Marvellously funny moments sparkle throughout.”

THE HORN BOOK (starred review)

“her usual audacious imagination and deftness”

THE GUARDIAN

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CONRAD’S FATE

“It’s this wretched bad karma of yours - that’s the problem,” said Uncle Alfred. “Unless you put right what you did wrong in your previous life, you are going to be horribly and painfully dead before the year’s out.”

Conrad is young, good at heart, and yet is apparently suffering from the effects of such bad karma that there is nothing in his future but terrible things. Unless he can alter his circumstances - well, to be brutally honest, he is DOOMED.

Conrad is sent in disguise to Stallery Mansion, to infiltrate the magical fortress that has power over the whole town of Stallchester, and to discover the identity of the person who is affecting his Fate so badly. His mission is clear: get rid of them! But can any plan really be that simple and straightforward? Of course it can’t! And things start to go even more strangely for Conrad from the moment he meets a boy called Christopher Chant.



“CONRAD’S FATE is quintessential Chrestomanci - funny, smart, twisty, exciting, tricky, delightful and always perfectly magical.”

NEIL GAIMAN

“A wild romp with a fast-paced and satisfying conclusion, Conrad’s humorous adventures will appeal to Christopher’s existing fans and Jones neophytes alike.”

STARRED KIRKUS REVIEW

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MIXED MAGICS

Short Stories : Warlock At The Wheel - Stealer Of Souls -
Carol O'Neir's Hundredth Dream - The Sage Of Theare



In the worlds of Chrestomanci, being able to use magic is a distinct advantage. But ordinary people have rights too, and only the strength and skills of a nine-lived enchanter can possibly begin to control the exploits of the numerous witches and necromancers, sorcerers and warlocks, out to make mischief.

The four stories in Mixed Magics all feature the enigmatic Chrestomanci - taller and more handsome than ever. With plenty of old friends, new acquaintances - and a particularly devious enemy with an outrageously despicable plot!

“Like J. K. Rowling, Wynne Jones had realised the comic potential of making magic seem a part of daily life.”

INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

“a new addition to the Chrestomanci canon is a cause for celebration”

THE HORN BOOK

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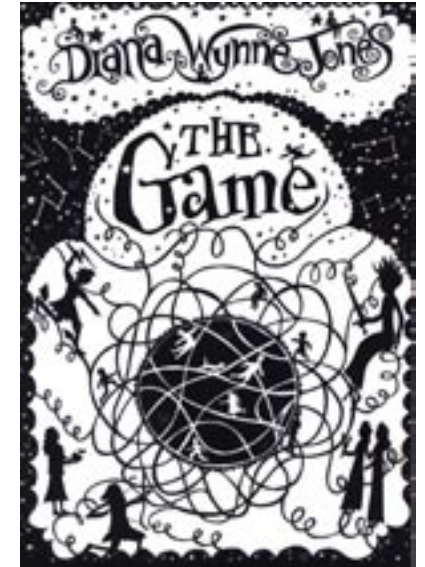
Stories for young adult readers

THE GAME

“I swear not to say a word about what we do in this game to anyone outside...”

Hayley's parents disappeared when she was a baby. Since then, she has been brought up and educated at home by her grandparents. Grandad is overworked and travels a lot; Grandma is much too strict, and never lets her meet any children her own age. When Hayley does something wrong - she is not quite sure what - her grandmother packs her off to her aunts in Ireland.

To Hayley's shock, her family is much bigger than she thought; to her delight, the children all play what they call “the game”, where they visit a place called “the mythosphere” and bring back pieces of stories. And while she plays the game, Hayley learns more about her own story than she ever could have expected.



This original novella by Diana Wynne Jones is sharply funny, fast-paced, and surprising until its very end - like all of the acclaimed author's work.

“The Game is perfect for young adult readers and all fans of high fantasy. Jones' knack for showing young people facing extraordinary challenge in magical worlds is on full display here.”

SCIFI DIMENSIONS

“Celestial intrigue and the nature of storytelling are just two of the strands woven together in this inventive novella...a sparkling treat”

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (starred review)

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THE INGARY BOOKS

HOUSE OF MANY WAYS

★ Sequel to HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE



Charmain Baker is in over her head. Looking after Great-Uncle William's tiny cottage while he's ill should have been easy. But Great-Uncle William is better known as the Royal Wizard Norland, and his house bends space and time. Its single door leads to any number of places - the bedrooms, the kitchen, the caves under the mountains, the past, and the Royal Mansion, to name just a few.

By opening that door, Charmain has become responsible for not only the house, but for an extremely magical stray dot, a muddled young apprentice wizard, and a box of the king's most treasured documents. She has encountered a terrifying beast called a lubbock, irritated a clan of small blue creatures, and wound up smack in the middle of an urgent search. The king

and his daughter are desperate to find the lost, fabled Elfgift - so desperate that they've even called in an intimidating sorceress named Sophie to help. And where Sophie is, can the Wizard Howl and fire demon Calcifer be far behind?

"Jones has finally returned to the madcap world of Howl's Moving Castle and Castle in the Air with an equally rollicking, enchantment-filled tale...Longstanding devotees of this richly textured world, as well as new fans (who may have first encountered it through the 2005 animated film of Howl), will find that their third visit fulfils every expectation." BOOKLIST (starred review)

"A tale to luxuriate in" PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (starred review)

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HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE

- ★ Shortlisted for Whitbread Award and the Carnegie Medal
- ★ Winner of the Boston Globe/ Horn Book Award
- ★ An ALA Best Book for Young Adults
- ★ ALA Best of the Best in YA 1966-1992
- ★ An ALA Notable Children's Book

★ In 2004, Studio Ghibli, Japan, released the animated film of HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE, by Hayao Miyazaki, which was nominated for an Oscar.

In the land of Ingary, where seven league boots and cloaks of invisibility really do exist, Sophie Hatter catches the unwelcome attention of the Witch of the Waste and is put under a spell.

With nothing more to lose, Sophie makes her way to the castle that hovers above her town, unaware that it belongs to the dreaded Wizard Howl, whose appetite, they say, is satisfied only by the souls of young girls...



"Jones has outdone herself in this frolicking, warmhearted fantasy. Thoroughly enjoyable - a wonderful blend of humour, magic and romance."
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"Jones has glorious comedic fun with the conventions of fantasy and magic"
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL (starred review)

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THE INGARY BOOKS (cont.)

CASTLE IN THE AIR

★An ALA Best Book for Young Adults

★An ALA Notable Children's Book

★A BOOKLIST Editor's Choice



The sequel to HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE: in the south of Ingary, a young and not very prosperous carpet dealer daydreams his life away until he is sold a magic carpet.

This flies him to an enchanted garden where he falls in love with the beautiful princess, Flower-in-the-Night, only to have her snatched away from him by a wicked djinn.

With only his magic carpet and his wits to help him, Abdullah sets off to rescue his princess...

"Diana Wynne Jones has adapted the language and style of Arabian mythology for this original, funny and brilliantly constructed fantasy"

100 BEST BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

"This is the Arabian Nights with a twist. Readers won't put down the book until they figure out all its secrets."

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UNEXPECTED MAGIC

★ A definitive collection of Diana Wynne Jones' short stories, published together for the first time.

Imagine a girl, sick in bed, who discovers her dolls have come to life. Or an everyday veterinarian summoned to treat a werewolf. How about a mother who relishes cooking pink toadstools for dinner?

No one is better at writing whopping good tales than Diana Wynne Jones. Here she's given fantasy lovers a dazzling collection, including fifteen short stories and her novella, EVERARD'S RIDE.

Always unpredictable, these spell-binding tales feature a richly detailed cast of characters, ingenious twists, and unique settings.



"This eclectic collection...will delight existing fans and win new ones... Great work from one of the best modern fantasy authors."

KIRKUS REVIEWS

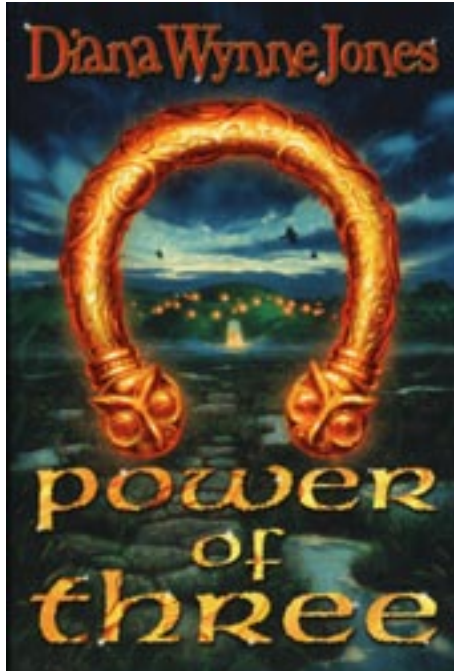
"The reader will undoubtedly revel in the rich collection of magical tales."

THE HORN BOOK

Rights sold: US (Greenwillow), Complex Chinese (Sharp Point), Japan (Tokuma Shoten)

POWER OF THREE

★ Commended for THE GUARDIAN Award



Gair, Anya and Ceri live in Garholt on the Moor. Anya and Ceri have special powers - gifts fitting for the children of a hero. But Gair, the middle one, is just ordinary, and knows what a disappointment he must be to everyone.

Gifts are desperately needed among Gair's people, for they are surrounded by enemies - the menacing Giants and the devious, cruel Dorig. For centuries these three races have lived side by side, but now suspicion and hatred have driven them all into a cycle of destruction.

With the existence of his people threatened, Gair realises that evil forces are at work. For the Moor is blighted by a curse of ancient and terrifying power...

"Teems with adventure and suspense."
ALA BOOKLIST

"highly distinctive, funny, exciting, and with one marvellous twist... This book tackles large themes, from ecology to international and racial understanding, taking in the individual's struggle to understand and use his particular gifts on the way"
TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

"beguiling fantasy...with an agreeable surprise concealed along the way"
THE GUARDIAN

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THE MERLIN CONSPIRACY

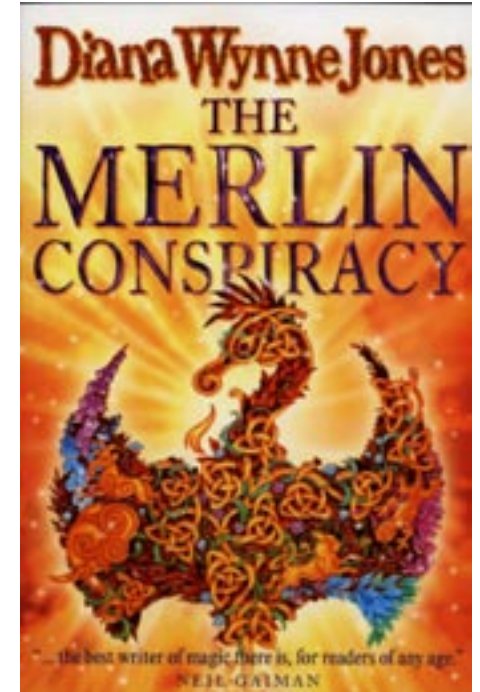
★ FINANCIAL TIMES Children's Books of the Year : "Top three pick"
★ An ALA notable book for children

The Islands of Blest keep the balance of magic in half the multiverse.

If something goes wrong with the magic on Blest, it will have a ripple effect on many other worlds. Something is about to go wrong...

It all begins when the Merlin of Blest dies of a heart attack. Or was he murdered by sorcery? Two friends, Roddy and Grundo, suspect a conspiracy, but no adult will believe them.

The dangers are great, and if they fail to stop the conspirators before they disrupt the balance of magic, the results will be more destructive than anyone can imagine.



"As always, Jones's characters are complex and her villains despicably bad, adding depth to this expansive and entertaining tale."
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

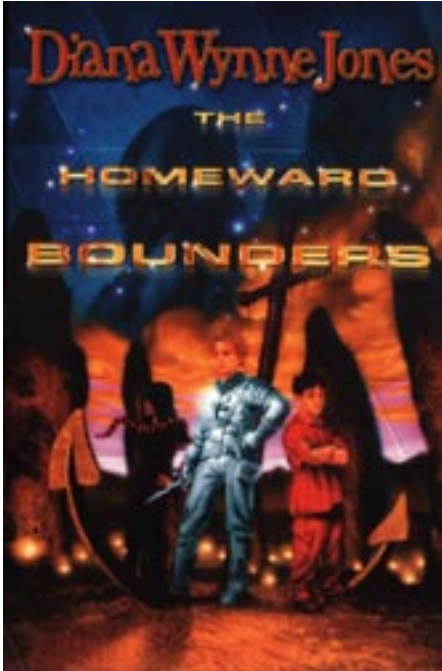
"characterisation is first-rate, the ideas are fabulous... This is fantasy at its most inventive - canny, funny and far-reaching"
THE TELEGRAPH

"a pleasure to lose yourself in"
THE SUNDAY TIMES, Children's Book of the Week

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THE HOMEWARD BOUNDERS

- ★ An ALA Best Book for Young Adults
- ★ Film rights sold to Talisman Films



When Jamie spies on forbidden mysteries, he discovers that life is literally just a game. Degenerate gods are war-gaming, and we and our counterparts in other worlds are merely models they manipulate. Anyone who discovers the truth becomes a Homeward Bounder : jerked from world to world each time a move is made.

Jamie forms an alliance with two other lost Homeward Bounders - bitter, powerful Helen and demon-hunter Joris - and takes a desperate chance, hoping the three wanderers can find a way back to their home worlds at last.

“A challenging, unusual tale”
ALA BOOKLIST

“Among the finest of any kind of fantasy whether published under adults’ or children’s imprints.”
PAPERBACK INFERNO

“Exceptional”
TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

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THE TIME OF THE GHOST

The ghost turns up one summer day, alone in a world she once knew, among people who were once her family. She knows she is one of four sisters, but which one? She can be sure of only one thing - that there's been an accident.

As she struggles to find her identity, she becomes aware of a malevolent force stirring around her. Something terrible is about to happen: one of the sisters will die. The ghost is their only hope against this deadly danger, but how can she warn them, when they don't even know she exists?



“Gripping...Profoundly satisfying”
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (starred review)

“A wonderful, bizarre tale that readers will not soon forget”
ALA BOOKLIST

“A great feat of imaginative writing”
TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

Rights sold: UK (HarperCollins), US (Greenwillow), Complex Chinese (Sharp Point), Japan (Tokyo Sogen-Sha), Spain (Roca Editorial De Libros), Turkey (Ithaki)

THE DALEMARK QUARTET

For centuries, Dalemark has been a land divided by the warring earldoms of the free North and the tyrannized South. Now, with the help of the Undying, the mysterious gods of Dalemark, four extraordinary young people - from the past, present, and future - must join forces to reunify their beloved land.

“Treachery, mystery, humour and magic abound in this intriguing, well-crafted fantasy. Jones’ quirky characters are so finely portrayed that readers will feel they know them... so entertaining that librarians will want to purchase the whole set.”

BOOKLIST



CART AND CWIDDER

Moril and his family are travelling musicians journeying through Dalemark, but when a mysterious stranger joins them, their carefree world quickly falls apart.

Who is the stranger and why is Moril bequeathed an ancient magical cwiddler?

“one more highly individual piece from a writer always surprising, always impressive”

SUNDAY TIMES

DROWNED AMMET

When the Freedom Fighters plot to kill the tyrannical ruler of Holand, Mitt is keen to take the chance to get his revenge on the people who killed his father. But when the plot goes horribly wrong, Mitt finds himself alone and on the run in a dangerous place, full of enemies...

“the evoking of magical powers is strong, idiosyncratic and interesting...”

Diana Wynne Jones has always been an exceptionally inventive writer”

PENELOPE FARMER



THE SPELLCOATS

When the villagers turn against them, Tanaqui and her siblings are forced to flee their home for the sea. Along the way, she realises the part she must play in defeating the wicked Kankredin, who lies in wait at their journey's end...



“One of Jones’ best books...brilliant.”

TWENTIETH CENTURY CHILDREN’S WRITERS

“this is one of those books which goes on in the mind long after the last page has been scanned”

JUNIOR BOOKSHELF



CROWN OF DALEMARK

Mitt has fled to North Dalemark, but finds that he can only save the lives of his friends by murdering the heir to the Crown of Dalemark. He must try to unite Dalemark, but will he succeed against the evil forces of Kankredin?

“This is Jones at her most inspired.”

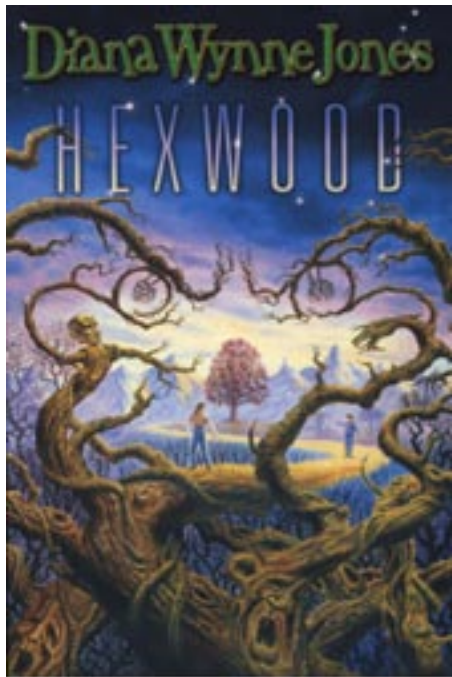
FINANCIAL TIMES

“Once read, it’s hard to forget...this slice of richly detailed and invented history that confounds any notion of fantasy. This is solidly real in a way few writers can achieve.”

BOOKS FOR KEEPS

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HEXWOOD



When Controller Borasus receives a strange letter from Earth he is both curious and alarmed. Someone has activated an ancient machine - and is using it for the most trivial purposes!

The effects of such interference could resonate through the universe, so he decides to go to Hexwood Farm to investigate.

On Hexwood Estate, Ann watches the mysterious comings and goings with interest. Hexwood is like human memory: it doesn't reveal its secrets in chronological order. Whenever Ann enters Hexwood she cannot guarantee ending up in the same place or even the same time. She knows something deadly is going on - or is Hexwood simply altering her too?

“An elaborate, fascinating and superbly crafted adventure.”
KIRKUS REVIEWS

“An intricate mesh of romance, science fiction, mythology and rite of passage.”
THE WASHINGTON POST

“The book is humorous as well, with lines that call Douglas Adams, Monty Python and James Bond to mind. A wide range of readers will find it marvellously mind-stretching.”
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

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FIRE & HEMLOCK

- ★ Children's Literature Association 2005 Phoenix Honor Book
- ★ A BOOKLIST Editor's choice
- ★ HORN BOOK Fanfare Honor List

Polly has two sets of memories...

One is normal: school, home, friends. The other, stranger memories begin nine years ago, when she was ten and gate-crashed a weird funeral in the mansion near her grandmother's house.

Polly's just beginning to recall the sometimes marvellous, sometimes frightening adventures she embarked on with Tom Lynn after that.

And then she did something terrible, and everything changed.

But what did she do? Why can't she remember? Polly must uncover the secret, or her true love - and perhaps Polly herself - will be lost.



“Complex...subtle...compelling reading”
ALA BOOKLIST

“Daringly conceived, delicately shaped and unfailingly fascinating.”
TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

“A haunting, thought-provoking story”
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL (starred review)

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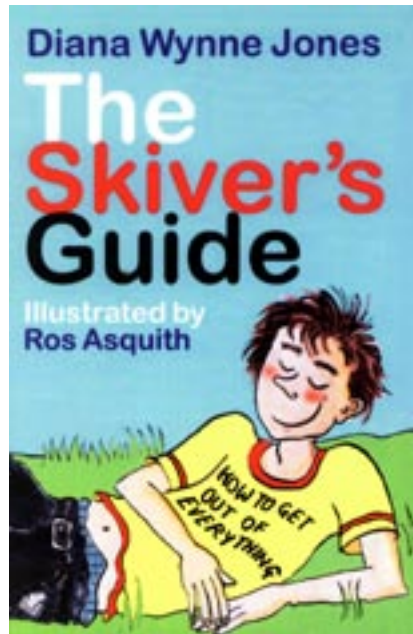
THE SKIVER'S GUIDE

Illustrated by Ros Asquith

“What is Skiving?”

Skiving is getting out of things you do not want to do. It is shirking work and avoiding all boring things. It is a skill no one should be without. It is also an art, which can be carried to a high pitch of perfection. This book is designed to help beginners learn the skill and also to help those who have been skiving for years to carry these skills to new heights.”

Diana Wynne Jones's only work of non-fiction is a hilarious and wickedly subversive guide to avoiding doing the things you would rather not do, from homework to housework to baby-sitting young relations. In doing this, she shows how adults, whether parents, relations or teachers routinely practice schemes of avoidance themselves.



“This book has the distinction of being the most stolen book from public libraries! Anyone who wants to know how to get out of doing their homework, the washing up or visiting ancient aunts (or indeed any other distasteful activity) should not be without a copy!

This absolutely hilarious book is wittily illustrated by Ros Asquith.

Diana Wynne-Jones is one of our most eminent writers of serious fiction for children but in The Skivers' Guide she proves she can also reduce her readers to helpless mirth. It is not to be missed.”

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