

Bridge House Publishing Newsletter



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Gentle Footprints

a collection of animal stories

Including a new story by Richard Adams



Foreword by Virginia McKenna OBE

Help us reach 1000 books sold and support The Born Free Foundation



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Changes at Bridge House Publishing

Since Gill James founded Bridge House Publishing in November 2008, we have gone from strength to strength with our latest success *Gentle Footprints*, launched at the Guardian Hay Festival and featured on *The Book Show* and day time TV show *Loose Women*. We have now published 12 short story collections with *Going Places* just out and our open collection *Mosaic* out next month. And our young adult *Devils Demons and Werewolves* is due for release in October. We are delighted that in this time we have debuted close to 100 new writers.

Run by writers, for writers we believe in the power of the short story and want to thank all of you for supporting us.

However, short story collections are notoriously difficult to sell in great numbers, especially by new writers as those of you that are on our author list will know when you saw your royalty statements. However, we whole-heartedly believe in the short story and will continue—but with some changes.

We will be publishing less books next year but those we do publish will be bigger titles, for charity and we hope will be supported by well known writers as well as newbies. We might be publishing others as eBooks so your work still gets out there—so keep watching the submissions page on the website and we will keep you updated.

We also hope to have special offers for Christmas and to run more workshops next year. So keep following us! Check us out on Twitter [@BridgeHouseDebz](https://twitter.com/BridgeHouseDebz)

Gentle Footprints Wins Seal of Approval by Queen



Brian May and Virginia McKenna, June 4th 2010

As well as Virginia McKenna and Richard Adams other celebrities have offered their support to the Gentle Footprints book. Pictured below Brian May and Virginia McKenna outside the Sky Arts Studio at Hay on Wye.

Brian has stayed in contact and has Blogged a great review of the book! Do offer your support to his [SAVE ME CAMPAIGN](https://www.save-me.org.uk)

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“It was a day we will never forget.”

Making Hay Friday June 4th

We were delighted to launch Gentle Footprints to a packed audience of 1000 people in the Barclays Wealth Pavilion– the largest venue at the Hay festival.

Virginia McKenna was interviewed by journalist Paul Blezzard about her career and her work as founder of The Born Free Foundation. She read her foreword from the book. Authors Abi Burns, Hilary Taylor and Mandy James also gave readings and cover artist Colin Wyatt presented the original artwork to Virginia McKenna.

Virginia signed copies for 90 minutes after the event to delighted fans.



“I’d be delighted to contribute an introduction for Children’s Hospices UK.”

Michael Morpurgo

Laureate Supports Next Year’s Charity Book

Next year’s charity is Children’s Hospices UK and will be a collection of uplifting children’s stories. We are thrilled to announce that the Children’s Laureate 2003-2005 MICHAEL MORPURGO has offered to write the foreword.

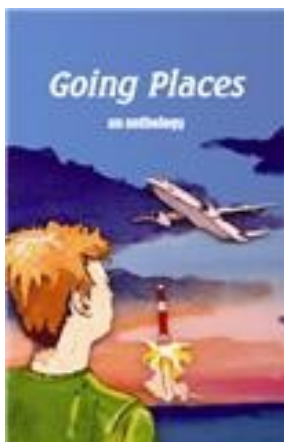
We are also delighted that well known children’s authors Alan Gibbons and Lauren St. John have offered to write new stories for the collection. There might also be some exciting news about the cover artist too!

Call for submissions is open until 30th September 2010

The book will be released in May 2011 and will support the work of this wonderful charity.



Check out New Titles: GOING PLACES and MOSAIC



OUT NOW!

Going Places is a collection of short stories with a travel theme. Perfect for what’s left of the holidays.

Be transported to a different time or place. Available now from the website £8.99

Coming in September a wonderful collection of unique stories - our first open collection including the stories by competition winner and runners up in the first Bridge House Publishing short story competition.

Buy direct from us or from Amazon and other on line retailers

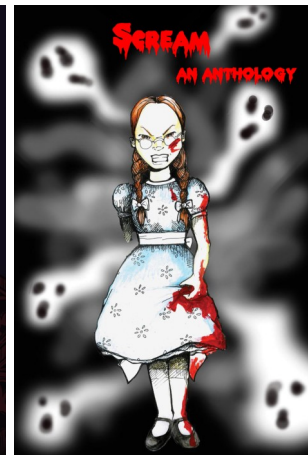
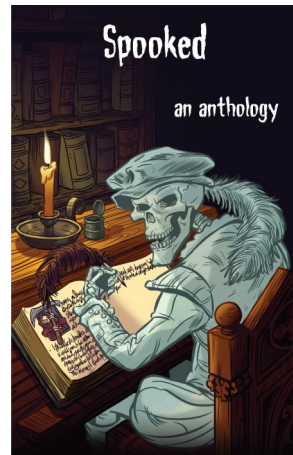
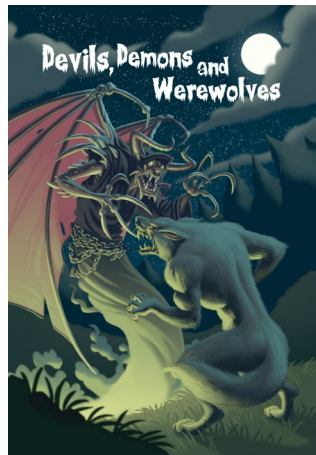


COMING SOON!

Check out the website for details In October

Getting All Spooked Out!

Look out for our triple thrill. Last year the launch of our ADULT ghost collection SPOOKED and our older children's scary stories SCREAM were delayed and were not out in time for Halloween. So this year we offer a special package including this year's teen release DEVILS, DEMONS & WEREWOLVES



Perfect Christmas gifts too!

ALL NEW!

Making Changes – evolving to stay afloat

We appreciate that some of you have submitted to collections intended for publication in paperback. Sadly for some collections like the *Winter Stories for Little Ones*, we did not have enough suitable submissions and given that we have made losses on books this will not go ahead. We are really sorry to those that submitted. We are still deciding about other collections—some may be EBooks or published at a later date. We still plan to publish some titles in paper copy. The reality is that we need each author of a collection to order at least 10-15 copies to hit profit. With the recession we know how difficult this is. We do notify bookshops but unless the authors also talk to local bookshops few will order. The good news is we are approved as a Waterstones Independent Publisher but they do not have our titles on the shelves...yet! We will keep pushing though. Thanks for your support— please help us out by buying some of our titles and discovering some of our fabulous writers.

Sorry to the finalists of the Debut Novel Competition still waiting for news—the team of readers are still making their decision – but we will have a winner soon!

Vote for Gentle Footprints in The Peoples book Prize

The Peoples Book Prize is a national competition where you the public can vote for your favourite fiction. If books are accepted there is a 2 month window to register your vote. But this is up on AUGUST 31st for Gentle Footprints- so only a couple of days left. Please offer your support by voting NOW. It's simple to register. Winners will be announced next year. We are in the short story Fiction Prize and since that's what we do it would be wonderful to be placed!

<http://www.peoplesbookprize.com/book.php?id=430>



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We appreciate your support and we hope you make Bridge House your first stop for Christmas stocking fillers.

Give the gift of short stories.

Don't forget to vote for *Gentle Footprints* in The Peoples Book Prize.

Thanks everyone,

Debz



Many Happy Returns to Richard Adams (above) who turned 90 in May. *Watership Down* was voted by readers of *BBC Wildlife Magazine* as Best Work of Animal Fiction only this month. Look out for a review of *Gentle Footprints* in *BBC Wildlife Special Autumn* edition out in September.