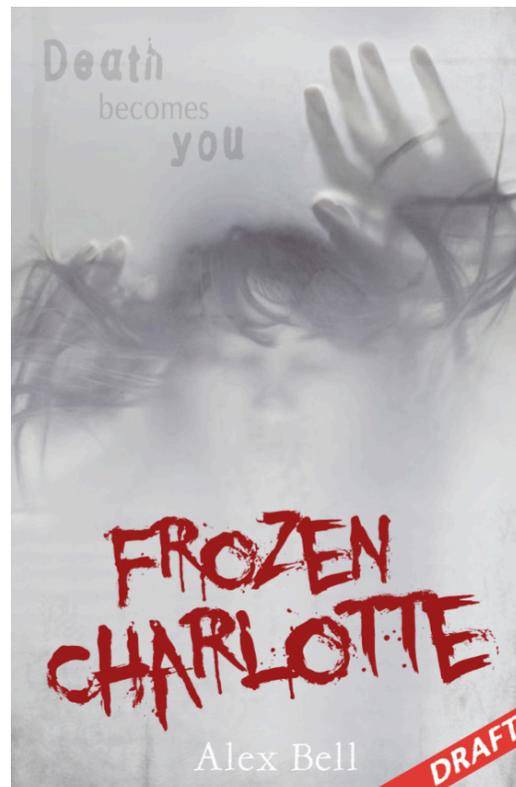


Press Release

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Stripes grow their YA list with new horror series *Red Eye*

Stripes Publishing are excited to announce the launch of *Red Eye*, a brand new YA horror series for 2014 featuring gripping stories from award-winning authors and rising stars. A killer series for fans of all things ghastly and gruesome, the *Red Eye* series gives horror a contemporary makeover that teen readers will love.



The first four *Red Eye* titles will publish in paperback in September; *Sleepless* by Lou Morgan, *Frozen Charlotte* by Alex Bell, *Bad Bones* by Graham Marks and *House of Blood* by Simon Cheshire. For the first time ever we are also giving *Sleepless* and *Frozen Charlotte* an early exclusive ebook release in July, to give readers a preview of the chills to come. There will be three more titles to follow in 2015.

Red Eye Commissioning Editor Katie Jennings commented, “These stories take you on a thrill ride that leaves you shaken and reeling. They’re addictive, unforgettable, jump-out-of-your-seat scary. They’ve already terrified everyone here at Stripes – and we can’t wait to unleash them on the public.

Vampires, teenage dystopia and tragic teen love stories have been around for a while, but there is a whole generation of teenagers who have been starved of good quality, scary stories. *Red Eye* fills this gap. Each book offers a different horror experience – they’re not simply blood and gore fests. We have stories of dark forces, possession, insanity, avenging spirits and, of course, a house of horrors. In fact, something for everyone.”

Launch titles in the *Red Eye* series

Frozen Charlotte – Alex Bell

(9781847154538, £6.99, Ebook – July, Paperback – September)

Sophie doesn’t believe in ghosts – that is, until her best friend Jay downloads a ouija board app on his phone and they summon up the spirit of her dead cousin, Rebecca. When Jay is killed only hours later, Sophie knows his death was no accident. Her quest to discover the truth takes her to a remote Scottish island and a family with secrets to hide. And if she can’t unravel the mystery soon, Jay won’t be the only person who meets an early grave...

Alex Bell always wanted to be a writer, but embarked upon a Law Degree as a back-up plan, writing no fewer than six novels during her time at university. Now the published author of *The Ninth Circle* and *Jasmyn*, Alex happily dwells in an entirely make-believe world of blood, madness, murder and mayhem.

Sleepless – Lou Morgan

(9781847154552, £6.99, Ebook – July, Paperback – September)

When the pressure of exams becomes too much, Izzy and her friends resort to taking a study drug bought online. One by one the friends succumb to hallucinations, nightmares, psychosis and – ultimately – death. The only way to survive? To stay awake until the drugs leave their system.

Lou Morgan is an award-nominated fantasy and horror author, whose short stories have appeared in several anthologies. Her first novel, *Blood and Feathers* – an adult urban fantasy – was shortlisted for the 2013 British Fantasy Awards in both the Best Newcomer and Best Fantasy Novel categories. When not writing, she tweets as @LouMorgan.

Bad Bones – Graham Marks

(9781847154545, £6.99, Paperback and Ebook – September)

Gabe makes a discovery in a canyon in the hills of LA that he thinks could be the answer to all his problems. But the fortune he uncovers turns out to be stolen Inca gold buried with the bones of an evil Spanish priest some 200 years before. By taking the gold Gabe disturbs the spirit of the priest –and unleashes a menace hell bent on taking revenge, at any cost...

Graham Marks has spent his whole career in children's publishing, firstly as a Creative Director and latterly as a journalist and award-winning author. His first published work was a book of poetry, which came out while he was studying Graphics at Harrow School of Art. He has also worked for Marvel Comics writing scripts and in advertising as a copywriter.

House of Blood – Simon Cheshire

(9781847154569, £6.99, Paperback and Ebook – September)

When Sam's family come into some money, they move to a big house in a desirable area. But there are strange things going on in the town and it seems that Sam is the only one who notices. When he hears screams coming from a neighbouring house – the imposing Bierce Priory – Sam sets out to investigate, little knowing the horrific secrets that lurk within. Whilst uncovering the horror is one thing, escaping is quite another...

Simon Cheshire is the award-winning author of the *Saxby Smart* and *Jeremy Brown* series. Simon's ultimate dream is to go the moon, but in the meantime, he lives in Warwick with his wife and children, and contents himself with writing in a tiny wardrobe and eating too much chocolate.

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