



CHILDISH SPIRITS

Rob Keeley

“The truth will set you free.”

When Ellie and her family move into Inchwood Manor, Ellie quickly discovers strange things are happening. Who is the mysterious boy at the window? What secrets lie within the abandoned nursery? Who is the woman who haunts Ellie’s dreams – and why has she returned to the Manor, after more than a century?

Ellie finds herself entangled in a Victorian mystery of ghosts and tunnels and secret documents – and discovers that life all those years ago isn’t so different from the world she knows today..

Rob Keeley’s first novel for children brings out all the ingredients of the classic ghost story within a recognisable modern world setting. Readers of his short story collections for children will find in *Childish Spirits* the elements which made his past books such a success – strong and contemporary characters, inventive twists on traditional themes, and a winning combination of action, suspense and humour.

On Rob’s collection of short stories, *The Alien in the Garage*:

“[Rob’s stories] will appeal to children from seven or eight right up to tweens and early teens. They’re fun to read, they’re full of jokes and irony, and some are a little bit scary, but not too much. And each one comes with a sucker punch attached. What more could you want? Recommended.”

Jill Murphy, The Bookbag

ROB KEELEY has written for *Chain Gang* and *Newsjack* for BBC Radio and has previously published three successful collections of short stories for children. *Childish Spirits* is his first novel for children and gained him a Distinction for his MA in Creative Writing in 2013. He lives in Wirral, Merseyside.

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