



ANOTHER MAGICAL COLLECTION

Children's author Rob Keeley continues his success of short story writing with his second collection, *The (Fairly) Magic Show and Other Stories*

**Molly has just one day to become a magician...
There's someone very special in Mrs Hoskins' class. The question is – who?
A skipping rope holds the power of time travel...**

These are just some of the tales in this second collection of funny, sometimes scary stories from Rob Keeley. You can also encounter the school's mysterious new pupil, watch the world's worst talent show with Liam and Justin and discover the dark secrets at the heart of an imaginary world...

Rob Keeley's stories will continue to appeal to girls and boys aged 8-12. This second collection continues to present a mixture of fantasy and everyday life. *The (Fairly) Magic Show and Other Stories* contains tales of other worlds, school stories and tales of family life, in a storytelling realm where nothing can be taken for granted and little is ever quite what it seems. As with the first collection, this is a reading experience no child or adult should miss.

"I wanted to write a second collection of entertaining and rewarding stories, with storytelling that continues to be relevant to children of today," says Rob Keeley, of his motivation to write the book, which explores a wide range of themes and characterisations. It revisits some of the characters from *The Alien in the Garage and Other Stories* while creating new characters from a wide range of backgrounds, and depicting the modern world in a way that young people will recognise. "I enjoy the opportunity to mix and match traditional genres, and there are stories in this new collection that blend school or family stories with fantasy, science fiction and the world of the imagination!"

Praise for *The Alien in the Garage and Other Stories*:

"Rob has hit upon a formula that will win him a fanbase." Jill Murphy, *The Bookbag*

ROB KEELEY has been writing stories and plays since childhood and has written for *Chain Gang* and *Newsjack* for BBC Radio 7, as well as for a variety of publications. His first collection of short stories, *The Alien in the Garage and Other Stories*, was published in 2011. He lives in Wirral, Merseyside.



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