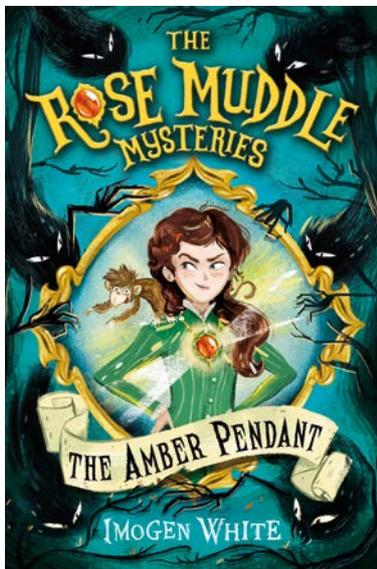


Usborne acquires spellbinding new Middle Grade series, *The Rose Muddle Mysteries* by debut author Imogen White

Usborne Fiction Director Rebecca Hill and Fiction Editor Becky Walker have acquired UK and Commonwealth (excluding Canada) rights to two books in a spellbinding new series from debut author Imogen White. Rights were secured from Anna Power at Johnson and Alcock, after stiff competition from other publishers.

Becky Walker says of the acquisition: “We are over the moon to welcome Imogen to the Usborne list. *The Rose Muddle Mysteries* have everything I look for in a series – full to the brim with magic, mystery, myth and history, and pacy stories that are impossible to put down. These books have universal child appeal and I know Rose, and her friend Rui, will be firm favourites with readers.”



Set against the backdrop of Edwardian Hove, *The Rose Muddle Mysteries* follow the adventures of twelve-year-old Rose Muddle who discovers she is the new guardian of a strange amber pendant – a pendant which holds the key to a centuries-old battle between good and evil. Perfect for young readers before they move on to read Harry Potter, the first book in the series – *The Amber Pendant* – is due for publication on 1st June 2017, and the second title (which sees Rose travel to Jaipur) will follow in 2018.

When Rose Muddle is plucked from the workhouse to become a maid in a grand mansion she discovers her new mistress has secret plans for her. With her friend, Rui, and his monkey Bahula, Rose learns she is the guardian of a strange amber pendant. A pendant of great power, and great responsibility.

But there is a second pendant, one of darkness and demons, held by fearsome enemies. Enemies who are looking for Rose. And as the shadows close in, Rose must find the power to stop these forces of evil stealing her pendant...

Imogen White won her place in the *Undiscovered Voices 2014 Anthology* with the opening to *The Rose Muddle Mysteries*. Imogen loves local history, and children’s stories that aren’t limited to beautiful countryside locations or secluded seaside coves. She lives in Hove with her husband, children and belligerent ginger-tomcat. *The Amber Pendant* is her debut novel.

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