

## Usborne pre-empt enchanting series for younger readers

Rebecca Hill, Usborne Fiction Editorial Director, has won World Rights to the three books in the enchanting **Teacup House** series by debut children's author Hayley Scott, a fabulous new voice in young fiction. Rights were acquired from Jo Unwin, The Jo Unwin Agency at Rogers, Coleridge and White.

Tapping into Usborne's status as a market-leader for gorgeous, quality books for young children, **Teacup House** is a classic series for young readers to treasure, and one that perfectly captures the magic of childhood imagination.

Rebecca says of the acquisition: "**Teacup House** feels tailor-made for the Usborne list and marries a high concept with exquisite, child-friendly writing. I just adore everything about it – every little girl is going to want to own this series."

A story about little girl, a teacup-shaped dolls house and the Twitches...

*Stevie Gillespie is seven and a half, and lives in a lovely high-up flat in the city where she can sit and watch the clouds. But then her mum announces that they're moving to the countryside. Before Stevie leaves though, her Gran gives a wonderful dolls' house in the shape of a teacup. And with it, the four little rabbits who live there: Gabriel, Fig, Bo and Silver Twitch.*

*While at first, her new house and the countryside around them feel strange and unfamiliar, Stevie begins to discover that the Teacup House has a magic of its own...and might just be the start of a whole new adventure for her!*

**Hayley Scott** was born in Berkshire, and studied English and American Literature. After a short stint in magazine publishing, she completed a Creative Writing MA at UEA, gaining a Distinction, before training as a secondary school teacher. She now writes full-time and lives in Norfolk with her daughter.

Hayley comments on the deal: "*I'm so delighted that Stevie and the Twitches have found such a brilliant home with Usborne and am beyond excited to start the journey to seeing them come to life on the page. It's a genuine childhood dream come true.*"

Follow Hayley on Twitter at [@TeacupHayley](https://twitter.com/TeacupHayley).

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