

Poppy

Here is the inspiring story behind the Veterans Day red poppy, a symbol that honors the service and sacrifices of our veterans. When American soldiers entered World War I, Moina Belle Michael, a schoolteacher from Georgia, knew she had to act. Some of the soldiers were her students and friends. Almost single-handedly, Moina worked to establish the red poppy as the symbol to honor and remember soldiers. And she devoted the rest of her life to making sure the symbol would last forever. Thanks to her hard work, that symbol remains strong today. Author Barbara Elizabeth Walsh and artist Layne Johnson worked with experts, primary documents, and Moina's great-nieces to better understand Moina's determination to honor the war veterans. A portion of the book's proceeds will support the National Military Family Association's Operation Purple®, which benefits children of the U.S. military.

Poppy returns ... with big trouble. Family trouble. Poppy and Rye don't know what to do about their son Ragweed Junior's attitude. He is rude, he is crude, and he has dyed his fur to look like Mephitis, his skunk friend. In short, Ragweed Junior is very much a teenager. Even Ereth, the cantankerous porcupine, with his salty swearing, can't straighten him out. Then Poppy gets an urgent request to return to her old home, Gray House, where her aging parents, Sweet Cicely and Lungwort, are in difficulties. Not only does she agree to go back, she decides to take Junior, in hopes traveling together will bring them together. But when Junior's skunk pal and Ereth join the party, the trip doesn't quite go as expected. And when Poppy recalls she did not get along with her parents, things become even more complicated. Poppy's Return is a hilarious adventure tale about family: the gleeful joys, the farcical sorrows, the high emotions, and the low comedy of living with and without relations. It's also about bears, bulldozers, and the boisterous antics of young mice doing the stinky red. And sugared slug soup, there's always Ereth to stir the stew of Poppy's rich and rewarding life.

"I have no doubt this will end up being the best fantasy debut of the year [...] I have absolutely no doubt that [Kuang's] name will be up there with the likes of Robin Hobb and N.K. Jemisin." -- Booknest A Library Journal, Paste Magazine, Vulture, BookBub, and ENTROPY Best Books of 2018 pick! Washington Post "5 Best Science Fiction and Fantasy Novel of 2018" pick! A Bustle "30 Best Fiction Books of 2018" pick! A brilliantly imaginative talent makes her exciting debut with this epic historical military fantasy, inspired by the bloody history of China's twentieth century and filled with treachery and magic, in the tradition of Ken Liu's Grace of Kings and N.K. Jemisin's Inheritance Trilogy. When Rin aced the Keju—the Empire-wide test to find the most talented youth to learn at the Academies—it was a shock to everyone: to the test officials, who couldn't believe a war orphan from Rooster Province could pass without cheating; to Rin's guardians, who believed they'd finally be able to marry her off and further their criminal enterprise; and to Rin herself, who realized she was finally free of the servitude and despair that had made up her daily existence. That she got into Sineward—the most elite military school in Nikan—was even more surprising. But surprises aren't always good. Because being a dark-skinned peasant girl from the south is not an easy thing at Sineward. Targeted from the outset by rival classmates for her color, poverty, and gender, Rin discovers she possesses a lethal, unearthly power—an aptitude for the nearly-mythical art of shamanism. Exploring the depths of her gift with the help of a seemingly insane teacher and psychoactive substances, Rin learns that gods long thought dead are very much alive—and that mastering control over those powers could mean more than just surviving school. For while the Nikara Empire is at peace, the Federation of Mugen still lurks across a narrow sea. The militarily advanced Federation occupied Nikan for decades after the First Poppy War, and only barely lost the continent in the Second. And while most of the people are complacent to go about their lives, a few are aware that a Third Poppy War is just a spark away . . . Rin's shamanic powers may be the only way to save her people. But as she finds out more about the god that has chosen her, the vengeful Phoenix, she fears that winning the war may cost her humanity . . . and that it may already be too late.

Poppy's dad is still in prison. Her mum has rushed back to Poland to look after her seriously ill mother, and Poppy is sent to stay with her friend Jude. But Poppy feels stifled. At times like this she needs Angel, the joker among her friends - dodgy, wild, can't read or write much, yet bursting with energy and one of life's natural wits. But Angel, like Poppy, feels a bit orphaned, and has joined a gang. At half-term Poppy goes to stay with her friend Will in the country, and they write their second children's book. Poppy comes back to discover a note from Angel: At yor place. Need help. She finds him lying under the kitchen table, bleeding from an arm wound. Has he been stabbed? Why hasn't he rung 999? Who else is involved? And will her dad, now in an open prison, find out about her oddball friend? Rachel Billington's dramatic follow-up to Poppy's Hero features two opposing kinds of London kids, with Poppy straddling the gulf between them as she and her friends are drawn into a strange, unimaginable world.

A heartwarming true animal story, for fans of A Dog's Purpose, A Street Cat Named Bob and Marley & Me. Michelle Clark has loved animals all her life, filling her home with a menagerie of stray cats and abandoned dogs. But when her outreach work with London's homeless community leads to a chance meeting with a desperate man, and a quest to find a missing Staffie named Poppy, she has no idea that her life will be transformed forever. Poppy is unlike any other dog that Michelle has ever met, with her unwavering loyalty, gentle nature and wise, kind eyes. Soon, Poppy finds her way not just into Michelle's heart, but into her home too. Inspired Poppy's extraordinary love and devotion, Michelle finds herself at the start of a journey to bring hope and help to the hundreds of other precious dogs who call the city streets their home. An inspiring, heartwarming true story about the incredible bond that exists between humans and animals, and how, in rescuing them, we can also rescue ourselves.

Children born into twenty-first century America are immersed in a society no other generation in our great nation has ever experienced. The influence of Christianity, the Bible, and the church, have been minimized, and in some cases silenced. The Biblical mandate for the family to do the work of informing and training children in the things of God has never been more important. Poppy's Faith is a step in this direction; it is a series of short stories that chronicle God's involvement in the life of a regular guy from boyhood through retirement. Although it is addressed to the grandchildren of one family, the stories communicate the power of God to everyone. Poppy's Faith serves as a template and an inspiration to parents and grandparents who have the burden to keep the flame burning and pass the torch of faith in Christ to the next generation.

"There is a strong essence of Roald Dahl to this story...a crowd-pleaser." —Library Media Connection "[A] sweet story about true friendship." —School Library Journal Poppy has magical powers, but she would rather be a baker. Can she find a way to follow her own path? This charming novel includes more than a dozen delectable recipes! Ten-year-old Poppy, born to ordinary

parents, has inherited coveted witch power. In Poppy's world, witches work for good and are much valued, but Poppy does not want to be a witch—she wants to be a baker, and she is extremely good at baking. Her parents insist Poppy follow in the footsteps of her great aunt, a famous witch, but Poppy has plans of her own. Part magic, part adventure, and wholly delicious, this spirited story includes more than a dozen recipes you can try at home.

Here is an in-depth examination of the opium poppy--the first medicinal plant known to mankind. In *Opium Poppy: Botany, Chemistry, and Pharmacology*, author L. D. Kapoor provides readers with a comprehensive resource on poppy production from seed to alkaloid. He explores the opium poppy's origin, distribution, chemistry, and uses and abuses from ancient civilizations through the present day. He covers plant and seed production and crop improvement and explores in detail the chemical and pharmaceutical by-products of the opium poppy. The book begins with a historical overview of the origin and use of opium poppy in ancient civilizations such as Greece, Egypt, and Mesopotamia. Chapters that follow contain detailed information on: botanical studies cytogenetics and plant breeding agronomy, including insect and pest control measures physiological and anatomical studies chemical and pharmacological aspects of opium alkaloids biosynthesis and physiology of opium alkaloids the occurrence and role of alkaloids in plants the evaluation of analgesic actions of morphine in various pain models in experimental animals *Opium Poppy: Botany, Chemistry, and Pharmacology* is a useful reference for professionals and students of pharmacy, botany, chemistry, medicine, and pharmacology who need a better overall understanding of this ancient plant and its (potential) modern usage.

Innocent intern in love with the doctor... Poppy is a brand-new intern working in the emergency room. She's in a huge hurry to get to work when she bumps into a man in the corridor. It's Tom, the man she's always admired and who is now a skilled surgeon. Poppy wants to impress him, but she keeps making mistake after mistake in front of him. Can she forget this childhood love and focus on her career?

Poppy is a colourful, memorable journey of courage and self-discovery for the child in us all.

Two old friends, one hot summer, a whole load of confusion. Poppy Jenkins makes everyone smile. She's the heart of Wells, a beautiful village in mid-Wales, leaving light and laughter in her wake. She has a doting family, an errant dog and a little sister with a nose for mischief. But she's the only gay in the village and it's a long time since she kissed a girl: the chance of romance in sleepy Wells is rarer than a barking sheep. If she doesn't think too hard, life is cosy, until a smart sports car barrels into town with the last woman Poppy wants to see behind the wheel.

Beautiful Rosalyn Thorn was once Poppy's high school BFF even though she was trouble. Then one day she abandoned Wells and Poppy without explanation. Now the highflier is back and bound to cause fresh havoc in the village and with Poppy's heart; folk are not happy. Wells needs to wake up to the 21st century and Rosalyn can help, but old prejudices die hard. If they can be friends it could be the chance to make everyone's happy ever after. Couldn't it?

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This thoughtful follow up to *Poppy's Progress* explores issues of family relationships, especially grief and loss. Middle-aged Poppy Sinclair is content enough with her life and her comfortable relationships with her friends, family, and cat. She is thrown into turmoil, however, when she must move back to her hometown to care for her dying father. There, she must face not only the difficult, slow loss of a parent to cancer but also her lingering feelings for a former flame, Jane. In a time of strong emotions for her entire family, Poppy reaches a turning point in her life, torn by grief for her father and excitement over what Jane might offer. Exquisite characterization and engaging dialogue distinguish this subtly challenging novel.

When Poppy picks up a woman on the run, her life changes forever. Vanya, sex trafficking victim now escaped, finds refuge and friendship with Poppy. Their friendship blooms on the little farmstead, with the animals and the quilting projects. There is a quiet life, a temporary situation turning into something more permanent, as Vanya finds the space to heal. Her protective, intense feelings are just friendship...right? Poppy has never been interested in men, and she didn't think she was interested in women, either. Perfectly content to live her life without romantic relationships, it's a surprise to her to find feelings bubbling up for Vanya. Vanya grew up in a culture where lesbianism was unimaginable, unacceptable. She always assumed she'd find a husband she could stand, but lately, all she wants is to be close to Poppy. But if these feelings she's getting for Poppy are what people mean when they talk about falling in love...maybe she's not as straight as she thought. Is their friendship turning into something more? Can Poppy and Vanya find a happy ending? Genre: asexual, lesbian Heat level: sweet 26,000 words

Set on the Sunshine Coast of Australia, Poppy is going to visit her uncle. She is enjoying the experience of being with her family when something happens to threaten the walk. This is a story about family love, an appreciation of nature, confronting fear, and the wonderful relationship a child shares with her grandparents. Aside from the delightful illustrated story, *Poppy's Walk* has over 95 educationally-based differentiated activities relating to the story. This book is a valuable learning tool spanning across all areas of the curriculum. For parents and teachers and, of course, children. Audience *Poppy's Walk* is an illustrated children's book that is suitable from age 2 years to 13 years. Teachers and parents will welcome the educationally-based activities. There really is something for everyone.

Learn how to create tiaras and finger food for your Perfect Princess Party, or get ready for the festive season with some wonderful Winter Wonderland recipe and gift ideas! There's plenty to keep you busy all through the year. With clearly illustrated step-by-step instructions, you'll be able to make (and bake) along with Poppy. So what are you waiting for? Princess Poppy can't wait to share her favourite recipes and crafts with you!

'A heartwarming read, full of friendship and fun' Heidi Swain What would you wish for if you were granted three wishes? For the first time she can remember, Poppy is dreading Christmas. Unceremoniously dumped by her boyfriend after moving across the country for him, there's nothing cheery about the festive season this year. Dragged to a Christmas ball by best friend Layla, Poppy meets gorgeous actor Gabe, who stars as a genie in a play. When he asks her what three wishes she would make, she realises it's quite simple: love, a job she's happy in and, just once in her life, to do something extraordinary. Gabe and Poppy make a pact to help each other make their dreams come true. As they tick off their wishes, their friendship blossoms... But, as they discover, sometimes, what you want for Christmas isn't necessarily what you need... A delicious romance to snuggle up with this festive season from the author of *Wedding Bells at the Signal Box Café* and *The Cosy Little Cupcake Van*.

Private investigator Poppy Harmon likes the anonymity of working behind the scenes for the hottest names in Palm Springs. But when solving a case demands dragging her old acting career out of retirement, it's lights . . . camera . . . murder! Cast in her first role since the 1980s, Poppy has never been more rattled or unprepared on a film set. It's an embarrassing but necessary cover to keep an eye on client Danika Delgado, a rising starlet and social media influencer with a large following—including a dangerous stalker who won't disappear. The leading lady's fame is growing, and so are the threats against her life . . . Unfortunately for Poppy, there's more to fear than flubbed lines. When she finds Danika smothered to death in her trailer at Joshua Tree National Park, the horrifying crime stirs up memories of a man known as the Pillow Talk Killer during her time as a young actress, bringing unsolved murders from the past back into focus . . . A trail of clues urges Poppy, hunky sidekick Matt Flowers, and the rest of the Desert Flowers Detective Agency gang on a frantic chase after Danika's crazed #1 fan. But as co-stars and production crew members start looking equally suspicious, Poppy must expose a slew of insidious industry secrets before a murderer rolls out the red carpet for someone else . . .

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The Bootlegger Murder Mystery involves the grandfather/adopted father of the author. Below is an interview excerpt taken from the newspapers, just days after Russell Brice began serving more than twenty years in Sing Sing Prison. "Brice is a cheerful chap, with smiling gray eyes and blonde hair. He is twenty-six years old and is not a bit ashamed of the many crimes of which he has been accused or of the time he has spent in prison." "Behind the downfall of every man there is a woman," he remarks with the wisdom of the ages. "A woman has placed me where I am. It was her talk which gave me the reputation of being 'a second Hamby'". Gordon Hamby was a notorious bank robber and killer who was executed in Sing Sing Prison's electric chair in January of 1920. Thomas Riddell lives in Liverpool, New York.

A comprehensive look at the inspiring, healing, and addictive powers of the Opium Poppy and its derivatives throughout history • Covers the history, risks, and benefits of opium, morphine, oxycodone, methadone, and fentanyl • Provides techniques of cultivation, extraction, and safe consumption as well as methods for overcoming addiction and staying "clean" • Profiles 11 famous users, including Thomas de Quincey, William S. Burroughs, Lou Reed, and DJ Screw Few plant allies have a history as long and well-documented as *Papaver somniferum*, the celebrated and infamous opium poppy. For thousands of years people around the world have been unable to resist the poppy's siren song of intoxicating pleasure, pain relief, and visionary states--so much so that this potent plant has literally adapted itself to human civilization: in increasing its intoxicating properties, it came to rely solely on humankind for its propagation. From 6,000-year-old poppy seeds found in archaeological digs in Europe to the black tar heroin factories of South America and the modern "War on Drugs," Kenaz Filan explores the history of this enduring plant and its many derivatives--including opium, morphine, oxycodone, methadone, and fentanyl--as well as its symbiotic relationship with humans as medicine, food, intoxicant, and visionary tool. Profiling 11 famous users including Thomas de Quincey, William S. Burroughs, Lou Reed, and DJ Screw, Filan examines how opium and other poppy derivatives inspired them as well as the high price it exacted for its inspiration. Covering techniques of cultivation, extraction, and safe consumption along with methods for overcoming addiction and staying "clean," this book offers a sensible approach to the poppy that recognizes the plant not as a crop to be harvested or eradicated but as a living, sentient ally that can offer healing or harm and must be approached with respect and caution.

After a long, hard winter in Dimwood forest, Poppy the deer mouse finds new adventure thrust upon her while rescuing Ereth the porcupine from the mud.

Caldecott medalist Matthew Cordell debuts his first early reader series about two best friends who are as different from each other as can be. Cornbread LOVES planning. Poppy does not. Cornbread ADORES preparing. Poppy does not. Cornbread IS ready for winter. Poppy...is not. But Cornbread and Poppy are the best of friends, so when Poppy is left without any food for the long winter, Cornbread volunteers to help her out. Their search leads them up, up, up Holler Mountain, where these mice might find a new friend...and an old one. Celebrating both partnership and the value of what makes us individuals, young readers will find this classic odd-couple irresistible as they encounter relatable issues with humor and heart. Publishing simultaneously in hardcover and paperback.

This all-new storybook is based on DreamWorks Trolls World Tour--in theaters April 17, 2020! Trolls fans 3 to 6 will love this full-color storybook that introduces them to all the colorful characters in DreamWorks Trolls World Tour! In the beginning, it's all glitter and happiness in Troll Village until Queen Poppy and Branch make a surprising discovery--there are other Troll worlds beyond their own, each defined by a different genre of music! When a mysterious threat puts all the Trolls across the land in danger, Poppy, Branch, and their band of friends must embark on an epic quest do the impossible: create harmony among the diverse Trolls to unite them against certain doom.

Poppy and Sam are getting ready for Halloween - but where's Rusty the dog? Little children will love looking through the peep holes and following the fingertrails in this charming board book, spotting lots of the animals of Apple Tree Farm along the way. Illustrations: Full colour throughout

The Poppy Girls is the first title in The Maitland Trilogy, by bestselling author Margaret Dickinson. Even amidst the horror of the trenches, friendship will survive Thwarted in her desire to become a doctor like her brother Robert, Pips Maitland rebels against her mother's wishes that she settle down and raise children. However, when Robert brings home a friend from medical school, Giles Kendall, it seems perhaps Pips might fall in love with an acceptable suitor after all. But the year is 1914 and the future is uncertain. Hearing that her father's friend, Dr John Hazelwood, is forming a flying ambulance corps to take to the front lines, Pips is determined to become one of its nurses and asks Alice Dawson, her maid, to go with her. Robert and Giles offer their services as doctors, and Alice's brother William joins them as a stretcher bearer. Nothing could have prepared them for the horrific sights they encounter. Moving their unit close to the fighting to offer first aid as quickly as possible puts them all in constant danger. But even amidst the barrage of shelling and gunfire, the unending stream of injured being brought to their

post, the love between Pips and Giles survives and blossoms just like the poppies of Flanders fields.

When Poppy moves to the family farm to escape memories of her late mother, she uncovers a stack of letters from 1985 addressed to herself written by her mother, and Poppy believes she has finally discovered the best friend she has been looking for.

Looking forward to spending a seaside vacation with her family and sharing an adventure on the open sea as a fierce pirate dog, Poppy the Dalmatian loses her courage in the face of numerous bobbing boats, splashing waves and scary sea creatures.

Poppy is young, beautiful and clever – and working as a parlourmaid in the de Vere family's country house. Society, it seems, has already carved out her destiny. But Poppy's life is about to be thrown dramatically off course. The first reason is love – with someone forbidden, who could never, ever marry a girl like her. The second reason is war. As the lists of the dead and wounded grow longer, Poppy must do whatever she can to help the injured soldiers, knowing all the while that her own soldier may never return home . . .

The third book in the beloved Poppy series by Newbery Medal-winning author Avi, with illustrations from Caldecott Medal-winning artist Brian Floca Heartbroken over the death of her fiance, Ragweed, Poppy the deer mouse journeys west through the vast Dimwood Forest to bring the sad news to Ragweed's family. But Poppy and her prickly porcupine pal Ereth arrive only to discover that beavers have flooded the serene valley where Ragweed lived. Together Poppy and Ragweed's brother Rye brave kidnapping, imprisonment, and a daring rescue to fight the beavers. At the same time, Rye—who has lived in Ragweed's shadow—fights to prove himself worthy of Poppy's love.

Poppy J. Thistleberry decides she wants to be a writer, but she is struggling to come up with material for her class writing assignments. She is also annoyed when her best friend's papers are chosen by the teacher to read aloud.

Go on a musical adventure with Poppy the dog and friends in Poppy and Vivaldi. Children and parents will love pressing buttons and hearing the instruments and sounds of Vivaldi on every page! Go on a musical adventure with the adorable dog, Poppy, and learn about Vivaldi as he listens to favorite sounds from the great composer with his friend Enzo. The two friends take an unforgettable trip to the Carnival of Venice, where they hear the sounds of the mandolin, cello, flute, and more. From The Four Seasons to Griselda, Poppy and Enzo explore the opera and take a ride on a gondola, listening to the sounds of Vivaldi and learning a little bit about this great composer at the same time. With 16 buttons to push and hear, kids will love listening to the sounds of Vivaldi and the different instruments as they follow along with the story. With colorful illustrations and a new sound to discover on each page, both kids and parents will be entertained and engaged for hours. Poppy and Vivaldi offers an opportunity to teach kids about classical music and the sounds of some of Vivaldi's great works. Now that is truly unique!

A Troll-tastic deluxe paintbox book featuring 16 fantastic watercolors! This deluxe paint box book, based on the DreamWorks Animation movie Trolls and TV series Trolls: The Beat Goes On, features 64 images to paint, a paintbrush, and 16 different watercolor paints! Boys and girls ages 3 to 7 will love bringing Poppy, Branch, and all their Troll friends to life with color!

Ava is delighted when she discovers a red poppy in her yard, sitting with it in the sunny days of summer and shielding it from the rain, until the day the flower fades away, but when spring comes, Ava is surprised anew. By the award-winning creator of The Rainbow Fish.

The first new book about Poppy in more than ten years, from Newbery Medal-winning author Avi with illustrations throughout by Caldecott Medal-winning artist Brian Floca. How did Ragweed and Poppy meet and become friends? This book tells their hilarious story! Adventurous golden mouse Ragweed is on a freight train leaving the city of Amperville. On his journey he meets Lotar, a young, annoying, and lost raccoon who's desperate to reunite with his mother. Though Ragweed doesn't really want to help the raccoon, by doing so he winds up in Dimwood Forest. Ragweed is now ready to strike off on his own, but it's not long before he hears a cry for help. Following the sound of the voice, he finds a cage with a deer mouse trapped inside. When he asks the mouse's name, she replies, "Poppy." The way Ragweed comes to Poppy's aid, and how Poppy comes to his, is how their rousing and fateful friendship begins. As for that annoying raccoon, he keeps getting in the way. Fans of animal stories and especially of the beloved previous books in the Poppy series will love Ragweed and Poppy!

"[Poppy's] recipes are unshowy, unfussy (for all her Michelin training) and simply make you want to go skipping into the kitchen to cook."—Nigella Lawson, Nigella.com With Chef and TikTok sensation Poppy O'Toole you'll learn the basics, up your cooking game, with delicious results every time. This is a cookbook with no judgement. Together, we'll learn how to make incredible food at home. We'll start with the basics: 12 core recipes (or go-to skills) that everyone needs to know, like how to make a pasta sauce, roast a chicken or make a killer salad dressing. Then we'll use these core skills as a base for delicious and adaptable recipes that will up your cooking game—the Staple, the Brunch, the Potato Hero (of course they make an appearance) and the Fancy AF. So, once you've nailed that classic tomato sauce (which I promise will become the new go-to in your kitchen), you can stir it through pasta, or bake it with eggs for the perfect Shakshuka and, before you know it, you'll be getting real fancy and making a show-stopping Chicken Parmigiana to impress your friends. I'll walk you through 75 delicious recipes, including: • White Sauce: think Mac and Cheese and Bacon-y Garlicky Gratin. • Dough: easy flatbreads for Halloumi Avo Breads and Salmon Tikka wraps. • Emulsions: Chicken Caesar Salad with homemade mayo and next level Steak Béarnaise with Hollandaise and Crunchy Roast Chips. • Meringue: from Eton Mess Pancakes through to Simply the Zest Lemon Meringue Pie Whether you're completely new to the kitchen or looking to elevate your basics with clever tricks, my step-by-step guidance will help you nail delicious food every time. As a Michelin-trained chef with over ten years' experience in professional kitchens, I've done the years of training so you don't have to. It's okay to make a few mistakes along the way, and together, we'll help you fix them and achieve incredible results at home. I am passionate about the importance of great food at home, every day—it's what we all deserve. This is not just the food you want. It's the food you

need.

*** THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER *** Treat yourself to a glorious novel full of food, sunshine, friendship and love! Things haven't always been straightforward in Poppy's life but her dreams are finally within her reach. She's moving into a cottage in beautiful Nightingale Square, close to the local community garden, where she can indulge her passion for making preserves and pickles. She may not have the best relationship with her family but she is surrounded by loving friends, and feels sure that even her grumpy new neighbour, Jacob, has more to him than his steely exterior belies. But the unexpected arrival of Poppy's troubled younger brother soon threatens her new-found happiness and as the garden team works together to win community space of the year, Poppy must decide where her priorities lie and what she is prepared to fight for ... Readers everywhere are falling in love with Heidi Swain's writing: 'A lovely, sweet, summery read' Milly Johnson 'Wise, warm and wonderful' heat 'A ray of reading sunshine!' Laura Kemp, author of A Year of Surprising Acts of Kindness 'Sparkling and romantic' My Weekly

Poppy Haviland & The Secret of the Lively Widow is the first book in a series featuring twelve-year-old aspiring actress Poppy Petunia Haviland and her adventuresome friends. Simply being twelve years old is tough enough, but try being twelve AND the daughter of the world's most famous movie star. Yeah... exactly. In The Secret of the Lively Widow, Poppy's family relocate to a small town where the appearance of superstar Holly Haviland takes the community by storm. Even when Poppy discovers a treasure map carefully tucked within their historic lodgings, she can't seem to capture anyone's attention for very long. She recruits her best friend, Annie Kim, and her strange new neighbour Rick Reyes (a rapper and inventor), to explore the history of the map and of their new community. The trio learns that the town that they are living in was a key terminal on the Underground Railroad – the illegal passageway to freedom that played a major role in the termination of slavery in America – and that Poppy's family played an important role in that history. Will their efforts result in the discovery of a long-rumoured historical treasure, or will someone else get to it first?

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