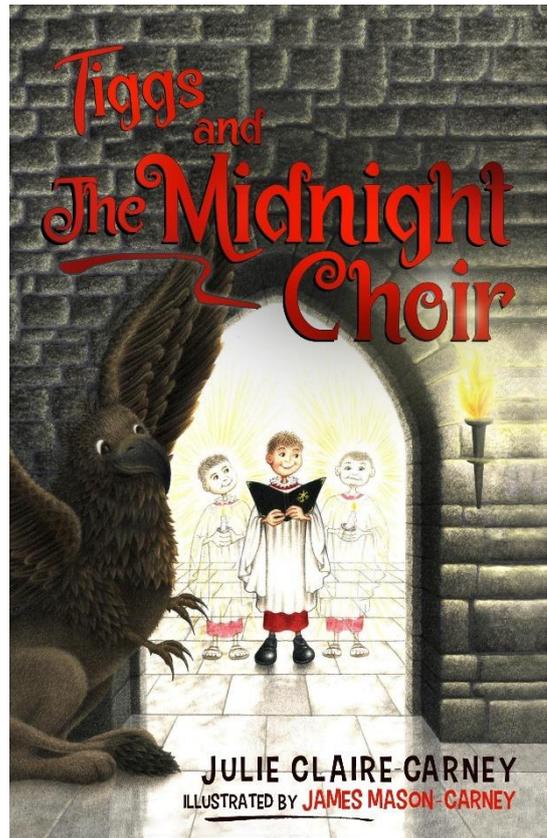


Every night, after the choir and visitors leave the Cathedral, the lights are turned out and the echo of closing doors fades into darkness and peace...

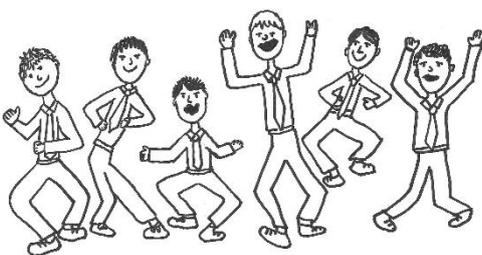
... until midnight when, unknown to the living world outside, the Cathedral becomes aglow with candlelight and the Midnight Choir sings with pure, haunting voices.

Tiggs and The Midnight Choir has been described as 'Harry Potter for children who sing', a children's fiction book that's a great read for all ages. This is a contemporary ghost story in which a mythical creature, a young boy and an ancient cathedral choir prove that both modern and medieval mischief can be just as much fun!



Better still, it was written from the heart. The story began when James became a Chorister at Exeter Cathedral. But the dusky smells, haunting sounds and chill air of the ancient Cathedral, which became part of everyday life, aroused a sense of adventure in both James and his mum. Using real life as a backdrop, they decided to add a blend of imagination and history to create this exciting, comedy suspense. Mum, Julie, wrote the words and James illustrated the book with over 140 quirky, fun drawings.

James completed the final drawings during lockdown. At this time, he lost all his hair to alopecia, but illustrating the book took his mind off his worries. James says: *'It's not just the ghosts and secret passages that I like about our book. It's also about friendship and getting over fears. When I lost my hair, it was scary going back to school and singing at the Cathedral again, knowing that I'd be the only bald Chorister! It's also cold with no hair! But my school and choir friends were fantastic and really cheered me on. It's like that in the book – James in the book feels different but he has great friends who help him through, like they did for me in real life.'*



them to offer to other children the exciting life that they have given to James.

This heart-warming story uses the backdrop of Exeter Cathedral as a platform from which to promote respect for differing cultures, religions and beliefs of an after-life. James and Julie hope that the story will inspire other children to overcome hardship, while funds raised from the sale of the book will support his school and the Cathedral, enabling



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