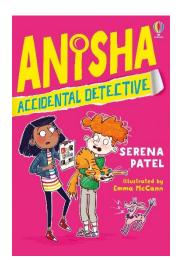
## **Books for Younger Readers**

#### **Anisha Accidental Detective**

Written by Serena Patel and illustrated by Emma McCann Published by Usborne ISBN 978-1474959520

Anisha's Aunty Bindi is getting ready for her wedding and amid all the chaos and drama this involves, Anisha finds a ransom note pushed through the door. Uncle Tony - the groom-to-be - has been kidnapped, and will only be released if the wedding is cancelled. It is up to Anisha and her best friend Milo to solve the mystery and save the wedding. Family, friendship and oodles of humour make this a fantastic read!



## The Griffin Gate

Written by Vashti Hardy and illustrated by Natalie Smillie Published by Barrington Stoke ISBN 978-1781129432



The Griffin family are the wardens of the Griffin map, invented to keep the Moreland country safe. If someone needs help their gate flashes on the map and a warden can teleport to the location. One day, Grace is the only one able to take a distress call even though she is too young to be a warden. But it's a trap, set by Mayor Pick who wants to take over responsibility for map. There follows an exciting and daring plan to stop him but who will win?

# The Highland Falcon Thief

Written by M G Leonard & Sam Sedgman and illustrated by Elisa Paganelli Published by Macmillan

## ISBN 978-1529013061

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