



AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Philip Reeve is a writer living and working on Dartmoor. He is probably best known for his *Mortal Engines* series, *Here Lies Arthur* & his books with illustrator Sarah McIntyre. These include *Pugs of the Frozen North*, stories about Kevin the Roly-Poly Flying Pony and *The Adventure Mice* series.

Sarah McIntyre is a British-American illustrator (using watercolour & ink) and writer of popular children's stories including the Grumpy-corn books and longer books with Philip Reeve. Sarah and her husband have recently moved to Dartmoor where she's taken up bell-ringing.

WEBSITES

<https://philipreeve.com/>
<https://jabberworks.co.uk/>

LINKS

A fabulous dedicated website, where you can discover which Adventure Mice character you are, find make & draw activities, plus teacher packs.

<https://www.adventuremice.com/>
Watch Philip & Sarah's performance at the Edinburgh International Book Festival 2023 (from 4 minutes in).
<https://www.edbookfest.co.uk/media-gallery/item/adventuremice-with-sarah-mcintyre-philip-reeve>



ADVENTURE MICE: OTTER CHAOS!

Younger Readers Shortlist 2024

INTRODUCTION

Otter Chaos is the first of an engaging **series** of books featuring a little mouse called Pedro, who sets off from his cosy home in search of an **adventure**. At first things don't go too well – it turns out that adventures can sometimes be scary, dangerous and uncomfortable, just as his father had warned. However, Pedro's exciting encounter with a giant otter proves that he has what it takes to join the Adventure Mice team.

Before and after reading the book, use the spread at the beginning to talk about the seven main characters. Plot the main events of the adventure on the map at the end, which shows The Mouse Islands, the setting of the books.

ACTIVITIES

Read After listening to or reading the book, take the *Otter Chaos* Quiz – an ideal activity for a class, library lesson, book club or book group.

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Write or illustrate Have a go at drawing Pedro following these easy-to-follow instructions.

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Create a poster with labelled illustrations of all the different kinds of boats mentioned or shown in the story.

Or design your own island.

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NOW READ ON

Mermouse Mystery (June 2023), *Mice on Ice* (October 2023) & *Mice on the Moon* (March 2024) by Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre (David Fickling Books). Three new Adventure Mice stories of daring-do to enjoy.

The Ultimate Otter Book for Kids by Jenny Kellett (Bellanova, 2023). Factual book about different species of otter, their lifestyle and conservation, plus activities.

Ocean Pollution by Claudia Martin & Fiona Osbaldstone (Wayland, 2021) In the story, Mortlake gets tangled up in fishing line – a real-life threat to ocean habitats. Find out about other causes of ocean **pollution** here.