



## AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

**Chanté Timothy** is an illustrator from London, who creates work that explores different themes of diversity and inclusion. She has contributed to books like *Hey You! An Empowering Celebration of Growing Up Black* by Dapo Adeola (Puffin, 2021) and *Happy Here: Ten Stories from Black Authors and Illustrators* introduced by Sharna Jackson (Knights of Media, 2021). She also illustrated *Daddy Do My Hair: Beth's Twists* and *Daddy Do My Hair: Deji's Haircut* both by Tolá Okogwu (Simon & Schuster).

## WEBSITE

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/author/8291/Chante-Timothy.html>

## LINKS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqaxi5A3zBs>

Very short video introduction to the book.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/booklists/graphic-novels-middle-grade/>

Recommended graphic novels for middle grade.



# SUPA NOVA

Younger Readers Shortlist 2026

## INTRODUCTION

First book in a lively, full-colour, **graphic novel series**, in which an enthusiastic **young scientist** called Supa Nova, sets out to create a solution to the islands of **plastic waste** floating in the oceans. However, the plastic-eating organism she invents turns out to be more than she bargained for and she has to turn to her big sister and some highly **inventive** gadgets for help before Chomp ends up eating everything in sight. Information about the science behind the (**science-fiction**) story can be found at the end of the book, along with step-by-step guides to drawing some of the characters.

## ACTIVITIES

**Read** about some amazing scientists and their discoveries and inventions.

**Write and illustrate** a plan for your own invention for a machine/vehicle designed to get rid of plastic in the ocean.

**Create** a poster to suggest how you and your friends can get involved in making the planet a better place to live. Start by reading books like *What a Waste* by Jess French (DK, 2019) and/or researching online - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/plastic-in-the-ocean/> includes 10 tips about how to reduce plastic pollution.

## NOW READ ON

*Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor* by Lucy Brandt & Gladys Jose (Puffin, 2022) First of a series about a young inventor and her friends.  
*Fantastically Great Women Scientists and their Stories* by Kate Pankhurst (Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2021) Collection of inspirational true-life stories.

*101 Black Inventors and Their Inventions* by Joy James (Michael Terence Publishing, 2021) First in a series for 9+.

*Meet the Microbes!: The Tiny Living Things that Mould Our Lives* by Dr Emily Grossman & Maggie Li (Wren & Rook, 2021).