

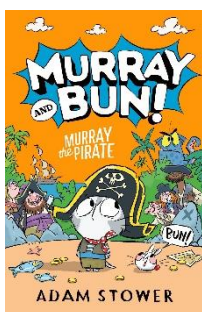
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Murray and Bun! Murray the Pirate

Written and illustrated by Adam Stower

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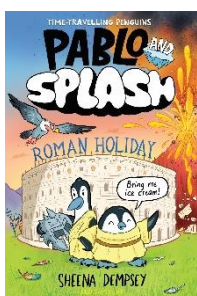
Murray, the sleepy cat, and Bun, a sticky bouncing bunny, live with Fumblethumb, an incompetent wizard, who turns their cat flap into a magic portal. The delightful duo love adventures, and as they are hurled through the cat flap by a fit of Bun's sneezing, they find themselves in a land of PIRATES, where they're kidnapped by the dreaded Captain Patch. Will they manage to dig up the buried treasure or risk walking the Plank? Laugh-a-minute comic-style illustrations light up this comic caper.

Pablo and Splash: Roman Holiday

Written and illustrated by Sheena Dempsey

Published by Bloomsbury Children's Books

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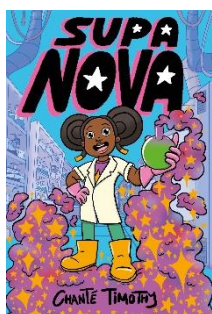
Join time-travelling penguins Pablo and Splash as they battle gladiators in Ancient Rome. All they wanted to do was bring back a centurion helmet to prove to their friend, Benji, that they really can travel through time in this latest adventure. But their plan goes astray when the emperor wants to add them to his exotic bird collection. Can the two friends escape the gruesome fate of the Colosseum? Another hilarious instalment of this brilliant graphic novel series!

Supa Nova

Written and illustrated by Chanté Timothy

Published by Nosy Crow

ISBN: 978-1805130666



Supa Nova is a hilarious, action-packed adventure about a young hero who discovers extraordinary powers and a knack for getting into cosmic trouble. From zooming across galaxies to facing quirky villains, every page of this graphic novel is full of surprises, laughter, and heart. The story balances chaos and courage perfectly, showing that even in space, friendship, cleverness, and a little daring can save the day. You're cheering, giggling, and rooting for Supa Nova all the way!