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### **THE LEAGUE OF STORYTELLERS series / Steven Camden**

"A lie is selfish, a story is a gift"

Dad always said.

I never really understood.

When Dad leaves, ten-year-old me has questions.

Where has he gone?

Why did he go?

When the answers I get aren't enough, I start to make up some of my own, setting off a chain reaction that sees regular old me go from just another face in the crowd, to the centre of attention. But being the coolest kid in school comes at a cost. And as things spiral out of control it's the most unlikely person that helps me learn the most important lesson of all.

Secret agents, cat eating snakes, deadly bullies, Black belt big sisters and a friendly shaven bear are just a few of the things that come into play when I open.

MY BIG MOUTH, the first book in the middle grade series THE LEAGUE OF STORYTELLERS.

**Steven Camden (Polarbear)** is one of the most respected spoken word artists in the UK. Regularly performing his work internationally since 2007, Camden has graced stages from Kuala Lumpur to California via Glastonbury and The Royal Shakespeare Company. His work has featured extensively on BBC Radio 1, 3 and 6. A published author, Steven has written 3 YA novels and is also a playwright. He was co-writer and script mentor on the Akram Khan Company's Olivier Award winning production *Desh*, as well as script writer for LIFT festival's acclaimed production *Turfed*. His theatre piece *MOUTH OPEN, STORY JUMP OUT*, received five-star reviews and is currently on its third international tour. His most recent play, *I KNEW YOU*, was performed at the Birmingham REP in 2017 and toured nationally. Steven's first Radio 4 play, *SLEEPING DOGS*, aired in 2013, and he is currently developing an original television series with Expectation Entertainment.

UK publisher: currently under offer

Unedited manuscript available and short synopsis for book 2 & 3

Primary Agent: Catheryn Summerhayes (Curtis Brown)

Translation Agent: Roxane Edouard

### **MAGIC CHARLY series / Audrey Alwett**

Harry Potter meets Terry Pratchett with a hint of Hayao Miyazaki in *THE APPRENTICE WIZARD / L'APPRENTI MAGICIER*, the first title of the French YA fantasy series *MAGIC CHARLY*.

Charly Vernier is your average teenager... if you ignore the fact that his high school is an old match-making factory, that his eccentric mother is the principal and that his cat might be a bit more perceptive (although not necessarily more likeable) than his peers. Seven years ago, his grandmother Lady Mélisse disappeared without a word. Though Charly has very little recollection of time spent with her, he knows they were close and that he may have played a part in her sudden flight. Brought home by a stranger who seems to hold her in the highest regard, Lady Mélisse is very diminished and has lost nearly all her memories. Thanks to a message he finds in her luggage, Charly slowly discovers that a world of magic exists alongside ours. With the help of a master (a very

reluctant Master Lin) and a friend/rival of sorts (the brilliant Sapotille), Charly embarks on a quest to find out what happened to his grandmother. He will discover her link to a mysterious figure, The Reaper, who no longer complies with the Academy of Magic. Charly realises that this far from perfect world of magic is, in fact, on the brink of a civil war, torn apart by the internal factions vying for control over the most rare and precious resources of all: Magic.

**Audrey Alwett** is the author of the bestselling graphic novel series PRINCESSE SARA and the fantasy novel LES POISONS DE KATHARZ. Audrey has a Master's degree in French literature and is also the editor director of the imprint Bad Wolf at ActuSF. MAGIC CHARLY is her first YA series.

French publisher: Gallimard Jeunesse (pre-empt)

French unedited manuscript available for the 1<sup>st</sup> book and synopsis of books 2 & 3

Primary & Translation Rights Agent: Roxane Edouard (Curtis Brown)

Film rights: Acquired by French producer 2 Minutes (Zombillennium, Tout En Haut du Monde, Little Houdini, Totally Spies, etc.) for an animated television series