



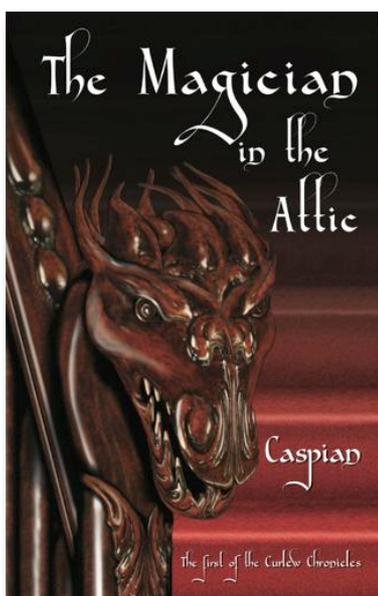
## PRESS RELEASE

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### Long-awaited fantasy *The Magician in the Attic* available now as an eBook

First of the *Curlew Chronicles* magical adventure series featuring young magician Alex Roebuck. His dream of being an illusionist comes closer when he's taken under the wing of an extraordinary recluse. But there are secrets beyond the magical arts...

**DARTFORD, KENT – 27 June 2014 – Elsewhen Press**, an independent UK publisher specialising in Speculative Fiction, is delighted to announce that *The Magician in the Attic* by celebrated illusionist Caspian is available from today as an eBook. The first volume in the *Curlew Chronicles* series, it introduces Alexander Roebuck whose mother, on his fourteenth birthday, gives him a gift of a course of magic lessons – Alex soon finds himself being coached in magic and illusion, far beyond anything he dreamed possible, by a mysterious and reclusive magician.



Like any other fourteen year-old, Alex has to contend with all that family, friends, school and local busy-bodies throw at him. If he is to realise his dream of being a renowned illusionist, he must respect the older man's seemingly strange obsession with privacy and seclusion. He wants to learn from his mentor more than anything else, but this means hours of practice, keeping secrets from his mum and his best friend, and gaining experience in (mis)directing the attention of an audience. Alex soon persuades his teachers to let him perform some illusions as part of the forthcoming school play. Is he ready for the audience ... and are they ready for him? Meanwhile as he uncovers the closely guarded arts of magic, he must face the greatest mysteries of all: Who is this remarkable magician who has taken him under his wing? Why has he chosen to give Alex the most extraordinary secrets of magic? What is he hiding about his shrouded past?

Alex Roebuck, an ordinary kid with a talent for illusions, doesn't have magical parents, nor is he whisked away to a secret wizardry academy. There are no magic incantations, but there are plenty of illusions – every reader is there alongside Alex as he learns how they work. There's also adventure, thrills and spills, scrapes and escapes. *The Magician in the Attic* will appeal to the wide-eyed child in anyone who has ever been enthralled by an illusionist. Caspian not only knows how to delight an audience with spell-binding tricks, but has now shown he can achieve the same effects with the written word too.

*The Magician in the Attic*, the first book in the *Curlew Chronicles* series is available from today on most eBook platforms. The print edition will be launched by Elsewhen Press at the 2014 World Science Fiction Convention in London, in August.

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## Notes for Editors

### About Caspian



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Caspian is a thirty-something UK-based illusionist. His style of both writing and performing smacks of the classics with his own modern twist. Approaching twenty years in the magic and deception business led naturally to writing fiction with some deceptive twists and turns.

Originally from Bristol his work has taken him all over the world and he is always on the lookout for the next original idea for an illusion or a plot twist that hasn't been done before. Outside of work his passions include his faith, steampunk and other Victorianisms, pool, movies and having a near full glass in a near empty bar.

### About Elsewhen Press

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