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Magician pulls book contract out of hat!

International illusionist signs up with Speculative Fiction publisher for the first in a series of books about a young magician

DARTFORD, KENT – 31 January 2014 – Elsewhen Press, an independent UK publisher specialising in Speculative Fiction, is delighted to announce that it has signed a deal with celebrated illusionist **Caspian** to publish the first book in his new fictional series about Alexander Roebuck, a young magician coached by a mysterious recluse called Francis Curlew. The *Curlew Chronicles* series opens with *The Magician in the Attic*, in which, just before his fourteenth birthday, Alex first comes to the attention of the legendary Curlew and is taken under his wing.

Like any other fourteen year-old, Alex has to contend with all that family, friends, school and the local busy-bodies throw at him. If he is to realise his dream of being a renowned illusionist, he must respect the old man's seemingly strange obsession with privacy and seclusion. He wants to learn from his mentor more than anything else, but that 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 form tutor 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?

“Alex Roebuck is an ordinary kid with a talent for illusions and the potential to make it big. He doesn't have magical parents, nor is he whisked away to a secret wizardry academy. You could say there's no magic in this story at all, but there are plenty of illusions – every reader will be there alongside Alex as he learns how they work. That's the real magic of the book, the thrill of discovery and the excitement of amazing effects produced by talent and skill rather than magic incantations. There's also adventure, thrills and spills, scrapes and escapes. What's not to love?”

Though aimed at a young adult market, the *Curlew Chronicles* 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 will be published this summer by Elsewhen Press in both digital and print editions.

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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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