



# uclanpublishing

CALLING ALL CREATIVES!

We are super excited to announce our brand new PICTURE BOOK competition where you can win the chance to have your story ILLUSTRATED, PUBLISHED and PRINTED!

Now we have your attention 😊 check out how to apply below.

## FINNEY THE FOX PICTURE BOOK COMPETITION

Finney the fox is UCLan Publishing’s cheeky and cheerful mascot who widely represents the spirit of all our children and YA books! We are offering one lucky winner the chance to write a story all about Finney and where he comes from. All submissions will be judged by the “Foxes Den” (a small group of young readers) and the winning story will be published as a picture book for all the world to see!

The competition rules are:

- Maximum 700 words
- Aimed at 4-7 year olds



Please submit your final copy to [uclanpublishing@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:uclanpublishing@uclan.ac.uk) with the reference FINNEY THE FOX COMPETITION and include your name/contact details and word count.

Deadline for submission is **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020** and the winner will be announced at the NYA Lit Fest March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020. Publication date to be confirmed.

## STUDENT SNAPSHOT



Our students have been busy with an abundance of industry professionals and authors coming to see them. We’ve had Jo Forshaw, Justin Somper and Rose Edwards, just to name a few.

BA’s and MA’s are settling in nicely and producing some fantastic work for us.

The UCLan MA Publishing 2018/2019 cohort graduated this week. We wish them the best of luck with their future endeavours and look forward to seeing them progress in their chosen careers.

Find out more about our BA and MA courses [here](#).

## NEWS

### STEAM PRIZE SHORTLIST

The Shortlist has been announced! We had some stellar submissions for the STEAM Children’s Book Prize 2020. To find out who made the shortlist, click [here](#).



### NYALitFest 2020 — VOICES

#### Friday 20th March

A Private networking event for **librarians and teachers only**. Join us for an evening with publishers as they present their upcoming titles for 2020. Scholastic authors Patrice Lawrence, Bali Rai, Leila Rasheed and El Norry will also be joining us to discuss BAME representation in children’s books, chaired by Jake Hope.

Free registration is now open and places are limited. To receive the registration link and password please email [uclanpublishing@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:uclanpublishing@uclan.ac.uk)



**Saturday 21st March**  
Public Event—YA focused

**Sunday 22nd March**  
Public Event—Middle Grade focused

**REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ADMISSION**

IS NOW OPEN!

## NEW TITLES

**The Light Hunters** by Dan Walker £7.99 (23/01/2020)



ISBN: 9781912979103

*“You ask me what Light is, Lux? Light is everything. Every single thing. The very fabric of our world is made up of this force - people, trees, the chair I am sitting on, this pen I am writing with. Few can access this Light, control it. You are one.”*

Huge Monsters roam the land, smashing towns to splinters. For centuries, energy-wielding Light Hunters battled the creatures, rescuing the townspeople of Daven from a terrible fate. Then, a single, disastrous mistake turned the people against Light. Now, this powerful and ancient force is mostly gone, all but a memory.

Lux Dowd lives in a clock repair shop with his ill Grandpa and the old man’s live-in carer, Miss Hart. Although he might seem to be a normal 12 year old boy, Lux has a secret: not only can he wield Light, he might be the finest Light-healer the world has ever seen. But when Lux uses his power to save his best friend Maya after she is mortally injured in a terrifying monster attack, his Light draws a strange, shadowy figure to town, one who would use Lux’s powers for evil.

Order your copy [here](#).

### FREE School Event Opportunity!

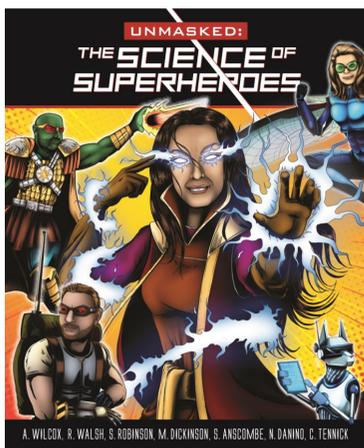
Dan Walker will be on the road and could be coming to a school or library near you. This is a perfect event for children aged 9 and over, so if you and your class would like to hear more about **The Light Hunters** then please email [uclanpublishing@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:uclanpublishing@uclan.ac.uk) with the maximum audience size and your location.

Available dates are as follows:

North West - 21st, 22nd, 23rd of January

East Midlands - 4th, 5th, 6th of February

**Unmasked: The Science of Superheroes** £13.99 (27/02/2020)



ISBN: 9781912979059

*Could your favourite superheroes really exist?*

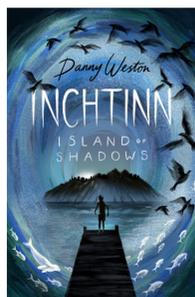
Take a look at the secret science behind superheroes and the incredible real world breakthroughs that could bring them closer to reality than ever before.

Written by seven diverse academics from UCLan, this is a look into how superheroes (and their abilities) may be closer to real science than you think. Six chapters. Six fascinating areas of science, breaking down the abilities and characteristics of heroes such as Batman, Captain America, Ant-Man, Superman and many more!

### FREE School Event Opportunity!

Are you a teacher or librarian interested in hosting a Science of Superheroes event at your school? From February until June, our authors will be hitting the road to excite the next generation of scientists. We’re looking for high schools to add to our workshop and events list. To register your interest please email [uclanpublishing@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:uclanpublishing@uclan.ac.uk) with the maximum audience size and your location.

## REVIEWS



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**Inchtinn: Island of Shadows** by Danny Weston  
Mr Ripley’s Enchanted Books

*“This a brilliantly written story that captures the attention of the reader as you skip and dance across the sea to the Scottish Island of Inchtinn. On arrival, a fantastic spine-tingling plot awaits the reader on the shore of this remote Island.”*

To read the rest of the review, click [here](#).

Love Reading, Joanne Owen

*“The novel’s rugged natural-world backdrop and classic ghost story motifs set it apart from many books for younger teens. Miranda Harris’s haunting line drawings make it unusual too - it’s a rare joy for novels aimed at this age to be illustrated. With its spirit of adventure and theme of facing deep-rooted fears in a grown-up way, this will satisfy readers on the cusp of their teenage years who don’t yet want to leave behind the mystery and magic of Middle Grade novels.”*

The team at UCLan Publishing would like to thank you for all your support in our first year trading as a commercial publisher. We wish you a very Merry Christmas (we hope it’s filled with lots of books!) and a Happy New Year! See you in 2020!

