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Yes, it really is September already.

And yes, it's been a while since you heard from me. In fact, you might not even remember signing up for this email newsletter in the first place!

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I do hope you'll read on, though. And you won't be getting a lot of these emails, maybe one or two a month at most. And I aim to make them interesting!

Still with us? That's great!

I'm working hard on my writing at the moment, I have a number of projects that I've got to about 80% complete and then... started another. So right now my focus is on finishing things.

The first novel I wrote, 'The Fairies Want Me Dead' is currently being submitted to agents, in the hope of finding someone to represent me. This is the first step in the publication journey and involves a lot of hyping myself up, sending out polite but eager emails and then sitting around for weeks on end.

So in between times, I've been writing a sequel to The War of the Worlds. As you do.

That'll be coming out soon, and if you want updates and news specific to that, then I have you covered. Pop over to [The Ares Project](#) to sign up. Right now I'm writing a short story that will go out free to everyone who signs up to the newsletter over there, so get in early and claim your space!

And when I need a break from that, I've been writing a few other short stories and sending them out to magazines and online venues.

Fae News

Recent updates from the unusual world that surrounds us



New Study Finds That Crows Are So Intelligent They Understand the Concept of Zero

Crows are incredibly smart. Researchers have already discovered that these sleek, dark birds possess primary, or sensory, consciousness—the ability possessed by humans and some primates to merge memories to think in terms of past and present.

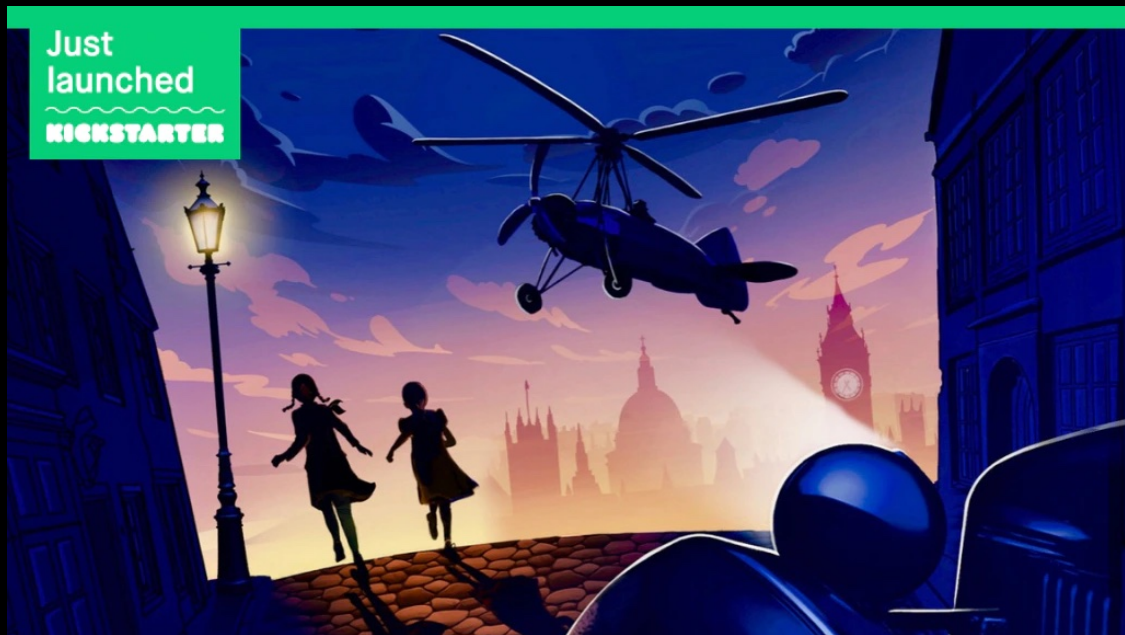


The bizarre Cheshire village festival where men dress as crows and dance through the streets

Moulton Crows were seen as the highlight of the Moulton Town Fair and their identities are kept anonymous.

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Author Spotlight



ENGLAND 1936: The Blackshirts, British Supporters of Adolph Hitler, are marching and Londoners are on the streets resisting them. In the chaos, a terrified, golden-haired girl pulls street-thief Baby from certain death. But Blackshirts overpower them and seize the girl. Baby tracks the Blackshirts to the coast where she finds a railway carriage hidden in brambles, a gang of renegade girls and thirteen-year-old Ida, trying to protect her golden-haired little sister ...

A wonderful friend of mine, J.M. Carr is the author of '[The Wonder Girls](#)' series of books for Tweens & Young Adults.

They follow a gang of girls in the 1930s who take on the Blackshirts and foil kidnapping plots and fascists on the streets of England. Set around the author's native Southampton they remind me of the Famous Five or Secret Seven - but these aren't your typical posh kids saving the day between picnics and lashings of ginger beer... They're orphaned, homeless, forced to steal to survive. And not afraid to get their hands dirty!

They're absolutely brilliant books, packed full of action and some truly memorable characters. So if you know someone that you think they'd appeal to, check them out!

[The first book is already out](#), and there's a Kickstarter open to fund a paperback copy of the second. There are some great bonuses if you back it, so please do check it out!

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