

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

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WHO IS THIS
MONTH'S
AUTHOR?

Joseph
Coelho

Joseph Coelho is an award-winning poet, playwright, and children's author, serving as the Waterstones Children's Laureate for 2022-2024 and recipient of an OBE for services to children's literature.

He was the 12th Waterstones Children's Laureate, serving from 2022 to 2024.

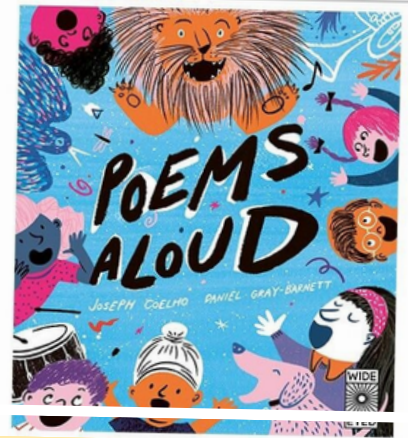
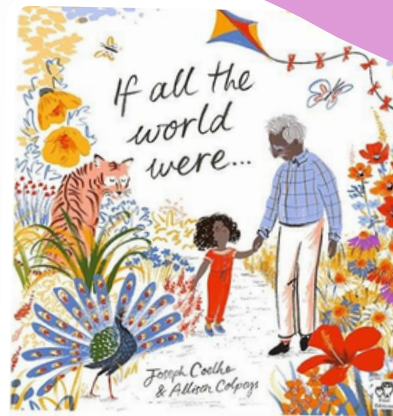
Coelho is known for performance poetry, plays, and books including the Luna Loves... series and The Girl Who Became A Tree.





BOOKS BY JOSEPH!

- **Overheard in a Tower Block** : A poetry collection for older readers that was shortlisted for the CLPE CLIPPA Poetry Award.
- **If All the World Were...** : A picture book that addresses grief and the joy of reading, co-written with illustrator Allison Colpoys.
- **Luna Loves...** series: A series of picture books, illustrated by Fiona Lumbers, that focuses on the joy of different experiences, such as Luna Loves Library Day and Luna Loves Art.
- **The Girl Who Became a Tree** : A novel in verse that was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal.



Send in your pictures!
We would love to see photos of you with some of Joseph Coelho's books. Maybe you have read one as a bed time story or have spotted one at the local library!

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WHO IS THIS
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Radiya
Hafiza

Radiya Hafiza enjoys making up worlds where anything can happen and nothing is quite as it seems.

She grew up in Hackney and now lives in Essex with her family.

- Her debut novel, Rumaysa:

A Fairytale, has been shortlisted for awards and selected as a Waterstones' Book of the Month.

- Her books reimagine classic fairy tales with a focus on diverse and empowering characters.

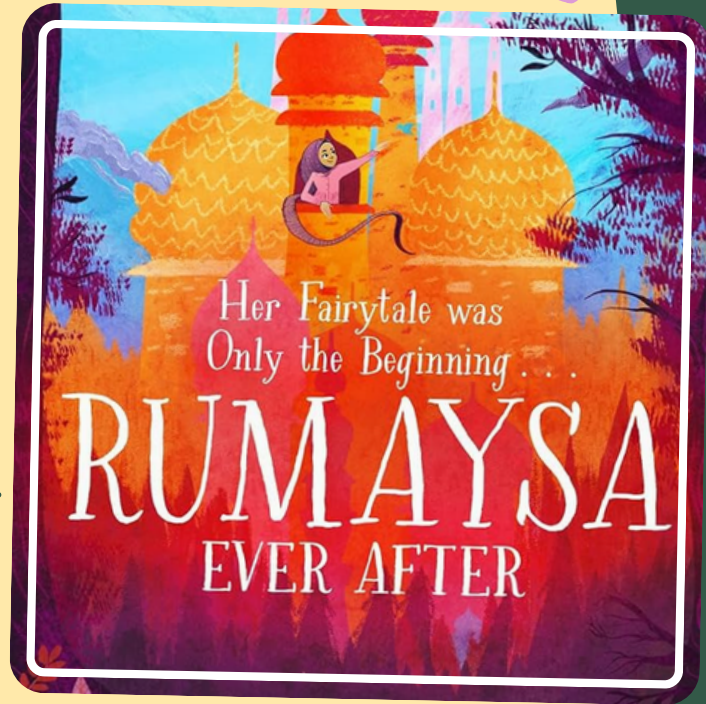




BOOKS

BY RADIYA!

- Rumaysa: A Fairytale retells the stories of Rapunzel, Cinderella, and Sleeping Beauty with a hijabi protagonist at the center of the action.
- Rumaysa: Ever After is the sequel and continues the stories of the magical characters.
- Aya and the Star Chaser is a later novel that also centers on the theme of representation.



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We would love to see photos of you with some of Radiya's books. Maybe you have read one as a bed time story or have spotted one at the local library!

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