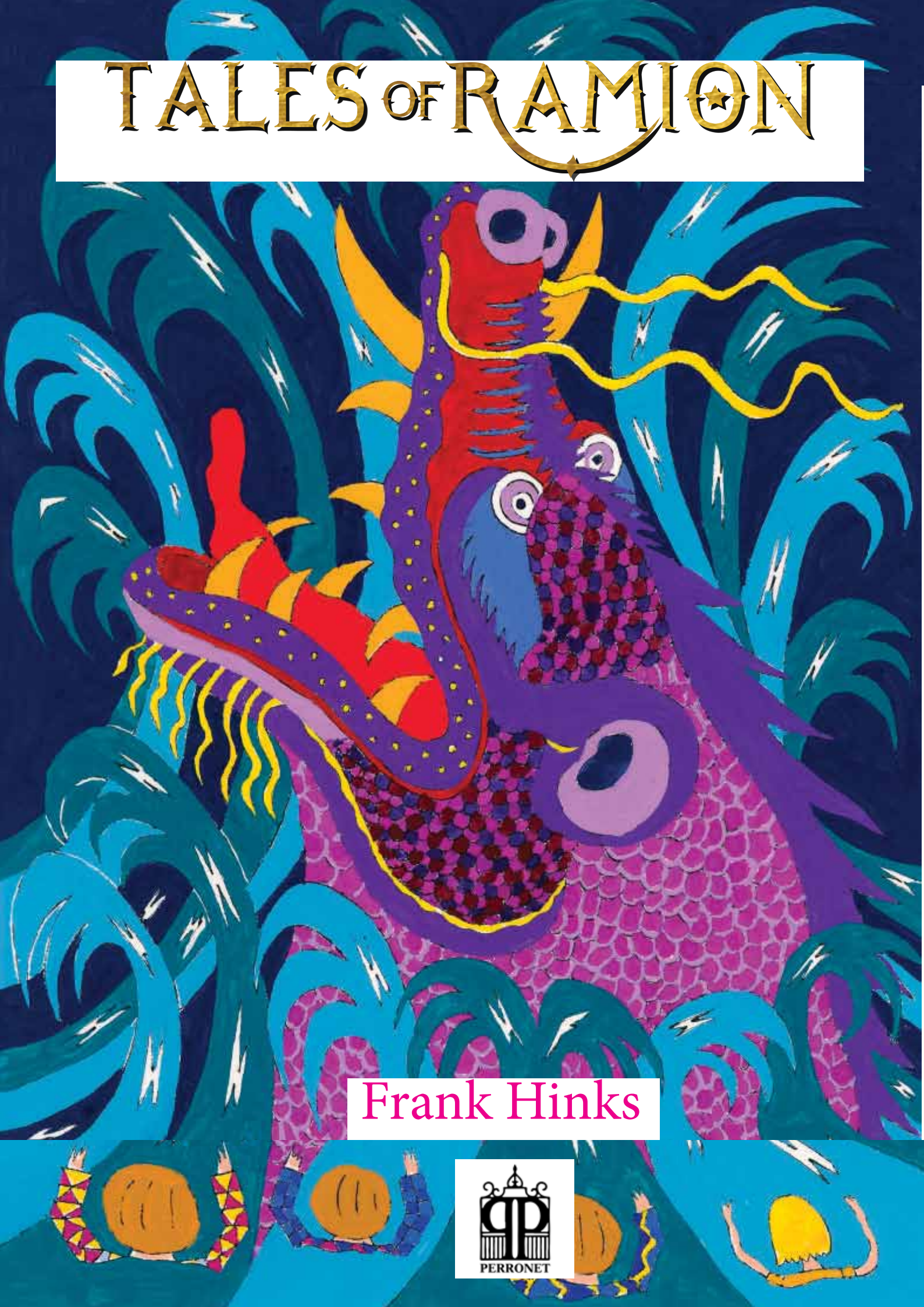


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In the magical world of Ramion, anything can happen...

In a sleepy vicarage in deepest Kent, Frank Hinks is preparing his three young sons, Julius, Alexander and Benjamin for bed but as the sun goes down in Shoreham the adventures are just beginning in the riotous world called Ramion that Frank creates for the boys in his nail-biting bedtime stories...

...In which the boys and their warrior dream-lord cat Snuggle have wild escapades and meet all sorts of strange creatures from Racing Racoons and the half demented rabbit Scrooey-Looney to Eric the Dragon and his son Drago.

In these enchanting fantasies, the boys travel around Ramion escaping from evil enemies - the witch Griselda, the Princess of the Night and the occasional giant squid. At the centre of Ramion there is the Garden where plants grow wild and free, tended by the Gardener, Lord of Ramion, guardian, protector, creator of dreams, with his faithful servant the Guide and the Precious Plants which have the power to reverse evil magic. In the hills above the Garden, the mind controls (it even controls the weather) and if one travels to the Land of Nothingness one may meet (if one is unlucky) the Princess of the Night who is the source of evil and appears as swirling shades of black and grey upon a horse of nothingness, behind her run yapping dogs of swirling mist.

Ramion is the sort of place where anything is possible and the most unusual beings will introduce themselves: the Logs (whom the Princess of Night failed to enslave because she thought them lumps of wood); the Blizzard Wizard (whose touch turns body, mind and spirit into ice); man-eating frogs (who worship the great god Karr); Cloud 9 (a mischievous cloud) or Albee the Albatross (a spy and harbinger of doom).

"Whatever happens", says the Gardener, "keep travelling, do not give up" for in Ramion however bad things may seem, however close one is to being eaten, turned into a ghostly glob or pile of dust some creature will fly, run or ride to the rescue like Eric the dragon and his son Drago (who has the dreadful habit of spitting balls of fire), the Lion of Icing from Alexander's birthday cake (who melts in the rain but comes to life again when the sun begins to shine), Gloria the vegetarian eagle (and Archibald her hen pecked husband), Racing Racoons, Hero Hedgehogs and most especially the warrior cat Snuggle, sent to protect the boys during their adventures.

And in the Ramion fantasy, while the boys run wild, their parents are not far away in their fantasy personae - near enough to give security but not enough to spoil the fun...

The story-telling starts in words but Frank Hinks takes it to another level with his extraordinary illustrations that are wild and frenetic but also wonderfully satisfying with their electric colours and jagged energy.

...a fast-paced ping-pong of dialogue and plenty of stomach-churning action... *Daily Telegraph*

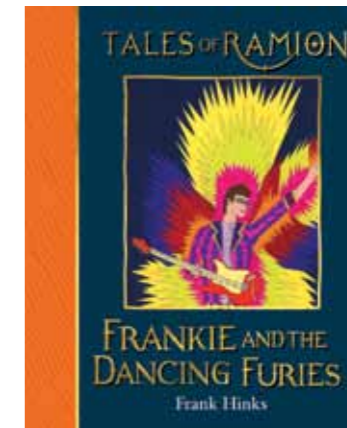
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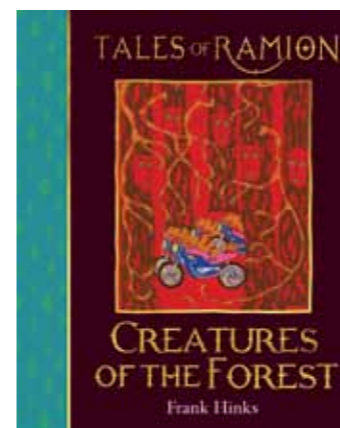
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When the Dream Thief steals their mother's dream of being an artist the boys and their Dream Lord cat, Snuggle, set off to rescue her dream. The party, including their mother as a six year old child, pass through the Place of Nightmares (where butterflies with butterfly nets, game birds with shot guns and fish with fishing rods try to get them) and enter the Land of Dreams where with the help of Little Dream and the Hero Dreamhogs they seek the stronghold of the Dream Thief and brave the mighty Gnargs, warrior servants of the Princess of the Night.



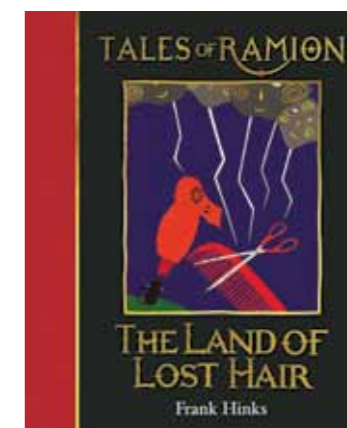
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A storm summoned by the witch Griselda (unwitting tool of the Princess of the Night) attacks The Old Vicarage and the boys' father is carried off along with Griselda, Boris, the dwarves and the boys' mother. The capture of the boys' father was an error: his love of rock and roll distorts the spell, and instead of being transported to the Princess, who wants Boris for her art collection, they are all diverted to the land of the Dancing Furies where the spirit of the great rock god Jimi (Hendrix) possesses the father's body. When he causes flowers to grow in the hair of the Dancing Furies they reveal their true nature as goddesses of vengeance.



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In the magical forest there are Globerous Ghosts, Venomous Vampires, Scary Scots and Mystic Mummies, who (like other mummies) cannot stand boys who pick their noses. The boys are in constant danger of being turned into ghostly globs, piles of dust or being exploded by very loud bagpipe music. Thankfully, Ducky Rocky, Racing Racoons and the Hero Hedgehogs are there to help them.



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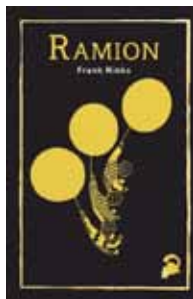
The witch Griselda casts a spell to make the boys travel to her, but the slime of maggot is past its sell-by date and the boys and their parents only lose their hair. Snuggle (Dream Lord and super hero) takes the boys to the Land of Lost Hair, but Griselda follows, and sends giant combs, scissors and hair driers to get the boys (Boy kebabs for tea!).

About the Author...

And here's another secret about the magical world of Ramion: it's here that Mr Hinks lets his hair down and escapes the austere and highly formal world of the legal profession where he is a Chancery QC with a successful international practice based in London. As well as being a storytelling author and painter, Frank Hinks lists Progressive Rock (listening and playing) among his personal interests.



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