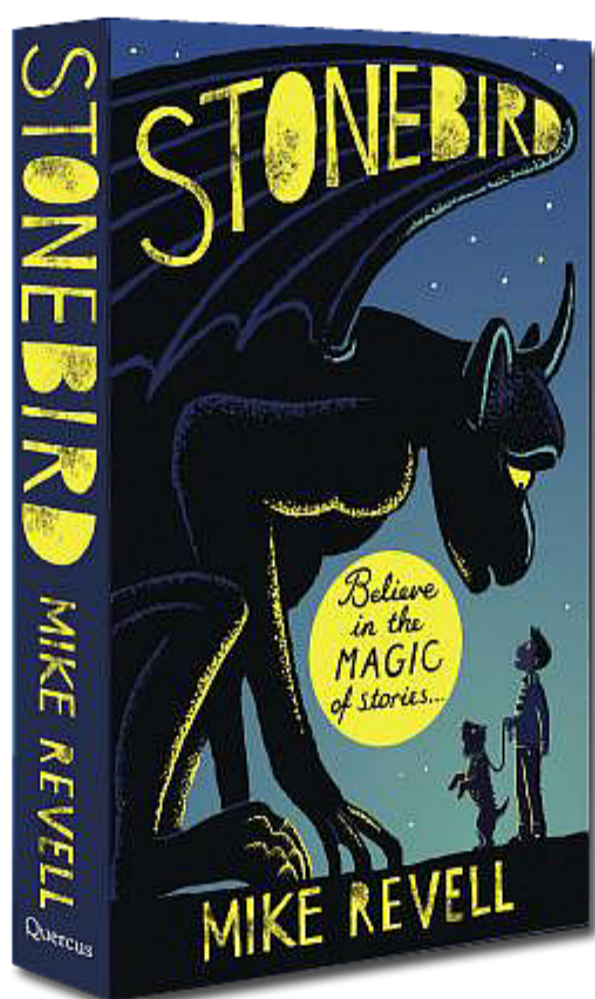


PRESS RELEASE

Dementia at forefront of “heartbreakingly good” children’s book

Stonebird publishes just one year after grandmother's death from the disease

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For eight years, Mike Revell was a helpless bystander as dementia robbed his grandma of all her personality. One year after her death, he's transformed that haunting experience into a magical novel about the importance of memories and the power of storytelling.

In *STONEBIRD*, 11-year-old Liam's family is struggling to deal with his grandma's illness. His mum has turned to drink, his sister is skipping school, and Liam doesn't remember what his grandma was like before she started calling him by the wrong name, eating her birthday cards, and forgetting everything about her life.

Then he discovers an old stone gargoyle in a rundown church, and his life changes in impossible ways. The gargoyle is alive! It acts out Liam's stories, and as he learns how to control it, he realises it can protect him from the school bullies - and maybe help his grandma too.

Editorial director, Sarah Lambert said: "Stonebird is a modern classic in the making - it grabbed me by the heart and still hasn't let me go. Mike Revell is a very exciting young talent and we are cock-a-hoop to be publishing him."



A heartbreakingly good debut. Fresh and beautifully written, this is something very special. I quite literally couldn't put it down.



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