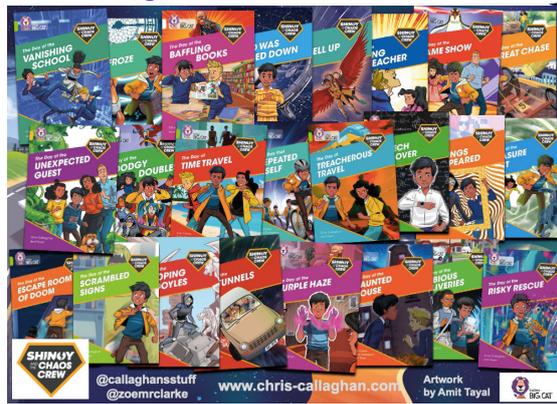
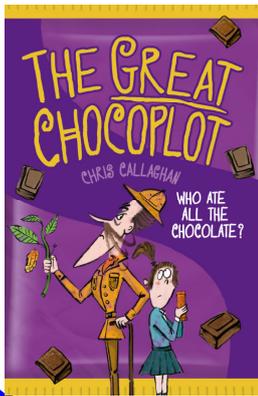


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What was your favourite childhood book?

I didn't read much when I was very young (I found reading very hard work) but when I discovered *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, I was hooked. These are incredible stories with fantastic characters, but—more importantly for me—they were mostly short stories. I remember feeling a huge sense of achievement finishing a story and I always wanted to read another (and I still do!)

Which of your own books is your favourite?

My first published book, *The Great Chocoplot* will always be very special. I wrote it for my daughter to read with her at bedtime and make her giggle. My new *Shinoy and the Chaos Crew* series includes a story called *The Day of the Risky Rescue*, which I think is my favourite of the set. Shinoy is transported into the futuristic world where his heroes are trapped and he has to rescue them with his Dad. It was a lot of fun to write.

Why bother to read?

Even though I am a HUGE film and TV fan, I think nothing gets the imagination going like reading a book. Those wibbly wobbly lines on a page turn into the most amazing things inside your brain. Your own imagination is far bigger and better than any screen—all you need to do is download those wobbly words into it!



Chris Callaghan is a Children's Author with a background as a mechanic in the Royal Air Force and as an Environmental Scientist. He has ALWAYS enjoyed writing stories, daring to dream that one day he might become a published author himself. After writing a story about the END of chocolate, his dream came true.

His new books for guided and independent reading are an action-packed adventure series (of 24 books) called 'Shinoy and the Chaos Crew'. He hopes that these books will encourage children that reading and stories are for everyone.