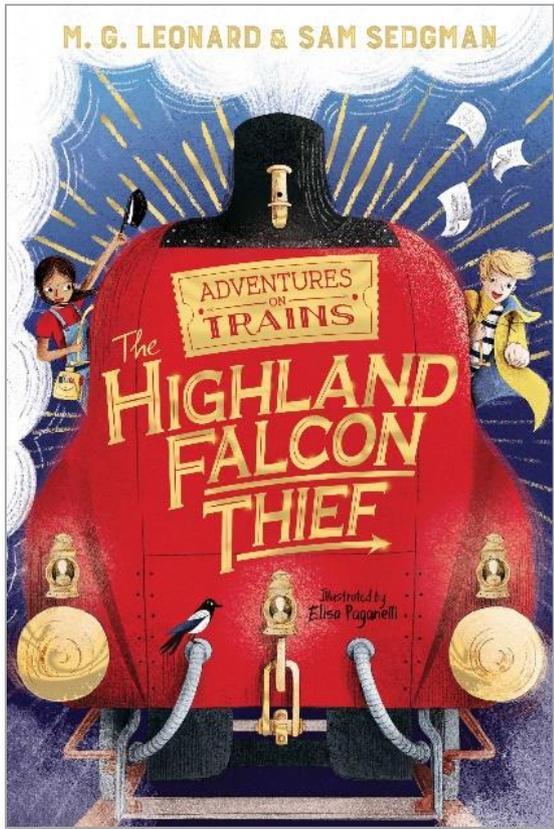


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All aboard the first book in a thrilling new series from bestselling author M.G. Leonard!



Adventures on Trains: The Highland Falcon Thief

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Macmillan Children’s Books is thrilled to publish **The Highland Falcon Thief**, the first book in a major new mystery series entitled **Adventures on Trains**, by bestselling and award-winning author M.G. Leonard and debut voice, Sam Sedgman.

Eleven year-old, Harrison Beck is very reluctantly joining his Uncle Nat for the last journey on the royal steam train, The Highland Falcon. His mum is having another baby and he feels he is being sent away.....But as the train makes its way to Scotland, Harrison realises this could be more fun than he first thought. Within the first few hours, a priceless diamond brooch goes missing and things suddenly get a lot more interesting on board. As suspicions and accusations become heated amongst the high-profile passengers, Harrison turns detective and uncovers a few surprises along the way. Can he solve the mystery and catch the thief before they reach the end of the line.....?

Readers will hear whispers in the dining car, find notes in the library and uncover unknown passengers hiding among the luggage. **The Highland Falcon Thief** is a fast-paced adventure story, packed with illustrations, puzzles and clues for readers to help solve the mystery themselves. This series of four books is based on a real train or route, from the historic to the ultra-modern, to create a classic-feeling mystery adventure series for thrill-seekers, code breakers, travel enthusiasts and train lovers. With a second book publishing in September and two more in 2021, these books are stops which nobody will want to miss.

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