

AUTHOR VISIT – VASHTI HARDY

St Nicolas & St Mary Primary School

Award-winning children's writer **Vashti Hardy** will visit St Nicolas & St Mary Primary school on **Wednesday 10th May** to talk to children in Years 5 & 6 about her brilliantly inventive *BRIGHTSTORM* series, including the thrilling new adventure *The Serpent of the Sands*.

The Steyning Bookshop have organised this visit and offer you the chance to pre-order a **SIGNED COPY** of *Serpent of the Sands* for the special event price of **£6.99 (RRP £7.99)**. You can also order *BRIGHTSTORM*, *DARKWHISPERS*, or *FIRESONG*, the preceding books in the series. The books will be delivered to the school on the day of the visit and Vashti will personally name-dedicate and sign your child's copy.

ORDER DEADLINE: TUESDAY 9th MAY at 4pm. See below for website links and instructions. If you miss the online order deadline, we will also be selling books AFTER SCHOOL on Wednesday 10th May – payment by cash or card accepted.

HOW TO PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOK VIA THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP ONLINE STORE

- 1) Go to <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/school-author-events/>
- 2) Add the **VASHTI HARDY** book/s to your shopping basket
- 3) Select '**LOCAL PICKUP**' (No postage charge, books will be delivered to the school!)
- 4) Enter your Billing Address as normal. In **ORDER NOTES** add '**St Nic & St Mary School, CHILD'S NAME & CLASS**'. Alternatively, you can add these details instead of your shipping address.
- 5) Proceed to payment (processed by Paypal but you don't need a Paypal account)
- 6) Books will be handed out to the children at school on **WEDS 10th MAY**.
- 7) **ORDER DEADLINE: TUESDAY 9th MAY 4pm.** If you have problems ordering, call the bookshop to order by phone on 01903 812062 or come to the after-school book sale!

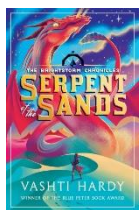
ABOUT VASHTI HARDY



Vashti Hardy is a writer of highly imaginative fantasy fiction for children. Her debut novel *Brightstorm* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019 and her second novel, *Wildspark*, won the Blue Peter Book Award 2020. She followed these with *Darkwhispers* and *Firesong* in the *Brightstorm* series, and a standalone eco-fantasy, *Crowfall*. She has also written a series of illustrated chapter books for younger readers; *Harley Hitch*. Vashti divides her time between Sussex and Lancashire and is married with 3 children.

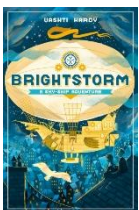
ABOUT THE BOOKS

Serpent of the Sands ~~RRP £7.99~~ **EVENT PRICE £6.99**



A new adventure in the *Brightstorm Chronicles* which can be read as a standalone. Introducing a feisty new heroine, Princess Gan – an explorer with a nose for trouble! When Gan's uncle falls gravely ill, she sneaks out of the Citadel to find a powerful cure, said to be guarded by the legendary Serpent of the Sands. Is the magical cactus only a story? Is Gan chasing false hope? The further Gan travels, the more secrets are revealed - and the more she questions everything she believes..

The Brightstorm Chronicles



Brightstorm is a rip-roaring adventure, set in a world of ingenious inventions, skyships, sapient animals, and quirky characters. *Brightstorm* has been nominated for many children's book awards. £7.99



Darkwhispers Maud and Arthur set forth on a daring mission to an uncharted jungle island ... but why is their nemesis, Eudora Vane, hot on their heels? £6.99



Firesong The Aurora crew are on a mission to the Volcanic North. But scheming Eudora Vane is still dedicated to destroying the *Brightstorm* family name, and soon, long-buried secrets are revealed... £7.99

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