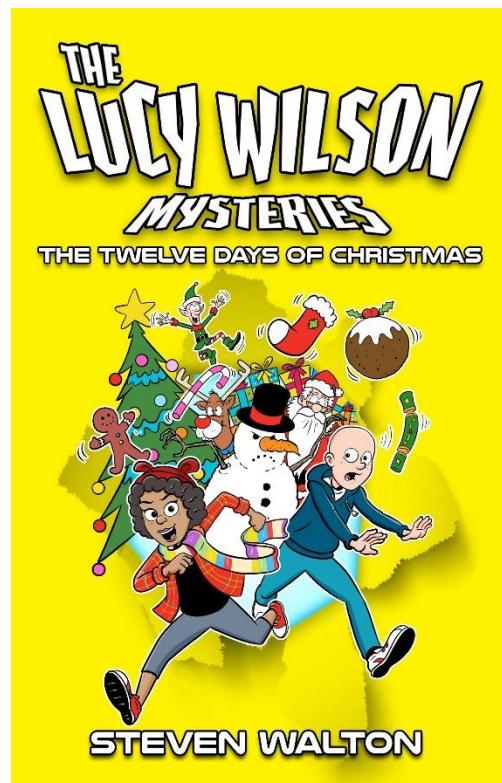




**THE LUCY WILSON MYSTERIES:
THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

Candy Jar Books is thrilled to announce the release of a brand new collection of festive short stories in *The Lucy Wilson Mysteries*. This collection is yet another collection of Lucy's chaotic Christmases and will be released before the holiday season kicks off!

Entitled *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, this anthology features twelve stories by author Steven Walton, all set just before Christmas 2021. The collection begins with "Twelve Drummers Drumming" and concludes with "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," following the traditional English carol's structure. While the carol spans Christmas Day to January 5th, these stories take readers on twelve merry adventures leading up to Christmas Day.



In keeping with tradition, *The Twelve Days of Christmas* was initially offered for free on the Candy Jar website during the lead-up to Christmas 2023 as a gesture of gratitude to fans for their continued support. Following an overwhelmingly positive response, the Candy Jar team felt it was only fitting to release the stories as a collection for Christmas 2024.

Head of publishing at Candy Jar, Shaun Russell, says: "It's become a bit of a tradition to release a collection of Christmas tales in time for the holidays. A number of our authors have written festive stories for us over the years, it seems to be something that they enjoy and as the whole Candy Jar team loves reading them we wanted to make them easily accessible for fans of the series as well."

The Twelve Days of Christmas is Candy Jar's third *Lucy Wilson* Christmas book, with the very first collection *Christmas Crackers* having been released exclusively to fans in 2019 and to retail in 2021, and the second book *The Best Christmas Ever* having been released exclusively to fans in 2022 and then to retail in 2023.

This year's Christmas instalment begins with a power cut at Lucy's house, where something mysterious lurks in the darkness in "Twelve Drummers Drumming." It wraps up with a whimsical trip around the world with Santa Claus himself in "A Partridge in a Pear Tree."

Author, Steven Walton, says: "Writing these stories was an absolute joy. I wanted to capture the spirit of chaos and excitement that the holiday season brings, and I hope readers will find themselves laughing and gasping along the way."

Earlier in 2024, Steven released his first *Lucy Wilson* novel, *The Mystery of Lucy Wilson: Apocalypse Tomorrow*, to all retail outlets. *The Twelve Days of Christmas* is a great way to close the year. He continues: "The festive spirit is alive in my new book! I can't wait for readers to join Lucy on her Christmassy adventures."

Popular Beano artist Steve Beckett continues to helm the series' artwork, delivering one of his most vibrant covers yet, filled with festive finesse.

Blurb for *The Twelve Days of Christmas*:

By now, Lucy Wilson shouldn't have expected anything less than a holiday hamper full of monster mayhem at Christmas. But Lucy didn't really anticipate being attacked by her Christmas dinner!

In the lead-up to Christmas, Lucy must face twelve days of Christmas Chaos. From monsters lurking in the pipes to a Christmas party gone wrong, and even a trip around the world with Santa himself.

This is a collection of twelve stories set just before Christmas 2021. Will Lucy be able to save the world just in time for the holidays?

The Lucy Wilson Mysteries features licensed characters created for Doctor Who by Mervyn Haisman and Henry Lincoln.