

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would really like:

- The latest Philip Pullman book, **La Belle Sauvage: The Book of Dust Volume One**. I am so excited that there is a new novel that runs parallel to the Northern Lights trilogy and this is set 10 years previous, focusing on the much loved heroine, Lyra Belacqua. I cheered when I heard this had been published in time for Christmas!
- **The Last Days of Archie Maxwell**, by Annabel Pitcher, seems to be full of humour, love and heartbreak! It explores real life issues like parents breaking up and bullying. I know these are difficult problems we might face at any time in our own lives.
- The funniest writer I know is David Walliams. **Grandpa's Great Escape** is now available in paperback (so cheaper!) and sounds like a books packed with laughter. Jack's Grandpa wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves Spam a la Custard for dinner and forgets Jack's name...but he still finds time to take to the skies and save the day!
- I love the Tom Gates books so if there is room in your sack for **Family, Friends and Furry Creatures** by Liz Pichon, I have heard it is hilarious. Christmas is a time for family and this sounds like just the thing to keep spirits up over the holidays.

I really hope I am on your 'Nice' list and you find time to drop a package or two down our chimney.

PS: chocolate would be good too!

