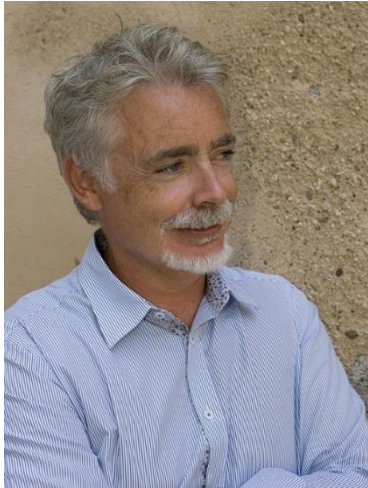


## Disney Publishing and HarperCollins UK Secure Thrilling New Artemis Fowl Spin-Off Series Penned by Eoin Colfer



**LONDON: 11 APRIL, 2018:** Stephanie Lurie, Editor-at-Large at Disney-Hyperion an imprint of Disney Book Group, LLC, in a major deal brokered by Sophie Hicks from the Sophie Hicks Literary Agency, has acquired and will edit *The Fowl Twins* and Untitled Book 2 set within the world of the beloved Artemis Fowl series by *New York Times* best-selling author Eoin Colfer.

In addition to this US deal, Hicks also sold the UK and Commonwealth (excluding Canada) rights to *The Fowl Twins* during the Bologna Book Fair to Rachel Denwood, Publisher at HarperCollins Children's Books UK.

Leading up to the publication of the new titles, Disney-Hyperion will release repackaged editions of the entire eight-book Artemis Fowl series two at a time starting in October 2018.

"We're tremendously excited to be able to continue our long association with internationally best-selling author Eoin Colfer with this exciting new spin-off series," says Emily Meehan, Editor-in-Chief and Associate Publisher for Disney Book Group. "It is sure to delight long-time fans and capture a whole new generation as well." Rachel Denwood said, "Eoin Colfer is simply one of the world's most brilliant storytellers for children, and *The Fowl Twins* is a truly momentous acquisition for HarperCollins Children's Books. We can't wait to start work in earnest and look forward to making *The Fowl Twins* a major publishing event!"

Colfer's new novels will focus on Artemis's younger brothers, Myles and Beckett, who, after being left alone for just one night, end up having to save a troll from a nefarious nobleman and an interrogating nun — each of whom need the magical creature for their own gain. Readers will get to know the Fowl twins, revisit favourite characters, and enjoy all the action and wit that Artemis Fowl fans have come to expect.

"I am delighted to be back in the world of fairies, magic, and criminal masterminds, and I could not be more pleased that Disney and HarperCollins, two wonderful publishers with whom I share a long and fruitful history, are going to unleash the Fowl twins on the world. I cannot wait for a whole new generation of readers to immerse themselves in the magical adventures of Myles and Beckett. The future is bright. The future is Fowl," says Eoin Colfer.

Stephanie Lurie says, "The Fowl Twins books will transport readers right back to the world of Artemis Fowl with their trademark humour, high-tech gadgetry, and unforgettable human and fairy characters. The contrast between Myles and Beckett is hilarious in itself!"

The first book is set to publish in February 2020.

Eoin Colfer is *The New York Times* best-selling author of eight books in the Artemis Fowl series, with sales in excess of 25 million copies around the world, and well as *Iron Man: The Gauntlet*, the WARP trilogy, *Airman*, *Half Moon Investigations*, *The Supernaturalist*, *Eoin Colfer's Legend of . . .* books, *The Wish List*, *Benny and Omar*, and *Benny and Babe*. He currently lives in Dublin, Ireland, with his wife and two sons.

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