

Steve Cole is a best-selling children's author whose sales exceed three million copies. He is the slightly crazy, highly frantic, millions-selling, non-stop author of *Astrosaurs*, *Cows In Action*, *Astrosaurs Academy*, *The Slime Squad*, *Z. Rex* and many other books (including several original Doctor Who stories). He used to edit magazines and books but prefers the job of a writer where you can wear pyjamas and eat chocolate all day. More recent work is the *Secret Agent Mummy* series for younger readers, *Stop Those Monsters!* and the explosive *Young Bond* series. Much in demand for his energetic performances at events, Steve has appeared at Edinburgh, Hay, Cheltenham, Oxford, Bath, YALC and World Book Day's Biggest Book Show on Earth. He has toured schools in Europe, America, the UAE, Australia and New Zealand, and featured at sci-fi and Doctor Who conventions from London to Los Angeles.

Steve just can't stop writing - if he does, strange robots appear and jostle him vigorously until he starts again. In his spare time he loves making music, reading old comics, thinking up ideas for new books and slumping in front of a warm TV.

Amanda Craig from The Times recently described the *Astrosaurs* series as "the kind of inspired, hysterically silly fantasy that boys adore." Here's a summary of Steve's four main series - great reading for boys in particular:

[ASTROSAURS](#) - Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur - he's an astrosaur! On the incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil... and eats a lot of grass.

ASTROSAURS ACADEMY - Welcome to the Academy! Teggs Stegosaur is a pupil at the *Astrosaurs Academy* where all astro-cadets go to complete their training. He hopes to become an ASTROSAUR one day but for now he has classes to attend, missions to complete and lessons to learn. His best friends and roommates, Blink and Dutch, are always his first choice for fun - but also to work with on his homework! Together they make a great team - the Daring Dinos - and get up to all sorts of adventures!

COWS IN ACTION - Moo-vellous ! Professor McMoo is a very clever cow - so clever, in fact, that he has managed to build himself a time machine from discarded farming machinery. He and his two cow friends, Pat and Bo Vine live on the Barmer farm, in fear of the hideous farmer's wife, Betty. But they are also star agents of the C.I.A. - Cows in Action, a crack team of cow commandos! In the future, cows live peacefully with humans as equals, not as food. But some cows in the future try to use the technology of time travel to interfere with history - which the Professor and his team must stop!

SLIME SQUAD - It's time to fight crime... with slime! Mad scientist Godfrey Gunk had a dream - a dream of creating a whole safari park of monsters on an old rubbish dump. It didn't work. Little did Godfrey know that actually after he left the rubbish dump, his dream came true... Meet the inhabitants of Trashland, a whole world full of different types of small slimy monsters who all live peacefully alongside each other - at least until now...