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# CHERUB

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# SHADOW WAVE

## Robert Muchamore



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### JAMES ADAMS' FINAL MISSION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN . . .

After a tsunami causes massive devastation to a tropical island, its governor sends in the bulldozers to knock down villages, replacing them with luxury hotels.

Guarding the corrupt governor's family isn't James Adams' idea of the perfect mission, especially as it's going to be his last as a CHERUB agent. And then retired colleague Kyle Blueman comes up with an unofficial and highly dangerous plan of his own.

James must choose between loyalty to CHERUB, and loyalty to his oldest friend.

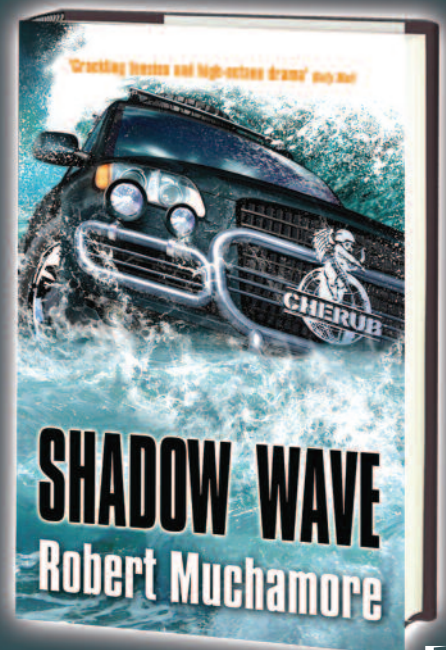
*SHADOW WAVE* is the twelfth title in the Number One Bestselling CHERUB series.

### What is CHERUB?

During World War Two, French civilians set up a resistance movement to fight against the German forces occupying their country. Many of their most useful operatives were children and teenagers. Some worked as Scouts and messengers. Others befriended homesick German soldiers, gathering information that enabled the resistance to sabotage German military operations.

A British spy named Charles Henderson worked among these French children for nearly three years. After returning to Britain, he used what he'd learned in France to train twenty British boys for work on undercover operations. The code name for his unit was CHERUB.

Henderson died in 1946, but the organisation he created has thrived. CHERUB now has more than two hundred and fifty agents, all aged seventeen or under. Although there have been many technical advances in intelligence operations since CHERUB was founded, the reason for its existence remains the same: adults never suspect that children are spying on them.



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# NOTES TO THE EDITOR

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1. The series was launched in 2004 with Robert Muchamore's debut novel – *CHERUB: THE RECRUIT*. James Adams is the central character throughout the *CHERUB* series and fans are desperate to hear what the future holds for James.
2. The *CHERUB* series has won numerous awards. *CHERUB: THE RECRUIT* won the *Red House Children's Book Award* in 2005 and in 2007 it was the 11+ category winner in *Richard & Judy's Children's Book Club*. *CHERUB: THE SLEEPWALKER* was awarded the *Independent Bookseller's Book Prize 2008*.
3. Movie rights to *CHERUB: THE RECRUIT* have been sold to BBC Films. British Director Christopher Smith, best known for horror films *Severance* and *Triangle*, has written the script in collaboration with Ronan Bennett.
4. In 2008, *CHERUB: THE SLEEPWALKER* and *CHERUB: THE GENERAL* went straight to number one in the children's bestseller charts.
5. Robert Muchamore wrote a special one-off story *CHERUB: DARK SUN* for World Book Day 2008.
6. The *CHERUB* brand has gone global with over 28 countries now publishing the series.
7. In the UK, the *CHERUB* series has sold over 2.5 million copies.
8. [www.cherubcampus.com](http://www.cherubcampus.com) is the official website and essential internet destination for all *CHERUB* fans. Packed with exclusive content, there are in-depth character biographies, out-takes, bonus stories, author tour details and an exclusive members only area.
9. [www.cherubforums.com](http://www.cherubforums.com) is the unofficial forum that both fans and author contribute to daily.
10. In 2009, Hodder Children's Books launched a brand new series from Robert Muchamore – *HENDERSON'S BOYS* – taking fans back to World War Two where the very first *CHERUB* adventure began. Check out [www.hendersonsboys.com](http://www.hendersonsboys.com)

### ROBERT IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

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# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Robert Muchamore was born in Islington in 1972 and spent thirteen years working as a private investigator. He was inspired to create the CHERUB series by his nephews' complaints about the lack of anything for them to read!

## CHERUB SERIES:

- The Recruit
- Class A
- Maximum Security
- The Killing
- Divine Madness
- Man vs Beast
- The Fall
- Mad Dogs
- The Sleepwalker
- The General
- Brigands M.C.
- Shadow Wave



## HENDERSON'S BOYS SERIES:

- The Escape
- Eagle Day
- Secret Army
- Grey Wolves (FEB 2011)



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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### Who is your favourite author/illustrator?

For kids books I would have to say Rene Goscinny. I loved the *Asterix* books and the *Little Nicholas* series when I was a kid and read each one over and over.

### Do you like healthy or fast food? Do you like to cook?

I quite enjoy cooking a special meal or something like that, but everyday cooking is a chore. My taste in food is quite low brow. If I go to a swanky restaurant I often find myself looking at all the fancy stuff on the menu and wishing I could just get steak and chips or a baked potato.

### Are you good at sport? Do you enjoy watching, playing, supporting?

I started regularly going to Highbury when I was a teenager and I'm still a big Arsenal fan, but when it comes to playing sport I'm completely useless. I was always the kid who got picked last.

### What do you like to do on the weekend?

My ideal weekend is just pottering around the house, looking at the newspapers, reading books, watching movies and listening to music.

### If you had one magical power, what would it be?

I'm not really into magic, but I'd quite like a big laser. I could carry it around bookshops and threaten to melt the heads of anyone who leaves the shop without buying a CHERUB book. It would also be handy for parking attendants.

# THE CAMPAIGN 2010

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This autumn, **Hodder Children's Books** launch the eagerly anticipated twelfth title in the **CHERUB** series.

**CHERUB: SHADOW WAVE** is James Adams' last adventure and fans are desperate to hear what the future holds for James and more importantly the **CHERUB** organisation itself.

This book has a unique 'reveal'. At the back of the book, the reader will find a lenticular bookmark which can be passed over a panel revealing a secret web address. Here fans will learn about Robert's exciting new writing project.

The book will have an exclusive, pre-publication launch at this year's **EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL** on **SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST** at 1.30pm. On sale for just a few precious hours – fans need to grab their copies quick before it's placed back under embargo.

On the August Bank Holiday Weekend Robert Muchamore is taking part in the **SHADOW WAVE WEEKENDER – TWELVE** signing events to celebrate the publication of the **TWELFTH** title. Exclusive to **WATERSTONE'S**, fans from across the country will be able to meet the author on this fast-paced, whistle stop tour of the UK and get their books signed.

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## THE TOUR CONTINUES INTO SEPTEMBER...

Independent Booksellers have always championed the CHERUB series and Robert will be visiting two of the most highly regarded children's bookshops in London on:

### SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

MUSWELL HILL – 11am

Children's Bookshop, 29 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill, London, N10 3HP

RICHMOND – 2.30pm

The Lion and Unicorn Bookshop, 19 King Street, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1ND

School groups will be treated to an author talk at the READING FESTIVAL OF CRIME WRITING on **FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER**.

Robert will give his final talk of the year at THE TIMES CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL on **SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER** at 10am.

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Welcome to the

# SHADOW WAVE WEEKENDER

The **SHADOW WAVE WEEKENDER** will be widely publicised via the **CHERUB** website and supported heavily by **WATERSTONE'S** in-store advertising.

Robert will be arriving at each of the twelve locations in the **CHERUB** branded car – a black **RANGE ROVER VOGUE**.

A dedicated website has been set up – [www.cherubtour2010.com](http://www.cherubtour2010.com). Fans will be able to interact with the tour via blog posts, tweets, video clips, pictures and other interactive content. Whilst queuing, fans will be handed a **CHERUB** card with details of the site so they can up-load their own pictures / comments about the events and enter competitions.

Using Google Latitude, the tour site will pinpoint the exact location of the **CHERUB** car, allowing Robert to be tracked across the country!



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# SHADOW WAVE WEEKENDER

## FRIDAY 27th AUGUST - LONDON & SOUTH EAST

● Destination 1 - KENSINGTON - 9.30am  
Waterstone's Kensington, 193 Kensington  
High Street, London W8 6SH

● Destination 2 - BLUEWATER - 1.30pm  
Waterstone's Bluewater West, West Village,  
Greenhithe, Bluewater DA9 9SE

● Destination 3 - CAMBRIDGE - 6pm  
Waterstone's Cambridge Sidney Street,  
22 Sidney Street, Cambridge CB2 3HG

## SATURDAY 28th AUGUST - THE MIDLANDS

● Destination 4 - MILTON KEYNES - 9am  
Waterstone's Milton Keynes, Unit 72,  
Midsummer Place, Milton Keynes MK9 3GA

● Destination 5 - BIRMINGHAM - 1.30pm  
Waterstone's Birmingham High St,  
24-26 High Street, Birmingham B4 7SL

● Destination 6 - NOTTINGHAM - 5.30pm  
Waterstone's Nottingham Bridlesmith Gate,  
1/5 Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham NG1 2GR



12 LOCATIONS

4 DAYS

875 MILES

## SUNDAY 29th AUGUST - NORTH WEST

● Destination 7 - LIVERPOOL - 11am  
Waterstone's Liverpool One,  
12 College Lane, Liverpool L1 3DL

● Destination 8 - WIGAN - 1.30pm  
Waterstone's Wigan, 6 Grand Arcade,  
Wigan WN1 1BH

● Destination 9 - MANCHESTER - 4pm  
Waterstone's Manchester Deansgate,  
91 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2BW

## MONDAY 30th AUGUST - NORTH EAST

● Destination 10 - NEWCASTLE - 9am  
Waterstone's Newcastle,  
Emerson Chambers, Blackett Street,  
Newcastle NE1 7JF

● Destination 11 - YORK - 1pm  
Waterstone's York, 28-29 High Ousegate,  
York YO1 8RX

● Destination 12 - LEEDS - 4.30pm  
Waterstone's Leeds, 93-97 Albion Street,  
Leeds LS1 5JS

Robert is available for phone interviews whilst in the CHERUB car on the way to each location.  
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