

The Snow Merchant by Sam Gayton



The author's own account of how he came to write *The Snow Merchant* really captured my attention and made me want to read this book. You can read his words here: [The Snow Merchant \(samgayton.com\)](http://samgayton.com)

The blurb on the books begins: 'Lettie Peppercorn lives in a house on stilts near the wind-swept coast of Albion ...' and this intrigued me because I know West Bromwich Albion is a football team from the West Midlands, quite a long way from the sea! Then I found out that Albion is also the earliest-known name for the island of Britain and comes from the Greek!

The blurb continues...'Nothing incredible has ever happened to her, until one winter's night. The night the Snow Merchant comes. He claims to be an alchemist (a person who creates something through a magical process) - the greatest that ever lived - and in a mahogany suitcase, he carries his newest invention. It is an invention that will change Lettie's life - and the world - forever. It is an invention called snow.'

This story is about Lettie's search for her mama and the characters she meets along the way, all of them crazy, except for Noah, who is Lettie's first friend and the only person in the whole world who understands and believes in her. So, does Lettie find her mother and who is this Snow Merchant after all? If you love magic and believe in the power of love and friendship, do read this book and find out!

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