

A NEW action thriller from Scholastic Australia,
the publishers of *The Last Thirteen* and *Conspiracy 365!*

RAPID RELEASE SCHEDULE

7 books to be published within 13 months



Book #1: *Skyfire*
September 2016



Book #2: *Carnage*
November 2016



Book #3: *Wipeout*
February 2017



Book #4: *Killswitch*
April 2017



Book #5: *Crimewave*
June 2017



Book #6: *Terrortide*
August 2017



Book #7: *Battlefront*
October 2017

SALES POINTS

- Seven-book thriller series with cliff-hanger endings
- A race against time—each book counts down to the next attack
- A code-breaker puzzle, with symbols to be decoded in each book
- Seven relatable characters whose interests focus on hot trends for teens (eg art, gaming, photography, environment, investigative journalism, robotics, astronomy)
- Action-filled, with kidnappings, car/motorbike chases, missile attacks, high-speed jets, cyberattacks and more
- Amazing plot twists
- Themes: puzzle solving; symbology; history; friendship; cultures; travel; environment; technology; internet; power and responsibility

**Do you want to be rich?
Do you want to be famous?
Do you want to travel the world?**

Yasmin, Isabel, Andy, Dylan, JJ, Zander and Mila enter the mysterious **DARE** awards, and win all that, and more!

But they aren't prepared to be swept up in the dangerous events that follow. Seven mysterious symbols, called **The First Sign**, predict an explosive attack that plunges one of the group into a desperate fight for life, and throws a whole country into chaos.

Racing against the clock, they must match wits with an unknown mastermind of terrifying power and ambition to solve **The Seven Signs**.

If you could be a hero, would you DARE?

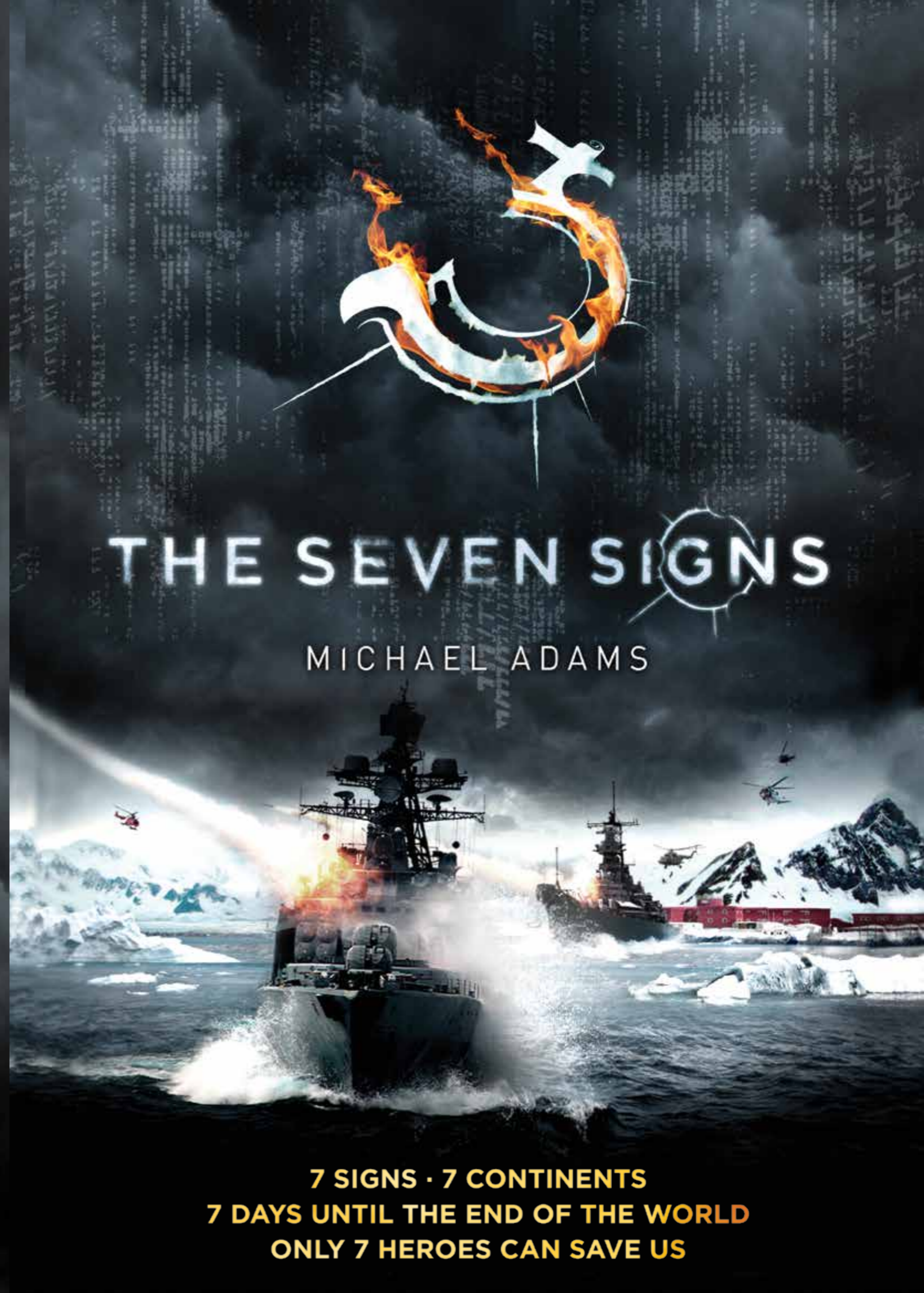
Seven Signs. Seven days to save the world.

Format: Paperback, 198 x 128mm

Extent: 192pp

Ages: 10+

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**7 SIGNS · 7 CONTINENTS
7 DAYS UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD
ONLY 7 HEROES CAN SAVE US**



Dazzle us with your genius!
Enter the DARE Awards...
and make your dreams come true!

SEVEN WINNERS WILL HAVE THEIR LIVES
CHANGED IN AMAZING WAYS!
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO BE ONE OF THEM,
TELL US ABOUT YOUR BIGGEST AMBITIONS
AND WHY THEY MEAN SO MUCH TO YOU.

ENTRY IS FREE AND OPEN TO PEOPLE AGED 10 TO 17.



MESSAGES (2 NEW)

JJ

correct order of symbols



numbers = coordinates for Great Pyramid of Giza
29.9792° N, 31.1344° E
countdown = zero = missile attack

Isabel

Mila's symbol is a pilcrow.
Means 'a new thought' or 'offline'.
'Offline' is what the Egyptian pilot screamed!
Call when you wake up.

SECURITY CAMERA 3



NEWS ALERT

DARE AWARD WINNERS

- ANDY FREEMAN
- DYLAN TAYLOR
- YASMIN ADIB
- ZANDER DEMETER
- ISABEL GARCIA
- MILA CORTEZ
- PARK 'JJ' JAE-JOON

A SPECIAL NEWS REPORT

DARE SEVEN OR DEADLY SEVEN?

Exclusive by Vera Varkuna.

With the world reeling from a series of deadly hack-attacks, a stunning theory has emerged as to who may be responsible. Investigations by the Madrid Sentinel have revealed that some or all of the seven winners of Infinity Corporation's DARE Awards have been in the vicinity of each of the recent attacks.

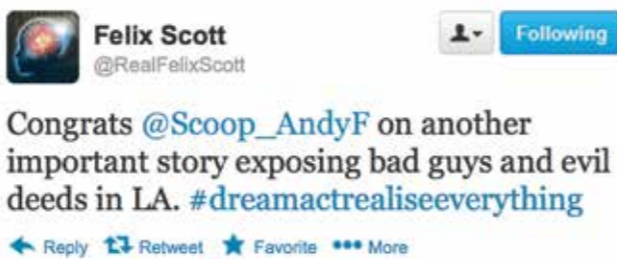
Not only have they been at those places, but they're also being sought for questioning in connection with at a string of murders. Security experts approached for comment have said that the evidence is disturbing, more likely to point

to a conspiracy than to sheer coincidence.

Now questions have arisen about whether the DARE Seven have been doing the bidding of Felix Scott, tying them in to previous theories about the Infinity Corporation chieftain staging these attacks to further its own business and political interests. But to understand how the DARE winners have been involved in the spectacular attacks over the past five days, it's necessary to understand where they've been.



TWITTER



WORLD MAP



LOCATIONS

- Giza, EGYPT
- Los Angeles, USA
- Athens, GREECE
- Seoul, SOUTH KOREA
- Bogotá, COLOMBIA

INTERVIEW RECORDING



FELIX SCOTT: I think to suggest that before all the evidence has been collected and examined is irresponsible. No-one has come forward to claim responsibility. And the evidence I've seen so far points to computer problems. The fighter-jet pilot has said his plane was offline and beyond his control. When the missile fired, it kept going until it hit something—and that just happened to be the Great Pyramid. We suspect the ship's engine went into meltdown and exploded due to computer commands sent in error. I'm not coming to any conclusions, just saying there's still a lot of investigating that needs to be done.

REPORTER A: Mr Scott, what about the train crash?

FELIX SCOTT: That was just over an hour ago. It's too early to comment. Next question.

REPORTER B: The computer systems of the plane and DynaTech and OmniCorp. Can you confirm?

FELIX SCOTT: Sure I can. Those companies have good reputations.

REPORTER A: But those companies' reputations are built on what would be good for your profits, would they not?

The DARE winners have left a wake of death and destruction behind them and now experts are worried about where they will turn up next.



I'm so going to enter if there's DAREs next year!
Finn Gaudi
Melbourne, age 11
Felix Scott picked cool winners!!! Me next, all right?!

Lui Xi
Shanghai, age 16

