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## Cunningham's next big thing

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Barry Cunningham, who is credited with discovering J K Rowling when he was at Bloomsbury, claims to have found 'the next big thing', notes the Independent. He has, he says, discovered a new literary creation that may just fill the void left when J K Rowling's outrageously successful series comes to end in July.

"Tunnels, a classic fantasy tale with a science fiction edge written by Roderick Gordon and Brian Williams, has been plucked from obscurity by the man with an undeniable Midas touch when it comes to children's books. The managing director of Chicken House publishing has already sold the pre-publication rights in 15 languages, amassing advances of over £500,000, with a major Hollywood film deal in the pipeline. The signs are all there for another huge literary coup."

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