

# HATTAGIRL, HATTIE

## HATTORI HACHI, THE REVENGE OF THE PRAYING MANTIS

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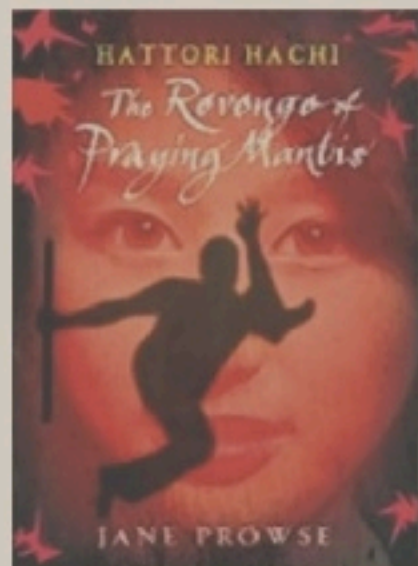
(£6.99, Piccadilly Press)

IMAGINATIONS run wild in this children's thriller — an action-packed adventure that is like a cross between Sherlock Holmes and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.

When 15-year-old Hattie Jackson's mum mysteriously goes missing, the youngster discovers she is the last in line to a mystical Ninjutsu legacy spanning almost a thousand years.

Together with her friend Mad Dog, Hattie has the most exciting summer holiday ever — searching for her mum and discovering some pretty interesting things about herself along the way.

She swaps post-GCSE parties for battling evil ninja thugs led by a deadly Praying Mantis. A rip-roaring read for kids this summer holidays, with great potential for several sequels. ★★★★★



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