

GECKO PRESS



Gecko Press is an independent, international publisher of curiously good children's books

Gecko Press hand-picks books by some of the best writers and illustrators in the world—books of good heart and strong character, excellent in story, illustration and design.

We choose stories children and parents will want to read hundreds of times, for ages 0 to 14 (sometimes infinity), from countries all around the world. We are based in Wellington, New Zealand.

Choosing books is an adventure, and we wish you the joy of picking the perfect book!



Julia Marshall, Publisher

This catalogue is arranged roughly in order of reading age, with a different colour for each age group. This is a guideline only. No two children are the same, and many of our books are enjoyed by children and adults of all ages.

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What are you all doing with
the pots, pans and spoons?
We're making music!



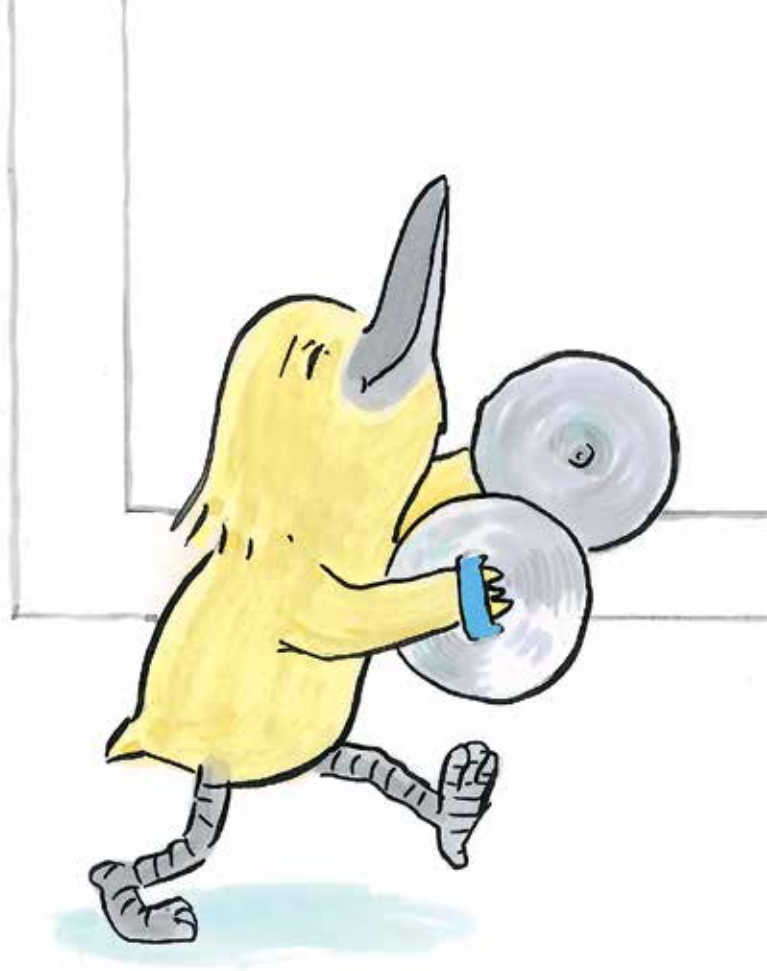
2017

Bim Bam Boom

Frédéric Stehr

A joyful celebration of the unwitting
naughtiness of toddlers.

210x210mm | 26pp | Boardbook 978-1-776571-36-9
NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£8 US\$13



See the white butterfly!
It lands on a flower, and
—pop!—the flower opens.



2018

White Butterfly

Yasunari Murakami

From the illustrator of *999 Tadpoles*.
A charmingly simple, light-as-a-feather
story for little children.

170x170mm | 20pp | Boardbook | 978-1-776571-90-1
NZ\$15 AU\$13 UK£7 US\$10



‘Exquisite ... and don’t forget the goodnight kiss!’

Metro UK



Tickle My Ears

Simply adorable watching my daughter stroke the rabbit’s back. I never get tired of reading it and neither does she. My Best Friends Are Books

170x170mm | 20pp | Boardbook 978-1-776570-76-8
NZ\$15 AU\$13 UK£7 US\$10



2017

Bathtime for Little Rabbit

It’s bathtime for Little Rabbit and time to wash his ears.

170x170mm | 20pp | Boardbook 978-1-776571-37-6
NZ\$15 AU\$13 UK£7 US\$10



2018

Poor Little Rabbit!

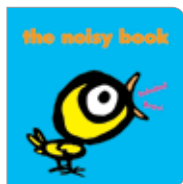
Oh dear, Little Rabbit has hurt his arm.
Can you make it better?

170x170mm | 20pp | Boardbook 978-1-776571-77-2
NZ\$15 AU\$13 UK£7 US\$10



‘Clever and raucous fun’

Starred review, *Publishers Weekly*



The Noisy Book

With over 100 pages, this failproof boardbook is full of bright, bold illustrations and lots of noises to make. It's perfect to share with a baby or toddler.

139x139mm | 116pp | Boardbook 978-1-877467-52-3
NZ\$25 AU\$20 UK£10 US\$17

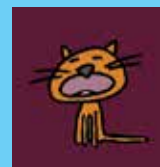
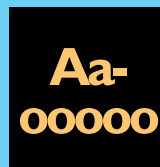
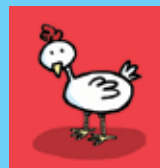


Noisy Dominoes

Card game

Each player imitates the noise of the object on their card, or mimes the action—groans and laughter are guaranteed!

52 cards | 2 levels | 978-1-776571-01-7
NZ\$25 AU\$25 UK£11



‘[It] hit its mark perfectly, delivering a just-scary-enough jolt to surprise and delight’

Starred review, Publishers Weekly



I am the Wolf ... and Here I Come!

Bénédicte Guettier

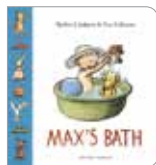
Watch the wolf put on his trousers, his T-shirt, his socks ... But what is his plan once he's dressed? Careful, he might bite!

210x210mm | 26pp | Boardbook 978-1-776571-36-9
NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£8 US\$13



‘From a toddler’s point of view, these stories are perfect’

The Daily Post

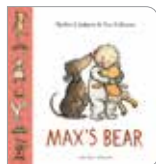


Max's Bath Barbro Lindgren

Illustrated by Eva Eriksson

Max loves having a bath! He tries to make a reluctant Dog join in the fun.

150x160mm | 26pp | Boardbook 978-1-776570-00-3
NZ\$15 AU\$13 UK£7

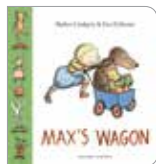


Max's Bear Barbro Lindgren

Illustrated by Eva Eriksson

When bear takes a tumble into the potty,
Dog must come to the rescue!

150x160mm | 26pp | Boardbook 978-1-776570-02-7
NZ\$15 AU\$13 UK£7



Max's Wagon Barbro Lindgren

Illustrated by Eva Eriksson

Max takes all his toys and his cookie on
a wagon ride—but who ate the cookie?

150x160mm | 26pp | Boardbook 978-1-776570-01-0
NZ\$15 AU\$13 UK£7



‘I’m waiting for Goliath,’
says Bear. ‘Goliath is coming!
He’s my best friend.’



2017

Waiting for Goliath

A warm and surprising story about a very patient bear.

247x190mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-776571-42-0 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£7

HB 978-1-776571-41-3 | NZ\$30 AU\$28 UK£11 US\$17



2018

The Visit

Elise is afraid of everything—people, spiders, trees.
One day, she has a visitor ...

247x190mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-776571-89-5 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£7

HB 978-1-776571-88-8 | NZ\$30 AU\$28 UK£11 US\$17



‘No one captures the subtle curiosity of little children better than Sakai’

Huffington Post



The Lost Kitten Lee

Illustrated by Komako Sakai

Absolutely enchanting with the most unique illustrative style. Picture Books Blogger
238x207mm | 32pp | HB 978-1-776571-26-0
NZ\$30 AU\$28 UK£12 US\$17



Hannah's Night Komako Sakai

Each pose is perfection ... young readers will recognize themselves in the careful explorer.

Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

255x210mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-877579-55-4 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£8

HB 978-1-877579-54-7 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£12 US \$18



The Bear and the Wildcat Kazumi Yumoto

Illustrated by Komako Sakai

186x141mm | 48pp | HB 978-1-877467-70-7
NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£12



Simon the rabbit is a mega-favourite with children everywhere

Watch out
for Simon
on TV, UK
Channel 5



2017

I Can't Sleep!

Simon's little brother can't sleep without his special blanket. Simon is going to have to be very brave to solve this problem.

280x220mm | 32pp
PB 978-1-776571-64-2 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7
HB 978-1-776571-63-5 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11



Poo Bum

Once there was a little rabbit who could only say one thing...

Likely to stop even non-bookish kids in their tracks.

Best Picture Books for Children, The Guardian
275x210mm | 32pp
PB 978-1-877467-97-4 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£7
HB 978-1-877467-96-7 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11



I Don't Want to Go to School!

When Simon's mother says: 'Tomorrow is your first day of school, little rabbit!' he says: 'I'm not going!'

275x210mm | 32pp
PB 978-1-877579-08-0 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7
HB 978-1-877579-04-2 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11



I Want Spaghetti!

Once there was a little rabbit who would only eat one thing ... Spaghetti!

275x210mm | 32pp
PB 978-1-927271-92-6 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7
HB 978-1-927271-91-9 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11



Super Rabbit

Once there was a little rabbit ... 'I'm not a LITTLE rabbit! I'm Super Rabbit!'

280x220mm | 32pp
PB 978-1-877579-57-8 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7
HB 978-1-877579-56-1 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11



Poo Bum Memory

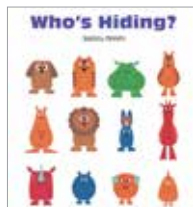
Card game

Play a game of memory with Simon, the famous rabbit who says 'Poo Bum!'
72 cards | 2 levels | 978-1-776571-00-0
NZ\$25 AU\$25 UK£11



'A storybook and memory game in one'

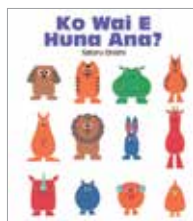
Manawatu Standard



Who's Hiding?

Who's crying? Who's backwards?
Who's hiding? Look carefully!

238x207mm | 32pp |
PB 978-1-877467-13-4 | NZ\$20 AU\$15 UK£6
HB 978-1-877467-12-7 | NZ\$30 AU\$28 UK£9 US\$17



Ko Wai E Huna Ana?

Te Reo Māori edition of *Who's Hiding?*

238x207mm | 32pp | PB 978-1-927271-47-6
NZ\$20



‘The story is very simply told, with a joyous sense of the ridiculous’

The Source

Shortlisted
Waterstones
Children’s Book
Prize 2016



Have You Seen Elephant?

David Barrow

Children will delight in details ... Younger audiences will be screaming 'There it is!'

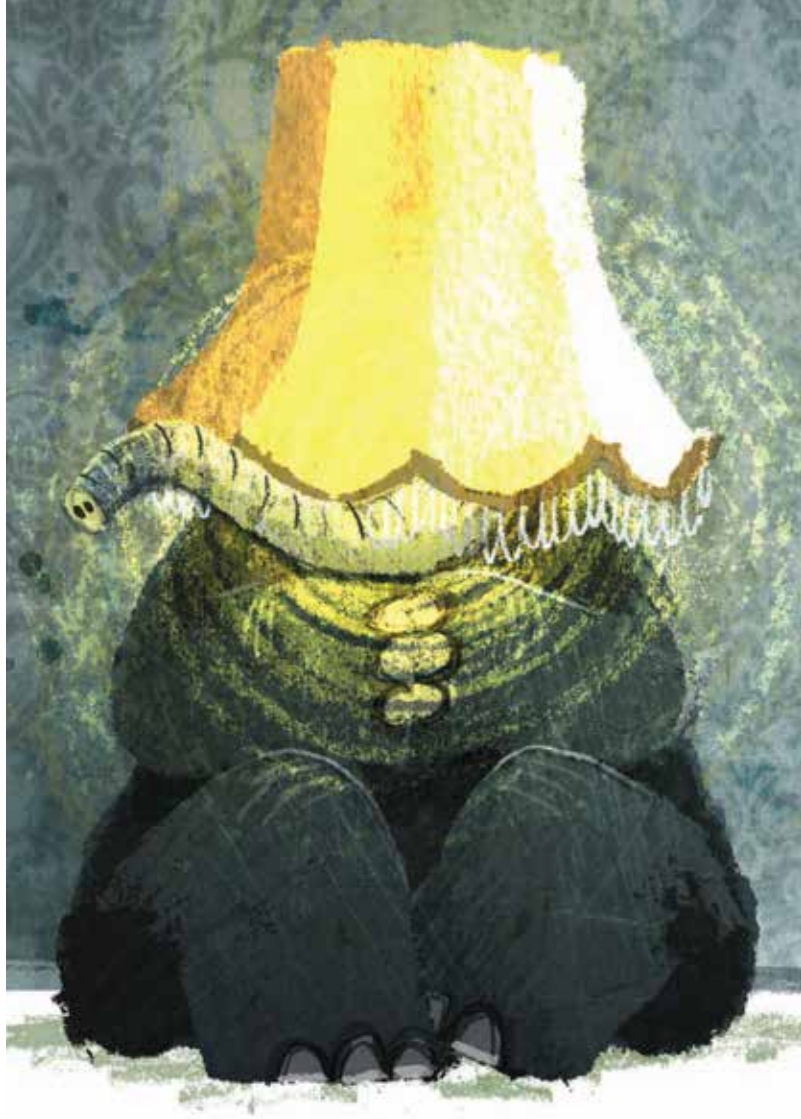
Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

Winner of Sebastian Walker Award for Most Promising Children’s Illustrator 2015

276x250mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-776570-09-6 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7

HB 978-1-776570-08-9 | NZ\$30 AU\$27 UK£11 US\$17



‘Let’s see. I have some bits
and bobs. This goes with that.
There. Just the job!’



Gus's Garage

*One animal's clutter is another pig's
livelihood in this buoyant, rhyming tale.*

New York Times

245x265mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-776570-93-5 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7

HB 978-1-776570-92-8 | NZ\$30 AU\$27 UK£11 US\$17



Who's Driving?

*A rare example of a perfect read-aloud for
the very young.* New Zealand Listener

170x235mm | 30pp

Boardbook 978-1-776571-66-6 | NZ\$18 AU\$15 UK£7

PB 978-0-958272-0-25 | NZ\$20 AU\$15 UK£6



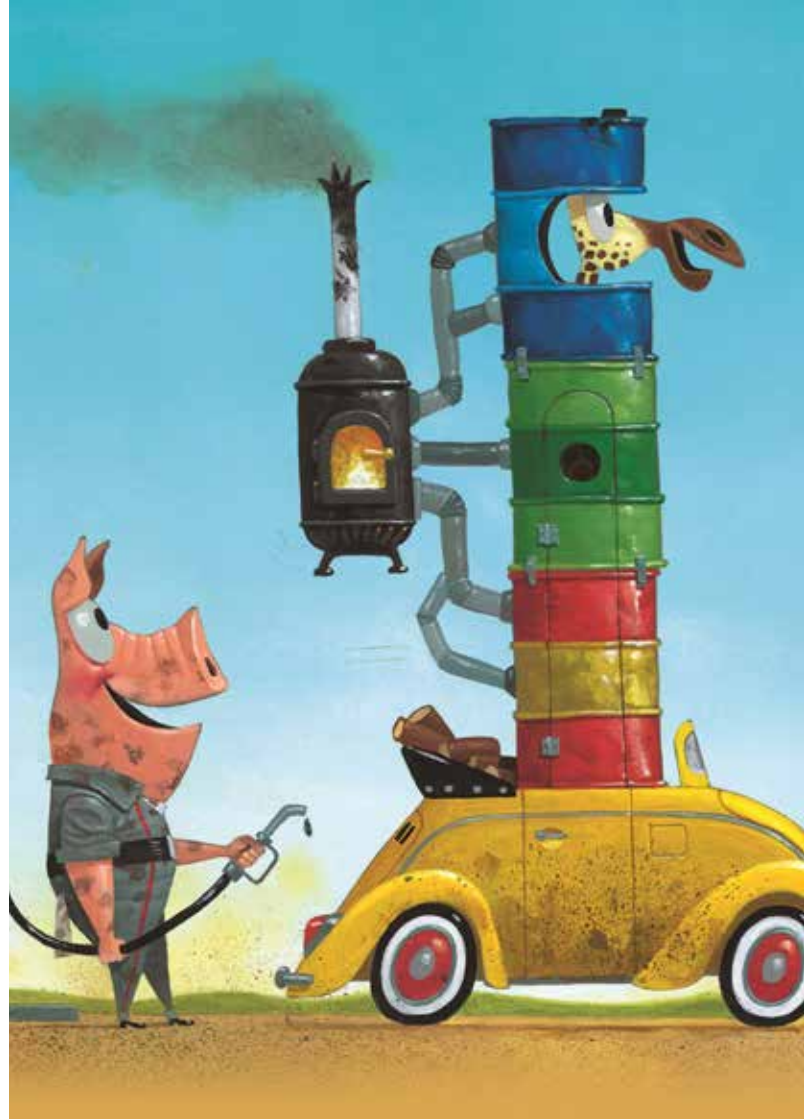
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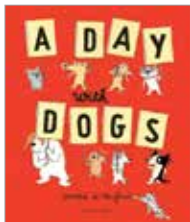
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» Image © Leo Timmers from *Gus's Garage*



‘If you like dogs and busy books then this is the book for you’

NZ Poetry Box



A Day with Dogs

A word book with dogs! Dogs on skis, dogs in vehicles, dogs in the kitchen ...

290x240mm | 64pp | HB 978-1-776570-98-0
NZ\$35 AU\$30 UK£15 US\$20



Shhh! I'm Sleeping

A fresh, comical take on sharing a bedroom and trying to sleep—in an unusual tall boardbook format.

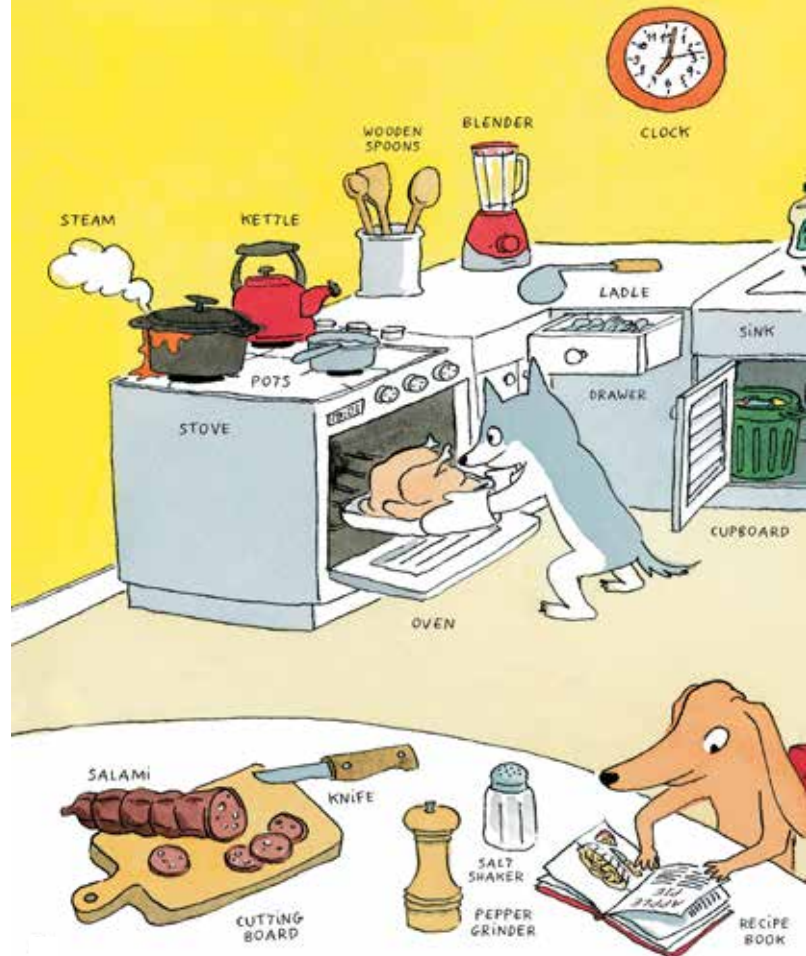
If the Marx Brothers had been eight dogs instead of five men, they might've put together a skit like [this] one.

Starred review, Publishers Weekly

300x160mm | 24pp | Boardbook 978-1-927271-95-7
NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£8 US\$13

» Image © Dorothee de Monfreid from *A Day with Dogs*

THE KITCHEN



‘Rounds up all that really matters’

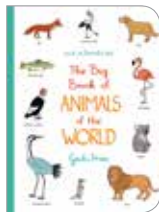
New Zealand Listener



The Big Book of Words and Pictures

The rare wordbook that can actually spur ideas and conversation and the spontaneous telling of stories. New York Times

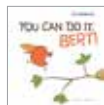
340x259mm | 20pp | Boardbook 978-1-877467-87-5
NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£13 US\$15



The Big Book of Animals of the World

Fly over continents and oceans to learn about the animals, landscapes, and plants unique to that part of the world.

340x260mm | 20pp | Boardbook 978-1-776570-12-6
NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£13 US\$15



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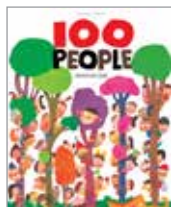
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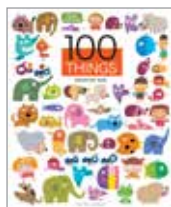
It's time to start playing hide-and-seek. Are you ready?



100 People

Find the pirates, the kings, the schoolchildren ...
A follow-up to the popular look-and-find books
Dinosaurs Galore and *100 Things*.

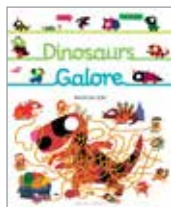
300x245mm | 24pp
PB 978-1-877579-87-5 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7
HB 978-1-877579-86-8 | NZ\$35 AU\$25 UK£12



100 Things

The more you look at this book, the more you see.
On every page there are dozens of stories
and quirky little interactions.

300x245mm | 24pp
HB 978-1-877467-81-3 | NZ\$33 AU\$25 UK£11

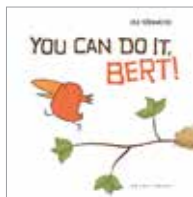


Dinosaurs Galore

Search for hidden animals, match up species,
read coded messages, navigate colourful mazes.

300x242mm | 24pp
PB 978-1-877467-56-1 | NZ\$20 AU\$15 UK£7
HB 978-1-877467-59-2 | NZ\$33 AU\$25 UK£11





You Can Do It, Bert! Ole Könnecke

Bert has been preparing for this for a long time. He is ready. But, he might need a bit of encouragement from his friends.

245x250mm | 32pp
 PB 978-1-927271-43-8 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£7
 HB 978-1-927271-03-2 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11 US\$17



Anton Can Do Magic Ole Könnecke

Anton wants to do some magic. He wants to make something disappear...

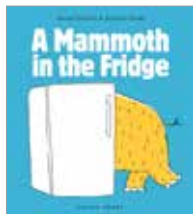
245x250mm | 32pp
 PB 978-1-877467-36-3 | NZ\$20 AU\$15 UK£7
 HB 978-1-877467-37-0 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11 US\$18



Anton and the Battle Ole Könnecke

Anton and his friend Luke fight an epic battle —but will they be outdone by a puppy?

245x250mm | 32pp
 PB 978-1-877579-25-7 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7
 HB 978-1-877579-26-4 | NZ\$30 AU\$28 UK£12 US\$18



A Mammoth in the Fridge

Michaël Escoffier

Illustrated by Matthieu Maudet

When you find a mammoth in your fridge, the question to ask is not 'How did it get in?' but 'How will it come out?'

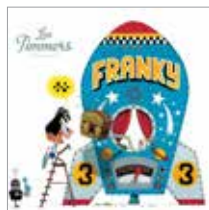
230x213mm | 36pp | PB 978-1-877579-15-8
 NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7



Bang Leo Timmers

Guaranteed to provoke smiles, giggles and guffaws. Sydney Morning Herald

228x258mm | 48pp
 PB 978-1-877579-17-2 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£8
 HB 978-1-877579-18-9 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£12 US\$18



Franky Leo Timmers

A treat for robot lovers about imagination, communication, and opening your eyes to the unbelievable.

240x260mm | 40pp
 PB 978-1-927271-94-0 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7
 HB 978-1-927271-93-3 | NZ\$30 AU\$27 UK£11 US\$17



Line Up, Please! Tomoko Ohmura

Standing in line can be dull, but not when you mix tigers and frogs, sheep and skunks. But what could be worth waiting for... ?

225x225mm | 36pp
 PB 978-1-877579-99-8 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£8
 HB 978-1-877579-98-1 | NZ\$35 AU\$25 UK£11



Zou Michel Gay

Zou wants to snuggle into bed with his parents. So he makes them a beautiful breakfast...

170x210mm | 24pp
 BB 978-1-776571-65-9 | NZ\$18 AU\$15 UK£7
 PB 978-1-877467-20-2 | NZ\$20 AU\$15 UK£7

‘Time for breakfast?’
said Malcolm.
‘Toot!’ said the baby.



The Longest Breakfast

Jenny Bornholdt

Illustrated by Sarah Wilkins

Everyone has a request for breakfast.
But who is taking notice of the baby?

210x250mm | 40pp

PB 978-1-776571-68-0 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£8

HB 978-1-776571-67-3 | NZ\$30



A Book is a Book

Jenny Bornholdt

Illustrated by Sarah Wilkins

A beautiful, small format hardback
celebrating books and reading.

180x120mm | 40pp

HB 978-1-877579-92-9

NZ\$25 AU\$20 UK£9 US\$15

‘This is a terrific little book that will amuse all out of proportion to its size’

Wall Street Journal



2017

My Pictures after the Storm

Eric Veillé

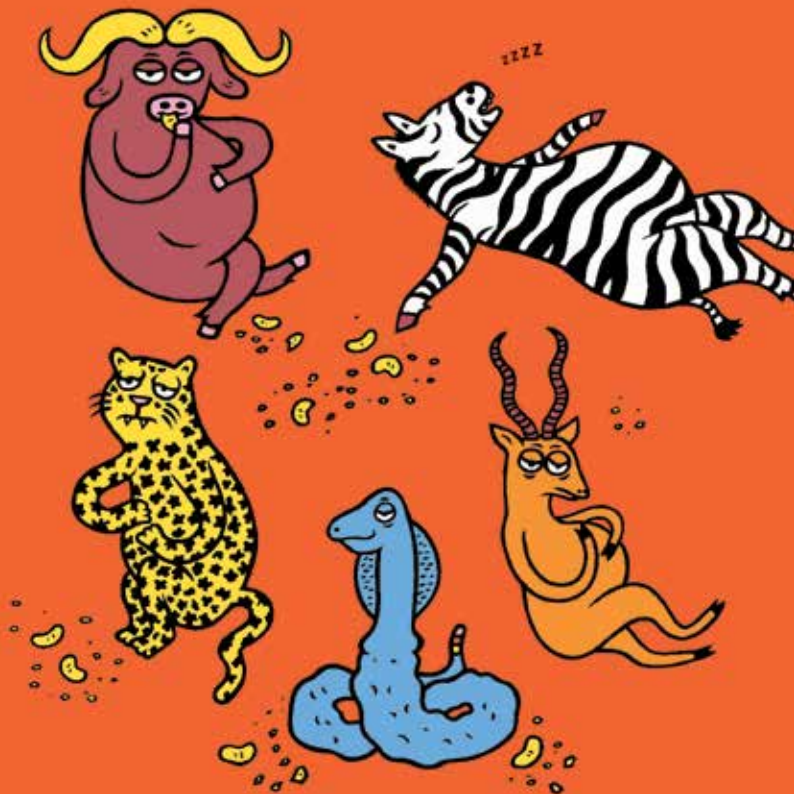
A gust of wind, an elephant, a dive bomb, a spell: this before-and-after book will make you chuckle.

This may be the funniest book of the year.
School Library Journal

298x240mm | 38pp | HB 978-1-776571-04-8
NZ\$23 AU\$20 UK£11 US\$17

» Image © Eric Veillé from *My Pictures after the Storm*

MY PICTURES after too many potato chips



‘I’ll be inside,’ I tell Gulsa.
 ‘All right,’ says Gulsa.
 ‘But don’t go far ...’



2017

Where Is Grandma?

Turns the hospital into an adventure playground full of marvellous characters.

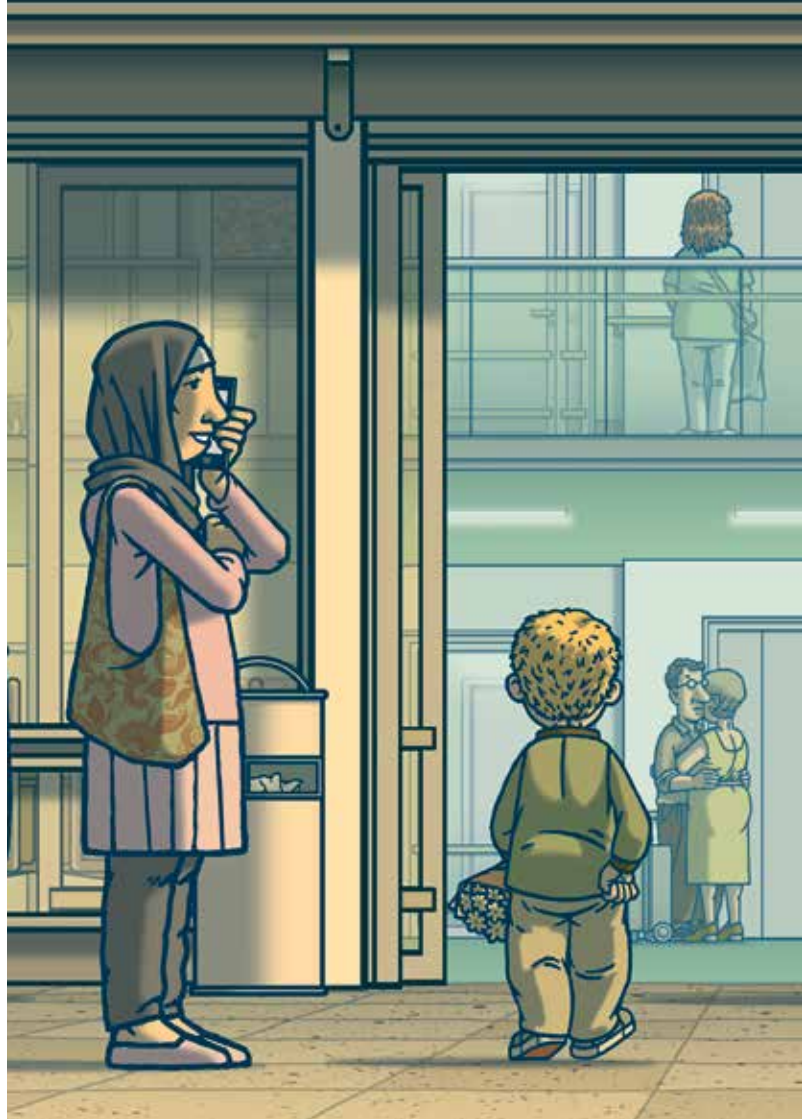
260x250mm | 64pp
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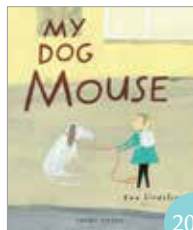
My First Car Was Red

A charming picture book that little boys and big boys alike will enjoy.
 New Zealand Listener

250x259mm | 40pp | PB 978-1-877467-69-1
 NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7



‘Can I take Mouse for a walk?’ I ask, and I’m always allowed.



2017

My Dog Mouse

A walk with Mouse: an old, slow dog with ears as thin as pancakes.

This graceful picture book catches at the heart.

Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

230x190mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-776571-49-9 | NZ\$20 AU\$17

HB 978-1-776571-48-2 | NZ\$30 AU\$27 UK£12 US\$17



2018

Everyone Walks Away

Frank is on his own. The others are having fun. Everything is just like normal.

230x190mm | 32pp | HB 978-1-776571-86-4

NZ\$30 AU\$27 UK£12 US\$17



» Image © Eva Lindström from *My Dog Mouse*

Fox and Rabbit live quite far away, in a bright little house beyond the molehills.



2017

Good Night Sleep Tight

Kristina Andres

11½ goodnight stories with friends Fox and Rabbit, who find inventive ways to help each other get to sleep—sometimes.

240x190mm | 64pp | HB 978-1-776571-43-7
NZ\$30 AU\$30 UK£13 US\$18

‘The Big Bad Wolf may still be a source of childhood fear, but he’s ever so entertaining’

New York Times



I Am So Strong

The wolf's comeuppance is deeply satisfying; the only disappointment is that the book is over so soon. Better read it again.

Publishers Weekly

PB 242x170mm HB 275x195mm | 32pp

PB 978-0-958272-05-6 | NZ\$18 AU\$15

HB 978-0-958278-77-5 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11 US\$18

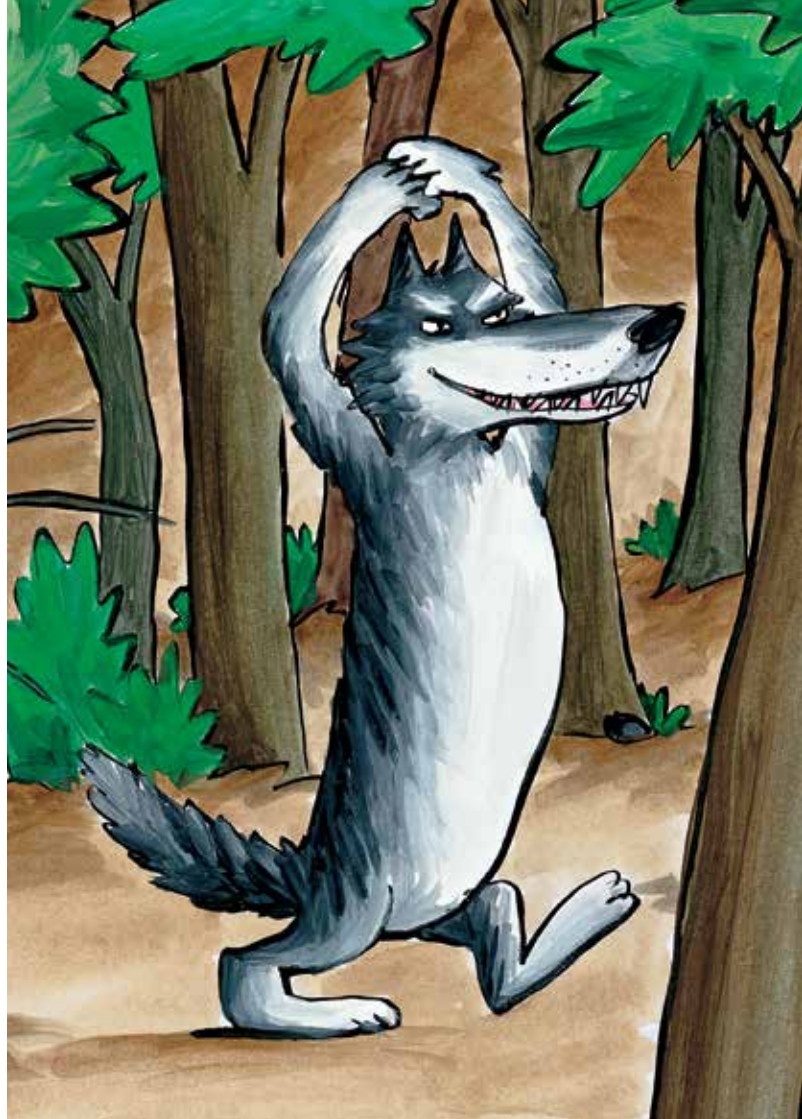


I Am So Handsome

Here comes the incorrigible wolf.
I shine, I dazzle, I gleam and I glitter.
I light up the woods with my presence.
I am most marvellous.’

275x195mm | 32pp

PB 978-0-958272-09-4 | NZ\$18 AU\$15



‘It’s like watching a very good short film, full of drama, jokes and unexpected twists’

New Zealand Listener



The Chicken Thief

Béatrice Rodriguez

When a fox steals a chicken from her friends, they set out to rescue her.

240x190mm | 64pp | HB 978-1-877467-31-8
NZ\$25 AU\$23 UK£9



The Lazy Friend

Ronan Badel

[A] triumph of loyalty and courage.

Bookrapt

150x260mm | 32pp | HB 978-1-927271-41-4
NZ\$25 AU\$23 UK£9



‘An activity atlas that’s perfect to get lost in’

The Children’s Bookshop



Around the World with Mouk

Marc Boutavant

Follow Mouk on his travels in a quirky, interactive atlas with removable stickers.

295x295mm | 32pp | HB 978-1-877467-01-1
NZ\$35 AU\$30



'A really special book indeed'

Library Mice



When Dad Showed Me the Universe

Ulf Stark

Illustrated by Eva Eriksson

[It] goes straight to the heart.

BibliotekMitt (Sweden)

260x195mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-927271-82-7 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£7

HB 978-1-927271-81-0 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11 US\$17



The Best Singer in the World

Ulf Nilsson

Illustrated by Eva Eriksson

A sweet book about overcoming stage fright, being brave, and embracing your talents.

260x195mm | 40pp

PB 978-1-877579-13-4 | NZ\$20 UK£7

HB 978-1-877579-12-7 | NZ\$30 AU\$25 UK£11



‘... low-key, whimsical exploration of imagination’

Kirkus Reviews

Russell Clark
Illustration
Award finalist
2017



If I Was a Banana Alexandra Tylee
Illustrated by Kieran Rynhart

This sophisticated picture book will be enjoyed by a wide age range. Magpies

260x210mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-776570-34-8 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£7

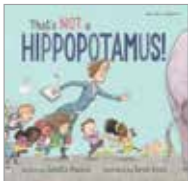
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‘Buoyant fun for the very young’

Kirkus Reviews

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2017



That's Not a Hippopotamus!

Juliette MacLver

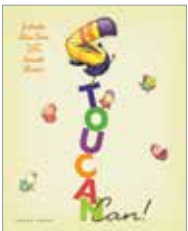
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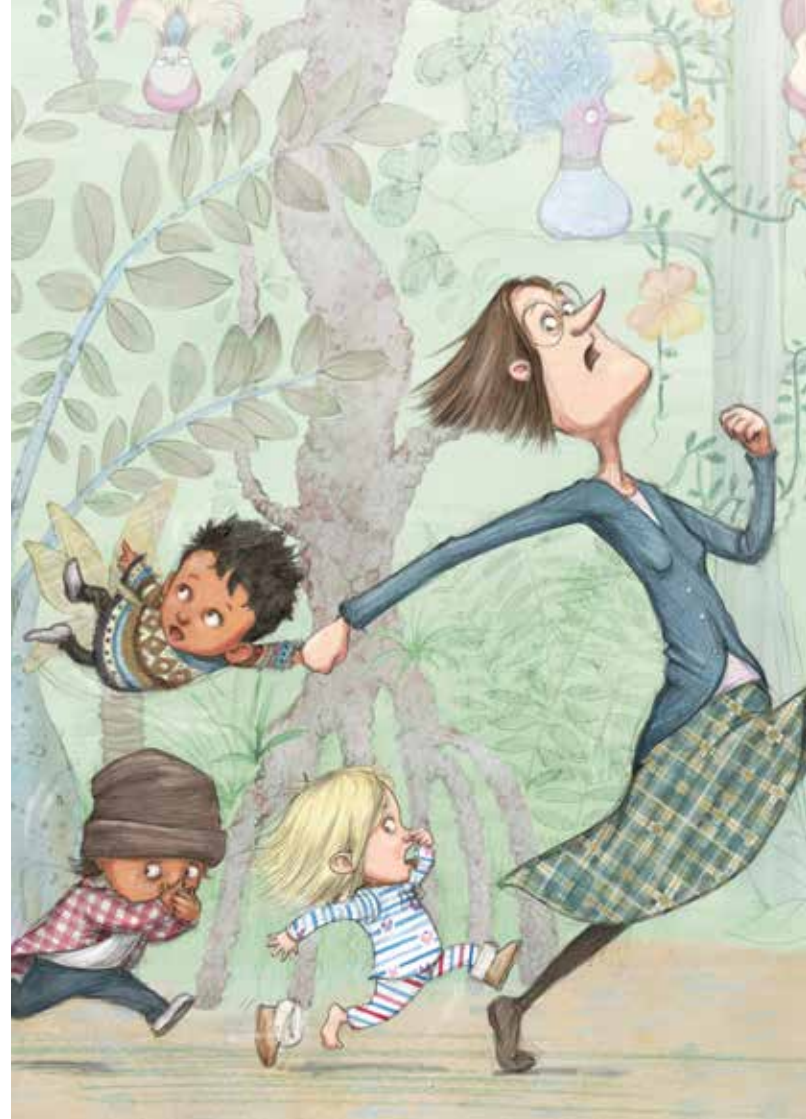
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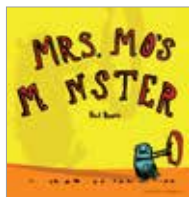
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Mrs. Mo's Monster Paul Beavis

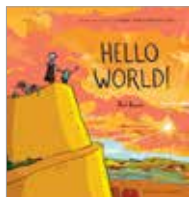
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240x230mm | 36pp

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The irrepressible monster is back. Mr. and Mrs. Mo are busy, so monster decides to see the world on his own.

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Zou and the Box of Kisses

Michel Gay

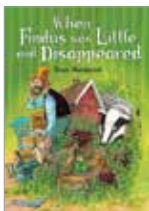
Both endearing and reassuring.

Love Reading 4 Kids

230x285mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-877467-74-5 | NZ\$20 AU\$15 UK£7

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When Findus Was Little and Disappeared Sven Nordkvist

There was once a man called Pettson who had a cat named Findus.

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PB 978-1-877467-32-5 | NZ\$20 AU\$17



How to Be Famous Michal Shalev

A cheeky, layered story about an irrepressible pigeon whose one-eyed take on its world bewilders the other zoo animals.

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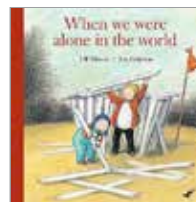
Lisa Moroni

Illustrated by Eva Eriksson

195x260mm | 32pp

PB 978-1-877579-90-5 | NZ\$20 AU\$17 UK£7

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All the Dear Little Animals

One summer's day we started a business called Funerals Ltd. Esther did the digging, I wrote the poems.

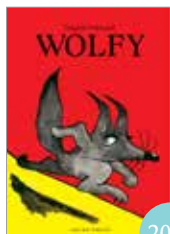
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There was once a
rabbit who had never
seen a wolf...

More than
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2017

Wolfy Grégoire Solotareff

An enduring bestseller, this is a masterful picture book about a rabbit and a wolf who want to be best friends.

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The peculiar day started out as an ordinary day ...

Friendship,
silliness and the
little moments
that make
life good



2017

Bruno: Some of the more interesting days in my life so far
Catharina Valckx

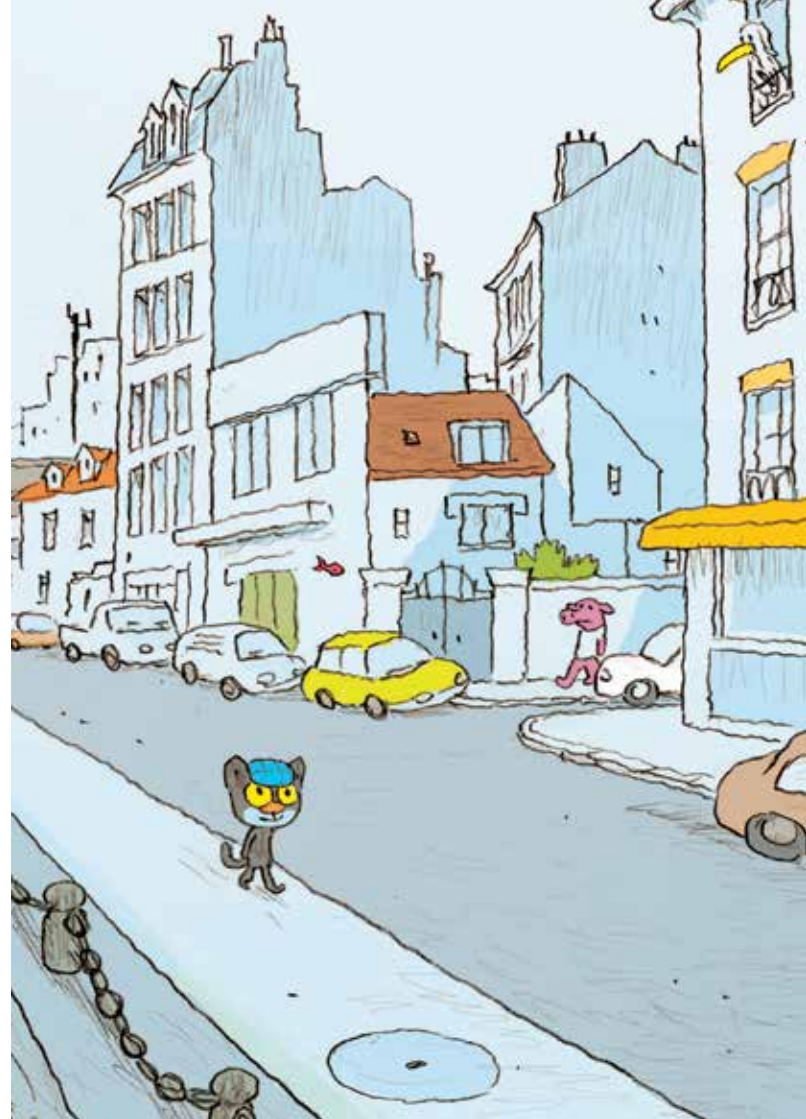
Illustrated by Nicolas Hubesch

I kept thinking 'I want more books like this!' as I was reading. School Library Journal

224x180mm | 88pp

PB 978-1-776571-25-3 | NZ\$25 AU\$20 UK£9

HB 978-1-776571-24-6 | NZ\$35 US\$20





‘Undoubtedly cool’

New York Times



Don't Cross the Line!

Isabel Martins

Illustrated by Bernardo Carvalho

It's a book for those kids that love to tell a piece of the story themselves. The Spinoff

260x220mm | 40pp

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‘The most extraordinary picture book I’ve seen in many a year’

Patrick Ness, *Time Out London*

ALMA
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recipient
2017



Duck, Death and the Tulip

Wolf Erlbruch

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298x240mm | 38pp
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HB 978-1-877467-14-1 | NZ\$30 AU\$28 UK£11 US\$17



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Heinz Janisch
Illustrated by Wolf Erlbruch

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‘Love overcomes all differences here, and Guji-Guji’s antics are laugh-out-loud adorable’

New York Times



Guji-Guji Chih-Yuan Chen

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'A salty tale of love, loss and unrequited ferocity'

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most-loved
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The Fierce Little Woman and the Wicked Pirate

Joy Cowley

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‘Will induce plenty of giggles and start toes to tapping’

Kirkus Reviews



Mister Whistler Margaret Mahy
Illustrated by Gavin Bishop

260x270mm | 32pp
PB 978-1-877467-92-9 | NZ\$20 AU\$16 UK£7
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The House that Jack Built
Gavin Bishop

A familiar nursery rhyme tells the story of the colonisation of Aotearoa New Zealand.

245x295mm | 40pp
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new discoveries upon
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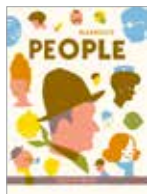


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*A bright and curiously astute picture book
about the cycles of nature and life.*

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People

*A fisherman and a fishmonger, a slave and
a goddess, a princess and a werewolf ...*

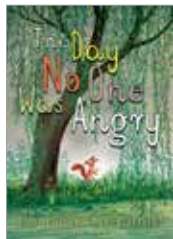
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BIRDSONG



‘Curious, compelling tales of animal anger, luminously illustrated’

Metro UK



The Day No One Was Angry

Toon Tellegen

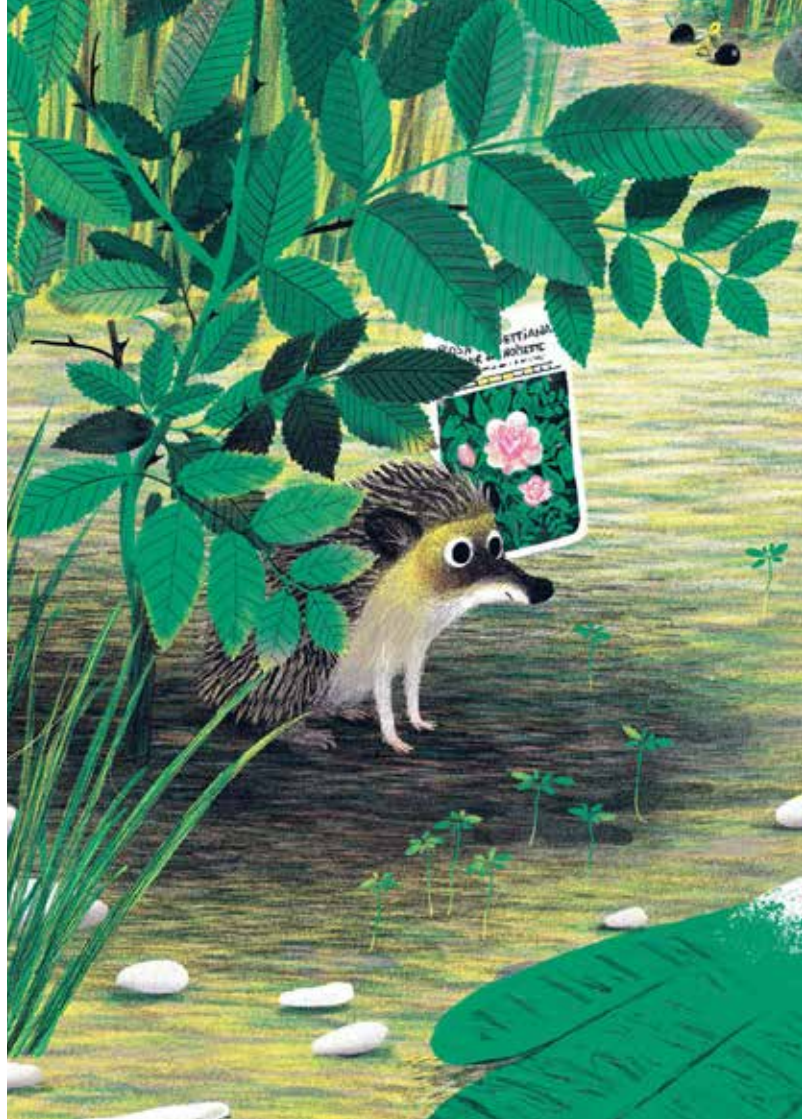
Illustrated by Marc Boutavant

These 12 stories are funny and wry, but also offer a gently profound reflection of the nature of human emotions.

270x190mm | 80pp

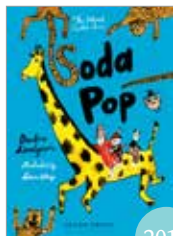
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‘[No one] speaks a single word of sense, but they will be my friends for life’

Astrid Lindgren, author of Pippi Longstocking



2017

Soda Pop Barbro Lindgren
Illustrated by Lisen Adbåge

This classic Swedish children's novel is an absurd tale from a world where anything can happen.

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‘Full of warm humor and wisdom’

Best Books of 2015, Horn Book



The First Case

Illustrated by Gitte Spee

Detective Gordon is a philosopher and a humanist ... Charming on all levels. Magpies

210x148mm | 96pp | Ebook available
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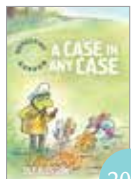


A Complicated Case

Illustrated by Gitte Spee

Once again, Nilsson delivers a rare gem of a book. Starred review, School Library Journal

210x148mm | 108pp | Ebook available
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A Case in Any Case

Illustrated by Gitte Spee

Perfect for graduates of early chapter books and a guaranteed hit as a read-aloud.

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A Case for Buffy

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2018

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Kate De Goldi, Radio New Zealand

Snake
and Lizard
New Zealand
Post Book
Award
winner



Snake and Lizard

Joy Cowley

Illustrated by Gavin Bishop

A classic tale that will be read by children for generations. Herald on Sunday

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Helper and Helper

For kids who like animal stories like Frog and Toad ... or the Little Bear stories.

Starred review, Youth Services Book Review

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2017



‘Salty and sweet, this is umami for the emerging reader’

Horn Book



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series



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See You When I See You

Rose Lagercrantz

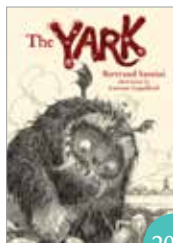
Illustrated by Eva Eriksson

A story about making life whole—that's also really funny. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

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‘The Yark loves children.
He delights in the sound of
their little bones crackling
between his teeth ...’



2018

The Yark

Bertrand Santini

Illustrated by Laurent Gapaillard

A cheerfully subversive book about a monster
who eats children—until he makes a friend.

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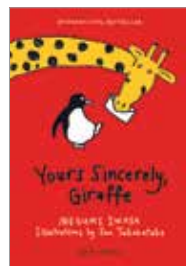


'It's hard
to imagine
someone
you've never
seen.'



'Joyful, ingenuous, playfully earnest, but without a whiff of studied cuteness'

Starred review, Kirkus Reviews



Yours Sincerely, Giraffe

Megumi Iwasa

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2017

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Any book by Joy Cowley is a treasure

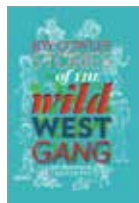


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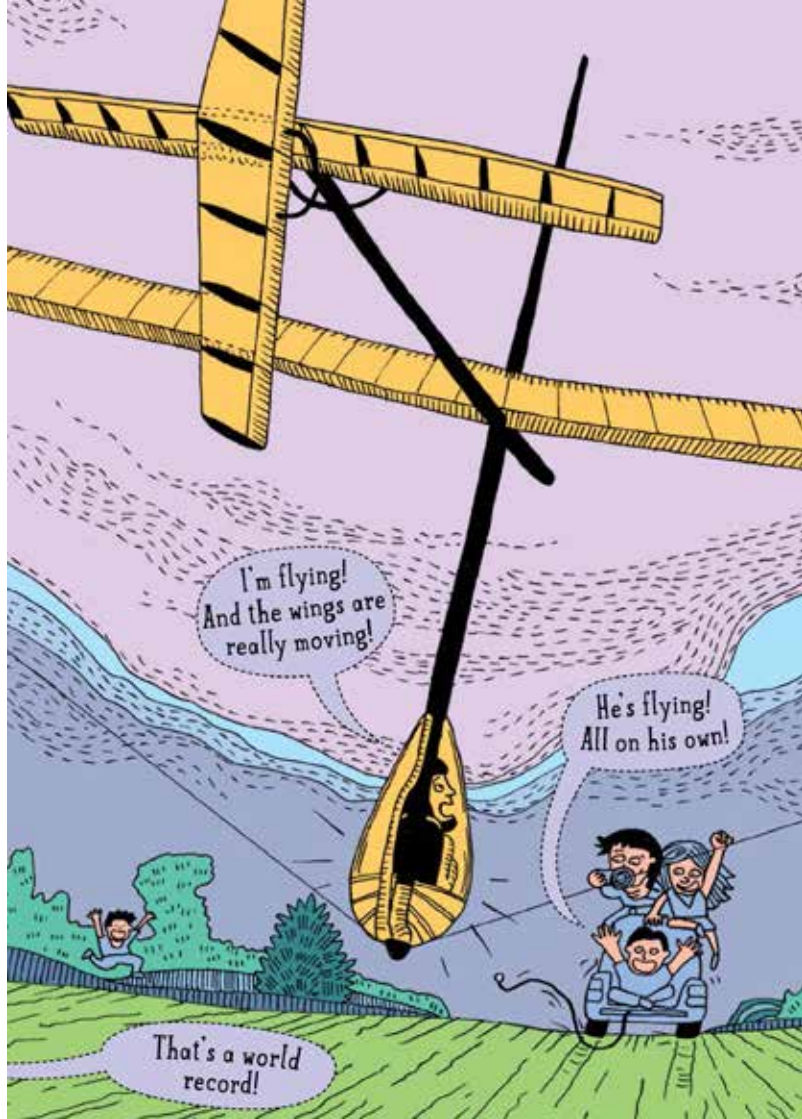
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Impossible Inventions: Ideas that shouldn't work

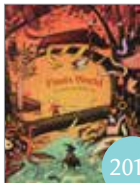
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Timeline

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Wall Street Journal

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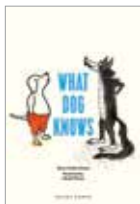


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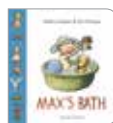
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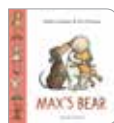
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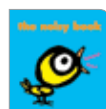
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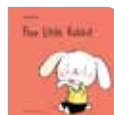
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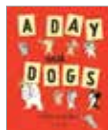
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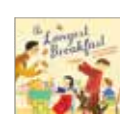
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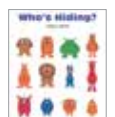
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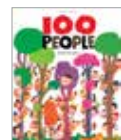
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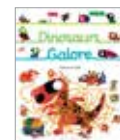
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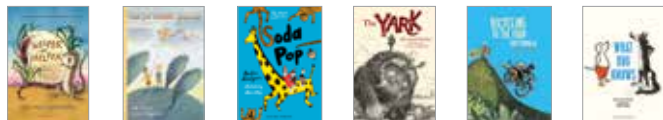
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