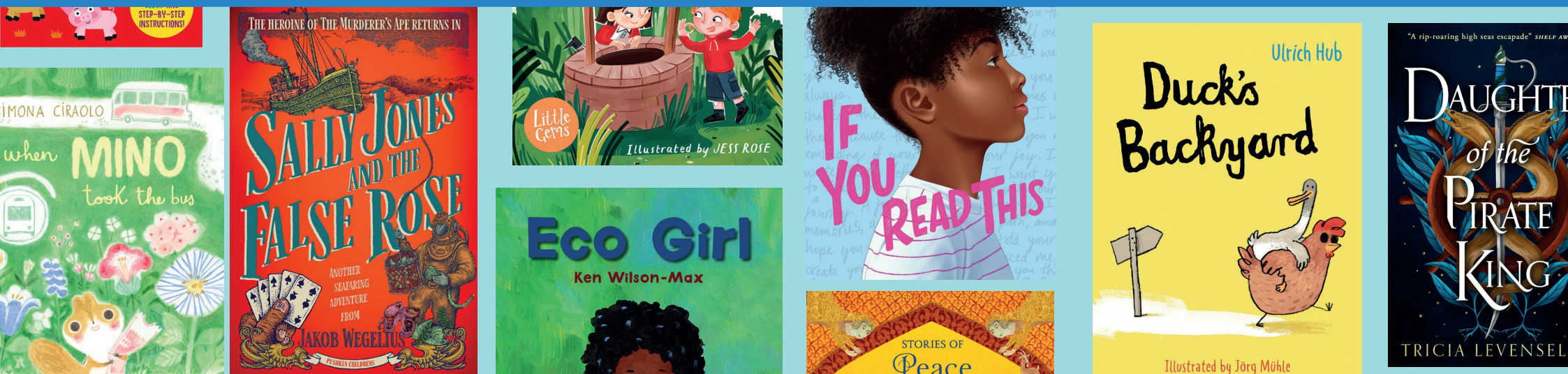




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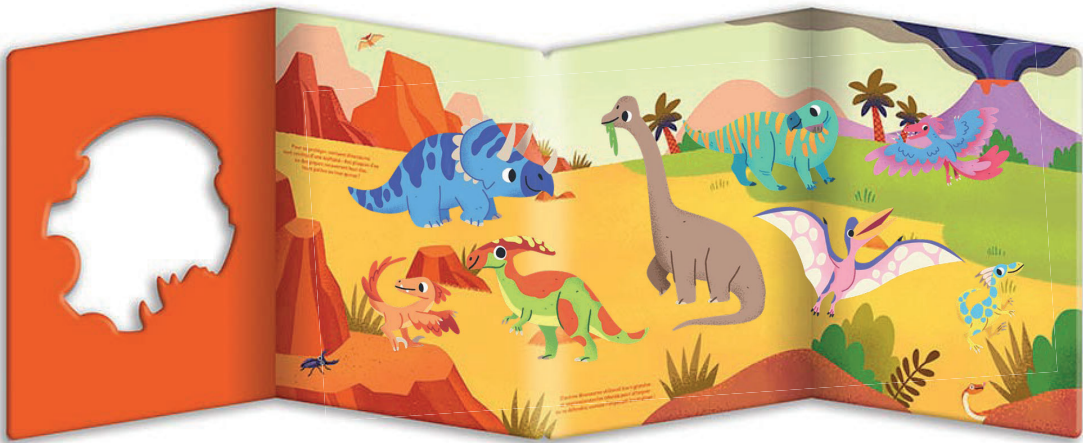


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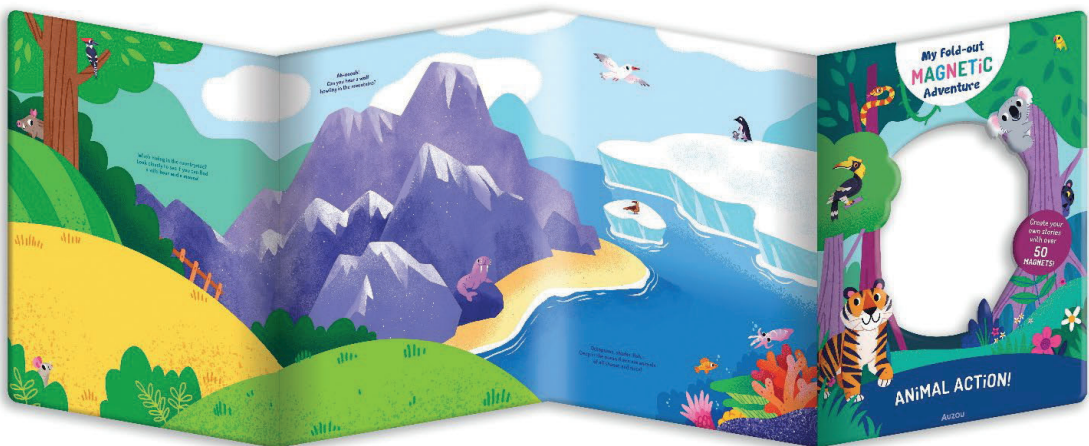
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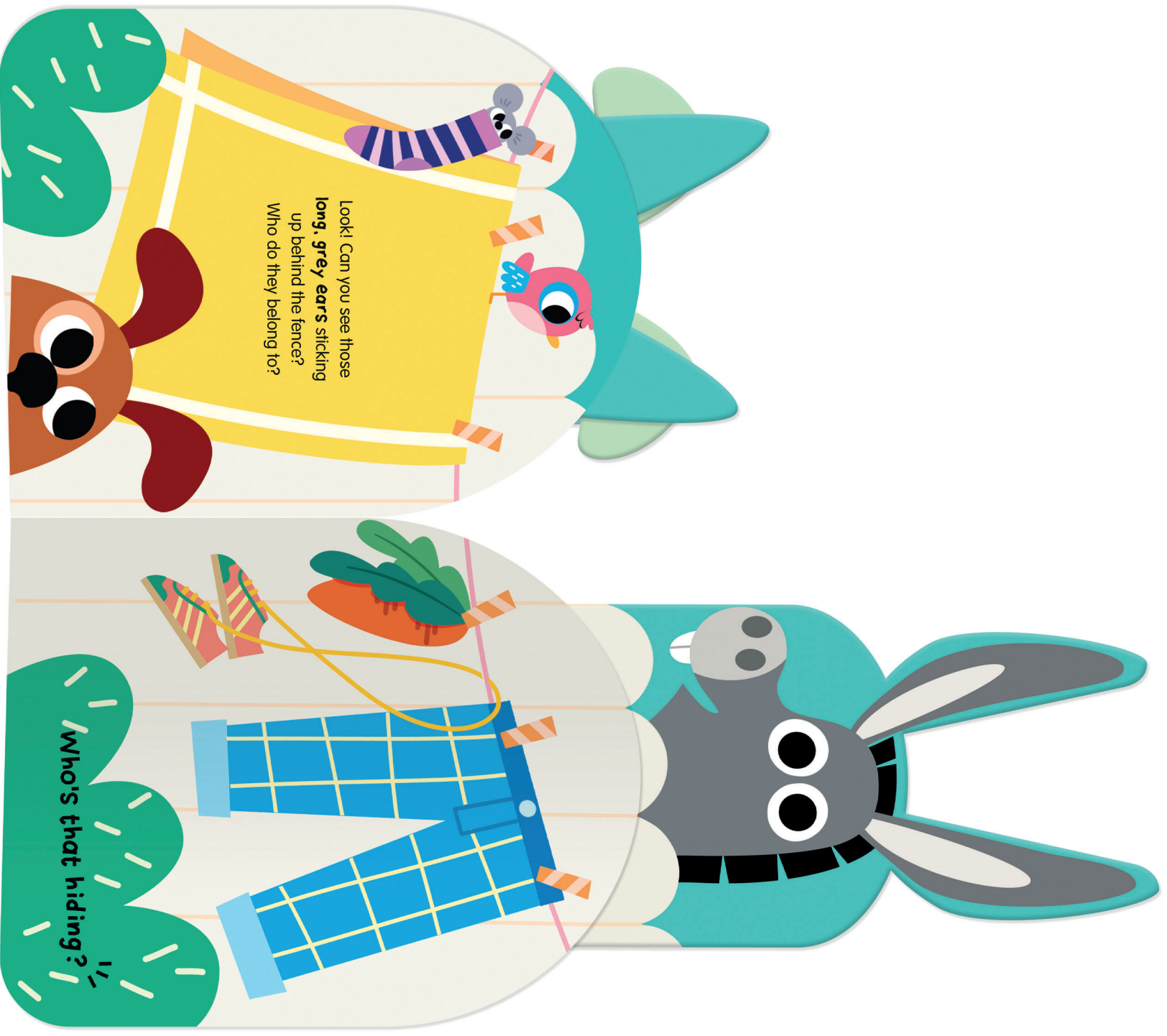
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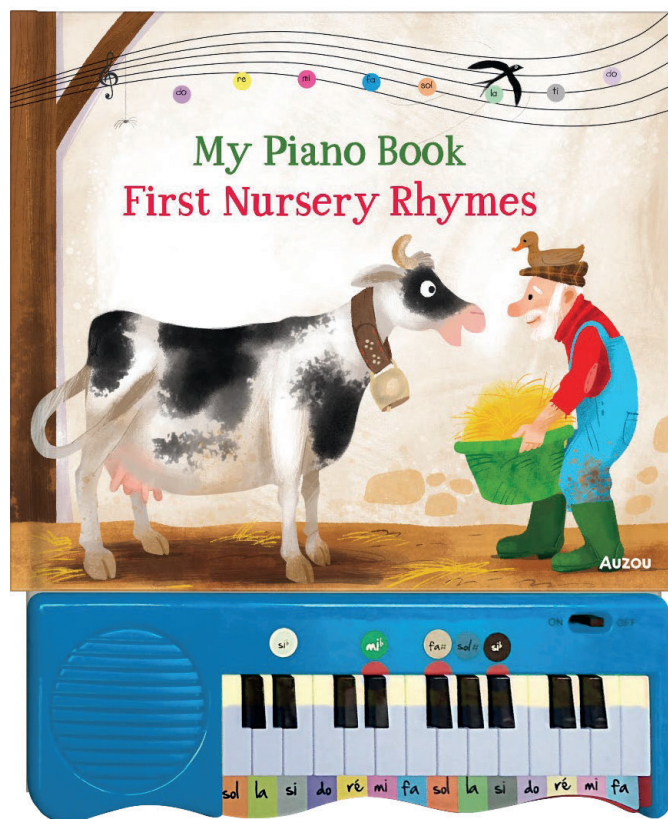
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The king and queen visited all the fairs of the kingdom to see their daughter. One day, they went to a fair where a wicked witch, the Evil Fairy Carabosse, was disguised as a fortune teller. She told the king and queen that their daughter would die at the age of sixteen. The king and queen were very sad, but they did not believe the witch's words.

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## Swan Lake

Once upon a time, there was a vast and beautiful kingdom which lay beyond the mountains.

The royal palace there rung with laughter and cheerful voices as everyone celebrated Prince Siegfried's birthday. But the prince himself was not happy. His mother wanted him to choose a wife the very next day at the great ball of the court, but he did not want to get married. He enjoyed feeling free and following his heart's desire.

Night was falling when the prince went outside alone, his heart full of melancholy. He watched a flight of wild swans in the dark and, without thinking, he followed the birds through the forest. He arrived at a lake shrouded in mist where the birds had settled themselves. The prince instinctively raised his crossbow to his shoulder. He was about to shoot, when suddenly one of the swans spread its wings and changed into a beautiful girl. The prince fell instantly in love.

"Who are you?" he asked, amazed.  
"I am Princess Odette," she replied.

She revealed to him how the infamous sorcerer Rothbart had bewitched her, condemning her to be a swan all day, and only to become herself again at night.

"Only a pledge of love can break the curse that keeps me captive," she told him, with a pained smile. "But who would marry a swan?"

"Me!" Siegfried promised her in excitement. "Join me at the palace tomorrow!"  
But Odette could not answer. Dawn was already rising. She transformed into a swan, and flew away into the sky.

The next evening, as the ball got underway, the prince forced himself to dance with the guests, but he never took his eyes off the door, hoping to see his beloved appear there. She entered suddenly, dressed in black, on the arm of a man wrapped in a dark cloak.

"This is the one I want to marry!" Siegfried shouted.  
The man burst out in an evil laugh and lowered his hood. It was Rothbart.

"You fell into my trap," he sneered. "This girl is my daughter Odile. You said you would cherish Odette, but instead you have betrayed her!"

A scared Siegfried peered closer at the girl. She looked exactly like Odette, but her eyes were dim, and he knew he had been taken in by magic. Horrified, the prince ran to the lake. He wanted to take Odette in his arms and beg her to forgive him. But it was too late. The tumultuous waters closed in upon the girl, and she was swallowed up forever.



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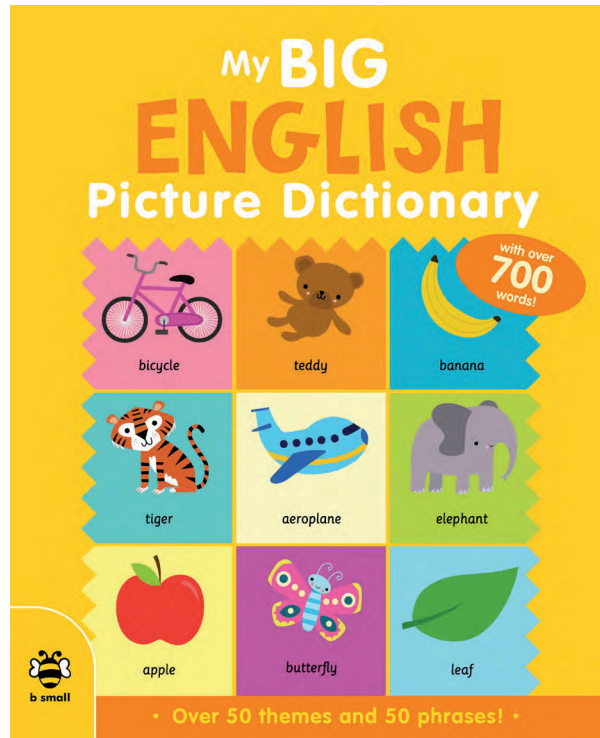
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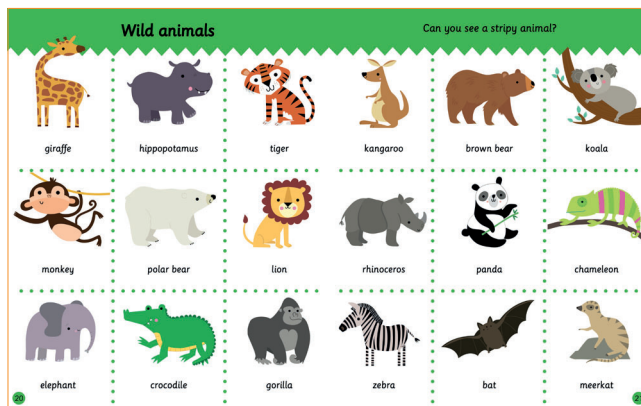
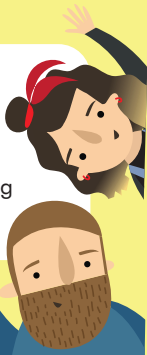
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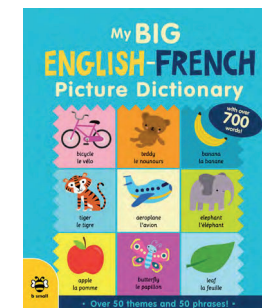
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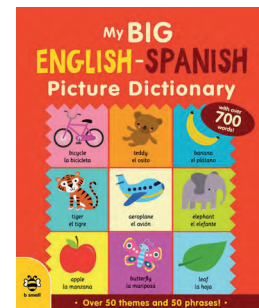
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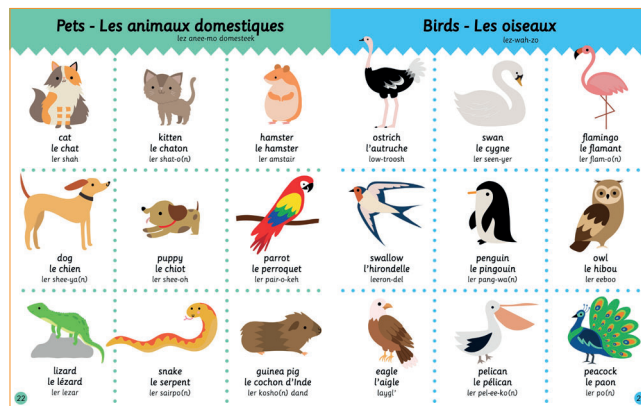
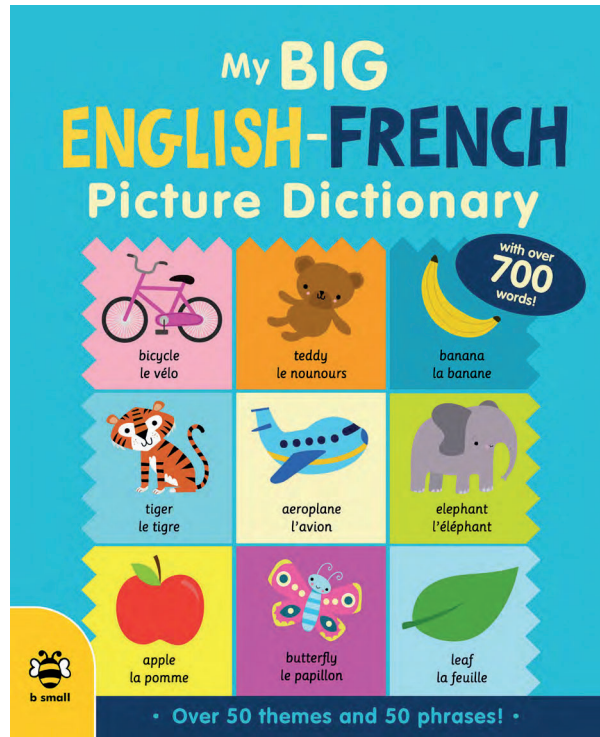
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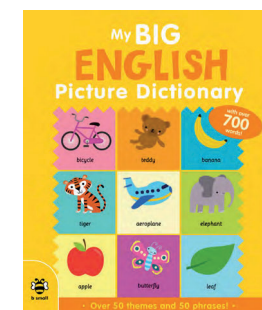
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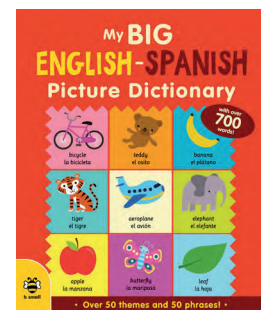
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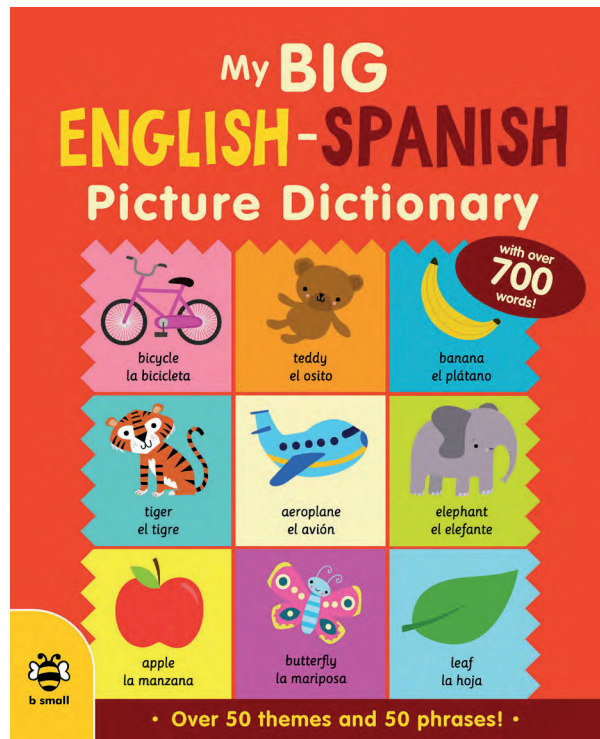


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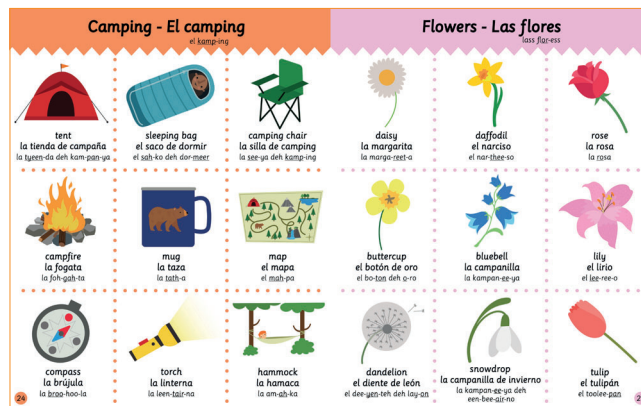
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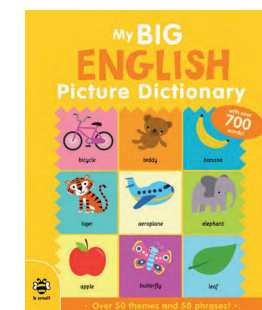
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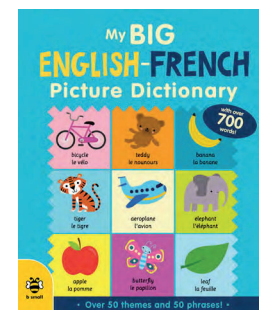
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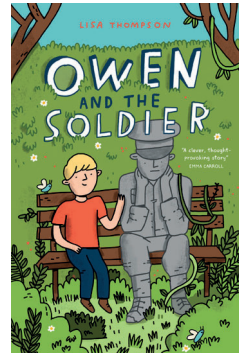


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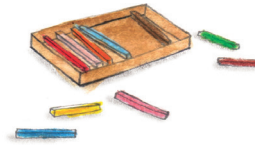


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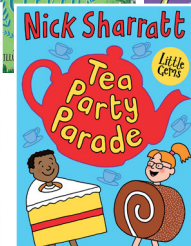
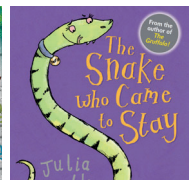
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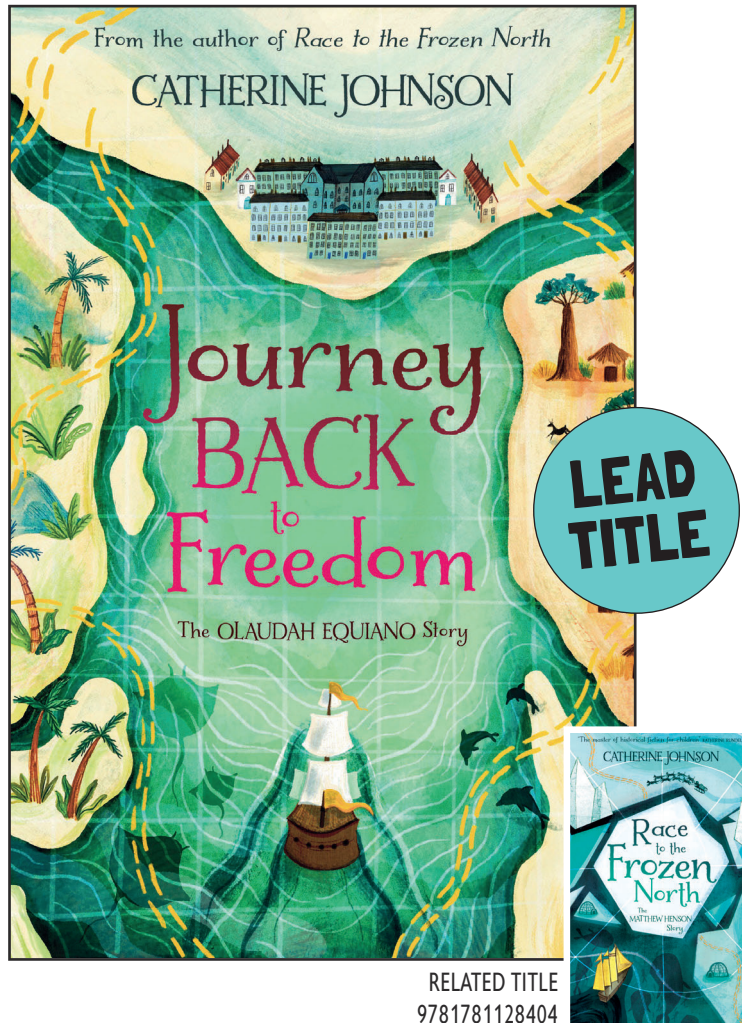
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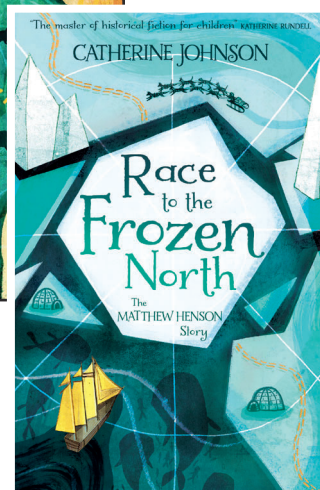
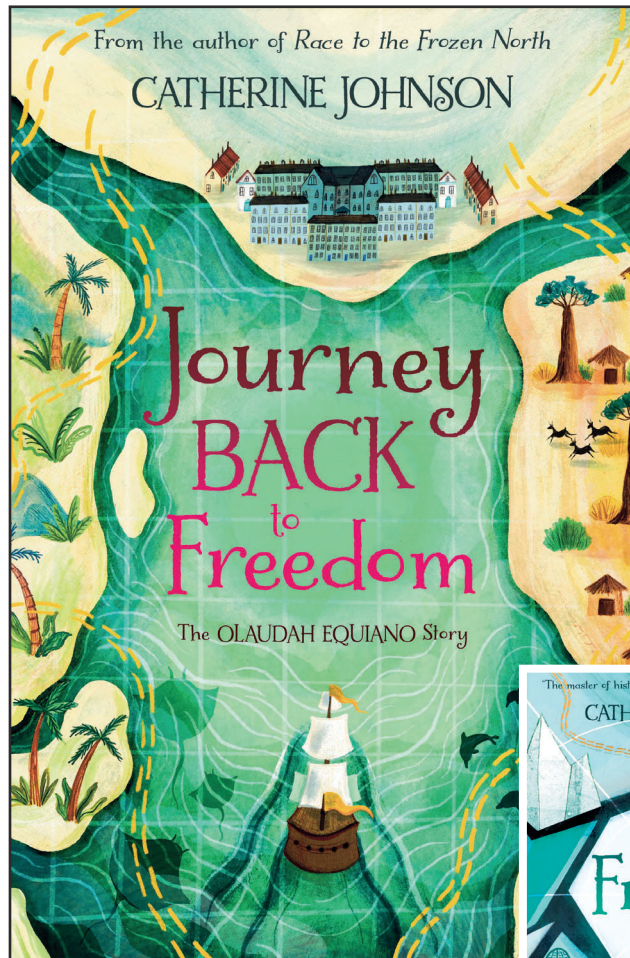
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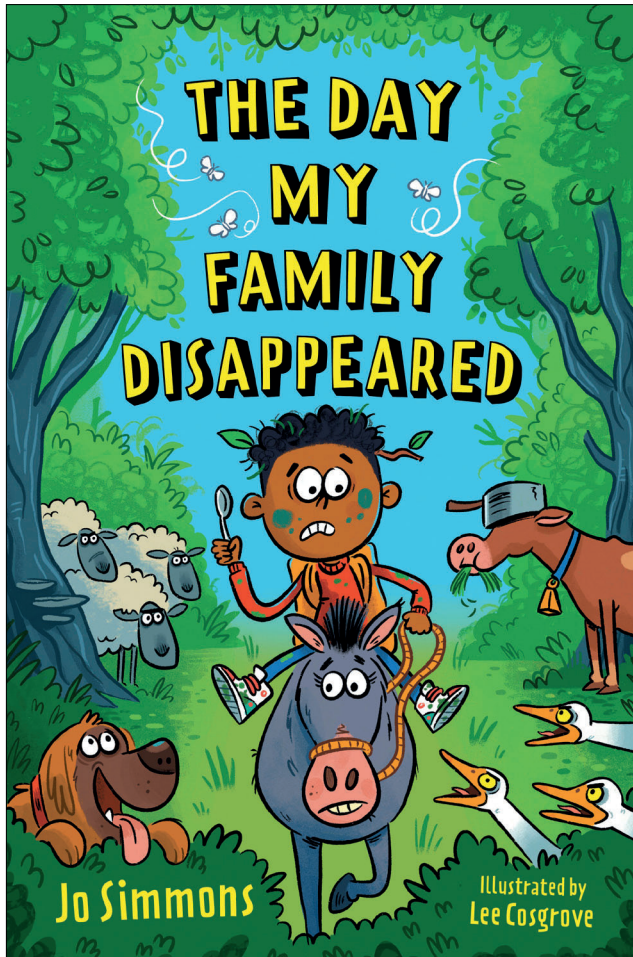
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- Jo Simmons has found huge success with her funny fiction – her hit middle-grade title *I Swapped My Brother On the Internet* was shortlisted for the 2020 Lollies Award, as well as being included in Tom Fletcher's picks for his WHSmith Book Club
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Find Jo online [@joanna\\_simmons](https://twitter.com/joanna_simmons)

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David Long

Black and white illustrations by Stefano Tambellini



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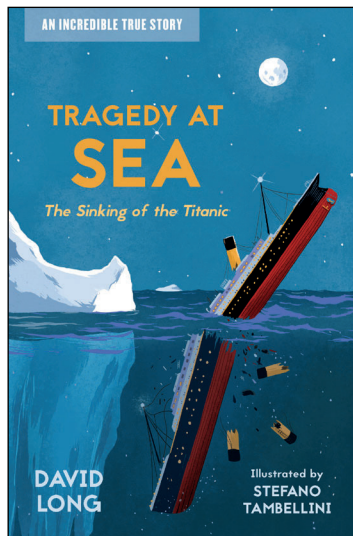
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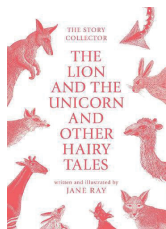
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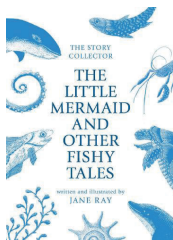
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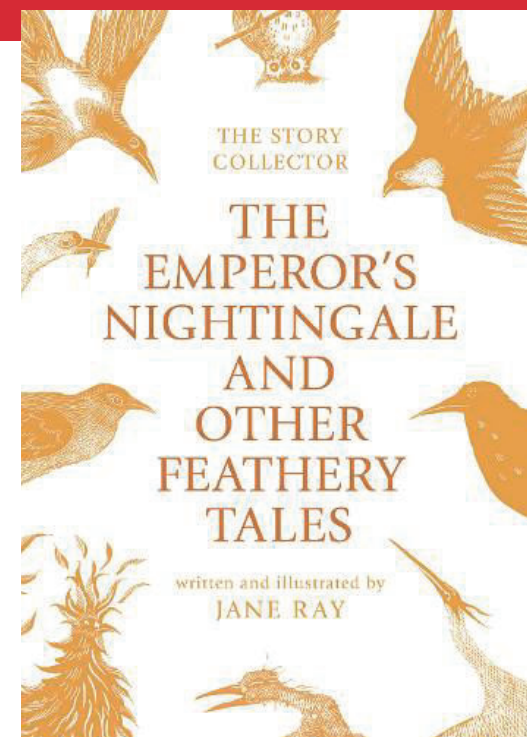
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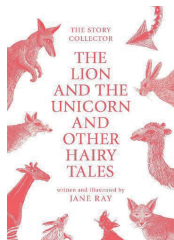
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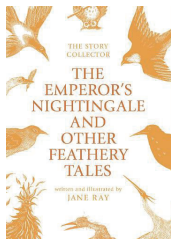
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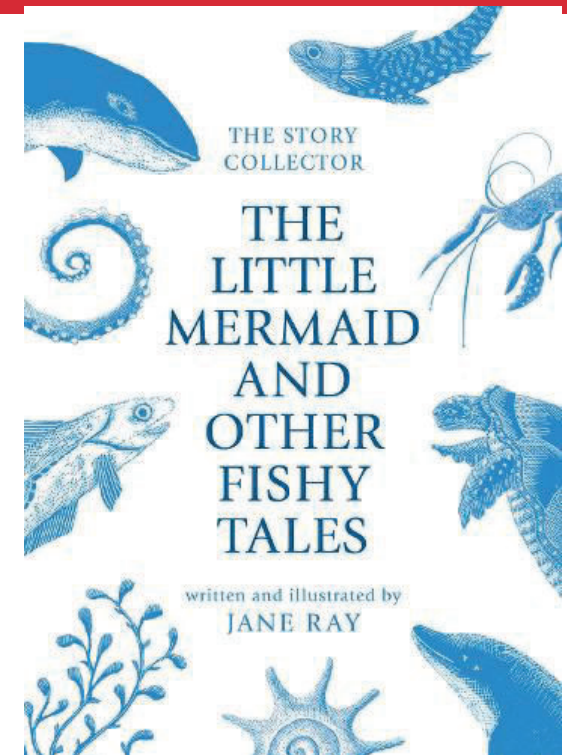
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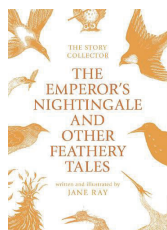
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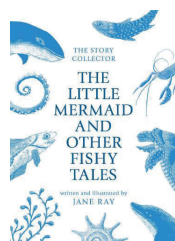
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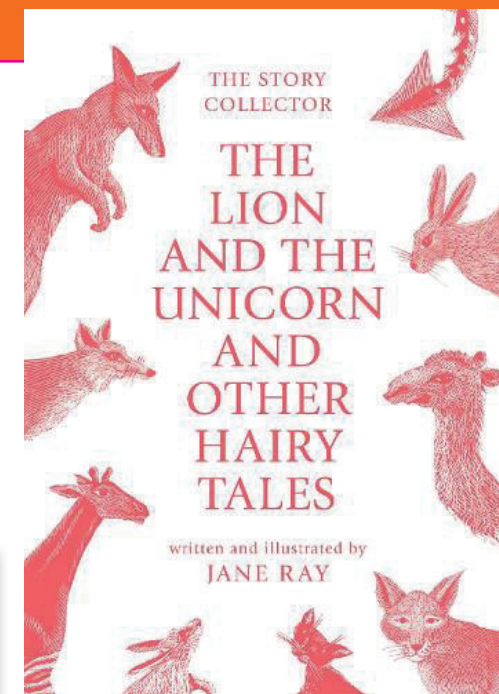
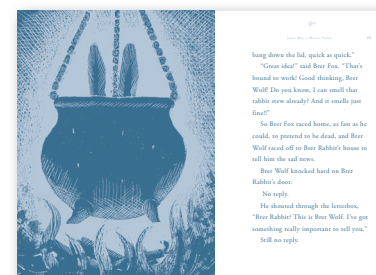
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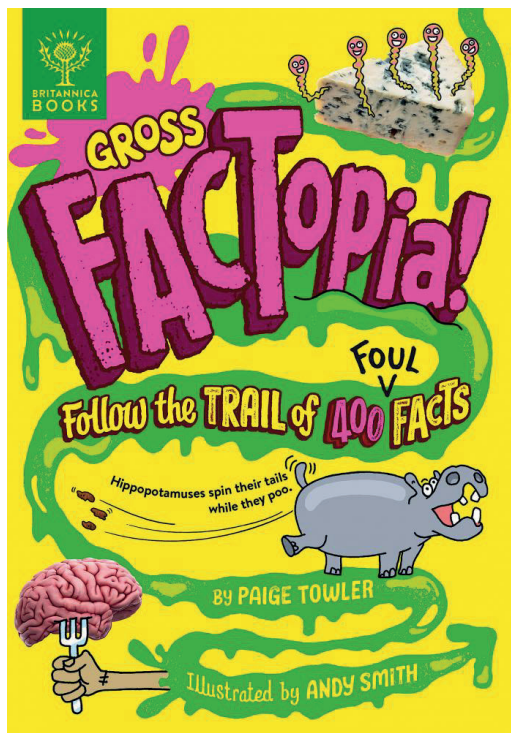
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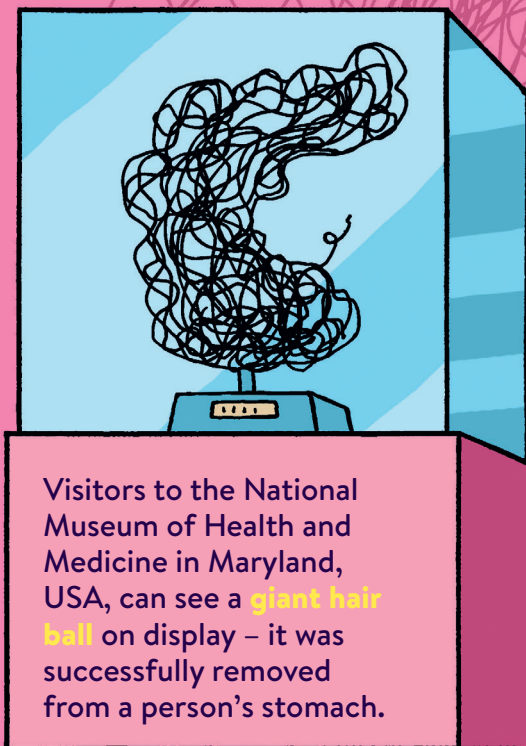


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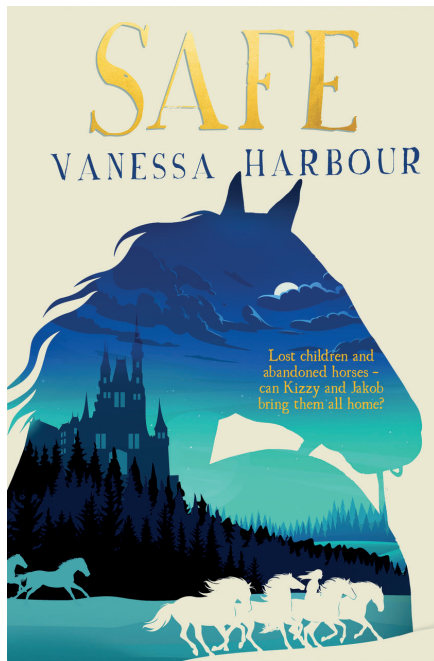
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### Thrilling WWII MG adventure

- Kizzy and Jakob, a Roma girl and a Jewish boy, face an epic adventure to save not only forty horses but a group of displaced children in great danger. This time the story is told from Kizzy's point of view.
- *Flight*, Jakob and Kizzy's first adventure, was one of *New Statesman's* Best Children's Books of Summer 2018. It was selected for Empathy Lab's Read for Empathy Collection 2020, shortlisted for the Sheffield Children's Book Awards 2019 and longlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2019. It has been published in the US by Feiwel & Friends (March 2021).

#### Summary:

In the chaotic last days of World War II, Jacob and Kizzy are tricked into a life or death journey.

The stable think they are helping to fetch some rare horses, but it's a lie. Far from home, they are attacked. They hide in an seemingly deserted mansion, but they keep hearing strange noises...

Investigating, they find it shelters not only forty abandoned horses but a small band of lost children, displaced by the war. With the Nazis and Russians heading towards them, how can Kizzy and Jakob keep them safe and get them all home?

**Why we love it:** 'Vanessa has created a brilliant, huge-hearted adventure, set in the anarchy at the end of a war. It's frightening and yet so hopeful, reminding us that every life is precious. Most of all, it is the story of an amazing friendship.' Janet Thomas, Editor



**Vanessa Harbour** was born in Bromsgrove. She is Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of Winchester. *Flight*, her first novel, was published in 2018, and has since sold in the US and been selected for Empathy Lab's #ReadforEmpathy Guide.

Pub date: 1st Sept 22

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RRP: £7.99

Format: PB

Size: 129 x 198mm

Extent: 224pp

Age group: 9-12

Rights: World and audio



# The Shadow Order

Rebecca F. John

- Stunning atmospheric middle-grade fantasy debut by Costa and Sunday Times shortlisted author Rebecca F. John
- For fans of Vashti Hardy, Peter Bunzl and Nicola Davies.
- Set in an alternative Britain, a richly imagined fantasy with political and environmental themes and YA crossover appeal.

## Summary:

- One year on from the day the shadows shifted and began to show, not people's shapes but their truest selves, teenage friends Teddy, Betsy and Effie plan to risk all and watch the winter sun rise over Copperwell, in defiance of the Shadow Order.
- But from their hidden vantage point the three shocked friends witness a mysterious woman shouting a dire warning, before being arrested, beaten and dragged away in handcuffs.
- The event leads them on an extraordinary series of dangerous adventures as they discover more about the disturbance in the natural world surrounding Copperwell, battle to save their city and start to recognise their truest selves.

## Why we love this book:

Rebecca is a stunning prose writer with a strong vision and masterfully drawn characters. This absorbing winter adventure through the labyrinthine streets of Copperwell, the forests around it and the stars above brings us closer to the world around us and to our truest selves.



- **Rebecca F. John** is the author of four books for adults. Her short stories have been broadcast on BBC Radio 4 and BBC Radio 4Extra. The Haunting of Henry Twist was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award.
- She attended Swansea University and holds an MA in Creative Writing.

## Rebecca is based in Swansea.

- Pub date: September 2022
- ISBN: 9781913102951
- RRP: £7.99
- Format: paperback
- Size: 129 x 198mm
- Extent: 288pp (approx)
- Age: 9-12
- Rights: World English language

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CBMC **A3M79**  
 Age **0-5 years**  
 Subject **Fiction**  
 Type **Picture Book**  
 Character **Non-character**  
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Hardback**  
 Format **295mm x 210mm**  
 Extent **40 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Territorial Rights **Worldwide**  
 In-House Editor **Harriet Birkinshaw**

Author born in **Sardinia, Italy**  
 Author living in **London, UK**

## When Mino Took the Bus

### Simona Ciraolo



#### Keynote

From the bestselling creator of Hug Me, comes a beautiful and heart-warming picture book about making new friends and appreciating the small moments in life.

#### Description

*Turning eight weeks old is no ordinary feat, when you are a chipmunk. It's time to say goodbye to mama and set out alone towards what lies ahead.*

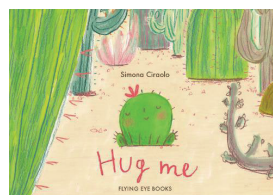
When the day comes for little Mino to leave, he gives his mama a kiss and excitedly gets on a bus. The bus will take him to his future home, where he will plant his seeds and watch them grow. Mino is impatient for his new life to begin and his bus journey to be over. As the bus stops and a new passenger boards, Mino begins to meet new friend after new friend, each who show him something he never knew before. As his trip draws to an end, Mino might just discover that the journey counts just as much as the destination.

#### Sales Points

- Sweet and gentle story carries a meaningful message about friendship.
- Gorgeous illustrations make this a stunning gift
- Reading together offers a way to talk about feelings associated with social anxiety, including starting school

#### Author Biography

**Simona Ciraolo** is a Sardinian-born author and illustrator whose witty and endearing tales recently won her the Sebastian Walker Award. Ciraolo studied animation at the National Film School in Turin, Italy, before moving to the UK where she undertook an MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. She has also worked as a freelance 2D animator for children's TV shows and illustrated five picture books for an independent Italian publisher..



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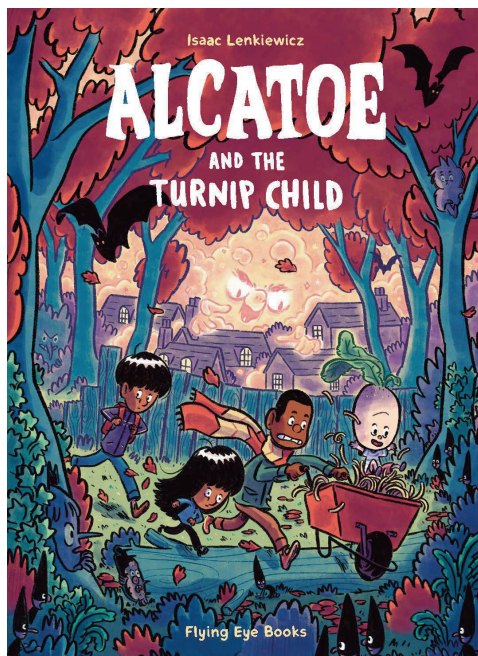
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To pass the time, Mino shows the driver his collection of leaves.



They also discuss rocks and talk about their favourite shade of brown.

However, there is one thing Mino wants to know most of all...



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Price **£9.99**

ISBN-13 **9781838740146**

CBMC **B3M79**

Age **5-7 years**

Subject **Fiction**

Type **Picture Book**

Character **Non-character**

Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Trade Paperback**

Format **260 x 190 mm**

Extent **64 pages**

Word Count

Series **Alcatoe**

Territorial Rights **Worldwide**

In-House Editor **Susannah Shane**

Author born in **UK**

Author living in **South West, UK**

## Alcatoe and the Turnip Child

Isaac Lenkiewicz



### Keynote

Join Alcatoe, the one witch of Plum Woods, create mischief and mayhem at the harvest festival!

### Description

Alcatoe, the one witch of Plum Woods, is always ready to use her mischief and misguided magic. When the village decides to hold a vegetable growing contest, the children are set to compete against the grumpiest old man in all of Plum Woods. They enlist Alcatoe's help, and beg for a spell to grow the biggest turnip. But a lot can go wrong even with a perfectly simple turnip-enlarging spell...like growing a few arms and legs.

Will Alcatoe manage spoil the entire harvest festival, even if it means the Turnip Child gets turned into a casserole? Disaster, chaos and magical fun ensue in this laugh-out-loud illustrated title that is perfect for middle-grade readers.

### Sales Points

- First children's title from exciting new talent in illustrated young fiction.
- Includes themes of chosen family, acceptance of different identities, and belonging to a community.
- Visual storytelling helps reluctant readers, while more confident readers will enjoy the wordplay.

### Author Biography

**Isaac Lenkiewicz** is an author and illustrator currently living in Devon, UK. He spends most of his time drawing things, and a lot of giants, moon men and creatures that lived hundreds of millions of years ago pop up in his work. Isaac is the author of Triassic Terrors and also self-publishes many of his own comics.

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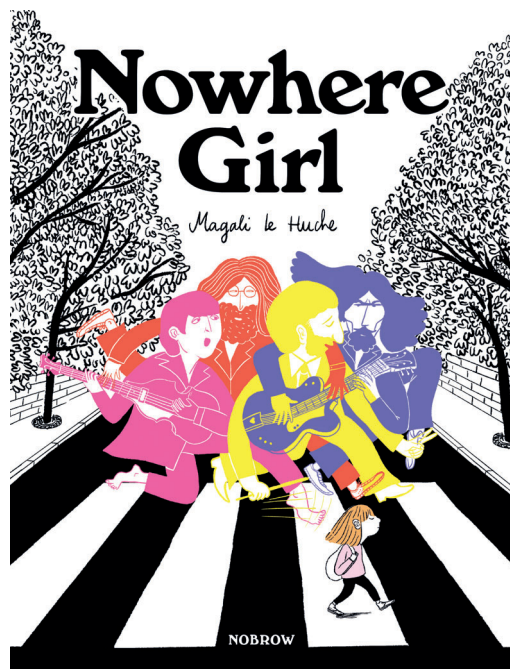
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If she gets angry, we  
all run away. Deal?

We'll all stick  
together, right?

Holly?!

Emma?!  
Holly?!



Publication date **Thursday, September 01, 2022**

Price **£14.99**  
ISBN-13 **9781913123192**

CBMC **E3M79**  
Age **12+ years**  
Subject **Fiction**  
Type **Picture Book**  
Character **Non-character**  
Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**  
Format **225 x 170 mm**  
Extent **128 pages**

Word Count  
Territorial Rights **Worldwide**  
In-House Editor **Niamh Jones**

Author born in **Paris, France**  
Author living in **Paris, France**

## Nowhere Girl

### Magali Le Huche

**NOBROW**

#### Keynote

A coming-of-age story that explores adolescence, failure...and the Beatles.

#### Description

This is the story of a girl growing up in the 1990s – a middle-schooler who finds herself lost in the gulf between childhood and adolescence, developing paralyzing fears of failure, school, other people, and her own changing body. Along the way, she becomes obsessed with the Beatles... which might be just what she needs to find her way back to being okay. Yeah yeah yeah!

#### Sales Points

- It's an excellent coming-of-age title that discusses anxiety and how it can be overcome.
- The illustrations are beautiful: predominantly black and white, except when the Beatles make an appearance, and the colour really jumps off the page.
- Great for fans of the Beatles or for anyone who finds comfort in music.
- The French edition of *Nowhere Girl* received a Special Mention in the Middle Grade Comics Category of the Bologna Ragazzi 2022 Awards.

#### Author Biography

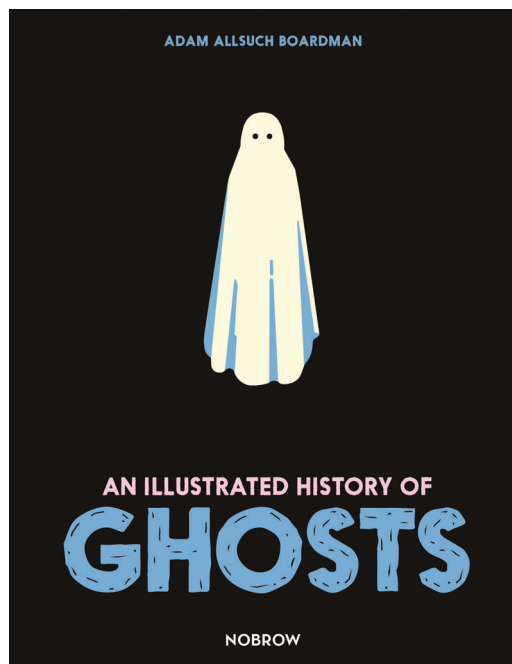
**Magali Le Huche** was born in Paris in 1979. She spent five years at the school of decorative arts in Strasbourg, three of which she specialized in illustration. She left the school in 2004 and came back to Paris with her first two children's books tucked under her arm: "Les Sirènes de Belpêchao" (2005 Didier) and "Bertille Bonnepoire" (2006, Sarbacane). Ever since then, she's been working regularly as an author and illustrator for the press and children's publishing. "À la recherche du nouveau père" (2015, Dargaud) is her second graphic novel in collaboration with Gwendoline Raisson. In 2021, Magali created "Nowhere Girl" (Dargaud; Europe Comics in English), a touching and humorous autobiographical tale about a young girl overcoming school phobia by listening to The Beatles. "Nowhere Girl" received the 2021 Pépite Award in the Comics category of the Salon du livre jeunesse de Montreuil and a special mention from the jurors of the 2022 Bologna Ragazzi Awards in the Middle Grade Comics category.

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ISBN-13 **9781913123079**

Binding **Hardback**  
Format **245 x 185 mm**  
Extent **128 pages**  
Word Count  
Series **The Illustrated History Of**

Territorial Rights **Worldwide**  
In-House Editor **Harriet Birkinshaw**

Author born in **West Yorkshire, UK**  
Author living in **Leeds, UK**

## An Illustrated History of Ghosts

**Adam Allsuch Boardman**

### Keynote

A bump in the night, the crack of floorboards and the uneasy coldness of a room...Signs we might attribute to a ghostly presence.

### Description

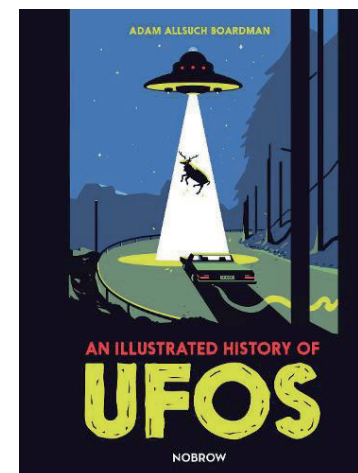
Through the decades, investigators and mediums have dedicated themselves to the task of reaching through the veil and contacting the other side. Whether ghosts are the souls of the dead, windows in time or interdimensional beings, cultures through the ages have responded with fear and fascination to their horrific haunts and eerie appearances. This illustrative study will take you through the history and culture of ghosts.

### Sales Points

- Stylish illustrations differentiate the book from the competition which usually has B&W illustrations or none
- Cult subject matter gaining mass appeal through conspiracy theory YouTube.
- A great gift for someone interested in countercultures, cults, conspiracy theories etc

### Author Biography

**Adam Allsuch Boardman** grew up in an exceptionally green part of the Yorkshire Dales in England, and studied BA Illustration at Leeds Arts University. He is currently a freelance illustrator, doing jobs for national museum exhibits, educational publications and historic businesses. He is greatly influenced by film and television as well as books, from authors such as Agatha Christie to Isaac Asimov.



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# FREAKY FIGURES

## Isla De Las Muñecas

Xochimilco, Mexico, Circa 1950s

In the canals of Xochimilco, a small island bears hundreds of artfully arranged dolls. According to legend, the island's owner, Don Julián Santana Barrera installed the dolls to appease the ghost of a drowned girl.

The crew from the TV show Ghost Adventures, who visited the island in 2014 and were delighted by the general atmosphere and strange sounds they heard.



## La Recoleta Cemetery

La Recoleta Cemetery, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Built in 1822, this Argentinian cemetery boasts a fantastic labyrinth of mausoleums. Much like any other burial site, it has attracted a great many ghost stories. According to legend, the teenager Rufina Cambacérès was entombed alive after a comatose state was mistaken for death. Her ghost is said to wander the graves, calling for help. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century some people bought emergency bells that could be operated from within the grave, this is where the idiom 'saved by the bell' originates.



*Distinctively ornate tombs contribute to the haunted reputation.*



**Grave diggers's Ghost**  
Known for phantom key jingling.

**La Dama de Blanco**  
A legendary white lady, adapted into the film *Fantasmas de Buenos Aires* (1942).

**Rufina Cambacérès**  
Reputedly seen lurking around her tomb.





### WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“A refutation for anyone who thinks their island is too full to accommodate outsiders.”

*Children's Book of the Week*  
*The Times*

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# Elephant Island

Author/Illustrator: **Leo Timmers**

A shipwrecked elephant makes his tiny island a home for the many friends who come to the rescue, building increasingly intricate constructions that turn Elephant Island into a fun park city

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Caught in a storm, Arnold the elephant washes up on a tiny island. Along comes Mouse in a little dingy and Arnold steps aboard . . . uh-oh! They use the wreckage to make the island bigger. And here's Dog—can this boat take Arnold's weight? Uh-oh! None of the animals can save the shipwrecked elephant but each broken vessel provides new materials for another intricate construction. Wheels and pulleys create a Ferris wheel, an elevator, a waffle maker. Soon there is a whole community and enough space for everyone!

As with all Leo Timmers picture books, *Elephant Island* has many layers of discovery. Each new building is a magical fun park packed with mechanical detail and busy animals all working together.

### SALES POINTS

- Taps into the pleasure of contraptions—like a building game on the page
- A typical Leo Timmers picture book with many layers of discovery
- “A fascinating and funny tale.” *The Scotsman*
- New York Times Illustrated Book Award winning author
- Initial print run sold out in Europe in one month

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Leo Timmers was born in 1970 in Belgium. He has a large following as one of Belgium's pre-eminent picture book artists.

### ALSO AVAILABLE

*Who's Driving?* by Leo Timmers 9781776571666

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### TITLE INFORMATION

**Release September 2022**

Ages 4–7

Format **paperback**

Size **280 x 210 mm portrait**

Extent **40 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9781776574353**

RRP **GBP 7.99**

Origin **Belgium**

BIC **YBCS**

BISAC **JUV051000, JUV041020,  
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THEMA **picture storybooks;  
imagination and play**

### THEMES & KEYWORDS

**shipwreck, boats, constructions, contraptions, inventions, building, fun park, imagination, desert island, imaginative buildings, Belgian children's book, translation, age 3-5**

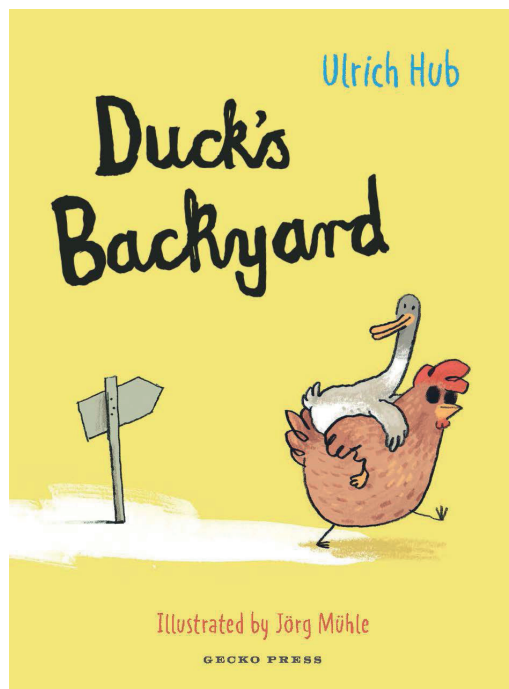
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All eyes looked to Arnold.



## WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“Ulrich Hub’s funny dialogue sparks in this comical two-hander, and Jörg Mühle’s illustrative details are full of personality—like the simple zigzag leg of his limping duck.”

*Rachel Lawson, Publisher*

# Duck’s Backyard

Author: **Ulrich Hub** Illustrator: **Jörg Mühle**

A very funny and philosophical illustrated chapter book by a bestselling author/illustrator pair, in which a duck with a limp takes a blind hen on a goose chase, as they search for adventure and answers to some big questions.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

A duck spends her days limping around her backyard with the help of a crutch until one day a blind hen stumbles in, lost, and persuades the duck to embark on an adventurous journey. The duck will guide the hen; the hen will steady the duck’s wonky leg. They leave together for a place where their most secret wishes will come true.

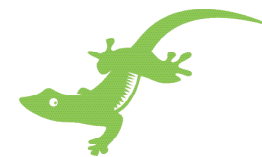
The pair come upon astonishing obstacles along the way—a wild forest, a cavernous gorge and many differences of opinion. The hen starts to wish she’d taken a guide dog rather than a duck! When the two finally arrive at their destination after all the hardships, they realize that their own backyard plus a little imagination offers as much adventure as a whole world.

## SALES POINTS

- Bright, funny dialogue and an ideal read-aloud
- Themes of friendship, difference, imagination, courage
- A philosophical story reminiscent of *Yours Sincerely, Giraffe*, in which the journey is the destination
- Full-colour illustrations
- Author/illustrator pair of popular chapter book *Meet at the Ark at Eight*
- Illustrator of the internationally bestselling *Tickle My Ears*

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Ulrich Hub trained as an actor and now lives in Berlin, Germany. He works as a director for stage and writes plays, screenplays and children’s books, which have won numerous awards. Jörg Mühle has published many successful children’s books worldwide.



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## TITLE INFORMATION

**Release September 2022**

Ages 6–9

Format **paperback**

Size **204 x 144 mm**

Extent **96 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9781776574728**

RRP **GBP 7.99 TBC**

Origin **Germany**

THEMA **YFQ, YFP, YFZT, 5AG**

BISAC **JUV039060, JUV002040, JUV019000, JUV045000**

## THEMES & KEYWORDS

**friendship, disabled characters, disability, imagining, content with home, fulfilling dreams, resilience, courage, overcoming obstacles, animal stories, unconventional, age 6-8, children’s books in translation, German children’s book**

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The duck solicitously points out sharp stones and roots; warns of rotten branches that might fall; teaches the hen about fungi and berries that mustn't be eaten; cringes from ghostly spiders' webs; describes in dismal tones the gnarled trees with trunks overgrown by strange mossy lichens; and is vexed by discarded plastic that could injure wildlife.

"Stop jabbering," says the hen. "And get a move on."

"I'd like to," the duck wails. "But I can't see a wing in front of my face. The last bit of daylight has gone, and we're completely lost. This is the darkest forest in the world. There's nothing around us but darkest darkness."

"Darkness, my clawed foot. Onwards!" the hen orders. "And don't go pretending you're tired."

But there is something strange about this forest. Even the hen has to admit it.





# Let's Play, Little Rabbit

Author & Illustrator: **Jörg Mühle**

Join in with Little Rabbit, playing all the games that toddlers love in this new board book in the internationally bestselling interactive series.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Little Rabbit wants to play. He hides behind a blanket, then peeks out: Peekaboo! He splashes in the bath, swings back and forth, and plays with his own little rabbit too—one, two, three, whee, rabbit flies!

Young children will love taking part in these familiar sequences and laugh at the cheeky finish, because Little Rabbit has grown up enough to play a joke on his readers.

Jörg Mühle's warm and accessible illustrations encourage children to take on all the roles in the story as they copy Little Rabbit. This new book in the bestselling interactive board book series will have toddlers jumping to play.

## SALES POINTS

- A companion, interactive boardbook from the author of the worldwide bestseller *Tickle My Ears*
- Includes favourite toddler games
- Four simple games in sequence—peekaboo, swinging, splashing, spinning in a circle
- Children enjoy switching roles, as the child playing and as the leader of the game with Little Rabbit—fun for adults, children and rabbits
- Little Rabbit bunting available for key stores and large quantities

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Jörg Mühle was born 1973 in Frankfurt am Main and studied at the Offenbach School of Design and the École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris. He has been a freelance illustrator since 2000, and has published many successful children's books worldwide including *Tickle My Ears*, *Two for Me*, *One for You* and illustrations for Ulrich Hub's *Meet at the Ark at Eight*.



GECKO PRESS

## TITLE INFORMATION

**Release September 2022**

Ages **0–2**

Format **board book**

Size **170 x 170 mm**

Extent **20 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9781776574711**

RRP **GBP 7.99**

Origin **Germany**

BIC **YBCB, YBL, YBG**

BISAC **JUV002210, JUV051000, JUV040000**

THEMA **baby books / early years**

## THEMES & KEYWORDS

**baby games, peekaboo, toddler games, baby play, interactive, rabbit, bunny, little rabbit, tickle my ears, age 0-2, children's books in translation, German children's book**

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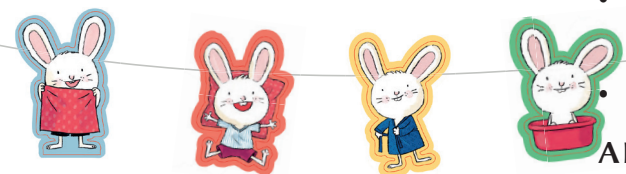
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## WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“The Little Rabbit series is long-selling key Gecko Press backlist, loved by parents and children alike”

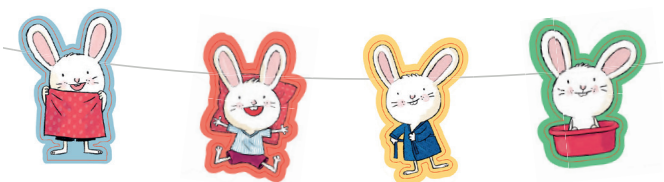
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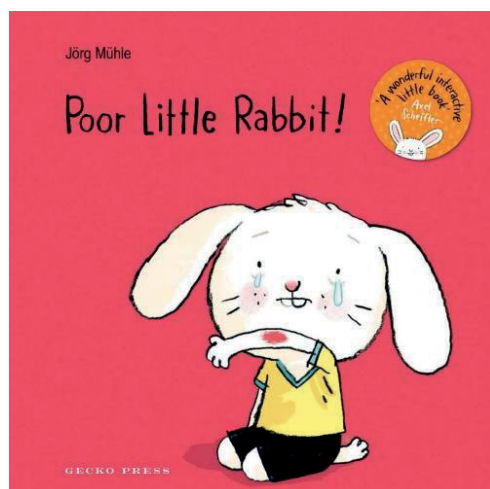
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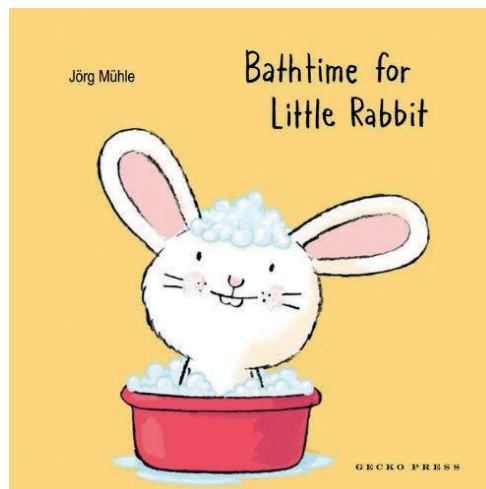


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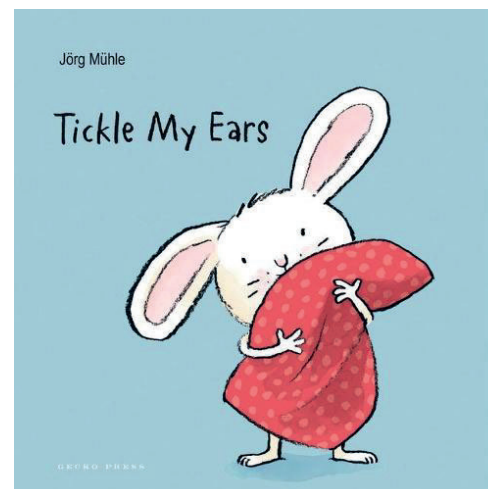
**\*\*Little Rabbit bunting available now\*\***



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Oh no, Little Rabbit has hurt his arm. And there's blood! Can you help him? Blow gently three times, try a band-aid, a rhyme, but he's still crying... Let's give his ears a stroke and wipe his tears. There, all better! Off you go, Little Rabbit!

This sweet and simple board book invites children to help Little Rabbit feel better after he has fallen over, by taking part in a fun activity on each page.

Who enjoys having their ears washed? Little Rabbit doesn't like the idea, but it turns out to be not so bad after all. But he does need your young reader's help. When the blow-dryer breaks, we must blow his ears dry. Wfffff! Keep blowing! Now wrap him in the towel and bathtime is over. Squeaky clean, Little Rabbit!

Beautiful and charming, this book is choc full of bathtime fun for parents and children to read through together!

It's getting late and Little Rabbit must go to sleep. Can you help him? When Little Rabbit asks "Tickle My Ears?" a wonderful new bedtime ritual begins: Clap your hands, fluff the pillow, give Little Rabbit's ears a tickle, stroke his back, pull up the covers and a goodnight kiss. And don't forget to turn out the light: here's the switch!

A sweet introduction to bedtime rituals for families to share together.

*"The Little Rabbit series is long-selling key Gecko Press backlist, loved by parents and children alike"- Julie Marshall, Publisher*

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Jörg Mühle was born 1973 in Frankfurt am Main and studied at the Offenbach School of Design and the École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris. He has been a freelance illustrator since 2000, and has published many successful children's books worldwide including *Tickle My Ears*, *Two for Me*, *One for You* and illustrations for Ulrich Hub's *Meet at the Ark at Eight*.

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# Mindful Me

## hinkler Positive Vibes Colouring Kit

### Selling Points

- Brilliant value for money, with lots of content
- Showing gratitude has proven benefits such as stronger relationships, more optimism, better sleep, and improved self-esteem and resilience
- Mindful Me is a brand new series for kids, with the first wave being all about gratitude, saying thanks, and paying it forward with kindness
- An affordable gift option

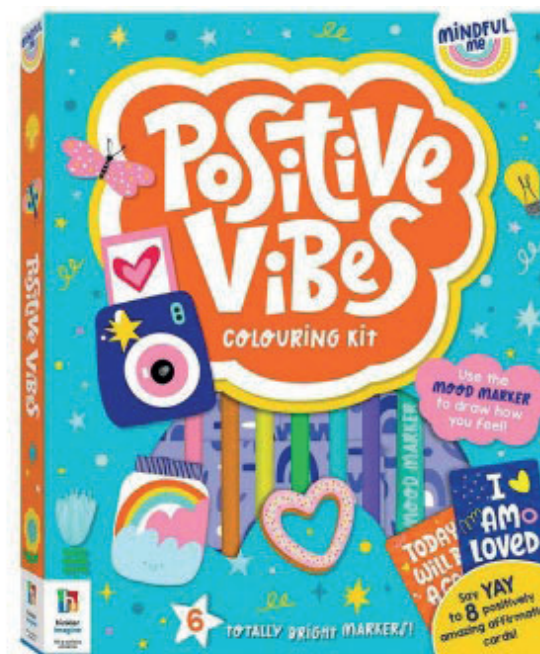
I am kind  
I am brave  
I am smart  
I am strong  
I am honest  
I am thankful

Mindful Me Positive Vibes Colouring Kit includes inspiring affirmations to colour, 6 markers, 8 affirmation cards, plus a Mood Marker, to track how you feel. So take the time to pause and say thanks to the awesome person that you are!

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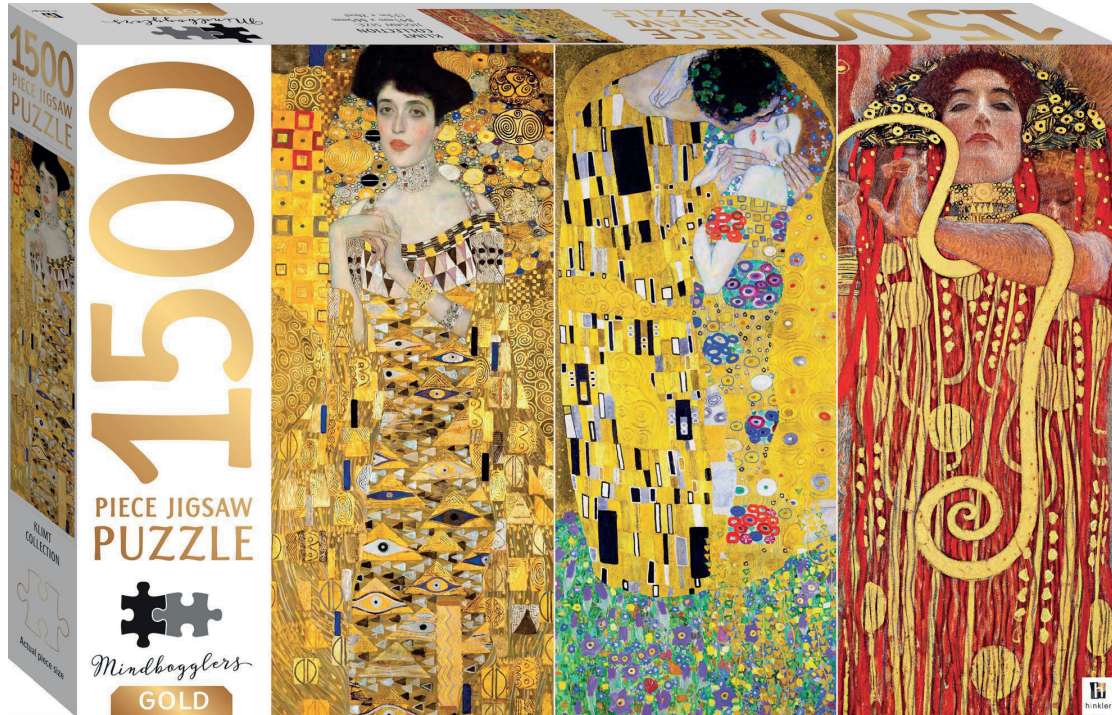
Publication Date	<b>AVAILABLE NOW</b>
ISBN / Barcode	9781865152707
Format	Box
Extent/Contents	32-page pad; 6 markers; 8 affirmation cards; a Mood Marker
Size (h x w x d)	290 x 230 x 28mm
Carton Quantity	16
RRP	£14.99 (inc. VAT)
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# Mindboggler's Gold 1500 Piece Jigsaw

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Mindboggler's Gold 1500 piece puzzles feature high-quality images accented with stunning gold highlights, applied with painstaking precision, to create an image of exquisite beauty.

More than your average jigsaw, this stunning reproduction of Austrian painter Gustav Klimt's famed work 'The Kiss' is paired with his work 'Medicine' – which shows the Greek Goddess of Health, Hygieia – and has been carefully selected for its detail, composition and quality, and is great fun to put together on your own, or with family and friends.



## Selling Points

- A large, high-quality jigsaw that represents brilliant value for money
- From a market-leading line of photographic landscape puzzles
- Perfect detail and composition, for a fun yet challenging puzzle
- An affordable gift option

## Specifications

Publication Date	AVAILABLE NOW
ISBN / Barcode	9354537001612
Format	Box
Extent/Contents	1500 pieces
Size (h x w x d)	225mm x 350mm x 45mm
Carton Quantity	6
RRP	£9.99 (inc. VAT)

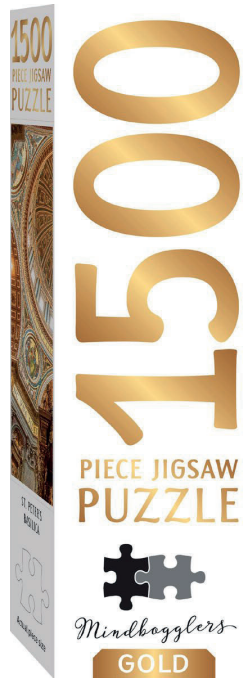


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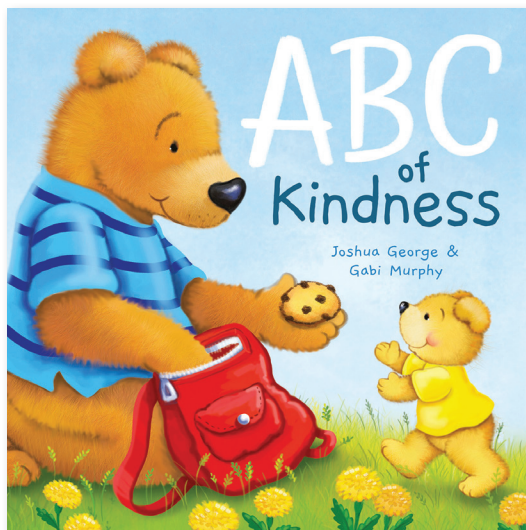
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# Picture Storybooks : ABC of Kindness



978-1-80105-390-7

**'A is for always, I'll always be there. B is for books, that we like to share ...'**

This joyous, illustrated alphabet of kindness in picture storybook form is perfect for adults and little ones to share. With poignant, heart-warming text by Joshua George and adorable, spot-on illustrations by Gabi Murphy, it offers numerous little nuggets of kindness to return to again and again, from caring and sharing to hugging and giving, and much, much more.

## About the author:

Joshua George is an experienced author of both fiction and non-fiction for children. His books have been published under various pen names in over 20 countries and have sold over one million copies worldwide. Joshua's picture book 'Roar! went the Lion' was selected for the 2017 Bookstart Corner library pack.

## Key Selling Points:

- A joyous way to learn about kindness and the alphabet in one heart-warming read.
- So many acts of kindness to talk about and return to again and again.
- An author/illustrator pairing that hits exactly the right note for adult-child sharing.

**Pub date:** September 2022

**RRP:** £6.99

**Format:** Picture Books

**Age:** 3-5

**Extent:** 32pp

**Dimensions:** 254x254mm

**Cover finishes:** Paperback, spot UV, matt lamination

**BIC code:** YBCS

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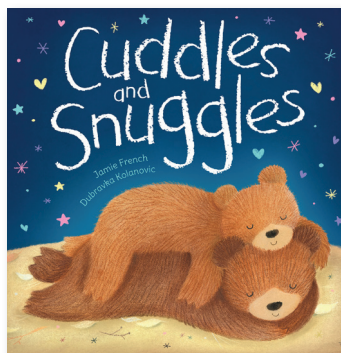
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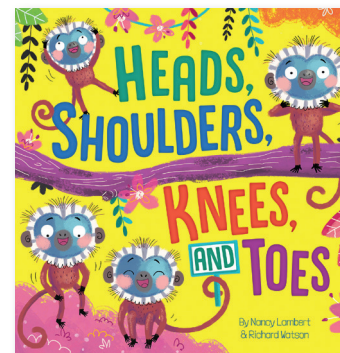
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# Picture Storybooks : Black and White



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## Join the pandas for a funny story about empathy, friendship and challenging misconceptions.

Lottie is a black-and-white panda and does not like playing with white-and-black pandas - they have absolutely nothing in common at all! Lola is a white-and-black panda and does not like playing with black-and-white pandas - they have absolutely nothing in common at all!

Lottie and Lola come to realise that they do have a lot in common after all: they both like sleeping; they both like hugs and snuggles; their mum and dad; and of course they both love bamboo.

### About the author:

Seb Davey (who also writes under the pen name of Oakley Graham) has been sniffing, selling, reading and writing books for pretty much his whole life. As Oakley Graham, Seb has written many bestselling children's books, including *The Bear Who Would Not Share*, which was selected as a Top 50 'Pick of the Year' at the 2017 Children's Book Awards. Alongside writing, Seb has enjoyed mentoring aspiring authors and illustrators and also finds time to run ultra-marathons. Pass him a donut if you see him. He'll probably need it!

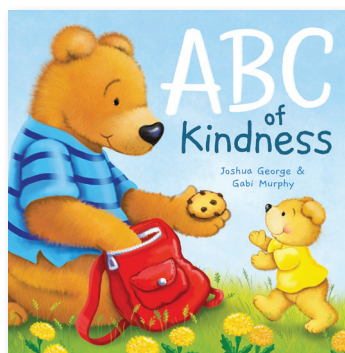
### Key Selling Points:

- A story that gently challenges misconceptions and builds empathy and understanding.
- A humorous inclusivity tale that is perfect for modern times.
- An ideal story for opening up first discussions about race.

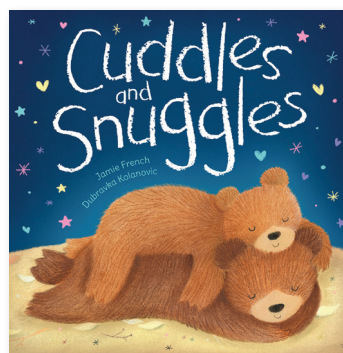
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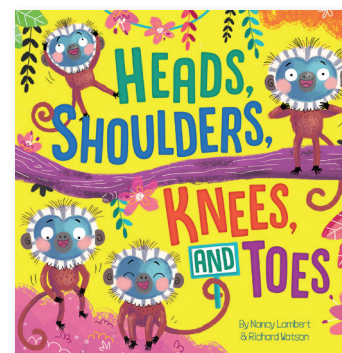
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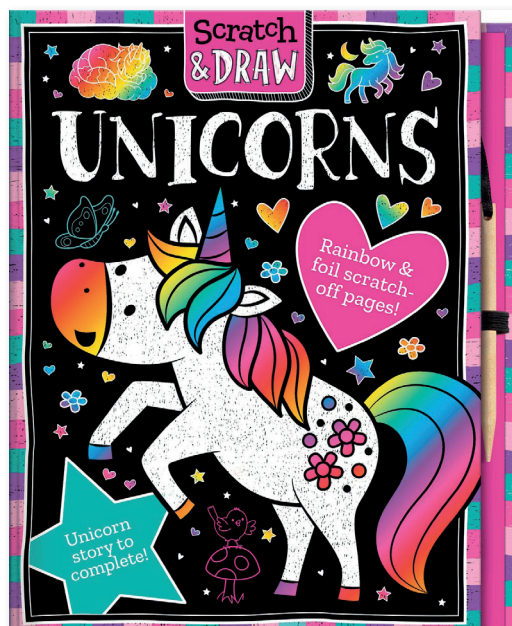
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## Create AMAZING rainbow and foil art with Scratch and Draw Unicorns!

Includes step-by-step instructions to learn how to draw amazing pictures of magical unicorns. Rainbow patterns and shiny foil hide beneath the black coating-use the wooden stylus to cleverly reveal them with a simple scratch! Finish the brilliant scratch art unicorn-themed adventure story included. Easy to use, amazing results! Creative art activity fun for children age 5 and up.

### About the author:

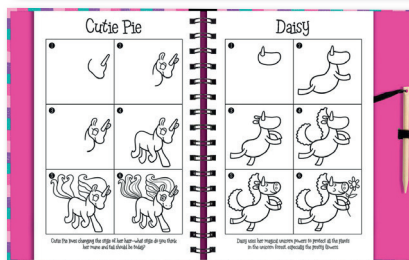
Lindsey knew she wanted to be a designer from an early age. Her favourite playthings were pencils and paints, and her first gallery was the fridge door. Her love for art and design led her to graduate with a first class honours degree in Graphic Design. Lindsey has now embarked on a big adventure and packed her books, pens and laptop to travel and create art around the world.

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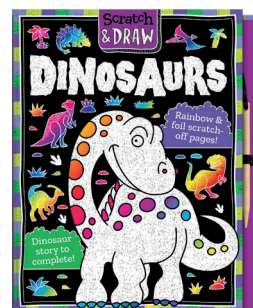
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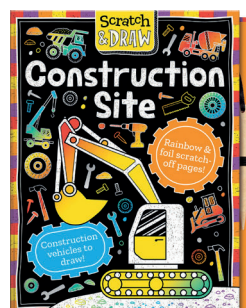


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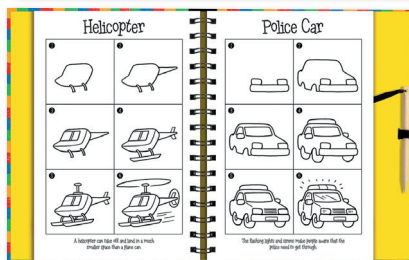
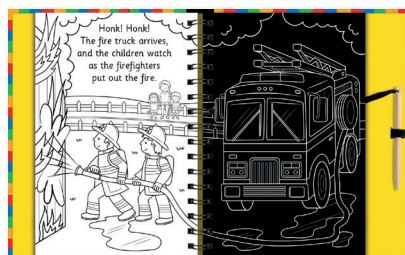
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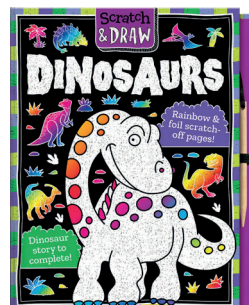
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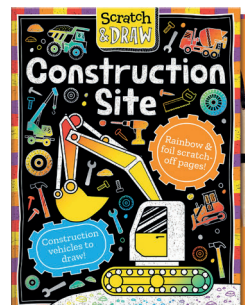


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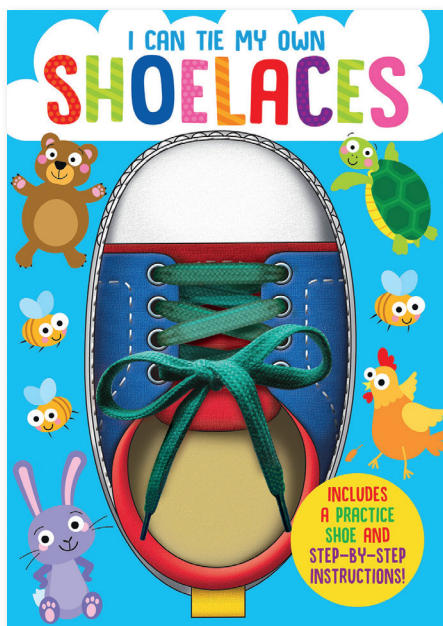
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## Reach for the stars with first learning fun!

Learn to tie your shoelaces with this adorable novelty book, complete with a practice shoelace woven through the back cover, which you can tie and retie again and again!

Ideal for first years at school, the friendly animal characters in this book will help you grasp the essential skill of tying your shoelaces, with simple step-by-step instructions and catchy rhymes.

Get a head start in the classroom! Impress your teachers by becoming the first in your class to learn how to tie your own shoelaces.

## About the author:

After studying for BA (Hons) and MA degrees in English and American literature, Oakley Graham has been writing children's books ever since. He has penned over 200 children's books and has produced work for Penguin, Disney, School Specialty, Scholastic, Barnes & Noble, The Hayward Art Gallery London, Washington Corcoran Gallery of Art and Imagine That, to name but a few.

## Key Selling Points:

- Educational value - teaches key life skills.
- No.1 best-selling shoelace book in the UK!
- Includes practice laces to make learning easy and fun.

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LOOK  
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**Pub date:** September 2022

**RRP:** £6.99

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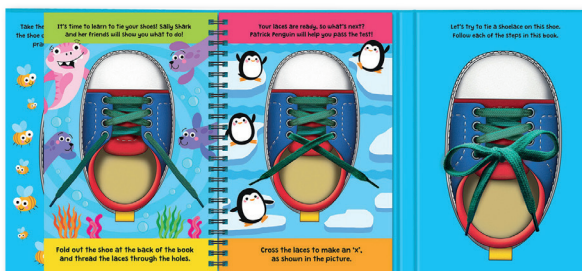
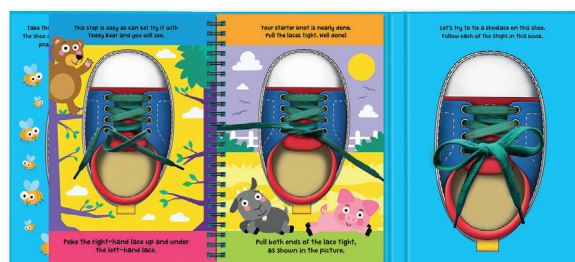
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## About the author:

A bookworm from an early age, Kate Thomson was born and raised in Hertfordshire, UK. After studying English Literature at Lancaster University, she now lives by the sea in Suffolk with her husband and children. She has written both fiction and non-fiction titles for Imagine That.

## Key Selling Points:

- Educational value - teaches key life skills.
- Includes moving hands to make learning to tell the time easy and fun!
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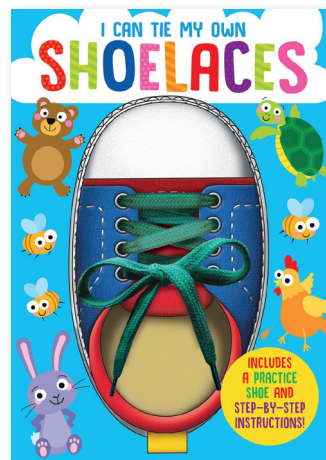
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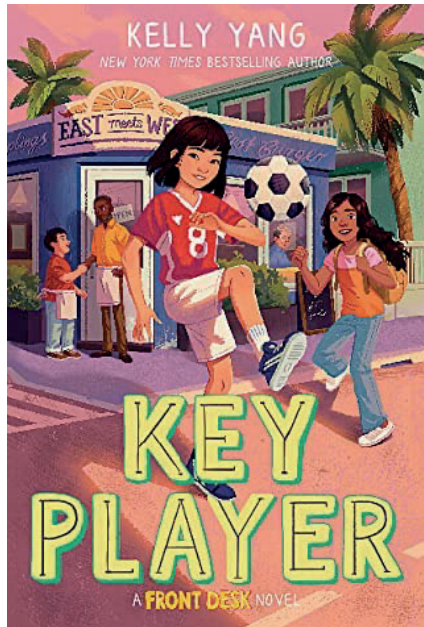
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# Key Player (Front Desk #4)

## Kelly Yang

**Mia Tang is going for the goal in the fourth book in the Waterstones Prize shortlisted Front Desk series!**

The Women's World Cup is coming to California and, with the U.S. playing China in the finals, Mia feels like her two identities are finally coming together. Less exciting is the fact that her P.E. teacher wants Mia to get out and play football too – or she won't earn a spot at journalism camp. But, as always, Mia Tang is ready with a plan...

It's not always easy though; as Mia aims for her goals, she'll have to face prejudice, discrimination, and her own fears. But if anyone can find a way to win, it's Mia Tang!

### Sales & Marketing Points:

- Kelly Yang is a New York Times bestselling author who writes moving and inspiring stories about immigration, change, and friendship.
- Key Player continues to draw on Kelly's own experience as an immigrant in the US with a heart-warming and relatable protagonist.
- The Front Desk series has sold over 5K copies in the UK.
- An ideal middle-grade series for readers aged 7+
- Key player is the fourth book in the series and will be published in September 2022, simultaneously with the US.
- Kelly is available for digital events, and we are aiming to bring her to the UK in 2022.
- Extensive PR and Marketing campaign plans.
- Teaching resources and POS will be available.
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# The Horse, the Stars and the Road

written & illustrated by Lucy Kelly Desmond

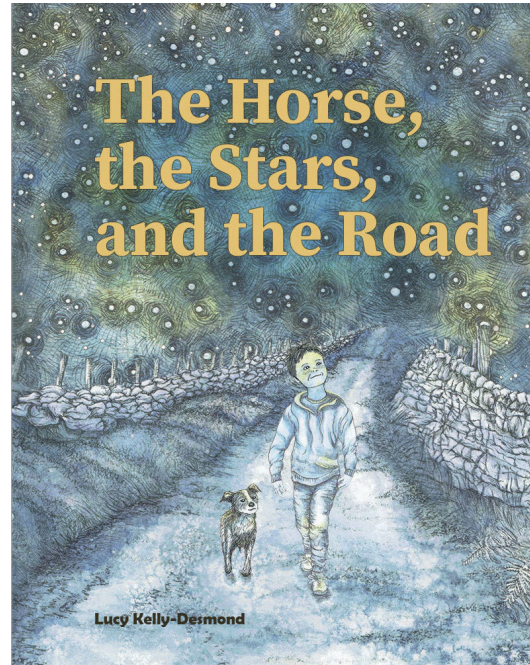
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Beautiful watercolour images combine with gentle text to tell a meaningful story about a boy engaging with his identity as an Irish Traveller

## Summary

All the children at school have to bring something from home to show the class. Sonny doesn't know what to bring - will the other children laugh at him if he brings in a horseshoe?

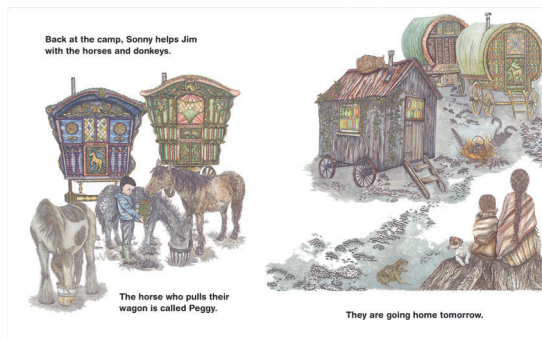
When Uncle Jim takes Sonny on a trip in his wagon, he tells Sonny stories around the campfire. He shows him how he works metal in the traditional way and takes him to a horse fair. Watching Jim, Sonny starts to feel better about where he comes from. Now he can't wait to tell everyone at school all about being an Irish Traveller, and to share their rich and distinctive cultural history and traditions.



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## Key Sales Points

- **Seamlessly combines stunning illustrations with a moving story:** Lucy Kelly-Desmond unspools a moving tale about a young boy learning about his Irish Traveller background and the culture and traditions that go along with it and are unique to this group, including the art of tinsmithing.
- **Carries a powerful message** about the importance of embracing our ancestry and keeping traditions alive
- **Beautifully illustrated:** features stunning, entirely hand-drawn illustrations
- **Offers a window to the rich cultural history of the Travelling Community:** Celebrates the important tradition of tinsmithing in this community



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At the campsite,  
Jim tells them stories  
about his childhood.  
Sonny loves that.

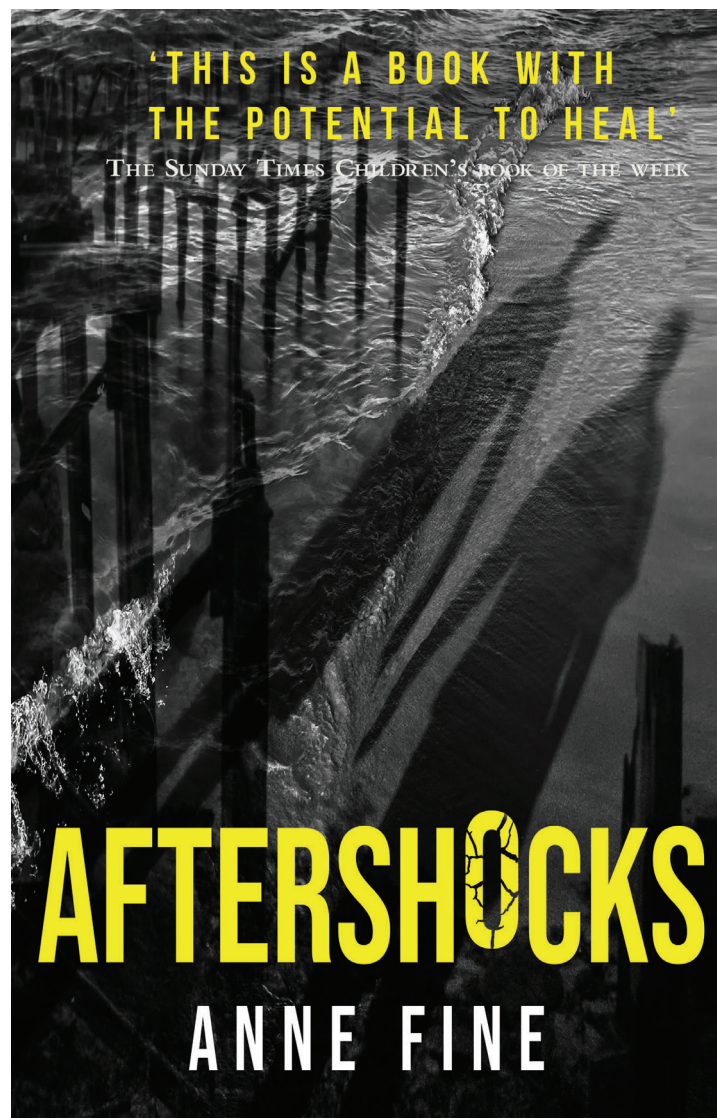
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## About the author

Former Children's Laureate Anne Fine has written over seventy books for children and has twice won the Carnegie Medal. She began to write to entertain herself when she was unable to get to the library to change her books in a snowstorm, and she hasn't stopped since. Her writing very often tackles serious social issues but can also be laugh-out-loud funny and her range is demonstrated by the successes of *Madam Doubtfire* and *Goggle Eyes*.

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## Aftershocks



## About Aftershocks

A family mix-up means Louie has to tag along with his engineer father and his team as they head for a routine job in the farthest flung and most neglected province of the Federation. A massive earthquake, with ensuing tsunami, devastates the entire isolated coastal region, laying bare the other-worldly manner in which the silent and strange Endlanders deal with life, death and the hinterlands of memory and loss. Their curious and unsettling ways raise ghosts for Louie, who has recently lost his own brother. This modern fable – **part ghost-story, part coming-of-age novel** and part astute social and **family** observation – explores the ways in which **grief** can affect not only individuals, but communities at large.

'...a very other-worldly novel that explores ideas of loss and grief both on a macroscopic and microscopic level and the kinds of collateral damage that can arise from this within families. ...how well Anne realises the emotional capacity of boys and how timely that feels amidst discussions on toxic masculinity.' - **Jake Hope, reading consultant**



# Stories of Peace and Kindness



For a Better World

Elizabeth Laird, illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini

**Seven wise and wonderful stories from war-torn lands, showing how peace and kindness can make our world a better place**

Will two tribes in Ethiopia make peace by throwing their most precious possessions in the river? Can a poor Palestinian shepherd show a rich sultan the value of true kindness? Or will an angel in Afghanistan find a way to turn the selfish Emir into a caring ruler? Buried treasure and an act of forgiveness reunite a father and daughter in Sudan while a camel is the key to choosing a kind and fair ruler for the kingdom of Yemen. Hear the Syrian story of the woodcutter and the lion to discover the meaning of friendship, and then follow nine courageous Uighur princesses of Kashgar, as they bring peace to their kingdom – without any fighting.

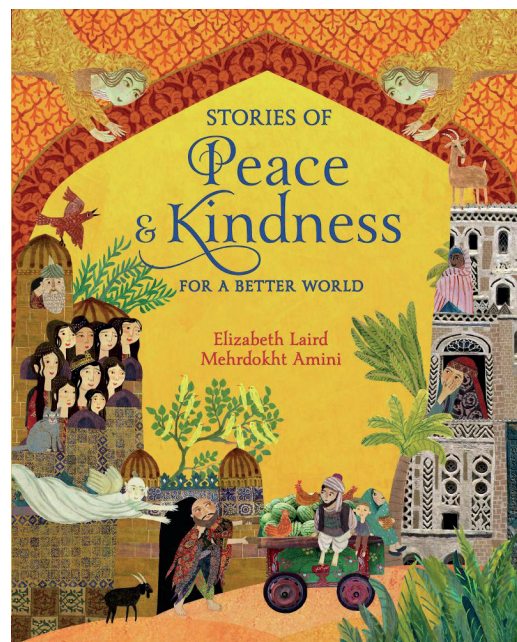
The importance of peace and kindness in our lives shines through these timeless, inspirational stories from seven countries, beautifully told and illustrated with empathy and humour.

- Uplifting stories from Afghanistan, Sudan, Syria, Ethiopia, Palestine, Yemen and a rare Uighur story from China, to inspire hope and reconciliation
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- Artwork by an internationally acclaimed Iranian illustrator
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## Author Information

**Elizabeth Laird** is a Scottish author who has spent many years gathering and retelling folktales from all over the world. She has lived and worked in many countries, including Ethiopia, Malaysia, Iraq and Lebanon and set up a project with the Ethiopian Ministry of Education and the British Council to preserve folktales from all over Ethiopia. She is the author of many acclaimed novels and her books have been translated into 25 languages and won many awards. She has been shortlisted six times for the Carnegie Medal. Elizabeth divides her time between Richmond, Surrey and Edinburgh.

**Mehrdokht Amini** is an Iranian-born illustrator who has lived in Britain since 2004. She graduated in Graphic Design at Teheran University. Her book work includes *Golden Dawns* and *Silver Lanterns* and *Chicken in the Kitchen* (2016) which was Best Book at the Children's Africana Book Awards, and is a 'White Ravens' honour book. Mehrdokht lives in London.



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Colour illustrations

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# The Dog-Fight

A Sidama story from Ethiopia

It was a bright day in the highlands of Ethiopia and the thatched roofs of the village houses were steaming gently in the sun.

A woman came to the door of her hut and gave a bone to her son's little dog, but before he'd had a chance to enjoy it, a bigger dog dashed up and grabbed the bone for himself.

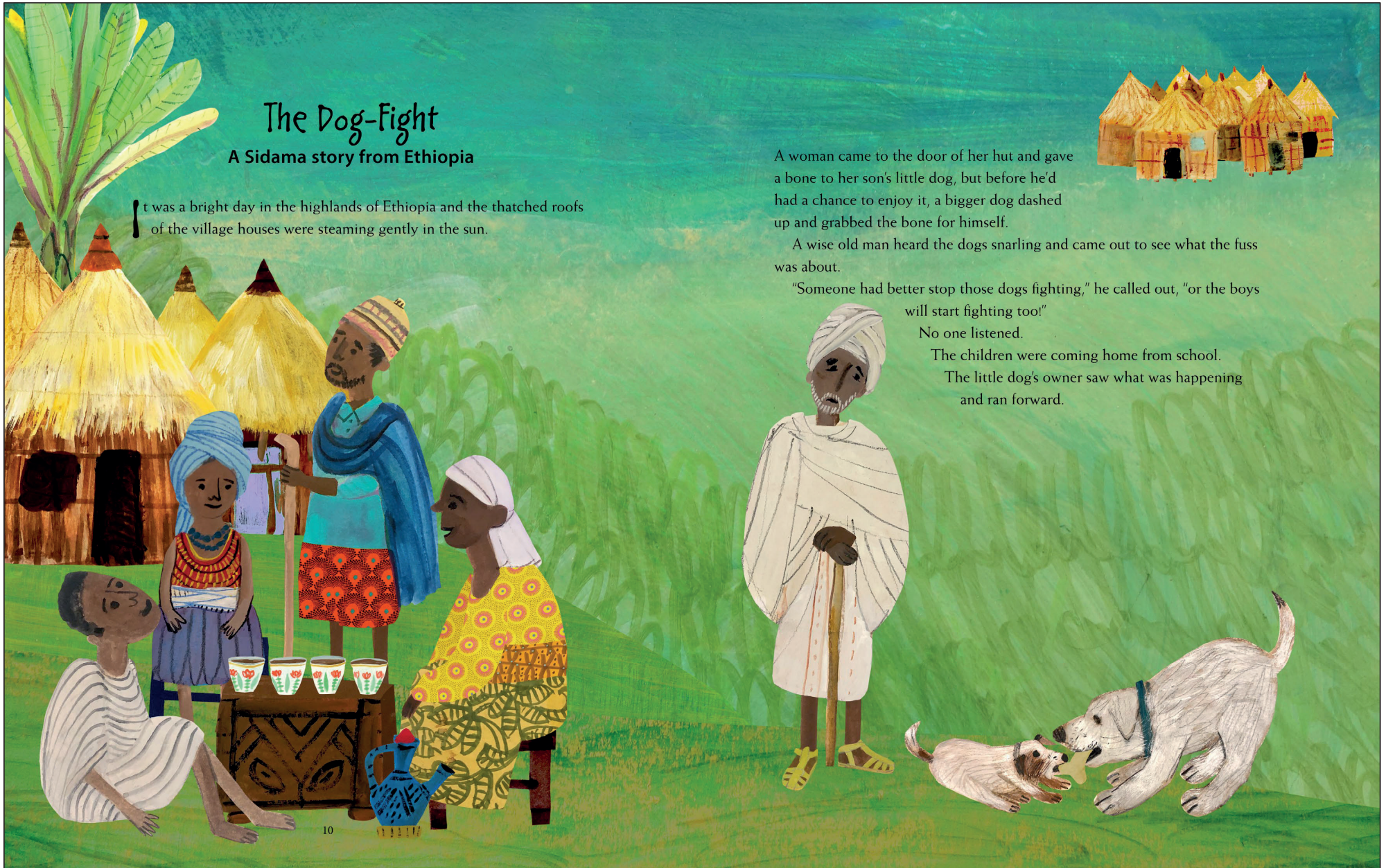
A wise old man heard the dogs snarling and came out to see what the fuss was about.

"Someone had better stop those dogs fighting," he called out, "or the boys will start fighting too!"

No one listened.

The children were coming home from school.

The little dog's owner saw what was happening and ran forward.





The next time the Emir held out his hands to receive the usual gift of food, the angel smiled at him.

"You did well," he said. "Soon you'll have your reward."

Now the Emir began to notice other people he could help, old men weighed down with heavy loads, travellers needing a guide to show them their way, poor women struggling to push their handcarts through the crowded streets.

They all thanked him and shared with him the little they had – fruit from a market stall, a few coins, fresh bread from the bakery.

"Why did I never know my people before?" he said out loud one day. "How good and kind they are! If only I was their Emir again, how different I would be!"

As soon as he had spoken, the angel appeared in front of him.

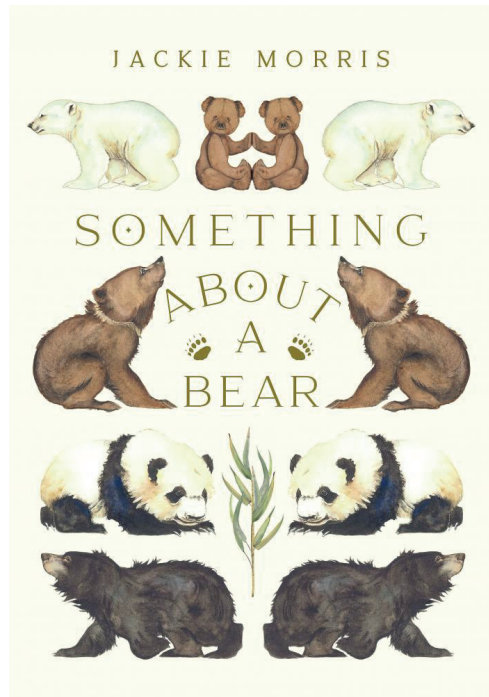
"You've learned your lesson," he said to the Emir. "Go back to your old life, and be a fair and kind ruler."

He disappeared, and in the place where he'd stood lay a heap of royal clothes.

Joyfully, the Emir dressed himself and ran to the palace. This time, the guards swung the heavy doors open to let him in.

And from that time on, no one in the Emir's kingdom went hungry, no greedy officials were allowed to steal from the poor, the bullies were punished and everyone who asked for justice received it. Even the cats prowling outside the palace were given their daily milk, and the doves on the rooftop were wnever without a scattering of corn.





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# Something About A Bear

Jackie Morris

A beautiful large-format gift edition of Jackie Morris's stunning and evocative celebration of bears

*Let me tell you something, something about a bear...*

Here are eight majestic wild bears, brought to life in breathtaking watercolour paintings. Brown Bear, Black Bear, Polar Bear, Sloth Bear, Spectacled Bear, Sun Bear, Moon Bear. All are gloriously depicted, with lyrical descriptions of their lives in the wild.

But of all the bears in the wild, wide world, which is the best bear of all? Your teddy bear, of course!

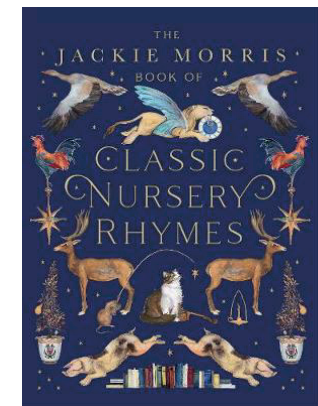
Kate Greenaway medallist Jackie Morris, acclaimed illustrator of the international bestseller, *The Lost Words*, has created this spectacular gallery of bears to instil a love of wild places and a respect for all creatures.

- A fantastic all-ages gift book
- By the illustrator of *The Lost Words* and *Spellsongs*
- Now reissued in spectacular large format edition
- Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2016
- Includes all eight bear species plus conservation notes about each bear
- Jackie Morris has over 60,000 followers on social media and will actively promote to independent booksellers and galleries

## Author Information

**Jackie Morris** is the bestselling author and illustrator, photographer and painter who created the international bestseller, *The Lost Words*, winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019, with Robert Macfarlane. Her books for Otter-Barry Books include *One Cheetah*, *One Cherry*, *The Seal Children*, *The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes* and, with James Mayhew, *Can You See a Little Bear?*, *Mrs Noah's Pockets*, *Mrs Noah's Garden* and *Mrs Noah's Song*. She lives in Pembrokeshire.

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So, let me tell you something,  
something about a bear.

Of all the bears in the wide wild world,  
the very best bear of all is . . .

# Eco Girl

Ken Wilson-Max



**One little girl's bond with the Baobab trees in her local forest shows how even young children can help to look after trees**

*"Can you love and care for your Baobab tree so it grows big and healthy like Dad's tree?" asks Grandma. And Eve says, "YES, I CAN!"*

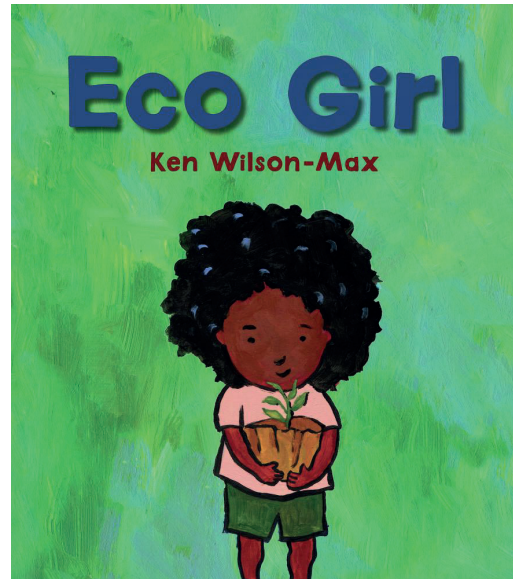
Eve loves all the trees in the forest near her home. She feels their magic, but her favourite is the Baobab tree. If only she could talk to the trees! Then, on a birthday visit to Grandma, deep in the forest, Eve gets a magical surprise. What could it be? It's something that Eve must take care of, something that will connect her for ever with the forest she loves. Happy birthday, Eco Girl!

An inspirational and heart-warming book for younger children that shows the importance of looking after the trees in our world.

- By the author of international bestseller *Astro Girl*
- Praise for *Astro Girl*: "A delightful combination of imaginative play and inspiring role model, from a much-loved author-illustrator" – *Guardian*
- *Astro Girl* was a BookTrust Great Book of 2020
- Shows the magic and importance of trees in our world
- Includes fact spread about the world's trees and their conservation

## Author Information

**Ken Wilson-Max**, award-winning author and illustrator, was born in Zimbabwe. He came to the UK to study design and then worked in children's publishing. He has written and illustrated over 70 books, including the acclaimed *Lenny* preschool series, and *Astro Girl*. He launched *Chicken Newspaper for Children* in 2014 and also runs his own publishing company, Alanna Max. He lives in north London.



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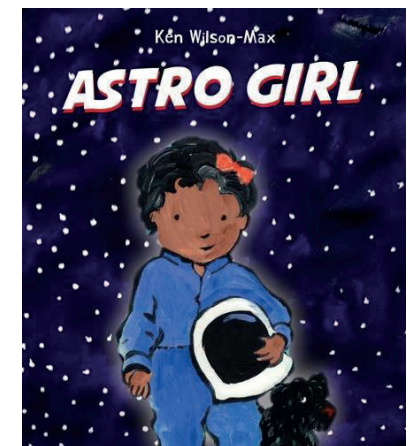
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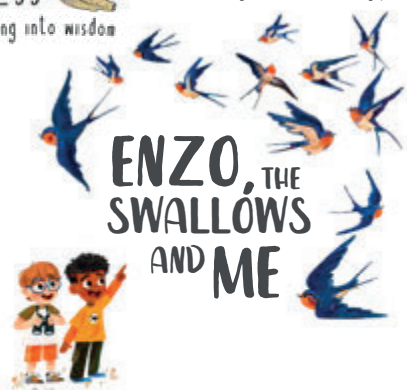


**They walked for a long time, with trees all around them. Eve wanted to ask if they were nearly there, but she remembered to be patient, like a tree.**

**At last, they turned a corner and there was Grandma, watering her plants and vegetables.**



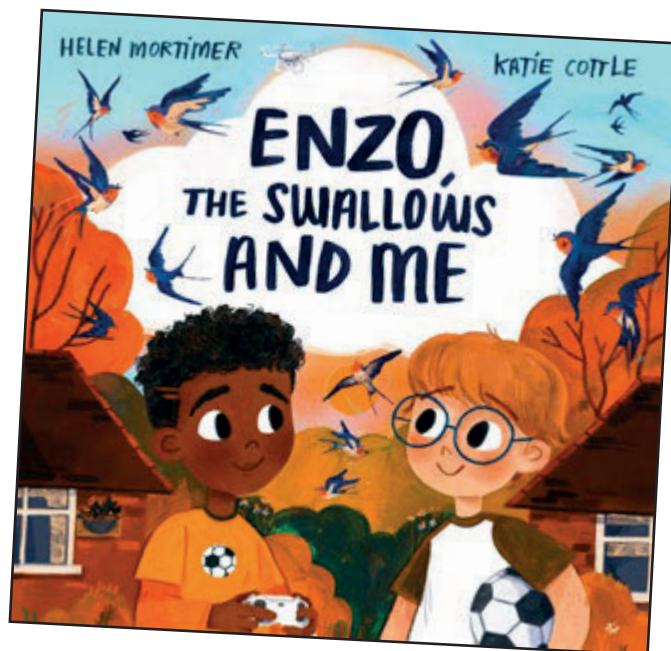
# ADVANCED INFORMATION SHEET



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When Jack meets his new neighbour, Enzo, he finds out that they like ALL the same things. They start bird-watching with Enzo's dad and learn all about swallows; but as the time comes for the swallows to migrate, Enzo has to return home to South Africa.

As Jack feels lonely a surprise video call from Enzo not only brings him some comfort, but the swallows have found Enzo too!



Author: Helen Mortimer



Helen has had a career spanning a number of leading children's books publishers and now works as a freelance author and editor.

Illustrator: Katie Cottle



Originally from Swansea, Katie now lives in Bristol, UK after studying illustration at UWE. Her style blends traditional and digital techniques. She has also been previously shortlisted for the Waterstones Childrens Book Prize.



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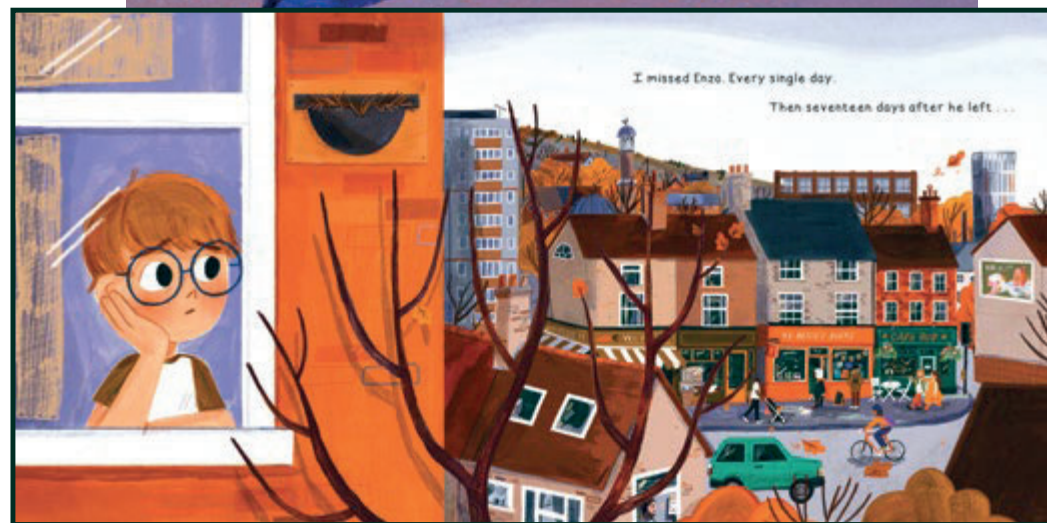
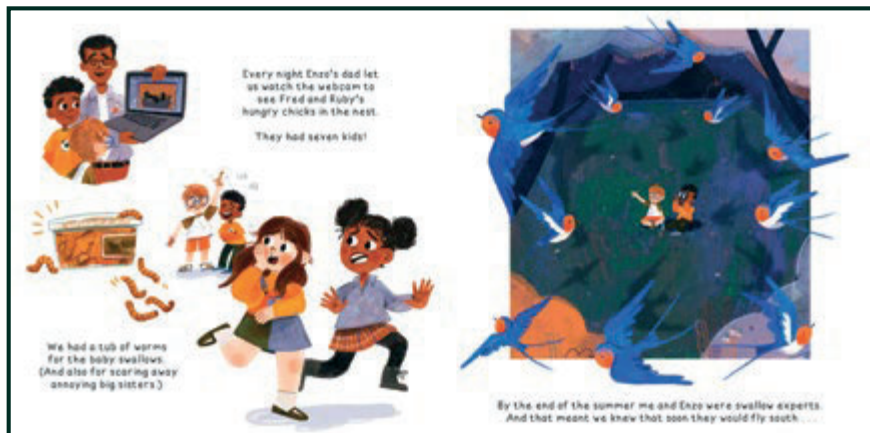
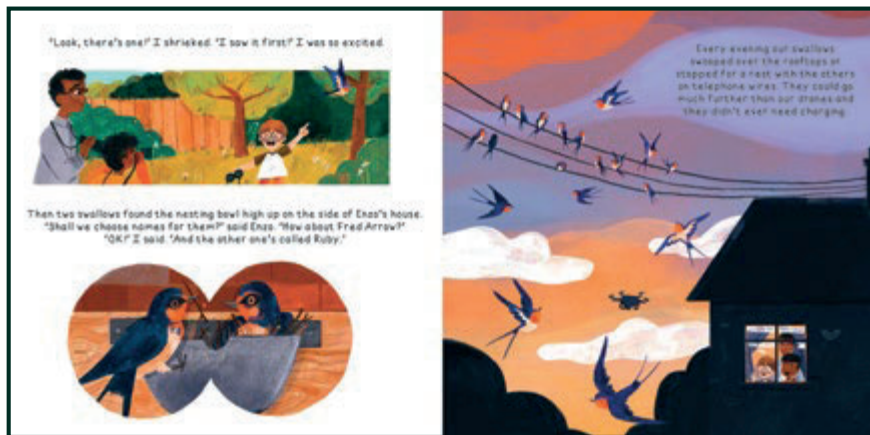
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## A CAUTIONARY TALE OF CUNNING, CAT-ASTROPHIC GREED AND FAKE NEWS.

A topical, political satire about capitalism, poverty and greed, with greedy cats and hungry rats, that teaches children about the impact of what happens when people take a great deal more than they need.



By Katie Sahota



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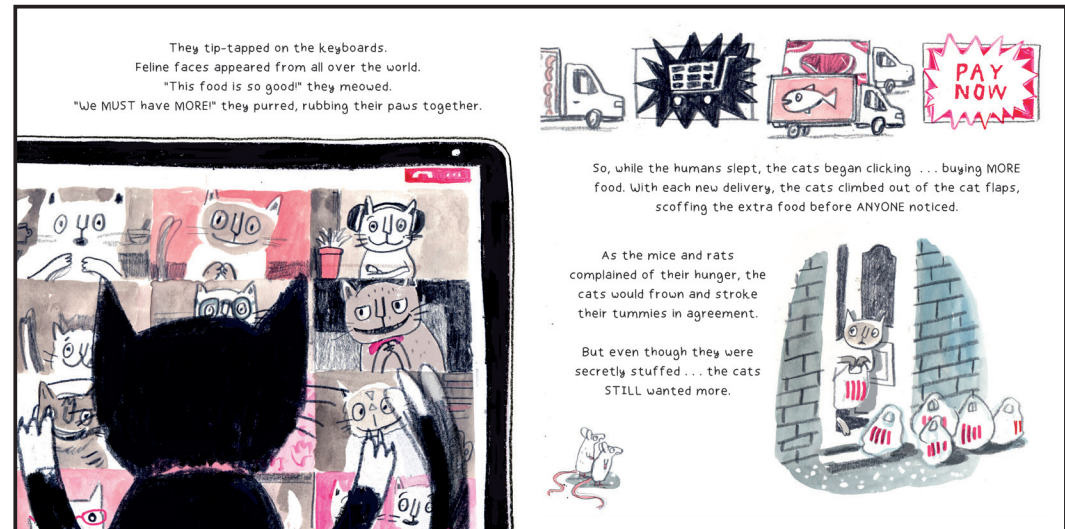
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As life is disrupted and  
the humans stay home,  
the cats plot together  
in a master plan to take  
ALL the food!  
But what about the  
poor, starving rodents?  
Time for revolution  
and revenge!



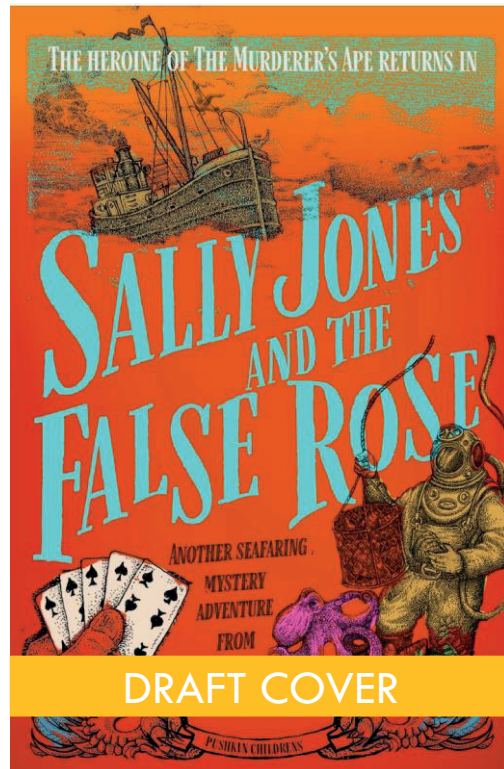
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# Sally Jones and The False Rose

Jakob Wegelius



- New in paperback: Sally Jones returns in the thrilling sequel to *The Murderer's Ape*!
- An enchanting and richly detailed mystery story, starring the very loveable, very intelligent gorilla Sally Jones
- Featuring intricate black-and-white illustrations throughout
- *The Murderer's Ape* shipped more than 35,000 copies in the UK, was Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and a book of the year in the *Times*, *Sunday Times*, *Telegraph* and on *Booktrust*

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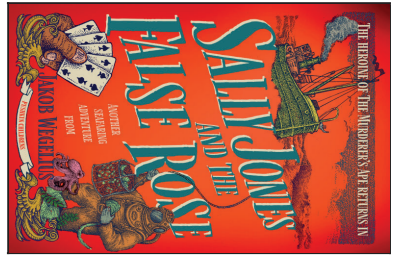
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## Sally Jones and the False Rose

### Jakob Wegelius

#### Keynote

Sally Jones returns in the thrilling sequel to *The Murderer's Ape*! With gorgeously detailed black-and-white illustrations throughout

#### Description

When Sally Jones and The Chief discover a curious rose-shaped necklace hidden onboard their beloved *Hudson Queen*, it's the start of another perilous adventure for the seafaring gorilla and her faithful friend. Determined to get to the bottom of the mystery, they set sail for Glasgow, but there fall into the clutches of one of the city's most ruthless gangs, commanded by a fearsome smuggler queen who will stop at nothing to snatch the necklace for herself.

Held prisoner hundreds of miles from friendship and safety, Sally Jones must use all her strength, determination and compassion to escape and unravel the mysterious story of the False Rose - a twisting tale leading all the way from Lisbon to Shetland and the South Seas.

#### Sales Points

- New in paperback: an enchanting and richly detailed mystery story for children, starring a lovable animal heroine, Sally Jones: a very kind and very clever gorilla
- *The Murderer's Ape* has shipped more than 35,000 copies in the UK, was Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and was a book of the year in *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, *Observer*, *Telegraph* and on *Booktrust*!
- Reminiscent of classic adventures by authors such as Jules Verne and Robert Louis Stevenson

#### Reviews

- 'Hold the frontpage: our favourite ape is back! This adventure tests our nerves, but rest assured that Sally's loving kindness and gentle nature will see her through' - Julia Golding, author of *The Diamond of Drury Lane*
- 'This is old fashioned storytelling in the finest tradition. I was transported to Sally Jones's world of sea ports and sailors and gangsters and I couldn't have enough. Every word was an utter delight' - Nizrana Farook
- 'The follow-up to Wegelius' immersive children's masterpiece *The Murderer's Ape* finds the redoutable gorilla Sally Jones on the trail of Glaswegian jewel smugglers in an enthralling adventure sweeping from Shetland to Lisbon and beyond' - Waterstones
- 'Charming, immersive and highly original. Expect a beautiful jacketed hardback with full-colour endpapers featuring the author's own gorgeously detailed black-and-white illustrations' - *The Bookseller, Editor's Choice*
- 'Full of memorable characters and exciting twists, this wonderful story will keep you enthralled from beginning to end' - *The Week Junior, Book of the Week*
- 'A cracking adventure, elegantly written and edge of the seat exciting. A beautifully illustrated, rich adventure that is essential reading. It follows on from *The Murderer's Ape*, a story of huge proportions, as might as the Russian novelists in the territory it covers. These books are genuine classics and will be part of the children's literary canon for the next hundred years' - Pie Corbett
- 'A very special book - the kind of story you read aloud by candlelight, or huddled by the fire under a pile of blankets. It is full to the brim of danger and intrigue, sea-storms and hidden treasure, and at its heart is one of the most original, warm and thoughtful narrators children's fiction has ever seen: Sally Jones. I would follow her across the seven seas' - Yarrow Townsend
- 'Praise for *The Murderer's Ape*' - .
- 'I don't know when I last read a book with such pure and unalloyed pleasure. It's ingenious, it's moving, it's charming, it's beautiful, it's exciting, and most importantly the characters are people I feel I know like old friends. I thank Jakob Wegelius wholeheartedly for giving me several hours of joy' - *Phillip Pullman*

#### Author Biography

Jakob Wegelius is a Swedish writer and illustrator who lives and works in the small village of Mörtfors. *The Murderer's Ape* won the August Prize for Best Children's Book and the Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize. It also won the leading children's book prizes in Germany and France and was an International Youth Library White Raven selection. *The Legend of Sally Jones* is also available from Pushkin Children's. Visit Jakob at jakobwegelius.com.

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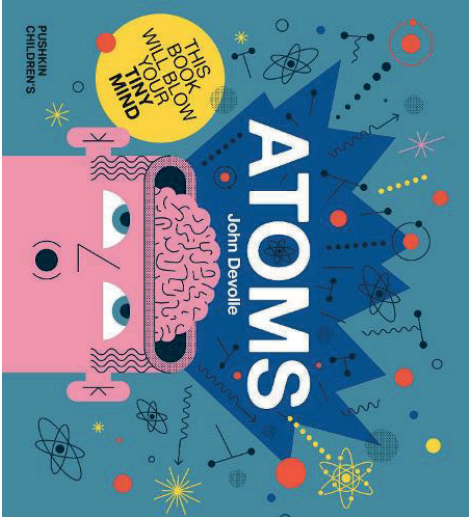
**Planets**  
**John Devolle**

**Keynote**  
This book will blow your child's mind! Big Science explained simply

**Description**  
The perfect picturebook to introduce little minds to big ideas!  
  
*Planets* combines bold, colourful illustrations with jokes and incredible science facts to take young readers on a fun-filled journey across the solar system. On the way they will learn all about the planets, and find out the answers to such important questions as: Why does Venus smell so bad? Why aren't there many birthday parties on Neptune? and What would happen if you tried to eat your dinner on Mars?

- Sales Points**
- A fun, accessible introduction to some incredible scientific concepts for children of 4+
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  - This exciting new series is for younger readers than are targeted by science picturebooks currently on the market - think *See Inside Atoms and Molecules*, *The Element in the Room* or *My First Book of Quantum Physics* but for kids who are still reading with their parents
  - The first book in the series, *Atoms*, was a mindblowing introduction to atoms, the Big Bang and evolution.

**Author Biography**  
John Devolle studied Fine Art at the University of Westminster and has since run an art gallery in East London, been a graphic designer / art director, and, since 2010, worked as an illustrator on numerous children's books. John currently lives and works in London.

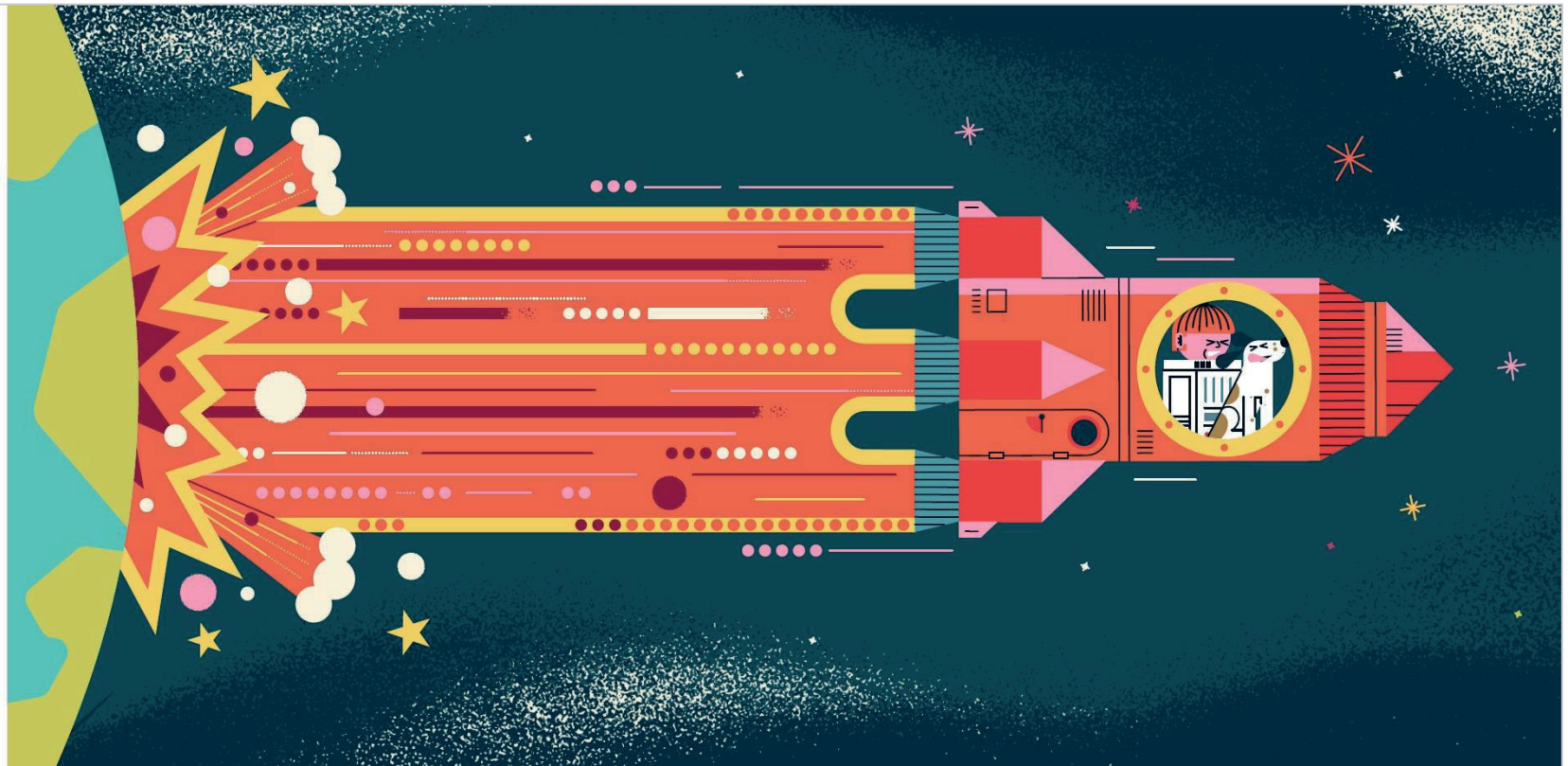


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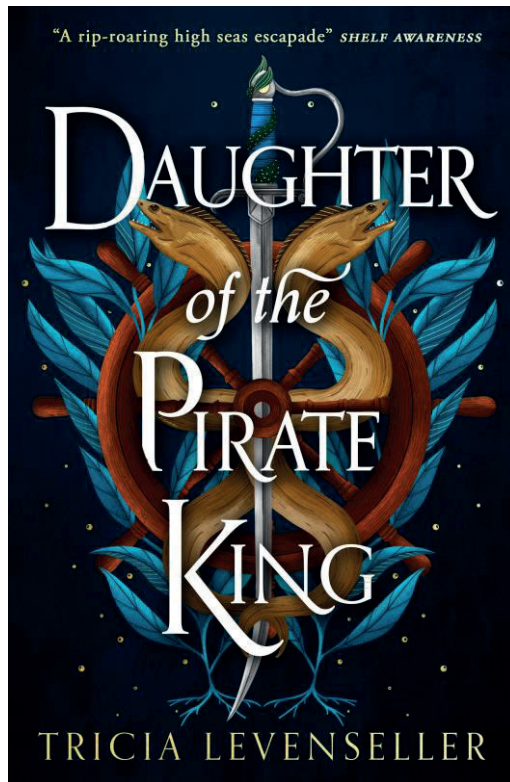
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We'll need a rocket and a lot of energy to break free of our Earth's gravity. That's what we call the force that pulls everything down towards the ground and stops us all floating up into the sky.



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## Daughter of the Pirate King

### Tricia Levenseller

#### Keynote

A page-turning, seafaring adventure from YA fantasy sensation Tricia Levenseller - the first book in the *Daughter of the Pirate King* duology

#### Description

Sent on a mission to retrieve an ancient hidden map-the key to a legendary treasure trove-seventeen-year-old pirate captain Aloisa deliberately allows herself to be captured by her enemies, giving her the perfect opportunity to search their ship.

More than a match for the ruthless pirate crew, Aloisa has only one thing standing between her and the map: her captor, the unexpectedly clever and unfairly attractive first mate, Riden. But luckily, Aloisa has a few tricks up her sleeve - and no lone pirate can stop the Daughter of the Pirate King.

#### Sales Points

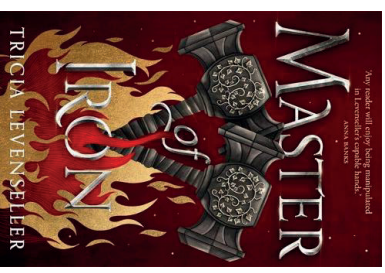
- Another compulsively readable, epic fantasy novel from the bestselling Tricia Levenseller - set to be the next must-read YA fantasy author
- A fierce female pirate heroine and engrossing action and romance will make this irresistible to fans of Sarah J. Mass and Cassandra Clare
- The second volume in the duology, *The Daughter of the Siren Queen*, will be published by Pushkin in November 2022

#### Reviews

- 'Readers should rejoice, because we now have a lady Jack Sparrow on our hands! *Daughter of the Pirate King* kidnapped my interest from the first chapter and never let it go' - Anna Banks, author of *OF TRITON*
- 'A formidable female character... [a] true adventure with swashbuckling, sword fighting, and a great problem-solving heroine' - *School Library Journal*
- 'Levenseller makes an impressive debut with this funny, fast-paced, and romance-dashed nautical fantasy... This one's not to be missed' - *Publishers Weekly*, starred review
- 'A rip-roaring high seas escapade with a tinge of fantasy, Daughter of the Pirate King will engage and enthral its teen audience' - *Sheif Awareness*

#### Author Biography

Tricia Levenseller is from a small town in Oregon and now lives next to the Rocky Mountains in Utah with her bossy dog, Rosy. When she's not writing or reading, Tricia enjoys putting together jigsaw puzzles, playing Overwatch, and watching her favorite TV shows while eating extra-buttered popcorn. Her books include *Daughter of the Pirate King*, its sequel *Daughter of the Siren Queen*, *Warrior of the Wild*, *The Shadow Between Us*, *Blade of Secrets* and its sequel *Master of Iron*, all published or forthcoming from Pushkin Children's.



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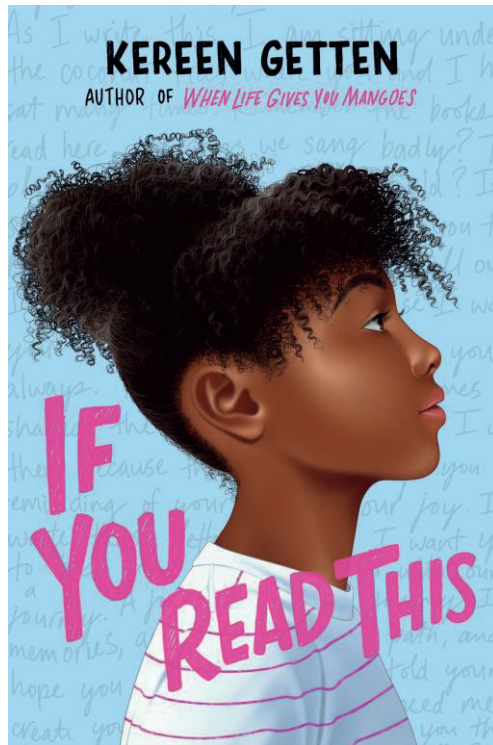
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# If You Read This

Kereen Getten



- A tender, moving story of self-discovery from the author of *When Life Gives You Mangoes*
- Features a young girl, Brie, who discovers that her mother left behind a treasure hunt for her to complete before her untimely death
- Full of heart and wonderfully spirited characters, featuring an enchanting Caribbean island setting
- Handles themes of grief and complicated families with great sensitivity
- *When Life Gives You Mangoes* wowed critics and readers alike and was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize

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**KEREEN GETTEN**

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**If You Read This**  
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**Keynote**

A tender, warmly moving story of grief and self-discovery by the celebrated author of *When Life Gives You Mangoes*

**Description**

When Brie was younger, her mama used to surprise her with treasure hunts around their island town. After she died three years ago, these became Brie's most cherished memories.

Now, on her twelfth birthday, her mama has another surprise: a series of letters leading Brie on one last treasure hunt.

The first letter guides Brie to a special place.

The next urges her to unlock a secret.

And the last letter will change her life forever.

**Sales Points**

- Kereen Getten made a huge splash with her debut *When Life Gives You Mangoes*, wowing critics and readers and being shortlisted for multiple prizes, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize
- Full of heart and wonderfully spirited characters, *If You Read This* handles topics of grief and complicated families with beautiful sensitivity

**Author Biography**

Kereen Getten grew up in Jamaica where she would climb fruit trees in the family garden and eat as much mango, guinea and pear as she could without being caught. She now lives in Birmingham with her family and writes stories about her childhood experiences. Her debut novel *When Life Gives You Mangoes*, also published by Pushkin Children's, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Spark Award, Warwickshire Junior Book Award and the Jhalak Children's & YA Prize.

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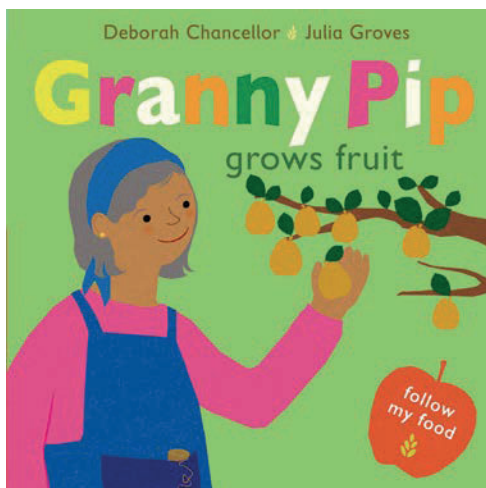
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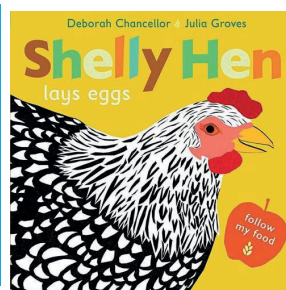
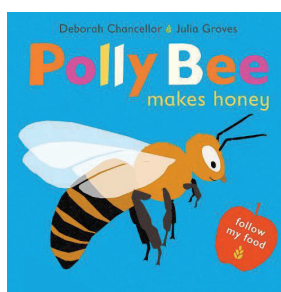
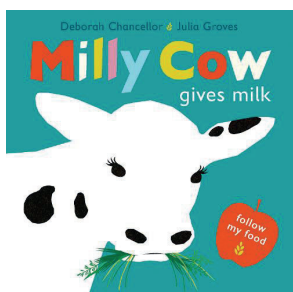
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## Granny Pip Grows Fruit

By Deborah Chancellor and Julia Groves



Scallywag Press

Being able to buy fruit is something we take for granted, but what if we had to grow our own?

In the fourth book of this quartet, a little girl helps Granny Pip as she plants fruit bushes, feeds them with fertiliser, prunes and then harvests. Growing fruit is hard work, but eating it is delicious!

### Key Selling Points

- The fourth in a stylish, narrative non-fiction collection to help children understand and appreciate where their food comes from.
- Introduces the topics of sustainability and environmental awareness and supports SDGs
- Fills a gap in that it is relatable for very young children, but will also engage their parents and carers
- Author has been shortlisted for the Little Rebels Award with *Real Lives: Harriet Tubman*. Illustrator has been nominated for the Progressive Pre-School Awards with *My Animal Babies* from Child's Play.



*'The bright illustrations and short bursts of clear text make this a good book to use in EYFS to help explain where our food comes from.'* **School Librarian**

*'Bright, clean, papercut illustrations create some striking spreads...the text is fact-filled but never dull.'* **Books for Keeps** *'A really gorgeous, engaging and colourful non-fiction book for young children.'* **The Book Deli**

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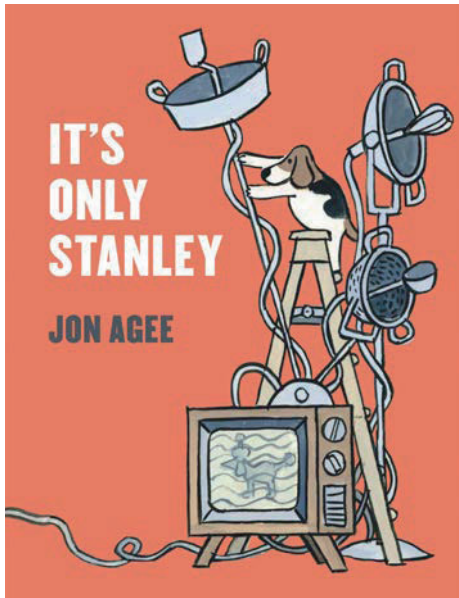
- Will be submitted widely for review to nationals, specialists, bloggers, awards
- Author and artist available for events
- Teacher notes and resources on the website
- Fourth in a series to be marketed as a collection (*Milly Cow Gives Milk*, *Polly Bee makes Honey*, *Shelly Hen lays eggs*)

**Deborah Chancellor** has written over a hundred books for children, from toddlers to teenagers, her family in Saffron Walden, Essex. **Julia Groves** has designed and illustrated a range of picture books for Childsplay. She lives with her family in Norfolk.

Summer sunshine dries the earth.

Granny waters . . . and waters . . . and waters . . .  
to save her crops from wilting in the heat.





# It's Only Stanley

By Jon Agee



Scallywag Press

The Wimbletons were sleeping. It was very, very late,  
When Wilma heard a spooky sound, which made her sit up straight.  
"That's very odd," said Walter. "I don't recognize the tune . . .  
"It's only Stanley," Walter said. "He's howling at the moon."

Whoever heard of a dog who can sing, cook and do DIY around the house? He makes a lot of noise and mess, but he does mend the TV. Not until the very end do we, or the hapless Wimbledon family, see just exactly what Stanley the dog has been planning all along!

## Key Selling Points

- Written in comical verse which romps along and is great to read aloud
- A clever plot – full of suspense and with a surprise ending that sends you back to look for clues
- Full of Jon Agee's trademark wit, humour and sense of the surreal
- *'Oh, it's fun, this book. Absurd, silly, laugh-out-loud funny. Perfect for a read-aloud. Perfect for guessing what happens next. Agee has done it again.'* **Just Imagine.**
- *'What a satisfying read aloud for both listeners and adult presenters.'* **Red Reading Hub**

## Sales and Marketing

- Hugely popular US author/illustrator who is fast building a fan club in the UK
- Touring UK in October 2022 with the Children's Book Show and a London launch
- *It's Only Stanley* was longlisted for the UKLA Award, and part of the BookTrust Great Books Guide 2021



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Jon Agee attended The Cooper Union School of Art in New York City. A full-time author, he lives with his wife in San Francisco. Jon is the author/illustrator of many acclaimed books for children, which between them have won an Irma Black Honor, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, *New York Times* Ten Best Illustrated Books, ALA Notable Book, and much more.



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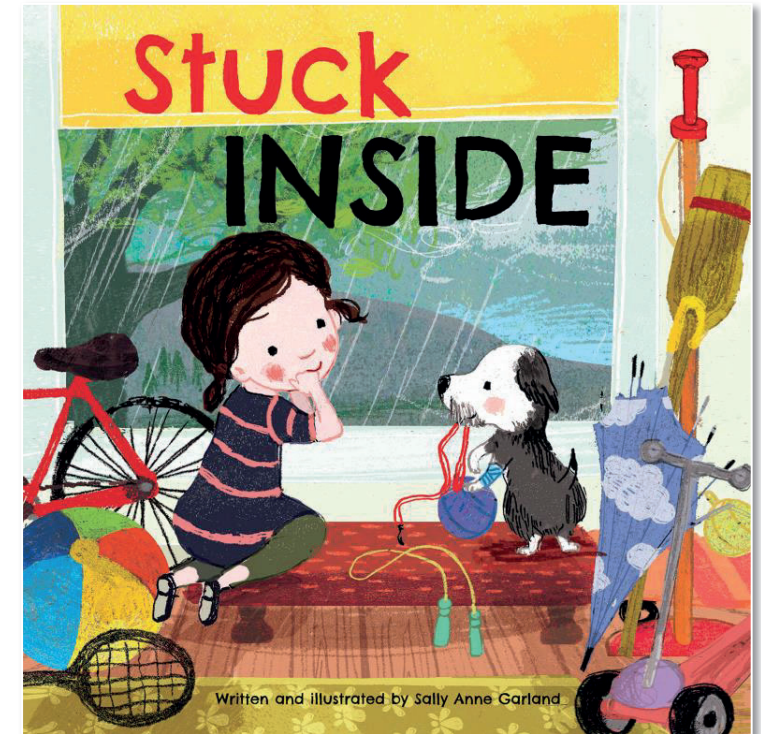
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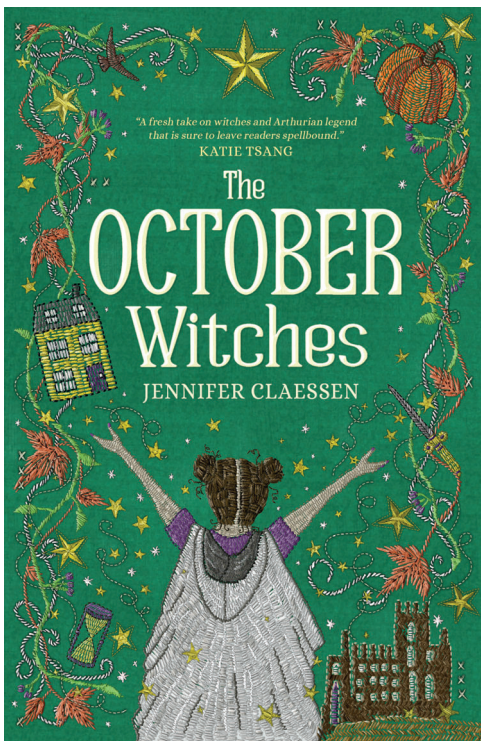
- **Now available in paperback!**
- What do you do when you're stuck inside and all the fun is outside? Tilly has to stay in until a big storm passes by. Her pup Toby has to stay in until his sore paw gets better. And there is absolutely, positively nothing fun to do. Then a hopeful Toby brings Tilly his lead, and Tilly gets an idea!
- With delightful illustrations, this sweet and timely story of exploration, creativity, and seeing old things in a new light will spark the imagination of any child who feels 'stuck.'
- Written and illustrated by Sally Anne Garland, grew up in a small town called Alness in the Highlands of Scotland. Sally went on to study Illustration and Graphic Design at Edinburgh College of Art before settling in Glasgow, where she lives with her partner and their son.
- Longlisted for the 2021 UKLA Book Award (ages 3-6)
- "The book's message of having adventures at home has resonance beyond its current COVID-19 relevance - it's a perennial theme, here delivered through an upfront story with enduring visual charm" — *Joanne Owen, Love Reading 4 Kids*
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# THE OCTOBER WITCHES

JENNIFER CLAESSEN

## THE BOOK

There's so much to love about October – Halloween, pumpkin everything and MAGIC. *Especially* magic. But for nervous young witch Clemmie, this October might see the stars descend on her for the first time, bringing with them a whole month of chaotic new power. She's spent twelve years watching her mum, aunts and cousin receive their October power and knows that, for the Merlyns, magic can get very messy.

And there are those who want to harness their magic and make it last beyond October. It's a bold experiment, until Clemmie and her coven find themselves in mortal danger. What price must be paid for magic that never ends? Or for having magic at all?

## THE AUTHOR

Jennifer was born in Reading and grew up a book worm. She studied literature and theatre at the University of Sheffield, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Canterbury Christchurch University and Central School of Speech and Drama. A teacher and theatre-maker, Jennifer loves stories, especially for children, whether on stage or page. Jennifer currently works in the West End, taking children to the theatre and lives in the East End with her partner, a Dutch toymaker, and their baby daughter. She loves reading, travel and ice cream. You can find her on her yellow bike or in a red velvet seat in the stalls, applauding.

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# HOW TO BE MORE HEDGEHOG

ANNE-MARIE CONWAY

## THE BOOK

Lily has a stammer. The signal between her brain and her mouth is all messed up – and it's getting worse. When a video of her practicing her class presentation is uploaded onto YouTube - head thrust forward, eyelids fluttering, lips stretched wide - Lily's nightmare begins. Cyberbullying, kids at school whispering, even best friend Mia laughing behind her back. Lily's confidence takes a nose-dive and she can only see one way out: run away to Dad in Scotland and start all over again.

But Lily quickly realises that running away isn't the answer - that her stammer will follow her wherever she goes...

HOW TO BE MORE HEDGEHOG is about friendship and family and finding the courage to speak out.

## THE AUTHOR

Anne-Marie Conway is a British primary school teacher specializing in drama, she also runs her own children's theatre company, Full Circle. Anne-Marie has written a number of humorous sketches which have been performed by her theatre company, and her first novel (on which Starmakers is based) was shortlisted for the inaugural Times/Chicken House Fiction Competition.

She lives in London with her husband, two young sons, and two eccentric cats, Betty and Boo!

Pub Date: September 2022

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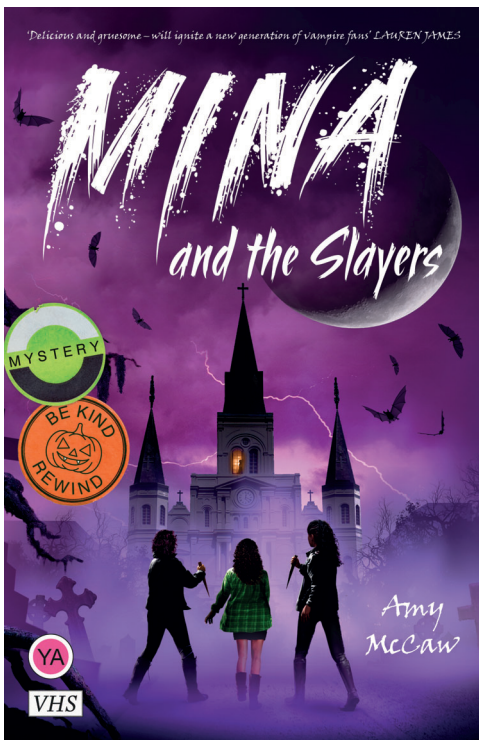
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Age Range: 12 - 18

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(Children's / Teenage))

CBMC Code: E3N79

Extent: 300 pp

Dimensions: 129 x 198 mm

# MINA AND THE SLAYERS

AMY MCCAW

## THE BOOK

NEW ORLEANS, 1995.

MINA'S HAVING A KILLER HALLOWEEN.

Three months after Fang Fest, Mina's settling into her new life. Despite the teething problems in her relationship with Jared, she has her sister back, new friends and a part-time job to die for. Over Halloween, Mina and the gang have planned a spooky week of Gothic restaurants, horror movies, ghostly tours, creepy carnivals and a costume ball.

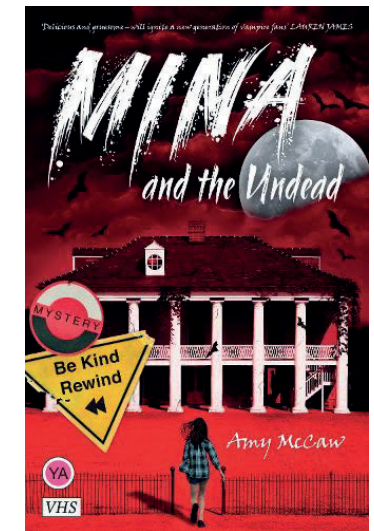
But the fun doesn't last. Mina is on work experience with Detective Cafferty while the police are investigating a savage masked killer and a rise in suspicious 'animal attacks'. During her own investigations, Mina discovers a mysterious group of slayers, who are battling to control the rogue vampires.

The threats circle closer as Mina spends her days with the police and nights with the slayers. Will she and her friends survive Halloween without being staked, stabbed or bitten?

## THE AUTHOR

Amy McCaw is a YA writer and blogger. She's the author of *Mina and the Undead*, a YA murder mystery set in 1995 New Orleans.

Amy also loves travelling and has a particular affinity for America. She's visited 29 states, 13 Man Vs Food restaurants and many bookish locations, including the cities where *Twilight*, *Interview with a Vampire* and *Vampire Diaries* were set.



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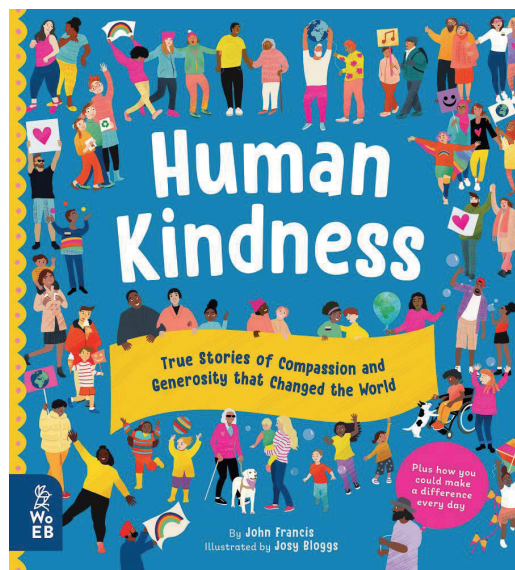
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# Human Kindness

**True Stories of Compassion and Generosity that Changed the World**

**John Francis, Josy Bloggs**

**Be inspired by incredible stories of kindness from around the world and throughout history.**

Join the Planetwalker, John Francis, on an exploration of kindness, great and small. From the kindness John has experienced in his own life to the history of how kindness has helped to shape our laws, morals and communities, read many inspirational stories from around the world. Over the whole history of humankind, kindness has been key to the survival of our species and to making our world a better place. Learn about Harriet Tubman, who risked her life to help others escape from slavery, the Nomads Clinic, which sends doctors trekking into the Himalayas to tend to patients, The Linda Lindas, a group of young musicians who use their talent to speak up for the rights of others Joshua Coombes, and many others. The joyous and awe-inspiring stories in this book will encourage young readers to be kind to others. And being kind, even in small ways, turns out to be healthy for you, yet another reason to be practise kindness every day. It's our planet to share together – let's be kind.

- Written by environmentalist, public speaker, and educator John Francis, founder of the environmental awareness organisation Planetwalk, and author of *Planetwalker: 22 Years of Walking*, *17 Years of Silence*, and an advocate for kindness in all aspects of human relationships.
- Inspires children to practise kindness in their everyday lives, by being mindful of and kind to themselves and others.
- Encourages a connection with other people and the natural world.

## Author Information

**John Francis** is a campaigner, public speaker and educator who advocates for our planet. He spreads the message that our environment includes the other humans in the world and that we must treat both our earth and our fellow humans with kindness. After witnessing an oil spill and the devastation it caused in San Francisco Bay in 1971, he stopped using motorised transport for 22 years and stopped talking for 17 years in protest. Since then, John has founded the environmental awareness organisation, Planetwalk, given a TED talk (he started talking again in 1990) and published two adult books on his journey. According to John, 'The environment, actually, is about human rights, civil rights, economic equity, gender equality, and all the ways that humans interact with not only the physical environment but also with one another.'

**Josy Bloggs** began her initial career as a graphic designer. After graduating from the University of Huddersfield in 2009 with a MA in Spatial Design, she went on to work as an interior designer for commercial clients. Josy is based in Yorkshire.



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## Peaceful protests

Protesting is a way to show that you think something is unjust. For example, my way of protesting the bad treatment of the planet was to stop using oil. There are many different ways of making a stand. Sometimes it helps if other people join in, too. This can make governments take notice, and encourage them to make changes for the better.

### Mahatma Gandhi leads the Salt March

Between 1858 and 1947, India was ruled by the British. The Indian people were treated badly. For example, it was illegal for them to produce or sell salt. Salt was important for cooking but it had to be bought from the British. An Indian lawyer and activist named Mahatma Gandhi decided to protest. On 12 March 1930, Gandhi and a group of his followers set off on a 24-day march. They walked to the sea to collect salt. Lots of people joined and the movement spread around the country. Eventually India gained freedom from British rule.

### The Singing Revolution

For many years Estonia struggled under the rule of other nations. In 1944 it became part of the Soviet Union and this caused many Estonian traditions started to die out due. One of these traditions was choral singing. So, the Estonian people decided to use it as part of a peaceful protest. From 1987 onwards large crowds of Estonians gathered in public. They joined hands and sang their national songs as an act of defiance. In 1988, 100,000 Estonians spent five nights singing protest songs together. This event helped Estonia achieve independence finally in 1991.

### Rosa Parks sits tight

In 1955, the American south was segregated. This meant that Black people were badly treated and had to stay apart from white people. For example, Black people had to sit in a special section at the back of buses. Activist Rosa Parks was taking the bus home one day when the bus driver told her to give up her seat for a white passenger. Rosa refused to budge, so she was arrested and put in jail. This helped to spark a big movement with many Black people refusing to use public buses. This support led to the unfair rules eventually being changed.

### Black Lives Matter

Black people in America suffer racism, violent treatment and even death at the hands of the police. In 2013, activists Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi decided they had had enough. They started the Black Lives Matter movement to stand up for Black people's rights to dignity and safety. They aimed to work peacefully with all people in the spirit of kindness and humanity. In 2020, George Floyd was murdered by police officers in Minneapolis, USA. This sparked grief, outrage and protest all over the globe. Millions of people united behind the movement.

### Women's March

In 2017 around 5 million people protested against discrimination. They took part in marches all around the world to support equality for girls and women. They also marched for LGBTQ+ and civil rights and environmental causes. They were driven by a feeling that discrimination towards women and other groups of people was on the rise. So they joined forces to show that it would not be tolerated.



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# Where in the World Are You?

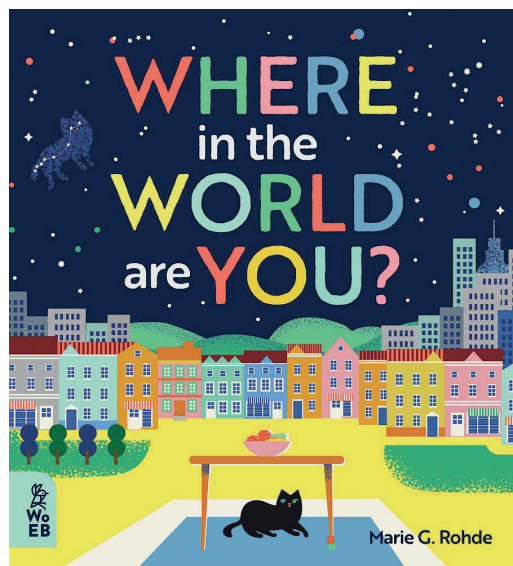


Marie G. Rohde, Marie G. Rohde

**A colourful, joyful and playful exploration of our world, and our place within it.**

Where are you in the world? Can you imagine what your home would look like if you saw it from above and zoomed out further, and further, and further...? Join the mischievous pet cat on a journey of discovery that encourages young readers to think about their place in the world. Inspired by the feeling of being trapped inside and imagining the world beyond during the worldwide lockdowns, this enjoyable picture book reminds us that even when we are apart, we are all connected. The world keeps turning, a cat keeps purring and children will find their happy place in the world.

- Encourages young readers to engage with the mischievous pet cat as it explores its place in the world, and in turn think about where they are in the wider world.
- A charming and beautiful story that takes readers on a journey around the world – from areas that are close to home to the solar system and beyond!
- A prompt for starting conversation and inspiring wonder in the world around us.
- Colourful, stylish artwork by author and accomplished illustrator Marie G. Rohde.



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## Author Information

**Marie G. Rohde** grew up in Sweden, surrounded by books, fabric, artists' materials and a mix of different cultures. She studied architecture and loved imagining and illustrating. She relocated to Barcelona, Spain after becoming spellbound by the culture and vibrant illustration scene there.

After finishing her diploma, Marie started an illustrated blog about the fortunes and misfortunes of finding her way in a foreign city. It gathered a dedicated following in the Spanish-speaking world, and paved the way for Marie's illustration and print design career.

Some years later, a life of varied studies and interests came together in her first book *Planet SOS*. This has been published in 14 languages and selected by the United Nations for its book club (Spanish-speaking section) for Sustainable Development.

*Where in the World Are You?* is Marie's second book that was inspired by a story that her son invented during the first lockdown in Spain, when time outside the home was limited.

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crowded city?



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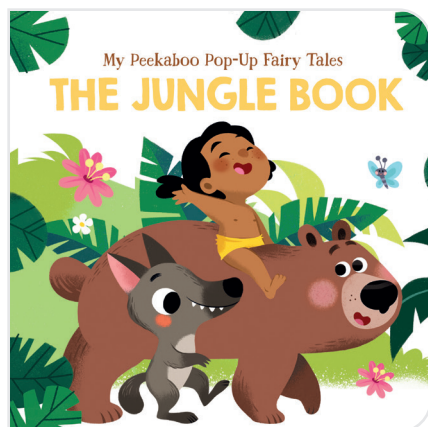
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Size	190 x 190 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	Big flaps and five detailed pop-ups

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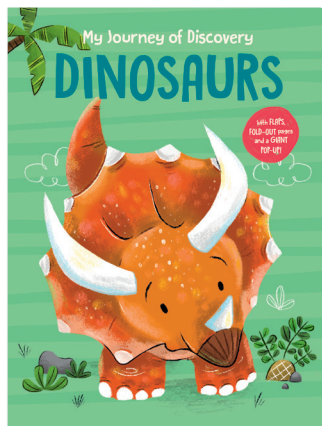
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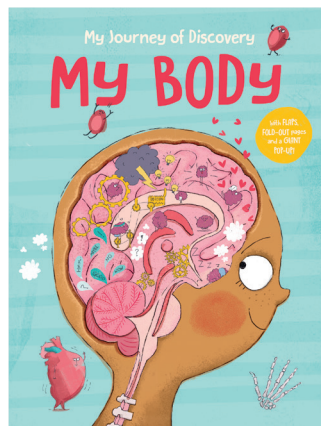
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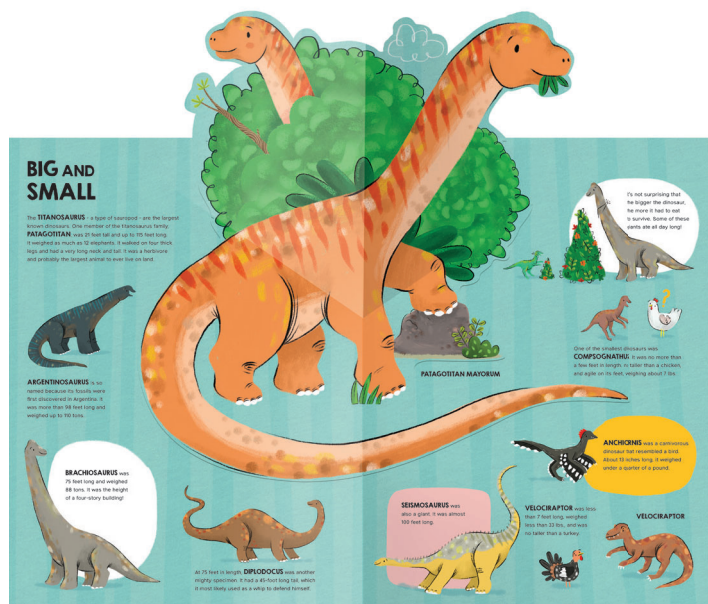
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Your journey awaits, so let's get exploring!

**Publication** SEPTEMBER 2022

**Price** £ 12.99

**Format** Board Book

**Size** 245 x 325 mm

**Extent** 22 pages

**BIC code** YB

**Age** 6+

**Features** Flaps to lift, fold-out pages, and one giant pop-up

## KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Countless amazing facts, all beautifully illustrated.
- Interesting flaps and fold-out pages.
- A giant pop-up to catch attention!

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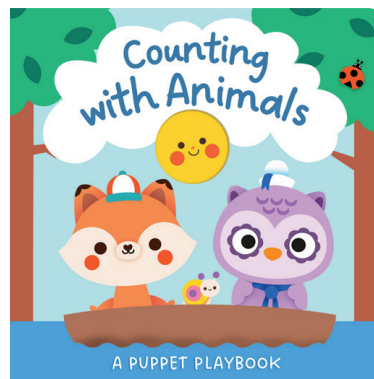
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# A Puppet Playbook



Second title publishing in 2023



## 1 BOOK | 1 GLOVE | 5 PUPPETS

It's playtime with your favourite animal puppet glove!

This finger puppet glove is the perfect learning prop for an interactive and educational playtime. In an interactive way the five animal puppets help young toddlers to learn new words and to count to five.

With its peekaboo windows, each playbook is designed to encourage language development, hand-eye coordination, and interactive play.

<b>Publication</b>	SEPTEMBER 2022   9789464542639
<b>Price</b>	£ 17.99
<b>Format</b>	Box; Board Book; Puppet Glove
<b>Size</b>	Box: 245 x 245 x 30 mm Book: 240 x 240 mm
<b>Extent</b>	10 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	1+
<b>Features</b>	Finger puppet glove and peekaboo die-cuts in book

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A finger puppet glove to play and learn.
- Interactive play is the best way to learn words and numbers.
- Designed to encourage language development.

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# First Fold-Out Soft Book



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## FIRST FOLD-OUT SOFT BOOK

With its soft outer layer and crinkly filling, this cuddly critter will capture the attention of babies. It has been specifically designed to comfort babies while also stimulating their sensory and brain development. Unfold it to find out how they spend their days, and meet their cute animal friends. Babies will love the many fun tactile elements and crinkly last page.

<b>Publication</b>	SEPTEMBER 2022   9789464541267
<b>Price</b>	£ 14.99
<b>Format</b>	Soft Book
<b>Size</b>	Box: 145 x 145 x 145 mm; Book: 135 x 135 mm (650 mm long)
<b>Extent</b>	8 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	+6 months
<b>Features</b>	Fold-out soft book, crinkly paper, sensory elements and scrunchy ribbons

## KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Extra long fold-out soft book for a sensory experience.
- Thanks to the handy scrunchy ribbons, this soft book is easily attached to cots and pushchairs.
- Eco-friendly: sold in a recyclable box. No plastic!

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