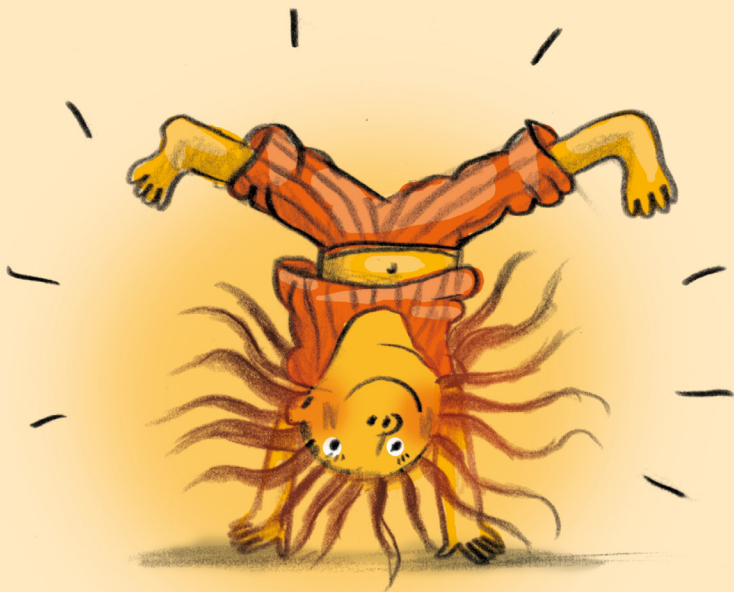


GECKO PRESS



2023

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

Gecko Press translates and publishes a small number of books by some of the best writers and illustrators in the world—books of good heart and strong character, excellent in story, illustration and design.

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Julia Marshall, Publisher

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A concertina board
book for tummy time—
big bright faces on one
side & toys on the other



Gavin Bishop

Look

Babies will love tummy time or learning to sit up surrounded by this beautiful, reversible concertina board book by multi-awardwinning author illustrator Gavin Bishop.

Leporello | 150 x 150 mm | 24pp
9781776575015 | UK9.99



No, Lionel, no!



Éric Veillé

Lionel Is Just Like Dad

Lionel's enthusiastic game of 'Simon says' with Dad leads to a loud THUNK. Poor Dad! But the game ends with a big hug from this very tolerant father.

9781776574650



Lionel Poops

Sublime in its simplicity...Potty training has never been so much fun. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

A delightful character, his actions full of mischief and enjoyment. Read Plus

9781776574636

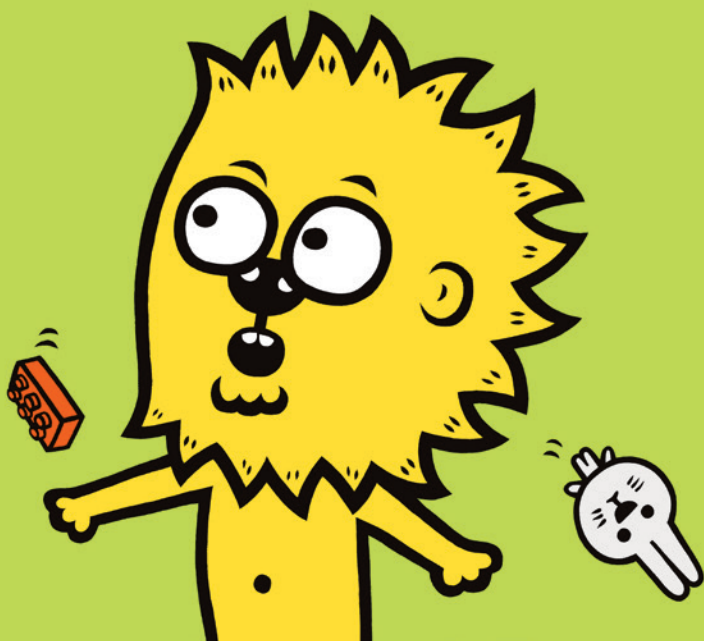


Lionel Eats All By Himself

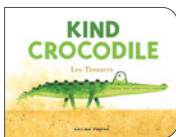
Lionel manages a whole meal in his high chair without help...but what a mess!

9781776574643

All boardbooks | 135 x 135 mm | 26pp | UK 7.99



‘Help, kind crocodile,
there’s a cheetah
after me!’



Leo Timmers
Kind Crocodile

The kind crocodile gives shelter to a series of animals on its long green back, scaring away their pursuers—until the load becomes too heavy and the crocodile doesn't feel so kind any more. Grrr!

Boardbook | 185 x 250 mm | 28pp
9781776574704 | UK 9.99



Who's Driving?

Animals, sounds and a guessing game make this book for drivers of all ages a Gecko Press backlist favourite, now in boardbook.

Boardbook | 170 x 250 mm | 30pp
9781776571666 | UK 7.99

core title

Who's Driving? Paperback 210 x 290 mm | 32pp
9780958272025 | UK 6.99



‘What is it, Jack?’
‘I don’t know, George,
I don’t know!’



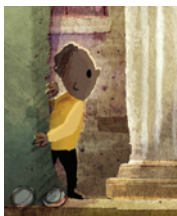
Cédric Ramadier & Vincent Bourgeau
What's that, Jack?

Two curious animals have a remarkable adventure with a strange object that changes with the landscape then flies back into the sky—they don't know what it was, but what a day they had!

Hardback | 274 x 200 mm | 40pp | Ebook available
9781776575008 | UK 11.99



These best friends are VERY good at hide-and-seek ...



David Barrow

Have You Seen Dinosaur?

In this follow-up to the bestselling picture book *Have You Seen Elephant?*, boy, dog and elephant search in a dramatic cityscape for a dinosaur that's surprisingly good at hiding.

Hardback | 276 x 225 mm | 32pp | Ebook available
9781776575138 | UK 11.99



Have You Seen Elephant?

Children will delight in details... Younger audiences will be screaming 'There it is!' from the get-go.

Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

Chosen for Bookstart

Winner, Sebastian Walker Award

Shortlist, Waterstones Children's Book Award

276 x 225 mm | 32pp | Ebook available
Paperback 9781776570096 | UK 7.99

core title



Today, Fodo Dodo and Noodle are going fishing—from the bath-boat!

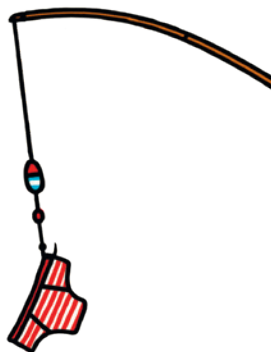


Édouard Manceau

Fodo Dodo Goes Fishing

A cheerful, contemporary picture book about the fish you hook up from the washing basket when you're fishing from a bath-boat.

205 x 177 mm | 32pp | Ebook available
Hardback 9781776575039 | UK 9.99





Wash your beaks,
it's time for lunch.
Flies again today...



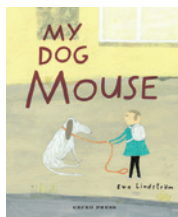
Eva Lindström

A Bird Day

A whimsical yet down to earth picture book about a day of family, mealtimes, climbing trees and play, told through a bird family, from 2022 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award recipient Eva Lindström.

230 x 199 mm | 28pp

Hardback 9781776575275 | UK 11.99



My Dog Mouse

Catches at the heart. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

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

230 x 190 mm | 32pp

Hardback 9781776571482 | UK11.99



Tao isn't there,
so George waits.
All morning, all day,
all evening...Tao is home!



Claude Dubois

George & Tao

This tiny, delicately illustrated picture book holds a world of emotion in a perfect size for small hands, showing each moment of a new friendship between George the little dog and Tao the kitten.

Hardback | 150 x 150 mm | 48pp
9781776575251 | UK 10.99



Careful, you're
squashing me! I won't
be much of a friend
if I'm squashed



Ed Franck & Thé Tjong-Khing

The Moon Is a Ball

Panda and Squirrel can't live without each other and do everything together—lie on the rocks to look at the moon, take walks, play games, argue and make up—in these down-to-earth, warmhearted friendship stories.

Hardback | 220 x 170 mm | 80pp | Ebook available
9781776574933 | UK12.99



Portraits of 50 extraordinary children and their superpowers



Clotilde Perrin

The Incredibles

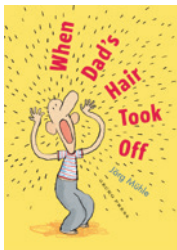
50 of the most extraordinary children I have met

A large-format treasure trove from the creator of international bestseller *Inside the Villains*, featuring portraits of 50 extraordinary imaginary children with descriptions of each one's superpower.

Hardback | 345 x 245 mm | 72pp
9781776575046 | UK 20.00



His beard still grew.
And all the other hair that
nobody needs—in his ears
and nose, for example.



Jörg Mühle

When Dad's Hair Took Off

A fast-paced, comical story for early readers, fully illustrated in colour, in which Dad's hair takes off through the open window to freedom!

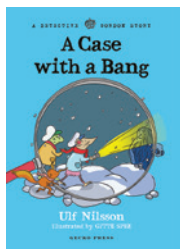
The funniest book you will read this year, packed with wit and wordplay.

Paperback | 204 x 144 mm | 72pp | Ebook available
9781776575213 | UK 7.99



‘Gentle adventures, droll humor and delicious cakes at every turn’

Starred review, Shelf Awareness



Ulf Nilsson & Gitte Spee

Detective Gordon: A Case with a Bang

This final instalment in the awardwinning Detective Gordon series is a multi-layered philosophical story about good detective work involving everyone, kindness to newcomers and doing the right thing.

9781776574889 | 116pp

All paperbacks | 210 x 148 mm / 204 x 144 mm

UK 7.99 / 8.99 | Ebooks available

The First Case

IBBY award for translation

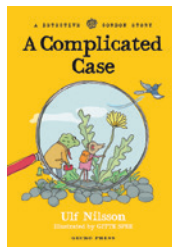
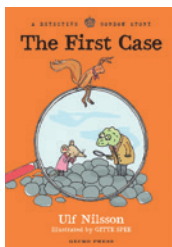
Best Books,
Horn Book

Best Books, *School Library Journal*

Top 10 Crime Fiction for Youth, *Booklist*

New York Public Library Notable Book

core title



The First Case

9781776572526 | 96pp

A Complicated Case

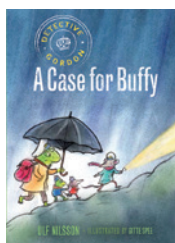
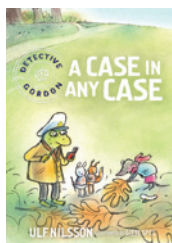
9781776572649 | 108pp

A Case in Any Case

9781776571093 | 108pp

A Case for Buffy

9781776571796 | 112pp



‘You probably don’t think it’s true, and we didn’t either, not even while it was happening’



Thomas & Anna-Clara Tidholm

To the Ice

Three children go on a polar expedition in this thrilling Antarctic adventure for newly independent readers—an epic story that blurs realism and imagination, a real-life make-believe filled with problem-solving and adventure.

Hardback | 225 x 175mm | 72pp | Ebook available
9781776575077 | UK9.99



Something smaller than
the tip of your finger can
have a brain, a heart, a
favourite food



Giselle Clarkson

The Observologist

**A Handbook for Mounting Very Small
Scientific Expeditions**

A highly illustrated creative guide to the small
creatures and natural wonders we find when we
take time to open our eyes to the world around us.

Hardback | 250 x 190 mm | 96pp
9781776575190 | UK 14.99

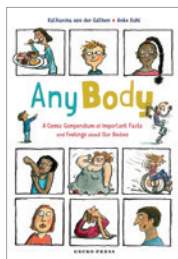
In my view, the meaning
of life is very simple.



A GASTROPOD

Meaning: Stomach Foot

A comic compendium of important facts and feelings about our bodies



**Katharina von der Gathen
& Anke Kuhl**

Any Body

Any Body looks from the outside and the inside, to answer questions about our bodies and how we feel about them. This compendium of straightforward information, real people's words, comics and illustrations allows us to feel at home in our bodies—and have a giggle at them too.

Paperback | 245 x 168 mm | 92pp
9781776575466 | UK10.99



‘A wonderful interactive little book’

Axel Scheffler of the Gruffalo



Jörg Mühle

Tickle My Ears

core title

Just irresistible...a book that teaches a child how to put someone—one's self, obviously—to bed School Library Journal

9781776570768 | Ebook available



Bathtime for Little Rabbit

The book speaks perfect baby. The Bookbag

Funny, sweet, reassuring and empowering...perfection.

Playing by the Book

9781776571376



Poor Little Rabbit!

Besides being fun, this gem is also a way to show toddlers how to put empathy into action. New York Times

9781776571772



Let's Play, Little Rabbit

An irresistible read-aloud, and a delight for all.

Starred review, School Library Journal

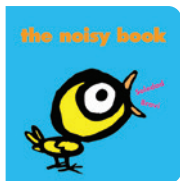
9781776574711

All boardbooks | 170 x 170 mm | 20pp | UK 7.99



‘This celebration of sound
is epic in its scope and
delightful in its execution’

Starred review, Publishers Weekly



core title

Soledad Bravi

The Noisy Book

Evening Standard, Best Picture Books for Children

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

Boardbook | 140 x 140 mm | 116pp
9781877467523 | UK 9.99

Noisy Dominoes Card game 52 cards 2 levels
9781776571017 | UK 9.16

**Pain goes
ouch**



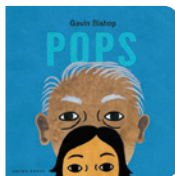
**The baby goes
waaaaa**



**The kiss goes
mwahh**



Whānau & our place in the world



Gavin Bishop

Pops

A beautiful board book highlighting the joy of spending a day with a grandpa. Recommended for every shelf. Starred review, School Library Journal

9781776574001



Friend

The spare language carries much weight ... warm, empathic. Kirkus Reviews

9781776574865

All boardbooks | 185 x 185 mm | 18pp | UK 9.99

Prime
Minister's
Award

Sir Kingi Ihaka
award for
contribution
to Māori art
and culture



‘Hits its mark perfectly,
delivering a just-scary-enough
jolt to surprise and delight’

Starred review, Publishers Weekly



core title

Bénédicte Guettier

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

Watch the wolf put on his trousers, his T-shirt, his socks. But what's he planning once he's dressed? Careful, he might bite ... Snap the book shut to keep the wolf inside!

Your child will love the anticipation that builds with each turn of the page as the Big Bad Wolf gets dressed for his day, starting with a pair of rather silly underpants. Readings Bookstore

Boardbook | 140 x 140 mm | 26pp
9781877579424 | UK8.99



‘Silly, innovative, entirely enjoyable’

Starred review, Kirkus Reviews



David Elliot

Bumblebee Grumblebee

The real accomplishment of this astounding board book is that an entire story is conveyed through just two words. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

Makes us laugh out loud and brings us to an exuberant ending – perfect for under twos! Sunday Star-Times

Boardbook | 170 x 170 mm | 20pp
9781776574025 | UK 7.99



Oink

The delicacy and subtlety of the art only adds to the frisky humor. New York Times

Hardback | 180 x 240 mm | 32pp
9781776572144 | UK 8.99

IBBY White
Raven
catalogue
*Both books
selected*



‘A storybook and memory game in one’

Manawātū Standard



core title

Satoru Onishi **Who's Hiding?**

Who's Hiding? is a book for anyone to read aloud over and over—simple on the surface with deeper levels on each re-reading: humour, emotion, colour, shapes, animals ...

Boardbook | 240 x 185 mm | 28pp
9781776574568 | UK 8.99

Who's Hiding? Paperback | 238 x 207 mm | 32pp
9781877467134 | UK 6.99



‘Likely to stop even non-bookish kids in their tracks’

Best Picture Books for Children, The Guardian



core title

Stephanie Blake

Poo Bum

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

Poo Bum is loved by children and parents worldwide. This is the book that turned Simon the mischievous rabbit into an international bestseller, now with an animated TV series.

9781877467974



Nooo! Not the Dentist!

Simon gets a sore tooth so needs to take his first trip to the dentist. “Nooo!” But his mother takes no notice.

9781776575312

All picture books 275 x 210 mm | 28–32pp
Paperback UK6.99/7.99
Hardback UK10.99

I Can't Sleep!

9781776571642

I Don't Want to Go to School!

9781877579080

I'm the Biggest

9781776572021

Hardback 9781776572137

I Want Spaghetti!

9781927271926

Nits!

9781776572243

Hardback 9781776572236

Stupid Baby

9781877579325

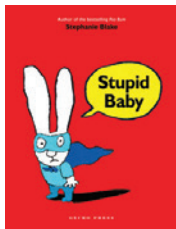
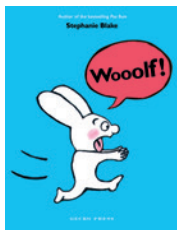
Super Rabbit

9781877579578

Woolf!

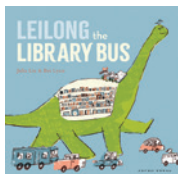
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SIMON
international
TV series on
Netflix and local
platforms



‘No matter who you are, there’s a place and a role for everyone’

Book Trust Book of the Day



Julia Liu & Bei Lynn

Leilong the Library Bus

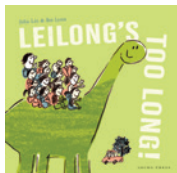
A heart-moving celebration of why stories matter so very much, and why some of us can't stop reading them, listening to them, or writing them.

Poetry Box

243 x 250 mm | 32 pp | Ebook available

Hardback 9781776573318 | UK 11.99

Paperback 9781776573325 | UK 7.99



Leilong's Too Long!

An original and life-affirming story that that will delight and appeal to all ages. Just Imagine

243 x 250 mm | 32 pp | Ebook available

Hardback 9781776574339 | UK 11.99

Paperback 9781776573370 | UK 7.99



‘Perfect for oral language, sharing stories and using imagination’

Books Trailers for Kids and YA



Leo Timmers

Monkey on the Run

Marvelous wheeled contraptions... eccentric details.

Starred review, Publishers Weekly

275 x 210mm | 32pp

Paperback 9781776572519 | UK 7.99



Where Is the Dragon?

A lilting Seussian singsong, with wonderful, surprising rhymes. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

210 x 280 mm | 40pp | Ebook available

Paperback 9781776573127 | UK7.99

New York Times
Best Illustrated
Book



You don't find a beautiful sock like this every day!



Catharina Valckx

Lisette's Green Sock

Valckx's droll caricatures, executed in watercolor, are brimming with personality.

Starred review, School Library Journal

Utterly simple and springtime fresh.

Starred review, Booklist

230 x 210 mm | 36pp | Ebook available

Hardback 9781776572830 | UK 11.99

Paperback 9781776572847 | UK 7.99



Lisette's Lie

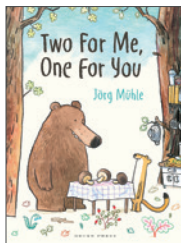
A funny story about imaginative play with friends, a good day out—climbing mountains, swimming and singing—and the difference between storytelling and lies.

230 x 210 mm | 36pp | Ebook available

Paperback 9781776574414 | UK 7.99



Two friends share three mushrooms... who will get the extra one?



Jörg Mühle

Two for Me, One for You

A delightful look at sharing and the problems that can result. School Library Journal

A fine sense of comic pacing... cozy domesticity in the forest. Kirkus Reviews

265 x 190 mm | 32pp | Ebook available

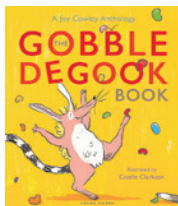
Paperback 9781776572403 | UK 7.99

core title



‘Will be passed down
generations—timeless,
joyous and heavy
with memories’

NZ Book Lovers



Joy Cowley & Giselle Clarkson
The Gobbledegook Book
A Joy Cowley Anthology

Joy Cowley's favourite stories, poems and nonsense rhymes collected in a hardback gift volume for the family to treasure.

Hardback | 290 x 240 mm | 88pp
9781776572588 | UK 14.99





Teach
Early Years
Award



Joy Cowley & Kimberly Andrews

Song of the River

Cowley's beautiful, melodic story—brimming with atmosphere and descriptive power—is exquisitely brought to life. Lancashire Post

Paperback | 242 x 250 mm | 32pp | Ebook available
9781776572540 | UK 7.99



Joy Cowley & Giselle Clarkson

The Tiny Woman's Coat

A new favourite cosy read.

The Times UK Children's Book of the Week

Hardback | 216 x 216 mm | 28 pp | Ebook available
9781776573424 | UK 9.99

‘A tribute to the power of collective, constructive play, and to heeding the call of freedom’

Publishers Weekly



Leo Timmers **Elephant Island**

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

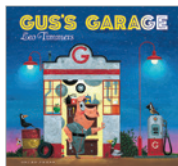
The Times Children's Book of the Week

Yet another triumphant experiment for the award-winning Timmers. New York Times

280 x 210 mm | 40 pp | Ebook available

Paperback 9781776574353 | UK 7.99

Hardback 9781776574346 | UK 11.99



Gus's Garage

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

Paperback | 245 x 265 mm | 32pp | Ebook available

9781776570935 | UK 7.99

New York Times
Best Illustrated
Book recipient



‘Pictures perfectly capturing every detail of the high drama at the heart of this stunning, wordless story’

The Guardian



core title

Béatrice Rodriguez

The Chicken Thief

When a fox steals a chicken from her friends, they set out to rescue her over mountains and across seas in this enduring wordless picture book.

Hardback | 240 x 190 mm | 64pp
9781877467318 | UK 9.99



‘An explosion of color, light and life’

New York Times



Antje Damm

The Visitor

Gorgeous in pictures and words, this is a terrific read-aloud selection and a great story to spark conversation.

Starred review, School Library Journal

Paperback | 247 x 190 mm | 32pp

9781776571895 | UK 7.99



Waiting for Goliath

An elegantly understated portrait of patience.

Starred review, Publishers Weekly

Readers will be transfixed by the diorama.

Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

Paperback | 247 x 190 mm | 32pp

9781776571420 | UK 6.99



The Wolf and the Fly

A delightful guessing, memory, observation and naming game in which one toy after another disappears—temporarily—into the mouth of the hungry little wolf.

Boardbook | 170 x 170 mm | 20pp

9781776572809 | UK 7.99

New York Times
Best Illustrated
Book



‘A calm, happy, perfect,
wonderful day ... almost as
nice as the real thing’

Wall Street Journal



Philip Waechter

A Perfect Wonderful Day with Friends

A picture book about simply being alive. This is a story about a day when you are being observant and finding adventure wherever you can.

School Library Journal

235 x 265 mm | 28pp | Ebook available

Hardback 9781776574667 | UK 12.99

Paperback 9781776574674 | UK 7.99



A mother's a house,
she's a car in a rush,
she's a lullaby hush...



Aurore Petit

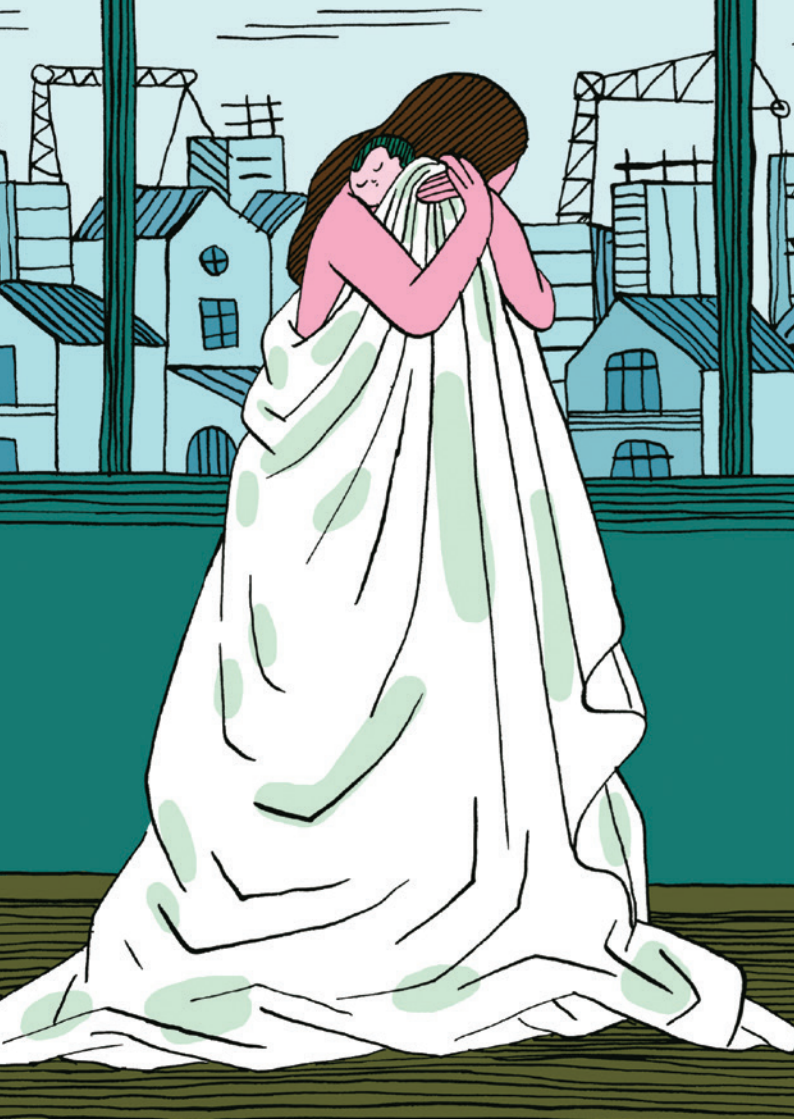
A Mother Is a House

This bright and contemporary picture book in verse offers a unique baby's eye view of the first year, from birth to first steps.

Charming... joyful, colourful, humorous.

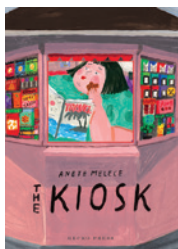
The Times Children's Book of the Week

Hardback | 238 x 170 mm | 48pp | Ebook available
9781776573233 | UK 11.99



‘The most captivating and original book... A parable for our time’

New York Times



Anete Melece

The Kiosk

A wonderful, subversive portrait of a woman who does not fit in, *The Kiosk* shows how people who are stuck can find a way to get free.

Humour and heart. Red Reading Hub

My kids love to pop their faces behind the cut-out and pretend to sell magazines and drinks, just like Olga. Kids' Book Review

Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | 40pp | Ebook available
9781776572991 | UK 11.99



A book with a very happy ending about being lonely, finding friends and learning how to play



Barbro Lindgren & Eva Eriksson

The Tale of the Tiny Man

A much-loved classic Swedish children's story newly illustrated in this celebratory edition.

Timeless text combines effortlessly with the moody illustrations by Eva Eriksson, capturing the yearning and melancholy of a tiny man with a big heart.

Children's Book Council of Australia

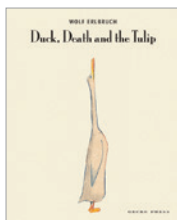
Hardback | 230 x 195 mm | 36pp

9781776574094 | UK 12.99



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

Patrick Ness



core title

Wolf Erlbruch

Duck, Death and the Tulip

The gold standard of picture books about death.

New York Times

A superb picture book ... warm, poignant and witty.

Anthony Browne, The Guardian

I can't think of another book that tackles so huge a subject with such simple, heartbreaking eloquence.

Meg Rosoff, Financial Times

A marvelous addition to the handful of intelligent and imaginative children's books about death and loss. Maria Popova, Brainpickings

298 x 240 mm | 38pp

Hardback 9781877467141 | UK 12.99

Paperback 9781877467172 | UK 8.99

Astrid
Lindgren
Memorial
Award



‘A raw, startling portrait of migration’

Starred review, Kirkus Reviews



Issa Watanabe

Migrants

A heartstoppingly beautiful wordless picture book about migration and empathy.

Stark, eloquent, and utterly devoid of sentimentality. The Horn Book

Hardback | 230 x 230 mm | 40pp
9781776573134 | UK 12.99

Bank Street
Best Children's
Book



You're a very hard person
to buy for—but have I got
the perfect thing for you!



Anke Kuhl

Perfect Presents!

A satisfied lizard has found the perfect present for a hard-to-please friend in this happy comic book about gifts, ideal as a gift in its own right.

Hardback | 145 x 145 mm | 32pp
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A multi-layered story of the colonial history of Aotearoa

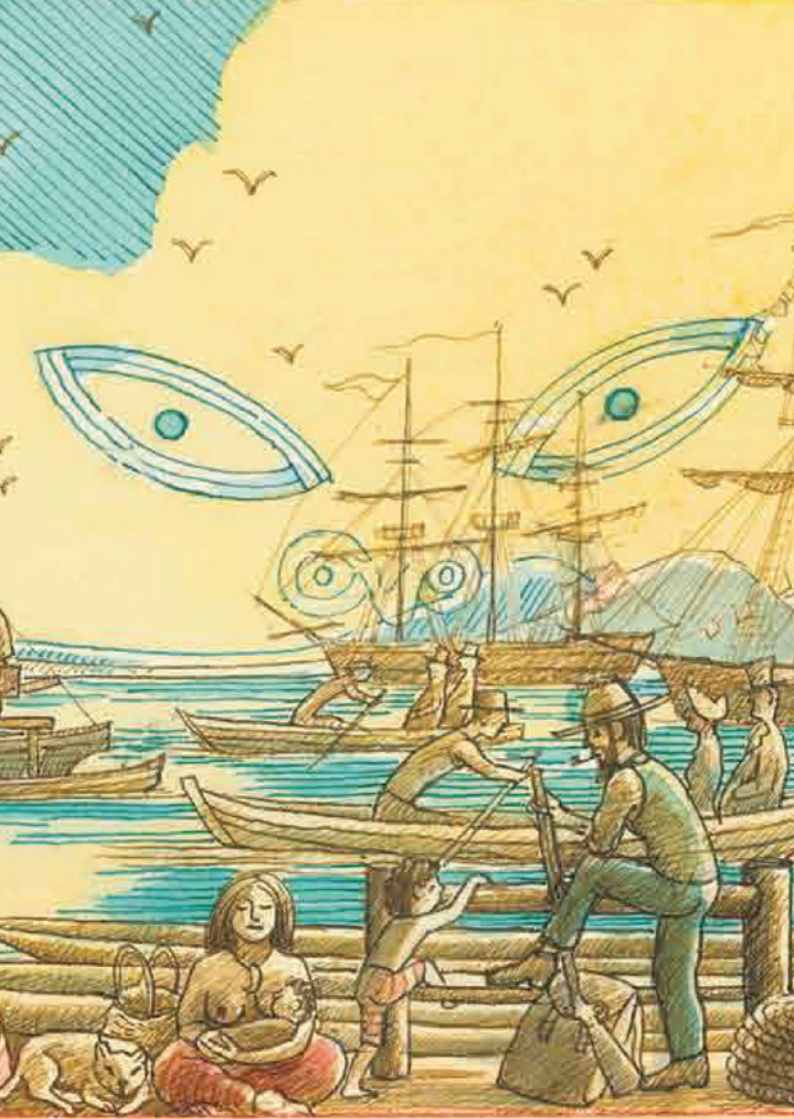


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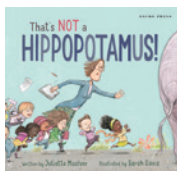
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Best Books of 2016, School Library Journal



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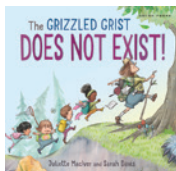
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That's Not a Hippopotamus!

Kids will ask for it again and again just for the pure joy of joining in the hippo hunt... I highly, highly recommend this book. Storywraps

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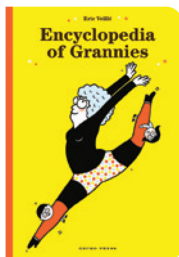


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Awfully Big Reviews



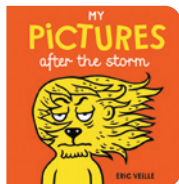
Éric Veillé

Encyclopedia of Grannies

A completely bonkers, gleefully silly guide to grandmothers of all stripes. Travis Jonker

Truly a book for any age ... simultaneously silly and sincere, and a perfect tribute to grandmothers around the world. The Big Issue

Hardback | 270 x 195 mm | 32pp
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My Pictures after the Storm

A mischievous take on cause and effect.
Starred review, Publishers Weekly

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

Sophisticated silliness. The Guardian

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Inside

Have you seen
inside a granny?

Inside every granny,
there's a small house,
and in that house is
that same granny
when she was a little
girl. That's where
she still lives.



Oh, Yeah.

CuTE!



‘Villainous villains and spine-tingling fun’

Lancashire Evening Post



Clotilde Perrin

Gotcha!

A funny fairy tale hide-and-seek

In this monstrously funny and original lift-the-flaps adventure, a child finds hiding places in three famous fairy tale houses before turning on their hide-and-seek pursuers.

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Inside the Suitcase

Part puzzle, part fairy tale, a little boy sets out on a journey with a suitcase full of tricks and treasures that becomes the key to getting him home.

Each flap reveals more secret flaps and the story rolls on with suspenseful cliffhangers.

Youth Services Book Review

Hardback | 250 x 235 mm | 20pp, over 35 flaps
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‘Flaps and foldouts that allow readers to explore their guts, and ultimately, their souls’

Travis Jonker, School Library Journal



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Clotilde Perrin

Inside the Villains

Lift the flaps on the most famous fairytale villains: the giant, the wolf and the witch.

Splendid introductions, chock-full of villainous revelations and insights. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

A supersized hardback, filled with layer upon layer of meticulous detail. The Guardian

Hardback | 400 x 270 mm | 12pp, multiple flaps & pulltabs
9781776571987 | UK 20.00



The House of Madame M

Enjoy the thrill of uncovering what lurks in the wardrobe, behind the door, under the furniture...

The most, and best, (pop-up) haunted house in decades. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

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‘This magical totem of a book bursts with beauty, absurdity, generosity and the surprise of the natural world’

New York Times



Kitty Crowther

Stories of the Night

An original, pleasing bedtime book that has the feel of a classic. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

Quirky, quietly beautiful, and a wonderful demonstration of the power of stories.

Red Reading Hub

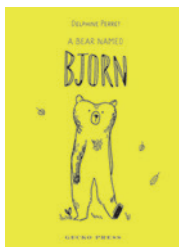
Hardback | 190 x 160 mm | 64pp

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‘These intelligent, thoughtful and funny vignettes are a great way to talk about big themes’

INIS magazine



Delphine Perret

A Bear Named Bjorn

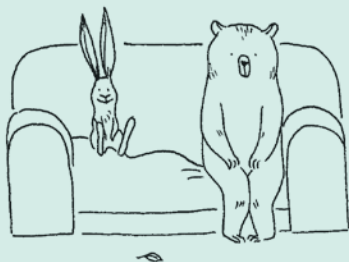
There's a flick of Moomins style to the simple but striking black line drawings, and echoes of Winnie-the-Pooh in the characters' droll reflections.
Observer

These gentle, funny stories are perfect for thoughtful beginner readers. Readings Bookstore

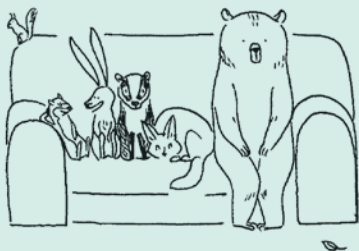
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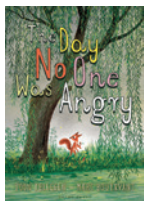
BJORN SITS DOWN. IT'S SOFT. OKAY, NOT BAD.
THE RABBIT WANTS TO TRY IT, TOO.
YES, NICE AND SOFT. SHE LIKES IT.



THE BADGER DROPS BY AND SETTLES IN.
THE SQUIRREL HAS ALREADY TOLD THE WHOLE
FOREST. THE WEASEL SPRAWLS OUT, THE FOX
CURLS UP. QUITE THE EVENT, THIS NEW SOFA.



The lobster carried a suitcase which he put on the table. ‘Can I interest you in some anger?’



Toon Tellegen & Marc Boutavant

The Day No One Was Angry

Pleasantly lacking moral-mongering, this fresh collection will appeal to parents and children who enjoy sharing stories as springboards to discussion and speculation. Kirkus Reviews

270 x 190 mm | 80p

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No One Is Angry Today

Ten thoughtful, philosophical, absurd tales from the world of *The Day No One Was Angry*, in which the forest animals discover that anger comes in many shapes and sizes.

Hardback | 270 x 190 mm | 72pp

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‘A sly, thoughtful, many-layered story’

Starred review, Publishers Weekly



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Ulf Nilsson & Eva Eriksson

All the Dear Little Animals

This tender, funny and unusual story captures perfectly the child's perspective. Outside in World

A darkly comedic exploration of life and death Horn Book

Pitch-perfect. Starred review, Booklist

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Ulf Nilsson & Anna Höglund

Can You Whistle, Johanna?

A sweet, tender, never maudlin evocation of an intergenerational friendship. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

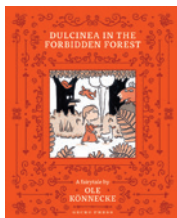
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‘Brilliantly comedic, both verbally and visually’

Red Reading Hub



Ole Könnecke

Dulcinea in the Forbidden Forest

An indefatigable heroine...shares lineage with Quentin Blake and Roald Dahl. New York Times

Profuse line and wash illustration, in a minimal palette of light oranges and browns, set the scene and capture atmosphere and personalities beautifully. Horn Book

Immensely funny. There's a lot of drama—and spunk and humor—in these expressive characters. Seven Impossible Things Before Breakfast

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Horn Book



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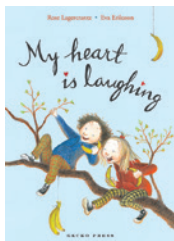
Rose Lagercrantz & Eva Eriksson **My Happy Life**

This acclaimed series of illustrated chapter books for early readers begins when Dani starts school. There she meets Ella, who becomes her best friend in the world. At school and at home, Dani faces real-life ups and downs. Full of fun and happiness, each stand-alone book is warm-hearted and true to how life really is.

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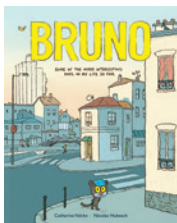
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The Spinoff



Catharina Valckx

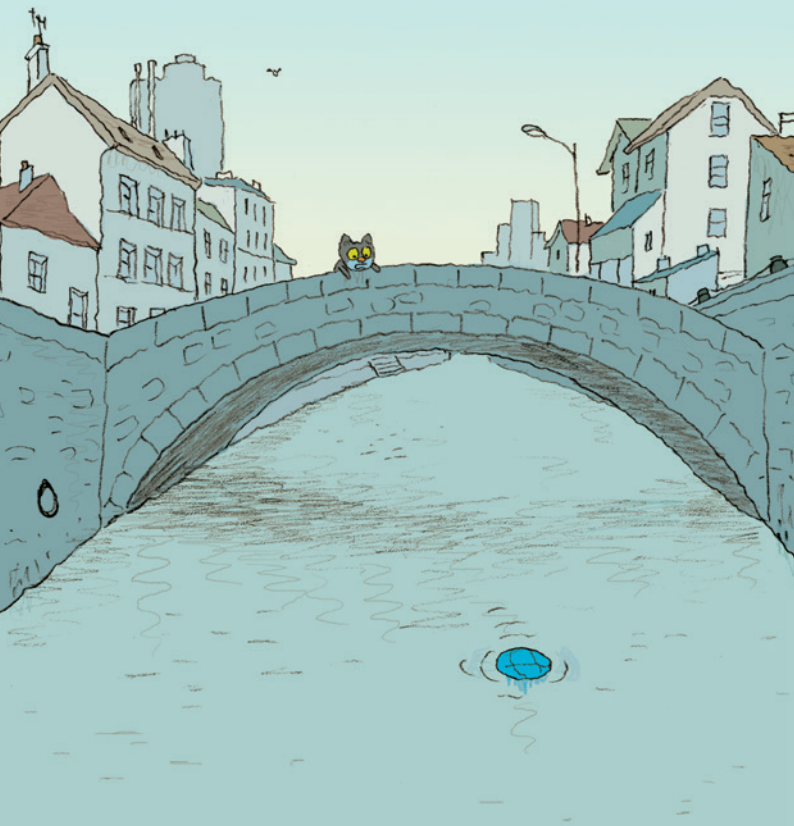
**Bruno: Some of the More Interesting
Days in My Life So Far**

I want more books like this! School Library Journal

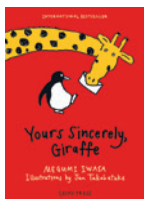
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224 x 180 mm | 88pp

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



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Starred review, Kirkus Reviews

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The story is creative and delightful, full of humor and heart. Manhattan Book Review

Delightfully silly. Kirkus Reviews

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Dear You, Whoever You Are,
Who Lives on the Other Side
of the Horizon

I am Giraffe. I live in
Africa. I'm famous for my
long neck. Please tell me
all about yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Giraffe

‘Ito uses words and pictures with equal skill to craft this hilariously willful little visionary’

New York Times



Hiroshi Ito

Free Kid to Good Home

A light, engaging tale that will appeal to comic book fans and all young readers who have secretly (or not so secretly) resented the arrival of a potato-faced baby to the family. School Reading List

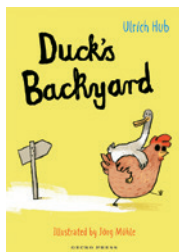
Translated from an enduring Japanese bestseller in its 31st edition and at last available in English.

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‘Those who travel
change. You’ve become
a different chicken.’

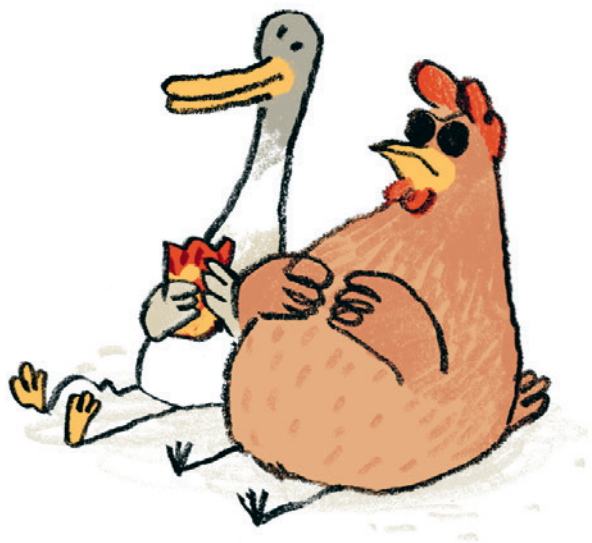


Ulrich Hub & Jörg Mühle

Duck's Backyard

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‘Heartwarming, different, life-affirming’

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Frida Nilsson

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Illustrated by Stina Wirsén

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exactly what it was like to be small, fierce,
disempowered and six.*

The Times Children's Book of the Week

*A memorable heroine with an impulsive streak and a
nose for trouble ... fresh, funny and oh-so-relatable. INIS
magazine*



*Frida Nilsson is a worthy successor to the great Astrid
Lindgren, and indeed Hattie could very easily be this
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Hattie 9781776572717 | 152 pp

Hattie & Olaf 9781776573189 | 184 pp

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‘Hilarious & wicked
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combine for a fast-paced,
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Kirkus Reviews



Jonathan King

The Inkberg Enigma

Terrific. Neil Gaiman

*Funny, exciting, charming, mysterious,
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Dylan Horrocks

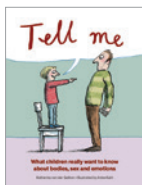
*King's dramatic poses and square jaws recall the
golden era of pulp action comics but with a modern
feel and diverse cast.* Booklist

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‘One of the best books on the topics of bodies, sex, and emotions that I’ve encountered’

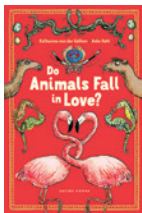
Travis Jonkers, School Library Journal



Katharina von der Gathen & Anke Kuhl
Tell Me

Funny and frank, this will be an important resource for many kids. Kirkus Reviews

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what does it feel like
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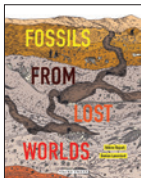
Starred review, Publishers Weekly



Damien Laverdunt & Hélène Rajcak **Small and Tall Tales of Extinct Animals**

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Peter Goes

Timeline

Here is a glowing sucker octopus, with its limbs spread out, pumpkin-colored, looking like a just-exploded Roman candle in the night sky.

Wall Street Journal

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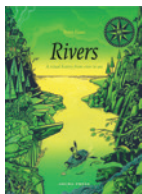
Timeline Science & Technology

An amazing pictorial assemblage of historical happenings. San Francisco Book Review, 5 stars

Gigantic, propulsive, lavishly drawn and smartly annotated...Filled with hidden details and subtle wit.

New York Times

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