

# WELDON OWEN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2023

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Beautiful Books For Inquisitive Minds







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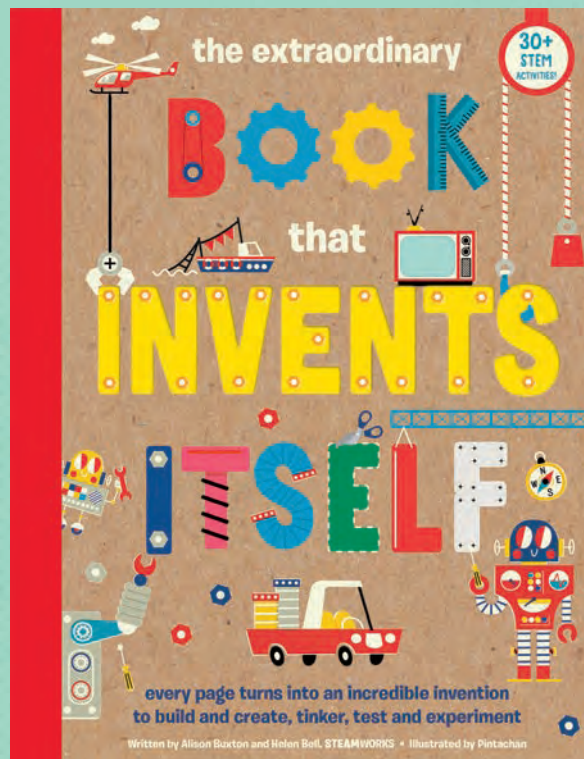


# THE EXTRAORDINARY BOOKS

Most books are just meant to be read.  
But these are no ordinary books...







## The Extraordinary Book That Invents Itself

Alison Buxton and Helen Bell  
Illustrated by Pintachan

A one-of-a-kind project book that turns into 30 incredible inventions.

This book turns itself into rockets, code-breakers, bionic hands, balancing acrobats, demolition balls, constellation viewers and many more ingenious human inventions.

Each invention is introduced very simply, with the scientific and engineering principles behind it, and all the templates, tips, and instructions to create it yourself. A pull-out Inventors Handbook includes easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions and clever hacks to help every young inventor achieve success.

**Unique Format:** There is a project to cut out and make on every page, and a pull-out Inventor's Handbook to develop ideas further.

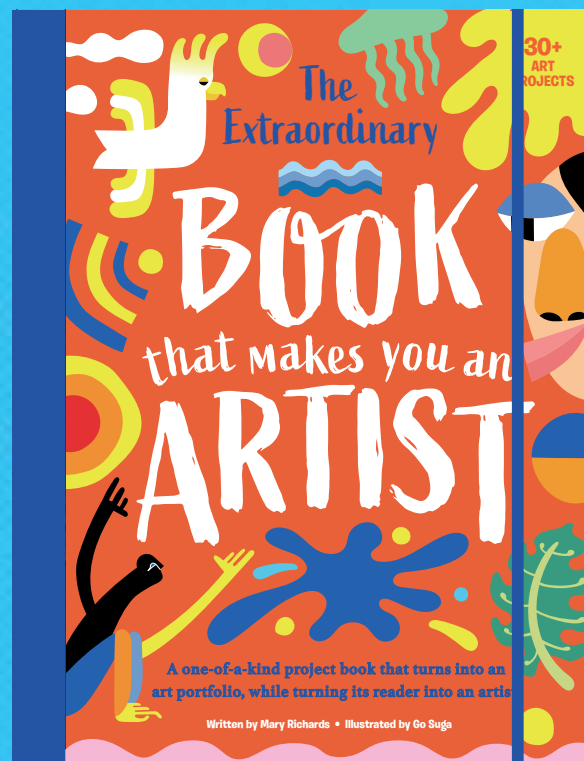
**Encourages Innovation:** Young inventors will develop their creativity and problem-solving skills, and it empowers them to tinker, build and create.

**Expert Authority:** Alison Buxton and Helen Bell are scientists, teachers and the masterminds behind STEAM Works, a not-for-profit organization on a mission to get more children engaged in STEM and STEAM.



- Age: 6+
- Format: Flexibound
- Size: 208 x 272 mm
- Extent: 64 pages
- ISBN: 9781915588098
- Price: £10.99





# The Extraordinary Book That Makes You An Artist

Mary Richards • Illustrated by Go Suga

**A one-of-a-kind project book that turns into an art portfolio, whilst turning its reader into an artist.**

This book turns itself into sculptures, paintings, colour wheels, viewfinders, op art and pop art, surrealism, cubism and more. It is art school in a book.

Every page turns into an art project and the cover becomes a portfolio to house the completed creations, making a personal art show to visit again and again.

**Unique Format:** There is a project to cut out and make on every page and a special portfolio to keep them in.

**30 Art Projects:** From colour wheels to cubism, portraiture to pop art, sculpture to spin art, the projects in this book use a variety of techniques, styles and media to create inspiring art.

**Encourages Creativity And Innovation:** Young artists will develop their skills and ideas, supporting the aims of STEAM.

**Expert Authority:** Written by award-winning art writer, Mary Richards, previously Publisher at the Hayward Gallery, London's Southbank Centre.



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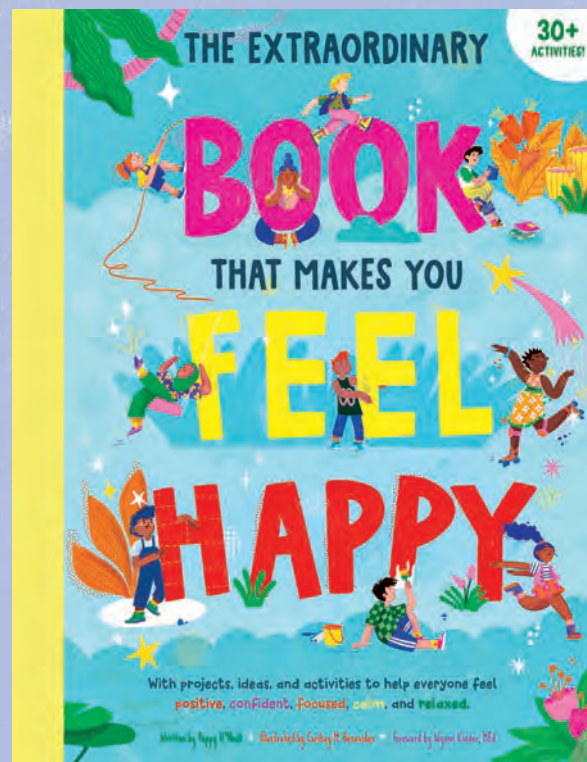
- Extent: 64 pages

ISBN: 9781915588173

- Price: £12.99

- Publication date: 6 July 2023





## The Extraordinary Book That Makes You Feel Happy

Poppy O'Neill • Illustrated by Caribay M. Benavides

With projects, ideas and activities to help children feel positive, confident, focused, calm, relaxed, inclusive and included.

A book for every child, with a toolkit of projects, ideas and activities that can help each individual to build resilience to big, overwhelming feelings; to explore complex feelings; and to feel connected to themselves as well as others.

**Unique Format:** There is a project to cut out and make on every page and a special back pocket to keep them in.

**Expert Authority:** Foreword by teacher and mindfulness expert, Wynne Kinder, MEd.

**Timely Topic:** The global pandemic has put pressure on mental health and wellbeing like never before. This activity book provides children with the reassurance and tools they need to build resistance and cope with on-going pressures.



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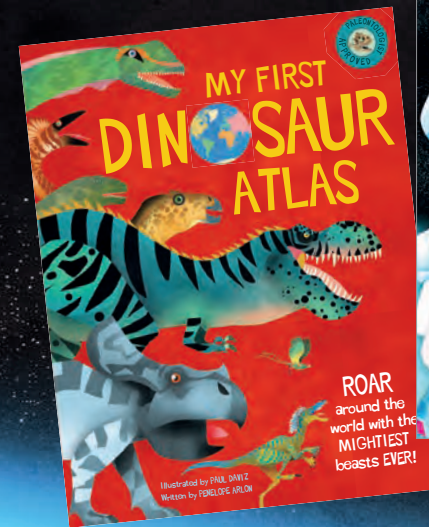
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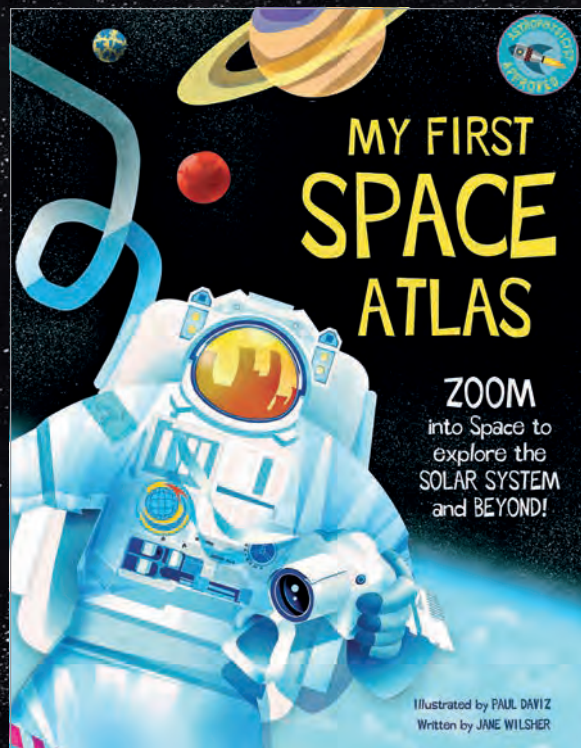


# MY FIRST ATLASES

Mapping the world and beyond with quirky art, fun narrative and an interactive game.







# My First Space Atlas

Jane Wilsher • Illustrated by Paul Daviz

Zoom into Space for an exhilarating journey through the Solar System and beyond.

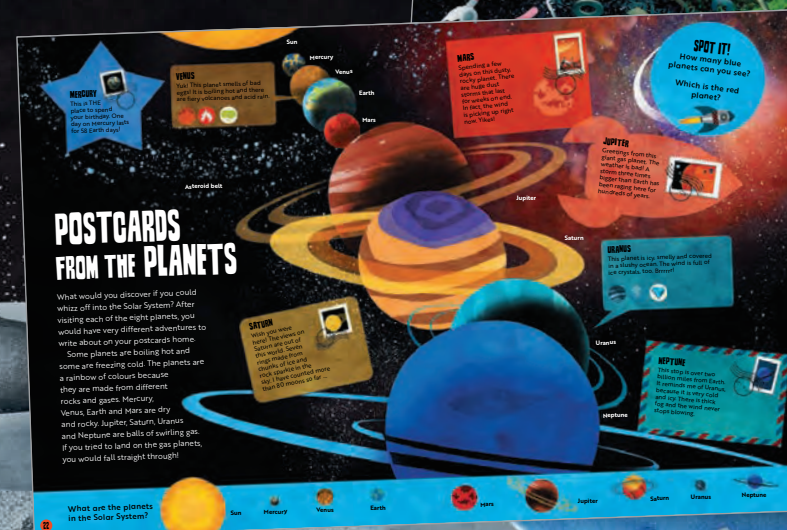
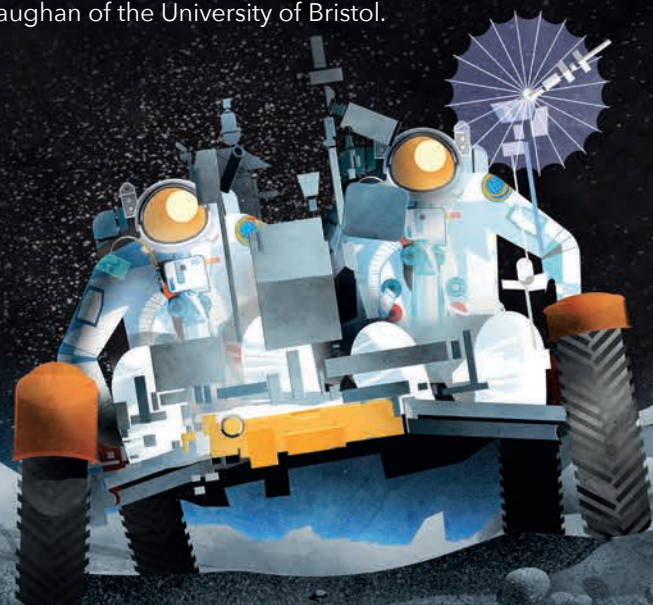
Land on the Moon, visit the International Space Station, take a Space walk and tour the planets. But watch out for Space junk, dark matter and black holes!

The bright, quirky images, evocative narrative and interactive 'Spot It' game will thrill budding young astronauts throughout the universe.

**Child-centred Approach:** Combines Space facts with an imaginary trip into the Solar System and beyond.

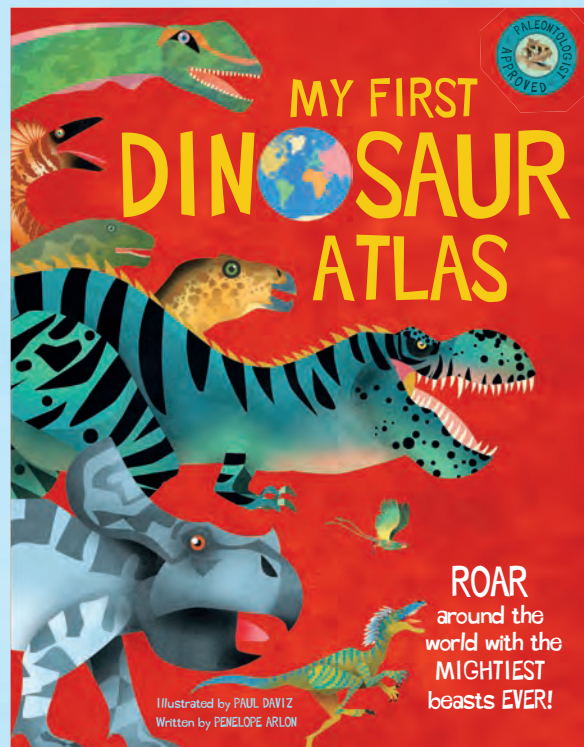
**Vibrant, Unique Art:** Astronauts, rockets, rovers, planets and more are depicted in bright, colourful, stylized illustrations that accurately represent their key features and characteristics.

**Expert Authority:** All the information is rubber-stamped by expert astrophysicist Professor Ben Maughan of the University of Bristol.



- **Age: 3+**
- **Format:** Hardback
- **Size:** 235 x 305 mm
- **Extent:** 32 pages
- **ISBN:** 9781915588258
- **Price:** £14.99
- **Publication date:**
- **7 September 2023**





## My First Dinosaur Atlas

Penelope Arlon • Illustrated by Paul Daviz

Roar around the world to meet the mightiest, the fiercest and the deadliest beasts of all time.

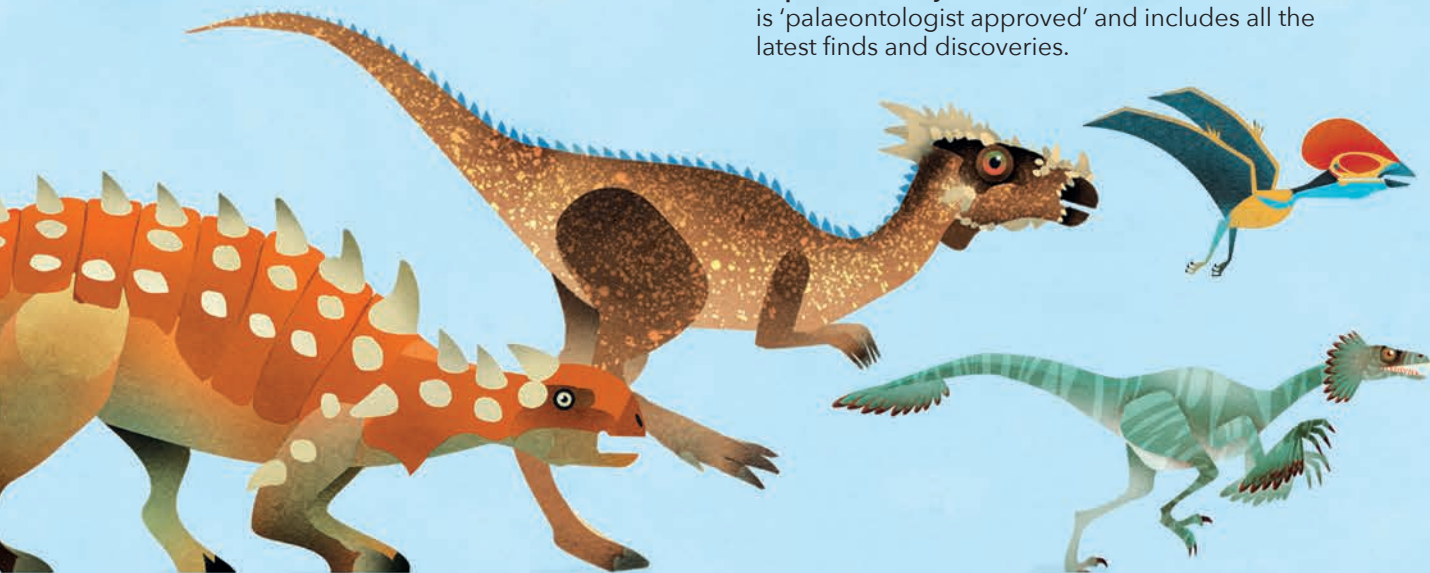
Travel the world in prehistoric times to meet the dinosaurs that ruled the land, the reptiles that terrorized the seas and the pterosaurs that filled the skies. Seek and find the dinosaur fossils left for us to learn about these awesome creatures, and play the 'spot the dinosaur' game to discover all your favourites.

Filled with fascinating facts about more than 132 dinosaurs, this book will teach you where they lived, what they ate and how to pronounce their names.

**Unique Approach:** Combines dinosaur facts with a trip around the world.

**Vibrant, Unique Art:** Dinosaurs and environments are depicted in bright, colourful, stylized illustrations that accurately represent their key features and characteristics.

**Expert Authority:** Dr Neil Clark has ensured that this is 'palaeontologist approved' and includes all the latest finds and discoveries.



Age: 6+

Format: Hardback

Size: 235 x 305 mm mm

Extent: 64 pages

ISBN: 9781915588036

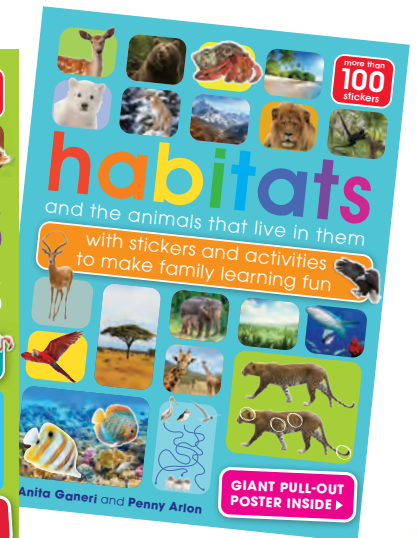
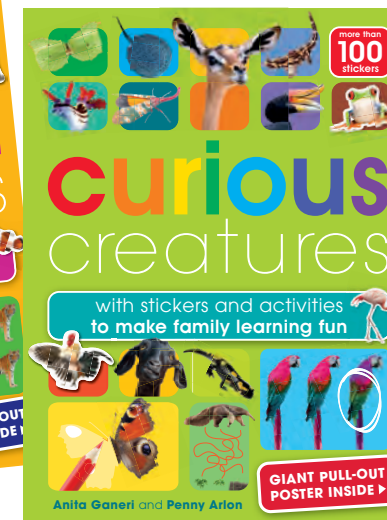
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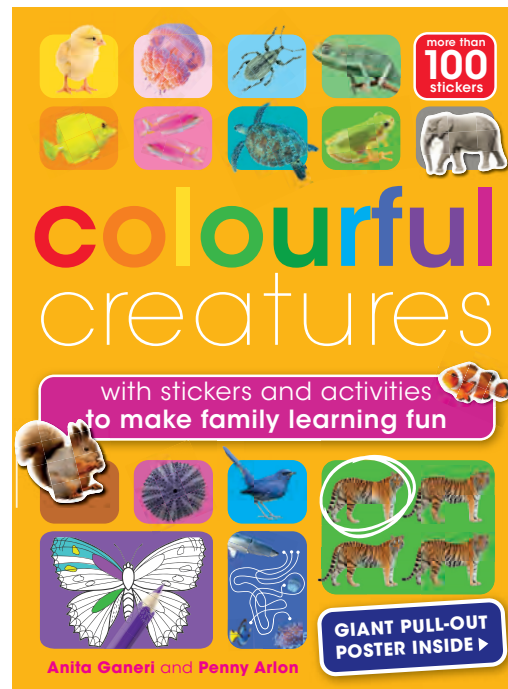


# COOL CREATURES ACTIVITIES AND STICKERS

Stunning photography, cool activities, reusable  
stickers and a gigantic wall poster make learning fun!







## Colourful Creatures Activities And Stickers

Anita Ganeri and Penny Arlon

### Making learning fun for all the family!

Take a stroll through the rainbow and meet all kinds of different animals. From red and sapphire parrots to black and white orca whales, the animal kingdom is bursting with vibrant colour.

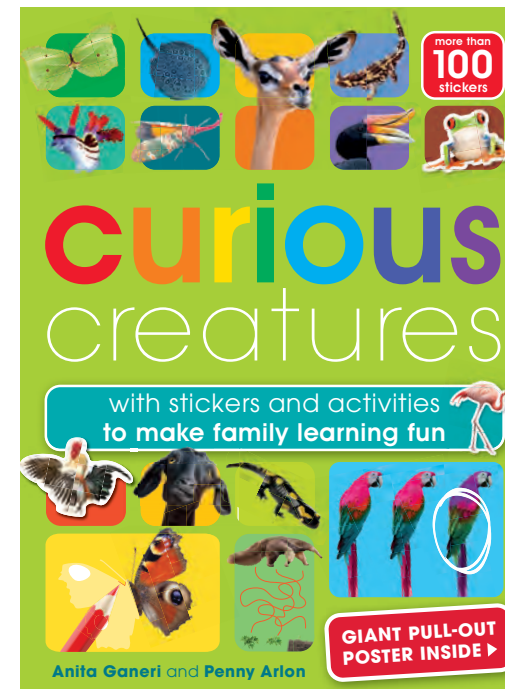
Have fun completing the activity pages packed with mazes, find the differences, word searches, sticker scenes and more.

**Early Learning:** A hands-on book to teach young children all about animals and colours.

**Interactive Activities:** 32 pages of fun to keep little ones learning and entertained for hours.

**More Than 100 Stickers:** Colourful stickers to use with the activities, or on their own.

**Bonus Poster:** Includes a 406 x 560 mm (16 x 22 in.) poster perfect for a bedroom or classroom wall.



## Curious Creatures Activities And Stickers

Anita Ganeri and Penny Arlon

### Making learning fun for all the family!

Walk on the wild side to discover the stranger side of the animal kingdom. From hairless guinea pigs and ballooning puffer fish to huge-eyed bushbabies and brain-like sponges, you'll meet some of the most amazing creatures on Earth!

Have fun completing the activity pages packed with mazes, find the differences, word searches, sticker scenes and more.

**Early Learning:** A hands-on book to teach young children all about animals and their features.

**Interactive Activities:** 32 pages of fun to keep little ones learning and entertained for hours.

**More Than 100 Stickers:** Colourful stickers to use with the activities, or on their own.

**Bonus Poster:** Includes a 406 x 560 mm (16 x 22 in.) poster perfect for a bedroom or classroom wall.

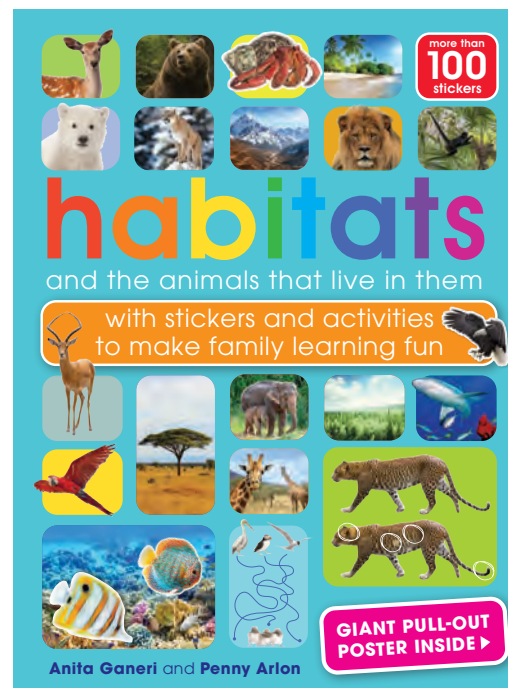


- **Age: 4+**
- Format: Paperback
- TPS: 215 x 292 mm
- Extent: 112 pages
- ISBN: 9781915588104
- Price: £9.99



- **Age: 4+**
- Format: Paperback
- TPS: 215 x 292 mm
- Extent: 112 pages
- ISBN: 9781915588081
- Price: £9.99





## Habitats And The Animals That Live In Them

### Activities And Stickers

Anita Ganeri and Penny Arlon

**Making learning fun for all the family!**

Swing through the rainforest with a spider monkey, swim over a coral reef with tropical fish, and ride on a camel in the desert. From rocky mountains and open oceans to the Arctic tundra, explore the habitats our Earth's amazing creatures call "home."

Have fun completing the activity pages packed with mazes, find the differences, word searches, sticker scenes and more.

**Early Learning:** A hands-on book to teach young children all about animal habitats.

**Interactive Activities:** 32 pages of fun to keep little ones learning and entertained for hours.

**More Than 100 Stickers:** Colourful stickers to use with the activities, or on their own.

**Bonus Poster:** Includes a 406 x 560 mm (16 x 22 in.) poster perfect for a bedroom or classroom wall.



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**Find the giant posters and sticker sheets at the back of each book!**





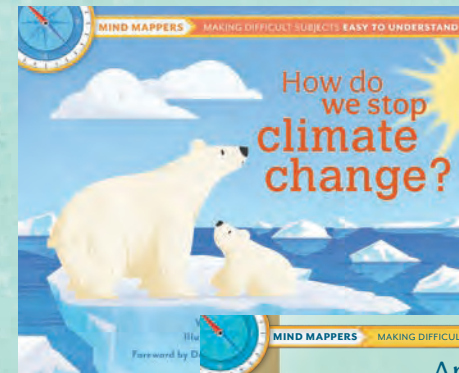


**7+ YEARS**



# MIND MAPPERS

The books that make difficult subjects easy to understand.







## Mind Mappers: Are We Running Out Of Water?

Isabel Thomas • Illustrated by El Primo Ramón

A unique approach to understanding one of the most important environmental issues facing humankind – access to clean, fresh water.

Scientists, engineers, academics and environmentalists warn that unless water use is drastically reduced, severe water shortage will affect the entire planet by 2040. But what does that mean? Why? What should we do?

This book unravels the issues and the answers. Beautiful illustrations, a unique structure and straightforward narrative make this an engaging, fascinating and illuminating read.

**Beautiful Illustrations:** Combines the beauty of a picture book with science-based facts and information.

**Unique Approach:** Uses the mind-map technique to organize information and make it easy to understand for children, parents and teachers.

**Timely Topic:** Inspired by activists like Greta Thunberg, kids are concerned about the environment and are taking active roles at home, school and in the community to protect the planet.



Age: 8+

Format: Hardback

Size: 234 x 292 mm

Extent: 72 pages

ISBN: 9781915588128

Price: £16.99





## Mind Mappers: Why Does Plastic Hurt The Planet?

Clive Gifford • Illustrated by Hannah Li

A unique approach to understanding the plastic problem, with practical actions to help reduce our use.

Every single minute, a truck-load of plastic is dumped into the ocean, damaging beaches, killing wildlife, making food supplies dangerous and contributing to climate change. Most plastic does not break down for hundreds of years, and almost half of it is single use.

Why are we doing this? Why don't we stop? Can we undo the damage? This book explores and unravels these difficult questions.

**Beautiful Illustrations:** Combines the beauty of a picture book with scientific facts.

**Unique Approach:** Uses the mind-map technique to organize information and make it easy to understand for children, parents and teachers.

**Expert Authority:** Foreword by Dr Tridibesh Dey of Aarhus University, Denmark, who studies the social and political aspects of plastic use, and how to tackle plastic pollution.



Age: 8+

Format: Hardback

Size: 234 x 292 mm

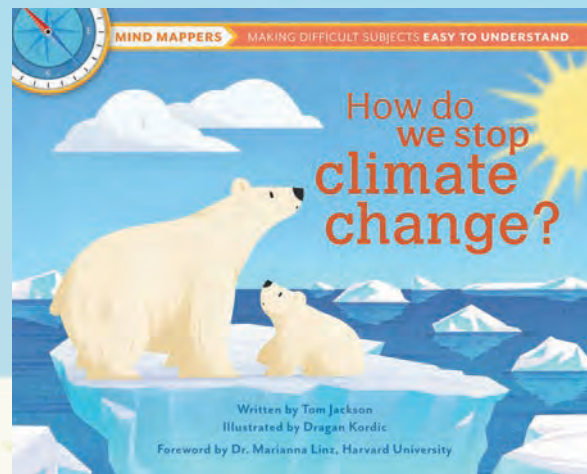
Extent: 72 pages

ISBN: 9781915588166

Price: £16.99

Publication date: 6 July 2023





## Mind Mappers: How Do We Stop Climate Change?

Tom Jackson • Illustrated by Dragan Kordić

A unique approach to understanding climate change, with practical actions to help protect the planet.

Climate change is an important, but complicated, subject. This book makes it accessible for all ages – from children to their parents and teachers. Beautiful illustrations, a unique structure, and straightforward narrative make this an enticing, fascinating, and illuminating read.

**Beautiful Illustrations:** Combines the beauty of a picture book with science-based facts and information.

**Unique Approach:** Uses the mind-map technique to organize information and make it easy to understand for children, parents and teachers.

**Expert Authority:** Foreword by Dr Marianna Linz of Harvard University, who is at the cutting edge of climate change research.

‘An effective teaching tool used to explain a complex and critical issue.’

★ – *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review



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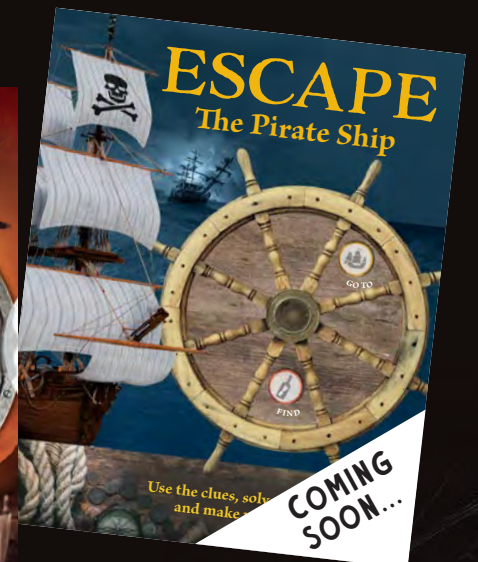
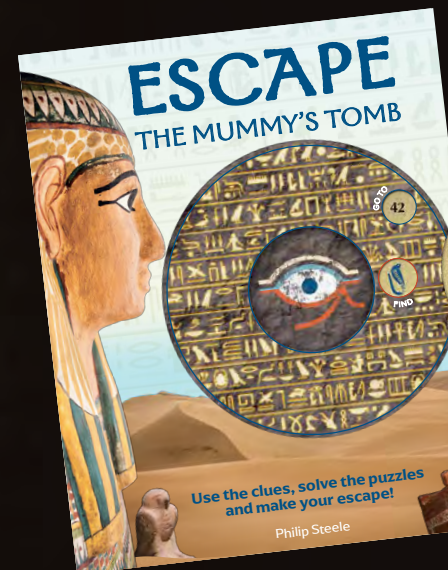
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# ESCAPE BOOKS

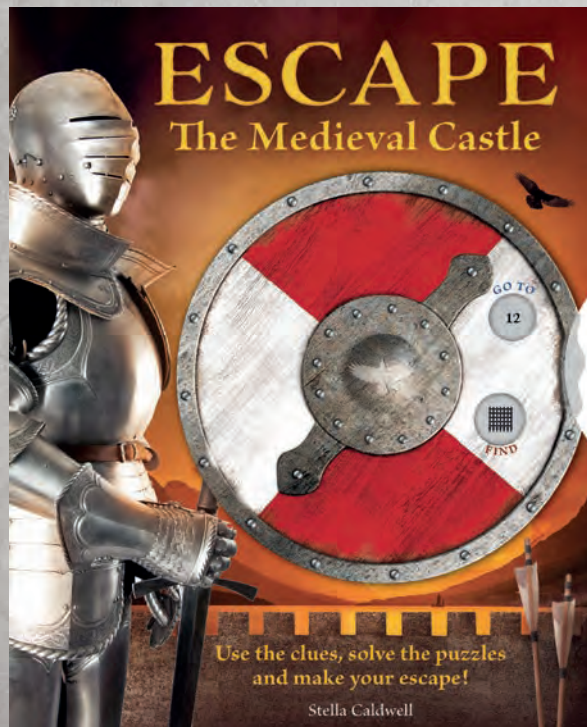
BEWARE! You are about to open a book in which you could become trapped forever. Crack the codes, solve the puzzles and make your escape!











## Escape The Medieval Castle

Stella Caldwell

**Make a thrilling escape from a medieval castle using logic, problem-solving and critical thinking.**

It is 1389, and you are locked in a tower of a medieval castle. The door is guarded. The castle bustles with nobles, servants, craftspeople and entertainers. But it is also a mighty fortress fiercely defended by soldiers.

Stay calm, use your wits and consult the heraldic wheel on the front cover. If you follow the clues, solve the riddles and decode the puzzles, you will make your escape!

**Choose!** Use all the clues to make your choices wisely and escape the castle.

**Spin!** Turn the heraldic wheel on the front cover to reveal the next step of your journey.

**Learn!** Filled with facts about life in a castle in medieval times. Authenticated by experts.



**Age: 8+**

Format: Flexibound

Size: 203 x 254 mm

Extent: 72 pages

ISBN: 9781915588067

Price: £11.99

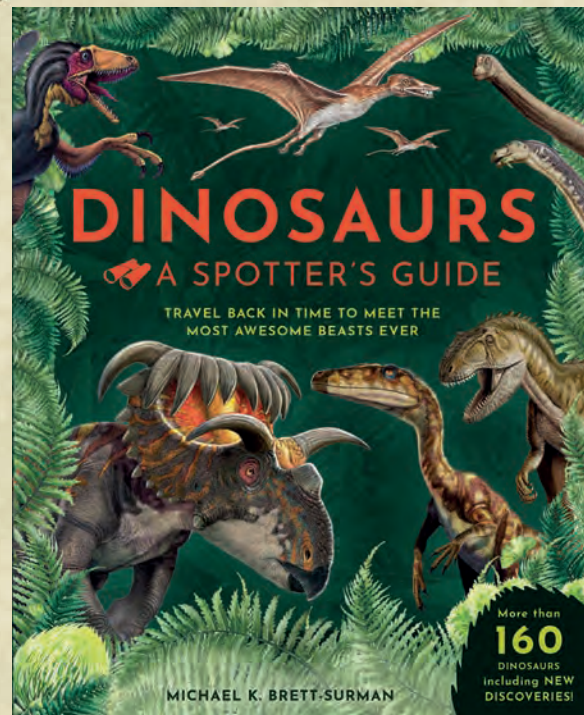


# SPOTTER'S GUIDES

Perfect for budding zoologists,  
palaeontologists and explorers everywhere.







## Dinosaurs: A Spotter's Guide

Michael K. Brett-Surman • Consultant: Dr Neil Clark

Travel back in time to a world millions of years before humans to become a dinosaur spotter.

Step into a prehistoric world where dinosaurs rule the land. There are more than 160 different dinosaurs to spot, including the latest discoveries. An A-Z fact file makes this book very easy to use. There are top tips to keep you safe, hundreds of facts and figures, and a pronunciation guide for each dinosaur.

**Perfect For Dinosaur Lovers:** There are more than 160 dinosaurs to learn about, with tons of information about their features, habitat, diet, danger level and behaviour. Pronunciations included.

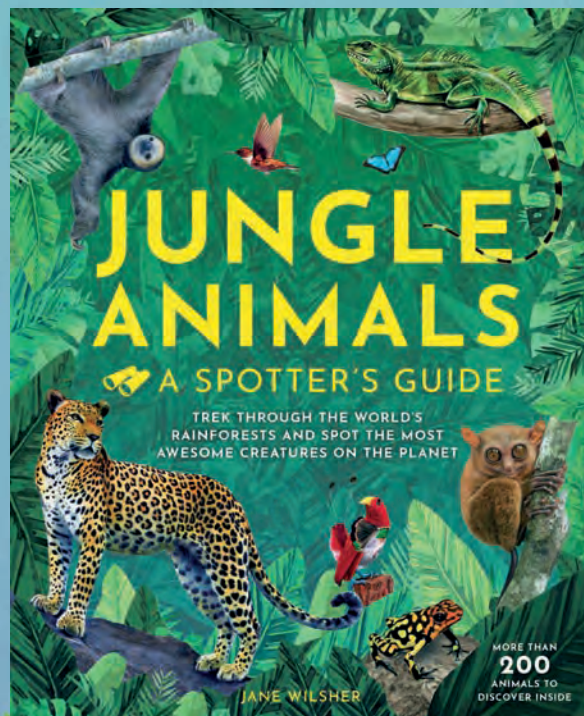
**Includes The Latest Discoveries:** Meet the long-clawed *Erythrovenator* and the bat-winged *Amblopteryx longibrachium*.

**A-Z Format:** The dinosaurs are arranged alphabetically for easy use.



- **Age: 7+**
- **Format:** Hardback
- **Size:** 190 x 235 mm
- **Extent:** 176 pages
- **ISBN:** 9781915588227
- **Price:** £14.99
- **Publication date:** 3 August 2023





## Jungle Animals: A Spotter's Guide

Jane Wilsher • Consultant: Barbara Taylor

Take a hike through the world's rainforests and spot more than 200 wild, colourful, peculiar and marvellous jungle animals - without ever leaving your own bedroom!

Get up close to jaguars and sloths, swim with manatees and piranhas, and watch a bird of paradise show. The imaginative narrative will make you feel like you are actually there.

**Perfect For Animal Lovers:** There are more than 200 jungle animals to look at and learn about, with lots of information about their features, habitat, diet and behaviour.

**Conservation Focus:** Includes the International Union for Conservation of Nature's status for every animal, and information about conservation efforts.

**Packed Full:** Brimming with stunning illustrations, special features, fact boxes and conservation highlights.



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ISBN: 9781915588029

Price: £14.99



# THE MAGNIFICENT BOOKS FANTASY

This beautifully illustrated series will take you  
on a thrilling journey through fantastic realms.







The Magnificent Book of Monsters

Diana Ferguson • Illustrated by Gonzalo Kenny

Meet ghastly beasts, flesh-eating fiends, shape-shifting spirits and deadly demons.

A legendary adventure through the fantastical world of monsters. From the ten-headed demon Ravana to the headless goddess Coatlicue, all sorts of magnificent monsters are brought to life from across the globe and many different cultures.

Fascinating facts accompany each illustration so you can find out how to defeat a flying head, what will protect you from the tiny tokoloshe and which ancient Greek monster can turn you to stone.

**Beautifully Illustrated:** Exquisite and original illustrations by fantasy artist Gonzalo Kenny.

**Fascinating Facts:** Learn the lore behind each monster.

**Supports Student Learning:** Includes diverse myths and legends from around the world.



BEELZEBUB

- Beelzebub is one of the most powerful of all devils. He was once worshipped as a god by the people of the ancient city of Ekron. In what is now Israel. Although the city is gone, Beelzebub remains as mighty as ever.
- Wherever he goes, Beelzebub is followed by hordes of buzzing flies. He is sometimes known as the Lord of the Flies. He is also known as God of Flies and the Lord of Dung.
- The flies that trail Beelzebub feed on fish and swarm around the rotting bodies of the dead. The flies lay their eggs in the decaying flesh, hatch, and rise up to spread disease.
- With his horns and wings, Beelzebub looks like a typical devil. But he can also take the form of an enormous fly.
- The Lord of the Flies causes trouble and brings destruction wherever he goes. He can take control of people and make them do wicked things. The more suffering Beelzebub causes, the happier he is.
- Beelzebub lives in Hell, the underworld of the dead. Hell is ruled by Satan, the Devil himself. Beelzebub and Satan could be one and the same.

**AT A GLANCE**  
**WHERE IN THE WORLD?** Palestine (modern Israel)  
**APPEARANCE:** Devil's horns and wings or fly-like  
**AGE:** 100  
**BEHAVIOUR:** Loves to cause suffering  
**SPECIAL POWERS:** Can take possession of people



POLYPHEMUS

- Polypheumus is a cyclops, a type of giant with a single eye in the middle of his forehead. He lives in a deep cave on the island of Sicily.
- This cyclops keeps a flock of sheep in his cave. Every day, he drives them out to graze, and every night he brings them back inside again.
- Pails of sheep's milk stand on the floor of the cave for the giant to drink. There are cheese-drying on the rocky ledges. But Polypheumus' favourite food is a stack of human legs.
- Polypheumus is the son of the sea god Poseidon and a sea nymph called Thoosa.
- The ancient Greek hero Odysseus and 12 of his men once landed on Polypheumus' island. The greedy cyclops forced them inside his lair and gobbled up six of them as if they were no more than scraps of chicken.
- Polypheumus has to sniff out his human victims or grope for them in the dark. He cannot see them because he was blinded long ago by the hero Odysseus, who drove a burning stake into the giant's only eye.

**AT A GLANCE**  
**WHERE IN THE WORLD?** Sicily  
**APPEARANCE:** Single eye in his forehead



THE CUEGLE

- The Cuelebre roams the hills and mountains of Cantabria in northern Spain, sprinkling fear into the hearts of the people who live there.
- Part human, part monster, the creature shuffles along on two short legs. It has three arms but no hands or fingers. With its dark face, grey hair, long beard and single horn, it is a terrifying sight.
- The Cuelebre peers out at the world with its three eyes. One eye is yellow, one red and one blue. Five rows of teeth fill the monster's jaws, ready to rip into flesh.
- Few living creatures are safe from the Cuelebre. It attacks livestock and people. Worst of all, it loves to steal babies from their cradles.
- Although it is small, the Cuelebre is incredibly strong. It can easily overcome any human who confronts it. The best way to keep safe is to stay out of the Cuelebre's way.
- The only weapons that can fend off the Cuelebre are oak and holly leaves. The monster hates these plants and will not come near them. Mothers place oak and holly leaves in their babies' cradles to keep their infants safe.

**AT A GLANCE**  
**WHERE IN THE WORLD?** Cantabria, Spain  
**APPEARANCE:** Part human, part goblin  
**AGE:** 1000 years  
**BEHAVIOUR:** Stealthy and mischievous  
**SPECIAL POWERS:** Overwhelming strength



- Age: 7+
- Format: Hardback
- Size: 235 x 305 mm
- Extent: 80 pages
- ISBN: 9781915588210
- Price: £14.99
- Publication Date: 6 July 2023





## The Magnificent Book Of Dragons

Stella Caldwell • Illustrated by Gonzalo Kenny

**Get up close to fire-breathing monsters, ferocious serpents, wise and gentle giants and multi-headed beasts.**

This magical menagerie will lead you on a thrilling journey through the fantastical realm of dragons. From the hundred-headed Typhon of Ancient Greek mythology to the dazzling Aztec dragon Quetzalcoatl, all sorts of magnificent beasts are brought to life from across the globe and many different cultures.

Fascinating facts accompany each illustration so you can find out which dragon darted from tree to tree, how Shenlong was master of the rain and wind and which creature could hypnotize people with its blazing eyes.

**Beautifully Illustrated:** Exquisite and original illustrations of every magical creature.

**Fascinating Facts:** Learn the lore behind each dragon.

**Supports Student Learning:** Includes diverse myths and legends from around the world.

‘Kenny goes for grandeur in his 36 full-body portraits, loading his digital brushes with shimmering, saturated colours and posing his writhing subjects flying, swimming or coiled threateningly over hills or heaps of treasure.’

— *Kirkus Reviews*



### WYVERN

- ✦ The ferocious wyvern has a powerful, scaly body, leathery batlike wings, and orange, mesmerizing eyes. Its hypnotic stare can lure helpless prey straight into its waiting jaws!
- ✦ Although it can't breathe fire, the wyvern is a fierce hunter. It has nightlike talons, razor-sharp teeth, and a diamond-shaped barb or hook on the tip of its tail.
- ✦ Unlike many other winged dragons, the wyvern has two legs rather than four.
- ✦ The wyvern's name can be traced back to the Latin word *viper*, which means "snake." Vipers are snakes with long, poisonous fangs.
- ✦ The Phoenix Wyvern was an English dragon that lived more than four hundred years ago. A girl called Phyllis found him as a baby and looked after him. As years ago, he began killing livestock and people. He was finally slain by a soldier named Garston.

- ✦ A wyvern called Typhus once terrorized the people of Tene in July. He attacked anyone who crossed his path, and poisoned the air with his stinking breath. In the end, a young man from Tene killed him.
- ✦ The wyvern is a common symbol on old coats of arms from hundreds of years ago. It represented courage, strength, and, sometimes, revenge.

**AT A GLANCE**  
**WHERE IN THE WORLD?** Europe  
**APPEARANCE:** Winged, two-legged, scaly, ferocious and menacing  
**BEHAVIOR:** Cunning and voracious  
**DRAGON POWER:** Hypnotic stare



### TYPHON

- ✦ Gigantic, Typhon is perhaps the most monstrous dragon of all. An army of writhing serpents rises from his shoulders, each of them belching fire and spitting poison.
- ✦ The monster's one hundred heads have black, flickering tongues and blazing eyes. Their dreadful howling is so loud, it can be heard across mountains.
- ✦ Typhon's mother is the Greek goddess Gaia. His father is Tartarus, the god of a black pit deep underground. The ancient Greeks believed this was where wicked people went when they died.
- ✦ Typhon's wife is a dark-dwelling dragoness called Echidna. She is half woman and half serpent.
- ✦ This enormous Greek dragon has many terrifying children. They include the three-headed dog called Cerberus, the goat-headed Centaurs, and the fearsome Chimera Dragon.

- ✦ Long ago, the Greek god Zeus battled Typhon and crushed him beneath Mount Etna, a volcano in Sicily. Typhon is still there. When he rages, he spews fire and lava from the volcano's mouth.
- ✦ Typhon is sometimes described as a storm giant. He can whip up dangerous winds called typhoons and send them out into the world.

**AT A GLANCE**  
**WHERE IN THE WORLD?** Sicily, Italy  
**APPEARANCE:** Hundred-headed  
**Look:** Three hundred-headed, black, three-headed, three-headed  
**BEHAVIOR:** Very, very cunning, rage  
**DRAGON POWER:** Storms, typhoons

### THE JACULUS

- ✦ The European jaculus sits silently in the trees and watches for any passing animal or human. It waits until it is within range and delivers a lethal blow to the back of its head.
- ✦ Leafy trees or bushes are where a jaculus makes its lair. The creature's green scales blend in with the leaves, giving excellent camouflage. Sometimes, though, its glowing eyes reveal where it is hiding.
- ✦ The dragon's two short legs look stumpy, but they are incredibly strong. They help the creature to leap from tree to tree, and to hurl itself at prey.
- ✦ If danger threatens, a jaculus can coil itself into a tight ball. Its tough scales are like a coat of armor.
- ✦ This dragon is sometimes known as the python snake because it can coil through the air like a python's tail. A jaculus hits its target with such force that it can knock itself out, or even fall dead to the ground.
- ✦ The jaws of a jaculus are small, but they are lined with serrated teeth. If the dragon's whole fails to kill a victim, its ferocious bite finishes the job.
- ✦ During the breeding season, a male jaculus flies short distances to hunt for a mate. The female lays her eggs in a large nest of twigs and rears one or two young.

**AT A GLANCE**  
**WHERE IN THE WORLD?** Europe  
**APPEARANCE:** Small and slender  
**Look:** Leafy trees and bushes  
**BEHAVIOR:** Stealthy and secretive  
**DRAGON POWER:** Kills with a single strike



**Age: 7+**

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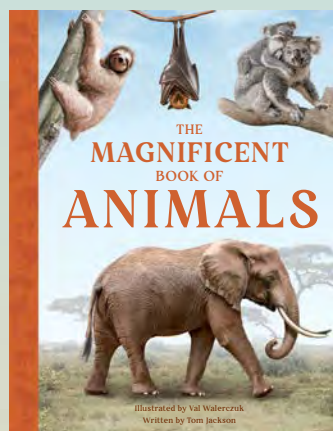
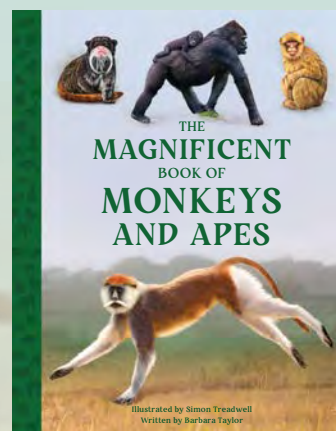
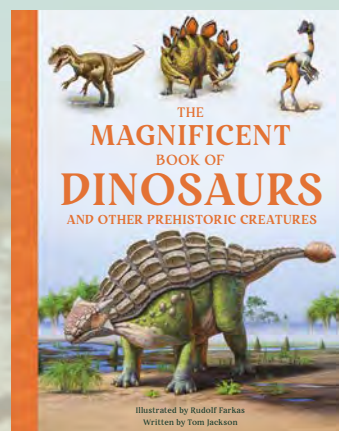
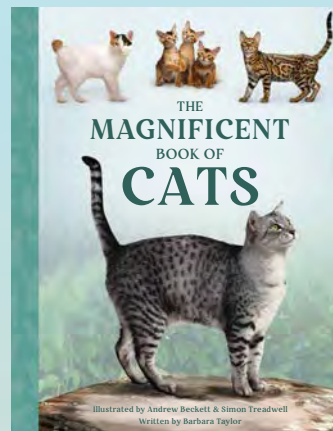
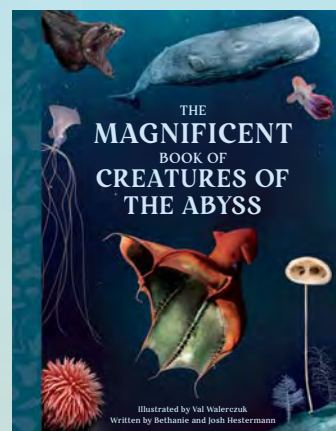
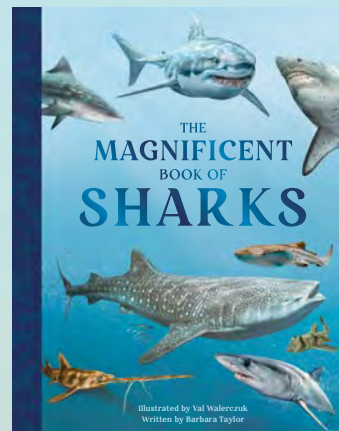
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# THE MAGNIFICENT BOOKS ANIMALS

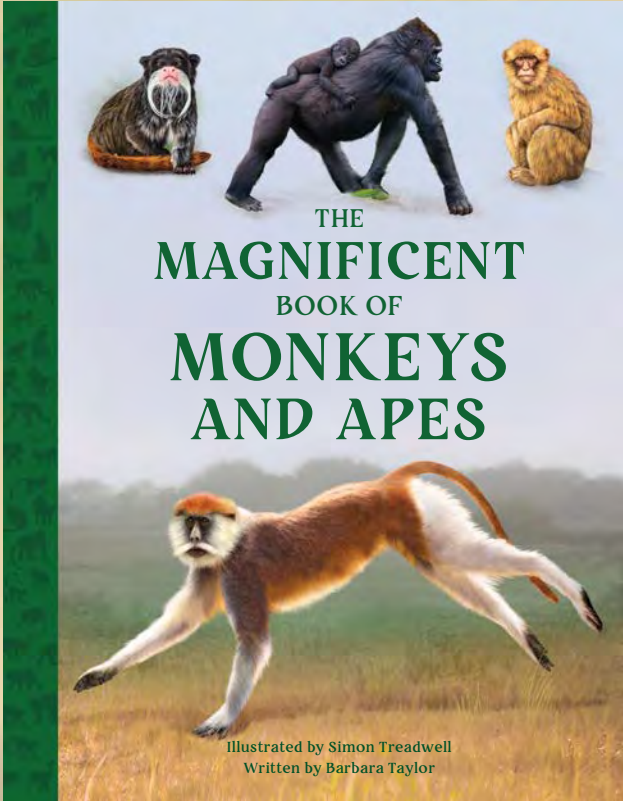
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### Dusky langur

*Trachypitecus obscurus*

- Strong hands and feet give the grey-furred dusky langur a tight grasp on branches, while its long tail helps it balance as it leaps through the trees.
- This langur is sometimes called the spectacled leaf monkey, because its white eye rings look like glasses, or spectacles, and its main food is leaves.
- The dusky langur's eyes face forwards, which helps it to judge depth and distances safely up in the trees.
- Mother dusky langurs chew leaves before feeding them to their young. This breaks down the food, making it easier for the young langurs to digest.
- Dusky langurs spend a lot of time resting, as they do not get much energy from their leafy diet. This may be why they are very peaceful and calm compared to other monkeys.

Fact file

**Lives:** Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand

**Habitat:** Forests, natural parks, urban areas

**Length:** Head-body: 42-61 cm (16.5-24 in) tail 50-80 cm (19.5-31 in)

**Weight:** Female: 6.5 kg (14 lb) male: 7.6 kg (16.5 lb)

**Life span:** 25 years

**Diet:** Hardly leaves alone; always flowers, fruit

- Sometimes dusky langurs like chasing each other and playing games, such as wrestling and pulling each other's tails.
- Newborn dusky langurs have bright yellow or orange fur. They develop their dusky adult colours by the time they are six months old.

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### Golden lion tamarin

*Leontopithecus rosalia*

- The tiny golden lion tamarin is named for its magnificent lion-like mane of fur.
- The long slender fingers of the golden lion tamarin have claw-like nails. The monkey uses them to search out prey in holes or cracks in bark and plants.
- These tamarins live in groups of between two and eight family members. Everyone in the group helps to carry and look after the babies, but it is the adult male that is the main childcarer.
- Each group of golden lion tamarins lives in its own special area of forest called its territory. The tamarins use scent and calls to mark this area, which they defend ferociously from other golden lion tamarins.
- Golden lion tamarins are a rare and endangered species. They are threatened by the destruction of their forest homes for wood or the building of farms or towns.

Fact file

**Lives:** South-eastern Brazil

**Habitat:** Coastal rainforests

**Length:** Head-body: 19-22 cm (7.5-8.5 in) tail 24-33 cm (9.5-13 in)

**Weight:** 480-580 g (17-24 oz)

**Life span:** 8-15 years

**Diet:** Fruit, flowers, plant sap, bark, eggs, insects, lizards, frogs

- The agile white-handed gibbon is the great gymnast of the ape world. It can swing arm-over-arm through the treetops at more than 50 kmh (30 mph). That is even faster than a champion Olympic sprinter!
- This gibbon gets its name from the white fur on the tops of its hands and feet.
- When sleeping the white-handed gibbon sits upright in tree branches. It keeps as quiet as possible to avoid attracting predators, such as clouded leopards and pythons.
- This gibbon eats a lot of fruit, especially figs. The droppings it leaves behind help to spread the seeds of the forest plants.
- The white-handed gibbon is a threatened species because people hunt it for food or to be sold as a pet. Its forest habitat is also being destroyed, so it has fewer places to live.
- This gibbon can jump huge distances between branches. It can even leap up to catch birds in mid-air.

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### White-handed gibbon

*Hylobates lar*

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**Lives:** Southern and Southeast Asia

**Habitat:** Tropical and subtropical forests

**Length:** 43-58 cm (17-23 in)

**Weight:** Female: 4.4-6.8 kg (9 lb 10 oz) male: 5-7.6 kg (11-16 lb)

**Life span:** 20-30 years

**Diet:** Fruit, leaves, flowers, insects, eggs, birds

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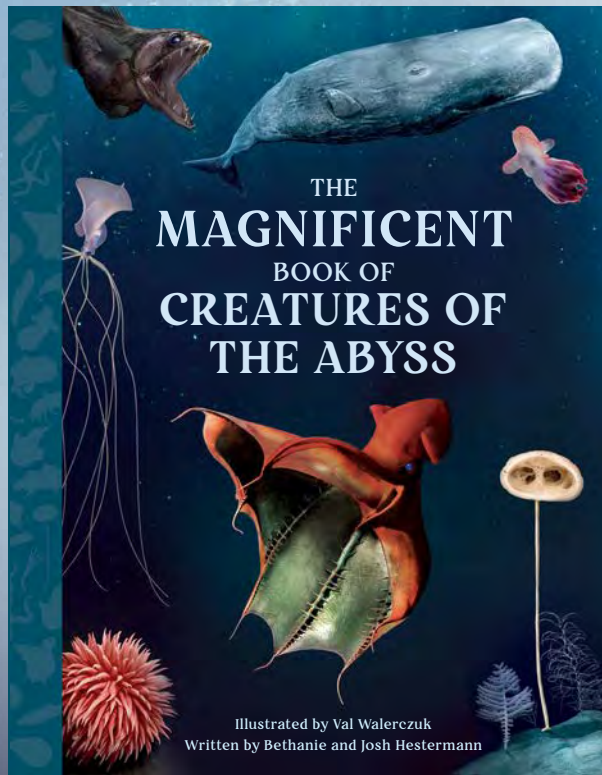
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# The Magnificent Book Of Creatures of the Abyss

Josh and Bethanie Hestermann  
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Dive into the deep to meet the weird and wonderful residents.

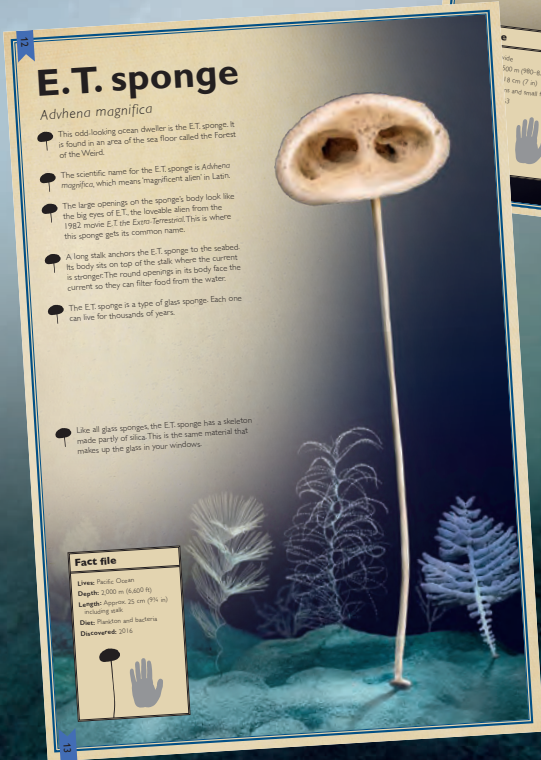
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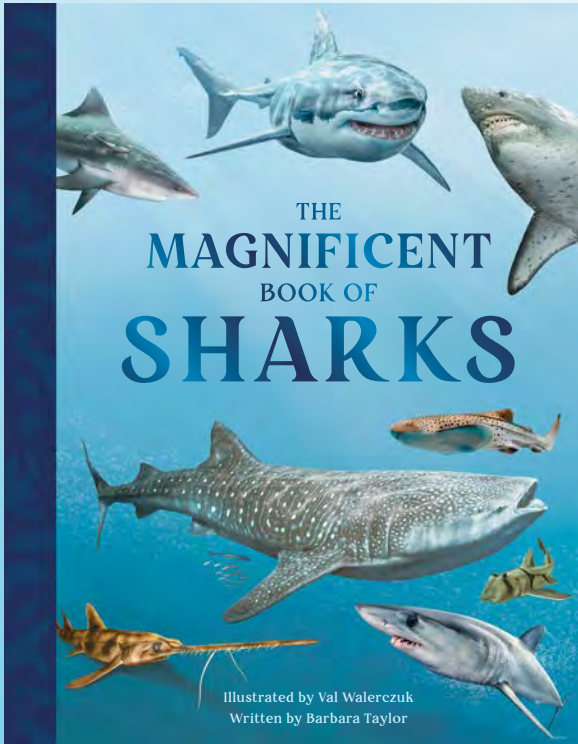
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The Magnificent Book Of Sharks

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Explore the oceans of the world to get up close to 36 amazing sharks.

Travel the open waters, coastal seas, warm tropical reefs and murky ocean depths to discover some of the ocean’s most incredible sharks. From the tiny pygmy shark to the massive whale shark, these fascinating animals are depicted in stunning and accurate detail.

Intriguing facts accompany every illustration, so you can find out why the lantern shark glows in the dark, how the epaulette shark ‘walks’ on land, and which senses sharks use to find their prey.

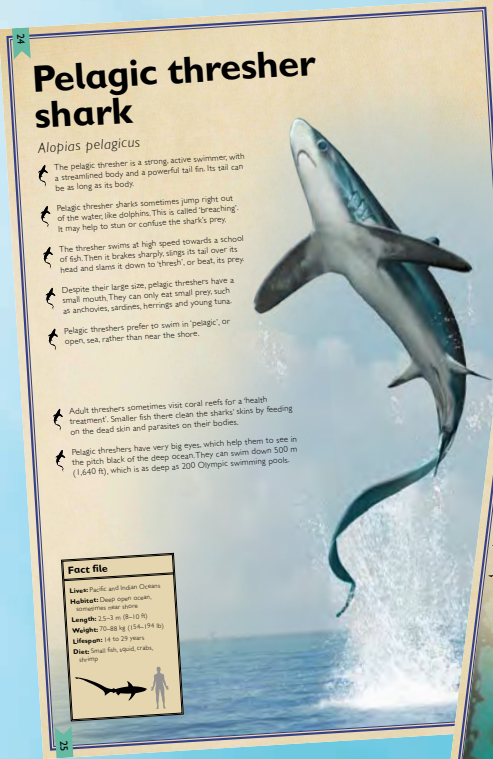
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‘There are countless interesting facts in this book. I had so many favourites that it was hard to narrow it down and pick just one.’  
– Wild World, Natural History Museum Children’s Magazine



Pelagic thresher shark

**Alopias pelagicus**  
The pelagic thresher is a strong, active swimmer, with a streamlined body and a powerful tail fin. Its tail can be as long as its body.  
Pelagic thresher sharks sometimes jump right out of the water, like dolphins. This is called ‘breaching’. It may help to stun or confuse the shark’s prey.  
The thresher swims at high speed towards a school of fish. Then it brakes sharply, slaps its tail over its head and slams it down to ‘thresh’ or beat, its prey.  
Despite their large size, pelagic threshers have a small mouth. They can only eat small prey, such as anchovies, sardines, herrings and young tuna.  
Pelagic threshers prefer to swim in ‘pelagic’, or open, sea, rather than near the shore.

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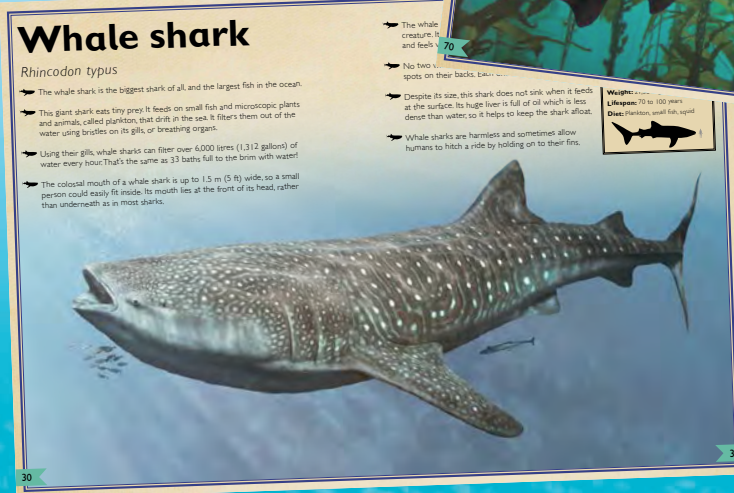
**Where:** Pacific and Indian Oceans  
**Habitat:** Deep open ocean, sometimes near shore  
**Length:** 2.5–3 m (8–10 ft)  
**Weight:** 70–88 kg (154–194 lb)  
**Lifespan:** 14 to 29 years  
**Diet:** Small fish, squid, crabs, shrimp

Leopard shark

**Triakis semifasciata**  
The leopard shark is named after its spotted skin, which looks like the spotty fur coats of leopards living on land.  
This active, strong swimmer often forms schools, with other leopard sharks or different shark species, such as spiny dogfish or smoothhound sharks.  
Leopard sharks and spiny dogfish work together to catch anchovies in San Francisco Bay.  
Leopard sharks sometimes follow the tide in and out to find prey such as crabs and clams, which are not covered by water at low tide.  
The leopard shark has small eyes. It does not need big eyes to help it see in the shallow, brightly lit water where it lives.  
Leopard sharks often rest on the sea bed. They pump water over their gills, which absorb oxygen from the water so the sharks can keep breathing.  
Female leopard sharks give birth to between four and 33 pups at a time. The pups take about 10 years to reach adulthood.  
Newborn leopard shark pups have to take care of themselves. They start life in areas of shallow water called nurseries, where they are safer from predators.

**Fact file**

**Where:** Eastern North Pacific Oceans  
**Habitat:** Sea bed near shore, offshore reefs  
**Length:** 1.2–2.1 m (4–7 ft)  
**Weight:** Up to 19 kg (42 lb)  
**Lifespan:** 20 to 30 years  
**Diet:** Crabs, sea urchins, octopus, fish, shellfish



Whale shark

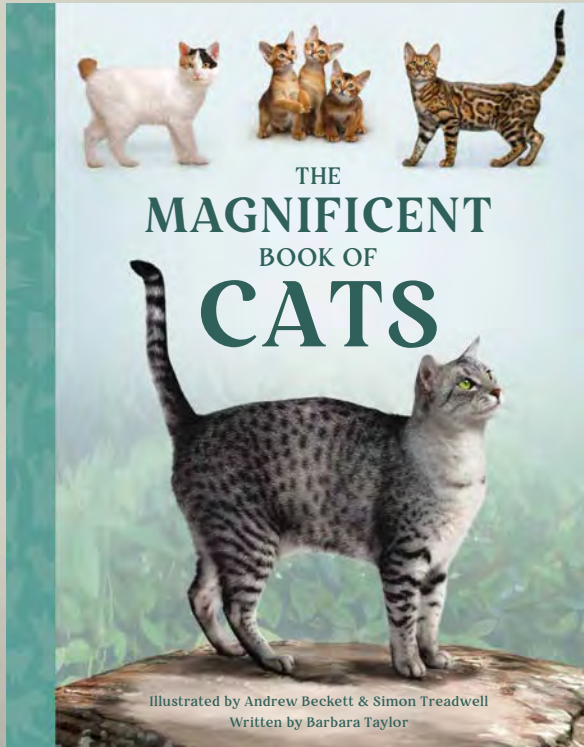
**Rhincodon typus**  
The whale shark is the biggest shark of all, and the largest fish in the ocean.  
This giant shark eats tiny prey! It feeds on small fish and microscopic plants and animals, called plankton, that drift in the sea. It filters them out of the water using bristles on its gills, or breathing organ.  
Using their gills, whale sharks can filter over 6,000 litres (1,312 gallons) of water every hour. That’s the same as 33 baths full to the brim with water!  
The colossal mouth of a whale shark is up to 1.5 m (5 ft) wide, so a small person could easily fit inside. Its mouth lies at the front of its head, rather than underneath as in most sharks.

The whale creature. It and feels...  
No two... spots on their backs, like...  
Despite its size, this shark does not sink when it feeds at the surface. Its huge liver is full of oil which is less dense than water, so it helps to keep the shark afloat.  
Whale sharks are harmless and sometimes allow humans to hitch a ride by holding on to their fins.

**Where:** Worldwide  
**Lifespan:** 70 to 100 years  
**Diet:** Plankton, small fish, squid

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The Magnificent Book Of Cats

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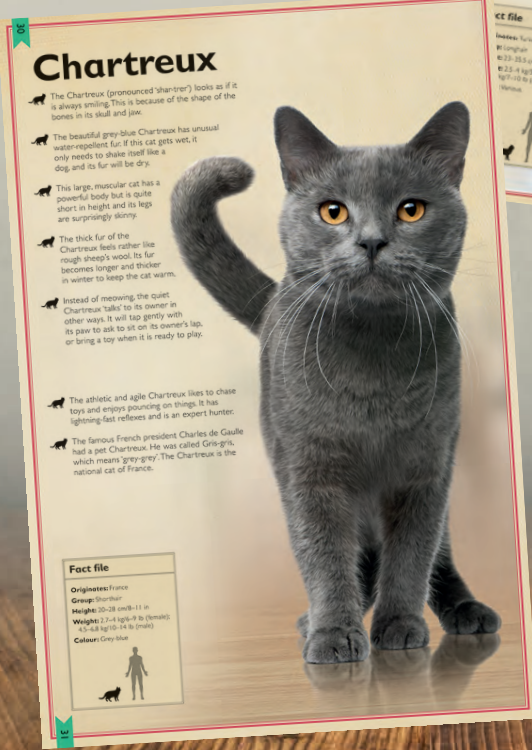
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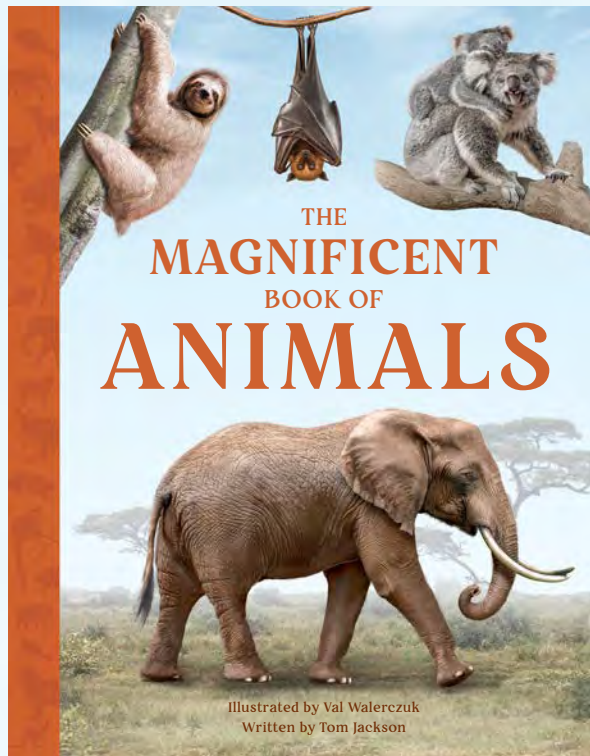
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Polar bear

Ursus maritimus

- A polar bear's hairs are not white but see-through. The light reflecting off them makes them look white.
- Polar bears spend the summer at sea—walking on the frozen ocean or swimming up to 60 miles (100 kilometers) to find food.
- Polar bears do not sleep or hibernate. Only pregnant females dig a den into the snow and live off their fat reserves for the period of their pregnancy.
- Polar bears have 4 inches (10 centimeters) of fat under the skin. This keeps them warm and is a food store for when they cannot hunt.

Fact file	
Lives:	Arctic Circle
Habitat:	Sea and tundra
Length:	6 ft 6 in–10 ft (2–3 m)
Weight:	Up to 1,500 lb (700 kg)
Life span:	15–18 years
Diet:	Seals, fish, deer, berries



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Lion

Panthera leo

- Lions are the only cats that live in family groups.
- Only a male lion has a mane. It is a sign of how healthy it is—the darker, the better.
- A lion's tummy is very stretchy. It can eat a quarter of its body weight in one meal.
- Lions are the only cats to have a tuft on their tail. They raise it to show where they are in long grass.
- A family of lions is called a pride. It can be made up of about 40 lions—the majority being female lionesses, with just one or two male lions.
- A lion's tongue is very rough so that it can lick the raw meat off bones.
- The male lion is a pride's hunter—the lionesses do it for him. However, he gets to eat first.
- A lion's roar can be heard 3 miles (5 kilometers) away.

Fact file	
Lives:	Africa (and one found in India)
Habitat:	Grassland
Height:	5 ft 6 in–7 ft (1.5–2 m)
Weight:	245–550 lb (100–250 kg)
Life span:	10–14 years
Diet:	Antelopes, rebbels, wildebeests, gazelles, wild pigs



Giant panda

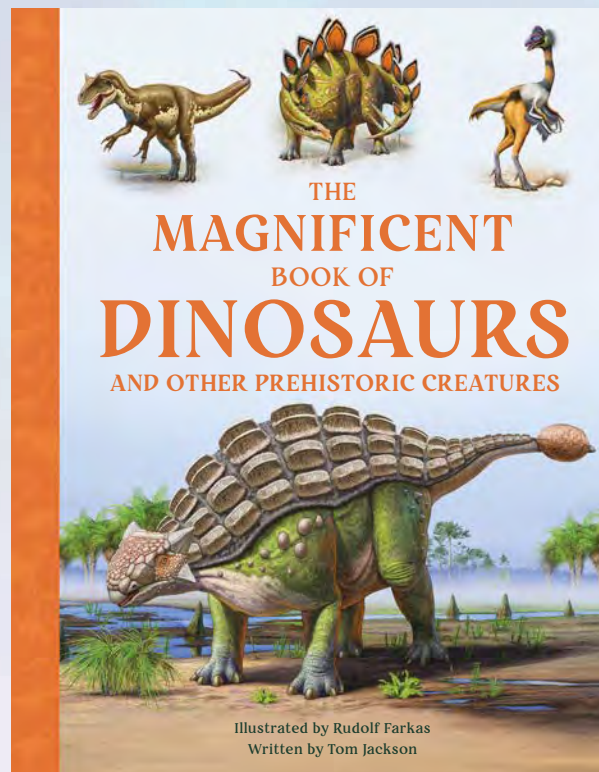
Ailuropoda melanoleuca

- The giant panda has a sixth ‘finger’ on its forepaws, where a wrist bone sticks out to hold bamboo shoots.
- A panda has to eat at the time it can only sleep for four hours at a time before it has to wake up to eat some more.
- Pandas peel off the outside of the bamboo with their teeth and then eat the softer insides.
- Giant pandas like to be alone. If two bears meet they will growl and hit each other until one runs away.
- A panda goes to the toilet 40 times a day!
- Male pandas do handstands so that they can scent-mark tree trunks with glands on their rear ends.
- Newborn panda cubs are 900 times smaller than a female adult. That makes them the smallest babies of any mammal apart from marsupials.

Fact file	
Lives:	China
Habitat:	Mountain forests
Length:	4 ft 8 in (1.2–1.8 m)
Weight:	220–330 lb (100–150 kg)
Life span:	15–20 years
Diet:	Bamboo







## The Magnificent Book Of Dinosaurs

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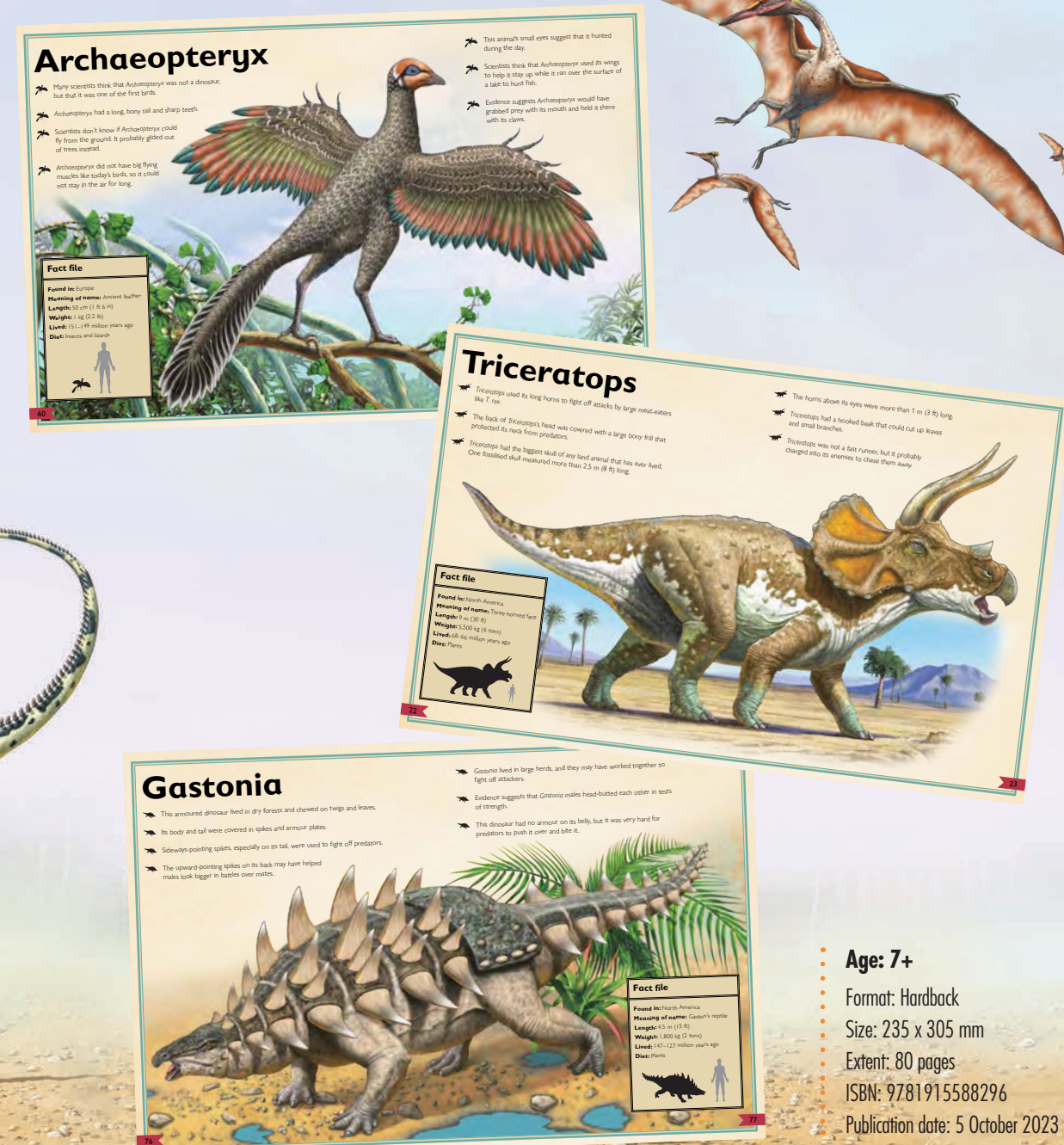
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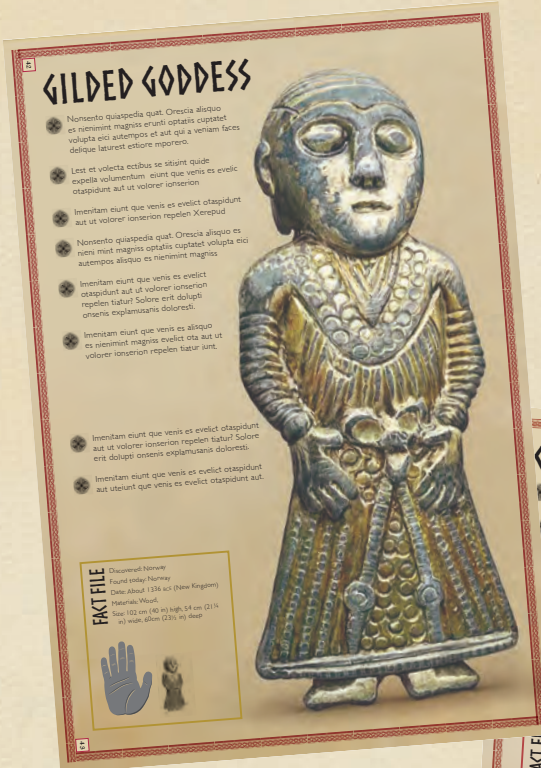
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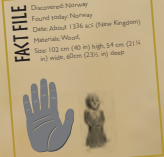
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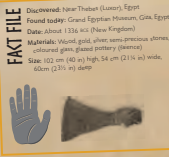
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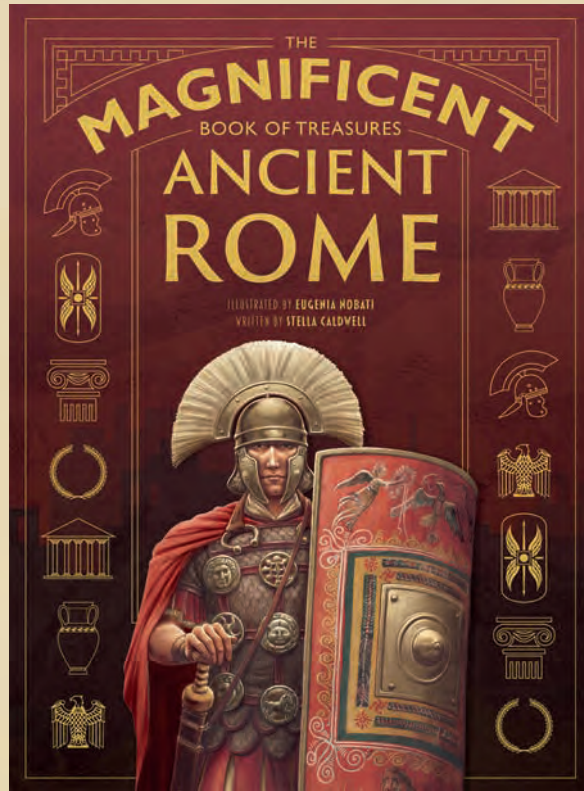
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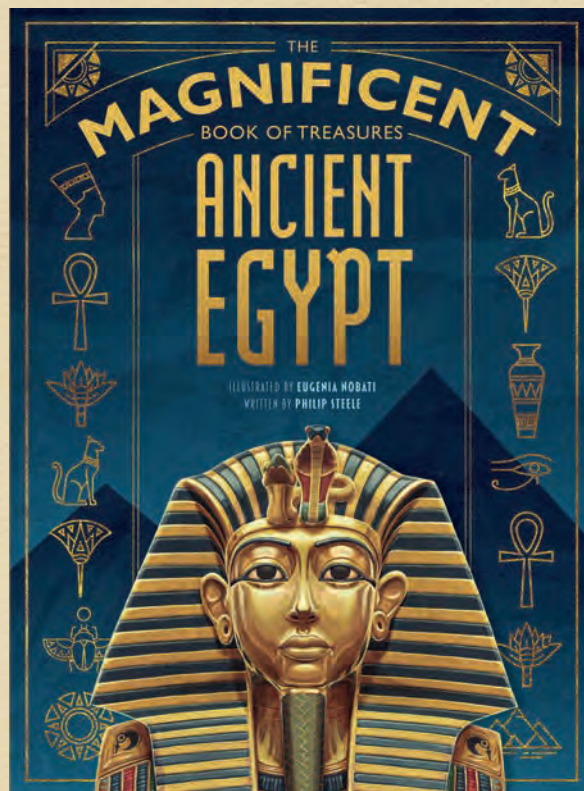
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### ROYAL BRACELET

- When the mummy of Queen Ahotep (Ahotep) was discovered the piece of jewelry was found tangled in her hair. It was too small to be a crown, but was just the right size to be worn around her upper arm.
- The bird on the front is a vulture and represents the goddess Nekhbet. She was the protector of Upper Egypt.
- The bracelet is made of gold and set with gemstones. The deep blue stone is lapis lazuli. This precious stone was not found in Egypt. It was mined thousands of miles away in Afghanistan.
- The blue-green stone is called turquoise. It was mined in the Sinai Desert in eastern Egypt and at some other sites in the area.
- Cartouches are the name of the red inscriptions, which were made in ancient Egypt. It was less precious than lapis or turquoise. Its fiery color reminded the Egyptians of the sun god Ra.
- The name Ahhotep appears on the bracelet. This warrior pharaoh was Ahhotep's son. The queen is said to have helped to rule Egypt, while Ahhotep was away fighting.



### THE BLUE HEDGEHOG

- Hedgehogs are little animals with spines on their backs. They eat beetles and other insects. If they are attacked, they can roll up into a spiky ball. The ancient Egyptians made models of hedgehogs like this one.
- Models of hedgehogs were placed in tombs. This little hedgehog was found in a tomb at Abydos, and might be about 3,300 years old!

- Model hedgehogs in tombs represent the human journey to the afterlife. These animals hide inside their winter and sleep so deeply they look as if they are dead. When they wake in spring, it is as if they have come alive again.
- This little hedgehog is modelled in blue faience, which is a special type of glazed pottery. The color blue linked the animal to the gods, which is why many model hedgehogs were made in this color.
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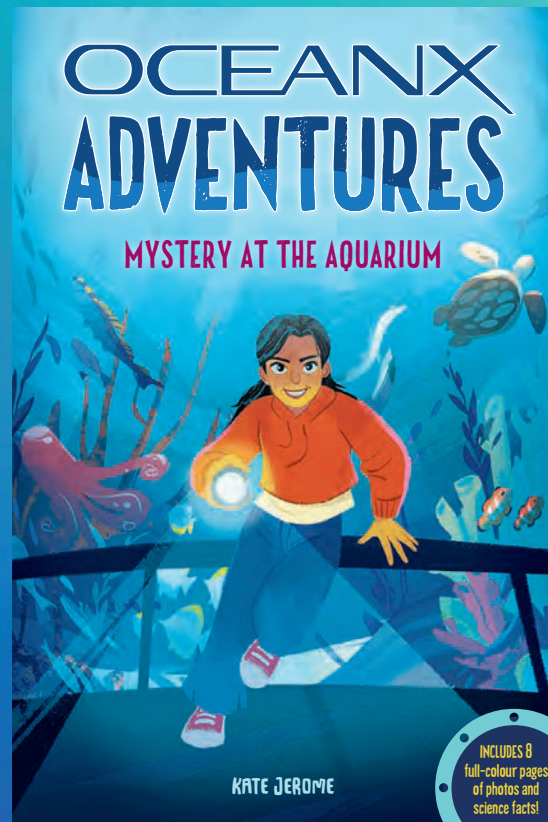


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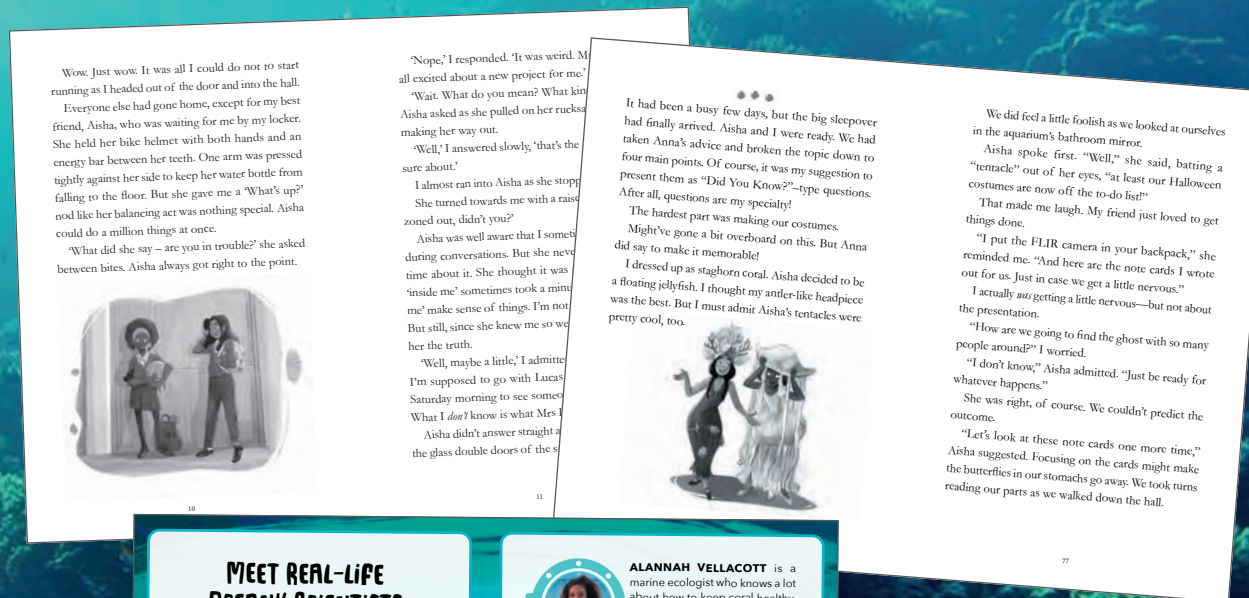
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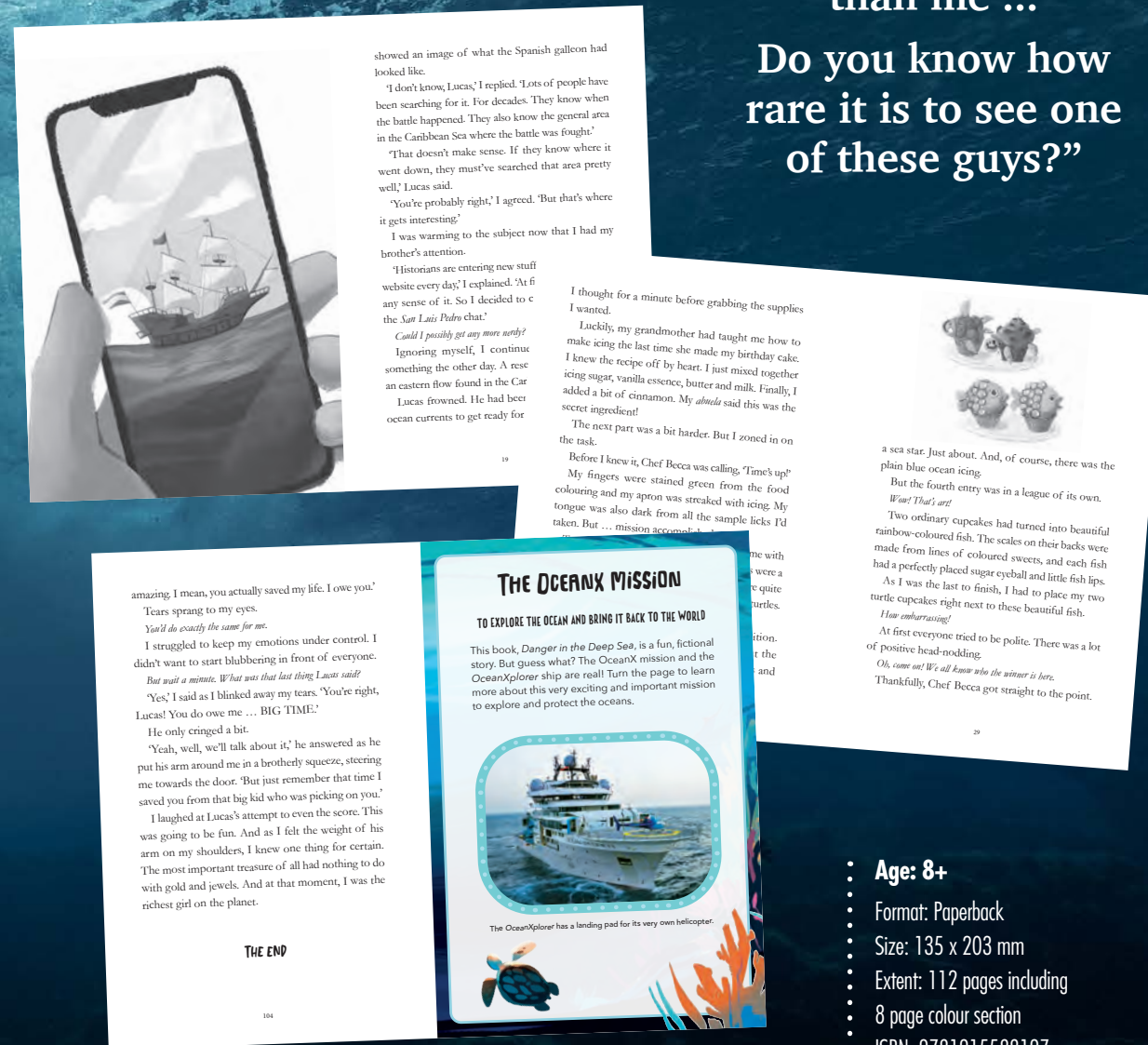
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