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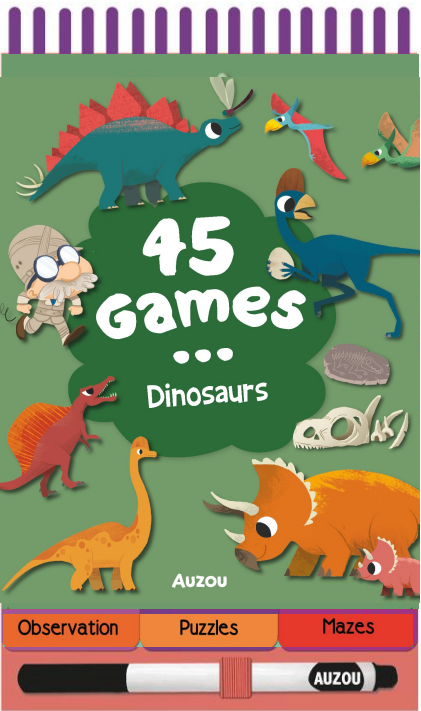
£6.99

### ABOUT THE SERIES

45 games, for hours of fun! The laminated pages and wipe-out pen allow children to **play time and time again** while the small format allows them to **bring these titles with them everywhere**.

This is a perfect way to keep children busy during a car trip, or any other moment when parents need peace and quiet.

These titles contain **15 games of observation, 15 mazes, and a variety of other games** in the puzzle tab!



**45 Games... Dinosaurs**  
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### KEY SELLING POINTS

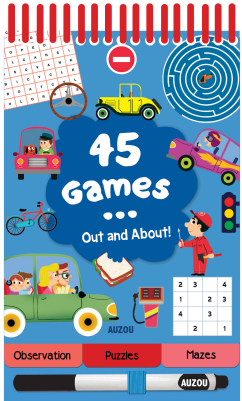
- ★ **A handy format** to carry around
- ★ **Laminated pages** and a **wipe-out pen** provided
- ★ **A small price** for a long-lasting product!
- ★ Various activities with **fun, colourful illustrations**



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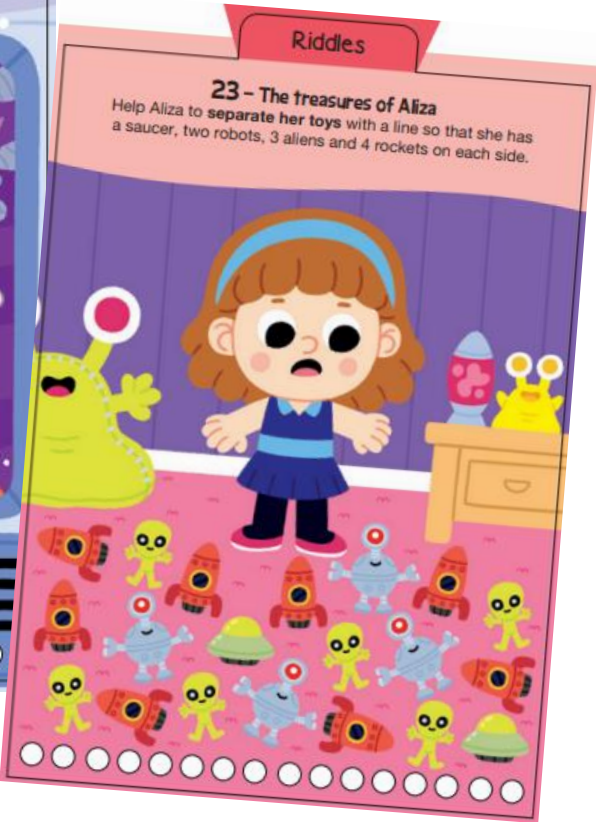
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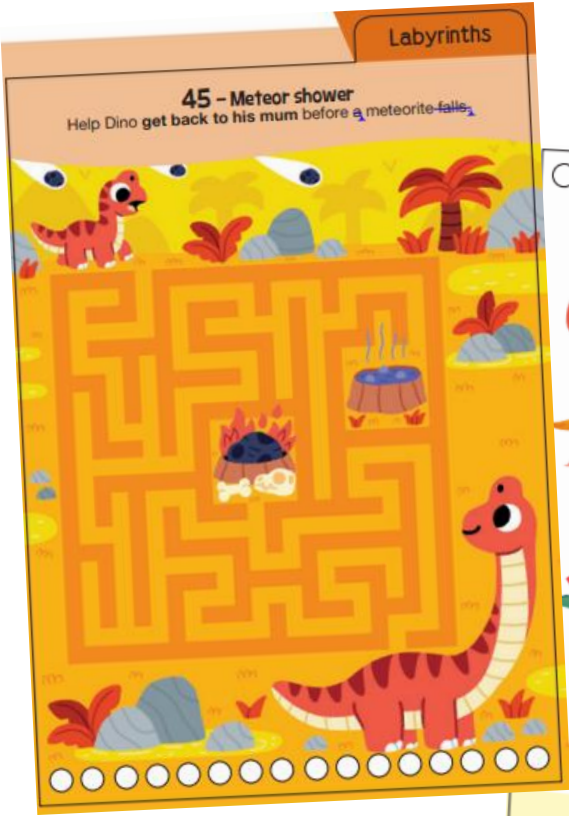
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PROVISIONAL  
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# ADVANCE INFORMATION ACTIVITY



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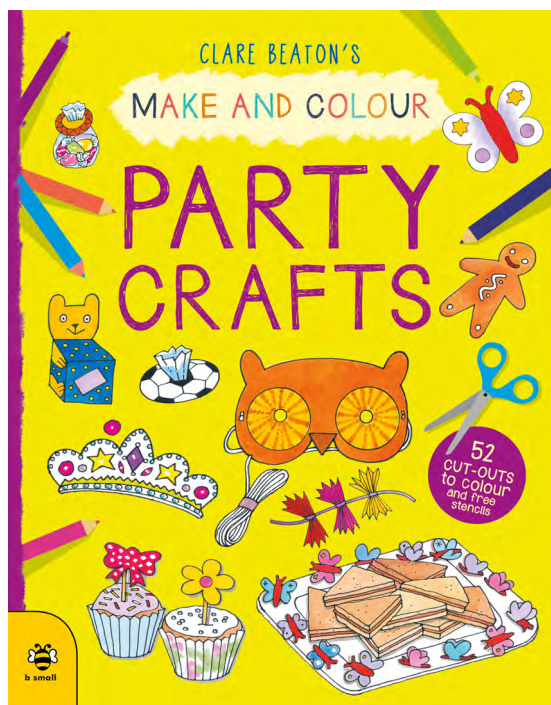
**Discover the joy of learning**

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

**Author/Illustrator:** Bestselling author/illustrator Clare lives and works in north London. Clare illustrates in various media: pen and ink, felt, fabric and paper collage. Clare has written and illustrated many activity books for b small.

## b small publishing:

We believe that children are natural learners. That's why, for over 30 years, we've been making books that celebrate their enthusiasm for discovering new things. From science to foreign languages, our award-winning non-fiction and activity books help all children discover the joy of learning.



## PARTY CRAFTS

written and illustrated by Clare Beaton

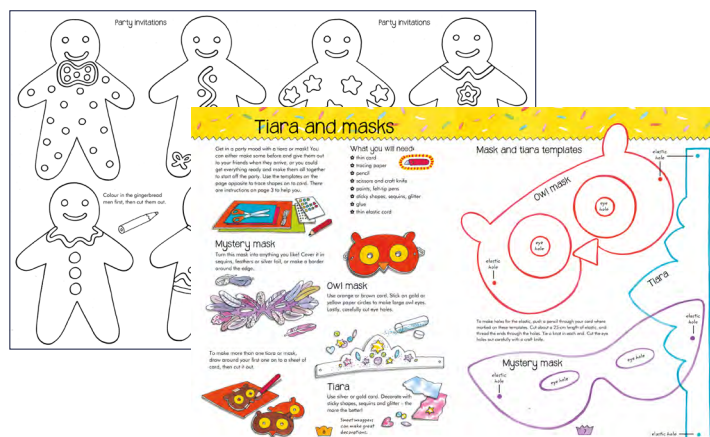
## QUICK AND EASY CREATIVE FUN

This simple activity book is perfect for children who are having a party of any kind. There are invites, decorations and party games to make, cut out and colour. Plus plenty of tips on extra decorating ideas. Some coloured crayons and a pair of scissors are all children will need for hours of creative fun. Excellent value for money!

Series title: MAKE AND COLOUR

## KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Packed full of activities making excellent value for money
- Part of a bestselling series with Paper Dolls especially strong
- Suitable for families needing a book for one child or several



## MARCH 2023

<b>Publisher</b>	b small publishing ltd.	<b>Binding</b>	Paperback
<b>ISBN</b>	978-1-913918-54-5	<b>Illustrations</b>	Full colour
<b>Format</b>	278x216mm	<b>Author</b>	Clare Beaton
<b>Price</b>	£5.99 (no VAT)	<b>Illustrator</b>	Clare Beaton
<b>Age</b>	3 years and up	<b>Market</b>	Worldwide
<b>Extent</b>	16 pages + stencils	<b>BIC Codes</b>	YBGK

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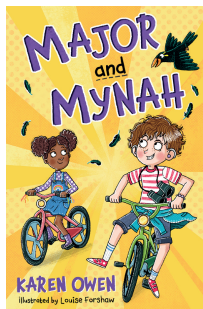




Book One

**Major and Mynah**

Published 5th May 2022  
9781913102746



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# Major and Mynah: Operation Raven

**Karen Owen**

**illustrated by Louise Forshaw**

- Book two in the superbly mischievous Major and Mynah series
- Features a protagonist with mild hearing loss and other vibrant characters
- Features more gorgeous illustrations from Louise Forshaw

#### Summary:

When Bo sneaks into Callie's bag on her school trip to the Tower of London, she and Grace make plans to keep him secret. But when some gold coins and jewels are stolen from the site, having a spy in the sky comes in useful!

Full of the same humour and mischief as book one, with added history surrounding the Tower of London and the ravens that reside there.

#### Why we love this series:

'Karen Owen has created a brilliant and feisty cast to compliment her fast-paced adventure, packed with high-speed chases and, of course, poo! Callie is a hero for modern times – she's witty, resilient and absolutely does not let her hearing impairment stand in her way!' Leonie Lock, editor



**Karen Owen** has been partially deaf since childhood, and wrote the character Callie in Major and Mynah to reflect who she wanted to be when she was younger – funny, clever and with a special gift to hear something that other people cannot. She was brought up in Kent and currently lives in London.  
www.karenowen.co.uk  
@AuthorKarenOwen

**Louise Forshaw** lives in a small town just outside Newcastle upon Tyne with her fiancé and three noisy Jack Russell terriers. Louise has illustrated over fifty children's books. When she's not drawing, Louise loves watching animated films, adding to her overflowing 'to be read' pile and reading lots of books.  
@Munkey\_Pants

Pub date: 2nd March 2023

ISBN: 9781915444035

RRP: £6.99

Format: paperback

Size: 198 x 129 mm

Extent: 176pp (approx)

Age: 7-9

Rights: World rights





### Why we love it:

'Delving into dragon lore and mythology, Fireblood is a truly heart-racing adventure. The bond between Finn and Tula is so moving and Sam's worldbuilding is exquisite. Complete with subtle nods to Welsh history and culture, this title is sure to shine on any middle-grade bookshelf.'

Leonie Lock, editor

# Fireblood

## Sam Stewart

- Dragon lore and mythology mixes with subtle nods to Welsh history in this heart-racing debut novel, perfect for fans of Percy Jackson, Artemis Fowl, Knights of the Borrowed Dark and How to Train Your Dragon.
- Easy to read, pacey, adventure that taps into everyone's yearning to see the underdog become the hero.
- Themes of finding courage, belonging, diversity, overcoming/living with difference/disability, friendship, family and, of course, how to fly.
- Strong marketing campaign with limited edition foiled proofs, 'house bookmarks' for preorder, and comprehensive digital marketing package from cover reveal on.

### Summary:

• Dragons don't exist. But they used to...

• In an attempt to find their father, Finn and Tula are sucked from their secret home deep inside the rock below Clifton Suspension Bridge, into a world they never knew existed.

• Discovering that the magic of dragons flows through their veins is frightening – and liberating! But with the powers of dragonkind comes a desperate quest: the siblings must travel to a hidden island fortress to help save their father – and the world they know; and discover the truth of their incredible fireblood heritage.

• Delving into dragon lore, language and mythology from around the UK, this is a heart-racing, unputdownable middle grade adventure will appeal to anyone who's ever wished to travel through windows, fly, sing, breathe fire and heal people with a single touch.



Photo (c) Helen Marsden

• **Sam Stewart** was born in Zambia, grew up in South Africa and now lives in England with her two children. She has been fascinated by fire since a very early age when she accidentally set her bedroom alight, and though Fireblood features some spontaneous blazes and a fair amount of unexpected flame she has been very careful with anything burny ever since.

• She was twice shortlisted for the Queen of Teen award with *Kisses for Lula*, and *Lula Does the Hula*, written under her married name: Samantha Mackintosh.

• Pub date: 9th March 2023

• ISBN: 9781915444196

• RRP: £7.99

• Format: paperback

• Size: 129 x 198mm

• Extent: 320pp (approx)

• Age: 9-12

• Rights: UK and Commonwealth

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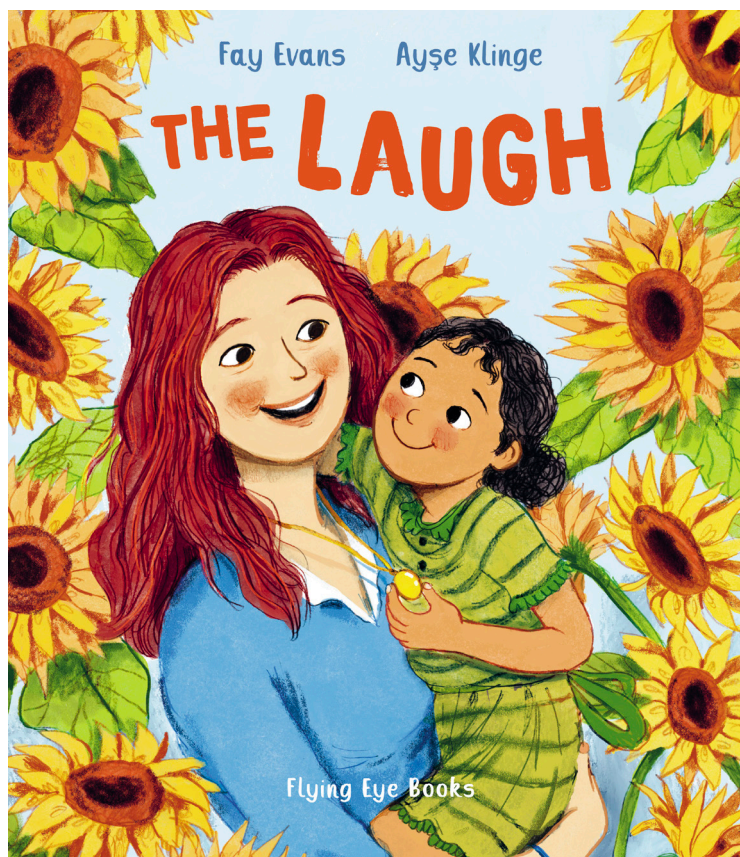
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*'Simply yet powerfully told, The Laugh is a beautiful, gentle story with tender and expressive illustrations, and a comforting message about the ways we hold loved ones close even when they're no longer with us. It's a book that will surely mean a lot to many children, families and adults alike.'*

- Harry Woodgate,  
author of 'Grandad's Camper'

An uplifting picture book story about love, laughter, and loss.

Once there was a lady with the loveliest laugh in the world. She and her daughter share big loud belly laughs, quiet giggles, and sometimes secret laughs between just the two of them. Until one day, the lady dies, and her laugh goes away with her. At first it seems impossible to go on without the lady - but when the little girl finds her laugh again, she knows that, no matter what, the memories and love that they shared will always be there. This reassuring and beautifully illustrated picture book is the perfect way to open up conversations about grief and loss with little ones.

#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- A sensitive and tenderly-told story about loss that reminds us that our loved ones' memories are always with us
- Beautifully illustrated by new talent Ayşe Klinge and with a touching, timeless text from Fay Evans
- With gentle lessons on how to cope with grief and loss, The Laugh is the perfect way into difficult discussions with the youngest children

**KEYWORDS:** grief, motherhood, family, feelings, relationships, loss, memories, sensitive

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR



**Fay Evans** has been selling, writing and making children's books for eleven years. She has worked across fiction, non-fiction and picture books and currently works as Program Manager of Children's Books at Little Gestalten. Originally from South Wales, she accidentally married an Englishman.

Author lives in South London, UK.

#### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR



**Ayşe Klinge** was born and raised in Berlin, Germany. She studied stage and costume design before moving to Hamburg, where she studies illustration at the University of Applied Sciences and works as a freelance illustrator. Her love for the theatre and the opera persists where she spends most of her free time reading books and discovering obscure films in her hometown in Berlin.

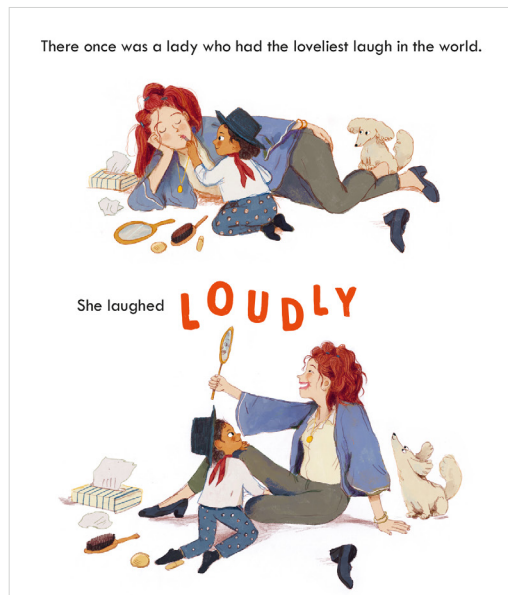
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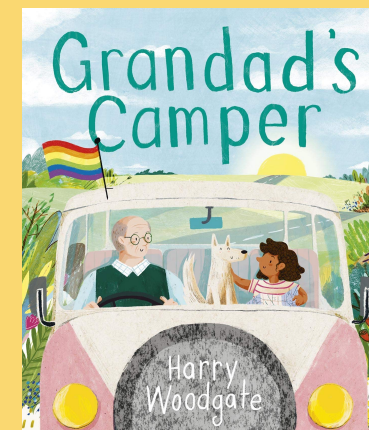
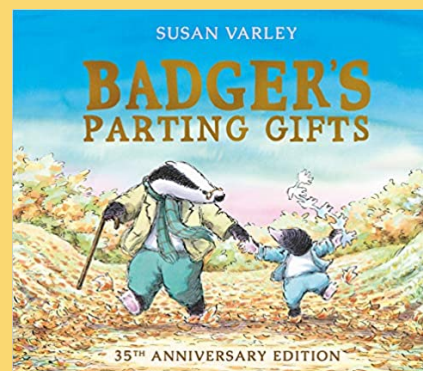




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FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVED:





There once was a lady who had the loveliest laugh in the world.



She laughed **LOUDLY**



and she laughed *quietly.*







*'A vibrant adventure that captures the exciting lives off conservationists in the field. Packed full of wild facts, this book celebrates rare biodiversity and highlights how we all must work together to save it.'*

- Megan McCubbin, BBC 2's Springwatch

Join a team of scientists as they set sail for an place that's unlike anywhere else on Earth – the Galápagos Islands. Tasked with observing and protecting the islands' amazing wildlife, the scientists will track and study the animals and plants that are unique to this incredible archipelago. To get the job done they will climb volcanoes, get sneezed on by marine iguanas, watch dancing birds, launch a deep-diving submersible and explore the dazzling underwater wonders of Galápagos.

#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Visually impactful, the illustrations bring to life the natural brilliance of this unique ecosystem
- Written by a well-known expert in marine biology and ocean ecosystems
- A beautiful book with a strong message of conservation

**KEYWORDS:** STEM, Galápagos, non fiction, scientists, conservation, archipelago, volcanoes, diving, research, animals, wildlife, turtles, reptiles, fish, sealife, whales

*'An enchanting and absorbing read showcasing the islands' scientific importance, history, and beauty. A visual feast for the eyes and the mind.'*

- Sabina Radeva, author of 'On the Origin of Species'



#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Helen Scales is a writer, marine biologist, broadcaster and scuba diver whose work focuses on oceans and their inhabitants. She has a masters degree in Tropical Coastal Management from Newcastle University, and a PhD from Cambridge University, UK.

Author lives in Cambridge, UK.



#### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

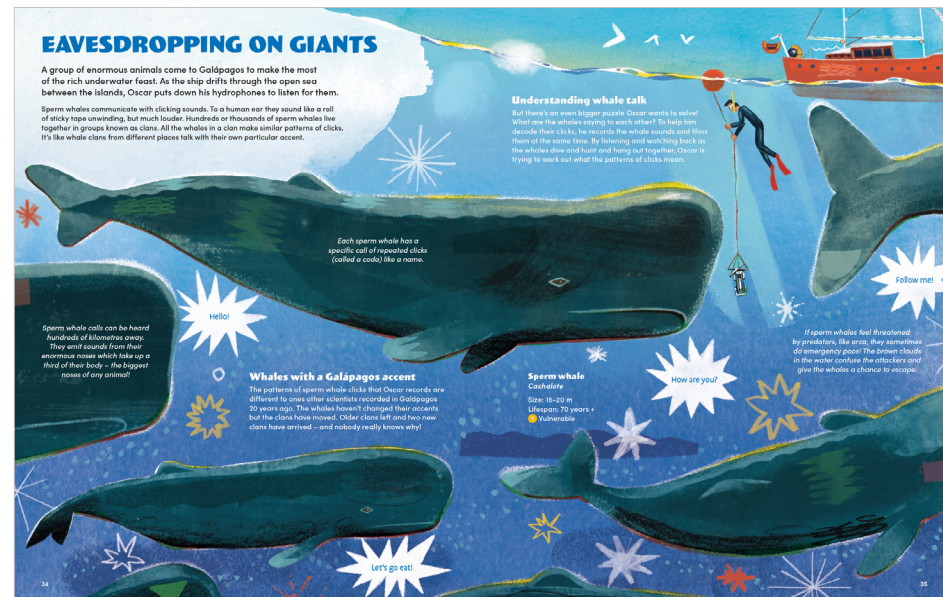
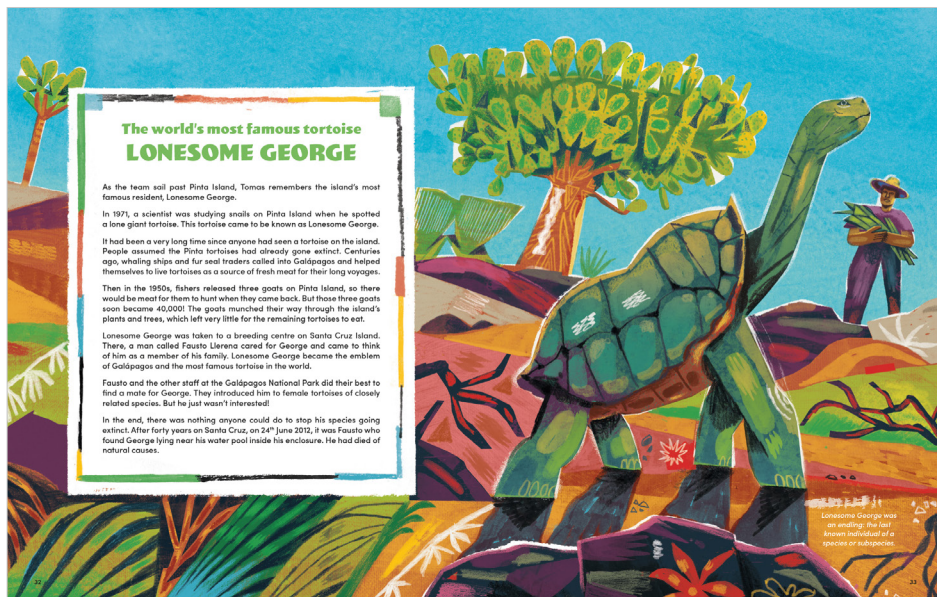
Rômolo D'Hipólito is a Brazilian artist and illustrator. He is the winner of the 2019 Golden Pinwheel Special Mention Award and the 2018 Ibero-America Ilustra Catalog Official Selection.

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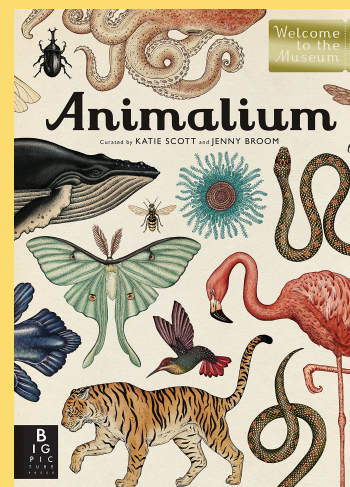




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FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVED:





# BEAKS OF FINCHES

An important group of little birds helped inspire Darwin’s theory of evolution. Scientists still go to Galápagos to study them and learn more about how species change and evolve. Across Galápagos there are 14 species of finches and they all have different beaks.

Some have big, blunt beaks which are good for crushing tough seeds.

Some have smaller beaks which are good for eating small seeds and sipping nectar from flowers.

Some have beaks that are good for picking up twigs and digging insects out of tree bark.

## Evolution in action

Every year, for 40 years, Rosemary and Peter Grant went to study finches on the tiny island of Daphne Major. They took their two daughters with them, Thalia and Nicola, from when they were 6 and 8 years old. The girls made friends with a sea lion cub, played violin for the blue-footed boobies and helped with the scientific studies. Over the years, the Grants saw the finches’ beaks changing. The birds were beginning to evolve into new species.

**- Daphne Major -**  
Size: <0.5 sqkm  
Highest point: 120 m  
Human population: 0 (4 when the Grant family was there)

After a bad drought in 1977 only big seeds were available. Only finches with big beaks were able to eat these seeds. The next generations inherited bigger beaks from those surviving birds. Gradually, the finches’ beaks got bigger.

In 1982 El Niño struck. It poured with rain, vines grew all over Daphne Major and there were loads of fruit and seeds. This time, the surviving finches were the ones with smaller beaks that are better for eating smaller, softer seeds. After El Niño, the finches’ beaks got smaller.

The Grants saw evolution happening right before their eyes, much faster than anyone expected – not over millions of years but within just a few years and a few generations of birds. Charles Darwin would have been totally amazed!





Tykotech City is home to the most incredible technology you've ever seen, but something is going horribly wrong with all of it and there's only one tiny inventor that stands between the city and total darkness...

Building her own gadgets in her dad's repair shop, Juniper Mae is a certified kid wonder. She builds jet packs, socks that keep your feet warm and dry, floating fish bowls... But a slight malfunction with one of her latest inventions causes her to crash-land in the dangerous forests around her city, and there she discovers a whole world of mystery, ancient knights and even a small green tama-tama friend, Albie. Inspired by the Guardian Knights of old, Juniper Mae steps up to the plate when her city is in danger, and when a catastrophic series of events threaten to destroy her home, it's finally time for Juniper Mae to don her own armour and step into the spotlight.

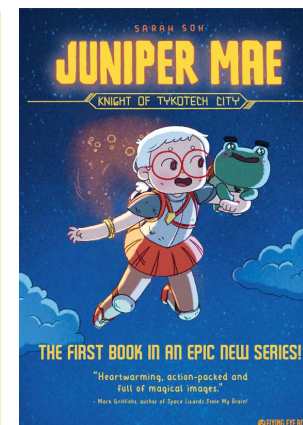
#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- A sparkling debut from a fresh new voice in illustrated fiction Sarah Soh
- The first in an epic three-book series
- A great gift for inspiring girls to enjoy STEM topics, with a smart young engineer heroine
- Wonderful illustrated storytelling helps even reluctant readers enjoy Juniper's adventures

**KEYWORDS:** science fiction, technology, inventions, forest, woodland creature, friendship

*'Heartwarming, action-packed and full of magical images.'*

- Mark Griffiths, author of *Space Lizards Stole My Brain!*



#### A3 Poster



#### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Sarah Soh grew up in Virginia and was always encouraged to draw by her parents. Moving to Los Angeles, she attended Otis College of Art + Design and graduated with a BFA in Illustration. A year later, she started working in the animation industry as a storyboard artist at South Park Studios. Afterwards, she has worked at Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network and Netflix, all as a Storyboard Supervisor. She is currently a Supervising Director at Atomic Cartoons.

Author lives in California, USA.

*'Sarah has created a truly original fantasy world that captivates you from the very first page. You are immediately hooked into Juniper's story, and loose yourself in the exquisitely rendered landscapes, and delightfully charming characters. It feels like Juniper and Albie's adventures are only just beginning and I can't wait to read more.'*

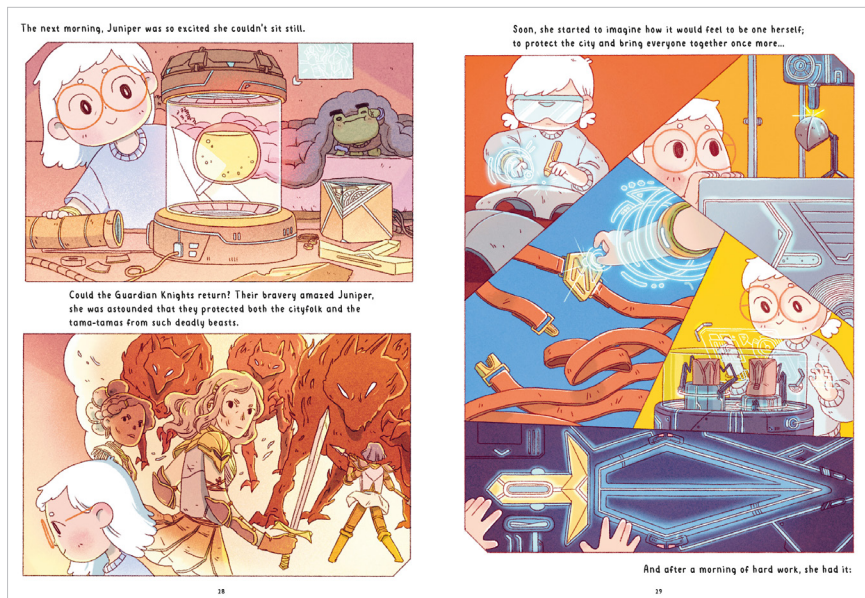
- Chris Garbutt, co-creator of Nickelodeon's *Pinky Malinky* and Netflix's *We Lost Our Humans*

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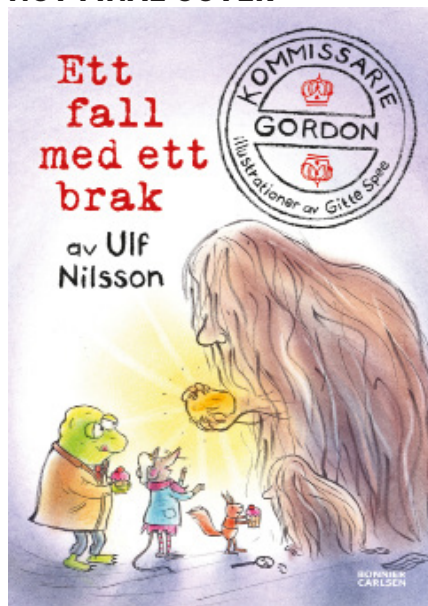
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### WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“Ulf Nilsson’s stories are at the heart of Gecko Press and here we have the final book in one of my most-loved series by a great storyteller and wonderful personality.”

*Julia Marshall, Publisher*

# Detective Gordon A Case with a Bang

Author: **Ulf Nilsson**

Illustrator: **Gitte Spee**

The final stand-alone book in the series of funny detective stories for early readers set in a friendly forest in which two determinedly fair police solve the mystery and stop regularly to eat cake.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Night brings a humming, scraping sound in the woods. Someone has knocked over the badger’s dustbin, and three large creatures are spotted up on the mountain.

Detective Buffy discovers this seemingly small case really is a dangerous mystery—she comes back from her first investigation flat as a gingerbread, rolled over by something huge and terrifying. Taking Gordon’s advice about how everyone thinks differently, she finds a way to communicate with the giant creatures—perhaps not so terrifying after all.

The book leaves readers with a memorable Gordon message: Everyone thinks differently, strangers are welcome, cakes for everybody!

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

### SALES POINTS

- The fifth and final book in the much-loved series for newly independent readers with themes of kindness, justice, and welcoming newcomers
- For readers who enjoy humour and character-driven stories—an alternative to the blockbuster series and adventures for this age
- A stand-alone story in a much-loved series: starred reviews, notable books listings, ‘best-of’ lists, translation award, multiple reprints, celebrated author

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Ulf Nilsson (1948-2021) was a celebrated Swedish children’s writer, who wrote more than 100 books for all ages. Gitte Spee is a leading children’s book illustrator, and she has also written numerous books, published and translated around the world.



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### TITLE INFORMATION

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Ages **6–9**

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### THEMES & KEYWORDS

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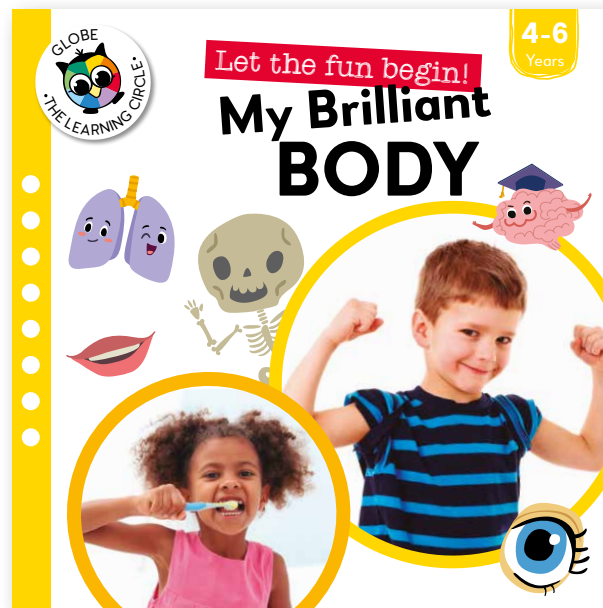
## Description

In this book you can learn all about your brilliant body – both what is visible on the outside and what is happening on the inside. It is filled with colourful pictures, fun drawings and cool facts, so get ready to learn!

My Brilliant Body focuses on the uniqueness of the human body and will make the child equally fascinated and proud of how their body works.

## Key Selling points

- Each book focuses on a specific skill from the GLOBE·LearningCircle™
- Filled with fun facts, quizzes, and activities the books will capture the attention of the little ones and stimulate their curiosity.
- Promotes parent-and-child dialogue.
- Sparks creativity, knowledge, imagination and a fascination for the world around them.
- Perfect for pre-school learning.

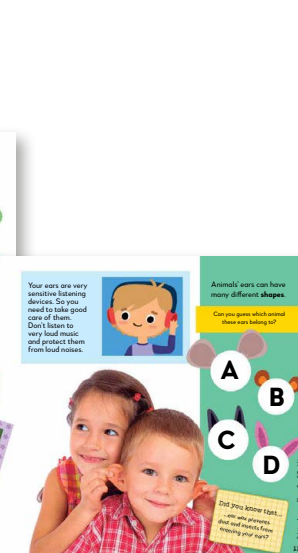
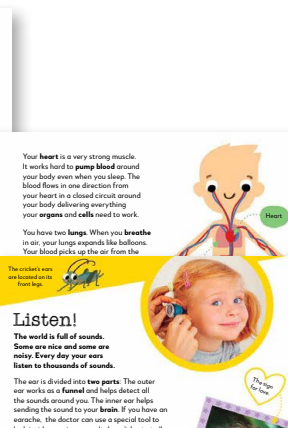


- Fun drawings
- Age-appropriate content
- Bright photographic images
- Fun facts, quizzes and activities

## Facts

- ISBN: 9788742553947
- RRP: £6.99
- Pub. date: March 2023

- Format: Hardback
- Age: 4-6 years
- Book size: 210 x 210mm
- Pages: 24



## Personal Skills

The ability to understand oneself, one's own world and limits: Who am I and how does my body work?



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## Description

In this book you can learn about incredible insects and buzzing bugs. It is filled with colourful pictures, fun drawings and cool facts, so get ready to learn!

Creepy Crawlies teaches the child about the importance of insects. It focuses on the uniqueness of each species and will make the child both fascinated and protective about them.

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## Science Skills

The ability to wonder at nature, have a realistic perception of it, know where things come from and how people form part of nature's cycle and their impact on it.



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see video



# Crystal Creations 500-Piece Jigsaw

Blue Cocktail (TEMP01519)

Why settle for 'just another jigsaw' when so much more is possible!

Elevate your jigsaw expectations and bring this mindful pastime into the world of craft with this DIY crystal jigsaw!



**Component list:** 500-piece jigsaw puzzle, 3 sheets of gems and a poster guide for gem placement.

## Key Features

- Crystals are a majorly on-trend craft activity with a growing online presence
- A simple, mess-free craft with a strikingly vibrant end-result
- Puzzle size: 61 x 45 cm (24 x 18 in)

Dimensions: 235 x 280 x 45mm

Binding: Jigsaw

Page Extent: 0pp

Cover Finish: Foil

RRP: £10.99



# Crystal Creations 500-Piece Jigsaw

Floral Bouquet (TEMP01520)

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**Binding:** Jigsaw

**Page Extent:** Opp

**Cover Finish:** Foil

**RRP:** £10.99



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Page Extent: Opp

Cover Finish: Foil

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# Crystal Creations 500-Piece Jigsaw

Sandy Beach (TEMP01522)

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Binding: Jigsaw

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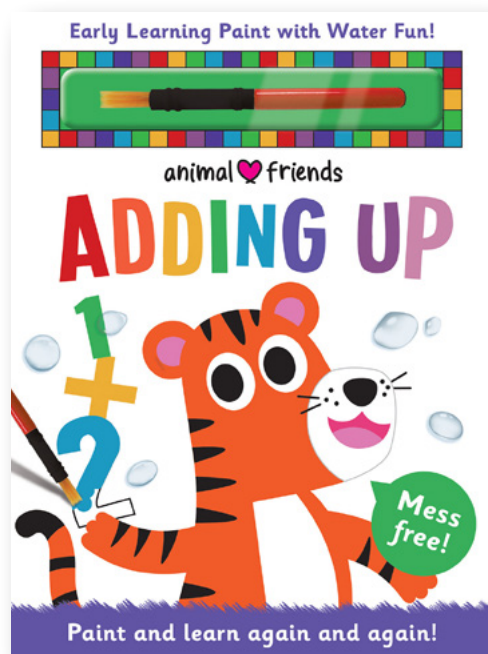
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## About the author:

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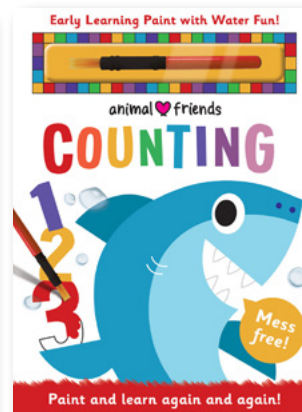
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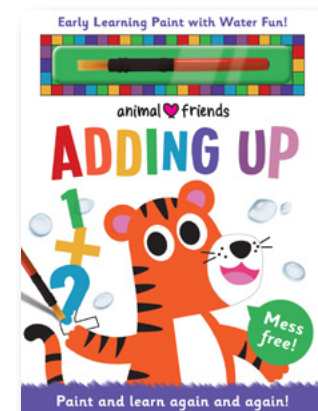
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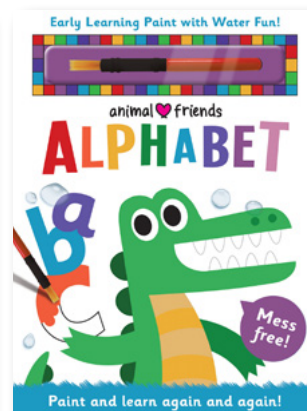
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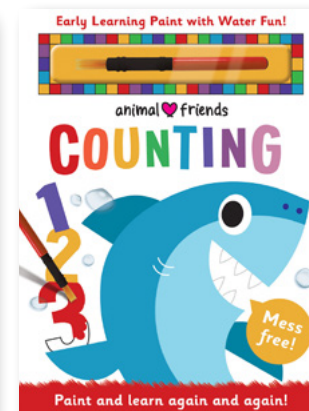
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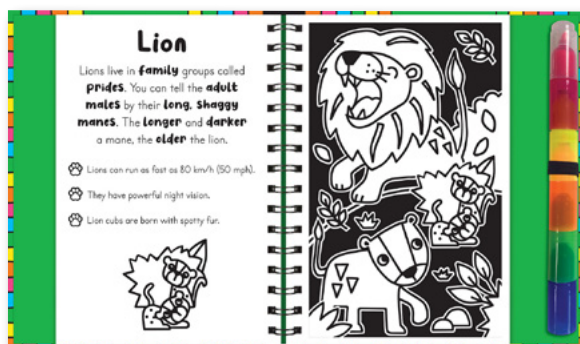


# Fuzzy Art: Animals



978-1-80105-568-0

## Look inside!



## Get ready to create colourful fuzzy works of art!

Fuzzy Art Animals is the world's first activity book to feature soft-to-touch wild animal pictures to colour, and also includes lots of colouring-in fun for budding artists to create amazing works of art on the go. Each book includes a chunky stackable marker pen that features five colours.

## About the author:

Melanie Hibbert has a passion for creating children's books and loves to discover new things about the world to share with young readers. She grew up in Scotland, has worked in the USA, Japan and London, and now lives in Bath. Subjects Melanie has written about include art, craft, games, natural history, cookery and travel. Her latest challenge is learning to play the saxophone... without upsetting the neighbours!

## Key Selling Points:

- Special soft-to-touch fuzzy pictures mean young artists can easily colour between the lines.
- Includes a stackable marker pen with five colours, so children can get colouring straight away!
- Ideal for creative play at home and for taking out and about; on holiday, to restaurants, and on journeys.

## Other titles in the series:



**Fuzzy Art Machines**  
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**Fuzzy Art Dinosaurs**  
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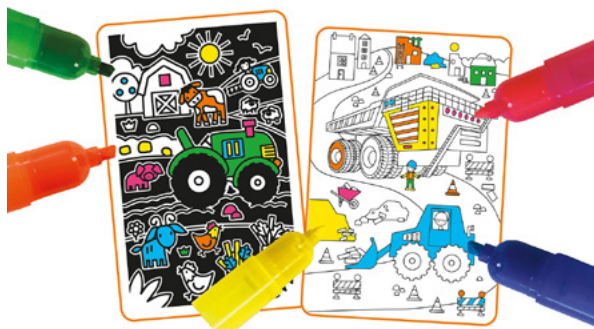


# Fuzzy Art: Machines



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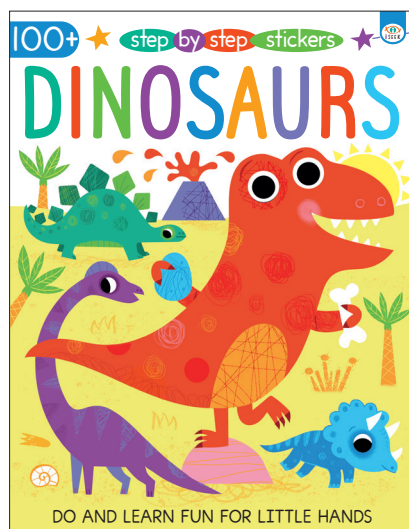


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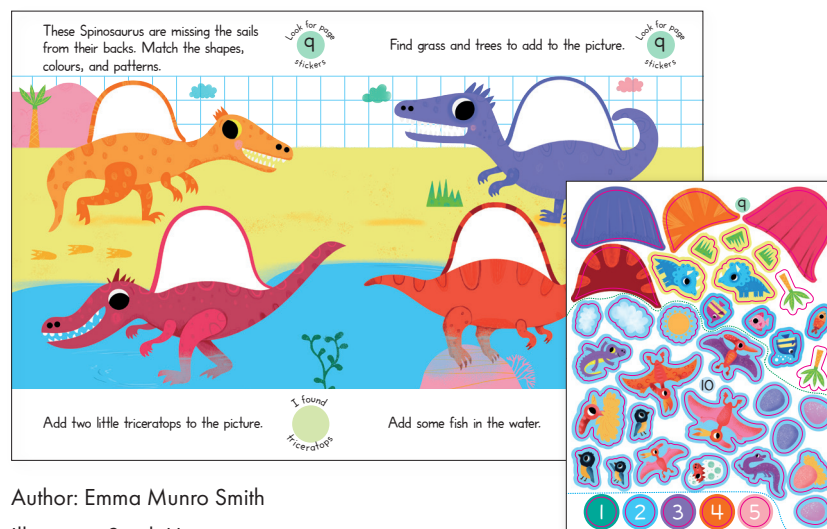


Author: Emma Munro Smith

Illustrator: Steph Hinton



ISBN: 978-1-915458-65-0



Author: Emma Munro Smith

Illustrator: Steph Hinton

**Publication:** March 2023  
**Age:** 3+  
**Price:** £6.99  
**Format:** paperback  
**Size:** 280mm x 216mm  
**Pages:** 24pp, plus 6 sticker sheets  
**ISBN:** Princesses  
 978-1-915458-64-3  
 Dinosaurs  
 978-1-915458-65-0

**Territory:** UK and Ireland + Export  
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## Description

These bold and colourful books ask pre-school children to pick stickers to match the missing bits in pictures. The last pages of each book have illustrated backgrounds for children to create whole sticker scenes. There is also a counting game on each page.

## Sales and marketing points

- Ever popular themes
- Encourage matching, counting, visual thinking and fine motor skills.
- More than 150 stickers

## About the creators

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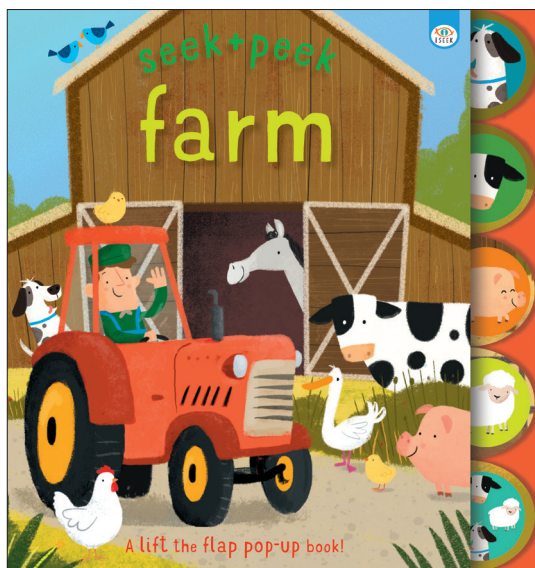
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ISBN: 978-1-915458-66-7



Author: Anton Poirier

Illustrator: Tony Neale



Publication:	March 2023
Age:	3+
Price:	£10.99
Format:	Boardbook
Size:	250mm x 230mm
Pages:	5 scenes with flaps, 1 pop-up
ISBN:	978-1-915458-66-7
Territory:	UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)



## Description

Children are encouraged to seek, peek and count farm animals by lifting the flaps. On the final spread, there is a pop-up scene and a lift-the-flap counting game.

## Sales and marketing points

- Multiple flaps on each scene
- Superb pop-up
- Improves visual recognition and counting skills

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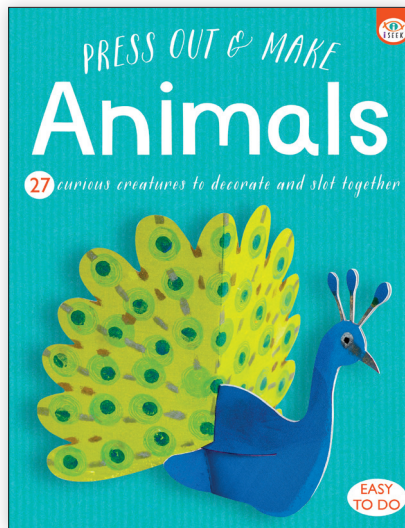
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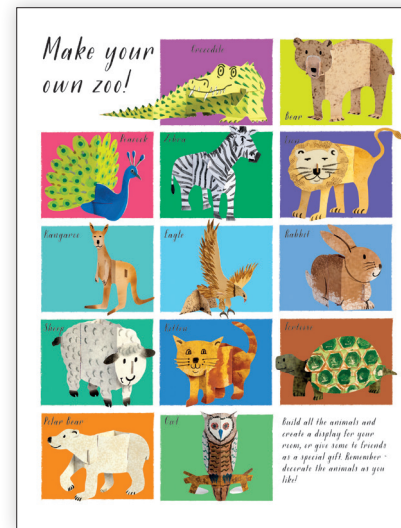
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ISBN: 978-1-915458-75-9



Author & Illustrator: Anton Poitier



**Publication:** March 2023  
**Age:** 6+  
**Price:** £9.99  
**Format:** paperback  
**Size:** 240mm x 185mm  
**Pages:** 64pp  
**ISBN:** 978-1-915458-75-9  
**Territory:** UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)

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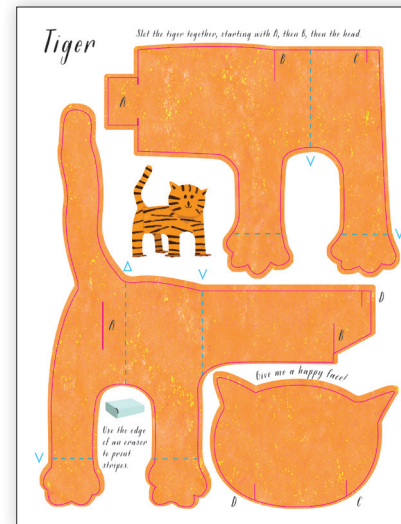
This pad-backed paperback is printed on sturdy card with 27 easy to press out animals. The animals are printed with a base colour so that children can add their own details by hand-printing or drawing details, such as cute faces, stripes and paws. Each creature stands up to make a wonderful display. There are tips at the beginning of the book and simple assembly hints on every page.

## Sales and marketing points

- 27 fun 3-D press-out animal models
- Easy-to-assemble, no glue needed
- Plenty of scope for children to use their own creativity
- Perfect gift for animal-mad creative kids

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# Mind & Me

## Written and illustrated by Sunita Chawdhary



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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

£5.99

112 pages; B-format PB

For readers aged 5-7



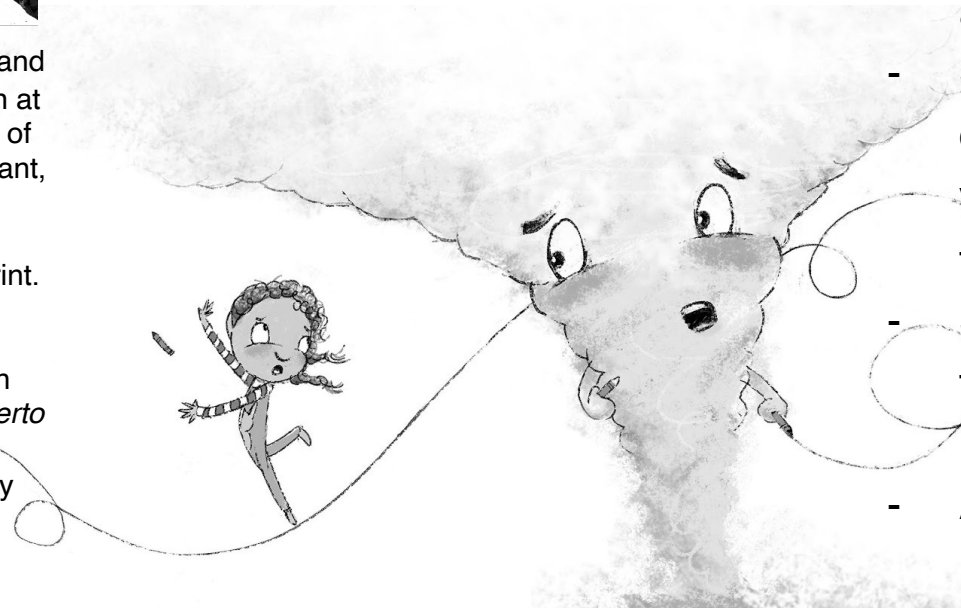
### About the author:

Sunita Chawdhary is a British-Indian author/illustrator and mum of two, based in Bath. She studied art and design at Central Saint Martins. Sunita draws on her experience of growing up in Asia, America and Europe to create vibrant, multicultural worlds filled with diverse characters and stories. She believes that children of all cultures and backgrounds should see themselves represented in print. Sunita was shortlisted for the Penguin Random House WriteNow mentorship programme in 2018 and commended for the Faber Andlyn BAME (FAB) prize in 2019. Her debut picture book illustration *Pedro the Puerto Rican Parrot*, the first in a series focusing on love and community in all corners of the world, was published by Little Steps in April 2021 and was selected for The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge.

*Mind & Me* follows Maya, a young British-Indian girl, as she tries to solve the mystery of her missing rabbit with the help (and hindrance) of her active and noisy Mind. Mind is illustrated as a separate entity and character to Maya, allowing for an exploration of mindfulness which doesn't feel issue-led or heavy-handed. Funny, and with heaps of heart, this is a delightful story for younger readers accompanied by beautiful and dynamic illustrations.

### Sales & Marketing:

- Debut young fiction from up-and-coming author & illustrator
- Serves as a gentle introduction to discussions around mindfulness for younger children, with a relatable and funny story
- Supported by a PR campaign focused on the early reader market, including school, library, and bookshop events
- Available for online and in-person events

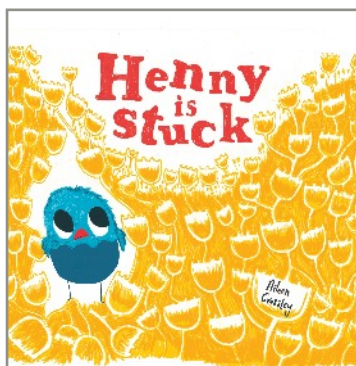






# Henny is Stuck

Written and Illustrated by Aileen Crossley



Price £7.99

Pub date 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

ISBN 9781739192907

Category Children's

Age range 03- 06 years

Extent 32pp

TPS 240 x 240

Binding Paperback

Language English

Rights World

## Sales Points

'Henny is Stuck' is the debut picture book from award-winning Dublin-based illustrator and animator Aileen Crossley.

With an illustration style honed and developed over years in a lithographic print studio, the loveable characters are brought to life in a tale of friendship, determination and bravery.

Aileen is currently creating an animated short to accompany her picture book.

This book would make the perfect Easter gift.

## Description

Henny is a baby chick, she is sweet and fluffy just like her friends. But unlike her friends, Henny has one tiny problem. Henny is stuck in her shell.

Yes, her tiny legs and her tiny wings peep out. But Henny is most definitely stuck.

Follow Henny on her journey as she and her friends try to solve her problem and along the way end up saving the day.

## Sales and Marketing:

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## About the author


Aileen is a Dublin-based illustrator, animator and motion designer. Currently studying her MA Illustration at Falmouth University. She is a member of the Black Church Print Studio, where she explores lithography alongside her illustration work.

With her animation work, Aileen was the winner of two IDI awards in 2021 - Best Short Animated Film and Emerging Designer Award for her animated short 'Wishing Well', for Paul Hourican.

'Henny is Stuck' is Aileen's debut picture book. It has been a labour of love for Aileen and through its development the design work she created for Henny was long-listed for the Unpublished Picture Book Exhibition in 2020 and 2021, and a finalist at the 2019 Bologna Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition.

Aileen said: "I use my design, illustration, animation and videography skills on a daily basis. My communication design degree specialised in illustration and I love to bring this practice into my work wherever possible. I was thrilled to be awarded two Irish Design Industry awards, including Emerging Designer for a stop-motion music video I made using sand. I always strive to bring original storytelling to my work to make it more impactful and meaningful. When my work connects people, I feel happy and fulfilled."





Henny and her friends  
are so busy playing,  
they don't see  
the big hungry fox  
creeping closer...  
and closer...

Now Henny's friends are STUCK  
in sharp fox claws  
looking at big, scary fox teeth.  
Henny is scared, but like all baby chicks,  
she is very very brave too.



# The Táin

by Alan Titley, illustrated by Eoin Coveney

**A new children's retelling of Ireland's great epic legend featuring the hero Cú Chulainn and the warrior Queen Maeve**

## Summary

Queen Maeve's army is marching north to steal the great brown bull, the pride of Ulster. But one man stands in their way. Cú Chulainn, the Hound of Ulster, vowed in boyhood to protect his homeland – even if it means taking on an invading army himself.

One by one Maeve's warriors challenge the hero, and one by one they fall. Can Cú Chulainn hold out until reinforcements arrive – and how will he fare against the one man in Ireland he doesn't want to fight?

Ireland's most important myth is retold in English for children by the great scholar of Old Ireland, Alan Titley. Titley goes back to the source material and his translation sparkles with the wit and humour, as well as the thrill and battle, of the ancient tale. Illustrations by comic artist Eoin Coveney lend a modern feel. This is Celtic myth as you haven't read it before.



<b>Pub date:</b>	2 March 2023
<b>Price:</b>	£7.99
<b>ISBN:</b>	9781915071064
<b>Thema:</b>	YNRU, FNM, QRST, 1DDR-IE-U
<b>Format:</b>	B-Format, paperback
<b>Extent:</b>	200 pages

## Sales points

- First new children's chapter-book edition of Ireland's greatest legend since the 1990s
- Humour and fun of the original is rediscovered by Titley, as well as the epic thrill of battle
- Graphic-novel-style illustrations appeal to fans of Marvel and comics

## About the Author

Alan Titley is one of Ireland's most respected writers in both Irish and English. He has won prizes including the Children's Books Ireland Éilís Dillon Award. He is the Emeritus Professor of Modern Irish, University College Cork and a member of the Royal Irish Academy.

## About the Illustrator

Eoin is an Irish illustrator. For 28 years, he has been working with a diverse client base, on a wide variety of commercial projects, with an aesthetic shaped by European comics, horror films and early 20th century illustration.



**Author:** Lisa Papp  
**Availability:** 09 March 2023  
**Age guide:** 5+

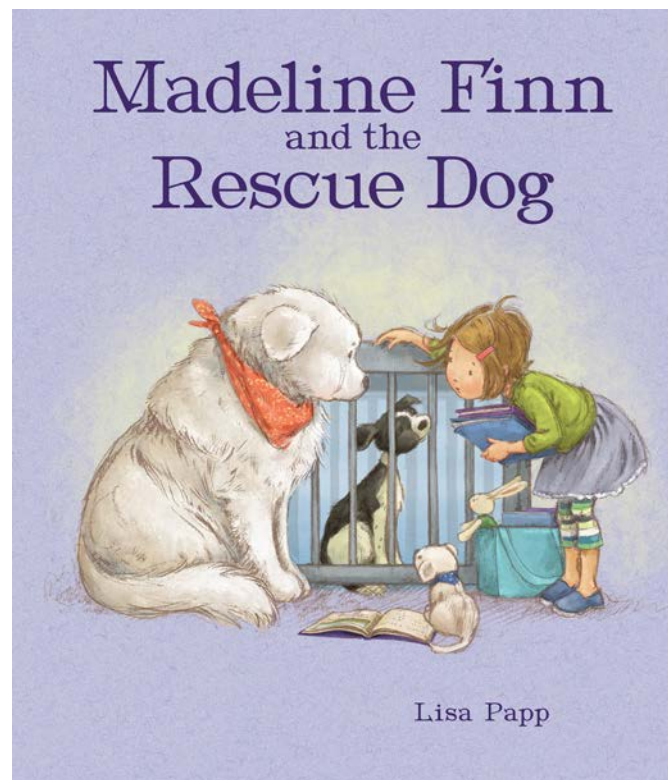
## Madeline Finn and the Rescue Dog

### About the author

American author and illustrator Lisa Papp was inspired by her local library's "Read-to-Dogs" program. Most of the dogs featured in the book were once living a life on the streets or in shelters. "These former shelter dogs are now spending their lives helping children. It's a beautiful thing to watch."

**Format:** Paperback  
**Size:** 248 x 286 mm  
**Extent:** 32 pp  
**BIC Code:** YBCS  
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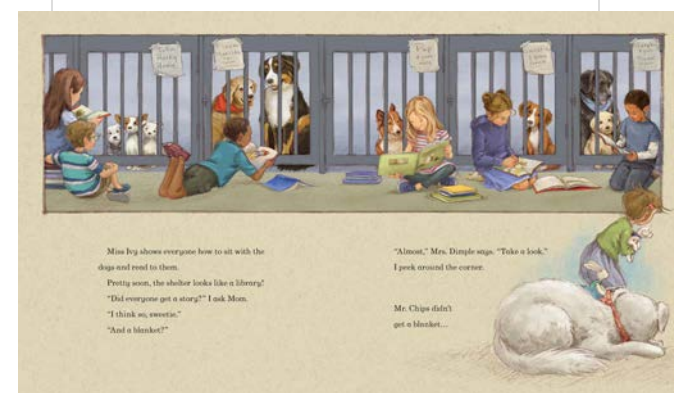
**Promotes reading and care for pets**



Sequel to 'Madeline Finn and the Library Dog'

*Praise for Madeline Finn and the Library Dog:*  
 'So adorable readers may attempt to hug the page'  
*Kirkus Reviews*

**About Madeline Finn and the Rescue Dog**  
 Madeline Finn has a brand new puppy and lots of responsibilities. She has to walk Star, and feed him, and make sure he has a safe place to sleep. But, she learns, the most important thing is love. So when Madeline Finn visits an animal shelter, she has lots of questions about the dogs who live there. Do they get to play outside? Do they get to sleep under blankets? Does anyone read to them? Does anyone tell them they love them? Madeline Finn is determined to help the shelter dogs. But can she find a way to make each one of them feel special? With the help of some friends and a few good books, she just may discover that even small people can make a big difference.







Before bed, I practise reading to Star. Then I whisper in his ear, “I love you, Star.”

*Woof*, he says, softly.

When Mum tucks us in, I say, “Star loves it when I read to him.”

“He definitely does, Madeline.”

“Mum?”

“Yes, dear?”

“Does anyone read to the rescue dogs?”



# Counting in Green

Ten Little Ways to Save our Big Planet

Hollis Kurman, illustrated by Barroux



A positive and simple introduction to the vital need for conservation, for young children

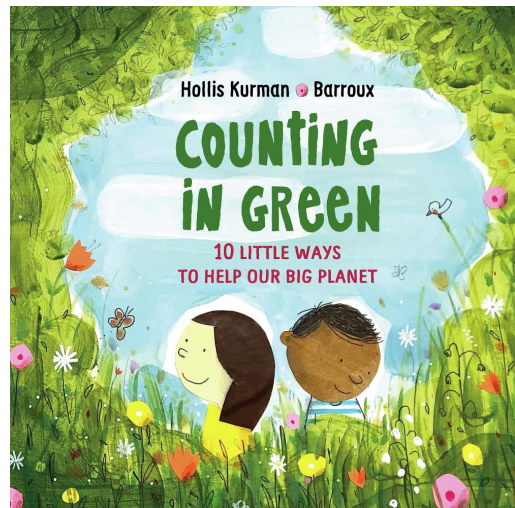
*What can we do  
when Mother Earth needs our help?  
From one to ten we're counting green  
to keep our planet safe and clean.*

From one new tree and two breezy bicycle wheels to seven beach pick-ups, nine wild flowers and ten friendly neighbours, follow a group of children as they discover how every small action can make a big difference and help to save our Earth. Illustrated with the simplicity, warmth and charm which Barroux is famous for, *Counting in Green* is an inspirational picture book, encouraging young children and their families to push for change and keep our planet safe and secure for all living things.

- Follows internationally acclaimed *Hello! A Counting Book of Kindnesses*
- Endnote includes extra conservation information and useful websites for further exploration
- A positive and simple introduction for the very young, to the vital need for conservation
- Practical and realistic ideas for helping our planet survive
- Beautifully illustrated by an international picture book star
- Includes activity notes and further tips on conservation

## Author Information

**Hollis Kurman** writes poetry and children's stories. *Hello! A Counting Book of Kindnesses*, illustrated by Barroux and published by Otter-Barry Books, was her debut picture book. When not writing, Hollis moderates literary events and is Chairperson of the Ivy Circle Netherlands; Supervisory Board member of Save the Children NL; member of the Fulbright Board NL; Founder of the Human Rights Watch NL Committee and member of HRW Women's Rights Advisory Council. She was born in New York and lives in Amsterdam. **Barroux** was born in Paris and grew up in Morocco. He is the author and illustrator of many books, published all over the world. He has won numerous honours and awards. His books include *Line of Fire* with Michael Morpurgo, and *Alpha* with Bessora, as well as picture books for younger children including *I Love You, Blue* (Otter-Barry Books, 2022). Barroux lives in Paris.



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Colour illustrations

Interest age: From 3 years

BICs: YBCS

RIGHTS: WORLD



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Foreword by Alexander McCall Smith

## A Child's Garden of Verses



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Colour illustrations throughout

Interest age: From 5 years

BICs: YDP

RIGHTS: WORLD

# A Child's Garden of Verses



Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Michael Foreman, foreword by Alexander McCall Smith

First published in 1885, this timeless classic is illustrated by Michael Foreman and now appears in an attractive paperback format, with a foreword by Alexander McCall Smith

*So you may see, if you will look  
Through the windows of this book,  
Another child, far, far away,  
And in another garden play.*

*A Child's Garden of Verses* is probably the world's bestselling collection of poetry for children. First published in 1885, its enduring appeal is beautifully reflected in this new paperback edition, with end flaps, colour illustrations by Michael Foreman, and a foreword by best-selling Scottish author Alexander McCall Smith.

- A classic children's book with colour illustrations by a world-renowned artist
- Foreword by Alexander McCall Smith
- Beautiful gift presentation
- "This book will make a wonderful present and will add to any school, library and home collection." - *Books Go Walkabout*
- "This edition would be a wonderful to gift across the generations." - *Playing by the Book*

### Author Information

**Robert Louis Stevenson** (1850–1894) is one of the most famous popular authors of modern times. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the novelist, poet and travel writer was the author of world-famous books such as *Treasure Island* and *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, as well as this classic and much-loved children's poetry collection. **Michael Foreman** has illustrated over 100 books by author such as William Shakespeare, JM Barrie, the Brothers Grimm, Charles Dickens and Oscar Wilde, as well as writing and illustrating many of his own books. Michael Foreman lives in London and Cornwall. **Alexander McCall Smith**, CBE, FRSE, has loved *A Child's Garden of Verses* since his own childhood in Bulawayo. Now Emeritus Professor of Medical Law at Edinburgh University, he has written many bestsellers for both children and adults, including *The Number 1 Ladies Detective Agency* and the *Scotland Street* series, admired all over the world for their "gentle wisdom and good cheer". He lives in Edinburgh.



# Picture-Books in Winter

Summer fading, winter comes –  
Frosty mornings, tingling thumbs,  
Window robins, winter rooks,  
And the picture story-books.

Water now is turned to stone  
Nurse and I can walk upon;  
Still we find the flowing brooks  
In the picture story-books.

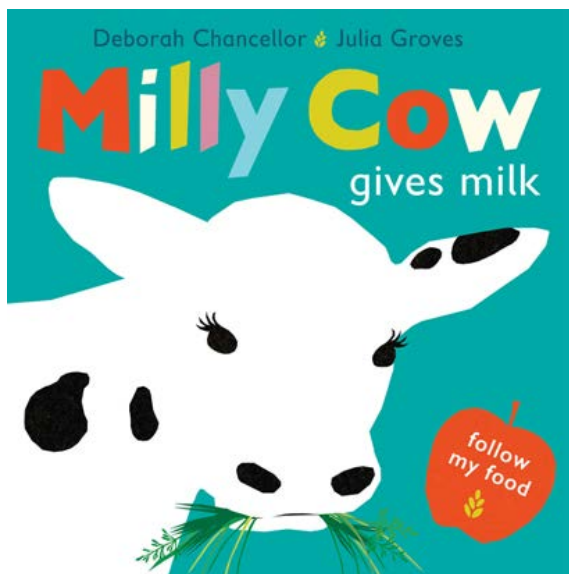
All the pretty things put by,  
Wait upon the children's eye,  
Sheep and shepherds, trees and  
crooks,  
In the picture story-books.

We may see how all things are,  
Seas and cities, near and far,  
And the flying fairies' looks,  
In the picture story-books.

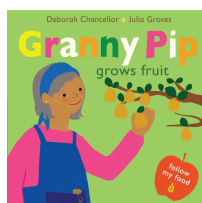
How am I to sing your praise,  
Happy chimney-corner days,  
Sitting safe in nursery nooks,  
Reading picture story-books?



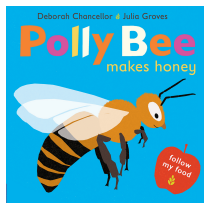




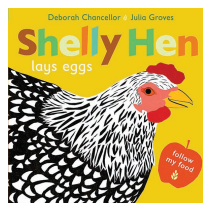
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Age	3+
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Size	240 x 240mm
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CBMC Code	CBM179



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# Milly Cow Gives Milk

By Deborah Chancellor and Julia Groves



Scallywag Press

**First expanded paperback edition in this topical non-fiction collection about sustainability**

A child follows a day in the life of Milly the cow, as she munches grass with her friends, drinks gallons of water, makes cow pats in the field, and visits the milking parlour with her farmer. Milly's milk is made into butter, cheese and yoghurt.

## Key Selling Points

- Encourages children to be environmentally aware by understanding where their food comes from
  - Full of information that has been fact checked, yet presented in a simple and stylish way to spark the interest of both young children and parents.
  - Simple quiz and fun facts at the end explain more about dairy farming and produce
  - Now expanded to include a gallery of cow breeds, and a simple recipe using milk
- 'A perfect introduction to how milk is produced...There is rich vocabulary: herd, parlour, dusk, bulge, guzzles, and a word quiz and milk facts reinforce new word learning.' JUST IMAGINE**

## Sales and Marketing

- Posters available featuring all four #FollowMyFood titles
- Teacher notes, book reading and resources on the website
- Author and artist available for events
- The second title in the collection *Shelly Hen Lays Eggs* is currently short listed for the Teach Early Years Awards

**The series would be a wonderful addition to discussions on sustainability'**  
**THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN**

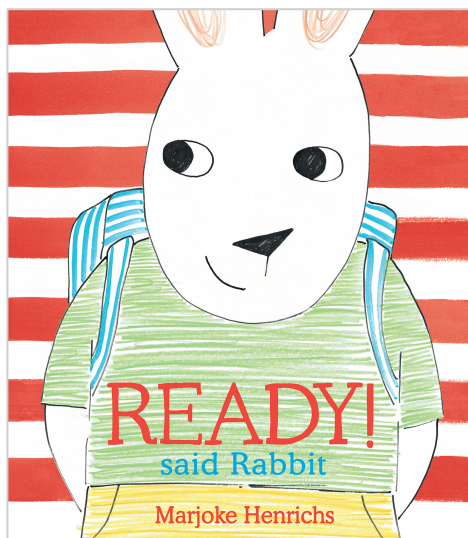
**Deborah Chancellor** has written over a hundred books for children and has been shortlisted for the Little Rebels Award. She lives with her family in Saffron Walden, Essex. **Julia Groves** lives with her family in Norfolk. Her previous series *My Animal Babies* was been nominated for the Progressive Pre-School Awards.



Milk from Milly's herd  
is made ready to drink,  
then it's packed off  
to the shops.  
I take a carton and  
put it in my basket.







Title	Ready! said Rabbit
Author	Marjoke Henrichs
Publication	2 March 2023
Age	2-5
Price	£7.99
Format	Paperback
Size	275 x 240 mm
Extent	32pp
ISBN	978-1-915252-07-4
Territory	World ex USA & Can
BIC Code	YFN, YXL, YBCS
CBMC Code	A3M79

# Ready! Said Rabbit

By Marjoke Henrichs



Scallywag Press

Rabbit and his dad are going to the park, but will they ever be ready to leave the house?

Find out in this tender and humorous family comedy where each has to be patient and tolerant with the other, and finally both are ready for fun!

As the tension mounts children will relate to the familiar drama, and adults will recognise the need for mindfulness in everyday life.

## Key Selling Points

- A universal situation hilarious for adults and children alike
- Celebrates a dad's relationship with his child
- Will encourage bonding and play as the lesson of being patient and tolerant is learnt
- Second title featuring Rabbit. Marjoke's NO! SAID RABBIT was short listed for the 2021 Book Trust Storytime Prize and long listed for the Klaus Flugge Prize
- *'By now a familiar picture book character' Big Issue North*
- *'Clever use of repetitive language and the bright, scribbly illustrations full of familiar objects, make this another perfect book for the very young.'* Books for Keeps
- *'Full of movement and humour' Booktrust*

## Sales and Marketing

- Huge visibility for the Rabbit character from the Book Trust Storytime Prize shortlisting (7000 copies given away to libraries with activity pack and resources, Sept 21)
- POS and free downloadables on the website
- Marjoke is an Empathy Lab trained author who has visited many schools and libraries in East Anglia and is planning more events

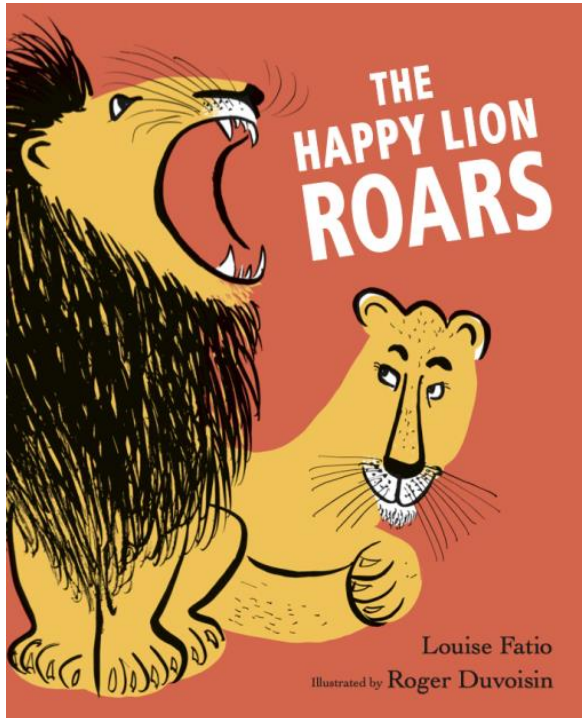
Marjoke Henrichs graduated from the MA Children's Book Illustration course at Cambridge School of Art in 2019. She is also a theatre designer and a painter. She was born in the Netherlands and now lives in Suffolk.

*Meet the illustrator*





# Scallywag Press



In the second title in this classic series, our friendly hero, *The Happy Lion*, is lonely.

When a beautiful lioness comes to town with a visiting circus, the Happy Lion pays her a visit and it is love at first sight! The Happy Lion finds a way to release her and hide her in his enclosure. When she is discovered he won't let anyone separate them, and his friend Francois convinces the mayor to let the lioness stay.

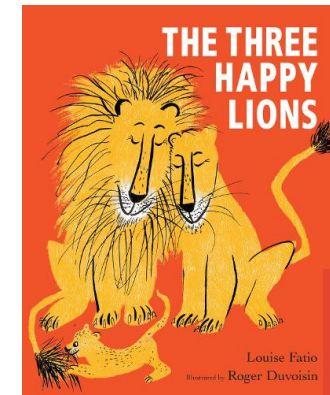
## Key Selling Points

- Wonderful message about standing up for freedom and friendship
- Enchantingly romantic, and mischievously funny and elegant
- **There is huge nostalgia for this classic series** which is being re-issued in a larger, high quality hardback format with full bleed inside illustration.
- Bold cover, and inside artwork using minimal colours alternating with black & white, a style now firmly back in fashion
- Praise for THE HAPPY LION: *'Genuine mid-century styling will appeal to art lovers as well as the nostalgia market. The lion is drawn with great sensitivity and Duvoisin's tawny palette is pleasingly appropriate'* **Books for Keeps**  
*'Duvoisin's illustrations are exceptional.'* **The Times**

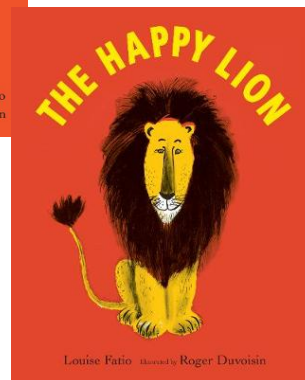
## Sales and Marketing

- More than 50 years after its first publication, this series is still a firm favourite, making it an ideal gift for both grannies or those who love the retro style
- HAPPY LION has sold out in hardback and received wonderful reviews. PB June 2020.
- Selected by **Children's Books Ireland**: *'Very funny and with a brilliant sense of timing, this fifty year old classic feels fresh and effortlessly timeless. Highly recommended.'*
- NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS is selling well, fuelling a new demand for Roger Duvoisin's books

**Roger Duvoisin** was born in Geneva in 1900. He studied art in Paris, and his first jobs included designing scenery, making textiles, and painting murals. He married Louise Fatio and in 1927 they moved to New York City. Roger Duvoisin illustrated over 100 books of which he wrote 40. In 1947 he won the Caldecott Medal for *White Snow*, *Bright Snow* by Alvin Tresselt and in 1966 their *Hide and Seek Fog* won a Caldecott Honor.



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Title	The Happy Lion Roars
Author	Louise Fatio
Artists	Roger Duvoisin
Publication	6 June 2020
Age	**REISSUE**
Price	3-6
Format	£12.99
Size	Hardback
Extent	270 x 216 mm 32pp
ISBN	978-1-912650-41-5
Territory	World ex USA, Can
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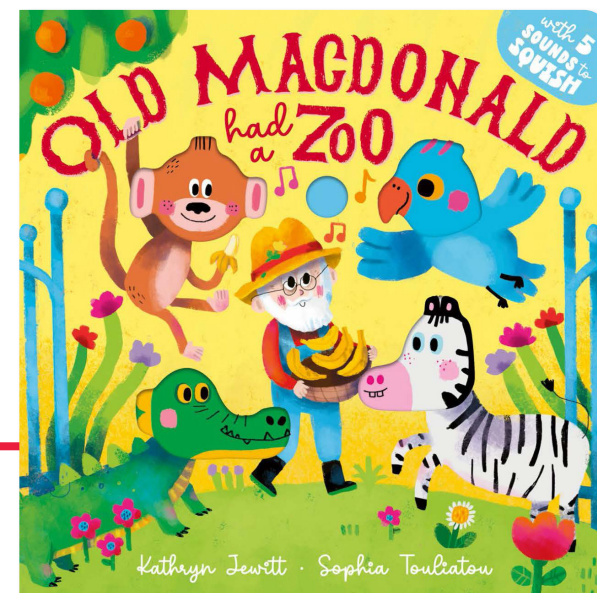
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# Squishy Sounds

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Old MacDonald had a zoo and in that zoo he had a monkey! And that monkey wanted bananas – can you help Old MacDonald find the monkey? With four squishy-squashy silicone animal heads that make fun sounds, plus a single push button to play the tune, these fun twists on well-known nursery rhymes will delight children and adults alike.

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### Specification:

TPS 210 x 210mm square

Extent 12pp

Format Cased Board book + silicone + sound

UK RRP £12.99

Age 3+

Title: Old MacDonald Had a Zoo

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## How do you Hug?

Everybody loves a hug, but there are lot of different ways to do it! How do YOU hug? This adorable, high-contrast board book features Danielle Mudd's charming illustrations – with pops of colour, designed to appeal to babies, and soft felt die-cuts on every page for an extra sensory experience.

- High contrast artwork developed for babies
- Bright felt spacers make the book light to hold
- Part of a series: Time For Bed! Nibble, Munch Yum!, Ten Little Toes!



### Specification:

TPS	140x140mm	Title:	How do you Hug?
Extent	7 spreads	Ref No:	A0014A
Format	Cased board book + felt	ISBN:	9781915356130
UK RRP	£7.99	Pub. date:	1st March 2023





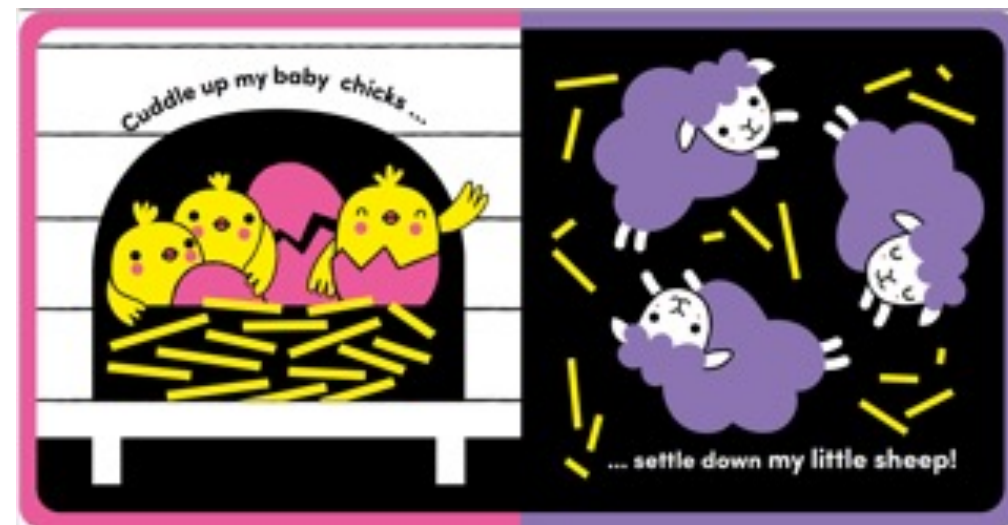
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# Little Softies

## Time for Bed!

Join the sleepy farm animals as they snuggle down at bedtime! This adorable, high-contrast board book features Danielle Mudd's charming illustrations – with pops of colour, designed to appeal to babies, and soft felt die-cuts on every page for an extra sensory experience.



- High contrast artwork developed for babies
- Bright felt spacers make the book light to hold

### Specification:

TPS	140x140mm
Extent	7 spreads
Format	Cased board book + felt
UK RRP	£7.99

Title:	Time for Bed!
Ref No:	A0014B
ISBN:	9781915356147
Pub. Date:	1st March 2023







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## Lots to Spot On the Farm

There's lots to spot on the farm, so get ready to explore! With bright, colourful artwork, noisy rhyming text, things to find on every page and a carry handle for little hands, these fun board books are perfect for toddlers on the move.

- Popular carry handle format
- Things to spot on every page
- Part of a series: In the Jungle, I love Things That Go, I love Pets



### Specification:

TPS	220 x 200mm P
Extent	5 spreads
Format	Board book with handle
UK RRP	£6.99
Age	1+

Title:	On the Farm
Ref No:	A0006A
ISBN:	9781915356154
Pub. Date:	1st March 2023





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# Lots to Spot

## In the Jungle

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- Popular carry handle format
- Things to spot on every page
- Part of a series: On the Farm, I love Things That Go, I love Pets



### Specification:

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Format	Board book with handle	ISBN:	9781915356161
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# HEROES OF THE PIRATE SHIP

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*Pirate ship or Robot world*

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*In each a race to find the prize, will you win or lose?*

Austin, Alanna, and sausage dog Ozzy have been transformed into pirates! Their mission is to find a golden treasure chest before their time in this world runs out.

When two very suspicious pirates climb aboard the New Leaf ship and start snooping around, Austin and Alanna know they must help their crewmates . . . can they save the ship and complete their mission on time?

Illustrated by Abeeha Tariq.

## THE AUTHOR

Esi is a writer, editor, and Consultant in Public Health Medicine. She studied medicine at the University of Oxford, and her academic research looks at the interplay between film and public health. Alongside Magic Faces, she is working on her first middle grade novel, PRINCESS AMINA AND THE SEA OF KNOWLEDGE, set in medieval Timbuktu.

Pub Date: March 2023

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Format: Paperback

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Subject: YFC (Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage))

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## THE BOOK

"I'll have what is mine . . ."

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When Heather returns, seeking to lay the past to rest, the first person she turns to is Stella. But how far can you trust a sea witch? Is she seeking redemption, or plotting her final revenge? With the Teran rising from the deep and the island in his icy grip, Stella and her friends will have to fight to save weather as we know it.

Cover illustration by David Dean.

## THE AUTHOR

Tamsin lives in Bath with her husband, two children, one rabbit, several crows, and a badger, though she still flies home to Shetland whenever she can. If you go there in the summer, you'll probably spot her, striding about with the wind in her hair, chasing a wild story.

Pub Date: March 2023

Price: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781915235053

Age Range: 9 - 12

Subject: YFH (Fantasy & magical realism  
(Children's / Teenage))

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## Colourful Creatures: with stickers and activities to make family learning fun

Written by Anita Ganeri and Penny Arlon

**STUNNING PHOTOGRAPHY, COOL ACTIVITIES, REUSABLE STICKERS AND A GIGANTIC WALL POSTER MAKE LEARNING FUN!**

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. And don't forget to put the giant pull-out poster on your bedroom wall!

<b>Pub month</b>	March 2023
<b>Publisher</b>	Weldon Owen Children's Books
<b>ISBN</b>	9781915588104
<b>Format</b>	215 x 292 mm
<b>Price</b>	£9.99 (no VAT)
<b>Age</b>	4 years and up
<b>Extent</b>	112 pages
<b>Binding</b>	FLEXI
<b>Illustrations</b>	Full colour
<b>Author</b>	Ganeri & Arlon
<b>Illustrator</b>	n/a
<b>BIC Codes</b>	YBG

### Key Selling Points

**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 poster perfect for a bedroom or classroom wall.

### Who's Behind the Book?

**Author:** Anita Ganeri is an award-winning author, having won the Geographical Association Silver Award and the Blue Peter Award for the *Best Book with Facts*. Anita Ganeri is also the author of the Award-winning book *Horrible Geography*. She lives in West Yorkshire with her family.

**Author:** Penelope Arlon is an award-winning writer of non-fiction children's books. Her titles take young readers on incredible journeys – to the bottom of the sea, to the outer reaches of the Solar System and back in time to the world of the dinosaurs and the lands of Ancient Egypt.



# ADVANCE INFORMATION NON-FICTION

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**O CHILDREN'S BOOKS**



## The Magnificent Book of Cats

Written by Barbara Taylor

Illustrated by Andrew Beckett & Simon Treadwell

### THE PURRFECT BOOK FOR CAT LOVERS EVERYWHERE, WITH ENCHANTING ILLUSTRATIONS AND INTRIGUING FACTS

Meet thirty-six exquisite, majestic, elegant, mischievous and downright adorable domestic felines, from the well-known Burmese, Persian, Maine Coon and Ragdoll to the more exotic LaPerm, Dragon Li, Munchkin and Lykoi.

Intriguing facts accompany every illustration, so you can find out why the Japanese Bobtail is called the singing cat, how the Egyptian Mau got its name and why the Sphynx gets sunburnt.

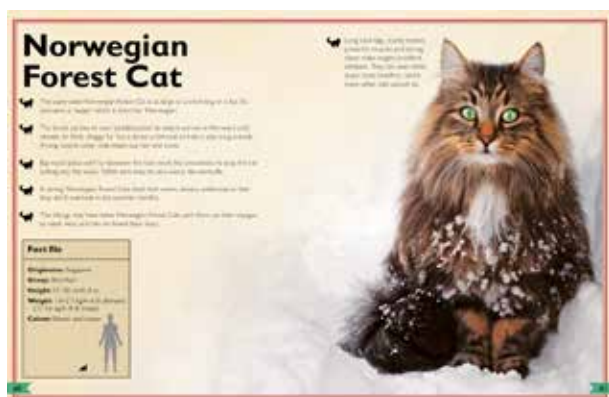
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<b>ISBN</b>	9781915588142
<b>Format</b>	235 x 305 mm
<b>Price</b>	£14.99 (no VAT)
<b>Age</b>	7 years and up
<b>Extent</b>	80 pages
<b>Binding</b>	Hardcover
<b>Illustrations</b>	Full colour
<b>Author</b>	Barbara Taylor
<b>Illustrator</b>	Beckett & Treadwell
<b>BIC Codes</b>	YNND

### Key Selling Points

**Stunning illustrations** – vibrant, detailed images vividly bring feline favourites to life.

**Hundreds of dip-in facts** – captivating and educational for cat lovers of all ages.

**Wonderful compendium** – to revisit time and time again.





# ADVANCE INFORMATION NON-FICTION

**W WELDON OWEN**  
**O CHILDREN'S BOOKS**



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

Written by Isabel Thomas, illustrated by El Primo Ramón  
With Professor Sara Hughes, University of Michigan

### MIND MAPPERS - THE BOOKS THAT MAKE DIFFICULT SUBJECTS EASY TO UNDERSTAND

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 is this happening? What should we do about it?

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

<b>Pub month</b>	March 2023
<b>Publisher</b>	Weldon Owen Children's Books
<b>ISBN</b>	9781915588128
<b>Format</b>	292 x 234 mm
<b>Price</b>	£16.99 (no VAT)
<b>Age</b>	8 years and up
<b>Extent</b>	72 pages
<b>Binding</b>	Hardcover
<b>Illustrations</b>	Full colour
<b>Author</b>	Isabel Thomas
<b>Illustrator</b>	El Primo Ramón
<b>BIC Codes</b>	YNN

### Key Selling Points

**Unique approach** – using a mind-map technique to organise and navigate information.

**Beautiful illustrations** – combines the beauty of a picture book with scientific facts and information.

**Timely topic** – water stress and scarcity are news headlines.

**Practical suggestions** – for children to play an active part in helping to protect their planet.

### Who's Behind the Book?

**Author:** Isabel Thomas is an award-winning writer of science and nature books for young audiences. Her accolades include the 2020 AAAS Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books. Isabel writes for children's science magazines *The Week Junior Science+Nature* and *Whizz Pop Bang*. She also creates content for science outreach projects, including the Wellcome Trust's Explorify resource and Oxford University's Parents for STEM Futures project.

**Illustrator:** Born on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, El Primo Ramón worked as an architect and a graphic designer and has a PhD in Graphical Expression. He gave this up to embrace his passion for illustration, and now produces gorgeous artwork for children's books, magazines and to accompany radio shows.





**What on Earth Books**

# Engineers Making a Difference

**Inventors, Technicians, Scientists and Tech Entrepreneurs Changing the World, and How You Can Join Them**



**Shini Somara, Manuel Šumberac, Adam Allsuch Boardman**

**Meet 46 engineers who are changing our world. Find out what makes them tick and how they create awe-inspiring technologies to improve our lives.**

Engineers are the superheroes of the real world. They use their problem-solving skills to face down the biggest challenges we have, from creating clean energy to designing prosthetic limbs, from eliminating food shortages to programming AI to exploring the surface of Mars. In this book you'll meet 46 engineers, from apprentices and lab technicians to university professors and start-up CEOs and hear what problems they are solving and why they love their jobs. Engineers are changing the world. Will you be one of them?

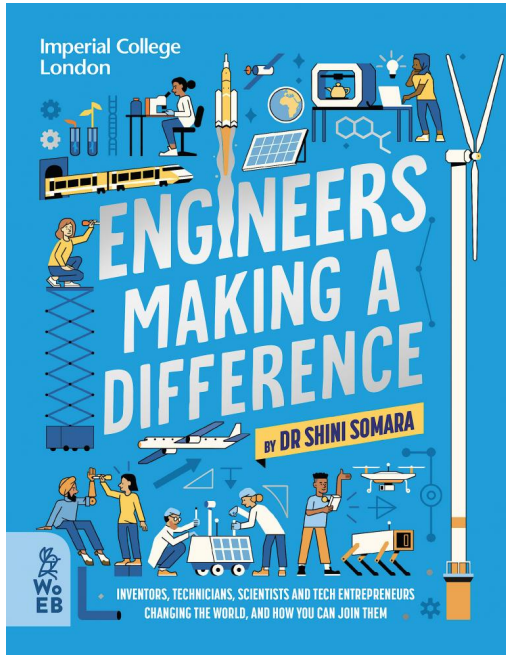
- Created in collaboration with Imperial College London, which is in the top ten universities in the world and has a strong focus on STEM subjects, and the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, set up by Lord Sainsbury to give charitable funding to arts, science and education projects.
- Strong focus on STEAM subjects, encouraging young people to consider a career in engineering.
- Includes a diverse range of engineers.
- Teaches that anything is possible!
- Written by mechanical engineer, broadcaster, producer, podcaster and author Dr Shini Somara whose recent work includes shows for the BBC, Channel 4, UKTV and PBS Digital.

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**Dr Shini Somara** is passionate about making science and technology accessible to all, through a variety of media platforms. She transforms cutting-edge science into heartwarming and captivating stories. Shini's recent work includes shows for the BBC, Channel 4, UKTV and PBS Digital. She has worked together with brands such as Williams Racing, Google, Dyson and National Grid, The Institute of Engineering and Technology and The Royal Academy of Engineering.

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# Navjot Sawhney

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## PROVIDING ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM MOST

Navjot Sawhney is the founder of The Washing Machine Project, which designs, manufactures and distributes low-cost manual washing machines. These human-powered machines save time, water and effort for the millions of people, usually women, who have no choice but to handwash clothes for themselves and their families.

### WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ENGINEER?

My parents fled India in the 1940s to escape the war that was happening there. They moved to the UK in the 1980s, and I was born in London. From an early age, I learnt of the harrowing experiences that my parents had suffered and became familiar with the concepts of loss, displacement and hard work.

*"I wanted to use my engineering skills to help the disadvantaged rather than just create things for people who already had so much."*

**Navjot Sawhney**

My father was an aerospace engineer and would often take me to air shows. I was fascinated with how massive machines could stay in the sky. Full of curiosity, I would raid my father's toolbox to take apart every home appliance, not really knowing how to put them back together again.

My father passed away when I was eight years old, so I grew up amongst the women of my family: my mum, her five sisters and my two older sisters. I truly appreciated their role in our household as I saw how much work they did and the trouble they went through just to allow us all to get by in life.

I went to university to study Aerospace Engineering where I learnt to design and build spacecraft. After graduating, I got a fantastic job at Dyson, one of the world's leading technology companies. I was in the Research and Innovation Team, and it was an awesome experience, but something was missing.

I needed a change of direction, so I applied to Engineers Without Borders for an 18-month placement in rural southern India. Engineers Without Borders started in the early 1980s to allow engineers to share their time and skills with local people. The organisation has helped to improve



# Watch This Space



**THE ISS AND BEYOND** Since 1998, the International Space Station (ISS) has been orbiting at around 408 kilometres above Earth. From Earth, the ISS looks like a star, but up close you can see that it's a feat of human engineering! Made up of different modules and powered by eight giant solar panels, the ISS is the largest orbiting laboratory ever built. Such a huge object couldn't be transported to space in one piece, so it was taken in bits and assembled there. The ISS is a brilliant example of how vehicles can not only be built in space but also upgraded and maintained there, paving the way for the possibility of other human habitats in space.



*There are usually between three and seven crew members living and working aboard the ISS at all times, conducting experiments and ensuring everything is functioning correctly.*

Space exploration is a fast-paced industry and, recently, huge leaps in space technology have been driven by a number of private companies, such as SpaceX, Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic. Previously, most space exploration was funded by governments. These companies have developed reusable rockets and launching components that can be assembled in space with the aim to make space travel more accessible and sustainable. The vision of humans living on other planets might not be as far away as we imagine!

**SPACE-FOR-EARTH TECHNOLOGY** Goods or services produced in space for use on Earth are called Space-for-Earth technologies. Some huge parts of this are our telecommunications, navigation and observation satellites. However, the combination of zero gravity, a sterile environment and the availability of solar power means space has the ideal conditions for producing other things, such as vaccines, foods and supplements that can be easily created in a variety of conditions.



*In the future, it might be possible to mine asteroids for useful resources.*

**MINING ASTEROIDS** Of the thousands of asteroids in our solar system, many are known to contain important elements, including the precious metals platinum, iron and nickel. These are used in the production of everything from phones to cars, but there is only a limited supply here on Earth. This has led to the idea that asteroids could be mined so that the elements can be used either on Earth or in space. Any water mined from asteroids could also be used to support human life in space.

**LITTER-PICKING IN SPACE** Ever since humans first ventured into space, we've been leaving debris behind – everything from old satellites and parts of rockets to nuts and bolts. With more spacecraft leaving our atmosphere, it is becoming increasingly important to clear up this junk and avoid it causing a dangerous collision. Scientists and engineers are working on a range of solutions, and in 2021 launched a satellite that uses magnets to collect space junk. Another satellite with a giant litter-picking claw is currently in development.





# Little Soft Sleeper



Little Bear  
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Little Owl  
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## LITTLE SOFT SLEEPER

A cloth book that turns into a soothing, cuddly comforter for baby to stroke and snuggle.

The gentle colour palette, embroidery and soft ribbons will help to encourage baby's sensory development, and (hopefully) give new parents a bit of peace and quiet!

Publication	MARCH 2023
Price	£12.99
Format	Cloth Book
Size	Box: 280 x 95 x 50 mm Book: 300 mm x 250 mm
Extent	6 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	6m+

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A cuddly comforter/soft book
- Ribbons to touch and feel, or to attach a dummy to!
- Comforts babies and encourages them to adapt to new sensations and textures



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## BIG FOAM STICKERS

Use big and colourful foam stickers to complete each drawing. This series invites toddlers to colour and stick to their heart's content. Colourful lines provide the colour code, while polka dots mark where the big foam stickers can be added. A playful and educational series to help children learn to match colours and stimulate their fine motor skills.

Publication	MARCH 2023
Price	£6.99
Format	Paperback
Size	240 x 240 mm
Extent	14 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	4 coloured sheets of big foam stickers

## KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Big foam stickers, easy to handle by small hands.
- Two fun activities in one book: pasting stickers and colouring.
- Stimulates toddler's fine motor skills and knowledge of colours and shapes.

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