

Auzou Stories – The Friend Who Fell from the Sky

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This album follows the story of a placid polar bear living happily on the ice floe. Pleased with the bland yet peaceful environment, his world is turned upside down when Aaron the kangaroo literally falls from the sky. A one-of-a-kind friendship will then bloom between the tranquil bear and the very excitable kangaroo...

A beautiful picture book which tells the heart-warming story of an **unusual friendship**, teaching children about tolerance and difference.

Parents and children alike will be entranced by the superb illustrations by Hervé Le Goff!



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KEY SELLING POINTS

- * A **beautiful series** of original and classic stories for children to discover the joy of reading
- * **Magical illustrations** by Hervé Le Goff
- * An enchanting title that teaches important themes: **friendship** and **tolerance**

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NOTE: DRAFT VISUALS ONLY



ILLUSTRATOR
Hervé Le Goff



Hervé Le Goff is a French illustrator born in 1971. He studied at the school of Fine Arts of Quimper. In 2000, he received two prizes for his illustrations. He has worked with Flammarion, Milan, Père-Castor and many other publishing houses.

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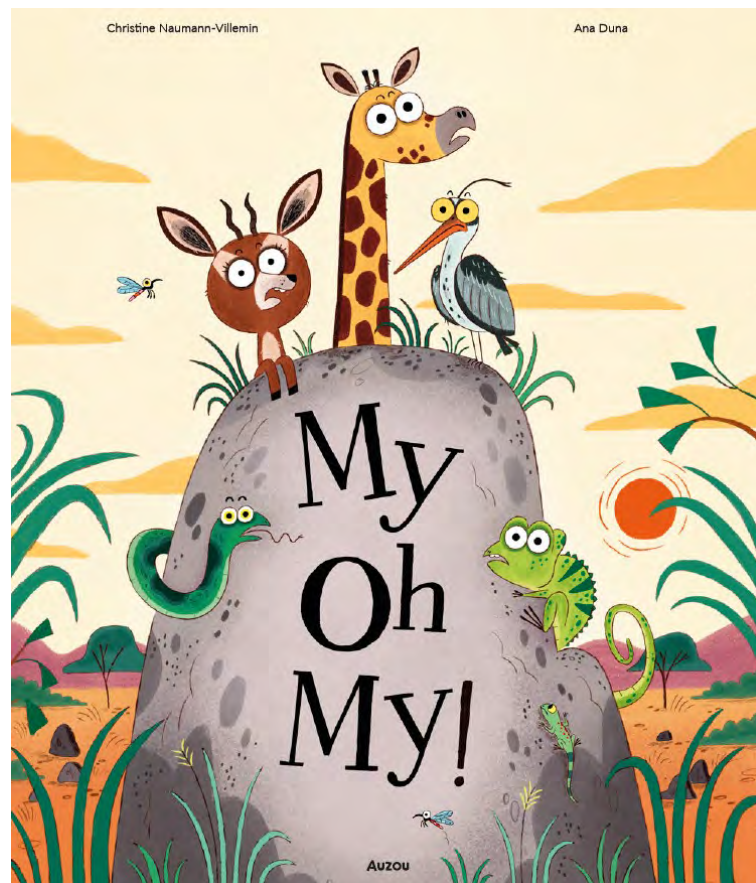
This morning, it smells like fear in the savannah! The animals are worried: rumours say a new beast has arrived...

His ears are fiercely pointy.
And his eyes are terribly big.
Oh dear, he's going to guzzle us for sure!

Discover a rhythmic story in which Christine Naumann-Villemin questions **cowardice and prejudice**, beautifully illustrated by Ana Duna and her quirky pack of animals that always look surprised!

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- * Won the **Incorruptibles prize** 2021-2022
- * A touchy topic and a **humoristic approach** to learn how to overcome the **fear of the unknown**
- * A very **expressive** drawing style

Author
Christine Naumann-Villemin

Christine started to invent stories for her patients when she worked as a speech therapist. She is now a professor and archivist, so she's always surrounded by books and children! Born in 1964, she is from Lorraine, France.

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An important topic, with lots of humour!

Auzou Paper Theatre – The Nutcracker

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KEY SELLING POINTS

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- * High-quality sound recordings of magical and timeless pieces of music
- * A book that celebrates music, reading and culture, and makes an ideal gift to treasure and enjoy!

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Miniature Overture

How cold it was that Christmas Eve! A thick, white blanket of snow covered the rooftops, and the air was cold and crisp.

Clara and Franz had been waiting by the window for almost an hour when the carriage drew up outside the house. They rushed to the front door, bursting with excitement. Before long, the whole family was gathered by the fire. The flames flickered and danced in the fireplace.

"What a beautiful tree!" exclaimed Grandfather, nibbling on a mince pie. Clara's cheeks went pink with pride. She and Franz had taken great care decorating the tree and now their favourite decorations sparkled and shone, casting shadows over a growing pile of gifts of all shapes and sizes.

Suddenly, a cloaked figure appeared in the doorway. It was Uncle Drosselmeyer, wearing a dark cape with a hood, a scarf wrapped around his gaunt face, concealing where his left eye had once been.

Franz, who had always been a bit scared of Uncle Drosselmeyer, ran to hide in the folds of his mother's skirt, but the rest of the cousins cried out in delight. They loved mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer and the strange toys he brought them as gifts. He had once been the best clock-maker in all the land. And it was rumoured that the old man could also do magic...

Uncle Drosselmeyer reached into his cape and, with a flourish, pulled out a large, lumpy sack.

"Merry Christmas!" he cried, emptying the contents of the sack under the tree. He added with a cheerful grin, "I think it's time to open some presents!"



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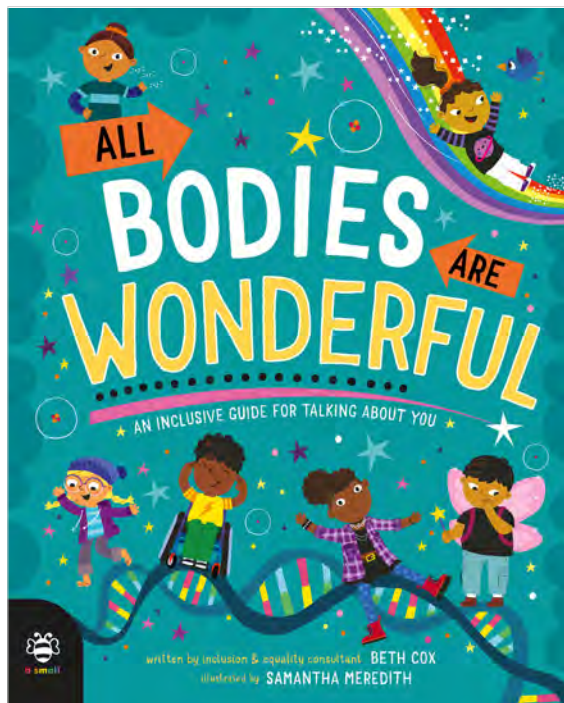
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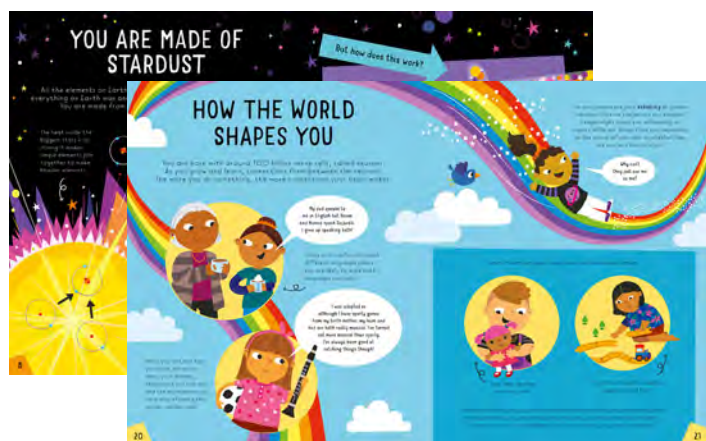
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KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Fill knowledge gaps in the KS2 Curriculum
- Empower adults with the information to support their children
- Provide the confidence to navigate big feelings about bodies



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WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Author: Beth Cox is a children's book editor and the co-founder of Inclusive Minds and Everybody In. Now living in Wiltshire, Beth works as a freelance consultant providing training to promote inclusion and diversity in publishing.

Illustrator: Samantha is a freelance illustrator from Leicester who lives and works in North London. After a degree in Illustration at Loughborough and five years as an in-house designer at Usborne, Samantha has illustrated over 200 books!

Expert: Deborah is a Professor of Medical Epigenetics at Southampton University in the UK with a particular interest in how bodies grow.

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YOU ARE MADE OF STARDUST

★ All the elements on Earth came from the stars, which means that everything on Earth was originally part of a star. Including your body! You are made from stardust. Pretty incredible, right?

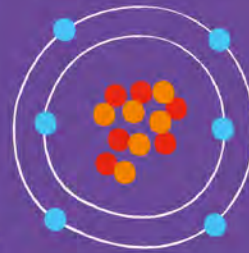
★ The heat inside the biggest stars is enough to make simple elements join together to make heavier elements.

A really big star can explode, in what is called a supernova, releasing the elements into space.

★ These elements combine in different ways to make new stars and things like planets and water – and some eventually made humans!

But how does this work?

An element is a substance that is made from only one type of **atom**. Atoms join together to make **molecules**.



● electron
● proton
● neutron

Your body may feel solid, but it's actually made out of 7 octillion atoms floating tightly together as molecules and never quite touching! The minuscule space between them can't actually be seen, but it exists.

You lose atoms from your body as you breathe, poo, wee and shed things like skin, bogies and ear wax. New atoms join your body through the air you breathe, the food you eat and what you drink.

It can be hard to believe that the atoms in you today will have once been in dinosaurs and dogs, bacteria and trees.

The atoms making the outer layer of your skin renew every year and your skeleton every 10 years.



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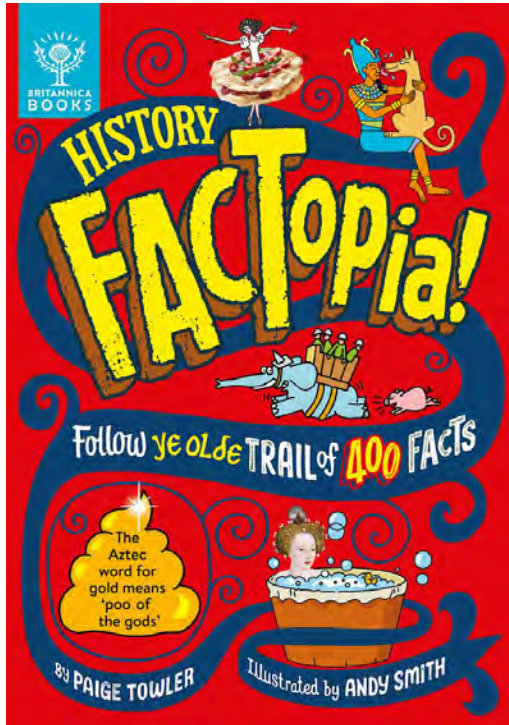
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- Includes a glossary at the back of the book to describe the peoples, civilisations and empires featured in the book

Author Information

Andy Smith is an award-winning illustrator, and studied illustration at the University of Brighton and the Royal College of Art, London. His work combines illustration and typography to create images that have humour, energy and optimism executed with a handmade, hand-printed, tactile feel. He lives by the sea in Hastings, East Sussex.

Paige Towler is an author and editor based in Washington, D.C., USA. A former editor for National Geographic Kids Books, she writes poetry about animals doing yoga and weird facts about the world.



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In 1578, workers discovered mysterious skeletons – believed to be the holy remains of lost saints – in the

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of Rome. The skeletons were sent to churches across Europe, where they were covered in gold clothing and jewels.

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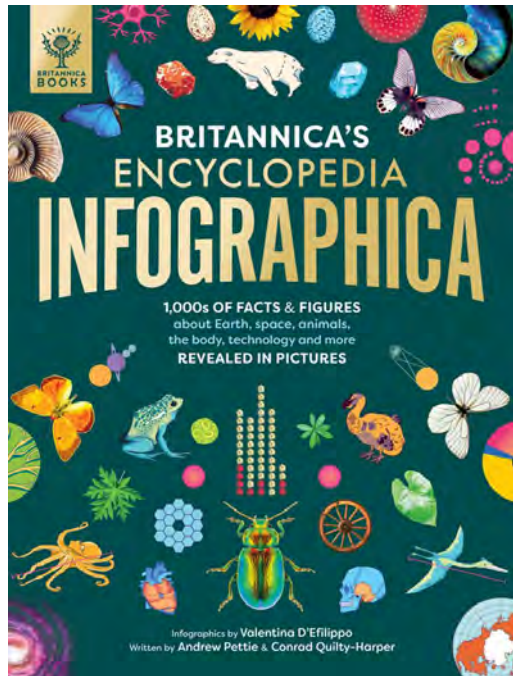
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Conrad Quilty-Harper is a journalist at Bloomberg News in London. He previously worked at New Scientist, British GQ, the Daily Mirror and The Daily Telegraph, often using data and infographics to tell stories. He plays the trombone, likes aeroplanes, and his favourite type of graph is the sankey diagram.

Valentina D'Efilippo is an award-winning data visualiser and illustrator. She is the co-creator of The Infographic History of the World (Firefly, 2013) which has been sold in 9 languages, she presented a TedX talk on Data Design in 2021, and she leads workshops for students and professionals, including masterclasses with The Guardian about visual storytelling with data. This is her first children's book.

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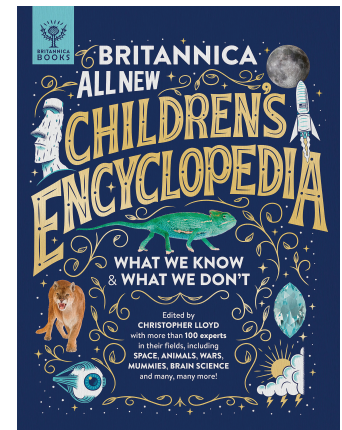
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How long do animals sleep?

Most animals have a daily pattern of rest and activity. Some animals are more active during the day (diurnal) and some are more active during the night (nocturnal). How much time do animals spend sleeping? Well, it depends on the animal.



Giraffes sleep standing up for ten-minute stints at a time, with their eyes barely closed. They sometimes lean against a tree or another giraffe for support.



GIRAFFE
1 h, 54 min



HOW TO READ IT

A full day is made of 24 hours, so the two circles in the clock represent 12 hours each. The pink portion indicates the average time each animal sleeps per day.



AFRICAN ELEPHANT
2 h



HORSE
2 h, 54 min



COW
3 h, 54 min



GOAT
5 h, 18 min



CHIMPANZEE
9 h, 42 min



BOTTLE-NOSED DOLPHIN
10 h, 24 min



Dolphins keep half of their brain active when they sleep, so that they can continue to breathe. They also only close one eye at a time when they sleep.



DOG
10 h, 36 min



CAT
12 h, 6 min



LION
13 h, 30 min



SQUIRREL
14 h, 54 min



TIGER
15 h, 48 min



PYTHON
18 h



BROWN BAT
19 h, 54 min



KOALA
20 h

Koalas eat more than a kilo of leaves every day – their favourite is from the eucalyptus tree. All that eating and digesting requires a lot of energy, so they spend a vast amount of their time sleeping!

HUMAN SLEEP

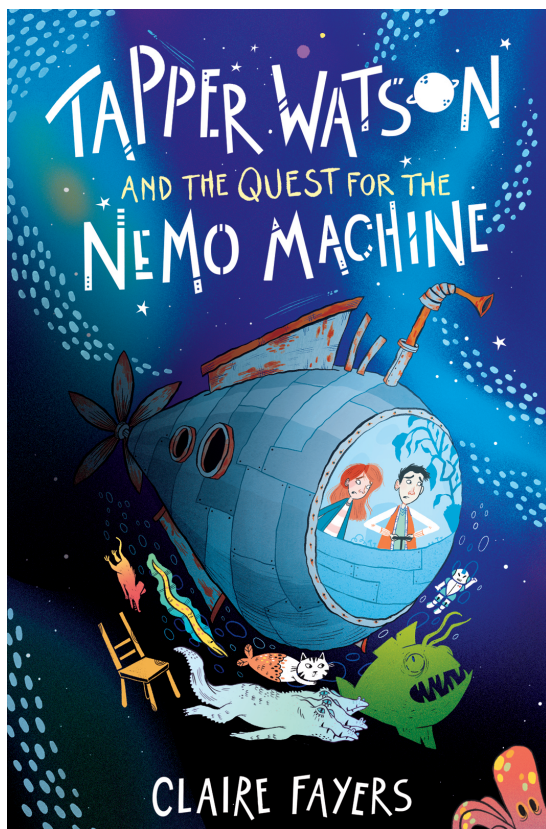
Humans need different amounts of sleep at different times in their lives. A new baby may sleep for as many as 16 hours a day by taking frequent naps. As children grow into adults, they usually stop taking regular naps and sleep for a single, long period each night.



BABY
16 h



ADULT
8 h



Tapper Watson and the Quest for the Nemo Machine

Claire Fayers



- *Doctor Who* meets *Guardians of the Galaxy* for readers aged 9+
- A joyous, wildly imaginative mash-up of Greek myth and science fiction, full of extraordinary worlds and characters.
- Comprehensive marketing campaign planned for the author with strong social media presence

Summary:

Tapper Watson is just an ordinary Erisean boy who loves adventure stories. But when one of his uncles sends him away on a smugglers' submarine through the River Lethe to other worlds, he just wants to go home again.

On an unscheduled visit to Earth he meets Fern Shakespeare and a talking plant called Morse, and their adventures begin. But chased through worlds by a pair of trigger-happy lobster mobsters in search of the mysterious Nemo Machine, Tapper begins to realise that he might not be so ordinary after all...

'Submarines, smugglers, alien octopods and a plant that speaks Morse Code. What's not to love.' - *Mo O'Hara*

'Fabulously imaginative and bursting with humour and heart, this is an adventure to treasure. (Also, I really want a Danger Plant of my own, now!)
- *Stephanie Burgis*



Claire Fayers grew up in South-east Wales where, thanks to her local library, she developed a lifelong obsession with myth and magic. Her books include *The Accidental Pirates* (Waterstones Book of the Month, shortlisted for the Children's Book Award), and *Storm Hound* (winner of the Tir na nOg award 2020). She lives in the Welsh mountains with her husband and two disappointingly unmagical cats. **Claire is based near Crickhowell.**

Why we love it:

'We're long-standing fans of Claire's work and delighted to welcome her to Firefly. Tapper Watson is a fun, fantastical adventure full of inventiveness, humour and great characters, and we can't wait to publish it!' Penny Thomas, Publisher

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Age: 9-12

Rights: World



Jackie Morris is an award-winning writer and illustrator, living and working in Wales. She's illustrated many books and written some, including *The Seal Children* (winner of Tir na N'og children's book prize) and *The Lost Words* with Robert Macfarlane (winner of Kate Greenaway Medal). She also received the Hay Medal for Illustration for *The Lost Words*. She has said of *The Song that Sings Us*:
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Skrimсли!

Nicola Davies

Cover and internal illustration by
Jackie Morris

- Prequel to double Carnegie-nominated *The Song that Sings Us*
- Stunning foiled hardback with cover, map and internal chapter illustrations from award-winning illustrator Jackie Morris.
- High profile publicity campaign inc BA Christmas catalogue, trade advertising, innovative POS, Winter Hay Festival, bookshop launch appearances and social media campaign.

Summary:

- Who you are if you've never seen another face like yours?
- Where do you belong if you don't know where your home is?
- What do you call yourself when others call you 'freak'?
- How can you be brave when you are full of fear?
- Why would you choose purpose over love?

Skrimсли is the second fantasy adventure from author Nicola Davies set in a world where animals and humans can sometimes share their thoughts. It traces the early life of Skrimсли, the tiger sea captain who stole readers' hearts in *The Song that Sings Us*. He and his friends, Owl and Elo, must escape the clutches of the tyrannical circus owner Kobret Majak, and his twin assassin-acrobats, then stop a war and save the ancient forest, where the Tiger, and the Owl are sacred guardians. Skrimсли and his friends are helped by the Palatine, desert princess and her eagle, a chihuahua who thinks she's a wolf, a horse with heart of gold and the crew of a very unusual ship. This is a story full of excitement and danger, that explores themes of friendship, loyalty, identity and love, in the context of some of humanity's toughest problems.



Nicola Davies trained as a zoologist and studied geese, bats and whales in the wild before becoming a TV presenter and a writer. A former presenter for *The Really Wild Show*, she has written more than eighty books for children of all ages, which have been translated into many languages. She lives in Pembrokeshire in west Wales.

Jackie and Nicola have been firm friends for many years, both have a passion for the wild world and a belief in active hope. This is the first time they have worked together.

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Daniel Morden

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- Inspired by folklore and myth from Daniel's travels around the world.

Summary:

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- Honed folk and fairy tale favourites from a lifetime of performance, retold with a contemporary twist, stories such as 'Tatterhood', 'Fearless' and 'The Luck Child' will become family favourites for those who love the uncanny, the unnerving and the downright bizarre.



Since 1989 **Daniel Morden** has made his living telling stories: folktales, fairytales, myths, legends- and fibs! He has travelled the world sharing stories, from Swansea to Sydney, from the Arctic to the Pacific to the Caribbean. His stories range from awful jokes to magical adventures and haunting myths. His books have twice won the Books Council of Wales' Tir Na n-Og Prize and he was awarded the Hay Festival Medal in 2017. **Daniel lives in Monmouthshire.**

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FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVED...



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Wherever you live and whatever type of place you call 'home', houseplants can transform it. Learn all about them, their benefits and possibilities...and soon you'll have a jungle in YOUR living room!

Growing plants inside your home is not only a wonderfully rewarding hobby and an easy way to bring some of the great outdoors inside, but houseplants can also provide health benefits and homegrown food. This book will give young readers the confidence and knowledge to be a successful houseplant expert for years to come. It'll give them tips and tricks to help care for plants and even teach children how to make more plants.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Exciting illustrations and plant facts will fascinate young readers.
- Contains engaging do-it-yourself experiments and crafts to help readers experience concepts firsthand
- A unique book about houseplants for younger readers.

KEYWORDS: house plants; plants; jungle; gardening; books about plants; books about plants for children



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael Holland worked as Head of Education at Chelsea Physic Garden. He is also a photographer, compost nerd and wildlife gardener. He has worked for the Garden's Education Department for 23 years and developed the innovative Chelsea Flower Show award-winning Shelf Life project. Michael previously taught at Kew and has talked to tens of thousands of people about engaging with nature in fun and creative ways.

Michael lives in London, UK.

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ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Philip Giordano is an Italian illustrator born in a small coastal town in Liguria, of Philippine and Swiss descent. He attended the Brera Fine Arts Academy in Milan, the IED (European Institute of Design) and subsequently gained a Masters in Animation Techniques in Turin.

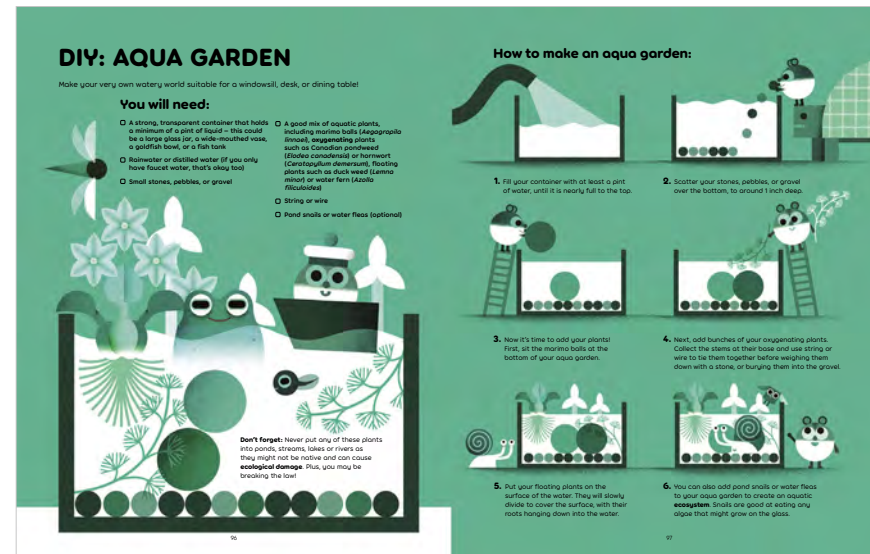
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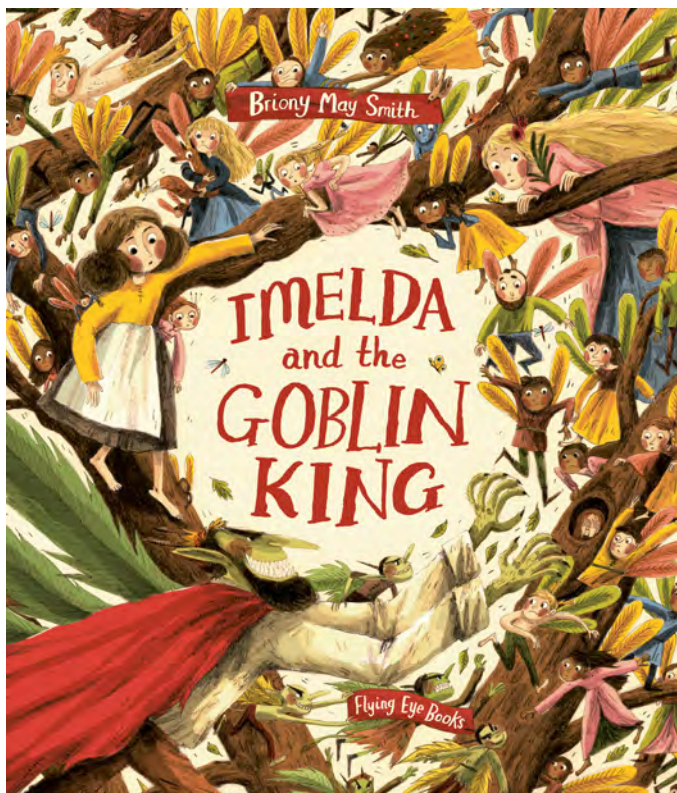


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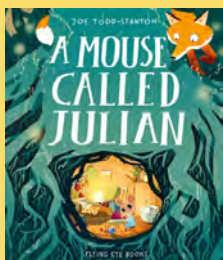
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Briony May Smith studied illustration at Falmouth College, where she caught the eye of Flying Eye Books and her first picture book Imelda and the Goblin King, was snapped up straight away!

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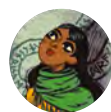
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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The author lives in Berlin, Germany



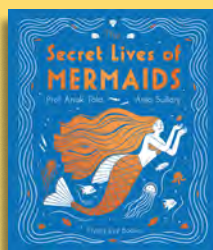
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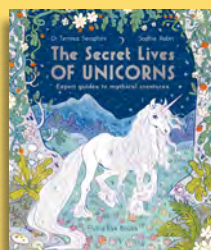
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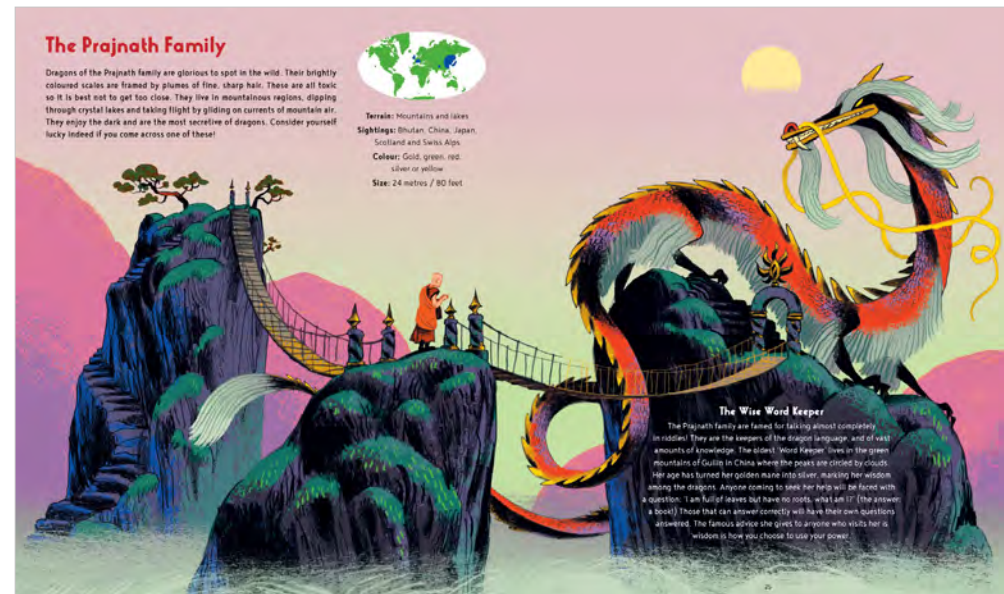
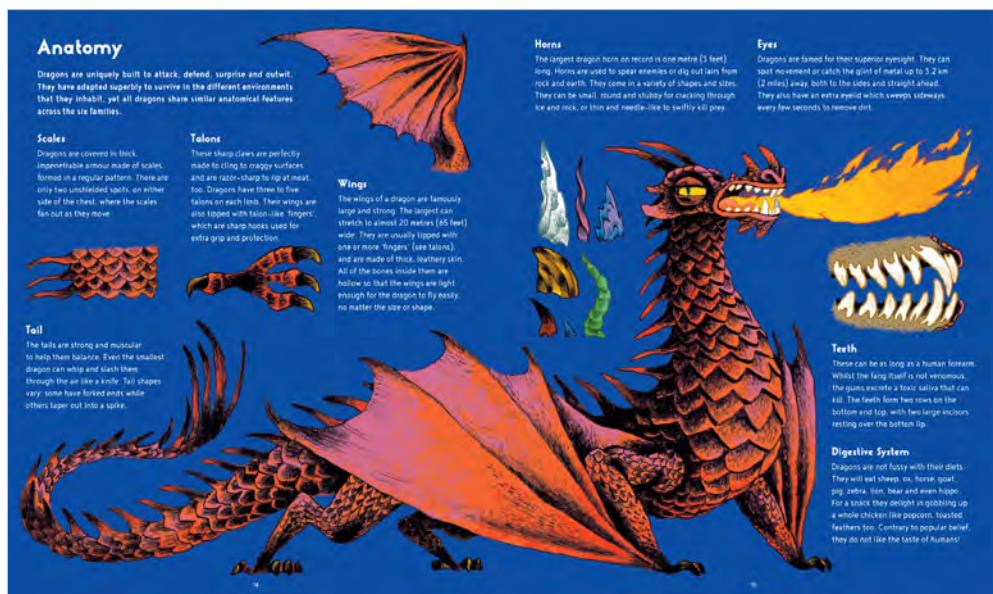
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At times, a hider barely breathes—but what is this the hider sees?

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Juliette MacIver lives in Wellington, New Zealand. Juliette has a Linguistics degree and diploma in teaching English. Her popular books are regularly shortlisted for awards. **Sarah Davis** is a leading illustrator with a wide portfolio of award-winning books, living in Sydney, Australia.



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- Good size for little hands.



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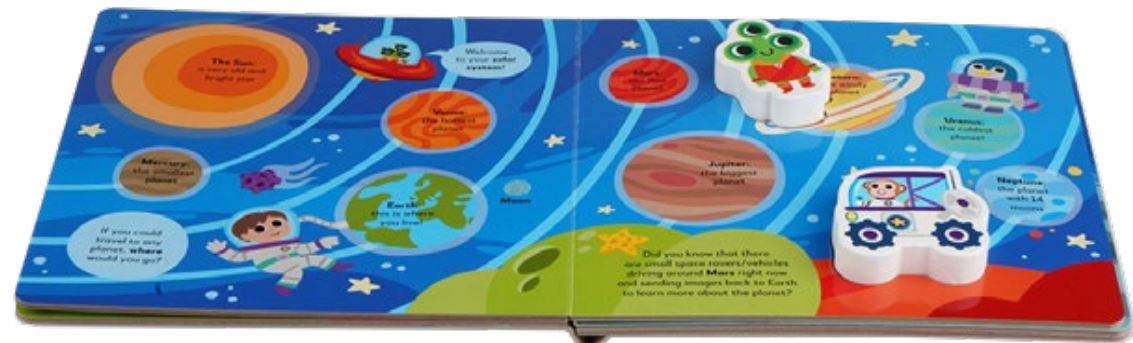
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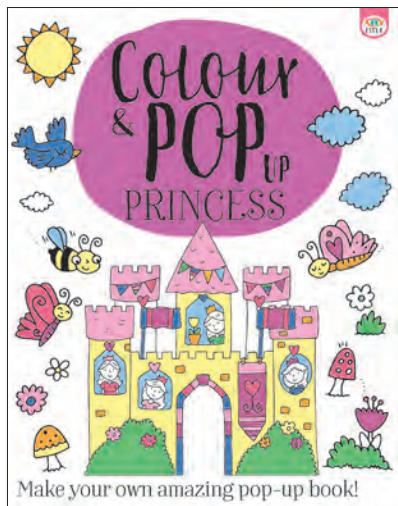
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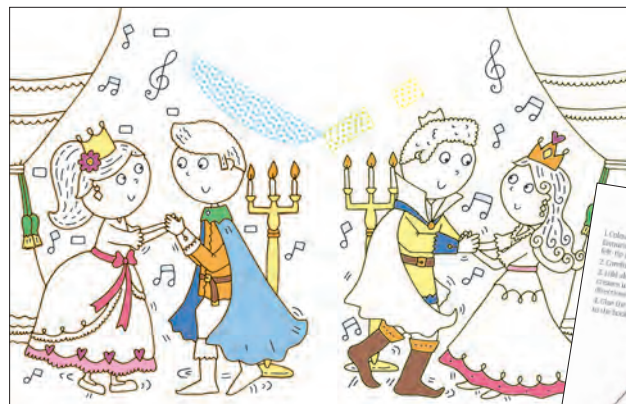
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Illustrations: Sophia Touliatou

Young readers can learn about animals and the environments they live in in this wonderful book illustrated by Sophia Touliatou.



Publication: September 2023
Age: 3+
Price: £9.99
Format: hardback
Size: 230mm x 216mm
Pages: 7 spreads
ISBN: 978-1-915458-90-2
Territory: UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)

Description

This joyful book introduces young children to the idea of different environments. Each double-page spread has five animals to find that are not in their usual habitats. No matter how hard you look, there's always something more to find and talk about. Full of humour and life, Sophia Touliatou's fabulous illustrations are a riot of colour and detail to discuss with pre-school children to get them thinking about where animals live.

Sales and marketing points

- Vibrant, colourful artwork by award-winning illustrator Sophia Touliatou
- Develops understanding of the world
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Shine a light on the pop-up and an extra hidden element is revealed.

The story can be read cover to cover. When a flap is opened, a pop-up emerges.



Publication: September 2023
Age: 3+
Price: £16.99
Format: hardback
Size: 225mm x 225mm
Pages: 5 spreads + 5 pop-ups
ISBN: 978-1-915458-81-0
Territory: UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)

Description

This pop-up book comes with a secret. Each pop-up scene casts a shadow that depicts another element in the story. The story can be read cover to cover with the additional elements of pop-ups and shadow scenes. An amazing bedtime storybook experience – all you need is a torch.

Sales and marketing points

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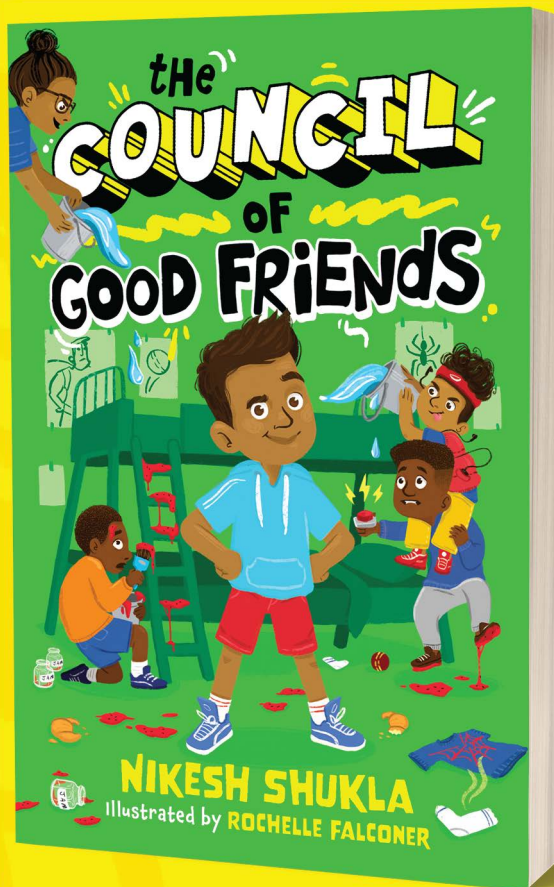
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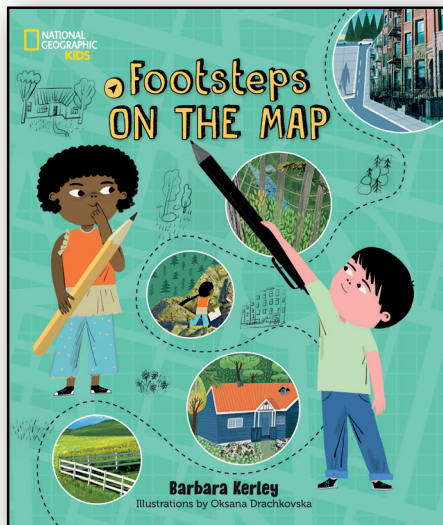


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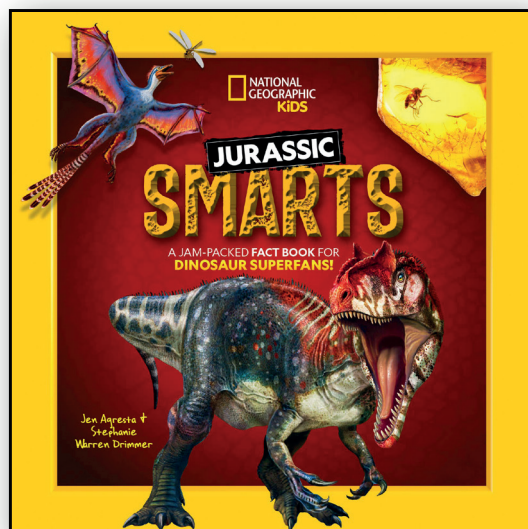
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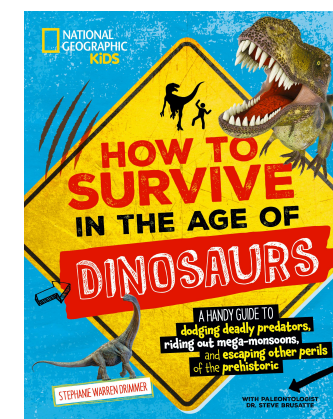
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Greeking Out (Podcast Tie-In): Epic Retellings of Classic Greek Myths



From the creators of National Geographic Kids' wildly successful Greeking Out podcast, this lively tie-in book delivers a clever tongue-in-cheek retelling of 20 classic Greek myths.

- **CHART-TOPPING PODCAST SUCCESS:** The Greeking Out podcast has been the #1 Kids and Family Podcast several times on multiple podcast charts, including Apple.
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- **ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL.**

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Weird But True!: Disney 300 Wonderful Facts to Celebrate the Magic of Disney

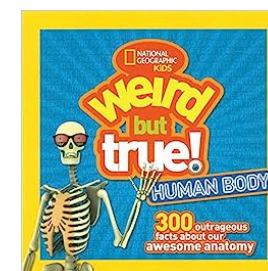


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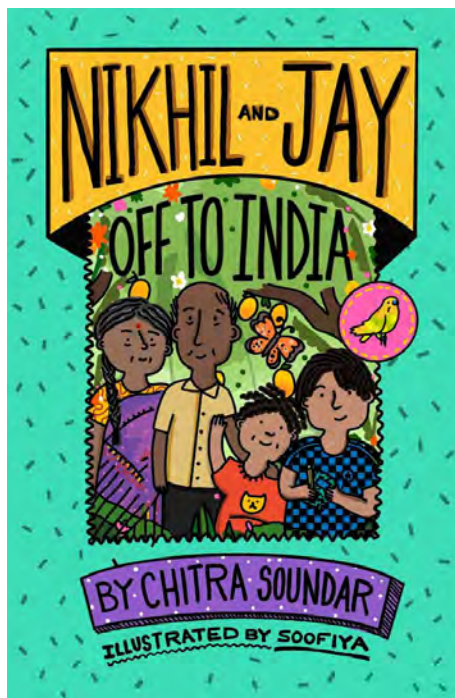


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Nikhil and Jay: Off to India

Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Soofiya



Nikhil and Jay visit India in this third book in the sparkling Early Reader series about a British Asian family

Nikhil and Jay and Amma and Appa are off to India for the Christmas holidays to visit Chennai Granny and Grandad. In Grandad's garden they are excited to see parrots and Chennai squirrels, a mango tree and a coconut tree. One day they go to the beach, play in the big waves and eat Granny's Indian savoury snacks. The boys have their first Chennai Christmas, with mango-leaf decorations, Indian sweets for Father Christmas, a basket of beautiful Indian wooden toys – and a special Christmas star. And last but not least, the family see in the New Year the Indian way. They make a Welcome poster, Granny lights a lamp at midnight and they all eat Granny's delicious Kesala as an Indian New Year treat.

This third book in the *Nikhil and Jay* series is perfect for children moving on from picture books to longer stories, helped by Soofiya's lively and characterful illustrations.

- “The Nikhil and Jay books are **perfect everyday stories** and **early readers**.” – Charlotte Hacking, CLPE
- “A **perfect** book for **newly independent readers**. With a dual-heritage family, this book **is important** to have on your bookshelves” – *Just Imagine*
- All four stories are **set in India** and are a **perfect introduction** to the country for younger children
- **Funny** and **child-centred**, with **lively pictures** on every page
- *Nikhil and Jay: The Star Birthday* was chosen for the **Read for Empathy** collection, 2023.
- Chitra Soundar is a **regular visitor to schools** and children's book **workshops** nationwide

Author Information

Chitra Soundar is a well known and popular writer and storyteller for children. Born in Chennai, she has written over 40 books, including *Pattan's Pumpkin* (illustrated by Frane Lessac) for Otter-Barry Books and the first two titles in the *Nikhil and Jay* series: *Nikhil and Jay Save the Day* and *Nikhil and Jay: The Star Birthday*. The *Nikhil and Jay* books are inspired by Chitra's two nephews and their real experiences within their blended family. Chitra divides her time between south London and Chennai, India.

Soofiya is a visual artist and illustrator. Soofiya's work explores ideas around race, gender and bodies. Their illustration and design clients include Tate Britain, Mayor of London, Hachette, BBC, Nike and many more. They illustrated *Nikhil and Jay Save the Day* and *Nikhil and Jay: The Star Birthday*. They live close to the sea and like to spend weekends painting and taking care of their plants. You can see more of their work here: soofiya.com.



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The Final Year

Matt Goodfellow, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton

The first novel, told in verse for middle-grade readers, by a leading children's poet, with atmospheric pictures by a Carnegie-shortlisted illustrator

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery.

But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital.

His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?

A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it.

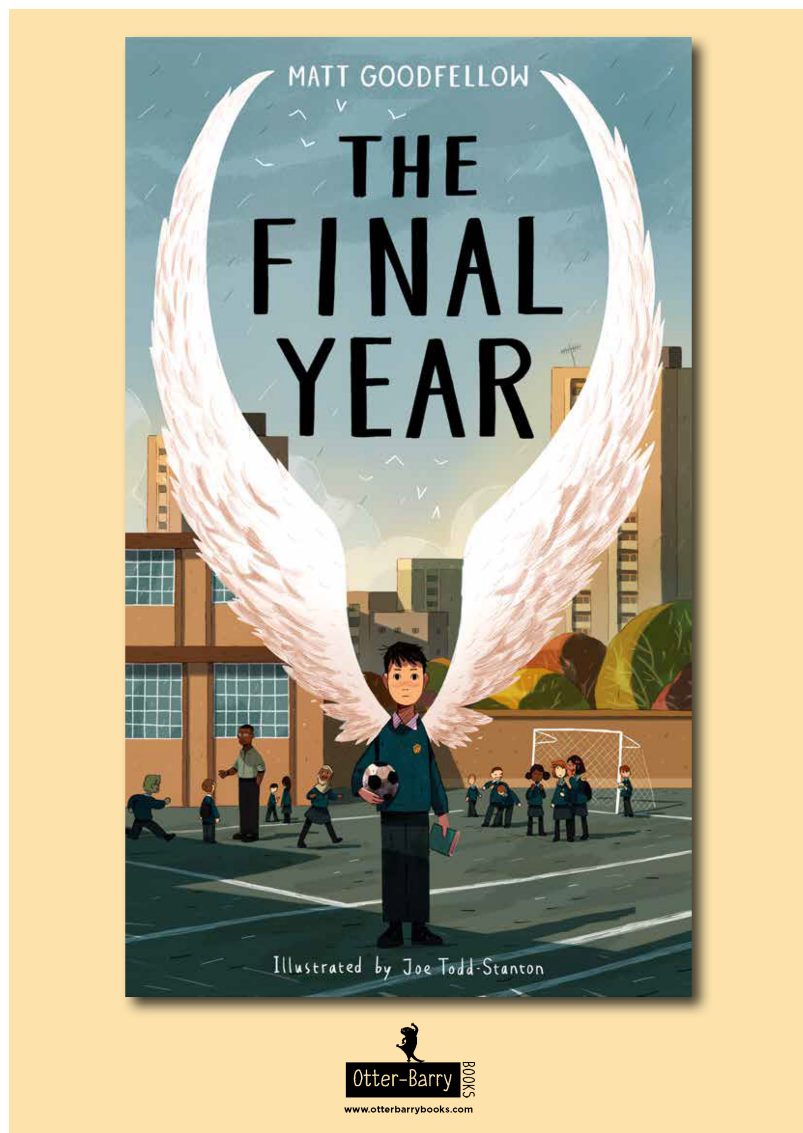
- The **first novel**, told in **verse** for middle-grade readers, by a **leading children's poet**, with atmospheric pictures by a **Carnegie-shortlisted illustrator**
- **Powerfully evocative** and **emotive poetry** from the distinctive and **authentic voice** of Matt Goodfellow
- Follows the success of the **CLiPPA shortlisted** collections *Being Me*, *Caterpillar Cake* and *Bright Bursts of Colour*
- Encompasses the experiences of a boy growing up in a **working class, single parent family in the North of England**, an experience under-represented in children's literature
- Explores **themes of family, identity, belonging, navigating friendships** and the **hardships of everyday life**

Author Information

Former primary school teacher **Matt Goodfellow** is now a full-time poet who visits schools across the country to give high-energy performances and workshops. His first poetry collection for Otter-Barry Books, *Chicken on the Roof*, received wide acclaim. He is also the author of *Caterpillar Cake*, illustrated by Krina Patel-Sage and shortlisted for the CLiPPA award, *Shu-Lin's Grandpa*, illustrated by Yu Rong and shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal, and a contributor to CLiPPA-shortlisted poetry collection *Being Me: Poems about Thoughts, Worries and Feelings*, all published by Otter-Barry Books. Matt lives in Stockport, Manchester, UK. **Joe Todd-Stanton's** picturebook *The Secret of Black Rock* was longlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Award and won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. His *Brownstone's Mythical Collection* series has been optioned by DreamWorks. In 2023, he was shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration for *The Comet*.



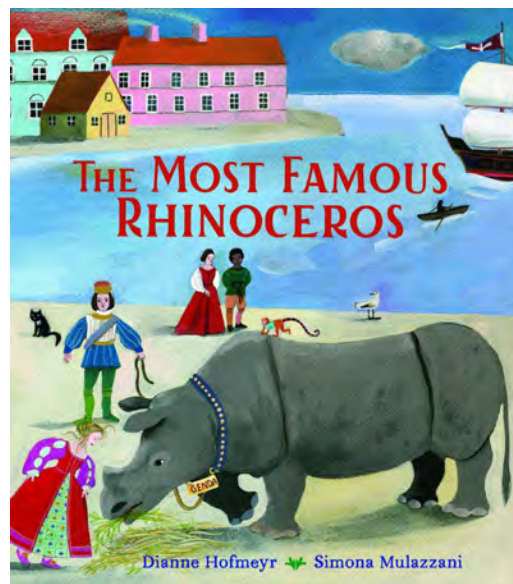
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The Most Famous Rhinoceros



Dianne Hofmeyr, illustrated by Simona Mulazzani

A moving and beautiful story inspired by a work of art, Albrecht Dürer's celebrated woodcut print of the rhinoceros sent from India to Portugal in 1515

Princess Beatrix is excited to meet the amazing one-horned creature that has been sent as a gift to her father, the King of Portugal. Could it be a unicorn?

But the new animal is not a unicorn – it's a rhinoceros called Genda, who has travelled all the way from India, and Beatrix immediately loves him. She becomes Genda's friend and protector, and is determined to persuade her father the King that this wild creature should be returned to his jungle home.

This poignant story is inspired by the real rhinoceros depicted in 1515 by Albrecht Dürer in his world-famous woodcut, which can still be seen today.

- A **moving and beautiful** story inspired by a work of art, **Albrecht Dürer's** celebrated woodcut print of the rhinoceros sent from India to Portugal in 1515
- **Vivid storytelling** and characterisation **bring the historical characters alive** for a 21st century reader
- **Sumptuous, richly decorative** illustrations
- A story to encourage discussion about **animal rights**
- **Endnote** on the **real historical event** behind the story

Author Information

Dianne Hofmeyr grew up on the tip of southern Africa. Her acclaimed picture books are translated into more than 18 languages and include *The Magic Bojabi Tree* (illustrated by Piet Grobler), nominated for the Kate Greenaway Award, *Zeraffa Giraffa* (illustrated by Jane Ray) which is on the *Sunday Times'* Top 100 children's classics list, *My Daddy is a Silly Monkey* (with Carol Thompson) (published by Otter-Barry Books and nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal, and *Tiger Walk*, with Jesse Hodgson. Her most recent book is *Storm Dragon* (with Carol Thompson). She lives in London.

Simona Mulazzani is one of Italy's leading children's book illustrators, winner of the Society of Illustrators silver medal, the Italian Andersen Prize and the Emanuele Luzzati Illustration prize. She has illustrated over 90 books, published all over the world. She lives in Pesaro, Italy.

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Beatrix ran off to where Genda was kept. When she offered him grass, he pushed his nose against the railings and smelt her hand. Then he nibbled.

“See! We’re friends!” whispered Beatrix.

While Genda chomped and chewed, Beatrix imagined the place he’d come from... his pathways through tall grass and the river where he snorted with friends.

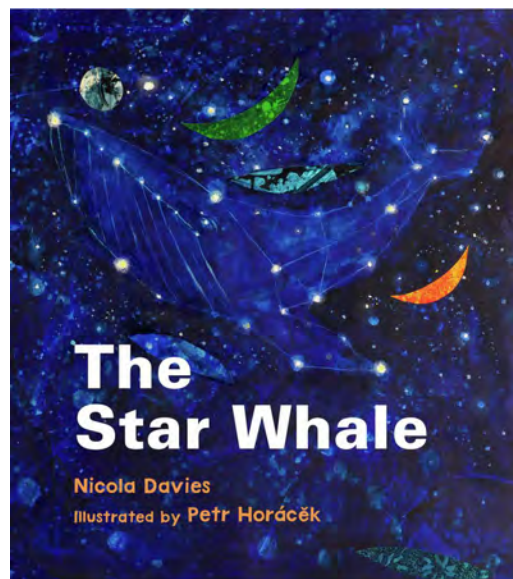
From then on, she spent every night with him beneath the stars, so he wouldn’t be lonely. But she didn’t have the heart to tell him about the combat.





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The Star Whale

Nicola Davies, illustrated by Petr Horáček

Forty fantastic poems and paintings from an internationally acclaimed duo, celebrating our beautiful planet

Discover a pangolin at dusk, fly on the bat's back, visit a lion and hear about his plight; try the moth alphabet tongue-twister, meet fighting Tazzies on a night out in Tasmania or dream about the five-legged dog and three-legged cat! Then find out about real, huge Titanosaurus and amazing Coelacanths. You might spot a kingfisher, that 'small glint of wonder', and see how 'wild reclaims the world' in the urban night-time.

These beautiful poems are perfectly melded with Petr Horáček's gorgeous, glowing paintings and the combination is extraordinary – passionate, playful, thoughtful and exciting. Like the goldfinch in the final poem, this wonderful book will 'set the heart free and flying'.

- **Fabulous gift book** by two **internationally acclaimed** stars of the children's book world
- **Stunning production values** including jacket, silver foil and spot uv on the jacket
- A **unique celebration** of the natural world in verse and pictures
- **Glowing expressive artwork** with collage style and textured effects by a **celebrated creator** of picture books
- Nicola Davies is one of Britain's **most popular nature writers**

Author Information

Nicola Davies is the author of more than 80 books for children and young people, including poetry, non-fiction, picture books and novels. Her work has been published in more than 10 different languages and won awards in the UK, US, Europe and Asia. In 2017, she was the first recipient of the School Library Association's award for Outstanding Contribution to Children's Non-fiction. Her recent YA novel, *The Song that Sings*, has been nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Medal. *The Star Whale* is her third collaboration with Petr Horáček. Their first, the poetry collection *A First Book Of Animals*, was shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway medal. Nicola regularly runs workshops for children and adults to help them find their voices as writers and advocates for nature. She lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

Petr Horáček has won many international awards as a creator of picture books. His glowing, expressive artwork is perfectly matched by words that speak directly to children. Petr was born in Prague and studied at the Academy of Fine Art. As a teenager he used to go out and paint in the woods, and his feeling for wild nature is very apparent in his illustrations. He moved to the UK in 1994 and his first picture books were published in 2001. He runs hugely popular workshops in schools and bookshops, and at book festivals. Petr also tutors students of illustration. His other books for Otter-Barry Books are *The Last Tiger* and *The Perfect Present*, nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration. Petr lives in Worcester, UK.



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My Granny has a Blackbird on her Shoulder

My Granny's boots are shiny red.
She keeps a leopard by the bed.
She's skinny as a runner bean
And paints her toenails neon green

and she always has a blackbird on her shoulder.

My Granny's house is shocking pink
With tadpoles living in the sink.
She takes me surfing in the sea
And gives me chocolate bars for tea

and she always has a blackbird on her shoulder.

My Granny's not like other Grans
Who tell you 'shush' and 'wash your hands'.
My Granny's brave and wild and free.
When I grow up, that's what I'll be.

And I'll always have a blackbird on my shoulder.



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A spellbinding rhyming story that brings to life the precious moments between a mother and daughter, with a sprinkle of magic and a supernatural twist.

The magical moments between a mother and her daughter as some of the most treasured memories you'll make. But what if your mummy happens to be a witch?

This wonderfully witchy story is a cauldron of utterly charming ingredients told through the eyes of a little witchling



From dandelion ice-scream to pumpkin perfume and cauldron baths, and best of all a mummy who can wake up the sun and make the stars shine.

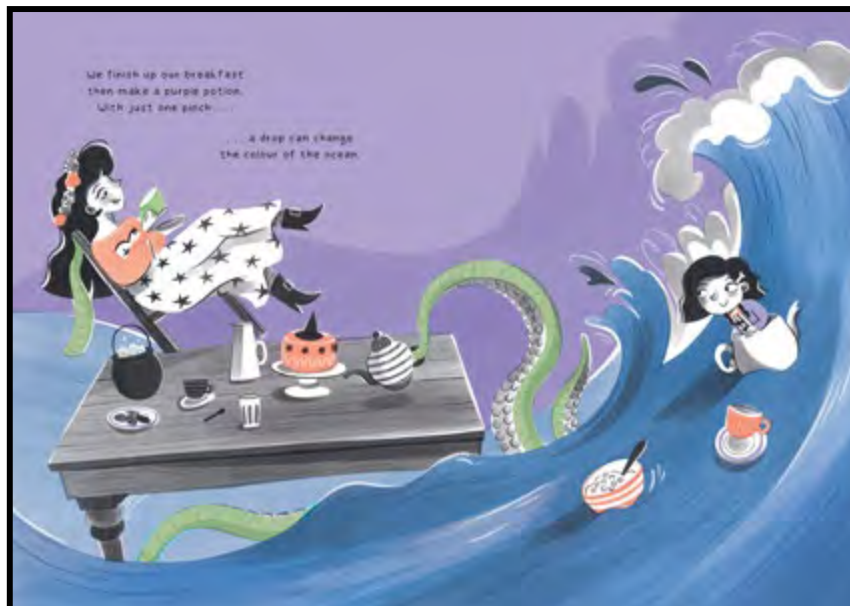
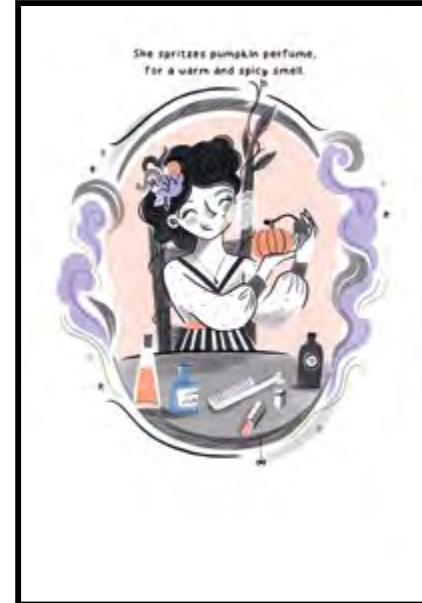
BY HELENA GARCIA
& JESS ROSE

This enchanting book about 'a day in the life' overturns our long-held conventions of villainous witches and tells a beautiful story about the love between a daughter and her mother.



Written by author and wickedly-popular Great British Bake Off star Helena has developed spooky baking books and her own design-led brand 'Witches, By Helena', which offers spooky yet glamorous lifestyle products for those who love anything witchy. This is her debut children's book, inspired by her daughter.

ARTWORK PREVIEW





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I Want a Dog

By Jon Agee



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One little girl is determined to find her perfect pet at a wonderfully unusual animal shelter

The Copley County Animal Shelter has an armadillo, a lizard, a goose, a weasel, and plenty more. But do they have a dog? This little girl has even turned up with a trolley to take home a dog – and she will not take ‘no’ for an answer!

Key Selling Points

- Hilarious subversion of the standard *you-cannot-have-a-pet* trope, where absurdity triumphs over sense
- A wonderful read-aloud text with repetition and build up of drama
- The child narrator knows what she wants and re-iterates her priorities, proving the adult wrong
- The fun exaggeration clears the air for a sensible discussion about what pets it is really possible to have
- Award winning author with more than 2 million copies in print worldwide.
- **Jon Agee's *My Rhinoceros* is on the Children's Book Award shortlist (FCBG).**

Sales and Marketing

- One of USA's most prominent children's book creators, Jon Agee has twice toured the UK with the Children's Bookshow (2019 and 2022), visiting local schools, holding launch events and giving interviews.
- Jon is becoming known in the UK specially with educators, but most recently also voted for by children for the **Children's Book Award**
- *THE WALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BOOK* and *IT'S ONLY STANLEY* were long listed for the UKLA Award
- Books used for programmes at Seven Stories, Just Imagine and Booktrust



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



I'll take her!



But that's okay.
Dogs are overrated.



Ivy Newt and the Time Thief

By Derek Keilty, illustrated by Magda Brol



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Second in a highly illustrated chapter book series for ages 5-7 featuring Ivy, an unstoppable and lovable young witch, and her friend and familiar Tom.

Every Halloween at sunrise, a spooky haunted house appears near Newt Castle, only to disappear again at the stroke of midnight. Ivy and Tom set out to solve the mystery, stumbling upon an imprisoned witch, a powerful sorcerer and a curse they must break before time runs out . . .

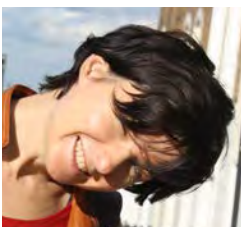
Key Selling Points

- Wonderful world-building again from Derek Keilty, author of the acclaimed *Flyntlock Bones* series
- Good old-fashioned fun and adventure: themes of justice and helping each other
- Suitable for boys and girls, with a girl protagonist but 2 strong boy characters
- Derek Keilty's *Flyntlock Bones* was shortlisted for the *Fantastic Books Award* and long listed for the *Sparks! School Book Award*, and a was a *Times Best Read*.
- Packed with energetic illustrations that are quirky but cute, a gallery of characters and a map

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- Ideal for Halloween, and Derek plans a story-telling tour when schools are back in Sept/Oct
- Second in a series planned to be at least four titles: book one *Ivy Newt and the Storm Witch* out April 2023
- Derek over in the UK this spring: speaking at FCBG conference, April, giving an event at Discover, Stratford, East London, 13 April, also at Chicken and Frog, Brentwood.
- Reading Zone: Q&A and video, LoveReading highlight, Booktrust blog May, Peters social media giveaway, Social media blog tour
- Downloadables and teacher resources, stickers, poster and bookmarks
- Praise for Magda's work: '*Vigorous, comical, eventful pictures*' **Sunday Times**
'*Hilarious and gorgeously illustrated*' **Storytime Magazine**

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Derek Keilty lives in Belfast. Author of over ten books for children and shortlisted for the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year, Derek takes storytelling and creative writing workshops to local schools.

Magda Brol was born in Wroclaw, Poland, and now lives in South London. Her books including *When Crocodiles came town*, *Story Time*, and *Pirates Don't go to School* have come out with Orchard, Zephyr and Little Tiger Press.





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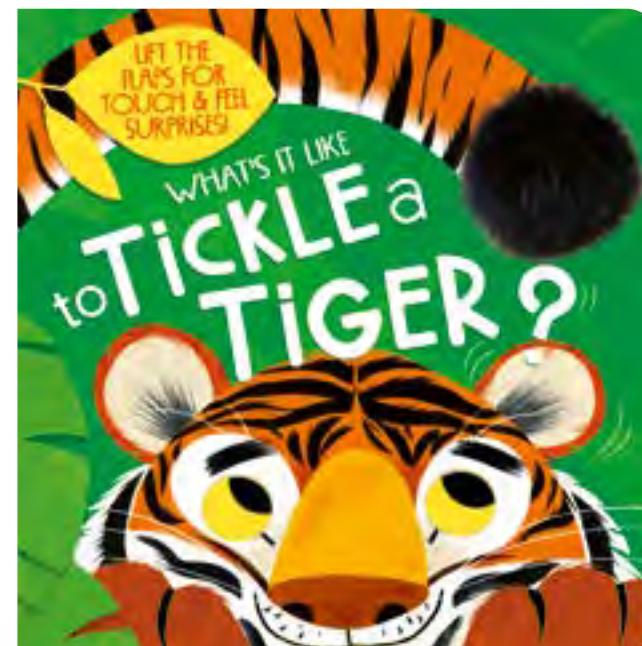
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THE AUTHOR

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.

Abeeha Tariq is a Pakistani-Irish freelance illustrator, based in the UK. She primarily works digitally and was commended for Faber's FAB Prize in illustration in 2020. Growing up, she would have loved to see herself in the countless stories she read and, as an adult, she is invested in illustrating and telling stories with diverse characters and communities that represent our world today. She loves bringing her work to life with colours, shapes, and textures.

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A.J. was born in northern England, but has lived in many places including Japan, and was the Robinson Professor of Shakespeare studies at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, where he specialised in the performance history, theory and criticism of Renaissance English drama, and worked as a director and dramaturg.

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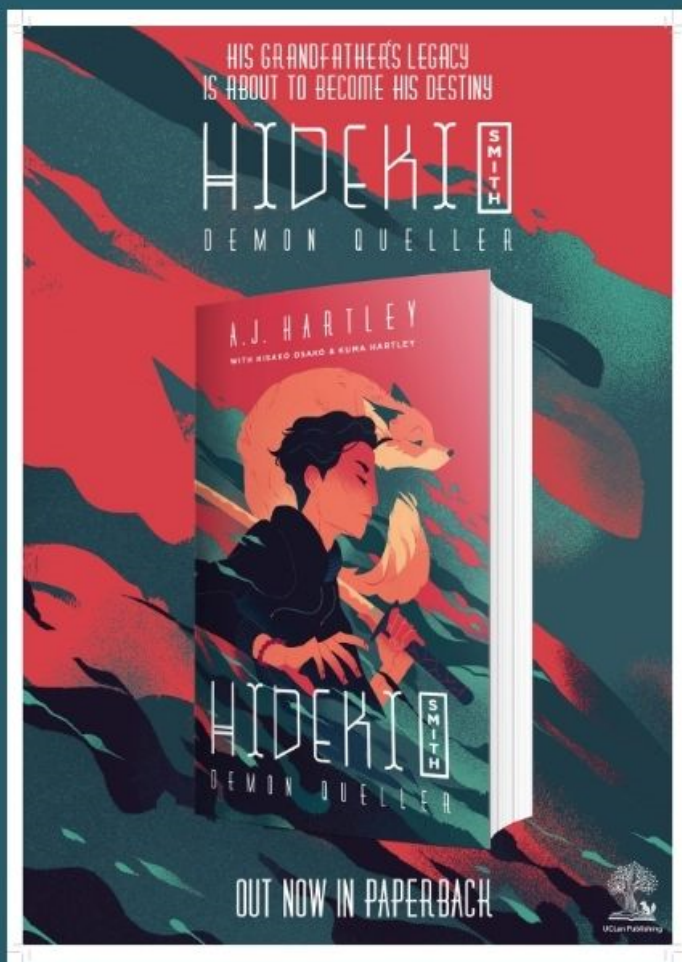
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Author	Stella Caldwell
Illustrator	Eugenia Nobati
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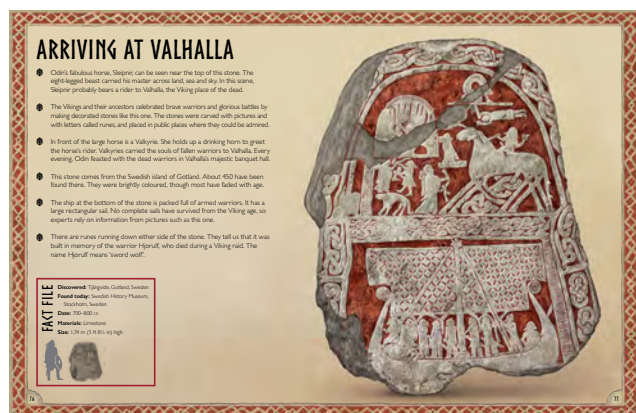
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Who's Behind the Book?

Author: Stella A. Caldwell has written more than 20 books for children covering everything from mythical beasts and legends to the ancient Egyptians, pirates and medieval knights. She spent many years working in children's publishing as an editor before writing her first book, *Dragonworld*.

Illustrator: Eugenia Nobati's work has been published in nine countries and more than forty books. She was selected among 16 illustrators representing Argentina in Bratislava's Bial 2012. In 2014 Eugenia was recognised by ALIJA, Argentina's section of IBBY, for the best illustrated book.

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- ☛ Viking warriors did not wear a uniform. They dressed and armed themselves. As well as a helmet, they wore a padded leather tunic or a chain mail shirt to protect their body. They carried a round, wooden shield to ward off blows from sharp spears, swords and arrows.
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- ☛ Many other treasures were discovered alongside this helmet. These included a chain mail shirt, weapons, dice and game pieces, a sledge and stirrups. The Vikings believed a dead warrior would need these things in the next world.
- ☛ Vikings are sometimes shown wearing horned helmets. This idea is a myth, however, as no such helmets have ever been found.

FACT FILE

Discovered: Gjermundbu farm, near Haugsbygd, Norway

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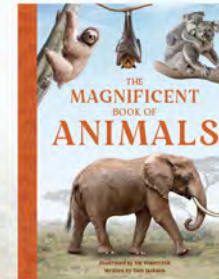
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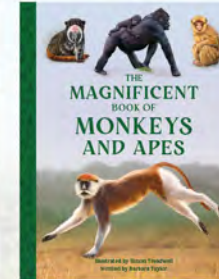
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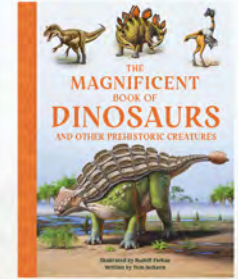
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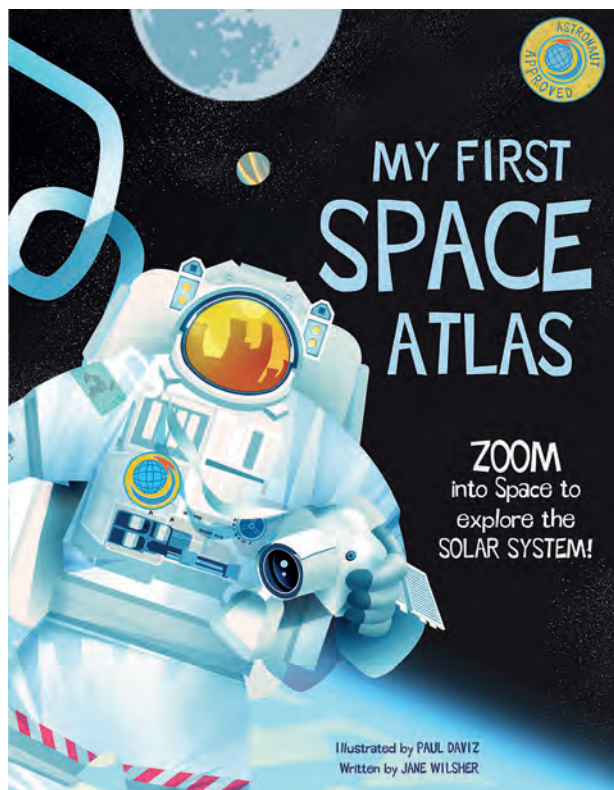
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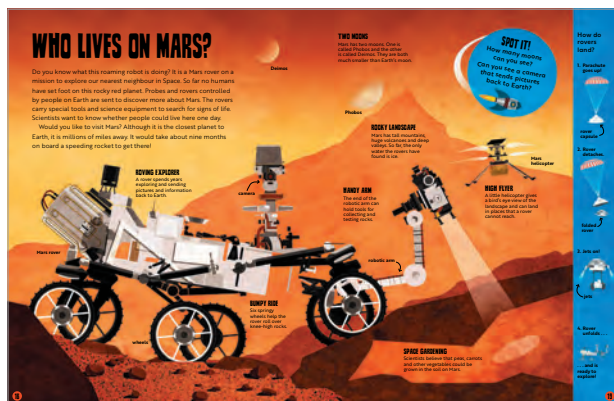
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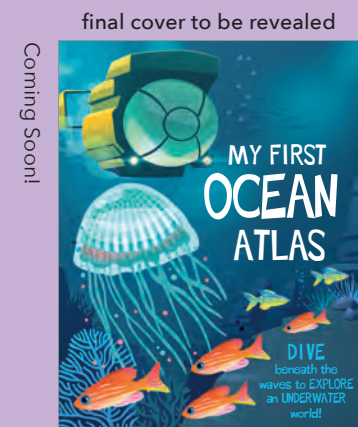
Expert Authority – all the information is rubber-stamped by expert astrophysicist Professor Ben Maughan of the University of Bristol.



Who's Behind the Book?

Author: Jane Wilsher is a writer, editor, and publisher of award-winning non-fiction books for children. Jane enjoys creating fact-packed titles for children, who tend to ask the best kind of tricky questions, especially about amazing animal antics.

Illustrator: Paul Daviz works in a whole range of vibrant, colourful and quirky styles. Big, bold shapes, sweeping lines, strong colors, hints of texture and plenty of fun – Paul's strong draughtsmanship and drawing skills shine through across the range of contemporary styles he excels in.



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WHO LIVES ON MARS?

Do you know what this roaming robot is doing? It is a Mars rover on a mission to explore our nearest neighbour in Space. So far no humans have set foot on this rocky red planet. Probes and rovers controlled by people on Earth are sent to discover more about Mars. The rovers carry special tools and science equipment to search for signs of life. Scientists want to know whether people could live here one day.

Would you like to visit Mars? Although it is the closest planet to Earth, it is millions of miles away. It would take about nine months on board a speeding rocket to get there!

Deimos

TWO MOONS

Mars has two moons. One is called Phobos and the other is called Deimos. They are both much smaller than Earth's moon.

Phobos

ROCKY LANDSCAPE

Mars has tall mountains, huge volcanoes and deep valleys. So far, the only water the rovers have found is ice.

HANDY ARM

The end of the robotic arm can hold tools for collecting and testing rocks.

SPOT IT!

How many moons can you see?
Can you see a camera that sends pictures back to Earth?

ROVING EXPLORER

A rover spends years exploring and sending pictures and information back to Earth.

camera

Mars rover

wheels

BUMPY RIDE

Six springy wheels help the rover roll over knee-high rocks.

robotic arm

Mars helicopter

HIGH FLYER

A little helicopter gives a bird's eye view of the landscape and can land in places that a rover cannot reach.

SPACE GARDENING

Scientists believe that peas, carrots and other vegetables could be grown in the soil on Mars.

How do rovers land?

1. Parachute goes up!



rover capsule

2. Rover detaches.



folded rover

3. Jets on!



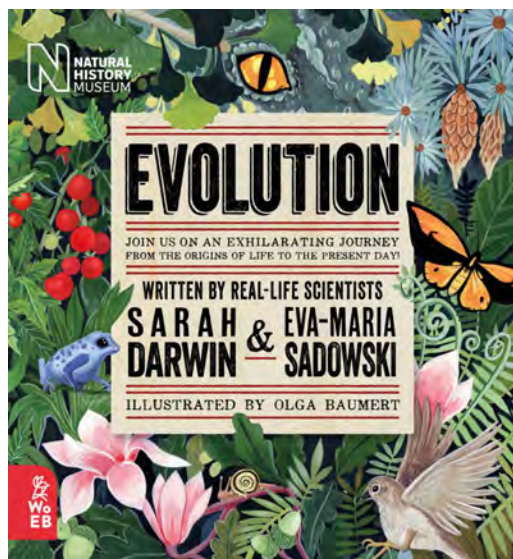
4. Rover unfolds ...



... and is ready to explore!



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- Offers an in-depth look at evolution, helping curious kids understand and engage with the world around them.
- This glorious guide to evolution is packed full of fantastic facts and has something for everyone.

Author Information

Dr Sarah Darwin originally trained as an artist and then as a scientist, specialising botany. She spent several years living and working in the Galápagos Islands and studying the Galápagos tomatoes there. More recently she has been part of a project in Berlin studying nightingales. Sarah is the great-great-granddaughter of Charles Darwin and works at the Museum Für Naturkunde, Berlin.

Dr Eva-Maria Sadowski is a palaeobotanist, who mainly studies plant remains that are enclosed in amber. Eva lives in Berlin and works at the Museum Für Naturkunde, Berlin.

Olga Baumert is an artist, illustrator and graphic designer. Originally from Poland, she studied Fine Art and Jewellery before moving to the UK where she received her degree in Graphic Design and Illustration at De Montfort University. Olga currently lives and works in Leicester.

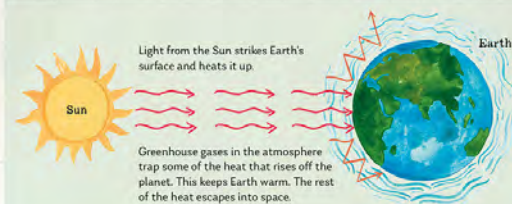
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THE CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

'Climate' describes overall weather conditions and patterns, such as temperature and rainfall, over a long period of time. That's not to be confused with weather, which refers to a particular event, for example a sunny day or a storm. Earth's climate has changed gradually throughout history, caused by several different factors. About 200 years ago, humans became one of those factors.

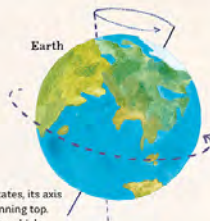


HOW TO GET WARM

Earth is the right temperature for life because certain gases in the atmosphere hold in heat, just like the glass in a greenhouse does. During Earth's history, these greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, were released into the air by volcanic eruptions and other natural processes. When the amount of greenhouse gas went down, Earth cooled. When the amount went up, Earth got hotter.

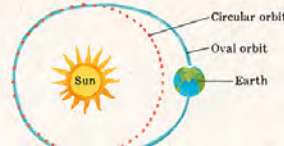
THE MILANKOVITCH CYCLES

For the past 2.5 million years, Earth has been switching between cold and warm periods. Scientists think that regular changes in Earth's orbit and the way it spins result in periodic increases and decreases in how much energy gets to us from the Sun. These warming and cooling cycles are called Milankovitch cycles.



1. Earth's axis is always tilted, but the angle of tilt changes every 41,000 years. When the angle is larger, Earth's polar regions lean towards the Sun. They receive more direct sunlight and heat up more in summer. When the angle is smaller, Earth's poles lean away, receiving less direct sunlight so they don't heat up as much.

2. When Earth rotates, its axis wobbles like a spinning top. This wobble affects which parts of Earth are tilted toward the Sun at different times of the year.



3. Earth's orbit - the path that it takes around the Sun - has an effect, too. The shape of Earth's orbit is almost a circle, but over a period of 100,000 years it gets slightly more stretched out. When this happens, Earth travels both closer to and further from the Sun over the course of a year.

PIONEERING PEOPLE

The Milankovitch cycles were named after **Milutin Milankovitch** (1879-1958). He calculated how Earth's orbit and the tilt of its axis changed the incoming energy from the Sun. Milutin's ideas helped explain some causes of natural climate change. His calculations are still used today.

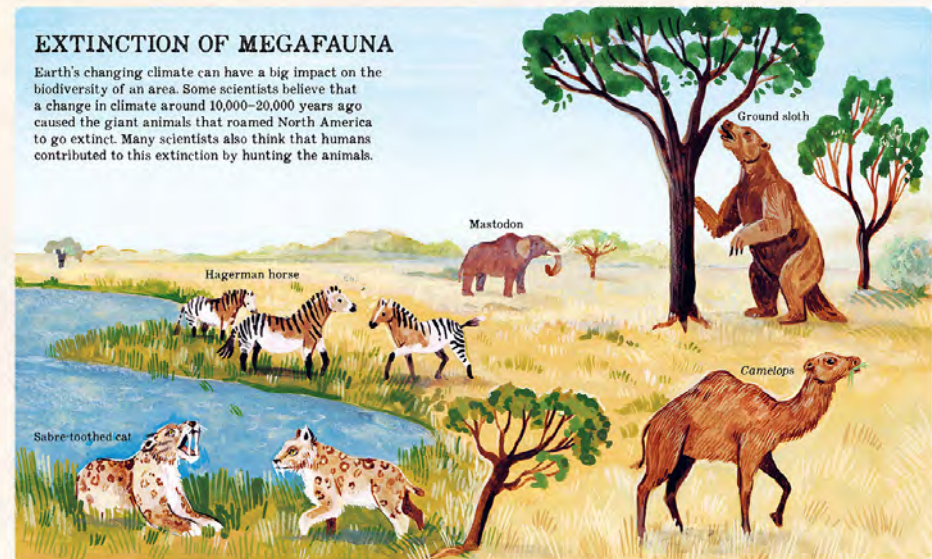


ALBEDO EFFECT

Another thing that can affect Earth's temperature, but that isn't part of the Milankovitch cycles, is called the Albedo Effect. This happens when large areas of the Earth are covered with ice. Pale surfaces like ice or snow reflect more solar energy than dark, bare soil. So, when there is more ice, the planet cools down.

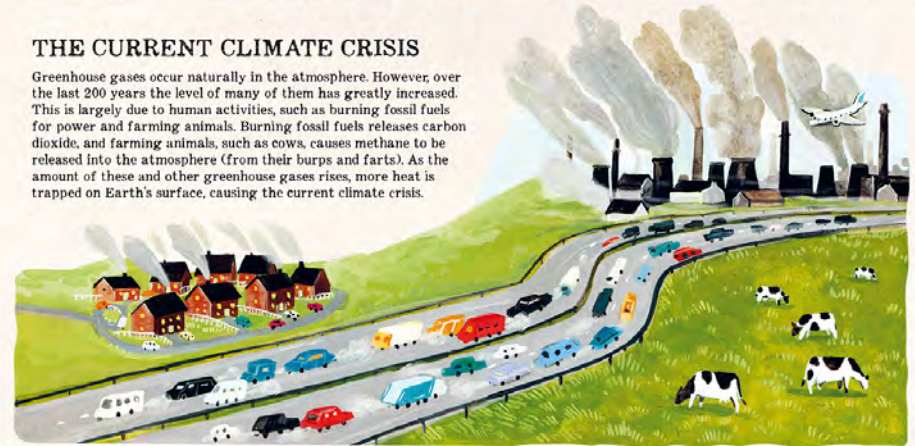
EXTINCTION OF MEGAFAUNA

Earth's changing climate can have a big impact on the biodiversity of an area. Some scientists believe that a change in climate around 10,000-20,000 years ago caused the giant animals that roamed North America to go extinct. Many scientists also think that humans contributed to this extinction by hunting the animals.



THE CURRENT CLIMATE CRISIS

Greenhouse gases occur naturally in the atmosphere. However, over the last 200 years the level of many of them has greatly increased. This is largely due to human activities, such as burning fossil fuels for power and farming animals. Burning fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide, and farming animals, such as cows, causes methane to be released into the atmosphere (from their burps and farts). As the amount of these and other greenhouse gases rises, more heat is trapped on Earth's surface, causing the current climate crisis.



My Bedtime Buddies



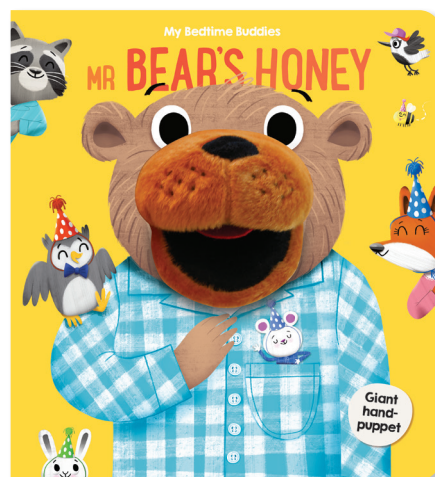
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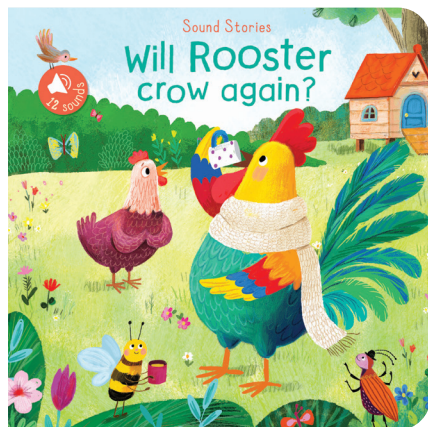
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