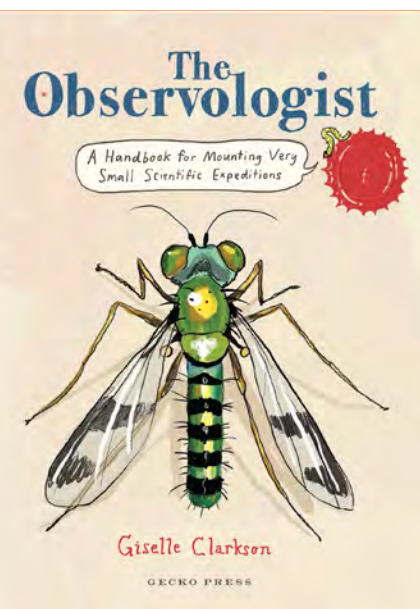


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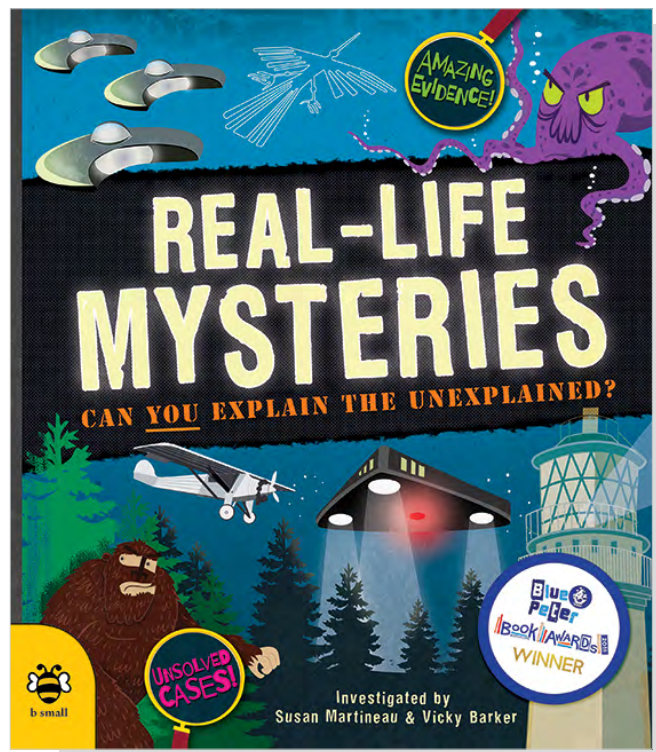
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- Bali Rai is the critically acclaimed author of over forty books for children and young adults, best-known for *Rani and Sukh* (a set-text in GCSE English), *(Un)arranged Marriage* and *Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story*
- Both hard-hitting and conversation-provoking, Arjan's story casts a searing look at systemic racism within the modern-day UK, highlighting increasing levels of discrimination against Sikh communities
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Sophie McKenzie

With black-and-white illustrations by Melania Badosa



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- Matthew slips into his imagination, Luc pushes his body to the limit, and Johnny ... well who knows what Johnny's up to. But when Mark starts running errands for his older brother's mysterious associate, he thinks he's found the best game of all.
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Luke Palmer is a critically acclaimed YA author and a prize-winning poet. He lives in Wiltshire with his partner, their three daughters, a dog, and a cat.

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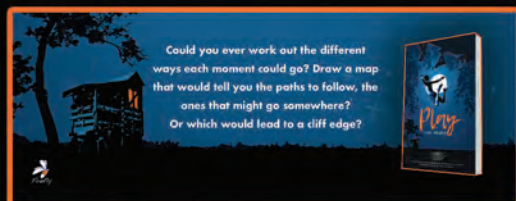
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Crimson Climb E. K. Johnston



New York Times bestselling author E. K. Johnston, author of the *Queens* series starring Padmé Amidala, brings fans an untold story about Qi'ra, portrayed by Emilia Clarke in *Star Wars: A Solo Story*.

Not everyone gets to be the hero.

Qi'ra listened to the dreams and promises of a boy with a reckless smile, only to be torn away from him and returned to the White Worms gang while Han made his way to freedom. Now freedom seems like a luxury she can't afford while she concentrates on survival and despairs of ever leaving Corellia. But her fortunes seem to turn when a representative of the crime syndicate Crimson Dawn plucks Qi'ra from captivity and brings her to the syndicate's leader, the mysterious and mercurial Dryden Vos. Vos offers Qi'ra an opportunity she's never had before: the chance to build something resembling a comfortable life if she can prove her worth to his organization. With failure meaning certain death, Qi'ra knows she must immerse herself in the merciless, murderous world of Crimson Dawn. What she doesn't know is just who she will be if she survives. . . .

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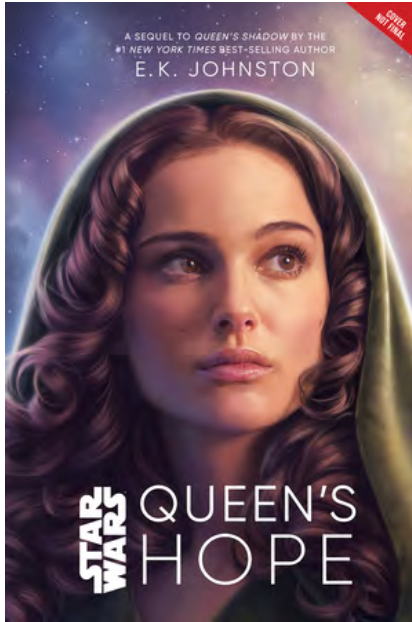
NEW RELEVANCE OF THE CHARACTER: Qi'ra has become an important character in Marvel Comics' *Star Wars*, appearing in the flagship *Star Wars* title as well as the smash hit comics miniseries *War of the Bounty Hunters*, and is currently headlining *Crimson Dawn*. This has revived interest in the character and fans have expressed a desire for her to have her own novel.

BROADER CONNECTION TO THE GALAXY: Qi'ra's story will feature touch points and connections to various other *Star Wars* storytelling, making it feel an integral part of the greater whole.

FILM ANNIVERSARY: 2023 marks the 5th anniversary of *Solo*, with anticipated publicity surrounding the moment.

Author Bio: E.K. Johnston is the author of *The Afterward*, *Aetherbound*, *That Inevitable Victorian Thing*, and other YA novels, as well as the *Star Wars* books *Queen's Hope*, *Queen's Peril*, *Queen's Shadow*, and *Ahsoka*. She had several jobs and one vocation before she became a published writer. If she's learned anything, it's that things turn out weird sometimes, and there's not a lot you can do about it. Well, that and how to muscle through awkward fanfic because it's about a pairing she likes. You can follow Kate on Twitter (@ek_johnston) to learn more about Alderaanian political theory than you really need to know, on Tumblr (ekjohnston) if you're just here for the pretty pictures, or online at ekjohnston.ca.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

Paris-born wanderer **E.K. Mosley** is a British writer and illustrator who grew up living between Texas and London, but currently resides by the Cornish seaside. She studied Illustration at Falmouth University and now works as a freelance illustrator and writer. Emily works in a diverse range of media from paint pens, ink, watercolour and digital, to a unique form of hand-cut stencil screen-printing inspired by old Japanese Woodblock prints.

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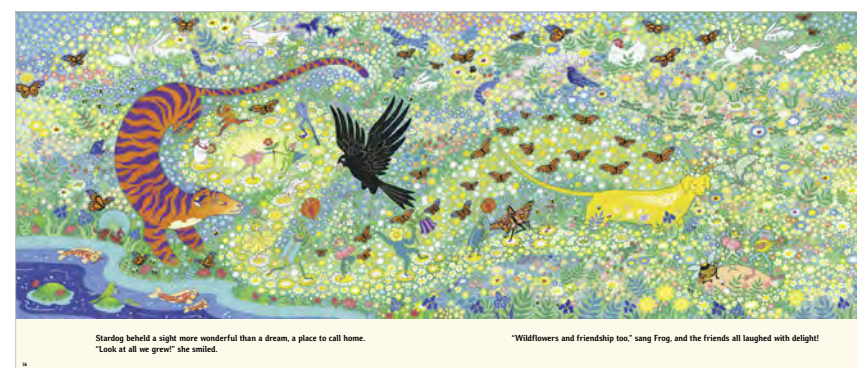
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KEYWORDS: monster; urban legend; mythology; new series; origin story; Ancient Egypt; pharaoh



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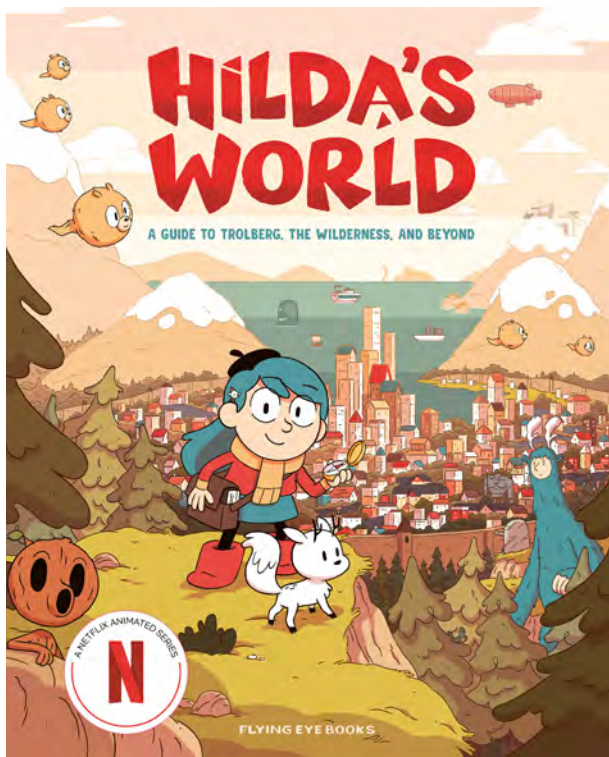
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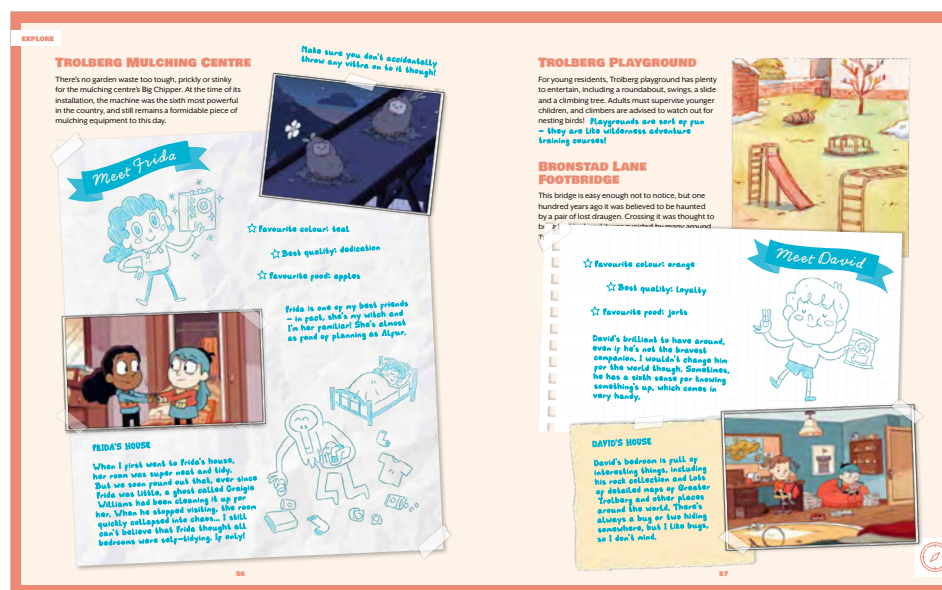


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KEYWORDS: action; adventure; comics; cartoon; graphic novel; manga; sports; fantasy; myth; ancient Egypt



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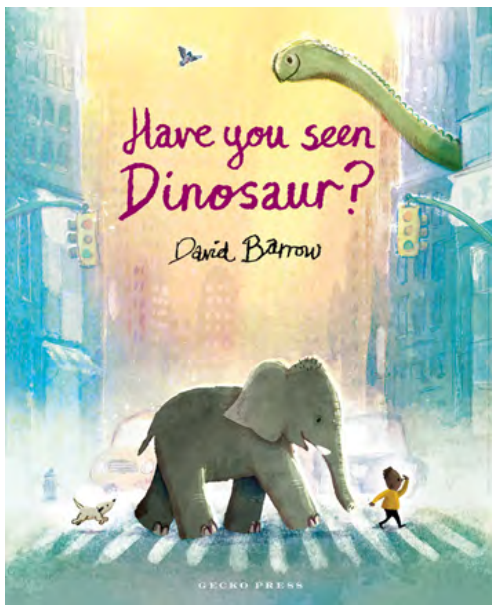


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ABOUT THE BOOK

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SALES POINTS

- *Have You Seen Elephant?* is a long seller in every English market, shortlisted for Waterstones Prize, chosen by UK and US book clubs and charities
- A simple premise, perfectly executed for maximum reader engagement
- Dramatic cityscapes and beautiful use of light and color
- Follow a character through the story—the dog always knows where to look

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

David Barrow received the Sebastian Walker award for most promising children's illustrator from the Cambridge School of Art. His first book *Have You Seen Elephant?* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Prize and is a bestseller around the world.

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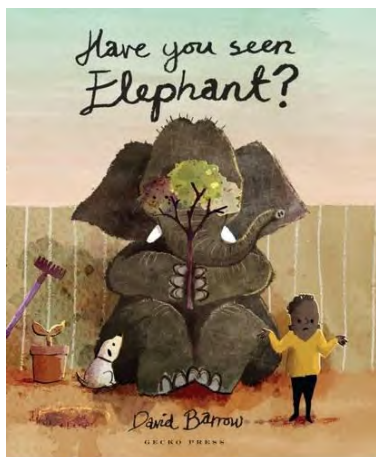
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WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"This is a very satisfying follow-up to *Have You Seen Elephant?* that fully engages preschool readers who love to find the surprises, clues and humour in the illustrations."

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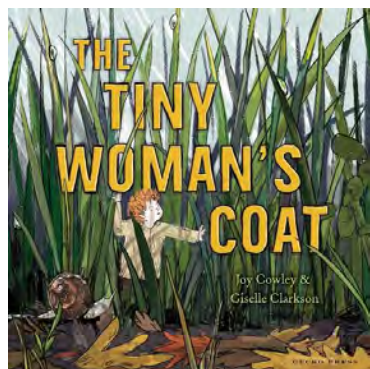
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A handbook for mounting very small scientific expeditions

Author/Illustrator: **Giselle Clarkson**

A highly illustrated creative guide to the small creatures and the natural wonders we find when we take time to open our eyes to the world around us—an ode to the power of quiet observation.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Try to imagine the weirdest and most impossibly alien creature that could exist on other planets and it's almost certain it's an animal here on earth already. And it's probably very small.

This book puts over 50 small creatures and features of the natural world under the microscope, piquing our curiosity with only the most interesting facts. But this is no everyday catalogue of creatures. It is an antidote to boredom, an encouragement to observe our environment with care and curiosity.

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SALES POINTS

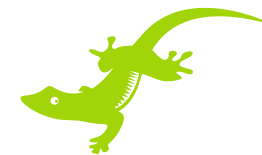
- Accessible graphic/comic illustrations combine with science and ecology
- Has the sensibility of a curious child
- Theme of care and compassion for the natural world
- Includes nomenclature, classification and other useful science

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Giselle Clarkson has a comics and conservation background, and she is a very good looker. Through her unique sensibility you'll find that once you start thinking small, there's no limit to what you can notice—right under your nose.

ALSO AVAILABLE

The Tiny Woman's Coat Joy Cowley, illustrated by Giselle Clarkson 9781776573424



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THINGS to SPOT at NIGHT

Many animals do their essential business during moonlit hours. Then, you'll see all sorts of things eating, being eaten, mating and sometimes even being eaten while mating.



Moths have eyes that glow when you point a light at them. You might see two tiny glowing beads peering at you out of the grass long before you see the rest of the moth's body.

Snails will be out and about, enjoying not being dried out by the sun. The same goes for slugs. You might even see some getting ready to mate. They do a sort of dance with each other beforehand.

Spiders tend to spin their webs at night because it's safer to do so when most birds are asleep.



Doing some darning



penises!

SLIMY RING A RING O' ROSES

Fungi bloom on mild, damp nights. If you find one looking like this...



Come back in the morning and it'll be fully grown

WHERE DO ALL THE DIURNAL CREATURES GO?

Nighttime sounds totally different to daytime. Most creatures that buzz will be asleep, but listen out for chirping, especially if crickets live nearby.

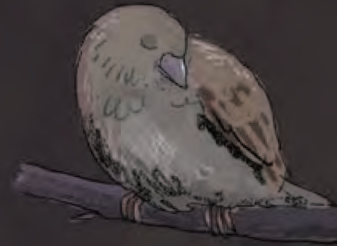


Bees go back to their hives to Sleep and Keep Warm.

Diurnal birds go to their roost. You might be able to figure out where this is from the guano (bird poop) underneath it.

Butterflies and flies find a nice spot away from predators and sheltered from any wild weather.

Often you notice things at night that you wouldn't spot during the day because all of your focus is on the small patch lit up by your light, with no distractions.



Moths and flies are attracted to light, so if you wear a headlamp, be prepared for flying insects to introduce themselves to your face. Best to keep your mouth closed.

ABSOLUTELY NO ADMITTANCE, I'M VEGETARIAN.



SOME GOOD WORDS TO KNOW

NOCTURNAL - Active during the nighttime
DIURNAL - Active during the daytime
CREPUSCULAR - Active at dawn and dusk
MATUTINAL - Active at dawn
VESPERTINE - Active at dusk

I Can't go to school, I am Vespertine.





Description

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Facts

- Pub. date: October 2023
- RRP: £14.99
- Age: 6 months+
- Box size: 250 x 290 x 35mm
- Three board books
 - *Touch & Feel*
140 x 140mm
 - *Finger Puppet Book*
140 x 140mm
 - *Mini Book*
90 x 90mm



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- All of the roads on the puzzles fit together so the child can create an entire village by collecting more than one box
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Facts

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- ISBN: 9788742555002
- RRP: £14.99 (incl. VAT)
- Age: 3-5 years
- Box (193 x 160 x 68mm), containing:
 - Board book (16 pages; 115 x 150mm)
 - Puzzle (16 pieces; 420 x 420mm; doubles up as a game)
 - 1 wooden vehicle
 - 4 cardboard elements
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- **Backdrops** for changing the scene
- The box becomes your very own **stage**



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Facts

- Pub. date: October 2023
- Box size: 165 x 215 x 50mm
- RRP: £11.99 (incl. VAT)
- Board book size: 155 x 205mm
- Age: 4 years+
- Pages: 12
- 5 play figures & 5 backdrops



Note: Hansel and Gretel DRAFT visuals only

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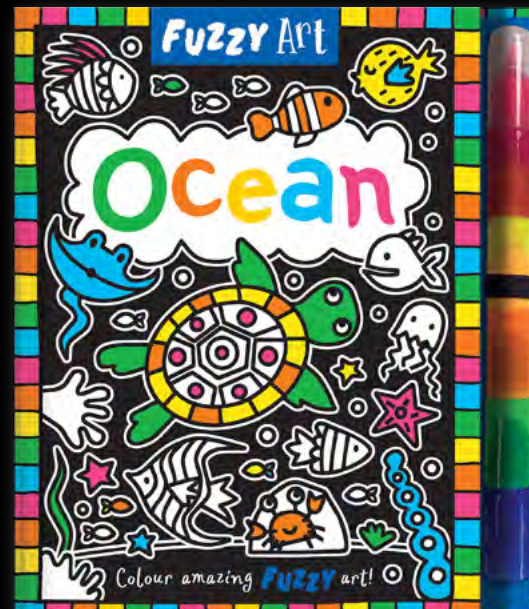
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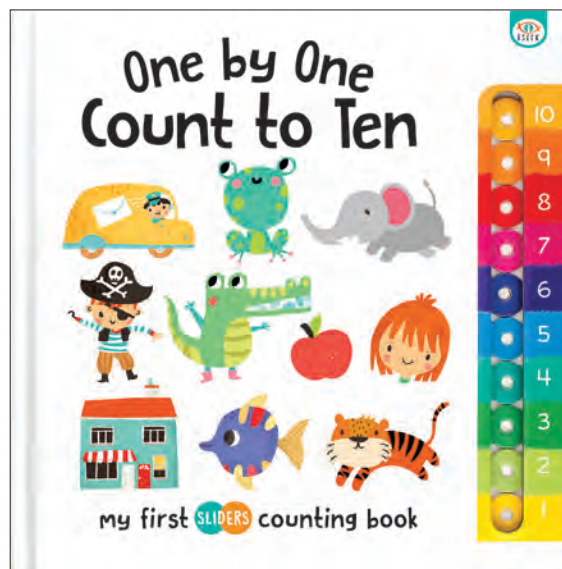
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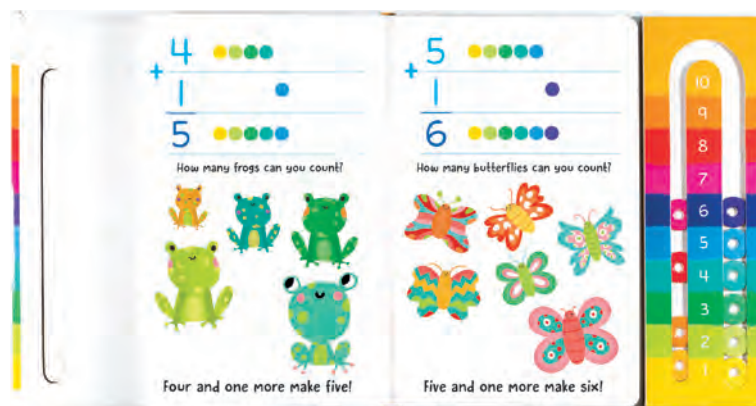
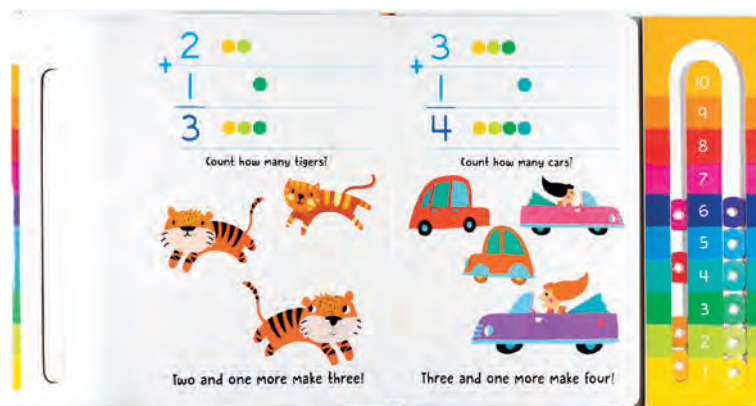


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Author: Anton Poitier

Illustrations: Maria Neradova

Young readers can learn to count to ten and practice adding numbers together using this engaging book with colourful sliding counters.



Publication: October 2023

Age: 3+

Price: £10.99

Format: hardback

Size: 248mm x 147mm portrait

Pages: 5 spreads per book

ISBN: 978-1-915458-94-0

Territory: UK and Ireland + Export
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Description

Children are introduced to counting and addition using sliding counters to understand the concept of adding on. Each page shows numbers added one at a time up to ten, using words and images, reinforced by the physical movement of a counter. Engaging illustrations inspire pre-school children to count along as they work through the book.

Sales and marketing points

- Colour-coded, slidable counters perfect for little fingers to grip.
- Combines counting and adding activities.
- Bright colourful illustrations.
- Improves numeracy skills and dexterity.
- Can be used over and over again.

About the creators

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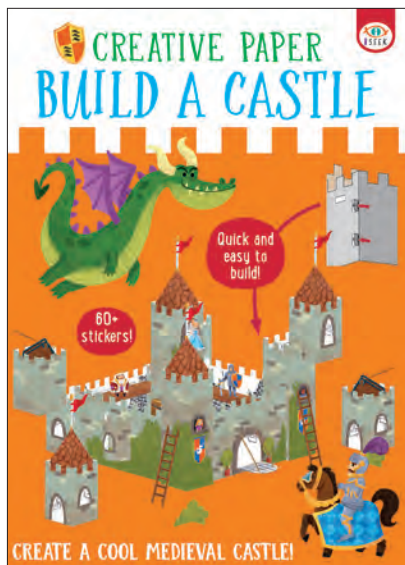
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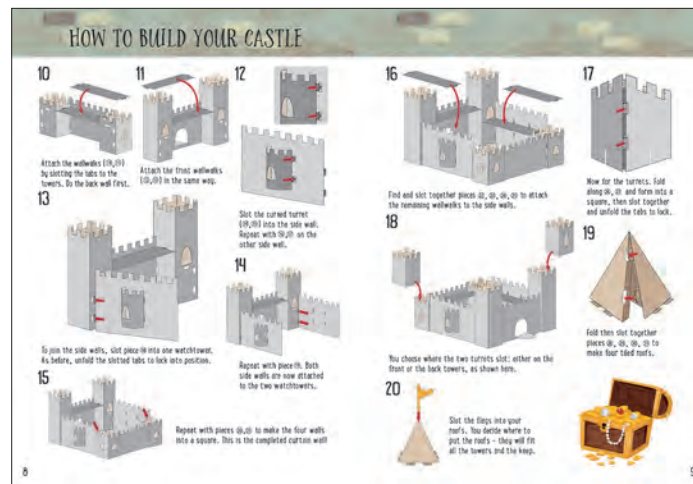


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Publication: October 2023
Age: 7+
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Size: 202mm x 146mm
Pages: 16 pages, plus additional components
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Description

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Sales and marketing points

- Contains a book, 10 die-cut sheets of printed card and 2 sheets of fun stickers.
- Makes a 3D castle with movable turrets.
- Quick and easy to build.
- Makes a working catapult.
- Children can learn about life in a medieval castle.

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Sales points

DRAFT COVER

- The **first Irish collection of poetry for children** in nearly twenty years
- Featuring beloved voices such as Heaney and Yeats, this is a **useful entry point into Irish poetry**
- Gives a contemporary look at Irish poetry, featuring **new and established voices**
- **Bright, modern colourful illustrations** by Ashwin Chacko
- **High production values** including hardback format (and if there's anything we can say about presentation or paper or anything) make this a stunning gift



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Thema: 254 x 203 mm, hardback
Format: 128 pp
Extent:

About Lucinda Jacob & Sarah Webb

Lucinda Jacob writes poetry and stories for children. Widely anthologised, her own books include *Hopscotch in the Sky* (Little Island, illus. Lauren O'Neill), *Climate SOS!* and *Guzzler's Party* (Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland, illus. by Alan Nolan).

Sarah Webb is an award-winning Irish children's writer. Her books include *Blazing a Trail: Irish Women who Changed the World* (illus. Lauren O'Neill) and *A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea: Favourite Rhymes from an Irish Childhood* (illus. Steve McCarthy), both winners of Irish Book Awards.

About Ashwin Chacko

Ashwin Chacko is an Indian author, illustrator and motivational speaker based in Ireland. He specialises in positively playful, visual storytelling to bring joy and encouragement. His mission is to champion creativity and empower people to find their inner spark through his art, books, talks & workshops. He has authored and illustrated several books including: *Keep At It*, *Little Optimist*, *Everybody Feels Fear*, *A little book about Justice*, and *What Wondrous Shapes We Are*.



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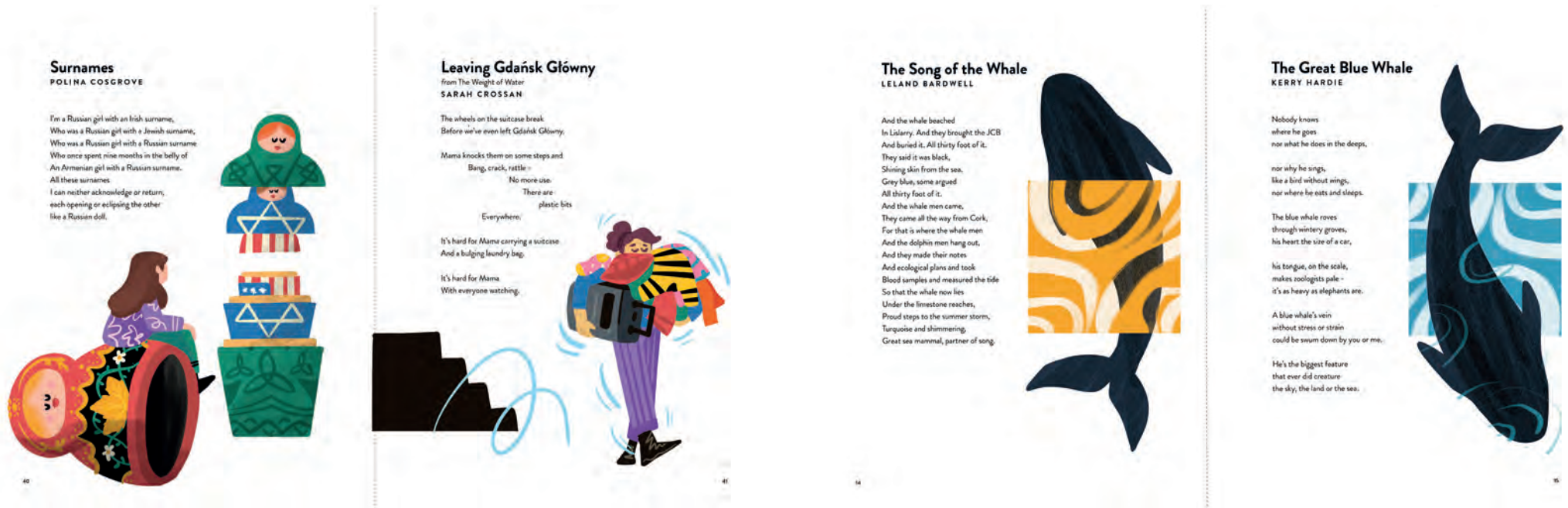
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sample rough spreads



Black and Irish

Legends, Trailblazers and Everyday Heroes

by Leon Diop and Briana Fitzsimons & illus by Jessica Louis

A celebration of Black Irish identity. Profiles of inspirational Black Irish public figures from past and present.

Summary

This Black History Month comes a landmark moment in Irish publishing history: *Black and Irish: Legends, Trailblazers and Everyday Heroes*, the first book celebrating Black Irish identity.

Authors Leon Diop and Briana Fitzsimons explore key Black Irish figures from the worlds of sport, politics, business and entertainment. Profiles include Ruth Negga, Paul McGrath, author Emma Dabiri and *Love Island*'s Dami Hope.

A major, corporation-sponsored publicity campaign with active involvement of celebrities from the book will include national radio advertising and high-profile media appearances.



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| Price: | £11.99 |
| ISBN: | 9781915071231 |
| Thema: | YXM, YXN |
| Format: | 216 x 135 mm, paperback |
| Extent: | 224 pp |

Sales points

- Collaboration between Little Island and Black and Irish: **first book of its kind**
- **Highly topical:** published to coincide with Black History Month this October
- **Inclusive selection** of influential, high-profile Black Irish people
- Lively full-colour design with **stunning illustrations** by Nigerian illustrator Jessica Louis
- **Major publicity campaign** led by Peter O'Connell, targeting major media appearances, radio advertising and promotion by **Black Irish celebrities**

About Black & Irish

Black and Irish is an organisation that highlights and celebrates the identity of black and mixed-race Irish people. Their aim is to engage with the wider Irish society and spread awareness around the world of the experiences, struggles, and successes from within the black and Irish community by telling their stories. <https://blackandirish.com/>

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A gripping high-concept speculative middle-grade novel from the award-winning author of *The Wordsmith*

Summary

Aria lives on Terros. She has just discovered that she has human DNA – which can only have come from Earth, a planet that Terros has decided to destroy.

Aria and her father are sent to Earth, to Dublin, to release the first of two doses of a deadly virus that will destroy humanity. Having loosed the virus, they find they must flee, as the police are hunting them down as terrorists. But Aria cannot go home, because she has caught the virus and cannot be readmitted to the disease-free Terros. Her father leaves without her.

Aria is alone on a strange planet, but there is another Terrosian in Dublin – a scientist Seb Roy, who is out to destroy Aria, because she holds the key to his own secret.

Sales points

- **From the award-winning author of *The Wordsmith*** with over 60,000 copies sold worldwide
- **Highly topical subject matter** about a virus being released in a major metropolitan area.
- **Gripping thriller set in Dublin** with recognisable placenames



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About Patricia Forde

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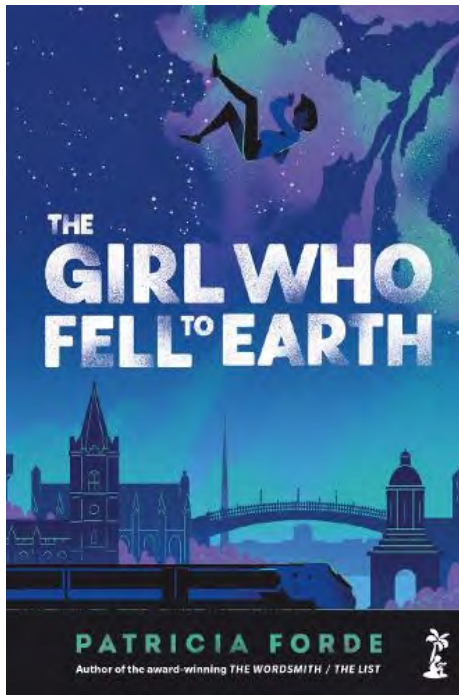
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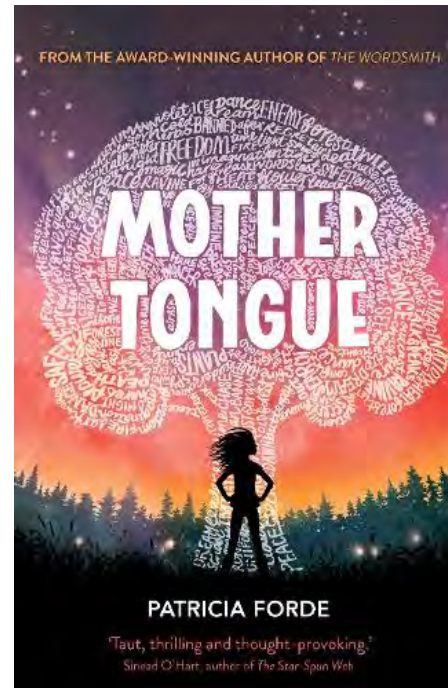
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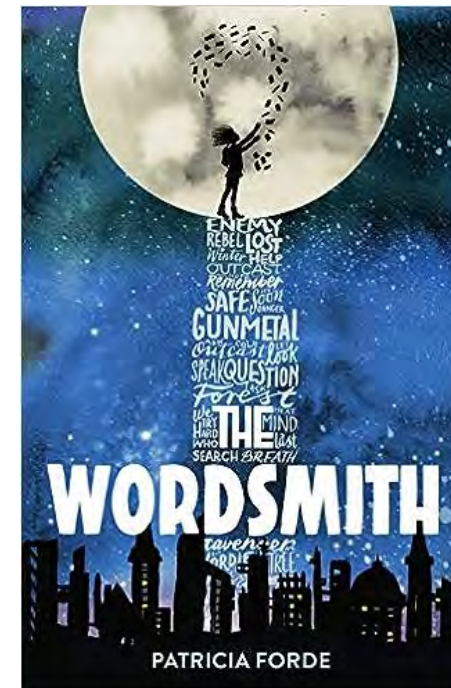
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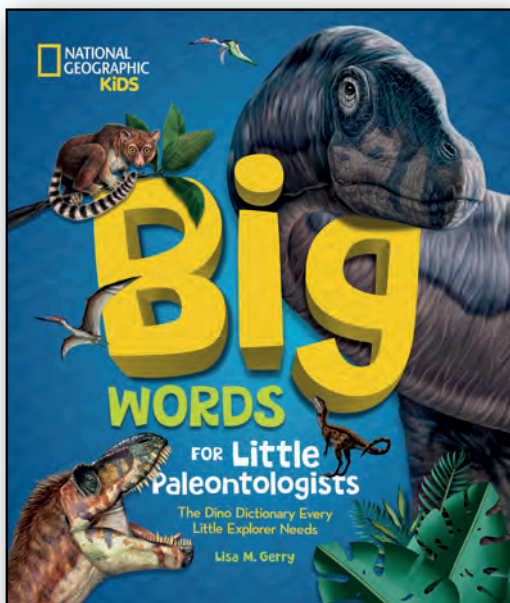
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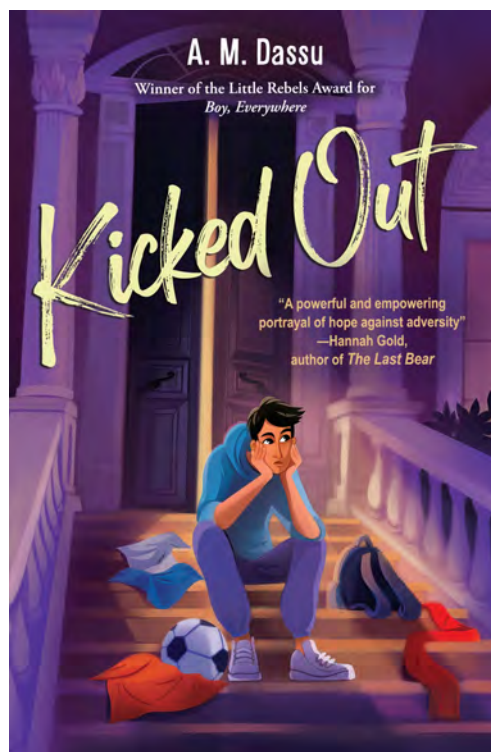


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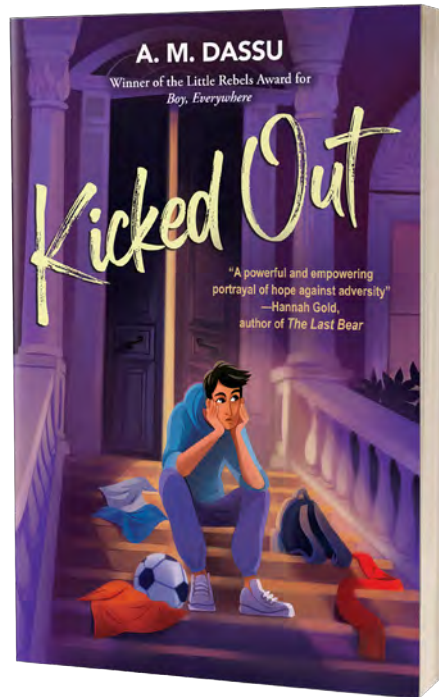
*It was like we were outside the Fresh Prince of Bel Air's mansion in those re-runs Mum made us watch, but the Fresh Prince in this case was my best friend Mark.
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The Kicked Out Campaign:

- Acquisition announcement published across major trade press
- Author profile interview for October in The Bookseller, 14th July
- Selected as a **Highlight of the Season** in The Bookseller Buyers' Guide
- Cover reveal in partnership with Waterstones and exclusive online proof
- Widespread press, reviewer and bookshop mailing
- Author appearances at major Autumn Festivals including Cheltenham Literature Festival and Henley Literary Festival
- Major Autumn events tour with flagship events in Ali and Sami's hometown of Manchester
- Comprehensive classroom notes available for *Boy, Everywhere* and *Kicked Out*
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Praise and Awards for *Boy, Everywhere* – winner of the **Little Rebels Award for Radical Fiction 2021.**

Listed for over 17 awards and nominations including:

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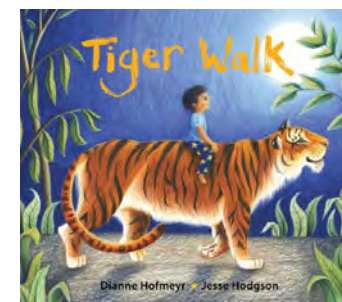
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Author Information

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* (illustrated by Carol Thompson) and *Tiger Walk*, both published by Otter-Barry Books and also nominated for the Kate Greenaway Award in 2017 and 2019 respectively. Her most recent picture book for Otter-Barry Books is *The Most Famous Rhinoceros*, with Simonetta Mullazani. Dianne lives in West London.

Carol Thompson is internationally known as an illustrator of books for younger children, with an exceptional ability to see the world through their eyes. With over sixty books to her credit, she has won honours including the US Stonewall Honor Picture Book Award and *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year. She is a member of IBBY UK, sharing its commitment to diversity and inclusivity in children's publishing. She lives in Leicestershire.



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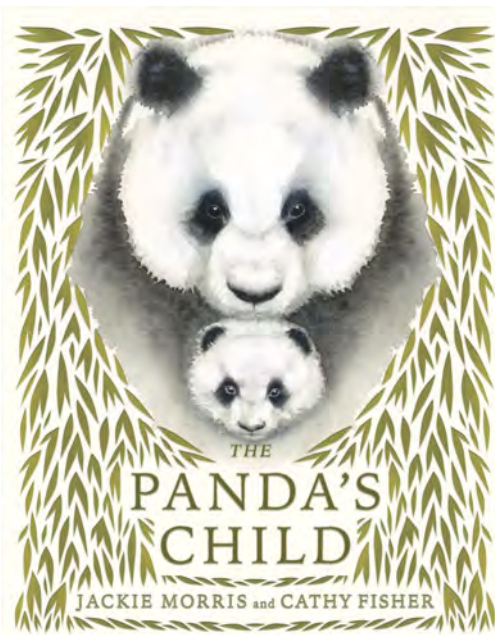
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Jackie Morris is a bestselling writer and artist. Her almost uncanny ability to draw and paint living landscapes and wildlife began around the age of six when she watched her father draw a lapwing and wanted to learn the same magic. Born in Birmingham, she grew up in Evesham, but has lived for a long time in Wales, in "a small cottage held together by spiders' webs". As a writer and illustrator she has many books to her name; of which *The Lost Words*, in collaboration with Robert Macfarlane, is the best known. For Otter-Barry Books she has written, among others, the three much-loved *Mrs Noah* books, *The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes* and *Something About a Bear*.

Cathy Fisher was born in Australia and grew up in Bath, England. Her art combines a deep connection with the natural world with a tender, insightful rendering of human emotion and behaviour. She has collaborated with Nicola Davies on eight books, including *Perfect* and *The Pond*, both longlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal. Cathy has lived and worked in the UK, the Seychelles and Australia, and now lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

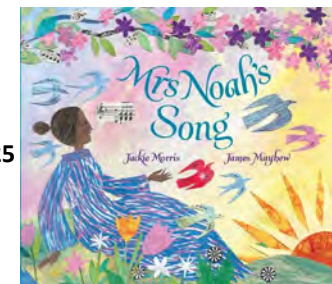


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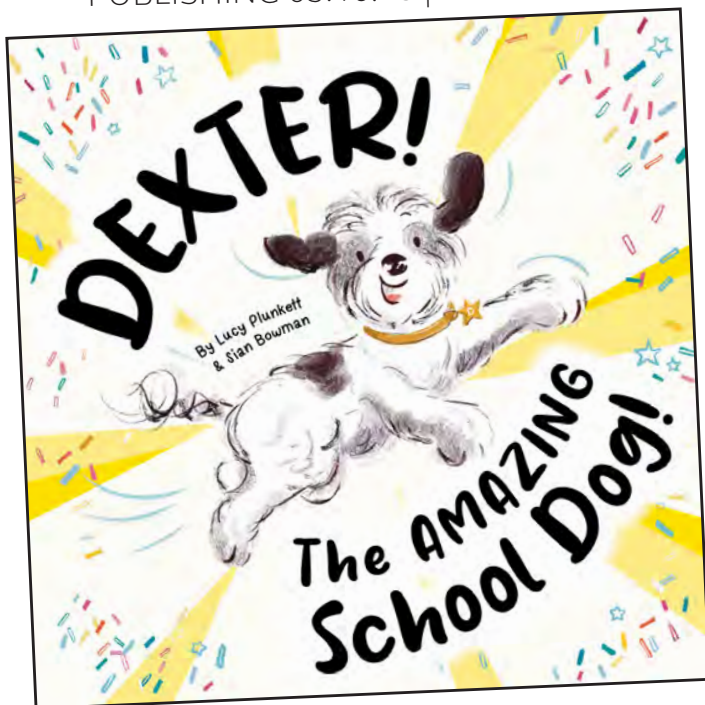
Tired, she had lain the child down on a soft bed of leaves and rested beside him. Only a few days old, such a beautiful boy.



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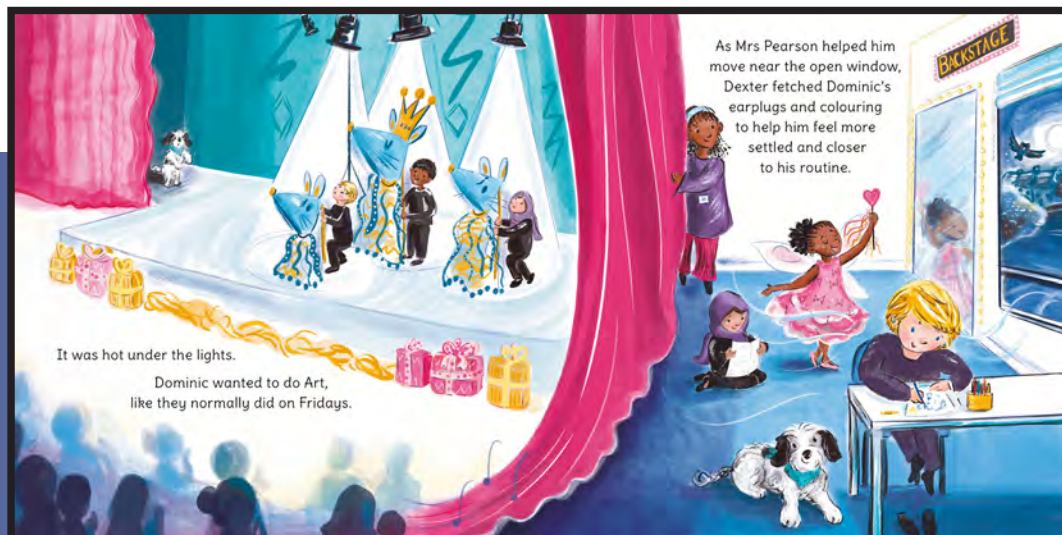
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AUTHOR BIO: Lucy is a special needs consultant and parent of an autistic child - as well as the owner of a school dog!

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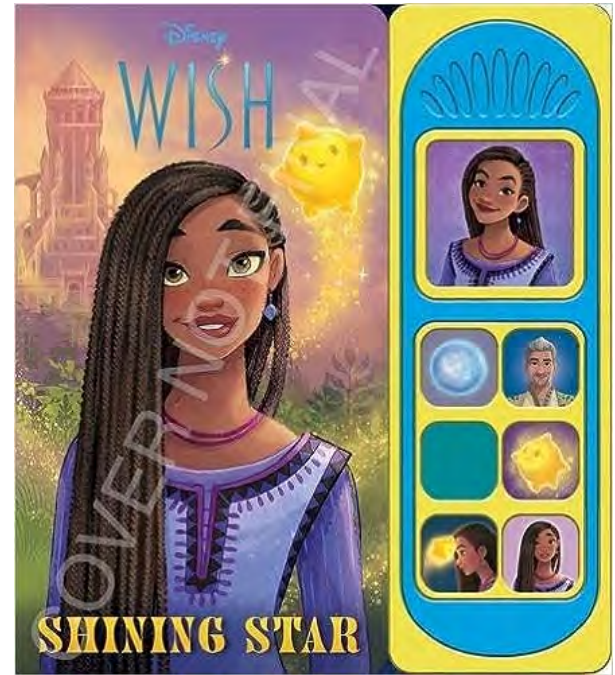
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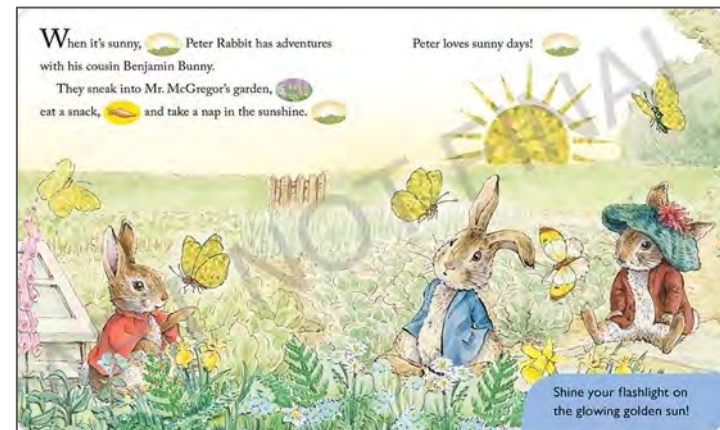
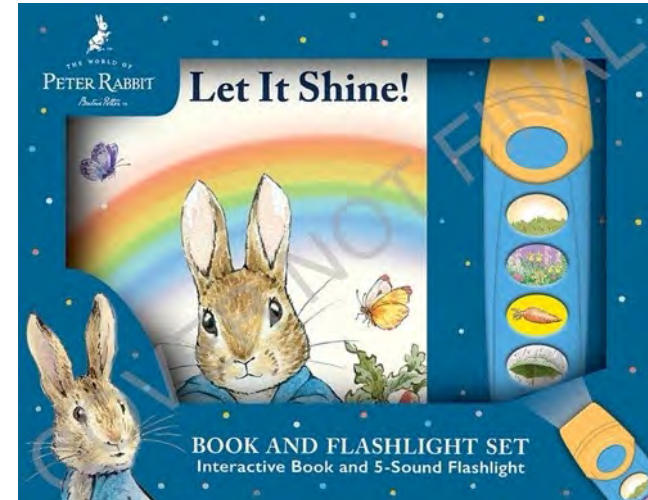
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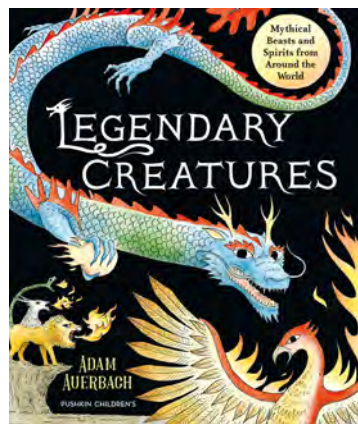


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Author Biography

Adam Auerbach is the creator of *The Three Vikings*, *Monkey Brother*, and *Edda: A Little Valkyrie's First Day of School*, which was named an Ezra Jack Keats Honor Book. Adam's illustrations have appeared on book covers and in numerous print publications, including the *New York Times* and *School Library Journal*. He lives with his family in Brooklyn, New York.

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MISHIPESHU

Place of Origin: North America's Great Lakes

THE GREAT LYNX

Mishipeshu, whose name means the Great Lynx, stalks the watery depths of North America's Great Lakes, home of the Anishinabe peoples. Mishipeshu resembles a panther covered in scales, with horns crowning its head. Sharp spikes run down Mishipeshu's back, all the way to the end of its serpentine tail.

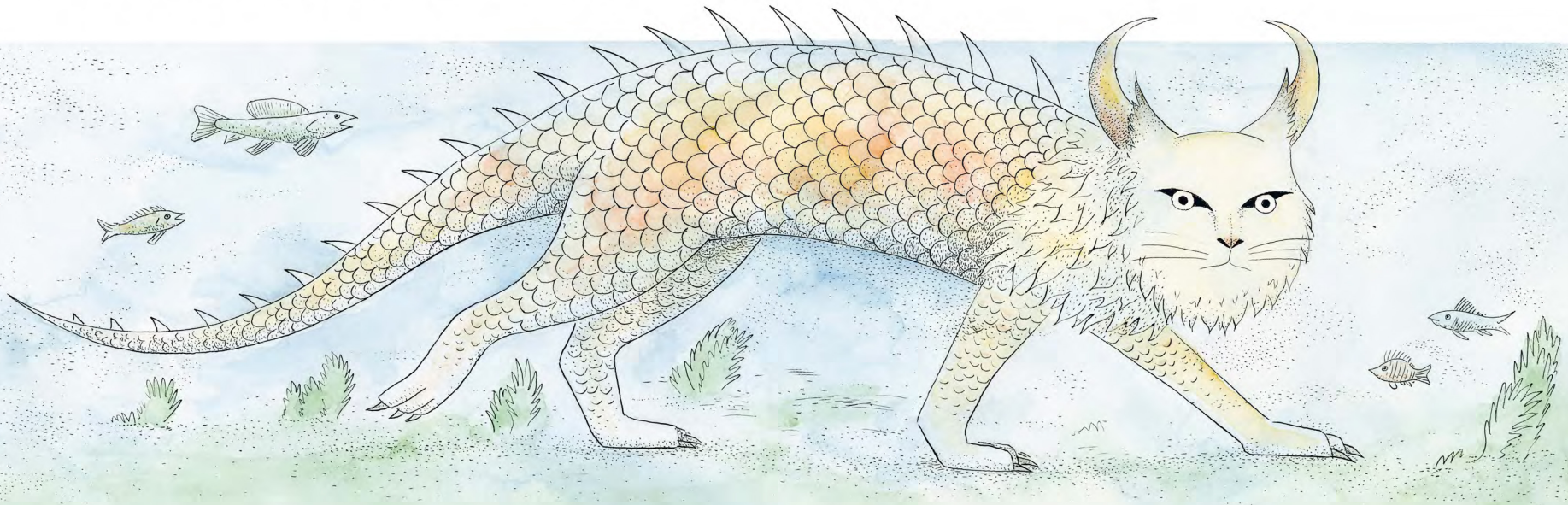
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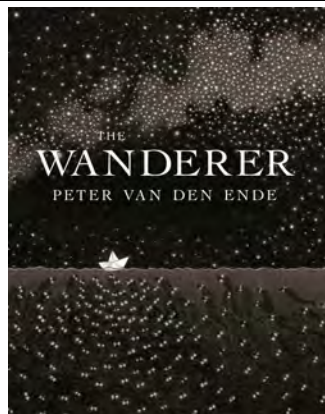
Mishipeshu has power over the creatures that swim in the deep. Those traveling across the Great Lakes should be wary and pay their respects to this underwater panther. It can create storms and

whirlpools with its tail and sink a boat that enters its territory. Mishipeshu guards copper mines and will attack any being who tries to steal the metal from its home. It has been said that Mishipeshu's horns are made of copper.

THUNDERBIRDS

Mishipeshu is a master of the world below the surface, and it has a counterpart in the skies above. The Animikii, often called Thunderbirds, are powerful beings of the air. They protect humanity and can create thunder with the flapping of their wings, hurling lightning at the creatures of the underworld.





The Wanderer

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Peter Van den Ende

Keynote

A stunning wordless picturebook telling the story of a brave little boat's voyage across a fantastical seaworld

Description

A little boat sets out to sea and begins its voyage toward home. To get there it must travel across many strange, beautiful oceanscapes, full of fantastic creatures and deadly monsters, swept by terrifying storms and sailed by mysterious ships. Can the Wanderer pick a path through all these perils to a safe harbour?

This beautifully illustrated, wordless picturebook is a gateway into a captivating marine fantasy world.

Sales Points

- A sensational wordless story, told through beautiful, richly detailed illustrations - you can spend hours just looking at one page!
- With similar intricate visual detail to *Where's Wally!* children and adults of all ages will be fascinated and inspired

Reviews

- 'Wonderfully strange and strangely wonderful... an epic dream captured in superbly meticulous detail' - *Shaun Tan, author of The Arrival*

Author Biography

When Peter Van den Ende is not drawing, he works as a nature guide on the Cayman Islands. The beauty of the sea was his source of inspiration for this stunning wordless story about growing and learning, about ups and downs - in short, about life itself.

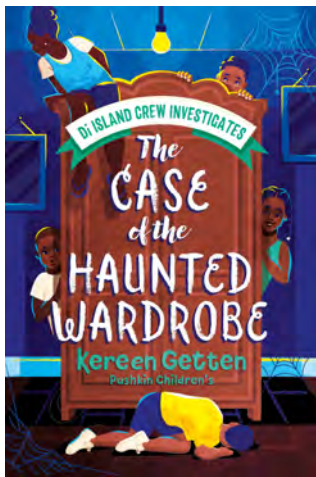
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CBMC **C3N79**
 Age **7-9 years**
 Subject **Fiction**
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book**
 Character **Non-character**
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **198 x 129mm**
 Extent **192 pages**
 Word Count
 Series **Di Island Crew Investigates**

Territorial Rights **UK & Commonwealth (ex Canada)**
 In-House Editor **Sarah Odedina**

The Case of the Haunted Wardrobe

Kereen Getten

Keynote

The charming second title in *Di Island Crew Investigates*, the major new mystery series from the prize-winning author of *When Life Gives You Mangoes*.

Description

Fayson has been dreaming of going back to the island ever since she left.

But no sooner is she reunited with Di Island Crew than a mysterious case comes their way - a haunted wardrobe that keeps making a spine-chilling sound.! And to make matters worse, the crew have all received a letter threatening to reveal their deepest secrets.

With the clock ticking, Fayson must rally her friends and take charge of the detective agency to solve the eerie mystery. But with tensions rising and friendship squabbles getting in the way, can they work together to crack the case and keep their secrets safe?

Sales Points

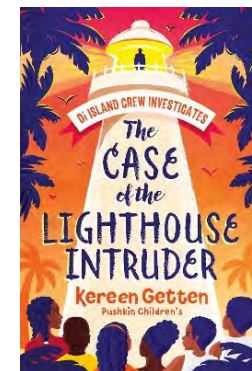
- The second title in a delightful mystery series for young readers set on an island off the coast of Jamaica, perfect for readers of *High Rise Mystery* by Sharna Jackson and *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell
- Kereen Getten's work has captured the hearts of critics and young readers and been shortlisted for several prizes, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. The first book in the series, *The Case of the Lighthouse Intruder*, was a Waterstones Book of the Month
- Beautiful black-and-white illustrations throughout bring the world of the book to life

Reviews

- ' - - Praise for *Di Island Crew Investigates* series: ' - -
- 'Like Enid Blyton with a social conscience, this marks the start of an addictive new series for 8+ ' - *Guardian*
- 'A charming plot... ideal for confident younger readers' - *Booktrust*
- 'Exploring themes of family and friendship, this is great for fans of mystery adventure stories' - *The Week Junior*, *Book of the Week*

Author Biography

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



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Family & Home Stories
(Children's/Ya) (YFN)
Adventure Stories
(Children's/Ya) (YFC)**

CBMC **D3NX9**
Age **9-11 years**
Subject **Fiction**
Type **Ordinary Printed Book**
Character **Not specified**
Tie In **Non Tie-in**

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for US and Canada,
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In-House Editor **Daniel Seton**

Girls

Annet Schaap

Translated by Laura Watkinson

Keynote

A collection of dark, funny retellings of classic fairytales for girls growing up in the modern world

Description

A sleeping beauty who no longer wakes up, a frog who does not become a prince, a girl who is a monster: Annet Schaap adapts seven well-known fairy tales into surprising stories about girls with their own dreams and desires - girls who are no longer fairytale characters but people of flesh and blood.

Sales Points

- The new collection from the author of *Lampie*, the first ever translated book that was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal
- Seven dazzling fairytale retellings full of bravery, adventure and dark wit that encourage girls to confidently go their own way
- Perfect for fans of *The Little Match Girl Strikes Back* by Emma Carroll
- Beautiful B&W illustration throughout

Author Biography

Annet Schaap is one of the Netherlands' best-loved illustrators. Her debut novel, *Lampie*, won four prizes in the Netherlands and Flanders, including the Gouden Griffel for the best Dutch children's book of the year, and was shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal.

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| Character | Non-character |
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| Binding | Hardback |
| Format | 246 x 174mm |
| Extent | 272 pages |

The Secret of Helmersbruk Manor A Christmas Mystery

Eva Frantz (Illustrated By Elin Sandström)
Translated by Annie Prime

Keynote

A spookily magical Christmas tale full of mystery and suspense, from the prize-winning author of *The Mystery of Raspberry Hill*

Description

Twelve-year-old Flora Winter and her mother are off to the small seaside town of Helmersbruk for Christmas. When they arrive, Flora soon discovers an abandoned mansion straight out of a fairytale.

But it's not just the manor that's mysterious - porcelain figures are appearing out of nowhere, a strange boy in a green cap seeks her friendship, and she hears eerie whispers in the night.

Flora is determined to unravel the secrets of Helmersbruk Manor - but as the clock ticks down to Christmas, Flora must solve the mystery before time runs out

Sales Points

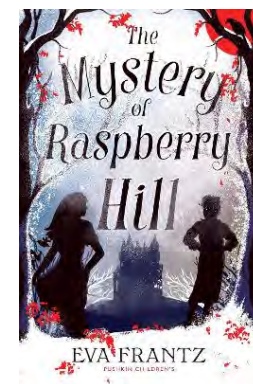
- A spine-tingling winter ghost story, perfect for fans of *The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane*, *Frost Hollow Hall* by Emma Carroll and the Aveline Jones series by Phil Hickes
- With 24 beautifully illustrated chapters, this book is designed to be the perfect advent calendar to curl up with in the run-up to Christmas
- The author is an award-winning crime writer for adults

Author Biography

Eva Frantz is a Finnish author and journalist. She was already an award-winning writer of crime novels for grown-ups when she wrote her first book for children, *The Mystery of Raspberry Hill*, which won the Runeberg Junior Prize. She currently lives in a lovely yellow house in Esbo with a lovely husband and three mostly lovely children. *The Secret of Helmersbruk Manor* is her second spooky book for children published by Pushkin Press.

Elin Sandström (b. 1988) is a Swedish illustrator and graphic designer with an eye for the supernatural and ghostly.

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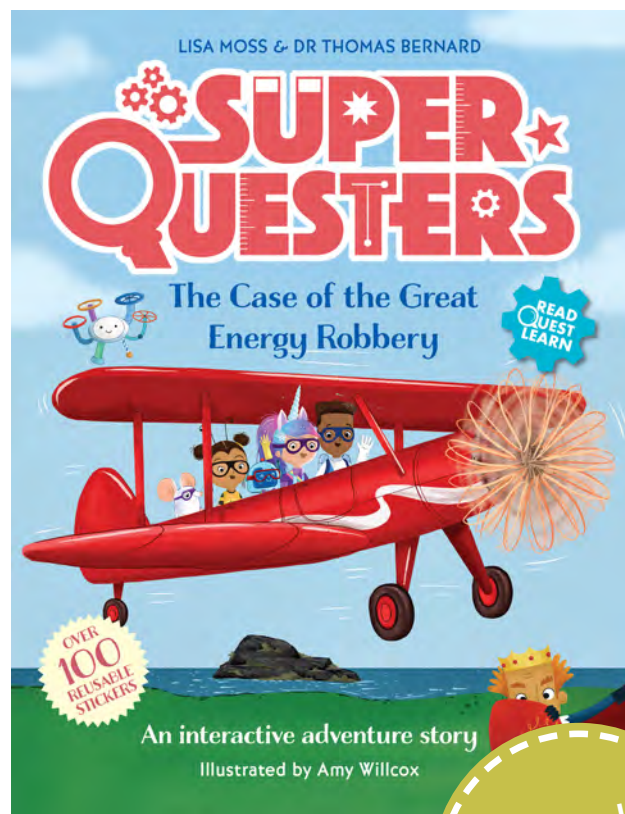


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SuperQuesters: The Case of the Great Energy Robbery

Dr Thomas Bernard, Lisa Moss

Illustrations by Amy Willcox



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Discover your inner superhero in the further adventures of the intrepid **SUPERQUESTERS! Ada Twist, Scientist meets PJ Masks** in this unique, interactive series expertly designed to develop children's STEM skills.

When Leo's mum challenges Leo, Lilli and Bea to figure out how to power a model airplane using a special biofuel that can be made from an ingredient in their own garden, the trio start investigating and return to Questland in search of a solution. Upon arrival, they discover that the evil Lord Grumble is once again up to his tricks, stealing energy throughout Questland from the sun, wind, water, animals and crops, and sending it back to his secret hideout on Black Rock Island. Adventure and excitement await as the friends work together to crack this latest case, while defeating Lord Grumble and his pesky Snapettes. It's time to **Read, Quest, Learn!**



Key Selling Points

- The only children's book series to include STEM learning within a dynamic story *and* feature interactive, hands-on activities.
- Aspirational, confident and diverse characters show that anything is possible with clear thinking, logic and patience
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- Features over 100 reusable stickers, as well as a reward chart, glossary and answer page and guidance for parents
- Perfect for fans of *Ada Twist, Scientist*, *Look Up!* and the *Fantastically Great Women* series, as well as superhero enthusiasts and children who love learning through play.

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| Publication: | 5 October 2023 |
| ISBN: | 9789083294308 |
| Price: | £7.99 |
| Extent: | 32 pp + 2pp reusable stickers |
| Dimensions: | 216 x 279 mm |
| Age: | 5+ years |
| Subject: | Fiction |
| Format: | Picture book |
| Binding: | Paperback |
| BIC code: | YBC, YBCS, YBG, YBL, YQM, 4KHF |
| Rights: | World |

'What a super book...the bright, colourful pages make each quest a fun yet educational challenge.' Rosie Watch, LoveReading editorial expert



Author Biographies

Dr Thomas Bernard and Lisa Moss are co-founders of QuestFriendz, STEM experts and authors of SuperQuesters, their debut children's book series. They live in Amsterdam with their STEM-loving twin daughters.

Illustrator Biography

Amy Willcox studied illustration at Falmouth University and now works as a freelance illustrator at her home in Norwich where she loves to draw and create interesting characters.

Detachable sticker sheets



STEM Skills covered in each Quest indicated here



"A clever, interactive problem-solving adventure story"
Tom Tolkien, School Reading List

"Brilliantly original! The best thing is the feeling of achievement and joy my child felt by completing the quests." Busy Busy Learning, Toppsta review

"Engaging and interactive, with vibrant storytelling and exciting hands-on challenges!" Stuart Naismith, PSTT Primary Science Teacher of the Year





SUPERQUESTERS



Meet the SuperQuesters: the superheroes who take children on STEM adventures

Detachable
sticker sheets

Introducing a STEM-sational series, expertly designed to inspire a love of STEM learning in children aged 4+ through a unique blend of adventure stories and interactive play. Children read the story, solve the quests using stickers and learn STEM skills in immersive ways never done before...while discovering their inner superhero along the way!



"A fun,
interactive book
for inquisitive
minds"
Konnie Huq



Key Selling Points

The only children's book series to include STEM learning within a dynamic story and feature interactive, hands-on activities

Perfect for fans of *Ada Twist, Scientist*, *Look Up!* by Nathan Bryon, and the *Fantastically Great Women* series

Aspirational, confident and diverse characters promote life skills – creativity, teamwork and resilience

Develop over 12 different key stage 1 STEM skills such as coding, sequencing and algorithms

100+ reusable stickers and reward chart plus a glossary, answer page and guidance for parents

SUPERQUESTERS REWARD CHART

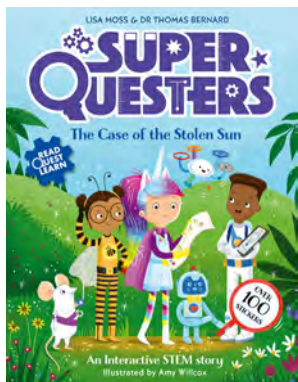
After completing each quest, collect a reward sticker and place it on the Reward Chart to track your progress and achievements. Once you have completed all 8 quests, you will become a fully fledged SuperQuester!

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| QUEST 1: Starry Sky | STEM skills: patterns recognition, shapes, lines |
| QUEST 2: Observation Hill | STEM skills: observing, naming, perception |
| QUEST 3: Floating Sea | STEM skills: floating, sinking, density, properties of materials |
| QUEST 4: Doughnut Island | STEM skills: coding, sequencing, algorithms |
| QUEST 5: Bake-O-Matic | STEM skills: coding, algorithms, sequencing, flow chart |
| QUEST 6: Homing Birds | STEM skills: coding, branching (if/then statements) |
| QUEST 7: The Enchanted Forest | STEM skills: coding, sequencing (to make statements), problem solving, understanding |
| QUEST 8: The Memory Machine | STEM skills: understanding, debugging |

STEM Skills covered in each Quest indicated here

"Creative, eye-catching, thought-provoking and interactive"
Dr Jo Science

SUPERQUESTERS



Book 1: The Case of the Stolen Sun

3 May 2022 • 9789082994056

Lilli, Bea and Leo seek to solve how objects such as a hot air balloon go up in the air. They journey to Questland in search of the answer. Upon arrival, they discover that Lord Grumble and the Snapettes have stolen the sun. How will the trio save Questland from darkness?



STEM
learning
outcome

SuperQuesters learn about the **science behind hot air balloons**. Their quests help them discover that hot air rises, fills the balloon, and makes the balloon rise up.

“A sure fire hit at home or at school and a brilliant example of learning through play!”
Joy Court



Book 2: The Case of the Missing Memory

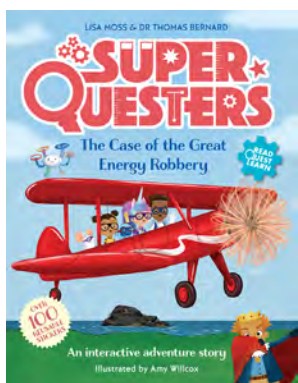
16 March 2023 • 9789082994049

After Lilli, Leo and Bea install a new dance software on B-bot, he stops working. The friends set out to discover the cause. They travel to Questland in search of help. Everyone is confused as the evil Lord Grumble has stolen all memories with his new Memory Machine. How will the trio restore normality?



STEM
learning
outcome

The SuperQuesters learn about **robotics, coding and computing memory**. Their quests help them understand that the new dance software installation caused B-bot to malfunction as he needed more memory.



Book 3: The Case of the Great Energy Robbery

5 October 2023 • 9789083294308

Leo's mum challenges Leo, Lilli and Bea to find out how to power a model airplane using a special biofuel that can be made from an ingredient in their own garden. They return to Questland to find the answer. But Lord Grumble is stealing energy from the sun, wind, water, animals and crops. How will they stop him and return the stolen energy?

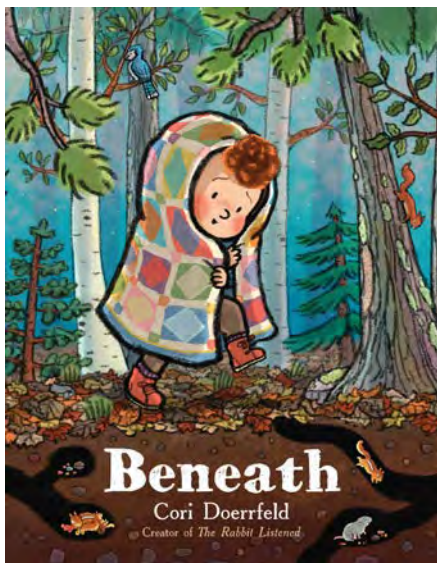


STEM
learning
outcome

The SuperQuesters learn that **nature – from the sun to animal manure – is full of powerful resources** which can be used to give energy to fuel things such as Leo's model airplane.

“Adventurous, magical and fun!”
Toppsta.com

£7.99 – Ages 4-8 – Paperback – Picture book – Full Colour – 32 pages + 2 pages of stickers – 216 x 279 mm



Beneath

By Cori Doerrfeld



Scallywag Press

In this stunning story from the creator of *The Rabbit Listened*, a child and their grandfather take a walk in the woods and discover more about themselves and their feelings.

Finn is in a horrible mood and doesn't want to talk about it, but after some persuading, agrees to go for a hike with Grandpa. Throughout their forest walk, they see many different things: big, strong trees with networks of roots growing underneath, still water with schools of fish swimming below, and an expectant bird with eggs nestled under her. Grandpa explains that people also have hidden feelings beneath the surface, and despite appearances, may be feeling the same way you do.

Key Selling Points

- A sweet and tender picture book showing that there's always more under the surface than what we can see
- Empowers children to explore and examine their own feelings
- A wonderful tool to start discussion when dealing with a bereavement or other difficult situation
- Will appeal to fans of *The Rabbit Listened*, now reprinted nine times, and *Say Hello, Say Goodbye* from the same author.

Sales and Marketing

- Will be sent widely for review
- Will sell alongside *The Rabbit Listened*
- Perfect for Empathy Day and use in schools.
- Free downloadables and lesson plan



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Baby's First Year

Create a beautiful record of baby's first year in this gorgeously illustrated book. With places to note important dates and milestones, add photos and prints of baby's hands and feet, plus two pockets to store precious mementoes and letters to your child in the future, this will be a keepsake your family can treasure forever.

- Nina Stajner has 230k Instagram followers
- Linen effect foiled cover with copper ribbon tie
- Two pockets to store mementoes and letters



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| TPS | 240x270mm Landscape | Title: | Baby's First Year |
| Extent | 40pp | ISBN: | 9781915356420 |
| Format | PLC self ends | Pub. Date: | 1st October 2023 |
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ISBN: 9781915235626

Age Range: 9 - 12

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(Children's / Teenage))

CBMC Code: D3N79

Extent: 322 pp

Dimensions: 129 x 198 mm

THE MYTH KEEPER

JASMINE RICHARDS

THE BOOK

Magic and myth collide in this fast-paced middle-grade fantasy, a sequel to *The Unmorrow Curse*.

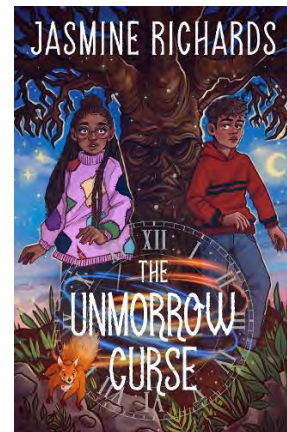
Ever since Buzz and his friend Mary returned from their quest to save the Runes of Valhalla, Buzz has been wishing something more exciting would happen in his sleepy town of Crowmarsh. Buzz's wish is about to come true. Strange people are arriving in Crowmarsh, and it turns out that these visitors aren't people at all—they're mythological gods! They've come to kidnap Buzz's best friend, Sam, whose newfound power makes him the key to granting the wishes of the gods.

When the gods kidnap Sam, Buzz and Mary must set off on a dangerous adventure to find a mysterious being known as the Keeper of the Myths. Only the Keeper is strong enough to help them save Sam, unlock their own powers, and banish the gods back to their realms—before it's too late.

Cover illustration by Pypah Santos

THE AUTHOR

Jasmine Richards, a former publisher, is the co-author of the Aziza's Secret Fairy Door series and has also written for both teen and picture book audiences. She is a screenwriter on PJ Masks for Disney and is also the founder of Storymix – a fiction studio that creates children's stories with diverse casts of characters in an organic, joyful and authentic way. She loves to hear from readers. Do visit her at www.jasminerichards.com or find her on social media @jrichardsauthor.



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THE NOVEMBER WITCHES

JENNIFER CLAESSEN

THE BOOK

No witch is excited about gloomy magic-free November apart from young hag Clemmie who is relieved to finally be done with October's magical mess.

But if there's no more magic, then where are all the armour-clad knights coming from? When even their enemy coven, the Morgans, don't have any answers, the Merlyns are on the run.

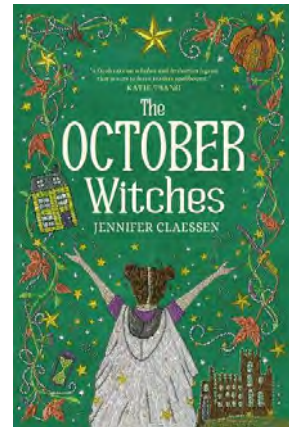
Neither the Morgan or Merlyn covens want to burn so they will have to work together to solve the mystery of where the witch-hunting knights and the all-engulfing flames are coming from.

Will Clemmie be able to find her voice in time to save her family?

Continuing directly on from THE OCTOBER WITCHES, this NOVEMBER sequel is full of bonfires, knights, family disasters and one very important round table. Cover illustration by Heidi Cannon.

THE AUTHOR

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



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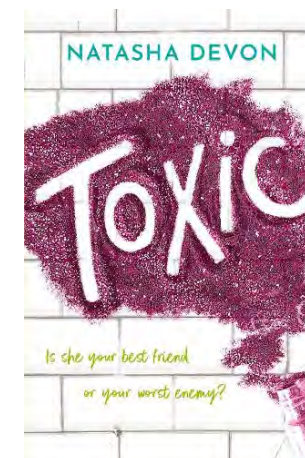
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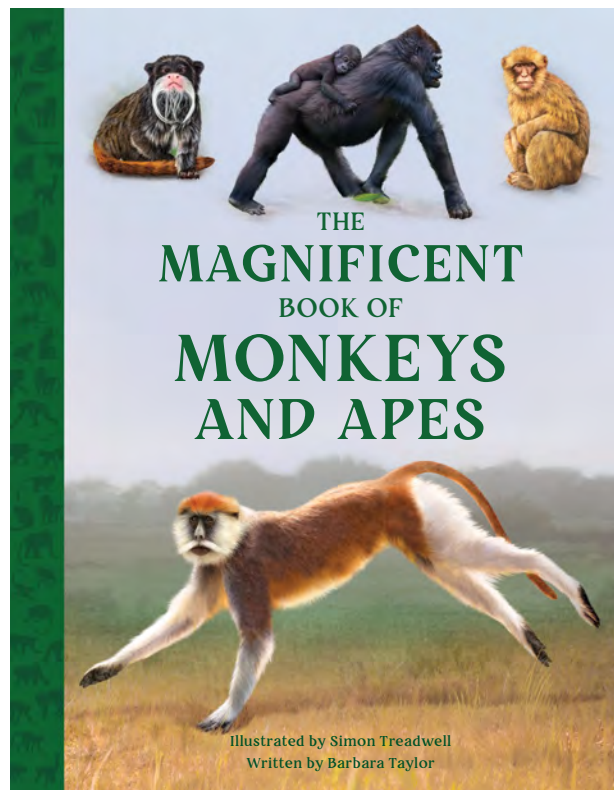
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| ISBN | 9781915588302 |
| Format | 235 x 305 mm |
| Price | £14.99 (no VAT) |
| Age | 7 years and up |
| Extent | 80 pages |
| Binding | Hardcover |
| Illustrations | Full colour |
| Author | Barbara Taylor |
| Illustrator | Simon Treadwell |
| BIC Codes | YNNR |

Key Selling Points

Stunning Illustrations – vibrant, detailed images bring these wonderful animals to life.

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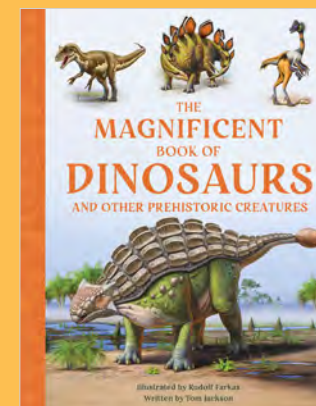


Who's Behind the Book?

Author: Barbara Taylor studied environmental sciences at the University of Southampton before becoming a science editor and writer at London's Natural History Museum. She is a multi-award-winning author of more than 120 children's information books and encyclopedias on natural history, science and geography.





Illustrator: Simon Treadwell attended the Istituto Europeo di Design in Milan and later worked as an Art Director in the advertising industry. As an illustrator, he became a specialist in hyperrealism, using mixed techniques, airbrush, oil, acrylic and watercolour.

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Japanese macaque



Macaca fuscata

-  The Japanese macaque is also known as the snow monkey. This is because some of them live in places where there is snow and ice in winter.
-  In the snowy mountains, groups of Japanese macaques keep warm by bathing in hot springs. These are heated by underground volcanic rocks.
-  These macaques have large pouches in their cheeks. They store fruit, leaves and seeds in these pouches, carrying the food to a safe place to eat later.
-  Japanese macaques are the only animals apart from humans and raccoons that wash their food before eating it. They sometimes wash food in salt water – scientists think they do this because they enjoy the salty flavour.

Fact file

Lives: Japan (Honshu, Kyushu, Skikoku)
Habitat: Warm and cool forests, mountains
Length: Head–body 52–57 cm (20–22 in); tail 7–12 cm (2½–4¾ in)
Weight: Female 5.5–8.4 kg (12–18½ lb); male 10–14 kg (22–31 lb)
Life span: 22–30 years
Diet: Fruit, leaves, seeds, insects, eggs, crabs

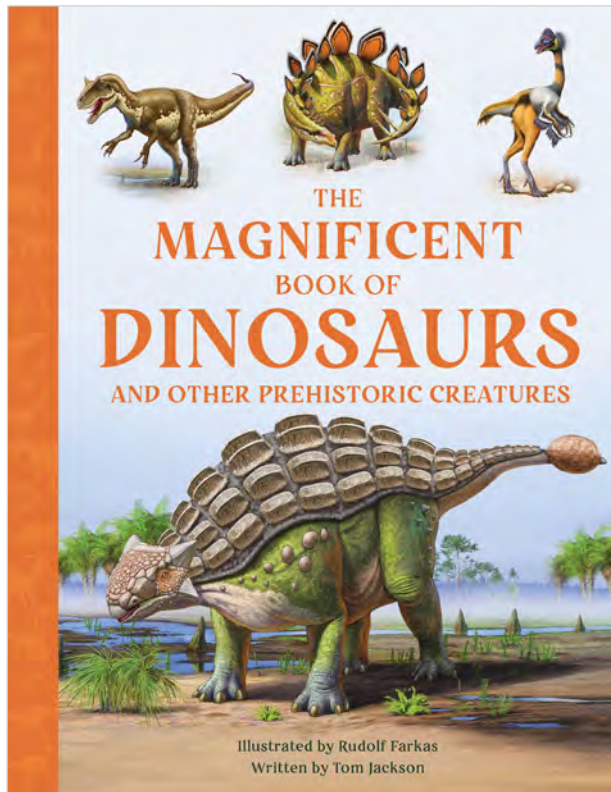


-  On icy winter nights, macaques sometimes huddle together in the trees to avoid being buried in large drifts of snow on the ground.
-  Young Japanese macaques like to play. Sometimes they roll snow into snowballs and the whole troop has a snowball fight.



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Written by Tom Jackson, illustrated by Rudolf Farkas

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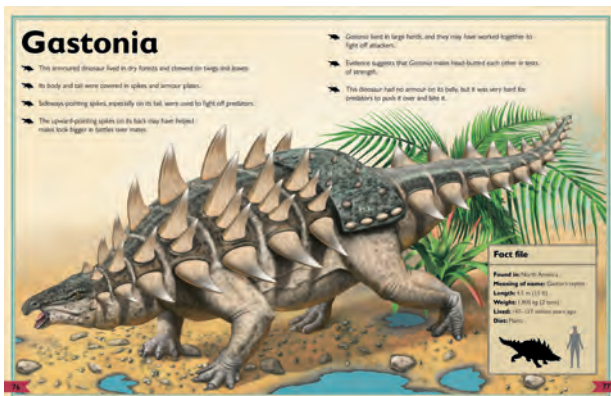
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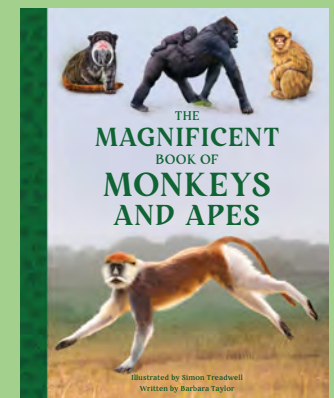


Who's Behind the Book?

Author: Tom Jackson has been a writer for over 20 years. He has written more than 100 books and contributed to many more, covering everything from axolotls to zoroastrianism.

Illustrator: Rudolf Farkas has been creating illustrations of animals and nature for more than 40 years. His digital illustrations for children are particularly known for their realistic representations.

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Archaeopteryx

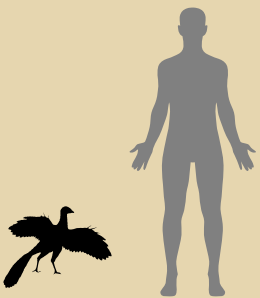
- Many scientists think that *Archaeopteryx* was not a dinosaur, but that it was one of the first birds.
- Archaeopteryx* had a long, bony tail and sharp teeth.
- Scientists don't know if *Archaeopteryx* could fly from the ground. It probably glided out of trees instead.
- Archaeopteryx* did not have big flying muscles like today's birds, so it could not stay in the air for long.

- This animal's small eyes suggest that it hunted during the day.
- Scientists think that *Archaeopteryx* used its wings to help it stay up while it ran over the surface of a lake to hunt fish.
- Evidence suggests *Archaeopteryx* would have grabbed prey with its mouth and held it there with its claws.



Fact file

Found in: Europe
Meaning of name: Ancient feather
Length: 50 cm (1 ft 6 in)
Weight: 1 kg (2.2 lb)
Lived: 151–149 million years ago
Diet: Insects and lizards



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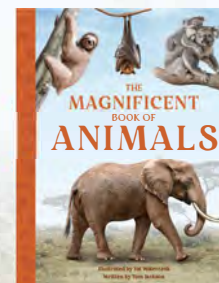
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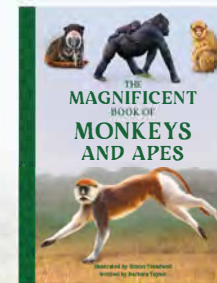
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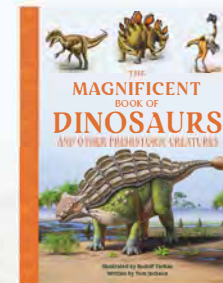
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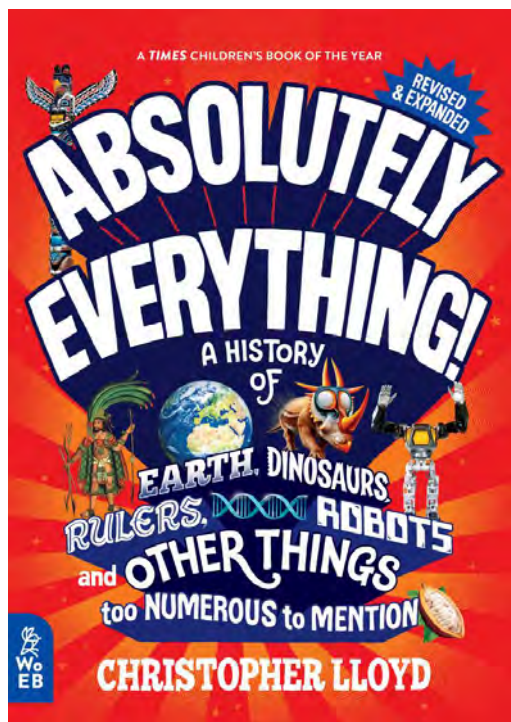
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Author Information

Christopher Lloyd began his career as a journalist with the *Sunday Times* newspaper. Then, one day, he had a realisation: even with a 1st class degree in history from Cambridge University and experience as a science writer, there was so much about the world he didn't know. So, he set out to write a book that showed how seemingly unrelated events fit together. After his adult world history book *What on Earth Happened?* sold 500,000 copies around the world, Chris set out to tell the story to children. *Absolutely Everything* is the result. Chris lives in Tonbridge, Kent, with his wife and two adorable terriers.

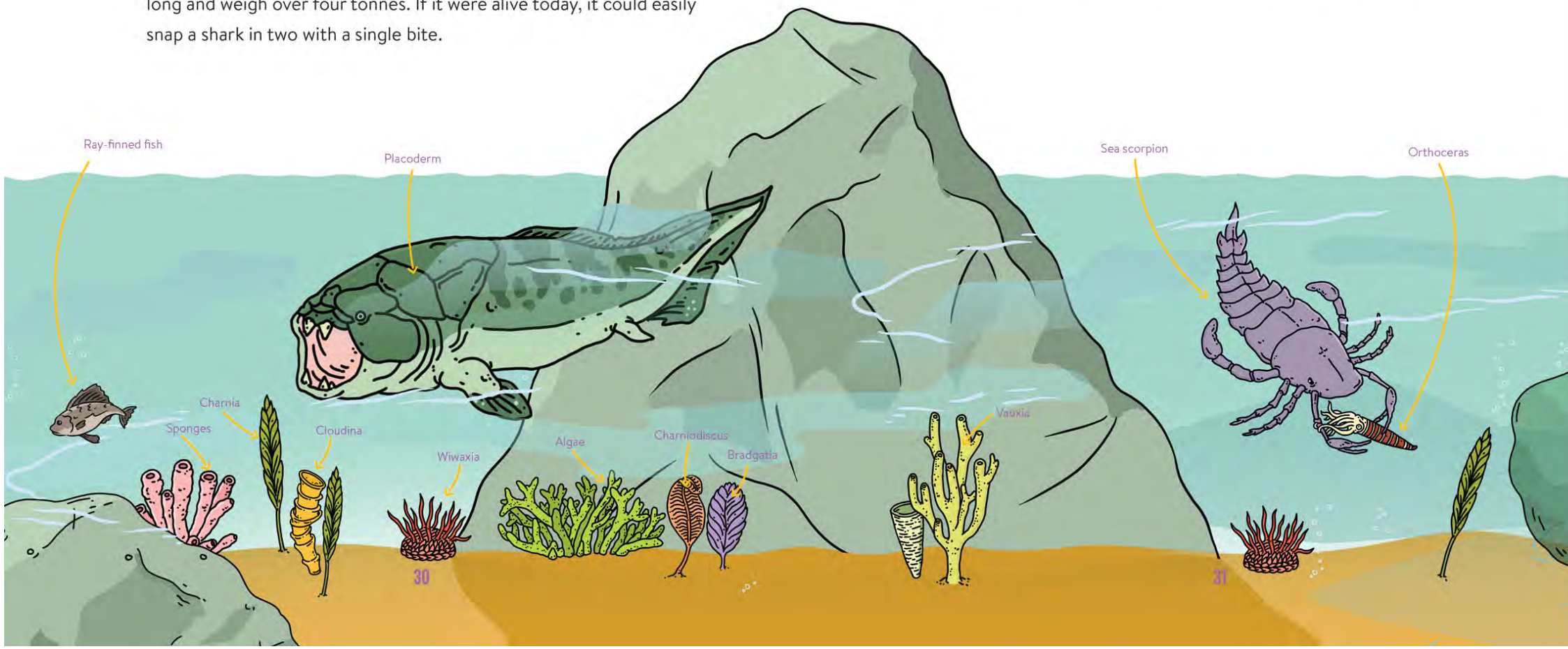
Andy Forshaw graduated in graphic design and illustration from London's Central Saint Martin's College and has worked on numerous online and publishing projects. Since 2010, Andy has created more than 5,000 illustrations for children's books. When not illustrating, Andy can be found exploring the countryside on his bike. He lives in London with his partner and daughter.

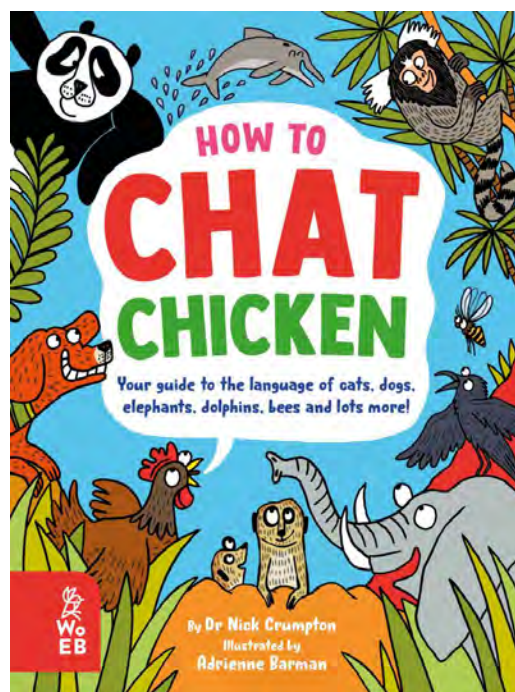
animals with backbones. Vertebrates include fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Since humans are mammals, baby sea squirts are super important. Some experts think they should go down in prehistory as our great-great-great... grandparents!

Among the most fearsome creatures of the Silurian and Devonian seas was the now-extinct placoderm. It was a giant fish that had jaws and teeth. Heavy armour plating covered its head and throat. Its body had thick scales, and some placoderms had fins covered in armour-plated tubes. These were nature's first war machines, built like tanks. A placoderm could grow up to ten metres long and weigh over four tonnes. If it were alive today, it could easily snap a shark in two with a single bite.

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How to Chat Chicken



Your guide to the language of cats, dogs, elephants, dolphins, bees and lots more!

Dr Nick Crumpton, Adrienne Barman

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Insects, birds, reptiles, mammals and amphibians are all talking to each other too, with grunts, squeaks and tweets, as part of the natural orchestra that is Life on Earth. Some of those noises can sound scary, others sweet... wouldn't it be nice to be able to understand what they were all trying to say?

Author Dr Nick Crumpton acts as our translator and guide through the animal kingdom in this fun, and funny, book. He teaches us what our pet dog's bark means and how an orangutan says 'Hello!' (*Whuuu-whuuu-whuuu* just in case you ever need it!). Each sound has been researched using recordings and information from scientists in the field.

- A fun and funny guide to animal communication. Full of hilarious noises for young readers to say aloud.
- Adrienne Barman's artwork gives each animal a life of its own, drawing the reader into the animal world.
- Each sound has been researched using recordings and information from scientists in the field.
- Perfect illustrated guide to understanding animals' languages.

Author Information

Nick Crumpton is a children's writer and zoologist. He wrote his first book for children whilst completing his PhD in zoology at the University of Cambridge, and his second when working at the BBC Natural History Unit and the Natural History Museum, London. Although a research scientist by training, he is most passionate about the communication of science and sharing the secrets of the natural world through public engagement. He lives in North London.

Adrienne Barman illustrates from her home in Switzerland. She has published about thirty books and comics and her book *Creaturepedia* has been translated into 18 languages, and also won the Swiss Youth and Media Prize 2015. Bright colours, the animal world and quirky nature are at the heart of Adrienne's drawings.

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| BIC code | YB |
| Age | 2+ |
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| Extent | 12 pages (1,900mm long) |
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| Age | 3+ |
| Features | Reversible fold-out book, folds into a fire engine with a removable windscreen and Velcro closure. |

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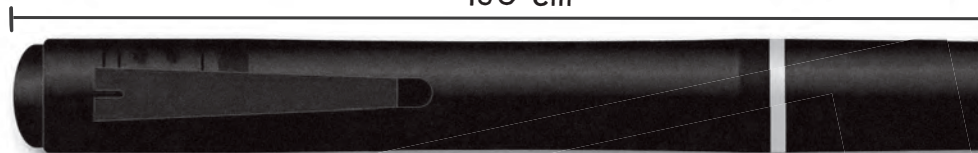
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