

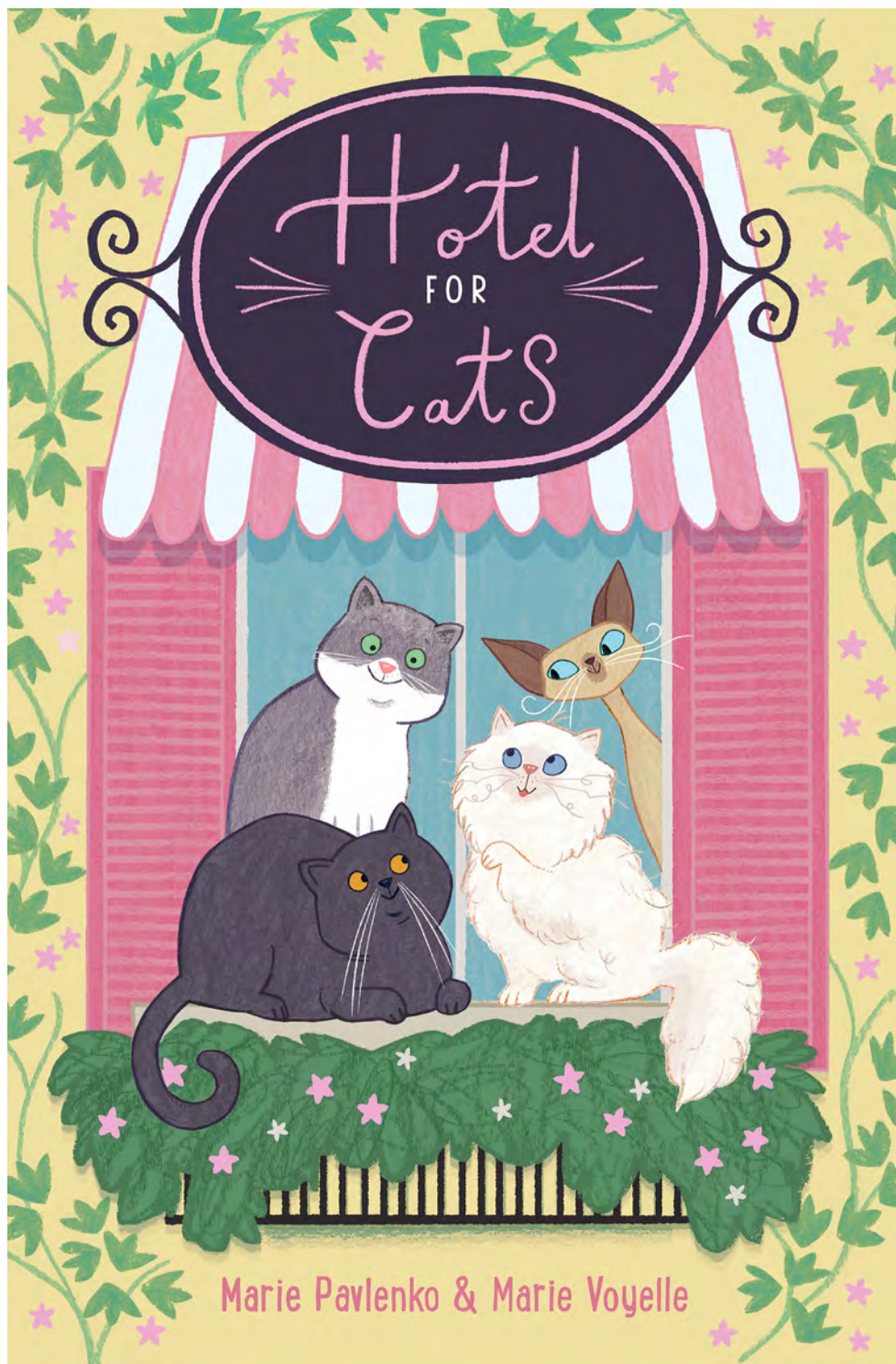


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## SCHOLASTIC







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# HOTEL FOR CATS

Written by Marie Pavlenko, Illustrated by Marie Voyelle

At a hotel in Paris, four cats are in charge: Bobine, Mulot, Carpette and Couscous. When a scared new cat, Wolfgang, arrives, the feline friends make it their mission to find out why he is so afraid ...

- The first story in the bestselling series, translated from the original French and with delightful illustrations throughout.
- A classic little gem for readers aged 7 and up.
- Sweet, charming and funny – readers will immediately fall in love with the four felines!
- Perfect for fans of *Paddington* and *Mango and Bambang*.

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# HOTEL FOR CATS

Marie Pavlenko & Marie Voyelle

It all started one late-morning in July, when a man in a smart but old-fashioned velvet suit stopped in front of the cat hotel's glass doors.

It was a hot day. A scorching day, in fact. And so sunny that the neon-orange Charamba sign (whose lights were usually so strong they could be seen from the far end of the street at night) seemed almost pale.

Not that the man noticed. He was sweating buckets and needed to dab his brow – which is why he put down the carrier he'd been transporting, and drew a hankie from his pocket.

It was at that moment that he heard a yowl.

The yowl belonged to a dragon – a magnificent blue-scaled dragon, who ate nothing but blackberries and apple tree leaves, and. . . Nah! Only joking! Dragons don't exist. Well, not in real life. Though they do exist in pretend life. But as this is real life and not pretend life, I assure you it wasn't a dragon.

What it was, was a cat (obviously, this book's full of them).

And although to the man the yowl had sounded like a 'meeooooow . . .', what the cat in the carrier had really said was, 'You have got to be kitten me. I'm dying of heat in here. Paw-lease hurry up!'

'Don't worry, Wolfgang, everything will be fine,' the man cooed in reply, walking through the hotel door without the slightest idea what Wolfgang had said.

'I'm not worried, Norbert. I'm just desperate for a weeeeeeee!' the cat replied, his eyes popping out their sockets.

What can I say?

That's the problem with humans, isn't it? They think they're cleverer than other living creatures, but really, they don't understand very much – especially not cat speak (or whale speak or giraffe speak, at that . . .). Cats understand humans, though, which is clawsome!

The pair stepped into a large, prettily-decorated lobby, where a huge wooden desk sat at the back.

To say the desk was cluttered would be an understatement. See for yourself. Strewn around a computer were: piles of folders, pens galore (in pink, green and black), a figurine of a pig sipping cocktails, a purple wig, a stapler shaped like a pear, numerous plants (including a heart-shaped cactus), three cat-themed mugs filled with dregs of tea, knitting needles, two or three balls of wool and a big fan blowing air at full blast.

A white Persian cat sat in front of it all. She had very tangled fur and didn't so much as bat a whisker as the man walked over and cried, 'Helloooooo?'

## DESCRIPTION

At a hotel in Paris, four cats are in charge. There is bossy Bobine, a secret knitter; tough-talking Mulo; Carpette, who is looking for love; and Couscous who speaks to ghosts. When a scared new cat, Wolfgang, arrives, the feline friends make it their mission to find out why he is afraid and to soon make him feel at home.



### MARIE PAVLENKO & MARIE VOYELLE

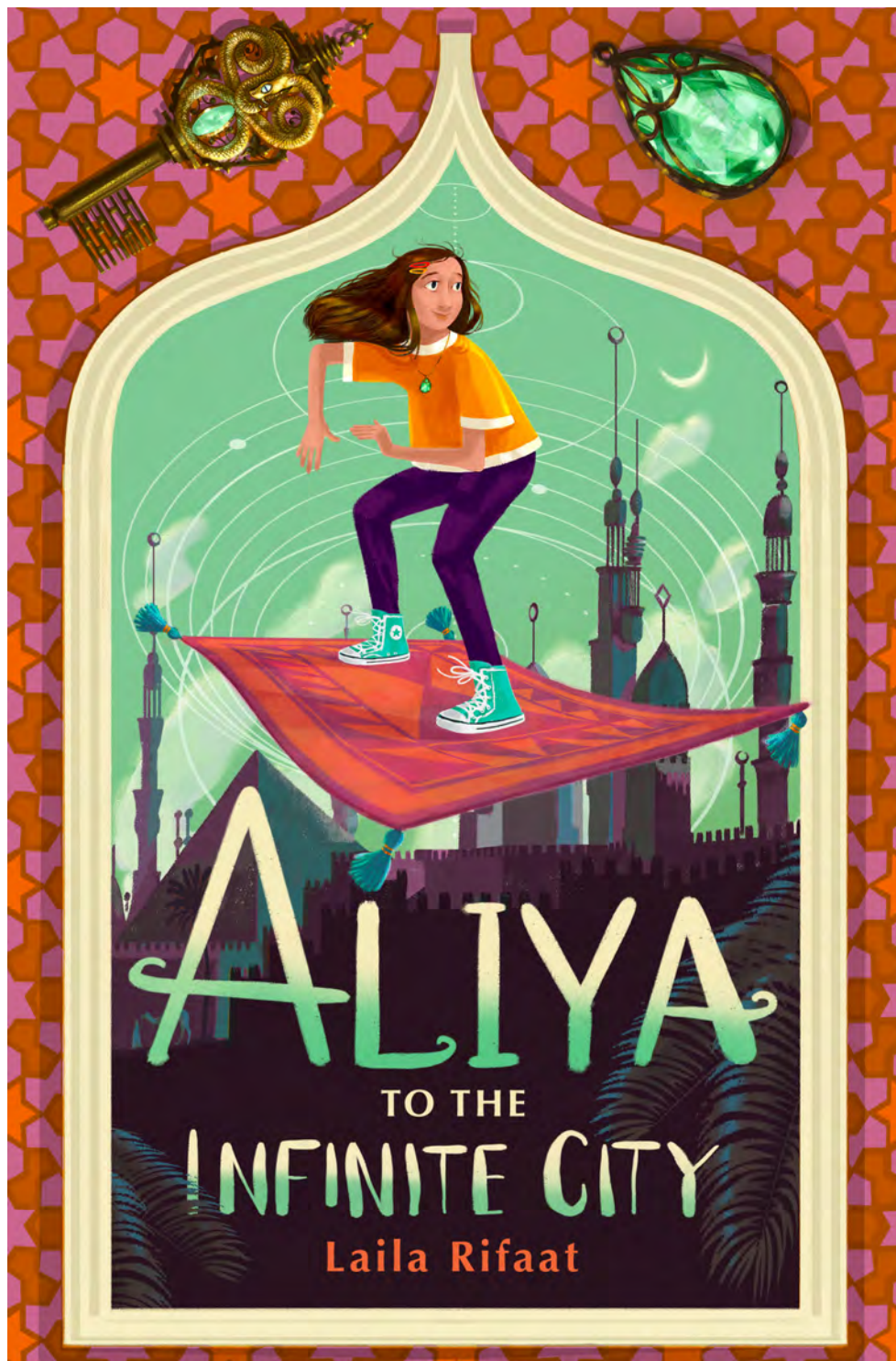
Marie and Marie have known each other for a long time – their first cats were actually brother and sister! Marie P writes and Marie V illustrates.



If Marie V were a cat, she would eat biscuits while sitting on Marie P's keyboard. If Marie P were a cat, she would eat dandelions rather than mice.







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# ALIYA TO THE INFINITE CITY

Laila Rifaat

A glittering birthday gift arrives for Aliya promising her greatest wish – to know her late parents, who were time-travellers from a parallel Egypt. But ruthless Dorian Dark will stop at nothing to snare Aliya's secret inheritance.

- Chicken House's lead middle-grade for spring 2024; a sparkling magical debut, set in a fantastical Egypt.
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# ALIYA TO THE INFINITE CITY

Laila Rifaat

Magic. Her heart hammered as she stared down at the diamond in her hands.

At certain angles she almost thought she could see something moving within the shimmering surface of the diamond, as if it had captured a shadow.

Then, lifting it up for a closer look, she noticed that the letters on the setting were moving. The engraved letters flowed into a thin line that shaped a new name:

Aliya.

She pressed the necklace to her chest. It had belonged to her mother and now it had become hers – her odd inheritance.

‘Please bring my parents back. Bring them back from death. Unmake the accident.’

She waited with bated breath, but nothing happened.

‘Please,’ she tried again, rubbing the diamond harder, eyes tingling with tears. She had magic. She should use it to change everything – to get her family back,

to start over!

But the gem lay dead in her hands. It wasn’t complying – not with this wish.

A rosy haze still hung in the dark room, shedding glitter over the mounds of dusty books and leftover sandwiches – a whiff of something fantastic in her dreary world. She followed it with her eyes as it slipped across Geddo’s hat collection and slid away along the floor. Then it slipped under the door to the study and was gone.

Running after it, she tried the door.

Locked. She slammed her palm against the wood.

She might not be able to magic her parents back, but she would find out what Geddo was hiding from her. She was tired of secrets.

For a moment she hesitated. Geddo had said magic was evil, haram. But if her mother had owned a necklace like this, perhaps Geddo had it wrong? Perhaps magic wasn’t evil at all, just misunderstood?

Taking a deep breath, she squeezed the diamond. Whatever the truth was, she couldn’t sit around and wait for it any longer. She’d have to go after it – come what may.

## DESCRIPTION

On Aliya’s birthday, a glittering surprise gift arrives, promising her greatest wish – to know her late parents. She discovers they were time-travellers from a remarkable parallel Egypt. But when she is whisked there on a magic carpet, she discovers why the truth was hidden from her. A ruthless time-dodger, Dorian Dark, will wreak havoc on history, if he can snare Aliya and her secret inheritance.



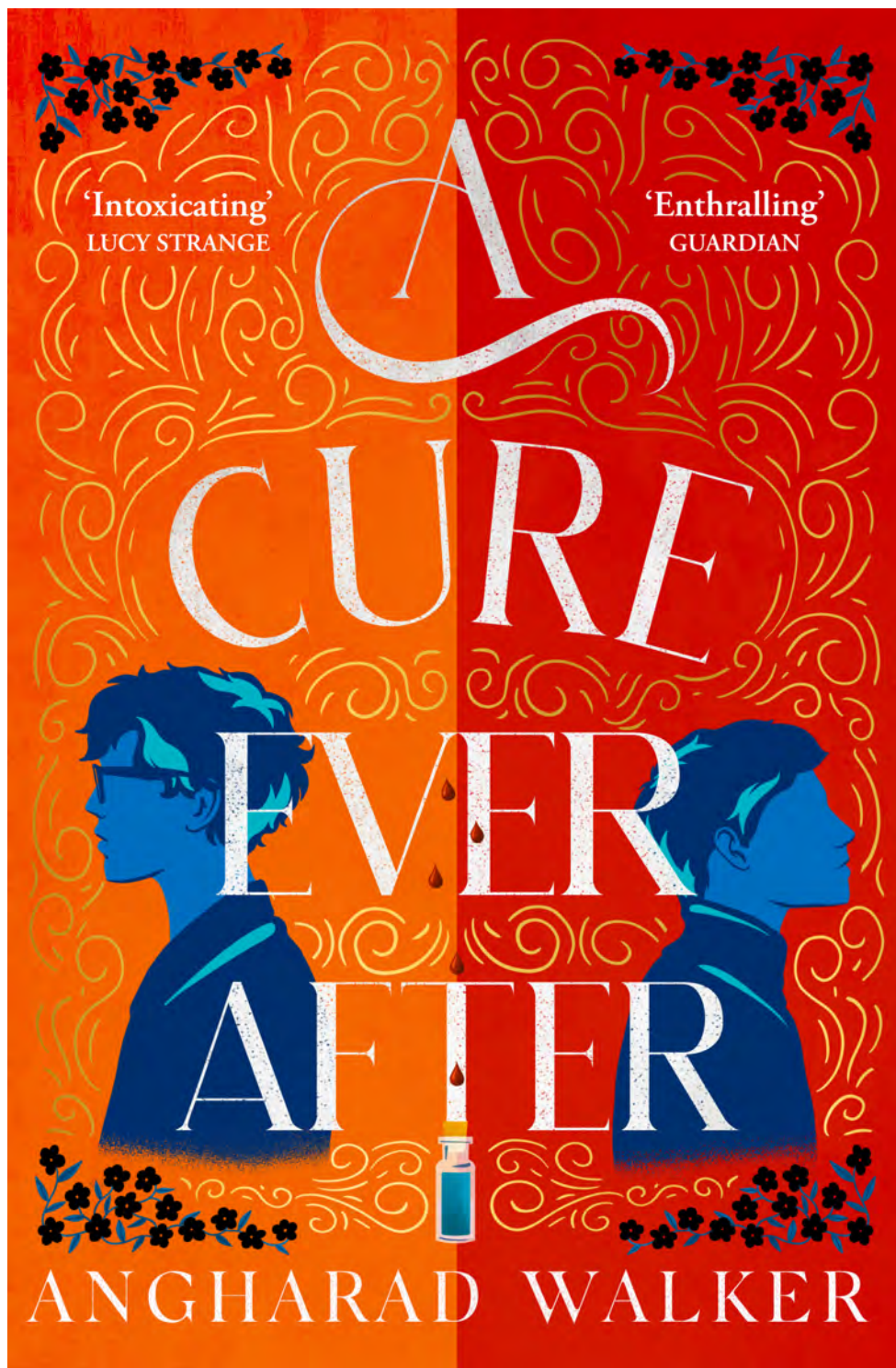
### LAILA RIFAAT

Laila moved to Cairo, Egypt, in her twenties to explore her father’s native country. She fell

in love with the country and has lived in Cairo for over twenty years now. It remains a main source of inspiration for her stories. She has an MA in English and Comparative Literature and has worked as an ESL and IGCSE teacher. Nowadays she’s a stay-at-home mum to her four kids.







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# A CURE EVER AFTER

Angharad Walker

Kitt is a young financier who turns everything he touches to gold. Os is a failed methic with a strange talent. When a terrible accident causes Lundain to be consumed by toxic feelings, only they can heal the city – but it will cost one of them everything ...

- A stunning teen urban fantasy set five years after the events of the original and critically acclaimed *Once Upon a Fever*, shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.
- Two new characters navigate a disaster in this unique, enchanting alternate London, in a world in which feelings cause supernatural illnesses.
- Perfect for fans of Philip Pullman and Laini Taylor.

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## A CURE EVER AFTER Angharad Walker

After his parents died – his father in an accident repairing a waterwheel when he was just a baby, his mother of a fever years later – Kitt had lived in Leadenhall market, working for the merchants, stealing from them from time to time, and playing with the other children who had nowhere else to go.

It was in this time he'd first felt the beginnings of his Midas-fingers.

He was in the market waiting for the glass merchant to turn his back for a moment. Glassware was difficult to steal but sold for a lot, and Kitt was particularly good at pinching the more delicate items without breaking them. He was in the shadows, waiting, watching, when a financier and his son approached the stall. The boy picked up a glass trinket and began to play with it. It caught the light, piercing Kitt's vision from time to time. He wasn't sure why, but he felt angry, as though the boy was playing with something that belonged to him. While the child was distracted, the financier went behind the stall to speak with the merchant. Kitt saw the moment the child put the

trinket down and realized he couldn't see his father. He saw him call out, his face flush, the quick movements of his head as he looked left and right. Then, in a flash of gold, the financier appeared again to reassure the boy. The boy pressed his face into his father's robes, smiling with relief.

Kitt didn't know why, but it gave him a stomach ache that didn't go away. It was like a hunger that no amount of food could satisfy. Sometimes the craving consumed his whole body. He began to taste it: metallic, like blood. His tongue felt thick and grainy. Then, one morning, he noticed it lodged in his nail beds: gold.

Once it arrived, it never relented. Flakes of it crusted at the corners of his eyes and in his hair. Liquid globules of it formed in his mouth. He spat it out on the street when nobody was looking. Then it came from his fingers; soft and gel-like, until it touched something else, then it solidified and caked everything he touched. He began to wear gloves.

The methics gave him medicine, and his symptoms slowed a little, but never went away completely. The greed was always there, even on the days when he couldn't have said what exactly he wanted.

### DESCRIPTION

Kitt has completed his financier training and returns to Lundain. The street urchin has transformed into a polished young man whose touch turns everything to gold. Os, meanwhile, has flunked his methic exams – but a unique talent brings him to the attention of the financier's Guild Master, who enlists him to develop a feeling that will grant Midas-fingers to every financier. But his greed results in a terrible accident in which Lundain is consumed by toxic feelings ...



### ANGHARAD WALKER

Angharad Walker grew up on military bases in the UK, Germany and Cyprus. She studied English Literature and Creative Writing at the University of Warwick and the University of California Irvine. Her first novel for older children, *The Ash House*, was published to critical acclaim in 2021.

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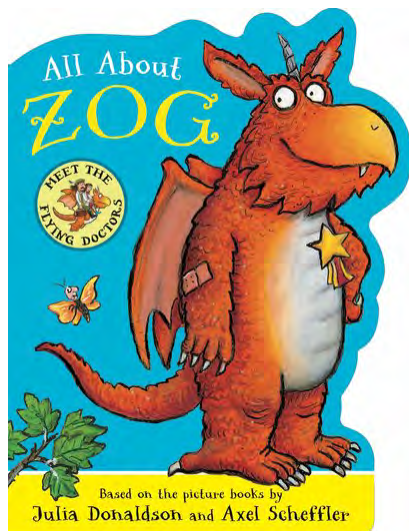




# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

## ALL ABOUT ZOG - A ZOG SHAPED BOARD BOOK

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



Get to know Zog and his friends in this fun board book in the shape of Zog by the bestselling creators of *The Gruffalo* and *Stick Man*.

Perfect for kids of all ages with sturdy card pages and brightly coloured illustrations. The bouncy text introduces readers to the much-loved characters from the classic story.

*Meet the Flying Doctors - a dragon, knight and girl.*

*Their names are Gadabout the Great, and Zog, and Princess Pearl.*

### Key selling points

- A new shaped board book from the award-winning superstars of the children's book world, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- Based on the bestselling picture books *Zog* and *Zog and The Flying Doctors*
- With sturdy, card pages, this is a perfect introduction to Zog and his friends for little ones

**About the author:** Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written. She has been awarded an MBE for services to literature, and was also a much-praised Children's Laureate. [www.juliadonaldson.co.uk](http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk)

**About the illustrator:** Axel Scheffler is one of the most celebrated illustrators in the world. He has brought to life a huge variety of characters, from dragons to gruffalos. Axel lives in London. [www.axelscheffler.com](http://www.axelscheffler.com)

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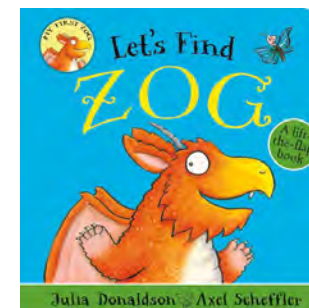
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# ALISON GREEN BOOKS

ALL ABOUT ZOG

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Zog's not  
very good  
at landing...



But he always gets the  
team where they need to go.



If someone's  
feeling poorly,

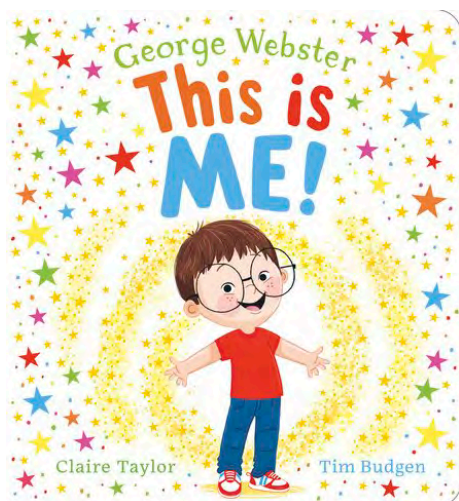
the doctors  
know just  
what to do.



# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THIS IS ME

GEORGE WEBSTER Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN



**A hugely uplifting and full-of-heart board book by CBeebies sensation George Webster and bestselling illustrator Tim Budgen!**

Meet George and his friends!

*This is me. I am George. My eyes are sparkly, just like my mum.*

*Like my dad, I'm determined and brave, and like my sister, I'm full of FUN!*

*This is Me* celebrates our differences and is perfect for every child and every family. It's a beautiful, heartfelt and positive story, with illustrations that are guaranteed to make you smile. Sure to bring out the glow in everyone!

### Key selling points

- Pairing CBeebies star George Webster with bestselling illustrator Tim Budgen, this is a match made in heaven
- This celebration of Down syndrome is joyous, uplifting and a welcome reminder of all that's good in the world
- With a joyous rhyming story and a whole host of children alongside the main character, this powerful picture book is the perfect way to show children that not only are they amazing, but their friends, family and even people they haven't yet met are amazing too!
- Publishing March 2024, in time for Down Syndrome Awareness Day and the second picture book by George Webster and Tim Budgen

**About the authors:** **George Webster** is an actor, BAFTA-winning TV presenter and Ambassador for Mencap who was catapulted into the public eye when he spoke about Down syndrome in his myth busting video for BBC Bitesize. He is now a presenter on CBeebies. **Claire Taylor** is a series producer for BBC Children's, she's worked on much loved shows such as 'CBeebies Bedtime Stories'. Claire has been honoured to guide George through his presenting journey to date and work with him on his very special picture book.

**About the illustrator:** Tim Budgen is the outstanding illustrator of bestselling series such as the TWENTY AT BEDTIME and THE MAGIC PET SHOP series. For much of his life he has been scribbling down ideas and can usually be found with a pencil in one hand and a sketchbook in the other! He lives by the sea on Hayling Island with his wife Julia.

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## THIS IS ME (CBB)

Sometimes, we might need a little help  
to find out what makes us glow.

We can try  
new things,

have lots of fun . . .



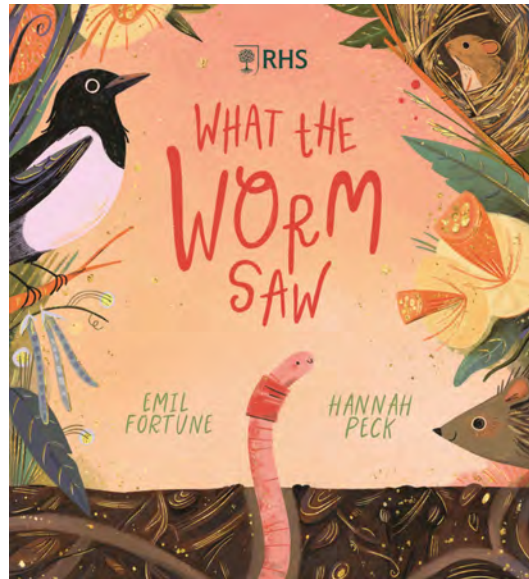
why not give everything a go?



# PICTURE & NOVELTY

RHS: WHAT THE WORM SAW

EMIL FORTUNE Illustrated by HANNAH PECK



Meet Earthworm – pink, wriggly and busy helping everyone’s gardens grow. In collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the UK’s leading gardening charity, comes a charming tale with a powerful message for little green minds: join one very special worm to discover the important role earthworms play in nature and how they help our wildlife thrive.

This informative tale features delightful illustrations by Hannah Peck (Somebody Swallowed Stanley) and includes additional factual content young readers will love.

This beautiful, illustrated children's books series is the perfect introduction to the world of flowers, trees and wildlife, ready to inspire a new generation.

## Key selling points

- A powerful message about the important role earthworms play in nature and how they help plants and wildlife thrive
- This beautiful collection of illustrated children's books is the perfect introduction to the world of flowers, trees and wildlife, ready to inspire a whole new generation
- The RHS is now turning its attention to children's products, including games, apparel, outdoor toys and stationery
- The RHS has a growing audience with over 500,000 members
- More than 2.1 million people visit RHS Gardens every year
- The RHS Chelsea Flower Show reaches over 2.1 billion people via TV and radio, with over 409 million people worldwide watching or listening to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show broadcasts

About the brand: produced in collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the UK's leading gardening charity, this extraordinarily beautiful collection of illustrated children's books is the perfect introduction to the world of flowers, trees and wildlife, ready to inspire a whole new generation.

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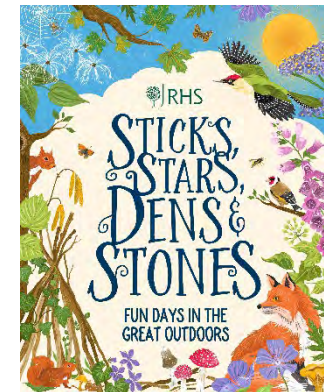
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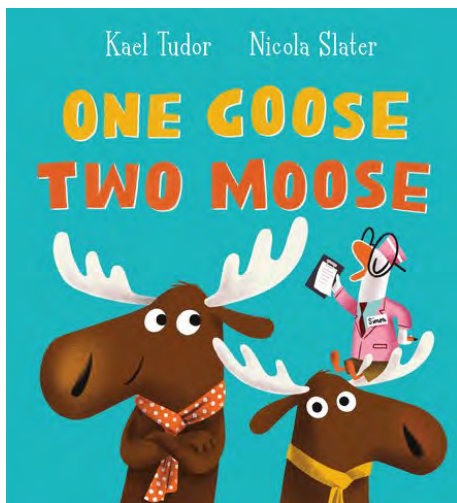
EMIL FORTUNE Illustrated by HANNAH PECK



# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## ONE GOOSE, TWO MOOSE

Kael Tudor Illustrated by NICOLA SLATER



This brilliantly funny picture book perfectly captures the chaos of queueing up, and features a fun counting element too.

*OK, everyone, line up!  
One goose, two moose, three goose, four.  
Five goose, six moose, seven goose, more.  
WAIT!*

Welcome to the ice cream shop, where there's a **goose line**, a **moose line** and a **slightly bossy** goose who wants everyone to be **IN THE RIGHT LINE, PLEASE!**

That sounds easy enough, doesn't it?

### Key selling points

- Witty and original first book in a brand-new series from debut author Kael Tudor
- Laugh-out-loud characters by Nicola Slater, illustrator of the New York Times bestseller, *The Leaf Thief*
- An engaging story and bright, fun illustrations make this picture book perfect for fans of *OI FROG!* and *THE SQUIRRELS WHO SQUABBLED*
- With a super silly counting element!

**About the author:** Kael Tudor began writing his own stories at a young age, often inspired by the books that he bought at school fairs and jumble sales. When he's not writing picture books, Kael loves reading, drinking at least 15 cups of teas a day, and exploring the Welsh countryside with his family. @KaelTudor

**About the illustrator:** New York Times bestselling illustrator, Nicola Slater is well-known for her distinctive artwork. She has illustrated the NYT bestselling *LEAF THIEF* alongside *LEAPING LEMMINGS!*, *HELLO ZOO* and *A SKUNK IN MY BUNK* as well as many, many others. Nicola lives with her family in Manchester, England. @nicolaslater

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# PICTURE & NOVELTY

ONE GOOSE, TWO MOOSE (PB)

KAEL TUDOR Illustrated by NICOLA SLATER

I won't say it again!  
This is the **GOOSE** line!  
The moose line is  
**OVER THERE!**

Are you **sure?**

What do you mean?



No, I think **YOU'RE**  
in the wrong line.



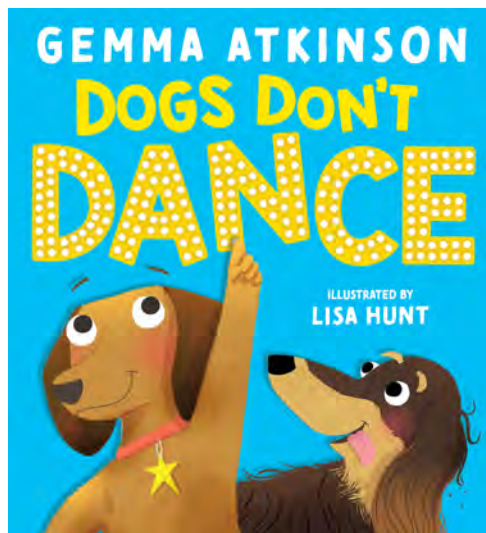
Well, there's seven moose here, and only one goose.  
If you ask me, this looks like the moose line.  
The goose line is over **there.**



# NON FICTION

## DOGS DON'T DANCE

GEMMA ATKINSON



**This confidence-building picture book by Gemma Atkinson is all about trying new things, embracing difference, encouraging our friends and defying stereotypes.**

Dave the dog wants to dance. But his best friend, Dusty, would rather dig! So, Dave goes off to find someone else to dance with. Hmm ... will the wise dogs in the park dance with Dave?

Nope!

The wise dogs say that Dave should stick to chewing his owner's shoes, barking at the postman, digging big holes and chasing cats. He should stick to fetching sticks.

Dave leaves with his tail between his legs. But will he let their words stop him? Or maybe, just maybe, he can convince them to change their minds.

### Key selling points

- A heartfelt and hilarious debut picture book from actor and presenter Gemma Atkinson
- This confidence-building picture book is all about trying new things, embracing difference, encouraging our friends and defying stereotypes
- Learn some of Dave's favourite dance moves at the back of the book with step-by-step guides for little ones
- Stunning artwork by Lisa Hunt

**About the author:** Gemma Atkinson has more than 1.8M followers on Instagram. She's a CBeebies Baby and Toddler Club Presenter, a brand ambassador, radio host and dancer of Strictly fame. She's also a well-known dog lover and owner of adorable spaniels Norman and Ollie.

**About the illustrator:** Lisa Hunt has worked as an illustrator for over 15 years. She has created illustrations for products, greetings cards, apps, and books.

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# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## DOGS DON'T DANCE

GEMMA ATKINSON illustrated by LISA HUNT

The wise dogs in the park don't want to dance either.

The wise dogs say that Dave should stick to chewing his owner's shoes, barking at the postman, digging big holes and chasing cats.

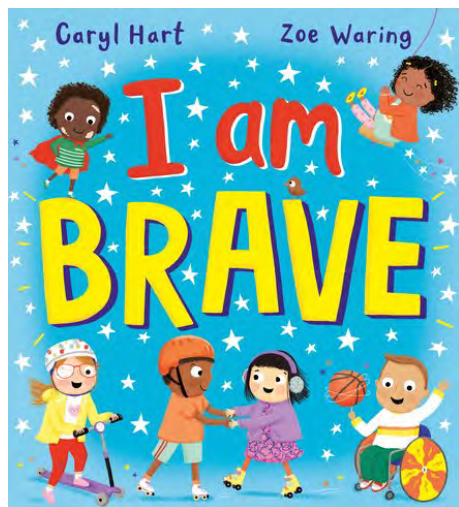
He should stick to fetching **STICKS!**



# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## I AM BRAVE! (PB)

CARYL HART Illustrated by ZOE WARING



**A fabulous rhyming celebration of what it means to be brave by award-winning author Caryl Hart and illustrator Zoe Waring.**

*There are all sorts of ways to be brave every day  
In the things that we do and the things that we say  
Being brave can be showy – a fierce, fiery riot  
But more often it's gentle, or loving or quiet.*

Let us show you some ways to be brave that we know.  
If you want to be brave, why not give these a go?

The perfect picture book to highlight and celebrate the different ways that children tackle the difficult things in life ... whether it's speaking up in class, or choosing to do something different to their friends, or struggling to make friends in the first place!

### Key selling points

- From the award-winning author of *Girls Can Do Anything* and *Thank You For The Little Things* comes a brilliantly empowering story
- Perfect to read with little ones to help them recognise that incredible bravery they hold within themselves
- Fabulously vibrant illustrations from Zoe Waring, illustrator of *SuperDaisy*

**About the author:** Caryl Hart has written over 30 books for children including the international bestseller *GIRLS CAN DO ANYTHING* (Scholastic) and *THE PRINCESS AND THE PEAS* (Nosy Crow). Caryl also runs creative workshops for schools, libraries and festivals. She lives in Sheffield. [www.carylhart.com](http://www.carylhart.com) @carylhart1

**About the illustrator:** Zoe Waring is the illustrator behind *SuperDaisy* and *Bunny With the Big Heart*. Her work is published in 12 languages and she loves to illustrate books full of heart and humour. When Zoe's not squirrelling away in her studio, she's chasing adventures with her husband, daughter and cheeky four-legged friend, Frodo.

 SCHOLASTIC

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## I AM BRAVE! (PB)

There are all sorts of ways to be brave every day,  
In the things that we do and the things that we say.

Being brave can be showy –  
a fierce, fiery riot,

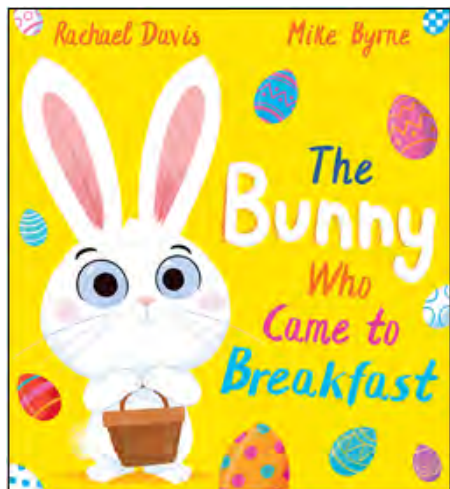
But more often it's gentle,  
or loving or quiet.

Let us show you some ways to be brave that we know,  
If you want to be brave, why not give these a go?

# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THE BUNNY WHO CAME TO BREAKFAST (PB)

RACHAEL DAVIS Illustrated by MIKE BYRNE



**When a cheerful bunny comes to visit on a delightful sunny day, a little child and their grandad cannot believe their eyes.**

A BUNNY RABBIT, AT THEIR DOOR?!  
So, what do bunnies LOVE doing?  
Is it hopping as high as they can go? MAYBE.  
Or going on an egg hunt? QUITE POSSIBLY!  
Or maybe eating a yummy breakfast, lunch and a sweet treat or two?  
ABSOLUTELY!

Full of chaos and silliness, this brilliantly fun picture book is perfect for children who love to laugh!

### Key selling points

- A clever and silly tale that is perfect for all children who love to laugh
- Filled with delicious treats and the most cheerful bunny that you'll ever meet, this is a brilliantly fun rhyming story by Rachael Davis
- Rachael Davis' debut picture book *I AM NOT A PRINCE!* was shortlisted for a Waterstones Book Prize in 2023
- Bright and bold illustrations by Mike Byrne, bestselling illustrator of *WHO POOED IN MY LOO* and *UNICORNS WHO DON'T LOVE RAINBOWS*
- Ideal for fans of *THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA* and *THE UNICORN WHO CAME TO BREAKFAST*

**About the author:** Rachael Davis writes across picture books, fiction and non-fiction and is passionate about showcasing diversity and mental wellness in children's books. Her debut picture book *I AM NOT A PRINCE!* was shortlisted for a Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2023. Rachael lives in Hampshire with her husband and two young daughters.

**About the illustrator:** Mike Byrne has illustrated *THERE'S A TROLL ON MY TOILET*, *WHO POOED IN MY LOO* and *THERE IS A SPIDER IN THIS BOOK*. Mike grew up on the Wirral near Liverpool, moved to Wales to study illustration and now lives in the countryside with his wife and sons. @TheMikeByrne

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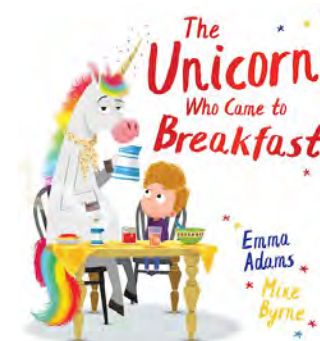
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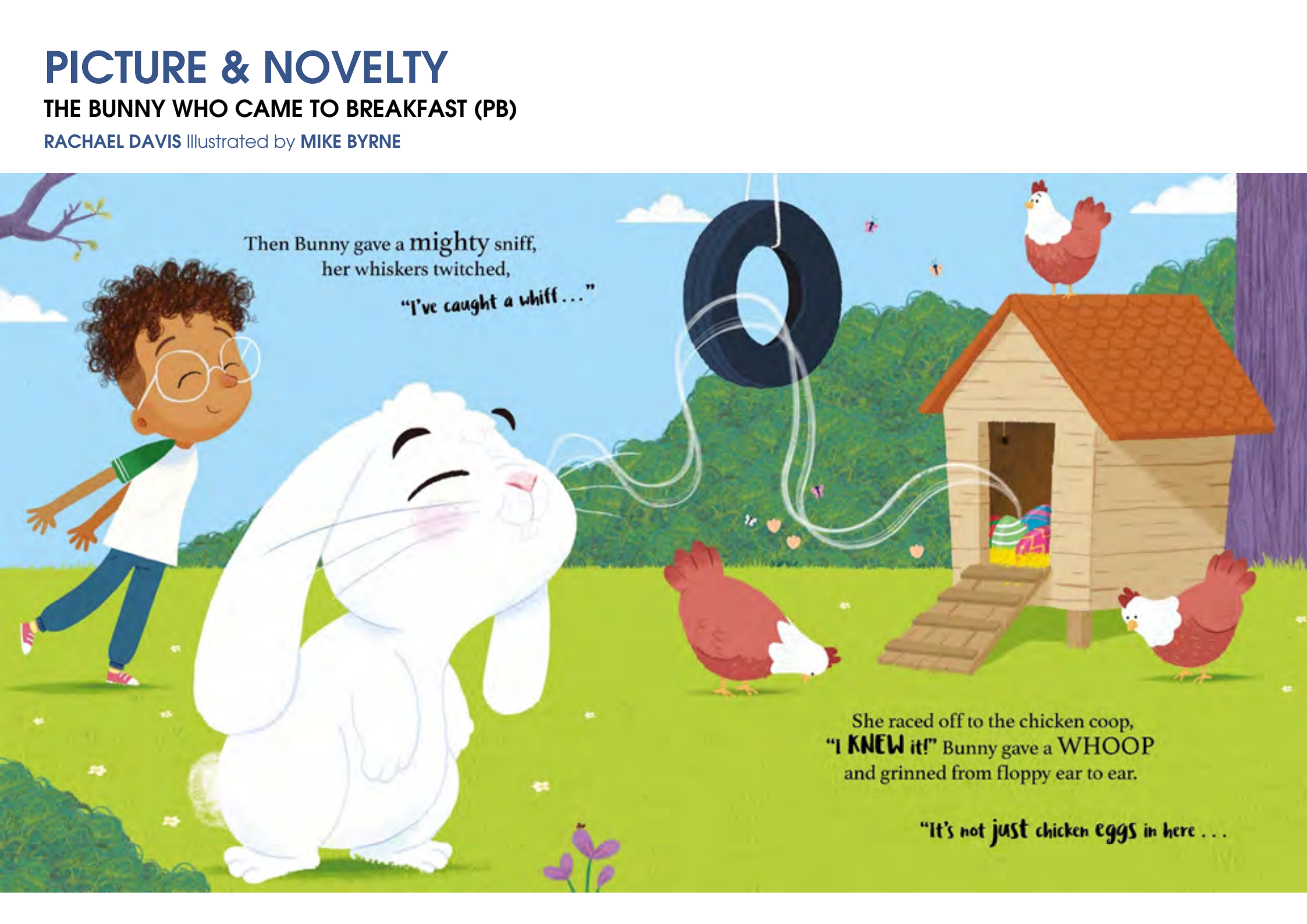
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# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THE BUNNY WHO CAME TO BREAKFAST (PB)

RACHAEL DAVIS Illustrated by MIKE BYRNE



Then Bunny gave a mighty sniff,  
her whiskers twitched,  
“I’ve caught a whiff . . .”

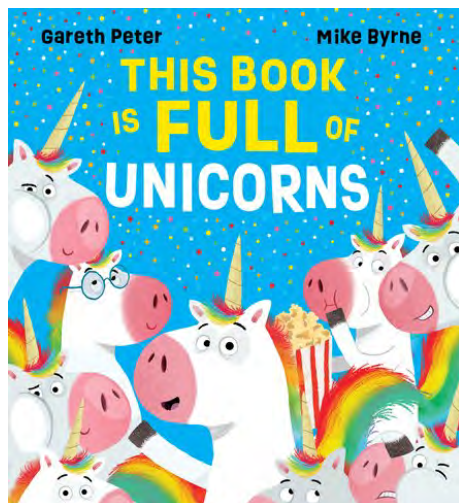
She raced off to the chicken coop,  
“I **KNEW** it!” Bunny gave a WHOOP  
and grinned from floppy ear to ear.

“It’s not just chicken eggs in here . . .

# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THIS BOOK IS FULL OF UNICORNS (PB)

GARETH PETER Illustrated by MIKE BYRNE



**A laugh-out-loud, bright and bold picture book full of unicorns in the most unusual places...**

Did you know that unicorns are *real*? They're all around us but our world's so busy we can hardly see them... But I bet you can spot them if you look closely enough!

Dive into the colourful pages of this picture book and see unicorns do the most fantastic and hilarious things. Spot them jumping on the rides at the funfair, sneaking around creepy castles and even zooming around in space!

### Key selling points

- A brilliant follow-up to *This Book is Full of Elves*, a new series from much-loved author, Gareth Peter and superstar illustrator, Mike Byrne
- Filled with lively and fun text for the whole family to enjoy
- Perfect for fans of *The Unicorn Who Came to Breakfast* and *There's No Such Thing as Unicorns*

**About the author:** Gareth Peter is an author and stay-at-home dad, living in Nottingham with his partner, two huskies and their two adopted children. In 2018 Gareth was selected as one of ten exceptional finalists onto the Penguin Random House WriteNow mentoring scheme, seeking new voices from under-represented communities. His experience as a parent within a same-sex couple brings a fresh, funny and sensitive perspective to parenting and family life.

**About the illustrator:** Mike Byrne has illustrated *THERE'S A TROLL ON MY TOILET*, *WHO POOED IN MY LOO* and *THERE IS A SPIDER IN THIS BOOK*. Mike grew up on the Wirral near Liverpool, moved to Wales to study illustration and now lives in the countryside with his wife and sons.  
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They're at the supermarket,  
buying endless healthy treats.

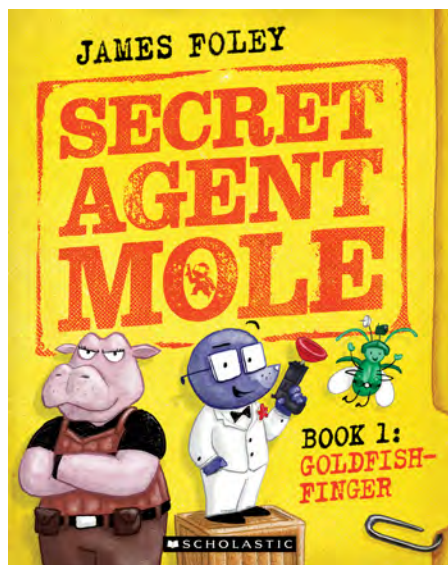
But Wait, what's that  
beneath the sprouts ...



# GRAPHIC NOVEL

## SECRET AGENT MOLE: GOLDFISH-FINGER

JAMES FOLEY



**Max is a mole on a mission.**

With Helena Hippo and June Bug by his side, Max must stop the Goldfishfinger from stealing the priceless, solid gold fish-finger.

This dangerous, top-secret mission will involve explosions, a naked mole rat, and being flushed down a GIANT toilet.

Will Max and the team defeat the fiendish fish?

### Key selling points

- It's time to ROCK and MOLE with this brand new black and white graphic novel series for 7+ readers
- Pacy, punny, FULL of adventure and unlikely animal friends, we dare you to put this one down
- Perfect for fans of AGENT MOOSE, BUNNY VS MONKEY and INVESTIGATORS

**James Foley** makes children's books for children who read books. If you're a child and you're eating his books, you're doing it wrong. James writes and draws; he gives talks and runs workshops. He tells dad jokes. Legend says James can grow a beard in an afternoon. He lives in Perth with his wife Renae, their 2 kids, and a labrador called Frankie. He is a massive Marvel movie nerd and comes from a long line of queuing enthusiasts.

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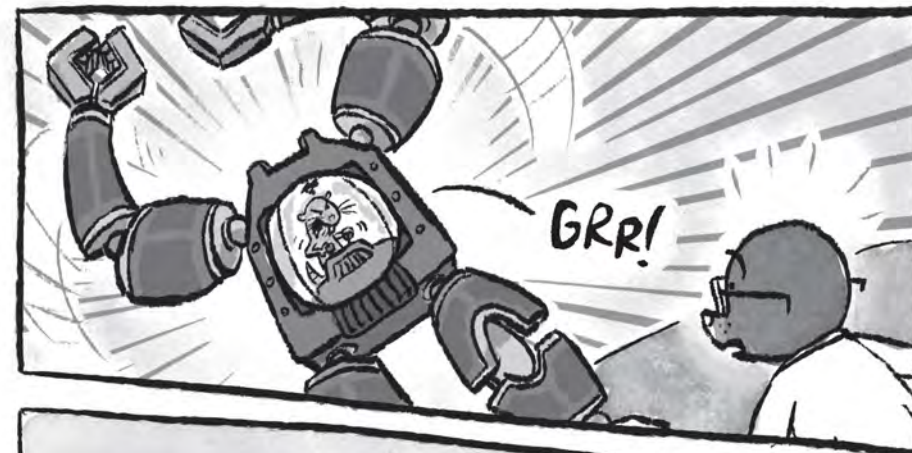
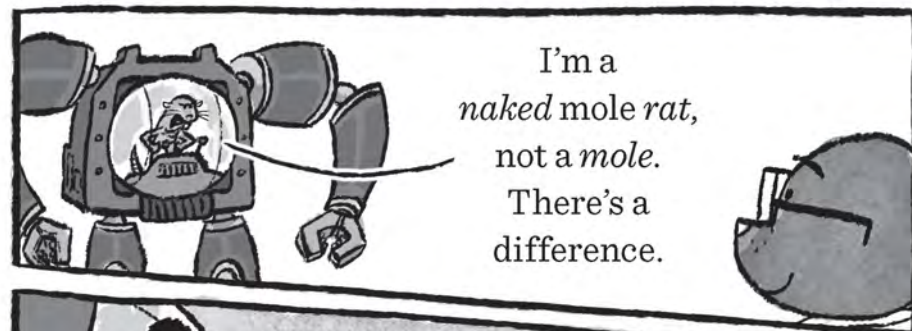
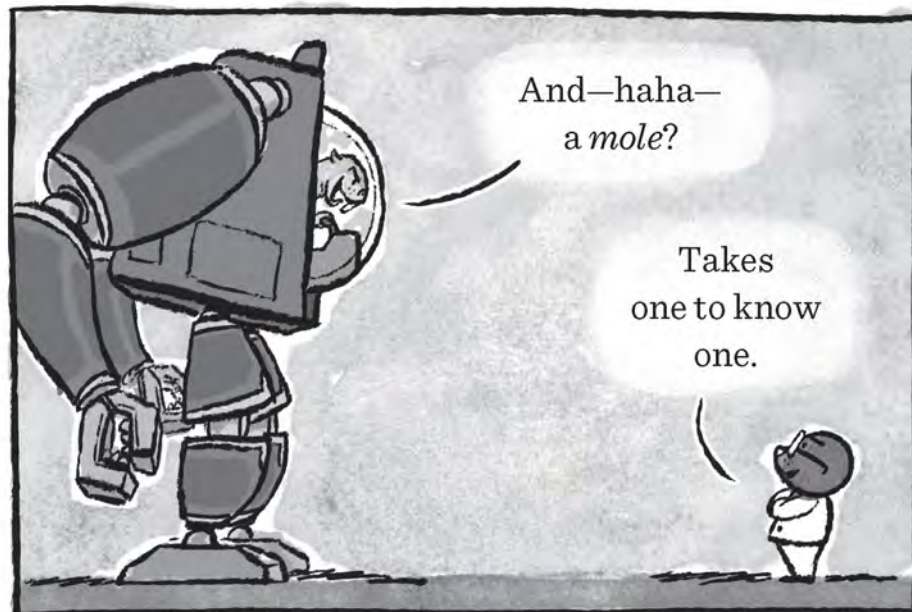
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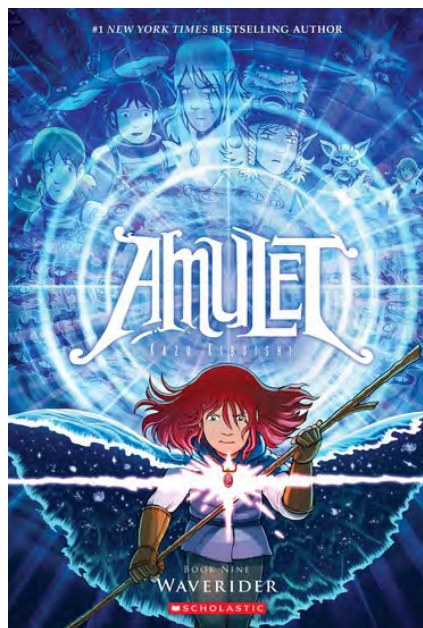




# GRAPHIC NOVEL

## AMULET: WAVERIDER

KAZU KIBUSHI



**The highly anticipated, thrilling conclusion to Kazu Kibuishi's #1 New York Times bestselling series!**

After her confrontation with Ikol, Emily finally understands the stone's power and what she must do to defend Alledia from the shadows. As she travels to Typhon to help her mom and Navin, Prince Trellis returns to the Kingdom of the Elves to save his countrymen -- and confront the fraud who has seized power in the absence of a king. The threat of darkness follows all Stonekeepers closely, and it will take the strength of both new friends and old foes to conquer it ... and survive.

### Key selling points

- The final instalment in the bestselling Amulet series
- Fully-illustrated stories for readers at all ages and all abilities
- Kibuishi is the illustrator of the 15th anniversary Harry Potter covers in the US
- Kibuishi is well known throughout the comics industry and has an awesome fan base!

**About the Author:** Kazu Kibuishi is the creator of the #1 New York Times bestselling Amulet series, which is available in 21 languages. He is also the creator of Copper, a collection of his popular webcomic that features an adventuresome boy-and-dog pair. Kazu also illustrated the covers of the 15th anniversary paperback editions of the Harry Potter series written by J.K. Rowling. He lives and works near San Antonio with his wife, Amy Kim Kibuishi, and their children. Visit Kazu and Amy online at [boltcityproductions.com](http://boltcityproductions.com).

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**Illustrations:** Colour

**Rights:** UK, Ireland & Europe



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# GRAPHIC NOVEL

## AMULET BOX SET 1-9 GRAPHIX

KAZU KIBUSHI



**The complete collection of Kazu Kibuishi's #1 New York Times bestselling Amulet series!**

After tragedy strikes their family, Emily and Navin move with their mother into the old, mysterious home of their great-grandfather. On their first night in the strange house, Emily and Navin's mom is kidnapped by a tentacled creature. Determined to rescue her, Emily and Navin are led into a world of robots, talking animals, flying ships, new friends... and enemies. Emily learns that she is a Stonekeeper and essential to the survival of this world, and that her incredible story is only just beginning.

### Key selling points

- A brilliant collection of all 9 Amulet books
- Fully-illustrated stories perfect for readers at all ages and all abilities
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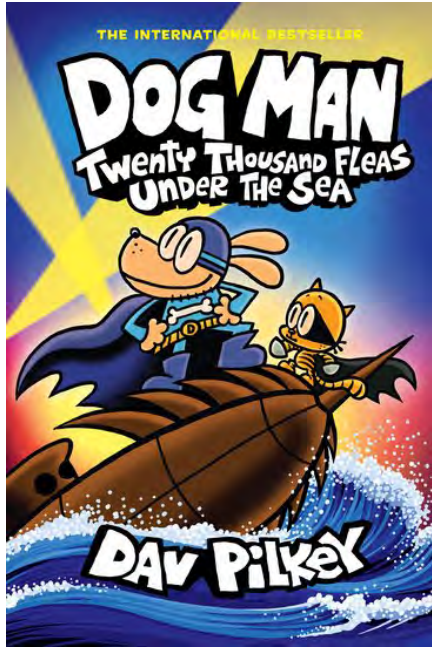
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# ILLUSTRATED FICTION

## DOG MAN: DOG MAN 11: TWENTY THOUSAND FLEAS UNDER THE SEA

DAV PILKEY



The eleventh Dog Man adventure from the worldwide bestselling author and artist Dav Pilkey. You'll howl with laughter!

Piggy is back, and his newest plot is his most diabolical yet. Dog Man and the rest of your favourite characters must join together in this heroic and hilarious adventure. WHAT new villains are on the horizon? WHERE are they all coming from? And WHO will step forward to save the city when scoundrels sabotage our Supa Buddies?

Dav Pilkey's wildly popular Dog Man series appeals to readers of all ages and explores universally positive themes, including empathy, kindness, persistence, and the importance of doing good.

### Key selling points

- DOG MAN has swiftly become one of the major children's books brands in the UK: over 1.5 million copies sold in five years.
- Funny; accessible; full of genuine child appeal. The hardback of TWENTY THOUSAND FLEAS UNDER THE SEA has sold 75,000 copies through TCM in just four months.

**About the author:** Dav Pilkey is the author of the Captain Underpants, Dog Man and Cat Kid Comic Club series, which have sold millions of copies worldwide.

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**Illustrations:**

**Rights:** UK, Ireland & Europe



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PB £8.99



# FICTION

## KWAME'S MAGIC QUEST: RISE OF THE GREEN FLAME

BERNARD MENSAH



**The day has finally come for eight-year-old Kwame to start Nkonyaa School and learn magic!**

Kwame is excited to begin training with his new friends at school, but he can't access his powers! He starts to worry... what if he has no magic at all? Could an evil magical object be to blame?

With engaging black-and-white artwork on every page, kids won't be able to put down this magical adventure!

### Key selling points

- Magic, adventure, and friendship come together in Kwame's Magic Quest
- An action-packed, fully illustrated chapter book
- Great for emerging readers
- Perfect for fans of Dragon Masters

**About the author:** Bernard Mensah is the co-founder of Black Creators HQ (#BlackCreatorsHQ) and the author of the upcoming picture books I Am Not Afraid of Anything and My Child. Born and raised in Ghana, his passion is writing for children of ethnic backgrounds. Kwame's Magic Quest is his debut. He currently lives in the United Kingdom.

**About the illustrator:** Natasha Nayo is a freelance animator and illustrator from Ghana. She graduated at Maryland Institute College of Art with a BFA in Animation and Illustration. She loves to practice character design, visual development, and 2D animations.

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**Rights:** UK, Ireland & Europe



Kwame danced over to the mirror and picked up his school robe. The blue fabric rippled with magic. The trim shimmered, flashing shades of gold.

Kwame struck a pose. *Woohoo! I'll finally have a real calabash!* he thought. *I can't wait to find out what kind of magic is inside me!*

He raced downstairs. "Let's go, Dad!"



"You're in a hurry!"

Dad chuckled.

Mum ruffled his hair. "He's in a hurry to be a Weather Handler like his mum."

Dad clapped Kwame's back. "No, he's going to be a Time Bender like me."



"I don't know what type of magic I'll have," Kwame said, tapping his foot. "But I don't want to be the last one to the Nkonyaa Tree!"

Calabashes came from the Nkonyaa Tree, which matched the magic inside of you to a magical calabash fruit.

"All right, all right," Dad said, gulping down his tea. "I'll prepare the spell so you can transport with me."

# FICTION

## LUNA WOLF 2: CODE DANGER

ALESHA DIXON



**Luna Wolf and her amazing powered-up animals are back!**

A gang of rogue super-pets (an elephant, a cheetah and a rhino) are on the rampage and causing chaos across the city - and the police are calling Code Danger to summon Luna to restore order! And when Luna digs deeper, she discovers that a shadowy villain is behind it all - a villain with ties to her family's past and an evil agenda that must be stopped.

### Key selling points

- An action-packed, magical, empowering middle grade story for fans of Lightning Girl, Vet Man and Encanto.
- Alesha Dixon's books for children have sold over 135,000 copies through TCM in four years, and LIGHTNING GIRL was the market's bestselling debut of 2018.
- There will be an unmissable television, radio and print PR campaign on publication.

**About the author:** Alesha Dixon is a much-loved TV star, who first found fame as part of MOBO Award-winning group Mis-teeq. Her appearance on Strictly Come Dancing in 2007 led to her winning the series and becoming a judge for three seasons. She is currently a hugely popular judge on the UK's number one TV show, Britain's Got Talent.

**About her co-writer:** Katy Birchall is the author of the Vampire Slayer series and the rom coms for adult readers The Secret Bridesmaid and The Wedding Season.

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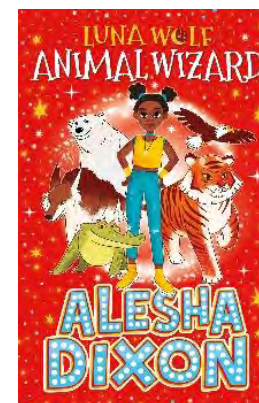
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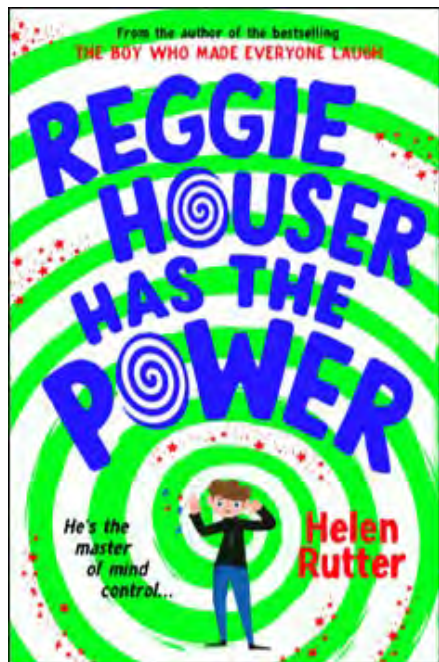
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# FICTION

## REGGIE HOUSER HAS THE POWER

HELEN RUTTER



The new highly entertaining story from the queen of making readers laugh out loud on one page and cry the next!

Reggie Houser has ADHD and struggles to make friends at school, plus his mum and teachers seem constantly weary about his erratic, high-energy ways. But when he sees a hypnotist perform on stage at the holiday park he visits, Reggie becomes obsessed with learning the skills behind mind control - and he discovers he has an incredible talent for it! First of all he hypnotises the dog to think he's a frog, then makes his headmaster cluck like a chicken in assembly in front of the whole school - but then a group of mean kids supposedly take him under their wing and make him use his hypnosis talents for bad: stealing a chocolate bar from a shop and escalating to a bigger theft. Reggie must decide to use his skills for good only and come to trust his own brain to make decisions.

### Key selling points

- Over 50,000 copies of Helen Rutter's books have been sold in 2.5 years.
- THE BOY WHO MADE EVERYONE LAUGH was one of the bestselling children's debuts of 2021 and was shortlisted for several major prizes, including the Costa and the Blue Peter.
- Helen has authentic adjacent experience to kids with ADHD and Reggie's portrayal is rich, kind and will help children empathize with classmates who have the condition.

**About the author:** Helen lives just outside Sheffield and has worked as an actress for many years. Her debut, THE BOY WHO MADE EVERYONE LAUGH, was a breakout bestseller in 2021 and was chosen as a Waterstone's Children's Book of the Month. It was shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award, the Blue Peter Book Award and the Branford Boase.

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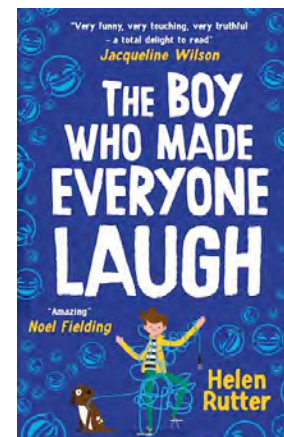
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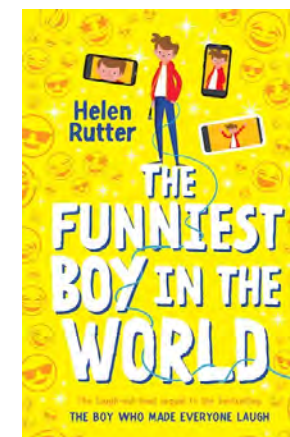
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# FICTION

## HEROES: A NOVEL OF PEARL HARBOR

ALAN GRATZ



### A new book from Alan Gratz is a major publishing moment!

The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Refugee* and *Ground Zero* now takes a meaningful look at the attack on Pearl Harbor.

December 6, 1941: Best friends Frank and Stanley pretty much live in paradise. Their dads are Navy officers stationed at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and the boys have a front-row view of the huge battleships and the sparkling water. But on December 7th, 1941: Everything explodes. Over the course of the day, as the boys fight to make their way home, it's clear that everything has changed.

Stanley's mother is Japanese American and he is suddenly facing a terrible prejudice that he's never known before - and Frank, who's white, cannot begin to understand. Can their friendship survive this watershed moment?

### Key selling points

- From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Refugee* and *Ground Zero*
- Takes a meaningful look at the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941
- A breathtaking, fast-paced and action-packed story, perfect for 8+ readers

**About the author:** Alan Gratz is the acclaimed author of several books for young readers, including *Prisoner B-3087*, which was named to YALSA's 2014 Best Fiction for Young Adults list; *Code of Honor*, a YALSA 2016 Quick Pick; *Projekt 1065*; and *The Brooklyn Nine*, which was among Booklist's Top Ten Sports Books. Alan lives in North Carolina with his wife and daughter. [alangratz.com](http://alangratz.com)

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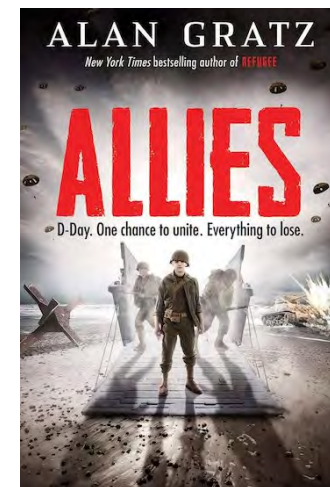
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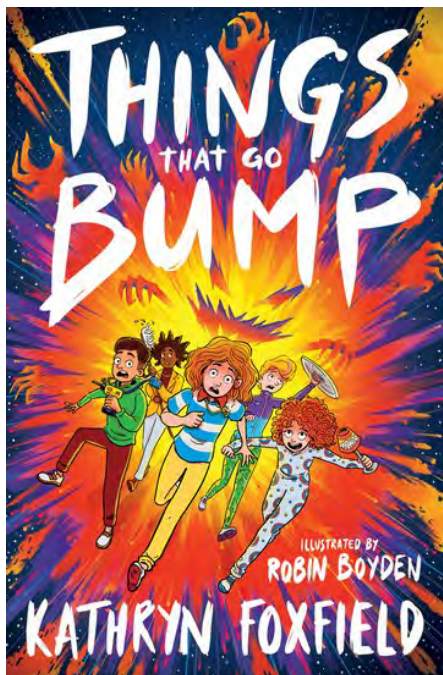
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# FICTION

## THINGS THAT GO BUMP

KATHRYN FOXFIELD



**When Quinn and some of her year 6 friends find themselves locked overnight inside Flatpack - a new IKEA-style superstore - they quickly realise that they are not alone.**

A number of things hitched a ride from the forest where Flatpack sources its wood and in every dark nook, they've been multiplying... After several of the group get themselves dragged off to who knows where, Quinn knows she was right all along - monsters are definitely real. After that, she's forced to face her fears and come up with a plan: 1) rescue her friends 2) avoid being apprehended by overly efficient store employees, 3) hack into the store's delivery system and send the monsters back where they came from. Oh, and don't get eaten. Whatever you do, don't look under the beds. And if you hear a wardrobe creaking open behind you, RUN!

### Key selling points

- Funny, highly entertaining spooky middle grade packed with monsters and mayhem - for kids who love a good (safe) scream!
- Nights at the Museum meets Gremlins meets Goosebumps.
- Kathryn is one of the biggest-selling UKYA thriller authors and brings her trademark humour, whiplash-plotting and high-energy to this story for younger readers.

**About the Author:** Kathryn Foxfield is a research scientist turned author. She is the bestselling author of three YA thrillers, GOOD GIRLS DIE FIRST, IT'S BEHIND YOU and TAG, YOU'RE DEAD. She lives near Oxford with her partner, young children and the world's clumsiest cat.

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# YA FICTION

## A SEASON FOR SCANDAL

LAURA WOOD



An all-female detective agency righting wrongs at the end of the nineteenth century; infiltrating a scandalous upper class world straight out of Bridgerton and using their wit and bravery to unmask a villain.

When Marigold Bloom finds her family business in trouble a chance encounter with the devastatingly handsome and extremely bad-tempered Oliver Lockhart leads her to the Aviary - a secret agency of women who specialise in blackmailing troublesome men. Soon, Mari is the agency's newest recruit, sent to investigate the mysterious return of Oliver's long lost sister. Forced to masquerade as a newly engaged couple, it is up to Mari and Oliver to determine if there is an imposter in their midst. But what happens when the line between truth and fiction starts to blur? And what do you do when a pretend romance starts to feel all too real?

### Key selling points

- A gorgeous new coming-of-age mystery romance series from Laura Wood.
- Charlie's Angels meets Bridgerton! A smart, charming, brilliantly plotted and swooningly romantic story about a collective of bold women changing their world.

**About the author:** Laura Wood is an academic and writer. She loves Georgette Heyer novels, Fred Astaire films, travelling to far flung places, recipe books, Jilly Cooper, poetry, new stationery, sensation fiction, salted caramel, Rufus Sewell's cheekbones and feminism.

 SCHOLASTIC

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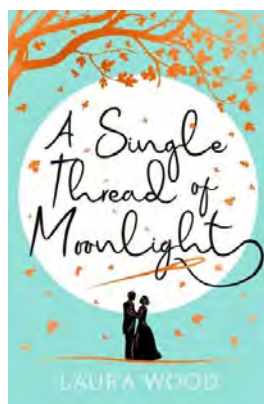
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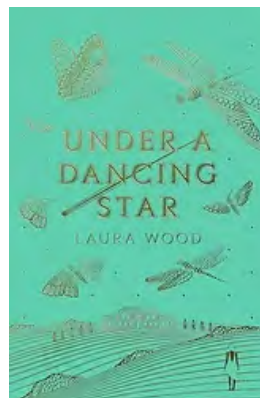
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# YA FICTION

## I WILL FOLLOW

EIREANN CORRIGAN



**It's every influencers biggest nightmare when a follower decides to kidnap her TikTok hero in order to become her BFF and a big star herself.**

*Like Stephen King's Misery ... for the TikTok generation.*

The first time Nora Ladd saw Laynee Winters on TikTok, something just clicked. You know how you can see someone and just know you were meant to be best friends? Well, that's how Nora felt. She knows Laynee is a big star, with millions of followers, and Nora isn't (she follows hundreds of people but only has 74 follows back). Nora knows all she needs is her viral moment to break through. Then Laynee will see her, and will understand.

If life isn't going to give Nora entry into Laynee's world ... well, then Nora's going to have to take matters in her own hands.

**About the author:** Eireann Corrigan is the author of the poetry memoir *You Remind Me of You*, and the novels *Splintering*, *Ordinary Ghosts*, *The Believing Game*, *Creep*, and *Accomplice*, which Publishers Weekly called "haunting and provocative" in a starred review. She lives in New Jersey.

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# YA FICTION

## BLOOD FLOWERS

JAY MCGUINNESS



**An explosive new dystopian romantasy YA, perfect for fans of *The Hunger Games*, *The Atlas Six* and Leigh Bardugo.**

Seventeen-year-old Bear lives in the walled town of Callestion - a place of stark divide between the rich and poor. Living down in Cobblestone, Bear is painfully conscious of the inequalities between him and residents of Roofsides.

When the town's annual *Field Day* - an event during which those who've recently come of age test their Sinsens growing capacities - shows Bear to have unprecedented abilities, he's hurtled into the upper echelons of society, and everything he's ever wanted is within his grasp. But it soon becomes apparent, that it's not all he expected it to be. He finds himself existing amidst an uncaring, callous people, concerned only with themselves, living in a society in which corruption is rife.

Finding himself unwillingly entangled with the Overlord's beautiful but spiteful daughter, Bear is forced to make decisions which may jeopardise everything he's dreamed of - or risk the lives of the people he once lived amongst.

**A story of love, witchcraft, betrayal and murder!**

### Key selling points

- An explosive new, dystopian romantasy YA, perfect for fans of *The Hunger Games*, *The Atlas Six* and Leigh Bardugo.
- From the award-winning member of *The Wanted* and *Strictly Come Dancing* champion, Jay McGuinness comes his breathtaking debut YA novel.
- Based on where Jay grew-up, focussed on themes of poverty, class divide and addiction.
- Perfect for BookTok and Bookstagram. A new YA star is born!

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Jay McGuinness is a British singer, songwriter and actor best known as a vocalist with boy band *The Wanted*. He won the 13th series of BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*. In recent years, McGuinness has forged a career in musical theatre. *Blood Flowers* is his explosive debut YA novel.

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# YA FICTION

## I HOPE THIS DOESN'T FIND YOU

ANN LIANG



**Seventeen-year-old Sadie Wen is perfect on paper.**

It's a reputation she's fought hard to earn at the highly prestigious Woodvale Academy, and one she's determined to maintain until graduation.

The trick to keeping her model-student-smile plastered on her face at all times? She channels all her petty frustrations into her email drafts. One for the math teacher who refused to round her eighty-nine-point-nine percent up to ninety; one for the girl who blatantly copied her science project and took the credit for it. But most of her vehemently-worded emails are for her smug, infuriating co-captain, Julius Gong, who's been the sharpest thorn in her side ever since they were kids.

Sadie doesn't have to hold back in her emails, because nobody will ever read them ... that is, until someone sends them out.

### Key selling points

- From the author of THIS TIME IT'S REAL comes another own-voices love story with a high-concept twist
- Perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Crazy Rich Asians
- Gorgeously page-turning and endlessly readable, I HOPE THIS DOESN'T FIND YOU is perfect for BookTok and the Netflix generation

**About the Author:** Ann Liang is an undergraduate at the University of Melbourne. Born in Beijing, she grew up travelling back and forth between China and Australia, but somehow ended up with an American accent. When she isn't stressing out over her college assignments or writing, she can be found making over-ambitious to-do lists, binge-watching dramas, and having profound conversations with her pet labradoodle about who's a good dog.

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# YA FICTION

## LOOKING FOR JJ (20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION)

ANNE CASSIDY



**A gripping and emotionally searing novel, LOOKING FOR JJ explores the circumstances and motives behind the murder of a child - by her friend.**

Three children walked away from the edge of town one day - but only two of them came back . . .

Alice Tully knows exactly what happened that spring day six years ago, though it's still hard for her to believe it's real. She's making a go of things, putting all that behind her at last - but Alice's past is dangerous, and violent, and sad, and it's about to rip her new life apart.

### Key selling points

- LOOKING FOR JJ celebrates its twenty-year anniversary with this new edition
- A gripping and emotionally searing novel LOOKING FOR JJ explores the circumstances and motives behind the murder of a child - by her friend
- A thought-provoking, fast-paced and gripping story, perfect for anyone who relishes a good read
- Winner of the Booktrust Teenage Prize. Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award
- The long-awaited sequel, FINDING JENNIFER JONES, published by Hot Key in February 2014.
- Available as an ebook

### About the author:

An award-winning author, Anne Cassidy has written over twenty books for teenagers. She is fascinated by the way ordinary people can be sucked into crime and forced to make agonizing moral decisions.

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# MEDIA

## POKEMON: MONPOKE PICTURE BOOK: PIKACHU'S FIRST FRIENDS

RIKAKO MATSUO



**Meet cute Pokémon in a whole new way! This original illustrated storybook is perfect for mums and dads who want to introduce their little ones to the most beloved Pokémon of all time.**

Pikachu sets out on a voyage of exploration! The little Pokémon is looking for a home. Then it lands on a mysterious island. Pikachu begins to explore. What new friends will it meet?

Join Pikachu in this heartwarming adventure as it discovers new places, foods, music, and most of all, friends! This original story will introduce Pokémon to a whole new generation of fans. With soft, whimsical art and a sweet, simple storyline, Pikachu's First Friends is sure to appeal to little children beginning their own journeys of friendship and discovery.

### Key selling points

- A must-have for pokemon-loving new parents
- An adorable addition to any child's bookcase
- Fantastic lessons on friendship that will help children as they begin to navigate their own friendship journeys

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Rikako Matsuo is an author and illustrator who has published several popular books for children. She is a graduate of Joshibi University of Art and Design, and she lives and works in Japan. She has been a big fan of Pokémon since her childhood.

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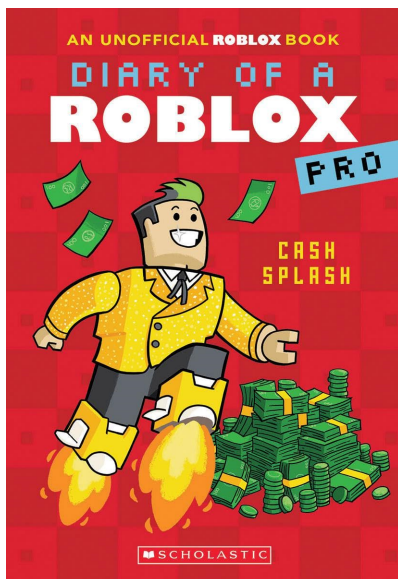
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# MEDIA

## DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO #7: CASH SPLASH

ARI AVATAR



**Ari Avatar is just your average Roblox kid living in a blocky world! Battle monsters and avoid disasters in a Roblox world - all through the eyes of Ari and his friends. Diary of a Roblox Pro is a must-read for any kid who loves to game!**

Ari and his friends have discovered a portal to a parallel universe. And Ari is shocked to find that in this world, he's a millionaire! With a butler, dragon pets, and all the sweets he could possibly eat, why would Ari ever want to go back home? Or is there something more threatening in this universe that Ari can't see?

### Key selling points

- A must-read for gamers
- Perfect for kids who love Roblox
- Filled with action, adventure and fun!

**About the game:** Roblox is a collection of more than 50 million games, all created by its community of players. In the UK, 1.5 million children regularly play Roblox.

Roblox is ranked as one of the top online entertainment platforms for audiences under the age of 18 based on average monthly visits and time spent.

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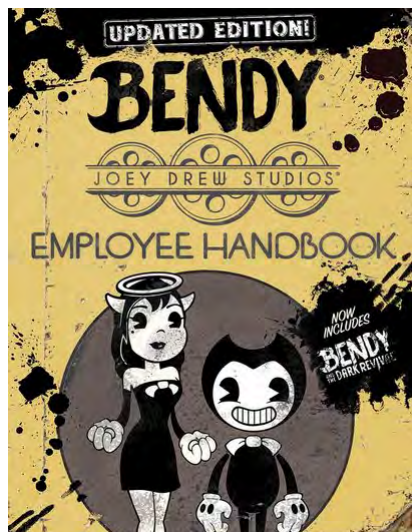


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## BENDY AND THE INK MACHINE: UPDATED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

SCHOLASTIC



**Unlock the mysteries of the hit horror video game *Bendy and the Ink Machine* and *Bendy and the Dark Revival* in this terrifying guidebook!**

Welcome to Joey Drew Studios! As a new animator, it's your job to carry on Mr. Drew's legacy of iconic characters like Bendy, Boris the Wolf, and Alice Angel! In this handy guidebook, you'll learn how to get around the studio, operate our state-of-the-art Ink Machine, and work well with our dedicated staff of creatives and crew members. Mr. Drew himself has even included a walk-through of all the tasks you'll need to complete to make it out of your first week alive, as well as an excerpt from his memoir *The Illusion of Living*, to inspire you to carry our company mission forward. In time, we hope you'll find a home here at our studios. Who knows? After a while, you may never want to leave!

### Key selling points

- The official guide to the bestselling video game series - set in a dark, Disney-esque 1930s cartoon world
- Welcome to Joey Drew studios, where your favourite characters come to life!
- Over 750+ million views on Youtube, from the same influencers who support *Five Nights at Freddy's*

**About the brand:** *Bendy and the Ink Machine* is an episodic survival horror video game developed and published by Joey Drew Studios Inc. The series has over 750+ million views on Youtube and a new hit sequel released this year.

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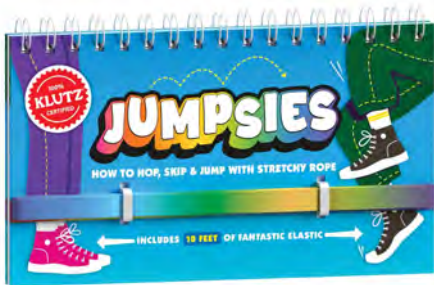
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## KLUTZ: JUMPSIES: HOW TO HOP, SKIP, AND JUMP WITH STRETCHY ROPE

EDITORS OF KLUTZ



**Learn how to play a classic playground game filled with activities for jumping, skipping, and hopping with stretchy rope.**

This classic playground activity combines the joy of hopscotch, jump rope, and string games all in one. Played all around the world, Jumpsies has the timeless appeal of Cat's Cradle. A safety-tested stretchy rope plus a complete instructional book on games can get you jumping in no time. Jumpsies is a fun activity for boys, girls, and jumpers of all skill levels.

### Key selling points

- Fun activity to get kids moving
- Easy to follow instructions
- Great to share with friends

**About the series:** The best thing about Klutz's award-winning products is that you're never left looking for the extras. Everything you need is included in a package that provides first-rate materials with clear instructions for a hands-on learning experience that ranges from the artistic to the scientific.

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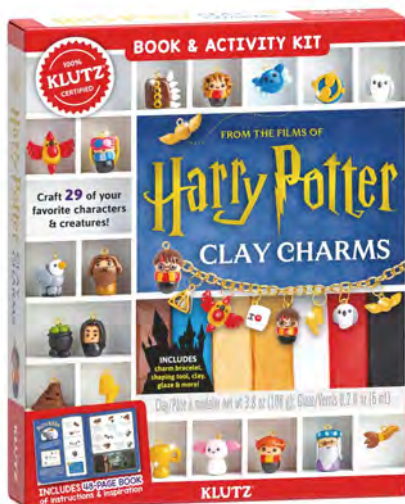
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# KLUTZ

## KLUTZ: HARRY POTTER CLAY CHARMS

EDITORS OF KLUTZ



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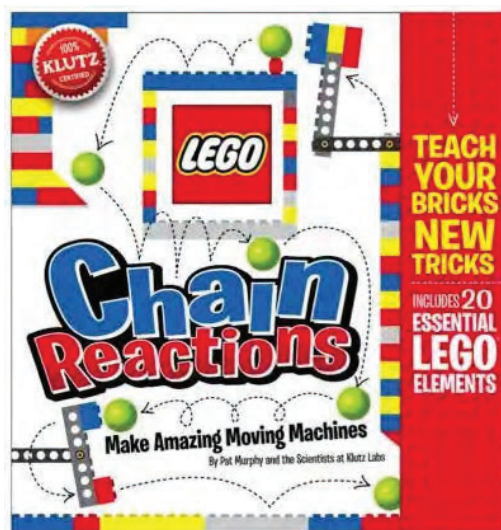
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