

## Auzou Stories – The Friend Who Fell from the Sky

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Hardback • 300x 235mm • 32 pages

£12.99

### ABOUT THE BOOK

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

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

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



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### KEY SELLING POINTS

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

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NOTE: DRAFT VISUALS ONLY



ILLUSTRATOR  
Hervé Le Goff



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

Publication date: February 2024



# Auzou Stories – My Oh My!

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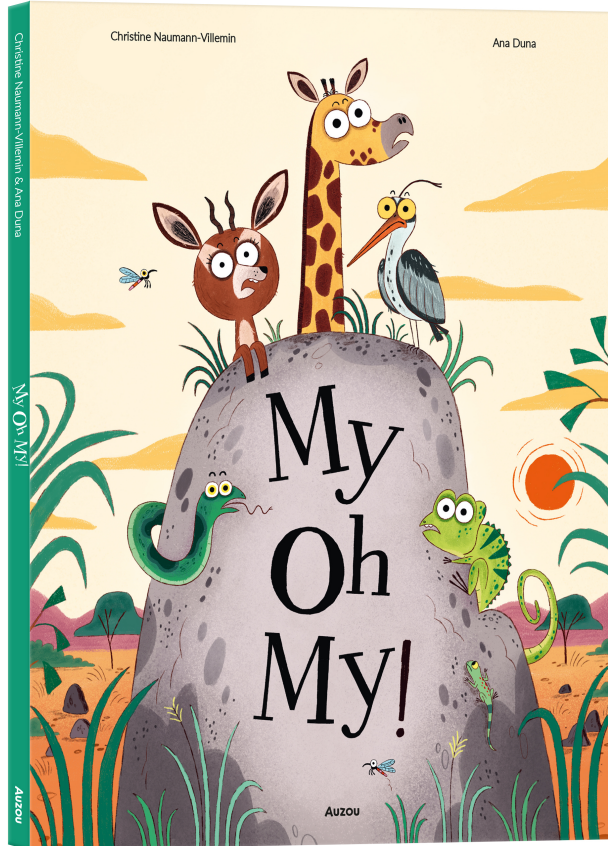
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## ABOUT THE BOOK

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

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

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



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## KEY SELLING POINTS

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

Author

Christine Naumann-Villemin

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

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# ADVANCE INFORMATION NON-FICTION



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**Discover the joy of learning**

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

**Author:** Roman Belyaev has been working in advertising since 2005 – specialising in character design and film posters. Roman also studied illustration at the prestigious British Higher School of Art & Design, which he completed in 2016. Roman is the author and illustrator of a series of How it Works non-fiction titles developed for the progressive, independent publishing house, Samokat in Russia. The English editions are published by b small publishing and the first title, How Does a Lighthouse Work?, was nominated for the 2019 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal and won the inaugural STEAM Children's Book Prize. He sketches in ink or coloured pencils.

## b small publishing:

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

## How Does a Lighthouse Work?

written and illustrated by Roman Belyaev

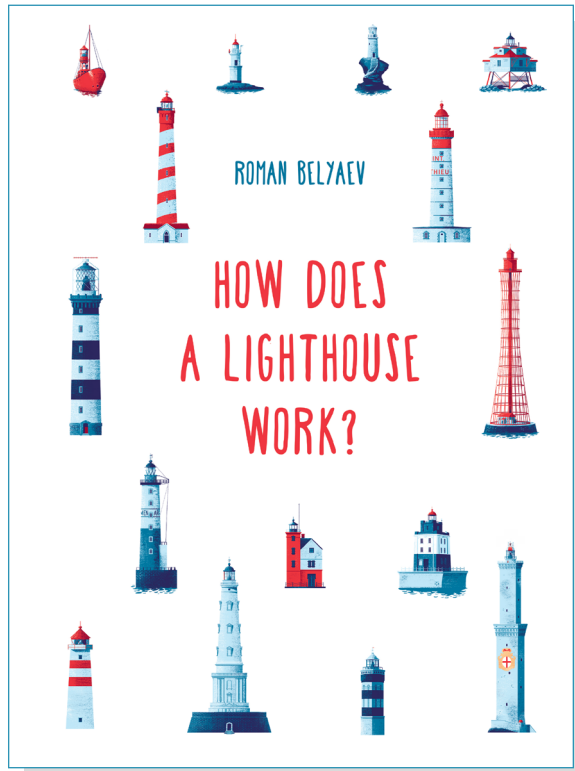
**KATE GREENAWAY NOMINEE NOW IN PAPERBACK**

How can we tell one lighthouse from another? What does a lighthouse keeper do? Where are the most unusual lighthouses in the world? Depart on an enchanting voyage with the school children in this book to discover the answers to these questions along with other fascinating facts about lighthouses and how they work.

*"This is a text that covers the topic in such a way that every page is interesting and appealing and at no point through the book does the topic lose appeal... A highly recommended addition to your primary library." - Books For Topics*

## KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **WINNER** of inaugural STEAM Children's Book Prize 2018
- Hardback edition sold over 7,000 copies
- Paperback version affordable for schools and bulk orders



## FEBRUARY 2024

<b>Publisher</b>	b small publishing ltd.	<b>Binding</b>	Paperback
<b>ISBN</b>	9781913918903	<b>Illustrations</b>	Full colour
<b>Format</b>	290x220mm	<b>Author</b>	Roman Belyaev
<b>Price</b>	£8.99 (no VAT)	<b>Illustrator</b>	Roman Belyaev
<b>Age</b>	5 years and up	<b>Market</b>	World ex. North Am.
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# Science FACTopia!



Follow the Trail of 400 STEM-tastic facts! [Britannica]

Rose Davidson, Andy Smith

**An enthralling and hilarious journey through the worlds of space, animals, engineering, numbers, machines and more in 400 connected facts!**

*Science FACTopia!* is the sixth title in the bestselling *FACTopia!* series. Follow an ingenious trail of 400 facts about space, animals, rocks and crystals, virtual reality, the body, coding, 3D printing, engineering, plants, fungi, maths and more, where each fact is connected to the next in entertaining and unexpected ways. You'll meet a parrot called Squawkzilla, find out about the fastest muscles in the body, discover gems that can change colour and learn about black holes that 'burp'.

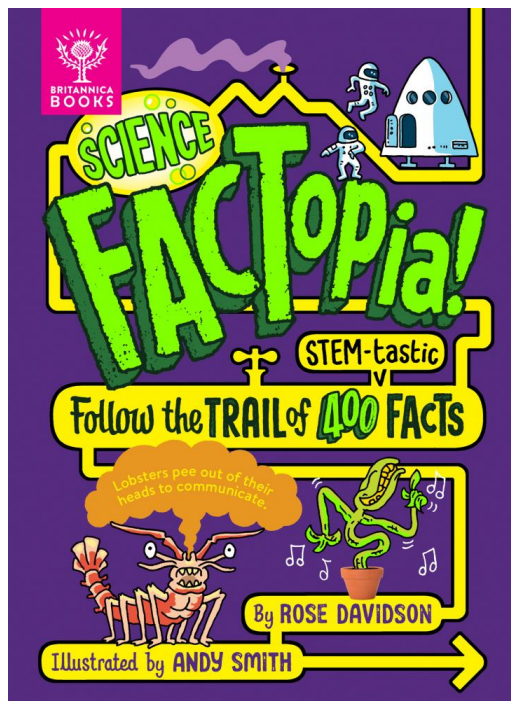
Lavishly illustrated with witty illustrations that combine artwork and photography, and verified by the experts at Encyclopaedia Britannica, *Science FACTopia!* brings STEM topics to life with facts children will be desperate to share with their friends and family.

- Explores 400 of the most exciting STEM facts with light-touch wit and humour
- Forms innovative and unexpected connections between topics as varied as geology, dinosaurs, astronomy and more
- Every fact has been rigorously checked and verified by the experts at Encyclopaedia Britannica
- Includes over 300 colour photographs and specially commissioned illustrations
- Perfect for children who love space, the human body, computers, rocks and crystals, maths and so much more
- Great for reluctant readers

## Author Information

**Rose Davidson** is a writer, editor and researcher. Inspired by her own love of animals and nature, she has penned countless stories about interesting wildlife behaviours, strange science phenomena, historic heroes and much more. Currently based in Ohio, USA, she is a contributing editor for *National Geographic Kids* magazine and the author of multiple children's books. In her free time, Rose enjoys yoga, hiking, birdwatching and snuggling with her black cat, Binny.

**Andy Smith** studied illustration at the University of Brighton and the Royal College of Art, London. His work combines illustration and typography to create images that have humour, energy and optimism executed with a handmade, hand-printed, tactile feel. When not producing commercial work for clients, Andy can be found in the studio screen printing books and posters. He lives and works by the sea in Hastings, East Sussex. Andy's work has been exhibited in the UK, USA, France and Australia.



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**Disney**  
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## King Cheer

Molly Horton Booth and Stephanie Kate Strohm;  
illustrated by Jamie Green

**Heartstopper meets Bring It On in this contemporary graphic novel that reimagines Shakespeare's King Lear as a queer dramedy!**

When cheer captain Leah steps down months before graduation, the team is shocked. Waitlisted by her dream college, questioning her identity, and suffering from senioritis, Leah needs to hand the captain's poms off and focus on her future.

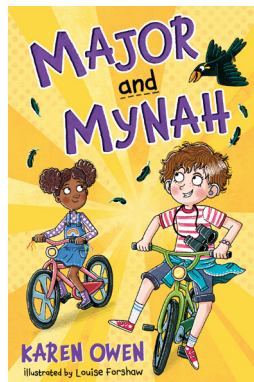
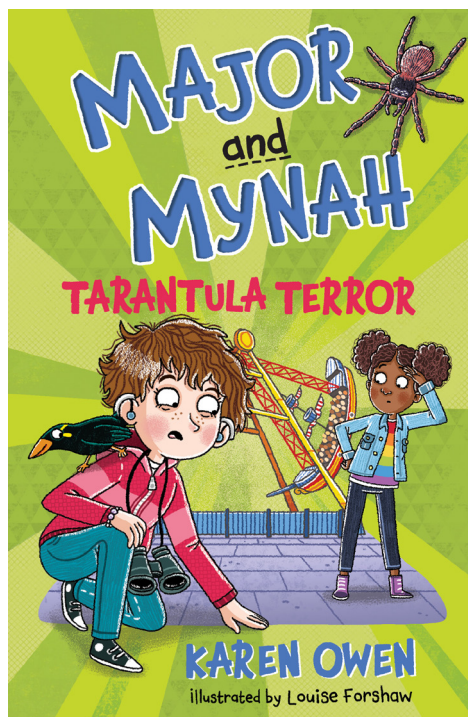
But when the competition for captaincy goes awry, power-hungry twins take command of the squad and immediately pit the cheerleaders against the basketball team in a fight for glory. Balls fly, pom-poms shake, hearts are broken—and only one person can heal the rift between the teams. But first she'll have to heal herself.

**As full of heart as it is backflips and three-pointers, King Cheer is a warm and witty story of self-discovery, friendship, and finding the courage to face your future.**



06/2/2024			
<b>Publisher</b>	Disney Hyperion	<b>Binding</b>	Paperback
<b>ISBN</b>	9781368081115	<b>Illustrations</b>	FULL COLOUR
<b>Format</b>	152mm x 229mm	<b>Author</b>	Molly Horton Booth and Stephanie Kate Strohm
<b>Price</b>	£12.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	Jamie Green
<b>Age</b>	12 and up		
<b>Extent</b>	160		

DRAFT COVER



Major and Mynah  
5th May 2022  
9781913102746



Major and Mynah  
Operation Raven  
2nd March 2023  
9781915444035

# Major and Mynah 3 Tarantula Terror

Karen Owen

illustrated by Louise Forshaw

- Book three in the superbly mischievous Major and Mynah series
- Features a protagonist with mild hearing loss and other vibrant characters, and more gorgeous illustrations from Louise Forshaw
- **Book one shortlisted for the inaugural The Week Junior Book Awards and longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards**
- Author excellent at running engaging, interactive school visits

## Summary:

SPUD – the Super Perceptive Undercover Detectives are back and they have another mystery to solve.

When Callie, Grace and Bo discover that a tarantula has escaped from the local wildlife park, they must find the spider and reunite her with her spiderlings, before she dies from the cold. Can Callie's magical hearing aids and mynah bird Bo as the SPUD team's Spy in the Sky help to find the missing creature before it's too late?

## Praise for MAJOR AND MYNAH:

- 'You had me at purple poo!' Mo O'Hara
- 'Karen Owen is a skilled storyteller' Sarah Todd Taylor
- 'Such a sweet, warm, empowering story' Harriet Muncaster



**Karen Owen** has been partially deaf since childhood, and wrote the character Callie in *Major and Mynah* to reflect who she wanted to be when she was younger – funny, clever and with a special gift to hear something that other people cannot.

**Karen currently lives in London.**

@AuthorKarenOwen

**Louise Forshaw** has illustrated over fifty children's books. When she's not drawing, Louise loves watching animated films, adding to her overflowing 'to be read' pile. **Louise lives just outside Newcastle upon Tyne.**

@Munkey\_Pants

Pub date: 15th February 2024

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Size: 198 x 129 mm

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Age: 7-9

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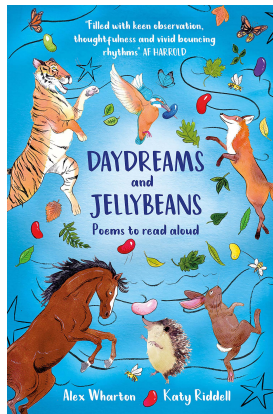
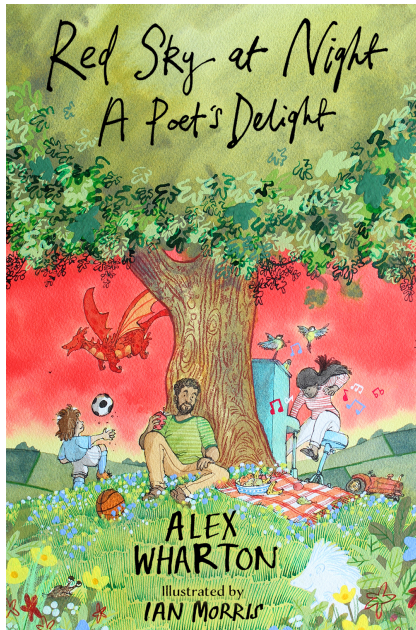
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Daydreams and Jellybeans  
ISBN: 9781913102432

# Red Sky at Night, Poet's Delight

Alex Wharton

Ian Morris

All is still on poetry hill;

the poet doesn't speak.

He piles his thoughts into

a heap and slips into

his dreams.

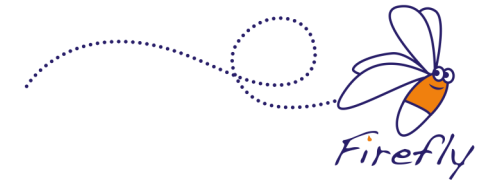
From Children's Laureate Wales Alex Wharton comes *Red Sky at Night: A Poet's Delight* – a second collection of funny and thoughtful poems, aimed at developing a love of language and self-expression.

Readers will be excited by fun new characters like Mr Slime and the return of Hector the Horrible Hedgehog from *Daydreams and Jellybeans*, as well as being introduced to powerful and moving poems such as 'Young Oak', 'The Long Way Home', and 'For a Quiet Day'.

## PRaise for DAYDREAMS AND JELLYBEANS

'A lovely collection of playful poetry and beautiful verse' *Joseph Coelho*

'Alex Wharton's wide-ranging poems about both the natural and human world, filled with keen observation, thoughtfulness and vivid bouncing rhythms, are wonderfully partnered with Katy Riddell's perfect illustrations which breathe extra life into every page.' *AF Harrold*



**Alex Wharton** is an award-winning writer and performer of poetry for adults and children. His first book of poetry for children, *Daydreams and Jellybeans*, was shortlisted for the Wales Book of The Year Award, the Lollies Book Awards, and was named as a National Poetry Day Recommended Read.

Alex won the Rising Stars Wales Award in 2020 and has collaborated with key national organisations such as Cadw, Welsh Government, British Council of Literature and Welsh Libraries.

Alex will be the next Wales Children's Laureate, taking up his post this autumn.

**Alex is based in Torfaen, south Wales.**

Pub date: 1st February 2024

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Rights: World English language

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An endearing tale of friendship, beautifully illustrated with buoyant wit and the perfect story to share, now available in board book format.

Ever feel like you need a hug, a really big hug from someone? That's how Felipe the little cactus feels, but his family can be pretty prickly . . . So one day Felipe sets off to find a friend and, just maybe, that long awaited hug.

#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Hug Me is a best-selling picture book, praised for its beautiful illustrations, strong visual narrative, and heartwarming story.
- A thoughtful and touching tale of finding one's kindred spirit, which is as relatable for readers young and old.
- The perfect Valentines gifting title to newborn babies as a sweet celebration of sharing a hug with those you love

**KEYWORDS:** Italian author; Sardinian; Sardinia; hug; prickly; cactus; softness; empathy; tribe; embrace; picture book; children's book; children's lit; preschool; toddler; early learning; affection; kinship; Felipe

*'This is a really special read, beautifully illustrated, and laid out in a way to pluck perfectly at heartstrings.'*

- Waterstones

#### ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:



**When Mino Took the Bus**  
HB | 9781838740887  
£12.99



**Shy Ones**  
HB | 9781912497355  
£12.99



#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

**Simona Ciraolo** is a Sardinian born author and illustrator who's witty and endearing tales recently won her the Sebastian Walker Award. Ciraolo studied animation at the National Film School in Turin, Italy, before moving to the UK where she undertook an MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. She has also worked as a freelance 2D animator for children's TV shows and illustrated five picture books for an independent Italian publisher. Simona lives in London.

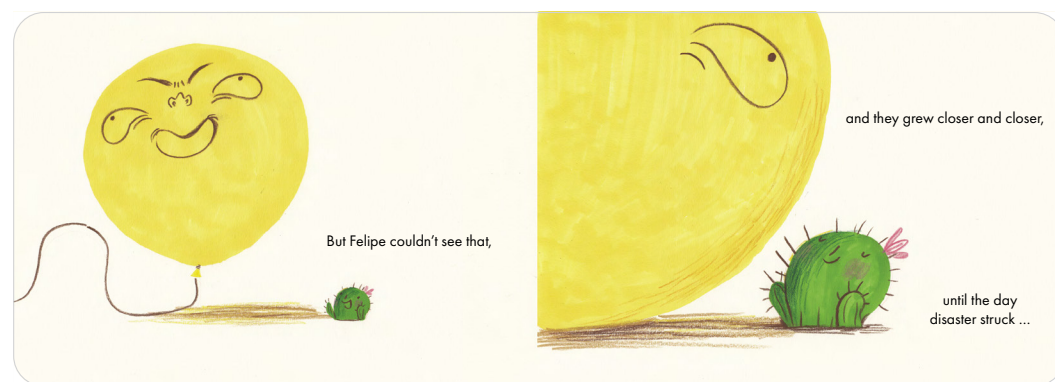
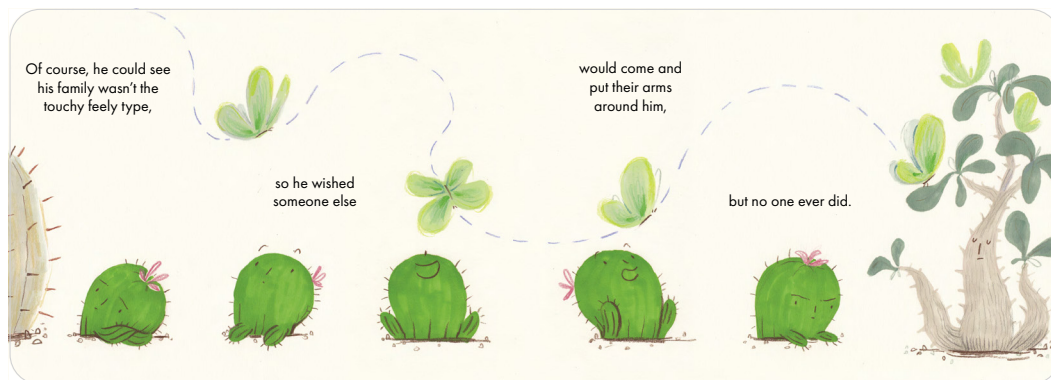
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Publication Date	01/02/2023	Extent	24pp
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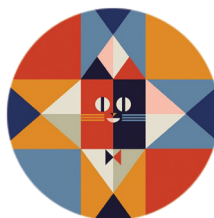
Inventive illustrations paired with narrative and non-fiction elements introduces young readers to the world of bees.

Mason B. C handler is a detective and solitary bee on a mission, and she needs your help to solve a mystery in Bug Borough. As Mason follows clues through Bug Borough, you'll discover everything there is to know about bees! Learn all about the different types of bees, their homes, how they communicate and what you can do to help look after them.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

- A brand new non-fiction series focused on STEM topics. The second STEMville story is set to release in 2025 focusing on forces.
- From the award-winning illustrator of the best-selling Professor Astro-Cat series.
- A narrative non-fiction story introduces readers to the fascinating world of bees by building factual information from spread to spread.
- Includes a topical spread at the end of the book focusing on practical tips readers can use on how to help with bee conservation.

**KEYWORDS:** Kids science books, STEM, Professor Astro-Cat, Series, Kids Non-Fiction, Narrative Non-fiction, Detective, Bees, Wasps, Conservation, Honey

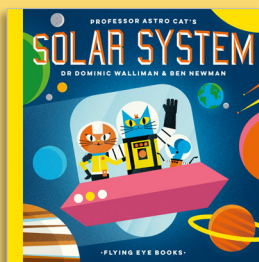


### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Ben Newman has produced work for a large range of clients, including the Tate Modern, New York Times, BBC Radio 4, Apple, Google and The New Yorker. Ben co-created the Professor Astro Cat series at children's books with his long time friend and scientist, Dr Dominic Walliman, which are published by Flying Eye Books and have been translated into 24 other languages

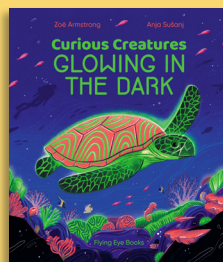
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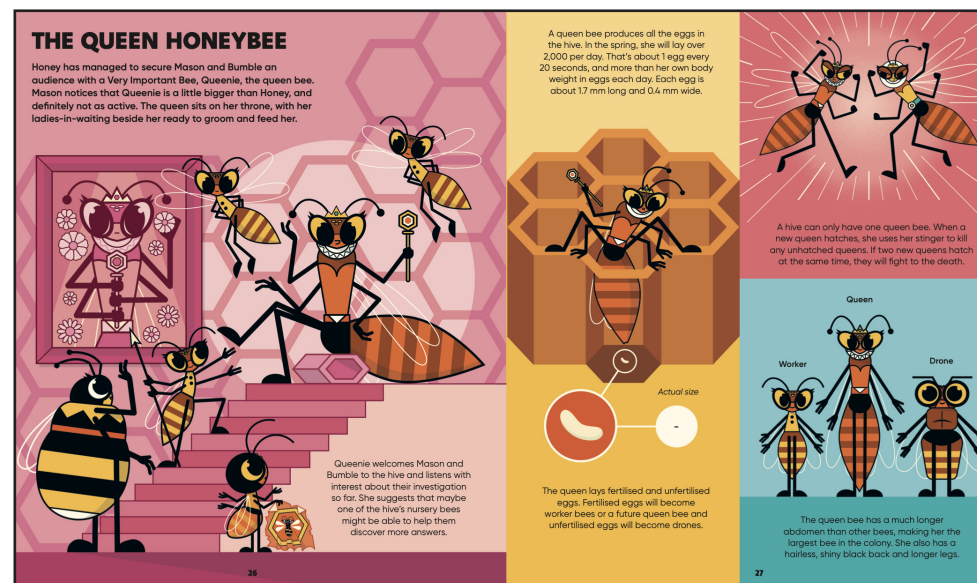
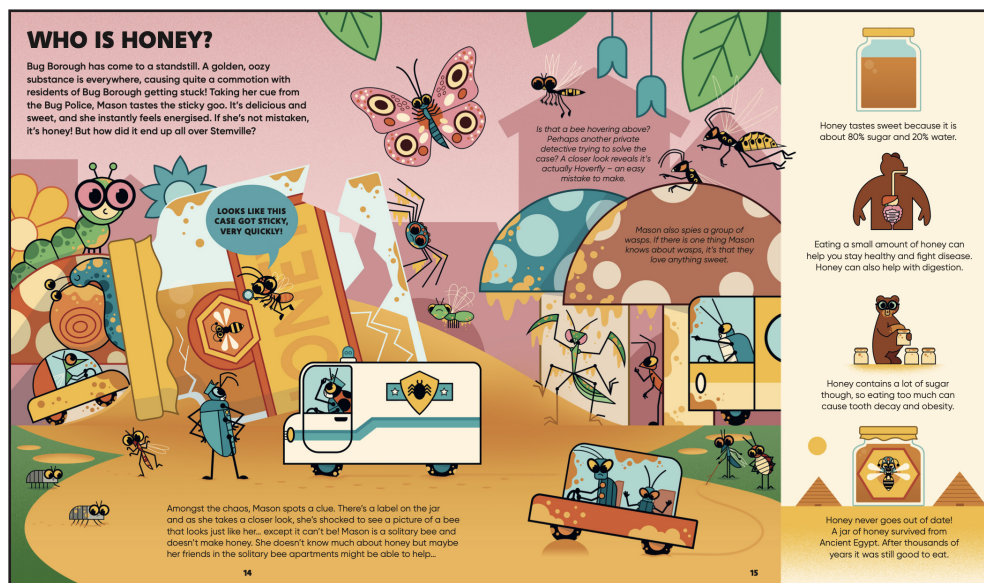
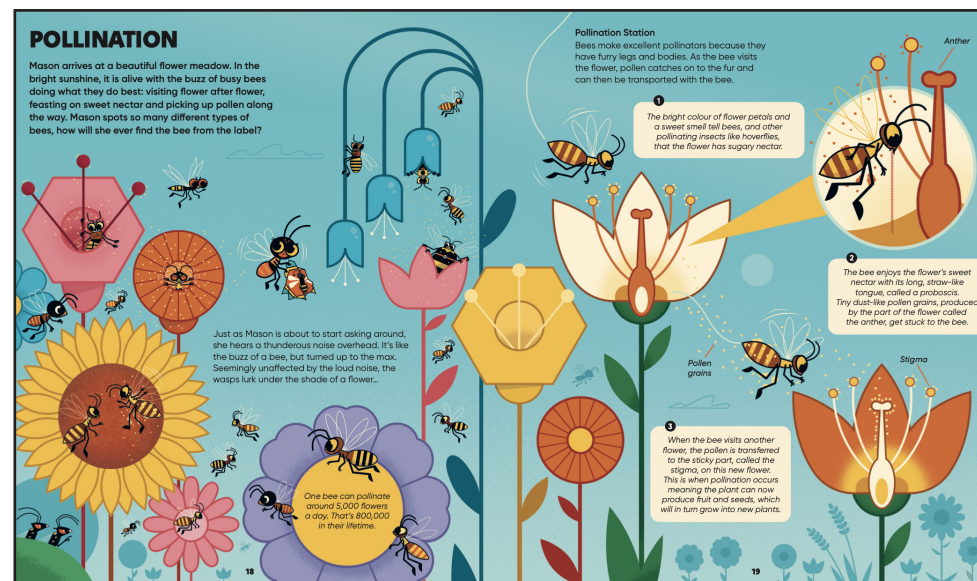
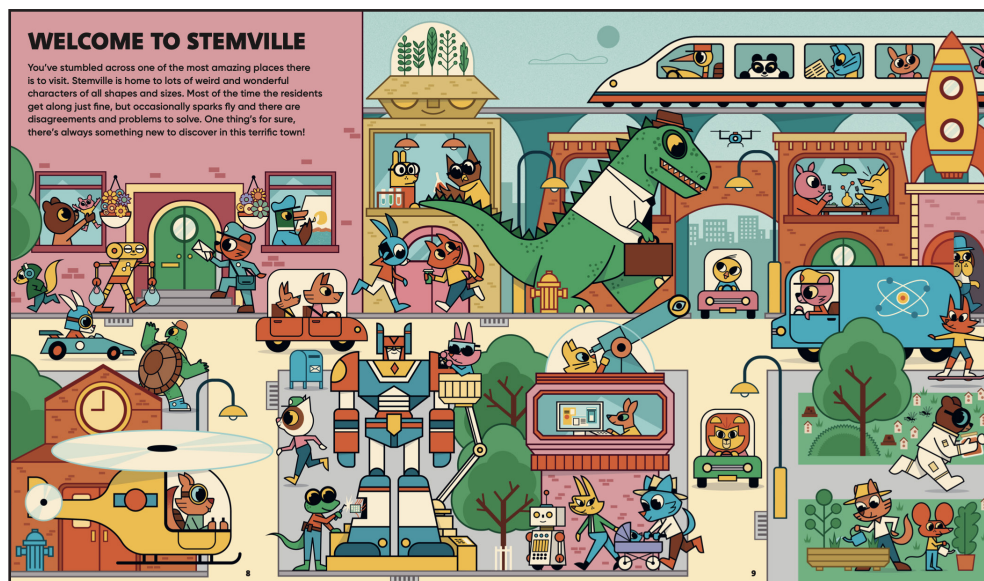
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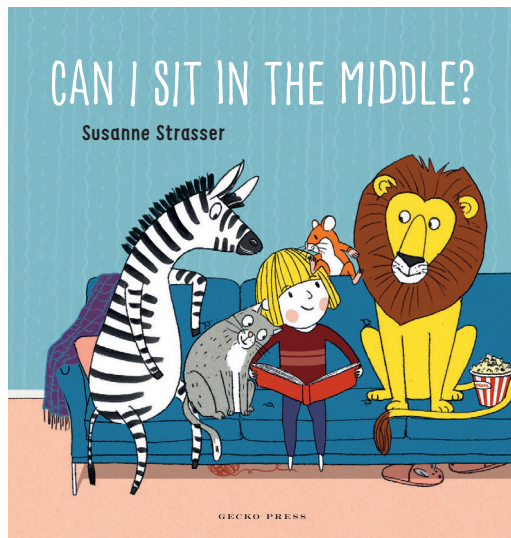
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Format	Hardback	Territory	Worldwide
Size	270 x 230 mm	Shelving Category	Non-Fiction





**SAMPLE SPREADS**





### WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This proven series of well plotted, energetic board books is loved by children everywhere.”

*Julia Marshall, Publisher*

# Can I Sit in the Middle?

Author/Illustrator: **Susanne Strasser**

This read-together board book is a snowballing narrative of animal chaos that culminates in story time under a blanket tent.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Everyone's on the sofa to share a book: zebra, cat, child, lion. “Wait!” says zebra, “stork isn't here yet!” Then cat needs a cushion, hamster's missing, someone's sitting on lion's tail, fish wants to be in the middle... NOW they'll be able to start—won't they?

In this fun, cumulative story, the familiar chaos of piling onto the sofa with friends builds to a climactic hullabaloo until the happy ending of sharing a book in an ideal reading spot—behind the sofa under the blanket tent.

Susanne Strasser's snowballing animal stories that children love are bestsellers in multiple languages.

### SALES POINTS

- Funny cumulative story builds anticipation and excitement
- Very successful, popular board book series in multiple countries, now in English
- A book about reading has extra resonance for libraries, booksellers and book lovers
- Many childhood touchstones—needing one more thing before getting started, wanting to sit in the middle, piling onto the sofa together, blanket tent

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Susanne Strasser studied communication design and illustration in Munich and London. She is the author and illustrator of many successful picture books, particularly this series about animal friends. She lives with her family in Munich.



GECOKO PRESS

### TITLE INFORMATION

**Release February 2024**

**imaginative play | sharing | joy of reading**

Ages **2–5**

Format **boardbook**

Size **215 x 205 mm**

Extent **22 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9781776575855**

RRP **£8.99**

Origin **Germany**

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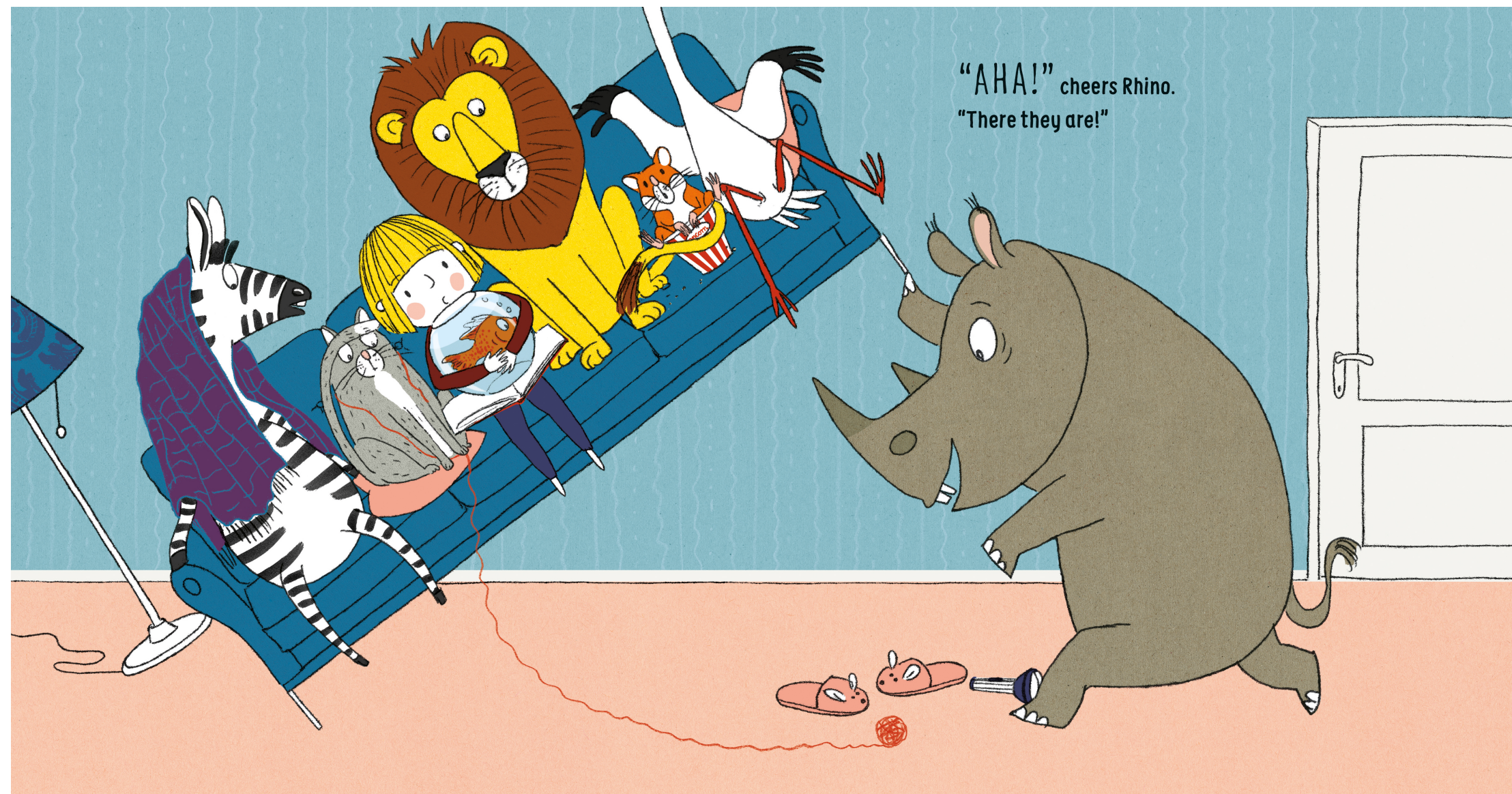
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"AHA!" cheers Rhino.  
"There they are!"





Little ones will love to lift and look under each large felt flap to see who is hiding there!



ISBN: 978-1-80105-763-9  
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## Publication Info

- Format: Full colour chunky board book with 1 large felt flap on each right-hand page
- Extent: 10pp
- Dimensions: 178x178mm
- Cover finishes: Spot UV, matt varnish, peep-through hole on cover
- Author: Holly Hall
- Illustrator: Damien Barlow
- RRP: £7.99
- BIC Code: YBGT3
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- A tactile lift-the-flap storybook that encourages participation from an early age.
- With five felt flaps to lift, there's lots of friendly animals for children to discover on every spread.
- There's a noisy animal and sound word to call out on each page that makes a fun and interactive reading experience.

## Features & Benefits

- Combines the success of felt flaps with an adorable illustration style to help introduce babies and toddlers to books and reading.
- A tried and tested play pattern with simple text, sound words, and lift-the-flap exploration and discovery.
- Designed for 0-12 month infants and 1-2 years old, these books make ideal gifts for baby showers, birthdays, and Christmas.

## Testimonials

- Felt Flaps are here to stay - continues to be a bestselling format in this area.
- Illustrated by Damien Barlow, an experienced illustrator and designer who has created designs for major brands such as Mothercare and Hallmark.
- A brand new baby range from the award-winning team at Imagine That.

## Author | Illustrator

- Damien studied at Leeds College of Art and lives in Newcastle upon Tyne with a super-fluffy cat, Luna. He's a proud Geordie illustrator and lover of the outdoors. He's often found on long woodland walks and eating baked goods.



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- A tried and tested play pattern with simple text, sound words, and lift-the-flap exploration and discovery.
- Designed for 0-12 month infants and 1-2 years old, these books make ideal gifts for baby showers, birthdays, and Christmas.

## Testimonials

- Felt Flaps are here to stay - continues to be a bestselling format in this area.
- Illustrated by Damien Barlow, an experienced illustrator and designer who has created designs for major brands such as Mothercare and Hallmark.
- A brand new baby range from the award-winning team at Imagine That.

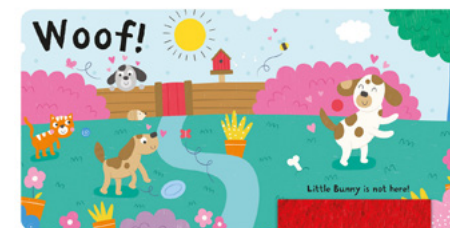
## Author | Illustrator

- Damien studied at Leeds College of Art and lives in Newcastle upon Tyne with a super-fluffy cat, Luna. He's a proud Geordie illustrator and lover of the outdoors. He's often found on long woodland walks and eating baked goods.



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## Who's the grrrreatest of them all? YOU decide and choose from stars 1 to 5!



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- Enjoy hours of sensory, interactive play with these push and pop counting books.
- Which animal is the grrrreatest? You decide! Rank each animal from 1 to 5 using the push and pop stars, and choose who YOU think is the best!
- Hilariously funny counting books featuring dinosaurs, sharks, unicorns and bears that will bring fun and silliness to story time.

### Features & Benefits

- A unique, interactive story book series, where the reader can decide for themselves which animal is growliest, snappiest, roariest, and sparkliest!
- Fidget popper toys aid the development of concentration and focus in small children.
- Chunky board book with a bright yellow silicone popper with five star shapes to push and pop.

### Testimonials

- A global trend - over 8 BILLION views on #fidgettoys on TikTok!
- An innovative take on the popular fidget popper phenomenon - push and count the stars to rank each animal from 1-5.

### Author | Illustrator

- Lou Treleaven's first picture book was published in 2016 and she is now the author of over 20 children's books including The Snowflake Mistake read on CBeebies Bedtime by Suranne Jones. She lives in a Bedfordshire village with her family and likes reading, art, gaming and her cat Badger.



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### Publication Info

- Format: Chunky board book with 5 star popper
- Extent: 10pp
- Dimensions: 213x178mm
- Cover finishes: Matt varnish
- Author: Lou Treleaven
- Illustrator: Steven Wood
- RRP: £7.99
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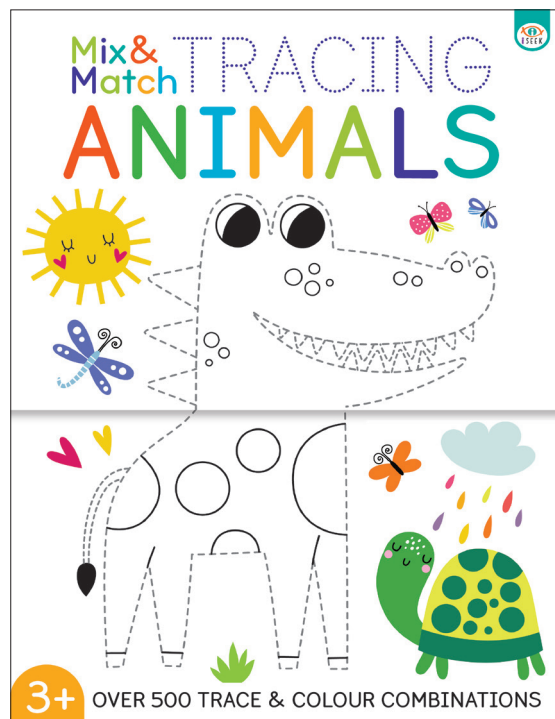


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# Mix & Match Tracing · Animals · iSeek



ISBN: 978-1-915458-95-7

Author: Elizabeth Golding

Illustrations: Angelina De Sol

Young readers can have fun creating new imaginary animals, while learning about the world around them.



**Publication:** February 2024

**Age:** 3+

**Price:** £7. 99

**Format:** Paperback book

**Size:** 280mm x 216mm

**Pages:** 32 pp

**ISBN:** 978-1-915458-95-7

**Territory:** UK and Ireland + Export  
(excluding N. America & ANZ)

## Description

This book features pages that can be split in two ways so children can have fun mixing up animals to create funny imaginary animals, over and again. Simple descriptions help children learn about real animals, and sparks humour when the animals are mixed up. With each new imagined animal comes an ideal talking point for adults and children. Bright illustrations and simple line drawings can be traced over and coloured in.

## Sales and marketing points

- Hundreds of different funny pictures to create
- Bright illustrations to colour in and simple dotted lines to trace over
- Improves language skills and dexterity
- Teaches sequencing and observation

## About the creators

Sussex-based iSeek Ltd are creators of internationally successful illustrated children's books in over 40 countries.

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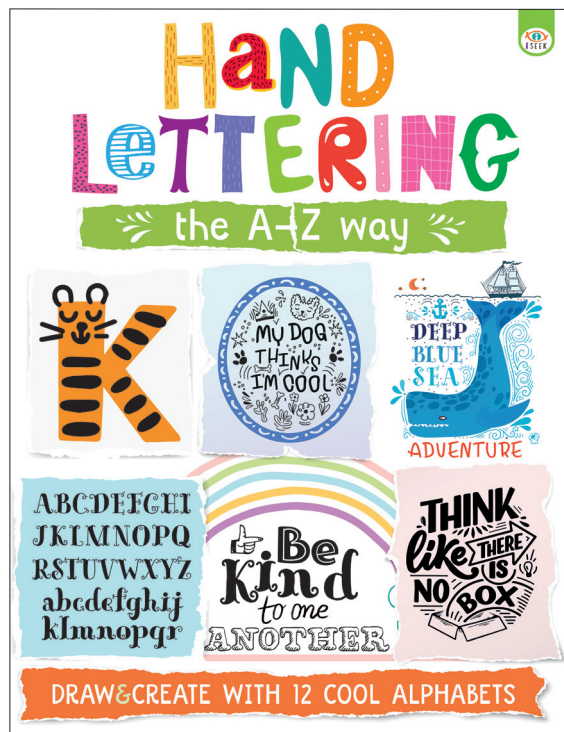
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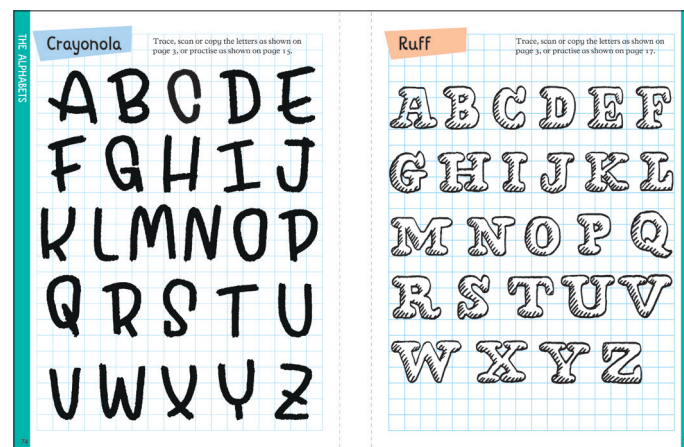
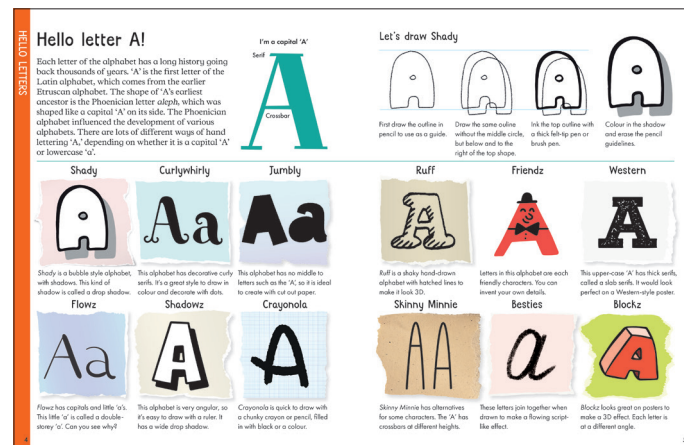
# Hand Lettering The A-Z Way



ISBN: 978-1-915458-82-7

Author: Elizabeth Golding

Illustrations: Various illustrators



Teaches children how to create fun, modern hand lettering styles, with inspirational projects and craft activities to practise newfound skills.

**Publication:** February 2024  
**Age:** 9+  
**Price:** £10.99  
**Format:** softback book  
**Size:** 280mm x 216mm  
**Pages:** 80pp  
**ISBN:** 978-1-915458-82-7  
**Territory:** UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)

## Description

Packed full of practical step-by-step tips and hints, this informative workbook teaches children how to create fun hand lettering styles and projects. There are 12 different lettering styles to learn about and practise for each letter of the alphabet. There is a tear-out section with complete alphabets in each lettering style for children to scan or trace. Featuring lots of inspiration for creating posters, greeting cards and other craft items using skills learnt in this book.

## Sales and marketing points

- Introduction to hand lettering for beginners.
- Tear-out alphabet pages to trace or scan.
- Packed full of practical hints and tips.
- Learn how to embellish letters in different ways.
- Craft ideas to make with new lettering skills.

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# Mind and Me: Going To Bat

Written and illustrated  
by Sunita Chawdhary

Publication 1st February 2024

Age Range 5-7yrs

Format B-format PB

Price £5.99

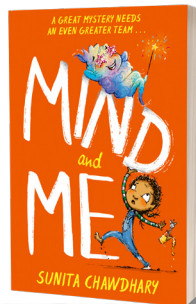
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## Praise for Mind and Me

"An adorable mindfulness story with a splash of funny." **Rashmi Sirdeshpande**

"A comedy double-act starring a young girl named Maya, and Mind, the physical manifestation of Maya's emotions and mental state. There's a relatable dynamic between the pair, with Mind hindering and helping Maya in equal measure, and the book serves as a great introduction to emotional literacy for younger readers." **CLPE Recommended Read**

## Other titles in this series



**Funny, and with heaps of heart, this is a delightful story for younger readers accompanied by beautiful and dynamic illustrations.**

## Sales & Marketing

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

## About the author



Sunita Chawdhary is a British-Indian author/illustrator and mum of two, based in Bath. She studied art and design at Central Saint Martins. Sunita draws on her experience of growing up in Asia, America and Europe to create vibrant, multicultural worlds filled with diverse characters and stories. She believes that children of all

cultures and backgrounds should see themselves represented in print. Sunita was shortlisted for the Penguin Random House WriteNow mentorship programme in 2018 and commended for the Faber Andlyn BAME (FAB) prize in 2019.

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## Weird But True! Know-It-All: U.S. Government Michael Burgan

**This guide to U.S. politics features surprising stories, hidden history, and clear explanations of how our government works—plus loads of weird but true facts!**

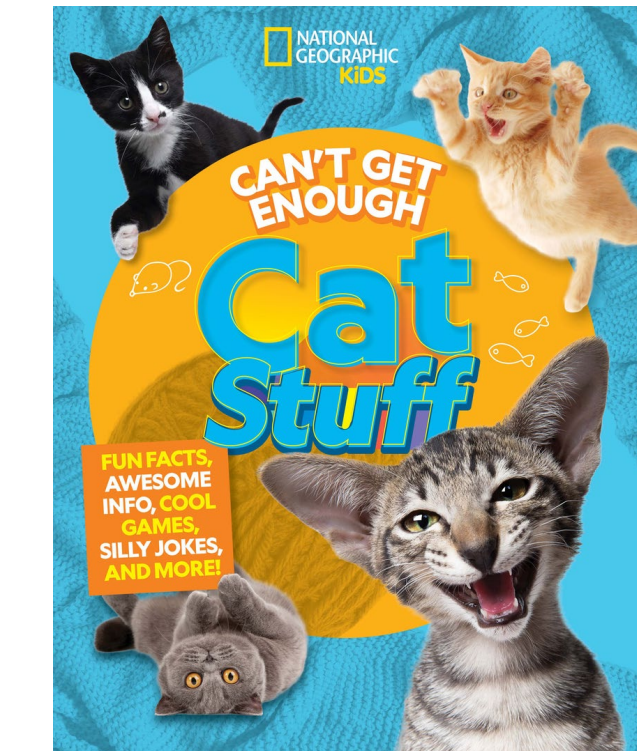
Why is the president called the "commander-in-chief"? And did you know that during a filibuster senators can talk about whatever they want? They have read the phone book, a recipe for fried oysters, and even Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss!

In this next WBT Know-It-All, readers dive deep into the U.S. Capitol to uncover everything they need to know about our government—how things get done, who is who, and why things are the way they are.



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Publisher	National Geographic Kids	Binding	Trade Pbk
ISBN	9781426375279	Illustrations	FULL COLOR
Format	152mm x 229mm	Author	Michael Burgan
Price	£8.99	Illustrator	
Age	8-12 years		
Extent	192		



# Can't Get Enough Cat Stuff

## Fun Facts, Awesome Info, Cool Games, Silly Jokes, and More!

### Mara Grunbaum and Bernard Mensah



**The purr-fect combination of facts, stories, photos, and fun stuff all about one of the world's cuddliest critters—CATS!**

Cats are popular pets all over the world. They are expert hunters, super snugglers, and are even thought by some to be a sign of good luck! Cats love to pounce, play, and stalk their prey just like their big cat ancestors. But did you know that they've adapted some of their behavior, including how adult cats meow just for us humans? Come along and learn more about a wide variety of feline friends, all with their own unique behavior—from the water-loving Bengal cats to the super fluffy, expert climber Somali cats.

For animal lovers who are absolutely obsessed with everything cats, this book has it all: mind-blowing facts; tons of breeds; superfun games; hands-on activities; hilarious cat jokes; and fascinating research, such as how cats manage to (almost) always land on their feet.



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<b>Publisher</b>	National Geographic Kids	<b>Binding</b>	Trade Pbk
<b>ISBN</b>	9781426375903	<b>Illustrations</b>	FULL COLOR
<b>Format</b>	216mm x 276mm	<b>Author</b>	Mara Grunbaum and Bernard Mensah
<b>Price</b>	£9.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
<b>Age</b>	7-10 years		
<b>Extent</b>	128		





# National Geographic Readers Animal All-Stars Collection National Geographic Kids



**Spark your child's love of reading and help them build key skills with this five-book collection of Level 1 readers featuring kid-favorite animals!**

Hop along as a tadpole transforms into a frog. Play in the ocean waves with a family of sea otters. Climb trees with koalas, snuggle up for a nap with a red panda, and join snack time with a hedgehog. Kids will love exploring the worlds of these beloved animals in these engaging books written especially for new readers.

Packed with fun facts, dazzling photography, and a hands-on activity to reinforce the content of the book, each of the five titles in this bind-up will help beginning readers develop ease and confidence in their reading as they discover where these animals live, what they eat, and the fascinating traits that make them unique!

06/02/2024			
<b>Publisher</b>	National Geographic Kids	<b>Binding</b>	Hardback
<b>ISBN</b>	9781426376863	<b>Illustrations</b>	FULL COLOUR
<b>Format</b>	152mm x 229mm	<b>Author</b>	National Geographic Kids
<b>Price</b>	£14.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
<b>Age</b>	4-6 years	<b>Market</b>	
<b>Extent</b>	160	<b>BIC Codes</b>	



**Author:** Kate Goldi  
**Availability:** 08 February 2024  
**Age guide:** 14+

### About the author

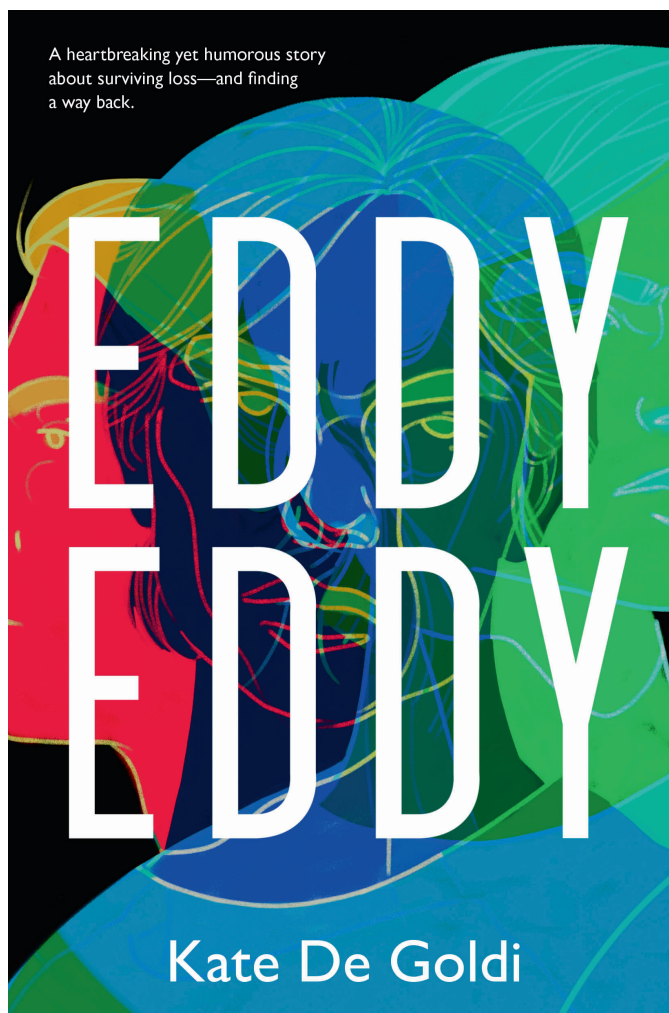
New Zealand author Kate De Goldi first came to the attention of the UK reading public with *The 10pm Question*, New Zealand Post Book of the Year. *Eddy, Eddy* demonstrates the same unparalleled empathy with the tortured mind of a teenager, in this case traumatised by earthquake and family tragedy. But the story is quirky and funny; no-one handles language as deftly. Radio New Zealand says "Kate De Goldi is a genius".

**Format:** Paperback  
**Size:** 135 x 216 mm  
**Extent:** 288 pp  
**BIC Code:** YFN  
**BISAC:** YAF018020  
**Thema:** YFB  
**ISBN:** 9781910646922  
**Price:** £8.99  
**Imprint:** Old Barn Books

ISBN 9781910646922



## Eddy, Eddy



Shortlisted for the New Zealand Book of the Year 2023

### About Eddy, Eddy

**A coming of age story, a love story, an earthquake story and a story of finding your way back from grief.**

Eddy Smallbone (orphan) is grappling with identity, love, loss and religion. It's two years since he blew up his school life and the earthquakes felled his city. Home life is maddening. His pet-minding job is expanding in peculiar directions. And now the past and the future have come calling – in unexpected form. As Eddy navigates his way through the Christchurch suburbs to Christmas, juggling competing responsibilities and an increasingly noisy interior world, he moves closer and closer to an overdue personal reckoning.

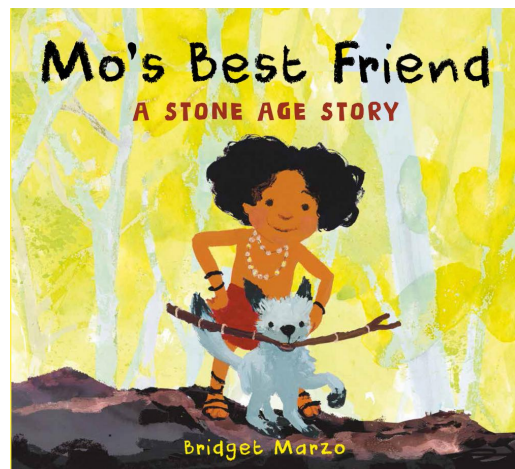
*Eddy, Eddy* is a richly layered novel, written with humour and pathos: a love story, peopled with flawed and comical characters, both human and animal; and a story of grief, the way its punch may leave you floundering – and how others can help you find your way back.



# Mo's Best Friend

## A Stone Age Story

Bridget Marzo



08 February 2024

9781915659194

£12.99

Hardback

250 x 260 mm, 40 pages

Interest age: From 3 years

BICs: YBC

RIGHTS: WORLD

**Charming story of a stone-age family who discover the first dog – inspired by real prehistoric cave art**

Mo lives in a cave with Ma and Pa, Grumma, Gruppa and baby Babba, in the Stone Age.

One day Mo hears a 'yip' coming from a bush. She knows that wild beasts are dangerous but this one is in trouble, with a thorn in its paw. Mo takes out the thorn and the little beast becomes her friend. They play together all day.

But Mo's family are horrified – surely the wild beast will hurt baby Babba. They chase away the little animal – and then, disaster! Babba is missing. Has the wild beast taken him – or will Mo's friend save Baby Babba from a hungry lynx?

By the end of the day, the whole Stone Age family has a new friend and they call it... DOG!


This delightful story for young children is inspired by an astonishing recent discovery in the famous Chauvet Cave in France. The footprint of a young child has been found in the cave, with the paw-print of a dog beside it – from 26,000 years ago!

- Inspired by the astonishing recent discoveries in the famous Chauvet Cave in France
- A delightful story of how humans first made friends with dogs
- Authentic, well researched depiction of Stone Age life
- By an internationally published author/illustrator
- Includes Notes on Chauvet Cave art including photo of the footprints
- Includes a spread showing Stone Age survival skills

### Author Information

**Bridget Marzo** has a Catalan mother and an English father. She graduated from Kings College, Cambridge and went on to study at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. For many years she lived and worked in France. Her first children's books were published in 1990 and since then her children's books have been published all over the world. She is an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and enjoys giving workshops in illustration to schools and other organisations. She divides her time between France and Cambridge.





They creep over the hill and...  
there is Babba! He's safe!

WOOF WOOF! goes Mo's friend, protecting Babba.

He has scared away a hungry lynx!  
OOF! OOF! goes Babba.

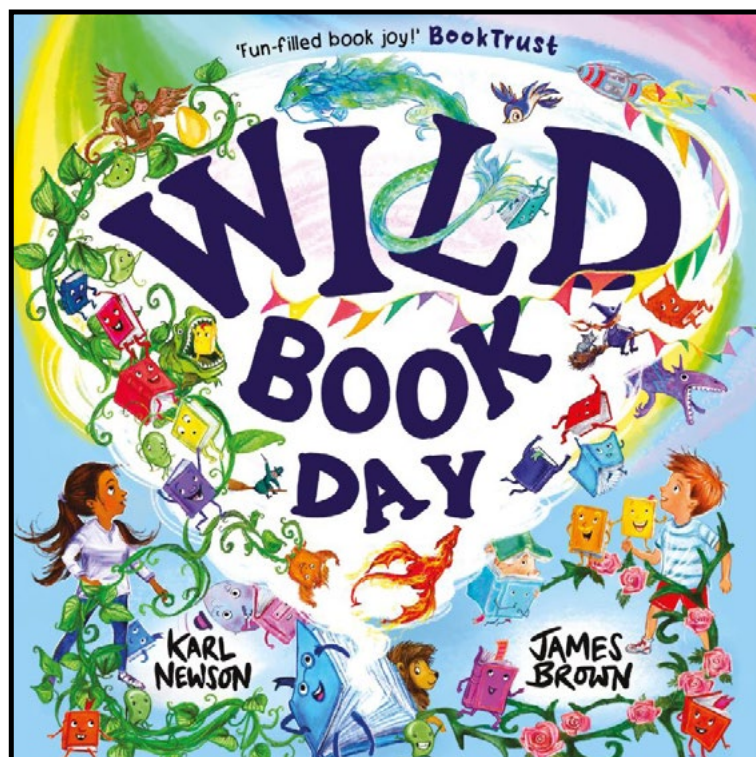


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ISBN: 9781913339593 RRP £7.99

## Get ready for an adventure on WILD BOOK DAY!

Pages turn, dragons soar, and pirates dig as books go wild and pictures escape. But they mustn't be seen. If you can keep their secret, then dive in, explore, and join the riot! Enjoy the wonders in every page. And guess what? Any day can be Wild Book Day!

An exhilarating adventure that sparks a lifelong love for books. Characters from different stories collide to celebrate our rich tapestry of children's literature. As pages wildly come to life, this 'riotous read' not only entertains but also shows the magic of storytelling and the importance of keeping the joy of reading alive. With every turn of the page, it's a celebration of the limitless worlds within books, encouraging young minds to become active participants in their everyday reading adventures.



Karl Newson is an internationally best-selling, multi-award-winning children's author - creator of the I Am a Tiger series, the best-selling I Really Really Need a Wee series, and many, many more. His stories have been translated in over 30 languages around the world.



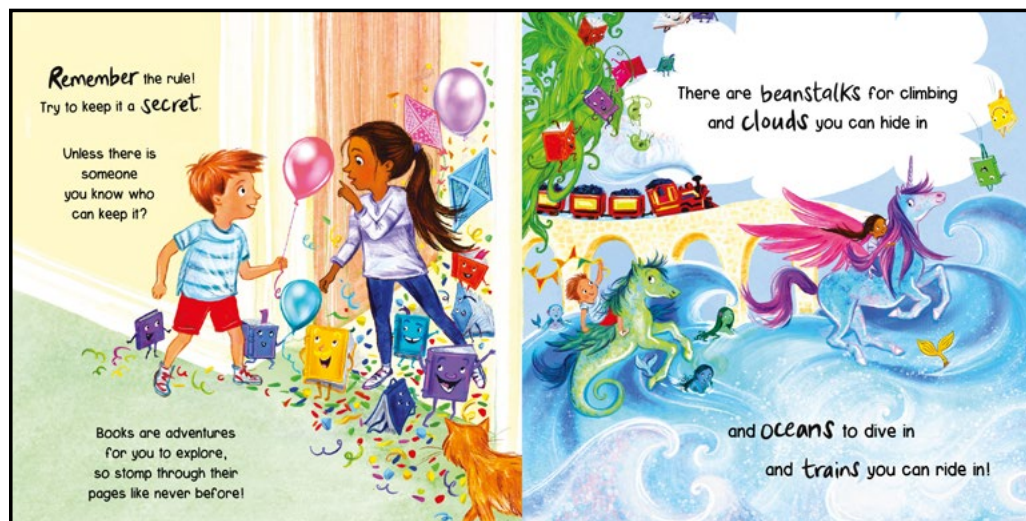
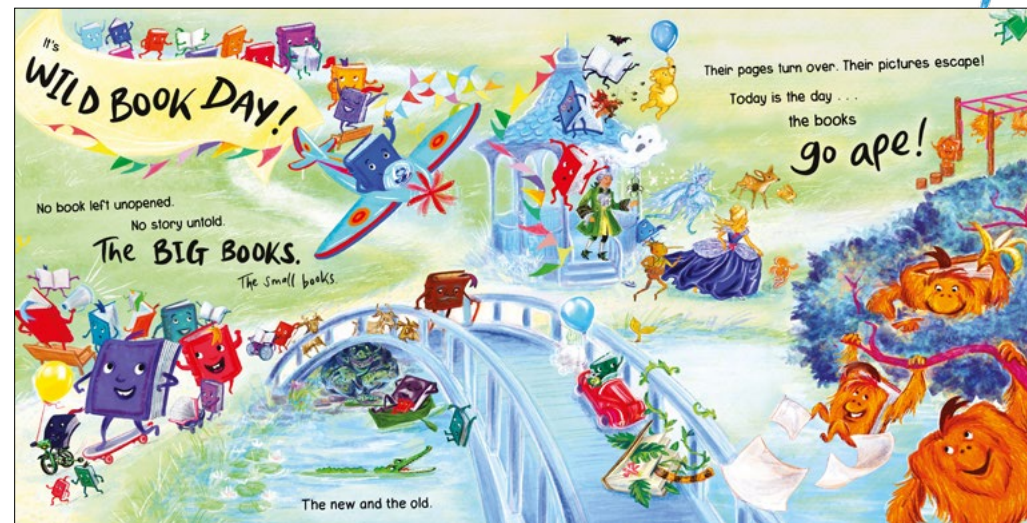
James has been illustrating since 2014, working on over 20 books. James studied English Literature at Sheffield and Stockholm and was one of 5 illustrators to win the SCBWI's Undiscovered Voices 2014 competition.



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Title	The Smile Shop
Author	Satoshi Kitamura
Publication	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024
Age	3-6
Price	£7.99
Format	Paperback
Size	260 x 230 mm
Extent	32pp
ISBN	978-1-912650-97-2
Territory	World ex USA & Can
BIC Code	YBCS, YXL, YFQ, YNPK
CBMC Code	A3M79

# THE SMILE SHOP

By Satoshi Kitamura



Scallywag Press

**Award-winning artist Satoshi Kitamura delivers the powerful message that kindness is more important than money.**

A small boy is planning how to spend his first ever pocket money when disaster strikes and he's left with only one coin. His day seems to be ruined until he sees a Smile Shop. In a surprise ending, the world is put to rights and suddenly the whole world is smiling again!

## Key Selling Points

- Wonderful detailed illustrations, full of humour and observation. Vintage Satoshi Kitamura style.
- A playful anti-capitalist parable to be savoured at any age
- Prize-winning artist whose books are translated into many languages
- Rave reviews from all educators

*'This wonderful picture book is packed with beautifully observed illustrations, full of gentle humour and intricate detail, which reflect a multicultural, multi-ethnic town'* Booktrust

*'This gentle story offers a different perspective on the commercial messaging that children meet elsewhere. Kitamura works every spread to maximum effect'* Books for Keeps

## Sales and Marketing

- **Nominated for the 2021 Kate Greenaway Medal**
- Teaching ideas and downloadables free on our [website](http://www.bouncemarketing.co.uk)
- Campaign around Random Acts of Kindness day Feb 2024
- Reposting of original blog tour with giveaway
- Much-loved illustrator regularly reviewed and interviewed in specialist and national media, including Books for Keeps, YLG and Booktrust

Currently living in Japan, Satoshi Kitamura has created over 20 of his own picture books, as well as having illustrated many by prominent authors such as Hiawyn Oram, John Agard and Colin McNaughton. His books have been translated into more than 20 languages. Satoshi has won awards including the Mother Goose Award, Silver Award for the Smarties Prize, and the National Art Library Illustrations Award.

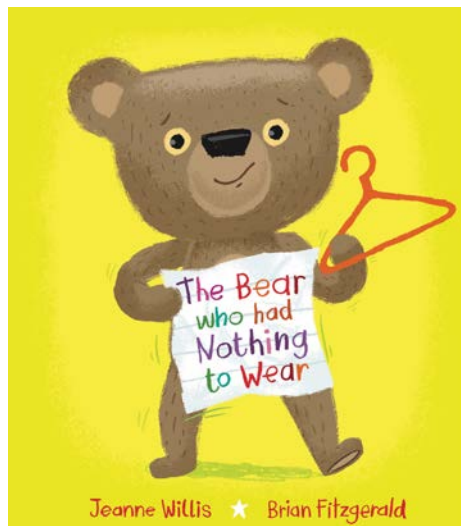






And I see the street is smiling.  
Everyone is smiling.  
The whole world  
is smiling . . .





Publication	1 February 2024
Age	3+
Price	£7.99
Format	Paperback
Size	275 x 240mm
Extent	32pp
ISBN	978-1-915252-57-9
Territory	World exc USA, Can
BIC Code	YXL, YFN, YXS, YXZG, YBCS
CBMC Code	A3M79



**Jeanne Willis** lives in London and often visits schools. Her many books have won the Silver Medal Smarties Prize, the Nasen Special Needs Award, the Sheffield Children's Book Award and the Red House Children's Book Award.

**Brian Fitzgerald** is an Irish illustrator who lives and works near Dublin. He won the Bologna Fair International Silent Book Competition in 2014.



# The Bear who had Nothing to Wear

Jeanne Willis and Brian Fitzgerald



Scallywag Press

Albie arrived wearing NOTHING but fur, he could have been either a Him or Her... Most teddy bears let their owner decide, but Albie would *not*, for a bear has its pride.

But each outfit that Albie purchases – from fairy to pirate, from cowboy to elegant city gent – proves unsuitable in some way, and by the end of the week his bedroom is heaped with discarded clothes. How will he dress in order to feel like himself?

## Key Selling Points

- Jeanne Willis's trademark verse makes this a delight to read aloud
- Children will love all the dressing up outfits, recognising we have agency to create our own identity
- Confidence boosting as Albie eventually discovers that he prefers just to be himself
- Covers days of the week, different professions and gently points at sustainability versus consumerism

*'This laugh-out-loud rhyming story blends funny, powerful and highly-engaging themes of empowerment, roles and sharing with hilariously bold illustrations.'* School Reading List

*'A joyously unique read about finding your own identity.'* Book and Gift blogger

## Sales and Marketing

- Perfect for workshops about drawing costumes and making outfits. Further author / artist tour planned.
- Fun downloadables, video and teacher resources [on the website](#)
- Nominated for WHS picture book range
- [#DiscoverIrishKidsBooks](#) campaign is promoting Brian as an Irish illustrator
- Jeanne Willis regularly [tours schools](#)

So on SUNDAY he put all his clothes into bags.



And gave them away to poor  
teddies in rags.





# FLYING HIGH

CAO WENXUAN

Pub Date: February 2024  
Price: £8.99  
Format: Paperback  
ISBN: 9781915235985  
Age Range: 5 - 12  
Subject: YBC (Picture books)  
CBMC Code: B3M79  
Extent: 64 pp  
Dimensions: 240 x 280 mm



## THE AUTHOR

**Cao Wenxuan** grew up in rural China and is now a professor of Chinese literature and children's literature. He is the author of several celebrated books for young readers. His fluid, poetic prose depicts honest, sometimes raw, and often melancholy moments of life.

He has also received significant recognition for his academic research and teaching in the field of children's literature, and he was the first Chinese author to win the Hans Christian Andersen Author Award.

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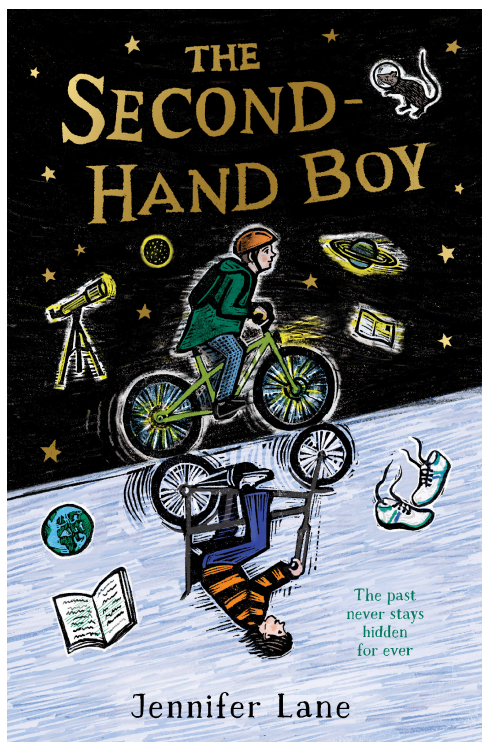
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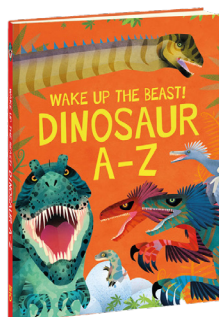
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