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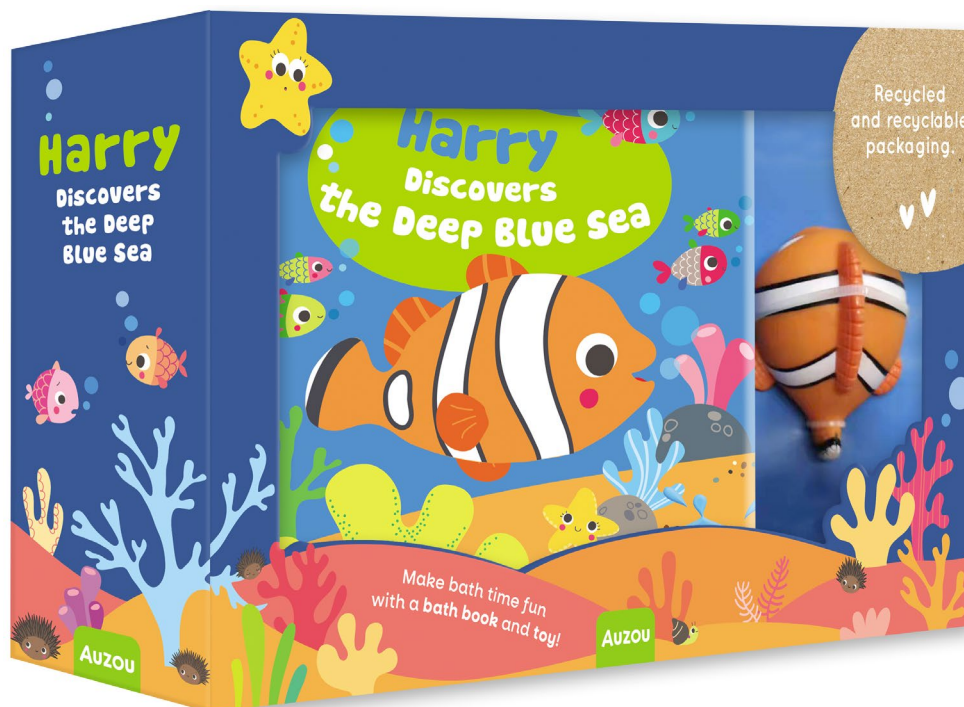


ABOUT THE BOOK

What will Harry the brave clownfish find at the bottom of the sea?

Combine reading with play at bath time with this fun kit containing a book and a toy.

Super cute and colourful illustrations by Sigrid Martinez will spark children's curiosity!



KEY SELLING POINTS

- ★ Includes a delightful **toy** that floats in the water!
- ★ With recycled and **recyclable cardboard packaging**
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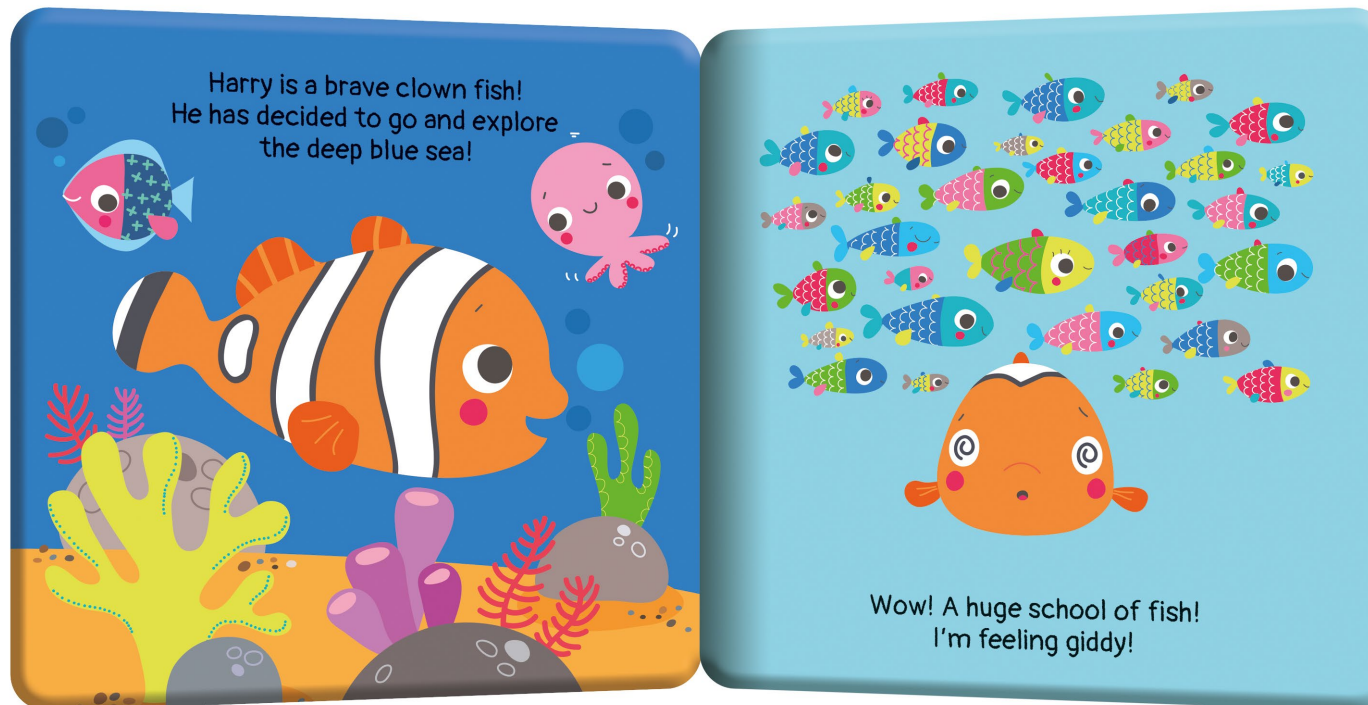
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Will Lily the playful octopus find anyone quite as good at tickling as she is?

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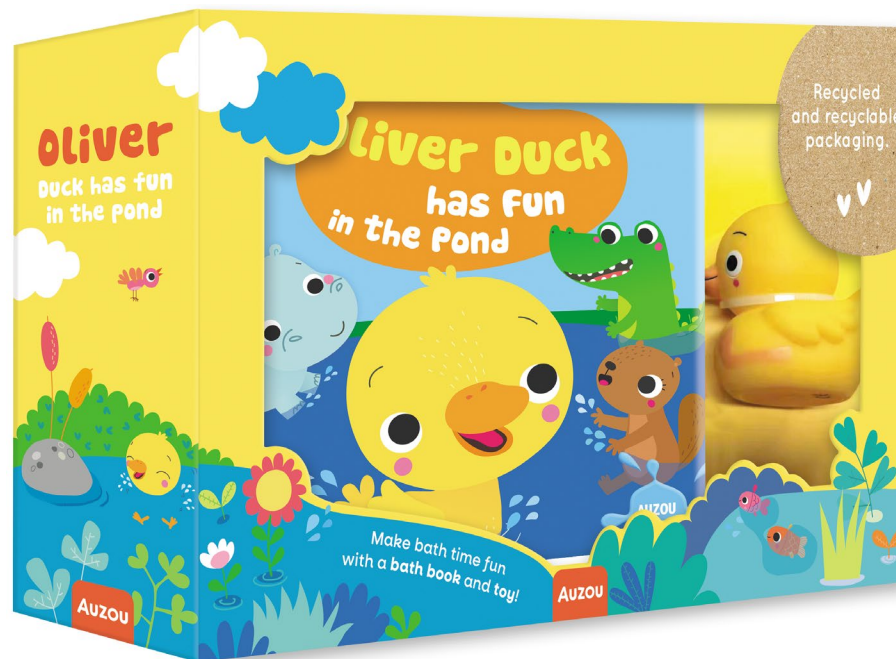


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Oliver Duck would love to play in the pond – if only he could find the courage to get his wings wet...

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Ready Steady English!

written by Catherine Bruzzone, illustrated by Ste Johnson

A FUN WAY TO GET STARTED IN ENGLISH!

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Series title: Ready Steady ...

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Presents first words in a way that engages older children
- Positive approach encourages children to have a go
- It's a 'normal' activity book that children will know how to use



MARCH 2024

Publisher	b small publishing ltd.	Binding	Paperback
ISBN	9781913918910	Illustrations	Full colour
Format	246x189mm	Author	Catherine Bruzzone
Price	£7.99 (no VAT)	Illustrator	Ste Johnson
Age	5 years and up	Market	Worldwide
Extent	48 pages	BIC Codes	YQC

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Author/Illustrator: Catherine Bruzzone is an author, publisher, former languages teacher and foreign language lover who has written lots of language learning books for children. Ste Johnson is an illustrator based in Sheffield who has illustrated for Macmillan, Kingfisher and Hodder.

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Star Wars: The High Republic: Defy the Storm

Justina Ireland; Tessa Gratton



Star Wars: The High Republic, the New York Times best-selling series, continues. . . For light and life!

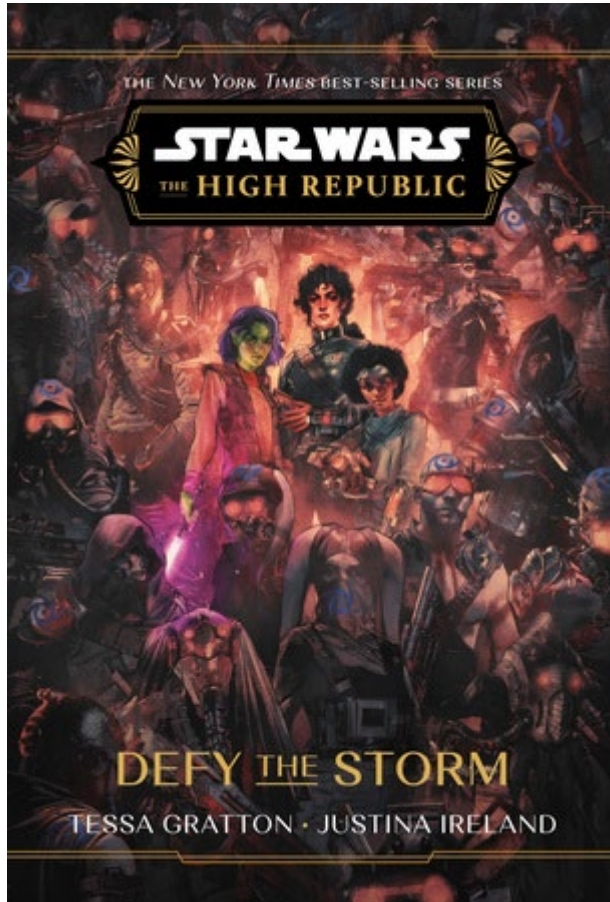
One year after the fall of Starlight Beacon, the galaxy is in chaos. An anarchistic group known as the Nihil has taken over a section of space now known as the Occlusion Zone. Jedi Knight Vernestra Rwoh and scientist Avon Starros team up in an attempt to find a way through the Nihil Stormwall to save those on the other side. But what are the Nihil's real plans? And what of the nameless creatures that can destroy the Jedi Order? The battle has just begun. . .

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES SUCCESS! Into the Dark debuted at #1. Del Rey's Light of the Jedi debuted at #1. A Test of Courage and Out of the Shadows each debuted at #2. Race to Crashpoint Tower debuted at #4. The most recent High Republic middle grade novel, Quest for Planet X, debuted at #7.

ALL NEW ERA, ALL NEW SUCCESS: The multi-publisher mega-story has sold over 1.5M books and comics and the initiative has grown beyond the printed page, extending into VR, animation, and live action including Young Jedi Adventures on Disney+ and Disney Junior, and the forthcoming Disney+ series, The Acolyte.

CONTINUING PROMOTIONAL ROLL-OUT: Promotion for the series is ongoing with a bi-monthly High Republic YouTube program ("The High Republic Show"), author and character spotlights and more. There is a dedicated High Republic landing page at starwars.com/the-high-republic.

INCREDIBLE ENGAGEMENT AND EXCITEMENT: The High Republic trailer quickly garnered over 3 million views across all platforms in the first 24 hours after debuting on February 2020, and the announcement of the High Republic initiative garnered over 250 media pieces with a global impression of almost 500 million.



05/03/2024			
Publisher	Disney Publishing Group	Binding	Hardback
ISBN	9781368093811	Illustrations	
Format	210 x 140	Author	Tessa Gratton
Price	£16.99	Illustrator	Justina Ireland
Age	12 and up	Market	Excluding AU/NZ
Extent	400	BIC Codes	

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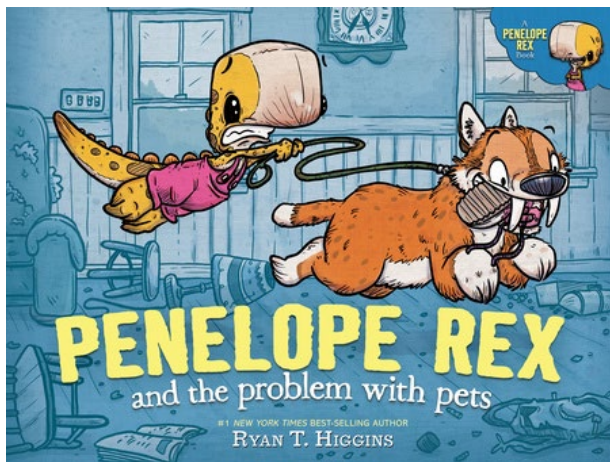
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Penelope Rex and the Problem with Pets

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney
HYPERION



Penelope Rex might finally have bitten off more than she can chew—a pet saber tooth tiger!—in this companion to the #1 New York Times bestselling *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins.

Most kids have dogs and cats and fish and guinea pigs. Penelope Rex has Mittens. Penelope wasn't sure she even wanted a pet when Mittens came into her life. But now that he's here, she is determined to make the best of it. Pets, however—especially ones that are six hundred pounds with six-inch-long teeth—can cause very big, very messy problems.

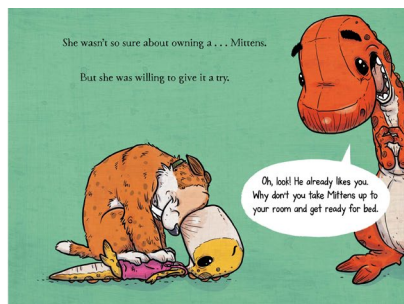
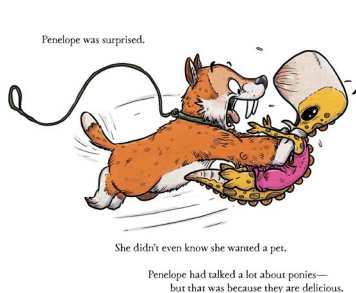
Read all of the Penelope Rex books!

- *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*
- *We Will Rock Our Classmates*
- *We Don't Lose Our Class Goldfish*

BELOVED CHARACTER, BUILDING ON SUCCESS: Penelope Rex has been a smash hit with readers, educators, and caretakers ever since her debut in *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*.

PHENOMENAL AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR: The Penelope Rex series is a big hit, and Ryan's signature deadpan, multi-level visual comedy has continued to charm readers across the country.

RELATABLE EXPERIENCE AND UNIVERSAL THEME: First-time pet ownership is a relatable challenge, and learning what "responsibility" really means is a universal theme, making this a must-have addition to any home or classroom library.



26/03/2024			
Publisher	Disney Publishing Group	Binding	Hardback
ISBN	9781368089609	Illustrations	
Format	305 x 229 mm	Author	Ryan T. Higgins
Price	£14.99	Illustrator	
Age	3-5 years	Market	
Extent	48	BIC Codes	

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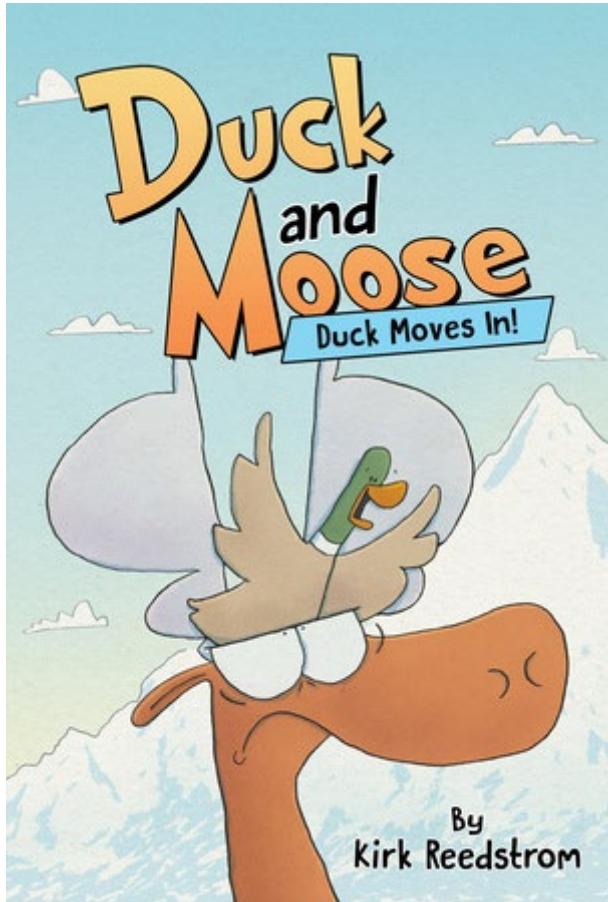
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Duck and Moose: Duck Moves In!

Kirk Reedstrom

Disney
HYPERION



The first book in a laugh-out-loud early graphic novel series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly!

Quiet-loving Moose's life is turned upside down by free-wheeling Duck. The two will need to put their differences aside if they're ever going to be neighbors...or friends!

Moose loves peace and quiet, relaxing, living alone, and spring! He can't wait for the arrival of sun, flowers, and...a new neighbor?! Duck just landed himself a new home. He loves parties, karaoke, and living with—and on—Moose's head. Moose tries everything he can to send Duck away, but he soon finds that this persistent neighbor might just be the best thing spring could bring.

EXPLODING MARKET: The early reader graphic novel market is poised for strong growth.

DEBUT TALENT: Kirk is a librarian and former bookseller, is a great collaborator, and incredibly prolific. This is only the beginning for him!

KID APPEAL IN AN IRRESISTABLE PACKAGE: With a plan for full-color interior art, pitch-perfect jokes, and plenty of zany hijinks, kids won't be able to get enough of Duck and Moose.

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Publisher	Disney Publishing Group	Binding	Hardback
ISBN	9781368097277	Illustrations	
Format	229 x 152 mm	Author	Kirk Reedstrom
Price	£9.99	Illustrator	
Age	6-8 years	Market	
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Duck and Moose: Moose Blasts Off!

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The second book in a laugh-out-loud early graphic novel series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly!

Moose loves playing astronaut. Imagining his helmet, his seatbelt, and rocketing off into space are his favorite things to do! One day, Moose invites Duck to play with him. But there's just one problem—Duck doesn't know how to use his imagination!

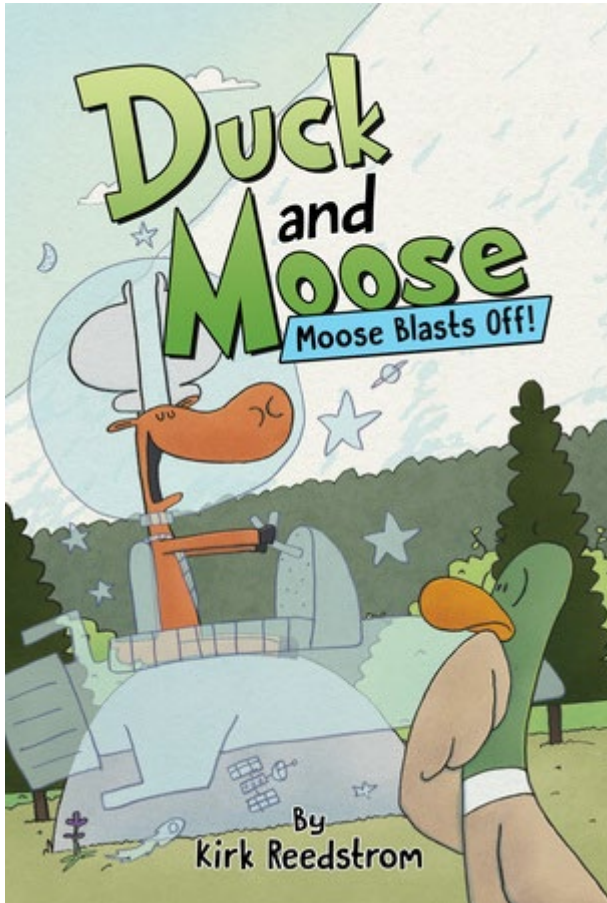
Moose teaches him but soon becomes frustrated because Duck doesn't play astronaut the "right" way. How will these friends learn how to work—and imagine—together? Filled with zany hijinks and slapstick humor, Kirk Reedstrom's Duck and Moose series showcases unlikely friendships and the power of compromise.

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MORE BOOKS TO MARKET QUICKER: We're publishing the first two books in the series simultaneously, with a third book to come nine months later!

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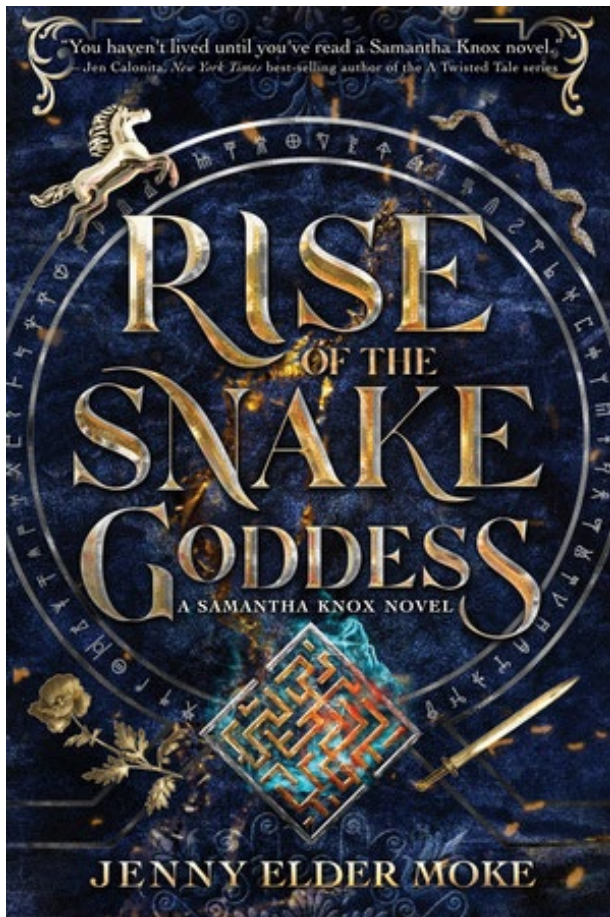
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Rise of the Snake Goddess

Jenny Elder Moke

Disney
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After being snubbed by her college's archaeology department for an honor she rightfully earned, Sam is hell-bent on proving her worth to her misogynistic department head. So when an opportunity presents itself to solve the hidden meaning behind a symbol found inside a cave in Greece, Sam is all over it, and she's bringing Bennett and Jo with her for the cross-Atlantic trip.

Once on the island of Crete, Sam finds a treasure she never expected—the golden girdle of an ancient and powerful goddess—and she can't resist its siren call, or the accolades she would win for discovering it. But before she can take credit for the find, the girdle is stolen and the island is hit with a series of earthquakes that don't feel quite coincidental.

Soon Sam, Bennett, and Jo are embroiled in a wild hunt—one that takes them to tiny island shops, a glamorous high-stakes auction, and a fiery, near-death experience—to find the girdle before someone can use it to raise the ancient goddess from her slumber.

An unexpected heist, a terrifying trek through a labyrinth, and a fight to the death with the Minotaur itself lead to a final standoff she and her friends won't soon forget.

TALENTED AUTHOR WITH HISTORICAL CHOPS: Jenny Elder Moke has an incredible knack for making high-stakes adventure and romance leap off the page, while keeping it all rooted in historical fact.

STRONG FEMALE PROTAGONIST: With Samantha Knox, Moke has created a young woman who can crack any code, scale the side of a moving cruise liner and troubleshoot solutions for taking down an ancient goddess with a rune and a tube of lipstick, all in mid-battle.

12/03/2024			
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ISBN	9781368070799	Illustrations	
Format	210 x 140 mm	Author	Jenny Elder Moke
Price	£8.99	Illustrator	
Age	12 +	Market	
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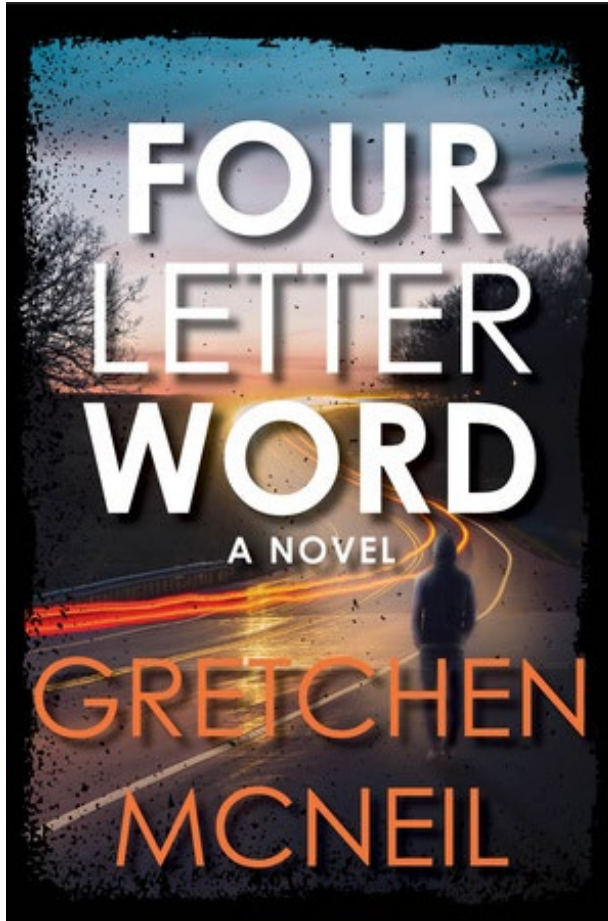
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Four Letter Word

Gretchen McNeil

Disney
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In this pulse pounding thriller, Izzy and her family welcome an exchange student into their home. But after a series of mishaps and coincidences, and with a serial killer on the loose, Izzy begins to suspect the young man is not who he seems.

For most of her life, Izzy has been looking forward to fulfilling her mother's dream of studying abroad in Italy. Going into her senior year, Izzy is counting down the days until she can leave her humdrum life behind, until Alberto, a handsome and mysterious Italian exchange student shows up for his stay with her family. Now life in her hometown doesn't seem so drab, as Izzy, and everyone else, is immediately charmed by Alberto and his irresistible accent.

But something about Alberto isn't quite...right. As an avid true crime fan, Izzy has been following a serial killer case in San Francisco and the murderer, whose description bears a passing resemblance to the Italian exchange student living in her house, seems to have made his way north. As Izzy pays closer attention to Alberto—his actions, his temper—she finds more and more holes in his story that he has trouble explaining away.

When a local girl is murdered, Izzy thinks Alberto might not be who he seems. Worse, a series of "accidents" seem to target Izzy herself. In a race against the clock, Izzy must convince anyone that Alberto could be a notorious killer before another girl ends up dead.

PERENNIALY POPULAR: YA Thrillers are a favorite year after year and the genre only continues to grow.

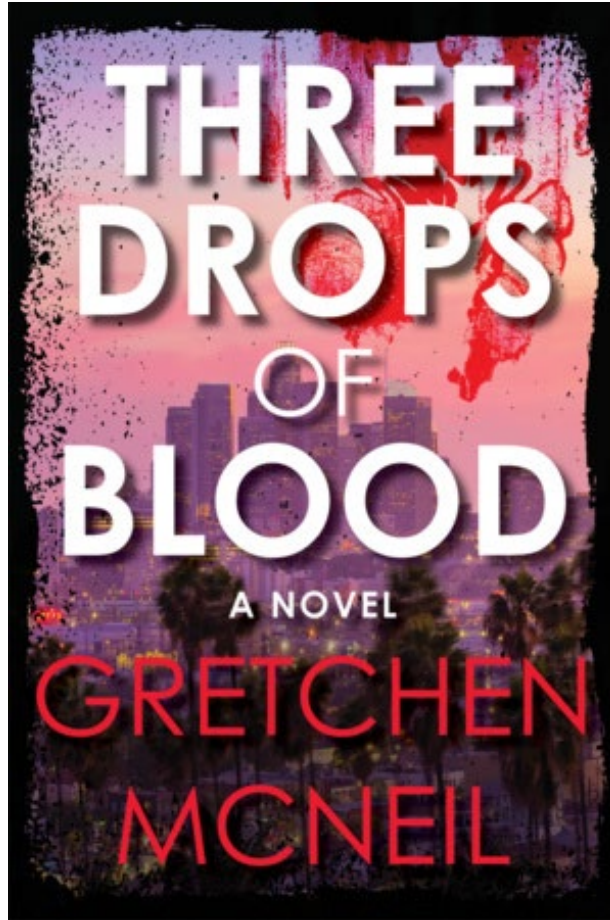
FRESH TAKE ON A CLASSIC FILM: Four Letter Word reimagines the classic Hitchcock film Shadow of a doubt from a fresh perspective.

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Format	210 x 140 mm	Author	Gretchen McNeil
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Extent	320	BIC Codes	

Three Drops of Blood

Gretchen McNeil

Disney
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A Good Girls Guide to Murder meets Hitchcock in this novel from celebrated author Gretchen McNeil.

A mundane office job takes a dark turn when a girl witnesses a double murder through the window. Being an actress, Kate is no stranger to drama. And when her chance at a leading role gets cancelled, she is willing to do whatever it takes to get her acting career back on track even if that means getting a boring office job at her best friend's father's law firm so she can prove to her parents she can support herself rather than go back to high school.

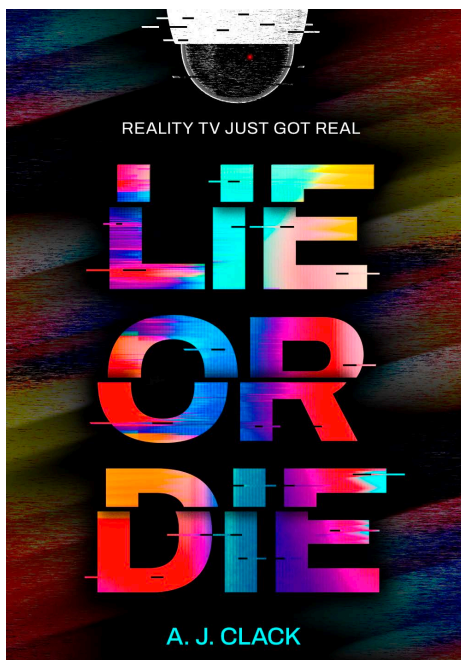
Now, rather than living life on the big screen, she is stuck filing contracts and watching the people in the office across from hers live their equally boring lives. But when Kate sees things heat up between a woman and her assistant, her new source of entertainment takes a turn for the worse when she witnesses a double murder.

Now, she must get anyone to believe her and find out who this mystery woman is to get answers. But as she learns more and more about the circumstances leading to the gruesome act, she begins to realize there is a bigger mystery under the surface... In this voyeuristic thriller filled with twists and turns, can Kate get anyone to believe her before she becomes the next victim?

POWERHOUSE TALENT: Gretchen McNeil is a force within the YA suspense and horror genre with one of her novels being turned into a Netflix series last year.

FRESH TAKE ON A CLASSIC FILM: Three Drops of Blood reimagines the classic Hitchcock film Rear Window with a fresh perspective and two teen girls at the forefront.

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Why we love it:

'In a world where lies are the new truth, who would you believe? A dark, twisty thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat to the very end. I can't wait for readers to get their hands on this one.'

Hayley Fairhead, editor

Lie or Die

A.J. Clack

'What a breathless rollercoaster of a read! Fresh, fast-paced and full of twists and turns.' Sophie McKenzie, award-winning author of *Girl, Missing*

'A gripping page-turner about a reality TV game turned deadly, where you truly can't trust anyone – dark and twisty, this is a read in one sitting thriller!' Ravena Guron, author of *This Book Kills*

- Dark, reality-TV-based YA thriller, perfect for fans of *The Traitors*
- *Lie or Die* was a SCWBI Undiscovered Voices 2022 winner and is featured in the UV2022 Anthology. It was shortlisted in the Firefly Press's New Children's Fiction from Wales competition 2022.

Ten strangers trapped in a television studio
Forty-two remote cameras
Five dead bodies
One rule: Trust no one

When a casting call is announced for new reality TV show *Lie or Die*, Kass is tricked into auditioning by her best friend. Billed as *Big Brother*, meets Mafia, *Lie or Die* pits contestants against each other as they try to discover who is a murderous agent and who is an innocent player. But when contestants start to turn up dead (the real kind, not the fake kind), Kass realises that not being eliminated and winning the game is the least of her worries. No longer a game of truth and lies, Kass and her friends are in a fight for survival. 'Reality' just got very real.



A.J. Clack moved from a small village in Wales to London, to pursue a career in television. She worked on a wide range of shows from *Teletubbies* to *Friends*, while also writing plays for the Edinburgh Fringe and development scripts/pilots for children's television. **She now lives in Suffolk** with a houseful of teenagers and can often be found freezing on the side of a rugby pitch.

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Size: 129 x 198mm

Extent: TBC

Age: YA

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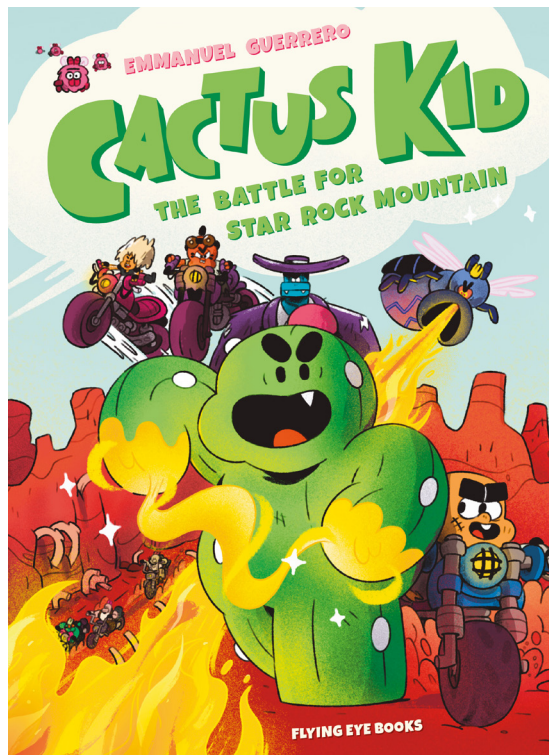
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Once the Moto-Brawl begins Cactus Kid learns that sometimes even lone heroes need allies. But will he and his new-found friends be able to see off the competition and the mysterious bounty hunter to emerge victorious before sunset?

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Cactus Kid marks the beginning of an exciting new series and expansion of Flying Eye Books' middle-grade comics collection.
- Emmanuel's unique blend of classic American-Western and Mexican influences, drawn from his own background, offers a fresh and distinctive perspective within the genre.
- Characterful and vibrant art style will captivate the target age range and cartoon-lovers.
- Perfect for fans of Star Wars, Pokémon, Minecraft, and Dogman.

KEYWORDS: Western; Spells; Magic; Sorcery; Wizard; Superhero; Mexican; Comic

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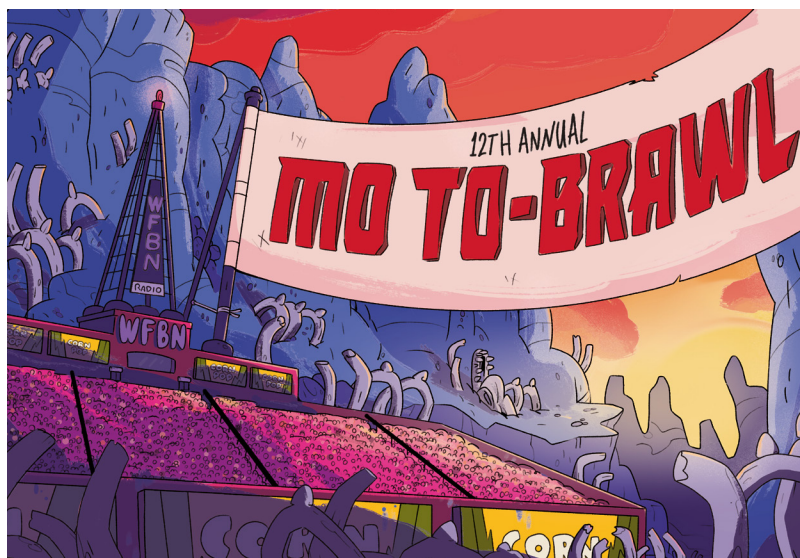
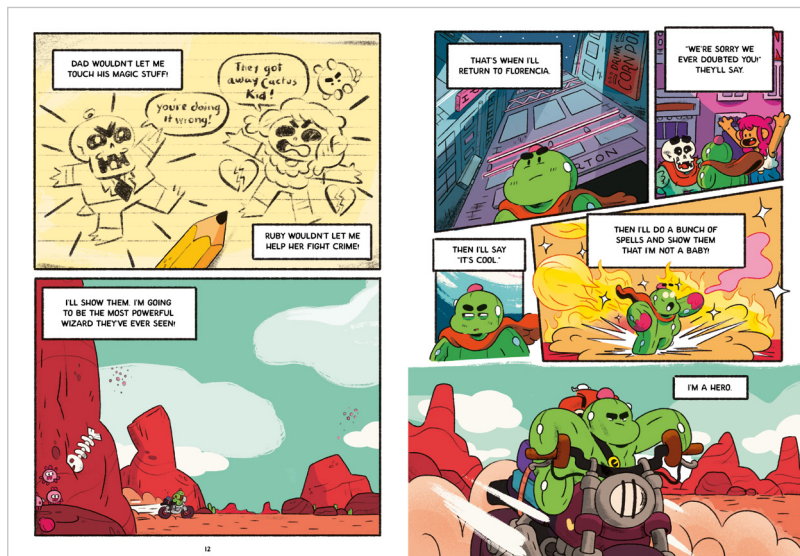
Emmanuel Guerrero Emmanuel Guerrero was born in Santa Ana, California, and lives in a suburb 40 minutes south of Los Angeles, USA. He is a comic artist that has tabled at multiple festivals in cities across the US and his comics can be found in independent bookstores across LA.

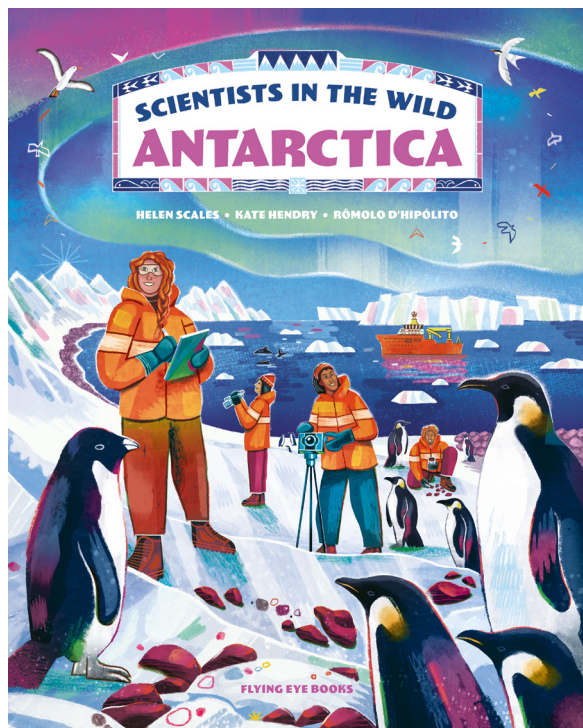
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Age Range	7+	ISBN	9781913123215
Price	£10.99	BIC / BISAC / CMBC	C3M69
Format	Paperback	Territory	Worldwide
Size	225mm x 163mm	Shelving Category	Comics/Fiction



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KEY SELLING POINTS

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- Written by experts, Kate Henry has had first-hand experience of working on an expedition in Antarctica. The book is filled with the latest scientific discoveries and methods.
- Antarctica is an important, topical subject that also features on the UK KS2 curriculum.
- This book helps readers discover the many different jobs you can have in the world of science.
- Includes a spread focusing on practical ways we can work together to protect Antarctica and help climate anxiety for readers.

KEYWORDS: Antarctica; Scientist; Science; STEM; Ecology; Explore; Climate change; Narrative; Non-fiction



ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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

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Dr Kate Hendry has lived for almost two years in total in the Arctic and Antarctica. She studies the impact of climate change and plastic pollution, advising governments on how to protect our seas. In 2022 she took up a senior position at the British Antarctic Survey.

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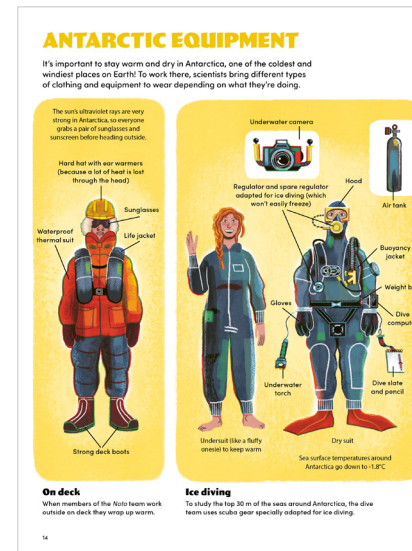
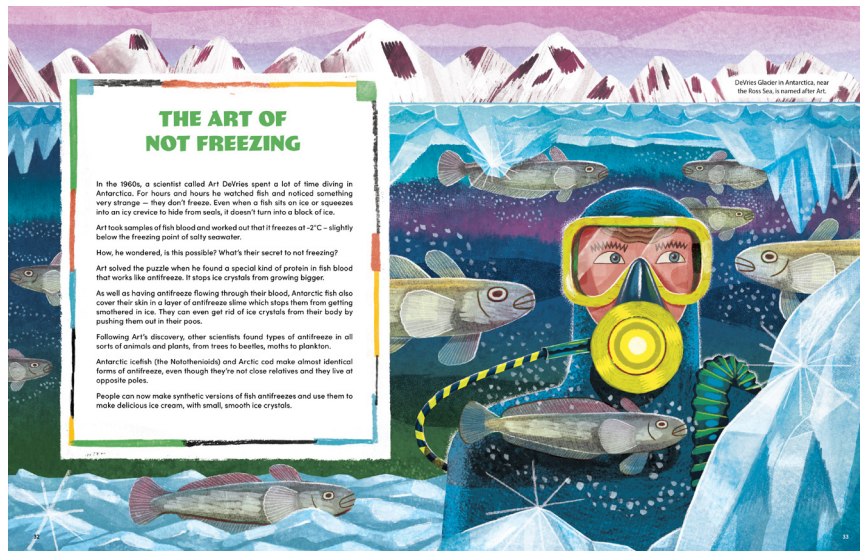
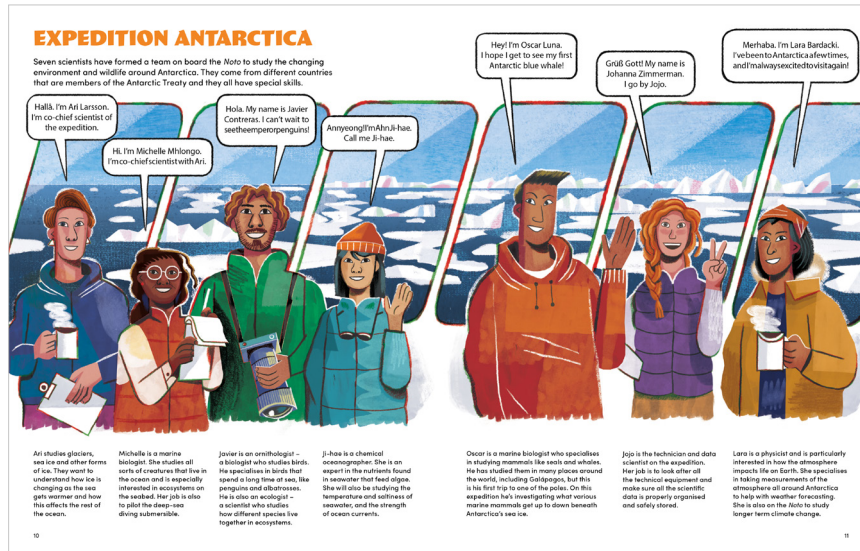
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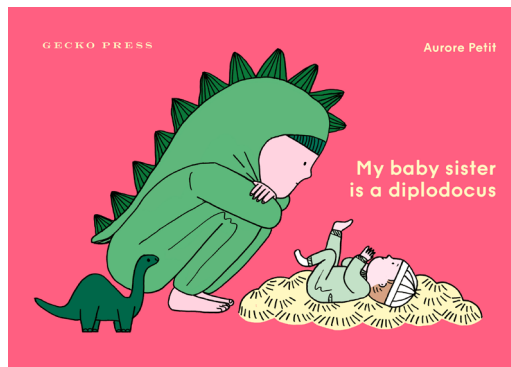
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Format	Hardback	Territory	Worldwide
Size	260mm x 205mm	Shelving Category	Non-fiction



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WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“Aurore Petit’s books are thoroughly contemporary—they are designer must-haves yet full of emotion.”

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My Baby Sister Is a Diplodocus

Author/Illustrator: **Aurore Petit**

In this eye-catching neon-bright picture book, a brother finds an inventive way to connect with his new baby sister through his love of dinosaurs.

ABOUT THE BOOK

My new baby sister comes home. But babies don’t drink milk, don’t ride a bicycle, don’t play my games. Do I like being a big brother? No! Roooarr! I stomp around and go to sleep in my T-Rex onesie.

In the morning, I take another look at little sister—little sister diplodocus.

My Baby Sister Is a Diplodocus is a new sibling story within the imaginative world of a toddler. We share a brother’s excitement then disappointment in his new baby sister. But his love of dinosaurs opens up a new path. By imagining her as a dinosaur, he connects with her, making room for everyone in the family.

Vivid contemporary illustrations and surprising perspectives complement a spare narrative. Affecting vignettes of this new family, with its little baby tucked up in the centre of the story, combine with graphic/comics elements in the storytelling as we share the emotion of each moment unfolding.

SALES POINTS

- The child solves the problem of the new baby with his imagination
- Tender moments of newborn / young family
- A chic, contemporary book illustrated with striking neon colours and printed in special inks
- New sibling rivalry and reconciliation from a child’s view
- Supports sales of *A Mother Is a House*—a core Gecko Press Mother’s Day title

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Aurore Petit is one of a new young generation of French illustrators to emerge from the influential School of Decorative Arts in Strasbourg. She lives in Paris.



G E C K O P R E S S

TITLE INFORMATION

Release March 2024

dinosaurs | new sibling | design/chic

Age **3–6**

Format **hardback**

Size **170 x 240 mm, landscape**

Extent **44 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9781776575725**

RRP **GBP 12.99**

Origin **France**

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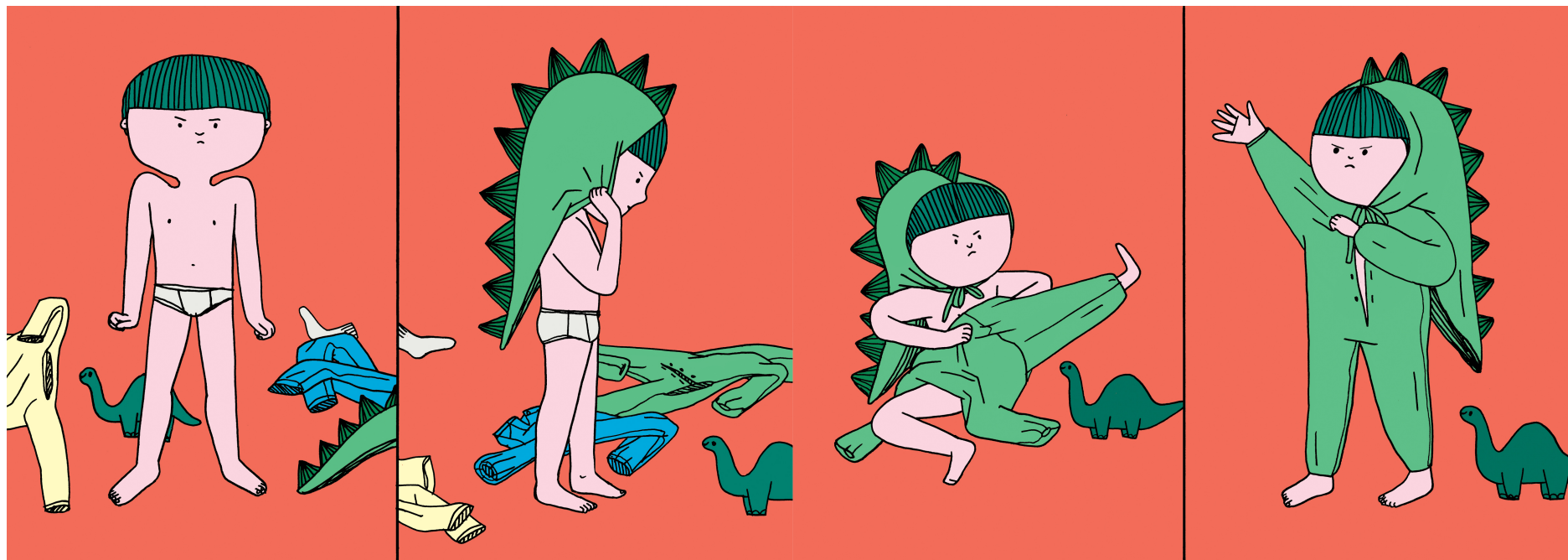
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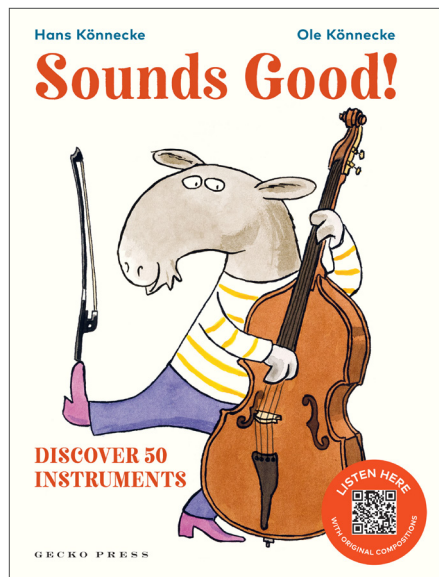
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Author: **Ole Kønnecke & Hans Kønnecke**

Illustrator: **Ole Kønnecke**

An interactive introduction to musical instruments, light-hearted, engaging and with 50 original compositions to listen to—from the kazoo to the bassoon.

ABOUT THE BOOK

This book engagingly presents 50 common and uncommon musical instruments with practical and curious facts that will spark interest in music of all kinds. Each instrument features a piece of music composed by an award-winning musician, accessed via QR code.

With instruments presented outside conventional categories, the book is open to all ways of listening and learning. Aspects of history, music theory and culture are lightly mixed with information about how instruments are made and played. Instruments of all sorts include the voice and computer, unusual instruments such as the theremin and vuvuzela, alongside those that are well known.

SALES POINTS

- With 50 especially composed audio samples, recorded by instrumental soloists—the book contains a full hour of original music
- Encourages children to play an instrument and explore music
- Many entries to the topic: listen, learn, look and laugh
- Instruments arranged outside conventional groupings to encourage exploration
- QR code on the cover links to a joyous full band piece combining all 52 instruments

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Ole Kønnecke was born in 1961 and spent his childhood in Sweden. He now lives in Germany and has produced over 30 books—several have won international awards.

Hans Kønnecke is an award-winning composer, instrumentalist and music producer for film and theatre, who studied composition at the Academy for Music and Theater in Munich.



GECKO PRESS

TITLE INFORMATION

Release March 2024

**musical instruments | interactive
sounds | educational and entertaining**

Ages **5–10**

Format **hardback**

Size **277 x 210 mm**

Extent **112 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9781776575558**

RRP **GBP 16.99**

Origin **Germany**

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ALSO AVAILABLE

Dulcinea in the Forbidden Forest
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Tenor voice

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If there's such a thing as a laid-back brass instrument, it's the tuba. It is (usually) played sitting down. It has a comfy shape and a pleasant sound. Only its very deepest notes are able to sound threatening. If you could uncoil a standard tuba, it would be three or four times taller than you. But you can find extra-large tubas that would stretch out to the length of eight times your height.



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Join T. rex and her dinosaur friends in this hilarious magic water painting book!



ISBN: 978-1-80105-781-3

March 2024

Publication Info

- Format: Full colour board book with magic water painting pen
- Extent: 14pp
- Dimensions: 255x215mm
- Cover finishes: Varnish
- Author: Zach Rosenthal
- Illustrator: Jennifer Bartlett
- RRP: £9.99
- BIC Code: YBGC
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- Boost young children's learning development by helping them count to 5 with the fun 'find and count' activities.
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Author

- Zach graduated with a Creative Writing degree from East Anglia University and has written for various magazines, brochures and even greetings cards. He loves to write fiction in his spare time and will debut his first published children's books with Imagine That. He grew up in Dorset, England, where he still lives with his wife, son and two Labradors.

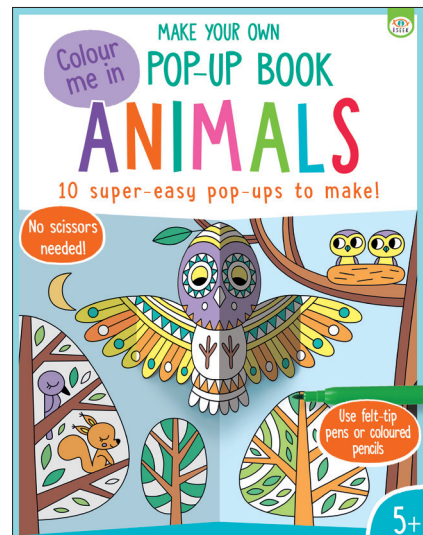
Illustrator

- Jennifer's first illustration employment was with Collage designs in 1998 learning the art of gift wrap design, followed by working in house as an illustrator for Hallmark Cards. Since leaving to go freelance, she has worked for other greeting card companies including Card Factory and International Greetings UK and USA.



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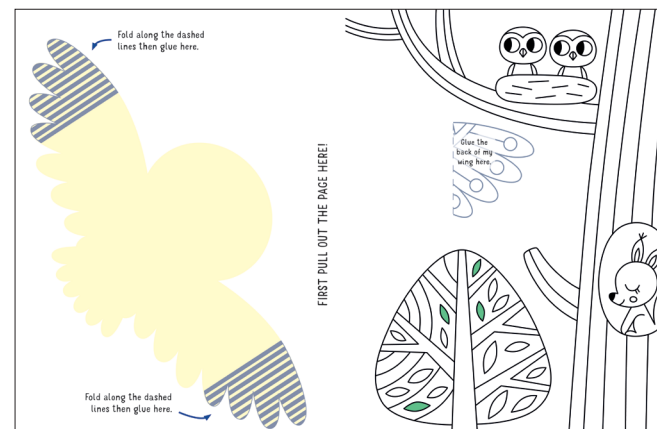
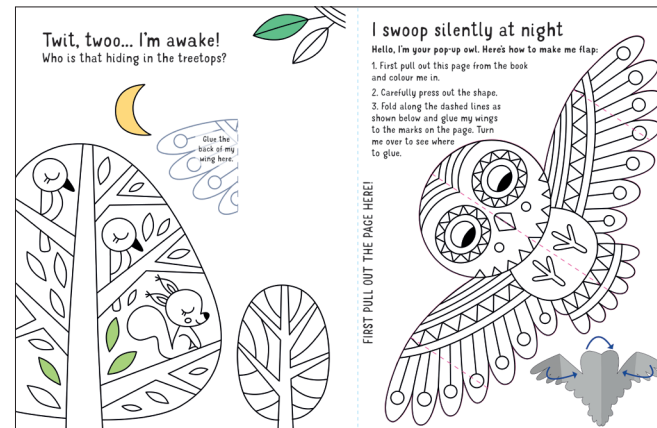
Contains ten fun animal pop-ups to colour and make. Follow the projects a step at a time.



Illustrated by Alena Razumova

Designed by Anton Poirier & Olena Herasimova

Text by Amanda Lott



Publication: March 2024
Age: 5+
Price: £7.99
Format: paperback
Size: 280mm x 216mm
Pages: 40pp
ISBN: 978-1-915995-06-3

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

Description

Children can easily make their own pop-up book with this title. There are 10 die-cut animals to colour in and press out, then glue into the pages to make amazing pop-ups.

Sales and marketing points

- Teaches new skills
- Combines colouring in and pop-up activity
- Develops dexterity and sequencing
- Easy-to-follow step-by-steps
- Encourages independence and self-confidence

About the creators

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

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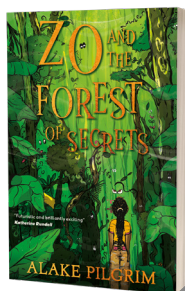
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Sales & Marketing

- Supported by a PR campaign that draws on the environmental themes of the book, particularly the global impact of climate change
- The duology features unique characters, creatures, legends and landscapes from the Caribbean, re-imagined in an exciting, and at times futuristic, way.
- Extensive PR and Marketing campaign plans.
- Teaching resources and POS will be available, as well as virtual events

Publication March 7th 2024

Age Range 8-12yrs

Format B-format PB

Price £7.99

ISBN 9781913311438

About the Author



Alake Pilgrim writes from the uncanny islands of Trinidad & Tobago in the Caribbean, where people are connected to Africa, India, China, the Americas, Europe, and the Middle East. She has an MA in Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia, thanks to the Booker Prize Foundation

Scholarship, and an MA in Latin American & Caribbean Studies from New York University.

Her stories have twice won the regional prize for the Americas in the Commonwealth Short Story Competition. They have been published by The Center for Fiction in New York, the Small Axe Journal, and in the groundbreaking international anthology *New Daughters of Africa*, edited by Margaret Busby (Myriad Editions and HarperCollins).

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Kevin The Orange

Written by Alan Windram

Illustrated by Olla Meyzinger



Price £7.99

Pub date 14th March 2024

ISBN 9781739192921

Category Children's

Age range 03 - 06

Extent 28pp

TPS 240x 240

Binding Paperback

Language English

Rights World

Sales Points

A brand new picture book from award-winning author Alan Windram. A story full of fun and quirky humour, with bright and bold illustrations by debut illustrator Olla Meyzinger.

This is a heartwarming story about an orange who is tired of being who he is and wants to be something different, only to find out that being the best version of yourself is the greatest gift of all.

Along with this wonderful picture book, you can download the specially-written song and an audio book of the story.

Description

Kevin is an orange, the orangiest orange ever.

Kevin isn't happy, he is tired of being orange and wants to be a totally different colour. "If only I could be blue, or red, or green, things would be so much better, everyone would love me and it would be so much more fun".

Kevin goes to his friend Brian the pear, asking for advice on how to be something different. After trying to be lots of different colours Kevin realises that he misses being himself, the orangiest orange ever.

A story about the uniqueness of us all, friendship and being happy as you are.

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About the author

Alan Windram is the award-winning author of the hugely popular *One Button Benny* series of picture books. *One Button Benny* was the winner of the Bookbug Picture Book Prize in 2019.

Alan is on the road for much of the year taking part in book festivals, school and library events. He loves meeting the children, telling stories, singing songs and doing some 'robot dancing'.

Alan is an accomplished singer-songwriter with four independent albums of original songs under his belt. He has toured extensively with some of Scotland's top musical artists.

Alan lives near Oban with his wife and two cats Sparkie and George.

About the illustrator

Olla Meyzinger is a freelance illustrator currently living and working in Italy.

Olla loves to create colourful and playful illustrations working mainly using digital techniques.

She met Alan at the Bologna children's Book Fair in 2022 where Little Door Books hired her on the spot to illustrate Alan's new picture book.

Kevin The Orange is Olla's debut picture book.

Olla grew up in Russia but now lives in Aosta in Italy.

DRAFT SPREAD



Trigger by CG Moore

An unflinching verse novel about a teenage boy who is sexually assaulted in an attack he struggles to remember.

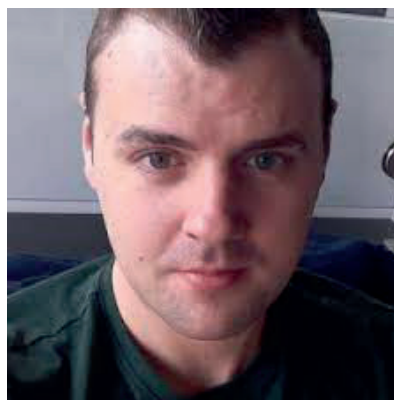
Summary

17-year-old Jay wakes up in a park, battered and confused and unable to remember what happened the night before. But he has his suspicions. His best friend, takes him to hospital, and Jay is referred to the sexual assault unit. At first Jay refuses to believe that he was raped. And yet ...

Jay becomes overwhelmed when the weight of what has happened starts to dawn on him. He wants answers, and his search leads him down a dark and dangerous path.

Jay attends group counselling sessions, where he meets Rain, who encourages Jay in his quest for justice. Suspecting that his ex-boyfriend, Jackson, was involved in what happened to him, Jay returns to the Onyx Club – the last place he can remember being. But the trauma of the events that night start to bleed through, and reality becomes muddled as his emotions are pushing Jay to breaking point.

Jay lures Jackson to the cliffs, a gun in his hand and a burning desire for the truth. Only one boy can walk away from this situation. But did Jackson do it?



Pub date:	6 March 2024
Price:	£8.99
ISBN:	9781915071538
Thema:	YF
Format:	198mm x 129mm
Binding:	paperback
Extent:	128 pages approx



Sales points

- **Queer YA voice novel** exploring male-on-male sexual assault and psychological trauma
- Follow-up novel to *Gut Feelings*, winner of the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year 2022
- **Powerful writing:** inspired by the author's own experience of sexual assault
- This novel will appeal to fans of **Sarah Crossan**, **Louise O'Neill** and **Manjeet Mann**

Praise for *Gut Feelings*

"Filled with darkness and light, despair and hope, fear and desire, and love and trust" – Judges at the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards 2022

About CG Moore

Chris is passionate about teaching and currently lectures on the MA in publishing programme at the University of Central Lancashire. His first book *Gut Feelings* was published by Uclan Publishing in 2021.



Little Kids First Board Book: Frogs

Ruth A. Musgrave



Bursting with ribbet-ing photos, this charming board book for babies and toddlers explores how a frog becomes a frog—from egg to tadpole to all grown up! In these pages, little readers learn how this kid-favorite animal develops from a tiny egg to a chubby tadpole to a big-eyed, long-legged adult frog ready to hop, leap, and splash.

Along the way, supersimple facts and vivid National Geographic photography introduce the youngest explorers to fabulous frogs of all sizes and colors. This lively nonfiction board book series from National Geographic Kids takes a fresh approach to excite a baby's sense of wonder and make learning about science and nature fun!

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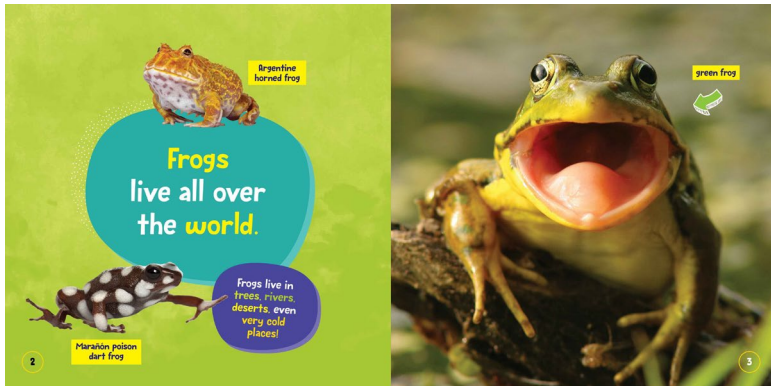
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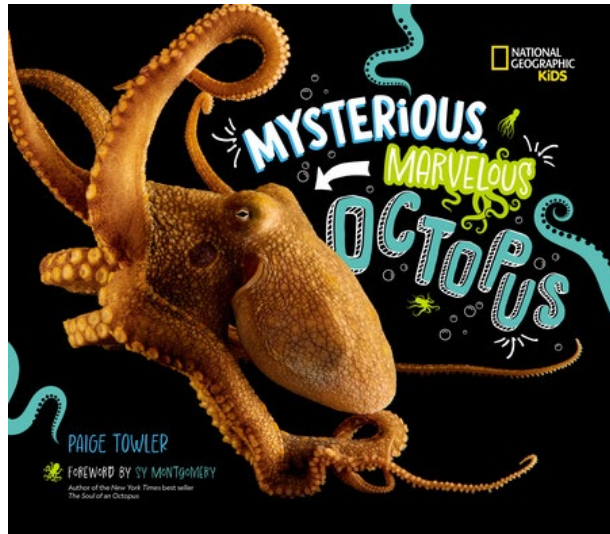
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Mysterious, Marvelous Octopus!

Paige Towler; Foreword by Sy Montgomery



Meet one of Earth's most incredible ocean animals in this lyrical, whimsical picture book uniquely layered with photographs, rhyming text, and fascinating facts about octopuses. With their super smarts and awe-inspiring abilities, octopuses have captivated human imaginations. This book is a celebration of all things weird and wonderful about these beloved creatures—with their eight arms, nine brains, and one-of-a-kind personalities.

Inside, find lyrical poetry paired with informational sidebars—perfect for a charming bedtime read or for pouring over for in-depth octopus info. Gorgeous photos of real octopuses give kids an up-close-and-personal glimpse of the sensational cephalopods—from the utterly adorable Dumbo octopus to the stunning blue-ringed octopus—and their incredible habitats and body parts.

BIG CROSS-PLATFORM PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY: Mysterious, Marvelous Octopus! will publish in time for Nat Geo's massive Earth Day 2024 Secrets of the Octopus initiative, which includes a Disney+ show and an adult book by Sy Montgomery.

FOREWORD WITH STAR POWER: This book will include a foreword by Sy Montgomery, best-selling author of *The Soul of an Octopus*, *The Good Good Pig*, and more.

STUNNING PHOTOS OF REAL (and really weird) octopuses set this title apart from the largely illustrated competition.

HUMOR, WHIMSEY, AND LIGHT, LIVELY TEXT give the nonfiction content a fun, unique tone, while the back matter will dive into the topic in more depth—a winning, kid-friendly combination.



19/03/2024			
Publisher	Disney Publishing Group	Binding	Hardback
ISBN	9781426376672	Illustrations	
Format	225 x 255mm	Author	Paige Towler
Price	£14.99	Illustrator	Sy Montgomery
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BICs: YBCS

The Boy Who Loves to Lick the Wind



Fiona Carswell, illustrated by Yu Rong

A touching, inclusive story of friendship, told and illustrated with warmth and empathy

The boy next door loves to lick the wind. "You should try it," says his mum. "All the best winds are at the beach."

And so begins an amazing afternoon by the sea for two boys. One doesn't always speak with words and likes throwing stones – the other likes to collect shells and make sandcastles. But the sea works its magic and by the end of the day the boys discover they both love to lick the wind – together.

- A highly empathic story which shows how friendship and acceptance grows through understanding
- It will help children (and adults) understand autistic traits and behaviour in themselves and others
- Sensitively and skilfully illustrated by a Kate Greenaway shortlisted illustrator
- A story which shows the value of integration and inclusion
- With a clear and helpful end-note about Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Author Information

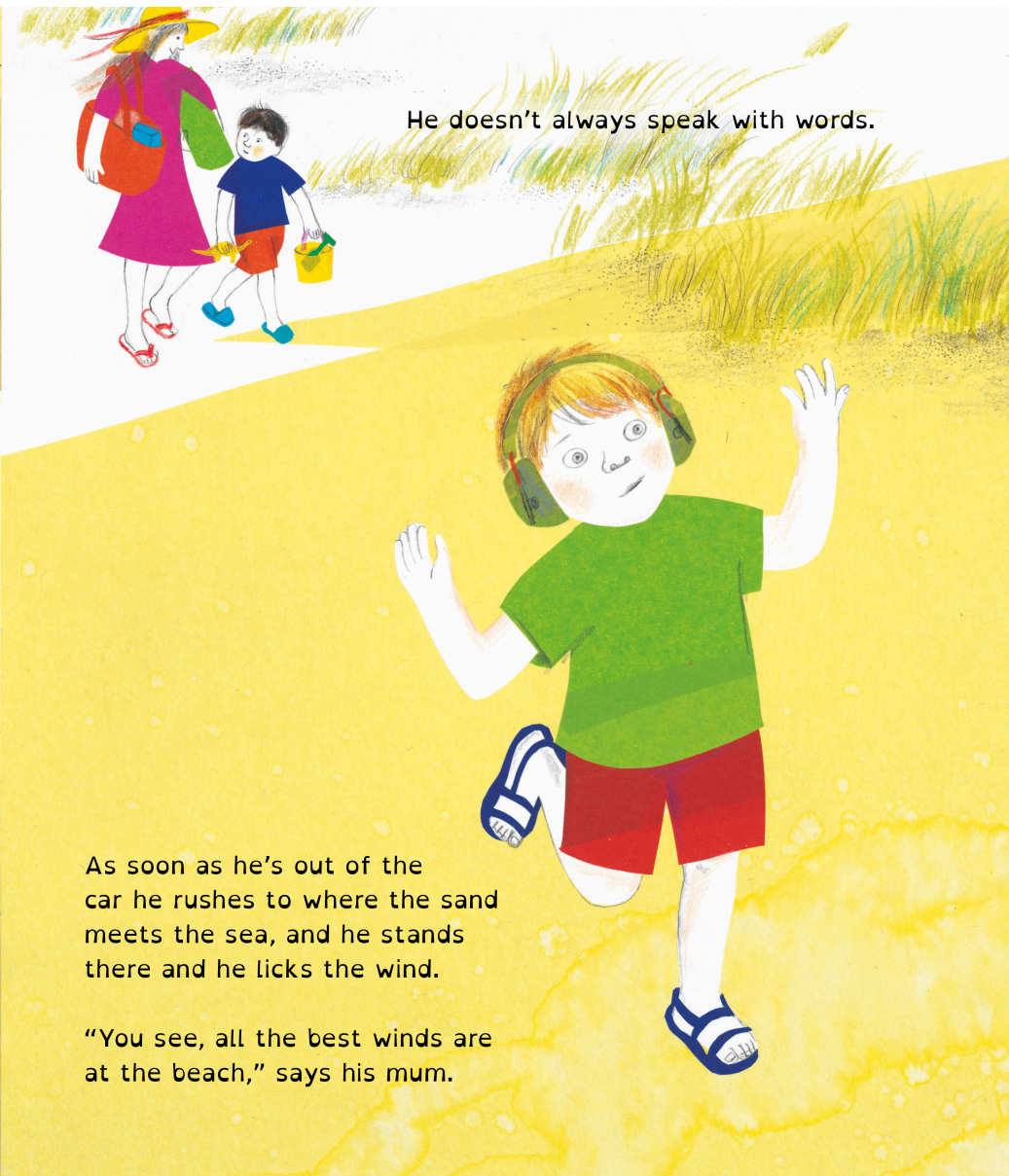
Fiona Carswell is the mother of two boys – one autistic and the other neurotypical – and lives in East Lothian, Scotland. By day, she is a publicist in the Arts & Books sector, promoting (other people's) books, literary prizes, book festivals, cultural projects, venues and events. In her spare time, Fiona writes occasionally for the Scottish press – mainly the *Scotsman* – and enjoys flying the flag for Autism Awareness Week each year, giving readers a glimpse into a world they may know very little about and which can be as hilarious as it is challenging, as life-affirming as it is sometimes heart-breaking, and as brilliantly, heart-burstingly bananas as it can be serious, overwhelming and utterly terrifying. *The Boy Who Loves to Lick the Wind* is Fiona's first book.

Yu Rong has degrees in Chinese Painting and Contemporary Art from Nanjing Normal University and in Communication and Design from the Royal College of Art, London. Deeply versed in traditional Chinese art, she has won numerous international awards including the BIB Golden Apple and the Chen Bochui International Children's Literature Award. Yu Rong's books include *Shu Lin's Grandpa*, with Matt Goodfellow, which was shortlisted for the Yoto Kate Greenaway Medal 2022 and *The Visible Sounds*, with Yin Jianling, shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration 2023. Yu Rong lives in Cambridgeshire.



The boy next door **SQUEAKS** and **WHOOPS**
and **BOUNCES** and **FLAPS**.

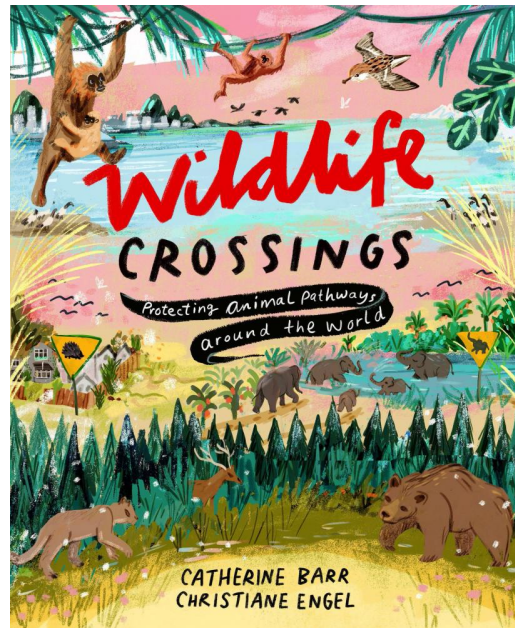
And when he sees the sand and the sea he **ROCKS** and **ROLLS**.



He doesn't always speak with words.

As soon as he's out of the car he rushes to where the sand meets the sea, and he stands there and he licks the wind.

"You see, all the best winds are at the beach," says his mum.



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BICs: YNN

RIGHTS: ROW

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Wildlife Crossings

Protecting Animal Pathways Around the World

Catherine Barr, illustrated by Christiane Engel



An important and unique information book based on the latest scientific research, showing how people across the world are creating 'wildlife corridors' to help animals move safely between wildlife areas

Our planet is criss-crossed by a network of ancient pathways, reflecting the journeys of millions of animal species in search of food, water, safety and mates.

But human development is blocking these vital 'ribbons of life'. Animal habitats are shrinking into isolated and unconnected patches of nature.

Track the journeys of seven amazing animals. Discover why they are in trouble, follow their journeys and find out how scientists and campaigners across the world are creating 'wildlife corridors' to keep animals safe and on the move.

Discover...

Elephant crossings in India • Hedgehog highways in the UK • 'Spoonie' flyways in Asia • Fish ladders in Germany • Gibbon canopy bridges in the People's Republic of China • Bear bridges in Canada • Cougar crossings in the USA

- Shows a new and vitally important aspect of nature conservation
- Emphasises how urgent it is for humans to take action to help save species across our planet
- Award-winning author who was shortlisted for the Teach Primary Science Book Award with *Invisible Nature*
- The author is a frequent and popular visitor to primary schools, libraries and book festivals across the UK
- Stunning, detailed and carefully researched illustrations by internationally acclaimed illustrator
- Endnote to the book includes seven further endangered species being helped with wildlife pathways.

Author Information

Catherine Barr is a leading author on science and nature topics for young children. Her previous books for Otter-Barry are *Red Alert: 15 Endangered Animals Fighting to Survive*; *Invisible Nature: A Secret World Beyond Our Senses* (winner of the *Teach Primary* science book prize) and most recently *Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth* (2022). Catherine lives near Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

Christiane Engel has a BA in children's art and an MA in Children's Illustration. She works with soft pencil, acrylics, watercolour and digital media. Her first book for Otter-Barry Books was *Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Our Earth*. Christiane lives in Kent.

Hedgehog Highways help hedgehogs escape

Hedgehog Highways are linking hog-friendly habitats with paths and holes. By making gaps in garden fences, fitting ramps over big steps and holes in walls, people are reconnecting places so hedgehogs can roam.

These Hedgehog Champions are creating hedgehog-friendly communities in cities, villages, universities and schools.

Local people in the UK are mapping over 120,000 Hedgehog Highways connecting gardens around the UK.

Hedgehog hospitals take in and look after injured, distressed or under weight hedgehogs rescued from the wild.

Mother hedgehogs carry their babies, called hogs, in their mouths to a safer place to rest.

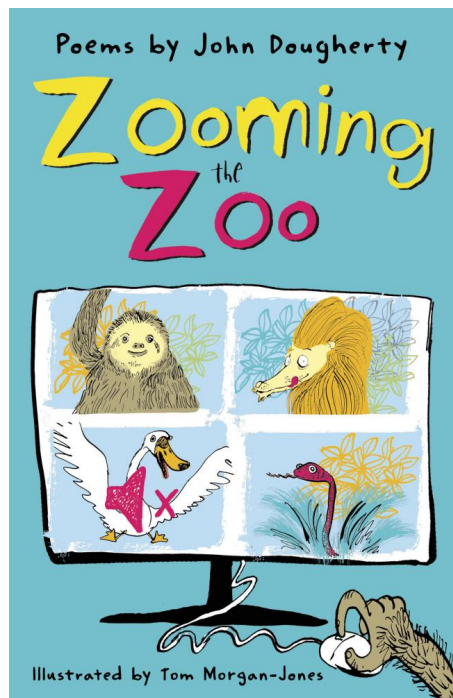
There are lots of ways to welcome hedgehogs.

Wilder gardens offer places to hide, a shallow bowl of water provides a welcome drink and Hedgehog Crossing! signs on roads keep hedgehogs safe.

Away from the traffic, these popular prickly creatures prefer unploughed field boundaries, pesticide-free farms and shelter in thick, shady hedges

Hedgehog Champions count hedgehogs by tracking their tiny footprints on paper, as they tramp through specially made tunnels put in their path.

Can you spot XX hedgehogs on this page?



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Black & white illustrations

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BICs: YDP RIGHTS: WORLD

Zooming the Zoo

John Dougherty, illustrated by Tom Morgan-Jones

A hugely entertaining new collection of poems for children from a leading performance poet



Suggesting this zoo hold a meeting on zoom

Was not sensible, wise or astute

For the sloths all appear to have frozen onscreen

And I think that the swan's stuck on mute.

Read about slugs, dogs and bats – or ghosts, grandads and lions in love; discover a feisty Rapunzel and how to deal with bullies. Find a class teacher who runs the marathon, the talented, kind kids in Yellow Group - and learn the first rule of poetry – have fun!

This is a really exciting, varied collection from one of the UK's most popular poets – a brilliant performer in schools and at festivals.

- Child-centred poems that are hugely entertaining and stimulate imagination
- Address issues such as gender, identity, bullying and empowerment
- Praise for John Dougherty: "one of the very best authors for school and festival events" – *Glasgow West End Festival*
- Praise for John's previous collection, *Dinosaurs and Dinner-Ladies*: "A funny and brilliant collection – *Waterstones*; a great addition to the poetry library or classroom collection – *Books for Keeps*
- Author is a always a big hit on school visits and at festivals, with his unique combination of poetry, music and stand-up

Author Information

John Dougherty was born in Larne, Northern Ireland, and some of the poems in this collection reflect his childhood there. He became a primary teacher, but is now a full-time writer and performer, with over 40 books published. He is a favourite visitor to school and library workshops and has performed at book fairs and festivals from Swindon to Sydney. He lives in Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Tom Morgan-Jones also illustrated John's previous collection for Otter-Barry Books, *Dinosaurs and Dinner Ladies*. A professional illustrator, author, events artist and inky hand-letterist, he has illustrated over 75 books and series for children. He lives in Edinburgh.

Blessu

A hai... hai... hai... hai.....
A hai-hai... A-hai-hai-hai.....
A hai-hai-haiku!!

Texting Haiku on the Tube

The unsent haiku
There is no mobile signal
On the Circle Line

Apparently My Haiku Are Not Proper Haiku

'That's not a haiku'
People say, in Japanese
I don't understand

It's Sometimes Okay

It's sometimes okay
To not feel all "Yay!"
It's sometimes okay
To be glum
There are days when the world
Is a bracelet of pearls
And days it's a pain in the bum





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Spin!

10 Exciting New Voices in Poetry

Edited by Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Ruthine Burton

Fifty poems selected by Joseph Coelho open windows on a new generation's thoughts, dreams and desires, and on an exciting new wave of poetic talent

Working with Apples & Snakes, the "Spoken Word Trailblazers", Britain's Children's Laureate has chosen poems from ten debut poets, all from diverse/under-represented backgrounds. Selected for their qualities of originality, expression and style, they represent the best of a new generation of gifted young poets writing for children and young people. These are poems intended to be read aloud and shared.

Themes range from video gaming to ice skating and football, hair, holidays, sisterhood, generational memories, friendship, the sense of self, personal experiences, music, and family life.

The poets are Anneliese Amoah, Antoinette Brooks, Sadatu Fatu, Eileen Gbago, Shagufta K. Iqbal, Gayathiri Kathamalakon, Rowan Kiffin Murray, Jay Sandhu, Ioney Smallhorne, and Jasmine Thien. Three new poems by Joseph Coelho will also be included.

- A revelation of poetic power from young writers in multi-ethnic Britain
- The poets have been mentored and the poems chosen by Joseph Coelho, Waterstones Children's Laureate, 2022-24
- Bonus inclusion of three new poems from Joseph Coelho
- The poems are perfect for reading aloud and sharing
- The book will be launched at the Apples and Snakes Spine Festival in London in March, 2024
- Major publicity and marketing campaign, in collaboration with Apples and Snakes.

Author Information

Joseph Coelho is the Waterstones Children's Laureate, 2022-24. He has long been involved in mentoring young poets of promise, working with Apples and Snakes, whose special mission is to promote spoken-word poetry from under-represented communities. **Ruthine Burton** completed the Inaugural Pathways Into Children's Publishing in 2021. Her parents came originally from Dominica and French Guiana. She has a B.A. hons in Visual Art from the University of Wales in Aberystwyth, and an M.Sc. in Software Engineering. Ruthine is one of the three illustrators featured in *Our Rights*, edited by Jake Hope (Otter-Barry Books). She is based in south west London.





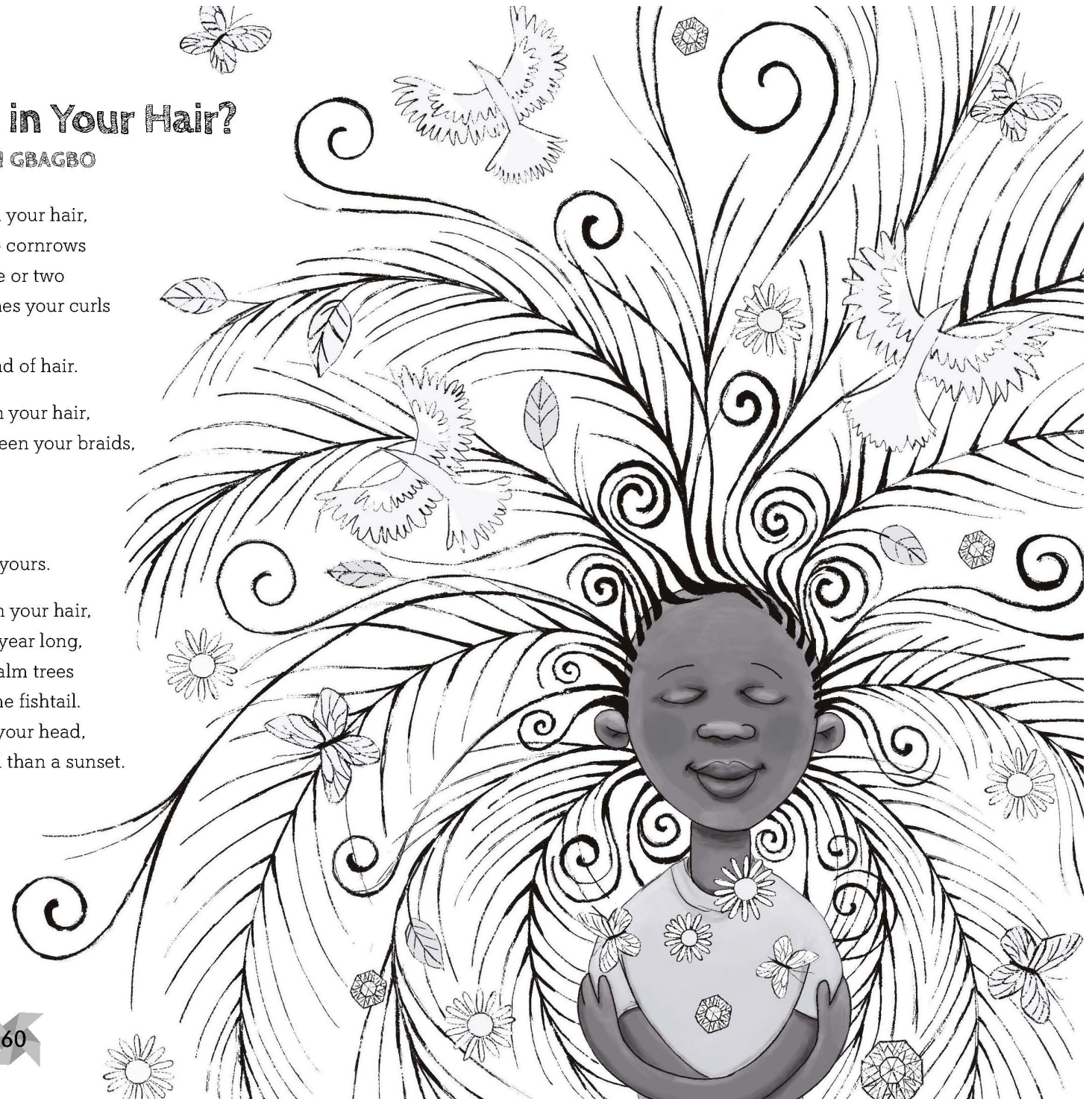
What Hides in Your Hair?

EILEEN GBAGBO

There are things that hide in your hair,
secrets your mum plaits into cornrows
tight like prayers, maybe one or two
and gently, gently, she brushes your curls
while oil runs on your scalp,
dancing through every strand of hair.

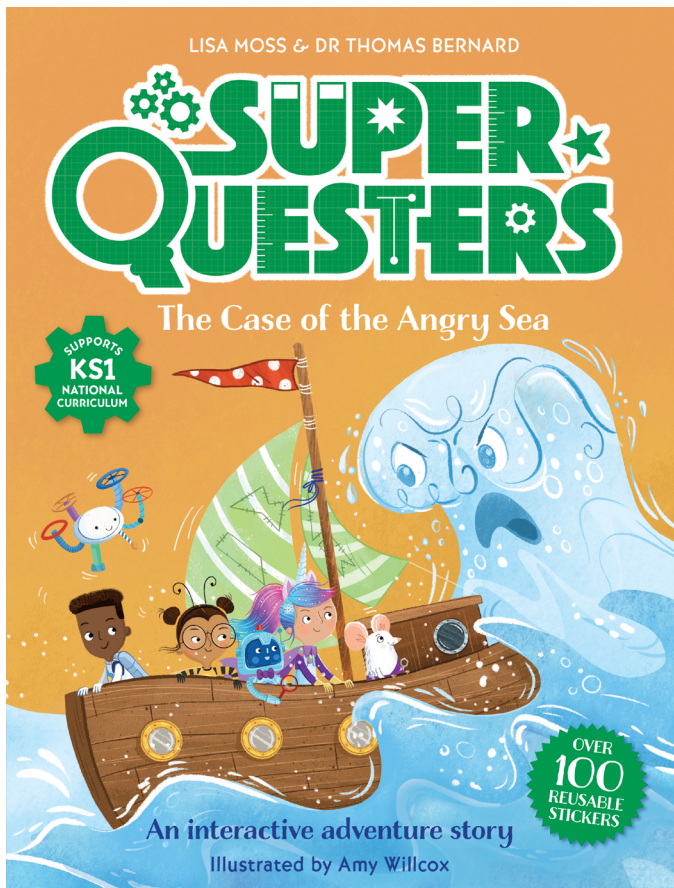
There are stories that hide in your hair,
adventures that sweep between your braids,
quiet persisting memories
of grace and resilience
like a library, only better.
So much possibility, forever yours.

There are worlds that hide in your hair,
countries full of sunlight all year long,
mockingbirds perched on palm trees
swaying with each flick of the fishtail.
You can create paradise on your head,
more powerful and beautiful than a sunset.



SuperQuesters: The Case of the Angry Sea

Dr Thomas Bernard, Lisa Moss
Illustrations by Amy Willcox



Join the SUPERQUESTERS in a brand new adventure as you use your STEM skills to save the sea from pollution! Supports KS1 National Curriculum learning.

Lilli, Bea and Leo are on a quest to clean up their local river, but are overwhelmed by the enormous amount of rubbish. The friends start brainstorming about a machine to help them collect all the rubbish in the river without breaking when it gets wet. They journey to Questland in search of a solution. Upon arrival, the trio discover the sea is in a state of fury and unrest. Lord Grumble has teamed up with Captain Blackwaters on a terrifying tanker. They are tearing through the waters of Questland, leaking oil and littering, polluting the watery habitat and marine life. Adventure and excitement await, as the SuperQuesters set out to stop the dastardly duo and clean up the waters of Questland.



Key Selling Points

- The only children's book series to include STEM learning within a dynamic story *and* feature interactive, hands-on activities.
- Environmental focused story including water pollution and recycling; perfect for key events in Spring 2024 including World Water Day, World Recycling Day, British Science Week and Earth Day
- Supports the National Curriculum for Key Stage 1 Science, Computing, Maths.
- Develops over 14 different STEM skills e.g. coding, problem-solving, reasoning, sequencing and branching. as well as life skills such as creativity, teamwork and resilience
- Features over 100 reusable stickers, as well as a reward chart, glossary and answer page and guidance for parents
- Perfect for fans of *Ada Twist*, *Scientist*, *Look Up!* and the *Fantastically Great Women series*, as well as superhero enthusiasts and children who love learning through play.

Publication:	14 March 2024
ISBN:	9789083294391
Price:	£7.99
Extent:	32 pp + 2pp reusable stickers
Dimensions:	216 x 279 mm
Age:	5+ years
Subject:	Fiction
Format:	Picture book
Binding:	Paperback
BIC code:	YBC, YBCS, YBG, YBL, YQM, 4KHF
Rights:	World

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



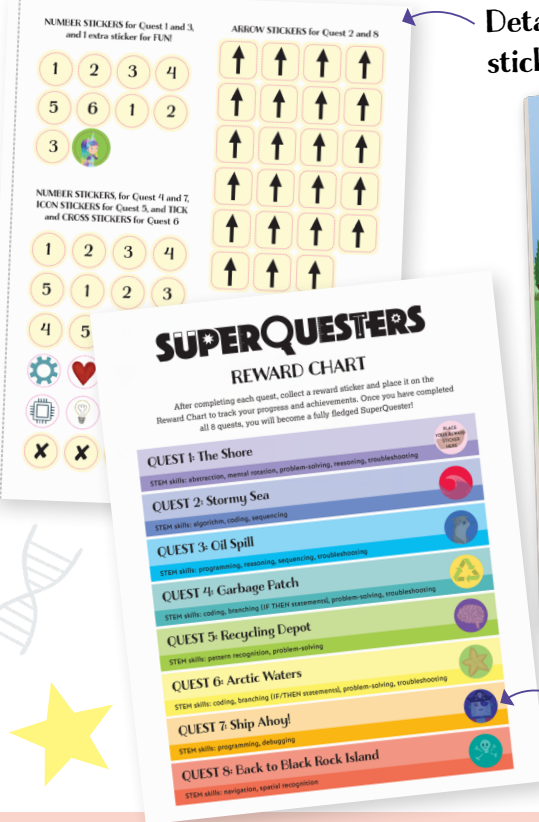
Author Biographies

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

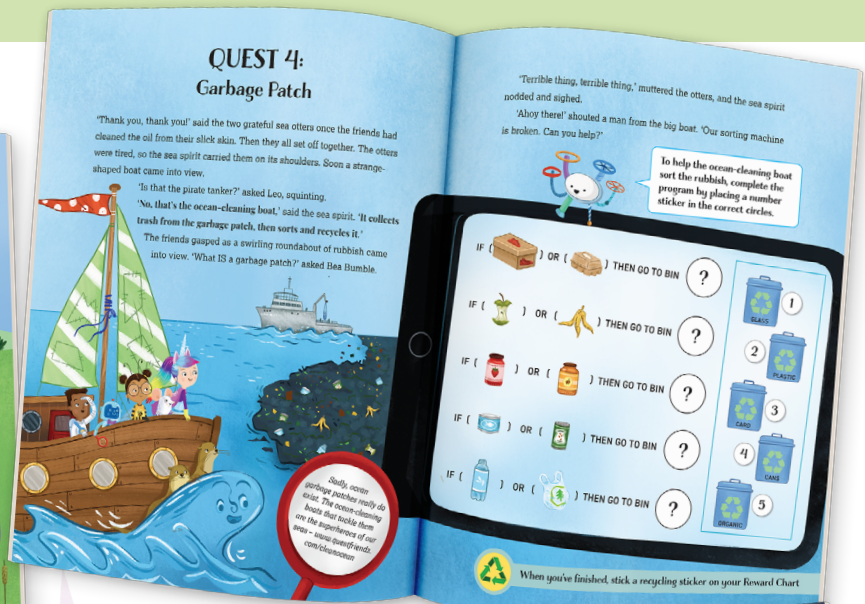
Illustrator Biography

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

Detachable sticker sheets



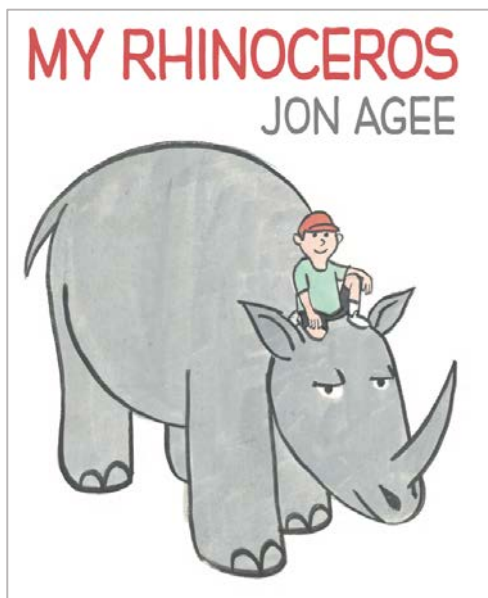
STEM Skills covered in each Quest indicated here



"The most amazing adventurous books you ever did see! They are jam packed with activities, learning opportunities and adventures!" @the_little_adventurer_

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

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Author	Jon Agee
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CBMC Code	A3M79

My Rhinoceros

By Jon Agee



Scallywag Press

A hilarious story from master of the absurd, Jon Agee, where a boy finds out that his pet rhinoceros can do more than he bargained for !

If you should ever get a rhinoceros for a pet, you're in for a surprise. It won't chase a ball. Or a stick. Or a frisbee. In fact, according to the experts, a rhinoceros does only two things: pop balloons and poke holes in kites. But don't be discouraged. As you'll discover in this book, rhinoceroses can do more—so much more—than that!

Key Selling Points

- Deadpan, first person narration of this hilarious drama by a convincing young story teller
- A witty look at how our pre-conceived expectations of people can be wrong
- Humorous cartoons and clever build-up of the absurd but logical narrative
- Award winning author with more than 2 million copies in print worldwide.
- *"Jon Agee's My Rhinoceros is a genuine masterpiece. Even better, every kid will love it."* MAURICE SENDAK
- *'Will delight readers both young and old. A joy.'* Books for Keeps Book of the Week

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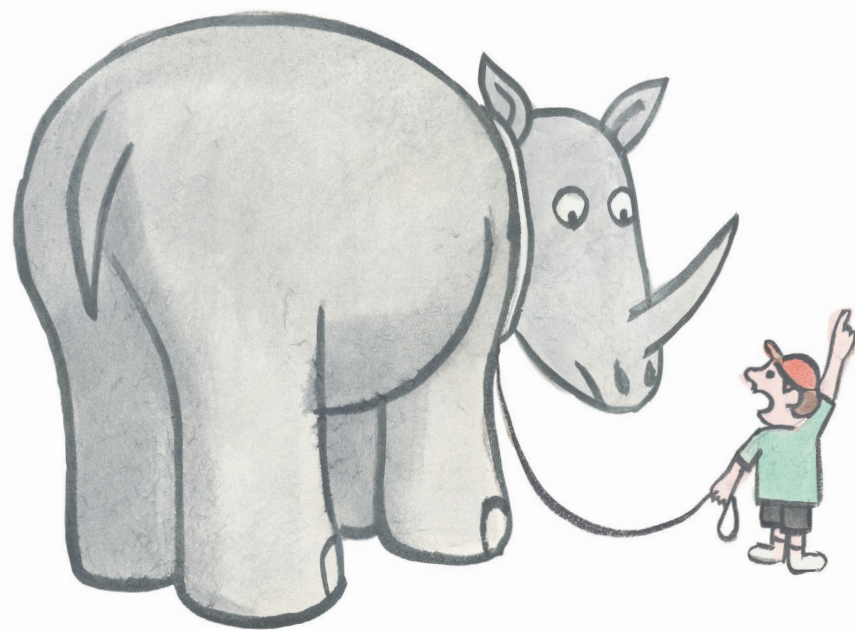
- **MY RHINOCEROS was short listed for the 2023 Children's Book Award**
- Bookmarks featuring all Jon's books, and a postcard available
- Author known in the UK specially with educators Seven Stories, Just Imagine
- THE WALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BOOK and IT'S ONLY STANLEY were long listed for the UKLA Award
- Booktrust interview and reading of the book, LoveReading Litfest podcast

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

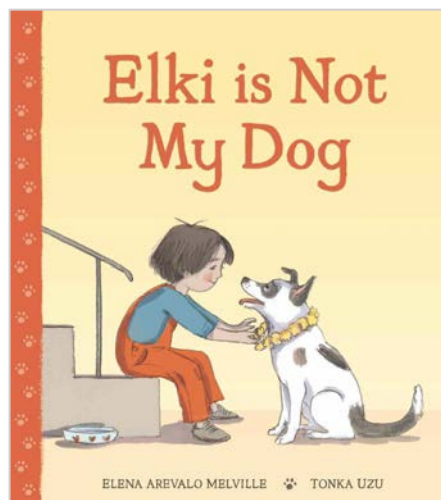




The robber in the balloon was taunting the crowd.



I looked at my rhinoceros and pointed to the balloon. "Pop!" I said.



Elki is Not My Dog

By Elena Arevalo Melville and Tonka Uzu



Scallywag Press

When a small group of children befriend a stray dog, the entire community is inspired to become involved.

Elki does not have a home – she is a stray dog who finds kindness in the company of a little group of children. They play together during the day, but Elki must stay alone outside every night because dogs are not allowed in their block of flats. One day Elki disappears and is found injured. Who will look after her and how?

Title	Elki is Not My Dog
Author	Elena Arevalo Melville
Illustrator	Tona Uzu
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BIC Code	
CBMC Code	A3M79

Key Selling Points

- Shows how one act of kindness can change the attitude of other people
- An uplifting book about feeling empathy for someone in need and taking action to help
- An example of how good citizenship should work, where the duty of caring is owned by everybody
- Gentle illustrations set the scene and beautifully show the bond between Elki and her found family

Sales and Marketing

- Author and artist will do events, they are based in Cambridge.
- Elena is being accepted by Authors Aloud
- Possible cross promo with Animal charities
- POS planned
- Free downloadables on the website



ELENA AREVALO MELVILLE is originally from Guatemala and now lives in Cambridge. Elena is the author and illustrator of the prizewinning picture book *Umbrella*.

TONKA UZU was born and raised in Sofia, Bulgaria and lives in Cambridge. Her book *Olga and Olaf in Spiaggia* was a finalist in the Nati per Leggere Award 2020.





Then, when it was time to go home,
 Katya would go home,
 Rosin would go home,
 Abdullah would go home,
 I would go home . . .



but Elki did not have a home to go to.
 So she could stay out in the warm evenings.
 Oh, how we wished we could *all*
 stay out in the night with Elki!



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NEW KID ON DECK

JUSTIN SOMPER

THE BOOK

The year is 2507. The oceans have risen.

A new dawn of piracy has begun.

Jacoby Blunt and Jasmine Peacock are students at the elite Pirate Academy.

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When a new kid, the mysterious Neo Splice, arrives, everything changes FAST. Suddenly the dangers are no longer simply out on the oceans but right here, amongst them. In the face of real peril, the students of Barracuda class must put everything they have learned to the test against a ruthless and seemingly unstoppable new enemy.

Welcome to Pirate Academy – once you step through the door you won't ever want to leave!

Cover and interior art by Teo Skaffa

THE AUTHOR

Justin Somper is the award-winning author of eight novels for young people, all with a focus on high-octane fantasy adventure, driven by strong, complex characters.

Justin's **Vampirates** sequence comprises, to date, six main novels and has been published in 35 countries and 25 languages.

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But when Serina's home, family, and all the dragons of Arcosi are threatened, can Raff and Serina persuade their families to work together? It will take faith, forgiveness and courage to save the dragons!

THE AUTHOR

Liz Flanagan is an award-winning author who writes for children and young adults. Her books include the Wildsmith series, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton; Legends of the Sky series, and Eden Summer (nominated for the Carnegie Medal).

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GRACIE FAIRSHAW AND THE MISSING REEL

SUSAN BROWNRIGG

THE BOOK

Book 3 in the Gracie Fairshaw series.

Lights, camera, action!

A new movie being filmed in Blackpool is a real scoop for trainee reporter Gracie Fairshaw.

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In a world of body-doubles, stunts, costumes and makeup, not everything is what it seems. Gracie must go behind the scenes and work out which of the cast and crew can't be trusted, before the thrilling final act . . .

THE AUTHOR

Susan is a Lancashire lass who loves writing middle grade historical fiction. Her first book, ***Gracie Fairshaw and the Mysterious Guest*** published in June 2020.

She has worked as a journalist, sub editor and in education roles at historical houses, a farm, a mill, a zoo and a former priory. Susan was awarded the Margaret Carey scholarship in 2015.

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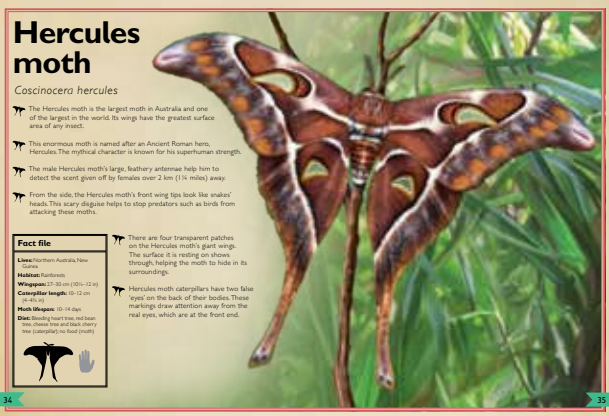
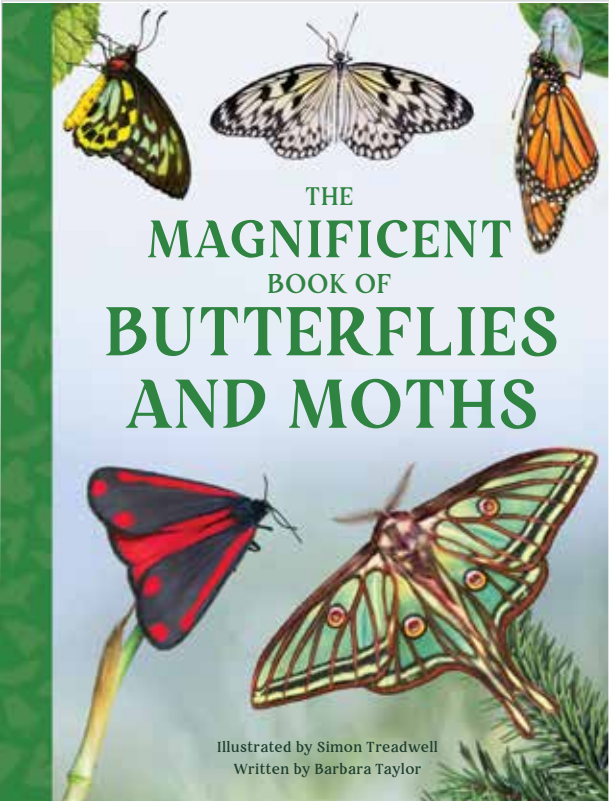
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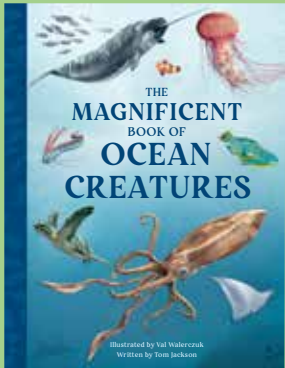
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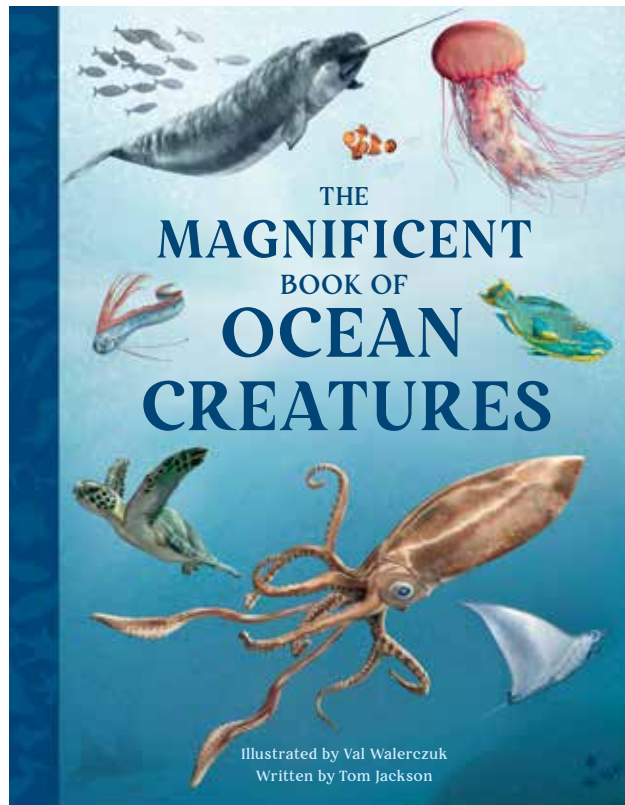
Illustrator: Simon Treadwell attended the Istituto Europeo di Design in Milan and later worked as an Art Director in the advertising industry. As an illustrator, he became a specialist in hyperrealism, using mixed techniques, airbrush, oil, acrylic and watercolour.

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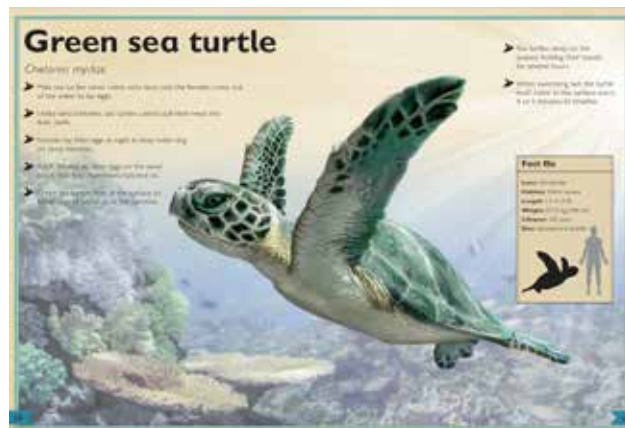
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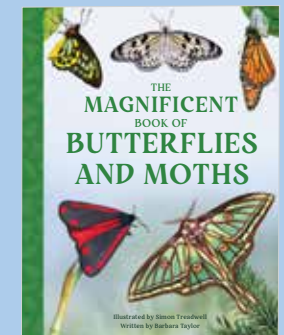
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Author: Tom Jackson has been a writer for over 20 years. He has written more than 100 books and contributed to many more, covering everything from axolotls to zoroastrianism.

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What on Earth Books

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Aaron Blecha, Patricia Daniels

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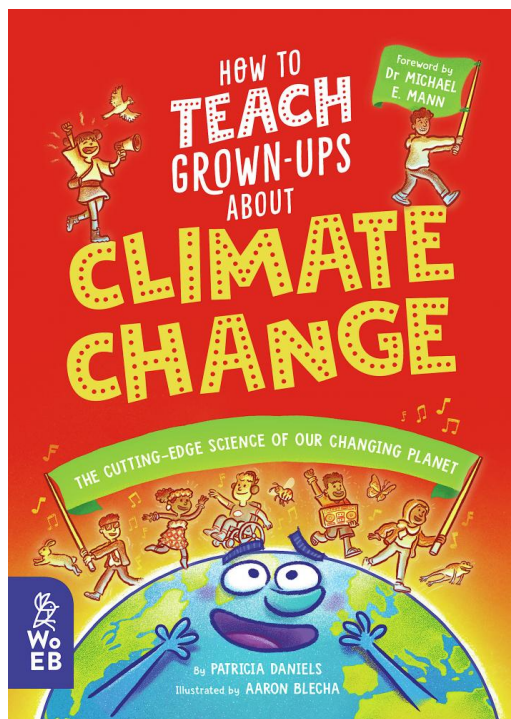
- Features a foreword by renowned climate scientist Dr Michael E. Mann, who is also an expert consultant on the book.
- Deals with the serious topic in an uplifting manner, with a witty sense of humour and 100 original illustrations by Aaron Blecha.
- Empowers children to educate themselves – and their grown-ups – about the timely issue of climate change, including a quiz to test their knowledge at the end!
- Perfect for young fans of Greta Thunberg's *No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference* and *The Climate Book*.

Author Information

Aaron Blecha is a Brighton-based artist and author who designs funny characters and illustrates humorous books. Aaron has illustrated over 40 books, including the popular *George Brown*, *Class Clown* and *Shark School* series. He is also the author and illustrator of *Goodnight, Grizzle Grump!* and *Good Morning, Grizzle Grump!* published by HarperCollins. Aaron also works as a character designer in TV development for studios such as Disney, Curious Pictures and eOne Family.

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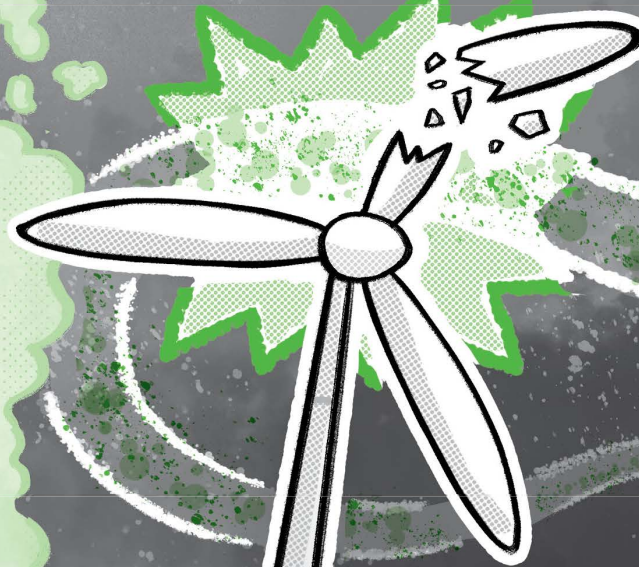


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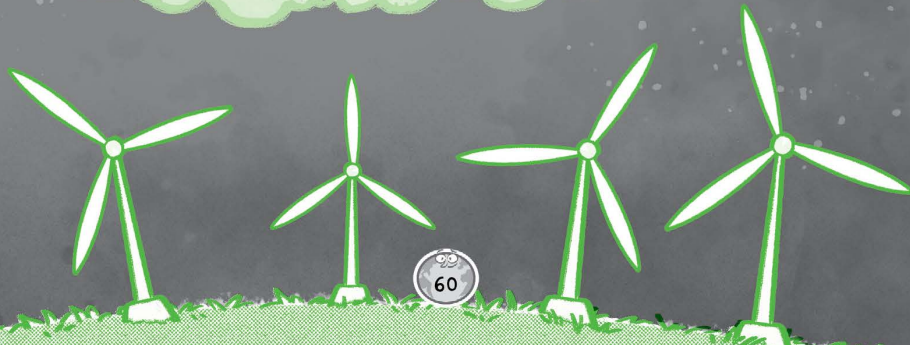
People really have said this. In 2009, workers found a blade broken off a turbine in Lincolnshire. The whole machine was wrecked. Bright lights were seen in the sky the night before. Adding two and two together and getting 1,000, some people decided a low-flying UFO had run into the windmill. Wind turbine experts poured cold water on this theory, explaining that it was a normal accident due to ordinary wear and tear. Remind your grown-ups: any aliens who can steer between the planets are probably smart enough to avoid a single windmill.



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