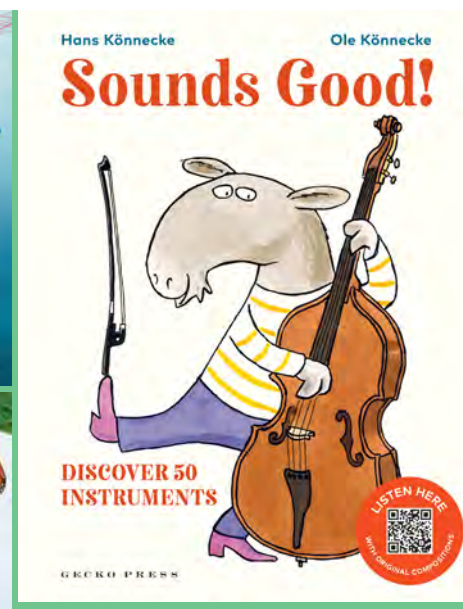
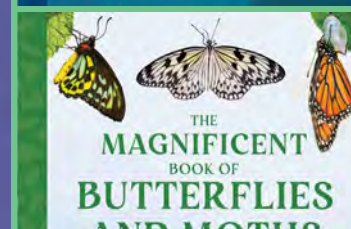
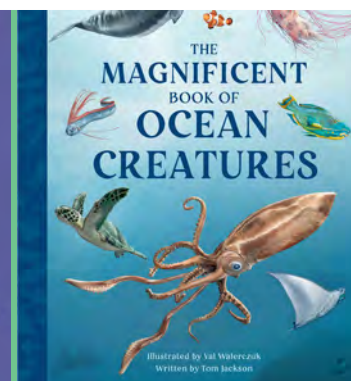
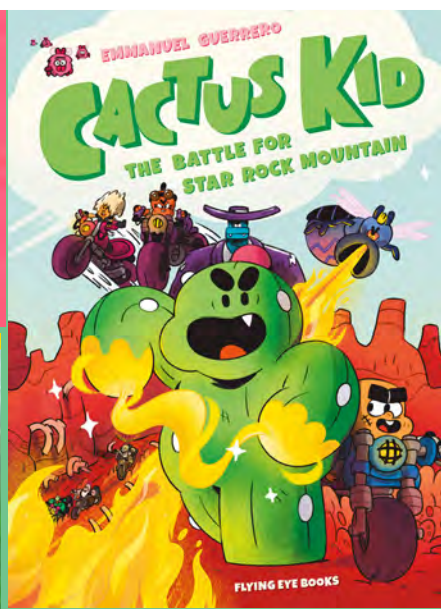


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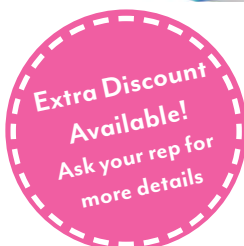
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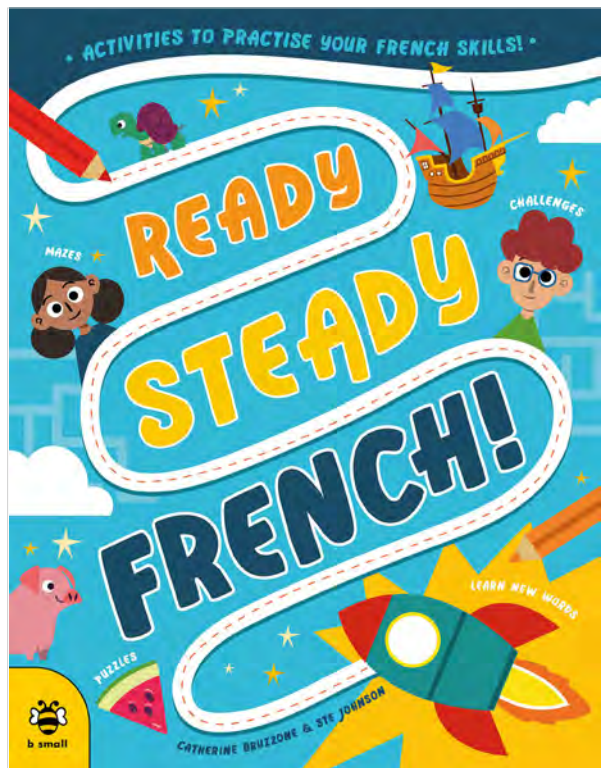
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dee-eh-thee-och-o



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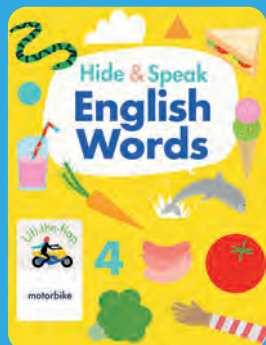


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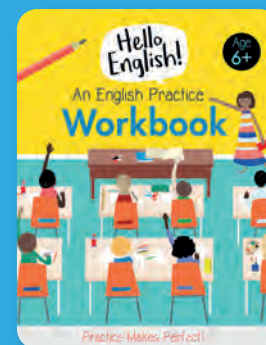
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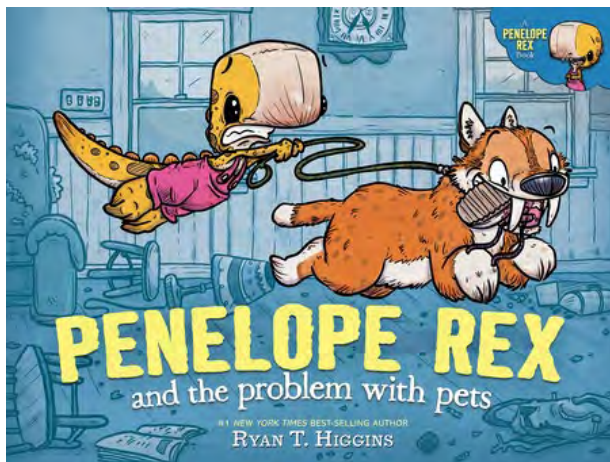
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Most kids have dogs and cats and fish and guinea pigs. Penelope Rex has Mittens. Penelope wasn't sure she even wanted a pet when Mittens came into her life. But now that he's here, she is determined to make the best of it. Pets, however—especially 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!

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- *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.

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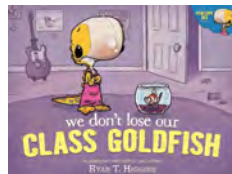
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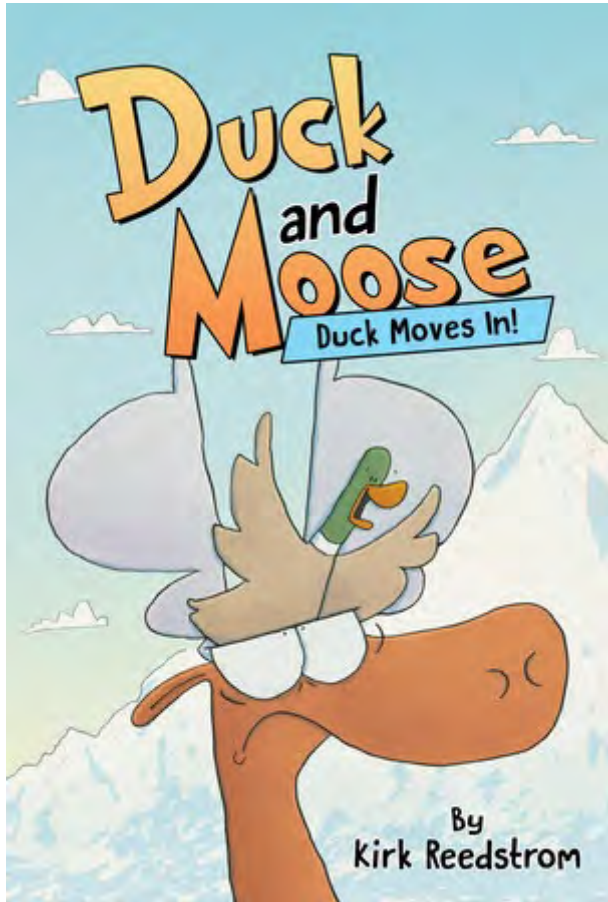
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Duck and Moose: Duck Moves In!

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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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What are you doing back here, Duck?



Ah, the mountain just didn't have that *je ne sais quoi*.



You know what I mean, Moose?

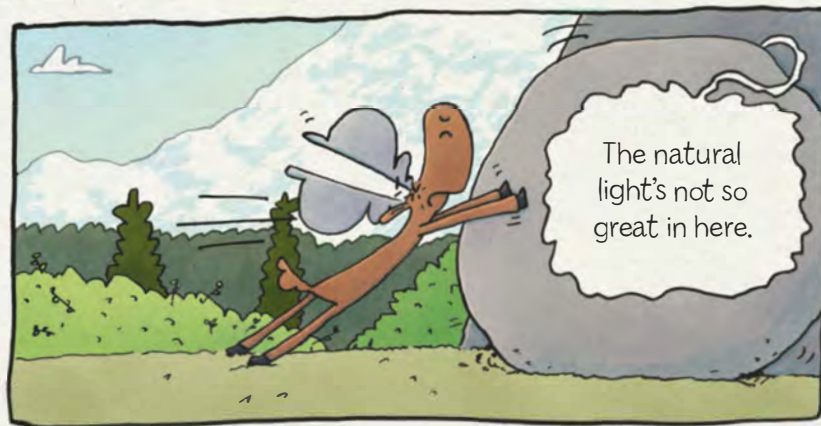
Oh yes. Absolutely. I know the *perfect* place for you.



This cave!



Um, Moose?



The natural light's not so great in here.

Duck and Moose: Moose Blasts Off!

Kirk Reedstrom



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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!

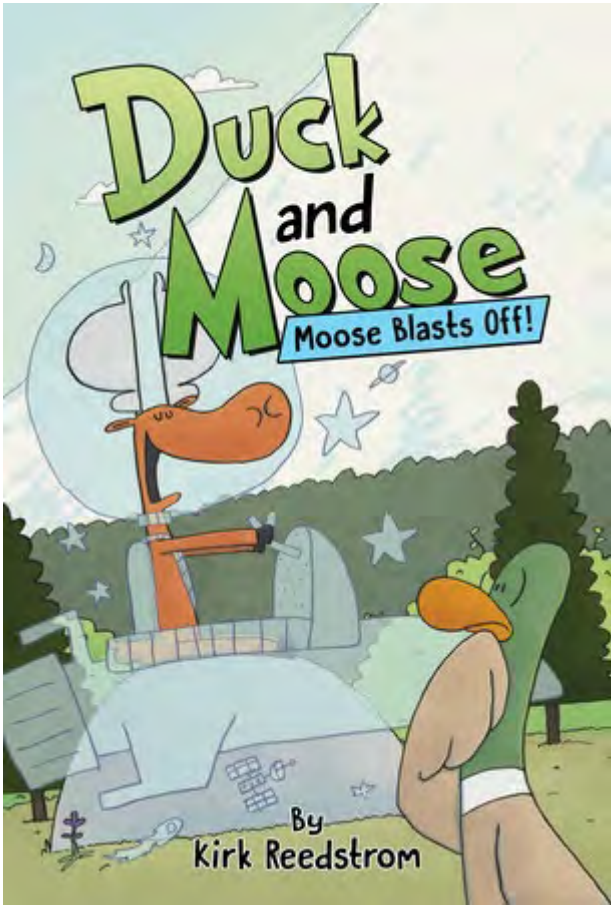
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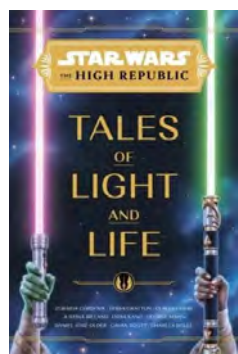
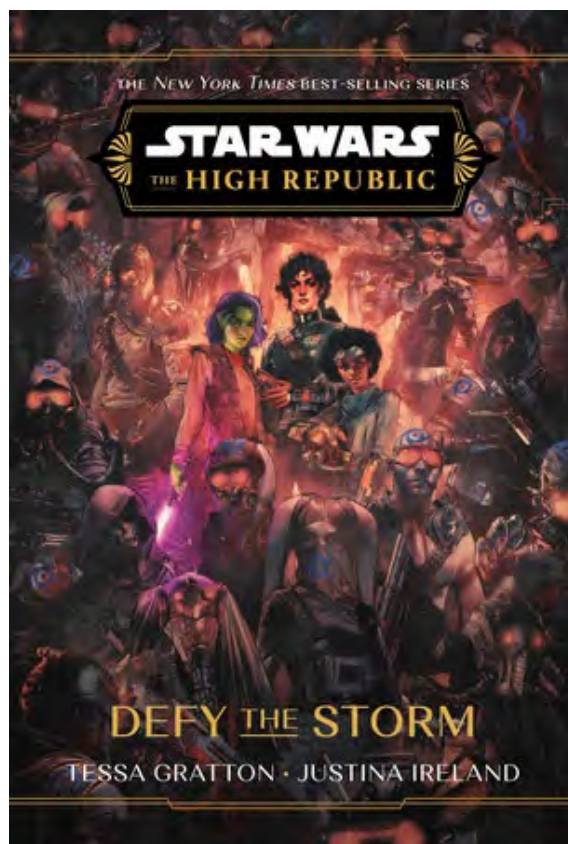
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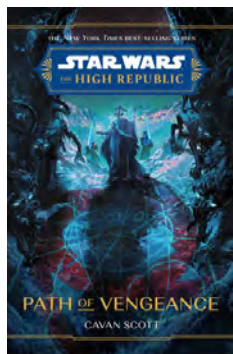
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INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES SUCCESS! Into the Dark debuted at #1. Del Rey's Light of the Jedi debuted at #1. A Test of Courage and Out of the Shadows each debuted at #2. Race to Crashpoint Tower debuted at #4. The most recent High Republic middle grade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

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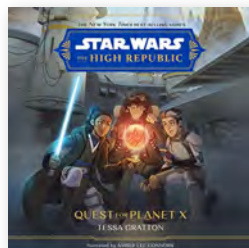
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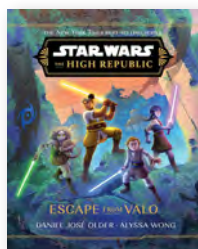
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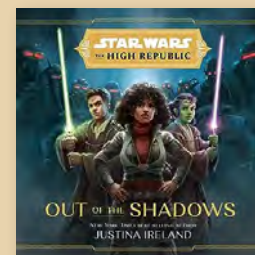


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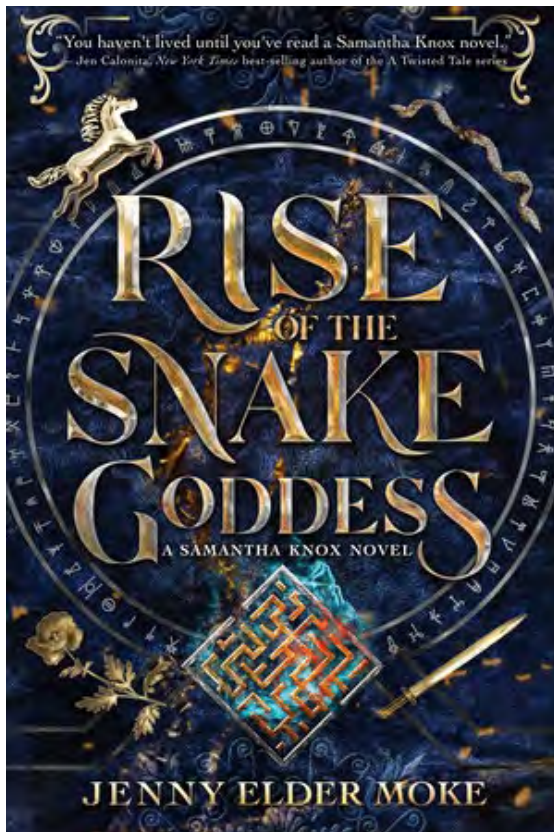
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After being snubbed by her college's archaeology department for an honor she rightfully earned, Sam is hell-bent on proving her worth to her misogynistic department head. So when an opportunity presents itself to solve the hidden meaning behind a symbol 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.

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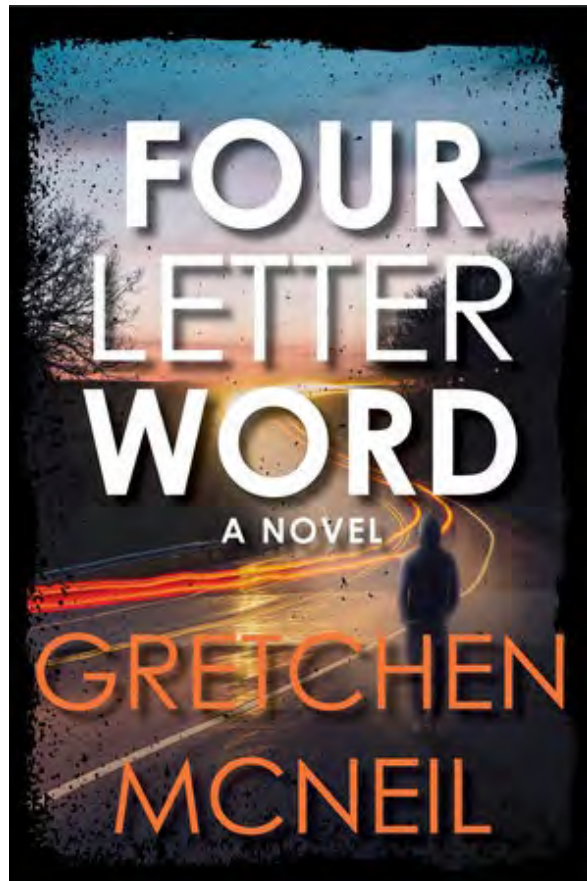
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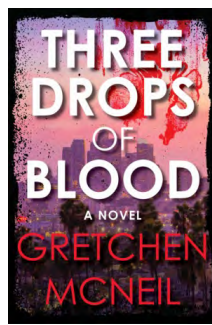
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Four Letter Word

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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.

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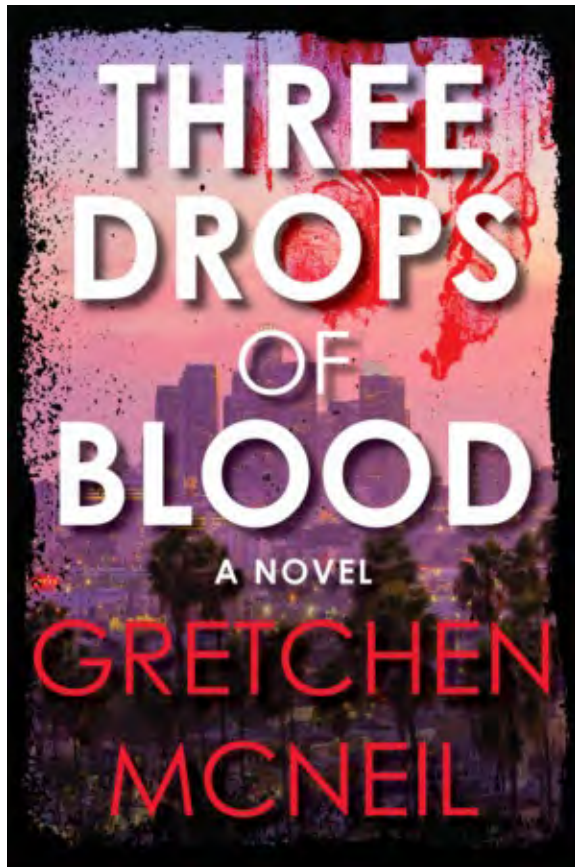
FRESH TAKE ON A CLASSIC FILM: Four Letter Word reimagines the classic Hitchcock film Shadow of a doubt from a fresh perspective.

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Three Drops of Blood

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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.

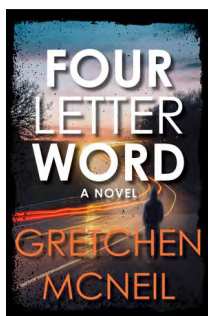
Now, she must get anyone to believe her and find out who this mystery woman is to get answers. But as she learns more and more about the circumstances leading to the gruesome act, she begins to realize there is a bigger mystery under the surface... In this voyeuristic thriller filled with twists and 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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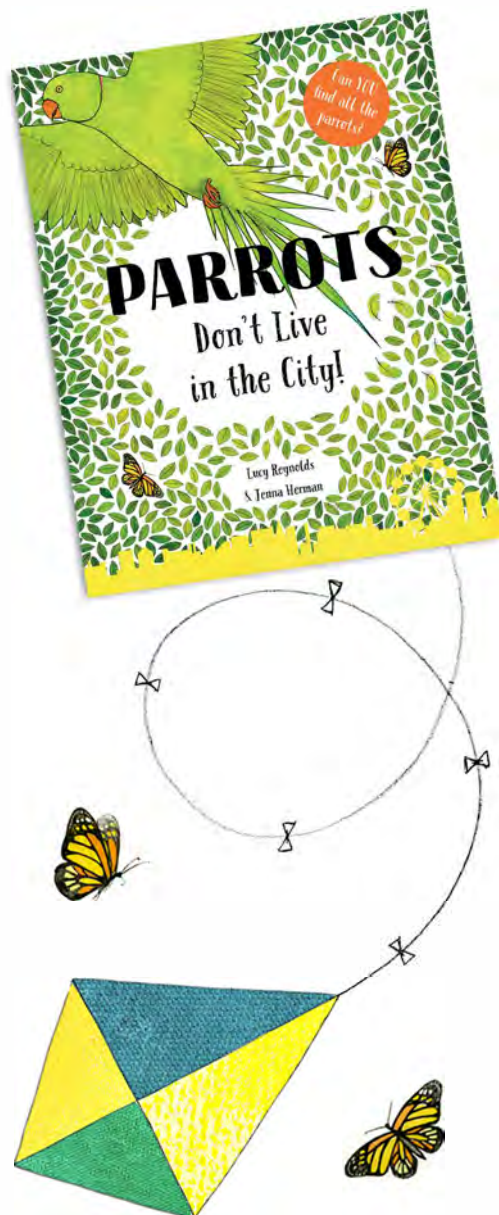
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By Lucy Reynolds & Jenna Herman

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Written in charming verse, with hand-drawn illustrations, this is the delightful story of two children's encounter with the bolshy, brilliant ring-necked parakeets that are now spotted all across Europe and beyond. These beautiful birds captivate little explorers - where did they come from? How did they get here? Why did they stay?

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- A fresh new partnership in children's publishing
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"Parrots Don't Live in the City has been one of our best loved and bestselling picture books"

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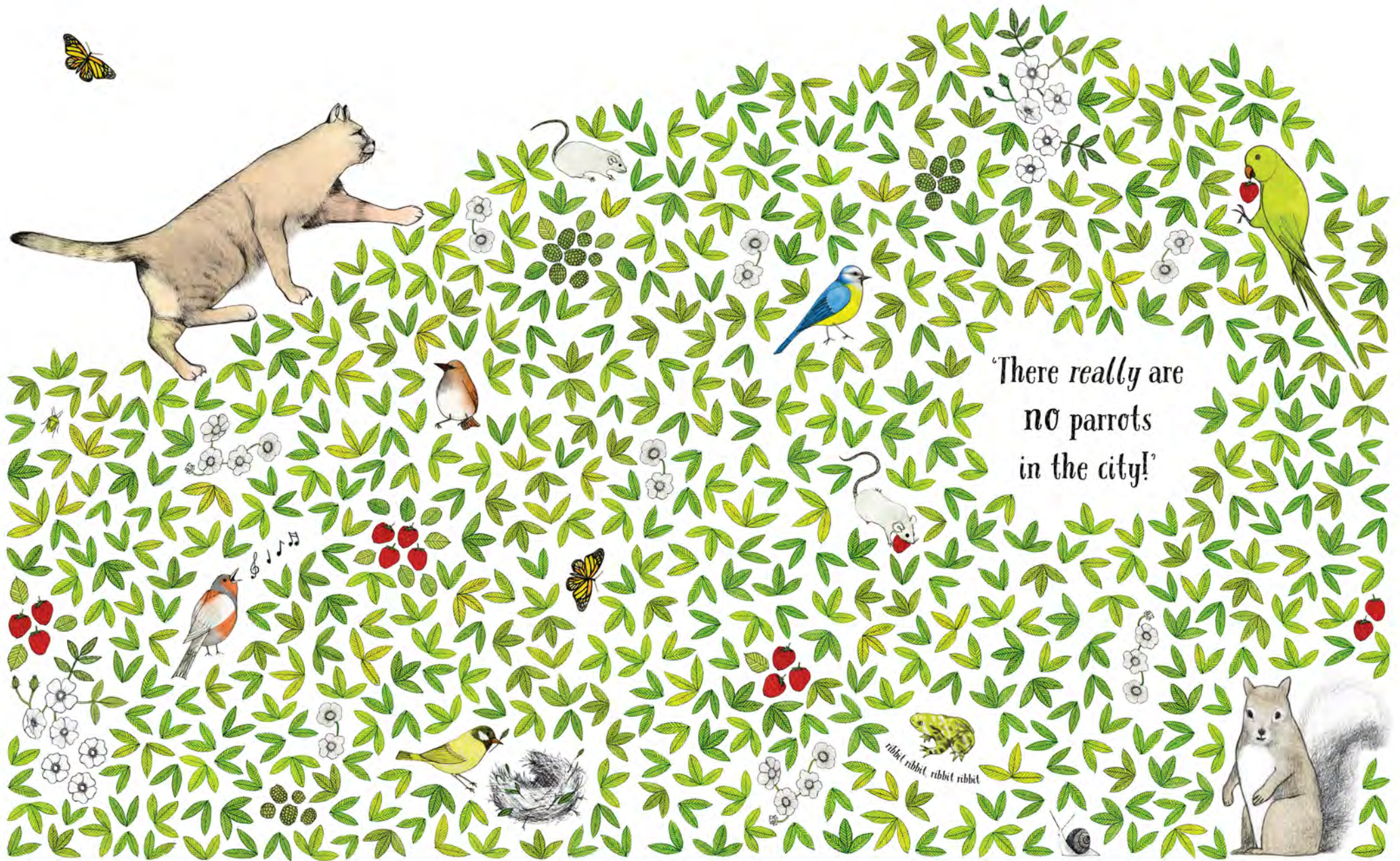
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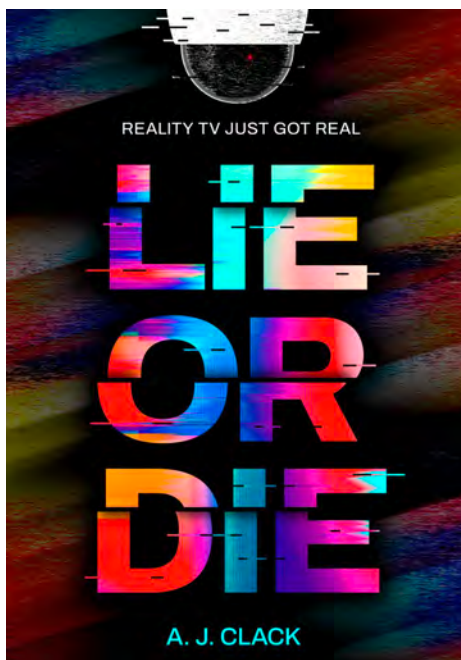


Lucy and Jenna have been friends for twenty years. They now work merrily together creating lovely books for little explorers. Since their entry onto the scene in summer 2017, they have firmly established themselves as an exciting creative partnership in the world of children's publishing.

Lucy has a PhD in Nineteenth Century Poetry and Jenna a Degree in Fine Art, each from Oxford University. Both mums to little children, Lucy and Jenna aim to inspire young readers to pause and notice nature all around them, fostering a widespread love of the natural world through books that are acoustically and visually beautiful.



*'There really are
no parrots
in the city!'*



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.'

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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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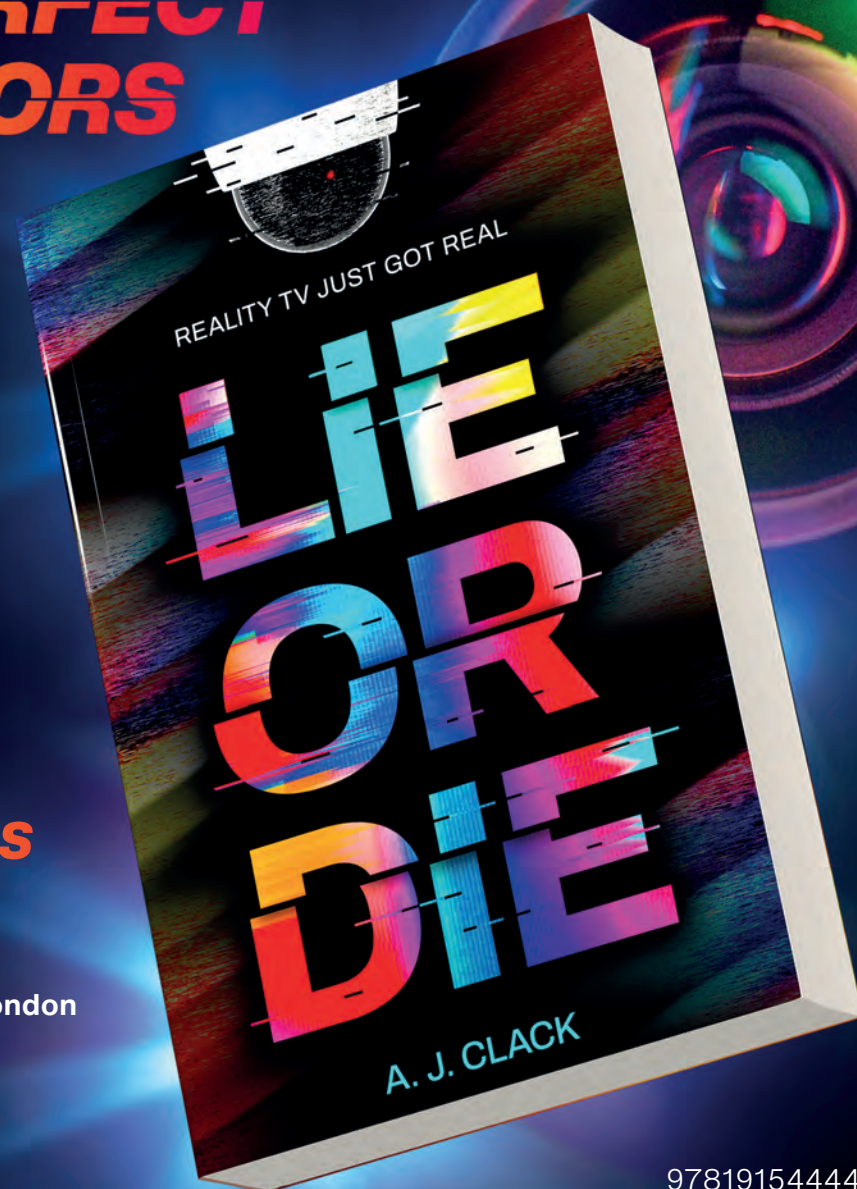
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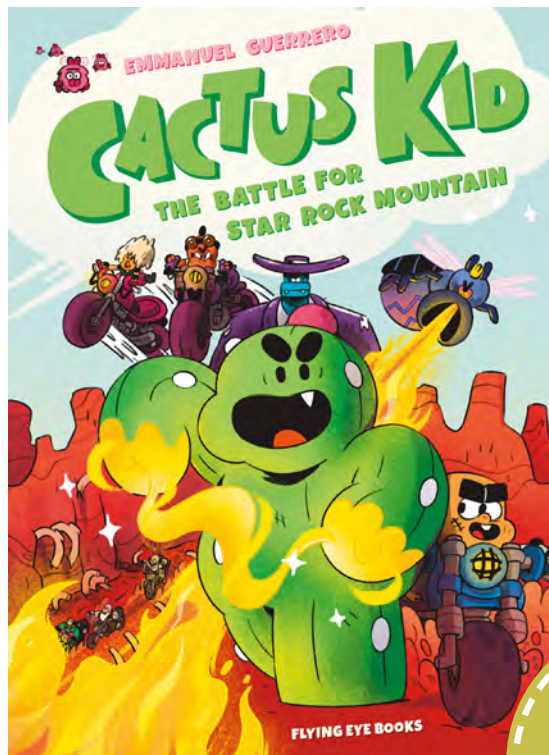
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Cactus Kid has exiled himself to the Neverending Desert to master magic and prove to his all-powerful father that he is the best wizard alive. All he needs is a piece of star rock to supercharge his magic, but he's not the only one after it. Caught in the crossfire between rival gangs of the Clams and the Shells, he must compete in the epic and death-defying moto-brawl race to get a single slice of the star rock. Meanwhile, a shadowy lizard figure is scouring the desert. Armed with a mystical compass, this bounty hunter is searching for any magic he can get his hands on...

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.
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Perfect for fans of Star Wars, Pokémon, Minecraft, and Dogman.

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

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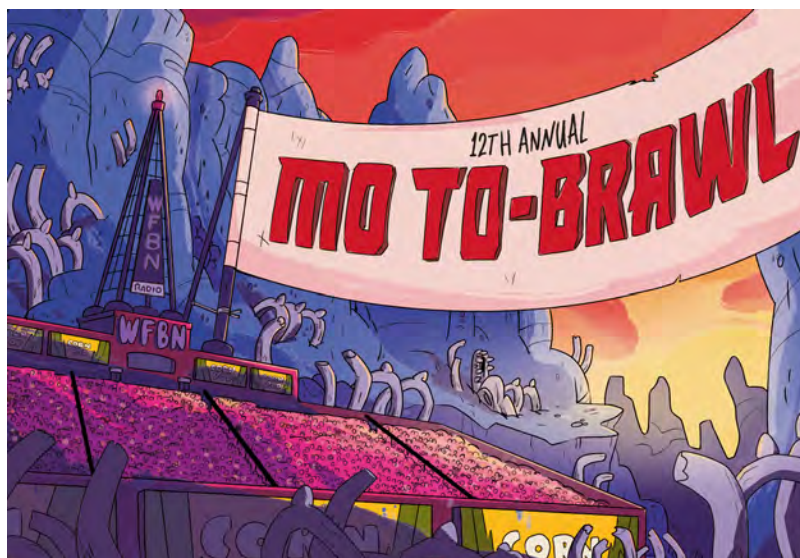
Emmanuel Guerrero Emmanuel Guerrero was born in Santa Ana, California, and lives in a suburb 40 minutes south of Los Angeles, USA. He is a comic artist that has tabled at multiple festivals in cities across the US and his comics can be found in independent bookstores across LA.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

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- 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



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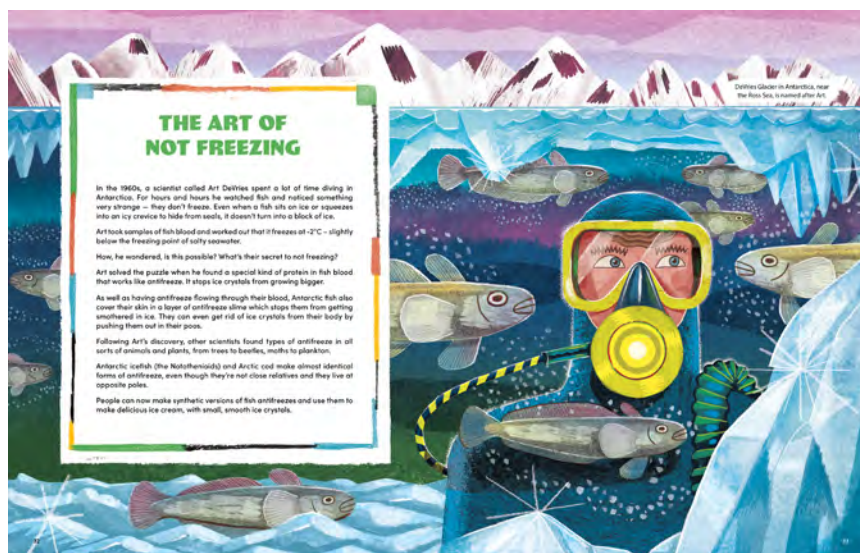
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Author/Illustrator: **Aurore Petit**

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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.

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- A chic, contemporary book illustrated with striking neon colours and printed in special inks
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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.



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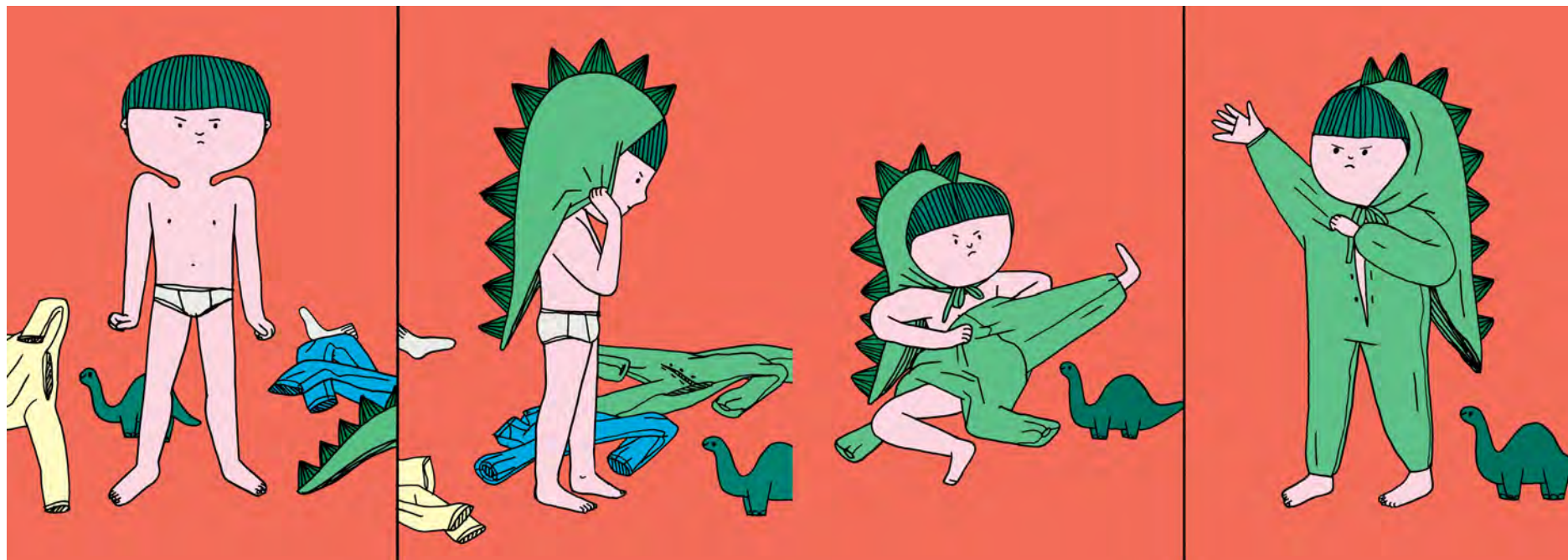
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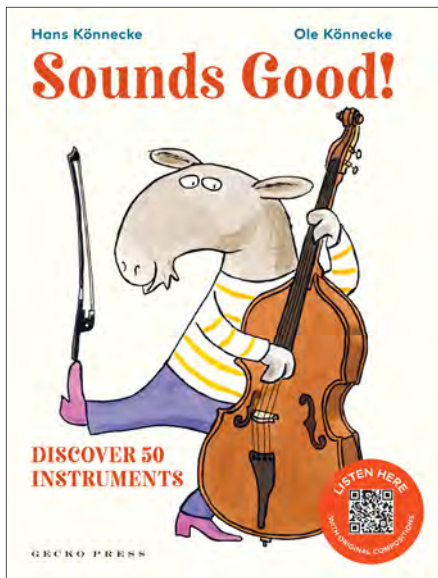


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ABOUT THE BOOK

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 Könnecke 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 Könnecke 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.



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**musical instruments | interactive
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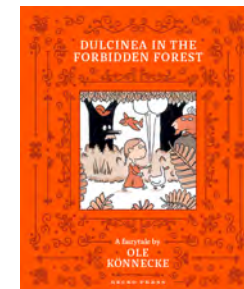
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Extent: 64 pages

Age range: 8 – 12 years

SRP: £3.99

Carton quantity: 16



Kaleidoscope Colouring

Original Squishmallows NEON Colouring Book

Born colourful! Grab your markers and bring to vivid life the iconic, loveable Squishmallows.

With 32 pages of artwork designed specifically to make neon colours **pop**, this fun and bright colouring book is perfect for fans of any age.



Key Features

- An A4 format with 32 pages of colouring.
- Fulfils the huge demand for Squishmallows publishing content.
- Artwork is designed to make neon colours pop.
- Hinkler is thrilled to have been the first to publish Squishmallows book + craft content in ANZ and South Africa.

Publication date: February 2024

ISBN: 9781488932151

Format: Paperback

Size (h x w x d): 296 x 210 x 7mm

Extent: 64 pages

Age range: 8 – 12 years

SRP: £3.99

Carton quantity: 16



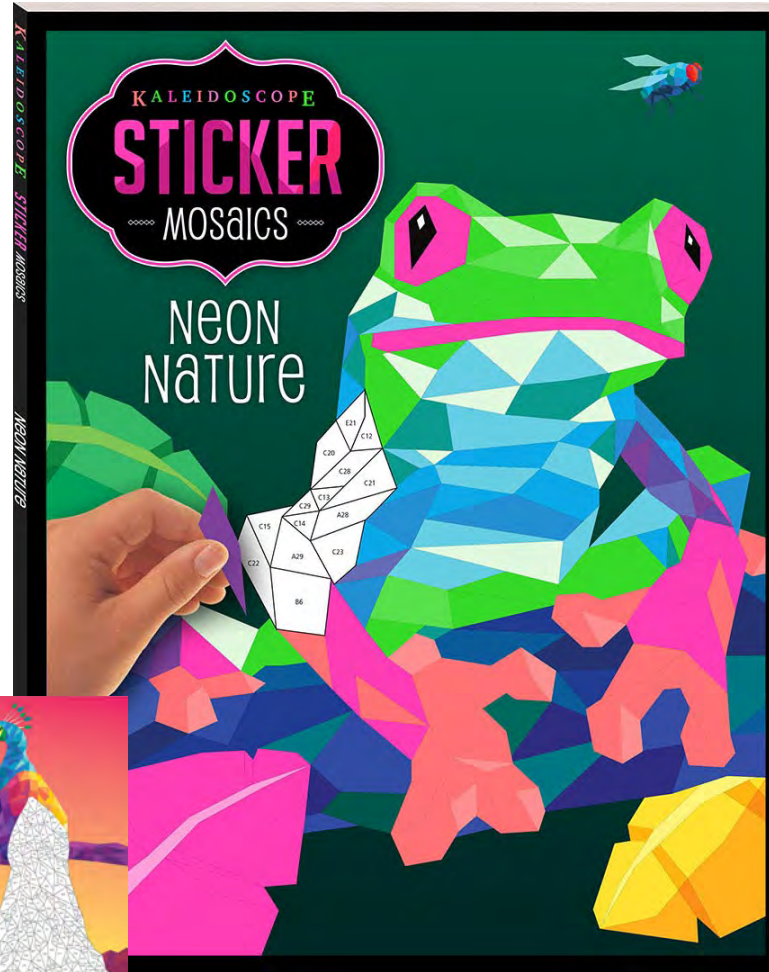
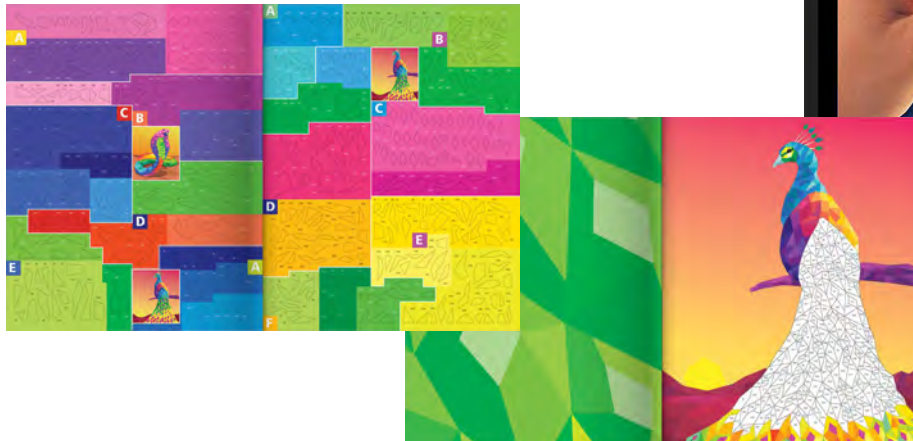
Kaleidoscope Sticker Mosaics

Neon Nature

Immerse yourself in a kaleidoscopic world of intricate neon sticker art with *Kaleidoscope Sticker Mosaics: Neon Nature*.

This vibrant book features vivid geometric artwork of wild creatures, just waiting for you to complete with hundreds of shaped neon stickers. Each page contains an incredibly detailed neon image with spaces for specific stickers. It's so easy and satisfying to do – just peel off the neon stickers, place them in the pictures, and voilà!

This book lets you take your creativity to a whole new level and relax, get mindfully meditative, and is sure to brighten your day!



Key Features

- Colour-by-sticker works in a similar way to traditional colouring books, and allows you to relax while being creative.
- The neon stickers are vibrant and create beautiful artwork to display when you have finished the activity.
- With 15 pictures to complete, this book offers hours of relaxation and time to indulge your artistic side.

Publication date: February 2024

ISBN: 9781488933011

Format: Paperback

Size (h x w x d): 305 x 240 x 6mm

Extent: 32 pages (+ sticker sheets)

Age range: Teen/Adult

SRP: £6.99

Carton quantity: 24

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
- CBMC Code: A2J79

- Boost young children's learning development by helping them count to 5 with the fun 'find and count' activities.
- Get creative with the magic painting pen and 7 amazing water painting scenes.
- The hilarious, rhyming text is sure to have children in stitches. The perfect rainy day activity to keep children entertained.

Features & Benefits

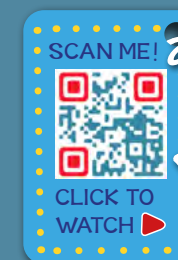
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Author

- 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.

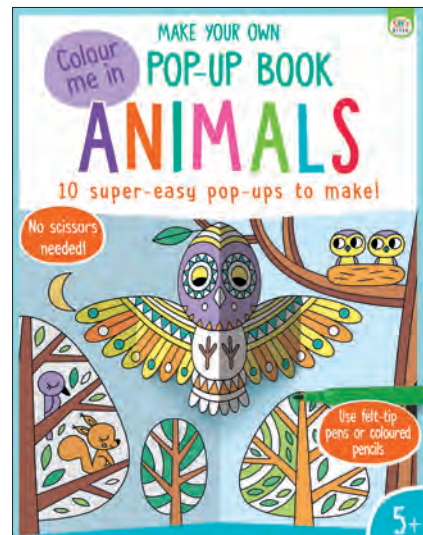
Illustrator

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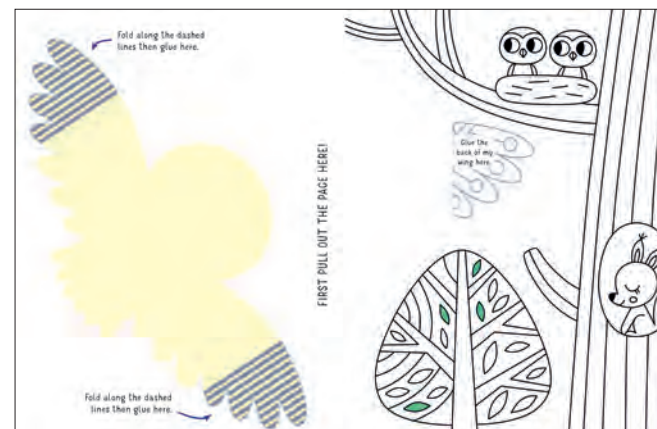
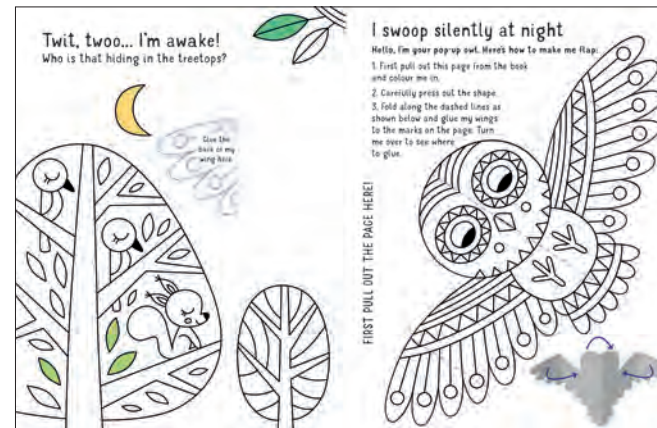
Contains ten fun animal pop-ups to colour and make. Follow the projects a step at a time.



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

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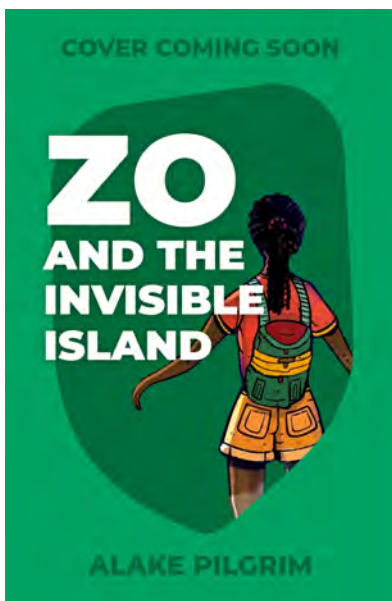
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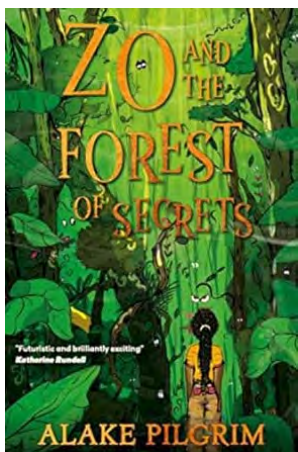
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Alake Pilgrim

The epic conclusion to the fantasy adventure that started with *Zo and the Forest of Secrets*.

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"Futuristic and brilliantly exciting."
Katherine Rundell

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.

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DRAFT SPREAD





One Button Benny

****REISSUE****

Written by Alan Windram

Illustrated by Chloe Holwill-Hunter



Price £6.99

Pub date 19th June 2017

ISBN 978-0-9927520-4-0

Category Children's

Age range 03 - 06 years

Extent 32pp

TPS 240 x 240

Binding Paperback

Language English

Rights World

Sales Points

One Button Benny is a story about heroes and the unlikely places you find them. With strikingly beautiful retro-style illustrations by Chloe Holwill-Hunter. This colourful, fun tale for three-to six-year-olds, sees loveable robot Benny becoming a surprising hero when the hairy, scary collectors try to take over his planet.

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

Description

Benny was different...

Benny was special...

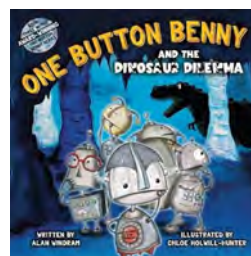
Benny was a robot...

Benny had a bright red button in the middle of his tummy. On the button, written in big, bold letters were the words 'Only Press In An Emergency'. Benny had never pressed his button but often wondered what would happen if he did get to press it... One day he found out!



9781999955656

PB £6.99



9781916205482

PB £7.99

About the author

Alan Windram is the author of the hugely popular *Mac and Bob* series of picture books. *A Puppy's Tale*, also illustrated by Chloe, followed in 2016.

When Alan is not taking part in book festivals and school and library events, he works with Sticky Kids theatre, performing in the live show which regularly tours schools and theatres throughout the UK.

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 in Argyll and Bute with his wife and two cats Sparkie and George.

About the illustrator

Chloe is a freelance illustrator and designer from the Scottish Borders. *One Button Benny* is her second picture book with Alan Windram. Chloe attended Heriot-Watt University to study textile design, where she discovered a love for creating cute and quirky characters and patterns for children. She has produced artworks for companies including Paperchase and Gap, and enjoys working on a variety of commissions. Her work is a combination of traditional hand-crafted techniques and digital development.

She is inspired by travelling, reading, writing stories and walking with her dog, Badger.

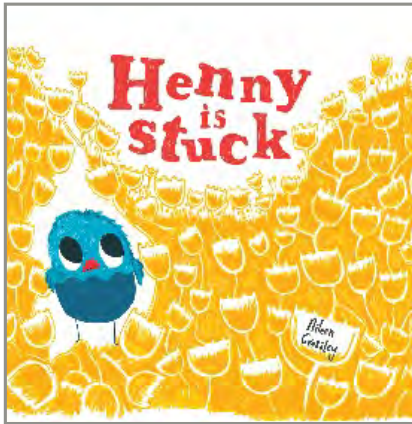
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Henny is Stuck

****REISSUE****

Written and Illustrated by Aileen Crossley



Sales Points

'Henny is Stuck' is the debut picture book from award-winning Dublin-based illustrator and animator Aileen Crossley.

With an illustration style honed and developed over years in a lithographic print studio, the loveable characters are brought to life in a tale of friendship, determination and bravery.

Aileen is currently creating an animated short to accompany her picture book.

This book would make the perfect Easter gift.

Description

Henny is a baby chick, she is sweet and fluffy just like her friends. But unlike her friends, Henny has one tiny problem. Henny is stuck in her shell.

Yes, her tiny legs and her tiny wings peep out. But Henny is most definitely stuck.

Follow Henny on her journey as she and her friends try to solve her problem and along the way end up saving the day.

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About the author

Aileen is a Dublin-based illustrator, animator and motion designer. Currently studying her MA Illustration at Falmouth University. She is a member of the Black Church Print Studio, where she explores lithography alongside her illustration work.

With her animation work, Aileen was the winner of two IDI awards in 2021 - Best Short Animated Film and Emerging Designer Award for her animated short 'Wishing Well', for Paul Hourican.

'Henny is Stuck' is Aileen's debut picture book. It has been a labour of love for Aileen and through its development the design work she created for Henny was long-listed for the Unpublished Picture Book Exhibition in 2020 and 2021, and a finalist at the 2019 Bologna Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition.

Aileen said: "I use my design, illustration, animation and videography skills on a daily basis. My communication design degree specialised in illustration and I love to bring this practice into my work wherever possible. I was thrilled to be awarded two Irish Design Industry awards, including Emerging Designer for a stop-motion music video I made using sand. I always strive to bring original storytelling to my work to make it more impactful and meaningful. When my work connects people, I feel happy and fulfilled."

Price £7.99

Pub date 13th March 2023

ISBN 9781739192907

Category Children's

Age range 03- 06 years

Extent 32pp

TPS 240 x 240

Binding Paperback

Language English

Rights World

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 ...

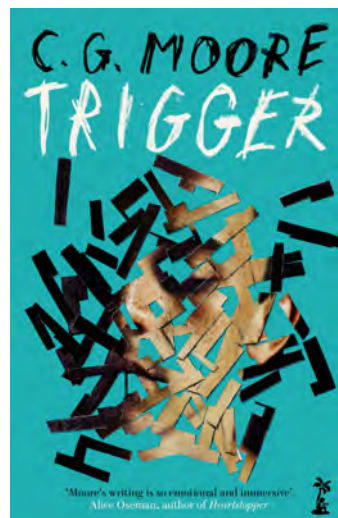
Jay becomes overwhelmed when the weight of what has happened starts to dawn on him. He wants answers, and his search leads him down a dark and dangerous path.

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?

Trigger by CG Moore

DRAFT COVER



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*

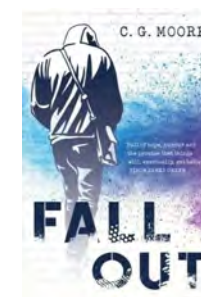
"Filled with darkness and light, despair and hope, fear and desire, and love and trust" – Judges at the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards 2022

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.



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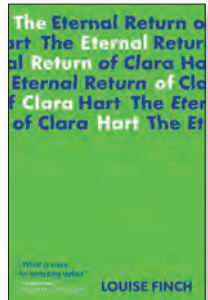
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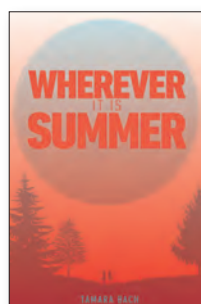
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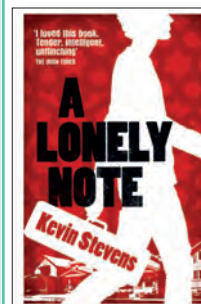
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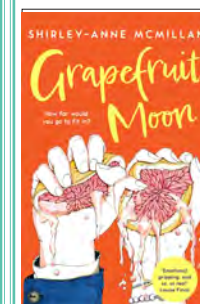
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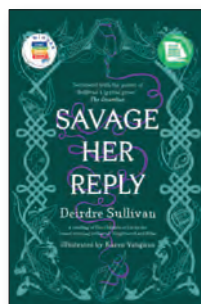
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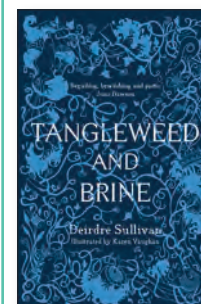
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Little Kids First Board Book: Frogs

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.

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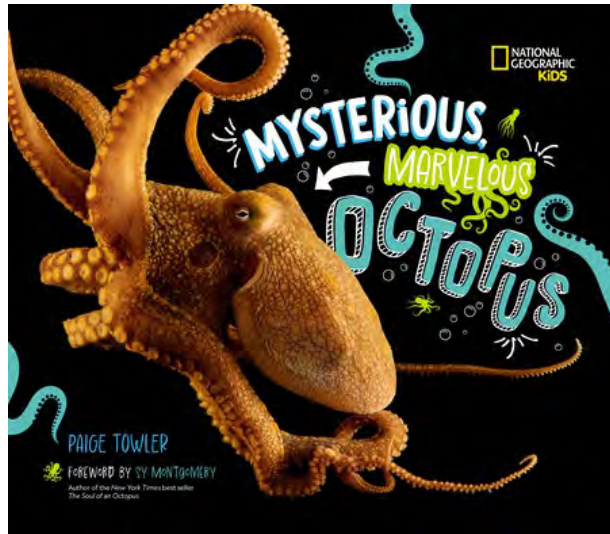
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Price	£6.99	Illustrator	
Age	0-3 years	Market	
Extent	26	BIC Codes	

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
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Age	5-8 years	Market	
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The Boy Who Loves to Lick the Wind

Fiona Carswell, illustrated by Yu Rong

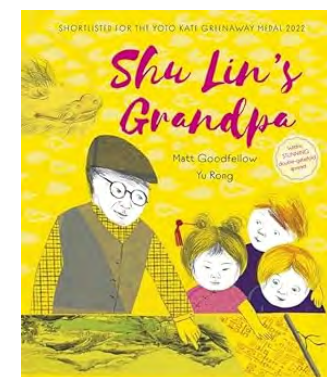
"A kind, beautiful book...addresses autism with tact, wit and positivity. Recommended for anyone directly affected by autism – and for everyone else too." David Mitchell author of *The Reason I Jump*

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.

- **"Beautifully illustrated...**will help other children to be more understanding and accepting of autism." Temple Grandin, author of *Thinking in Pictures*
- **"This book should be on every library shelf and in every classroom."** Elizabeth Laird, author
- **"What a joyous, beautifully written book that so lovingly and accurately describes the world of an autistic boy. I absolutely loved it."** Chitra Ramaswamy, author and journalist
- **"A wonderful story** exploring friendship and the joy that comes from **embracing each other's uniqueness. Sensitively told, with joyful illustrations**, this story captures both what it is like to be autistic and what it is like to be friends with someone with autism. **A powerful, heartfelt story** which deserves to be read by many, many children." Catherine Ward, author of *The Emerald Forest*
- **"A joyous slice-of-life story** where the lives of two different boys overlap exactly where friendship begins." Bruna de Luca, author of *I'm Not Cute, I'm Dangerous*

Fiona Carswell is the mother of two boys, one autistic and the other neurotypical. By day, she is a publicist, promoting books, literary prizes, book festivals, cultural projects, venues and events. Fiona writes occasionally for the Scottish press – mainly the Scotsman – and flies 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. She lives in East Lothian, Scotland. **Yu Rong's** books include *Shu Lin's Grandpa*, with Matt Goodfellow, 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 lives in Cambridgeshire.



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And then we stop.

And the boy next door sticks out his
tongue and licks the salty, swirling air.

So I do.

And it is the

**BEST FEELING
IN THE WORLD.**

You should try it.



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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.



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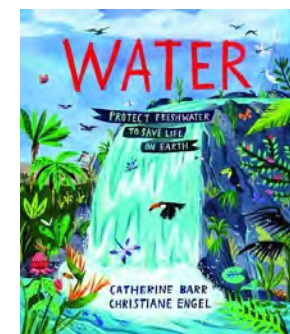
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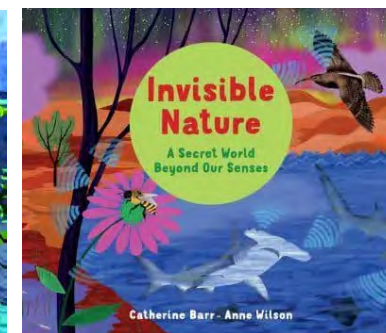
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Hedgehog Highways help hedgehogs escape

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

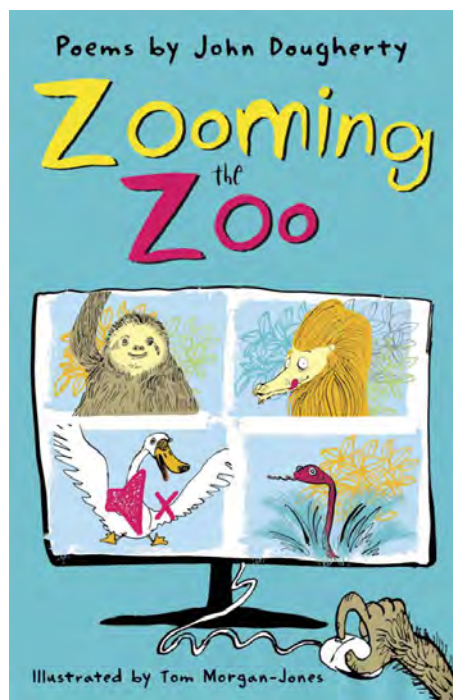
Hedgehog Champions count hedgehogs by tracking their tiny footprints on paper, as they tramp through specially made tunnels put in their path.

Can you spot XX hedgehogs on this page?



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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!

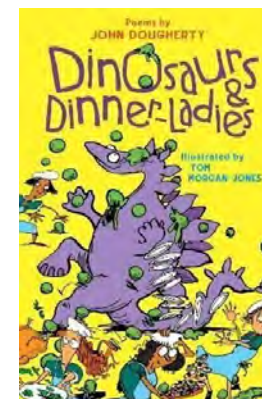
This is a really exciting, varied collection from one of the UK's most popular poets – a brilliant performer in schools and at festivals.

- 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.



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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

Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Ruthine Burton

Fifty poems from ten gifted young British poets from diverse backgrounds, selected by the Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho

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.

Fifty poems here open windows on a new generation's thoughts, dreams and desires, and on an exciting new wave of poetic talent.

The poets are Anneliese Amoah, Antoinette Brooks, Sadatu Fatu, Eileen Gbagbo, Shagufta K Iqbal, Gayathiri Kamalakanthan, Rowan Kiffin Murray, Jay Sandhu, Ioney Smallhorne, and Jasmin 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. 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.





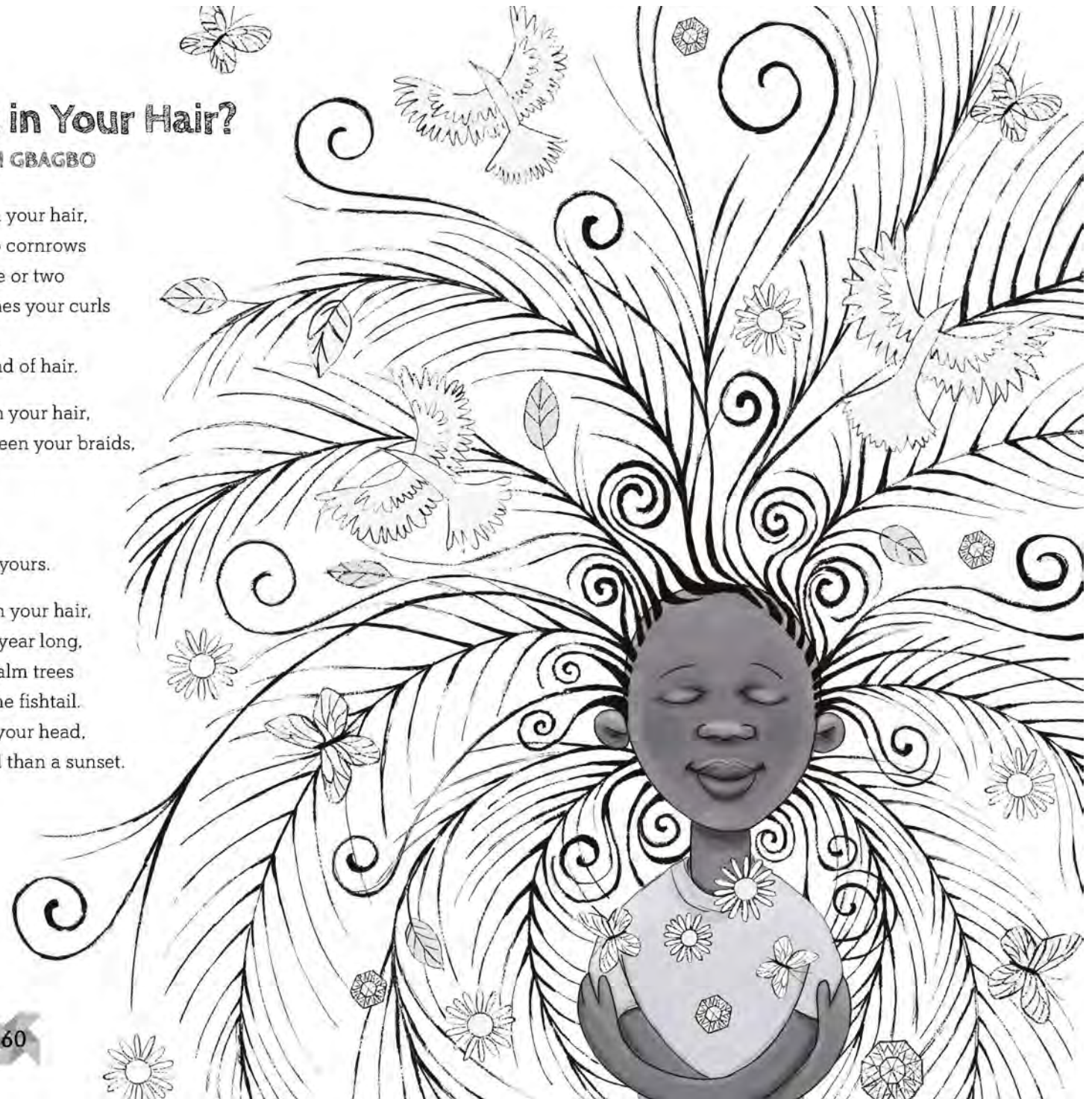
What Hides in Your Hair?

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.

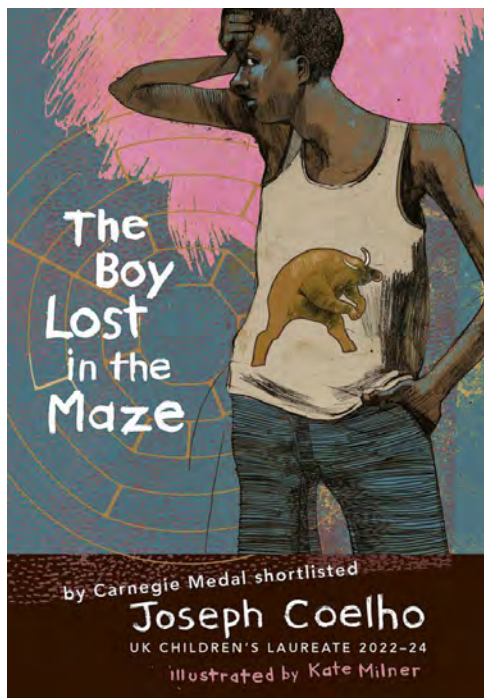
There are worlds that hide in your hair,
countries full of sunlight all year long,
mockingbirds perched on palm trees
swaying with each flick of the fishtail.
You can create paradise on your head,
more powerful and beautiful than a sunset.





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The Boy Lost in the Maze

Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Kate Milner

****REISSUE****



A spellbinding novel told in poems, blending the ancient legend of the Minotaur with the quest of a modern-day teenage boy to find his biological father by the new Waterstones Children's Laureate

In his new verse novel, Joseph Coelho brilliantly blends Greek myth with a 21st century quest. In Ancient Greece Theseus makes a dangerous and courageous journey to find his father, finally meeting the Minotaur in the Labyrinth. While Theo, a modern-day teenage boy, finds himself on a maze-like quest to find his own father. Each story tells of a boy becoming a man and discovering what true manhood really means,

The path to self-discovery takes Theo through 'those thin spaces where myth, magic and reality combine'. Doubts, difficulties and dangers must be faced as Theo discovers the man he will become.

- Following the bestselling verse novel, *The Girl Who Became a Tree*
- *The Girl Who Became a Tree* was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and a Commended Book by the international jury at Bologna Children's Book Fair 2021
- Addresses issues of identity, masculinity and fatherhood
- Exciting interactive elements - Includes choices for the reader to make, mirroring Theseus' journey through the Labyrinth
- Powerfully resonant and enthralling poetry from the new Waterstones Children's Laureate
- Illustrations by Kate Milner, whose images for *The Girl Who Became a Tree* were longlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal.

Author Information

Joseph Coelho's debut poetry collection *Werewolf Club Rules* Lincoln and won the CLPE CLIPPA Poetry Award 2015. He has written plays for young people for the Theatre Royal York, Pied Piper, Polka and The Unicorn Theatres. As well as poetry and plays, Joseph also writes picture books including *Luna Loves Library Day* (Andersen Press) and non-fiction books including *How To Write Poems* (Bloomsbury). All of his work has poetry and an element of performance at its heart making his festival and school sessions dynamic occasions. Joseph is a staunch ambassador for Britain's straitened public libraries. He lives in Kent. Joseph Coelho became the Waterstones Children's Laureate in 2022. **Kate Milner** studied illustration at Central St Martin's before completing an MA in Children's Book Illustration at Anglia Ruskin University. Kate won the V&A Illustration Award 2016 and the Klaus Flugge Prize 2018 for *My name is not Refugee*. Her book is *It's a No-Money Day* (2019, Barrington Stoke) was shortlisted for the Greenaway Medal.

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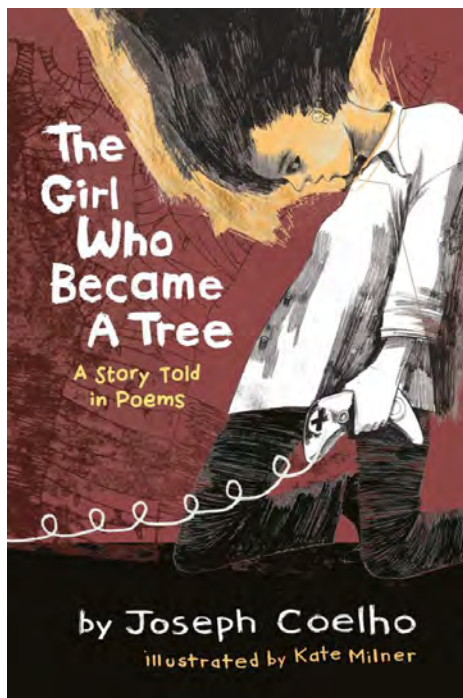
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The Girl Who Became a Tree

A Story Told in Poems

Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Kate Milner



****REISSUE****

Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 20201 - a powerful and mesmerising exploration of grief and renewal

"The judges found this to be a **stunning exploration of grief, anger and isolation**. The intertwining of the myth of Daphne with a modern narrative strengthens the depth of the story and results in **an immersive read with a lasting impact**." - Carnegie Medal judging panel

"...it plays with form and setting in a way that **invites young readers in**, asserting the myth's perpetual relevance." *Times Literary Supplement*

"A **highly readable**, imaginative tale with a positive message. Coelho's poems are succinct, **thought-provoking and original**." *The Independent 10 Best Kids' Poetry Books*

Author Information

Joseph Coelho is a performance poet and playwright. His debut poetry collection *Werewolf Club Rules* won the CLPE CLIPPA Poetry Award 2015. As well as poetry, he also writes plays picture books and non-fiction. His collection *Overheard in a Tower Block* was published by Otter-Barry Books in 2017 and was longlisted for the Carnegie Medal and shortlisted for the CLIPPA. *The Girl Who Became a Tree* was published in hardback in 2020 and was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and won the BolognaRagazzi Award for Poetry. The follow-up, *The Boy Lost in the Maze* will be published by Otter-Barry Books in October 2022. Joseph is a staunch ambassador for Britain's straitened public libraries. He lives in Kent.
www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com

Kate Milner studied illustration at Central St Martin's before completing an MA in Children's Book Illustration at Anglia Ruskin University. Kate won the V&A Illustration Award 2016 and the Klaus Flugge Prize 2018 for *My name is not Refugee*. Kate is particularly passionate about libraries; she continues to be involved with every kind of activity from Storytime for toddlers to teen reading groups at her local library. Her most recent book is *It's a No-Money Day* (2019, Barrington Stoke).

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A sustainability story about making little wins for our big planet and finding the things that connect us all.

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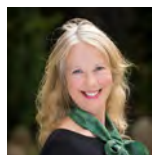
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When Omar brings in some honey cake that reminds him of his beekeeping grandpa, it gives his teacher an idea and soon the whole class is absorbed in making their town more bee friendly. Omar and Maisie discover a shared family passion as their friendship blossoms alongside the flowers.



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Author: Helen Mortimer



Helen has had a career spanning a number of leading children's books publishers and now works as a freelance author and editor.

Illustrator: Katie Cottle



Originally from Swansea, Katie now lives in Bristol, UK after studying illustration at UWE. Her style blends traditional and digital techniques. She has also been previously shortlisted for the Waterstones Childrens Book Prize.



- An uplifting story on sustainability, in response to many 'heavy' green titles coming to the market.
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- Themes around cultural identity explored through Omar (a new boy from Syria) and Maisie's friendship.
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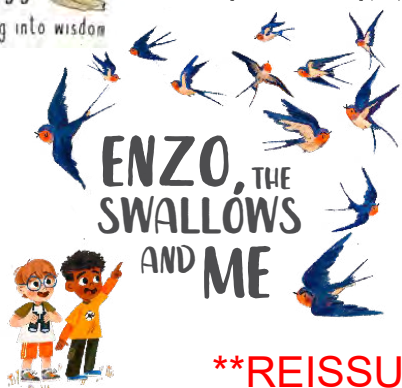


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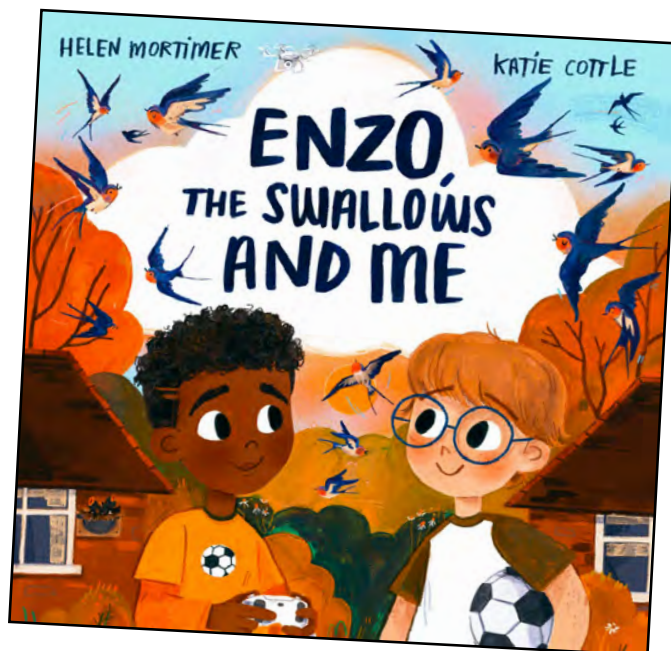
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When Jack meets his new neighbour, Enzo, he finds out that they like ALL the same things. They start bird-watching with Enzo's dad and learn all about swallows; but as the time comes for the swallows to migrate, Enzo has to return home to South Africa.

As Jack feels lonely a surprise video call from Enzo not only brings him some comfort, but the swallows have found Enzo too!

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- An uplifting story on sustainability, which shows us how to use technology in ways that support nature.
- Encourages children to look after nature in local communities by helping birds to nest.
- Themes of cultural identity explored through Enzo and Jack's friendship.
- Insight into international bird migration (and that of people too).
- Illustrated by award-winning picture-book maker Katie Cottle, creator of The Green Giant and The Blue Giant.
- Includes bird facts on endpapers and a bird-watching guide on end page.
- Uniquely shows boys showing emotions and emotionally supporting each other, while being vulnerable too.

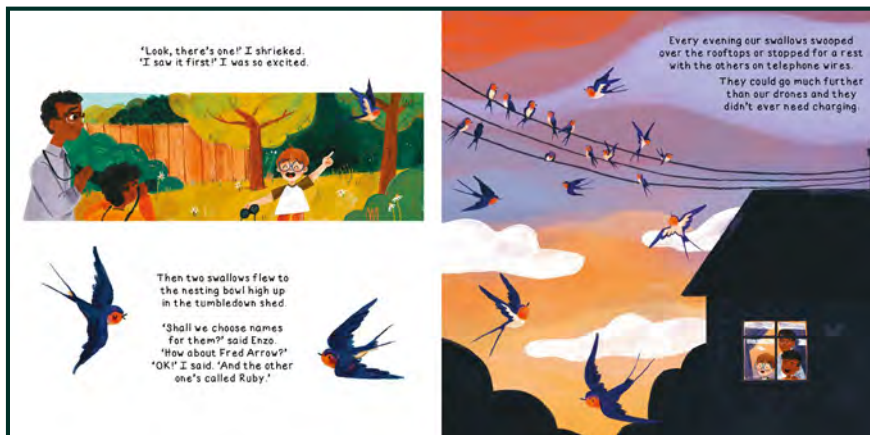
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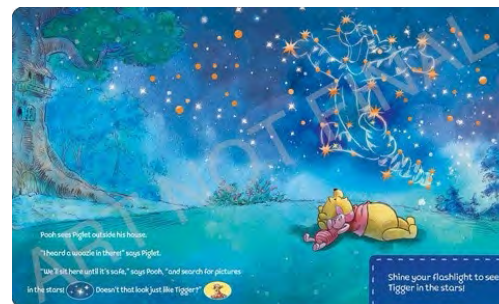
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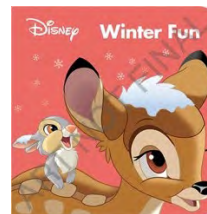
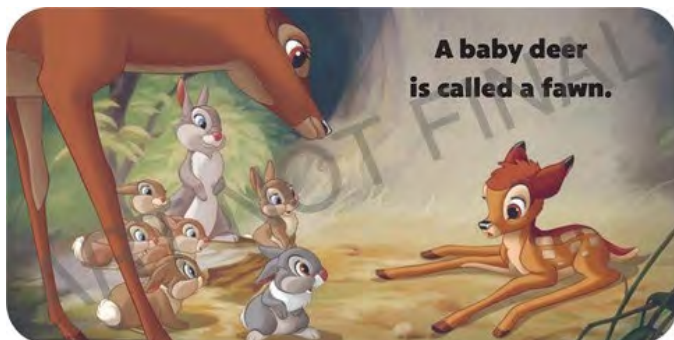


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The Trouble with the Two-Headed Hydra

Karen Foxlee (Illustrated By Freda Chiu)

Keynote

The second book in the magical new middle-grade series about an anxious girl who investigates legendary monsters, by the award-winning author of *Lenny's Book of Everything*

Description

Miss Mary-Kate Martin might be anxious, but she's not scared of monsters.

Mary-Kate and her mother are visiting Galinios, an idyllic Greek Island filled with history and surrounded by the shimmering Aegean Sea. An ancient mosaic has been unearthed at the local sardine processing plant and Professor Martin must investigate, leaving Mary-Kate to enjoy a few days of sunshine.

But a message asking for help changes everything. A wrecked boat and smashed jetty have recently disrupted life on this tranquil island and point to a monster-sized mystery. Could the local legend of the Two-Headed Hydra be more than a story? If so, what could have made this historically serene sea creature so angry?

Armed with her glitter pens and strawberry-scented notebook, Miss Mary-Kate Martin is determined to find some answers

Sales Points

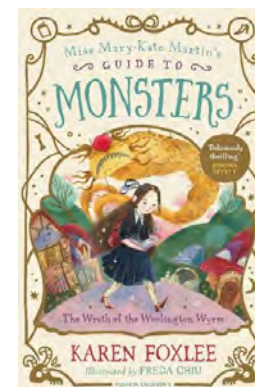
- The second book in the enchanting fantasy adventure with a truly delightful young heroine, for readers of *Nevermoor* by Jessica Townsend and *Pages & Co* by Anna James
- Filled with gorgeous B&W illustrations throughout to bring the world of the book to life
- Karen Foxlee is the award-winning and bestselling author of *Lenny's Book of Everything* and *Dragon Skin*

Author Biography

Karen Foxlee is an Australian author who writes for both children and young adults. She grew up in the Australian mining town Mount Isa and still frequently dreams she is walking barefoot along the dry Leichhardt River. She is the author of *Dragon Skin* and the Carnegie Medal-longlisted *Lenny's Book of Everything*, both published by Pushkin Children's Books.

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Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
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Extent	304 pages
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Series	Miss Mary-Kate Martin's Guide to Monsters
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In-House Editor	Sarah Odedina



The Dark Portal Book One of The Deptford Mice

Robin Jarvis

Keynote

A new edition of the classic children's fantasy adventure set in a world of mice and rats in the sewers of Deptford

Description

In the dark, foreboding sewers of Deptford, a mysterious entity known as Jupiter, Lord of All, reigns supreme, worshipped by a horde of rats who cower in its presence. Into this world of fear and darkness wanders a small, frightened mouse named Albert, unwittingly triggering a chain of events that will hurl his fellow mice into a world of terror and heroic adventure.

As the rats seek to summon the demon hordes and bring about the end of the world, the Deptford Mice must confront treacherous enemies and ancient magic in a battle to save London and the world from eternal darkness.

Sales Points

- The first book in the Deptford Mice trilogy - a beloved classic in the dark fantasy genre, written by the acclaimed author Robin Jarvis
- A must-read for fans of dark fantasy, Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* and Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials* trilogy
- Packed with brand-new illustrations, bringing the world of the Deptford Mice to life

Reviews

- 'Spooky and enthralling animal fantasy just right for *Redwall* fans... [Jarvis] provides counterpoint to the heart-racing adventure with scenes of haunting beauty' - *Publishers Weekly*, *starred review*
- 'Entertaining and genuinely frightening' - *Kliatt*
- 'A grand-scale epic... Filled with high drama, suspense, and some genuine terror' - *Lloyd Alexander*, *author of The Chronicles of Prydain*
- 'Robin Jarvis joins the ranks of Kenneth Grahame, Richard Adams, and Walter Wangerin in the creation of wonderfully anthropomorphic animals' - Madeleine L'Engle, *author of A Wrinkle in Time*

Author Biography

Robin Jarvis is a British children's author who has entertained (and pleasantly terrified) generations of children with his brilliantly imagined dark fantasy stories, including the Deptford Mice and Whitby Witches series. He studied graphic design in Newcastle and then worked in television and advertising making model monsters and puppets before writing *The Dark Portal*, the first book on the Deptford Mice series, which was the runner up for the Smarties book prize in 1989.

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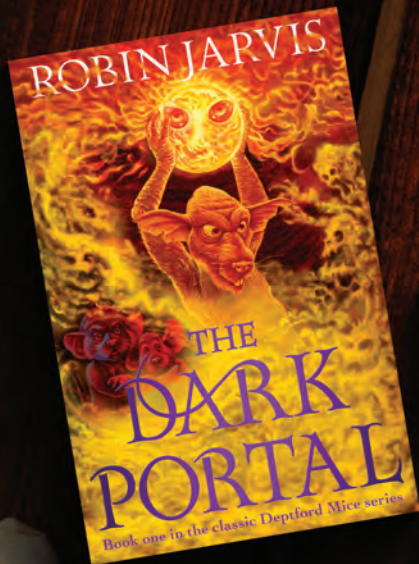
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The Deptford Mice

Originally published from 1989-90, the Deptford Mice trilogy are beloved classics in the dark fantasy genre, by the acclaimed author Robin Jarvis, who also penned the Whitby Witches series.

These are a must-read for fans of dark fantasy, Brian Jacques' *Redwall* and Kieran Larwood's *Podkin One-Ear* books.

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Q&A with author **ROBIN JARVIS**

How did you come to write the first Deptford Mice book, *The Dark Portal*?

At the time I was working as a model maker and designing a large furry green alien for a tv show. The designs had taken a long time because no one could decide what they really wanted him to look like. So one weekend I sat down with my sketchbook and drew some small characters, just for my own amusement, as a nice change from that big creature, and the smallest things I could think of were mice. So lots of little faces started appearing. I lived in Deptford at the time, so they were naturally Deptford mice and the stories I eventually wove around them were informed by that locale and the nearby landmarks.

What made you want to write a story about mice and rats?

Alongside those mouse faces, I wrote names that suited them, and a little about what their character might be and what they got up to. Without intending to, I ended up creating a whole mousey world. Of course, I couldn't leave it at just mice, there had to be rats as well and they were instantly the villains of this world. The characters were just crying out to have their story told and it made it easier for me, knowing what they all looked like, before sitting down to write the first chapter.

How does it feel to see your Deptford Mice trilogy being republished after all this time?

Absolutely wonderful, specially as I've been able to give the 35-year-old text a bit of a dusting and stuff it with as many new illustrations as I could.

What do you think your readers love most about your books?

From the feedback I get, it's various things; a strong female character in Audrey, the thrills and scares, the creepy atmosphere, the hideous rats, and the fact no punches are pulled. Hopefully the books are an immersive world to escape into.



ROBIN

Do you have a favourite character from the Deptford Mice books?

That's a tough one, as I like them all (well maybe not Mrs Chitter). Madame Akkikuyu has to be one of my faves though, she tried so hard to escape her rotten life. Thomas Triton is another one I loved, again very flawed and living with a terrible, guilty secret. Just because they're rats and mice, doesn't mean they don't deserve rich and traumatic back stories. I tried to make them as real and as interesting as any human character. If you believe in them, then you care about them and get pulled into the story, and they have the power to break your heart.

Why are you so cruel to the mice in your stories?!

It's a tough life being a mouse! From the outset I wanted to make this a dangerous world, where you couldn't be sure who would survive – not even the heroes. I've never really believed in happy endings, there's always a high price to pay.





The No-Girlfriend Rule

Christen Randall

Keynote

A queer YA coming-of-age novel that explores what it means to be yourself, even when it feels like the world wants you to be someone else-perfect for fans of Alice Oseman, Rainbow Rowell and ND Stevenson

Description

Seventeen-year-old Hollis Beckwith is on a quest to find her place in the world of tabletop gaming. Despite facing her boyfriend's 'No Girlfriends at the Table' rule and enduring the worst game of *Secrets & Sorcery ever*, Hollis sets out to prove herself as a worthy player. Desperate to find a community where she belongs, Hollis seeks out an all-female gaming group, where she finds unexpected friendships and epic adventures.

As she dives into a world of magic, danger and adventure, Hollis finds herself drawn to the party's bard, Aini Amin-Shaw. Aini is cool, charismatic and everything Hollis wants to be. But as the lines between the game and reality start to blur, Hollis's in-game crush starts to turn into some very real feelings that she can't ignore

Sales Points

- A debut YA romance novel from Christen Randall that explores the world of tabletop gaming while tackling themes of identity, community and body positivity
- Perfect for readers of *Heartstopper*, *Fangirl* and Casey McQuiston
- With a diverse and inclusive cast of characters, epic fantasy world-building and a protagonist who learns to embrace her true self, this debut is a must-read for any YA reader looking for a fresh and engaging new voice in the genre

Reviews

- 'A magical, heartwarming story as much about finding love as it is about finding yourself and your people. A natural 20 of a book' - Rachael Lippincott, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *She Gets the Girl* and *Five Feet Apart*
- 'A stunning story about finding love, friendship, and yourself. This book is pure, brilliant joy!' - Beth Reekles, bestselling author of *The Kissing Booth*
- 'The fat, nerdy book of my dreams. A beautiful reminder that if you've ever felt like an 'other,' there is still space for you at the table' - Crystal Maldonado, award-winning author of *Fat Chance*, *Charlie Vega*
- 'A geeky, joyful quest for self-discovery. A gem' - Marieke Nijkamp, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *This Is Where It Ends* and *Critical Role: Vox Machina—Kith & Kin*

Author Biography

Christen Randall (she/they) is a queer, fat, neurodiverse author of queer, fat, neurodiverse books. When they're not writing joyful stories for the next generation of geeky gay kids, you can find them working at their local library branch or at home planning all the D&D campaigns they'll run one day, they swear. Christen lives in Covington, Kentucky. You can find her on most social media @bycrandall. *The No-Girlfriend Rule* is her debut novel.

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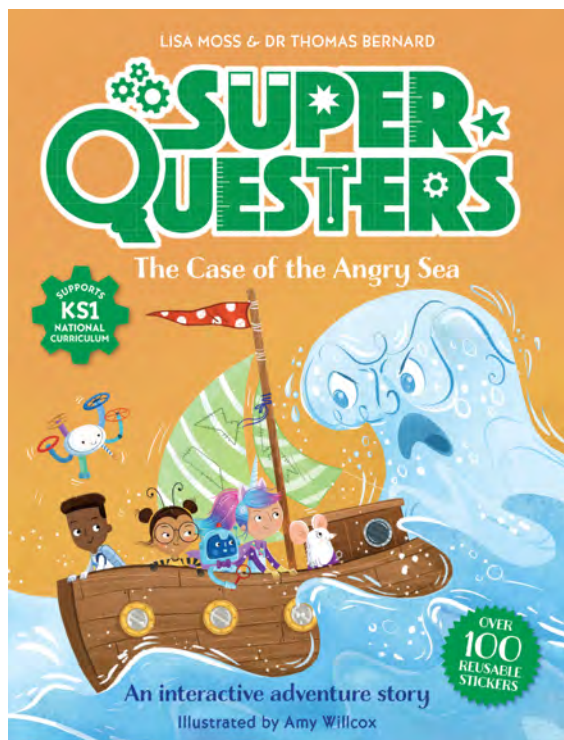
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SuperQuesters: The Case of the Angry Sea

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

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Age:	5+ years
Subject:	Fiction
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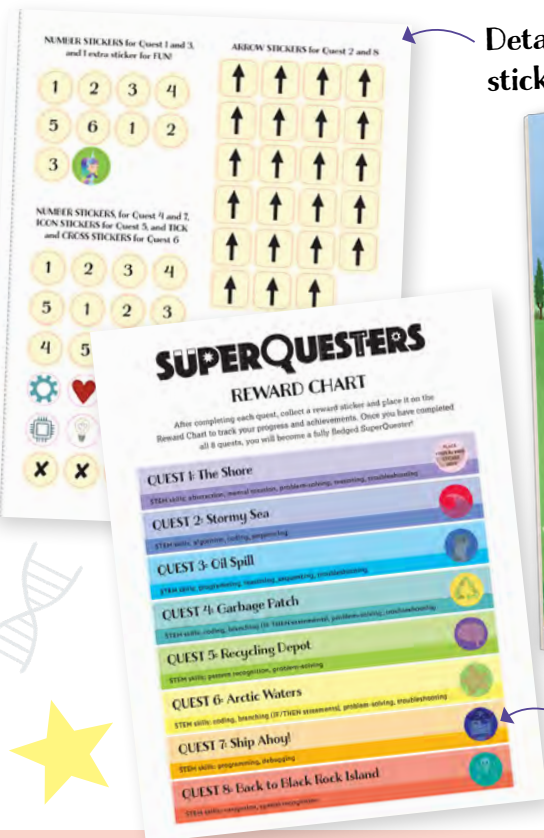
Author Biographies

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.

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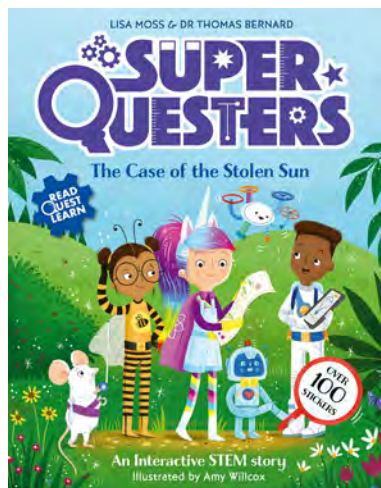
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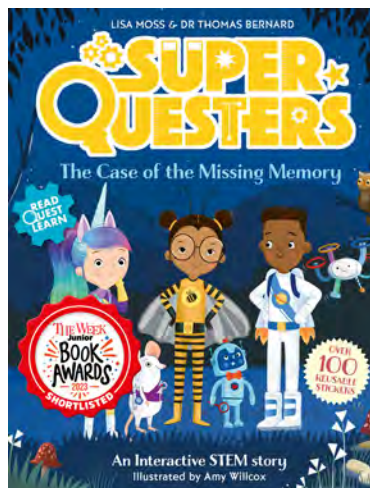
3 May 2022 • 9789082994056

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



STEM
learning
outcome

Science behind
hot air balloons



Book 2: The Case of the Missing Memory

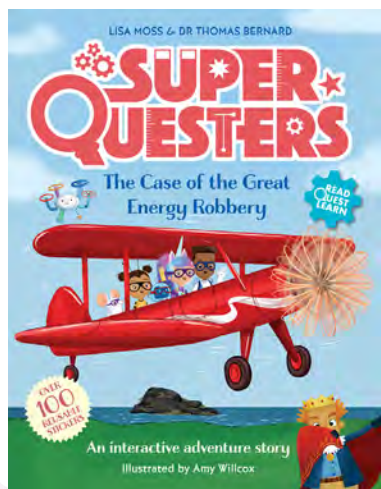
16 March 2023 • 9789082994049

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



STEM
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Robotics, coding and
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Book 3: The Case of the Great Energy Robbery

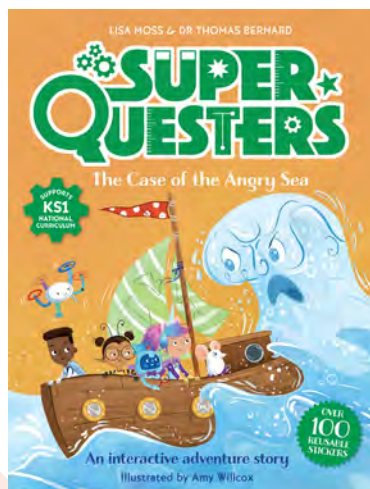
5 October 2023 • 9789083294308

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



STEM
learning
outcome

Renewable energy,
biofuels, aviation



Book 4: The Case of the Angry Sea

14 March 2024 • 9789083294391

Lilli, Bea and Leo journey to Questland to research ideas for a machine to clear up the rubbish in their local river. Upon arrival, they discover Lord Grumble and Captain Blackwaters have been polluting the sea and destroying the habitat of the marine life. How will they stop the dastardly duo and clean up the waters of Questland?



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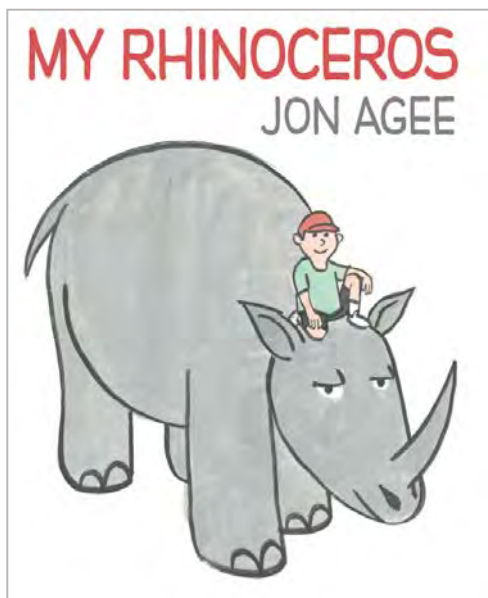
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Key Selling Points

- Deadpan, first person narration of this hilarious drama by a convincing young story teller
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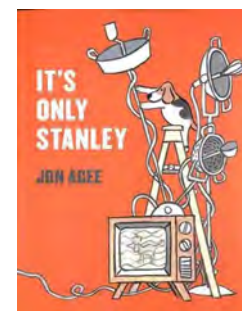
Sales and Marketing

- **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.



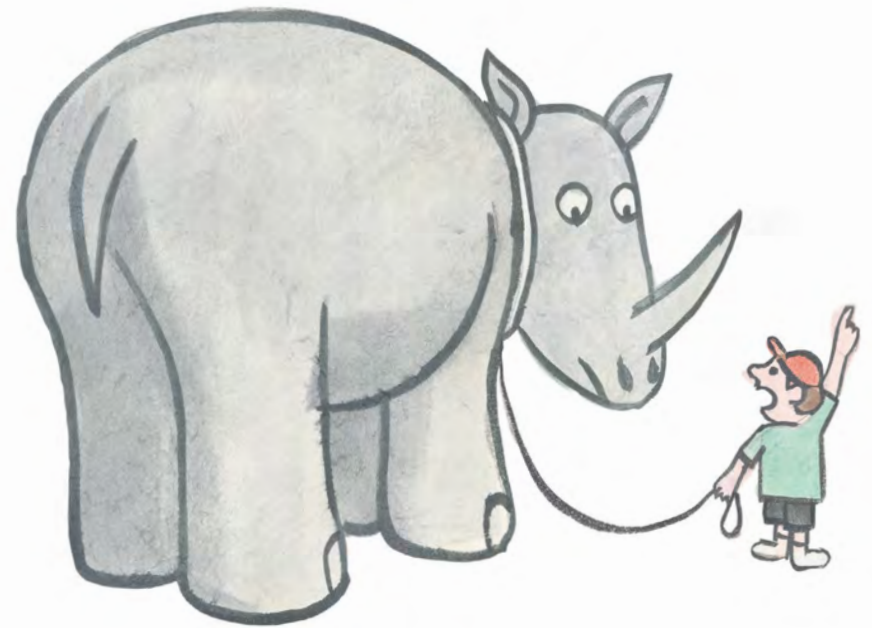
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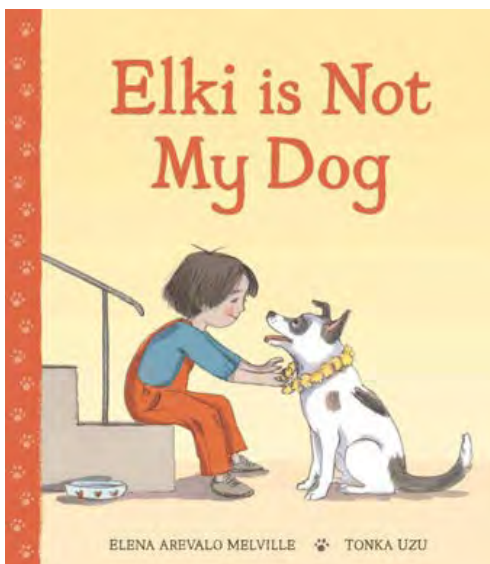
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The robber in the balloon was taunting the crowd.



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?

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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.



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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!

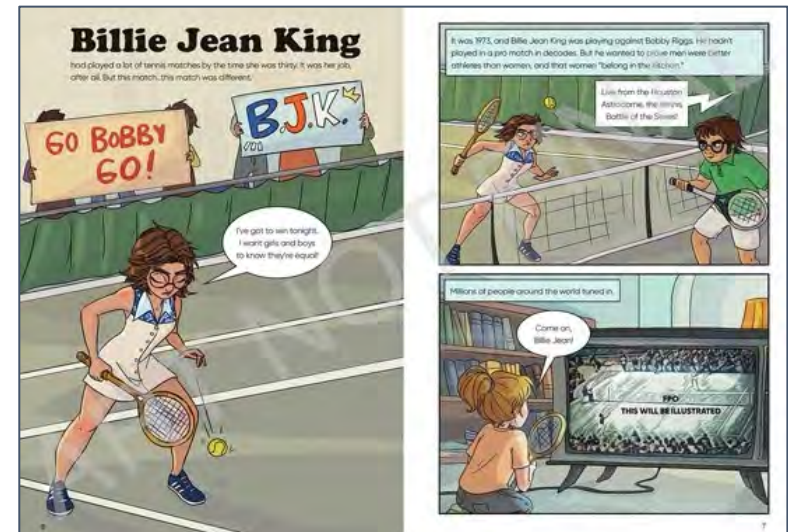
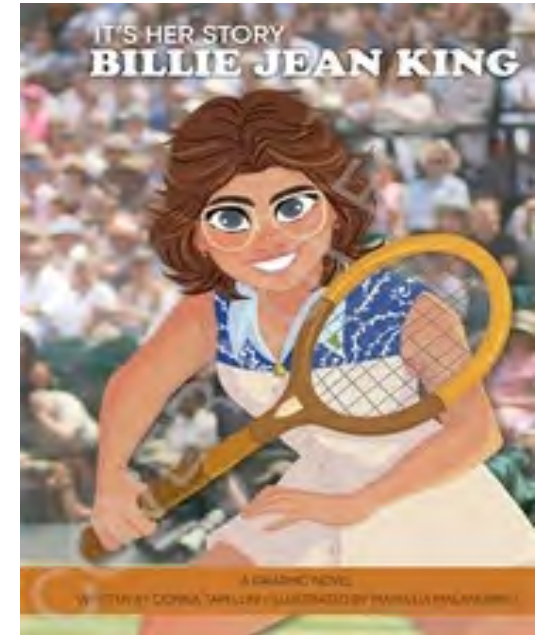
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THE AUTHOR

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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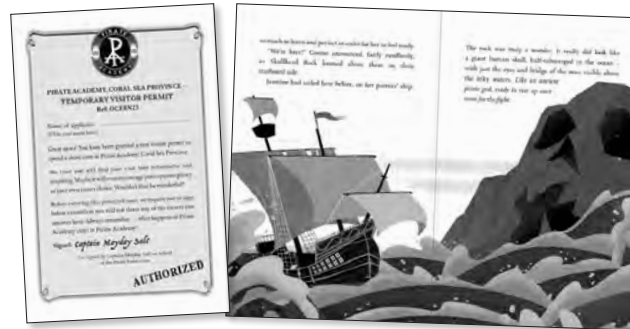
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About the author

Justin Somper is best known as the author of the VAMPIRATES books, which have been published in 35 countries, and in 2023 celebrate 18 years since first publication in the UK.

The books were relaunched by UCLan in 2020 and 2021, with six bonus stories penned by Justin. Writing these stories, and meeting a new generation of readers, plunged him back into the world of VAMPIRATES and gave rise to the idea for PIRATE ACADEMY.



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Justin is currently based in Perth, Western Australia, where he is writing the PIRATE ACADEMY adventures - in between dips in the Indian Ocean, visits to lighthouses and long-overdue sailing lessons.

During the pandemic, Justin trained as a meditation guide and wellbeing coach, specialising in Effortless Meditation. He now works with clients internationally – ranging from young people and their parents to adult individuals, charities and companies.



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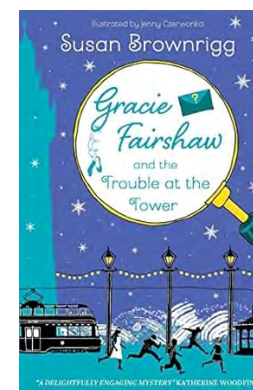
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Susan is a Lancashire lass who loves writing middle grade historical fiction. Her first book, **Gracie Fairshaw and the Mysterious Guest** published in June 2020.

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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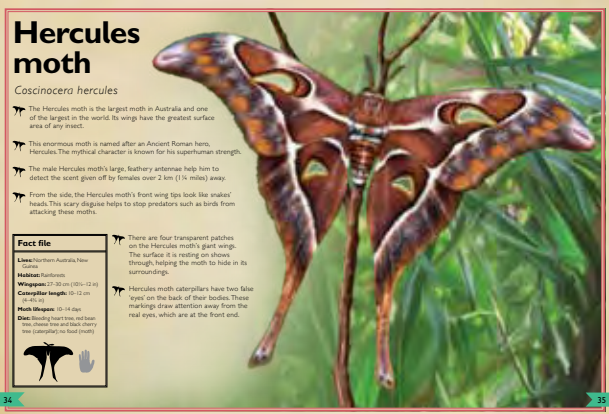
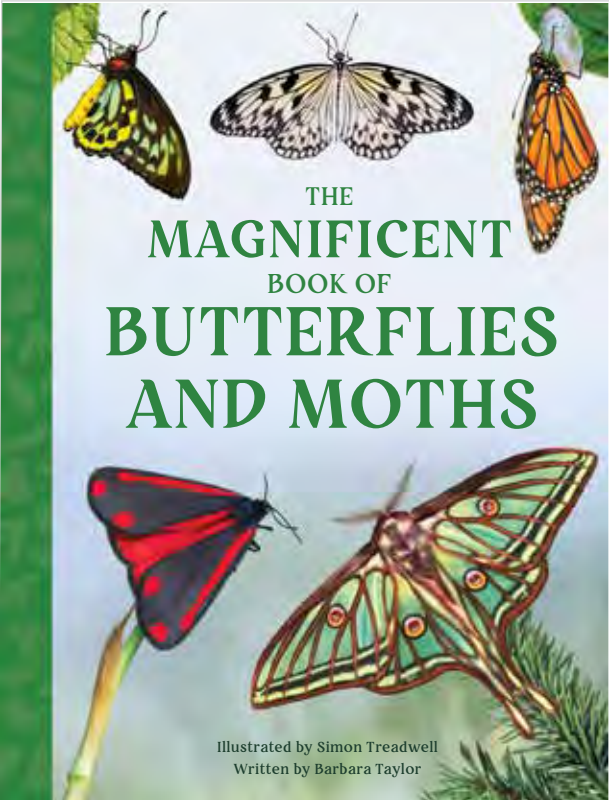
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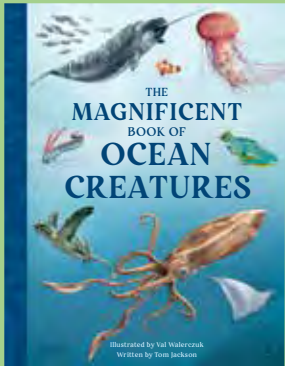
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Who's Behind the Book?

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

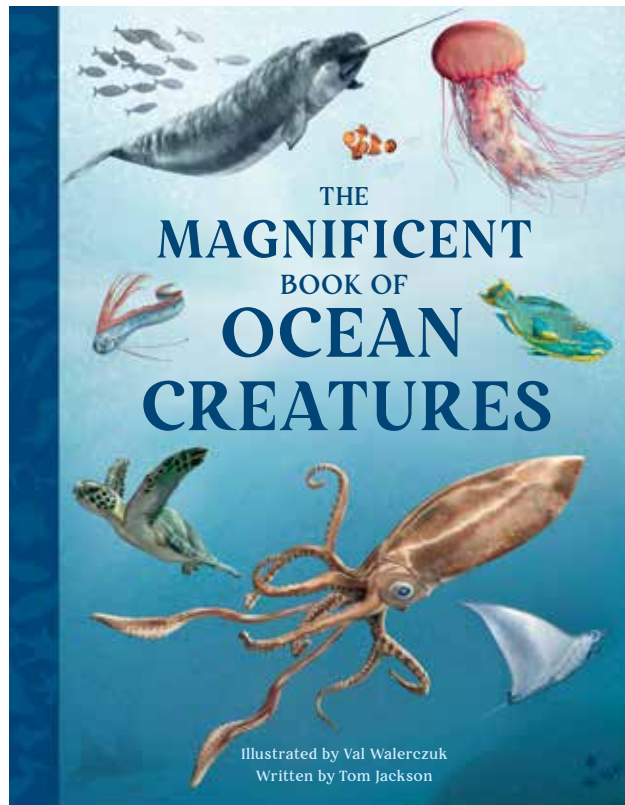
Illustrator: Simon Treadwell attended the Istituto Europeo di Design in Milan and later worked as an Art Director in the advertising industry. As an illustrator, he became a specialist in hyperrealism, using mixed techniques, airbrush, oil, acrylic and watercolour.

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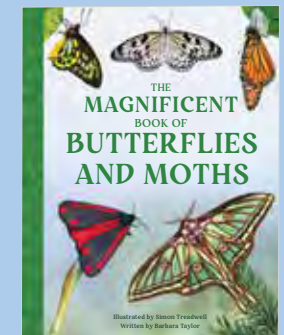
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Who's Behind the Book?

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

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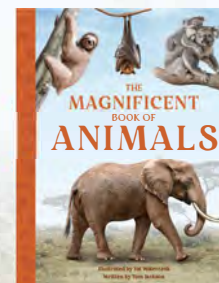
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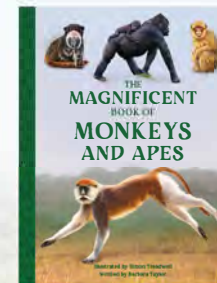
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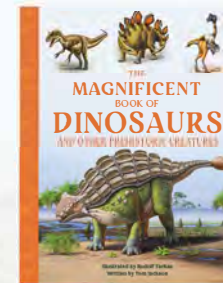
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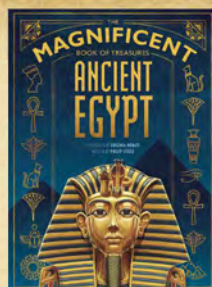
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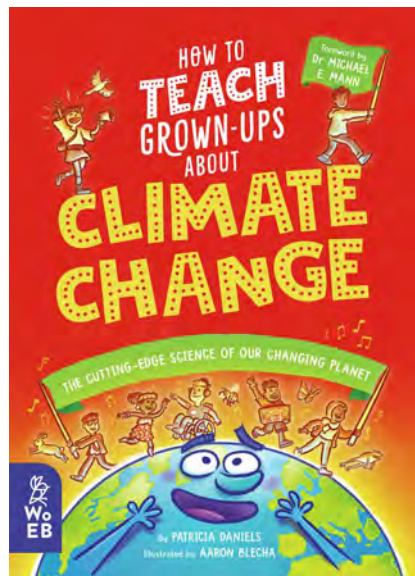


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- Features a foreword by renowned climate scientist Dr Michael E. Mann, who is also an expert consultant on the book.
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- Perfect for young fans of Greta Thunberg's *No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference* 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.

Patricia Daniels has written more than a dozen books for adults and children, most of them about science, history, or a combination of the two. A frequent contributor to National Geographic's publications, she has covered everything from astrophysics to Zuniceratops. Pat lives in Pennsylvania, USA, with her family.

Dr Michael Mann is Presidential Distinguished Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science at the University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on climate science and climate change, and with his colleagues Michael Mann created the 'hockey stick', the graph which shows the rise in global temperatures since around 1900. He has received numerous awards, including the Friend of the Planet Award from the National Center for Science Education, U.S.A., the Stephen H. Schneider Award for Outstanding Climate Science Communication from Climate, the Climate Communication Prize from the American Geophysical Union and the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement 2019. He is co-founder of RealClimate.org, has written books including *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars*, *The Tantrum that Saved the World*, and *The New Climate War*, and is the author of more than 200 peer-reviewed publications, op-eds and commentaries.



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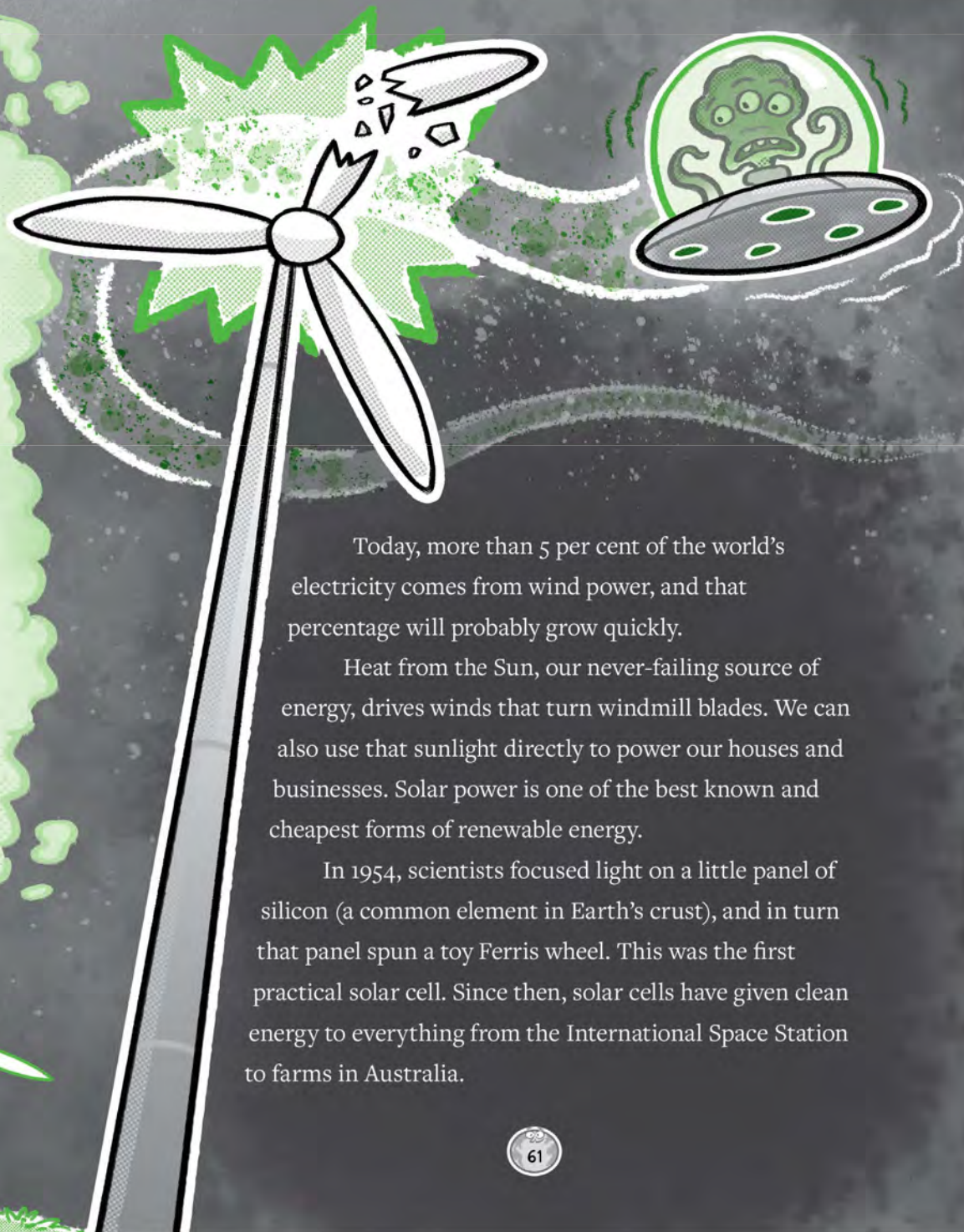


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