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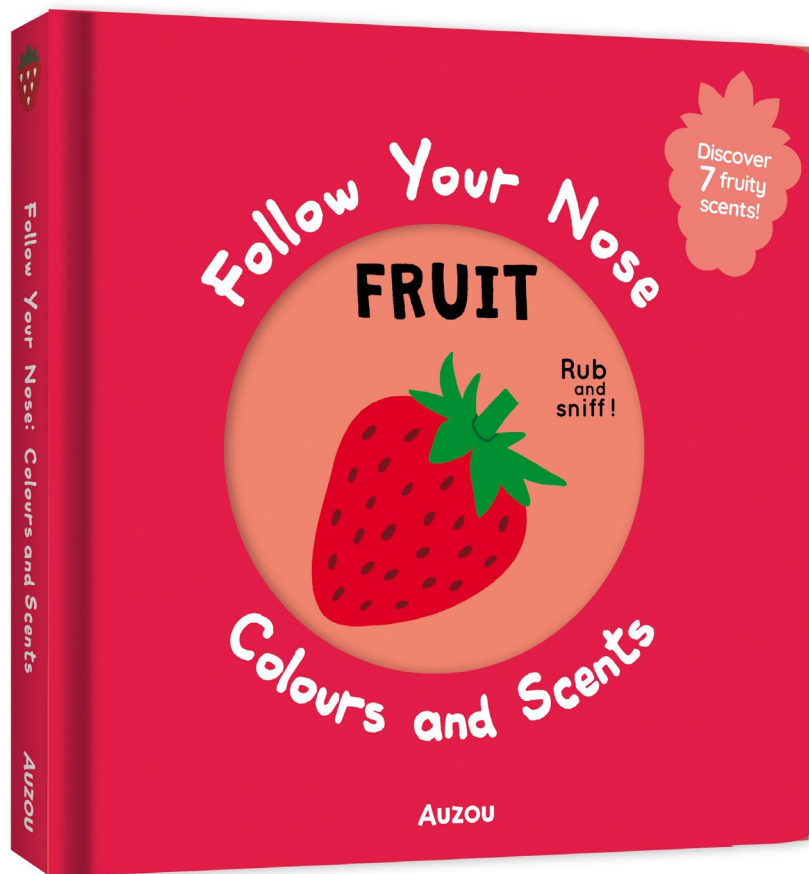
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Discover our **new series** that helps children to develop vocabulary in an interactive way.

Fruit, flowers, food, animals are grouped together by colour on the left page for children to learn **vocabulary**. On the right page, children will have fun rubbing their finger on a hole in the flap to **reveal the smell**.

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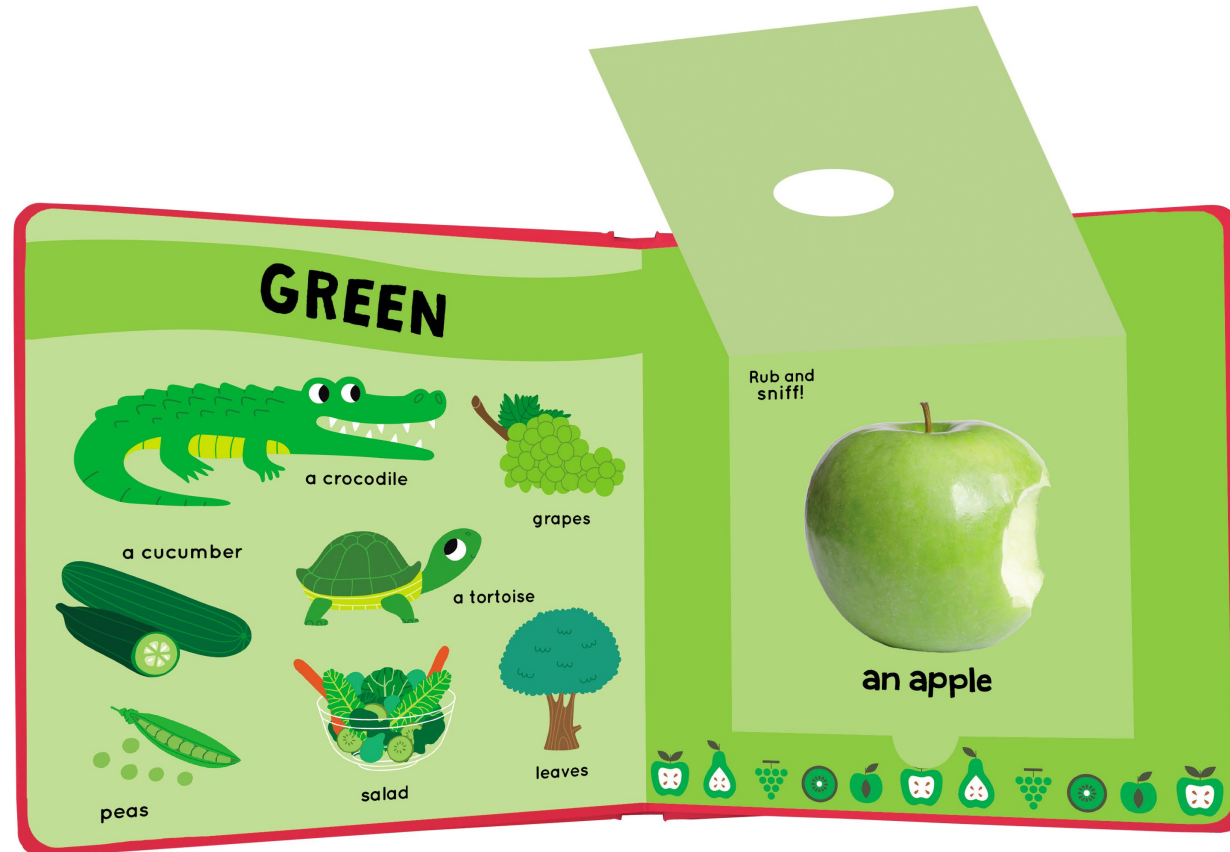
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A die-cut flap to lift to reveal the scent



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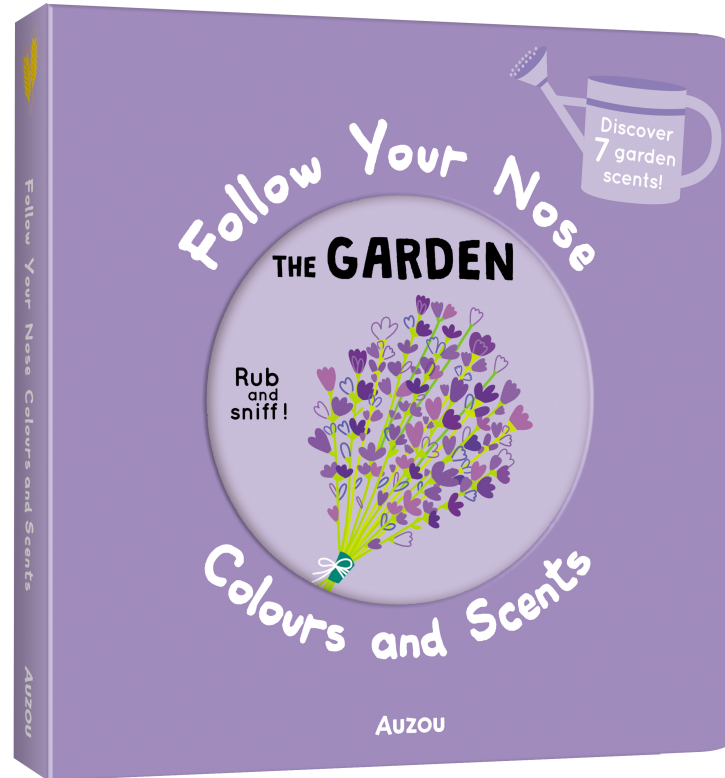
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<b>ISBN</b>	9781913918897	<b>Illustrations</b>	Full colour
<b>Format</b>	270x230mm	<b>Author</b>	Susan Martineau
<b>Price</b>	£12.99 (no VAT)	<b>Illustrator</b>	Vicky Barker
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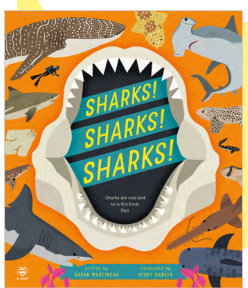
### WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

**Author:** Susan Martineau is an award-winning author, editor and first-class fact finder who writes creative and educational books for children. Fascinated by strange and weird information, Susan's books always shine a light into the most unusual corners of the world around us. Susan lives in Berkshire.

**Illustrator:** Vicky Barker is b small publishing's art director and a Blue Peter Book Award winning illustrator. Vicky Barker graduated from Liverpool John Moores University and has designed and illustrated for publishers such as Usborne, Egmont and Catnip. Vicky lives in West Sussex.

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# Dinosaur babies

Dinosaurs laid eggs, just like reptiles do today.  
The mother dinosaurs laid them in nests on the ground.

**Maiasaura**  
was a  
really good  
mother.

My name means  
'good mother  
lizard'.

**Maiasaura** made  
nests close together.  
It was safer to be  
in a crowd!

The mother  
**Maiasaura** stayed  
on her nest to look  
after her babies.

Many dinosaurs  
were too heavy to sit  
on their eggs. They  
probably piled plants  
and earth on top of  
them. This kept the eggs  
and hatchlings warm.

Dinosaur eggs were different  
shapes and sizes ...



some were long  
and thin ...



and others  
were nearly  
round ...



some were as big as  
a human hand and others  
as large as a football.



It is very rare to find a **fossil** of an  
egg with the baby dino inside!

**Tyrannosaurus rex**  
babies were only  
about the size of a  
chicken when they  
hatched. They soon  
grew though!





## More Dung!

Frank Weber

Disney  
HYPERION

For fans of Jon Klassen and Peter Brown comes MORE DUNG!, a slyly funny and stunningly illustrated picture book about a greedy dung beetle by debut author-illustrator Frank Weber.

The dung beetle thinks he has everything he needs: the warmth of the sun, a gurgling river, and as much dung as he could ever want. But when a leopard tells him of a farm with even MORE dung, the beetle's world suddenly looks small. And so he sets off to the farm, accruing more and more dung, building a veritable DUNG EMPIRE! But a tower of dung comes with a tower of risk, and soon our insect hero finds himself buried in his greed. (Yes, he's buried in poop.) Frank Weber seamlessly blends philosophical questions about greed with scatological humor and truly gorgeous artwork to create this special debut.

**POTTY HUMOR WITH A TWIST:** Frank Weber brilliantly combines potty humor with a thoughtful parable about greed for a pooptastic combination that both kids and caretakers will love.

**CAPTIVATING ART:** Frank Weber's beautiful, stylized illustrations will appeal to fans of Jon Klassen's moody, evocative art. The beautiful details invite new discoveries with each read.

**EXPRESSIVE CHARACTERS:** Weber's expressive characters invite readers along for the ride (even if that ride is full of dung).

**TALENTED AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR:** Frank Weber's ability to blend thoughtful stories, expressive art, and kid-appeal humor make for a bold new talent.



Whenever he lost his way,



he was guided home by the sun and the night sky.



And when a challenger appeared,



he wrestled to keep his dung ball.



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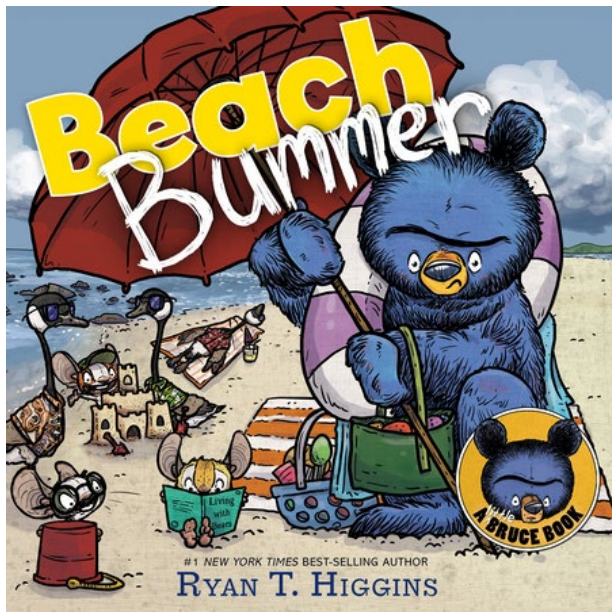
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<b>Publisher</b>	Disney Publishing Group	<b>Binding</b>	Hardback
<b>ISBN</b>	9781368100083	<b>Illustrations</b>	
<b>Format</b>	279 x 229	<b>Author</b>	Frank Weber
<b>Price</b>	£14.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
<b>Age</b>	3-5 years	<b>Market</b>	
<b>Extent</b>	48	<b>BIC Codes</b>	

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# Beach Bummer (A Little Bruce Book)

Ryan T. Higgins

Disney  
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#1 New York Times best-selling author Ryan T. Higgins celebrates the delights of summer in this bite-sized Little Bruce Book perfect for fans of Mother Bruce. It's beach day in Soggy Hollow!

Everyone is enjoying fun in the sun – everyone, that is, except for Bruce. It's too hot, too sandy, and too windy! Bruce's favorite thing about summer? Doing nothing. In the shade. Where it's cool. Bruce's second favorite thing about summer? When it turns to fall.

Read the other Little Bruce Books! • Spring Stinks • Thanks for Nothing! • Out Cold

HOUSE SUPERSTAR: Ryan T. Higgins is the creator of the award-winning Mother Bruce series and the breakout Penelope Rex books. Ryan's narrative wit and expressive art successfully carry across series and formats.

BELOVED CHARACTERS AND WORLD: Bruce and his begrudging status as Soggy Hollow's matriarch have won over readers, caregivers, librarians, and educators. His lovable grumpy nature holds firm through every season—even the sunny ones.

AUDIENCE-EXPANDING FORMAT: SPRING STINKS introduced fans to this new Mother Bruce format, the Little Bruce Books. These 32-page, seasonal-themed Bruce books, give fans short, funny narratives that are perfect for repeat read-alouds and emerging independent reading. NO SWEAT is the line's summer addition.



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Publisher	Disney Publishing Group	Binding	Hardback
ISBN	9781368090247	Illustrations	
Format	178 x 178	Author	Ryan Higgins
Price	£7.99	Illustrator	
Age	3-5 years	Market	
Extent	32	BIC Codes	

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# Princess Private Eye and the Missing Robo-Bird

Evelyn Skye

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The Princess Diaries meets Nancy Drew in this middle grade novel about sleuthing twelve-year-old princess Genevieve Sun as she works to solve a crisis between two kingdoms. Twelve-year-old Genevieve Sun is settling in nicely in her new role as Princess of Raldonia. After a rocky start (thanks to her uncle the Duke trying to overthrow her), Gen is finally in the good graces of her grandmother the Queen. Gen also has friends across her tiny island home, even attending weekly game nights in between her princess duties. Everyone in the palace is abuzz preparing for a visit from South Mallantran royals and dignitaries. Gen is equally excited and nervous—not only will she get to learn more about her dad's home country, but she'll also meet her paternal grandfather (a South Mallantran ambassador) for the first time. And on an official level, there's a lot riding on this trip: the trade treaty between Raldonia and South Mallantra has expired, and it is now more important than ever to strengthen their relationship. Unfortunately, the gift that was prepared for a traditional presentation from the Queen to the South Mallantran Emperor has been stolen! Gen Sun—also known as Princess Private Eye—and her friends are on the case. Will they find the missing robo bird before a diplomatic disaster arises?

**SMART, SPUNKY GIRL POWER:** Twelve-year-old Gen Sun is a plucky, smart protagonist with a strong sense of justice. Readers will love her tenacity and determination, her commitment to justice, and the way she stays true to herself.

**FUNNY, FAST-PACED MYSTERY:** The over-arching mystery provides plenty of room for adventure, humor, coming-of-age, and an empathetic discussion of what defines us.

**ACCESSIBLE VOICE, ASPIRATIONAL SETTING:** The kingdom of Raldonia is a quirky fictional nation nestled in Europe. Evelyn Skye's clear, accessible voice immerses readers in this fun, aspirational setting.

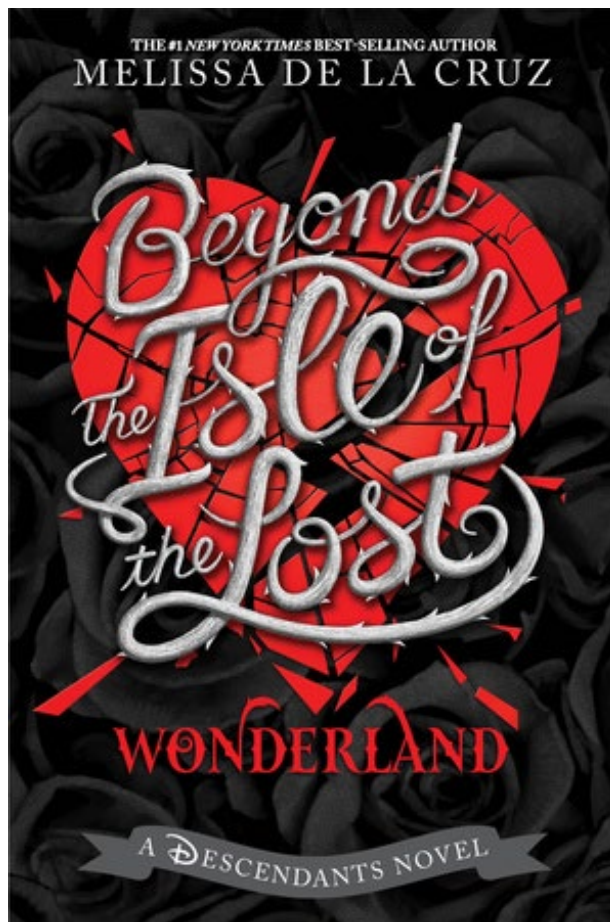
**COMMERCIAL HOOK, FRANCHISE POTENTIAL:** Becoming a princess overnight is a beloved trope, and the added mystery factor gives Princess Private Eye its own special twist. Appealing characters and an expansive world make this a book series ripe with franchise potential.

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<b>Publisher</b>	Disney Publishing Group	<b>Binding</b>	Hardback
<b>ISBN</b>	9781368081238	<b>Illustrations</b>	
<b>Format</b>	210 x 140	<b>Author</b>	Evelyn Skye
<b>Price</b>	£14.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
<b>Age</b>	8-12 years	<b>Market</b>	
<b>Extent</b>	288	<b>BIC Codes</b>	

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## Beyond the Isle of the Lost

Melissa de la Cruz

A new entry in the New York Times bestselling Descendants series by Melissa de la Cruz—and a prequel to the forthcoming Disney Channel Original Movie. Filled with humor and adventure, this novel tied to Disney Channel's newest addition to the Descendants film franchise explores a madcap prequel set in Wonderland.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES:** The Descendants books are a New York Times bestselling series, and readers are eager to read the next installment.

**HIT DISNEY CHANNEL MOVIE SERIES:** The Descendants DCOM franchise is a smash hit, spawning 3 films, toys, an animated series, and more. With a new film on the way, it's the perfect time to extend the book series.

**BELOVED, BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Melissa de la Cruz is a beloved, bestselling author, with success across middle grade and young adult.

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<b>ISBN</b>	9781368081436	<b>Illustrations</b>	
<b>Format</b>	210 x 140	<b>Author</b>	Melissa de la Cruz
<b>Price</b>	£14.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
<b>Age</b>	8-12 years	<b>Market</b>	Excluding AU/NZ
<b>Extent</b>	256	<b>BIC Codes</b>	



# Rick Riordan Presents: It Waits in the Forest

Sarah Dass



RICK RIORDAN PRESENTS



The very first thriller from Rick Riordan Presents! Drawing from the darkest corners of Caribbean mythology, acclaimed author Sarah Dass crafts a chilling tale of magic, murder, and how far we'll go to protect what's ours—perfect for fans of Angeline Boulley and Tiffany D. Jackson. Unlike the other residents of the small Caribbean Island of St. Virgil, Selina DaSilva does not believe in magic. With a logical mind and a knack for botany, Selina used to dream of leaving the island to study Pharmacology—until a vicious, unsolved attack left her father dead and her mother in a coma. Now her guilt over her mother's condition keeps her tethered to the island, relegated to conning gullible tourists with useless talismans and phony protection rituals. But when one of those tourists ends up at the center of a string of strange murders, the truth that Selina has been denying can no longer be avoided: there is evil lurking in the forests that surround St. Virgil. Another thing that can't be avoided? Selina's ex-boyfriend Gabriel, newly employed at the local newspaper and eager to put his investigative skills to use. Desperate to put an end to the killings and claim justice for Selina's family, these two former lovers race to find answers. But evil bides its time. And as long-buried feelings and long-hidden secrets about Selina's family's past begin to reveal themselves, only one answer remains—and it waits in the forest. Endorsed by Rick Riordan, author of Percy Jackson and the Olympians, soon to be a series on Disney +.

**THE MOTHERLODE OF YA TRENDS:** A supernatural thriller, a generational family mystery, and a rekindled romance all-in-one

**PERFECT YA TO AGE UP WITH RRP READERS:** With decadent world building, steamy romances, and death-defying twist-and-turns

**AUTHENTIC CARIBBEAN REPRESENTATION:** Features a full cast of Black, Caribbean characters, and a setting inspired by the author's native Tobago

**UNFORGETTABLE FEMALE LEAD:** Selina DaSilva is Sabrina Spellman meets Veronica Mars—an irresistible force of shrewd wit, snark, and vulnerability

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<b>Format</b>	229 x 152	<b>Author</b>	Sarah Dass
<b>Price</b>	£16.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
<b>Age</b>	12 +	<b>Market</b>	
<b>Extent</b>	320	<b>BIC Codes</b>	

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# Rick Riordan Presents: Last Canto of the Dead An Outlaw Saints Novel, Book 2

## Daniel José Older



RICK RIORDAN PRESENTS



**Two gods-turned-teenagers wage simultaneous battles in the Caribbean and Brooklyn in this breathless sequel to *Ballad and Dagger*.**

"San Madrigal is as real as Wakanda or the Shire or Earthsea. Only the best authors can make me feel nostalgic for a place that never existed but needs to exist, and Daniel Jose Older is one of the best."--Rick Riordan

Mateo Matisse and Chela Hidalgo are not just two teenagers in love--they're powerful gods in human form. Powerful enough to have saved their Brooklyn diaspora community from the wrath of an ancient enemy and to have raised their once-sunken native island of San Madrigal from the sea. But soon they discover that their problems are far from over. On the shores of San Madrigal, two creature armies are battling for survival. And on the streets of Brooklyn, a once tight-knit community is divided, with two sides at each other's throats. But worst of all, a heartbreaking prophecy rips these two young lovers apart, sending Mateo back to the city, where cops are now patrolling the streets, and keeping Chela tethered to the island, where chaos and death lurk around every corner. As gods, their powers know no limits. But as teenagers--separated, desperate, grieving--what will become of them? And what will become of their people?

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HIGHLY IMAGINATIVE PLOT with many surprising twists and turns and scary threats

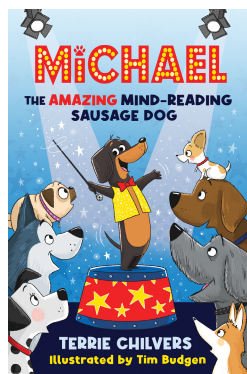
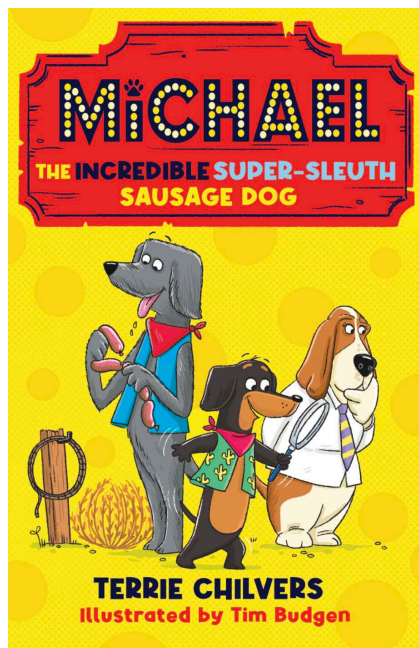
AUTHENTIC VOICE: Daniel is Latinx and comes from a diverse neighborhood in Brooklyn. Santeria is his personal spiritual tradition, and he has Jewish roots, too.

AUTHOR IS AN ACCLAIMED FANTASY WRITER AND NYT BESTSELLER: Daniel is an active proponent of diversity in publishing.

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<b>Age</b>	12 and up	<b>Market</b>	
<b>Extent</b>	400	<b>BIC Codes</b>	





*Michael the Amazing Mind-Reading Sausage Dog*

ISBN 9781915444134

# Michael the Incredible Super-Sleuth Sausage Dog

## Terrie Chilvers

- Second in a heartwarming and humorous series, this title for 7-9 features fun 'paw-written' entries by Michael himself and brilliant illustrations by Tim Budgen.
- Perfect for fans of Grimwood, Space Detectives, and Andy Shepherd's Boy who Grew Dragons series.

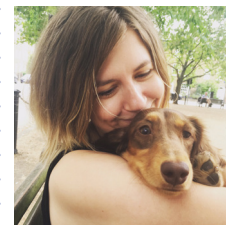
### Summary:

Being a su-paw-star isn't working out quite like Micheal had planned. So when Susan the Labrador gets kidnapped, Micheal jumps at the chance to increase his TV ratings and wow his fans by becoming not just a mind-reading sausage dog, but a detective mastermind as well... oh, and he should probably try and save Susan from her kidnappers too.

### Praise for *Michael the Amazing Mind-Reading Sausage Dog*

'Hilarious and heartwarming. Michael's journey to su-paw-stardom is an inspiring reminder to go after your dreams, get up when you fall, and never let a peanut-balancing chocolate labrador steal the show.' **Hannah Moffatt**

'A tail-waggingly fun read. You're in for a doggie treat.' **Mo O'Hara**



**Terrie Chilvers** writes funny middle grade fiction and non-fiction. She works freelance as a copywriter and social media consultant but is most happy when teaching a dog to high-five or taking a picture of her Eggs Benedict to post on Instagram. Terrie lives in London where she is the doting aunt to two long-haired sausage dogs. @cowfishdreams

For much of his life **Tim Budgen** has been scribbling down ideas and can usually be found with a pencil in one hand and a sketchbook in the other! He has a real passion for character design and storytelling. His illustration work has been described as 'story telling with whimsical charm, warmth and humour' and he'd like to think that is pretty true!

Tim lives with his wife by the sea on Hayling Island with their pets Baxter and Alfie. @timbudgen

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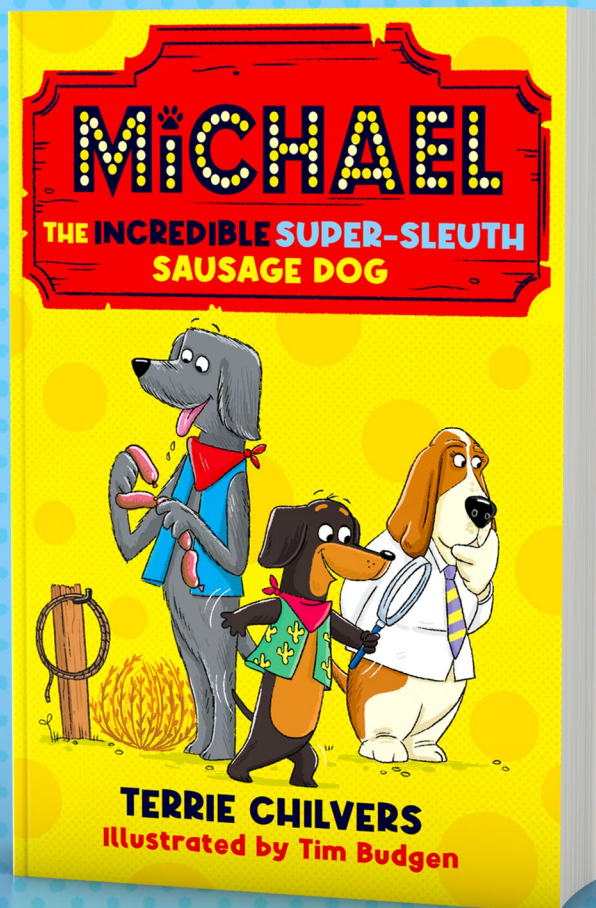
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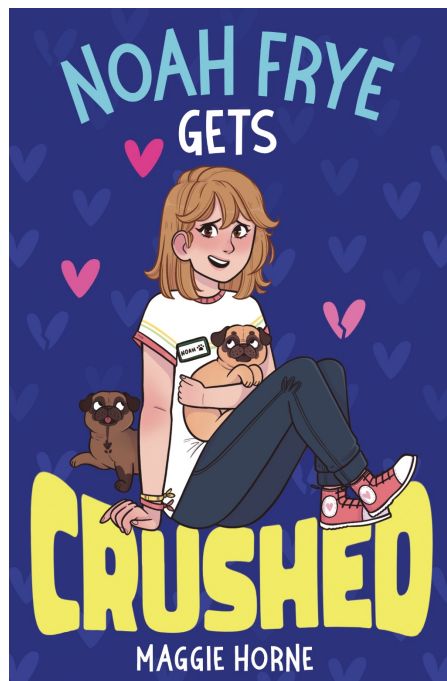
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*Hazel Hill is Gonna Win this One*  
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# Noah Frye Gets Crushed

## Maggie Horne

- *Noah Frye Gets Crushed* is a middle grade LGBTQIA + rom-com about that first crush romance.
- Confronts the incredibly important themes of identity, relationships, friendship and sexuality.

### Summary:

Best friends Luna and Zoey can't stop talking about boys and kissing, but Noah just wants everything to go back to the way it was. To fit in, Noah pretends that she likes Archie, a boy from school, even though she's not quite sure. When Jessa joins their group things get even more confusing.

Can Noah admit to herself who she really likes, not who she thinks she should?

### Praise for *Hazel Hill is Gonna Win this One*:

'A stirring read,' **BookTrust**

'I laughed, I cried, I cheered out loud. Maggie has created something exceptional' **Amy Williams, blogger at Tomes With Tea**



**Maggie Horne** grew up near Toronto, Canada and studied at Oxford Brookes University, where she obtained both a BA in Publishing Media and a wife, which was a pretty good deal. She's now a writer and editor living outside of Ottawa with her family. Her writing has been featured in Catapult and on Medium's Mental Health and LGBTQ pages.

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'Wales has a such a rich history of poetry and I'm keen to continue encouraging that enthusiasm in the young people of Wales today. And I Hear Dragons is a collection that roars in celebration of Wales' distinct sense of identity and belonging!' **Hanan Issa, editor**

# ...And I Hear Dragons

## ed. Hanan Issa

### Summary:

A children's poetry anthology of 'dragon-focused' poems, conceived and edited by the National Poet of Wales, Hanan Issa.

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...And I Hear Dragons, explores the concept of identity, and Hanan has written a poem of the same name that 'celebrates the children of Wales as ferociously brave mythical beasts', taking on discrimination, pollution etc, and upholding Wales' tradition of croesawgar (welcoming).

'We were delighted when Hanan approached us with And I Hear Dragons! We had been trying to find a way to get a children's poetry anthology from Wales off the ground for some time, but with Hanan's insightful vision and knowledge of poetry from Wales, we are confident this title will take flight and become a valuable and inspiring collection for children to enjoy and find themselves in poetry. We are so looking forward to working with the National Poet and all the contributors on this.' **Penny Thomas, publisher**



**Hanan Issa** is a writer, poet and artist, as well as the co-founder of the Where I'm Coming From open mic collective, whose debut pamphlet *My Body Can House Two Hearts* was published by Burning Eye Books. Her work has been performed and published on platforms such as BBC Wales, ITV Wales, Huffington Post, StAnza Festival, Poetry Wales, Wales Arts International and the British Council.

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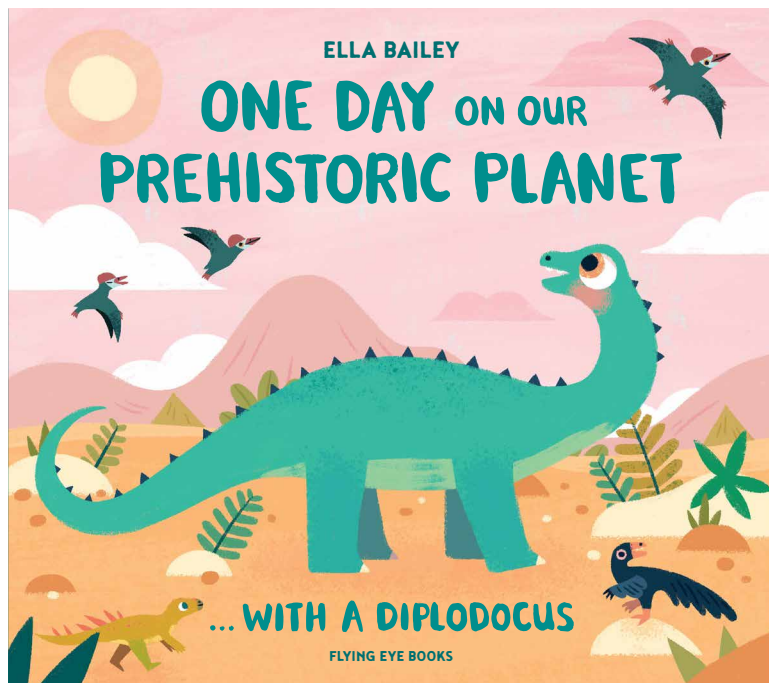
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#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Follows the format of Ella Bailey's bestselling One Day on our Blue Planet series, teaching little ones about the natural world, with a focus on the evergreen topic of dinosaurs.
- Can be enjoyed as an accompaniment to learning about dinosaurs, and as a storybook for all dinosaur crazy kids.
- Gender-neutral colour palette of the book will entice all kids to learn about dinosaurs through this gentle story.
- Introduces readers to a variety of dinosaurs through pronunciation guide of difficult-to-say dinosaur names on endpapers.

**KEYWORDS:** Jurassic, Junior, Animals, Planet, Dinosaurs, Picture book, nNon-fiction, Information, Educational

#### ABOUT THE CREATOR



**Ella Bailey** is a freelance illustrator currently living in Devon, in the UK. She studied illustration at Falmouth university and has since gone on to work for clients such as Hachette Children's Books, Simon and Schuster, and has illustrated multiple children's books of Great British Bake-Off Winner, Nadiya Hussain. Some of Ella's favourite things to draw are dinosaurs, animals, and ghosts.

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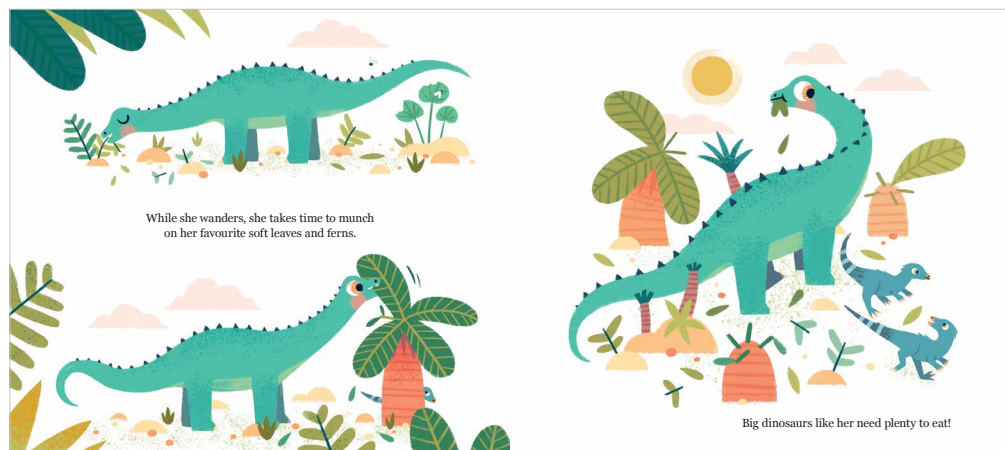
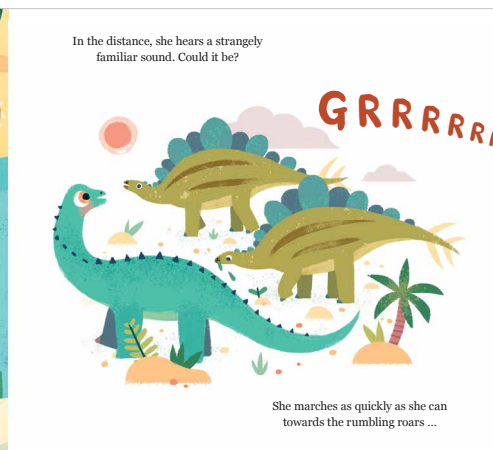
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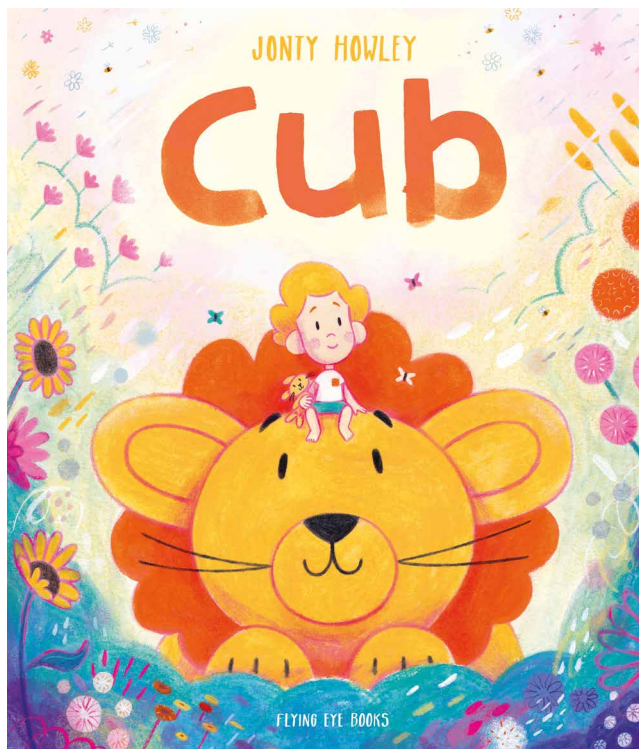
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This heart-warming picture book celebrates the transformative power of friendship and finding your voice.

When Magnus goes to live with his grandparents, Grandma surprises him with a special gift – a cuddly toy named Cub. As Cub magically comes alive they explore the wonders of Magnus's new home. And as Magnus's courage grows, he finds his hidden voice and comfort in the love of his family.

#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- *Cub* explores themes of acceptance, courage, the meaning of home, and alternative family structures.
- A perfect picture book to help children explore their emotions. Can be enjoyed at home for story time or for educators to use as a tool to discuss feelings.
- Warm and distinctive art will appeal to fans of author-illustrators Benji Davies and Jarvis.

**KEYWORDS:** heartfelt, acceptance, first pet, books about pets, courage, the meaning of home, reunion story, alternative family situation.

*'Each page radiates with Howley's gentle but evocative illustrations, which are the perfect partnership to this beautiful and hopeful story.'*

-Frann Preston-Gannon illustrator of *I Am The Seed That Grew The Tree*

#### ABOUT THE CREATOR



Jonty Howley spent his childhood in a tiny rural village in the south of England, where he spent his time exploring the woods and fields and practicing drawing. He studied illustration at UAL (University of the Arts, London) and graduated with a BA. Since then, Howley has worked with publishers such as Random House Children's Books, Random House Studio, Flying Eye and Happy Yak. His debut book, *Big Boys Cry*, received excellent reviews and has been translated into eight languages.

Jonty lives in West Sussex, UK

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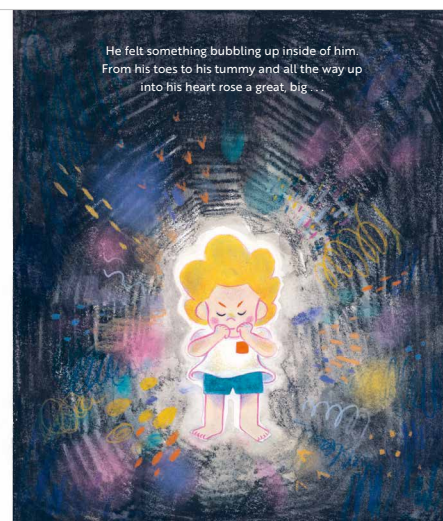
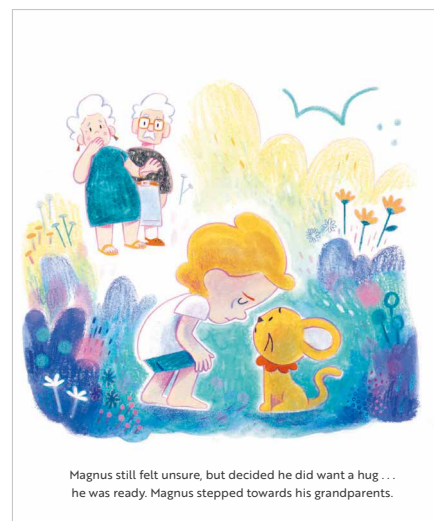
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## ABOUT THE CREATOR



Owen Davey is a freelance illustrator, living and working from Worthing UK. His work has since been published in every continent except Antarctica, including picture books in UK, America, Australia, Germany, France, Portugal, China & Korea. He has also worked for some impressive clients including the New York Times, Microsoft, and Orange.

Owen lives in Worthing, UK

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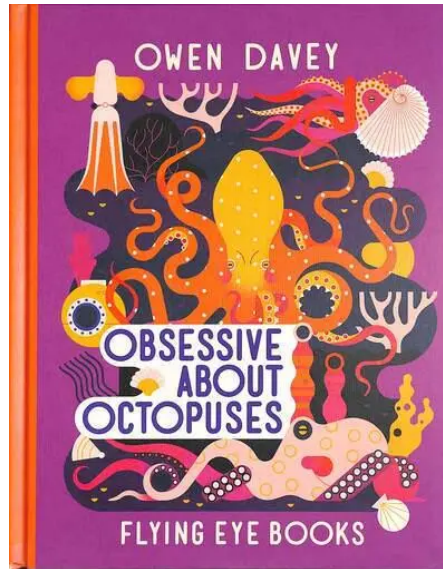




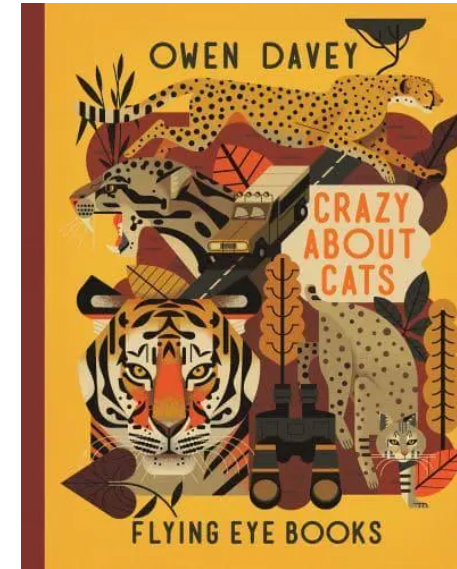
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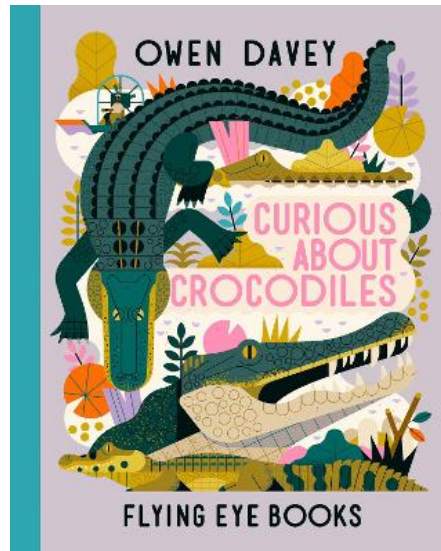
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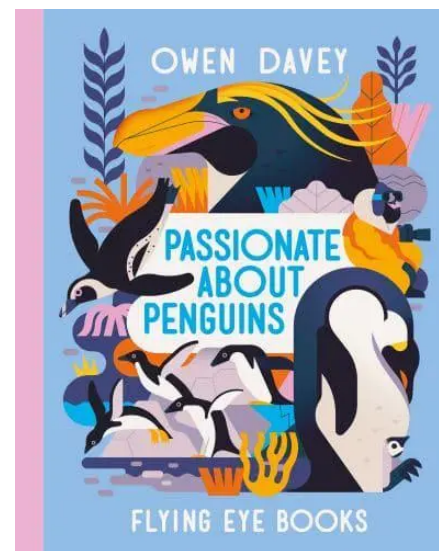
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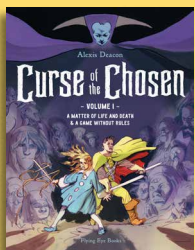
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On their journey, the trio encounter a collective of their fellow animals who have control and live in semi-chaotic harmony. It doesn't take long for them to settle into the community, but something isn't quite right about their new allies, and the mystery of Black Thistle Acres begins to unravel feelings, truths, and secrets from every side. The real question is, will they continue their mission to the city? Or will someone get left behind?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Next in the series from Benji Lee; an eagerly anticipated sequel to the original *Garbage Night* graphic novel which deepens the mystery behind the disappearance of humanity and introduces more conflict within the strange, post-apocalyptic world.
- Engaging, colourful and unique artwork and panelling that both fans of Benji Lee's work will love, and any new readers who pick up the comic.
- Post-apocalyptic tale which invites readers to think about caring for the world around them, as well as keeping those they love close.

**KEYWORDS:** Friendship, survival, post-apocalyptic, Graphic Novel, Raccoon, Deer, Graphic Novel, Freedom, Cartoon

## ABOUT THE CREATOR



**Benji Lee** studied at the School of Visual Arts in NYC for a BFA in illustration, whilst also taking classes in comics, graphic design, and writing. Lee currently resides in Los Angeles. Some of their clients include Drop Dead Clothing, Burton, Boom! Studios, and Nickelodeon. Their work is influenced by artists such as Marc Boutavant, Dave Cooper and Andrei Tarkovsky.

Benji lives in New York, USA

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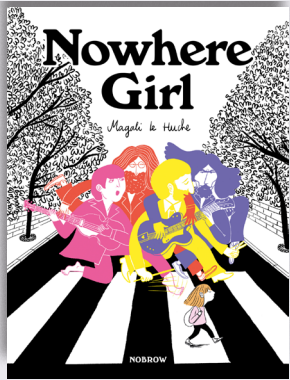


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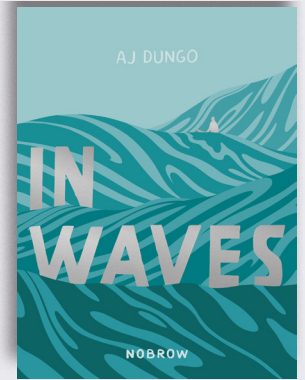
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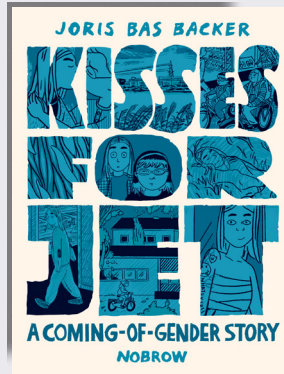
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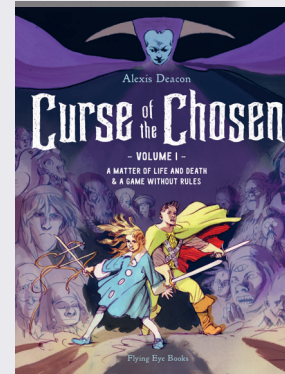
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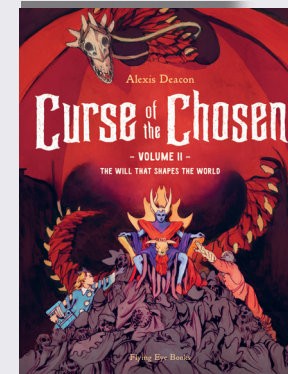
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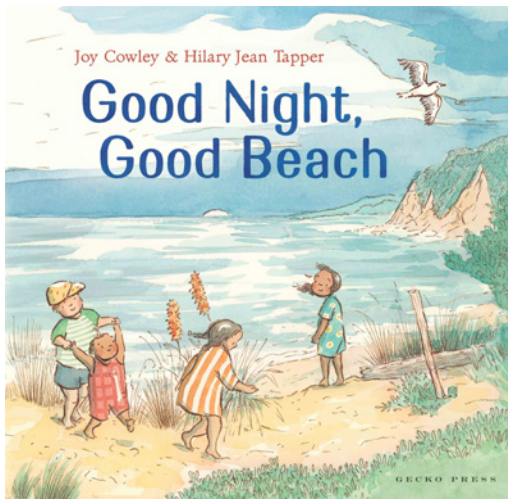


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*Rachel Lawson, Publisher*

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# Good Night, Good Beach

Author: **Joy Cowley**

Illustrator: **Hilary Jean Tapper**

An evocative and beautiful bedtime picture book that distils the essence of summer at the beach—creaky old bed, sandy feet, waves hush-hushing and a shell under the pillow.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Summer holidays by the sea have a rhythm all their own. With a few resonant images Cowley takes us straight to the end of a long hot day with beach treasures under the pillow and the salty smell of the sea. The cadence of the final words echoes the shushing waves in a gentle signal of time for readers to sleep—“good day, good sea, good sand, good night”.

This simple poem by internationally renowned Joy Cowley transports the reader to a childhood summer with language that asks to be read over and over. Hilary Jean Tapper’s warm watercolour and ink illustrations add an inclusive cast of extended family, friends and children of different ages.

### SALES POINTS

- An essence-of-summer picture book and simple goodnight read aloud
- Simple, resonant text about a lasting childhood experience
- Contemporary classic artwork is accessible and evocative
- Share with babies, toddlers and the whole family

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Joy Cowley is one of New Zealand’s best-loved writers for children and adults, with an international reputation. She has won a multitude of awards and honours for her bestselling books, including the Prime Minister’s Award for contribution to literature. She was shortlisted for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2018.

Hilary Jean Tapper is an illustrator and creative arts therapist. Her picture book *What To Say* written by Davina Bell won the Australian children’s book of the year 2023.



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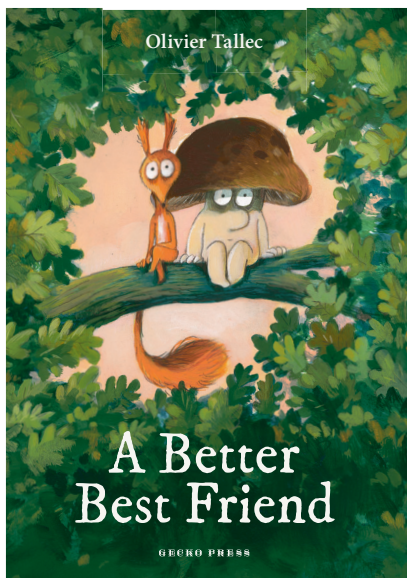
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### WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This is a dryly funny story about having a best friend—and we love the expressive face of the lugubrious mushroom friend.”

*Rachel Lawson, Publisher*

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# A Better Best Friend

Author/Illustrator: **Olivier Tallec**

A feel-good picture book about best friendship told with dry comedy and an open ending—squirrel and mushroom are best friends until another best friend (a fly) comes to play.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

“This morning when I was out walking, I found a best friend. At least I think so. It certainly looks a lot like it! He really has a best friend kind of face.”

In this comedic picture book exploring a forever childhood question about friendship, squirrel and a mushroom explore the forest through the seasons, show each other special trees, build snow mushrooms, share the good times and bad—which become good bad times alongside a friend.

Then spring arrives, and so does a new friend. And then another. This raises a profound question for an overthinking squirrel: should we have just one best friend?

After much drama, Squirrel doesn’t find an answer—the friends keep coming—and he ends the book with at least three better best friends.

### SALES POINTS

- Playfully explores the best friend question encountered by every child
- Funny, original characters: an expressive silent mushroom and a squirrel who embraces high drama
- An open ending but the message is clear—the more the merrier
- Olivier Tallec is world-renowned

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Olivier Tallec was born in Brittany, France. After graduating from the École Supérieure d’Arts Appliqués Duperré in Paris, he travelled extensively and now lives and works in Paris. He has illustrated over 60 books for children.



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### TITLE INFORMATION

**Release May 2024**

**best friendships | inclusivity |  
humorous illustrations**

Ages **3–6**

Format **hardback**

Size **280 x 200 mm**

Extent **32 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

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Usually, all I find are pinecones, but this is definitely a best friend.  
At least I think he is. Anyway, he looks like one.



I've been wanting a best friend for a long time.  
But best friends aren't like pinecones. They don't just fall from trees.





# Vivi Conway and the Haunted Quest

## Lizzie Huxley-Jones

### Vivi Conway returns...

On Dara's birthday, an invitation comes from their cousin Violet; come stay on Bardsey Island for a week, stay at their cottage, and celebrate Halloween. And bring all your friends! Vivi can't refuse an opportunity to go back to Wales, and her friends are immediately excited for star-spotting, foraging, hiking, and just general adventuring. Little do they know, they are about to be thrown into a huge high-stakes treasure hunt, with the fate of the world resting on them (again). And Vivi's feeling that Arawn is just waiting to reappear is only growing stronger...

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### About the Author

Lizzie Huxley-Jones (they/them) is an autistic author and editor based in London. They are the author of the queer holiday rom-com *Make You Mine This Christmas* (2022, Hodder Studio) and fantasy middle-grade series *Vivi Conway and the Sword of Legend* (2023, Knights Of). They write joyful stories that centre queerness and disability. They are also the co-writer of upcoming YA rom-com *Hits Different* by Love Island alumni Tasha Ghouri. Their non-fiction titles include *Stim*, an anthology of autistic authors and artists, the children's biography *Sir David Attenborough: A Life Story* (2020), and the World Book Day title *Being an Ally* (2023).

### Sales & Marketing

- The second book in the Vivi Conway trilogy
- Lizzie Huxley-Jones is a vocal advocate for neuro-diverse stories and in writing from the point of view of their autistic narrator Vivi, they combine an action-packed and magical story with a nuanced look at how true friendship comes from learning about and supporting one another's differences.
- Featuring a joyfully diverse cast of characters, with themes of friendship, trust and cooperation as they learn and grow together, as well as an authentic representation of a non-binary lead character
- Supported by an ambitious PR and marketing campaign, and an events & bookshop tour

### Praise for Vivi Conway and the Sword of Legend

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- Buckle up and get ready to pretend to be a digger driver, a tractor driver, explore deep under the sea and go on a wild safari adventure!
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### Features & Benefits

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### Testimonials

- 'So ingenious, you'll wonder why you haven't seen it before.' - BookTrust
- Integrated card novelty on each right-hand page is safe and easy to use by children 3+.

### Author | Illustrator

- Jenny Copper is a children's book editor and author who has been creating stories ever since she could read and write. Jenny lives in the Suffolk countryside with her two very spotty Dalmatians. Jenny's favourite authors are Terry Pratchett, Roald Dahl and Jane Austen.

### Publication Info

- Format: Full colour, casebound board book with inset acetate windows and integral card steering wheels on each right-hand page
- Extent: 10pp
- Dimensions: 236x191mm
- Cover finishes: Spot UV, matt lamination
- Author: Jenny Copper
- Illustrator: Robin Baines, Sam Rennocks
- RRP: £8.99
- BIC Code: YBLC
- CBMC Code: B2J79



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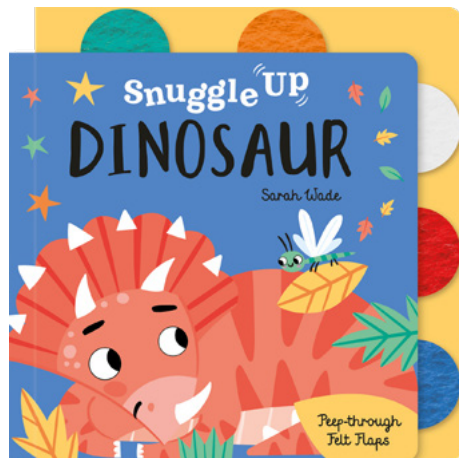


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- Tactile, touch and feel, peep-through felt flaps provide plenty of calming, sensory read-and-play fun for curious little ones.
- Creates a calming bedtime routine-the gentle, goodnight stories are perfect for getting young ones to sleep even after the busiest of days.
- Charming, beautiful illustrations with things to spot on every page are guaranteed to develop a child's observation skills.

### Features & Benefits

- An exciting new bedtime series-combines the outstanding success of touch and feel felt flaps with favourite animal characters and a bedtime story.
- Each large, soft-to-touch felt flap features peep-through holes to peek through and a shaped tab for little hands to easily lift and discover who is sleeping under each flap.
- Can be read as part of a calm bedtime routine-use the felt flaps to 'tuck in' each animal and wish them 'goodnight!'

### Testimonials

- Touch and feel felt flaps with peep-through holes will help children to develop key motor neurone skills.
- Written by Bobbie Brooks, an award-winning children's book author and winner of the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2023.
- Supports good parenting with gentle stories that can be combined into any child's bedtime routine.

### Author | Illustrator

- Sarah is a children's illustrator living in sunny Suffolk with her two daughters, husband and cat called Mouse. Her designs can be found worldwide on over 80 children's titles as well as greeting cards, textiles and stationery. Sarah loves bringing whimsical stories to life with her expressive and playful style.

### Publication Info

- Format: Full colour
- board book with felt flaps. Each felt flap features peep-through holes and a tab at the top or side to create colourful tabs around the book
- Extent: 10pp
- Dimensions: 203x203mm
- Cover finishes: Spot UV, varnish
- Author: Bobbie Brooks
- Illustrator: Sarah Wade
- RRP: £8.99
- BIC Code: YBGP
- CBMC Code: A2K79



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- Features innovative 'Easy Peely' play pieces made with 'peel, stick, play' technology-100% reusable and washable, too!

### Features & Benefits

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### Testimonials

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### Author | Illustrator

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### Publication Info

- Format: Full colour, casebound board book
- Extent: : 10pp with 2 sheets of reusable play pieces
- Dimensions: 246x221mm
- Cover finishes: Die-cut, gloss
- Author: Holly Hall
- Illustrator: Sarah Wade
- RRP: £9.99
- BIC Code: YBGS
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# Explorer Book + Model Kit



Become a top explorer and a rainforest animal expert with these immersive, fact-packed kits including an animals book and a habitat model to make and display.



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- Unique layered habitat model to slot together, keep and display for a totally immersive learning and discovery experience to return to again and again.
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- Designed to harness young imaginations, engage inquisitive minds and encourage a lifelong love and understanding of our incredible natural world.



## Publication Info

- Format: Boxed pack
- Extent: 32pp, 5-piece pre-cut habitat model, 5 die-cut cardboard sheets with 25 press-out animals
- Dimensions: 240x195x40mm/9.4x7.7x1.6in
- Cover finishes: Gloss
- Author: Susan Mayes
- Illustrator: Emma Martinez
- RRP: £14.99
- BIC Code: YNNR
- CBMC Code: C4J79



## Features & Benefits

- Unique slot-together habitat model with animals, no glue required.
- Over 150 facts, a quiz and a 'useful words' list on each title topic.

## Author

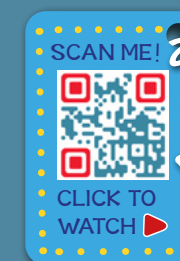
- Susan Mayes graduated from Leeds University, UK, with a degree in Creative Arts, studying art and literature. She began her writing career as an author of children's non-fiction, later spreading her literary wings to write children's picture storybooks.

## Illustrator

- Emma is an illustrator from Barcelona specialising in children's illustration. She lives in a small village near the mountains, and nature and animals are her greatest inspiration.

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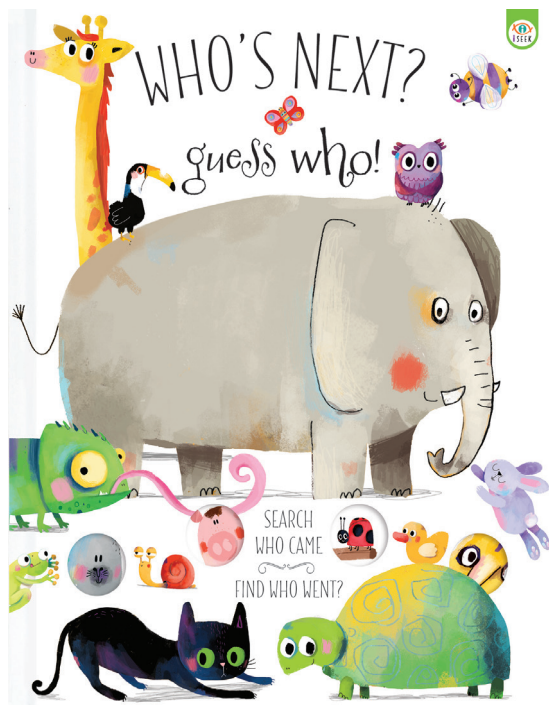
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# Who's Next? Guess who! • iSeek

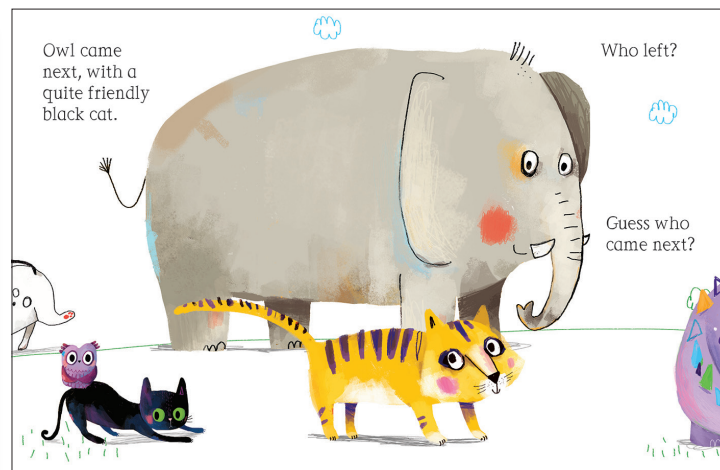


ISBN: 978-1-915995-18-6

Author: Anton Poitier

Illustrations: Sophia Touliaou

Young readers can delight in searching for fun animal characters that come and go on each page.



**Publication:** May 2024  
**Age:** 3+  
**Price:** £10.99  
**Format:** hardback  
**Size:** 280mm x 230mm  
**Pages:** 36pp  
**ISBN:** 978-1-915995-18-6  
**Territory:** UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)

## Description

This book offers a fun search and find activity on every page. Young children are invited to guess which animal will appear next, and which animal has left, based on the illustrated hints in the corner of the page. There are 30 different creatures who come and go and young children will delight in spotting them, answering the simple questions as they go. Bold and humorous illustrations will entertain, over and over again.

## Sales and marketing points

- Fun search and find activity.
- Beautiful, hand-drawn illustrations by award-winning illustrator Sophia Touliaou.
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- Develops cognitive skills and promotes discussion.

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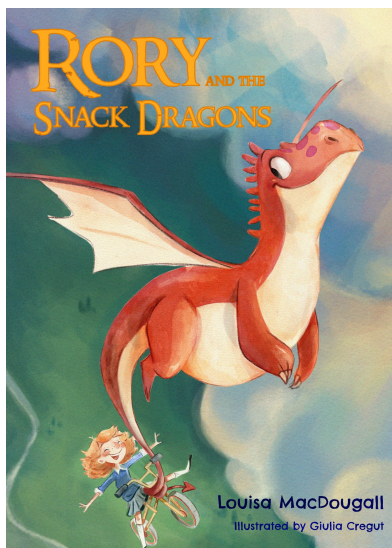
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# Rory and the Snack Dragons

Written by Louisa MacDougall

Illustrated by Giulia Cregut



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Price £6.99

Pub date 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

ISBN 9781739192938

Category Children's

Age range 06 - 09

Extent 180p

TPS 130 x 180

Binding Paperback

Language English

Rights World

## Sales Points

Rory And The Snack Dragons is the first book in a brand new chapter book series for 6 to 9 year-olds. This funny, magical story from debut author Louisa MacDougall is about about the unlikely friendship between Rory, a dragon outcast who likes to eat bicycles, and Flora, a plucky princess who loves to ride them.

## Description

Rory is an unusual sort of dragon – he would rather hide than go hunting and he would far rather eat a tasty bicycle than a juicy princess.

In this first book in the Snack Dragon series, Rory bites off more than he can chew when he steals a bike and accidentally kidnaps the princess who owns it.

Now both their kingdoms are in danger and they must team up to save them - but what hope do they have, when they can't even agree on what (or who) is for lunch?

*A magical adventure story for children aged 6+, with themes of resilience, teamwork and sustainability.*

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## About the author

Louisa is a community worker who lives with her husband and three daughters on the windswept Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides – where the mist and mountains make it easy to imagine dragons at every turn. Louisa's writing was shortlisted for the Kelpies Prize in 2022 and the Searchlight Prize in 2023.

Rory and the Snack Dragons originally started life as a picture book text which won the Scottish Association of Writers picture book text award in 2022 but it was apparent that a much bigger adventure of dragons, princesses and tasty treats awaited the reader.

This is Louisa's debut chapter book.

## About the illustrator

Giulia has been in love with art all her life. She began to draw and paint as soon as she was given her first crayons as a child. At school she struggled with maths, english, and science...luckily she found art. She studied painting, drawing and other disciplines for six years at the Centro d'arte Martenot, in Francesca Del Panta's Studio, Italy.

From 2014 to 2017 she studied illustration at the Nemo Academy in Florence. She now loves her work as a freelance illustrator.

Giulia previously illustrated the Little Door picture book by Emily Dodd, Crime Squirrel Investigators.





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<b>Format</b>	229 x 152mm	<b>Author</b>	National Geographic, Kids
<b>Price</b>	£12.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
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# Love is All We Need

Krina Patel-Sage



**A beautiful picture book about all the different ways we can show love and care for each other**

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*You're loved as you are, just for being YOU.*

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## Author Information

**Krina Patel-Sage** is an illustrator, author and designer. In 2018 she was shortlisted for Penguin's WriteNow illustration prize. She wrote and illustrated *My Mindful Book of Zen*, and illustrated *Caterpillar Cake* by Matt Goodfellow for Otter-Barry Books. Krina lives in west London.



**09 May 2024**

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When the days that pass are spent together,  
the love we build can last forever.

Taking the time to have a long talk...

or taking our family pet  
for a walk.





# A Ticket to Kalamazoo!



**Zippy Poems To Read Out Loud**

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**A fantastic, full-colour, read-aloud poetry collection for young children**

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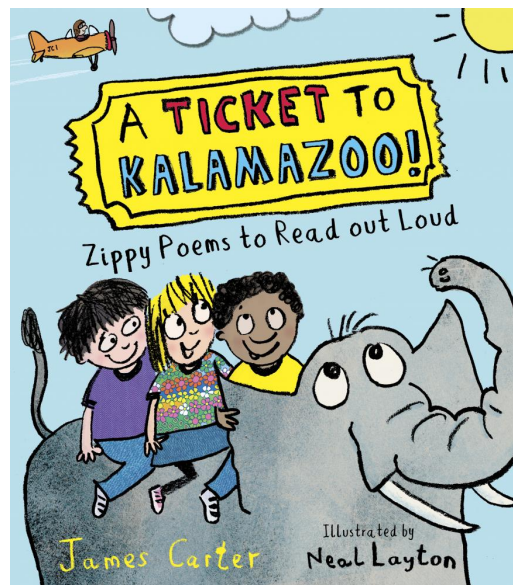
This fantastic poetry collection for young children is from the author of the bestselling *Zim Zam Zoom!*, which was shortlisted for the CLIPPA Award and longlisted for the UKLA Award

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- By the author of *Zim, Zam, Zoom!* (11,500 copies sold in paperback)

## Author Information

**James Carter** is an award-winning children's poet, non-fiction writer and musician. An ambassador for National Poetry Day, he travels all over the UK and abroad with his melodica to give lively, action-packed poetry/music performances, workshops and INSET days. In the last 19 years James has visited over 1300 Primary/Prep schools in the UK and abroad and has performed at festivals including Cheltenham, Hay and Edinburgh. He is the author of CLIPPA-shortlisted collection *Zim Zam Zoom* (with Nicola Colton), and, for older children, *Weird, Wild and Wonderful: the poetry world of James Carter* (with Neal Layton). He lives in Oxfordshire.

**Neal Layton** is an author and illustrator whose images are prized for their spontaneity and inventiveness. His picture books include *The Tree*, *The Story of Stars*, and *Oscar and Arabella*. Born in Chichester, he was going to be a scientist but instead studied Graphic Design, gaining a BA at Newcastle and an MA in Illustration at Central St Martins. He lives with his family in Portsmouth, Hampshire.



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Paperback

275 x 240 mm, 32 pages

Colour illustrations

**Interest age:** From 4 years

**BICs:** YDP

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# Ginger-Pincher

When moon is high  
she heads on out  
to hit the town  
to snoop about

The world's asleep  
so no-one knows  
can see her creep  
on tippy-toes

Or marvel  
at that rusty fur  
or bushy  
fuzzy tail of hers

So Ginger's off  
to go a pinchin'  
snout-a-sniffin'  
whiskers twitchin'

She'll be sneakin'  
'round the shops  
raidin' bins  
for bits 'n bobs

She's so fearless  
she's *RED FOX*...!

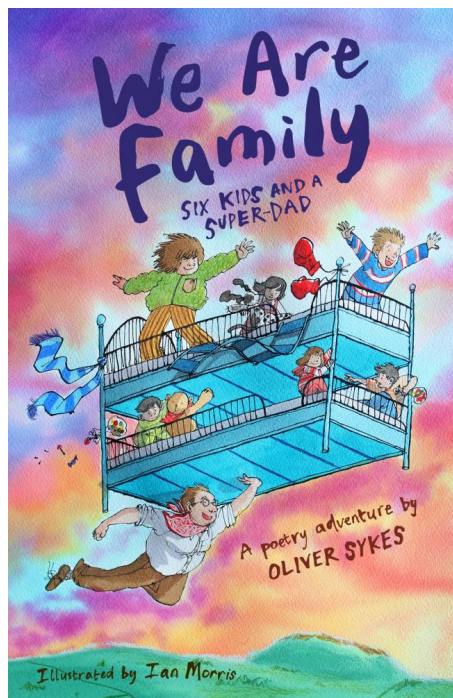






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- Perfectly complemented by Manchester illustrator Ian Morris's atmospheric illustrations

### Author Information

**Oliver Skyes** grew up on a council estate in Derbyshire. A former amateur boxer and qualified boxing coach, since 2015 he has worked with Manchester-based Stories of Care, where he is now Lead Artist and Producer. His debut story, *Alfie's First Fight*, illustrated by Ian Morris, is winner of the 'Illustrated Young Reader' category at the 2023 Children's Literature Festivals Book Awards. A theatre adaptation went on a national tour of England in 2022. Oliver lives in Manchester.

**Ian Morris** has a Master's degree in Illustration from Manchester School of Art. In 2017 he was one of 'Top 10 Upcoming Image Makers' recognised by the Association of Illustrators. He has been nominated for the Carnegie Illustration Medal 2023 and longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize 2022. Ian is enthusiastic about encouraging reading and drawing in young children and is a Literacy Champion with the National Literacy Trust for Manchester Central Library. He lives in Manchester.





# Duncan

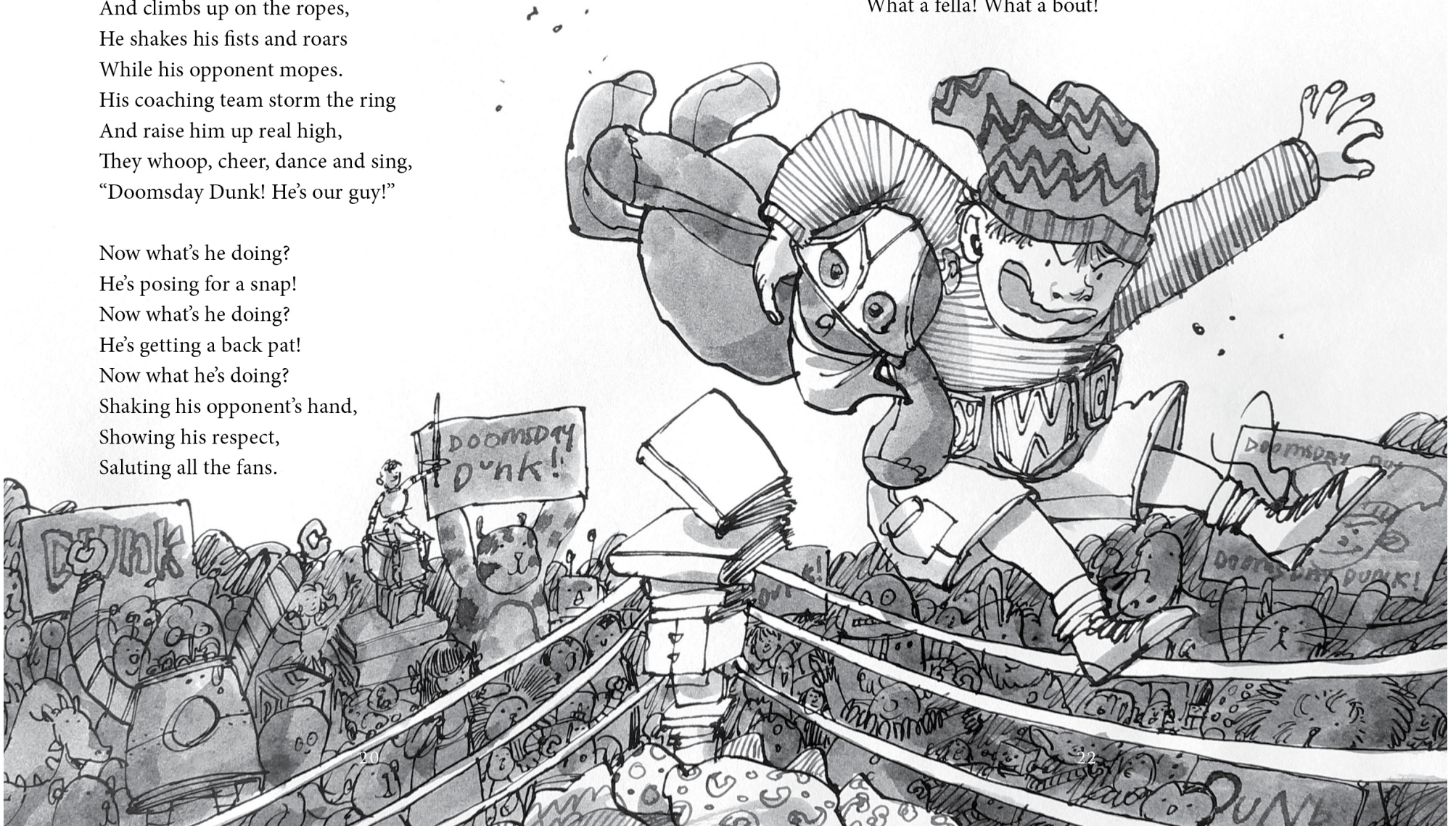
Holy Moly! What a clout!  
Doomsday Dunk just knocked him out!

Dunk bounces to the corner  
And climbs up on the ropes,  
He shakes his fists and roars  
While his opponent mopes.  
His coaching team storm the ring  
And raise him up real high,  
They whoop, cheer, dance and sing,  
“Doomsday Dunk! He’s our guy!”

Now what’s he doing?  
He’s posing for a snap!  
Now what’s he doing?  
He’s getting a back pat!  
Now what he’s doing?  
Shaking his opponent’s hand,  
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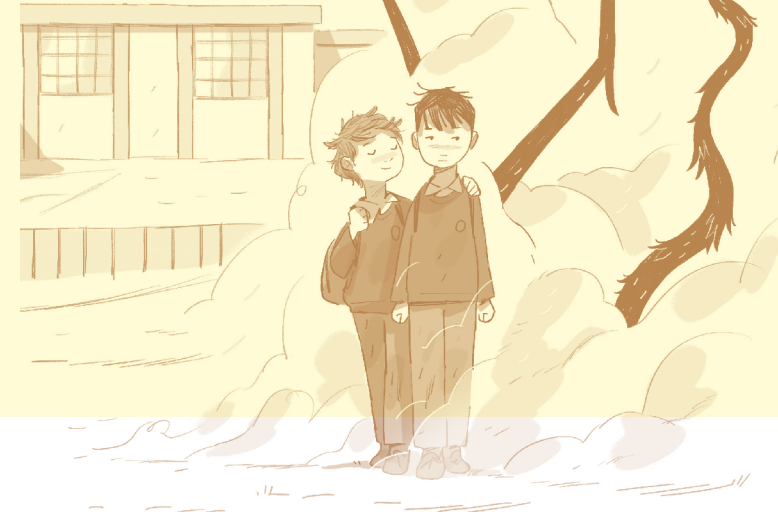
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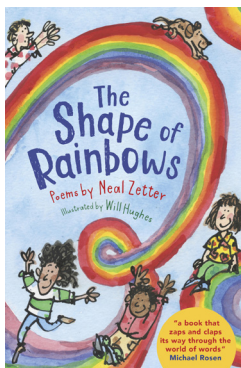
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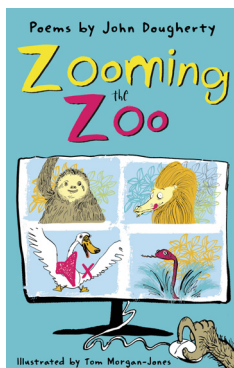
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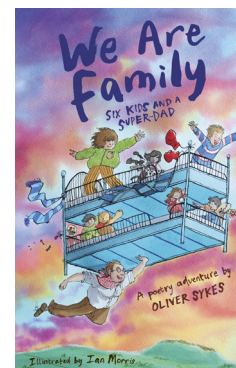
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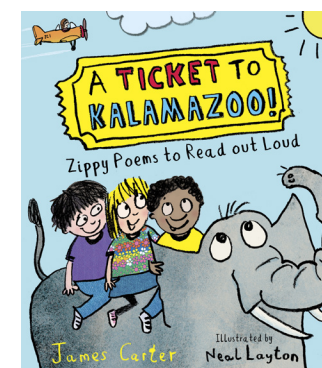
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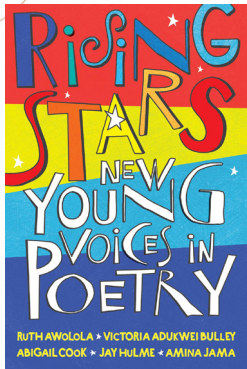
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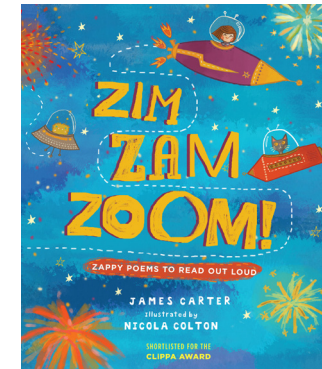


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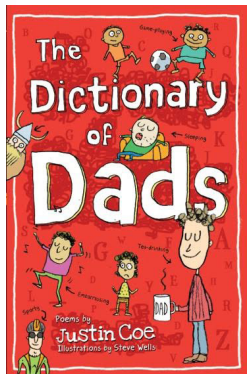
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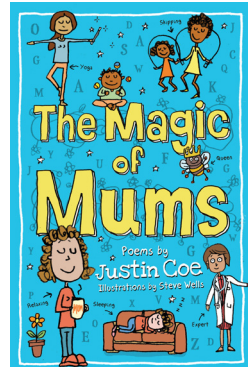
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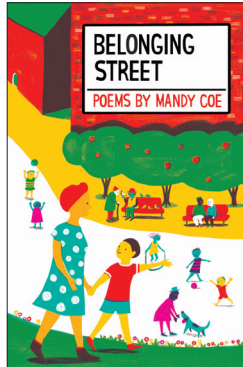


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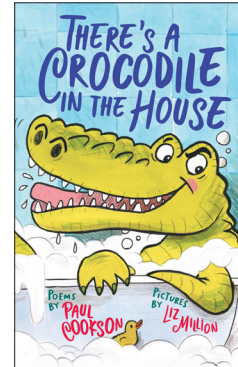


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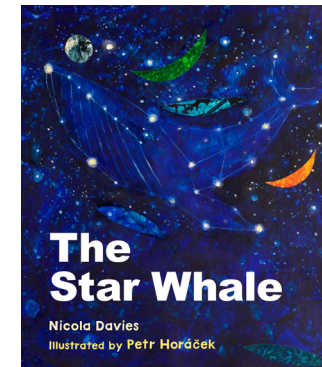


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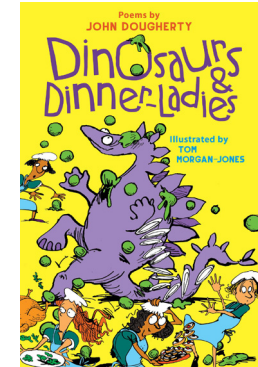


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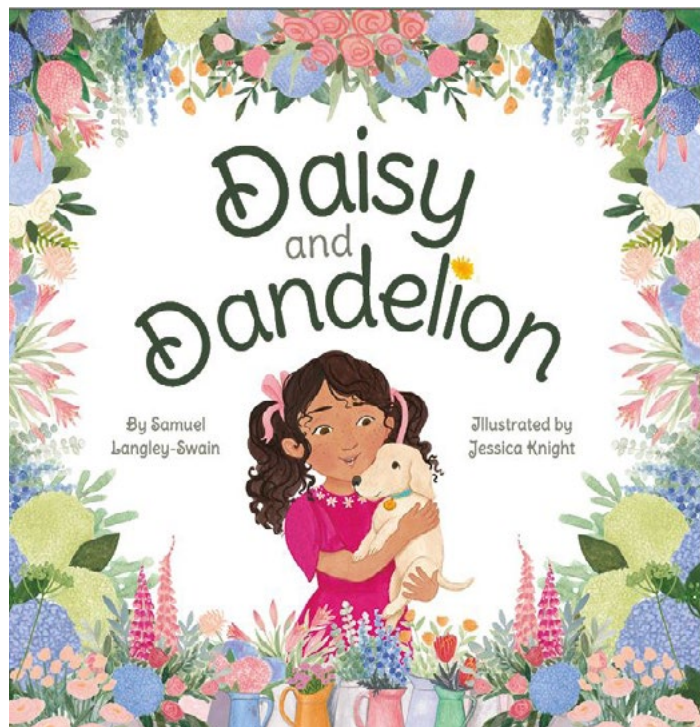
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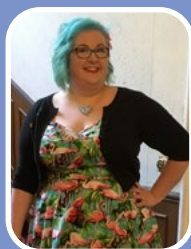
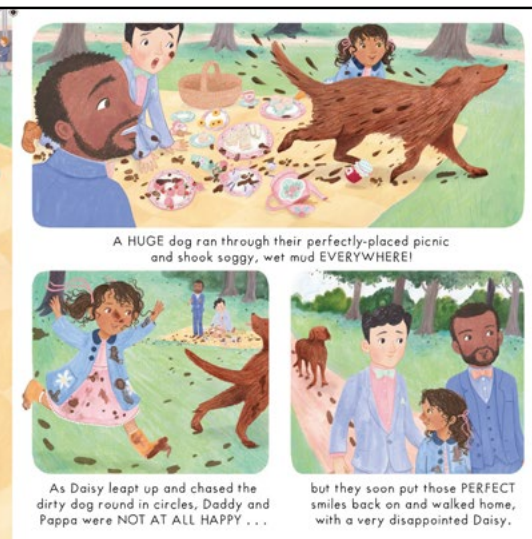
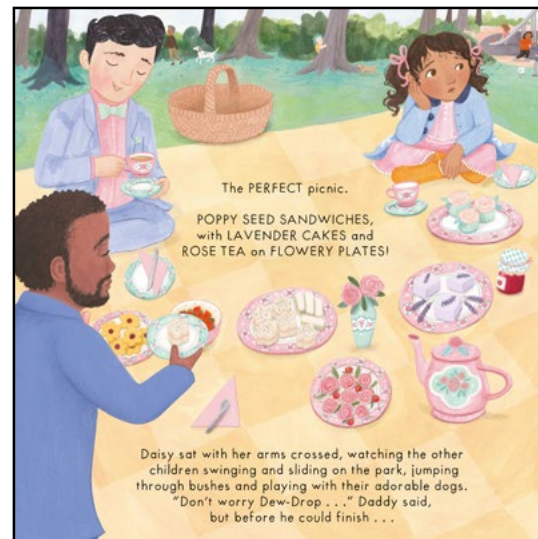


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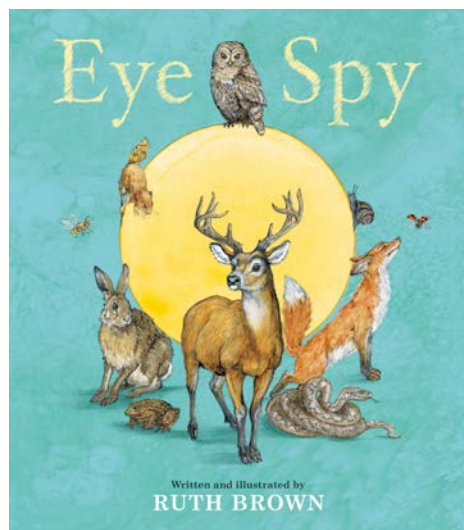
Jessica graduated from North Wales School of Art and Design in 2011 with an MA in Illustration for Children's Publishing and has been working as a freelance illustrator since then. She has worked on a variety of projects with clients such as Usborne, Parragon Books and Tutti Frutti Productions. She creates her illustrations using a mix of media, combining traditional materials with digital skills. She lives in Devon, where she loves nothing more than going on adventures in the surrounding countryside with her sketchbook and a giant flask of tea.

(ISBN: 9781913339623)



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# Eye Spy

By Ruth Brown



Scallywag Press

In this twist on the favourite childhood game, the reader must solve a riddle to guess which animal is hiding, and then search for it in the beautifully detailed illustrations.

## Key Selling Points

- A beautiful gift book with gold foil on the cover
- Good value - will provide hours of entertainment.
- A satisfying bedtime ending.
- Use of rhyme and riddles supports teaching of English and comprehension
- Intricate pictures support visual literacy
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- *a feast for the eyes and the astonishing detail becomes more beautiful on each re-reading* Daily Mail

## Sales and Marketing

- **Longlisted for the 2023 UKLA Book Award**
- **Nominated for the 2023 Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration**
- **Author reading [on website](#)**
- Ruth Brown is a household name who has created dozens of picture books including *A Dark Dark Tale*, *Greyfriars Bobby* and more recently *A Gallery of Cats*, and *Ten Little Dogs*.

Title	Eye Spy
Author	Ruth Brown
Publication	2 May 2024
Age	3-6
Price	£7.99
Format	Paperback
Size	275 x 240 mm
Extent	32pp
ISBN	978-1-915252-76-0
Territory	World ex USA & Can
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**Ruth Brown** is the creator of some of Britain's best loved children's books. She was born in Devon and now lives in London and Kent.

Ruth's books are translated in many languages around the world, and she has won the Earthworm Award, the English Association Award, the Prix Sorcière and been shortlisted 3 times for the Kate Greenaway Medal.





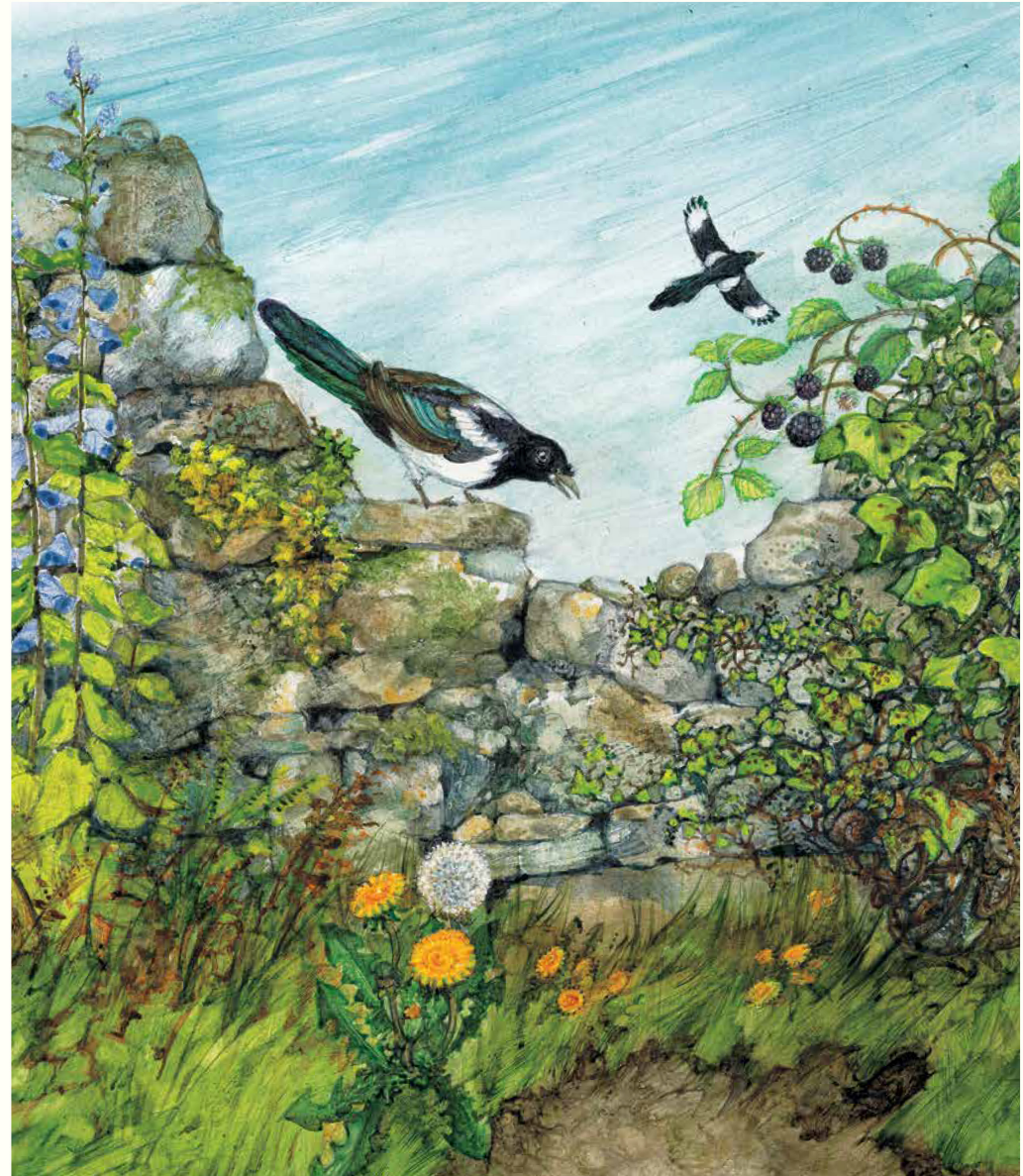
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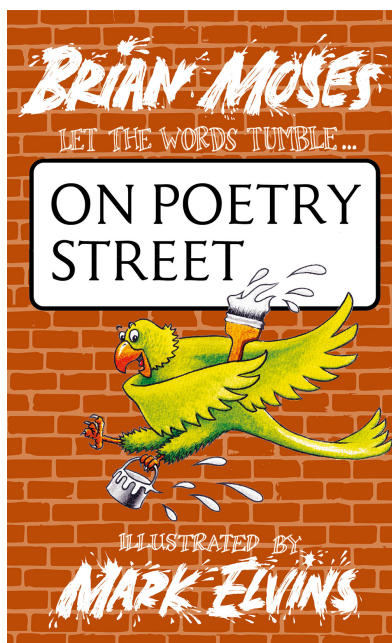


I spy with my little eye,  
something beginning with

S

It carries its house upon its back.  
It leaves a track of silver.  
It rhymes with trail . . .





Publication	25 May 2024
Age	7+
Price	£10.99
Format	HB, b/w ills
Size	216 x 135mm
Extent	120pp
ISBN	978-1-915252-58-6
Territory	World ex USA, Can
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**Brian Moses** is a well-known poet writing mainly for children. His poetry books and anthologies for Macmillan have sold in excess of 1 million copies

**Mark Elvins** lives in Yorkshire. He is a print-maker and award-winning illustrator.



**Scallywag Press**

## On Poetry Street

by Brian Moses, illustrated by Mark Elvins

Join our Poetry Street party and get creative!

Do you like stringing words together to see what they look like and what they sound like?

Do you have rhythms dancing in your head as you drift through the day?

Do you rhyme all the time while your feet tap a beat?

If you answered YES to all or most of these questions then you're pretty much hooked on words.

Now – together – let's take a walk down Poetry Street!

### Key Selling Points

- Fifty two entertaining poems to stimulate the imagination and get the creative juices flowing
- Contemporary subject matter and writing, crafted with Brian Moses' wonderful rhythm and rhyme
- Playful and provocative
- With an introduction to welcome readers, and two spreads of creative writing ideas at the end, this is both the perfect gift for a child, and the ideal writing manual for use in a classroom
- Every spread illustrated with black and white illustrations by up and coming artist Mark Elvins, debut illustrator of the *Flyntlock Bones* trilogy. Praise for his work: *'Full of chaotic energy and exaggerated characterisation, the pictures are comparable in style to those of Chris Riddell'* Books for Keeps
- Cover finishes TBC: probably textured lamination and de-bossing, rounded spine. High quality paper.

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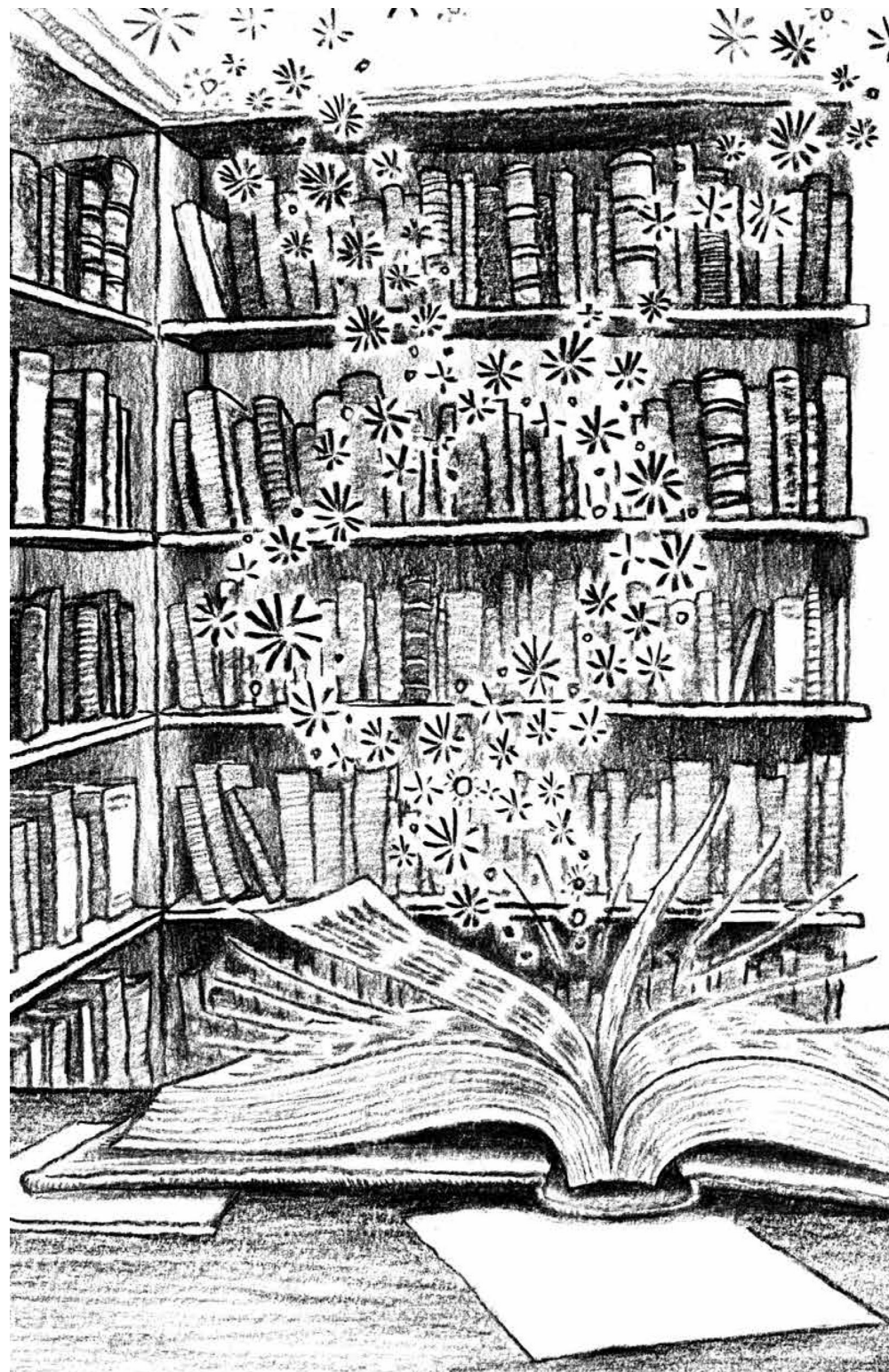
- Brian Moses regularly visits schools and performs at poetry events around the country
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## A Difficult Poem to Read Unless You've Swallowed a Dictionary

Regalia, Westphalia, saturnalia, paraphernalia.

Potato, tomato, tornado, lumbago.

Technology, tautology, chronology, archaeology.

Vernacular, oracular, spectacular, irregular.

Fascinated, anticipated, assassinated, disintegrated.

Now go find words from the dictionary  
and string them together just like me.

Let the words tumble, feel them flow,  
but is it a poem? Well, who knows?

# LOLA LOVES WALKIES

JAKE HOPE

## THE BOOK

Ready or not, Lola loves kisses and cuddles, friends and fun, but what she loves most of all is walkies!

Join Lola as she plays hide and seek, leaps in and out of the long grasses and watches her poochy pals fetching sticks on an adventure that's a walk in the park!

*'Pawsomely fun.'* The Woofington Post

*'A tail-waggingly witty tale.'* The Barkshire Times

Illustrated by James Brown.

## THE AUTHOR

Jake Hope was the Reading and Learning Development Manager for Lancashire Libraries, one of the largest library authorities in the UK. He has judged nearly every major children's book award in the UK and has chaired numerous promotional selection panels. Alongside delivering training and public speaking on books and reading, Jake is an active reviewer and a passionate advocate for libraries books and reading. Jake is past-chair of the Youth Libraries Group, the currently Chair of the Working Party for the prestigious CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medal. His debut picture book, *Cheesed Off!* was published in 2022.



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# TASTY TALES

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## THE BOOK

Travel the world on a plate! Drawing inspiration from both history and lore, this highly illustrated children's book for 6+ readers explores the mouthwatering stories behind some of the world's favourite foods. From a plant-loving pirate to an Ethiopian goat, from the crescent of the croissant to a Tofu trailblazer, Tasty Tales offers a fascinating, sometimes surprising and always appetizing journey across historical periods and diverse cultures. The incredible origin stories celebrate how ingredients and dishes have travelled the globe to be shared and loved in new and exciting ways – and how food truly connects us all. With a unique blend of fact and fairy tale that will appeal to fiction fans and non-fiction readers alike, and with intricately detailed four-colour illustrations plus recipes to inspire culinary adventures, this will be a beautiful and delicious book to treasure.

Who knew history can make you hungry!

## THE AUTHOR

Anna Lena is a self-taught illustrator and author based in Gouda, the Netherlands. She has always been fond of creating art and finding interesting stories. Having trained as an Industrial Designer, she quickly shifted to pursuing illustration, writing and teaching.

In her artwork she uses a mix of collage, paint and digital tools, to add depth and a tactile sense to the work. Nostalgia is a big source of inspiration to Anna Lena. She loves old buildings, books, nature, history, cooking and eating.

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## WHY TOMATOES WERE ONCE SCARY

A long time ago, some Spanish people travelled to America to find new land and collect objects and ideas they could take back to their own country. They found that the native people had a lot of interesting and valuable things, including a round, shiny and yummy fruit called a tomato. Before this time, people in Europe had never eaten a tomato, which is strange to think about because we eat tomatoes all the time now!

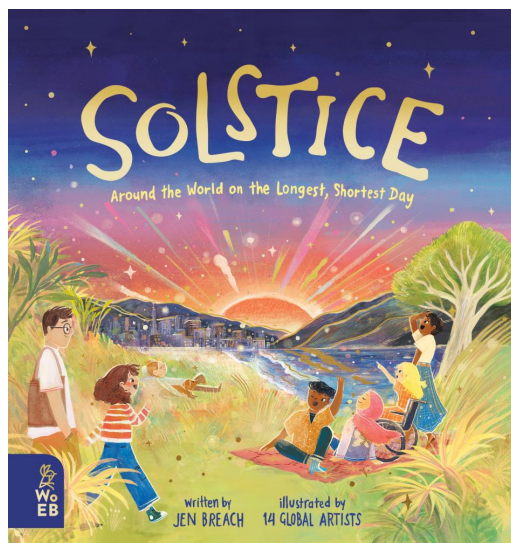




# Solstice

**Around the World on the Longest, Shortest Day**

**Jen Breach**



**Explore the daily lives of children around the world through the lens of a single, special day – June 21st, the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and the shortest in the southern hemisphere.**

Just two times each year - an event called the solstice - Earth leans closest to our home star, the Sun. Since ancient times, people have used the Sun as a timekeeper. They knew that the length of daylight changes in a regular way and celebrated the solstice as a signal of changing seasons. *Solstice* imparts scientific and cultural information using the global experience of a solstice as its scientific core, and the descriptions of children's lives at each latitude as the cultural narrative. It is a browsable nonfiction appealing to informationally minded thinkers aged 7-11. Enhancing the text and illustrations are fascinating infographics about geography, hours of sunlight, sunrise and sunset times, and how the Earth's tilt creates solstices and seasons. A global event needs a global perspective: non-traditional families, interesting facts that crop up in each account (e.g. in the Chinese entry we learn that pandas need to play or else they get sad). Plus, illustrators for each location represent their home countries with authority and beauty.

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Full colour throughout

**Interest age:** From 7 years

**BICs:** YNA

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- Explains the science, history, and cultural significance of the longest day of the year
- Helps young readers to think about children's lives all over the world
- Prompts a conversation about the way children live across the globe
- Features colourful artwork from illustrators who represent their home countries with authority and beauty

## Author Information

**Jen Breach** is a children's author of fiction and non-fiction. Their writing credits include a graphic literature adventure about a young archeologist and their robot brother (*Clem Hetherington and the Ironwood Race*, Scholastic 2018) and a picture book about two clueless zookeepers (*Something's Amiss At The Zoo*, Hachette 2016). They hold an MFA in Writing for Children and Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. They are a mentor for Girls Write Now and The Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP). Jen identifies as queer and non-binary.



My **okaasan** is an astrophysicist – a scientist who studies how the universe works. There is almost no moisture in the air at Pole and in **fuyu** the darkness is total. So my **okaasan** can do research here that can't be done anywhere else in the world. She listens to the sounds of the Big Bang. That's the explosion that created the universe. We can still pick up leftover signals from it now. They sound like 'shhhhhhhhh'. It's very cool.

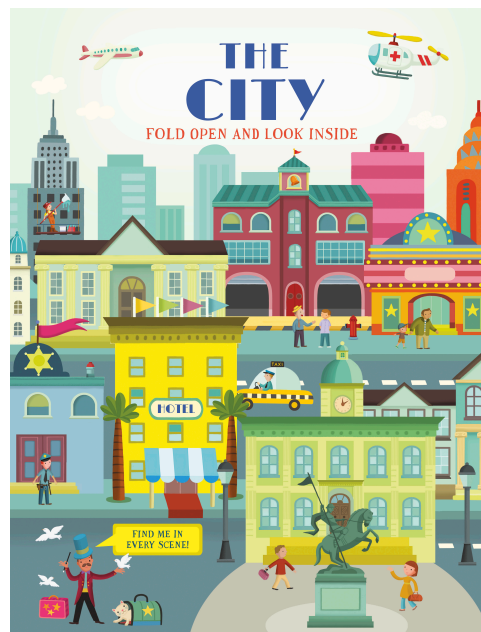
Pole is an American-run station, but people come here from all over – scientists from China, New Zealand, Scotland and Chile, engineers from France, Egypt, India and the United States, and Cook is from Canada. There are about 35 people who are spending winter at Pole this year. They all have stories to tell about their homes and their people. I ask what the June solstice is like where they are from. Everyone's stories are different.

**Fuyu** is very hard at Pole. We are completely isolated. For six months we have to make do with what we brought with us and what is already here. No one will arrive or leave until September, when the **Taiyou** rises and the summer scientists come back with fresh supplies. We don't even have the internet. I had to download all the books and songs I wanted to bring.

The best thing about Pole is the Aurora Australis, the Southern Lights. It's an atmospheric phenomenon that looks like waving curtains of light in the sky – green, purple, bluish, red and pinkish. You can only see them in clear weather, between March and September. They are caused by high-energy particles from the **Taiyou** skidding down Earth's outer atmosphere, drawn to the poles by Earth's magnetic field. The particles gather and create shimmering bursts of light. This reminds me that even though I can't see it now, the **Taiyou** is still there.



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<b>Extent</b>	22 pages
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