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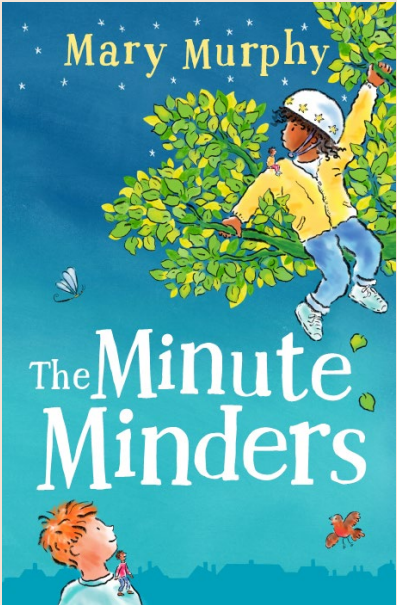
Middle-Grade &
YA Fiction

THE MINUTE MINDERS

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

MARY MURPHY

A captivating book about the fascinating world of tiny fidders who work alongside humans to help them navigate life's challenges



Meet Stevie and her father: they're fidders – tiny people that work alongside humans, helping them out with their problems. But when they team up to help Sandra May, a little girl with some big issues, they'll need all of their powers of persuasion and patience to help her work out the best ways to behave.

MARY MURPHY is a Dublin-based author-illustrator of over 40 books for young children. She has garnered a string of starred reviews and accolades in the USA, UK and Ireland for her work, which has also been adapted for TV. *The Minute Minders* is her first novel.

FORMAT: B-format Paperback	DIMENSIONS: 198 x 129mm
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PUBLICATION: January 2024	READING AGE: 7+ years

THE CASE OF THE ABANDONED BOAT

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

Di ISLAND CREW INVESTIGATES | KEREEN GETTEN

The third title in the major new mystery series for younger readers from the prize-winning author of *When Life Gives You Mangoes*



Previously in the series from Pushkin Children's



Fayson and friends reunite to tackle a challenging case: anonymous emails targeting their detective agency. Discovering wet lifejackets on an abandoned boat leads them into a new mystery.

As odd occurrences escalate – disappearing books, games, and a lurking figure at night – Di Island Crew must employ all their wits to uncover the truth. Can they save their agency, or will they be forced to close down for good?

KEREEN GETTEN grew up in Jamaica where she would climb fruit trees in the family garden and eat as much mango, guinea and pear as she could without being caught. She now lives in Birmingham with her family. Her work has been shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Spark Award and the Jhalak Children's & YA Prize.

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THE NO-GIRLFRIEND RULE

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

CHRISTEN RANDALL

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



Seventeen-year-old Hollis seeks belonging in tabletop gaming, challenging her boyfriend's 'No Girlfriends at the Table' rule. Amidst struggles to find a community, she discovers an all-female gaming group, forging unexpected friendships and epic adventures.

Immersed in magic, danger and romance, Hollis is drawn to charismatic bard Aini Amin-Shaw. As game and reality intertwine, Hollis's in-game crush evolves into undeniably real feelings.

CHRISTEN RANDALL 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. *The No Girlfriend Rule* is their debut novel.

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THE DARK PORTAL

BOOK I OF THE DEPTFORD MICE | ROBIN JARVIS

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



In Deptford’s ominous sewers, Jupiter, the supreme Lord of All, commands rat worshippers. In a world full of fear, a timid mouse named Albert stumbles in, setting off events propelling his fellow mice into a terrifying heroic journey.

With rats aiming to summon demons and destroy the world, the Deptford Mice face treacherous foes and ancient magic in a battle to save London and the world from eternal darkness.

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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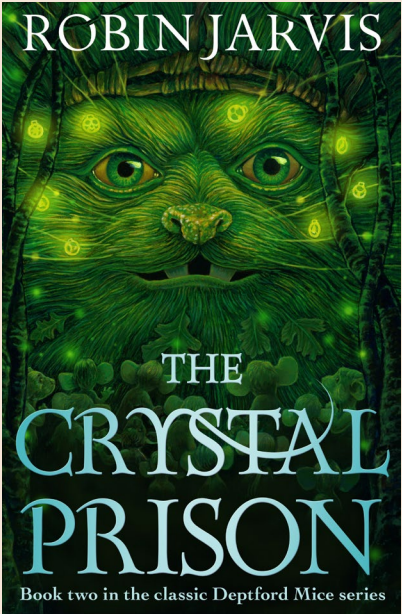
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THE CRYSTAL PRISON

BOOK II OF THE DEPTFORD MICE | ROBIN JARVIS

A new edition of the classic children’s fantasy adventure set in a world of mice, rats and



An innocent young mouse lies murdered in a moonlit field...

The Deptford Mice have escaped the horrors of Jupiter’s lair and sought refuge in the countryside with a colony of fieldmice, busy preparing for the great summer festival. But soon the Deptford Mice must face terrifying evil once more, as a series of mysterious crimes strike the peaceful fieldmouse community

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THE TROUBLE WITH TWO-HEADED HYDRA

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

KAREN FOXLEE

The second book in the magical new middle-grade series about an anxious girl who investigates legendary monsters, by the award-winning author of *Dragon Skin*



Previously in the series from Pushkin Children's



Mary-Kate and her mother are visiting Galinios, an idyllic Greek Island filled with history and surrounded by the shimmering Aegean Sea. While her mother investigates an ancient mosaic, Mary-Kate is on the trail of a monster-sized mystery. Could the local legend of the Two-Headed Hydra be more than a story?

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

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.

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MOVIES SHOWING NOWHERE

YORICK GOLDEWIJK

A prizewinning middle grade fantasy adventure about memories, loss and time travel



On the day Cato came into the world, her mother left it, leaving her dad a mere shadow. Cato has long since given up on reaching out to him, when she finds a card from an abandoned cinema and decides to investigate – but the movies showing there are no ordinary movies...

Seeking adventure and the truth about her mother, Cato is swept into a dangerous journey through time and memories.

YORICK GOLDEWIJK is a Dutch author and illustrator, as well as a musician who writes music for films, television and computer games. *Movies Showing Nowhere* won the Golden Pencil Prize for the best Dutch children's book of the year and was shortlisted for the Flemish Boon Literature Prize.

Translated from the Dutch by Laura Watkinson

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HOW TO BE FREE

DAISY MAY JOHNSON

The delightful third book in the ‘truly marvellous’ (*Independent*) *How to Be* series: a thrilling adventure of found family, undying loyalty and some truly spectacular cake

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK



Previously in the series from Pushkin
Children's



Before becoming Good Sister June, she was just June – dreaming of a book café with pals Ruth and Grace. When June disappears from the school, Hannah, Edie, and Calla rally to embark on a journey to find her.

Following cake crumbs, they uncover truth, courage, and friendship across northern English cafes. *How to Be Free* is a funny, heartwarming celebration of resourceful girls on a quest for Good Sister June.

DAISY MAY JOHNSON is a writer, librarian and blogger. She writes about children's literature at *Did You Ever Stop To Think*, tweets as @chaletfan, and when she's not doing any of that, you'll find her curled up with her favourite school stories, or baking the world's best chocolate brownies. *How to Be Brave* and *How to Be True* are also available from Pushkin Children's Books.

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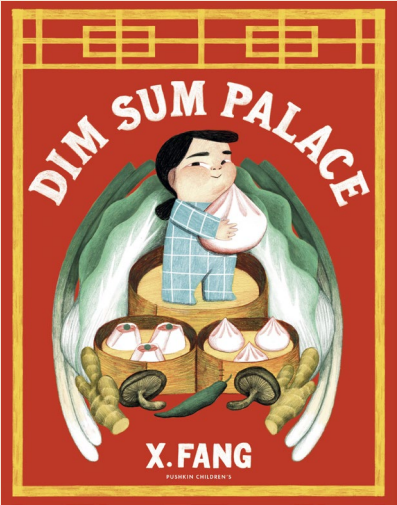
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Picture Books & Graphic Fiction for Younger Readers

DIM SUM PALACE

X. FANG

A little girl's love of dim sum spills over into her dreams, taking her on a fantastical food-filled adventure, in this picture book love letter to Maurice Sendak's *In the Night Kitchen*



Liddy is so excited about going to the Dim Sum Palace tomorrow that she can't sleep. So when a delicious smell wafts into her room, she hops out of bed, opens her door and steps into... an actual palace of dim sum!

This debut picture book, inspired by X. Fang's childhood memories of epic dim sum feasts, is a dreamworld adventure with a loving helping of food, family and culture.

X. FANG, who also goes by Susan, is a visual artist and maker of books for young readers. She exhibits her art throughout the U.S. and internationally and has worked professionally as a graphic designer and art director for film and television studios. Born in Taichung, Taiwan, raised in Atlanta, Georgia, she now lives in rural Maine with her husband and their dog, Pamela. *Dim Sum Palace* is X. Fang's first picture book.

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Liddy was excited for bedtime, because the next day her family was going to the Dim Sum Palace.



There were baos, buns and bowls of congee!
Dumplings, shumai and lots of sweet treats!

It all looked so tasty!

THE CAT AT NIGHT

DAHLOV IPCAR

A gorgeous American classic – join a cat on his night-time journey through the countryside and see what he sees!



This captivating story alternates between dark night scenes and vivid colour to deliver a beautifully illustrated children’s classic about a farm cat’s nocturnal adventures.

Each scene is shown first as a human would see it at night in blacks and whites, and then as a cat sees it in vivid colour!

DAHLOV IPCAR (1917–2017) was an American author, artist, and illustrator, whose career spanned five decades. She wrote and illustrated over thirty children’s books, won the NEIBA President’s Award and the Kerlan Award for Children’s Literature. A true master of colour and organic form, Ipcar captured the hearts of children the world over with her unique and timeless stories. Until her death, at age 99, Dahlov still painted on her farm in Maine where she penned many of her greatest works and had lived since 1937.

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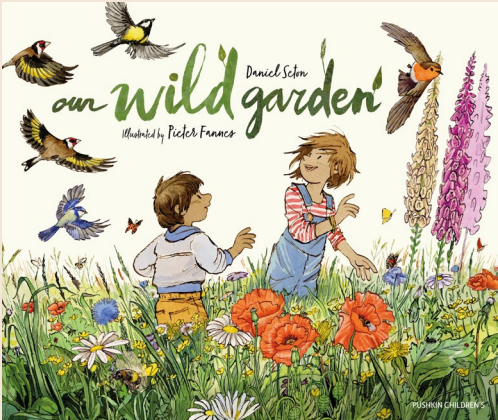
DIMENSIONS: 216 x 286mm
EXTENT: 52pp
TERRITORY: UK & Comm. ex Can
READING AGE: 3+ years



OUR WILD GARDEN

DANIEL SETON | ILLUSTRATED BY PIETER FANNES

A gorgeous picturebook to get kids excited about wild gardening!



When Ali and Layla hear about wild gardening at school, they immediately start dreaming about the adventures they could have if they invited the wild into their garden. They speak to their parents, and soon transform their ordinary garden into a vibrant haven with wildflowers, butterflies, hedgehogs, and migratory birds.

Our Wild Garden is a stunning picture book about wild gardening and forming a meaningful, rewarding relationship with the natural world at a young age.

DANIEL SETON is an editor and picture book author who lives in Dorchester, Dorset. He has a small garden which he is in the process of rewilding, and it already has a resident hedgehog.

PIETER FANNES is an illustrator who lives in Brussels with his wife, two children and one cat.

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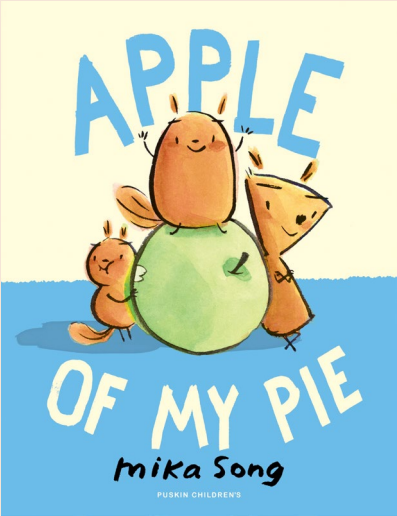
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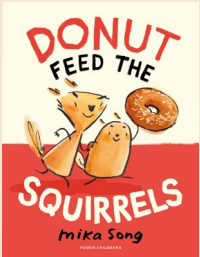
APPLE OF MY PIE

MIKA SONG

Join troublemaking squirrels Norma and Belly on more delicious adventures in the sequel to the Eisner Award-nominated graphic novel *Donut Feed the Squirrels*



Previously in the series from Pushkin
Children's



When Pops gets squirrel-napped, it's up to Norma, Belly and little B to save him! This time, their journey ventures beyond the park to the uncharted apple orchard.

Will they find Pops? Could this lead to tragedy? Or apple pie? Or both? With these best friends on the case, you never know what's coming next – but you can be sure there will be delicious food along the way!

MIKA SONG is a children's writer and illustrator who likes to make stories about sweetly funny outsiders. She grew up in Manila, Philippines and Honolulu, Hawaii and now lives in New York City with her husband and daughter. The first graphic novel in the Norma and Belly series, *Donut Feed the Squirrels*, was nominated for an Eisner award.

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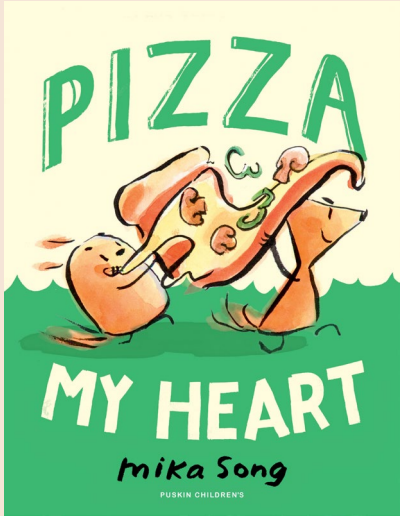
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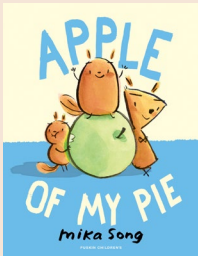
PIZZA MY HEART

MIKA SONG

Join two troublemaking squirrels on their delicious adventures in this next graphic novel adventure!



Previously in the series from Pushkin Children's



Norma and Belly want pizza.

Hot, cheesy, tasty pizza.

Too bad no one will deliver. Now they must get creative to nab a slice! Even if it means taking on a wild beast. With the help of their friends, old and new, these squirrels are up to the task.

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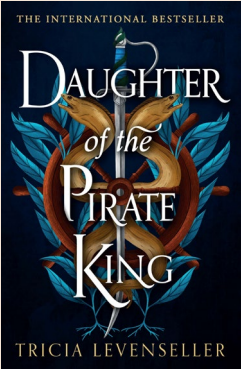
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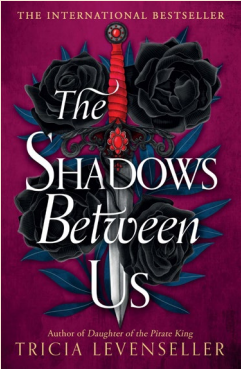
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ILLUSTRATOR: N/A
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TITLE: DAUGHTER OF THE PIRATE KING
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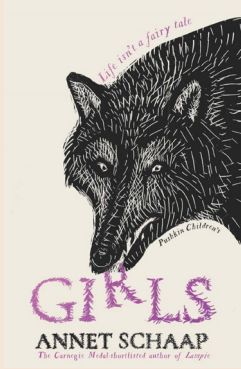


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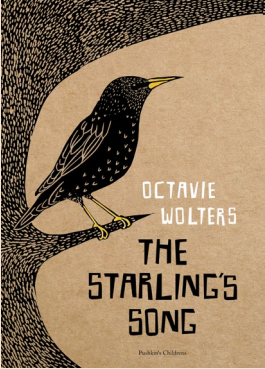


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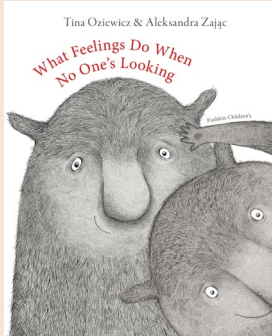
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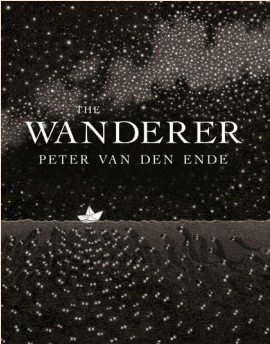
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