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Middle-Grade & YA Fiction

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE SERIES

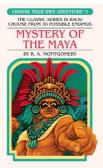
The Choose Your Own Adventure series was one of the most popular of the Eighties and Nineties, selling more than 250 million copies in 40 languages around the world! Now we're delighted to be bringing six of the best-loved titles back into print in the UK, in gorgeous editions with stunning new cover illustrations.

These are stories in which you are the hero, choosing which path to follow, whether you are searching for the Abominable Snowman in the Himalayas, exploring the depths of the ocean or battling to tame a magical unicorn... And when the story's over you can start again, knowing that a whole new adventure awaits.









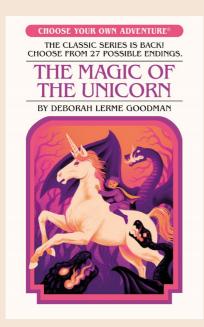




CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE THE MAGIC OF THE UNICORN

DEBORAH LERME GOODMAN

A classic game book adventure in which YOU are the main character



You are a brave, quick-thinking kid searching for a magical unicorn's horn. You set off with a talisman in hopes of solving the town riddle and saving your village. Will your enchanted net catch a unicorn or a dragon? Can the sorceress help? Or will she cause even more trouble?

DEBORAH LERME GOODMAN grewupin New York, where she saw The Hunt of the Unicorn tapestries that inspired a lifetime's fascination. Those amazing textiles also inspired her to study tapestry weaving in college! Aside from her three other Unicorn titles, she has written three books in the original Choose Your Own Adventure series. She lives with her husband in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Illustrated by Suzanne Nugent and Marco Cannella

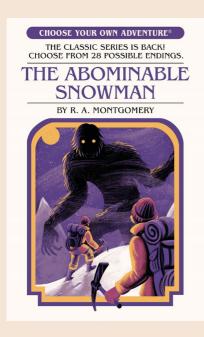
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EXTENT: 128pp TERRITORY: UK and Commonwealth (ex Canada) READING AGE: 9+ years

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN

R.A. MONTGOMERY

A classic game book adventure in which YOU are the main character



Your best friend Carlos goes missing from base camp on Mt. Everest while in search of the fabled Yeti. Will you help find him amidst the dangerous crevasses and icefalls of the Himalayas? A monsoon is moving in and you must decide quickly!

The Abominable Snowman by R. A.

Montgomery takes YOU on a
mountaineering adventure in search of the
fabled Yeti, or Abominable Snowman! 9-12
year old readers will travel to Kathmandu
and explore the Himalaya Mountains,
negotiating harsh weather, facing down a
band of violent smugglers, following
mysterious footprints in the snow, and
maybe even finding the Yeti!

R.A. MONTGOMERY was a bestselling author and avid adventurer. Whether teaching in a school, working in the administration of a top university, hiking in the Himalayas, or working in the Peace Corps in Africa, Montgomery took making choices seriously.

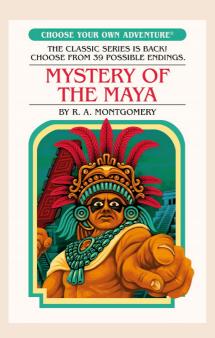
Illustrated by Laurence Peguy

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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE MYSTERY OF THE MAYA

R.A. MONTGOMERY

A classic game book adventure in which YOU are the main character



Your best friend Tom goes missing on assignment in Mexico, and your mission is to help find him! Do you take a potion that sends you back in time to the world of the Maya civilization or search for him in the present day? What secrets does Chichén Itzá hold? Can you trust Manuel, a well-known guide in the area? Can you even trust your own dreams?

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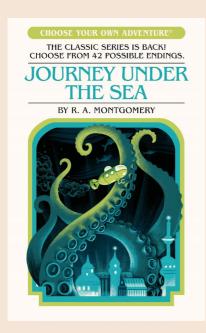
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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE JOURNEY UNDER THE SEA

R.A. MONTGOMERY

A classic game book adventure in which YOU are the main character



You are a deep sea explorer searching for the famed lost city of Atlantis. You pilot your personal submarine into the murky depths of the ocean. Do you descend into the deep, dark hole you discover, or call for help? Do you join the underwater civilisation or try to escape back to the surface?

Explore the depths of the ocean in search of this mysterious and beautiful world, escaping giant squid and shark attacks, discovering shipwrecks, helping the Mer people rebel against a cruel monarchy, and even escaping imprisonment!

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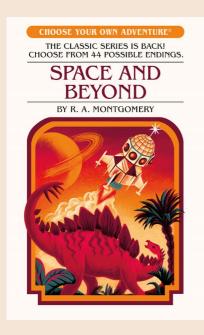
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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE SPACE AND BEYOND

R.A. MONTGOMERY

A classic game book adventure in which YOU are the main character



You were born on a spaceship travelling between galaxies and raised by parents from two different planets. You are now old enough to decide your citizenship.

Will you choose planet Kenda or planet Croyd to be your home? Do you peacefully join a group of aliens or fight them off? How should you thwart a curse placed upon you? What do you do when faced with dinosaurs? How will you work as an agent of intergalactic peace?

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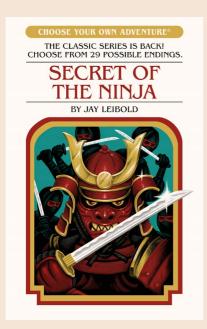
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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE SECRET OF THE NINJA

JAY LEIBOLD

A classic game book adventure in which YOU are the main character



An ancient samural sword arrives on the doorstep of your aikido dojo. Does the ninja sword hold magical powers that date back many decades? If you trace the history of this mystical sword, will your life be in danger?

Without warning, five ninjas attack! Are they after the samurai sword, or out for your head?

JAY LEIBOLD was born in Denver. Colorado. Jay has written many books in the Choose Your Own Adventure series. including Grand Canyon Odyssey and Return of the Ninja.

Illustrated by Suzanne Nugent

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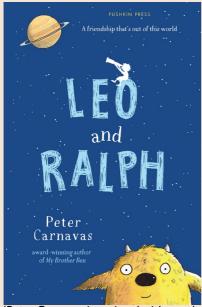
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LEO AND RALPH

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

PETER CARNAVAS

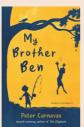
A stellar novel about space, starting over and the best friend you could ever imagine



'Peter Carnavas is a wizard with words and a master of character' - Meg Mckinlay

Also available





Leo and Ralph have been best friends ever since Ralph flew down from one of Jupiter's moons. But now Leo's older, and Mum and Dad think it's time to say goodbye to Ralph. When the family moves to a small country town, they hope that Leo might finally make a real friend. but someone like Ralph is hard to leave behind...

PETER CARNAVAS writes and illustrates books for children. His books have been widely published across the world and have won many awards, including a Queensland Literary Award and the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. Peter lives on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, with his wife, two daughters, a dog and cat.

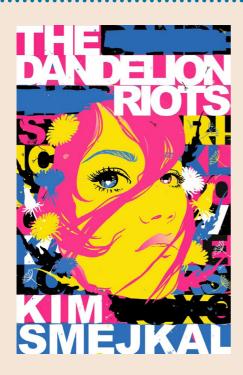
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THE DANDELION RIOTS

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

KIM SMEJKAL

A breathtaking queer fantasy in which girls are cursed at birth with terrible powers



Cursed at birth, 16-year-old Drinn has been kept away from everyone – moved from house to house to ensure that she never finds love. But this year, she has decided to break free.

Fleeing, Drinn finds herself in Oblison, surrounded by others just like her – cursed girls whose lives are dangerous and wild. They vow to free themselves once and for all. But rebellion is dangerous, and if Drinn finds love before the curse can be broken, a terrible fate could befall them all...

KIM SMEJKAL writes fantasy for young adults and not-so-young adults, always with a touch of magic. Her books include The Dandelion Riots, Ink in the Blood, and Curse of the Divine.

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THE CURSE OF THE SILVAN OAKS | GEORGIA CHANNON

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

An epic magical adventure, filled with curses, quests and courage



Oli is unhappy – her mum has moved them to the countryside, and insists Oli come with her to the creaky old mansion where she works.

Far away in the magical Silvanland, Cory is fed up with being overlooked for his older brother. His family are caught up in a centuries long feud with another royal clan and he doesn't see why he can't join the fight.

When Oli stumbles through a magical portal in the old mansion, their destinies collide. A curse is festering in Silvanland, and Oli may just be the key to breaking it.

GEORGIA CHANNON wrote her first story aged seven, about a frog who lived in a tree. Sadly, it didn't get published. The Curse of the Silvan Oaks is her debut novel.

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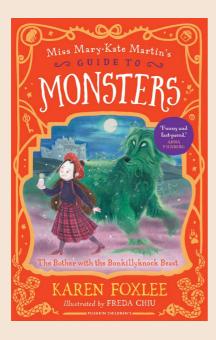
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THE BOTHER OF THE BONKILLYKNOCK BEAST |

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

KAREN FOXLEE

The third book in Karen Foxlee's cosy fantasy adventure series



Also available





Mary-Kate and her granny are visiting a castle in the Scottish village of Bonkillyknock, the perfect spot for reading by the fireplace and enjoying long walks in galoshes.

However, this is no ordinary reunion—it's a World Society of Monster Hunters' conference! When an ear-shattering howl interrupts the event, Mary-Kate isn't too worried; after all, the experts are there to investigate. But when the kitchen is turned upside-down and the experts suspect the secretive Loch Morgavie monster, Mary-Kate starts to doubt the clues.

Could there be a different beastly problem in Bonkillyknock Castle?

KAREN FOXLEE is an Australian author of children's and young adult books, including Dragon Skin and the Carnegie Medallonglisted Lenny's Book of Everything.

FREDA CHIU is a Sydney-based author and illustrator. Her debut picture book, A Trip to the Hospital, was shortlisted for the

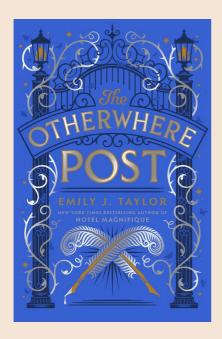
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THE OTHERWHERE POST

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

EMILY J. TAYLOR

A Dark Academia fantasy filled with crumbling libraries, magical letters and a magnetic rivals-to-lovers romance



Seven years ago, Maeve lost everything after her father was accused of destroying an entire world. When she receives an anonymous letter claiming that her father is innocent, Maeve vows to uncover the truth.

To discover the source of her letter, Maeve infiltrates the Otherwhere Post, an elite school where couriers are trained in the magic of scriptomancy. She intends to only stay long enough to find answers, but when she's assigned to train under a beguiling, dark-eyed boy, things grow complicated...

EMILY J. TAYLOR is a writer of YA fantasy. The Otherwhere Post is her second novel. Her first novel, Hotel Magnifique, is also available from Pushkin Press.

Also available



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THE INVISIBLES

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

SUSIE BOWER

A magical adventure about four immortal children



Also available







In the Land of Magic, children never grow old. Gifted with marvellous powers, they spend their days being taught by magical books. But for one child, this life is not enough, and the call of dark power is too strong.

When Grace wakes up in Wasteland, the colourless city where grown-ups live, she doesn't remember the Land of Magic.
Alone and afraid, Grace discovers that Wasteland is no place for a child. A terrifying figure called the Catcher is looking for her, and the only clue to Grace's past is guarded by a group of invisible children, who have branded her a traitor...

children's TV programmes at the BBC and Channel 4. Her books School for Nobodies, The Three Impossibles and Shoo! are also available from Pushkin Press.

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PUBLICATION: June 2025

THE DARKNESS WITHIN US A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

TRICIA LEVENSELLER

NEW IN PAPERBACK

A YA romantasy following a young Duchess and the powerful heir determined to steal her inheritance



Also available



Chrysantha Stathos has won.

By hiding her intelligence behind the mask of a beautiful air-headed girl, she has become a wealthy duchess. And, once her elderly husband dies, she will have all the freedom she's ever wanted.

Or so she thought.

A man claiming to be the estranged grandson of Chrysantha's late husband has come to steal her inheritance. Chrysantha decides that he has to go. Never mind that he's extremely handsome with mysterious powers... No, Chrysantha wants Eryx Demos dead, and in the end, a Stathos girl always gets what she wants.

TRICIA LEVENSELLER is a multi-million copy bestselling author. The Darkness Within Us is her eighth novel. Her previous works, including Daughter of the Pirate King, are all published by Pushkin Press.

FORMAT: B-format Paperback PRICE: £9.99 ISBN: 9781805331698 PUBLICATION: June 2025

Picture Books & Graphic Fiction for Younger Readers

ONE SMART COOKIE

A SARAH ODEDINA BOOK

MIKA SONG

Two fun loving squirrels go cookie mad in this graphic novel for early readers



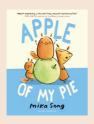
Norma and Belly have a new master plan, and this time it involves cookies - lots and lots of cookies.

In fact, they've found THE cookie factory. Now all that's left is to get inside...

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. Her graphic novel for early readers, Donut Feed the Squirrels was nominated for an Eisner award.

Also available







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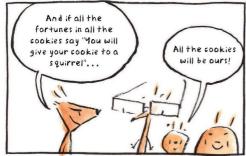














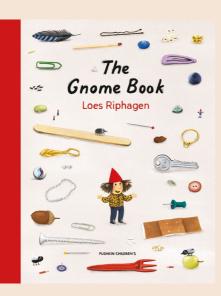




THE GNOME BOOK

LOES RIPHAGEN

Have you ever wondered how gnomes really live? This funny, beautifully illustrated book will teach you all about it



The modern gnome's life is a far cry from the stereotypes of toadstools and forest glades. In fact, these days most gnomes live in towns and cities – right alongside us!

The Gnome Book is the essential guide for anyone curious about their way of life: what they eat, how they have fun, what they learn at school and even what pets they have – you'll learn about all this and more as a friendly gnome Kick shows you around his world.

LOES RIPHAGEN is a Dutch picture book author and illustrator who made her debut in 2008 and whose work has since gone on to be published in twenty countries across the world.

Translated from the Dutch by Michele Hutchison.

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You can also disguise yourself as a garden gnome.

Whenever anyone sees you, you have to freeze
and stare into space with a dumb expression.



I don't like my mouse suit as much because I have to crawl on my hands and knees, but my bird suit is dirty, so I have to put it on to go to Grandpo and Grandmo's.



WE ARE DEFINITELY HUMAN

X FANG

A kindly couple go out of their way to help some eccentric visitors in this riotously funny picture book from X Fang



Mr and Mrs Li aren't quite sure what to make of the strange beings that crash into their house at midnight.

Their eyes are very big, their skin is very blue, and their shape is very hard to describe. And even though they insist that they are DEFINITELY human, they're not like any human Mr and Mrs Li have ever seen.

Fortunately the Lis are both very kind humans, so when the visitors ask for help, they don't think twice before giving it.

X FANG is a visual artist, a maker of books for young readers and DEFINITELY human. Dim Sum Palace, her debut picture book, was the winner of the 2023 Society of Illustrators' Dilys Evans Founder's Award.

Also available



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And then three strangers appeared.

Their eyes were very big, their skin was very blue and their shape was very hard to describe.

"Hello," said the short one.
"We are DEFINITELY human."



"I make business," said the short one.



THIS WILL LAST FOREVER

OCTAVIE WOLTERS

A gorgeous picture book about the healing power of nature, and birds in particular, from the author of *The Starling's Song*



Over a year of walks through the fields, woods and wetlands near her home, Octavie Wolters shares her thoughts and worries with blackbirds and magpies, swallows and oystercatchers, and sometimes she receives their wisdom in return.

This Will Last Forever is a gorgeously illustrated memoir of a year in nature, a journey through the seasons and a reminder that comfort and enlightenment can be found in the everyday wonder of the wild world.

OCTAVIE WOLTERS is a writer and artist, mainly working in lino and woodcut. Her first book *The Starling's Song* won a Dutch Silver Paintbrush award, was shortlisted for the Jan Wouters Award and longlisted for the World Illustration Award.

Translated from Dutch by Michele Hutchison

Also available



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January



At home I have a basket full of the short lengths of wool I've kept over the years They've ended up in a big knot. I never do any knitting, I can't stand it, but occasionally I need a particular colour to repair something. I'll try to get the right thread out of the basket, but if I pull too hard the whole tangle only gets worse I'm reminded of this as I go for a walk in the forest. It is New Year's Day, the

water in the mere is a dark indigo, the sky grey. The poplars are lined up, stark and bare. Nature is never uncluttered, but in winter it makes a brave attempt.

A blackbird is sitting on a branch.

'Aren't you cold?' I ask it. 'Cold?' asks the blackbird.

He ruffles his feathers. It sounds like he's never thought about it before. I feel a little bit sorry for him, such a small bird in such a big, dark forest. I want to tell him things will get better, it will get warmer. I think of everything hidden in the wet earth under the trees, of everything yet to come.

The snowdrops will pop up again soon, and then spring will come, bringing poppies and mayweed.

I hold my hands out towards the barren fields and the marshland on the other side of the path as if to show them to him.

'Everything will turn green again.'

'Really?' says the blackbird. I'm not sure he cares very much

Of course, I reflect, the coming spring doesn't exist to a blackbird. The future brimming with corn and a pond full of frogs doesn't exist. Neither does last summer, nor January, nor the first day of a new year.

All a blackbird knows is what he sees. Everything hidden is also hidden in

It makes me a little jealous, though I'm not quite sure why.

A blackbird knows the indigo mere, the bare trees, he knows what the branch he sits on feels like beneath his feet.

Dusk falls, the sky slowly brightens, behind the poplars the moon appears.

The blackbird flies from his branch and disappears from sight.

I imagine him flying at the same speed as the passing time, just as slow and



just as fast

March

The time has come. It has been below zero for six days in a row. I throw my skates over the barbed wire fence around the field and crawl under it. The snow is brittle and powdery after all the frost, the slope shines white between the trees. A fox's footprints run along the path. The cows are out. They don't seem to be cold, but they are curious. The group of seven yearlings crowd around me as I pull off my snow boots at the edge of the mere and lace up my skates. As they snuffle my neck, their warmth feels like something from the past.

The ice on the shallow lake is as transparent as glass. I see the water plants silent in the darkness below me, bubbles like exhaled breath.

'I'm so scared sometimes,' I say to the lapwing.

Lapwings don't like frost; he won't have been expecting this cold.

What of he asks

I feel the thin iron of my skates tap the ice, miraculous really, only a razor-sharp slash holds me to the world today 'Of everything,' I reply.

The ice sings, the sound carries across the frozen lake, for a moment I can most see it, then it dies away in the bushes on the bankside.

I'm afraid of everything outside, of nasty things, accidents, disasters, loss,

heights, depths, noise, people. But most of all I am afraid inside. A fear that shifts along with my breathing, black and billowing. I cannot see it, I can only feel it, I ke a memory whose image just won't sharpen.
'I can talk to the fears outside,' I tell the lapwing.

I can tell them to shut up, be quiet. I can silence them for a while when I've

had enough.

But the fear inside is woven into me.

Hook out over the snowy landscape. I think the fear belongs to me now. It has become a part of me, an essential

The lapwing flies up and settles again, the reeds vibrating so loudly I can't even hear my own thoughts.

'Maybe you can't exist without it,' he says

Fear, an eternal companion I cannot shake off.
For a second, the thought is even more suffocating than usual.

Then I'm overwhelmed by a wondrous sense of peace.



WILDFUL

KENGO KURIMOTO

Discover the magic of the wild in this breathtaking graphic novel



Since Poppy's gran passed away, her mum stays inside and watches TV, unable to leave the sofa. So maybe that's why Poppy has started spending more time outside, taking her dog Pepper for walks around the neighbourhood. When Pepper leads Poppy through a hole in the fence, she finds a forgotten wood and a new friend named Rob.

Rob teaches Poppy that you can find magic in the wild – if you know where to look! She can't wait to tell Mum about everything she's seen, but her mother rarely has the energy to leave the house. Will Poppy ever be able help her mother see the beauty of the wild – and of life?

KENGO KURIMOTO spends most of his time either making things or admiring things. Whether he's creating books, sculptures, animations or console games, it always begins with a seed of something admired; be it the awesome mystery of the natural world or the incredible ingenuity of our own kind. He loves to live in a creative universe. Wildful is his debut graphic novel.

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PLUTO ROCKET: FULL BLAST

PAUL GILLIGAN

Pluto Rocket and Joe Pidge return with a blast in the third book of this hilarious new early graphic novel series, for fans of *Narwhal and Jelly*!



Joe Pidge, a fearless pigeon with a love for tacos, and Pluto Rocket, an alien who's new in town, have left the safety of Joe's neighborhood to discover other places on Earth for Pluto's secret mission — to explore the planet and prove that Earthlings are nice.

But Joe is way out of his comfort zone! What starts as a casual walk into a new town turns into a high-speed chase as Joe is convinced the duo is being pursued by a wolf.

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PAUL GILLIGAN writes and draws the syndicated comic strip Pooch Cafe with Andrews McMeel, which runs in over 250 newspapers around the world and has been twice nominated by the National Cartoonist Society for best strip. He also has other animated shows in development with Guru Animation and The Cartoon Network. Paul lives in Toronto, Ontario.

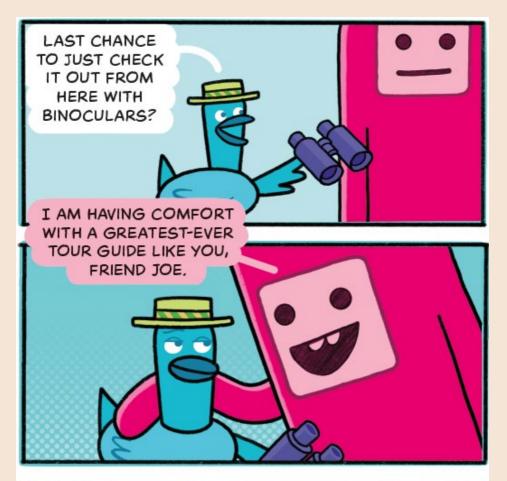
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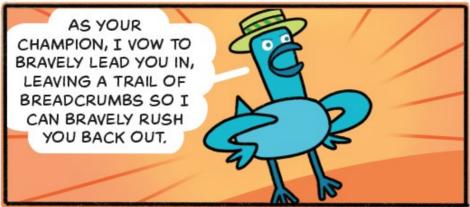




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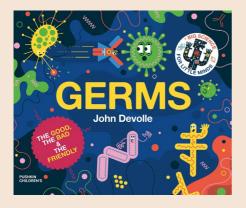


GERMS

NEW IN PAPERBACK

JOHN DEVOLLE

This book will blow your child's mind! Big Science explained simply, from the author of Atoms, Planets and Brains



Why do grown-ups always tell you to wash your hands?

How are antibodies like superheroes?

Should you eat that old sausage you found in a coat pocket from last winter?

Prepare to go on a journey through the mindboggling, yucky world of germs!

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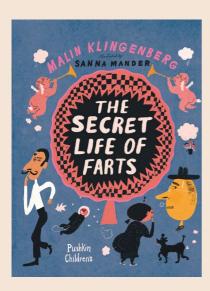


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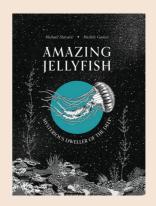




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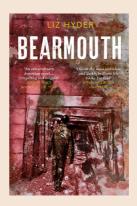


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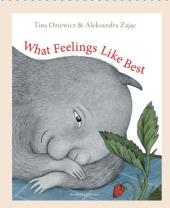
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