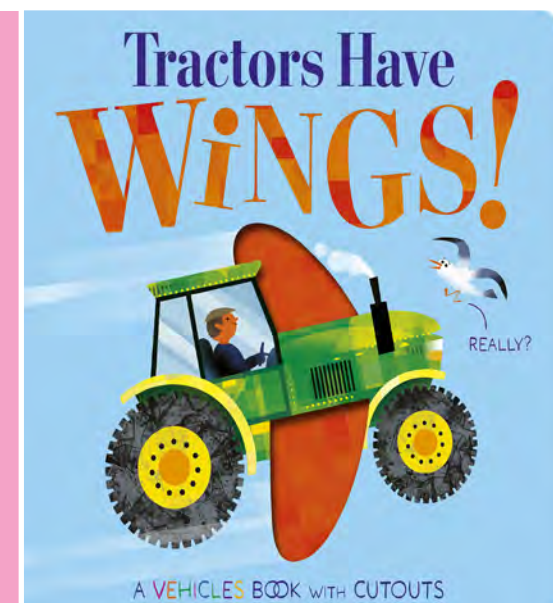
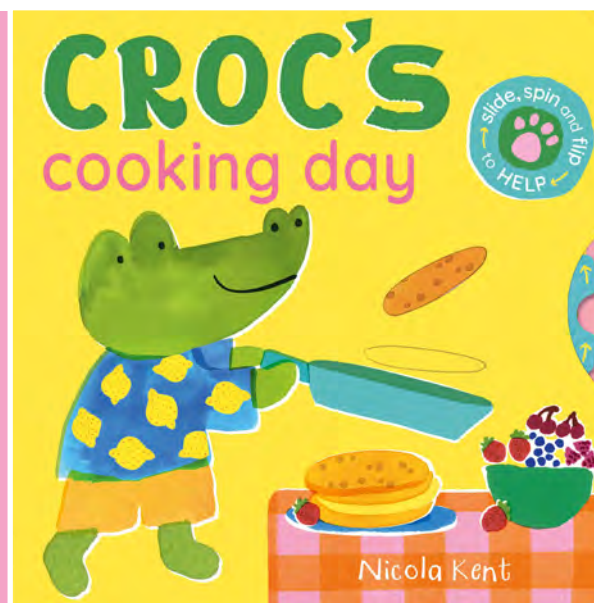


JANUARY 2025 NEW TITLES

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Croc's Cooking Day

Illustrated by Nicola Kent

Can YOU help Croc make pancakes?

Full of novelties, including flaps, a wheel, a slider and a pivot, this interactive board book is a hands-on introduction to the grown-up tasks that fascinate toddlers.

Busy chores for little paws!

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £7.99
ISBN: 9781838917319

About the Illustrator

Nicola Kent is an award-winning author and illustrator of children's books. She won the Independent Booksellers' Best New Illustrator Award (2019) and has been shortlisted in both the World Illustration Awards and the Teach Primary Book Awards. She lives in London with her partner, two children, a cat and a dog, and a very untidy desk.

Series: Busy Chores

for Little Paws

Number in Series: 2

Format: 170 x 170mm

Binding: Board book

Extent: 10

CBMC Code: A2J79 BIC

Code: YBL

Age: 1 – 3 years

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SERIES



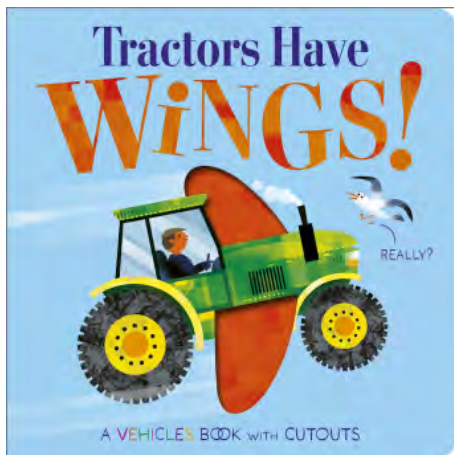
9781838915797

BB | £7.99

It's time
to cook the
pancakes!

Toss!





Tractors Have Wings!

Becky Davies

Illustrated by Gareth Lucas

Tractors have wings, don't they? And trains... run on water? That can't be right. Turn the peep-through pages to transform vehicles back to how they should look. Little ones will HOOT with laughter at the mixed-up pairings - from trains that run on water to cars that zoom through outer space. With dry, humorous text and a surprise flap on the final page.

A hilariously interactive introduction to first concepts.

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781801046701

Format: 180x180mm

Depth: 18mm

Binding: Board book

Extent: 20

CBMC Code: A2J79

BIC Code: YBGT

Age: 1 – 3 years

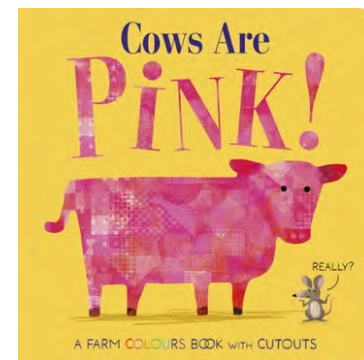
About the Author

Becky is a children's book editor, and sometimes author, from the South West of England. Her favourite things are animals, books about magic, and anything sparkly. In a parallel universe she lives in Hawaii, where she works in a dog sanctuary and surfs until the sun sets beyond the horizon.

About the Illustrator

Gareth is an illustrator and designer living in his hometown in Essex, with his beloved wife and five children. After studying at Brighton and Central Saint Martins he has worked on a variety of projects, but enjoys children's book illustration the most. When he is not working he can be heard indulging his other love - the banjo.

ALSO AVAILABLE



9781801046640

BB | £7.99

AND TRAINS RUN ON
WATER...



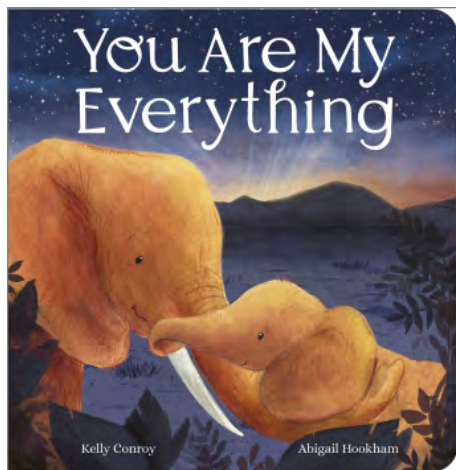
LIKE THIS.



OH, IT'S BOATS
THAT RUN ON WATER.

TRAINS
RUN ON TRACKS.





You Are My Everything

Kelly Conroy

Illustrated by Abigail Hookham

*You're the centre of our stories
and the lullabies we sing.*

You have changed this world forever.

You are my everything.

Following a parent and child elephant on their annual migration to join the herd, this joyful story celebrates all the ways in which a child is "everything" to their parent, their child and their community.

With an evocative and lyrical text from Kelly Conroy and beautiful illustrations of the natural world from Abigail Hookham, *You Are My Everything* is the perfect way for parents and families to say I love you to little ones. Ideal for fans of *Guess How Much I Love You* and *On the Night You Were Born*.

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £6.99

ISBN: 9781801047401

Format: 168x163mm

Depth: 16mm

Binding: Board book

Extent: 28

CBMC Code: A3K79

BIC Code: YFN

Age: 2–5 years

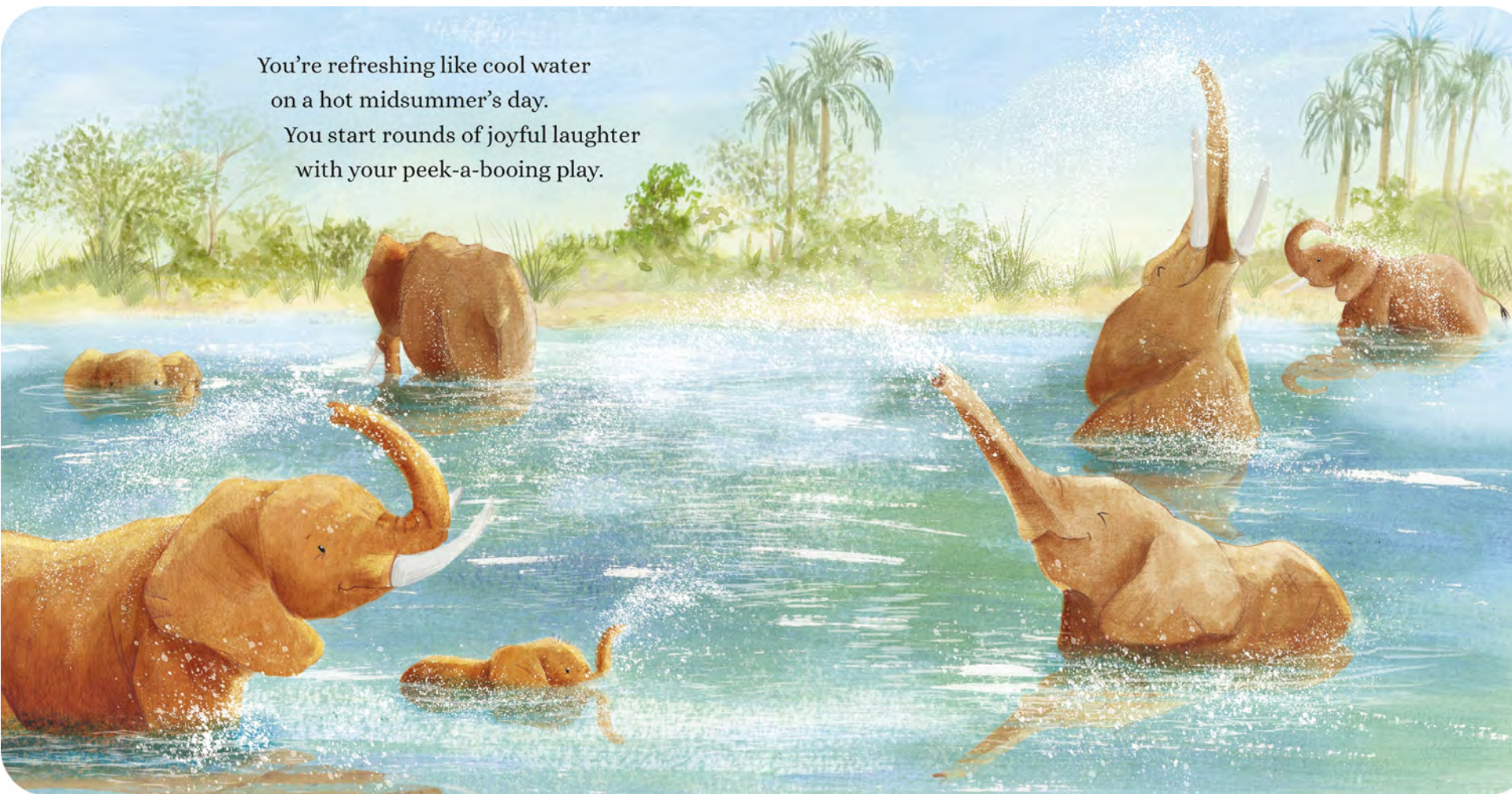
About the Author

Kelly Conroy worked as an actuary before focusing on writing stories and poems for children. She lives in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, PA, with her husband, two sons and mini goldendoodle, Chewy. Kelly loves all things magical, whimsical and numerical, and her goal in life is to make people smile.

About the Illustrator

Abigail Hookham started her creative career in the games industry as a concept and visual development artist, before pursuing her dream to illustrate children's books. She has a deep-set love for creating atmospheric, colourful scenes that evoke wonder and intrigue. When not lost in a painting you might find her potting up flowers and vegetables in her garden with her husband.

You're refreshing like cool water
on a hot midsummer's day.
You start rounds of joyful laughter
with your peek-a-booing play.



ADVANCE INFORMATION



The Girls Book of Friendship

Lauren Ace

Illustrated by Jenny Løvlie

There is nothing better you can have than a good friend, and nothing better you can be. Friends are the family you choose for yourself.

Learn about the joy and beauty of friendship in this heartwarming and gorgeously illustrated board book. Based on the award-winning picture book *The Girls* (Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019), *The Girls Book of Friendship* follows four girls as they grow up together, celebrating their differences and embracing kindness, resilience and the courage to forge their own unique paths in life. With its empowering feminist message and beautiful illustrations, this book is sure to be treasured by readers of any age.

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781838917302

About the Author

Lauren Ace is from south Wales, studied Drama at the University of Exeter and now lives in London, where she has worked in publishing for ten years. An award-winning publicist, Lauren looked after Julia Donaldson during her tenure as Children's Laureate and has managed campaigns for World Book Day and the announcement of Chris Riddell as Children's Laureate.

About the Illustrator

Jenny Løvlie is an illustrator and bird enthusiast from Ekkerøy in northern Norway. Drawing was always her favourite pastime and after graduating with a BA in Illustration and Animation from Kingston University 2014, now also her job! Her style is bright and colourful with lots of texture, plants and animals. She draws a lot of inspiration from the Arctic landscape, flora and fauna. Jenny is based in Cardiff.

Format: 186 x 186mm

Binding: Board book

Extent: 20

CBMC Code: A3K79

BIC Code: YBCB

Age: 2 – 5 years



9781838914172

PB | £7.99

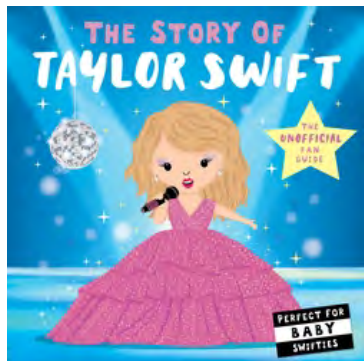


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PB | £7.99



As you grow, your friends
will be the people you share
adventures with.



The Story of Taylor Swift

Nicola Edwards

By (artist) Lindsey Sagar

From country pop princess to fearless feminist megastar, Taylor Swift has become a record-breaking global phenomenon.

This fun board book introduces little ones to Taylor's squad and her greatest love story - the one with her fans.

The perfect book for little Swifties!

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781838917272

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Available!
Ask your rep for
more details

Series: The Story of

Format: 190 x
190mm

Binding: Board book
Extent: 24

CBMC Code: A3K79

BIC Code: YNCP

Age: 1 – 3 years

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About the Author

Nicola was raised by the seaside in beautiful Brighton. She loves reading, dancing, rhyming and turquoise things. She now lives with her husband and son in East London and spends her days writing and editing children's books. She has been nominated for the UKLA 2019 award.

About the Illustrator

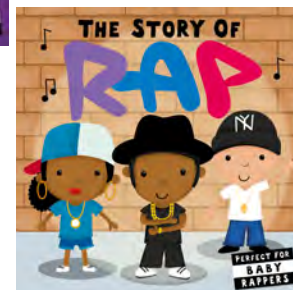
Lindsey grew up in a tiny town called Oswaldtwistle in the heart of Lancashire. Her favourite play things were pencils and paints, and her first gallery was the fridge door. As she got bigger her LOVE for art grew bigger too! She graduated with a first class honours degree in Graphic Design and has been working as a professional illustrator for over 10 years.

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BB | £5.99

9781848578302
BB | £5.99



There's nothing Taylor Swift can't do.
She's country, pop and indie too.

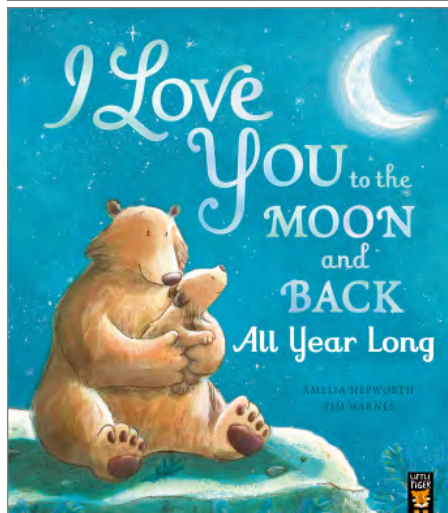


Her music has become **folklore**.
She'll be creative **evermore**!

Taylor fought with all her might
To take back her music rights.



Hold her back? No, she won't stop!
She'll make her **Taylor's Versions** pop!



I Love You to the Moon and Back: All Year Long

Amelia Hepworth

Illustrated by Tim Warnes

From the creators of the bestselling I Love You to the Moon and Back and I Love You Forever and a Day comes this heartfelt ode to the love between a parent and a child.

I love to see the sun come up,
and melt the winter snow.

I love to see your wonder

as the spring shoots start to grow.

As the hope of spring turns into the warm days of midsummer, this heartwarming story follows Big Bear and Little Bear as they share their love and gratitude for one another across the seasons. I Love You to the Moon and Back: All Year Long is the ideal gift for parents and caregivers to share with their child. Little - and big! - readers who enjoyed Guess How Much I Love You, Oh! The Places You'll Go and On the Night You Were Born will adore this instant classic. Also available: I Love You to the Moon and Back, I Love You Forever and a Day, and I Love You More than Christmas

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781801044240

About the Author

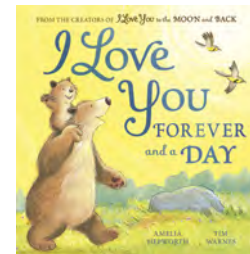
Amelia Hepworth lives in London with her family. When she is not writing stories, she enjoys spending time with her little boy and daydreaming in her backyard.

About the Illustrator

Tim Warnes has been writing and illustrating kids' books for 30 years. He's passionate about helping parents and carers use quality picture books to nurture their children.

Learn more about Tim's work and discover some Stories Worth Sharing at www.timwarnes.com.

Series: I Love You to the Moon and Back
Number in Series: 5
Format: 280 x 245mm
Depth: 4mm
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 32
CBMC Code: A3M79
BIC Code: YBCS
Age: 3 – 6 years



9781801040099

PB | £7.99



9781801041508

HB | £8.99



Giving thanks for kindness as
we shelter from the storm.



Love is in the Little Things

Stella J Jones

Illustrated by Jane Massey

A celebration of all the little ways we show our love from the talented Jane Massey.

Love is in the little things.

A kiss, a smile, a cup of tea.

Just me and you sitting quietly.

A song, a hug, a helping hand

that lifts us up so we can stand.

Join Big and Small as they journey through the moments that make a relationship - from blowing bubbles in the bath, to saying 'sorry'. This charming picture book is the ideal gift for parents welcoming home a new baby or to share with a loved one on a special occasion. Perfect for fans of *I'm Sticking with You* by Smriti Halls and Steve Small, *I Love You to the Moon and Back* by Amelia Hepworth and Tim Warnes, and *I Love You When You're Angry* by Erin Winters and Kaitin Bucher.

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781801045117



About the Author

Stella J Jones lives in Yorkshire. She loves baked beans and chocolate (but not together) and building ramshackle bookcases for her far-too-big collection of picture books. On sunny days, you can find her practising yoga al fresco out on the Yorkshire Dales and on rainy days, tucked up on the sofa with her two guinea pigs, Pinky and Perky.

About the Illustrator

Jane Massey studied graphic design at Kingston University. She worked for several design agencies in London and Hong Kong before concentrating on illustration. Jane lives with her family by the sea in Hove.

When you make me tea.



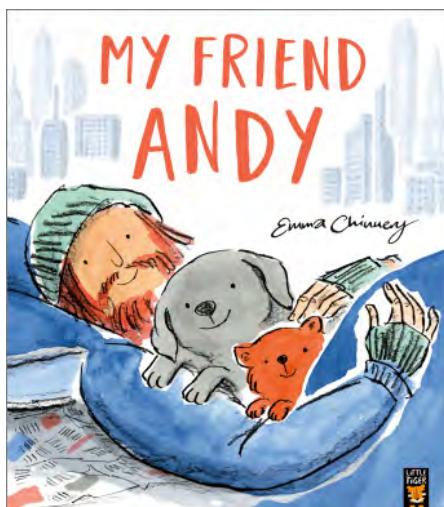
Just us two, sitting quietly?

That song you sing to
cheer me up.



I do like to sing, Big!
Tra-la-laaaaaaaaaaa!





My Friend Andy

Emma Chinnery

A carefully-observed story that challenges us to re-evaluate perceptions of homelessness from debut author-illustrator Emma Chinnery.

Everyday, little dog Fluffy walks through the city with Mum and Lilly. And everyday, they walk past Andy. But they are never allowed to play with him. Until one day, Fluffy gets lost, and this changes forever. With the help of Andy and his Dad, Fluffy searches high and low for Lilly. But will they ever be reunited?

Told through Fluffy's eyes, this book brilliantly grasps a child-like naivety that questions what is and encourages us to imagine what should be. With her stunning watercolour illustrations, Emma Chinnery shows her mastery at capturing the nuances of everyday life in this simple - yet poignant - story about the blossoming friendship of two dogs living in the same city. Alongside *Way Home* by Libby Hathorn and Gregory Rogers, *Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson, and *King of the Sky* by Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin, *My Friend Andy* is the ideal book to help children build empathy and understanding for those around us.

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781801045810

About the Author

Emma Chinnery is a British children's author and illustrator. Emma worked for several years as a graphic artist before her passion for children's books led her to study on the MA Children's Book Illustration course at the Cambridge School of Art. When she's not drawing or writing, you'll find her on a bike, cycling the country lanes of Suffolk.



But the next day,



on the way to the park . . .





A Midsummer Night's Drama

Louie Stowell

Illustrated by Isobel Lundie

Bill the Bear lives with his friends in the woods and writes brilliant plays for The Glade Theatre. His latest play is a huge success, but then the problems start . . .

Parents everywhere will recognise the drama of getting an over-excited little bear off to dreamland.

A bedtime book for little bards!

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781838917029



Series: Shakesbearean Tales

Number in Series: 1

Format: 254 x 229mm

Depth:

Binding: Paperback

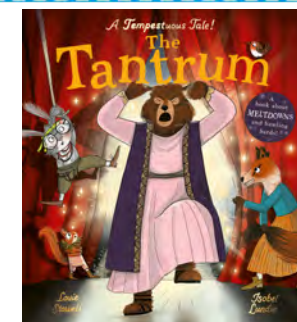
Extent: 40

CBCM Code: A3M79

BIC Code: YBCS

Age: 3 – 6 years

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SERIES!



9781838915902

HB | £12.99

About the Author

Louie Stowell was born in London and has lived there ever since, except for a short stint in Watford to study advertising. She's worked as a copywriter, cartoonist, PR and in-house fiction writer, and was Publisher at Ladybird/Penguin Random House before writing full-time. Her 2019 debut, *The Dragon in the Library*, was followed by *The Monster in the Lake* in 2020 and *The Wizard in the Wood* in 2021. *Otherland*, a standalone middle-grade novel, followed in 2021. The first book in her series, *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good*, was an instant #3 Sunday Times (UK) Bestseller.

About the Illustrator

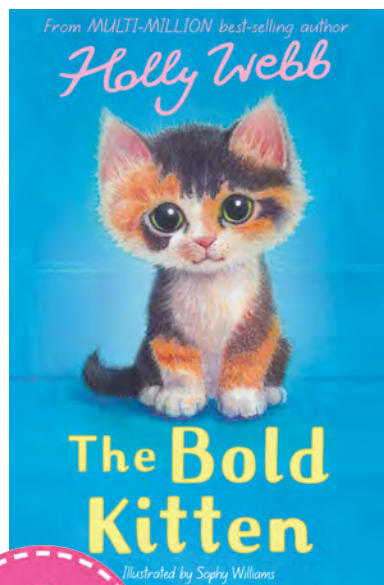
Isobel Lundie is a freelance illustrator living in Worthing with her boyfriend and sneezy cat Banshee. She spends most of her time drawing characters and writing books that she never quite finishes. When she's not working, she spends her time playing netball with her team or taking down her brother's Just Dance skills.





The play began.
It went so well!

The audience laughed
and cheered and clapped.
Bill was thrilled! Even the queen stomped
her little bee feet and buzzed her
royal wings with excitement.



The Bold Kitten

Holly Webb
Illustrated by Sophy Williams

Hana and her family have recently left Syria to stay with a boy called Oscar and his family in the UK. Hana is confused and lonely when she first arrives – she doesn't speak very much English, and while her host family seem kind, she misses her friends back home. Then Oscar introduces her to the litter of cats his family are fostering, and Hana falls in love with the bold tortoiseshell kitten named Shamsi.

The more time Hana spends with Shamsi, the more confident she begins to feel, until her mother reveals that the kittens are ready to be adopted – including Shamsi. Hana doesn't want her to go – can she find a way for them to stay together?

Celebrate the heart-warming 60th story in best-selling author Holly Webb's Animal Stories series. Perfect for fans of ZOE'S RESCUE ZOO, MAGIC ANIMAL FRIENDS and Michael Morpurgo!

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £6.99 ISBN: 9781788957397

About the Author

Holly Webb is one of Britain's best-loved children's writers. She has written over a hundred books for children and her work has been translated into over thirty languages. Holly lives in Tilehurst, just outside of Reading, Berkshire, with her husband, three children and several cats. Visit www.holly-webb.com or @HollyKateWebb.

About the Illustrator

Sophy Williams is an award-winning illustrator who has worked with many prestigious authors, including Philip Pullman, Geraldine McCaughrean and Adèle Geras. Sophy lives in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire. Visit sophywilliamsillustrator.com



Series: Holly Webb:
Animal Stories
Number in Series: 60
Format: 198x129mm
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 128
CBMC Code: B3N79
BIC Code: YFP
Age: 6–8 years



9781788957106
PB | £9.99





Guardians of the New Moon: Ming and Miaow's Great Race

Eric Huang

Illustrated by Phung Nguyen Quang

All Miaow wants is to enjoy his peaceful, solitary life as a temple guardian catching mice. But when the Jade Emperor invites all creatures on Earth to compete in a Great Race, the reserved cat finds himself reluctantly entering - and worse, socialising!

Spirited and fiery, shapeshifter Ming is Miaow's polar opposite, and she's determined to make him her new best friend. But she hadn't counted on Miaow making other friends too. As the race heats up, things start to unravel . . .

Can the pair (and their friendship) make it to the finish line? The first in a light-hearted, action-packed new series, MING AND MIAOW'S GREAT RACE is perfect for fans of YOMI AND THE FURY OF NINKI NANKA, TIGER WARRIOR, Laura Ellen Anderson and SPELLCASTERS.

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £6.99

ISBN: 9781788957373



Series: Guardians of the New Moon
Number in Series: 1
Format: 198 x 129mm
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 160
CBMC Code: C3N79
BIC Code: YFH
Age: 6 – 9 years

About the Author

Eric Huang has always been fascinated by legends and lore. As a boy, he was determined to find real-life dragons, so he studied palaeontology at university. Reality didn't live up to his Jurassic Park dreams, though, and he found himself working as secretary at Disney Publishing, launching a career in children's books. Eric lives in London with his boyfriend Brian and cat McNulty. He's a podcaster, writer, and lecturer at City University of London's Masters in Publishing programme.

About the Illustrator

Phùng Nguyễn Quang is an illustrator - picture book author based in Saigon, Vietnam. He creates his stunning artwork using a mix of watercolour, acrylic and digital. His works are inspired by the folk culture of Vietnam and Asia.



Chapter 1

Jade Emperor



The Jade Emperor was bored.

The King of Heaven had just finished his favourite breakfast – the same mushroom dumplings he ate for breakfast every morning, followed by hot pu'er tea served in the jade cup gifted to him by the goddess of tea, Tie Kuan Yin. He sighed. There wasn't much to do these days, not since he had completed the really big project of making the Earth.



Guardians of the New Moon: Year of the Rat

Eric Huang

Illustrated by Phung Nguyen Quang

Fresh off the excitement of the Great Race, Ming and Miaow are officially Guardians of the New Moon and eager for more adventure! Their first mission: to take race-winner Su home and help her prepare for the inaugural Year of the Rat?

Ming is keen to get started, but Miaow finds himself distracted. Things are tense with Su since the rattricked Miaow during the Race, and the two just can't seem to be in the same room without causing chaos. It gets even messier when their squabbling catches the attention of a furious sea goddess, who is determined to teach Miaow and Su a lesson. Can the longtime frenemies learn to work together, or is the Year of the Rat doomed to disaster?

A light-hearted and action-packed series, GUARDIANS OF THE NEW MOON is perfect for fans of YOMI AND THE FURY OF NINKI NANKA, TIGER WARRIOR, Laura Ellen Anderson and SPELLCASTERS.

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £6.99

ISBN: 9781788957380

Series: Guardians of the New Moon
Number in Series: 2
Format: 198 x 129mm
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 160
CBMC Code: C3N79
BIC Code: YFH
Age: 6 – 9 years

About the Author

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This Feast of a Life

Cynthia So

From the author of *If You Still Recognise Me* comes a delicious story of two people brought together by a shared love of food as they figure out themselves and each other.

Auden is finding different ways to be themselves. The first - using their new chosen name, which feels most authentically them. The second - starting a food blog where they can share their passion for food, through family recipes and the stories behind them. And when the blog brings them Valerie, they discover more than they'd ever expected.

It's been over a year since Valerie lost her mum - her beautiful, vibrant mum who loved cooking. Since her mum's death, Valerie and her dad have drifted further and further apart, the kitchen left cold and empty, until Valerie finds Auden's blog. The blog (and its writer) spark something in Valerie. Could she have found a recipe for happiness?

Pub Date: 9 January 2025 Price: £8.99 ISBN: 9781788953450

Format: 198x129mm

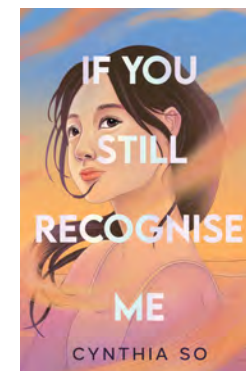
Binding: Paperback

Extent: 352

CBMC Code: E3N79

BIC Code: YFM

Age: 13–16 years



9781788953443
PB | £8.99

- A **lyrical contemporary story** about falling in love and finding yourself in the process, **THIS FEAST OF A LIFE** is a **dual narrative coming-of-age story** with two **Chinese-British LGBTQAI+ protagonists**.
- The story is centred around food as a way of connecting with loved ones and culture, while also exploring grief. It touches on online fandom culture and LGBTQ+ media.
- For fans of **Alice Oseman**, **Malinda Lo**, **Ciara Smythe**, **Nina LaCour**, **THE BLACK FLAMINGO** and **SIMON VS THE HOMO SAPIENS AGENDA**.
- Cynthia's first book **IF YOU STILL RECOGNISE ME** was shortlisted for the **Waterstones Prize**, the **YA Prize** and the **Diverse Book Awards**.

About the Author

Cynthia So is the author of *If You Still Recognise Me*, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the YA Book Prize in 2023. They were one of the new voices in

Proud, an anthology of LGBTQ+ YA stories, poems, and art by LGBTQ+ creators, published in 2019. Their short fiction and poetry have also appeared in *Uncanny Magazine*, *Strange Horizons*, and *Anathema*, among others. Cynthia was born in Hong Kong and lives in London with their wife.



Praise for *If You Still Recognise Me*

"Cynthia So leans into the complex fluidity of relationships over time, across generations and communities, shaded by culture and circumstances. Elsie's story is romantic, warm, wise, and disarmingly sincere."

- Becky Albertalli, author of *Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

"An epic fandom, a scavenger hunt for a lost love and an ode to cultural inheritance - this is a wonderfully heartfelt and joyously queer romance"

- Lauren James, author of *The Loneliest Girl in the Universe*

"*If You Still Recognise Me* is a poignant, perfectly formed debut about queer love, fandom and family."

- Lex Croucher, author of *Gwen and Art are Not in Love*

"Refreshing, relatable and raw in its honesty, this is the book I wish I'd had as a queer teen discovering my identity."

- Sarah Underwood, author of *Lies We Sing to the Sea*