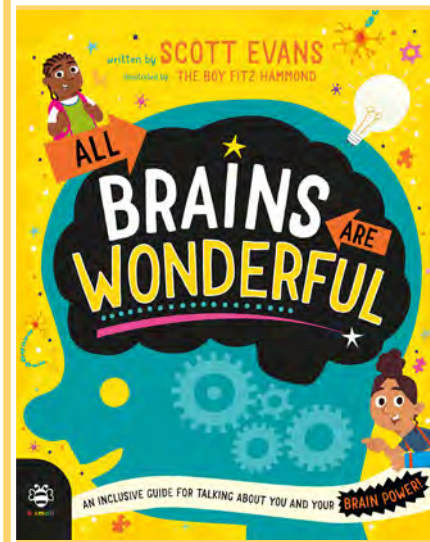
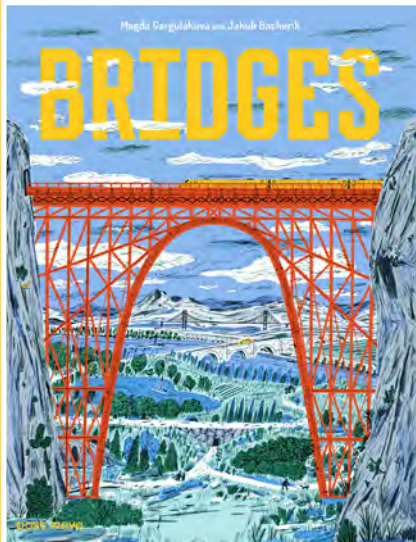
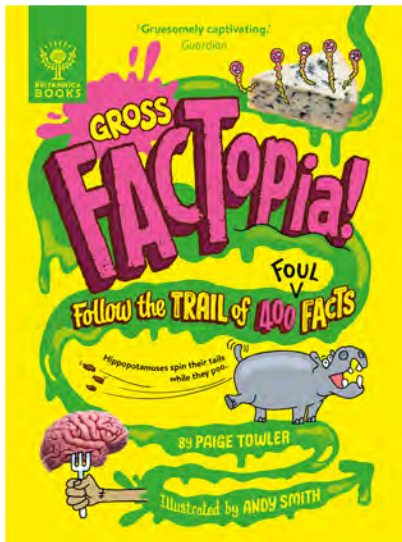
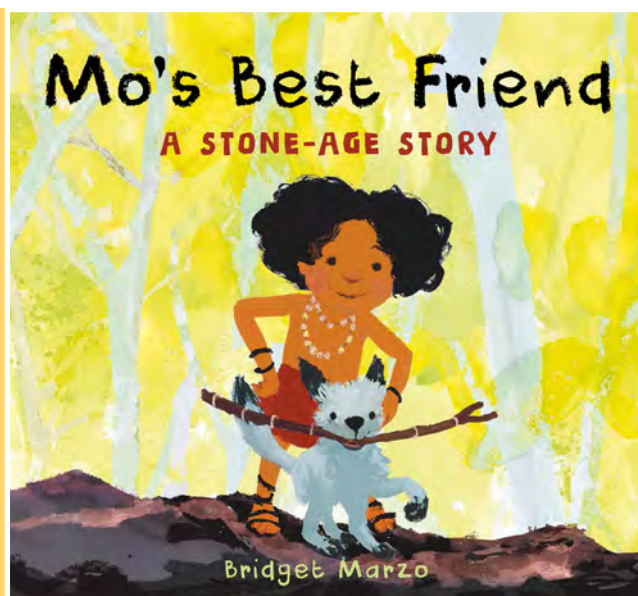
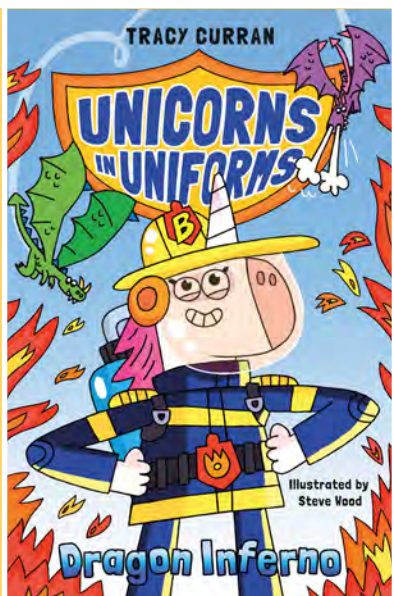




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Illustrator: Born in York, The Boy Fitz Hammond is an illustrator and now lives in Edinburgh. He has worked with various clients including Oxfam, Shelter, BBC, Honda, Microsoft and the Barclays Premier League.

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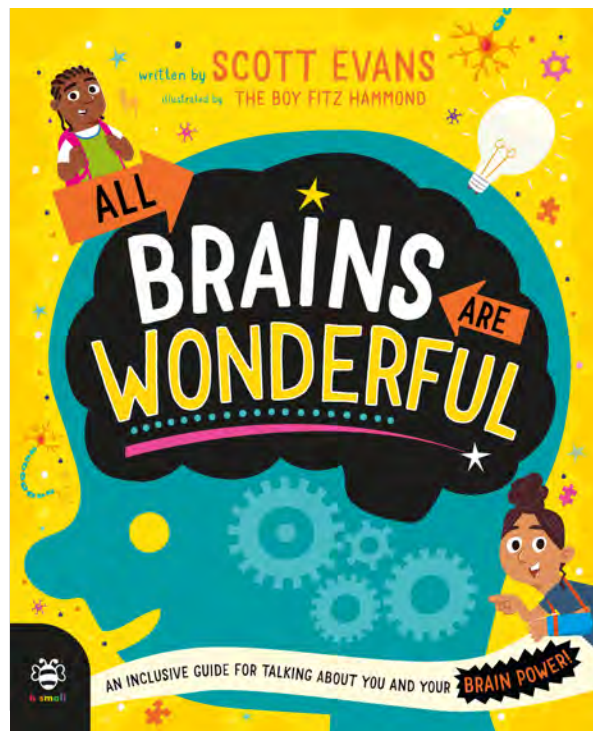
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BRAINY BEINGS

Your brain is *incredible*. It works non-stop to keep you breathing, moving, thinking, feeling, learning and so much more. And the best part? It's unique to you, making it a V.I.B – a Very Individual Brain!

However, humans aren't the only ones with brains. Other animals have them too, in all shapes and sizes.

The award for the biggest brain goes to ...

... the sperm whale, while larval sea squirts hold the record for the smallest.

Yay!
(I think!)

A larval sea squirt's brain has only 300 cells, compared with the tens of billions of cells that make up a human brain.

Brain-body mass ratio tells us how big an animal's brain is in comparison to its body.



The sperm whale has a **1:5100** ratio, which means their brains are big but their bodies are massive!



Humans have a **1:40** brain-body mass ratio.



Small ants have a **1:7** ratio. Big brains for their tiny bodies!

But brace yourself to meet the bony-eared assfish (yes, that's its real name), whose brain is less than 0.1% of its weight.



Having a bigger brain doesn't always mean being smarter, though. And some animals, such as jellyfish and starfish, don't have a brain at all! Neither do trees and plants, but they have parts that behave like brains to help control how they grow, take in water and respond to light.



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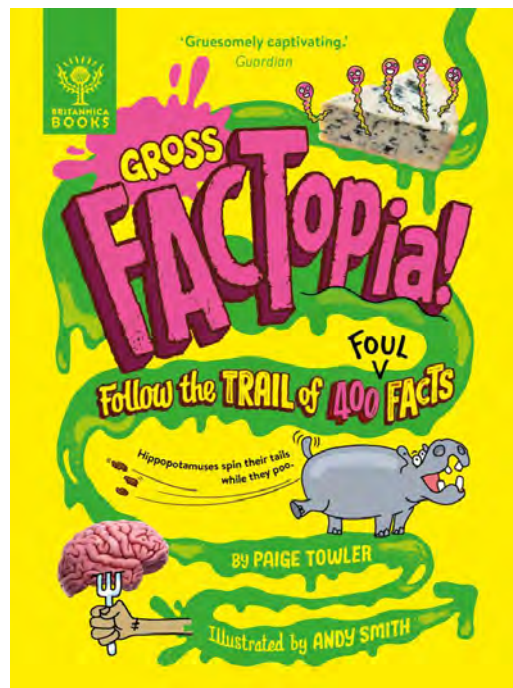


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Follow the Trail of 400 Foul Facts [Britannica]

Paige Towler, Andy Smith, Britannica Group

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Did you know that sloths poo only once a week? Or that poo from crocodiles was sometimes used as make-up in ancient Rome? Or that ancient Romans sometimes purchased vials of gladiator sweat? Or that apes and monkeys sweat from their armpits just like humans do? Welcome to *Gross FACTopia!*, a wonderland of fantastically foul facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica! Every fact in this book is linked to the next in an ingenious trail of information, where you will slither from topic to topic in surprising and stomach-churning ways. Sometimes your path branches, and you can catapult forwards or creep backwards to a totally different (but still connected) part of the book. Follow your curiosity (and your nose) through this ridiculously revolting world of facts!

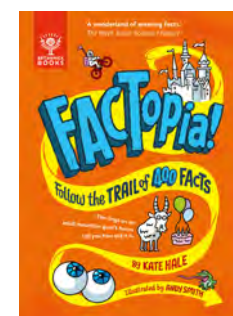
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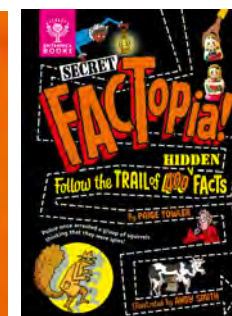
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Andy Smith is an award-winning illustrator, and studied illustration at the University of Brighton and the Royal College of Art, London. His work combines illustration and typography to create images that have humour, energy and optimism executed with a handmade, hand-printed, tactile feel. He lives by the sea in Hastings, East Sussex.

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Ancient Romans sometimes purchased souvenir vials of gladiator **sweat**.

Sweat contains some of the same chemicals found in **skunk** spray.

The **skunk** ape is a legendary apelike creature that is said to smell terrible and lurk in American **swamps**.



People dive into **swamps** in Finland to play football as part of the Swamp Soccer **competitions**.

At one stinky **competition** in New York City, USA, the winner is the kid whose shoes have the most revolting **smell**.



A type of **millipede** that lived about 300 million years ago grew to about the length of an adult **cheetah**.

One zoo's **cheetah** cubs celebrated their first birthdays with ice, chunks of meat, chicken broth and animal blood – all made into a **cake**!

Rotting **wood**, chewed leaves and poo are the main ingredients of a North American **millipede**'s nest.

After using the **toilet**, people in ancient Japan and China would often use small pieces of **wood** to wipe their bottoms!



To make a spray that can cover up the worst of **smells**, one perfume company studied the chemicals from **toilets** in four different countries.

There's no making this up

One guest brought a 125-year-old **cake** on to a **television** show – and the host ate a bite on air.



Television remotes can carry more **bacteria** than a toilet seat.

Up to 50,000 different species of **bacteria** can be found in just one gram of **soil**.

'Night **soil**' is a name for fertiliser made from human **poo**.

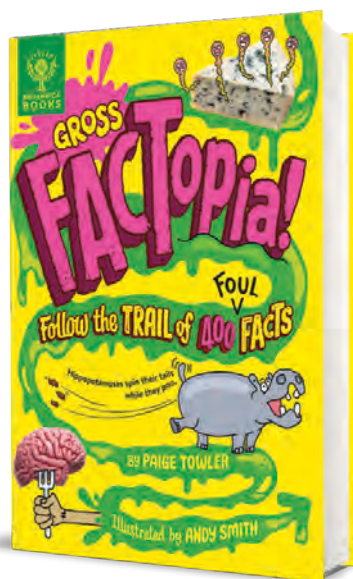
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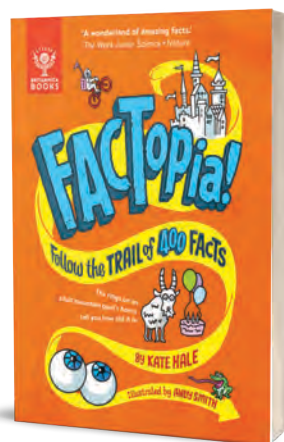
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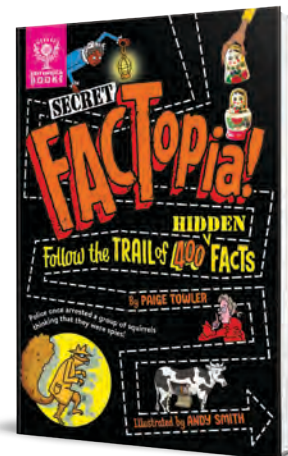
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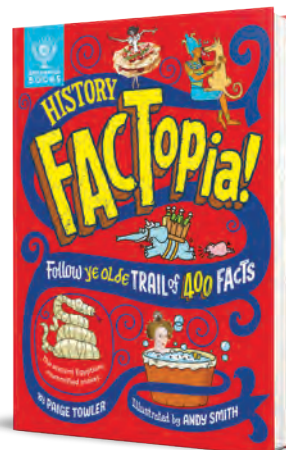
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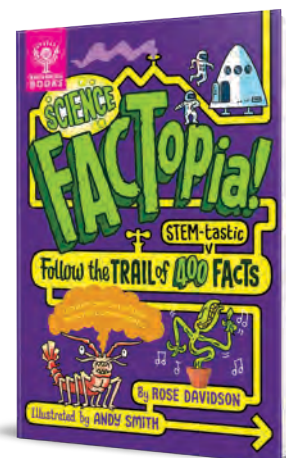
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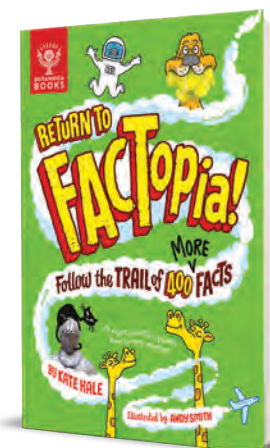
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If You Find a Fawn

Kellie DuBay Gillis

When you wander in the wild, you might find . . . a baby animal. Would you know what to do?

Perfect for nature lovers and curious kids, If You Find a Fawn pairs instructive text with lush illustrations for a beautiful picture book adventure.

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If you find a baby bird hopping on the ground,
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This fledgling needs
room to flit and flap.

Learning to fly
is hard work.

From above, Mama and Papa keep a watchful eye,
then swoop in with a wriggly meal.



Soon this baby will
lift off and soar!

So, whisper *goodbye*
and go on your way,
wild wanderer.



Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution

Brian Biggs, Charlotte Gunnufson

Mighty Mighty Construction Site meets The Best Nest in this rollicking, rhyming celebration of teamwork, and the ways we can live in harmony with the natural world.

Hard Hat Hank and his hardworking crew are ready to build! With blueprints in hand, Hank knows just what to do, but it isn't long before the plans go awry. Fortunately, Hank has solutions for just about everything—until two birds decide to make their home on the construction site.

After several humorous attempts to get the birds to leave, Hank realizes that it's time for a new plan—one in which builders and birds can both enjoy their new home.

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Here's Hard Hat Hank with his hardworking crew.
Hank holds up the blueprints.
He knows what to do.



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Then Hank sees three eggs. Now he needs time to think.

Whoa!
Let's take
a break!



First Hank scans the plan.
(Nest and eggs need to stay!)



He measures.
And figures.

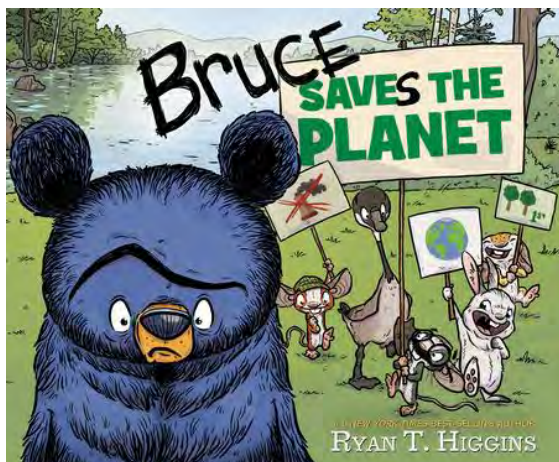


And finds a new way!



C'mon, crew! New plan!





Bruce Saves the Planet

Ryan Higgins

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From unwitting mother to unwitting . . . environmental activist? Save the planet with #1 New York Times best-selling author-illustrator Ryan T. Higgins's beloved Mother Bruce.

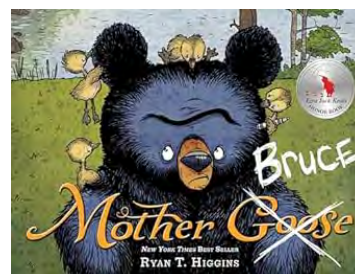
Bruce was a bear who liked to be by himself. But that wasn't easy for him, as mother to four geese and three mice. Luckily, he could enjoy a day of peace and quiet while fishing. But his quiet haven is full of beetles stealing his lunch. And protestors loudly trying to save the forest from the construction of a factory. Will Bruce and the residents of Soggy Hollow manage to save the planet?

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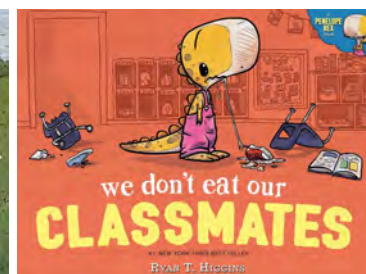
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After a long nap, Bruce returned the very rare and possibly nonexistent cobblestone tiger beetles to their home and found a new fishing spot.



Green Jolene: Green Jolene and the Neighborhood Swap

Wendy Mass

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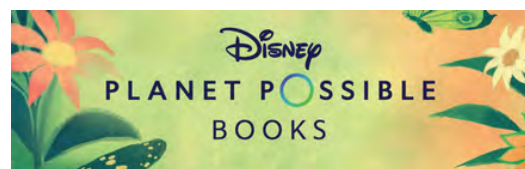
Meet Green Jolene: a green, clean, climate-conscious heroine. This illustrated chapter book series by New York Times best-selling author Wendy Mass is perfect for kids who are inspired by Greta Thunberg and love Beverly Cleary's Beezus and Ramona and other classics like Ivy & Bean and Clementine.

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Horrified by the idea of contributing to overflowing landfills and trash-filled oceans, Jolene hatches a big plan to not only deal with her own stuff, but her whole neighborhood's unwanted items as well. Of course, big plans never work out quite the way we think they will!

Clad in her favorite rain boots, Jolene is ready to save the world. Or, at least, to tackle her own neighborhood's stuff and find some surprising new allies along the way.

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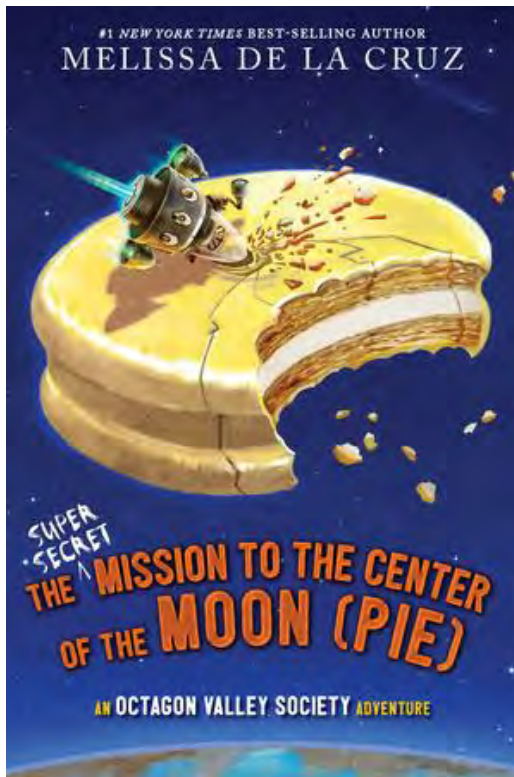
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Unfortunately, that planet has been destroyed, and the one person who can help them find out where they came from—Maureen (yuck)—has no intention of helping. In fact, she has just taken off in a rocket ship bound for the moon, where the enemy Yaks awaits with a new version of her planet-destroying machine, this time aimed at earth.

It will take every bit of Edwin, Julie, Kimmy and Dilip's super abilities—both mental and physical—to stop Maureen this time. Can they pass through the gauntlet of tests Maureen has set for them and infiltrate the Yaks' secret moon base before the bad guys can power up their earth-blaster, or will Maureen and the Yaks succeed in their vengeful mission? Grab a moon pie and cuddle up with this unputdownable sequel to the book PW called "energetic" "fast-paced" and "imaginative!"

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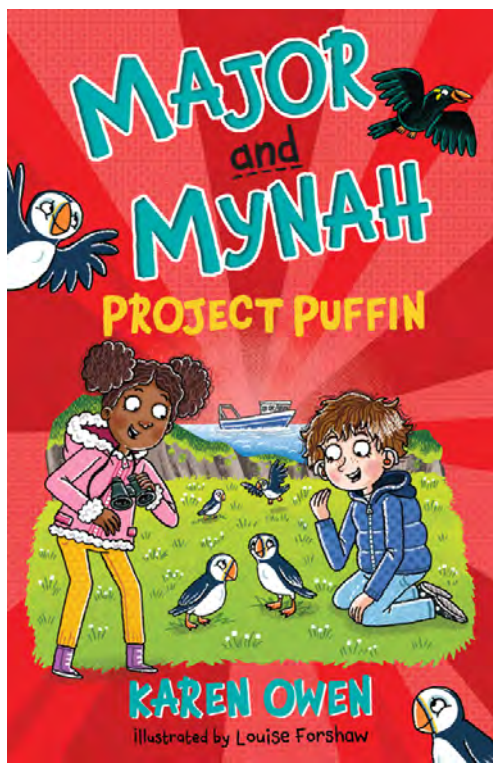
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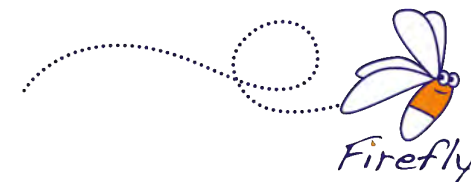
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Karen Owen has been partially deaf since childhood, and wrote the character Callie in *Major and Mynah* to reflect who she wanted to be when she was younger – funny, clever and with a special gift to hear something that other people cannot.

Karen currently lives in London.

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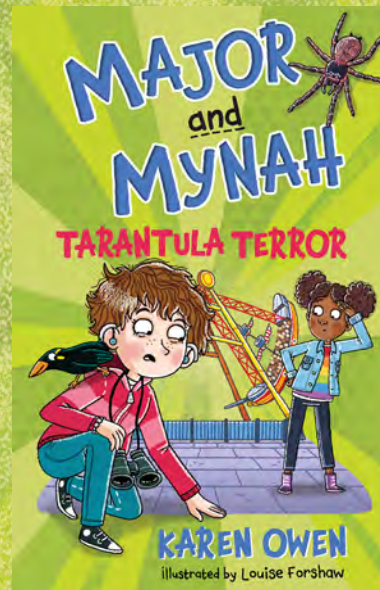
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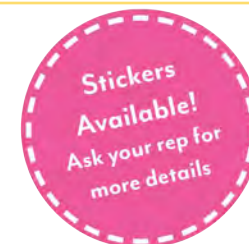
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- A perfect read-aloud picture book filled with humour
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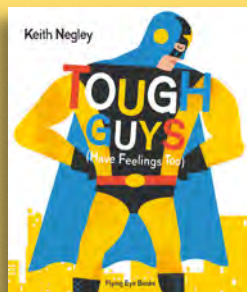
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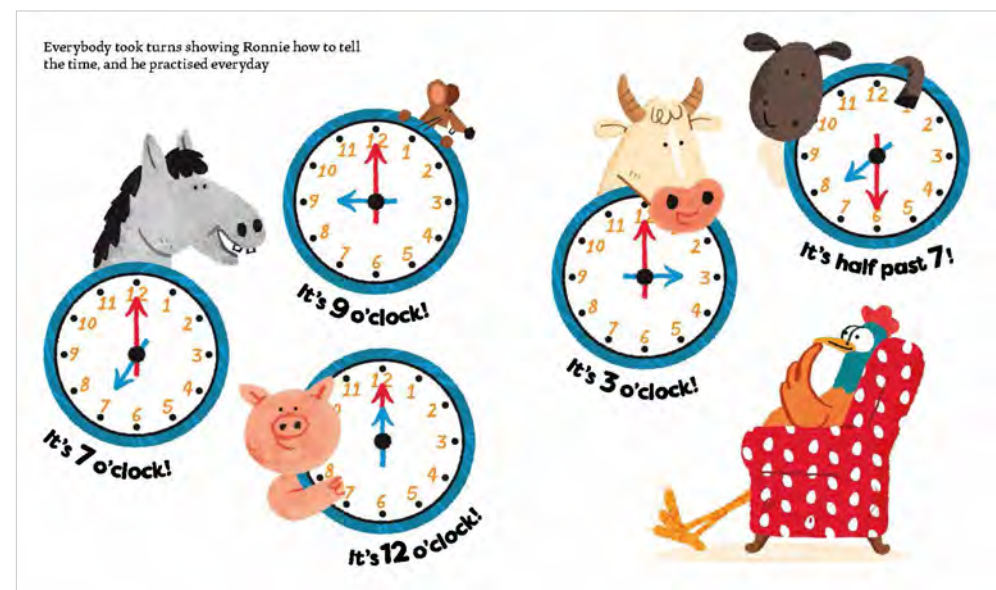
Michael Parkin grew up in the countryside around Hampshire and Surrey. He graduated from Kingston University with a first-class degree in 2014 and has since been working as a freelance illustrator for clients including: Ladybird Books, The Natural History Museum, The NY Times and Magic Cat. Narrative and humour have always shone through in Michael's work, leading to him getting shortlisted for the AOI Awards multiple times and winning 2nd prize in the Jonathan Cape/Observer/Comica graphic short story prize. Author Location: London, UK

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The first in a brand-new funny and clever detective series for young readers that will get them excited about art without even realising it!

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- A highly illustration witty detective mystery with memorable characters that kids will love!
- Erica and Hannah bring many years of experience working within publishing , but this will be their debut project as a duo.
- Detailed and engaging backmatter introducing readers to the real artist Piet Mondrian

KEYWORDS: new series, highly illustrated, young fiction, detective stanley, detective, detective series for kids, solve the case, adventure, Paddington, detective books for kids

ABOUT THE CREATORS



Hannah Tunnicliffe is the author of several books for kids and adults including Canadian bestseller, *The Colour of Tea* a trilingual picture book, *Marjory and the Mouse*. Her work has featured in the New York Times Book Review and she is the founder and host of the podcast, *Bod Almighty*. She lives by the sea with her family which includes one lick dog and an aloof cat. Hannah currently lives in Aukland, New Zealand.

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Erica Harrison is an illustrator and children's book designer from a small village in Norfolk. She moved to the big city to complete her art foundation at Norwich Art School, then took a degree in Graphic Arts at Leeds Metropolitan. After her studies, she moved to London where she landed her first job at Usborne Publishing. Here she spent the next 12 years designing and illustrating too many titles to mention. Since then, she has continued her travels, working from creative studios in Brighton, New York and Auckland, where she currently lives with her partner and daughter.

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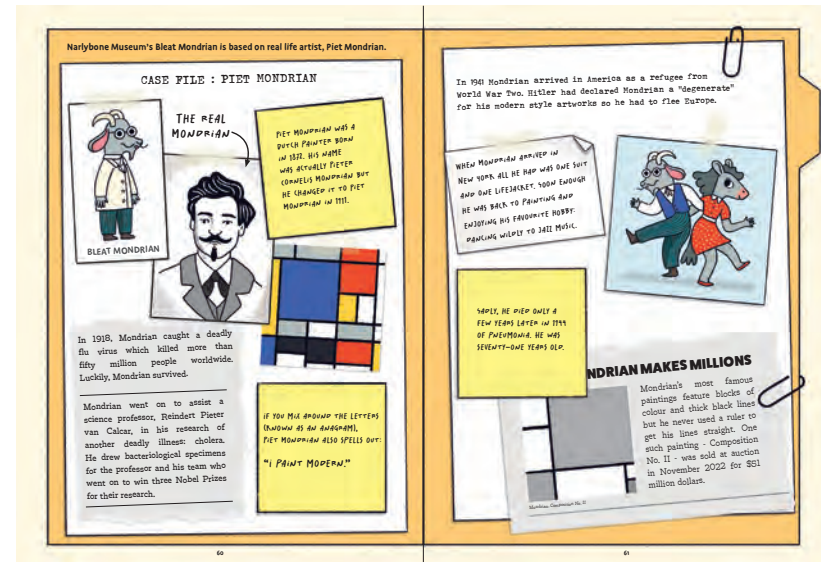
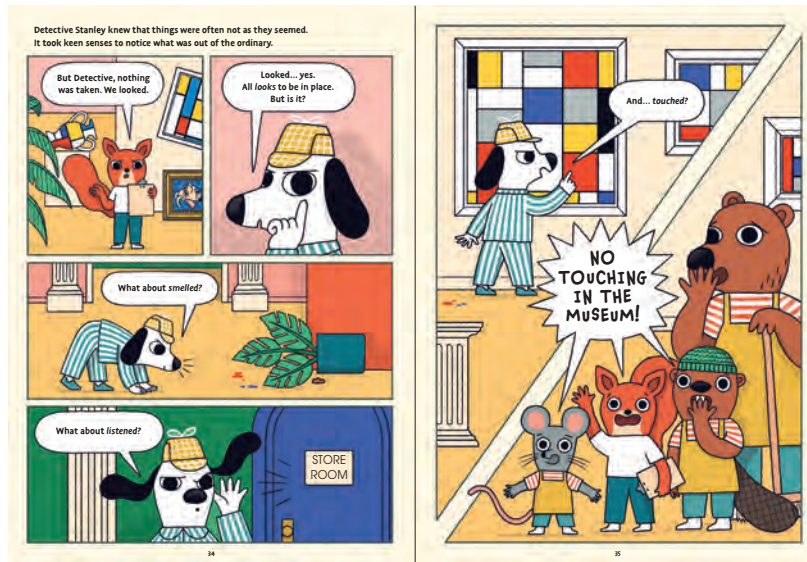
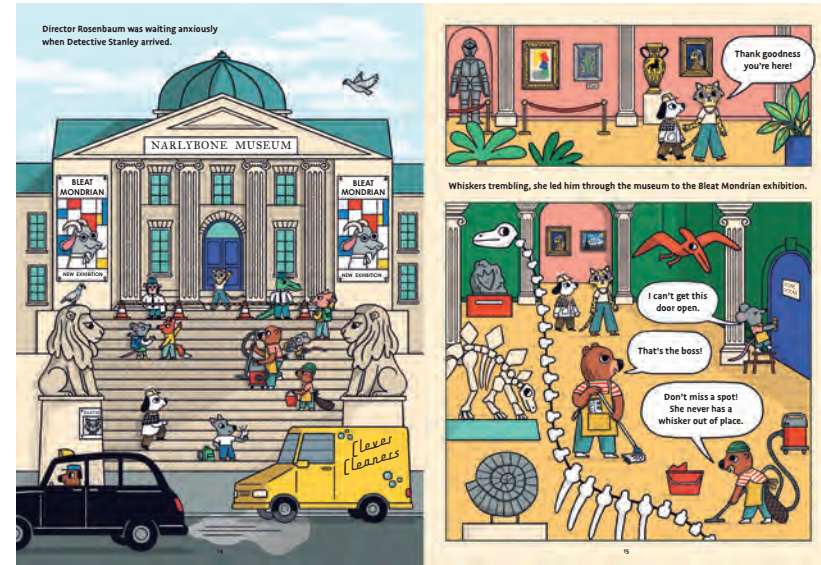
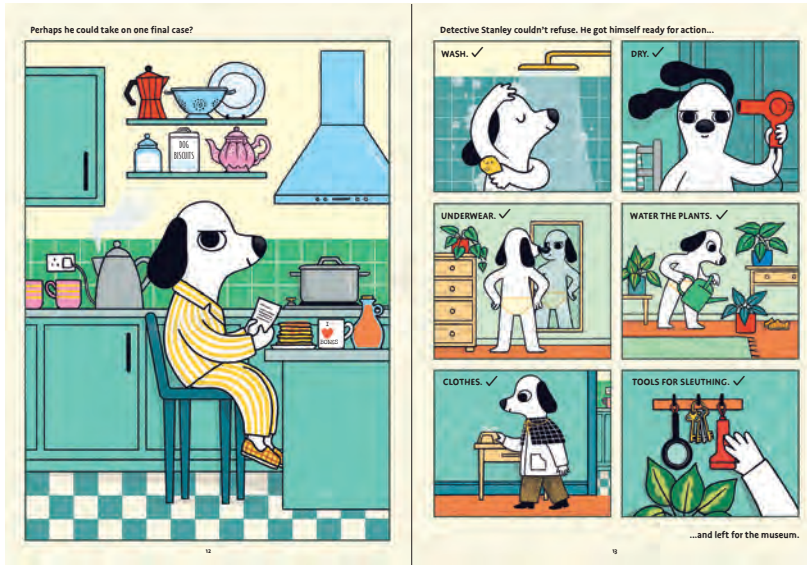
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SAMPLE SPREADS





School for Fireflies

Erica Gomez

Siddy and Zadie are two normal 11-year-olds, obsessed with solving mysteries like their favourite detective podcast... until they discover they are anything but normal.

Instead of starting at their normal new school, they've been enrolled in the parallel School for Fireflies. Amidst the excitement of learning they are here to develop their magical skills, they discover a decades-old mystery waiting to be solved. The girls set out to use all their detective knowledge, and soon find that the clues just might lead them to the reason Siddy's dad disappeared years ago...

About the Author

Erica Gomez was born and raised in London to Nigerian parents. Her love of fantasy was sparked by a childhood belief that clouds were floating islands. When she's not writing or attending physiotherapy, she's obsessing over Lego sets and dreaming about sausage dogs. *School for Fireflies* is her debut novel.



Publication	6th February 2025
Age Range	9-13yrs
Format	B-format PB
Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781913311735

Sales & Marketing

- KO's lead MG debut launch of 2025
- Backed by an immersive PR & Marketing campaign, including events & a Christmas proof delivery
- A magical mystery featuring two Black girl aspiring detectives who discover they are part of a secret magical community and have powers that may hold the key to their father's disappearance.
- Erica has overcome extraordinary challenges in the last few years; she wrote *School for Fireflies* as a coping mechanism after a medical incident left her paralysed for a year. She was subsequently diagnosed with a neurological disorder and lives with chronic pain. For her day job she is a fully-trained lawyer, but she has always loved stories and writing.

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Meep

by Myra Zepf, illustrated by Paddy Donnelly

A stunningly illustrated picture book
about robots, space, and the power of love

Summary

Meet Meep, the hardest working robot in the solar system!

Meep is on a mission to find alien life on Mars. She is tasked with sending photos back to Earth. But her mission is not an easy one.

Meep soon learns that even the bravest robots need a little support from those who love them.



Sales points

- **Reassures anxious readers** with a comforting message about never being truly alone
- Written by **award-winning author** Myra Zepf
- Featuring humorous and captivating illustrations by a **best-selling illustrator**.

About Myra Zepf

Myra is the first ever Children's Writing Fellow for Northern Ireland. She has published several books for children, including *Mí agus Blíín*, illustrated by Paddy Donnelly (Futa Fata, 2022) and *Rita Wants a Genie* (Graffeg, 2022) illustrated by Mr Ando. Her picture book *Ná Gabh ar Scoil!* with illustrator Tarsila Krüse (Futa Fata, 2015) won a Children's Book Award from the Literacy Association of Ireland. It was IBBY honours-listed and also nominated for CBI Book of the Year.

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Extent:	32 pp



Meep by Myra Zepf, illustrated by Paddy Donnelly



About Paddy Donnelly

Paddy Donnelly is an Irish author & illustrator living in Belgium. His books include *Here Be Giants*, written by Susannah Lloyd (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2024) and *The Golden Hare* (O'Brien, 2024). He was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2022. Paddy's first book as both author and illustrator, *The Vanishing Lake*, was awarded the gold medal in the picture book category of the IPPY Awards.

Little Island Books - Advance Information

Let's Play Rugby!

Age 4-6

An interactive picture book by a rugby legend, a bestselling author and an award-winning illustrator

by Gordon D'Arcy & Paul Howard

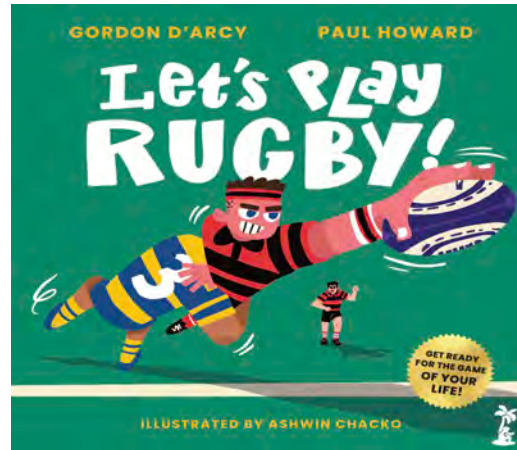
Illustrated by Ashwin Chacko

Summary

Let's Play Rugby puts the reader in the boots of a young player navigating a rugby match, inviting them to throw the book over their head for a line-out, push against the opposition pack in the scrum, and weave their fingers through players to score a try.

Sales Points

- **Authors with major name recognition:** Gordon D'Arcy won two Six Nations medals with Ireland, and Paul Howard's books have sold over a million copies.
- Timed to coincide with the 2025 **Six Nations** rugby tournament
- **Proven sales record:** The co-authors' Gordon's Game trilogy (Puffin) was a serial bestseller
- Playfully illustrated by **award-winning illustrator** Ashwin Chacko
- **Interactive storytelling** puts young readers at the heart of the action



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Price:	£8.99
ISBN:	9781915071774 YBC,
Thema:	YNWD7, YNW
Format:	250mm x 250mm
Binding:	Paperback
Extent:	32pp

About Gordon D'Arcy

GORDON D'ARCY is a retired rugby player who won two Six Nations medals with Ireland, three Heineken Cups with Leinster and toured with the British and Irish Lions. He is second on the list for most Leinster appearances and third on the all-time Leinster try-scorer list, and was named Six Nations Player of the Tournament in 2004. Post-retirement he teamed up with Paul Howard on their initial collaboration, the rugby-themed Gordon's Game trilogy, which made the bestseller lists in each of the three years of their publication.

About Paul Howard

PAUL HOWARD is best known for the bestselling Ross O'Carroll-Kelly series, which has sold over a million copies. He is a former Irish Sports Journalist of the Year. He holds the record for the most Irish Book Award wins. His previous children's books include the Gordon's Game and Aldrin Adams series, both published by Puffin.

About Ashwin Chacko

ASHWIN CHACKO is an award winning author and illustrator. His books include *Wild City* (O'Brien Press, 2023), *Everybody Feels Fear* (DK Children, 2022), and *I Am The Wind: Irish Poems for Children Everywhere* (Little Island, 2023), winner of An Post Irish Book Award 2023.

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Well done, they are

VERY dizzy!



see if you can trace a route with your finger
through the players to get to the try line.

A Fix of Light

by Kel Menton

**A trans love story with a dark magical twist,
from an astonishing new Irish voice**

Summary

18-year-old Hanan's life is already complicated enough when he develops a strange new power: his emotions begin to magically manifest in the world around him. Then he meets Pax, a witty 19-year-old trans boy with fox-like features, and an intense romance blossoms.

What Pax doesn't know is that when he touches Hanan, he mutes his new power. Is Hanan's love real, or is he just using Pax?

In their search for the source of Hanan's power, the boys discover Aodhán, a mischievous fey who lives in a forest. Aodhán's truth-telling reveals Pax's own secret: he is a shapeshifter.

The truth threatens to drive the boys apart, but with dangerous forces from his past pursuing him, Pax needs Hanan just as much as Hanan needs him.

Perfect for fans of:

- All our Hidden Gifts trilogy by Caroline O'Donoghue
- *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas
- *Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz



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Thema: YFH, YFHR, YFHT
Format: 198mm x 129mm
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 280pp

Sales points

- Highly relevant to today's market: **Romantasy** with themes of **gender identity** and **mental health**
- **Tropes** include: friends to lovers; mutual pining; love is the answer; happy ending; dual POVs
- **High literary quality with awards potential:** targeting YALC, YA Book Prize, Carnegie, Waterstones Prize
- **Major publicity and marketing campaigns** across Ireland, UK and USA: branded ARC mailout, key industry promotion, quotes from YA authors, and posters for booksellers

About Kel Menton

KEL MENTON (they/them) is a non-binary, neurodivergent writer from Cork in Ireland. Kel works in youth theatre and has written, produced and published a number of plays for teen actors. They were selected as a Young Writer Delegate for the 2021 Dublin Book Festival. They hold a master's in medieval English from University College Cork. *A Fix of Light* is their first novel.

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Weirdest Animals on the Planet

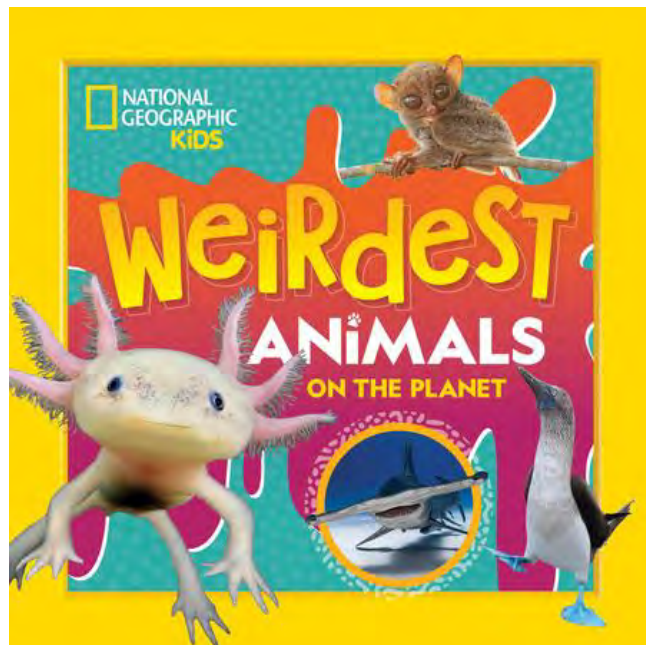
National Geographic Kids

Meet the most unusual, most fantastical, creepiest, and—yes—grossest creatures that call Earth home in this lively, fact-filled guide to the world's oddest animals.

Did you know that the axolotl can regrow nearly any body part? Or that the hagfish can fill a bucket with slime in less than a minute? Get ready to say "WHOA!" in this wacky book about the most bizarre animals in the world!

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- **BEST-SELLING FORMULA:** With vibrant photos, bingeable fun facts, and the same wow-worthy weirdness that made *Weird But True!* a hit, this book falls firmly in the National Geographic Kids sweet spot.
- **ON-THE-GO FUN:** This small, snackable format is ideal for long car trips, sharing with friends at school, and reading before bed.



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SEA OTTERS

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GIRAFFE NECKED WEEVIL

It's no wonder this insect reminds people of the world's most famous long-necked mammal. The male weevil's neck is usually two to three times longer than a female's, and males use it to fight with each other in hopes of impressing a mate. Not to be out-weirded by the males, female weevils do something strange with their eggs. While in a tree, they lay each egg inside a rolled tube of leaf, allowing the egg to then fall safely to the ground. After hatching out, the newborn weevil noshes on the leaf as it grows.



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Mo's Best Friend

A Stone-Age Story

Bridget Marzo



Charming story of a stone-age family who are first to befriend a dog – inspired by real prehistoric cave art

When Mo makes friends with a little wild beast, her family are horrified – wild beasts are dangerous.

But could this wild beast save baby Babba from a hungry lynx and become a friend to the whole family?

And then what would they call him? DOG!

This delightful, heart-warming story about a Stone-Age family and the first dog is inspired by the amazing, recent discovery of a child's footprint alongside a dog's pawprint in the Chauvet cave in France – from 26,000 years ago!

- "This engaging picture book **brings the Stone Age to life**...There's an illustrated **Stone Age survival skills appendix** that will be useful for cross-curricular teaching, the **spectacularly atmospheric illustrations** will provide the perfect impetus for art ideas, and literary teachers will appreciate the **onomatopoeia** and **expressive language**. **Highly recommended.**" *School Reading List*
- "Inspired by the discovery of a child's footprint alongside a dog's in the Chauvet cave, this **immersive, beautifully illustrated** picture book tells a sweet tale of stone age family life – and a new four-footed addition." Imogen Russell Williams, *Guardian*
- "Bridget Marzo's scenes of the simple hunter/gatherer lifestyle of the family group are executed in gouache, and the ochre hues employed are **true to the archaeological evidence** and cave paintings from 25 thousand years ago." *Red Reading Hub*

Author Information

Bridget Marzo has a Catalan mother and an English father. She graduated from King's College, Cambridge and went on to study at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. For many years she lived and worked in France. Her first children's books were published in 1990 and since then her books have been published all over the world. She is an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and enjoys giving workshops in illustration to schools and other organisations. She divides her time between France and Cambridge.



One by one, the family gives Mo's friend
a little pat to thank him for saving their baby.

WOOF WOOF WOOF! go Mo and her new friend.
And what will she call him?



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Little Gwen, Rescue Hen

Carol Thompson

A perfect, gentle introduction to animal rights and well-being



It's a hard life for the hens at their chicken farm, in the crowded cages, and one little hen becomes too tired to lay even one more egg.

But then – “We’ll take care of you, little hen. We’re taking you home with us!” What a difference!

Now there’s grass, worms, bugs, puddles, friends and – FREEDOM. The little hen is given a name – Gwen – and a rainbow coloured vest to keep her warm while her feathers grow back.

Little Gwen is so happy in her new home, and one day she gives everyone a wonderful surprise....

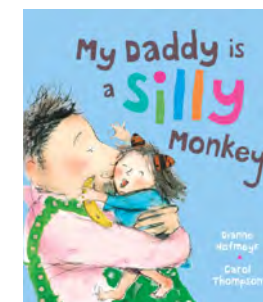
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- A great introduction to **animal rights**, health and wellbeing
- A **perfect read-aloud** story with captivating illustrations
- Shows how **animal care** has great **value** not only for animals but **for the humans who provide it**
- By an **award-winning, internationally admired** illustrator

Author Information

Carol Thompson is one of Britain’s leading illustrators, with an international following and especially admired for her expressive yet realistic depiction of children and animals. Following a degree in Fashion and Printed Textiles from De Montfort University, she opted to become a freelance illustrator and designer. Her many picture books and board books for young children have been published all over the world. For Otter-Barry Books, she has illustrated Dianne Hofmeyr’s *My Daddy is a Silly Monkey* and *Storm Dragon*. Carol is a committee member of IBBY (UK), with a particular involvement in the IBBY Disability List. She lives near Leicester, UK.

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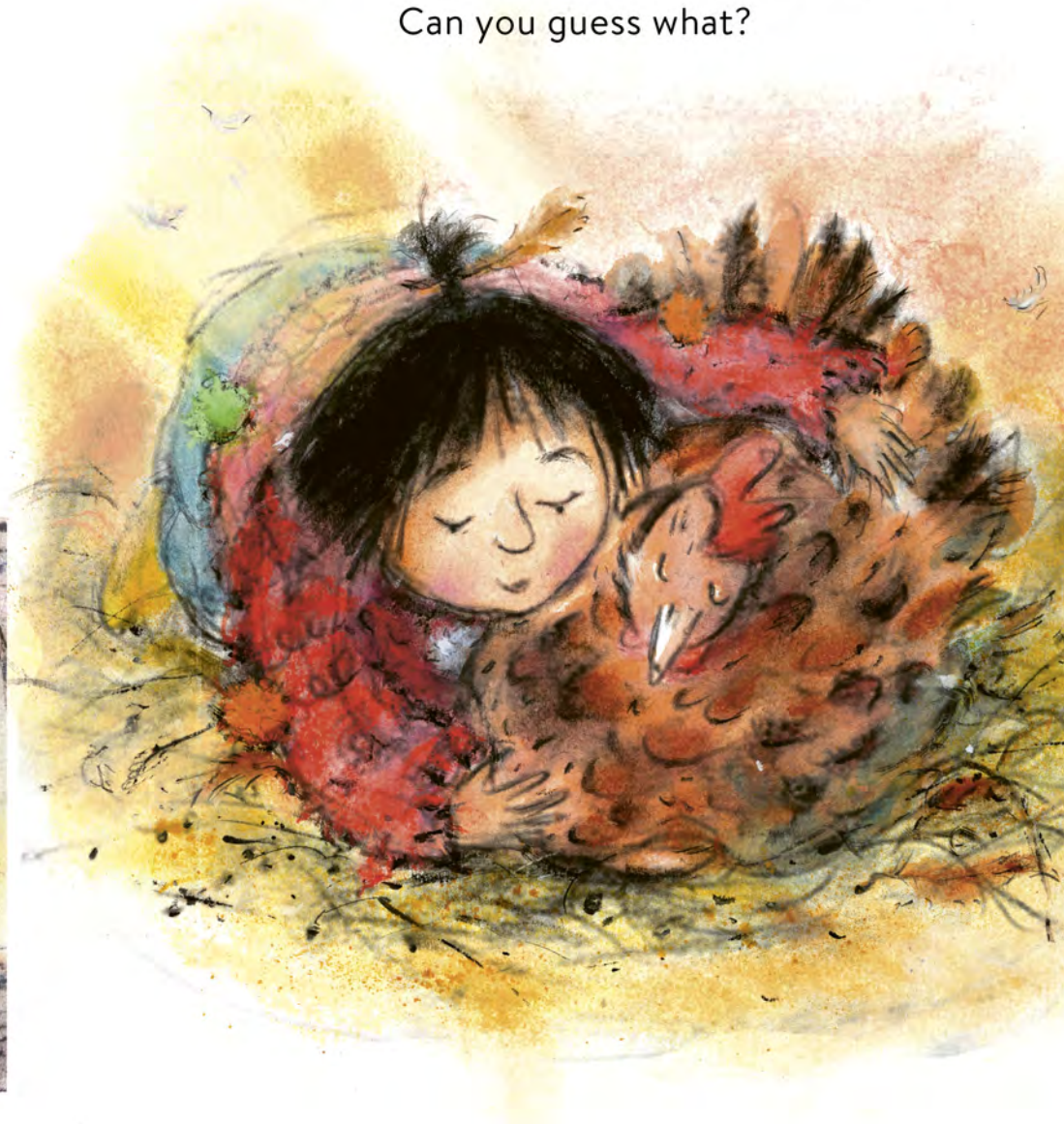


At night she slept in her warm, safe place.



And one morning there was a very special surprise.

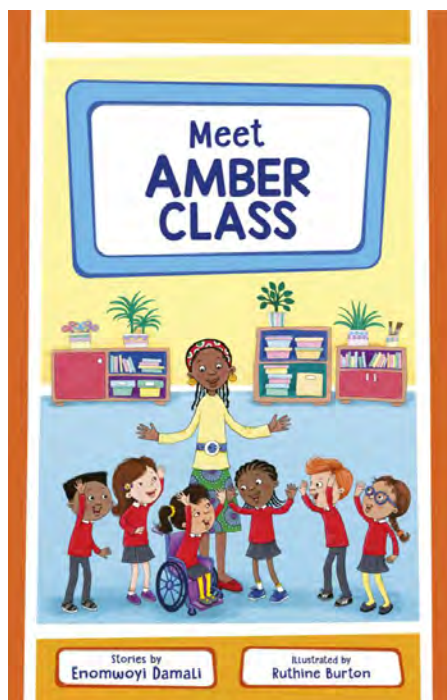
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Meet Amber Class

Enomwoyi Damali, illustrated by Ruthine Burton

Introducing a new series of chapter books set in a primary school, by Black-British author and illustrator

Join lively Amber Class in three inter-linked stories for emerging readers. Nzingha and her classmates have fun learning all kinds of things with best teacher ever, Mrs Adisa.

In *Believe in Yourself*, the children explore ways to boost self confidence, while Kayden watches a very large beetle climb into Mrs Adisa's bag! Even teachers need to find confidence sometimes!

In *Sort it Out*, Andrew and Kayden are angry with each other in their football game, but thanks to Nzingha and Mrs Adisa they discover a great way to stay friends.

And *Feeling Good* sees the children learning to feel good about themselves. Xaolin wants to be a concert pianist, Andrew's going to be an Olympic runner, Rebecca is determined to be a scientist, Nizingha wants to be a teacher – and Kayden? He wants to be a comedian! Everyone has their own special talent.

- Exceptionally **diverse and inclusive**, in terms of author, illustrator and subject
- Set in **contemporary primary classroom**
- Lots of **humour** and **easy-to-read dialogue**
- Each story ends with an **activity** or **song**
- Stories are very **authentic** and based on author's experience of working with young children in schools
- Packed with **appealing illustrations**

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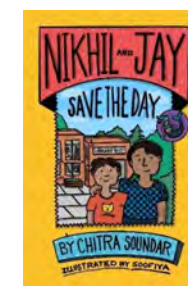
Enomwoyi Damali was born in Trinidad, but has long lived in London, where she works as an educational psychologist. Her long professional experience in a highly diverse community gives authenticity and veracity to her stories of Amber Class and their ever-resourceful teacher, Mrs Adisa. Enomwoyi, whose name means "she has grace and charm", describes her goal as "to help children think about and practise the personal development skills and qualities needed to live life fully and to treat each other with love and respect." She lives in South London.

Ruthine Burton completed the inaugural Pop-Up Pathways Into Children's Publishing in 2021. Her parents came originally from Dominica and French Guiana. She has a B.A. hons in Visual Art from the University of Wales in Aberystwyth, and also an M.Sc. in Software Engineering. Ruthine is one of the three illustrators featured in *Our Rights*, edited by Jake Hope (Otter-Barry Books), and also illustrator of *Spin! 10 Exciting New Voices in Poetry* (2024). She is based in South West London.



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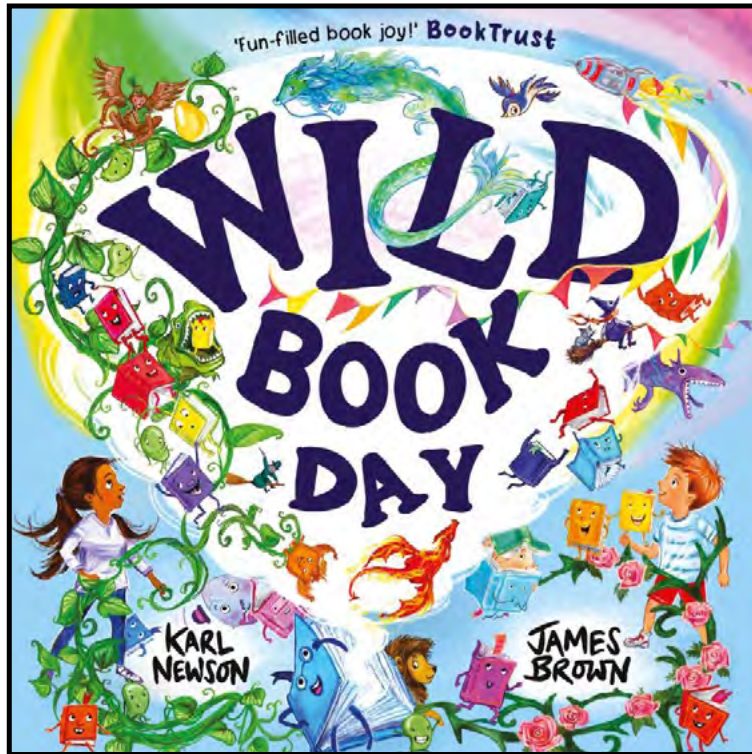
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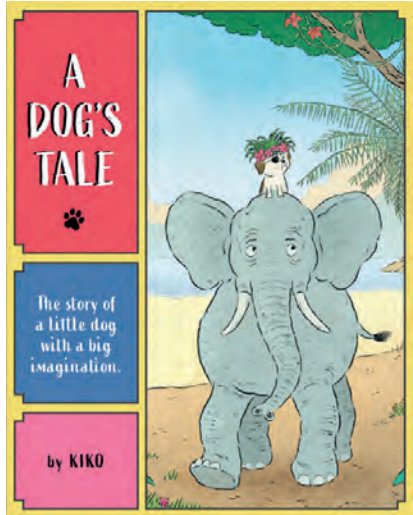


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girl on swing





A Dog's Tale: The Story of a Little Dog with a Big Imagination

Kiko

Keynote:

Follow one fearless little pug on a thrilling sea adventure. . .

Sales Points:

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Author Biography:

Kiko lives on the fifth floor of a Parisian building where he creates designs for readers young and old. When not immersed in his artwork, Kiko enjoys playing the guitar, spending time with his daughter and taking in the sights of the city. His impressive portfolio includes publications with Milan, Gallimard, Tourbillon, Bayard and Fleurus. Kiko is also a regular contributor to popular children's magazines.

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book/Imagination and play

Thema: YBSC2

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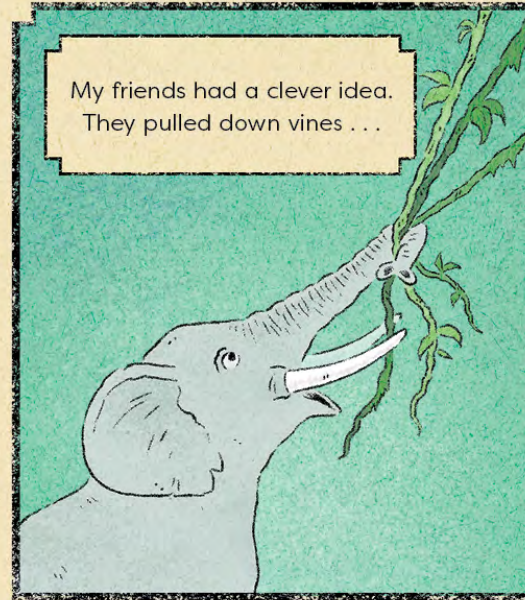


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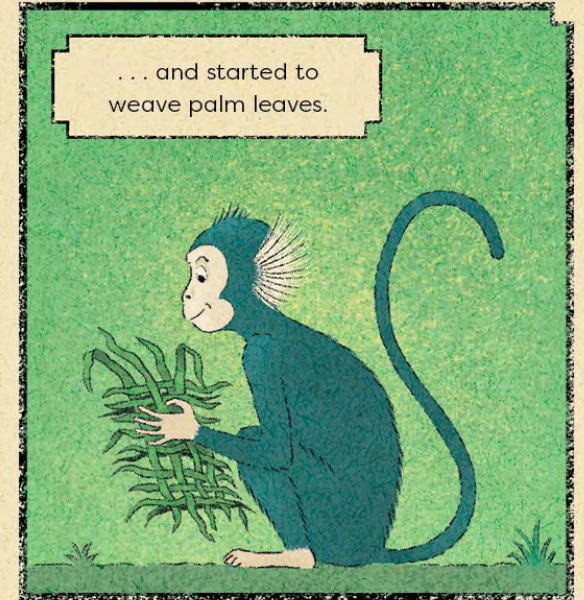
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One evening, when we were all gazing up at the starry sky, a mysterious voice called to me from across the waves, "Where are you? Where are you?"
I knew that I needed to leave, to follow the call – but how could I?



My friends had a clever idea.
They pulled down vines . . .

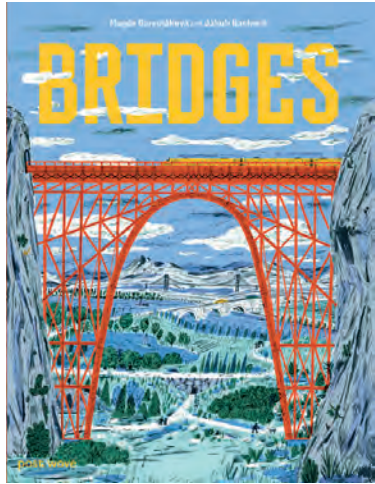


. . . and started to
weave palm leaves.



I came by sea, but
I would leave by air!

Title Information



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Binding: Hardback

Format: 310 x 240mm

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Thema: YNTP **CBMC:** D5N79

Author location: Brno, Czech Republic

Bridges

Magda Garguláková

Illustrated by Jakub Bachorík

Keynote:

Explore the amazing world of bridges, from ancient stone arches to modern marvels, and see how they connect our world.

Sales Points:

- A fascinating look at the world of bridges
- Stylish modern artwork
- Jam-packed with fascinating facts
- Includes fun activities for readers to try out

Description:

A fascinating journey into the world of bridges, this large-format book is perfect for any budding young architect. From striking modern marvels like the Golden Gate Bridge and the Millau Viaduct to historic stone arches like the Ponte Vecchio, discover how these ingenious structures shorten journeys, save us time and effort and offer breathtaking views.

As well as learning about bridges spanning deep valleys, raging rivers, bustling roads and vast seas, this book explores the evolution of bridge-building, from the first fallen tree across a river to today's engineering wonders.

Author Biography:

Magda Garguláková graduated in Art History from Masaryk University, Brno, in the Czech Republic. In 2011, she co-founded the OFF/FORMAT gallery in Brno, which showcases contemporary progressive art by young artists. Garguláková has edited and published various art publications, including catalogues, specialist books, fiction and children's books popularising art history. Since 2019, she has been an editor of children's literature at B4U Publishing, using insights from her two young daughters for quality control.

Illustrator Biography:

Jakub Bachorík resides in Bratislava-Devín, Slovakia, where he engages in a wide range of artistic activities, including sculpture, painting, graphics, scenography and interior design. He has participated in numerous exhibitions both domestically and internationally.

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CHOOSING A STRUCTURE



EXAMPLES:

BEAM BRIDGE

DONGHAI

This is the most common, simplest and oldest bridge structure. The basic deck on a beam bridge is supported at each end by an abutment. It is suitable for bridging shorter distances, although modern materials today allow for greater spans.

CHEAPEST SOLUTION

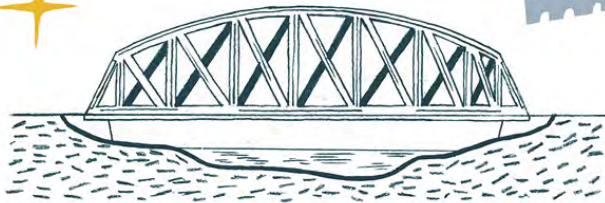


TRUSS BRIDGE

QUEBEC

A strong, resilient structure that comes in various shapes and sizes. Truss bridges are made up of interconnected triangles, creating a sturdy framework that can bear heavy loads.

LIGHTWEIGHT STRUCTURE



ARCH BRIDGE

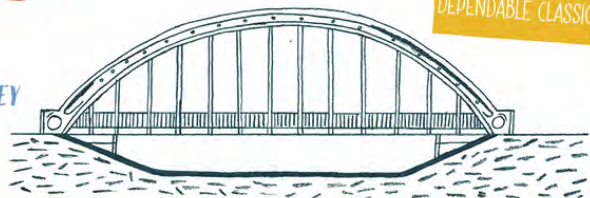
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This widespread, attractive, resilient and complex structure comprises one or a succession of arches. Its shape is determined by whether the arch is above, below or in the middle of the bridge's deck. It is suitable for both short and long bridges.



BEARS A GREAT WEIGHT

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Mk. SYDNEY

Deciding on the structure is a key moment in bridge-building that requires lots of careful consideration. Each structure type has different characteristics that are suitable for different conditions. Some are more wind-resistant, others are ideal for long distances, while others just look really good. Learning to tell one bridge structure from another isn't always easy or obvious at first glance!

SUSPENSION BRIDGE

GOLDEN GATE

This structure is particularly useful for long distances. The weight of the deck is borne by two main suspension cables, each anchored to a bank by a tower. Steel ropes to hold the deck are lowered from support cables. It is suitable for overcoming wide obstacles and wherever space for support pillars is limited.

TRIED-AND-TESTED STRUCTURE

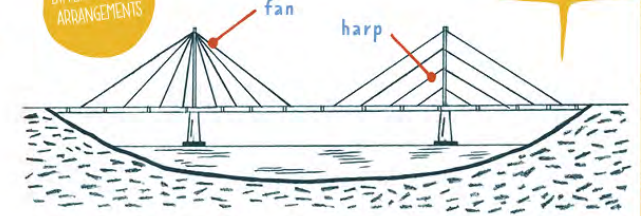


CABLE-STAYED BRIDGE

MILLAU

This newest, but most widespread bridge style, has at least one pylon from which the ropes carrying the deck are routed. The arrangement of supporting ropes varies. It is suitable for long and short spans.

DIFFERENT CABLE ARRANGEMENTS



CANTILEVER BRIDGE

FORTH

This is a reliable and simple design that uses a system of beams, called brackets, that project out horizontally across a space. Usually made up of three parts, the two outermost parts are anchored into the bank, which then carry the middle part of the bridge that is 'balanced' between them.

FOR LONG DISTANCES

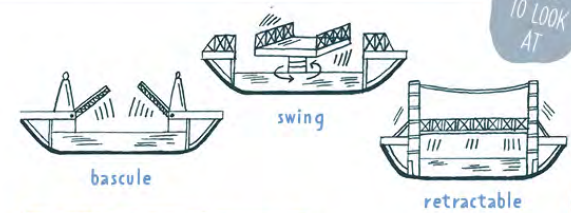


MOVABLE BRIDGE

GATESHEAD

A useful, widespread and popular bridge that comes in many types. A part of the bridge, or the whole bridge, is able to move to clear the way for transportation. This bridge is suitable for short and long spans.

NICE TO LOOK AT



WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS

HYBRID BRIDGE

BROOKLYN

Some bridge types can even be combined to meet various needs, such as a hybrid cable-stayed suspension bridge.

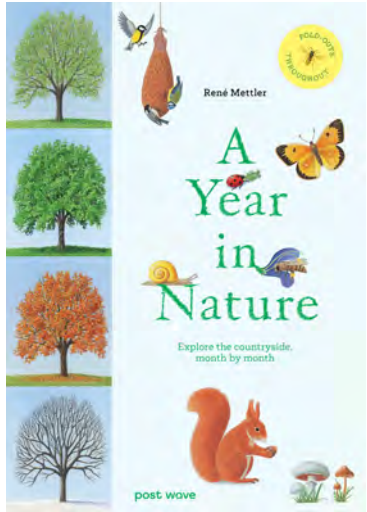


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A Year in Nature

René Mettler

Keynote:

Journey through a year in the enchanting countryside, observing its changing seasons, plants and animals.

Sales Points:

- Large format
- A gatefold on each spread
- Stunning traditional artwork
- Explores themes of conversation, biodiversity and environmental awareness

Description:

A Year in Nature is a captivating journey through the changing seasons in the picturesque countryside. Each month reveals the magical transformations of the landscape, from the snow-covered hillside in January through to the golden wheat fields of high summer. As well as observing which plants and animals come and go throughout the year, readers will learn to observe shifts in temperature, day length and which fruits and vegetables are harvested throughout the year.

Beautiful traditional artwork and gatefolds on every spread are perfect for spotting the diverse flora and fauna that make the countryside so special.

Author Biography:

René Mettler is a renowned French author and illustrator known for his captivating children's books that explore nature and the environment. Born in Switzerland in 1942, Mettler discovered his passion for art early, inspired by his heraldist grandfather. He later trained as a graphic designer at the School of Applied Arts in Bienne, and moved to Paris in 1966, working as an art director before dedicating himself fully to illustration in 1971. Mettler has illustrated numerous acclaimed non-fiction children's books, particularly for Gallimard Jeunesse, contributing to beloved series like *Mes Premières Découvertes* and *Découverte Benjamin*. His work was recognised with the 'La Science Se Livre' teen prize in 2012.

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FEBRUARY 17th

12pm



1. Some crows provide an excellent opportunity to observe several crows. A useful way to see crows is to identify themselves by their own names. The crows are very noisy and noisy.

2. The chattering titmouse, with its beautiful black and white plumage and distinctive tail, is a common sight. It is very noisy and noisy.

3. The most, and the most, are the most common of the winter. After the most, the black tip of the most is the most common of the most. It is very noisy and noisy.

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APRIL 15th

4pm



1. Apple blossoms. Each species of bird has its own technique for eating. The most common is to eat the fruit. The most common is to eat the fruit. The most common is to eat the fruit.

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MARCH 16th

Time: 10am
Temperature: 5°C
Day/Night

The spring equinox marks the first day of spring. On this date, day and night have the same duration. After a long winter's sleep, nature is beginning to wake up. Sap starts to rise in trees and shrubs, bringing water and sugar to flower and leaf buds, which swell and open.

The first flowers appear on hedgerows and across meadows. Farmers' fields turn green, signalling that crops such as wheat and rapeseed have resumed growing. The weather becomes warm and pleasant.

Despite the sunshine, there is often more rainfall in spring. Sudden heavy showers, combined with the melting snow, can often cause streams and rivers to burst their banks, and fields to flood.

MAY 17th

Time: 9am
Temperature: 14°C
Day/Night

In just a few weeks, the trees have regrown their leaves. In meadows and along country paths, flowers attract honeybees and bumblebees. Pretty hawthorn blossoms decorate hedges in delicate pinks and whites, and the flowers of rapeseed paint the fields in a brilliant yellow as they bloom in their thousands. Chickens chirp in nests, while their parents fly back and forth, bringing them insects to feast on.

The days are considerably longer, and the temperature is rising. Once again, it feels good to be outside.

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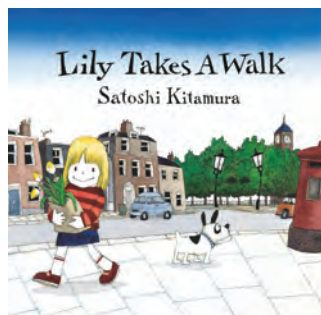


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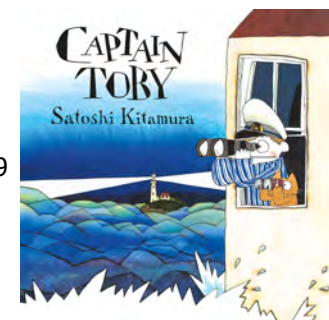
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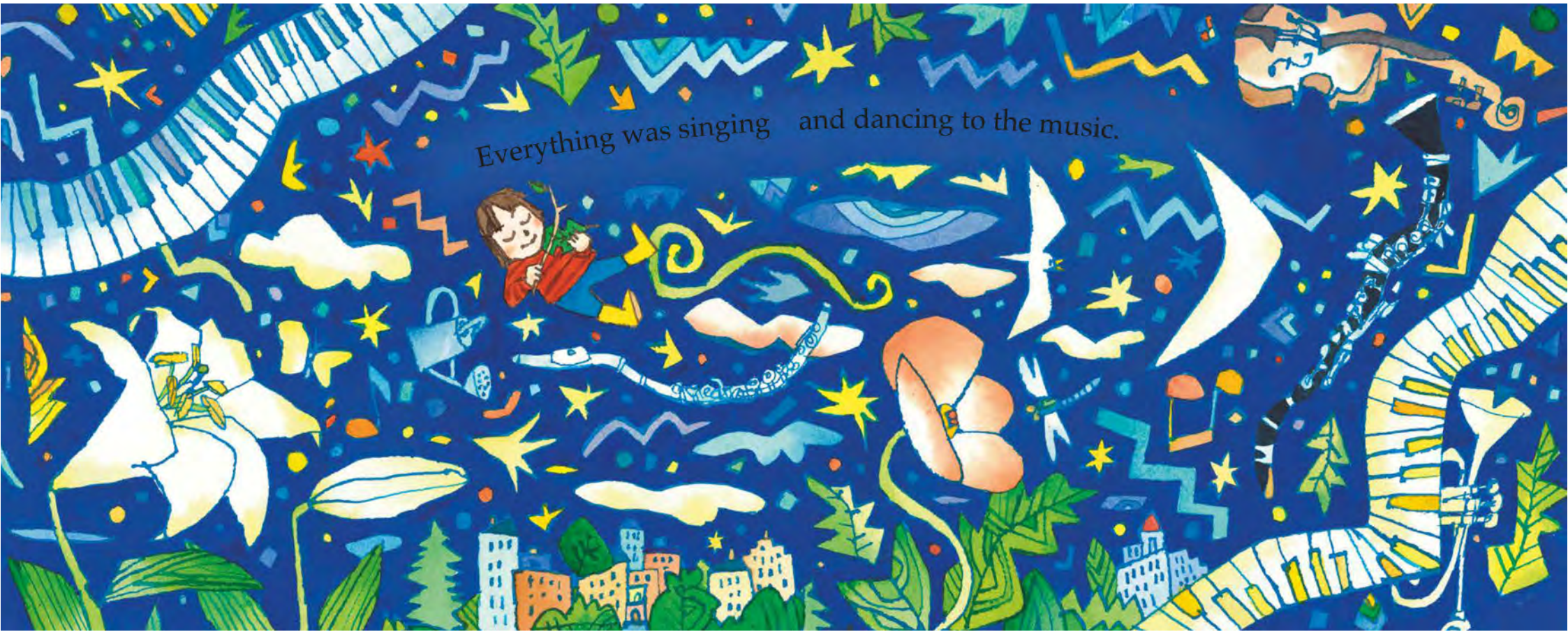


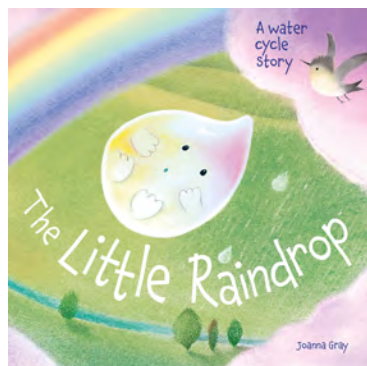
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Illustrator: Dubravka Kolanovic

Dubravka was born in 1973 in Zagreb, Croatia. She studied at Savannah College of Art and Design in the USA and at the Academy of Fine Arts in Zagreb, Croatia, where she got a degree as a painting major. Since then Dubravka has devoted herself to children's book illustration. Dubravka's books are regularly featured on the CBeebies bedtime story show and daytime story slot also.



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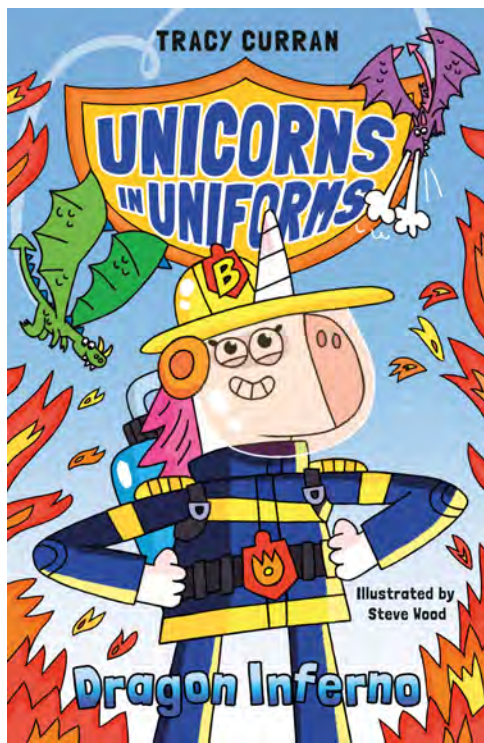
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TRACY CURRAN

THE BOOK

When two young dragons accidentally set fire to The Witchy Wood, firefighting unicorn, Blaze, and her emergency vehicle, Quench, race to the scene. As they struggle to get everyone to safety and stop the flames from spreading, a witch called Jinx decides her magical abilities are exactly the help they need to stop the inferno.

But Jinx's magic only spells one thing...DISASTER, and soon the flames are raging towards a treehouse full of powerful potions. Can Blaze and Quench get everyone out before the whole of Witchy Wood goes up in smoke?

Illustrated by Steve Wood.



THE AUTHOR

Tracy writes picture books, young fiction and funny middle-grade.

She was a primary school teacher for sixteen years and is now a carer for her autistic daughter.

At around the age of three, Tracy fell into a storybook and discovered a world of magic! As a result, you'll now find her immersed in the pages of another imagined world or running along the beach, conjuring up her own story ideas. Her pile of books is taller than she is!

Tracy lives on the Cornish coast with her husband, three children, five rabbits, four chickens and one dog.



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WORLD OF WANDA

KAREN MCCOMBIE

THE BOOK

Meet Wanda:
Things about me. . .

- I don't go to school (even though I'm 12)
- I have ADHD (my mum says I don't)
- Me and my mum travel around the world (with backpacks)
- I'm homesick (for a home that doesn't exist)
- I've just discovered a HUGE secret (and I need to find out if it's true)

Maybe it's time for me to have an adventure of my own...(why don't you come with me!)

Meet Margo:
Dear Diary,

You'll never guess what, but something mind-melting has just happened to my family – or should I say a SOMEONE happened!

#MargotInShock #WishMeLuck

'THE 13 WONDERS OF WANDA' is about the stresses and successes of forming a new version of family. It's also about giving an insight into ADHD; the difficulties, but also the unexpected 'gifts' it can bring. And in Wanda and Margot's story, for every stumbling block and frustration comes a whole bunch of benefits. Wonders. Thirteen of them.

THE AUTHOR

Karen McCombie has written more than 100 children's books, been published worldwide and was described by Waterstones as "One of children's fiction's most accomplished authors".

Karen is the author of the best-selling and much-loved series **ALLY'S WORLD (Scholastic)**, as well as the Carnegie-nominated **LITTLE BIRD FLIES** and its partner novel **LITTLE BIRD LANDS** (Nosy Crow), sweeping Victorian sagas set in the Scottish Highlands and 1860s America respectively. Her back catalogue consists of series such as **ST GRIZZLE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS** (Stripes), **THE ANGELS NEXT DOOR** (Puffin), **YOU, ME AND THING** (Faber) and **INDIE KIDD** Indie Kidd (Walker). Karen also authored the alien-on-earth adventures **HOW TO BE A HUMAN** and **HOW TO HIDE AN ALIEN (Little Tiger)**.

Karen's 100th book- **THE MYSTERY IN FLAT 6B** (Bloomsbury) published in 2023. Karen's work has also been published by Barrington Stoke, including dyslexia-friendly short novels **FAGIN'S GIRL**, an exciting Oliver Twist-inspired tale, **THE BROKEN DRAGON** and **THE BOY WHO STOLE THE PHARAOH'S LUNCH**, a time-slip adventure.

Karen is from Scotland, but lives in London with her very Scottish husband, English son Eddy, an idiot dog and a beautiful but bitey cat.

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THE NICEST GIRL

SOPHIE JO

THE BOOK

Sixth-former Anna Campbell is the go-to girl when anyone needs anything. Teachers, friends, random strangers... It never occurred to her that she could say no. After all, Anna Campbell's always been too 'nice' to say no.

But Anna is sick of being that girl, the nice girl, and she's going to do something about it. Only, is she prepared to risk losing everything she cares about – even herself – along the way...?

A novel for anyone who's ever struggled to put themselves first.

THE AUTHOR

Sophie Jo is a writer of Young Adult fiction from the West Midlands. She is an ambassador for Women's Aid, a national charity working to end domestic violence against women and children. She's worked with the Sunday Times, Cosmopolitan, BBC Woman's Hour and Avon to spread the word about healthy teen relationships, and supported the charity's Media team with the construction of its [Love Respect](#) website. Sophie has worked in comms and copywriting roles across a variety of sectors, from higher education to social housing and spends her spare time reading about Disneyland and overanalysing the O.C. You can find her on Twitter and Instagram @sophiejowrites.

Sophie Jo's latest book **Red Flags** is published by **Scholastic**.



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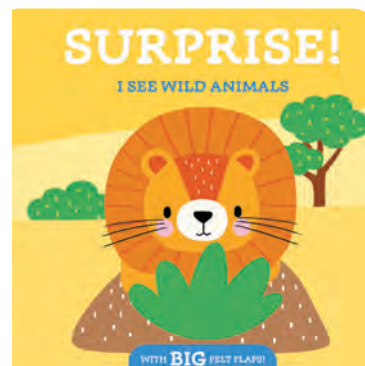
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Publication	FEBRUARY 2025
Price	£7.99
Format	Board Book
Size	200 x 200 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	With XL felt flaps with die-cuts

KEY SELLING POINTS:

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My colours are black, grey and white.
It's such an adorable sight.
I love to be near the icy cold sea;
do you want to swim with me?

PENGUIN

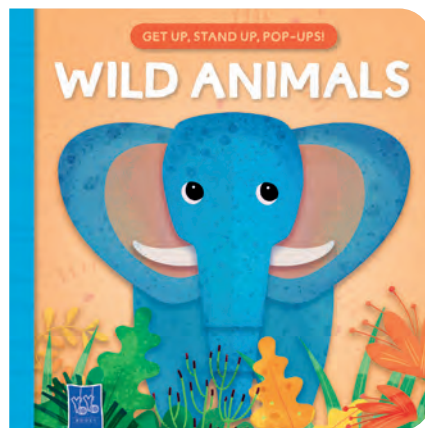




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Be amazed as you discover these fantastic books, where detailed 3D animals appear on every spread! Discover and learn fun facts in a surprising way. The playful top-notch pop-ups will make this book a joy to open time and time again!

Publication	FEBRUARY 2025
Price	£9.99
Format	Board Book
Size	190 x 190 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	5 high-quality pop-ups

KEY SELLING POINTS:

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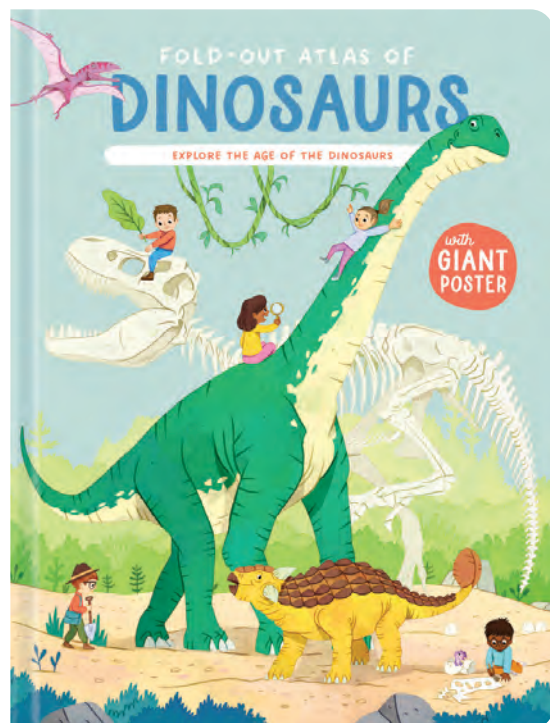
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Publication	FEBRUARY 2025
Price	£12.99
Format	Picture Book
Size	210 x 280 mm
Extent	40 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	6+
Features	With 6 fold-out pages and 1 tear-out poster

KEY SELLING POINTS:

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