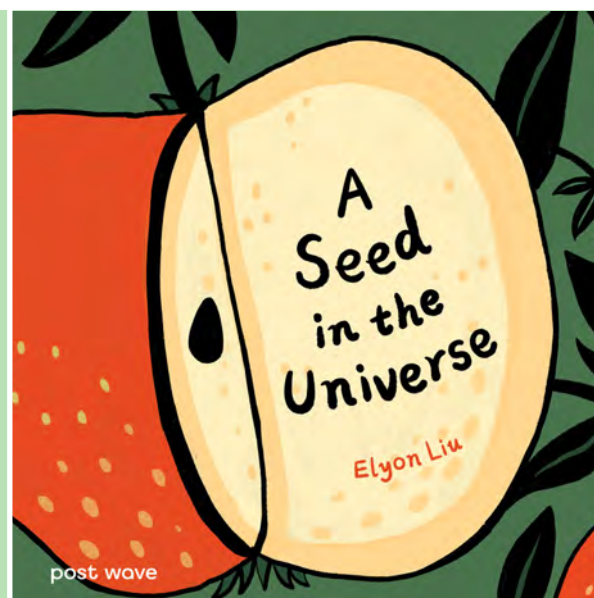
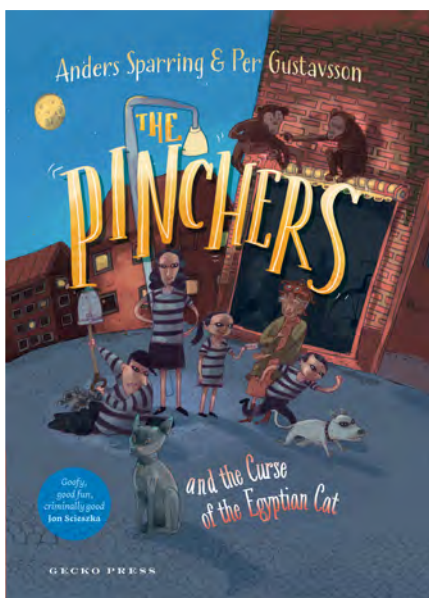
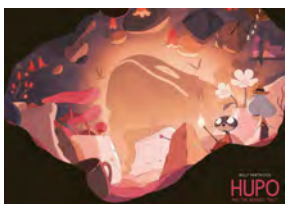
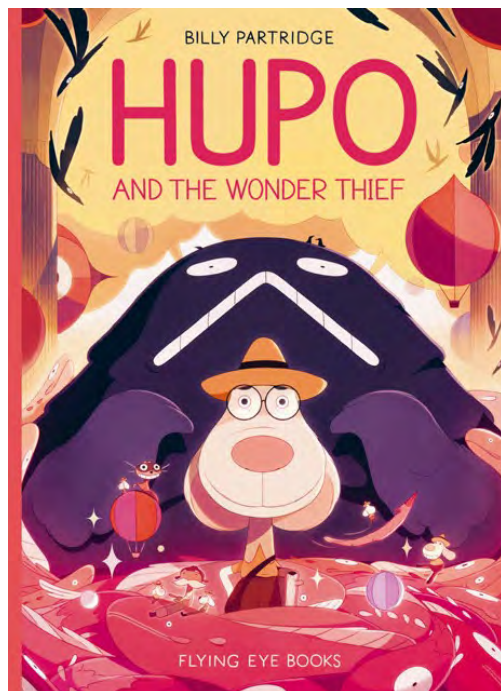


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Juniper Mae
PB | 9781912497454
£9.99

Hupo is on a mission to restore dreams and wonder to his home once again, before the Wallower destroys everything in this story about being yourself even if you're told you're "too much" and finding joy in the darkest of places.

Hupo and the Aletha love to amble through the bustling streets of their city, talking to shopkeepers and recounting tales of their favourite adventurer, the Great Humdingo –much to the annoyance of everyone around them. But when mysterious, zombifying mists creep into town and the Aletha is captured by a sinister force in the mountains, Hupo's on a mission to set everything to rights... But can he hold onto who he is when everything around him seems so terrible?

Creator Billy Partridge whisks us into his magical tale with whimsical artwork and a story about imagination, adventure, and courage to be yourself, even if you have a big personality.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Unique and beautiful artwork that inspires whimsy and gives you so much to look at.
- A heartwarming story that can be enjoyed by adults and children alike.
- Illustrated by a debut artist, who has already been recognised by the V&A awards.
- Perfect for children who have been told they are too much.
- A story about books and the wonder that they impart to all readers.

KEYWORDS: fantasy, magic, magical creatures, courage, creatures, inspire, folktale, adventure, graphic novel, comic, comics, comic book, graphic reader, younger readers, highly illustrated

ABOUT THE CREATOR



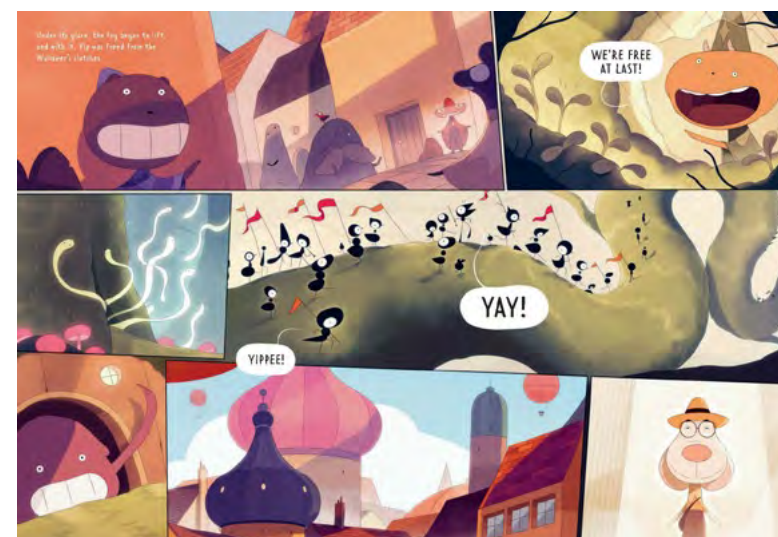
Billy Partridge grew up in Nottingham, surrounded by a family of painters, designers, and wood carvers. After spending his early years doodling peculiar creatures and writing short stories and poems, he decided to study illustration at Leeds Arts University, where he graduated with a first class honours degree. He was the recipient of a merit in 3x3 magazine's 2022 illustration awards, and has been nominated for a V&A illustration award. At the heart of his work is a fascination with the weird and wonderful, intriguing characters and mystical worlds.

Author Location: Nottingham, UK

Publication Date	6th March 2025	Extent	64pp
Age Range	5+	ISBN	9781838741624
Price	£12.99	BIC / BISAC / CMBC	D3N79
Format	Hardback	Territory	Worldwide
Size	225 x 163 mm	Shelving Category	Young Illustrated/Comics



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Immerse yourself in the second instalment of the STEMville series: The Fast Lane.

The annual Big Race has arrived in STEMville!

Gather around the track to watch the town's contestants compete to become this year's champion. Frankie Thunderfoot comes from a family of confident trophy winners, while Wilbur Hardshell's race team are slow, steady and mathematical in their approach. When Frankie's need for speed causes her to crash, Wilbur must decide whether he should forfeit his position to help her or secure first place for himself. Learn all about how race cars are built and how they work, from acceleration to g-force and quick-fire pit stops.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- The newest book in the STEMville series
- From the illustrator of the Professor Astro-Cat series
- A narrative non-fiction story introducing readers to STEM subjects
- Explores the science behind formula one racing for new and established fans of the sport
- From award-winning illustrator of the best-selling Professor Astro-Cat series

KEYWORDS: Kids science books, STEM, series, kids non-fiction, racing, cars, racing cars, Rormula 1, animals, facts, non-fiction, illustrated, science, learning, facts



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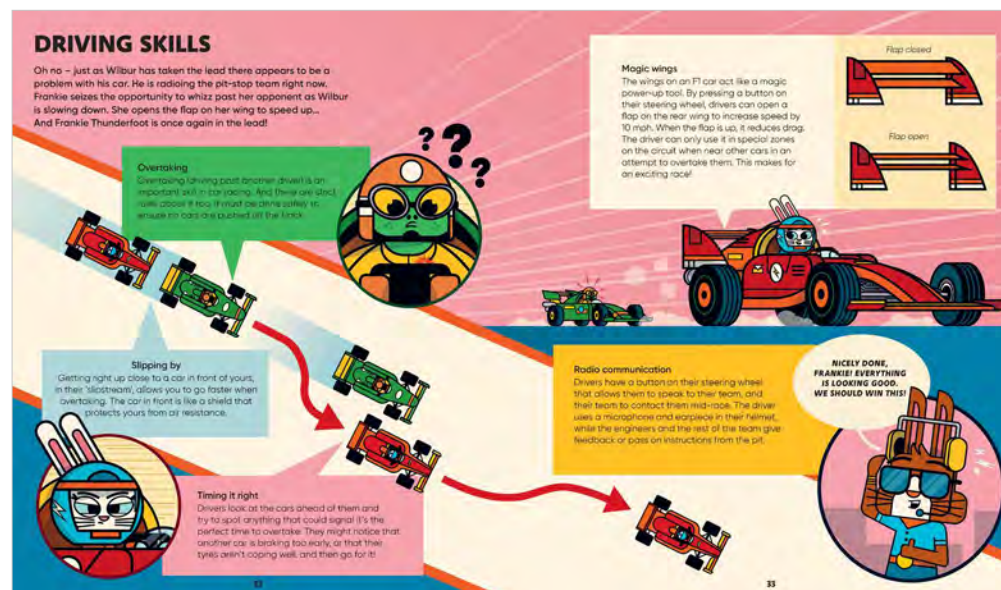
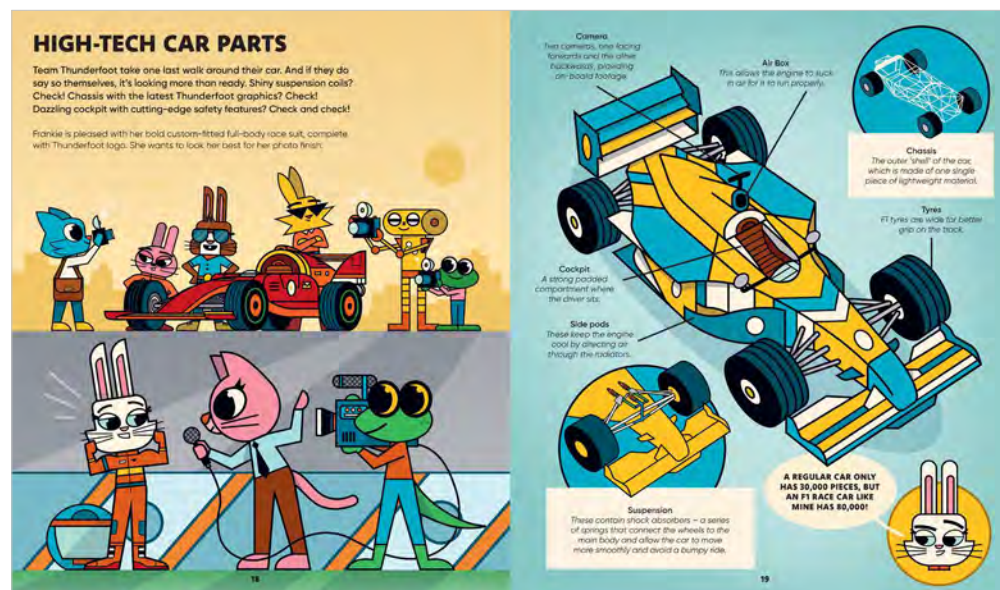
Ben Newman Ben Newman is an award-winning illustrator who has racked up an impressive list of clients including Penguin, the BBC , and the New York Times, amongst many others.

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Publication Date	6th March 2025	Extent	48pp
Age Range	5+	ISBN	9781913123246
Price	£12.99	CMBC	B5N79
Format	Hardback	Territory	Worldwide
Size	270 x 230mm	Shelving Category	Non-Fiction



SAMPLE SPREADS





Join Felix and his grumpy cat Gary in this humorous story about a child's endless imagination.

Felix loves playing in his garden, but he's always avoided the stinky compost bin – he is sure there's a monster in there! Determined to take back his garden, Felix musters up some courage and approaches the smelly heap. But instead of a monster, Felix finds... an egg? What could possibly be inside?

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Children will enjoy guessing the endless possibilities of what could hatch from the egg, making for a great repeat read
- A celebration of outdoor play
- A lighthearted story with a gentle message about sharing

KEYWORDS: imagination, outdoor, garden, sharing, discovery, adventure, curiosity, play, playing, backyard, co-living, funny, animals



ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR



Charlie Miller was inspired by his father, an artist and writer, and his mother, a headteacher and business woman in children's toys, both instilling in him a hard work ethic and a love for storytelling and drawing. Pursuing this passion, he attended the Bristol School of Animation, where he graduated with a first-class degree. With over a decade of experience in the animation industry, his path includes collaborations with Disney, Aardman, and Lucasfilm, and co-founding Scribble Room Animation, where he leads a team focused on creating animations for various platforms. Charlie's directorial work has been recognized in film festivals worldwide. Author Location: Bristol, UK

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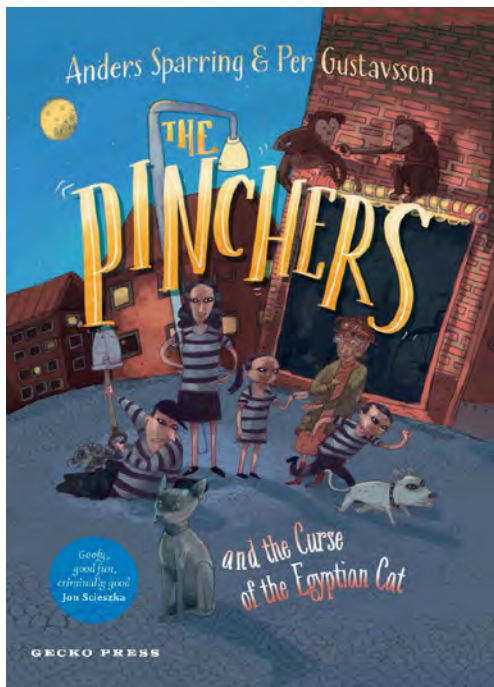
Ning and the Night Spirits
HB | 9781913123161
£12.99

Publication Date	3rd June 2025	Extent	32pp
Age Range	0+	ISBN	9781838742294
Price	£12.99	CMBC	A3M79
Format	Hardback	Territory	Worldwide
Size	270 x 230mm	Shelving Category	Picture Book



SAMPLE SPREADS





The Pinchers and the Curse of the Egyptian Cat

Author **Anders Sparring** Illustrator **Per Gustavsson**



ABOUT THE BOOK

Theo and Ellen accidentally break an ancient cat statue in the antique store. When they tell their mother Nic, she turns pale. It must have been the statue that ruined the life of their ancestor Nab Pincher!

The curse of the Egyptian cat turns thieves into honest people and honest people into thieves. Nab met a terrible fate for a Pincher—he became a police officer. Now suddenly Ellen can't lie and Theo is becoming a criminal.

Theo and Ellen follow the clues to break the curse—after sneaking into the zoo through secret tunnels, breaking into the antique store and digging his way into more trouble, Theo must decide whether he is or isn't a criminal.

SALES POINTS

- A proud family of thieves and reluctant hero
- A fully illustrated, funny and fast-paced first chapter book for beginning readers
- This story selected as best children's book of the year by one of Sweden's biggest newspapers
- This lively and funny bestselling series has sold over 300,000 copies in Sweden, translated into 10 languages

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Anders Sparring writes children's books and is a screenwriter for many popular television shows. He is also a stand-up comedian. He lives in Sweden.

Per Gustavsson is an illustrator and author living in Stockholm, Sweden. His bestselling books are translated to several languages.



TITLE INFORMATION

Release **March 2025**

Ages **6–10**

Format **paperback**

Size **204 x 144 mm**

Pages **92 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765670132**

GBP **8.99**

Translator **Julia Marshall**

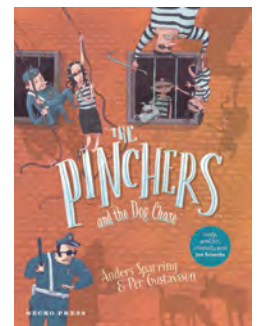
Original Language **Swedish**

This book in 3 ideas
crime, family, humour

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WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This bestselling series, based on the trials of an honest child born to a family of criminals, is well plotted and pacy with characters that children find really funny.”

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Chapter Ten

ELLEN CAN'T WHISTLE

Ellen has a sore stomach. She's frozen through, even though the sun is up. Her hands are shaking. Her legs are jelly.

What's taking Theo so long?

Now and then she glances anxiously in through the window.

Inside, Theo has found a large bag. He's filling it with everything that glitters or gleams. Theo's eyes are gleaming too. Why does Theo have to be so incredibly *criminal*?

"Well, if it isn't little Criminellen!"

It's Paul Eessman, suddenly appearing on the sidewalk. He smiles sunnily and stretches his arms.

The Pinchers

Author **Anders Sparring** Illustrator **Per Gustavsson**

ILLUSTRATED JUNIOR FICTION

“If you are looking for a goofy, good fun beginning chapter book reader series, pinch this book. Criminally good writing, illustrations, and design.”

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★“A family engages in cheerful criminality while their youngest makes vain efforts to tell the truth in the delightful caper novel *The Pinchers and the Diamond Heist*.” **starred, Foreword Reviews**

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The Pinchers are a proud family of villains, going back three generations. Theo loves his family, but he just doesn’t fit in. He cannot lie or cheat to save his life . . . but could he to save his family?

The Pinchers and the Diamond Heist

Theo can count pretty high and knows several French words. But he can’t lie or steal. “You must try harder,” says his mother. After a prison break and a diamond heist, Theo surprises everyone with a lie that saves the day.

HC 9781776575664 **US**\$18.99

PB 9781776575671 **UK**£8.99 **NZ**\$19.99 **AU**\$17.99

The Pinchers and the Dog Chase

In this slapstick illustrated crime adventure, the honest Theo Pincher finds a clever way to save the family dog, Sherlock, from the nasty new police officer.

HC 9781776575879 **US**\$18.99

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The Pinchers and the Curse of the Egyptian Cat

Theo and his sister Ellen accidentally break an ancient cat statue and unleash a curse that turns thieves into honest people and honest people into thieves. Suddenly Ellen can’t lie and Theo is becoming a criminal. Can they break the curse?

HC 9798765668672 **US**\$18.99

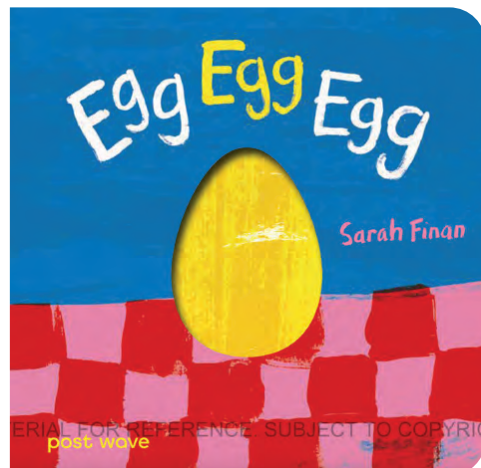
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Title Information

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Publication date: 13 March 2025

Price: £9.99

ISBN: 978-1-83627-026-3

Age: 0-3

Binding: Board book

Format: 180 x 180mm

Extent: 16pp

Rights: World

Genre: Early Years

Subject: Cooking and food

Thema: YNPC

CBMC: A2J79

Author location: Bracciano, Italy

Egg, Egg, Egg

Sarah Finan

Keynote:

A bright and bold board book all about the joy of eating eggs!

Sales Points:

- A die-cut on every page
- Fun, vibrant artwork by an award-winning illustrator
- Rhyming text that is perfect for reading aloud
- Cased board with rounded corners
- Perfect for little hands
- The ideal Easter gift
- This first book in a pre-school series which introduces little ones to favourite foods and all the delightful ways they can be eaten.

Description:

There's only one thing this little baby wants to eat for breakfast – eggs, eggs, eggs! Boiled, runny, but always yummy. With sweet rhyming text, bold, bright artwork and clever die-cuts throughout, this board book is a joy to read aloud to little ones and can be enjoyed again and again.

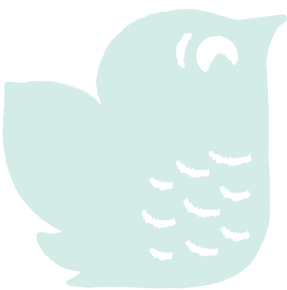
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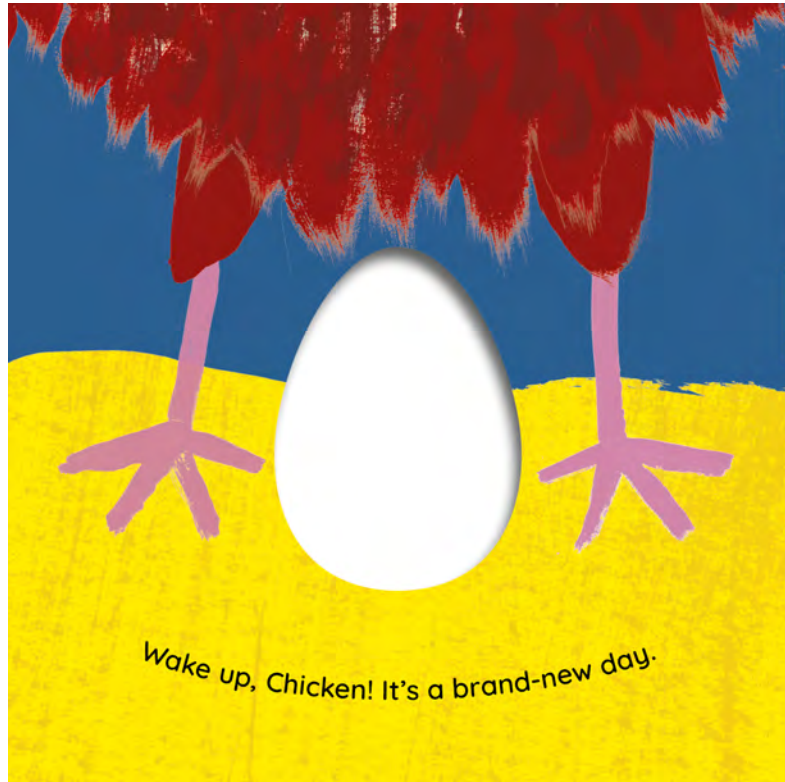
Sarah Finan is a British designer and illustrator, living in Italy. Her first book, *Erik the Lone Wolf*, published with Two Hoots in 2018, and was long-listed for the Klaus Flugge Prize in 2019. She also won second place in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration 2015 for *Yankee Doodle Stanley*.

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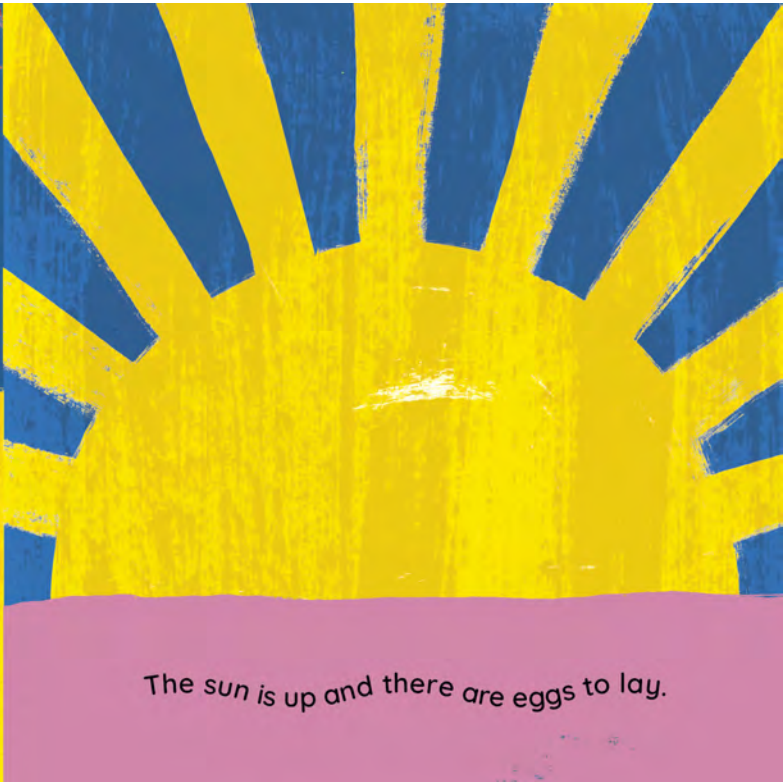
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Wake up, Chicken! It's a brand-new day.



The sun is up and there are eggs to lay.



Count
the
minutes,

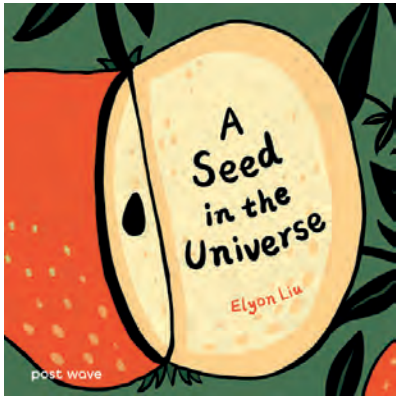
one,
two,
three.



One for you and one for me.

Title Information

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A Seed in the Universe

Elyon Liu

Keynote:

This beautifully simple yet clever novelty board book explains how everything in our world is connected, starting with one tiny seed.

Sales Points:

- Perfect for fans of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*
- Includes a die-cut on every page
- An introduction to first words
- Exciting debut illustrator with a distinctive, vintage-inspired style

Description:

This poetic picture book takes little ones on a journey through our world, starting with one tiny seed, and ending in the expanse of the universe, all the while simply explaining how all life on earth is connected. Alongside the story, readers are introduced to first words, and there is a die-cut to explore on every page.

Author Biography:

Elyon Liu (Xiaoyi Liu 刘晓逸) is a Chinese author and illustrator, originally from Beijing and currently living in Cambridge, UK. After immersing herself in the financial industry in Beijing, she courageously decided to embark on a new chapter, and in 2022, Elyon enrolled in the Children's Book Illustration MA programme at Anglia Ruskin University in the UK. In 2023, she was Highly Commended for the Macmillan Prize. Elyon is a storyteller at heart, propelled by an enduring love for narrative. Drawing inspiration from poems and stories, Elyon is also passionate about plants and animals.

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Publication date: 13 March 2025

Price: £9.99

ISBN: 978-1-83627-012-6

Age: 3-5

Binding: Hardback

Format: 210 x 210mm

Extent: 24pp

Rights: World

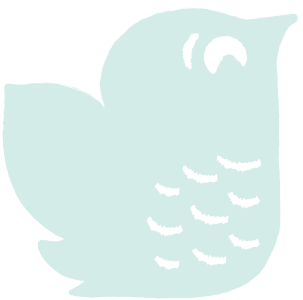
Genre: Picture book

Subject: Story book

Thema: YBCS

CBMC: A3J79

Author location: Cambridge, UK





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Little Seed

Hector Dexet

Keynote:

Follow the journey of a little seed with plenty of cut-outs and flaps to explore.

Sales Points:

- A captivating look at the transformation of seed to flower
- Plenty of flaps and die-cuts to explore
- Beautifully illustrated by award-winning artist
- Supports KS1 National Curriculum Science: Living Things and Their Habitats

Description:

This gorgeous book follows the journey of a little seed as it becomes a flower. Filled with a wealth of novelty elements, including cut-outs and flaps, children will discover cute animals including squirrels gathering acorns, sleepy mice hibernating and busy bees pollinating flowers as they follow a little seed being carried by the breeze. With stunning artwork and lyrical storytelling, this interactive book beautifully explains the magic of nature's cycles and will keep little ones captivated for hours.

Author Biography:

Hector Dexet is a Paris-based author and illustrator known for his bold, bright graphic style that captivates toddlers and young readers.



Who ate the little bug?



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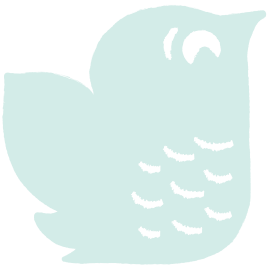
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Age: 4-6
Binding: Hardback
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Extent: 24pp
Rights: World English

Genre: Non-fiction
Subject: Nature/Plants and trees
Thema: YNNT
CBMC: A5J79
Author location: Paris, France





Finally, the big night arrives.
My friends become impatient...

...but I don't hurry.
I take my time.



The Greatest Stuff on Earth



The amazing science of sunlight, smartphones, microphones, mushrooms & everything in between

Steve Tomecek, John Devolle

A quirky, surprise-filled and light-hearted romp through the stuff that makes up our world, from atoms, elements and light, to water, soil and DNA, to buildings, books and smartphones.

A quirky romp through the stuff of our world, from atoms and elements and light, to water, soil and DNA, to buildings and books and smartphones. With chatty explanatory text, fast facts, and clever, stylish and sometimes funny photos, illustrations, and diagrams, this fantastically browsable book offers hundreds of entry points for knowledge-hungry kids.

Author Steve Tomecek holds a degree in Geology and has 30 years' experience educating children about science, including as a writer, a radio and television presenter, and live performer.

- Enormous kid appeal draws readers in then introduces them to topics they never knew were so much fun
- Features a stylish blend of clever, fun and often funny illustrations, detailed diagrams showing just how things work and powerful full-colour photography.
- Author is a proven expert in children's science and his bestselling book (*Everything Rocks and Minerals* for National Geographic Kids) has sold over 150,000 copies worldwide and has more than 1,500 reviews on Amazon UK.

Author Information

Steve Tomecek began his professional career as a geologist (yes, he's a real scientist!), specialising in geomorphology and soils. Steve has written over 45 non-fiction books for both teachers and children and has written websites for Discovery Communications, the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Los Alamos Labs and the Jason Academy. For eight years Steve was an on-air host for the 'New York Kids' show on WNYC radio in New York City and was the writer and star of 'Dr. Dad's Ph-3', an Emmy-award-winning television series in the USA. Steve's television credits also include serving as the Science Educational Consultant for '3-2-1 Classroom Contact' produced by Children's Television Workshop and as a curriculum writer for both 'Newton's Apple' and 'Scholastic's Magic School Bus'. He lives with his wife in New York, USA.



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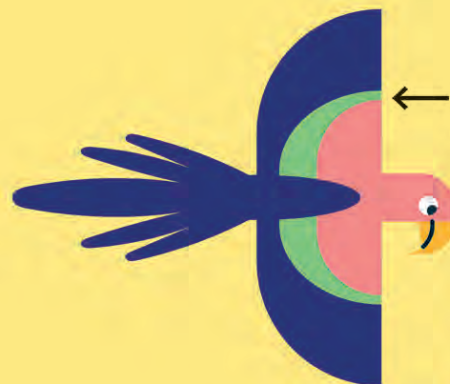
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THE COOLEST FEAT - LIFE

Our bodies (and the bodies of trees and lions and bacteria and mushrooms) are made from lots of the same stuff that makes up rocks and stars. But we are living things, and rocks and stars aren't. So, what does it mean to be alive? Well, to start with, life forms are weirdly like stars. They use energy to make matter and also break down matter to make energy. They don't need gravity to do it, though. This is the amazing feat that the very first single-celled life form came up with around 3 billion years ago, and we've been doing it ever since!

In addition to this wild feat, to count as life, something must clearly be an individual separate from its environment, and it must be able to evolve, which means to change over many generations. Living things also sense the world around them, control their own bodies, and respond to changes in their environment.

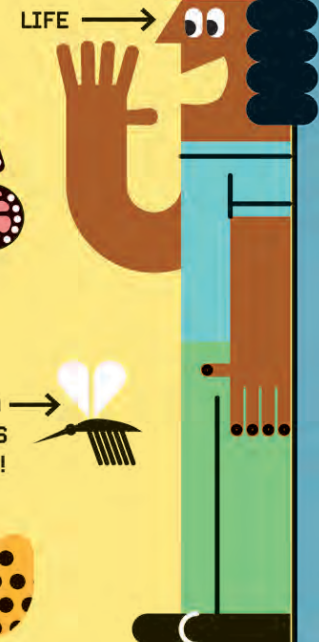


THIS ONE
IS LIFE TOO

LIFE



LIFE



OOPS, NOT
THIS ONE



As you can see, life is enormously diverse! If you would like to find out what each of these things is, please turn to page 127.

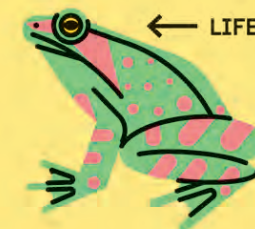
THIS IS
ALSO LIFE!



LIFE



LIFE





ISBN: 978-1-80105-850-6

Pub date: 13 March 2025

Price: £8.99

Format: Full colour casebound board book

Cover finishes: Spot uv varnish

Illustrations: Each felt flap features peep-through holes and a tab at the top or side to create colourful tabs around the book

Extent: 10pp

Dimensions: 203 x 203 mm

BIC Code: YBGP

CBMC Code: A2K79

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Snuggle Up, Chick!

Snuggle up and say 'goodnight' to all the animals with these peep-through felt flap bedtime books.

Author: Bobbie Brooks | Illustrator: Sarah Wade

Tactile, touch and feel, peep-through felt flaps provide plenty of calming, sensory read-and-play fun for curious little ones.

Creates a calming bedtime routine-the gentle, goodnight stories are perfect for getting young ones to sleep even after the busiest of days.

Charming, beautiful illustrations with things to spot on every page are guaranteed to develop a child's observation skills.

Snuggle up, tuck in tight, and help Little Chick say 'goodnight' to all her farm animal friends in this peep-through felt flap bedtime book.

It's bedtime now, and time to sleep. Let's snuggle up and tuck in tight. But before Little Chick goes to bed, help her say goodnight to all her farm animal friends. Lift and look under each soft-to-touch felt flaps to discover which sleepy farm animal is hiding underneath. There are peep-through holes on the flaps to guess who is there, and with a shaped tab, too, each soft, colourful flap is designed to be easy for little hands to lift up and discover if they are correct. Then at the end, it is time for Little Chick to go to sleep and time for the reader to say 'goodnight' too!

With beautiful illustrations by Sarah Wade, and a story by award-winning children's author Bobbie Brooks, this is a charming new story book, lovingly created to be read aloud as part of a calm bedtime routine, and treasured again and again.

Illustrator: Sarah Wade

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



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**Who is sleeping in the flowers?
Help Little Chick say goodnight to...**



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Two Windmills



ISBN: 9781835551295 / 9781835551288

Pub date: 13 March 2025

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour casebound board book

Cover finishes: Matt lamination

Illustrations: Shaped, cased board book with a soft plush paw to push and squeak

Extent: 10pp

Dimensions: 213 x 178 mm

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High Five! A count-and-squeak book.

High-five the paws for lots of count-and-squeak story fun!

Author: Robin Baines | **Illustrator:** Mel Matthews

Enjoy hours of squeaky, interactive play with each 'High Five' storybook adventure!

Hear your child giggle with laughter as they high-five the soft-to-touch paw on every page!

Funny, rhyming stories about favourite, adorable animal characters that bring fun and silliness to story time.

'With a stretch and a yawn, a new day has begun. One high five for Kitten in the bright morning sun.'

High-five Kitten and Bunny and count 1-5 for lots of count-and-squeak story fun!

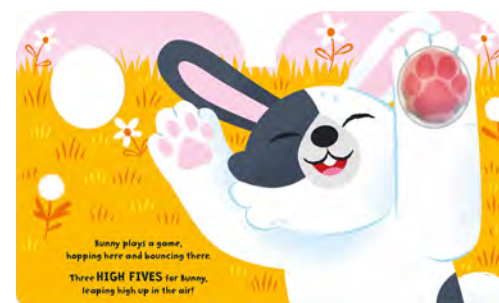
Learn to count 1-5 as you follow Kitten and Bunny from breakfast at the beginning of the day, to playing a games, and then going to sleep at bedtime. Before the page is turned, remember to high-five Kitten or Bunny and count the squeaks from 1-5!

With a soft-to-touch fabric covering a squeaker that makes a super-cute sound, there is lots of giggle-out-loud fun with this read-and-play book. Read the rhyming story and high-five Kitten and Bunny's paw on every page to make it squeak, squeak, SQUEAK!

Illustrator: Mel Matthews

Digital illustrator Mel Matthews' bright and charming characters have featured in children's books, private commissions, advertising campaigns and everything in between. After studying fine art and illustration in Melbourne, Mel now works exclusively in digital format from her Mornington Peninsula studio in Australia.

Mel regularly lends her skills to the non-profit sector, including UNICEF, and each year makes time to take on pro-bono work such as donating artwork to raise money for good causes.



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Breakfast is ready,
Kitten wants to eat!

Two **HIGH FIVES** for Kitten,
and a tasty fish treat!



With a hop, skip, and jump,
Bunny starts her new day.

One **HIGH FIVE** for Bunny,
she's ready for fun and play!



ISBN: 9781801058483 / 9781801058469

Pub date: 13 March 2025

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour casebound hardback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Illustrations: 5 pages with inset acetate and a card torch on a ribbon

Extent: 12pp

Dimensions: 210 x 210 mm

CBMC Code: A5J79

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Goodnight Lamb | Goodnight Bunny

Say 'goodnight' with this magical bedtime torch book series!

Author: Katie Button | **Illustrator:** Daisy Snow

The gentle rhyming text is perfect for getting young ones to sleep even after the busiest of days.

Watch your child glow with delight as they reveal a different animal on every page!

The sturdy card torch attachment is easy to play with independently.

A magical bedtime story book for children.

Lamb and Bunny are ready for bed, but first they want to say good night to all her baby farm animal friends.

Young children will love to help them find the baby farm animal friends in this interactive novelty board book. There's a calf, a duckling, a piglet, a chick and many more popular farm animal babies waiting to be discovered in the scenes. From searching in the field and looking in the barn to exploring the farmyard, there's different places to search and different farm animals to look for on each magic page. Simply insert the included 'magic torch' between the pages to find Lamb and Bunny's baby farm animal friends in each night-time scene and watch children glow with delight as hidden pictures appear!

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Illustrator: Daisy Snow

Daisy is a Suffolk based illustrator who has been designing for children's publishing full time since she graduated from Leeds Arts University last year. In her free time she loves singing and performing in local theatre, cooking delicious veggie food, riding her bike and swimming. She is always happiest when near the sea, especially with her dog Stan by her side barking at the seagulls!



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ISBN: 9781835551363 / 9781835551349

Pub date: 13 March 2025

Price: £8.99

Format: Full colour casebound hardback

Cover finishes: Matt lamination

Illustrations: 5 water-painting scenes, refillable water pen

Extent: 10pp

Dimensions: 240 x 200 mm

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Search and Find Dogs | Search and Find Cats

Create your own colourful pictures with this magical series and watch the scenes transform in front of you!

Author: Georgie Taylor | **Illustrator:** Daisy Snow

Just add water to colour the pictures, then search and find the things that are hiding on each page!

Simple, mess-free fun - paint with water, leave to dry, then paint again!

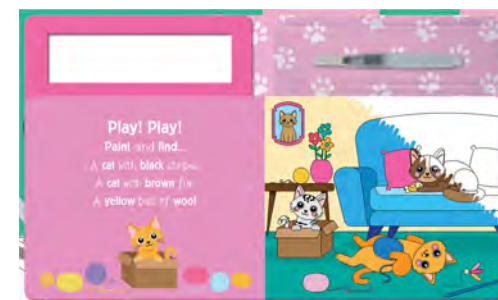
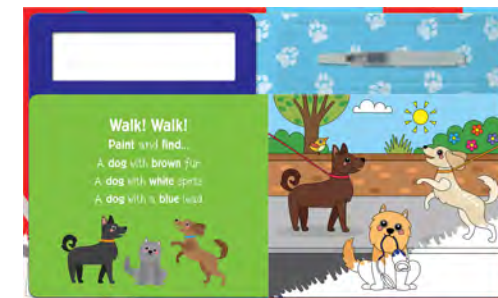
Help to develop your child's fine motor skills, memory recall and text and picture association.

Paint with water for search and find fun!

Create woof-tastic and purr-tastic pictures with this water painting book, then search and find the things that are hiding on each page. Simply apply water with the special pen, leave to dry, then paint your pictures and search and find again.

Illustrator: Daisy Snow

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Easy Peely Space | Ocean - Peel, Stick, Play!

Learning fun for little ones is made easy peasy with our new Easy Peely Play and Learn series. Just peel, stick and play!

Out-of-this-world early learning fun!

Author: Holly Hall | Illustrator: Sarah Wade

Early learning is made easy peasy with Easy Peely Play and Learn, children will be kept busy for hours with these fun, reusable activity board books.

Seek and find the correct play pieces to complete each picture and learn all about early learning themes, from colours, counting and shapes, to feelings, farm noises and opposites!

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

Blast off into space and dive down to the ocean deep ... can you help the sea creatures and the astronauts?

Get ready to peel, stick and play with the Easy Peely play pieces. Seek and find the correct play pieces to complete each picture and help the astronauts learn all about colours, counting 1-5, shapes and sounds.

A fabulous early learning series created especially for little ones. The Easy Peely play pieces are made with 'peel, stick, play' technology to make them easy for little hands to hold and use. The play pieces are 100% reusable, and washable too! Just position each play piece on to the sturdy card pages, then peel them away to play with them again and again.

Illustrator: Sarah Wade

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



ISBN: 9781835551875 / 9781835551899

Pub date: 27 March 2025

Price: £9.99

Format: Full colour casebound board book

Cover finishes: Gloss

Illustrations: Front cover is die-cut to reveal the reusable play pieces sheet inside

Extent: 10pp

Dimensions: 246 x 221 mm

CBMC Code: A3L79

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ISBN: 9781835551073

Pub date: 03 March 2025

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Extent: 32pp

Dimensions: 254 x 254 mm

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Mummy and Me

Each of these fantastic picture storybooks combines lavish illustrations with engaging stories, ensuring that they will be picked up by new and emerging readers time and time again.

Author: Freddie Corrick | **Illustrator:** Mia Tivey

Perfect 5 minute stories to kickstart a lifelong love of reading - perfect for bedtime.

Created by reading enthusiasts who truly understand the importance of the relationship between words and pictures.

Little Koala is very excited. Today is all about spending time with Mummy!

Join Little Koala and Mummy Koala as they spend a fun-filled day together. From making a delicious breakfast and playing in the park together to running errands, then playtime before a bath and a bedtime story, familiar scenes from everyday life will promote feelings of calm and happiness at story time and beyond.

A touching exploration of the close bond between little ones and their mummies.

Illustrator: Mia Tivey

Mia is an illustrator, surface pattern designer and graphic designer from Shrewsbury, U.K. Since graduating from Cardiff School of Art in 2013, Mia has worked for agencies and in-house for many clients. Her work is fun and colourful, and she specialises in design for children.



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Mummy quickly grabs her things,
'Let's visit the park
and play on the swings!'

I slide and spin
and jump and run,
Playing in the park
is so much fun.





Scratch, Paint & Colour Unicorns | Dinosaurs

'Scratch, Paint & Colour' is a new activity series featuring three arty challenges in one book!

Author: Georgie Taylor | Illustrator: Christine Gore

Packed with three arty challenges to complete with a special 2-in-1 art tool! Scratch and discover hidden pictures and paint magic scenes with water to reveal hidden colour, then use pencils or crayons to complete the colouring pictures!

Children's will gaze in wonder as hidden colour is magically revealed with each brush of the pen and scratch of the stylus tool.

Packed with activities that will inspire a lifelong love of art and creativity.

The perfect series for holiday activity entertainment - all you need is water and colouring pencils!

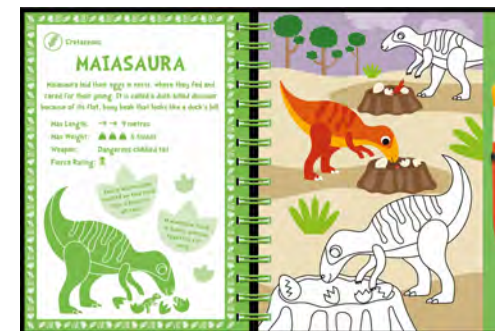
Scratch, paint and colour to create magical unicorn and dinosaur pictures!

This magical art activity book is packed with three arty challenges in one book - there are pictures to scratch, pages to paint with water and images to colour - AND included in the book is a special 2-in-1 art tool to help complete the creative art card activities!

Use the brush end of the special tool to paint the special pages with water and gaze in wonder as colour magically appears, then flip the tool around to scratch away the black scratch scenes to discover hidden pictures, before using pencils or crayons to complete the colouring pictures at the back of the book!

Illustrator: Christine Gore

A designer and illustrator based in the North West of England, Christine graduated from Liverpool John Moores with a First Class Honours degree. She went on to work in the textile industry, where her paints and sewing machine were quickly replaced by a computer - and her passion for illustration began.



ISBN: 9781835551400 / 9781835551387

Pub date: 13 March 2025

Price: £9.99

Format: Part colour concealed wirebound hardback

Cover finishes: Gloss

Illustrations: Includes 5 scratch pictures and 5 paint with water pictures, scratch and magic reactive layers applied as a spot application to complete 4c pictures on each novelty card, pink spiral

Extent: 16pp

Dimensions: 216 x 185 mm

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555 Sticker Fun Magical Creatures | Dragons

The ultimate sticker book series, with over 555 stickers and things to spot on every page!

Author: Oakley Graham | Illustrator: Lauren Ellis

Get inspired and create your own sticker scenes on every spread!

Foster your child's imagination with this immersive and interactive playtime experience!

With over 555 stickers to play with, the fun will go on and on!

Complete colourful and exciting scenes with over 500 stickers to choose from!

From the magical mermaids and unicorns to fairies, trolls and pixies, children will love this enchanting sticker book! A perfect title for magical creature-mad children!

Create some dragon scenes with this sticker activity book for boys and girls age 5+.

- Mess-free fun ideal for on-the-go. Easy to peel stickers means 555 Sticker Fun books can be taken anywhere at anytime!
 - Favourite themes - choose from a selection of best-selling titles.
 - 24 action-packed scenes in every book.
 - Over 2 MILLION copies sold worldwide!
 - The activity fun doesn't stop there - look out for the hidden character on every spread!
- Ideal for taking out and about, on holiday, to restaurants, plane or train journeys.

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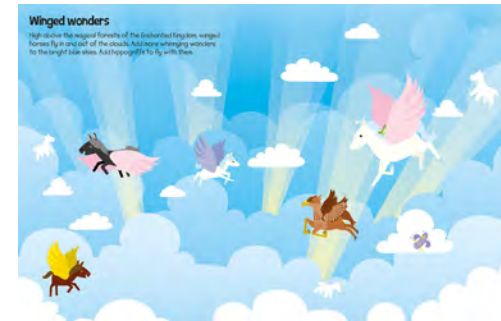
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Illustrator: Lauren Ellis

Lauren Ellis is a freelance illustrator based in Kent, UK. She specialises in children's books, concepts for animation and, in her words, 'lots of other bits and bobs'. Other than illustrating, her interests include baking, fantasy novels, comic books and Doctor Who.



ISBN: 9781835551264 / 9781835551271

Pub date: 13 March 2025

Price: £6.99

Format: Full colour perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Extent: 48pp

Dimensions: 280 x 216 mm

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Wipe-Clean Sticker Funny Faces Farm

Stick and sketch with wipe-clean, sticker fun!

Author: Rob Abbott | Illustrator: Gareth Williams

Decorate hilarious characters with silly eyes, mouths, hairdos, and accessories!

Get creative with the 100% reusable wipe-clean pages and pen.

Over 30 chunky, reusable stickers to decorate funny faces again and again.

Stick and sketch with wipe-clean, sticker fun!

With over 30 chunky, 100% reusable stickers, this wipe-clean activity folder features 15 farm and wild animals to decorate with funny eyes and mouths, making them look hilarious! Children are encouraged to draw silly accessories with the wipe-clean pen to add more charm and personality to their sticker funny face creations. Every animal has their own unique scene, so children can copy the animals into their habitat and draw anything they want to bring each scene to life!

With funny illustrations, stickers that will make children fall about laughing, and endless fun to be had with wipe-clean drawing, this activity book is the perfect, creative activity to spark children's imaginations and keep them highly entertained.



Illustrator: Gareth Williams

At an early age, Gareth loved to draw. Gareth studied Illustration at Swansea Metropolitan. His work has a strong illustrative influence, with lots of textures and layers to create a hand drawn style. He frequently visits art exhibitions and finds himself wandering around the galleries with his sketchbook then getting back to his computer, putting his play-list on shuffle, opening up his sketchbook and exploring new techniques and ideas.

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ISBN: 9781835551554 / 9781835551561

Pub date: 27 March 2025

Price: £9.99

Format: Full colour concealed wirebound hardback

Cover finishes: Gloss die cut window

Illustrations: 2 x TPE sticker sheets (150 x 93mm), 4/0, 1mm thick, placed in polybag

Extent: 32pp

Dimensions: 216 x 163 mm

CBMC Code: B5J79

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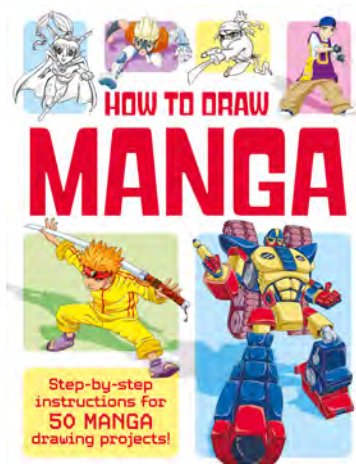
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Pub date: 13 March 2025

Price: £12.99

Format: Full colour perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Extent: 192pp

Dimensions: 280 x 216 mm

CBMC Code: D3L79

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How to Draw Manga

Unlock your creativity with ultimate activity fun!

Author: Richard Ferrara-Hayes | Illustrator: Richard Ferrara-Hayes

This ultimate binder helps children learn arts and crafts, keeping them entertained for hours.

Screen-free fun for children aged 9-12.

Packed with step-by-step instructions to make the activities super-easy to follow.

Unlock your creativity with 50 Manga drawing projects!

Introducing a must-have binder for budding artists: Ultimate How-to-Draw Manga! Packed with step-by-step activities, this folder will children aged 9+ master the art of drawing epic ninja warriors, urban crews, transforming robots, fantasy fighters, cool skateboarders, slick breakdancers, and much more.

Divided into four key sections, each section is carefully crafted to guide young artists through every detail. From sketching dynamic poses to adding intricate details, our easy-to-follow instructions ensure that no adventure is too big to draw. Perfect for readers who love manga, this binder's eye-catching, super-cool design is sure to stand out in any aspiring artist's collection.

Get ready to embark on a creative journey filled with excitement, action, and endless possibilities. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting out, this binder is the ultimate companion for unleashing your inner manga master.

Illustrator: Richard Ferrara-Hayes

Richard trained as a graphic designer and then worked his way up through the creative ranks at a top London advertising agency before switching professions to become a children's book illustrator and designer. Richard fine-tuned his illustration skills whilst working for animation company based in Mumbai, India, and his work is heavily influenced by the vivid colour palettes of the textiles, spices, flora and fauna of the region.



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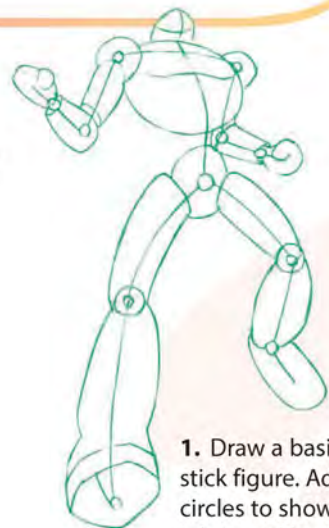
ROVER

Rover is the best space combat robot in the galaxy! With rugged caterpillar tracks he can even travel over the most inhospitable alien terrain.

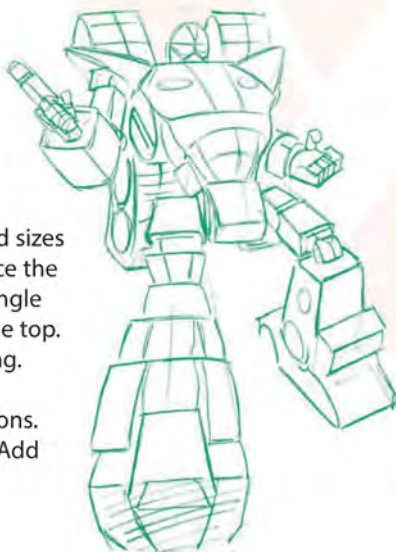


2. Draw boxes of different shapes and sizes to create the basic figure shape. Notice the leg sticking out. It is drawn as a rectangle with the sides meeting together at the top. This creates a 3-D effect in the drawing.

3. Add details to the body and weapons. Space rovers have "caterpillar tracks." Add these to Rover's back.

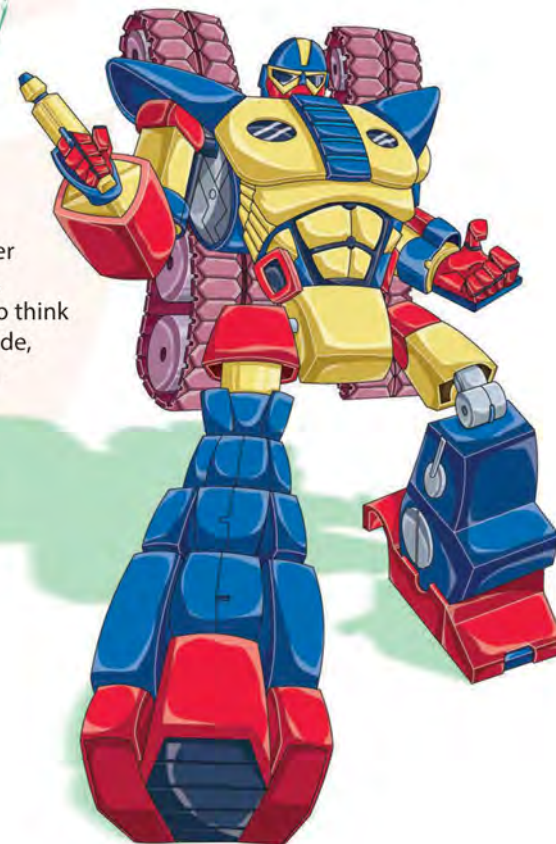


1. Draw a basic stick figure. Add circles to show the joints and hands and feet. Add curved lines to flesh out the body.



4. Add more details and complete the look of the character. Arm Rover with his favorite magneto gun. This gun can enter the body of the enemy and blast them into invisible pieces!

5. Color in Rover in bright colors, remembering to think about light, shade, and reflections.





ISBN: 9781835551158

Pub date: 13 March 2025

Price: £12.99

Format: Full colour perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Illustrations: Plane pages to have perforated edges along spine

Extent: 192pp

Dimensions: 280 x 216 mm

CBMC Code: D5L79

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Fantastic Fliers

Unlock your creativity with ultimate activity fun!

Author: Nat Lambert | Illustrator: Rob Willis

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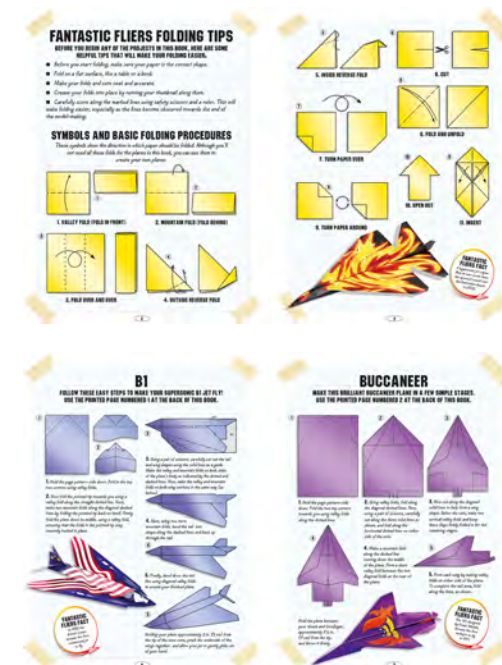
Over 50 paper planes to make and fly!

Everyone wants to be a stunt pilot, and now you can perform the most daring of loops, rolls, and glides with your stunt planes!

Want to make a whole fleet for you and your friends to fly? Then just decide which model you want to make first, remove the specially designed paper from the perforated section at the back, and start folding.

With 52 plane designs, each project contains simple step-by-step instructions with diagrams to help you get airborne within minutes. There are also hints on making neat folds, and fact bites about the world's coolest aircraft.

Illustrator: Rob Willis



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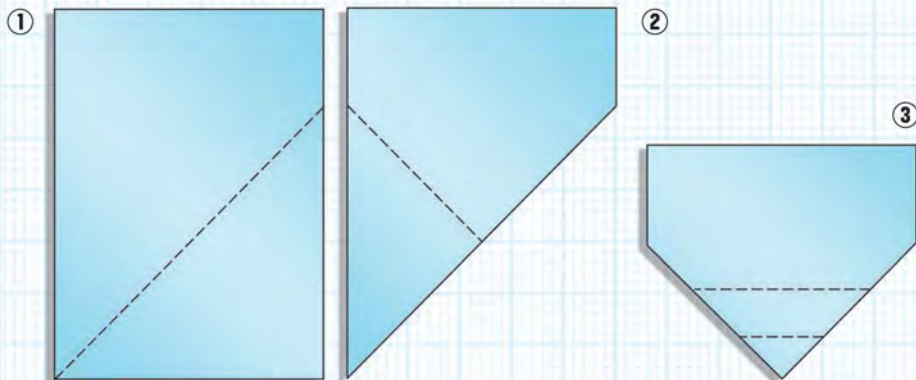


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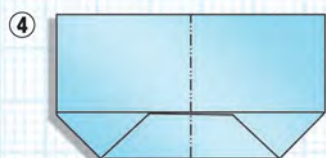
THIS INCREDIBLE BIRD-LIKE PLANE SWOOPS AND CLIMBS.
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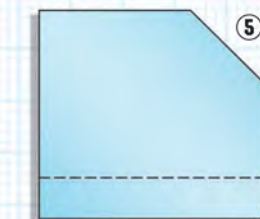
1. Hold the page pattern-side down. Take the bottom right-hand corner and fold it diagonally upward in a valley fold, as shown.

2. Fold the bottom left-hand corner point upward in a valley fold to create a large V shape.

3. Take the bottom point and fold it upward along the bottom dotted line in a valley fold. Now make a valley fold on the second dotted line. As you bring up the second fold gently tuck in the small triangle-shaped tip into the back pocket.

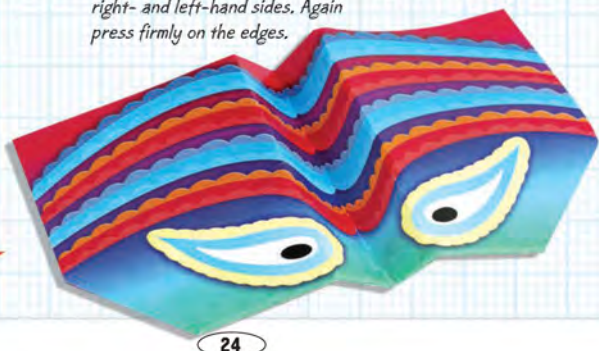


4. Fold the plane in half by making a mountain fold along the dotted line down the middle. Make sure that you press firmly to create a neat edge.



5. Make the two wings by using valley folds to bring down the right- and left-hand sides. Again press firmly on the edges.

Before you fly your Super Swooper, angle the wings slightly upward. Hold it about 1 1/2 in. (4 cm) from the front of the plane and throw it gently angled down.

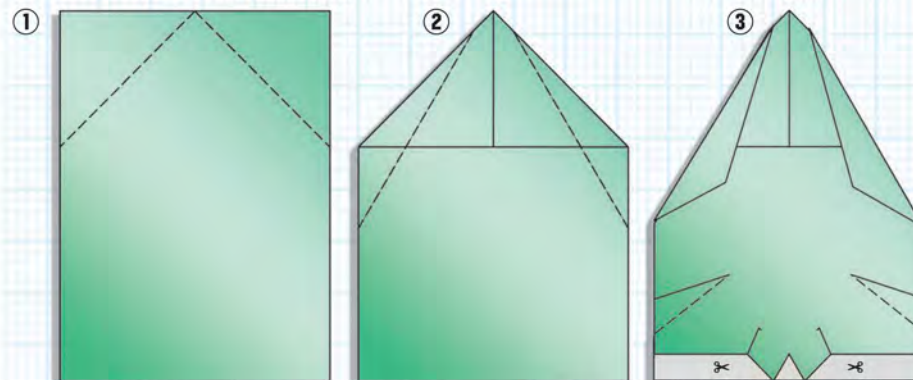


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Stunt moves include loops, figure-of-eights, rolls, and tail slides.

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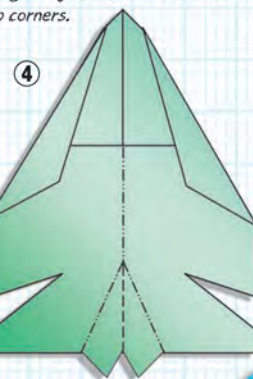
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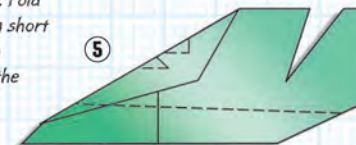
1. Hold the page pattern-side down. Using valley folds, bend in the two top corners.

2. Make two valley folds along the diagonal dotted lines.

3. Using a pair of scissors, carefully cut along the solid lines to begin forming the wings and tail shape. Below the top set of slits, make two diagonal valley folds to create the side tail fins.

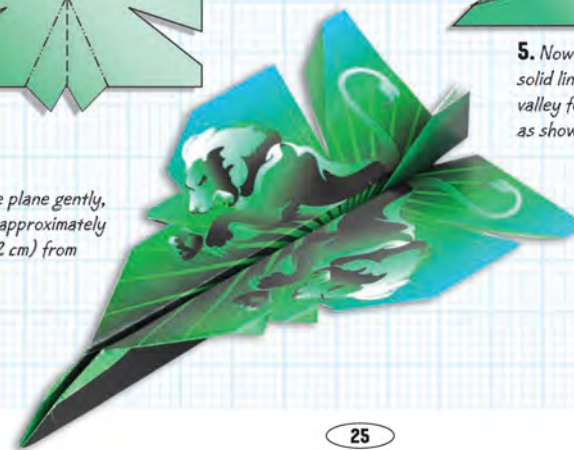


4. Make a mountain fold along the dashed line running down the middle of the plane, then two valley folds either side of this line. Fold the wings over. Then form a short valley fold between the two diagonal mountain folds at the rear of the plane.



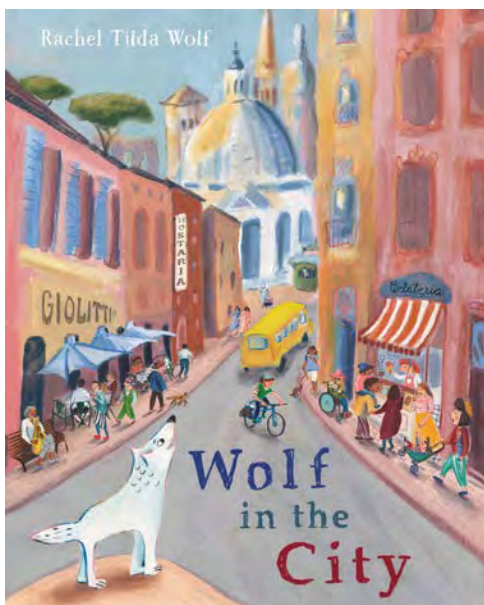
5. Now carefully cut along the solid lines on the wings and make valley folds along the dotted lines, as shown.

Throw the plane gently, holding it approximately 4 1/4 in. (12 cm) from the tip.



FANTASTIC FLIERS FACT

The world's oldest air show is held at Le Bourget Airport, Paris, France. It was first held in 1909.



WOLF IN THE CITY

By Rachel Tilda Wolf



Scallywag Press

A warm and amusing story about learning to appreciate what you already have, by a talented debut picture book artist

Wolf lived on a plinth in a tired old square on the edge of a vast and magnificent city. Taken for granted and pooped on by Pigeon, she longed to be admired and to find her place amongst the important statues in the City Centre. So, one day she set off on the bus to do just that ...

Key Selling Points

- Gorgeous colour and soft, attractive artwork from a debut author and artist
- An appealing main character who goes on a quest for fulfilment
- Explores the need to be appreciated, and the importance of finding out where you belong
- Humorous, with a dig at vanity and selfishness
- Rachel has been shortlisted for the World Illustration Award

Sales and Marketing

- Debut author whose book is eligible for prizes
- To be sent widely for review
- Free teacher notes and activities planned for the website
- Author available for events
- Postcards available



Title	Wolf in the City
Author/ Illustrator	Rachel Tilda Wolf
Publication	6 March 2025
Age	3-6
Price	£12.99
Format	Hardback
Size	270 x 216 mm
Extent	32pp
ISBN	978-1-915252-83-8
Territory	World ex USA & Can
Thema Code	YBCS, YXD, YXEL
CBMC Code	A3M79

Rachel Tilda Wolf graduated from the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art in 2023. She lives by the sea in Deal, in Kent, and can often be seen out and about sketchbook in hand drawing from life. *Wolf in the City* is her debut picture book.

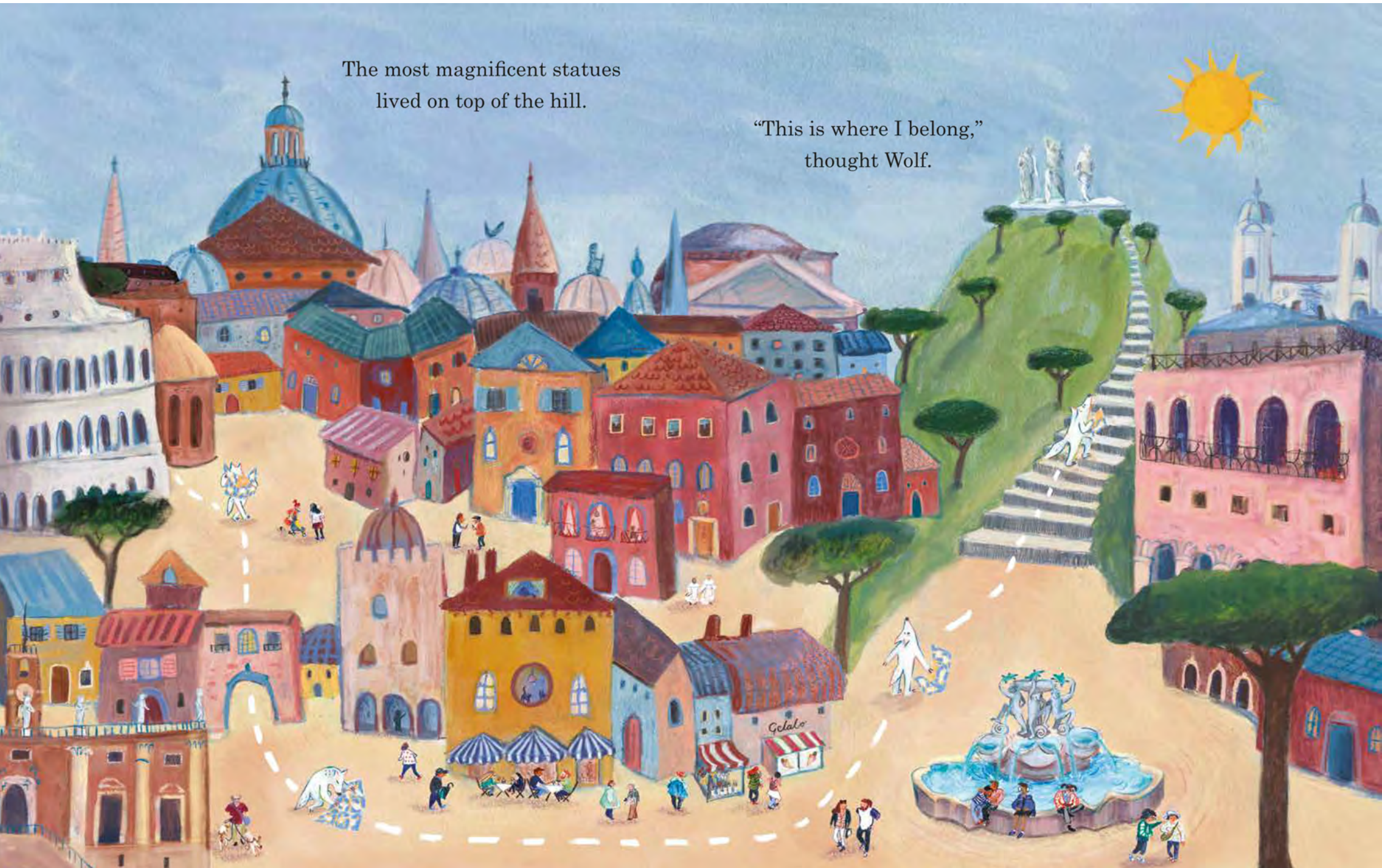


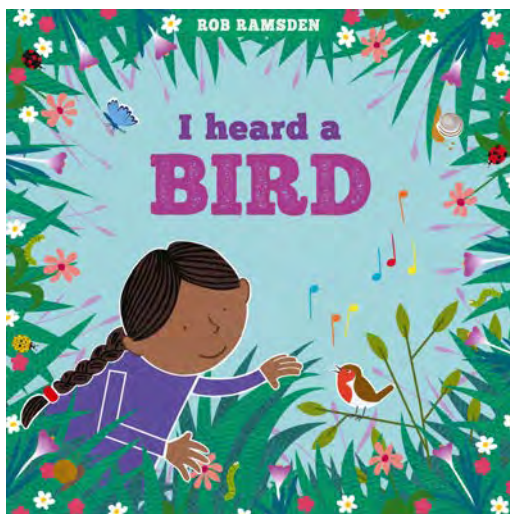
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The most magnificent statues
lived on top of the hill.

“This is where I belong,”
thought Wolf.





I heard a Bird

By Rob Ramsden



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The final title from IN THE GARDEN, a series to introduce very young children to the natural world.

*I heard a bird. I breathed in – listening.
I heard my breathing, my heart beating . . .*

A little girl hears a bird which is frightened away by some cats fighting. As she searches for her bird, she encounters many other intriguing animals and insects. Then, after sitting down to listen to and enjoy the sounds of nature all around, suddenly her bird comes back!



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Key Selling Points

- Mindfulness and meditation will be appreciated by adults and children alike
- Wellbeing - via the sights and sounds of the natural world
- A simple text using poetry and repetition which will be a joy to re-read many times
- Cover with texture and embossing and high production values
- **Previous titles shortlisted for the Teach Early Years Awards 2021 (Pumpkin) and long listed for the Klaus Flugge Award (I saw a bee)**

Sales and Marketing

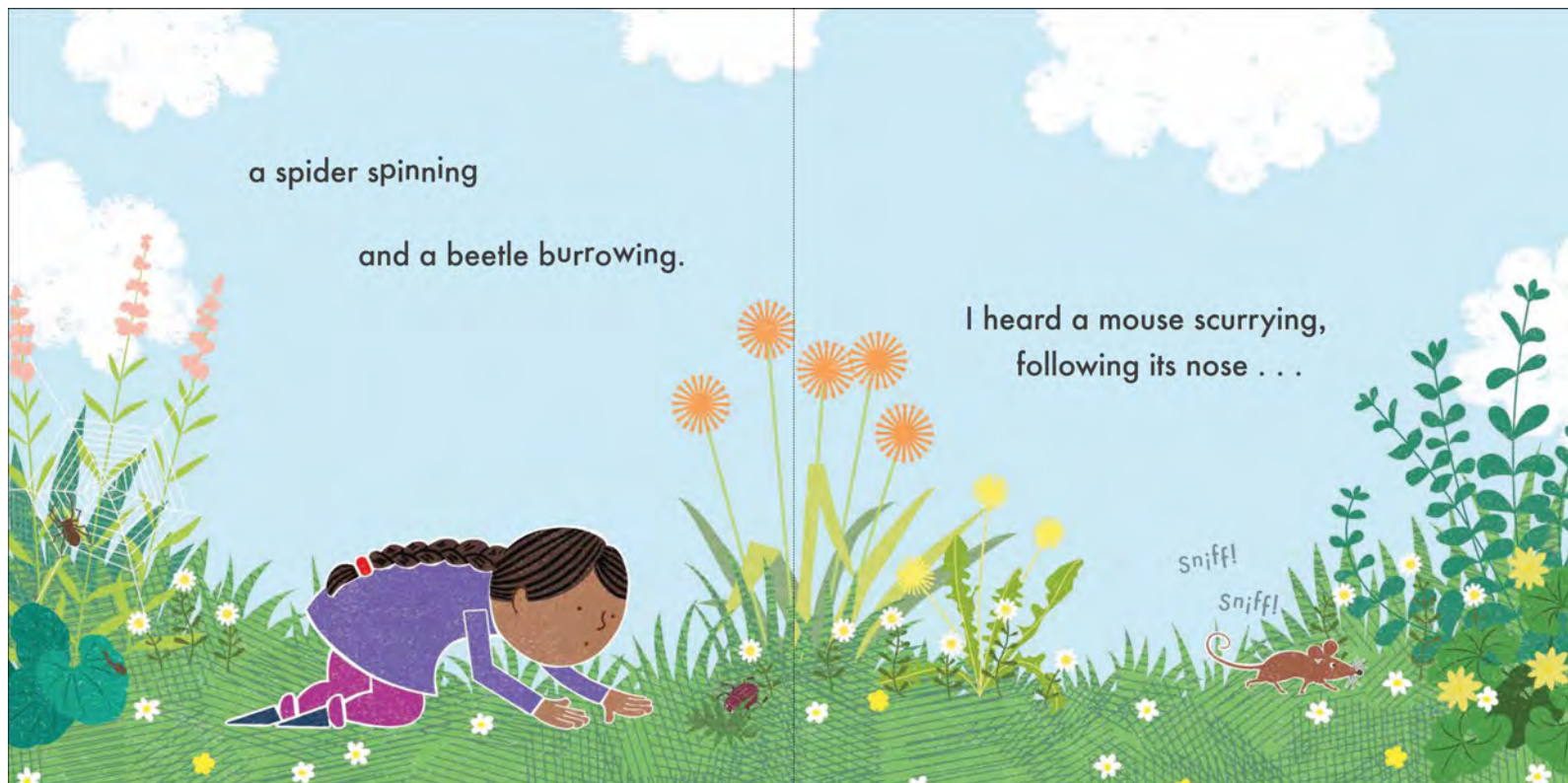
- Final part of IN THE GARDEN - three already out in paperback (*I Saw A Bee, We found a Seed, We Planted a Pumpkin* – May 23)
- Reading Zone Q&A and video, Books for Keeps *Windows into Illustration*
- Social media: reel, blog tour, promotion of series with a blogger
- Teacher notes and resources on the website
- Poster for all four titles.



ROB RAMSDEN lives and works in Suffolk as an illustrator and educator. He's the dad of the boy who saw a bee! Rob is a keen gardener, and his type of gardening is strictly about the wildlife.

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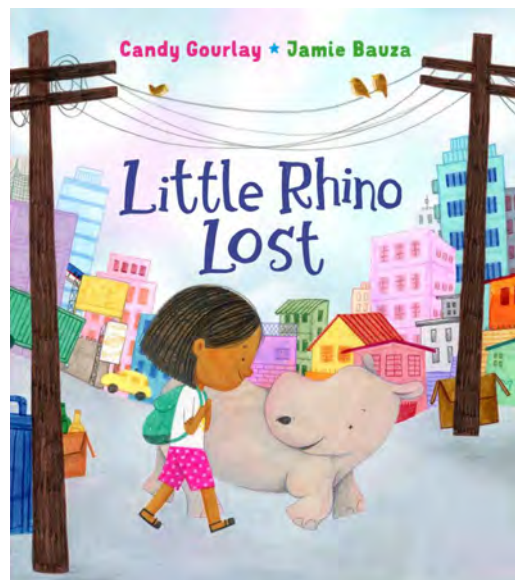


Little Rhino Lost

Candy Gourlay, illustrated by Jamie Bauza



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£12.99

Hardback

275 x 240 mm, 32 pages

Interest age: From 3 years

BICs: YBCS

RIGHTS: ROW

Not for Sale: US CA

A little girl's encounter with a baby rhino inspires the greening of her city neighbourhood

Little Rhino is lost in the big, crowded city and he's afraid his mummy will never find him, far from home, with no tall trees, yummy leaves or green grass anywhere.

Maya wants to help but what can she do to make her home a place that Little Rhino's mummy will come to? Can Maya and everyone around her turn their homes and their city into a welcoming green space, with flowers, plants and trees - somewhere a little rhinoceros could call home?

This enchanting story shows how kindness, determination and community spirit can come together to bring about real change and make our cities greener.

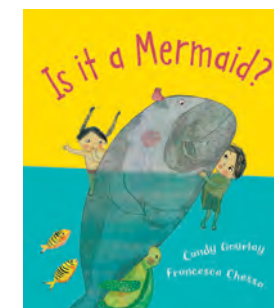
- A **gentle, humorous** fantasy with a powerful **ecological theme**
- A story about **kindness** and about making change happen
- Delightful, **lovable baby rhino** character
- By a **popular, award-winning** author
- Praise for Candy Gourlay's previous picture book, *Is it a Mermaid?* – "A truly **beautiful, imaginative** and **heart-soaring tale**" – *Read it, Daddy*
- **Authentic Manila city setting**, brought to life by an author and illustrator who are both from the Philippines

Author Information

Candy Gourlay is an internationally acclaimed writer of children's books, whose work is published in many languages across the world. On the Otter-Barry list she is author of *Is It A Mermaid?* illustrated by Francesca Chessa. Born in the Philippines, Candy now lives in London. She writes, "The last rhinos of Southeast Asia now live in Indonesia, but they are on the brink of extinction. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could make our world a place a baby rhinoceros can call home?"


Jamie Bauza is an illustrator, designer and crafter, based in Manila, Philippines. She is a graduate of Ateneo de Manila University, where she received a Visual Arts Award. In 2018 she attended the Summer Illustration Residency at the School of Visual Arts, New York. Jamie is a member and past president of Ang INK, a Philippine association of artists committed to the creation and promotion of illustration for children.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



9781910959732

PB | £7.99



That night Maya dreamed about
green jungles
and **giant ferns**
and a mama rhinoceros
leading her baby
home to the forest.

You Can!

Alexandra Strick, illustrated by Steve Antony



"A joyous ode to inclusion, realised in the most delightful, uplifting way." - Cerrie Burnell

YOU CAN...be brave, challenge yourself, overcome your fears, be kind, be brilliant...be YOU!

Come on an amazing journey with 14 children as they grow from birth to 18 years old, learning new skills, exploring new worlds, standing up for their own and others' rights - and following their dreams.

Created with real children, who sent messages of empathy, reassurance and hope, *You Can!* will inspire young people of all ages to be empowered and believe in themselves.

This is a ground-breaking book from author and co-founder of Inclusive Minds, Alexandra Strick, with an astonishing, visual narrative by international picture book star, Steve Antony.

- "Joyous and empowering...the fact that the text was suggested by children themselves makes it extra special." Malorie Blackman
- "Follow 14 children as they grow from babies to adults in this **inclusive** picture book...Antony's **humorous, dynamic illustrations** develop each child's story from page to page." *Guardian*
- "It's such a **gorgeous book**. So empowering! I really hope it flies, it **should be in every bookshelf!**" AM Dassu, *Inclusive Minds*

Author Information

Alexandra Strick is the author of *You Can!* and *We Can!* and co-author of *Max the Champion* (with Sean Stockdale and Ros Asquith). She co-founded Outside in World (promoting translated children's books) and Inclusive Minds (which helps book creators consult people with lived experience) and she is a consultant/reviewer for BookTrust. Alex lives in Surrey, England.

Steve Antony is an award-winning writer and illustrator of over 25 picture books, having sold over one million books worldwide. His books include the *Mr Panda* series, *The Queen's Hat* series. He has contributed work towards LGBTQ+ anthology *Proud*. Steve is Swindon Libraries Patron to Children's Reading Services and an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust. In 2023 he was named 'School Libraries Champion' by the School Library Association. He lives in Swindon.

Inclusive Minds' Inclusion Ambassadors are a network of young people (and some parents, teachers and youth workers) who share a real interest in seeing better representation of one or more facets of diversity.

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Paperback

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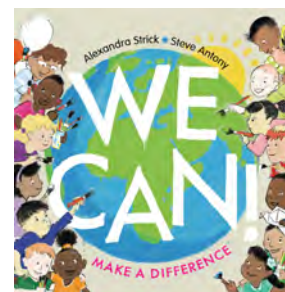
Interest age: From 5 years

BICs: YBC

RIGHTS: ROW

Not for Sale: CA US

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HB | £12.99

You can...



be determined to
reach your goals,

refuse to be
put in a box,



find your own way,



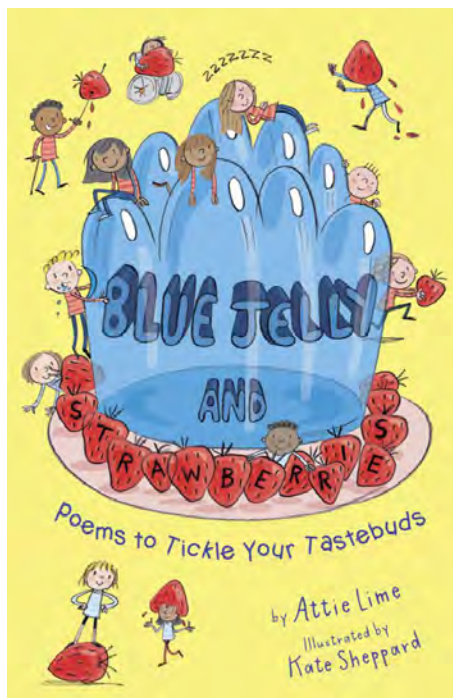
support each other,

love and be loved.



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06 March 2025

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£8.99

Paperback

198 x 129 mm, 96 pages

Black & white illustrations

Interest age: From 5 years BICs: YDP

RIGHTS: WORLD

Blue Jelly and Strawberries

Poems to Tickle Your Tastebuds

Attie Lime, illustrated by Kate Sheppard

An exciting debut poetry collection for younger children from a popular performance poet

Does T-Rex like a tickle? Do mercats chase mermice under the sea? Would you carry a frog in your hat? Play ping-pong with peas? Or how about finding a tree that grows doughnuts – and then eating blue jelly and strawberries?

This is a joyful and exuberant debut collection of poems for younger children. Full of fun, puzzles and wordplay, with shape poems and nonsense poems – and also including quiet, thoughtful moments.

Packed with delightful illustrations this book is perfect for reading aloud or alone, at home or at school.

- A **distinctive new voice** in children's poetry
- A **much-needed collection** for younger children of 5 and up
- Attie Lime is already a **popular performer in schools**
- Praise from Kate Wakeling, CLIPPA Award winner – “**Poems that fizz with colour and tickle the imagination**”
- Praise from top poets Brian Moses – “**A talent to watch**” and Roger Stevens – “**A dazzling first collection**”

Author Information

Attie Lime has been a teacher, is a mother, and relishes her role as a full-time poet, visiting schools and book groups with her poetry parrot Marjorie. Very much involved with community work, she is a firm believer in the place of poetry in daily life, for its fun, its insights and its shareability. She lives in Derbyshire.

Kate Sheppard studied illustration at Bradford Art College and is famed for her "quirky and colourful" drawings. Books she has worked on include 'Horrible Histories' and novels by Alison Prince and Annie Dalton. Kate has run illustration workshops at the Ledbury Poetry Festival and the Bath Children's Literature Festival. Kate lives in the Forest of Dean on the Gloucestershire/Herefordshire border.



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Our Weekend

We swam we swum we swimbled
We jumped and jumparooed
We skippetydoohdahed all day long
We kingkongkangarooed.

We sang we sung we singsonged
We boogied and jivyjiggled
We spinspun, whooshed and dizzied
We jigwiggled, weaved and wiggled.

We clamberclimbed and tall-treed
We picnicked, grubsyfull
We cycled and scootyskated
It was all fabwonderful!





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Water

Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth

Catherine Barr, illustrated by Christiane Engel



13 March 2025

9781915659569

£9.99

Paperback

275 x 240 mm, 32 pages

Colour illustrations

Interest age: From 6 years

BICs: YN

RIGHTS: ROW

Not for Sale: US CA

A ground-breaking global introduction to water that includes sharing and protecting freshwater worldwide

Water tells the story of freshwater around the world. Discover the history of water, how the water cycle works, learn about the different kinds of water and about the amazing variety of wildlife that freshwater is home to. Then find out what happens to water because of climate change and global heating; the importance of clean water for health; the worldwide problem of water pollution and the devastating impact of water shortage on children's lives and education.

Catherine Barr challenges us to take action, to use water wisely and protect freshwater to save our planet.

- "This is an **exceptional** non-fiction book **filled with facts about water around the world** and how we can take action to use water wisely. **Inspirational** and **beautifully illustrated**." Jo Bowers (Associate Dean & Lecturer: Primary Education), Cardiff Metropolitan University via Twitter
- "This **fascinating** and **ground-breaking** non-fiction book looks at how freshwater affects life, the climate, and our long term survival. With **captivating detail** and **illustrations**, interesting **fact boxes** and clear and **concise information** and explanation, this hardback sends a strong and **positive environmental message**. It's a **highly engaging** book that children can pore over for days." *School Reading List*
- "...a **joyous** book: No-fuss, **brightly colourful** and **engagingly authoritative**, it is a **gem** of recent nonfiction for children." Just Imagine

Author Information

Catherine Barr worked for Greenpeace and London's Natural History Museum before becoming a full-time writer. Her previous books for Otter-Barry are *Red Alert: 15 Endangered Animals Fighting to Survive*; *Invisible Nature: A Secret World Beyond Our Senses* (winner of the *Teach Primary* science book prize), both with Anne Wilson; and *Wildlife Crossings: Protecting Animal Pathways Around the World*, with Christiane Engel. She lives near Hay-on-Wye.

Christiane Engel grew up in Germany. She has a BA in children's art and an MA in Children's Illustration and has over 50 children's books to her credit. She works with soft pencil, acrylics, watercolour and digital media. Her most recent book is *Wildlife Crossings* (Otter-Barry Books, 2024) with Catherine Barr. Christiane lives in Kent, England.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



9781915659200
HB | £13.99



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PB | £8.99

The colours of water

A glass of pure water is colourless but it is called *blue water*. This is the life-giving liquid that tumbles down mountains, crashes over waterfalls and runs over and under the land towards the sea. Blue water is the liquid water that we drink and we can see.

Blue water seeps into soils and is sucked up into plants. This hidden water is called *green water*. It flows up trees into flowers, branches and leaves. All plants need green water to survive and grow.

Animals, including you, are made of water too. This precious liquid is in our cells, our skin and even our bones. Water helps our bodies work and keeps us healthy and strong.

Face the facts

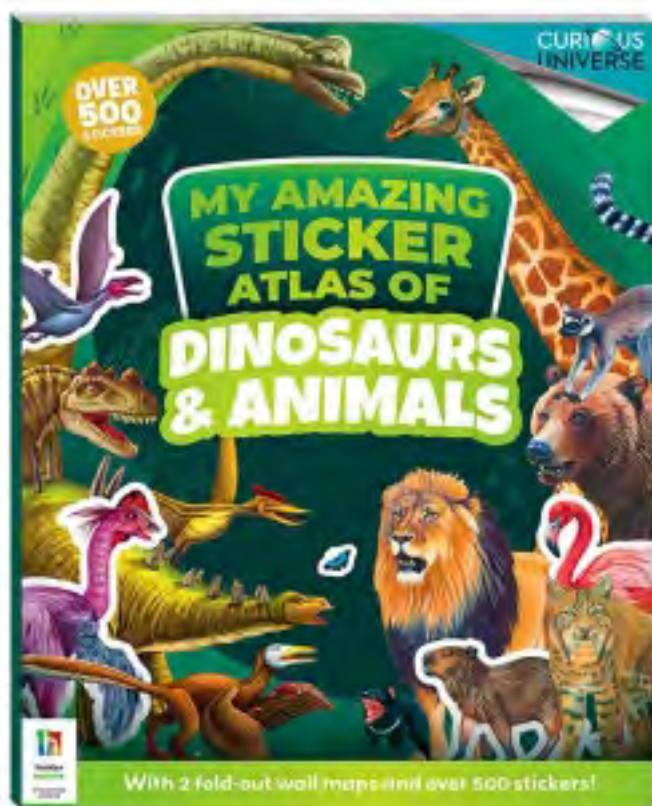
- ◆ You are 65% water!
- ◆ Most plants are 75% water.
- ◆ Natural freshwater is full of bacteria and all kinds of invisible microscopic life.

These families are playing in one of New Zealand's 50,000 lakes.

Curious Universe Sticker Atlas

Dinosaurs & Animals (9781488953101)

This comprehensive reference book is as entertaining as it is educational. The world's most incredible creatures and their habitats are brought to life through colourful illustrated maps, stunning photographs, and more than 500 find-and-place stickers. With over 200 captivating facts to stimulate imaginations, children will learn how diverse and fascinating wildlife truly is.



Key Features

- With 48 pages and over 500 stickers to place on 2 fold-out wall maps, there is hours of fun and learning to be had.
- Over 200 fascinating facts, including annotated photos of real-world sights.
- Illustrated by Garry Fleming, one of the world's most published wildlife artists.

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Format: PB

Dimensions: 305 x 240 x 4mm

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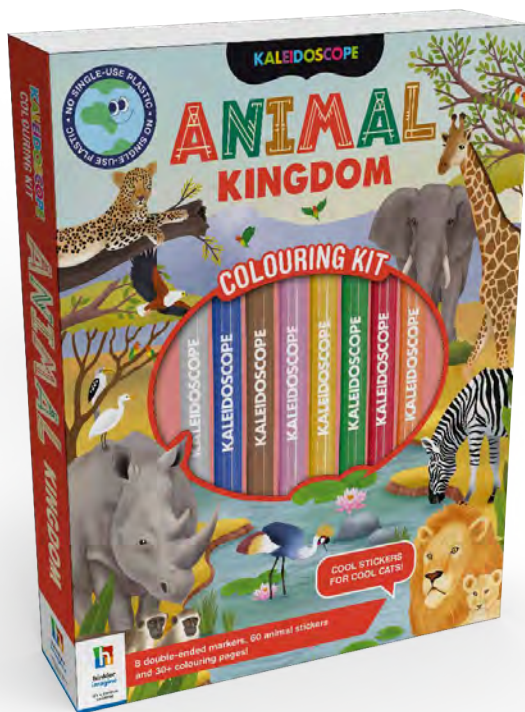
SRP (inc. VAT): £4.99

Carton Qty: 24

Kaleidoscope Colouring Kits

Animal Kingdom (9781488961403)

Colour magnificent elephants, serene lions, fabulous flamingoes and so much more with the eight double-ended markers included in this kit. Inside the book you'll find over 30 images of amazing animals just waiting to be brought to life.



Component list: 8 double-ended markers + 64-page pad + sticker sheet

Key Features

- Features creative colouring pages and eight double-ended markers
- New, sustainable format of the hugely-successful Kaleidoscope range. All single-use plastic has been removed for a more environmentally-friendly kit
- Explores an evergreen subject area



NO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

ISBN: 9781488961403

Format: BOX

Dimensions: 285 x 225 x 32mm

Page Count: 64

SRP (inc. VAT): £9.99

Carton Qty: 8

Magic Transfers • Unicorns • iSeek



ISBN: 978-1-915995-21-6

Author: Eve Robertson

Illustrations: Olena Herasimova

Children can delight in decorating six magical scenes with over 200 rub-down transfers.



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PB | £8.99



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Age: 5+
Price: £9.99
Format: paperback"
Size: 280mm x 216mm
Pages: 12pp
ISBN: 9781915995216
Territory: UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)

Description

This fabulous book is packed with more than 200 cool rub-down transfers to rub onto six magical scenes. All you need is a pencil or ballpoint pen to rub over the transfers. Children can have fun reading all about their favourite magical creatures that inhabit the unicorn kingdom.

Sales and marketing points

- Over 200 amazing transfers to complete.
- Integrated pocket at the back of the book for storing transfer sheets.
- Fun details to read about the fantasy world of unicorns.
- Beautiful illustrations.
- Develops creativity and imagination.

About the creators

Sussex-based iSeek Ltd are creators of internationally successful illustrated children's books in over 40 countries.



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'Zillah Bethell has been one of my favourite writers for many years. Her writing is at different times fantastical, direct and elusive, but always joyous. In this dreamlike portrayal of life for two teens struggling to find their way, caught between the horizon and the looming steelworks of Port Talbot, she manages to bring us a realism that isn't gritty, humour, pathos and a whole heap of food for thought...!'

Editor, Penny Thomas

Vanishing Edge

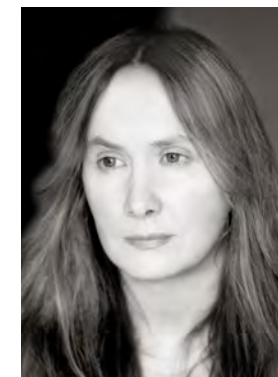
Zillah Bethell

- A darkly comic tale from author of *The Shark Caller* and *The Song Walker* (Usbourne)
- First YA novel from hugely talented, Yoto Carnegie shortlisted author Zillah Bethell.
- Fantastical story of teenage life set in the shadow of the now-threatened steelworks of Port Talbot.
- Themes of escape, desperation, climate change and growing up.
- Comprehensive marketing and events campaign planned for the author with strong social media presence.

Summary:

One morning Apricot Jones wakes up to graffiti on her front door and a man in a black Jaguar who calls himself the Baglan Giant looking for her mum, Carys. Apricot and her best friend Charlie must find the secret that Carys is keeping and come to terms with parts of themselves that are lost while reaching out to new beginnings.

Set on the Sandfields estate and the sea's edge, and structured by the omnipresent steelworks, this is a darkly comic tale of what it means to be alive, seventeen and living in Port Talbot.



Zillah Bethell was born in Papua New Guinea, spent her childhood barefoot playing in the jungle, and didn't own a pair of shoes until she came to the UK when she was eight. She read English at Wadham College, Oxford and lives in south Wales with her family. Zillah has published three adult novels on subjects ranging from depression to the Paris communes and artist Gwen John. Her work for children includes four middle-grade novels: *A Whisper of Horses*, *The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare*, *The Shark Caller* (shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award) and *The Song Walker* (shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal 2024)

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Age: 13+
Rights: World



The Nightmare Club: The Wolfling's Bite

by Annie Graves, illustrated by Glen McElhinney

Part of a series of scary and funny tales
for young and reluctant readers.

Summary

Welcome to the Nightmare Club, the sleepover that is definitely not for wimps. Annie Graves is your host, and she only invites guests who can tell really creepy stories.

Jessie was nuts about her cute little Wolfling toy. But her brother had heard rumours about Wolflings: they could move without being switched on. They could turn nasty. He even heard that they could bite.

Read it, if you dare – and hang onto your nose!



Draft cover only

Pub date: 13th March 2025

Price: £6.99

ISBN: 9781915071811

Thema: YFD, YFQ, YNX

Format: 198mm x 129 mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 64pp

Sales points

- **Perfect for reluctant readers:** short text is combined with lots of illustrations
- Written by **award-winning author** Oisín McGann
- Filled with **funny and spine-tingling illustrations**
- **Eleven titles in the series** being rolled out between 2025 and 2027

About Annie Graves

Annie Graves is a prolific writer of children's books. She writes all the Nightmare Club titles HERSELF, but various authors CLAIM to have helped her, including Deirdre Sullivan, Oisín McGann, Dee Stevens and Dave Rudden.

Annie is twelve years old, and she has no intention of ever growing up. She is, conveniently, an orphan, and lives at an undisclosed address in Dublin with her pet toad, Much Misunderstood, and a small black kitten, Hugh Shalby Nameless. You needn't think she goes to school – pah! – or has anything as dull as brothers and sisters or hobbies, but let's just say she keeps a large saucepan bubbling on the stove.

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The Nightmare Club: Help! My Brother's a Zombie!

by Annie Graves, illustrated by Glen McElhinney

The first in a series of scary and funny tales
for young and reluctant readers.

Summary

Did you ever hear that telling a nightmare makes it fade away? It doesn't. Not here anyway. Welcome to the Nightmare Club's Halloween sleepover. You might not last till morning.

This is the story Jack told. His older brother Stephen was a great friend ... until he started to change.

His smell.

His face.

His friends.

His diet.



Draft cover only

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When someone tells me not to do something, it usually makes me want to do it even more.

That's how it was with the attic door.

I used to sneak up there when I was supposed to be doing my homework.

I would press my ear against the door and fiddle with the locks.

I thought I could hear a draggy, floppy kind of sound every now and then, and once I was almost sure I heard a groan.

But the door was very thick.

I could have been imagining it.



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Everyone who's sleeping over has to tell a story, see. It has to be a scary story. Because if it isn't scary enough, you're out. That's my scary rule. I get to make at least ONE rule IN MY OWN HOUSE.

If you're out, you have to pretend you're sick. So you ring your mum or dad and get them to come and collect you.

Last year, we sent Matthew home. I mean, his story was *useless*. It was about a ghost that said BOO and waved these swords around. What an idiot! Everyone knows ghosts don't say BOO. They say BLEURRRRGHHHHH. And sometimes they don't say anything at all. They just *attack*.

Anyway, this time, it's Jack's turn. He is going to try and convince us all that his brother (what brother? he hasn't even got one) is a zombie. Yeah, right. Way to go, Jack.



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by Judith McQuoid



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*Historical fiction based on the Belfast childhood of
Narnia author CS Lewis,
and his world of imagination and adventure*

Summary

Davy, a working-class boy living in East Belfast in 1908, is sent to work at the wealthy Lewis household. When he meets Jacks – the name by which CS Lewis was known to friends and family – Davy is captivated by his friend's world of books and stories. Together the boys plunge into imagining and adventuring, and Davy discovers his own artistic talent.

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- Ned Bustard

author of *The Chronicles of Narnia Comprehension Guide*

Sales points

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About the Author

Judith McQuoid's interest in CS Lewis began in childhood, when her father read her the Narnia Chronicles. When she discovered that her grandfather had grown up as a working-class boy in the same part of Belfast that Lewis was from, an idea was born.

Originally from Ireland, McQuoid has spent much of her life in Texas and England. Now back in Northern Ireland, she is often found scribbling at her desk, or strolling with her collie dog, Dexter.

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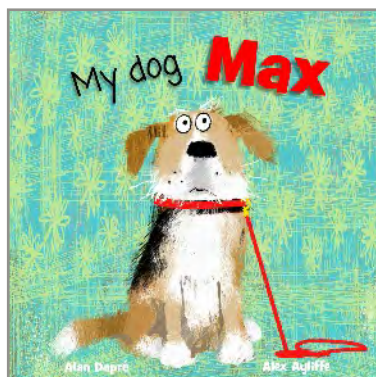
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My Dog Max

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Illustrated by Alex Ayliffe



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Category Children's

Age range 03- 06 years

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TPS 240 x 240

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Rights World

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We are thrilled to publish the second picture book from best-selling, award-winning illustrator Alex Ayliffe and successful screen, radio writer and author Alan Dapré.

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A story with relatable themes of companionship, friendship, feelings, emotions and love.

Description

"I LOVE DOGS!" says Ava, who desperately wants a dog. Any dog. Tall, small, saggy or waggy. Every day, she asks her parents for a dog and is told they need a lot of looking after. Dogs are forever, not just for Christmas. Just like her Papa's big baggy knitted jumpers.

Believing she will never get a dog, Ava makes one out of recycled junk, but it can't eat or walk. When its newspaper tail falls off, Ava spies a photo of sad dogs at the DOGGY DEN, a rehoming centre.

Once there, Ava sees dogs of all shapes and sizes, but the one she loves most is Max, a big, sad, dog who has had five names and six homes, and just longs to be loved. Their adventure together is about to begin.

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About the author

Alan Dapré is the author of 60 books for children. His plays have been broadcast on BBC Radio & published for school use. A former deputy headteacher and TV scriptwriter, Alan now writes stories for young readers. He regularly appears at book festivals, libraries and schools. Alan delivers lively, wordplay-packed, interactive events based on his books or childhood experiences in care.

Alan is also the author of the *Porridge the Tartan Cat* series of books published by Kelpies, an imprint of Scottish indie publisher Floris Books. Alan is based in North Ayrshire.

About the illustrator

Alex Ayliffe is a best-selling, award-winning writer and artist. Alex has illustrated many books for children, including the best-selling *Dig Dig Digging* and *Boo Barney*, winner of the Sainsbury's Baby Book Award.

Alex is particularly well known for her work in picture-book illustration. Her detailed cut-paper collage art, which incorporates bright, clear colours in a one-dimensional image, is inspired in part by her many travels away from her native England to locations in Europe, Africa, and Australia. Alex's original picture books include *Slither*, *Swoop*, *Swing*, which illustrates how snakes, bats, monkeys and other kinds of animals move, and *Boo Barney*, which depicts a rambunctious toddler's busy day. Alex is based in Cambridge.

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I can do that.

"A dog needs you to pick up
it's you-know-what *everyday*."

Um, **I can do that**
if I wear *this* spacesuit.

Whenever I ask Dad he says,
"A dog needs to be fed *everyday*."
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Frances Tosdevin & Rhian Wright



DO NOT SAY THESE WORDS

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THE BOOK

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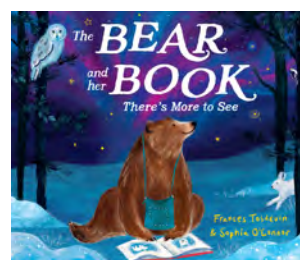
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THE AUTHOR

As Frances hasn't quite grown up (not properly, anyway), it's perhaps no surprise that she loves writing imaginative stories for children. Having studied Archaeology, Anthropology and Classics at Cambridge, she has a certain fondness for old things, and when she was little, she longed to own a real dinosaur. Sadly, despite writing a particularly persuasive letter to her parents on this matter, aged about four, no dinosaur was forthcoming— but she still lives in hope.

Frances has taken several picture book courses and is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She has been shortlisted five times in picture book competitions, and spends her days turning her numerous ideas into new stories. An observer of small things, she is constantly in awe at the natural world.

Her debut picture book, *The Bear and Her Book*, was published by Uclan Publishing in October 2021 to critical acclaim.

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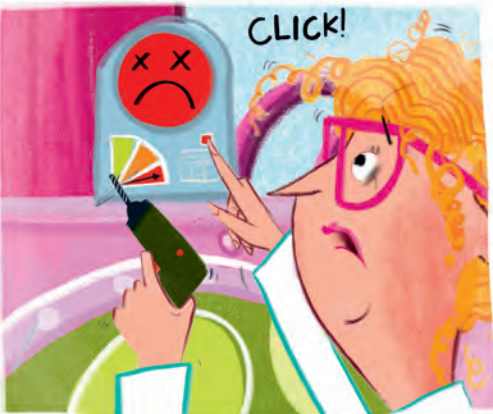
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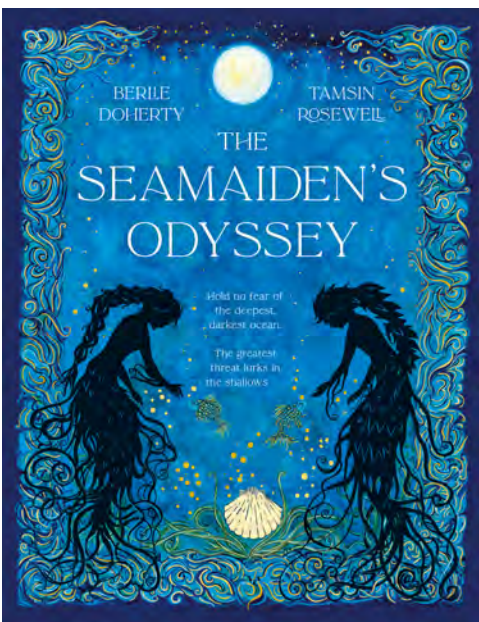
Hmmm . . . Without my machine,
I can only think of:

**YUCKY SQUIDGE-LUMP. FURBALL FEET.
STOMACH STINKER.**

But I'm sure YOU can think
of even less funny ones while
my machine cools down.

Say them out loud now!





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THE SEAMAIDEN'S ODYSSEY

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THE BOOK

A strange and beautiful sea-creature is brought into the marine sanctuary where Sasha works. The sea-girl is kept as an exhibit and for scientific research. But Sasha wants to know more about her – are there more of her kind? What sort of community does she come from? Does she have a family?

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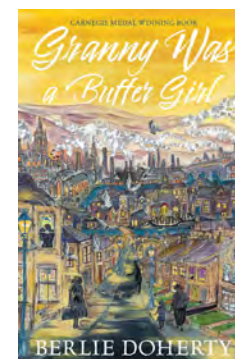
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THE AUTHOR

Berlie Doherty is the author of the best-selling novel, *Street Child*, and over 60 more books for children, teenagers and adults, and has written many plays for radio, theatre and television. She has been translated into over twenty languages and has won many awards, including the Carnegie medal for both *Granny Was a Buffer Girl* and *Dear Nobody*, and the Writers' Guild Award for both *Daughter of the Sea* and the theatre version of *Dear Nobody*. She has three children and seven grandchildren, and lives in the Derbyshire Peak District.

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FOR A TIME AFTER THIS, MERRYNN DREW close to Edyn and Tesh again. They showed her their secret hiding places, and she explored new haunts to share with them. Her favourite places were the cliffs where the sea lapped gently against rocks. Most of all, she loved cliff caves, half air and half water, luminous with coloured light and dripping with old mysteries. They were inhabited by white gulls that screamed and shrieked to frighten her away, but she grew bold and laughed at them, splashing and shrieking to make her tumbling voice echo into the caves' darkness. Here, in her favourite cave, she whispered her secret dreams to her sisters, and they shared theirs. Even though she was still confined to the bays and coves of her childhood, she felt as if her whole world was blossoming now, full of colour and light



YOUNG LOVE

SUZANNE EWART

THE BOOK

Kelsey and Lewis have been best friends for ten years before, finally, he kisses her for the first time ...

And leaves for a job in New York the next day.

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But something happened to Lewis on the night of their first kiss which changed everything. And when Kelsey learns the devastating truth, she has to make a choice. Should she keep pushing for her happy ending?

THE AUTHOR

Before writing her first novel, Suzanne Ewart taught English to secondary school children in Greater Manchester. In 2019 she won the eHarmony/Trapeze books Write Your Own Love Story competition. Her debut novel, *One Month of You*, was published in 2021. She lives in Warrington with her husband and two children.

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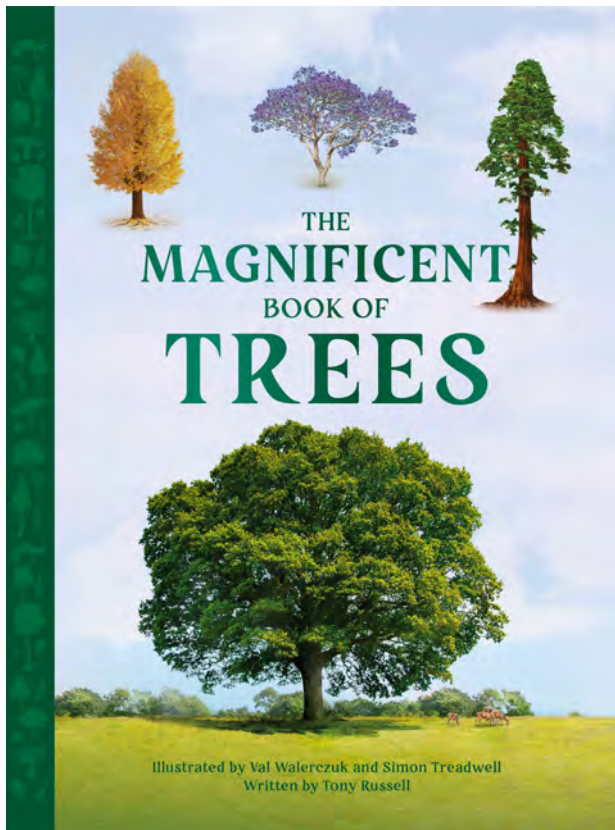
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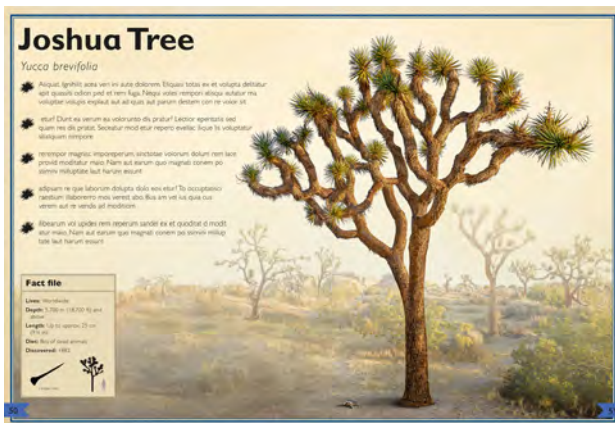
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Who's Behind the Book?

Author: Tony Russell has more than 30 years of experience in forestry and horticulture. He was head forester of Westonbirt Arboretum in England for 14 years, and later hosted several horticulture-based TV and radio programmes.

Illustrator: Val Walerczuk is an internationally acclaimed illustrator known for his attention to detail. He is passionate about the natural world.

Illustrator: Simon Treadwell attended the Istituto Europeo di Design Milan and later worked as Art Director in the advertising industry, before becoming a full-time illustrator.



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Japanese cherry

Prunus serrulata

Every year in spring, thousands of people visit Japan to see the cherry trees in flower. The custom of cherry blossom viewing is called *hanami* in Japanese.

This tree is considered one of the most beautiful in the world for its bright pink blossom, which lasts for no more than two weeks at a time.

There are more than 200 different types of flowering cherry trees. Some have white instead of pink blossom.

Cherry blossom has been shown in Japanese paintings for centuries, and celebrated in poetry for more than 1,000 years. The flowers have also long been used as designs for wallpaper and clothing, and today are even used as decorations on cakes and sweets.

In spring, the flowers are picked and used to make a tea. This is drunk at weddings and other occasions representing new beginnings.

Fact file

Found: Japan

Habitat: Hillsides, valley woodlands

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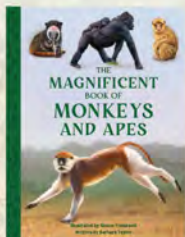
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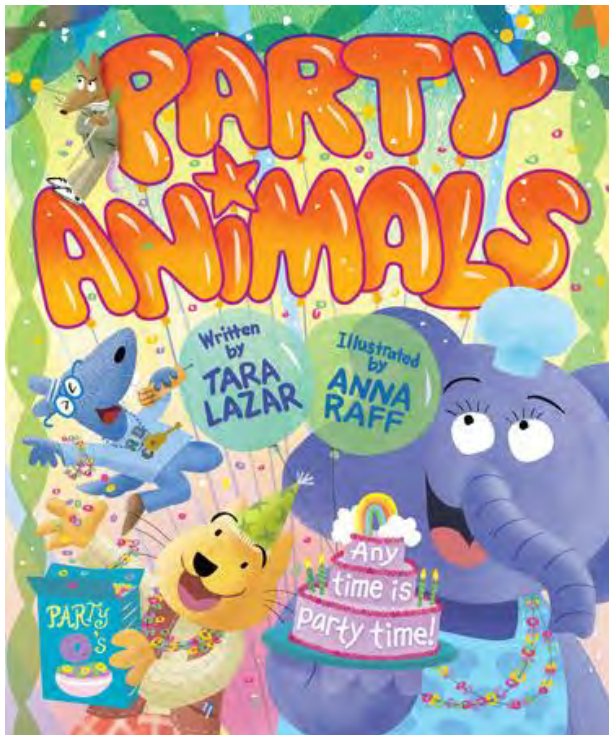


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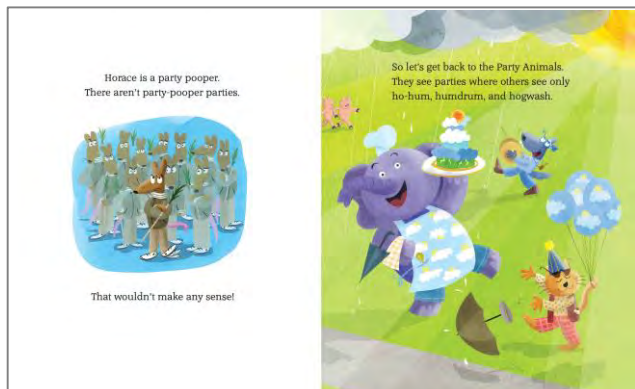
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Any time is party time with the Party Animals! A delightful picture book that is equal parts silly and thoughtful, perfect for read-aloud parties and library-going parties and learning-to-be-friends parties.

Meet Beatrix, Theodore, and Phoebe: the Party Animals! They can make a party out of anything. Sour milk? PARTY! Hole in your pants? PARTY! Now meet Horace. He's a party pooper. "You can't have so many parties!" he says. SCREEEECH. Could Horace be right? Join the Party Animals in this whimsical celebration of friendship and empathy.

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Horace is a party pooper.
There aren't party-pooper parties.



That wouldn't make any sense!

So let's get back to the Party Animals.
They see parties where others see only
ho-hum, humdrum, and hogwash.





Written by Alliah L. Agostini

Illustrated by Charles Santoso

No Cat Like Tac

Alliah L. Agostini illustrated by Charles Santoso

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Meet Tac, an unusual cat! Her pounce shakes the house, her zoomies are a doozy, and her hairballs are . . . well, fireballs. But she'll always be family. Right?

When Tyra finds a box labeled "free kittens," Dad says she can pick just one to adopt. So Tyra chooses Tac: a BIG kitten who's a little different from other cats. Tyra makes sure Tac has tons of toys to play with, lots of cozy places to cuddle, and plenty of love and affection.

But everything about Tac, from her zoomies to her hairballs, is bigger, louder, and fierier than other cats. Then one day, Tac's mischief gets out of control, and Dad says "ENOUGH!" Can Tyra find a way to prove Tac is part of the family, differences and all?

With spare, sweet text and humorous illustrations that tell another, more dragon-y side of the story, No Cat Like Tac sends the funny but heartfelt message that family is about being yourselves, but choosing each other.

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Julie Kagawa

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In a world in the clouds where only the rich own dragons, a poor boy named Remy finds a wild baby dragon—believed to be extinct—and becomes the focus of an evil pirate’s vengeance.

REMY spends his days trying to survive the mean streets of Cutthroat Wedge—one of the many islands floating in the gravitational pull of the magical Maelstrom. But his life changes forever when a violent storm brings a baby dragon to his doorstep, and he feels a bond he has never felt with anyone.

GEM longs for the day when she call herself a true mage. But when she learns that the floating islands that make up her kingdom are rapidly sinking into the Maelstrom, she makes it her mission to save her world. The secret to saving humanity may lie in a True Dragon—a dragon capable of intelligent thought and able to cast and use magic. But True Dragons are extinct . . . aren’t they?

Remy’s and Gem’s lives will never be the same when their fates collide. With an evil pirate mage named Jhaeros determined to claim the rare dragon for himself, the two must learn to trust in each other as they team up with a shifty pirate captain and and embark on the adventure of a lifetime.

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The Girl and the Robot

Claribel A. Ortega, Oz Rodriguez

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An out-of-this-world story about friendship, empowerment, and . . . running from federal agents?

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With a little heart, you can fix anything. Mimi Perez fixes things. She gets it from her dad—helping him at the family e-repair shop was always one of Mimi’s favorite things to do. But ever since Papi was deported, there’s a lot more than electronics that need fixing in Mimi’s world. Things too big for any twelve-year-old to handle on her own.

Mimi hustles around her Brooklyn neighborhood trying to earn enough money to finally fix her family. There’s no time for school or friends, but Mimi knows it will all be worth it the day Papi comes home. Then her ex-friends approach her with a proposition: enter a robotics competition with them, and they could win \$50,000. It could be her chance.

Not part of the plan? A mysterious robot crashing to earth. From space. The robot is scared, alone, and broken, and federal agents are after her. Suddenly, Mimi is anything but alone. She’s part of a robotics team. She’s sheltering a robot. She’s dodging federal agents. And keeping all of it a secret from her mom.

Join a girl and a robot on their life-changing sci-fi adventure in this coming-of-age story that celebrates kids in STEM, first-gen communities, and the power of friendship.

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Rick Riordan presents the highly anticipated sequel to Rosanne A. Brown's **explosive novel about a preteen vampire slayer, inspired by Ghanaian folklore.**

After a lifetime of fighting creatures of black magic, twelve-year-old Serwa Boateng has just learned a devastating secret: she herself is half vampire! Now not only is she dealing with vampire puberty, she's on the run from the organization of Slayers she trained her whole life to join.

Serwa's only ally is her aunt Boahinmaa, an obayifo who urges Serwa to embrace her vampire side. Boahinmaa and her underlings are on the hunt for the Midnight Drum, from which they hope to free Serwa's grandmother. When they learn that the Abomofuo have hidden the Midnight Drum deep within the Smithsonian Museum of African Art in Washington, D.C., what do they do? Stage a heist to steal it, of course!

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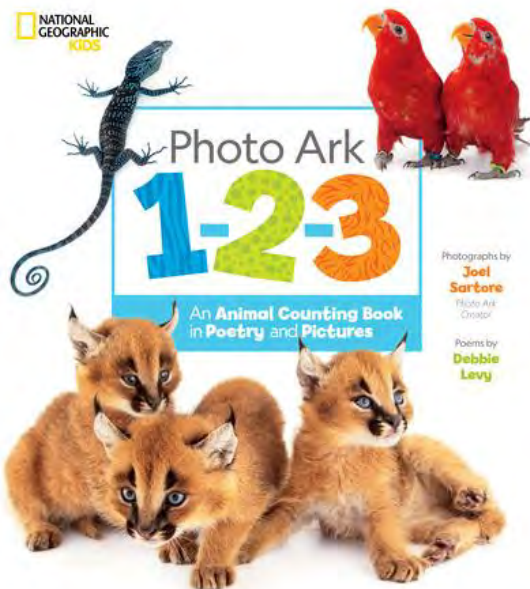


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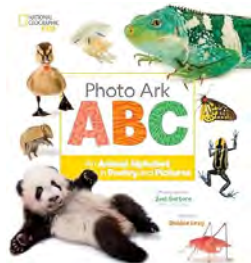
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