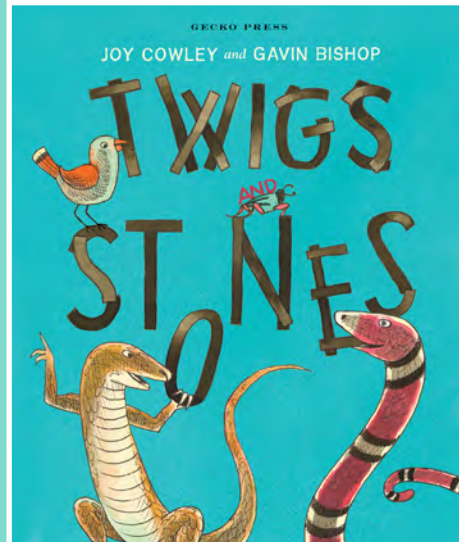
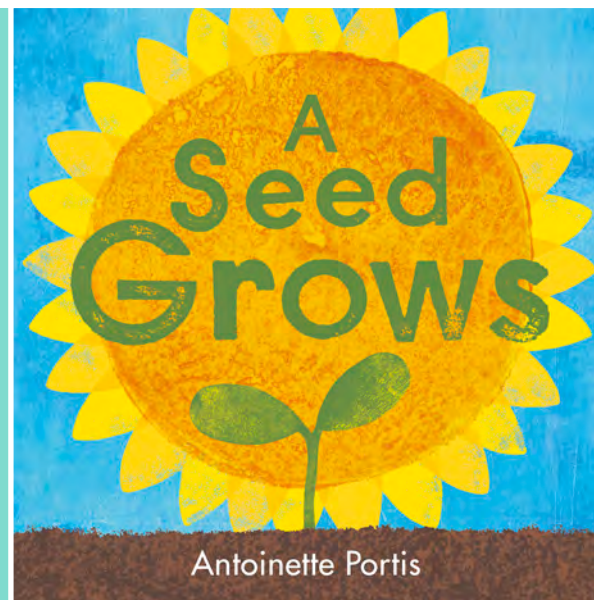




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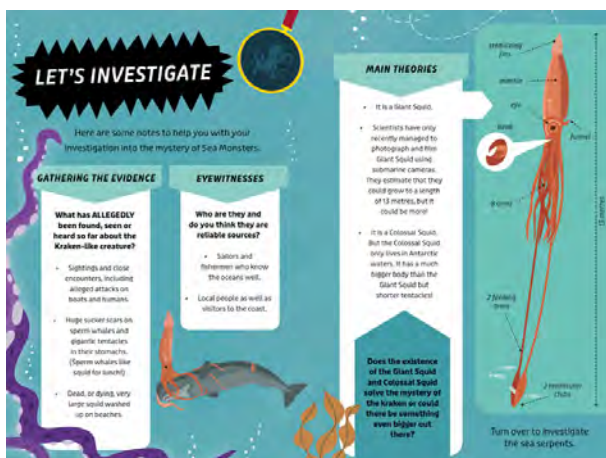
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WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Author: Susan Martineau is an award-winning author, editor and first-class fact finder who writes creative and educational books for children. Fascinated by strange and weird information, Susan's books always shine a light into the most unusual corners of the world around us. Susan lives in Berkshire.

Illustrator: Vicky Barker is b small publishing's art director and a Blue Peter Book Award winning illustrator. Vicky Barker graduated from Liverpool John Moores University and has designed and illustrated for publishers such as Usborne, Egmont and Catnip. Vicky lives in West Sussex.



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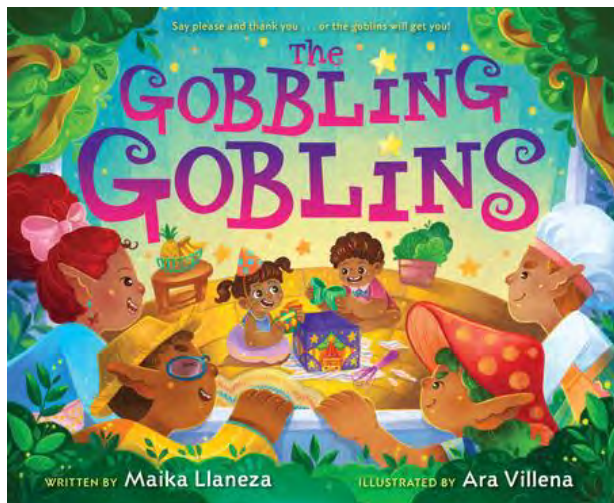
A large, purple, tentacled sea monster with glowing yellow eyes is the central focus. It has many tentacles, some with white suction cups. In the background, a small black silhouette of a sailing ship is visible on the horizon. The background is a dark blue gradient with faint, circular patterns.

CHAPTER THREE

SEA MONSTERS

For hundreds of years, sailors have reported encounters with terrifying, many-tentacled sea monsters. These creatures are said to be so huge that they are sometimes mistaken for floating islands, until they attack. Some stories tell of seamen being grabbed by gigantic, suckered tentacles and dragged to their deaths.

This terrifying sea monster is called the kraken.



The Gobbling Goblins

Maika Llaneza and Ara Villena

Disney • HYPERION

Gobble up this new picture book inspired by Filipino mythology featuring trinket-stealing goblins whose knack for thievery just might save the day.

When Caden and Cailyn forget to say thank you to Lola Mi for their gifts, the famous gobbling goblins come to take the children's treasures. Gobble gobble gobble. It's all in a day's work.

But then a band of mischievous elves swipes some curious VIPs (Very Important Pineapples) from the house . . . pineapples that look suspiciously like Caden and Cailyn.

Not saying thank you is one thing, but turning children into fruit? Talk about impolite!

Now the goblins are on a rescue mission to get those pineapple-kids back from the elves. Can their latest gobble save the day?

A FUN TWIST ON FILIPINO FOLKLORE THAT IS AUTHENTIC, JOYFUL, AND MISCHIEVOUS



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Publisher	Disney Hyperion	Binding	Hardcover
ISBN	9781368089562	Illustrations	
Format	279 x 229 mm	Author	Maika Llaneza
Price	£14.99	Illustrator	Ara Villena
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They start with plan A:
distract the Mean Elves
with Caloy's cooking.

"Yummm! That smells so good!"
one of the elves says. "What is that?"

The goblins get ready. Gobble, gobble, gobble!

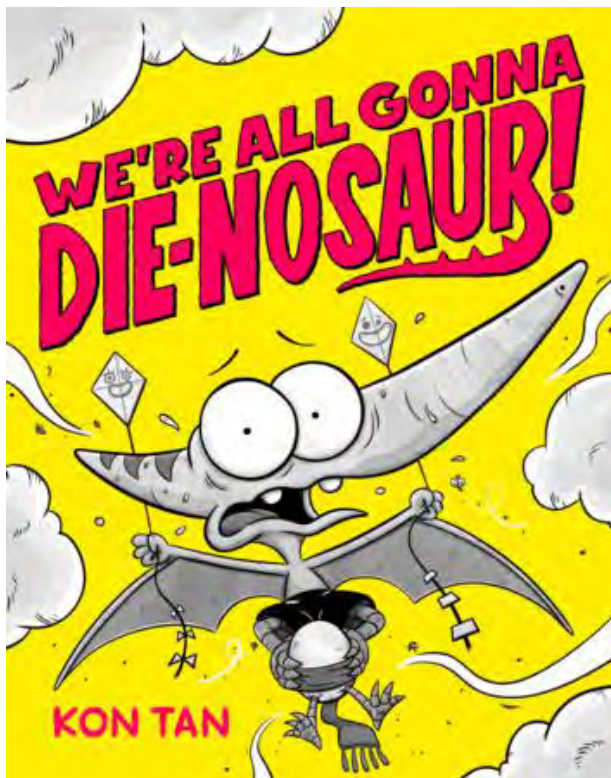
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But then . . .



We're All Gonna Die-nosaur!

Kon Tan

Disney • HYPERION

Perry the pterodactyl has lots of nightmares—and they always come true! Can Perry face his fear of flying? If not . . . we're all gonna DIE-nosaur!!!

With exciting black-and-white illustrations on every page, this subversively hilarious chapter book series debut is perfect for young fans of The Bad Guys, Dog Man, and Captain Underpants.

Perry the pterodactyl has the sc-sc-scariest dreams—the kind that come true! Last night, Perry dreamed that dinosaurs will go extinct. Perry's parents tell him that there's no danger a pterodactyl can't fly away from. But Perry doesn't know how to fly! Will Perry learn in time to protect himself and his family? Or will the smell of his nervous farts be all he leaves behind?

Kon Tan's children's book debut kicks off a hilarious, heart-filled early graphic novel series that shows kids it's okay to be scared—and that fears can be overcome.

- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Reluctant readers; kids interested in (but maybe slightly too young for) Dog Man's zany style of humor; educators and caregivers hoping to build children's visual literacy
- **BAD GUYS MEETS DINOSAUR OBSESSION** in this series designed to appeal to fans of Aaron Blabey's mega-popular series.
- **DYNAMIC ILLUSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT** make for an irresistible read for fans of comics and novels alike.



01/04/2025			
Publisher	Disney Hyperion	Binding	Trade Paperback
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Format	149 x 191 mm	Author	Kon Tan
Price	£7.99		
Age	5-8 years		
Extent	160		

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M-m-my name is Pterry
(the P is silent) and I have the
sca-scariest kinds
of nightmares.

My nightmares come **TRUE**. . . .



1

Two weeks ago,
I dreamed my
feet were
HUGE.



Guess what
happened that
very morning? I
STUBBED
my toe on the
way to school!

2



Freedom Fire: Kaya Morgan's Crowning Achievement

Jill Tew

Disney
HYPERION



A vibrant and heart-warming novel about the unforgettable joys of the Renaissance Faire, overcoming grief through cherished memories, and remaining true to yourself—even in cosplay.

For as long as she could remember, Kaya Morgan has spent her summers with her dad at the greatest place on Earth: The Renaissance Faire.

Full of performers cosplaying as thieving pirates, enchanting fairies, and courageous heroes, the Ren Faire has always been a place where anyone could be anything they wanted to be. And for as long as she could remember, Kaya and her dad have dreamed of her someday being named the first Black Queen of the Faire. Unfortunately for the last two summers, Kaya has been known as something else: the girl with the dead dad. But she's not going to let anyone stop her from taking her place as the Queen's apprentice (the first step on her journey towards Queen).

But when the role is given to the pretty and blonde Jessie, the only spot left for Kaya is the Court Jester (who doesn't even come with a crown). It's bad enough that it's another summer at the Ren Faire without her dad, and that her family thinks her love of medieval times is weird. But with everyone around Kaya determined to put her in a role she doesn't want to be in, Kaya must decide whether to hold onto her old dreams no matter what, or realize that it's okay for new dreams to become reality.

STRONG SCHOOL AND LIBRARY APPEAL: Taking on topics of grief and self-discovery Tew's keeps joy and heartwarming moments at the foreground, allowing room for "Black Girl Joy" instead of Black Trauma.

01/04/2025			
Publisher	Disney Freedom Fire	Binding	Hardcover
ISBN	9781368104685	Illustrations	
Format	140 x 210 mm	Author	Jill Tew
Price	£14.99	Illustrator	
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Firebred

Julie Kagawa

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REMY has come a long way from his life as a scrappy orphan on Cutthroat Wedge. Still on the run from the evil pirate Jhaeros, Remy and his dragon, Storm, set out to find a True Dragon, the only creature old enough to understand why the magic that powers their floating islands is dying. After a confession from a long-forgotten sky knight about the remote location of a True Dragon, Remy is more determined than ever to help save the day. But this is easier said than done when an ancient force has done everything in its power to keep that True Dragon hidden.

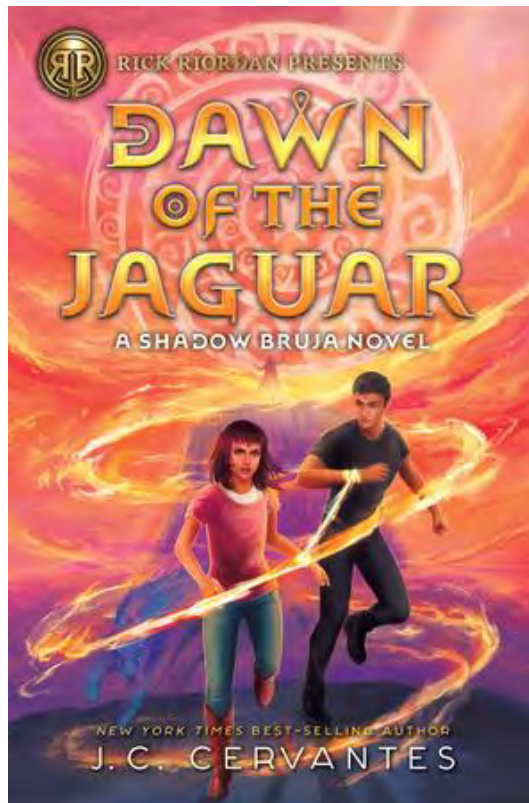
GEM is ready to harness magic to protect her friends, but training is impossible now that she's far away from the College of Magic. That is, until she teams up with the surly wizard Lysander aboard the Queen's Blade, forming a begrudging partnership and beginning a journey to master magic. As Gem grows stronger, so does her desire to live up to her title as the princess by halting the kingdom's impending doom.

To save their realm, Remy, Gem, and Storm must evade the king's guards, discover the hidden truths about the past, and face down a vengeful villain none of them saw coming. Together they will discover who they are, what it means to be a good friend, and what it takes to be a hero.

• PERFECT FOR FANS OF THE PERENNIAL BESTSELLING WINGS OF FIRE SERIES: readers both avid and reluctant will breeze through this trilogy

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Rick Riordan presents the breathtaking finale to J. C. Cervantes's **Maya-inspired Shadow Bruja duology**, in which Ren makes a bargain for her life.

Shadow Bruja Ren Santiago was relentlessly pursued by the evil Aztec Lords of Night, who claimed that she was destined to be their queen, a destiny she wasn't willing to accept. So she chose death instead. Too bad death wasn't the answer to her problems. Ren soon realizes she must return to the land of the living to make things right.

If Ren fails, she will return to the darkness for eternity. Ren agrees, knowing full well that she also has to save her friends Marco, Monty, and Edison. The only problem is, Ren lost her shadow magic and time rope when she lost her life. How will Ren manage to accomplish what feels impossible?

J. C. Cervantes's **trademark humor, incredibly high stakes, fascinating characters, and shocking plot twists** are on full display in this epic conclusion of an **unputdownable duology**.

- SPIN-OFF OF THE BEST-SELLING STORM RUNNER TRILOGY SATISFIES AFTER THE THE CLIFFHANGER ENDING OF THE LORDS OF NIGHTSTRONG
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Rick Riordan Presents: The Last Fallen Realm-A Gifted Clans Novel

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Graci Kim

Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents the **thrilling conclusion** to Graci Kim's New York Times best-selling **Gifted Clans trilogy**-now in paperback!

Riley Oh wasn't born into her family. Instead, as she recently discovered, she tumbled down to the earth many years ago as the last fallen star. She also wasn't born to be a witch. Like, at all—even her status as a divine celestial being comes with zilch in the magical powers department. And Riley Oh definitely wasn't born to be a leader. But now the entire magical community thinks she and her soul-twin, Dahl, are meant to lead the world into the Age of the Final Eclipse (or whatever it is that the Haetae keeps saying they're "destined" to do).

But ever since Riley killed the Cave Bear Goddess, she's been a bit pre-occupied with one thing: waiting for the goddess's sisters to get their revenge. And it looks like her wait is finally over. In order to save the world, Riley must do the one thing she was born to do: believe in herself.

- Book 3 of 3
- A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES based on Korean mythology and folklore
- A BRAND-NEW MYTHICAL WORLD chock-full of gods and creatures from Korean mythology

15/04/2025			
Publisher	Disney Hyperion	Binding	Trade Paperback
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Wish Upon a K-Star

Kat Cho

Disney • HYPERION

A spin-off to the New York Times best-selling *Once Upon a K-Prom*, a K-pop idol and an up-and-coming K-drama star must fake date in this fresh and funny romcom that Korean pop culture fans will absolutely swoon over!

Moon Minseok wasn't born to lead. Even as part of the world's most popular K-Pop group, he found comfort in his role as the jokester, the sidekick, the unserious one (with the cutest smile). But now WDB is drowning in dating scandals, and it's time to take charge of his own music.

Shin Hyeri has been dealing with some scandals of her own. An up-and-coming K-Drama actress, she's been labeled a "nepo baby" (because her big brother is a famous idol) and now, a bully (which couldn't be further from the truth). Desperate to show the world that she's earned her spot, Hyeri is determined not to let her rising star crash and burn.

When these two childhood enemies get caught up in yet another scandal, there's only one solution that will save both of their reputations: appear on one of Korea's most popular variety shows, *Our Celebrity Marriage* (where celebrities pretend to get married and compete in 'newlywed' challenges). The plan is simple—pretend to get along, win back the fans, then go their separate ways. But what happens when a fake marriage leads to real feelings?

- **SPIN-OFF TO THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING ONCE UPON A K-PROM:** An instant New York Times best-seller with a viral, author-driven TikTok campaign that garnered over 1 million likes and views
- **DEDICATED READERS:** Kat has over 45k+ engaged followers on social platforms, including 17.5k followers on TikTok
- **AN EPIC K-POP MEETS K-DRAMA ROMANCE:** The strength of the pop and K-drama fandoms is evident with the on-going popularity of groups like BTS and BlackPink



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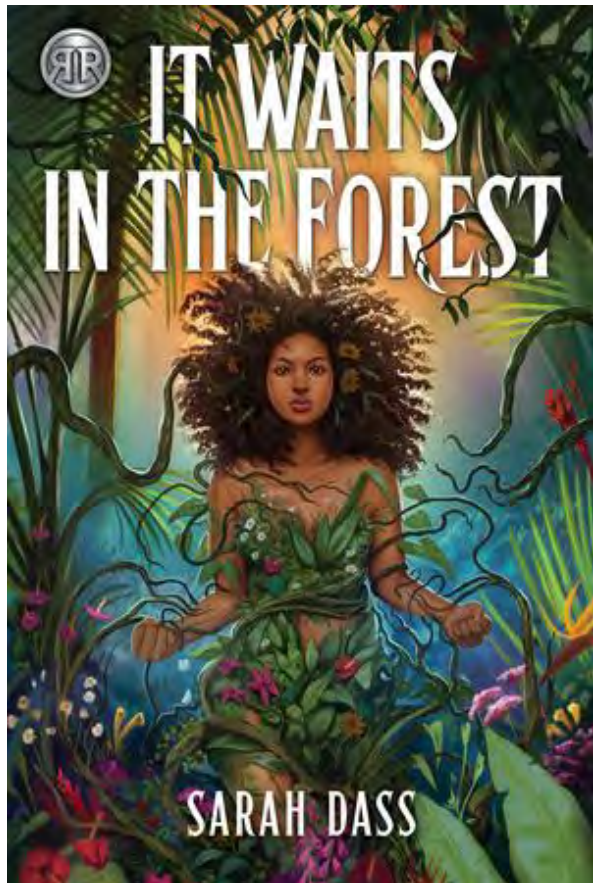
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Price	£16.99	Illustrator	
Age	12 and up	Market	
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• **AUTHENTIC CARIBBEAN REPRESENTATION:**
Features a full cast of Black, Caribbean characters,
and a setting inspired by the author's native Tobago

Rick Riordan Presents:
It Waits in the Forest
Sarah Dass

Drawing from the darkest corners of Caribbean mythology, acclaimed author Sarah Dass crafts a chilling tale of magic, murder, and how far we'll go to protect what's ours—perfect for fans of Angeline Boulley and Tiffany D. Jackson.

Unlike the other residents of the small Caribbean island of St. Virgil, Selina DaSilva does not believe in magic. With a logical mind and a knack for botany, Selina used to dream of leaving home with her boyfriend, Gabriel, and starting a new life together far away—until a vicious, unsolved attack left her father dead and her mother in a coma.

Two years later, her guilt over her mother's condition keeps her tethered to the island, relegated to using her mother's legacy as St. Virgil's most talented (and most feared) psychic to con desperate islanders and gullible tourists with useless talismans and phony protection rituals. But when one of those tourists ends up at the center of a string of strange murders, the truth that Selina has been denying can no longer be avoided: There is evil lurking in the forests that surround St. Virgil.

Another thing that can't be avoided? Selina's now ex-boyfriend, Gabriel, who's returned home for the first time since Selina broke up with him. Desperate to put an end to the killings and claim justice for Selina's parents, these two former lovers must race to find answers. But darkness is no fool. And evil bides its time.

As long-hidden secrets about Selina's family begin to reveal themselves, Selina knows only one path to the truth remains—and it waits in the forest.

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Off With Their Heads

Zoe Hana Mikuta

Disney • HYPERION

Fans of Chloe Gong and Judy I. Lin will devour this Korean-inspired Alice in Wonderland retelling about two very wicked girls, forever bonded by blood and betrayal . . .

In a world where Saints are monsters and Wonderland is the dark Forest where they lurk, young witches and lovers Carousel Rabbit and Iccadora Alice Sickle were once both imprisoned in that Forest for a crime they didn't commit. But their freedom came at a devastating cost.

Now, five years later, Caro is a successful royal Saint-harvester, living the high life in the glittering capital and pretending not to know of the twisted monster experiments that her beloved Red Queen hides deep in the bowels of the palace. But for Icca, the memory of Caro's betrayal has hardened her from timid girl to ruthless hunter. A hunter who will stop at nothing to exact her vengeance: On Caro. On the Queen. On the throne itself.

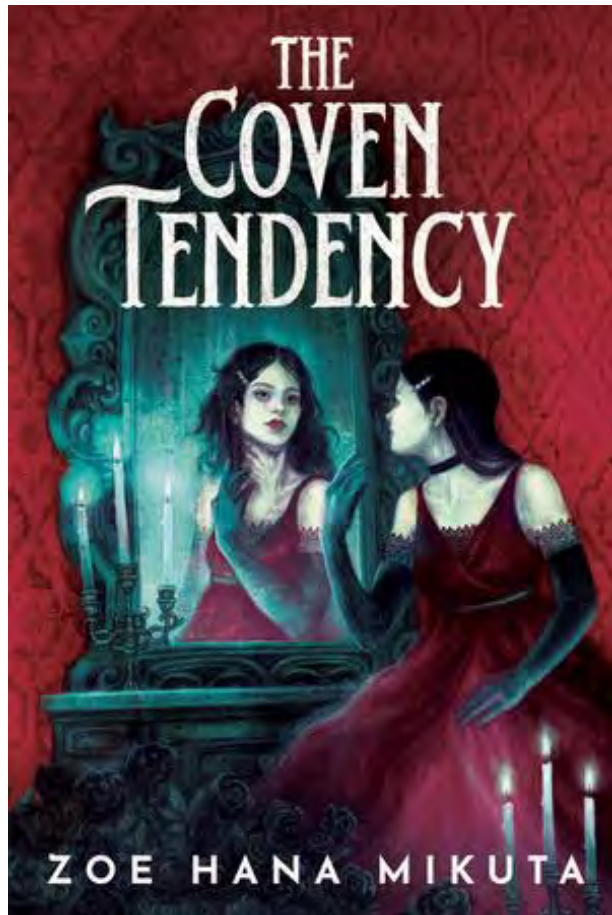
But there's a secret about the Saints the Queen's been guarding, and a volatile magic at play even more dangerous to Icca and Caro than they are to each other. . . .

Fierce, fantastical, and utterly uncanny, this Korean-inspired reimagining of Alice in Wonderland by author Zoe Hana Mikuta will send readers down a dizzying rabbit hole and into a world drenched in blood and betrayal.

- DARING, DAZZLING WRITING UNLIKE ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN BEFORE: Gorgeous, evocative, and rhythmic prose matched by fast-paced, blockbuster-worthy action
- BELOVED FAIRYTALE WITH A QUEER TWIST: The sapphic representation readers in epic fantasy are desperate for
- KOREAN DIASPORA AUTHOR ON THE RISE: Zoe's debut novel, Gearbreakers, has been optioned for film
- INTRICATE, UNFORGETTABLE FANTASY WORLD: Ascend the treacherous walls of Isanghan (which means "strange" in Korean) and brave the monster-filled Wonderland forest . . .

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The Coven Tendency

Zoe Hana Mikuta

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Dark and uncanny, Zoe Hana Mikuta takes a Gen Z knife to **Victorian gothics** in this **bloody** and **unrelenting fantasy** about a group of young witches and the horrors of being in love.

Just like her mother and her mother's mother, 18-year-old Vanity Adams is destined to lead a lavish life under the patronship of the Museum, someday taking her place as its premiere necromantic Spectacle and the centerpiece of their weekly soirees thrown for the City's elite.

But until that day, Vanity (and the other young witches of the Museum) are purged of their magic—magic being particularly unstable for teenagers and often leading to antisocial conduct, mood swings, bloodlust, delusions, and, most concerning, a habitual, violent obsession with one another—and isolated from the outside world.

To all of this, Vanity thinks—well, whatever. Better than being confined to the Sanatorium with the witches of lesser beauty, imprisoned in a chemically-induced coma as her blood is harvested to make World, the City's favorite designer drug. At least she'll be dead someday, there's always that. And at least the Museum has Arrogance—or Ro—Vanity's twin sister, who might just remember how to do magic, and who might just be where our story begins...

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- **DARING, DAZZLING WRITING:** Gorgeous, evocative, and rhythmic prose is matched by fast-paced, blockbuster-worthy twists and turns

- **DARK FANTASY WITH EVEN DARKER CHARACTERS:** Brutal girls with morally grey hearts are more in demand than ever, emboldened by successes like Iron Widow, These Violent Delights, and Belladonna

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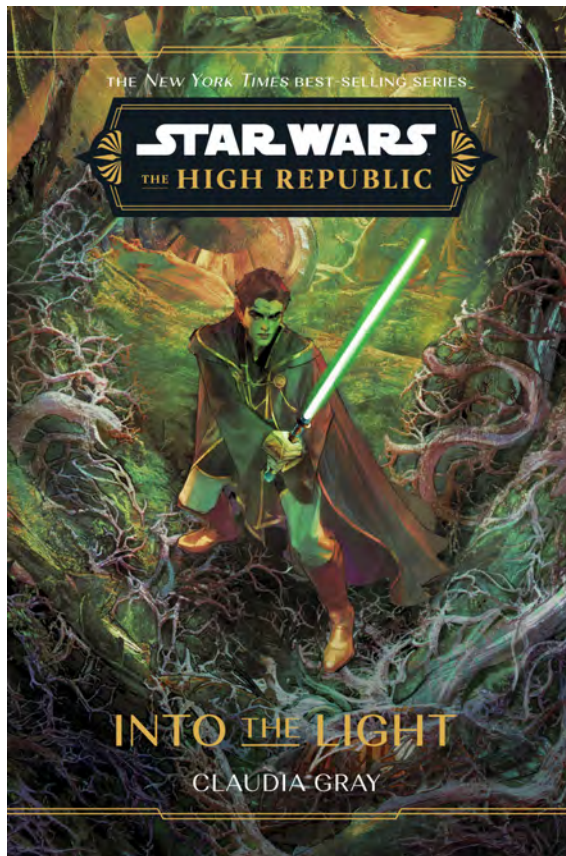
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Claudia Gray



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- First in a heartwarming and humorous series, this title for 7-9 features two shape-shifting snails as they reluctantly save the world.
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Summary:

Shapeshifting snails on a mission to save the world! Struck by lightning one fateful night, Fergus and Shelby receive the power to transform into whatever they want: custard, crisp packets, giant plastic crabs – you name it, they can change into it. And with a slug uprising taking place, things are about to get even stranger... Can Fergus and Shelby save humankind from being turned into lettuces by an evil slug masquerading as the Prime Minister? Expect the unexpected in the best thing since sliced cucumber!

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'Shapeshifting snails and slugs taking over the world... Terrie Chilvers has done it again with this hilarious tale full of heart.'
Editor, Hayley Fairhead



Terrie Chilvers writes funny chapter books and non-fiction. She works freelance as a copywriter and social media consultant but is most happy when teaching a dog to high-five or taking a picture of her Eggs Benedict to post on Instagram. Terrie lives in London where she is the doting aunt to two long-haired sausage dogs.
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Brenda Figueroa was born in El Salvador, a small tropical country with exuberant nature. Over the past decade Brenda has worked with publishers in the United States and Europe, on educational, picture book and activity book projects. Her work is colourful and tries to convey joy and warmth through bright colour palettes and expressive characters.
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DEER PRIME MONSTER...

He was trying to turn off the caps lock when Shelby shouted, 'Fergus! Someone's coming! Send the email!'

'What do you mean send the email! I've barely started the email!' yelled Fergus.

The door creaked open and a cleaner walked in with a feather duster and a bin bag.

'Oh, slimeballs!' said Fergus, rushing to hit the 'Delete' key.

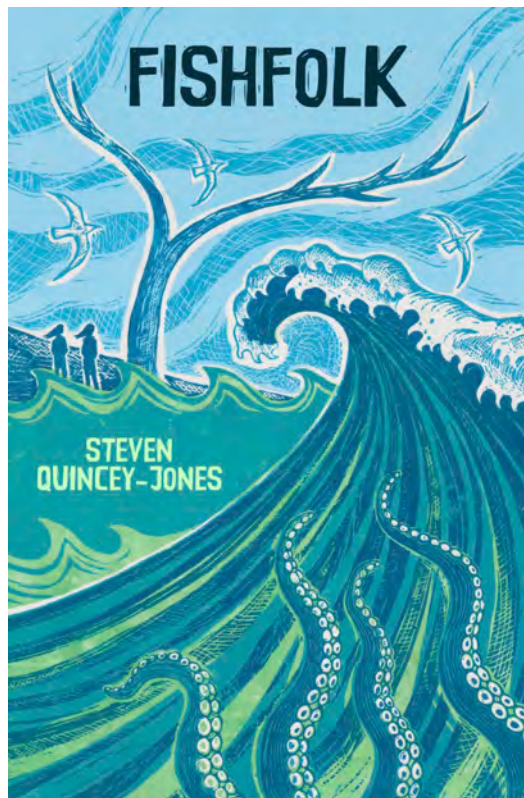
'What do we do now?!' shouted Shelby.

'Just morph into something before the cleaner spots us!' said Fergus. 'ANYTHING or we're about to get flung out the window!'

The cleaner screamed.

Not because he'd spotted two snails on the Prime Minister's desk. And not because there was an extra pot plant near the window. But because in the middle of the room was a three-metre-tall giant plastic crab dressed as a sailor.





Fishfolk

Steve Quincey-Jones

- A strikingly original and moving fable for our times from debut author Steven Quincey-Jones.
- Woodcut effect illustrations and cover (similar to *H is for Hawk* or *October, October*)
- Comprehensive marketing and events campaign planned for the author.

Summary:

The High-and-Dry is a windswept land that is being fast lost to the ever-growing sea. The only things left are seagulls, seaweed, twins Luna and Oona, and their Grandad Mull. Luna and Oona have grown up listening to Grandad Mull's stories about the dastardly shape-shifting fishfolk who live in the sea around them and cause the waves to swallow the shore with their spells. Storms sent by fishfolk are the reason why Grandad Mull is all that is left of their family, he says. But when Luna and Oona meet a fishfolk for real, Luna begins to question her grandfather's stories much to Oona's confusion.

'Fishfolk is an enthralling and dramatic middle-grade read from a thrilling new voice in children's fiction. Like all good fables, it feels both historical and futuristic, but the adventures of twins Luna and Oona with the Fishfolk and Wilderkin of the High-and-Dry will resonate deeply with young readers now.'

Editor, Penny Thomas



Steve Quincey-Jones grew up in Poole, in Dorset, where he spent much of his childhood on the beach or boating around the harbour. Steve is currently teaching English at a school in Newham, living with his family in Ramsgate, Kent, where he still spends most of his time on the beach or by the harbour. Fishfolk is his debut novel.

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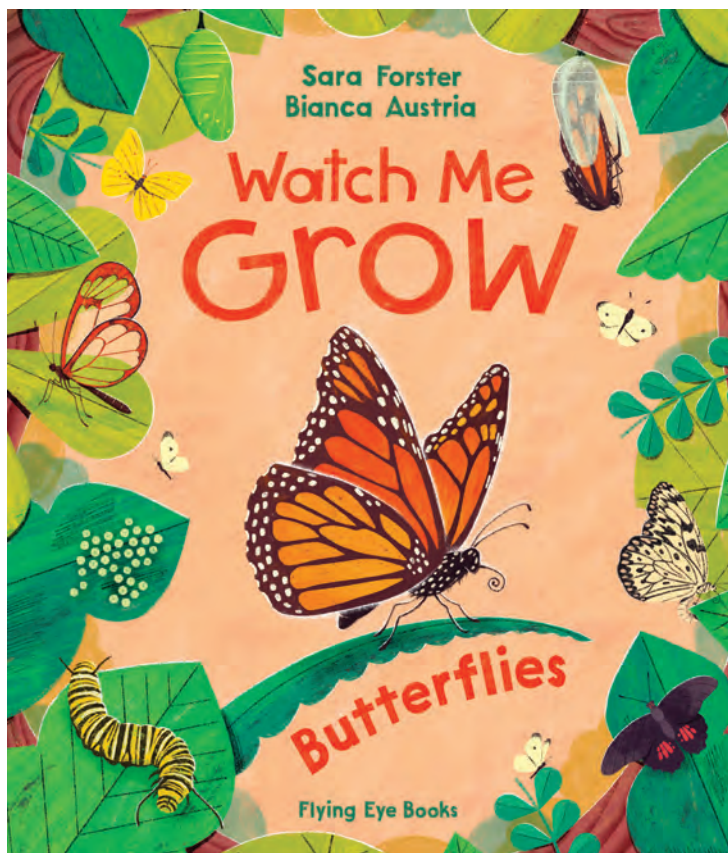
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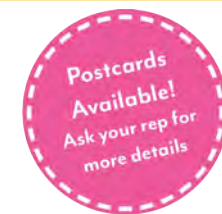
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Extent: TBC
Age: 9-12
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Learn all about the life cycle of a butterfly in this perfect introduction to the natural world.

With colourful and engaging illustrations and simple explanations, this is a fun and informative introduction to the natural world. This book will take the reader on a journey through the insect's life cycle, learning about how it eats, its habitat and how it grows and defends itself. A fun and informative introduction to lifecycles for children with simple text and a clear narrative.



KEY SELLING POINTS

- Broad appeal as the examples are universal (butterflies can be found on every continent except Antarctica).
- Life cycles are a core part of the early years science curriculum.
- There is a gap in the market to create beautifully illustrated and informative books on this topic. Comparative titles are often illustrated with photography.



KEYWORDS: non fiction, life cycle, butterflies, books about butterflies, natural world, nature, habitat, introduction to life cycle, non fiction books for kids, science, illustrated non fiction

ABOUT THE CREATORS



Sara Forster is a children's book writer and editor based in West Sussex. She spent much of her childhood in the Middle East and South Africa, where she developed a love of wildlife from a young age. She now spends her time researching and writing about all kinds of topics for children.

Author Location: West Sussex, UK



Bianca Austria is a painter, illustrator, and designer. As an avid traveller, she loves to illustrate her experiences through a whimsical lens. Her work visually narrates her curious and wondrous exploration of the world. As a way of expressing her pride and joy of being a Filipina, she particularly enjoys subjects inspired by her own memories of the Philippines.

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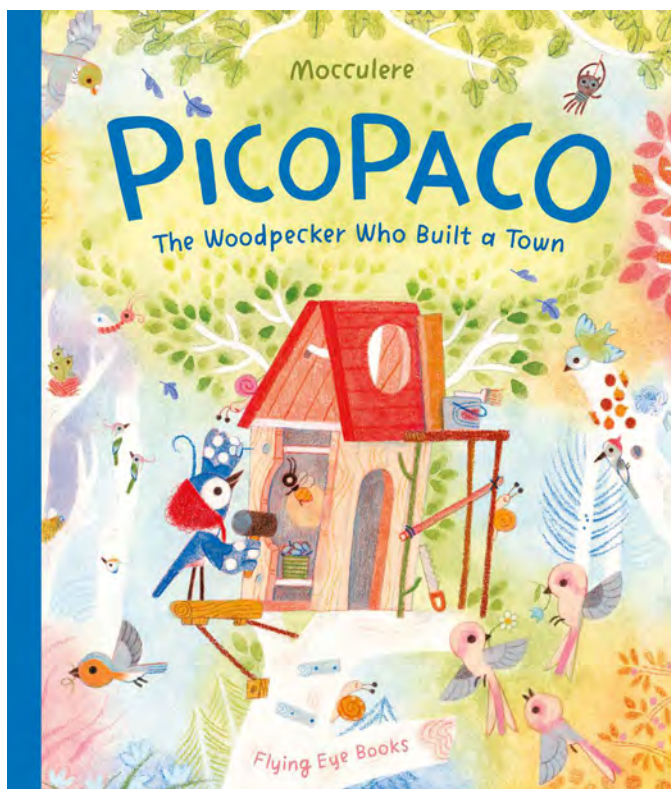
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SAMPLE SPREADS





A sweet and heart-warming picture book about celebrating differences and working together.

Woodpeckers are known for making perfectly O-shaped holes to build their nests in. All, except one woodpecker – Picopaco. Unlike all the other birds she chooses to live in a little wooden house with a red roof. The other birds laugh at her strange ways, until one day a big storm arrives ruining all the nests. The woodpeckers must rebuild their homes stronger than ever before, but they have one problem not one of them knows how to build a house – all except Picopaco. Perhaps they might learn a thing or two from Picopaco after all?

KEY SELLING POINTS

- A perfect read-aloud for families
- Themes of community and difference appeal to a wide range of readers
- Can be read as an allegory for neuro-divergency with themes of hyper-fixation and struggling with sensory overload.

KEYWORDS: animals, birds, community, kindness, friendship, picturebook, illustrations, woodpecker, building, acceptance, heart-warming



ABOUT THE CREATOR

Mocculere (Mojca Novak) was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She spent most of her childhood doodling with her older sister, collecting turtle statues and dreaming of opening a dance school. Later on she studied Educational Sciences and East Asian Cultures at the University of Arts in Ljubljana. During the studies, her passion for drawing only grew bigger, so she shined her career path into another direction. With a sketchbook and pencil in hand, she started freelancing as an illustrator in 2020. In 2023 her first picture book *Pobegla Radirka*, was published in 2023.

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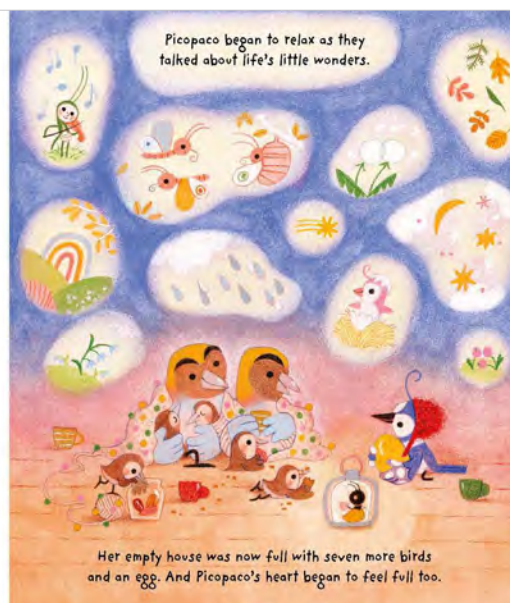
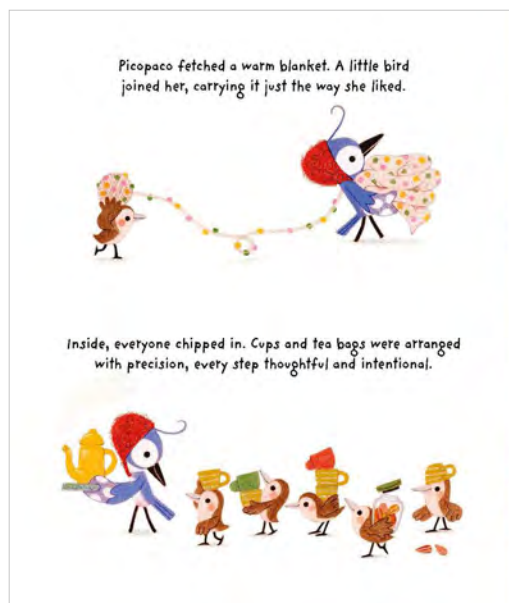


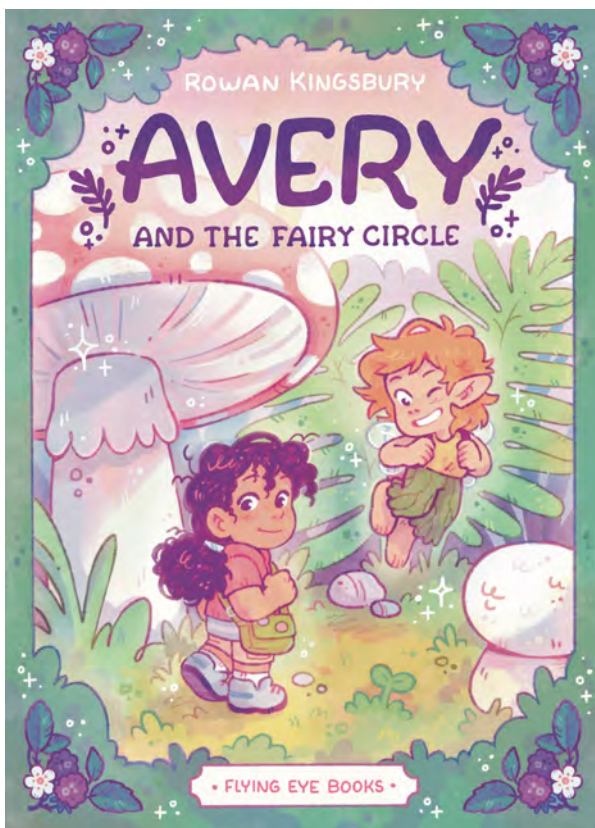
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After moving to her new home in the Pacific Northwest countryside, young girl Avery is exploring the forest outside of her home when she stumbles into a magical circle transporting her to a wondrous fairy world.

When a fairy circle shrinks Avery down in size a young fairy named Birch agrees to help her reverse the magic on condition that Avery helps with plant gathering duties for the imminent full moon festival. Avery learns about the plants in the forest and begins to feel excited about her new life. She must befriend Birch and find the fairy village quickly if she wants to return home before her parents discover she is missing.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- First reader style young graphic novel featuring fairies and fantasy
- Perfect for parent and child to read together, for beginner readers and for reluctant readers
- Includes a relatable premise of moving home and exploring a new place

KEYWORDS: new series, highly illustrated, young fiction, avery and the fairy circle, fairies, fantasy series for kids, magic, adventure, reluctant reader, moving home, exploring, new places, forests, plants



ABOUT THE CREATOR



Rowan Kingsbury is a Portland, OR based illustrator and storyteller creating work full of wonder, warmth, and whimsy. She has a BFA in Illustration from the Pacific Northwest College of Art and has always loved living and working in the rainy pacific northwest, letting her childhood running through its forests influence her art. Her past clients and exhibitions include Random House, Nucleus Portland Salut! 6, 7, and 8, and the Society of Illustrators Student Scholarship Competition 2020. When she isn't creating, she's probably cooking up something new in the kitchen or trying to find the nearest cat to bother.

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Thieves

Lucie Bryon

Keynote

Ella and Madeleine don't know it yet, but they're about to embark on the strangest romantic adventure of their lives, and it's not just their hearts that are getting stolen in this laugh-out-loud, capering graphic novel.

Description

What happened last night?

Ella can't seem to remember a single thing from the party the night before at a mysterious stranger's mansion, and she sure as heck doesn't know why she's woken up in her bed surrounded by a magpie's nest of objects that aren't her own. And she can't stop thinking about her huge crush on Madeleine, who she definitely can't tell about her sudden penchant for kleptomania... But does Maddy have secrets of her own? Can they piece together that night between them and fix the mess of their chaotic personal lives in time to form a normal, teenage relationship? That would be nice.

Sales Points

- Gorgeous artwork, strong character designs and visually stunning to fit in with the rest of our list. LGBTQIA+ representation and issues dealt with in a normalising way and with a light touch which sets this book apart in the market. Booksellers will know exactly where to place this on their shelves!
- Draws on the shōjo manga tradition with the character archetypes and has a broad appeal across our markets. They're endearing, cute and fun, but more importantly they're strong and unique, which makes for a really engaging read. Lucie clearly knows the manga market and style really well!

Author Biography

Lucie Bryon is a cartoonist and illustrator. She studied graphic design in Orléans, France and comics at the ESA St Luc Brussels, Belgium. She now lives in France and works for children's publishing, video game companies and various publications as an illustrator and comic artist. Her work was published by ShortBox, Milan, BDKids, Kaboom Studios, Cicada Magazine, and France Inter.

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So Tired, So Wide Awake

Author/Illustrator **Susanne Strasser**

ABOUT THE BOOK

It's bedtime. Hedgehog, Fox, Donkey, Pelican and Crocodile are so tired! But Seal needs to use the bathroom—slip slap slip, out the door. Crocodile forgot to clean those sharp teeth—shlurf shlurf, out the door. And Pelican is thirsty . . .

One by one the animals climb out of bed, until everyone is piled in the child's bed for a last goodnight kiss. Oof, that's a heavy pile! What happens now?

Susanne Strasser's snowballing animal stories that children love are bestsellers in multiple languages. This funny in-and-out-of-bed story ends with a timely fart joke to start the fun all over again.

SALES POINTS

- Funny refrain and cumulative story builds anticipation and makes a fun read-aloud
- Theme of "one more thing before sleep" resonates with children and parents
- This successful board book series has enduring sales in many languages with growing recognition around the world

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Susanne Strasser studied communication design and illustration in Munich and London. She is the author and illustrator of many successful picture books, including this bestselling series of board books about animal friends. She lives with her family in Munich.

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"This proven series of well plotted, energetic board books is loved by children around the world."

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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TITLE INFORMATION

Release April 2025

Ages **3-6**

Format **boardbook**

Size **180 x 240 mm**

Pages **22 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

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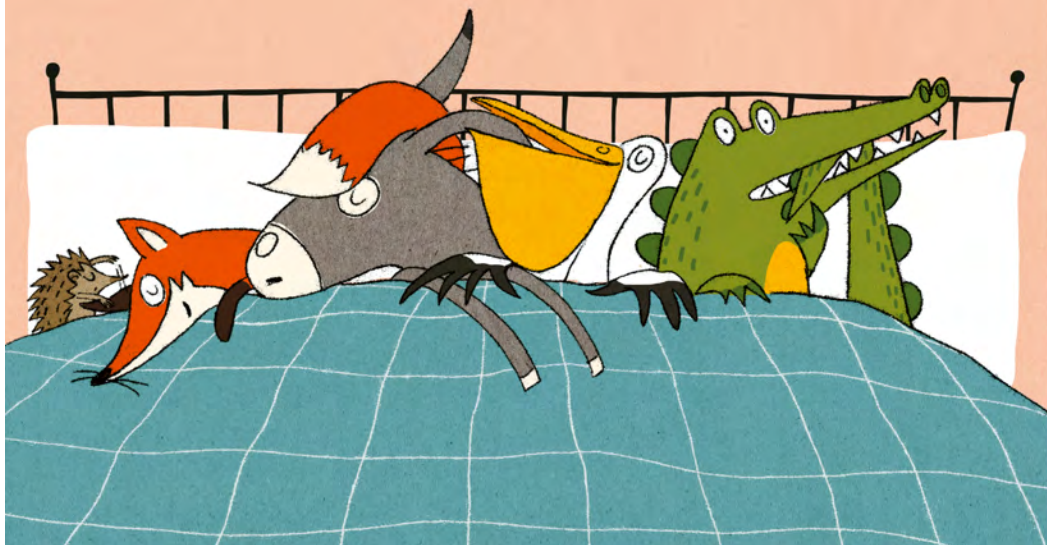
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Hedgehog, Fox, Donkey and Pelican are so tired.

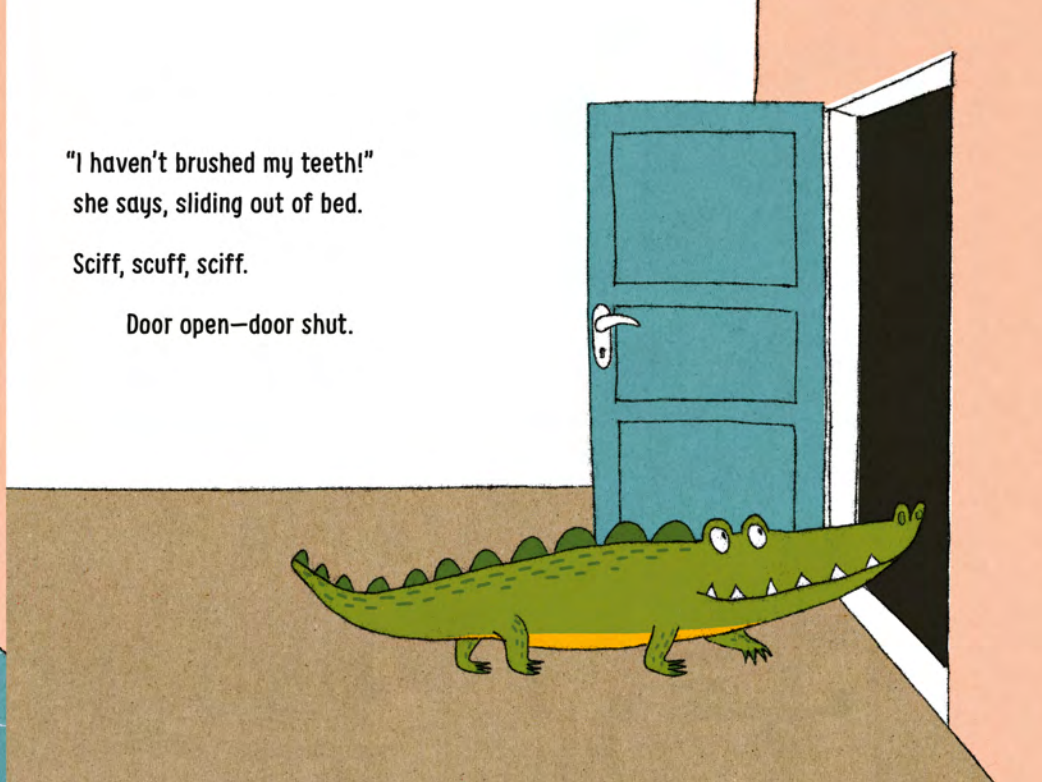
Now Crocodile is wide awake.



"I haven't brushed my teeth!"
she says, sliding out of bed.

Sciff, scuff, sciff.

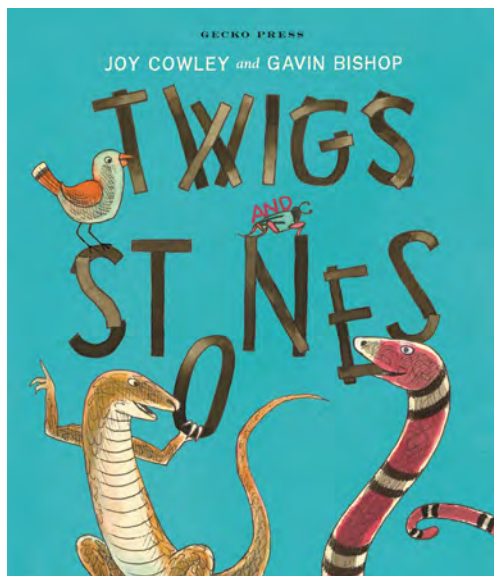
Door open—door shut.



"Eeeeeew! Back to our own bed!"

Door open...





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“These two leading authors are core to Gecko Press publishing, and they have brought us a new story from the much-loved characters of Snake and Lizard.”

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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Twigs and Stones

Author **Joy Cowley** Illustrator **Gavin Bishop**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Snake and Lizard want to write their names on their burrow's front door. But who's name will go first? This warm and wise picture book captures the essence of friendship and nudges us to notice the power of our words.

SALES POINTS

- A companion picture book to the much-loved, award-winning fiction series **Snake and Lizard**
- Themes of name-calling and crossing the line between joking and being mean resonate for families and schools
- Fun for children learning to spell and play with words
- Written by Joy Cowley, New Zealand's leading children's writer, and illustrated by the world-renowned artist Gavin Bishop

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Joy Cowley is one of New Zealand's best-loved writers. Her awards include the Margaret Mahy Medal; the NZ Post Children's Book Award 2006; the Roberta Long Medal, Alabama, USA; and the AW Reed Award for Contribution to New Zealand Literature. She is a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Gavin Bishop ONZM, Tainui, Ngāti Awa, is a leading Māori illustrator living in Christchurch, New Zealand. He has published more than seventy books internationally, which have been translated into twelve languages. His awards include the Sir Kingi Ihaka award for lifetime contribution to Māori art and culture.

TITLE INFORMATION

Release April 2025

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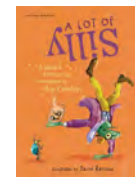
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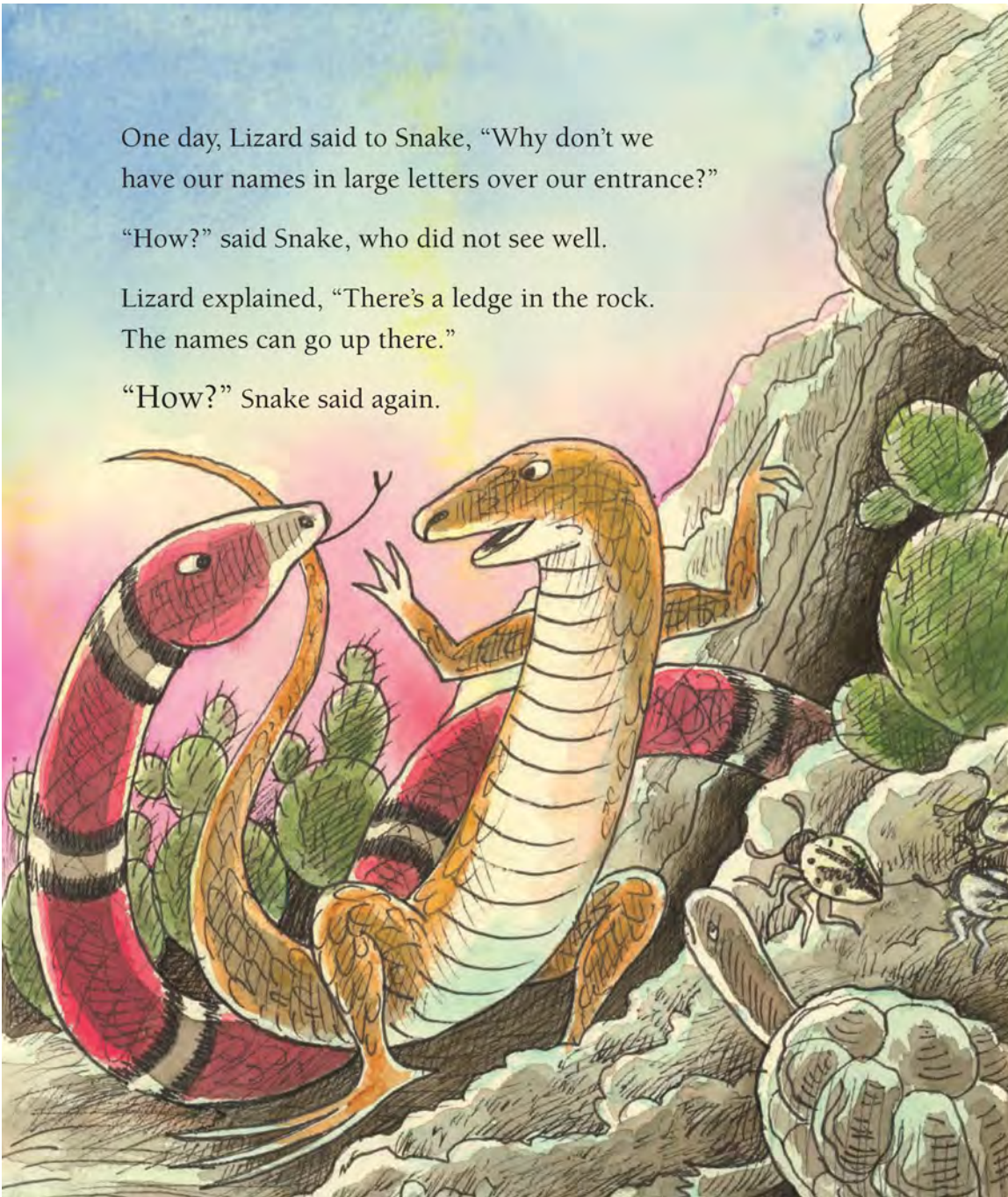
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One day, Lizard said to Snake, "Why don't we have our names in large letters over our entrance?"

"How?" said Snake, who did not see well.

Lizard explained, "There's a ledge in the rock. The names can go up there."

"How?" Snake said again.

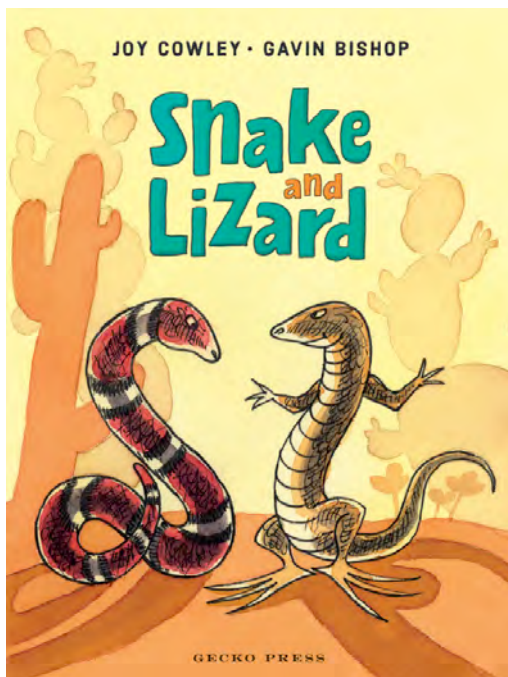


"I'll make the words with twigs glued with mud from the river."

"Glued how?" Snake wanted to know.



Lizard felt that the F for Friendship was getting a little smaller, so he didn't answer. Instead, he ran to the river to collect mud and twigs.



Snake and Lizard

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Author: **Joy Cowley**

Illustrator: **Gavin Bishop**

Two very different creatures learn about the give-and-take of friendship in this much-loved, timeless story.

ABOUT THE BOOK

From New Zealand's most awarded children's book creators, Joy Cowley and Gavin Bishop, this is an enduringly popular story of two unlikely, but inseparable friends. Snake is elegant, calm and a little self-centred, while Lizard is exuberant and irrepressible. Through a series of small (and not so small) adventures, the two friends bicker, compete with each other, go into business and finally, end up as lifelong friends. With its wisdom, acceptance and good humour, *Snake and Lizard* captures the essence of friendship.

SALES POINTS

- Captures the essence of friendship
- Funny short chapters ideal for early readers and reading aloud
- Joy Cowley and Gavin Bishop are New Zealand's leading children's book creators, with multiple prizes and awards
- Remains one of Gecko Press's top-10 bestselling titles, and now published in twelve languages

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Joy Cowley is one of New Zealand's best-loved writers for children and adults, with an international reputation. She has won a multitude of awards and honours for her bestselling books, including the Prime Minister's Award for contribution to literature. She was shortlisted for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2018.

Gavin Bishop ONZM, Tainui, Ngāti Awa, is a leading Māori illustrator living in Christchurch, New Zealand. He has published more than seventy books internationally, which have been translated into twelve languages. His awards include the Sir Kingi Ihaka award for lifetime contribution to Māori art and culture.



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TITLE INFORMATION

Ages **6–10**

Format **paperback**

Size **146 x 198 mm**

Extent **102 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765670934**

RRP **GBP 8.99**

Original language **English**

This book in 3 ideas
**friendship, funny dialogue,
read-aloud**

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

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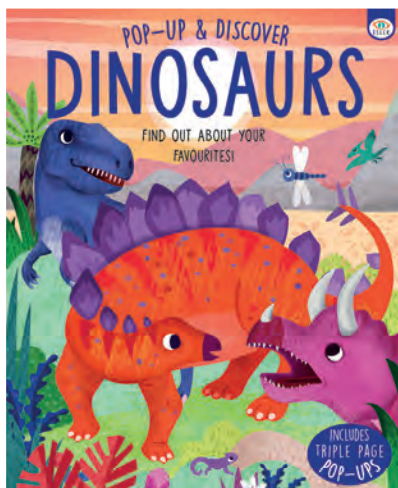
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Author: Anton Poirier

Illustrations: Amanda Enright



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Publication: TBC

Age: 5+

Price: £12.99

Format: hardback

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ISBN: 978-1-915995-66-7

Territory: UK and Ireland + Export
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Description

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Sales and marketing points

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- Fascinating dinosaur facts and figures.

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Stegosaurus

The Stegosaurus (pronounced steg-oh-saw-uss) lived during the late Jurassic period, between 155 and 145 million years ago. It's easy to recognise from the two rows of upright plates that ran down its back. They also had a spiky tail to help defend themselves from predators.

The Stegosaurus belonged to a group of plant eaters called sauropods.

They developed protective armour to defend themselves because they were not big enough or fast enough to get away from meat-eating predators.

Did you know?

Even though the Stegosaurus was smaller than other sauropods, it was still a huge animal. It grew to around 9m in length and 3m tall.

It had longer back legs than front legs, which made it easier for it to eat plants from the ground with its toothless beak.



Let's Draw • Flowers • iSeek



ISBN: 978-1-915995-63-6

Author: Elizabeth Golding

Illustrations: Hui Skipp

Design: Anton Poitier



Children can learn to draw lots of different flowers, trees and plants following step-by-step instructions and using handy press out stencils and shapes.



Once the outline is drawn, children can colour as they please, completing the pictures using their own creativity.

Publication:	TBD
Age:	5+
Price:	£7.99
Format:	paperback
Size:	241mm x 188mm (portrait)
Pages:	32pp + 3 stencil sheets
ISBN:	978-1-915995-63-6
Territory:	UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)

Description

This book helps children learn to draw by following simple step-by-step instructions and using press out shapes to draw around. Colourful illustrations then inspire creative decoration once the initial outline has been drawn.

Sales and marketing points

- Includes three sheets of themed stencils.
- Clear instructions to help build drawing skills using the stencils provided.
- Helps improve fine motor skills.

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Draw a waterlily

- 1 Draw the flower centre.



- 2 Next draw all the small petals.



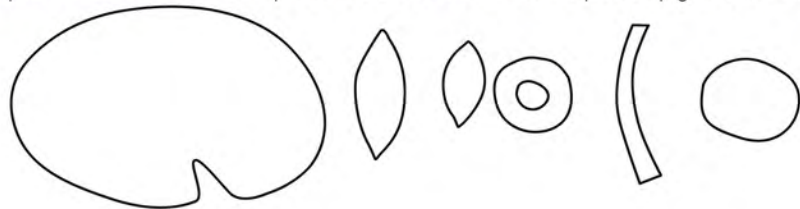
- 4 Draw a stem.

- 3 Add the large petals around the smaller ones.



- 5 Add some lily pads.

These pieces are at the back of the book. Set them out in front of you like this:



Draw some little frogs to sit on the waterlilies.

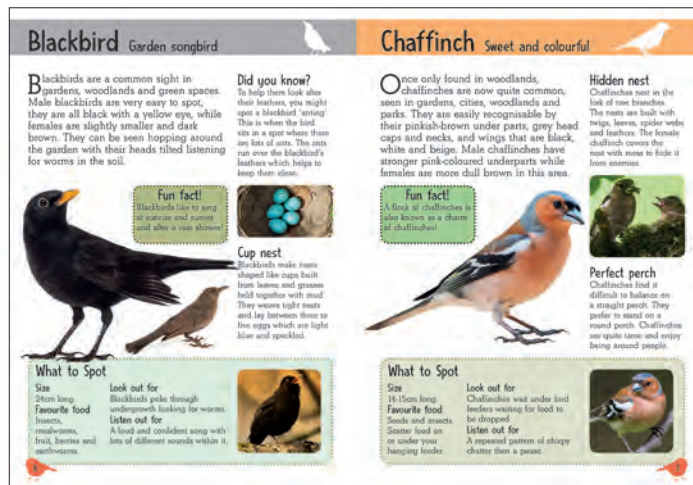


Change the shape of a flower by drawing the petals so that they overlap.

Creative Crafts • Make a Birdfeeder • iSeek



There are helpful photos and handy tips to help identify different garden birds and fun facts about each one.



ISBN: 978-1-915995-64-3

Author: Toni Stemp

Illustrations: Shutterstock

Publication: April 2025

Age: 7+

Price: £9.99

Format: paperback in card wallet

Size: 202mm x 146mm

Pages: 16 pages, plus additional components

ISBN: 978-1-915995-64-3

Territory: UK and Ireland + Export (excluding N. America & ANZ)



Description

Perfect for young nature enthusiasts, this practical little book offers an accessible but comprehensive guide to identifying garden birds, including spotter's tips and fun facts. Complete with step-by-step instructions and pre-cut wooden sheets contained in a cardboard wallet, the pack contains the basic materials to build a lovely little bird feeder to help attract birds into the garden.

Sales and marketing points

- Contains 4 x pre-cut plywood sheets and jute string.
- Step-by-step bird feeder instructions.
- Information on garden birds, fun facts and tips.

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Robin

Friendly but fierce



Many people think of Christmas when they see a robin as they are a familiar feature on Christmas cards or decorations, but you can spot them in the garden nearly all year round. Robins are known for their bright red breast. Both male and female robins have the red breast but no robin has the same shaped red breast. Each one is different.

Did you know?

Robins became a symbol of Christmas in the Victorian times in Britain because Victorian postmen wore red jackets and were called robin redbreasts!



Defender

Robins are small and look cute but they can be very fierce. Robins live in one place that is their territory and they like to keep it to themselves. They will fight off any other bird that comes close.



Fun fact!

Robins make their nests almost anywhere, sometimes in very unusual places. Some have been found inside barbecues, in welly boots and even inside old tractor wheels!

What to Spot

Size

14cm long.

Favourite food

Mealworms, seeds, fruit, insects, worms and scraps.

Look out for

Robins hop along the ground looking for juicy worms and grubs in the soil.

Listen out for

Robins sing a sweet, chattering song all year round.



Blue tit

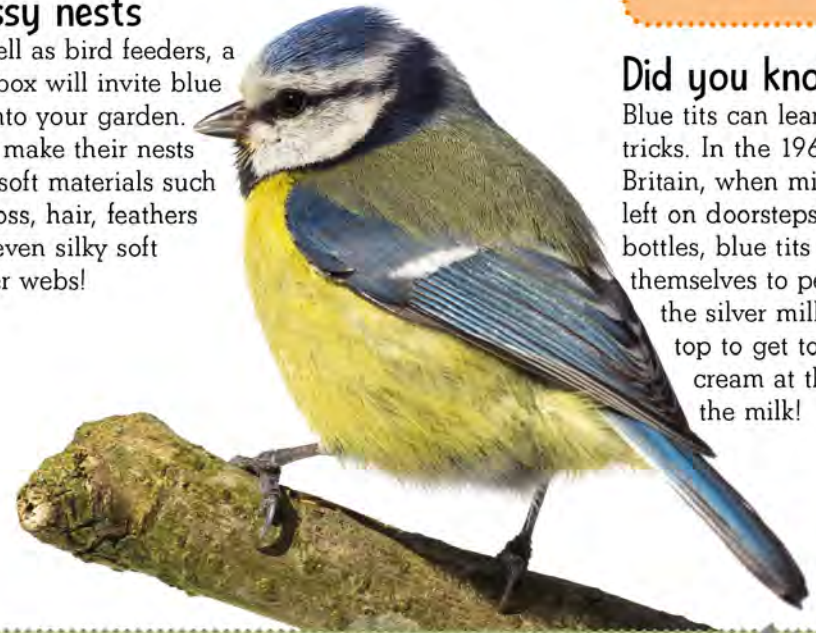
Colourful acrobat



Blue tits are brightly coloured garden visitors known for their blue cap, white face with a black stripe across the eye and yellow breast. Blue tits are the gymnasts of the bird world. You might see them hanging upside down from a feeder or hopping up a tree trunk.

Mossy nests

As well as bird feeders, a nest box will invite blue tits into your garden. They make their nests with soft materials such as moss, hair, feathers and even silky soft spider webs!



Fun fact!

Blue tits have 8 to 12 eggs at a time. Each baby has to be fed about 100 caterpillars a day! That's a lot of caterpillars for the parents to find!

Did you know?

Blue tits can learn new tricks. In the 1960s in Britain, when milk was left on doorsteps in glass bottles, blue tits taught themselves to peck off the silver milk bottle top to get to the cream at the top of the milk!

What to Spot

Size

12cm long.

Favourite food

Fruit, seeds, fat balls, nuts, insects and caterpillars.

Look out for

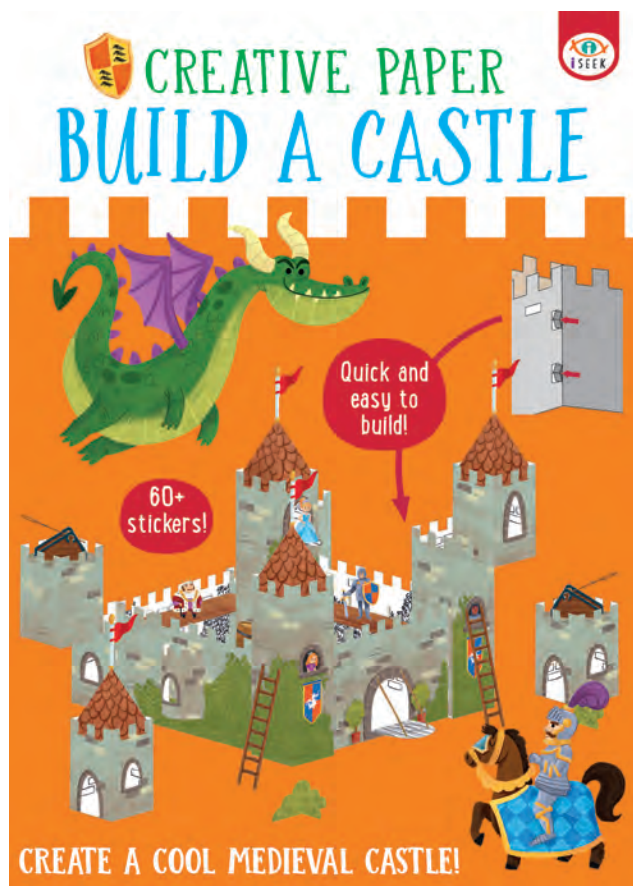
Blue tits often fly with other tits such as long-tailed tits and great tits.

Listen out for

A very high-pitched trill, repeated.



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Polly Ho-Yen

Illustrated by Sojung Kim-McCarthy

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About the Author



Polly Ho-Yen used to be a primary school teacher in London and while she was teaching there, she would get up very early in the morning to write stories. She lives in Bristol with her husband and daughter.



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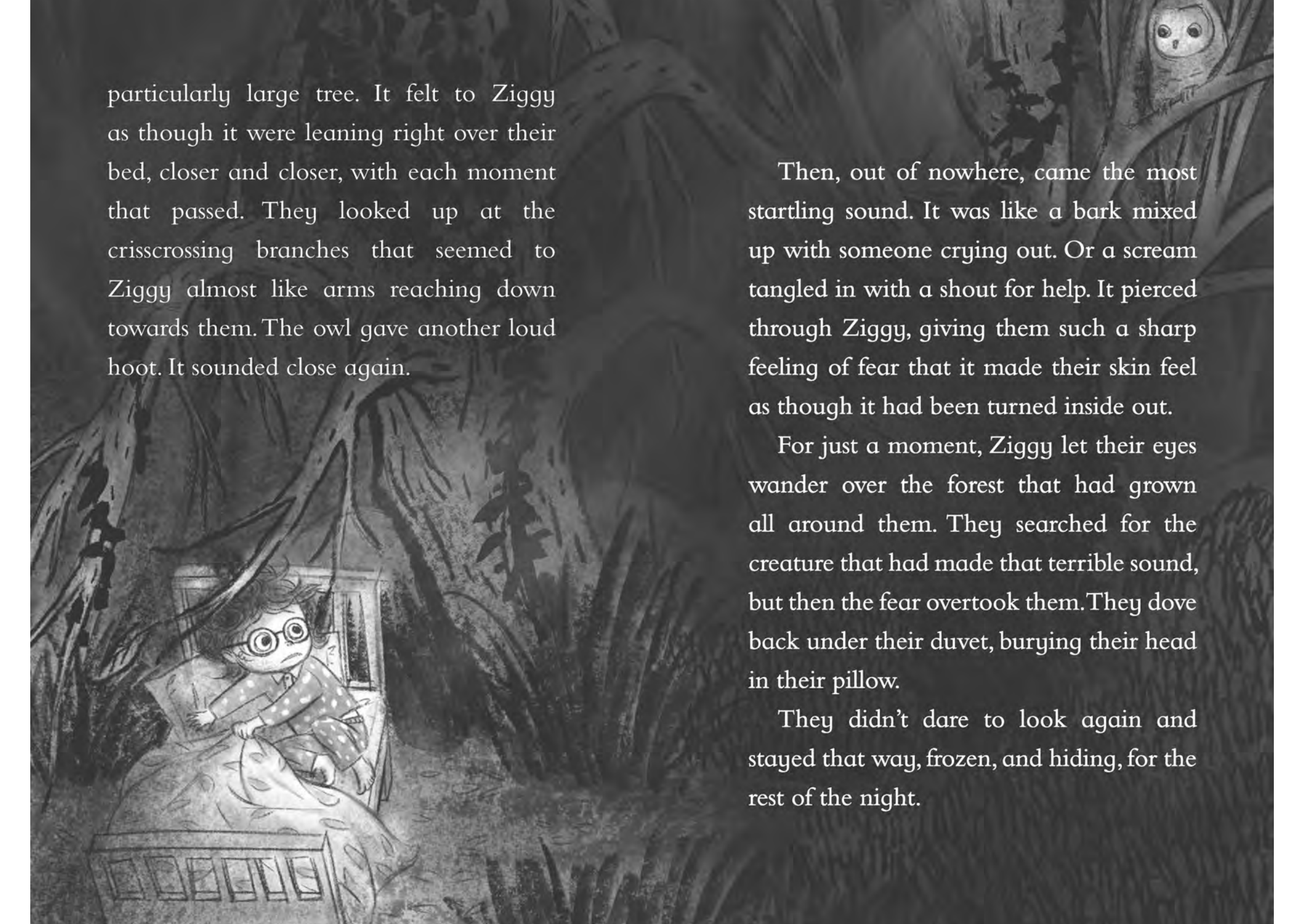
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- Aimed at readers aged 5+, who are moving on to reading chapter books, and slightly older readers who need books of an accessible length.
- Polly is a winner of the Blue Peter Book Award, Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Federation of Children's Book Groups Book Award. Three of her middle-grade novels have been nominated for the Carnegie Medal.
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particularly large tree. It felt to Ziggy as though it were leaning right over their bed, closer and closer, with each moment that passed. They looked up at the crisscrossing branches that seemed to Ziggy almost like arms reaching down towards them. The owl gave another loud hoot. It sounded close again.

Then, out of nowhere, came the most startling sound. It was like a bark mixed up with someone crying out. Or a scream tangled in with a shout for help. It pierced through Ziggy, giving them such a sharp feeling of fear that it made their skin feel as though it had been turned inside out.

For just a moment, Ziggy let their eyes wander over the forest that had grown all around them. They searched for the creature that had made that terrible sound, but then the fear overtook them. They dove back under their duvet, burying their head in their pillow.

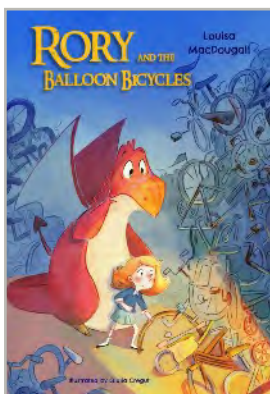
They didn't dare to look again and stayed that way, frozen, and hiding, for the rest of the night.



Rory and the Balloon Bicycles

Written by Louisa MacDougall

Illustrated by Giulia Cregut



Price £6.99

Pub date 7th April 2025

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Category Children's

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TPS 130 x 180

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Rory And The Balloon Bicycles is the second book in a fantastic new chapter book series for 6 to 9 year-olds.

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With themes of friendship, collaboration, resilience and sustainability.

Description

Rory the dragon and his best friend Flora share a love of flying and bicycles, so they are shocked when they discover a mountain of discarded bikes, and appalled when they realise that rust from that mountain is running into the dragon clan's drinking and gardening water.

More and more children start discarding their old, sturdy bikes in favour of brightly-coloured, plastic, inflatable, single-use replacements which look great (they even sort-of fly) but pop easily and cause injuries on impact – facts which are of no concern to Evilyn the Entrepreneur.

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About the author

Louisa is a community worker who lives with her husband and three daughters on the windswept Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides – where the mist and mountains make it easy to imagine dragons at every turn. Louisa's writing was shortlisted for the Kelpies Prize in 2022 and the Searchlight Prize in 2023.

Her first book, *Rory and the Snack Dragons* originally started life as a picture book text which won the Scottish Association of Writers picture book text award in 2022, but it was apparent that a much bigger adventure of dragons, princesses and tasty treats awaited the reader.

About the illustrator

Giulia has been in love with art all her life.

She began to draw and paint as soon as she was given her first crayons as a child. At school she struggled with maths, english, and science...luckily she found art. She studied painting, drawing and other disciplines for six years at the Centro d'arte Martenot, in Francesca Del Panta's Studio, Italy.

From 2014 to 2017 she studied illustration at the Nemo Academy in Florence. She now loves her work as a freelance illustrator.

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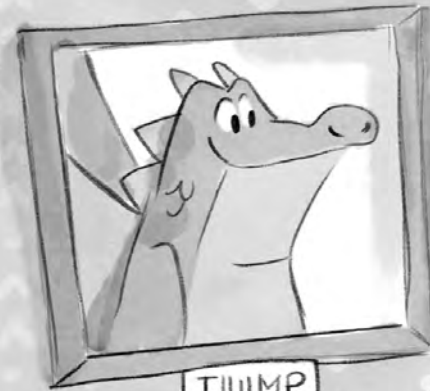
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*A novel in verse about teenage love
and friendships, lost and found.*

Summary

Daisy can feel like a solo act at home. On the outside of her twin brothers' intense relationship, she leans towards her parents, particularly her father, for support. As a passionate classical musician, she is not wildly popular at school, but she has one close friend and a life filled with musical performance.

Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend suddenly breaks up with her, and Daisy is left disconnected from her one true love, music.

When she makes a new friend at school, mysterious Flora, Daisy finds a glimmer of peace in her chaotic life. Just as everything seems to be getting better, they all fall apart.

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Sales Points

- **Imaginatively structured verse novel:** the structure reflects the musical theme
- A moving exploration of **teen friendship, relationships, family dynamics and serious illness**
- **Written by a well-known Irish bookseller** and Irish Booksellers Association committee member
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She is the founder of Rontu Literary Service, an agency dedicated to supporting writers of fiction for children as they seek publication. She completed the MA in Creative Writing from the University of Limerick in 2018 and received Arts Council Agility Awards in 2021 and 2022.

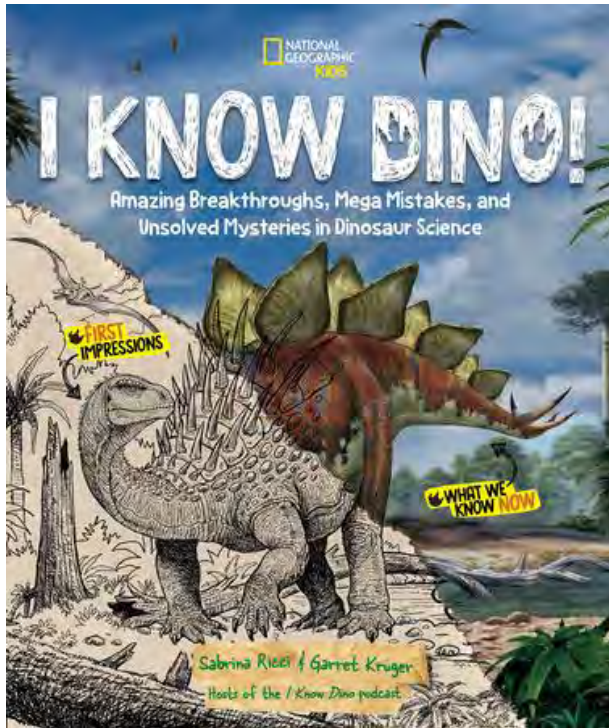
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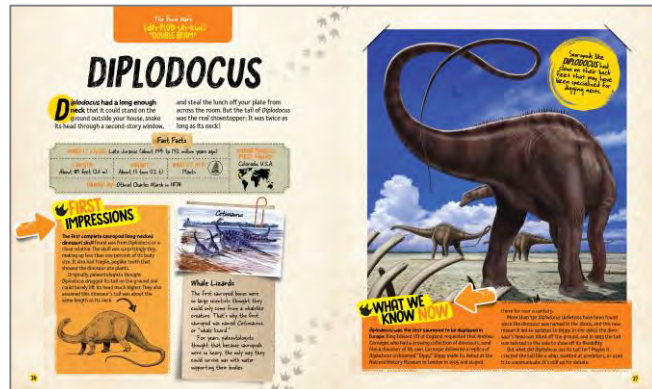
Dinosaurs have been extinct for millions of years, but the world of dinosaur science has never been more alive! Over the last few decades, amazing scientific discoveries have transformed what we know about dinosaurs. And it turns out that a lot of what we thought we knew about them was ... totally wrong.

Fortunately, prehistory pros and podcast hosts Sabrina Ricci and Garret Kruger are here to parse dino-fact from dino-fiction and examine the incredible history of paleontology along the way.

Did you know scientists once thought Brachiosaurus could walk to the bottom of a lake and breathe through nostrils on top of its head? (False.) They also believed that Stegosaurus's back plates lay flat on its body like a turtle shell! (They didn't.)

Sprinkled throughout the dinosaur profiles, readers will also find features and sidebars all about dinosaur mysteries, battles between paleontologists, movie dinosaurs, and more!

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VELOCIRAPTOR

What do you imagine when you hear the name *Velociraptor*? Does it stand face-to-face with human adults, or barely reach their knees? Does it have hands that can open a

kitchen door or feathered wings? The *Jurassic Park* and *Jurassic World* versions of *Velociraptor* are iconic, but the movie dinos were much larger and more reptile-like than the real animal.

Fast Facts

WHEN IT LIVED: Late Cretaceous (about 75 to 71 million years ago)

LENGTH:
About 6 feet (1.8 m)

WEIGHT:
Up to 33 pounds (15 kg)

WHAT IT ATE:
Meat

NAMED BY:
Henry Fairfield Osborn in 1924

WHERE FOSSILS FIRST FOUND:
Mongolia



FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The very first *Velociraptor* skull was found next to a skull of a *Protoceratops*—almost 50 years before another pair would be found fossilized in combat (see "The Fighting Dinosaurs" on page 56).

The *Velociraptor* skull measured just seven inches (about 18 cm) long, but its mouth was full of pointy teeth. This first *Velociraptor* find also had its characteristic large curved claw, but paleontologists thought the claw was on its hand and used for pinning down prey. They also thought it was a close relative of *Megalosaurus* (like most carnivorous dinosaurs at the time).



WHAT WE KNOW NOW

We now have many good examples of *Velociraptor* skeletons. From those skeletons, researchers figured out that the famous claw was on its foot and not its hand.

Velociraptor probably did use its foot claws to pin down prey and then tore into its prize with its many sharp teeth.

In 2007, scientists found quill knobs (bumps on the bone where large feathers attach) on the arm bone of a *Velociraptor*. Based on those bumps and newer discoveries of other feathered dinosaurs, paleontologists now think *Velociraptor* was covered with feathers. It also had wings and a tail fan, making *Velociraptor* more like a ferocious six-foot (1.8 m)-long turkey than a big scaly reptile.

Velociraptor kept its **KILLING CLAW** off the ground to keep it as sharp as possible.



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was sent on a
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Food for All

What We Eat and Where it Comes From

Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Ros Asquith



A unique, global exploration of the food we eat, where it comes from and how it is shared

FOOD! We all need it to live – and here is a book bursting with information, questions and ideas about the food we eat, where it comes from and how it is shared.

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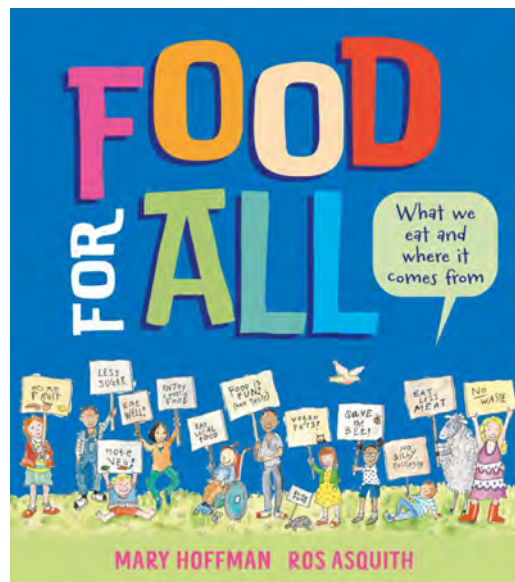
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- **Diverse and inclusive** in approach

Author Information

Mary Hoffman is the internationally admired writer of over 100 books, and her picture book *Amazing Grace* has become a classic of children's literature. She has worked with many artists, including Caroline Binch, Jane Ray, Jackie Morris and Chris Riddell. She lives in Oxfordshire. **Ros Asquith** is well-known as an illustrator and cartoonist (she drew a weekly cartoon for the *Guardian* for 20 years). She has published over 90 books for young people including many she has both written and illustrated herself, including the *Teenage Worrier* and *Alien Schoolboy* series.

Ros and Mary have created ten books together since their award-winning *Great Big Book of Families* (Frances Lincoln 2010). Their books have been translated into 21 languages. Their previous picture books for Otter-Barry Books are *Pirate Baby* and *Babies, Babies Everywhere!*



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Strange that the biggest creature on your planet, the blue whale, eats one of the tiniest, krill.

KRILL
I'm only 2cm long yet this whale is 29 metres



I'm a vegetarian.



I eat everything!



Does a very hungry caterpillar eat more than a butterfly?



What do snakes eat?



I'm afraid this one ate my cousin!

Nothing eats bees.



I might



Does a whale have to eat all day?



I'm not fussy, I devour mice and birds equally



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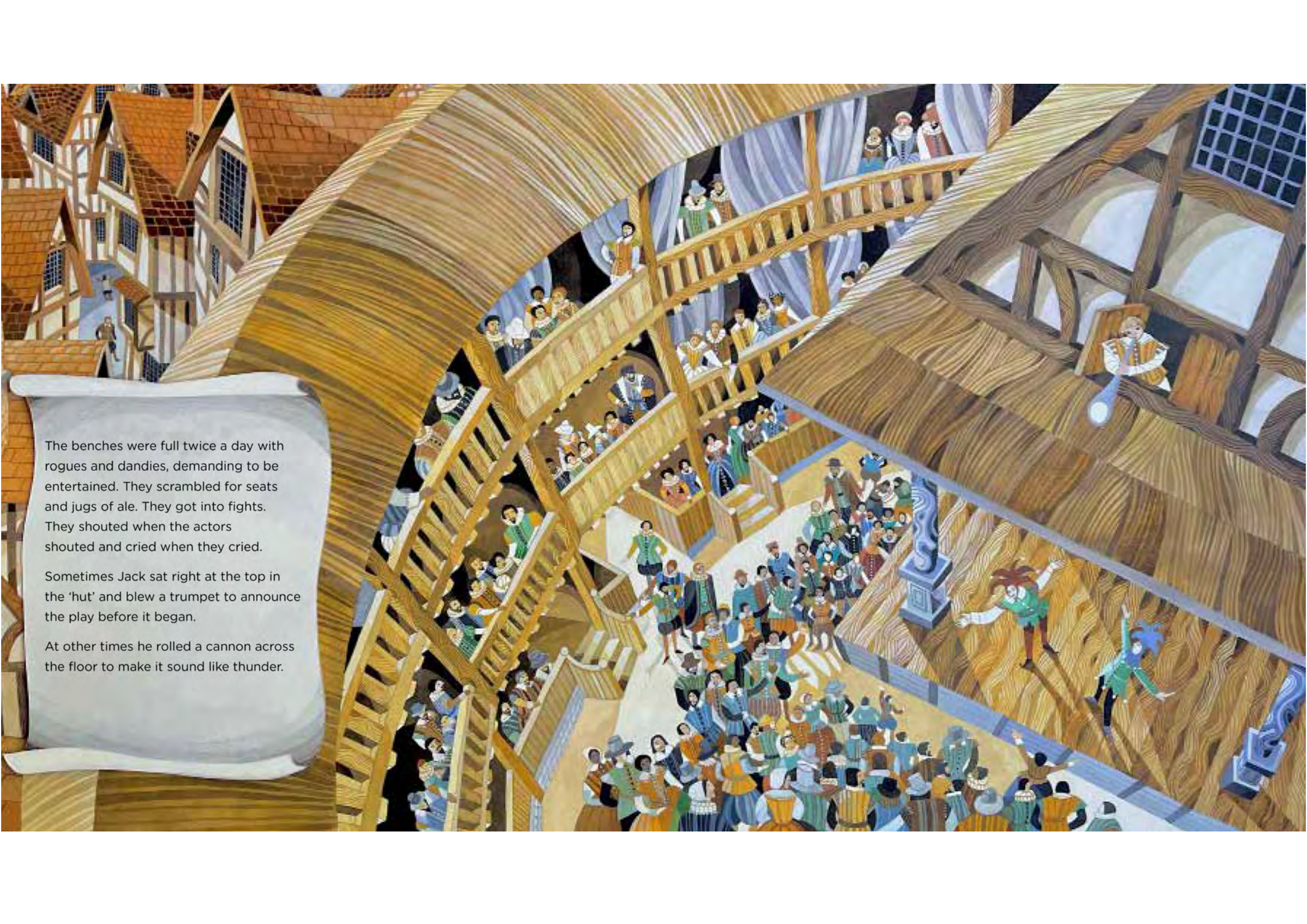
Christina Balit studied at the Chelsea School of Art and the Royal College of Art in London. She has illustrated more than 20 books for children, including the bestselling *Escape from Pompeii*. Her first book for Otter-Barry Books was *The Corinthian Girl*. She is a past winner of the English Association Book Award for Key Stage 2 Non Fiction, and the US Parents Guide to Children's Media Award. Christina works initially in pencil and then paints her artwork in a combination of watercolours, gouache and gold inks. She lives in Kent, England.

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The benches were full twice a day with rogues and dandies, demanding to be entertained. They scrambled for seats and jugs of ale. They got into fights. They shouted when the actors shouted and cried when they cried.

Sometimes Jack sat right at the top in the 'hut' and blew a trumpet to announce the play before it began.

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Now a multi award winning full-time poet, **Matt Goodfellow** visits schools around the UK and beyond, inspiring children and adults to get involved with poetry through his performances and workshop. His debut novel, told in verse, *The Final Year*, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton, for middle-grade readers, won The CLIPPA Award for Children's Poetry 2024 and the Children's Book Award for Older Readers 2024 (Federation of Children's Book Groups) amongst many others. Matt lives in Stockport. **Joe Todd-Stanton** grew up in Brighton and has a first class degree in Illustration from UWE, Bristol. He is a widely acclaimed author and illustrator of picture books and graphic novels. His latest book is *Luna and the Treasure of Tlaloc*, published in 2024, which was shortlisted for the Spark! Book Award. Joe lives in London.



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Three Little Birds

I know from experience
why they say three's a crowd,
but it in't like that with these boys.

As the days go by
we flow as one.

Each day, we push further and further away
from what we know,
cyclin down streets we've never seen before.

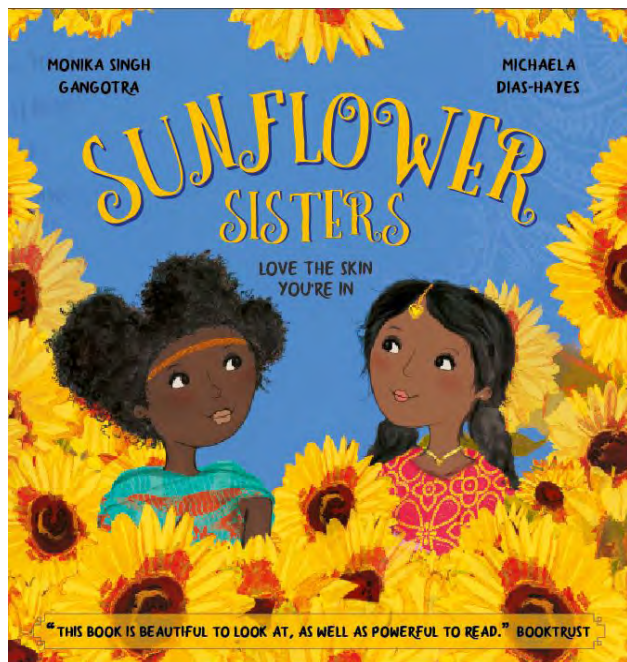
Me an Caleb have the same eyes man
always scannin for trouble
always just on.

Seein stuff others don't seem to.





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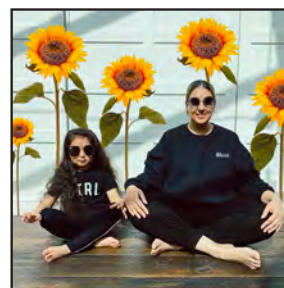
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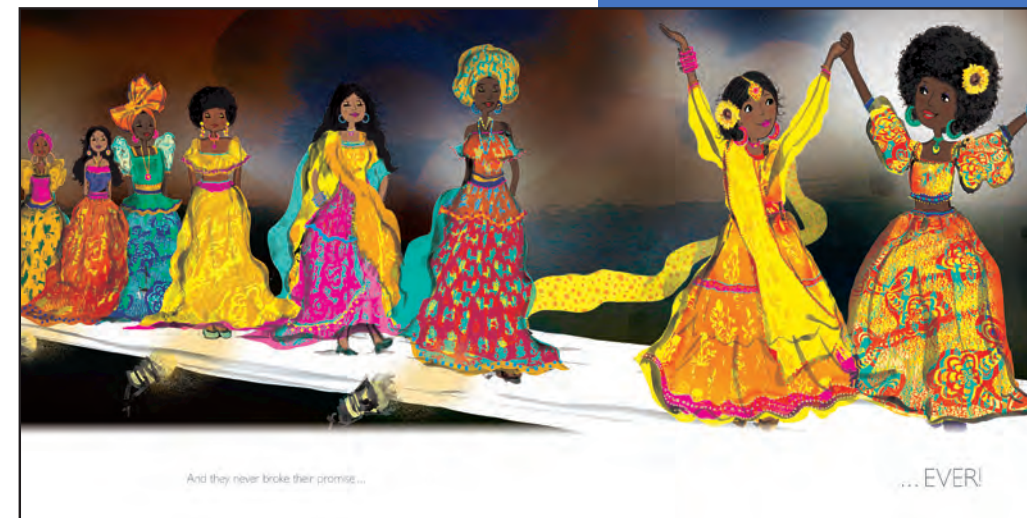
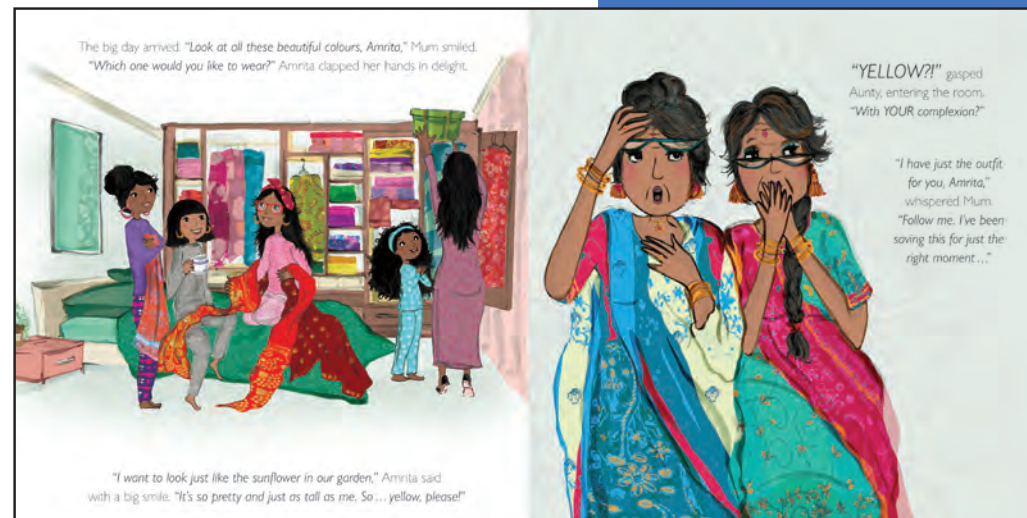
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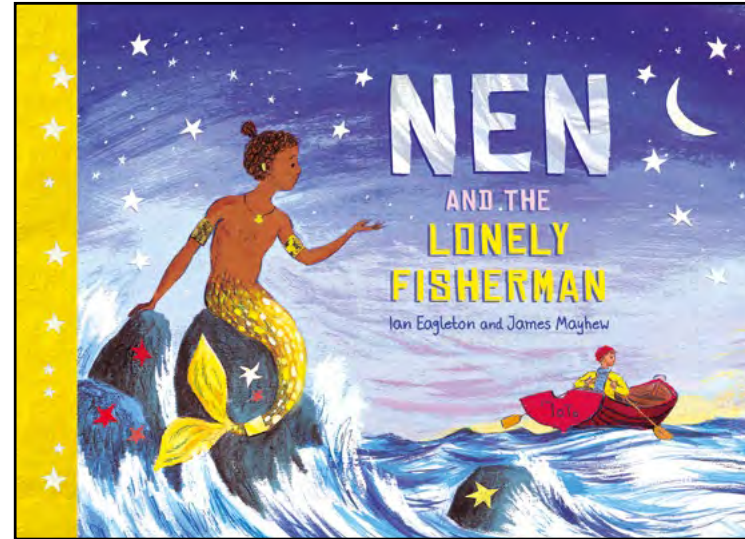
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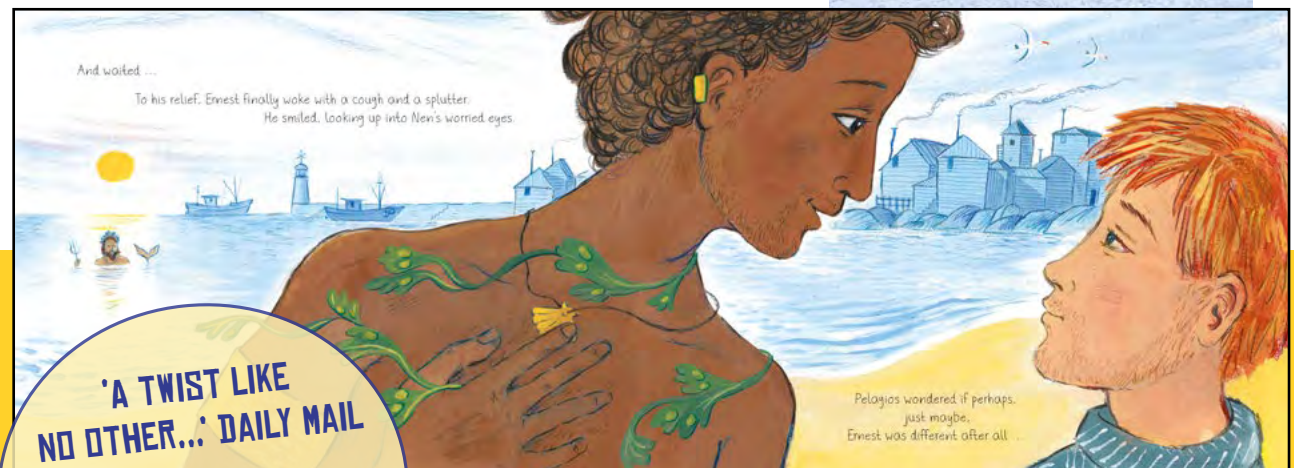
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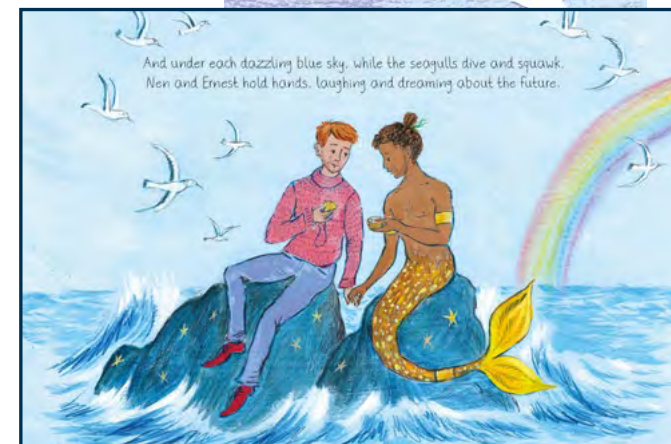
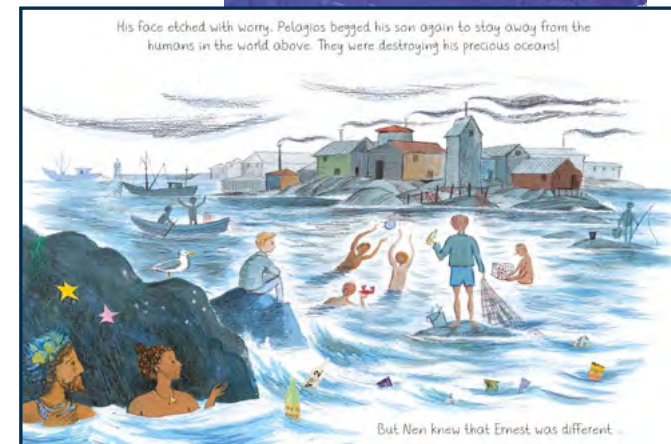
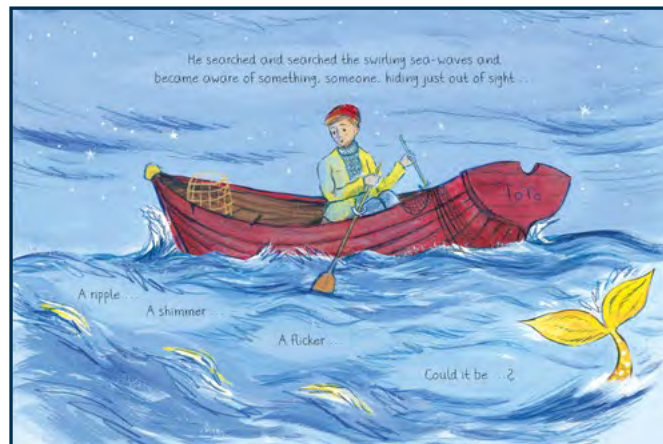
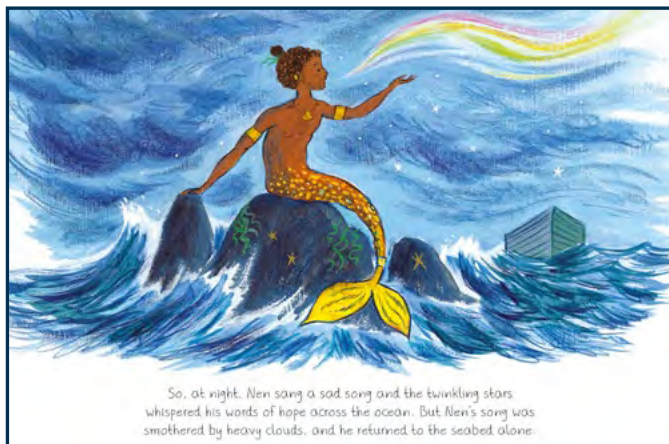


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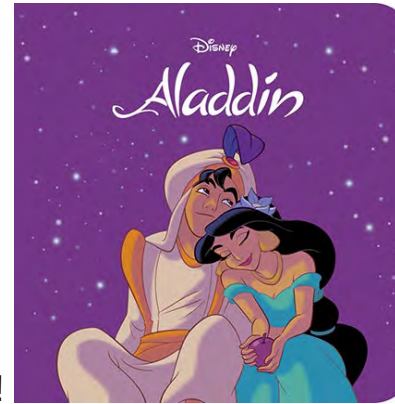
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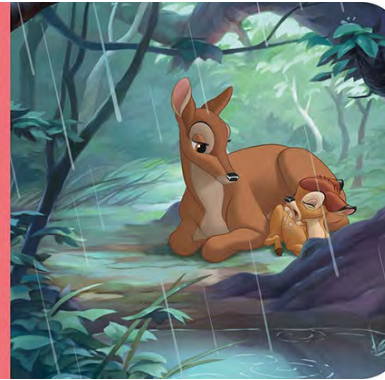
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Author Biography:

Daishu Ma is a Chinese illustrator and graphic artist working in East London. Daishu's first wordless graphic novel *Leaf* was published in 2014. Her work expresses a keen interest in science and nature. As well as writing and illustrating her own stories, she has worked on various collaborative projects, including the Chinese edition of the bestselling non-fiction title *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics*.

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"Let's run away!"

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hold on REALLY tight.





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Author Biography:

Tonka Uzu was born and raised in Sofia, Bulgaria, and has lived in Italy before relocating to Cambridge, UK. She holds a BA Hons in History and Theory of Art from the University of Bologna and a Master's degree in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art at Anglia Ruskin University. Alongside her career as an illustrator, Tonka works as an artist facilitator. She has a passion for drawing children and animals, bringing her unique blend of cultural experiences and academic background to her enchanting illustrations.

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Peggy lies down in the soft grass,
closes her eyes and imagines
that she is a little flower.

Peggy loves gardening!

"Let's pick some raspberries," says Mum.
"Mmmmm!" says Peggy. She eats them all!



Peggy wonders what
else she can pick.
The tomatoes look tasty.





Taking the Long Way Home

by Jake Hope and Brian Fitzgerald



Using all five senses and a dash of imagination, the ordinary walk back from school becomes a super-sized adventure!

Normally Zarah and her brother are collected from school by their dad, who rushes them home taking every shortcut. But today Uncle Jerome is collecting them, and he takes 'The long way home'. Reluctant to go further than necessary at first, the children are soon caught up in amazing adventures, due to their uncle's sense of fun and imagination

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- A lovely portrayal of the close relationship between uncle, nephew and niece
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Sales and Marketing

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JAKE HOPE is a reading development and children's book consultant. Alongside delivering training and public speaking on books and reading, Jake is an active reviewer and a passionate advocate for libraries. **BRIAN FITZGERALD** is an Irish illustrator who studied at the National College of Art and Design in Dublin and won the Bologna Fair International Silent Book Competition in 2014



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Uncle Jerome walks us through the wild woods
and we plod along the pathways
hearing the **crunch** and **scrunch**
of leaves underfoot.



When we are deep in the dark of the woods,
we hear the crows **caww-craawww**.

'Can't we stop?' Zarah asks,
dragging behind.

Uncle Jerome pauses.
'Listen!' he says.
'What's that noise?
I think it might be . . .

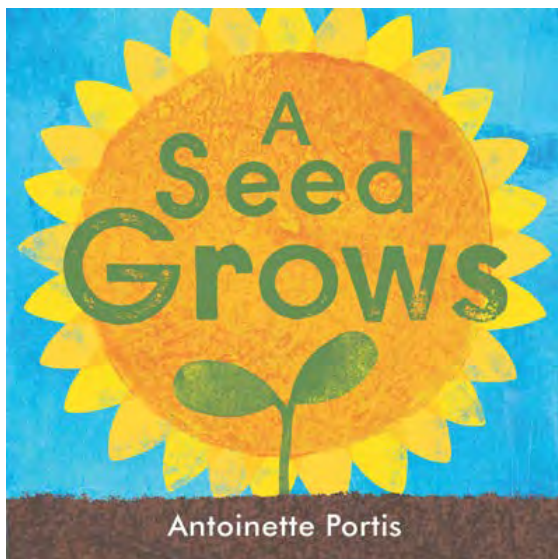


... **PTERODACTYLS** swooping
and soaring overhead.'

We all duck low, **CREEPING** through
the brambles and ivy.

Anything can happen
on the long way home.





A Seed Grows

By Antoinette Portis



Scallywag Press

Understand how a seed becomes a sunflower by peeking beneath the soil, and watching the first shoots grow, until a big fold out reveals the towering, flowering plant!

Minimal text coupled with gorgeous, bright and blocky illustrations show the life cycle of a plant from seed to shoot, flower and seed again. Also shows how plants depend on other animals such as birds.

Key Selling Points

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i-newspaper – 30 best kids books for summer: 'simple – and surprisingly moving.'

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Sales and Marketing

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- Antoinette Portis's previous titles are:

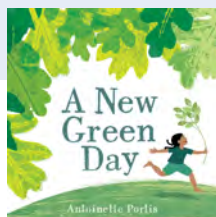
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Antoinette lives in California. She made her picture-book debut with *Not A Box*, winner of an ALA Seuss Geisel Honor, a *New York Times* Ten Best Illustrated Books of the Year and NYT bestseller. She was a recipient of the 2010 Sendak Fellowship. *Hey! Water* won a Sibert Honor and *A New Green Day* was a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the year and NCTE Notable Book in Poetry.

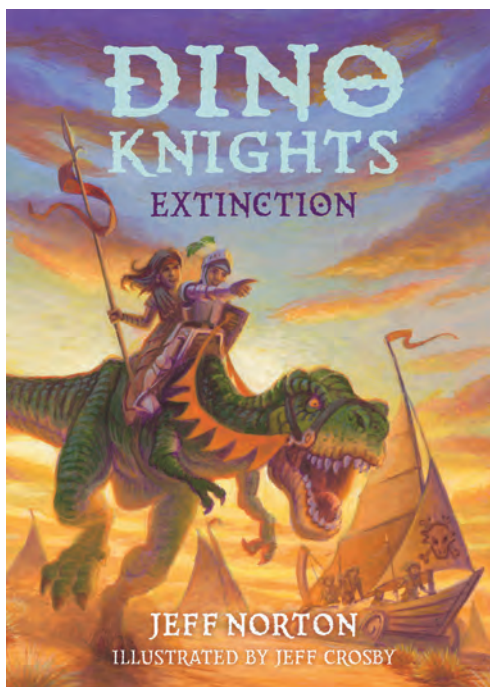


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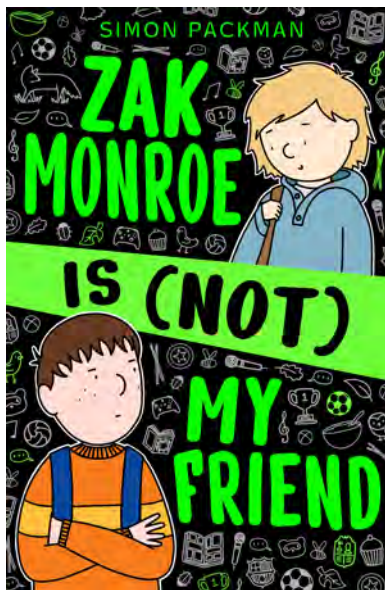
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How can Sam convince them to change their minds?

Can he keep on hiding his new friendship with 'weird' new boy Zak Munroe?

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THE AUTHOR

Simon Packham has written several highly acclaimed books for young people, including *Silenced*, which was shortlisted for multiple awards, *comin 2 gt u*, a novel about cyberbullying and World War Two which is read widely in German schools, and *Firewallers*, chosen as one of *The Independent's* children's books of the year. He is also the composer and lyricist of eleven musicals for primary schools. He lives in West Sussex with his wife Deborah and an ageing cat called Pax. His latest middle-grade novel, *Worrybot* was published by UCLan Publishing in 2023.

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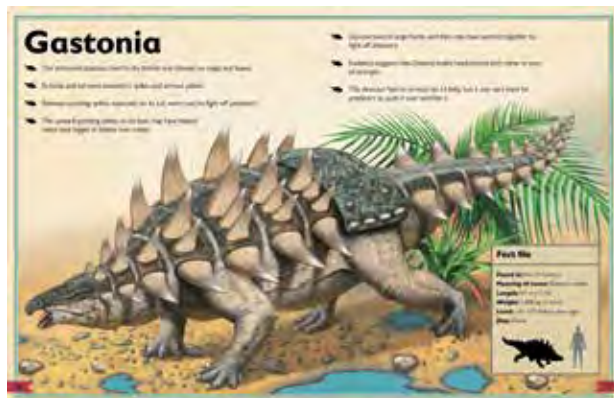
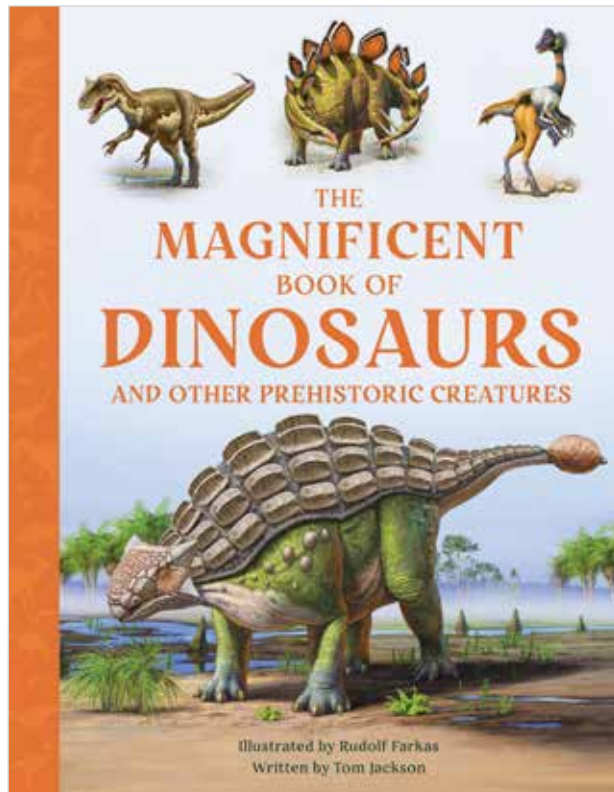


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Triceratops

 *Triceratops* used its long horns to fight off attacks by large meat-eaters like *T. rex*.

 The back of *Triceratops*'s head was covered with a large bony frill that protected its neck from predators.

 *Triceratops* had the biggest skull of any land animal that has ever lived. One fossilized skull measured more than eight feet long.

Fact file

Found in: North America

Meaning of name: Three-horned face

Length: 30 feet

Weight: 12,000 pounds

Lived: 68–66 million years ago

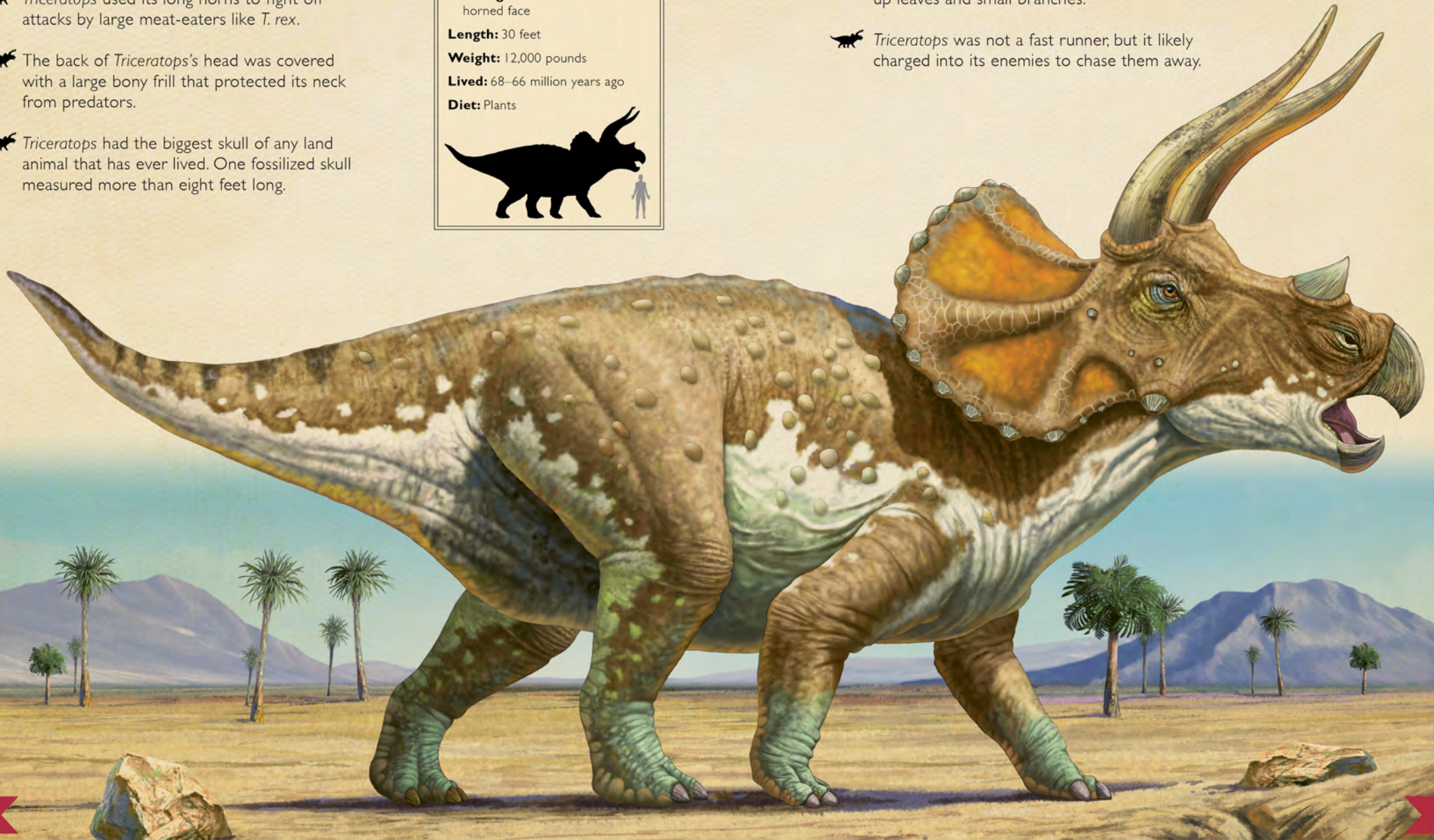
Diet: Plants



 The horns above its eyes were more than three feet long.

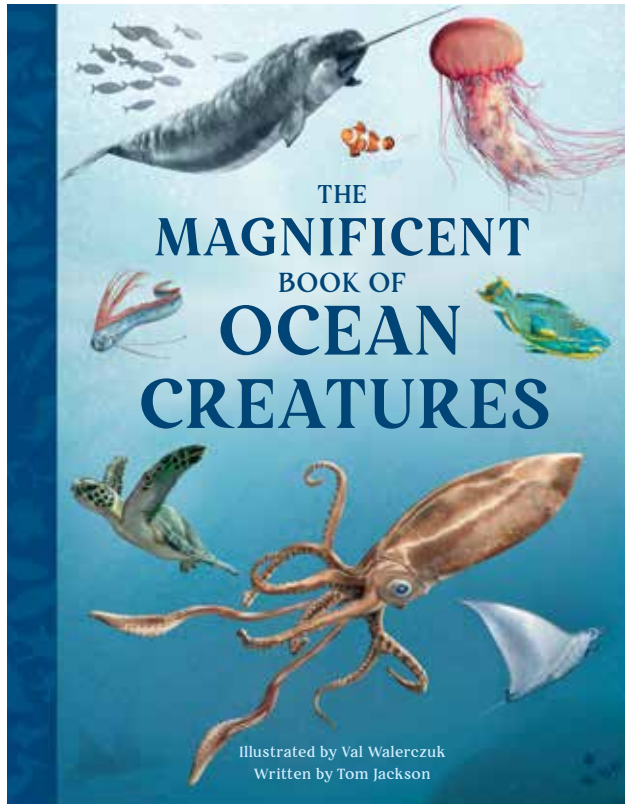
 *Triceratops* had a hooked beak that could cut up leaves and small branches.

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Humpback whale

- Humpbacks are named for the long, low fin on their backs, which pokes out of the water when they swim.
- Humpbacks can spot ships and boats by poking their heads out of the water.
- The whale slaps its tail on the surface to make a loud noise. Scientists think that this behavior is a form of communication among whales.
- Humpbacks blow a wall of bubbles around schools of fish to keep them from swimming away—then the whales eat thousands of fish in one gulp!

- Each group, or pod, of humpback whales has a single song that members call to each other.
- Female humpbacks are a little larger than males.
- To jump completely out of the water, a humpback whale swims to the surface at 18 mph.

Fact file

Lives: Worldwide
Habitat: Tropics in winter;
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Length: 50 feet
Weight: 70,000 pounds
Life span: 90 years
Diet: Krill and small fish



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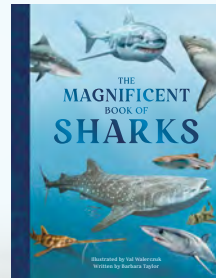
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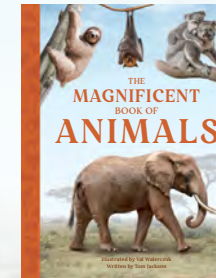
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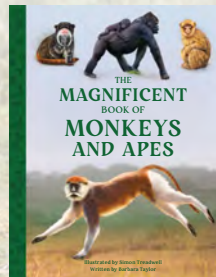
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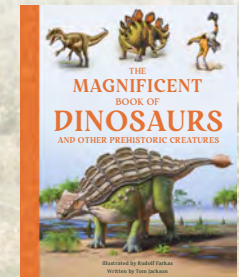
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We are All Animals



Discover what YOU have in common with a cat, a bat, a jellyfish and 150 other animals!

Ben Hoare, Christopher Lloyd, Mark Ruffle, Supervet, Noel Fitzpatrick

Find out how similar you are to your favourite animal.

Did you know that most animals (including us) are shaped like tubes? That animals get a lot of the same diseases (and medical treatments) we do? Or that we are distant cousins to every animal on Earth, including jellyfish! *We Are All Animals* celebrates our whole furry, scaly, slimy, slippery extended family, smashing to smithereens the idea that humans are very different from the rest of the animal kingdom.

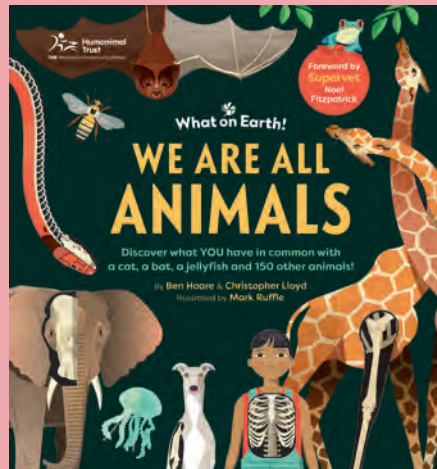
- Foreword by best-selling author and TV star Supervet: Professor Noel Fitzpatrick.
- Written by best-selling authors Christopher Lloyd (also Editor of *Britannica Children's Encyclopedia*, which has sold 435,168 globally to date; and Ben Hoare, author of the *An Anthology of Intriguing Animals* (sold 175,339 UK/US to date)
- A funny, quirky look at the animal kingdom. Kids that love animals will gasp at how similar they are to their favourites.
- Underpinned by the latest science with fascinating insights into One Medicine, the concept whereby human and animal healthcare advance hand in hand with vets, doctors and researchers collaborating to ensure that all humans and animals benefit from equal and sustainable medical progress, but not at the expense of an animal's life.
- Lavishly illustrated with original artwork, fascinating infographics and real-life photography.

Author Information

Christopher Lloyd was Technology Editor with *The Sunday Times* newspaper in London before becoming a bestselling author. His books for children include the What on Earth! series of Wallbooks, *Humanimal* and the bestselling *Absolutely Everything!* He was also the editor of the *Britannica All New Children's Encyclopedia*. Christopher Lloyd lives in Tonbridge, UK.

Ben Hoare is an award-winning wildlife journalist and nature nerd. He writes inspiring natural-history books for children. *The Guardian* newspaper said: 'His writing is funny, informative and zinging with infectious enthusiasm.'

Mark Ruffle is an illustrator and graphic designer living in the UK. Since he was young, Mark has drawn imaginary worlds, fantastic animals and marvellous humans.



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We all have clocks

All animals can tell the time. Or rather, animals know when it's a certain time of day, week, month or year. For example, animals know when to wake up and when to go to sleep, when to search for food and when to set off on a journey. Animals know these things because they have built-in clocks. These 'body clocks' are nothing like the ones in phones or by our beds! But they can be still be very accurate.

We don't fully understand how body clocks work, but the scientists who study them have made some exciting discoveries. The research has shown that the 'clocks' operate inside our cells and that animals have them in virtually every tissue and organ. These clocks monitor things like how bright or dark it is and are sensitive to changes in day length, air temperature and the phase of the Moon. Animals that live on the seashore have clocks that monitor the rise and fall of the tide. Somehow, the body clocks release chemical messages that change the animal's body and behaviour to match the time of day and time of year. Body clocks control the daily patterns of activity followed by every single animal on this planet.

Sunrise
Wood thrushes start to sing and moose look for food at dawn.

Daylight
Chipmunks and mourning cloak butterflies are only active in the daytime.

Sundown
Lynx do much of their hunting at dusk, as it gets darker.

Nightfall
Barred owls and fireflies take to the skies as night falls.

24 hours in a forest
Many animals are awake during the day and sleep at night. Others are active during the hours of darkness, sleeping by day, or are mainly active at dawn and dusk.

Dawn

Day

Dusk

Night

Sunset gathering

On winter evenings, the fading light tells starlings it's time to gather. As the birds assemble at their roost site, or resting place, they make amazing shapes in the sky. Their massive swirling flock is called a murmuration.

The master clock

Most animals have a master clock that's in overall control of their body's timekeeping. Gibbons start each day by singing together. In mammals like us and gibbons, the body clock consists of two small blobs in the brain. Each blob is about the size of a poppy seed and contains around 10,000 nerve cells.

Keeping time

Body clocks are not unique to animals – far from it. Almost all living things have these timing systems, including plants, moths, the blue mould growing on an old slice of bread and even some types of bacteria floating in the ocean. Angel's trumpet flowers open only at night to attract moths.

Iguana's 'third eye'

A THIRD EYE

Lizards, frogs and some fish have something very special called a 'third eye', which is on top of their brain. They can't see with this structure, but it is able to sense changes in light and dark. Using this information, their body can get ready for different daily activities.

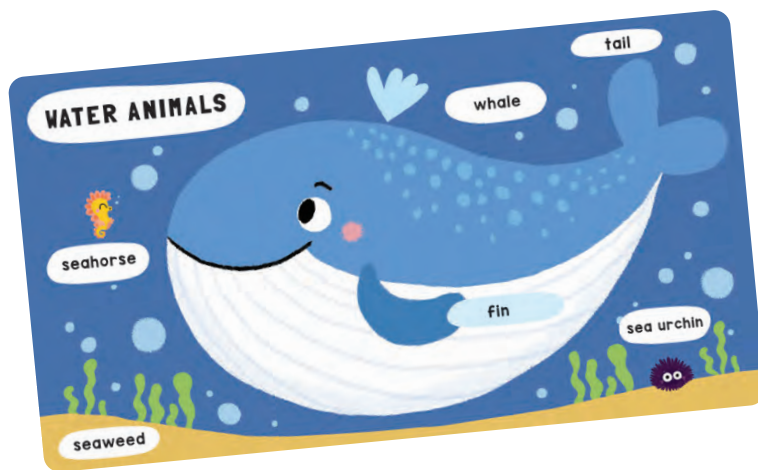


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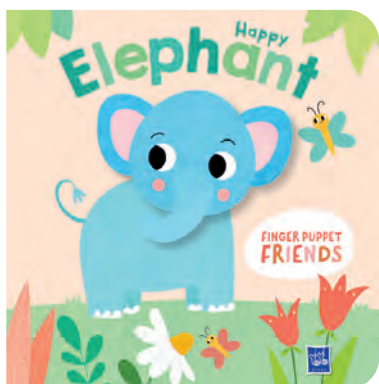
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When I Grow Up, I'll Be a...



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What do you want to be when you grow up? Real-life superheroes are all around! Why not grow up to be one? These cut-to-shape books introduce toddlers to the world of local heroes. What does a day in the life of a police officer, a firefighter, a doctor or a veterinarian look like? Toddlers will also enjoy their new-found hero-related vocabulary.

Publication	JANUARY 2025
Price	£6.99
Format	Board Book
Size	140 x 200 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Supplements	Cut-to-shape

KEY SELLING POINTS:

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BIC code	YB
Age	3+
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