

# GECKO PRESS

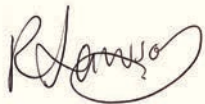


# Gecko Press is an international publisher of curiously good children's books

An imprint of independent publisher Lerner Publishing Group, Gecko Press translates and publishes children's books by some of the best writers and illustrators in the world—books of good heart and strong character, excellent in story, illustration and design.

We publish books that can be read over and over, that travel across countries and languages to connect with children everywhere.

This small catalogue includes new and upcoming books at the front, followed by our 'tried and true' favourites, because a curiously good book stays good!



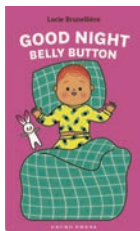
Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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» Image © Olivier Tallec from *A Better Best Friend*



It's time to say good night—all the way from toes to nose!



**Lucie Brunellière**

### **Good Night, Belly Button**

Each page turn of this novelty board book lifts the covers higher—good night toes, little knees, belly button, nose—until the baby is tucked up fast asleep under the book-blanket.

Board Book | 200 x 100 mm | 14 pp  
9781776575862 | NZ 21.99 AU 19.99 UK 8.99



### **Get Dressed, Belly Button!**

Dress a child with each page turn of this novelty board book—toes in socks, arms in sleeves, tuck that belly button inside!—until everyone is snuggled up warm and ready to go.

Board Book | 200 x 100 mm | 14 pp  
9798765663523 | NZ 21.99 AU 19.99 UK 8.99

coming Jan 2025



Everyone's on the sofa— zebra, cat, child, stork, hamster, fish, and lion. Are they ready to read the book?



### Susanne Strasser

#### Can I Sit in the Middle?

This read-together board book is a snowballing narrative of animal chaos that culminates in story time under a blanket tent.

Board Book | 215 x 205 mm | 22 pp  
9781776575855 | NZ 18.99 AU 16.99 UK 8.99



#### So Tired, So Wide Awake

In this funny sleep book for wide-awake children (and tired parents) the animals leave the bed one by one for a last goodnight kiss—only a cheeky surprise gets them back to their own bed at last.

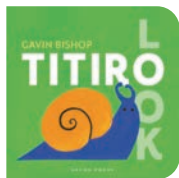
Board Book | 180 x 240 mm | 22 pp  
9798765663530 | NZ 19.99 AU 17.99 UK 8.99



coming Apr 2025



# New words and conversations about who we are and where we fit



**Gavin Bishop**

## Titiro / Look

This arresting board book of first words in both Māori and English by award-winning Gavin Bishop pairs whānau and toys to show connections while building vocabulary.

Cased Board Book | 215 x 215 mm | 36 pp  
9781776575459 | NZ 24.99 AU 22.99

**Miro / Look** Spanish edition

Cased Board Book | 215 x 215 mm | 36 pp  
9781776576104 | NZ 24.99 AU 22.99

## Look

### A Tummy Time Book

dPictus 100 outstanding picturebooks

Babies will love tummy time or learning to sit up surrounded by this reversible wordless concertina board book.

Leporello | 150 x 150 mm | 24 pp  
9781776575015 | NZ 24.99 AU 22.99 UK 9.99



Australia / New Zealand exclusive

also in Spanish



Where did I put my glasses? I can't see a thing without them!



coming paperback Sept 2025



coming Sept 2025

### Leo Timmers

#### Bear's Lost Glasses

The nearsighted, cheerful Bear finds a parade of remarkable animals when he goes walking to find his glasses.

Picture Book | 250 x 250 mm | 40 pp  
Hardcover 9781776575947  
NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99  
Paperback 9798765673058  
NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99

#### The Monster in the Lake

In this larger-than-life picture book, Eric the duck is nervous to swim in the lake for fear of the monster, but he bravely follows his friends and discovers something spectacular indeed lives beneath the surface.

Picture Book | 315 x 225 mm | 36 pp with foldout  
Hardcover 9798765670507  
NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99



‘A touching and authentic portrayal of the complexities inherent in family relationships’

*Books for Keeps*



**Aurore Petit**

**My Baby Sister Is a Diplodocus**

*Spare text and stylized pictures in intensely bright colors depict the emotional arc that an older sibling undergoes with the arrival of a new baby.*

Wall Street Journal

Picture Book | 170 x 240 mm | 44 pp

Hardcover 9781776575725

NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99



Best friends aren't like pinecones. They don't just fall from trees.



**Olivier Tallec**

### **A Better Best Friend**

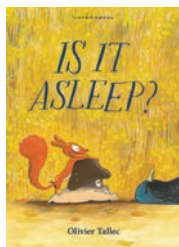
*An outstanding read-aloud for adults and children, bursting with humor and warmth.*

School Library Journal

*Demonstrates the value of a best friend—or two.*

Starred Review, Foreword Reviews

9781776575732



### **Is It Asleep?**

Squirrel and Pock find a bird lying very still on the path. After a long time, they realize it must have died so they give it a magnificent send-off in this down-to-earth, humorous picture book that is also a profound example of how to handle the comings and goings of life.

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Hardcovers | 280 x 200 mm | 32 pp

NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99

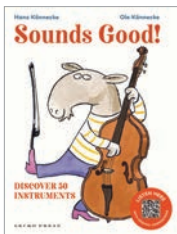


coming Aug 2025



# ‘What a fun way to introduce young children to music’

*Red Reading Hub*



## Ole Kónnecke & Hans Kónnecke Sounds Good!

Discover 50 Instruments

This interactive introduction to 50 common and uncommon musical instruments is light-hearted and engaging. Each instrument features an original composition accessed via QR code—from the kazoo to the bassoon.

Picture Book | 277 x 210 mm | 112 pp  
Hardcover 9781776575558  
NZ 34.99 AU 29.99 UK 16.99

TRY IT!



# Carefree summer days outside with friends



**Philip Waechter**

## **Around the World with Friends**

*A really satisfactory story arc and illustrations that invite close inspection. Achuka (UK)  
Beautiful illustrations that bring a sense of wonder and adventure. My Shelves Are Full (UK)*

Hardcover 9781776575985



## **A Perfect Wonderful Day with Friends**

*This big-hearted picture book captures the warmth and fun of a spontaneous summer's day with friends, where one lovely activity leads to another until they all go back home to bake a cake (two cakes!) to finish.*

Hardcover 9781776574667

Paperback 9781776574674 | NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99

Picture Books 235 x 265 mm | 28 pp

NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99



‘A delicious tale that will reward attentive readers’

*Kirkus Reviews*



**Thé Tjong-Khing**  
**Cake for Everyone**

A group of animals chase their stolen picnic in this wordless look-and-find adventure picture book full of intricate detail and comical storytelling.

Picture Book | 285 x 245 mm | 32 pp  
Hardcover 9781776575930  
NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99





The rhinos are making  
pancakes—in their  
cement mixer . . .



**Ole Könnecke**

### **Diggers, Dozers, and Dumpers**

**Small Stories about Big Machines**

This original picture book about construction vehicles combines facts and details with funny stories about animal engineers to delight machine enthusiasts of all sizes.

Picture Book | 225 x 255 mm | 32 pp

Hardcover 9798765667552

NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99





# Kitty and Pup are fed up with each other— what a kerfuffle!



coming Oct 2025

**Clotilde Perrin**

## The Kerfuffle

Flaps and die-cuts tell the story of a dog and cat fed up with living side by side, who build a wall between them—until a new friend and a new idea bring it tumbling joyfully down.

Picture Book with Flaps and Die Cuts

150 x 265 mm | 26 pp

Hardcover 9798765688656

NZ 39.99 AU 37.99 UK 17.99



# Where does a dragon go when a dragon has to . . . go?



coming paperback Aug 2025

**Julie Völk**

## **A Rainy Dragon Day**

In this atmospheric picture book, a rainy day indoors turns into a fantastical journey to dragonland when Fred the elegant dragon arrives in need of a bathroom.

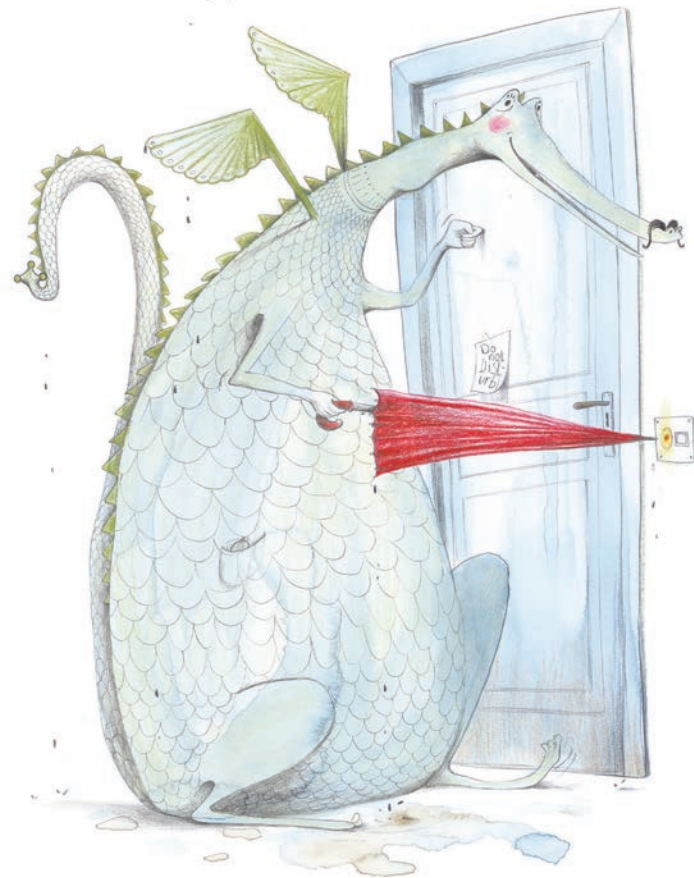
Picture Book | 255 x 195 mm | 40 pp

Hardcover 9781776575794

NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99

Paperback 9781776575800

NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99



‘Oh, it’s so good to be me!’



also in te reo Māori

coming Aug 2025

### Mario Ramos

#### I Am So Strong

In this fractured fairytale with humorous, expansive language and a twist ending, the big bad wolf gets an unexpected and satisfying taste of his own medicine.

Picture Book | 275 x 195 mm | 28 pp

Paperback 9798765685051

NZ 19.99 AU 17.99 UK 7.99

**Taku Toa Mārika** Te reo Māori edition

Paperback 9798765671719 | 275 x 195 mm | 28 pp

NZ 19.99





## Snake and Lizard: three small words that test a friendship



**Joy Cowley and Gavin Bishop**

### Twigs and Stones

A funny, warm and wise picture book by world-renowned Joy Cowley and Gavin Bishop that captures the essence of friendship and nudges us to notice the power of our words.

Picture Book | 230 x 195 mm | 32 pp  
Hardcover 9798765668238  
NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99



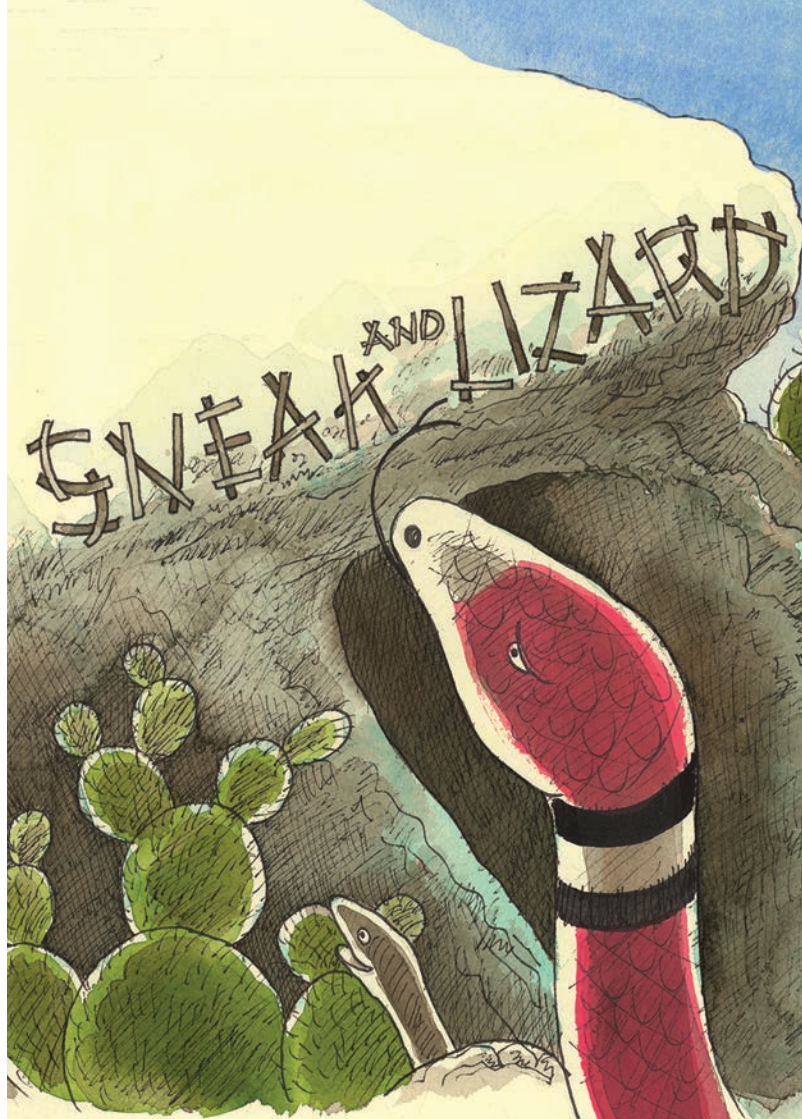
**Joy Cowley and Miho Satake**

### The Fierce Little Woman and the Wicked Pirate

A bright new edition of this enduring classic by Joy Cowley about independence and family, with one of Japan's leading children's illustrators.

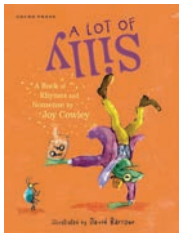
Picture Book | 218 x 272 mm | 32 pp  
Paperback 9798765671696  
NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99

**Hineniwha me te Kaitiara** Te reo Māori edition  
Paperback 9798765671702 | 218 x 272 mm | 32 pp  
NZ 19.99





# Absurd tongue-twisters and silly stories to recite and share



**Joy Cowley & David Barrow**

**A Lot of Silly**

**A Book of Rhymes and Nonsense**

World-renowned author Joy Cowley brings her silly side to this book full of absurd poems and short stories. Illustrations by David Barrow—a first-rate visual comedian—playfully expand the humour. This exuberant collection emboldens readers to experiment and play with language.

Picture Book | 260 x 200 mm | 64 pp

Hardcover 9781776575978

NZ 34.99 AU 29.99 UK 16.99



‘Carefully crafted,  
intricate worlds, where  
their imaginations can  
roam free’

*Mathew Tobin, Books for Keeps*



**Clotilde Perrin**

### **The Remarkables**

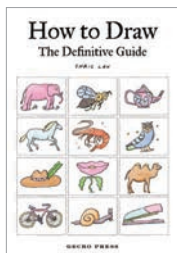
**The Most Incredible Children I've Met—So Far!**

Picture book and comics combine in this imaginative encyclopedia of 38 imaginary children with superpowers. An electric child, a flying child, a stone child, a cake child—each spread celebrates uniqueness and individuality.

Picture Book | 345 x 245 mm | 72 pp  
Hardcover 9781776575046  
NZ 34.99 AU 17.99 UK 17.99



How do you draw an elephant? Start with a teapot.



coming Sept 2025

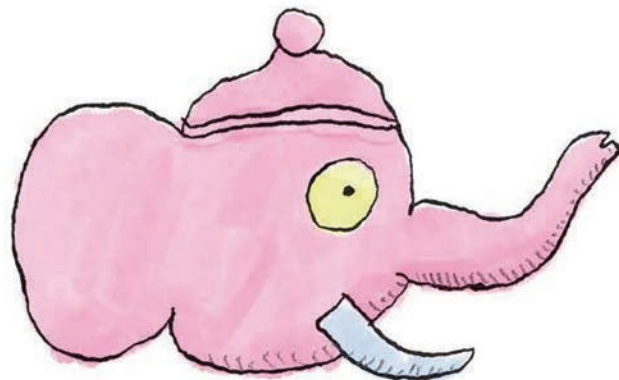
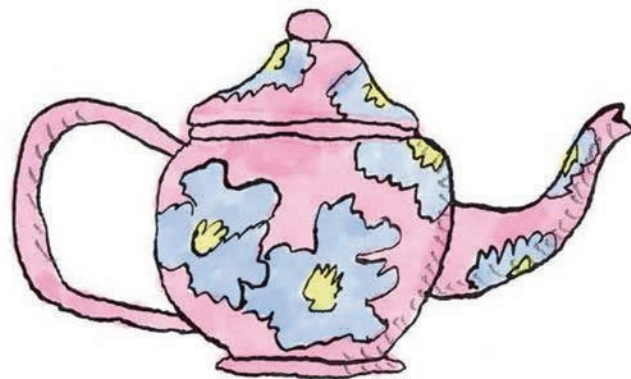
**Eric Lax**

**How to Draw**

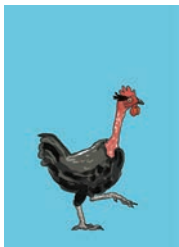
**The Definitive Guide**

Flipping the tradition of drawing guides, *How to Draw* combines puns, stories and useful techniques to encourage imagination and experiments—and above all, no rules and no mistakes.

Nonfiction | 240 x 170 mm | 96 pp  
Hardcover 9798765670491  
NZ 34.99 AU 29.99 UK 14.99



Once you recognize the Omnibird, you'll see the remarkable in any bird.



coming Oct 2025

**Giselle Clarkson**

**Omnibird**

**The Avian Investigator's Handbook**

This highly illustrated, playful field guide to common international birds brings the art of observology to the science of ornithology, showing the many ways these familiar creatures are remarkable if you take time to look.

Nonfiction | 290 x 250 mm | 96 pp

Hardcover 9798765670514

NZ 39.99 AU 34.99 UK 16.99

## BEAUTIFUL and SILLY CHICKEN BREEDS



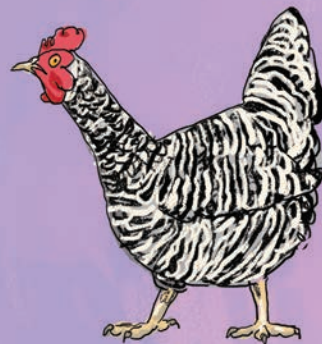
MODERN GAME



POLISH



SILKIE



BARRED ROCK



TRANSYLVANIAN  
NAKED NECK



‘Gigantic, propulsive,  
lavishly drawn and  
smartly annotated’

*The New York Times*



coming Sept 2025

## Peter Goes

### Timeline

A Visual History of Our World  
Updated Edition

*Here is a glowing sucker octopus, with its limbs spread out, pumpkin-colored, looking like a just-exploded Roman candle in the night sky.*

Wall Street Journal

*Hugely informative, hugely entertaining.*

The Financial Times

Nonfiction | 275 x 195 mm | 80 pp

Hardcover 9798765689226

NZ 44.99 AU 39.99 UK 25.00



# ‘Criminally good writing, illustrations, and design’

Jon Scieszka

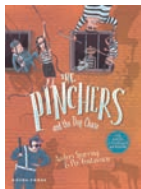


**Anders Sparring & Per Gustavsson**

## The Pinchers and the Diamond Heist

*This hilarious crime caper has it all: a dazzling diamond, sticks of dynamite, false beards and even a daring jailbreak.* Book Trust

9781776575671 | 112 pp



## The Pinchers and the Dog Chase

*This zany chapter book for new solo readers will leave them hoping for another madcap Pinchers' instalment.* Red Reading Hub (UK)

9781776575886 | 96 pp



## The Pinchers and the Curse of the Egyptian Cat

In this slapstick, illustrated crime adventure, the honest Theo Pincher, who doesn't fit in to his family of criminals, finds himself suddenly on the other side of the law because of an ancient curse.

9798765670132 | 92 pp

Chapter Books | 204 x 144 mm

Paperback NZ 19.99 AU 17.99 UK 8.99

coming Mar 2025



# ‘A Christmas tale to hold the whole family spellbound’

*Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews*



**Ulrich Hub & Jörg Mühle**

## **One Wise Sheep**

**An Untraditional Christmas Story**

This retelling of the nativity story from the point of view of the sheep is laugh-out-loud funny and full of the warmth of Christmas—a cheeky illustrated chapter book by a bestselling author/illustrator pair.

Chapter Book | 204 x 144 mm | 88 pp  
Paperback 9781776575961  
NZ 19.99 AU 17.99 UK 7.99





# Vega sees things no one else can



## Sofia Chanfreau & Amanda Chanfreau **Giraffe Island**

*This wonderfully imaginative middle-grade novel is full of love and pathos . . . a fantastically exciting story world.* Juno (UK)

An original mystery adventure, coloured by magical realism, about a girl whose world is peopled with animals no one else can see, with a mystery, a circus and family at its heart.

Novel | 198 x 129 mm | 220 pp  
Paperback 9781776575657  
NZ 24.99 AU 21.99 UK 8.99





# ‘A wonderful interactive little book’

*Axel Scheffler of the Gruffalo*



**Jörg Mühle**

## Tickle My Ears

*Just irresistible . . . a book that teaches a child how to put someone—one's self, obviously—to bed.*

School Library Journal

9781776570768

core title



## Bathtime for Little Rabbit

*The book speaks perfect baby.* The Bookbag

*Funny, sweet, reassuring and empowering . . . perfection.*

Playing by the Book

9781776571376



## Poor Little Rabbit!

*Besides being fun, this gem is also a way to show toddlers how to put empathy into action.* New York Times

9781776571772



## Let's Play, Little Rabbit

*An irresistible read-aloud, and a delight for all.*

Starred Review, School Library Journal

9781776574711

Board Books | 170 x 170 mm | 20 pp

NZ 14.99 AU 12.99 UK 7.99



‘This celebration of sound is epic in its scope and delightful in its execution’

*Starred Review, Publishers Weekly*



core title

also in te reo Māori

**Soledad Bravi**

### The Noisy Book

*Evening Standard*, Best Picture Books for Children

With over 100 pages, this failproof board book is full of bright, bold illustrations and lots of noises—perfect to share with a baby or toddler.

Board Book | 140 x 140 mm | 116 pp  
9781877467523 | NZ 24.99 AU 19.99 UK 9.99

**Hoihoi Turituri** Te reo Māori edition  
Board Book 9781776572625 | NZ 24.99 AU 24.99

Pain goes  
**ouch**



The baby goes  
**waaaaa**

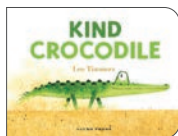


The kiss goes  
**mwahh**



‘A diverting reminder that kindness comes in all shapes and sizes—and sometimes requires community’

*Publishers Weekly*



**Leo Timmers**

### Kind Crocodile

The kind crocodile gives shelter to a series of animals on its long green back, scaring away their pursuers—until the load becomes too heavy and the crocodile doesn't feel so kind any more. Grrr!

Board Book | 185 x 250 mm | 28 pp  
9781776574704 | NZ 19.99 AU 17.99 UK 9.99



### Who's Driving?

Animals, sounds and a guessing game make this book for drivers of all ages a Gecko Press backlist favourite, now in Board Book.

Board Book | 170 x 250 mm | 30 pp  
9781776571666 | NZ 17.99 AU 15.99 UK 7.99

**Mā Wai e Hautū?** Te reo Māori edition  
Board Book 9781776573066 | NZ 19.99 AU 19.99

core title

also in te reo Māori



‘Hits its mark perfectly,  
delivering a just-scary-enough  
jolt to surprise and delight’

*Starred Review, Publishers Weekly*



core title

### **Bénédicte Guettier**

#### **I am the Wolf . . . and Here I Come!**

Watch the wolf put on his trousers, his T-shirt, his socks. But what's he planning once he's dressed? Careful, he might bite . . . snap the book shut to keep the wolf inside!

*Your child will love the anticipation that builds with each turn of the page as the Big Bad Wolf gets dressed for his day, starting with a pair of rather silly underpants.* Readings Bookstore

Board Book | 140 x 140 mm | 20 pp  
9781877579424 | NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 8.99





# Whānau and our place in the world



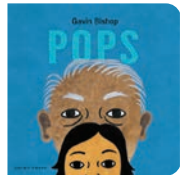
## Gavin Bishop

### Mihi

*Perfect . . . to read together and then expand and elaborate, inserting details and naming the people. Mihi is a taonga, a treasure.* The Source

9781776573028

core title



### Pops

*A beautiful board book highlighting the joy of spending a day with a grandpa. Recommended for every shelf.* Starred Review, School Library Journal

9781776574001

**Koro** Te reo Māori edition 9781776574018



### Friend

*The spare language carries much weight . . . warm, empathic.* Kirkus Reviews

9781776574865

**E Hoa** Te reo Māori edition 9781776574681

Board Books | 185 x 185 mm | 18 pp  
NZ 17.99 AU 15.99 UK 8.99

also in te reo Māori



# ‘A storybook and memory game in one’

*Manawatū Standard*



core title

also in te reo Māori

## Satoru Onishi

### Who's Hiding?

*Who's Hiding?* is a book for anyone to read aloud over and over—simple on the surface with deeper levels on each re-reading: humour, emotion, colour, shapes, animals . . .

Board Book | 240 x 185 mm | 28 pp  
9781776574568 | NZ 19.99 AU 17.99 UK 8.99

**Ko Wai e Huna Ana?** Te reo Māori edition  
Board Book | 9781776574575 | NZ 19.99 AU 17.99



# ‘Silly, innovative, entirely enjoyable’

*Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews*



**David Elliot**

## **Bumblebee Grumblebee**

*The real accomplishment of this astounding board book is that an entire story is conveyed through just two words. Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews*  
*Makes us laugh out loud and brings us to an exuberant ending—perfect for under twos!*  
Sunday Star-Times

Board Book | 170 x 170 mm | 20 pp  
9781776574025 | NZ 16.99 AU 14.99 UK 7.99



**Oink**

*The delicacy and subtlety of the art only adds to the frisky humor.* New York Times

Hardcover | 180 x 240 mm | 32 pp  
9781776572144 | NZ 24.99 AU 22.99 UK 8.99

IBBY White  
Raven  
catalogue

*Both books  
selected*



# No, Lionel, no!



**Éric Veillé**

## Lionel Poops

*Sublime in its simplicity . . . Potty training has never been so much fun.* Starred review, Kirkus Reviews  
*A delightful character, his actions full of mischief and enjoyment.* Read Plus

9781776574636



## Lionel Eats All By Himself

Lionel manages a whole meal in his high chair without help . . . but what a mess!

9781776574643



## Lionel Is Just Like Dad

Lionel's enthusiastic game of 'Simon says' with Dad leads to a loud THUNK. Poor Dad! But the game ends with a big hug from this very tolerant father.

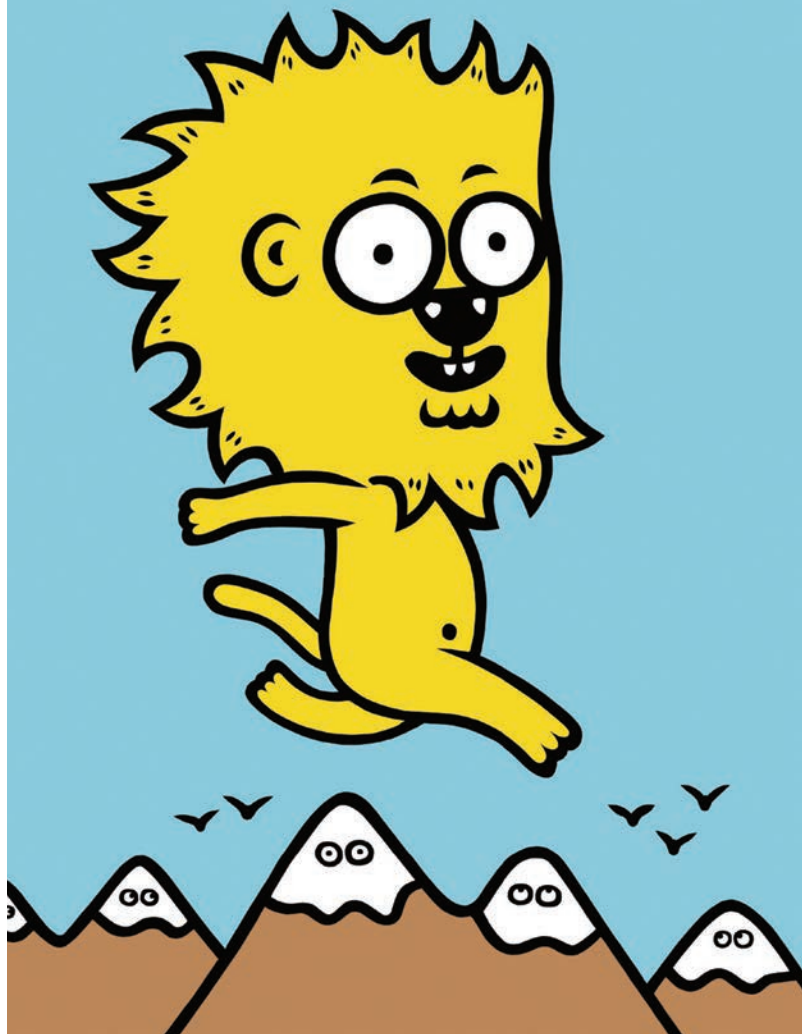
9781776574650

**He rite a Miti ki a Pāpā** Te reo Māori edition

9781776575299

Board Books | 135 x 135 mm | 26 pp

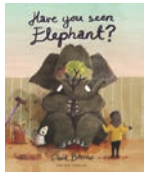
NZ 14.99 AU 12.99 UK 7.99





# ‘A bonafide pitch perfect laugh out loud picture book for all ages’

*Booksniffer*



**David Barrow**

## Have You Seen Elephant?

*Children will delight in details . . . Younger audiences will be screaming ‘There it is!’ from the get-go.*

Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews

Chosen for Bookstart

Winner, Sebastian Walker Award

Shortlist, Waterstones Children’s Book Award

Hardcover 9781776570089

Paperback 9781776570096

**Arewhana Hunahuna** Te reo Māori edition

Paperback 9781776574810 | NZ 19.99 AU 17.99

## Have You Seen Dinosaur?

*Barrow’s artwork is dreamy, painterly and stunning as well as being perfect for young readers.* BookTrust UK

Hardcover 9781776575138

Paperback 9781776575145

Hardcover | 276 x 225 mm | 32 pp

NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 11.99

Paperback | 276 x 225 mm | 32 pp

NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99

core title

also in te reo Māori



coming paperback May 2025

# ‘Perfect for oral language, sharing stories and using imagination’

*Books Trailers for Kids and YA*



## Leo Timmers

### Monkey on the Run

*Marvelous wheeled contraptions . . . eccentric details.*

Starred Review, Publishers Weekly

Paperback | 275 x 210 mm | 32 pp |

9781776572519 | NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99



### Where Is the Dragon?

*A lilting Seussian singsong, with wonderful,  
surprising rhymes.* Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews

Paperback | 210 x 280 mm | 40 pp

9781776573127 | NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99



# ‘Likely to stop even non-bookish kids in their tracks’

*Best Picture Books for Children, The Guardian*



core title

also in te reo Māori

## Stephanie Blake

### Poo Bum

Once there was a little rabbit who could only say one thing . . .

*Poo Bum* is loved by children and parents worldwide. This is the book that turned Simon the mischievous rabbit into an international bestseller, now with an animated TV series.

9781877467974

**Paraweta** Te reo Māori edition  
9781776572182 | NZ 18.99 AU 17.99

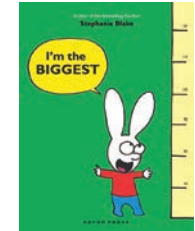
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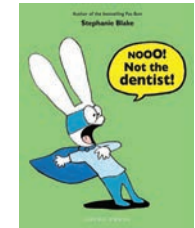
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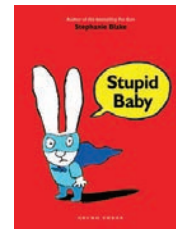
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# Two friends share three mushrooms . . . who will get the extra one?



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**Jörg Mühle**

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Paperback | 265 x 190 mm | 32 pp  
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*Betsy Bird, School Library Journal*



## Claude Dubois

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Flies again today...



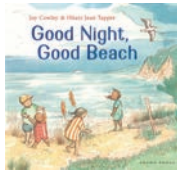
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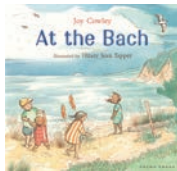




**Joy Cowley & Hilary Jean Tapper**  
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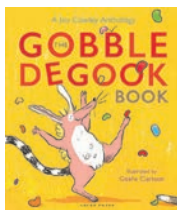


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Aotearoa Bookseller's Choice Award Shortlist  
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*A new favourite cosy read.*  
The Times UK Children's Book of the Week

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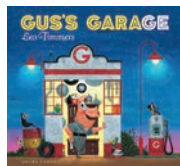
### Elephant Island

*A refutation for anyone who thinks their island is too full to accommodate outsiders.*

The Times Children's Book of the Week

*Yet another triumphant experiment for the award-winning Timmers. New York Times*

Paperback | 280 x 210 mm | 40 pp  
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*New York Times*



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A delightful guessing, memory, observation and naming game in which one toy after another disappears—temporarily—into the mouth of the hungry little wolf.

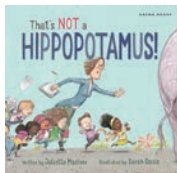
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*New York Times*  
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# ‘Good-natured, funny, and a fabulous readaloud’

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## Juliette MacIver & Sarah Davis

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New Zealand  
Children's Book  
Awards

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Winner



A mother's a house,  
she's a car in a rush,  
she's a lullaby hush . . .



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**Aurore Petit**

### **A Mother Is a House**

This bright and contemporary picture book in verse offers a unique baby's eye view of the first year, from birth to first steps.

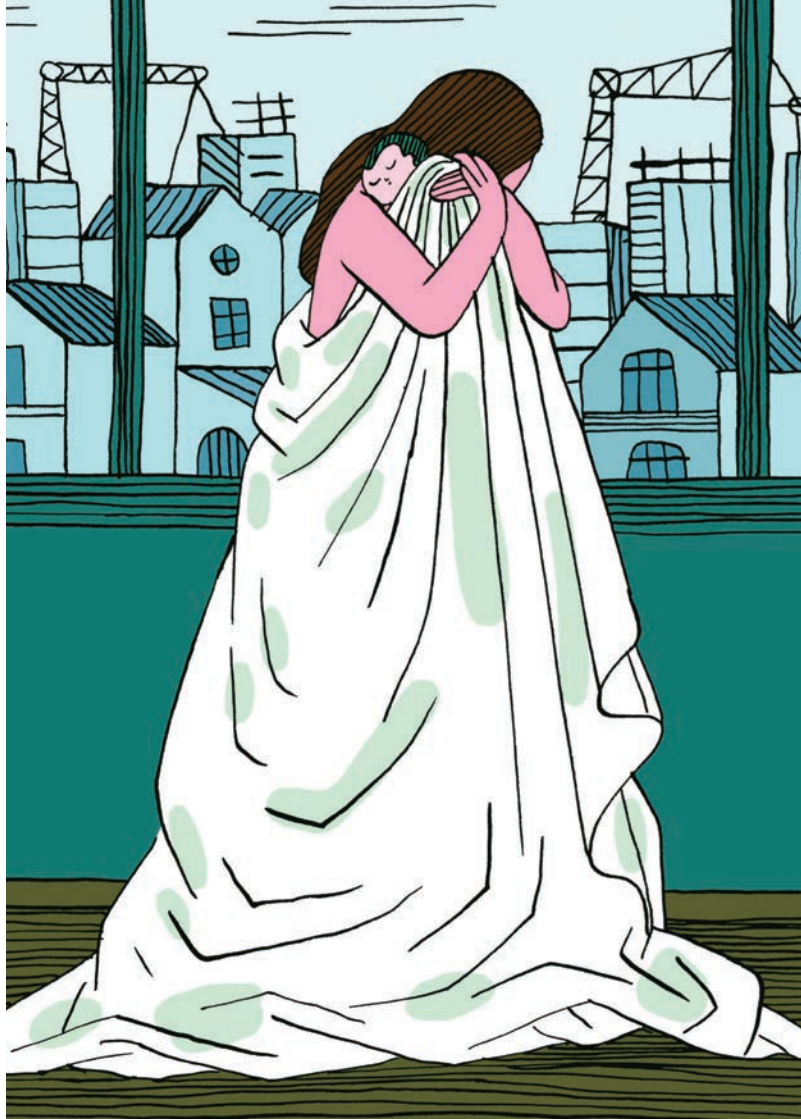
*Charming . . . joyful, colourful, humorous.*

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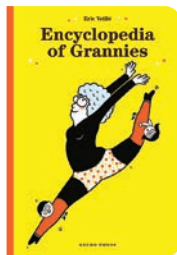




Most  
Astonishingly  
Unconventional  
Children's Books,  
*School Library  
Journal*

# 'Just the kind of up-beat exposure grannies need'

*Awfully Big Reviews*



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**Éric Veillé**

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*A completely bonkers, gleefully silly guide to grandmothers of all stripes. Travis Jonker*

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Hardcover | 270 x 195 mm | 32 pp  
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Have you seen  
inside a granny?

Inside every granny,  
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and in that house is  
that same granny  
when she was a little  
girl. That's where  
she still lives.





# A multi-layered story of the colonial history of Aotearoa



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A familiar nursery rhyme tells the story of the colonisation of Aotearoa New Zealand.

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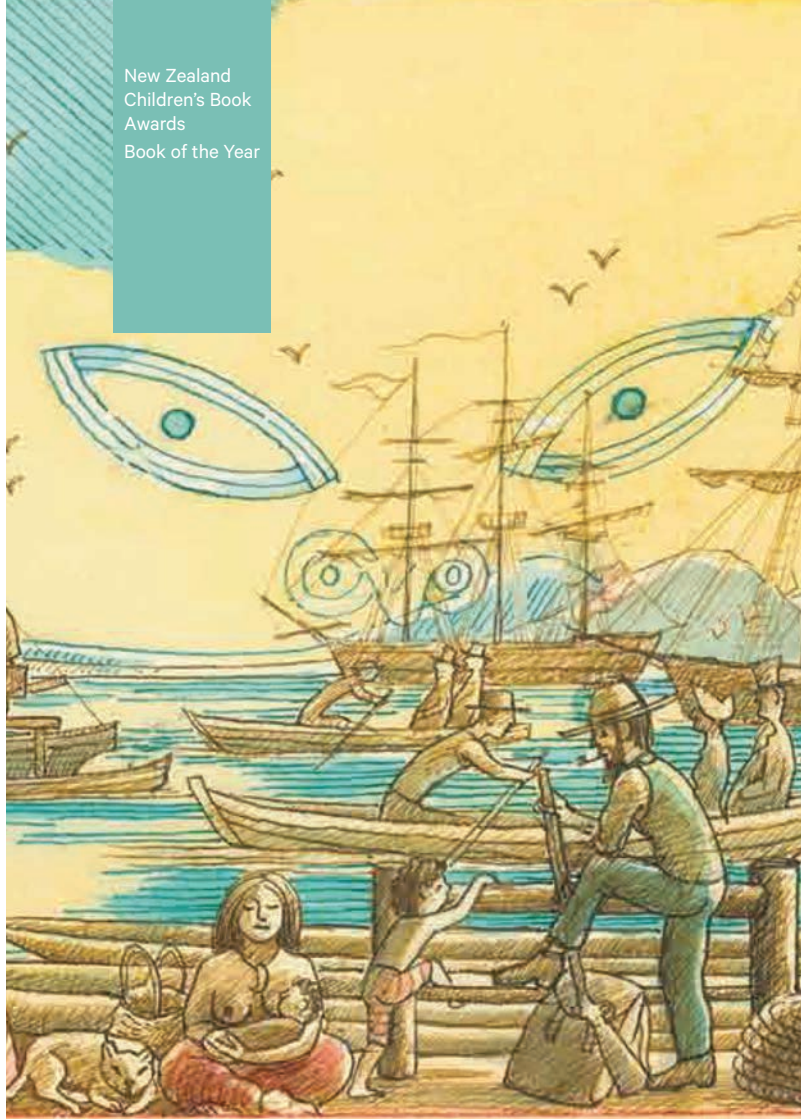
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#### The Cook Who Cooked for Captain Cook

*A delectable adventure.* Kirkus Reviews

Hardcover | 245 x 295 mm | 40 pp  
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New Zealand  
Children's Book  
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Book of the Year



‘Pictures perfectly capturing every detail of the high drama at the heart of this stunning, wordless story’

*The Guardian*



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A heartstoppingly beautiful wordless picture book about migration and empathy.

*Stark, eloquent, and utterly devoid of sentimentality.* The Horn Book

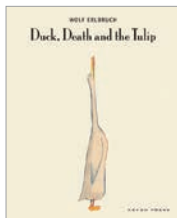
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Bank Street  
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‘The most extraordinary picture book I’ve seen in many a year’

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*The gold standard of picture books about death.*  
New York Times

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Meg Rosoff, *Financial Times*

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298 x 240 mm | 38 pp  
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Astrid  
Lindgren  
Memorial  
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# ‘Flaps and foldouts that allow readers to explore their guts, and ultimately, their souls’

Travis Jonker, *School Library Journal*



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Hardcover | 400 x 270 mm | 12 pp, multiple flaps & pulltabs  
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## Gotcha! A Funny Fairy Tale Hide-and-Seek

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‘This magical totem of a book bursts with beauty, absurdity, generosity and the surprise of the natural world’

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**Kitty Crowther**

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*An original, pleasing bedtime book that has the feel of a classic. Starred review, Kirkus Reviews*  
*Quirky, quietly beautiful, and a wonderful demonstration of the power of stories.*  
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# ‘Captivating text, ideal for reading aloud’

*New York Times*



**Ed Franck & Thé Tjong-Khing**

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**Stories of Panda & Squirrel**

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**Ole Könnecke**

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*An indefatigable heroine . . . shares lineage with Quentin Blake and Roald Dahl. New York Times*

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The lobster carried a suitcase which he put on the table. ‘Can I interest you in some anger?’



**Toon Tellegen & Marc Boutavant**

**The Day No One Was Angry**

*Pleasantly lacking moral-mongering, this fresh collection will appeal to parents and children who enjoy sharing stories as springboards to discussion and speculation.*

Kirkus Reviews

270 x 190 mm | 80 pp

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**No One Is Angry Today**

Ten thoughtful, philosophical, absurd tales from the world of *The Day No One Was Angry*, in which the forest animals discover that anger comes in many shapes and sizes.

Hardcover | 270 x 190 mm | 72 pp

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# I am Paku Manu Ariki Whakatakāpōkai. I'm not afraid of anything.



**Michaela Keeble & Tokerau Brown**  
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*This is the essential local kids' book of 2023.*  
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New Zealand  
Children's Book  
Awards

Picture Book  
Winner



New York Times  
Notable Book

Audiobooks  
available

# ‘Sweet and salty— umami for the emerging reader’

*The Horn Book Magazine*



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## Rose Lagercrantz & Eva Eriksson

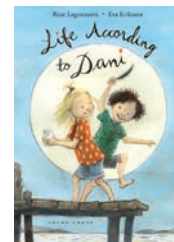
### My Happy Life

This acclaimed series of illustrated chapter books for early readers begins when Dani starts school. There she meets Ella, who becomes her best friend in the world. At school and at home, Dani faces real-life ups and downs. Full of fun and happiness, each stand-alone book is warm-hearted and true to how life really is.

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### When I Am Happiest

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### See You When I See You

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# ‘A thrilling polar adventure for armchair travelers’

*The Horn Book Magazine*



**Thomas & Anna-Clara Tidholm**

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*Adventure-seeking readers will delight in this dramatic escapade that's sure to spark imaginative exploration, fish balls optional.*

Starred Review, Booklist

*An enthralling blend of survivalist realism and fantasy.* Publishers Weekly

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‘Gentle adventures, droll humor and delicious cakes at every turn’

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### Ulf Nilsson & Gitte Spee

#### Detective Gordon: The First Case

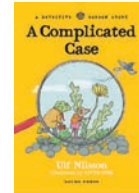
Someone's stealing nuts from the forest, and it's up to Detective Gordon to catch the thief! A brilliant detective story by one of Sweden's top children's writers and illustrated in full colour throughout.

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#### The First Case

IBBY award for translation  
Best Books,  
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Best Books,  
*School Library Journal*  
Top 10 Crime Fiction for Youth, *Booklist*  
New York Public Library  
Notable Book



**A Complicated Case**  
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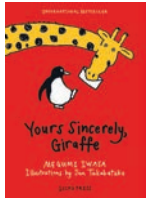
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It's hard to imagine  
someone you've  
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### Megumi Iwasa & Jun Takabatake

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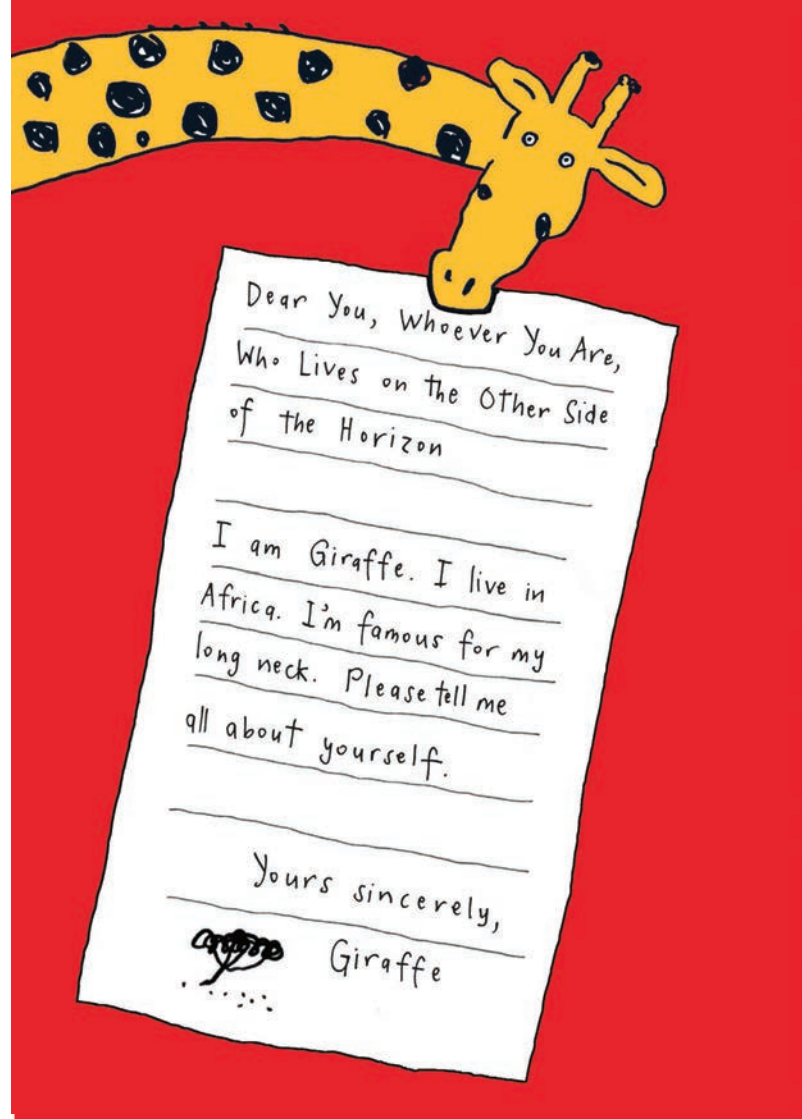


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Paperbacks | 204 x 144 mm | 104 pp  
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**Hiroshi Ito**

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*A light, engaging tale that will appeal to comic book fans and all young readers who have secretly (or not so secretly) resented the arrival of a potato-faced baby to the family.* School Reading List

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# ‘A sly, thoughtful, many-layered story’

*Starred Review, Publishers Weekly*



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# ‘A worthy successor to the great Astrid Lindgren’

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The Horn Book Magazine

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*Bookwagon*



**Eirlys Hunter & Kirsten Slade**

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IBBY Honour List

NZ Book Awards shortlist

Storylines Notable Book



‘Villains, magical books,  
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combine for a fast-paced,  
rollicking graphic mystery’

*Kirkus Reviews*



**Jonathan King**

### The Inkberg Enigma

*Funny, exciting, charming, mysterious,  
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Dylan Horrocks

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# ‘Nature nerds will rejoice in this compendium of creepy-crawlies’

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**Giselle Clarkson**

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**A Handbook for Mounting Very Small  
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*A charming work sure to spark a lifelong habit of  
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*It deserves a place of honor on every library shelf.*

Starred Review, School Library Journal

Hardcover | 250 x 190 mm | 120 pp  
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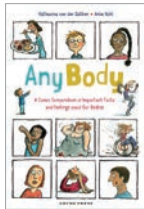
New Zealand  
Book Awards  
Finalist



As if this isn't a  
perfectly sensible  
way to go for  
a walk.

‘This book is like a hug.  
It’s comforting.  
It does not judge.’

*Kids’ Book Review*



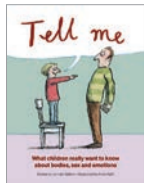
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A Comic Compendium of Important Facts and Feelings about Our Bodies

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What Children Really Want to Know about Bodies, Sex, and Emotions

*Funny and frank, this will be an important resource for many kids.* Kirkus Reviews

*This is a great book of questions and answers that will spur discussion and help start or continue essential conversations about growing up.*

San Francisco Book Review

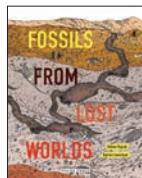
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