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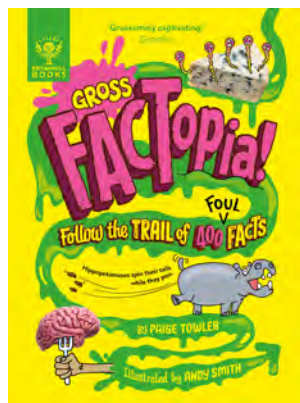
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Author Information

Rose Davidson is a writer, editor and researcher. Inspired by her own love of animals and nature, she has penned countless stories about interesting wildlife behaviours, strange science phenomena, historic heroes and much more. Currently based in Ohio, USA, she is a contributing editor for *National Geographic Kids* magazine and the author of multiple children's books.

Andy Smith studied illustration at the University of Brighton and the Royal College of Art, London.

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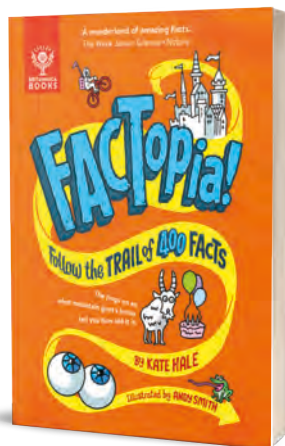
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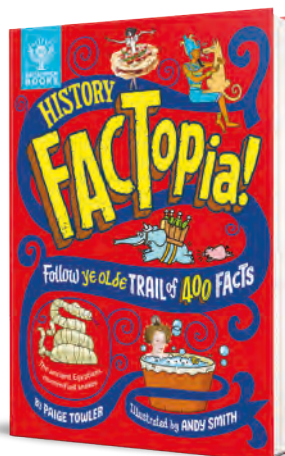
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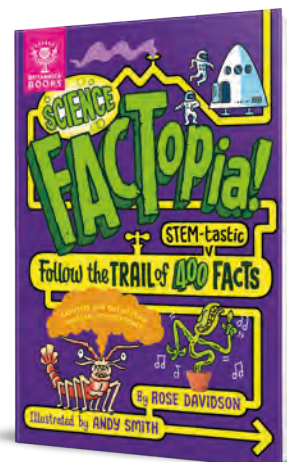
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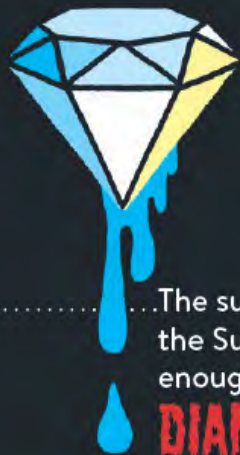
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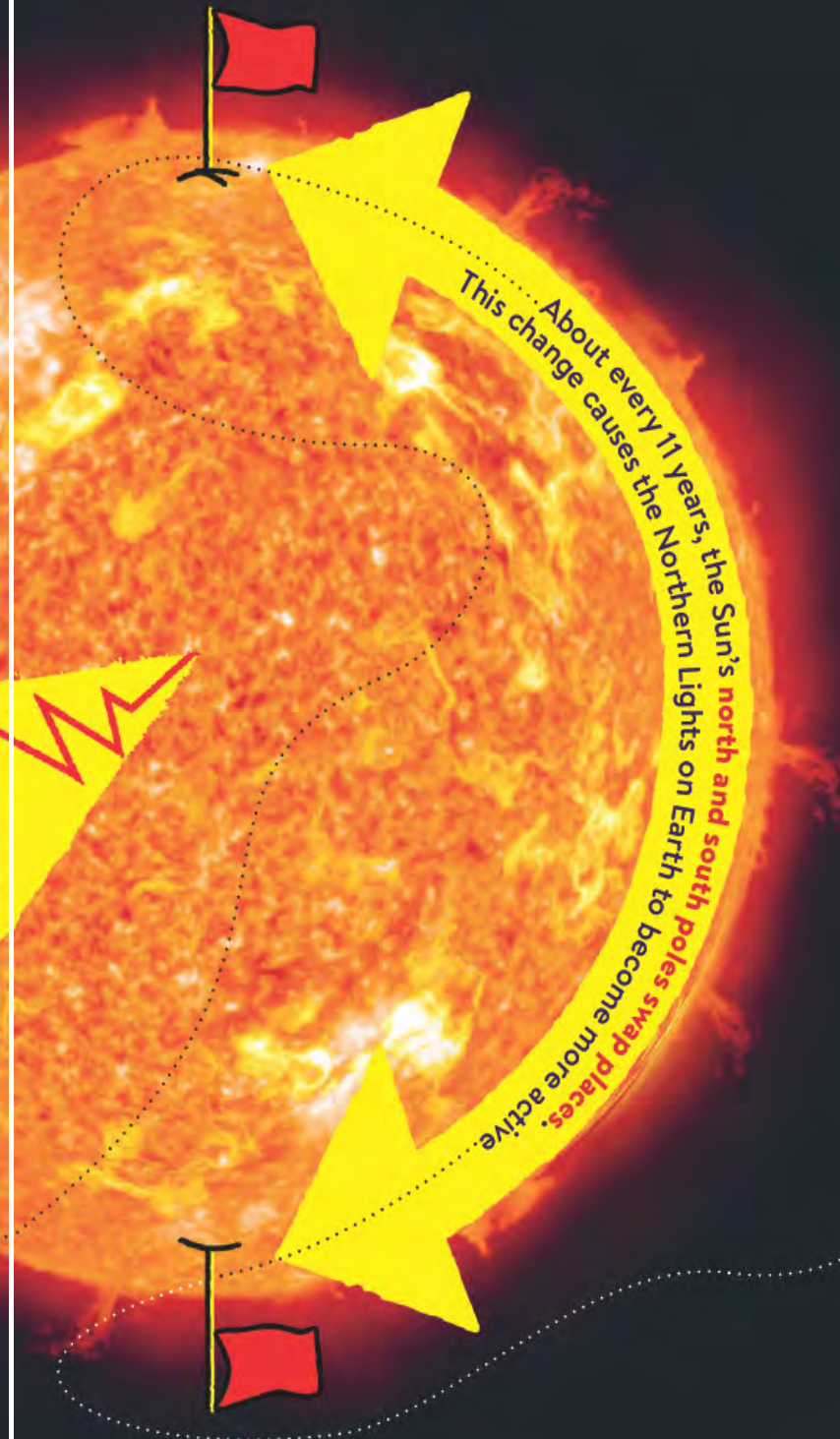
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More sparkle

The Sun creates **particles of light**, called photons, in its core.

It can take about **170,000 years**

for one photon to travel from the Sun's centre and into space



About every 11 years, the Sun's north and south poles swap places. This change causes the Northern Lights on Earth to become more active.

Look up!



Have You Seen Dinosaur?

Author/Illustrator **David Barrow**

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Best friends boy, dog, and elephant are VERY good at hide-and-seek. There's a missing dinosaur in the city—who better to spot this elusive giant? They search the skate park, the museum, the subway . . .

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SALES POINTS

- *Have You Seen Elephant?* is a top-selling title in many markets
- A simple premise, perfectly executed for maximum reader engagement
- Dramatic cityscapes and beautiful use of light and color
- Follow a favorite character through the story—the dog always knows where to look

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

David Barrow is a recent graduate of the Cambridge School of Art where he completed a Masters in Children's Book Illustration and received the top prize, the Sebastian Walker award for most promising children's illustrator. He lives in England with his wife and son.

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"This is a very satisfying follow-up to *Have You Seen Elephant?* that fully engages preschool readers who love to find the surprises, clues and humor in the illustrations."

Julia Marshall, Publisher

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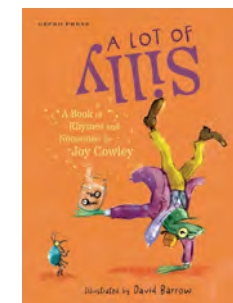
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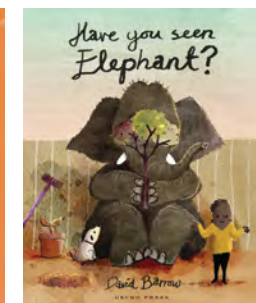
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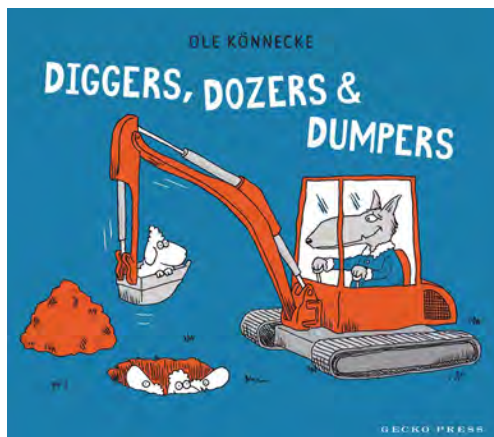
What shall we
do today?

Let's go looking
for dinosaurs!





None here.
Let's keep looking.



WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This is quintessential Ole Könnecke—original, with dry dry humour—on the unbeatable topic of construction vehicles.”

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

Diggers, Dozers and Dumpers

Author/Illustrator **Ole Könnecke**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Learn about excavators, rollers, trucks, cranes, and loaders in this big book of more than a dozen heavy vehicles. And enjoy all the animals along for the ride.

When Cow wants to give a concert, she transports her piano with a telescopic crane. When Duck and Hen compete over who has the neatest lawn, hand mower leads to lawn mower to combine harvester—that ends the discussion! And what do rhinos like to make in their cement mixer? Pancakes, of course, and here’s the recipe (beware, you’ll need 32,304 eggs).

This entertaining picture book combines funny stories with a perennially popular topic. Explore details about engine size and vehicle weight, enjoy flights of fancy in a gyrocopter or cherrypicker, and end the book with a modern fairytale about a tractor that lives happily ever after.

SALES POINTS

- An enormously popular topic including diggers, cranes, loaders, and big machines
- Original approach with engaging stories and funny animals
- Könnecke is a leading writer/illustrator with a knack for fiction/nonfiction hybrids that hook into children’s interests

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Ole Könnecke was born in 1961 and spent his childhood in Sweden. He now lives in Germany and has produced more than 30 books, several of which have won international awards.

TITLE INFORMATION

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Ages **4–9**

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Illustrations **colour**

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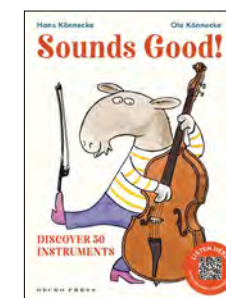
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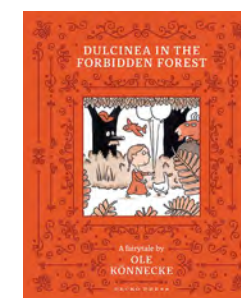
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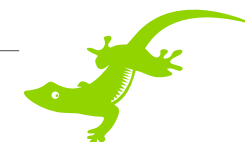
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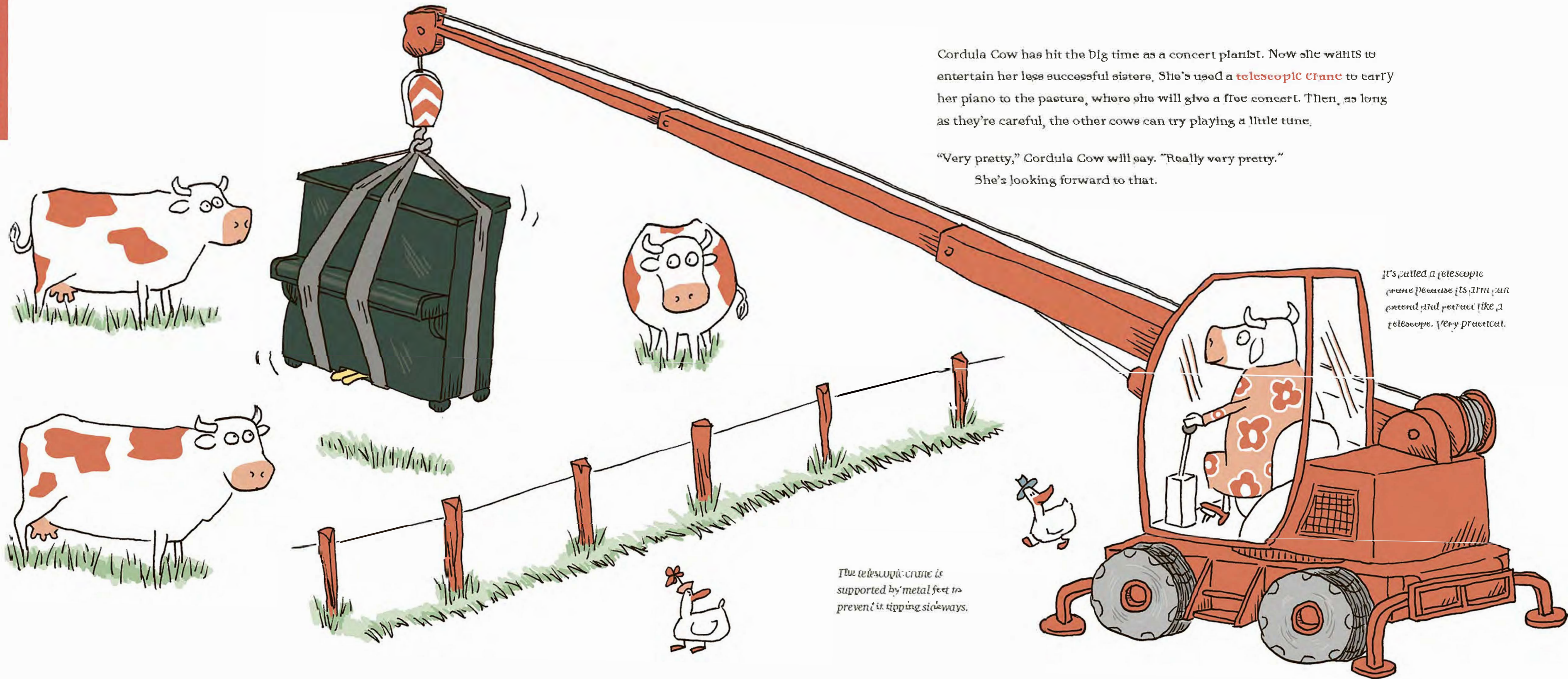
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Cordula Cow has hit the big time as a concert pianist. Now she wants to entertain her less successful sisters. She's used a **telescopic crane** to carry her piano to the pasture, where she will give a free concert. Then, as long as they're careful, the other cows can try playing a little tune.

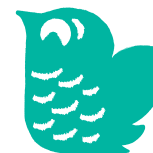
"Very pretty," Cordula Cow will say. "Really very pretty."
She's looking forward to that.

It's called a telescopic crane because its arm can extend and retract like a telescope. Very practical.

The telescopic crane is supported by metal feet to prevent it tipping sideways.

Title Information

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The Ordinary Life of Jacominus Gainsborough

Rébecca Dautremer

Translated by Charis Ainslie

Keynote:

A captivating tale of one rabbit's life, celebrate love, joy and family with Jacominus Gainsborough.

Sales points:

- A deeply heartwarming tale about the beauty of being alive
- Phenomenal artwork by critically-acclaimed author and illustration
- The first in a collection of books celebrating the life of Jacominus Gainsborough
- Perfect for fans of Shaun Tan
- Large format makes this the perfect gift book

Description:

Journey through the life of the humble little rabbit, Jacominus Gainsborough. In twelve beautifully illustrated scenes that capture the changing seasons, this touching story celebrates life's simple joys and big moments, from happiness and love to challenges and doubts. Stunning artwork shows Jacominus at different ages throughout his life, highlighting the profound joy of being loved, and the ultimate happiness of reflecting on life surrounded by loyal friends, a cherished companion and grandchildren.

Rébecca Dautremer brings a universal message of the beauty of being alive in this stunning story.

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Age: 5 - 7 years

Genre: Picture Book

Subject: Family and Friendship
Stories

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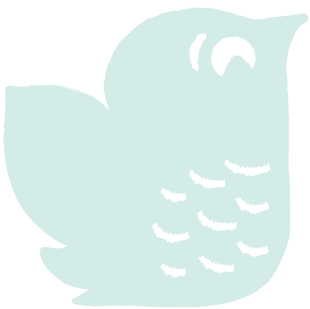
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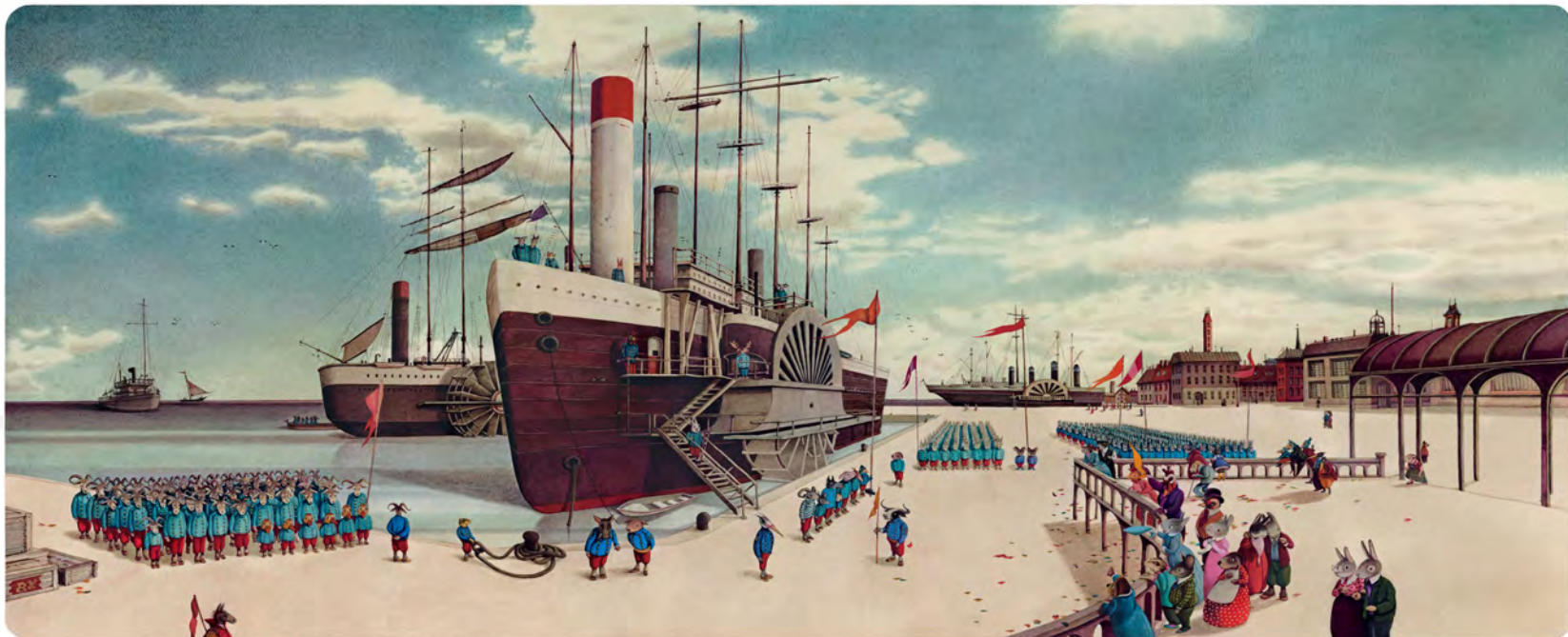
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●f course, there was a place waiting in the world for Jacominus, as there is for all of us.
It just took him a while to see it.

And longer still to find it.

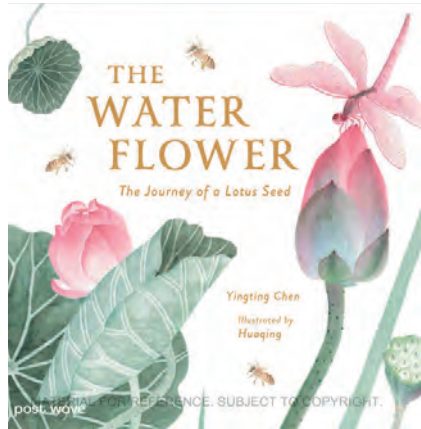


What with all that philosophy and his wanderings in the clouds, Jacominus came to speak perfect French. With just a little more time – which was fairly flying by – he also learned Russian and Italian. Then Greek and Latin. And a sprinkling of Persian and Welsh. “What about Vietnamese?” asked Polycarp. Vietnamese? Why not? Still, that made a lot of languages for someone who said so little.

And because he understood the world in all its strangeness, he set sail one day on a big ship to sort out a pile of problems in a land far, far away. With him was Polycarp. And Caesar, Agathon and Byron. Even Leon and Napoleon were there. But as for Sweetie, she remained on the quayside. “That’s a shame,” thought Jacominus, looking at her. “I’d rather have stayed behind...”

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The Water Flower: The Journey of a Lotus Seed

Yingting Chen

Illustrated by Huaqing

Keynote:

A beautiful depiction of the transformation of a lotus seed, symbolising resilience and beauty in nature.

Publication date: 1 May 2025

Price: £12.99

ISBN: 978-1-83627-018-8

Age: 7-9

Binding: Hardback

Format: 250 x 250mm

Extent: 32pp

Rights: World

Genre: Non-fiction Subject: Plants and

trees Thema: YNNT

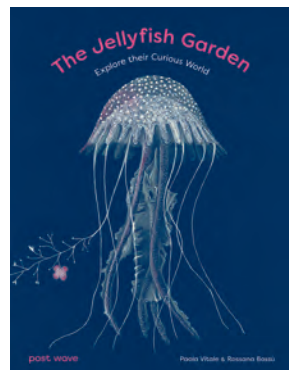
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Author location: Zhejiang Province,
China

Sales Points:

- A beautifully illustrated story about the blooming of a lotus flower
- Lyrical text is a joy to read
- Fascinating facts highlight the preciousness of this flower
- Highlights the cultural significance of the lotus flower in Chinese culture

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Description:

From its beginnings in a peaceful pond, *The Lotus Flower* chronicles the journey of a sleepy seed that awakens in spring, pushing through its shell to grow leaves reaching for the sunlight. As summer arrives, it blooms into a stunning flower, opening and closing its petals each day, attracting passing insects. After completing its beautiful display, the flower fades, revealing new seeds inside a pod, ready to begin the cycle again. This story offers a glimpse into the lotus seed's remarkable transformation across seasons. The book also explores the lotus flower's significance in Chinese culture, as well as exploring fascinating facts. Rich in symbolism, the lotus represents purity, enlightenment and rebirth.

Author Biography:

Yingting Chen graduated from the Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences. A science writer, editor, and translator, Yingting is very passionate about nature and keen on promoting awareness of nature education. She has authored several non-fictions on plants and curated a multiple of educational events for curious young minds.

Illustrator Biography:

Huaqing was born in Shanghai, China. She is an artist of Chinese painting, specialising in painting both *shanshui* (mountain and water) and *huaniao* (flower and bird). She received her master's and doctoral degrees in fine arts from Chinese National Academy of Arts. Prior to that, she studied at the Chinese Painting Department of the China Art Academy of Art.

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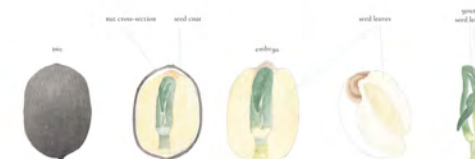
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Inside the seeds, there is new life waiting to grow.



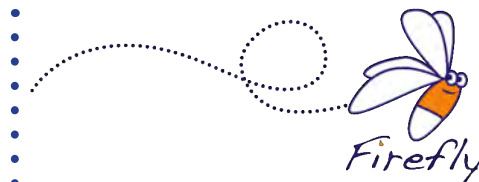
Tucked safely away, the embryo is the most important part of the seed. This young, immature plant will go on to form the next generation of lotus flowers.

There are two 'seed leaves', which can store and transform nutrients to help the embryo.



The Cyber Ciphers of Eartha Quicksmith

Loris Owen



- **Thrilling trilogy finale**
- Perfect for adventure, puzzle and science lovers with strong STEM content
- Book Two selected for recent science-themed Summer Reading Challenge
- Interactive puzzles within all three books

Summary:

In a fantastical, dangerous new quest, best friends Kip, Albert, Leela and Timmi must solve the riddles of renaissance genius and college founder Eartha Quicksmith to save the world from the evil Grittleshank Corporation once and for all. The journey sees the team follow Eartha's clues to a 'spaceship' which can travel through the earth's crust and into the transparent Smouldersphere in pursuit of their goal. Captured by the mysterious Nexus organisation in the ice flows of the North they must use all their wit and skills to escape. But when Kip discovers his mum is a hostage of the Grittleshanks, can anything stop the Corporation's devastating raid on the world's energy, and his family?

Praise for the EARTHA QUICKSMITH series:

- 'A mind-blowing, puzzle-packed, epic adventure!' Kieran Larwood
- 'Inventive fantasy novel,' The Observer Best Children's Books of the Month
- 'One of the best children's fantasy books I've read so far this year.' Dan Walker



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'After the success of Call Me Lion we are delighted to publish another heart

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Project Pony

Camilla Chester

When your cheeky pony best friend feels like your only friend

- From the author of the widely acclaimed *Call Me Lion* comes a lower MG story of friendship, feeling left out and blended families.
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Summary:

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Call Me Lion was the winner of the SCBWI 2023 Crystal Kite Award. It was shortlisted in the 7-10 age category for the UKLA 2024 Book Awards, the Oxfordshire Book Awards 2023 and the Y5 Portsmouth Awards 2023. *Call Me Lion* was also selected for the Read for Empathy Collection in 2023 and was part of the Summer Reading Challenge list for 2024.

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You can find out more about Camilla and her writing by visiting her website: www.camillachester.com

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Vivi Conway and the Lost Hero (Vivi Conway #3)

Lizzie Huxley-Jones

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The epic conclusion to the Vivi Conway trilogy, rooted in Welsh mythology with an effortlessly inclusive cast of characters. The first book was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2024.

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About the Author



Lizzie Huxley-Jones (they/them) is an autistic author and editor based in London. They are the author of the queer holiday rom-com *Make You Mine This Christmas* (2022, Hodder Studio) and fantasy middle-grade series *Vivi Conway and the Sword of Legend* (2023, Knights Of). They write joyful stories that centre queerness and disability. They are also the co-writer of upcoming YA rom-com

Hits Different by Love Island alumni Tasha Ghouri. Their non-fiction titles include *Stim*, an anthology of autistic authors and artists, the children's biography *Sir David Attenborough: A Life Story* (2020), and the World Book Day title *Being an Ally* (2023).

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- Supported by an ambitious PR and marketing campaign, and an events & bookshop tour to launch the finale of the series with a splash.
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Written by David C Flanagan

Illustrated by Will Hughes



Sales Points

The fourth instalment of this thrilling, magical, fantasy adventure series for six- to nine- year-olds.

Written by award-winning writer and journalist David C Flanagan, featuring line drawings and illustrations by Will Hughes, with his quirky Quentin Blake-like style.

This hilarious new adventure takes Uncle Pete and his fearless female sidekick, TM, on an exciting adventure in the ocean depths, with themes of determination, collaboration, ingenuity, kindness and acceptance.

Book one in the series - Uncle Pete and the Boy Who Couldn't Sleep - was long-listed for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2022

Description

Uncle Pete's plane is missing, AGAIN! It's been shot down by evil wildlife hunters and has sunk deep into the cold Arctic sea.

That means Uncle Pete and TM will have to go and find it, fix it and bring it home. But how? By Squirrel Submarine, of course!

But wait! The crew of the Squirrel Submarine are having a well-earned rest at the NutLand Holiday Park after their last adventure, which means Uncle Pete and TM will have to drive the submarine themselves. How hard can it be? Pretty hard, as it turns out! Uncle Pete and TM get themselves into all kinds of crazy underwater adventures and dilemmas as they search the deep for their plane.

MEANWHILE, the lost plane has been discovered at the bottom of the ocean by a clever and curious octopus who decides to fix it and use it to explore his world, helping other sea creatures along the way.

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David C. Flanagan is a writer and award-winning journalist based in the Orkney Islands. Born, raised and educated in Edinburgh, he studied journalism in the city before returning to his ancestral home in Orkney, where he worked as a reporter on the local weekly newspaper, *The Orcadian*. He's been freelance since 2002, providing news, features and content for a variety of publications and websites. David also acts as location manager for film and television crews operating in Orkney.

His first book, *Board*, was published by Fledgling Press in 2015 and recounted his hapless attempts to learn to surf in middle-age on the wild Atlantic coast of Orkney. He still surfs, badly, and also loves skateboarding, fitness training and walking in the Scottish mountains.

The Uncle Pete series of books is David's first series for children, reflecting his passion for adventure stories, his love of animals, and his slightly wacky sense of humour.

About the Illustrator

Will Hughes is a young illustrator and cartoonist, who graduated from Edinburgh College of Art in 2019. Whatever he makes, whether it is stories, cartoons or prints, he likes his work to be comic and humorous, and to tell the stories of all sorts of ridiculous things - from a old woman with a hoard of very helpful cats to burglars who have to stand on each others shoulders to rob a house. He usually draws these with a dipping ink pen and watercolour paints to create energetic, lively fluid lines and colours. Based in London.

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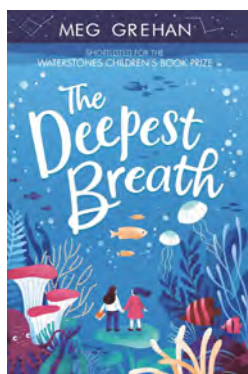
Summary

Stevie is about to start secondary school. She often feels anxious, but feels much better having her two best friends, Chloe and Andrew, by her side. Their new school is filled with excitement, like the LGBTQIA+ club, but also challenges, such as maths class.

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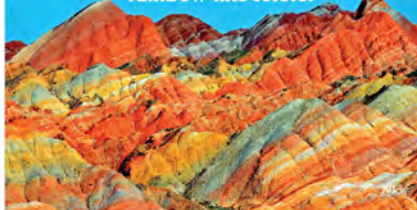


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RESEARCHING OUR WORLD

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Check out these stellar pictures captured by one of the world's most powerful telescopes.

The biggest, most powerful space telescope to ever exist—the **James Webb Space Telescope**—has only been beaming back images to Earth since 2022. But these pictures are already shaking up space science.

Traditional telescopes work like a more powerful version of the human eye. They sense visible light that reflects off objects, the same kind of light our brains can see. James Webb is different. It senses infrared light, a type of light we can't see. That means that in addition to capturing much more detailed images of distant objects like our planets, it can also peer way deeper into space. How? James Webb sees the infrared light from super faraway objects that regular telescopes can't see.

In fact, James Webb is so powerful that it can see the infrared light from very distant objects as they looked when light first left them. (It takes a long time for light to travel from deep space to Earth, where we can see it.) That means James Webb can detect light from the first stars, galaxies, and planets to ever form—sometimes more than 13 billion years ago.

TARANTULA NEBULA

Nebulae are the nurseries, where new stars are born. Regular telescopes showed that the Tarantula Nebula has galaxy "legs" made of star dust. But the James Webb telescope also spotted tens of thousands of newborn stars here; they're the pale blue dots in the image.

NEPTUNE

Scientists know that like Saturn, Neptune has rings—they just usually can't see them very well. But James Webb captured one of the clearest images ever taken of that planet's rings. Made of dust and rocks, the rings were probably formed from pieces of a destroyed moon.



CARTWHEEL GALAXY

Scientists think the Cartwheel Galaxy got its shape when a large spiral galaxy smashed into a smaller one with extreme force, creating spiral arms in between. Now, it looks like a wagon wheel. The telescope was able to spot individual stars within the galaxy.

JUPITER

In this image, Jupiter's Great Red Spot—the site of a storm wider than planet Earth—appears white because it's reflecting sunlight. The green and red hues at the top and bottom of the planet are auroras, similar to the glowing green northern lights that can be seen near the Earth's Arctic region.



JAMES WEBB TELESCOPE

The James Webb Space Telescope now orbits the sun about a million miles from Earth. Astril as a two-story house, the golden mirror in the middle allows the telescope to peer forward a nd fast objects. The diamond-shaped, sun-coat-size sunshield protects the telescope's sensitive instruments.

Comeback Critter: Scarlet Macaw

POACHING PROBLEMS

With their colorful feathers, curious nature, and ability to mimic human speech, many people wanted scarlet macaws as pets throughout the 1900s, especially in the United States. So local people would climb trees in Central American forests to nab scarlet macaw chicks. One bird could be worth an entire month's wages. When macaw numbers were crashing, the Honduran government passed a law in 1990 that made it illegal to take the birds. They also hoped that making it the country's national bird would protect it.

The U.S. Endangered Species Act listed scarlet macaws as endangered in 2009, which made it illegal to import wild-caught birds to the United States. But poachers continued to pluck and sell the birds illegally.

SPREADING THE BIRD WORD

Back in 2001, conservationist Lloyd Davidson built a park called Macaw Mountain near the Copalarito cove for about a hundred abused or neglected pet macaws. In 2020, James Gilardi, an biologist from the World Parrot Trust, suggested releasing some of the captive birds back into the wild. "But I was worried at first," Davidson says. "Some people might still try to illegally harm or steal the birds."

So the conservationist set up an education program at nearby schools to teach kids why it's better to have macaws in the wild than as pets. Then they invited the birds to come watch the macaws being released as they flew over.

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the ruins for the first time in decades.

Macaw Mountain's partner, called Pro-Alas (also means "wings" in Spanish), has since released over 200 macaws. Today, many locals feel protective of the birds and call Pro-Alas "they first short macaw" or suspect that poachings happening.

Best of all, the plan proved that captive macaws can adapt to the wild again. "Several months after release, a macaw that might've been friendly to people at the center might try to bite if you get too close in the wild," Davidson says. "That's good!"

In 2023, local land tourists could celebrate the released 12 more birds. "There's nothing like seeing macaws released," Gilardi says. "Everyone's clapping, laughing, and crying. It's a surprisingly emotional experience."



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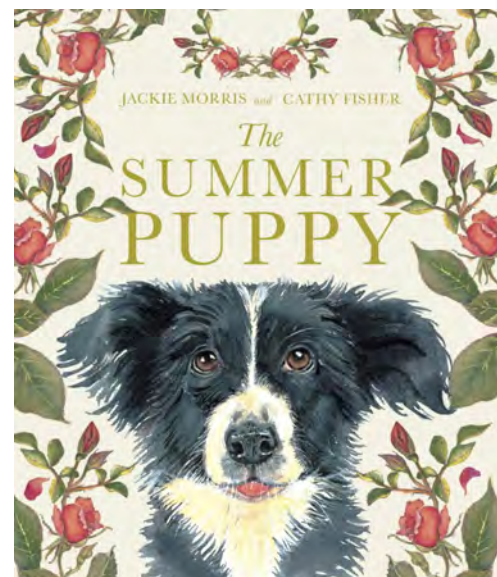
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Author Information

Jackie Morris is the bestselling author and illustrator, photographer and painter who created the international bestseller, *The Lost Words*, winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019, with Robert Macfarlane. Her books for Otter-Barry Books include *One Cheetah*, *One Cherry*, *The Seal Children*, *Something About a Bear*, *The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes* and, with James Mayhew, *Can You See a Little Bear?*, *Mrs Noah's Pockets*, *Mrs Noah's Garden* and *Mrs Noah's Song*. She lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

Cathy Fisher is an illustrator and author whose work reveals a deep appreciation of nature and the animal world, as well as of human emotion and behaviour. She grew up in Bath and has lived and worked in Australia and the Seychelles as well as in the UK. She has collaborated on eight books with Nicola Davies including the highly acclaimed inclusive picture book, *Perfect*, and this is her second picture book with Jackie Morris, following *The Panda's Child*. Cathy Fisher lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.



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His first book for Otter-Barry Books was *The Last Tiger*, which was longlisted for the UKLA Award. His most recent picture book is *Blue Monster*. He is also the illustrator of *The Star Whale* by Nicola Davies, which is nominated for the Carnegie Medal 2025 for both Illustration and Writing. Petr is much sought after for school visits and at book festivals. He lives in Worcester.

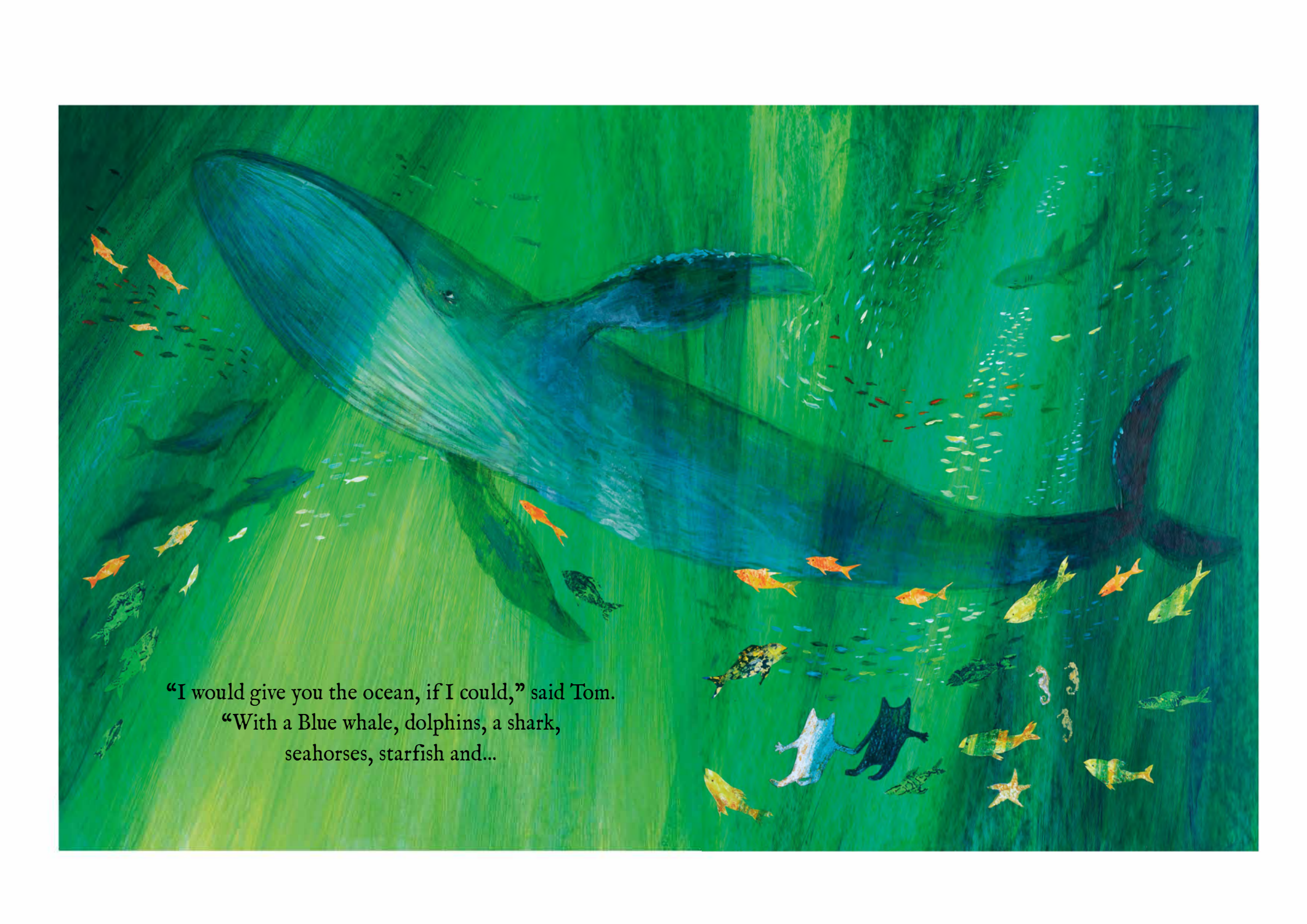
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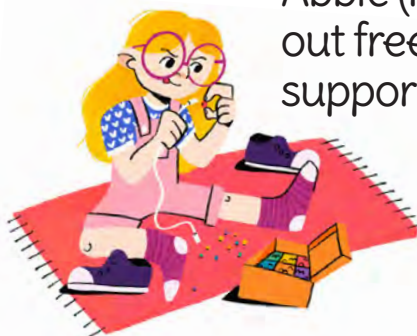
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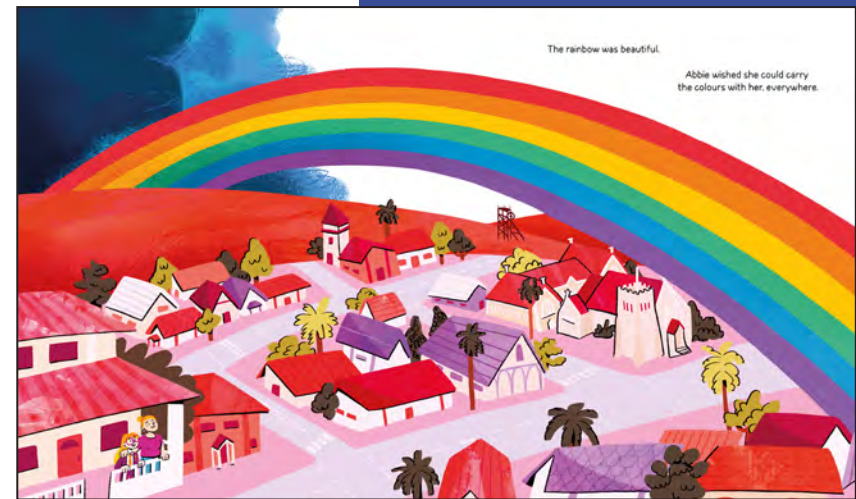
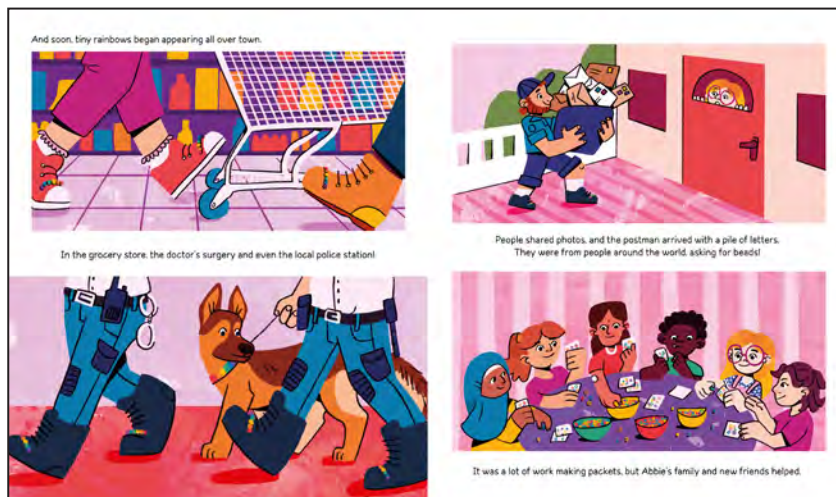
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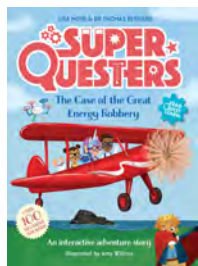
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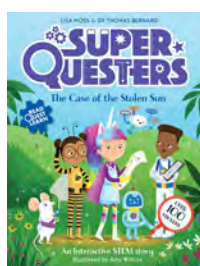
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Tom Tolkien, School Reading List (Praise for the SuperQuesters series)



Author Biography

Paul Ian Cross, is an award-winning British author and scientist who loves to transform complex science concepts into inspiring children's books. Paul has written three page-turning books for young readers, including the Royal Society's award-nominated *Bodies, Brains & Bogies*. With a PhD in his field, Paul expertly weaves mind-blowing facts into stories that inspire readers to embrace their inner scientist and envision a better world.

Illustrator Biography

Katie Kear is a British illustrator who has been creating artwork for as long as she can remember. She has an illustration degree from the University of Gloucestershire and has worked with publishers including Usborne, Scholastic, Pan Macmillan, Penguin, Andersen Press and Hachette. She has worked on numerous award-winning books including *Operation Nativity*.

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ACTIVITY 1: BUILD A DAM

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A few fast-flowing waterfalls or streams
- Natural materials to build with: e.g. sticks, leaves, roots
- Shallow tray (dishpan, food tray, or tray)
- Jug of water

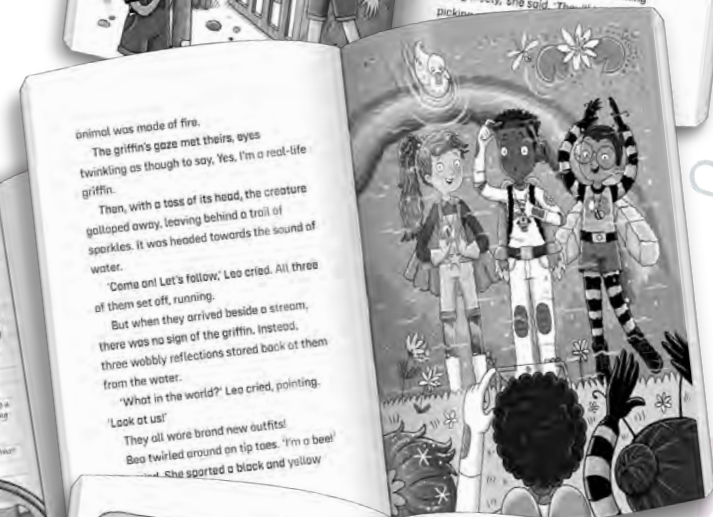
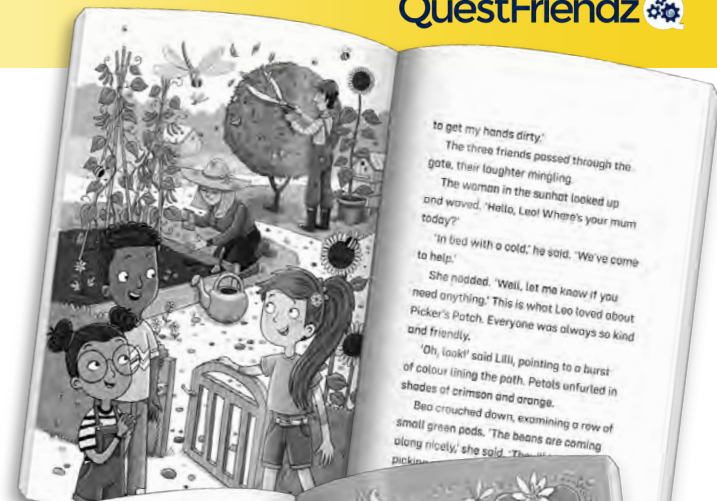
METHOD:

1. Take a few fast-flowing waterfalls or streams and begin building a dam in the middle of the flow.
2. Once the dam is built, pour water onto the top of the dam and see how much water flows over.
3. Don't worry if the dam doesn't work the first time. Look for any changes that can be made to improve the design and test again!

DID YOU KNOW...?

Beavers are one of nature's natural engineers! They build dams using a range of materials such as sticks, logs, roots and mud. They use their teeth to chew the wood into small pieces and use mud to seal the gaps between them. They also use their tails to help prop up the dam to help prevent it from toppling over and build their homes (called a lodge) inside the dam.

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Good Golden Sun

by Brendan Wenzel



From the bestselling and award-winning creator of *They All Saw a Cat* comes a bold and playful exploration of how the sun touches all life on earth--perfect for celebrating Earth Day!

Good golden sun, there is much we'd like to know! Are you happy? Are you lonely? Are you feeling well today? Does your belly ever ache? Won't you come down to play? From sunbeam, to flower, to insect, to animal, to plant, to soil, and the earth itself...the sun makes, moves, and transforms life all around us. Celebrate the mysteries of light from sunup to sundown as it weaves its way through creation inspiring change, hope, wonder, and curiosity.

Key Selling Points

- An ebullient exploration of the life-giving power of our nearest star
- Bold, young collage-style art perfect for fans of Eric Carle
- Brendan Wenzel's mastery of visual storytelling is on full display

"From break of dawn to day's end, the journey of the sun as captured in lyrical text and stunning illustrations is a joy to behold. Highly recommended for all collections to encourage curiosity about life on Earth and the connections all living beings share." School Library Journal, starred review

Sales and Marketing

- Brendan Wenzel's *THEY ALL SAW A CAT* is a firm favourite in the UK and won a Caldecott Honor in USA
- Campaigns with Reading Zone, Love Reading,
- Teacher Notes and activities on publisher website

Brendan Wenzel is a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator, creator of the Caldecott Honor book *They All Saw a Cat*. Brendan is an ardent conservationist and proud collaborator with organizations working to ensure the future of wild places and threatened creatures. You can find more of his work at brendanwenzel.info.



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Good golden sun,

For the world gets chilly
while you're off where you go.

do you ever get cold?

Good golden sun,

are you lonely in the sky?

Don't you wish you had a friend
or two to be there by your side?



Bunny's Most Fabulous Holiday Ever!

By Brian Fitzgerald



Scallywag Press

Bunny's plans for a perfect holiday are wrecked by an unwelcome surprise holidaymaker who changes her life in a most colourful way.

As every year, Bunny looks forward to parking her camper van in a peaceful spot, and enjoying her usual routine of relaxing amongst nature – on her own. To her horror, she wakes up to find a noisy purple monster camped right next door! At first she is delighted when a storm blows away his tent, but then she can't help but take pity on his plight, and gradually realises that doing things together can be more fun than solitude.

Key Selling Points

- A hilarious and relatable tale about mistaken first impressions, and meanness which gives way to kindness
- An enduring friendship between two of the most unlikely neighbours
- Themes of tolerance, understanding and harmony.
- Bold cover and bright, modern illustrations

Praise for Brian's last book THE BEAR WITH NOTHING TO WEAR (text Jeanne Willis):

'Hilariously bold illustrations' School Reading List

'Brian Fitzgerald's colourful illustrations perfectly capture Albie's changeable personality.'
Love Reading 4 Kids

Sales and Marketing

- Pitch author to Books for Keeps, Love Reading, Reading Zone
- Social media campaign with videos and blog tour
- Free resources on line – teacher notes and fun activities
- Author awareness in Ireland via events (International Literary Festival Dublin, 19 May 2024, Towers and Tales Festival: May 3 and 4)



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Brian Fitzgerald is an Irish illustrator living and working in a small harbour town, Dun Laoghaire, just outside Dublin Ci. He has illustrated several picture books and information books including THE BEAR WHO HAD NOTHING TO WEAR. BUNNY'S MOST FABULOUS HOLIDAY EVER! is the first he has both written and illustrated.

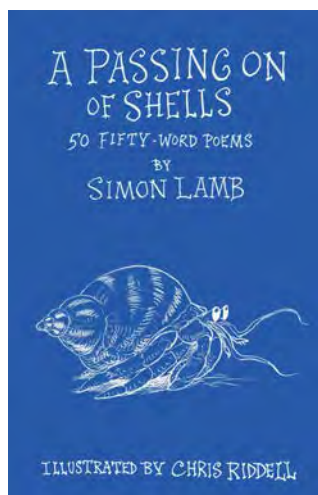
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Then morning came. And with it, the worst possible surprise. She thought, *I may as well pack up and go home. My trip is ruined!*

A monster had set up camp . . . **RIGHT! NEXT! DOOR!**



A Passing On of Shells

by Simon Lamb and Chris Riddell



A dazzling collection of poems from an emerging poet, illustrated by Chris Riddell

Scottish poet Simon Lamb delivers a debut collection for children of fifty luminous poems, each written in exactly fifty words, with subjects ranging from family, identity and growing up, to the need for hope, the wonder of nature, and the very concept of poetry itself. Drawing on his experiences as a teacher, Lamb offers his poems as small nuggets of wisdom, warmth and wit to help young readers navigate their lives.

Key Selling Points

- 'I firmly believe that this book will inspire children to write their own poems – it makes poetry feel fun and accessible' School Librarian
- 'Inspirational' Daily Mail
- 'Practical and attractive – the perfect poetry package!' Book Trust
- 'Playful, ingenious collection' Books for Keeps

Shortlisted in the Breakthrough category of The Week Junior Book Awards, longlisted for the UKLA Awards and nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Writing Award

Sales and Marketing

- Author is a performance poet working in schools around the country. Part of Authors Aloud
- Social media campaign around publication
- Videos of Simon reading from his poems on publisher website
- Author working with Book Trust Scotland and National Literacy Trust
- Pitching for Edinburgh where Simon performed in 2024, and other festivals
- Teacher resources free on publisher website

SIMON LAMB is a Scottish poet, performer and storyteller. With a background in education, he also works extensively in schools to ignite and inspire young learners. He lives in Prestwick, Ayrshire, where he holds the role of Scribe, the Writer-in-Residence at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum. CHRIS RIDDELL, a former Children's Laureate, is creator of an extraordinary range of books and winner of many awards including three Greenaway medals. He lives in Brighton.



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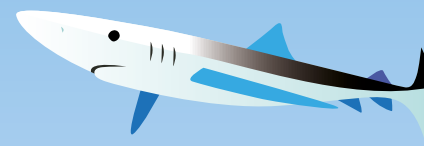
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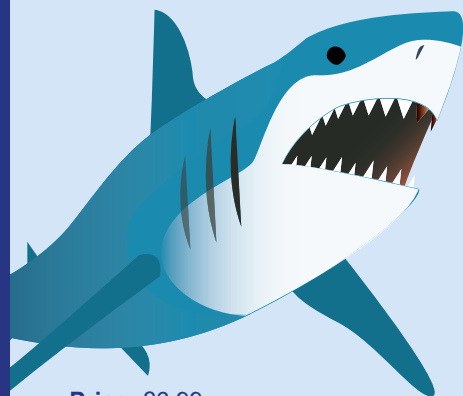
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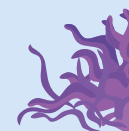
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WENDINGTON JONES AND THE LOST LEGACY

DANIEL DOCKERY

THE BOOK

Wendington Jones, daughter, friend and adventurer, needed a mystery. Little did she know, she'd find one tending to the roses in the middle of a winter's night. But it was no strange gardener at her house, but instead the supposedly dead Russian monk – Rasputin – on the search for Anastasia Romanov, a young girl, who like Wendington had died under tragic circumstances. And also much like Wendington, the young princess' death had not stuck. And now she was on the run for her life - from history, from Rasputin and from others after her power to seemingly save herself from death.

Wendington and Rohan rush across Europe to give chase to the missing Tsarina. Hoping to save her from Rasputin and old foes of Wendington's too. The Dominos haven't fallen yet and they're willing to kill others to save themselves. Horseraces, masked-balls and diplomatic nights at the opera set the scene where adventure clashes with high society, and it's not just the fashion that has a cutting edge.

THE AUTHOR

Daniel Dockery has written storylines and scripts for one of the UK's most popular tv series, Hollyoaks, including award winning stories about anorexia, young LGBT relationships and criminally exploited children. As well as working on Coronation Street's award winning 50th anniversary, he's developed and storied several feature films starring Robert De Niro, Dave Bautista and Olga Kurylenko.

He has also written theatre pieces, staged in Manchester schools where he has taught drama when not writing. Cover illustration by Marco Guadalupi

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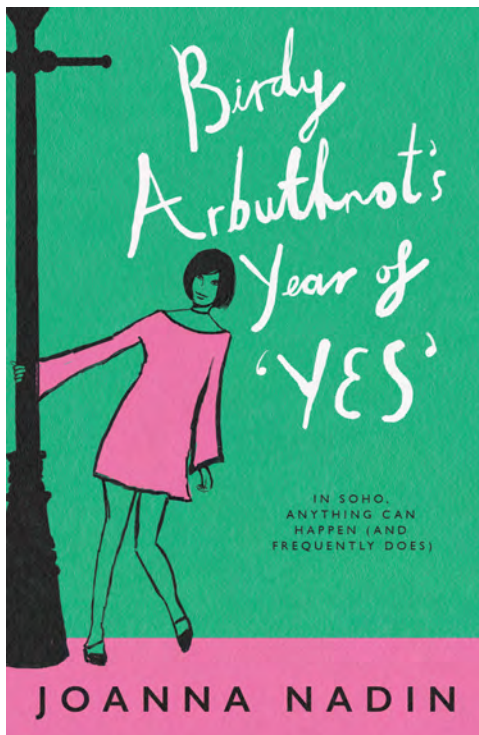
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BIRDY ARBUTHNOT'S YEAR OF 'YES!'

JOANNA NADIN

THE BOOK

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THE AUTHOR

A former broadcast journalist and special adviser to the Prime Minister (not this one), since leaving politics she has written more than 90 books for children and adults, including the UK bestselling *The Worst Class in the World* series, the *Flying Fergus* series with Sir Chris Hoy, and the Carnegie-nominated *Joe All Alone*, which is now a BAFTA-winning and Emmy-nominated BBC Drama. She's been a World Book Day author, a Blue Peter book of the month and Radio 4 and the *i* magazine Book of the Year, won the Fantastic Book Award and the Highland Book Prize, been nominated for the Carnegie Medal five times, and been shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Queen of Teen and the Big Book Awards among many others, and am published across multiple territories. She has a PhD in Creative Writing and is a Senior Lecturer in the subject at University of Bristol, as well as teaching for the Arvon Foundation.

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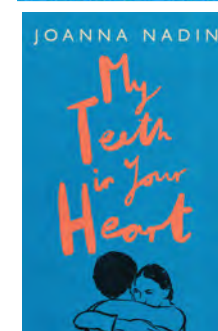
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But Olympus turns out to be a seething snake-pit, and love is never simple. Ordained the mere Goddess of Love and Beauty, the threatened and spiteful gods and goddesses seek different ways to control Aphrodite. As a trap closes in around her, she learns that it is a curse to be seen as nothing but beautiful – but it may also be her strongest weapon.

The gods of Olympus will soon learn not to underestimate the Goddess of Love and Beauty.

THE AUTHOR

Bryony Pearce is a multi-award-winning novelist working in both the YA and Adult markets. In the YA genre she has produced a mixture of dark thrillers, paranormal adventures, dystopia and horror. Hannah Messenger is her middle grade debut. Bryony teaches the course Writing for Children at City University, regularly visits schools to speak about reading and writing and conducts creative writing workshops, as well as delivering entertaining and inspirational talks. She has performed at the Edinburgh Literary Festival, The Wychwood Festival, Comicon, YALC, the Sci Fi Weekender, The Just So Festival and a number of other festivals and events.

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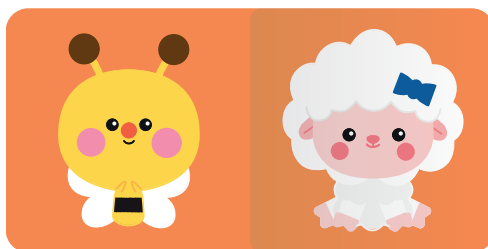
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Price	£7.99
Format	Board Book
Size	170 x 170 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	Cut to shape bite marks on the cover and every page.

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Gravity Falls: Don't Color This Book! It's Cursed!

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Emmy Cicierega

Geared toward young adults and adults, this magical coloring book features themes and characters from Gravity Falls.

The Pines twins find themselves on a prismatic adventure when Dipper gets trapped in a magical coloring book!

The only way out is for Mabel to color him to freedom with the help of a strange new friend named Chamelius Pendraggin. The more Mabel colors, however, the more things start to go awry.

Can coloring be an act of bravery? Can great shading elevate you to heroic heights? Can orange save the day? Find out in this official Gravity Falls coloring book!

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- **NOW STREAMING ON DISNEY+:** The popular Gravity Falls animated series continues to entertain fans and find new audiences while streaming on Disney+.

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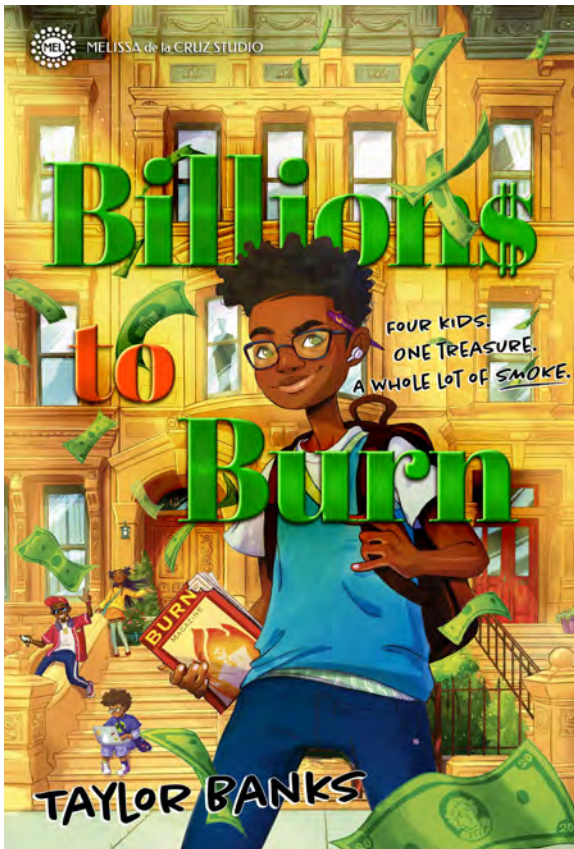
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But when Zeus accidentally stumbles upon the secret page on the same day that his grandfather disappears without a trace, he finally has proof that his grandfather's stories are more than just stories—they're real. And now he knows that the secret page is more than just a secret page—it's a treasure map, leading to a prize beyond all imagining.

Follow the map, find the treasure, save his grandfather. Seems simple enough. But as Zeus and his friends work to solve the riddles of the map, long-buried secrets about the Harlem Renaissance, Black history, and Zeus's own family are unraveled. And what's more, they aren't the only ones intent on seizing this prize. . .Filled with interactive clues and puzzles, young readers will love solving this mile-a-minute mystery right alongside Zeus!

- 39 CLUES MEETS VARIAN JOHNSON in this timeless, genre-bending story with hints of history. This will appeal to middle graders itching for their next favorite mysterious adventure.
- DUAL POVs with compelling, hilarious, and authentic voices, using real-world references that are not represented within the middle-grade space.

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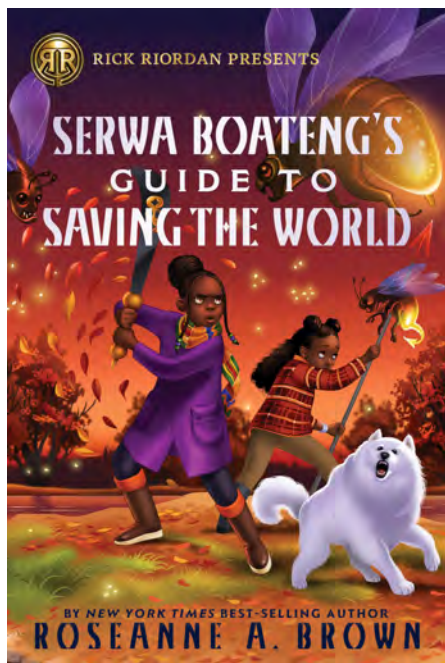
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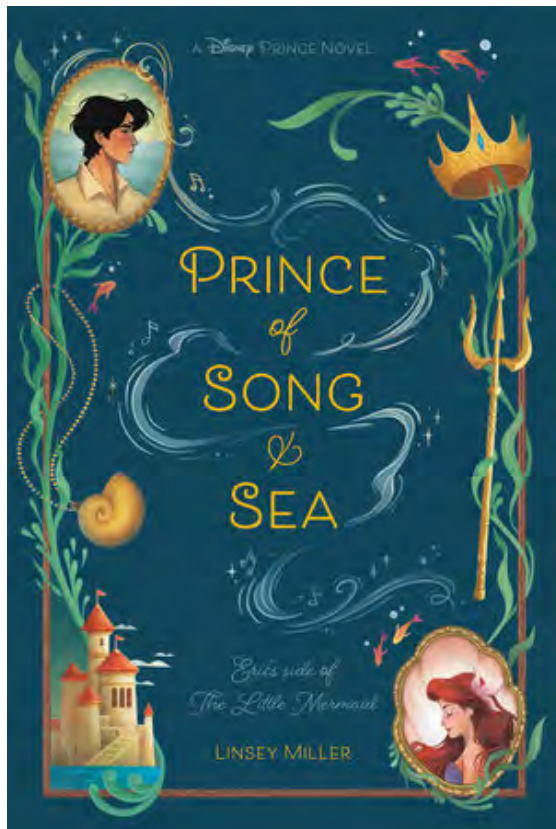
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