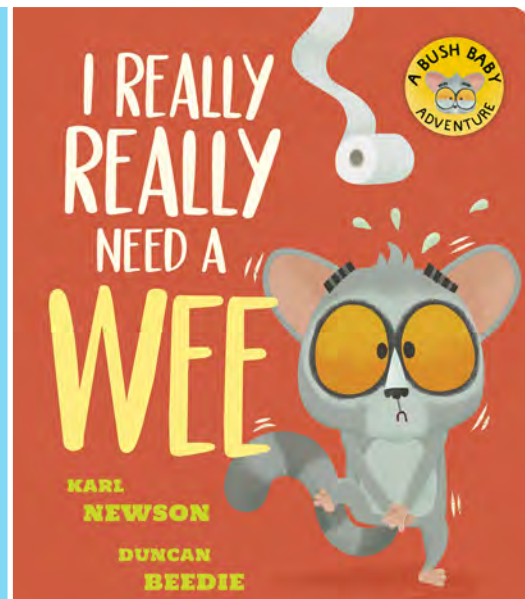


# JUNE 2025 NEW TITLES

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Format: 200 x 200mm  
Binding: Board book  
Extent: 10  
CBMC Code: A2K79  
BIC Code: YBGT  
Age: 1 – 3 years

## We Love Veggies!

**Becky Davies**

**Illustrated by Ailie Busby**

Pull out the sliding tray in the cover to reveal removable, double-sided veggie characters. Little ones will love following the clues to match the correct board piece to each page! Do you know which veggie doesn't need light to grow? And which veggie is really a flower?

**With simple facts to share along the way, this is the perfect book to encourage balanced, healthy eating habits through play. An interactive guessing game and early learning board book in one!**

- An introduction to vegetables suitable for very young children, as pieces can be matched to the page by shape as well as by clues.
- Features a slide-out tray of 4 double-sided board pieces, with 8 tasty characters to choose from.
- Encourages familiarity with vegetables and associates healthy foods with fun!
- Includes a final spread about how tasty veggies are: from the best ways to eat them to how they help our bodies.

**Pub Date: 5 June 2025 Price: £8.99 ISBN: 9781801046664**

### About the Author

Becky is a children's book editor, and sometimes author, from the South West of England. Her favourite things are animals, books about magic, and anything sparkly.

### About the Illustrator

Ailie Busby has been illustrating children's books for over 30 years. She lives in Newcastle upon Tyne with her family and two scruffy Fox terriers Dougal and Betty.

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I don't  
need light  
to grow!



I sprout  
straight  
up from  
the soil.



I have  
a cap.

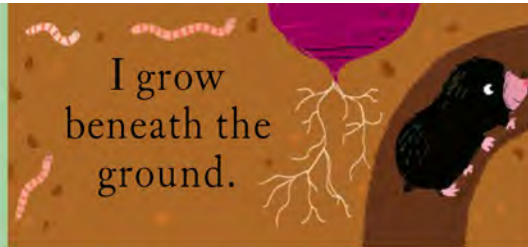


I am ...



**Mushroom!**

I grow  
beneath the  
ground.



I am  
round.



I have leaves  
and long stalks.

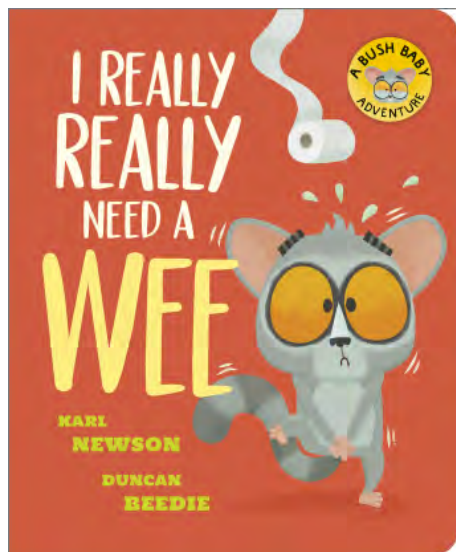
My bright juice  
can be used to  
dye clothes.



I am ...



**Beetroot!**



## I Really, Really Need a Wee!

**Karl Newson**

**Illustrated by Duncan Beedie**

Bush Baby is in a fix. She didn't need a wee before she left home - now she needs one right away! Uh-oh!  
But what will she do if there's just nowhere to go? It's a wee-wee emergency!

A pant-wettingly funny tale of determination and self-awareness - packed with toilet humour, and now in a chunky board book format! Perfect for teaching children the importance of that last-chance bathroom trip . . .

Series: Bush Baby Adventure

Number in Series: 1

Format: 196 x 161mm

Binding: Board book

Extent: 28

CBMC Code: A3K79

BIC Code: YBCB

Age: 2 – 5 years

Featuring eye-catching illustrations of everyone's favourite Bush Baby from the super-talented Duncan Beedie, and a hilarious rhyming text by award-winning Karl Newson, this cheeky board book is perfect for little ones who are starting out with potty and toilet training.

**Pub Date: 5 June 2025 Price: £6.99**

**ISBN: 9781801047432**

### About the Author

Karl Newson is a bestselling, multi-award-winning children's book author. His stories have been translated into 30 languages around the world. Karl grew up in Norwich, England, and was inspired to write his first story when his children were small. Karl lives in London.

### About the Illustrator

Duncan is a bestselling author and illustrator who has been drawing and doodling since childhood, sprawled out on his parents' living room carpet with felt tip in fist. He now sits upright to draw from his studio in Bristol.

Uh-oh!



I really, really, really, really,  
**REALLY NEED A WEE!**

I need a wee so desperately  
– I'm jiggly! *Can't you see?!*

I wasn't desperate back at home,  
but now I am out here . . .

I really, really need a wee.

Oh dear. Oh dear.

**OH DEAR!**







Series: The Story of  
Number in Series: 4

Format: 190 x 190mm  
Binding: Board book  
Extent: 24

CBMC Code: A5K79  
BIC Code: YNC

## The Story of Oasis

Nicola Edwards

Illustrated by Lindsey Sagar

From a bedroom in Burnage to knocking it out of the park at Knebworth, this is the story of Oasis. Introduce your little ones to the biggest band of the Britpop era and beyond, because true rock 'n' roll stars live forever!

### Perfect for little rockers!

- This celebration of the iconic Britpop group is the perfect gift for rockers of all ages!
- The book charts Oasis' musical evolution from humble beginnings to global stardom, just in time for their much-anticipated reunion tour.
- The latest in the bestselling The Story of... board-book series.



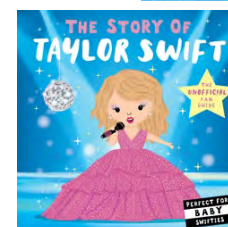
### About the Author

Nicola Edwards was raised by the seaside in beautiful Brighton. She now lives with her husband and children in North London and spends her days writing and editing children's books. She has been nominated for the UKLA and Blue Peter Book awards and is a two-time Parenting Product Awards winner.

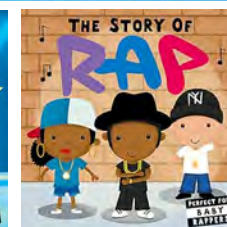
### About the Illustrator

Lindsey grew up in a tiny town called Oswaldtwistle in the heart of Lancashire. She graduated with a first class honours degree in Graphic Design and has been working as a professional illustrator for over 10 years.

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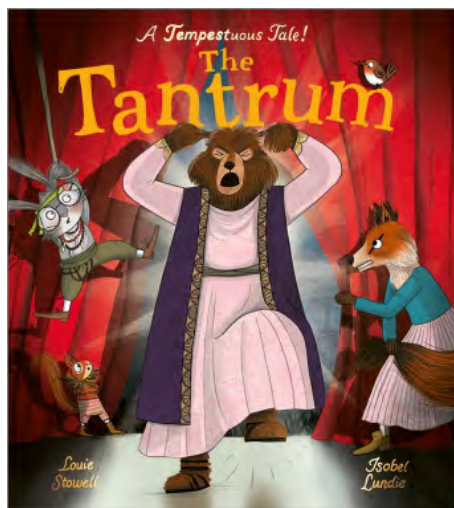
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**What's the Story** storms the charts.  
And so Oasis-mania starts!

**Wonderwall** blasts out each day.  
We're all mad for it, **some might say.**





## The Tantrum

Louie Stowell

Illustrated by Isobel Lundie



**A book about meltdowns and bawling bards!**

Bill Bear and his friends are staging a new play in their woodland theatre, The Glade, but when things go wrong, Bill throws a full-blown tantrum! Parents everywhere will identify with his friends as they try to calm him down and persuade him that the show must go on. With clever, engaging text by Louie Stowell and beautiful, detailed illustrations by Isobel Lundie, your little one will be absorbed by this gorgeous depiction of Bill the Bear and his forest home.

- A gentle introduction to the concept of theatre, this book is split into three acts with a list of dramatis personae and a location map.
- Encourage your little reader's interest in the theatre with a page of fun facts about William Shakespeare, his plays, the Globe Theatre and more!

Can you relate to the drama of persuading a furious little bear that the show must go on?

**Don't miss the first in this series of Shakesbearean Tales: *A Midsummer Night's Drama***

**Pub Date: 5 June 2025 Price: £7.99**

**ISBN: 9781838917043**

Series: Shakesbearean Tales

Number in Series: 2

Format: 254 x 229mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 40

CBMC Code: A3M69

BIC Code: YBCH, YBCS

Age: 3 – 6 years

### About the Author

Louie Stowell was born in London and has lived there ever since. Her 2019 debut, *The Dragon in the Library*, was followed by *The Monster in the Lake* in 2020 and *The Wizard in the Wood* in 2021. *Otherland*, a standalone middle-grade novel, followed in 2021. The first book in her series, *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good*, was an instant Sunday Times UK Bestseller.

### About the Illustrator

Isobel Lundie is a freelance illustrator living in Worthing. When she's not working, she spends her time playing netball with her team or taking down her brother's Just Dance skills.



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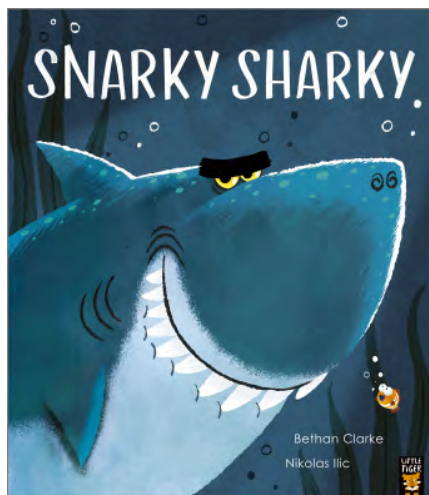
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Their newest play was called...







Format: 280 x 245mm  
Depth: 4mm  
Binding: Paperback  
Extent: 32  
CBMC Code: A3M79  
BIC Code: YBCS, YBC  
Age: 3 – 6 years



## Snarky Sharky

**Bethan Clarke**

**Illustrated by Nikolas Ilic**

A laugh-out-loud, witty picture book with a villainous anti-hero at its heart.

Watch out, Snarky Sharky's about.  
No fish can hide from his wicked wit.  
No clam is safe from his biting jokes.  
Can you handle him?

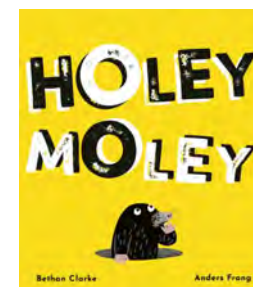
Look . . . the book's called *Snarky Sharky*.  
Do you really need me to explain what it's about?

- Told with tons of underwater puns and added snark from Bethan Clarke (*Holey Moley*), and illustrated with dry humour by Nikolas Ilic, this is the story for anyone who's ever felt a little snarky.
- Children will delight in spotting Snarky Sharky's sarcasticside-eyes and exaggerated eye rolls, while exploring the underwater world packed with hilarious sea creatures.
- Fans of *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen, *The Bad Seed* by Jory John and Pete Oswald and *Penguin Problems* by Jory John and Lane Smith, will love *Snarky Sharky*.

**Pub Date: 5 June 2025 Price: £7.99**  
**ISBN: 9781838917197**



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### About the Author

Bethan Clarke has been a story maker-upper ever since she could write them back to front. This has proven to be a vital outlet for her love of silliness and fondness for puns. Bethan lives near Manchester.

### About the Illustrator

Nikolas Ilic is an Emmy Award winning artist working in both animation and children's books. Originally from Toronto Canada, he now resides in sunny Los Angeles.



# SNARKY SHARKY!



That's me.



He's a lean, mean  
snark machine!

You're krillin' it,  
Snarky!

Calm down, clams,  
you might pull a mussel.

**Anyway,** that snarky stuff you've  
heard about me? It's all lies . . .



Format: 280 x 245mm  
Depth: 4mm

Binding: Paperback  
Extent: 32

CBMC Code: A3M79  
BIC Code: YBCS, YBC  
Age: 3 – 6 years

## Carnival Queen

Donette Williams-Harry

Illustrated by Amélie-Anne Calmo

An exciting, joyful celebration of carnival from Donette Williams-Harry.

Today is Kayla's favourite day of the year: carnival! Smoky spice fills the air, steel pans TING, TING, TING and Caribbean music is pumping. Kayla cannot wait to show off her BIG ENERGY! But when her dress ends up in shreds, it looks like it's time for Kayla to face the music and ask for help. Can her community rally to save the day? Or will carnival end up in tatters?

- This energetic picture book is a beautiful take on bravery and the power of community.
- Amélie-Anne Calmo's vibrant illustrations are a visual feast of culture, bringing the sounds, sights and smells of carnival flooding off the page.
- Inspired by the author's own personal experiences of attending Notting Hill Carnival, and featuring an informative end matter that explores carnivals around the world, this is the perfect book for anyone who is looking to dig deeper into a rich tradition.
- Just like *To Carnival!* by Baptiste Paul and Jana Glatt, *A Year Full of Celebrations and Festivals* by Claire Grace and Christopher Corr and *C is for Carnival* by Yolanda T Marshall and Daria Lavrova, *Carnival Queen* is the perfect book to celebrate with.

**Pub Date: 5 June 2025 Price: £7.99**

**ISBN: 9781838917579**



### About the Author

Donette enjoys diving deep into her imagination through reading and writing stories. Born in London, of Caribbean descent, she is passionate about aiding great diversity in children's books, encouraging all children to think outside of the box.

### About the Illustrator

Amélie-Anne Calmo is a Martinican illustrator. Sympathetic to activist causes, she believes that representation is essential for empowerment, especially among the younger generation. She aims to contribute to the influence of Afro-Caribbean culture, and highlights diversity through gentle and colourful illustrations.



With whistles and horns, we chip down the road.  
There are rainbow-coloured costumes everywhere.

We smell smoky spices.

We hear steel pans: TING, TING, TING.

We see very tall people.

And sweet Caribbean music is

PUMPING.



I look down at my costume and feel sad.  
But I hold Granny's hand tight and smile.  
I am brave.





## Waiting for the Stars

Jonny Lambert

A cosy children's bedtime story book, beautifully written and illustrated by the inimitable Jonny Lambert.

*"Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder where you are . . ."*

Mouse is bursting with excitement; for the first time ever, she's staying up past her bedtime to see the stars!

But - oh no! - Mouse is starting to feel very sleepy! Will the stars ever appear? Can Mouse stay awake to see them?

Maybe with a little help from her friends, Mouse will find that her own special star exists a little closer to home . . .



Format: 280 x 245mm  
Depth: 4mm  
Binding: Paperback  
Extent: 32  
CBMC Code: A3M79  
BIC Code: YBCS, YBC  
Age: 3 – 6 years

**This sweet bedtime story for children celebrates the real stars in our lives: our special friends and family.**

Just like other bedtime books such as the *Ten Minutes to Bed* series by Rhiannon Fielding and Chris Chatterton, *Arlo the Lion Who Couldn't Sleep* by Catherine Rayner and *In the Swamp by the Light of the Moon* by Frann Preston-Gannon, children will love snuggling up to read *Waiting for the Stars*.

**Pub Date: 5 June 2025 Price: £7.99 ISBN: 9781801045919**

### About the Author

Jonny grew up knowing he wanted to be an artist of some sort. Encouraged by his grandfather and, later, his art tutor at the Reigate School of Art and Design, Jonny is now an internationally-published author and illustrator, children's book designer and paper engineer. He lives with his family and a menagerie of animals near Horsham, West Sussex.

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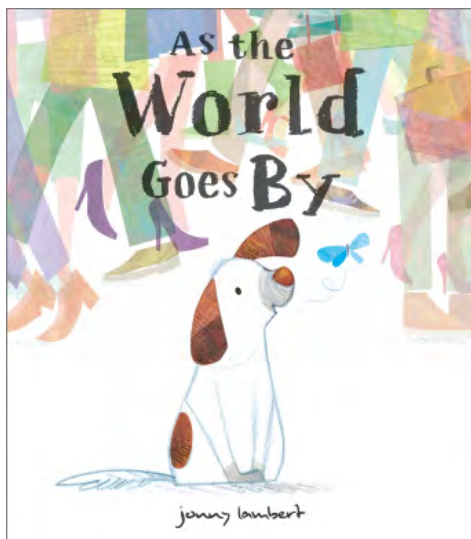




Then one by one,  
sparkling magically . . .

hundreds of fireflies  
filled the sky . . .

"Firefly stars!" cheered Mouse.  
"Oh, thank you, thank you!"



Format: 286 x 251mm

Depth: 9mm

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 32

CBMC Code: A3M79

BIC Code: YBCS, YBC

Age: 3 - 6 years

## As The World Goes By

Jonny Lambert

A timely new **mindful kids book** from bestselling author-illustrator Jonny Lambert.

When Buttons spots a beautiful blue butterfly, he is sure everyone will want to see. But among the bustle of the street and the chitter-chatter of the café, no-one notices . . .

Can Buttons find a way to make the world pay attention to this small moment of wonder?

**This lyrical, thought provoking picture book is the ideal antidote to our busy, bustling world.**

- With a gentle message that encourages us all to pause, take a breath and appreciate the wonder all around us, *As The World Goes By* is a stunning first introduction to mindfulness.
- Just like *You're Snug with Me* by Chitra Soundar and Poonam Mistry, *Mayfly Day* by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross and *On a Magical Do-Nothing Day* by Beatrice Alemagna, *As The World Goes By* is perfect for any child who struggles to live in the present.

**Pub Date: 5 June 2025 Price: £12.99**

**ISBN: 9781838917159**

### About the Author

Jonny grew up knowing he wanted to be an artist of some sort. Encouraged by his grandfather and, later, his art tutor at the Reigate School of Art and Design, Jonny is now an internationally-published author and illustrator, children's book designer and paper engineer. He lives with his family and a menagerie of animals near Horsham, West Sussex.





BEEP

ZOOM TOOT

Buttons tried once more  
to share his wonder  
with the world.

“Please can  
everyone  
just . . .”



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WHOOSH



Format: 311 x 231mm  
Binding: Hardback  
Extent: 32  
CBMC Code: A3M69  
BIC Code: YBC  
Age: 3 – 6 years

## The World Within Me

**Harriet Evans**

**Illustrated by Anna Wilson**

*There is a world within me. No one can sum me up in small words.*

From your sunrise-matching serenity and rainforest-rousing loudness to your glacier-like patience and clifftop-clambering courage, this book is a celebration of all the different facets that make you . . . YOU! With intricate peek-through holes, Anna Wilson's stunning illustrations conjure a cosmos that reflects all the amazing and varied parts of your personality.

**Embark on a journey through the landscapes inside yourself.**

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**ISBN: 9781838916725**

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### About the Author

Harriet Evans works in children's publishing and spends her days researching cool animal facts, imagining awesome adventures and drinking copious amounts of tea.

### About the Illustrator

Anna Wilson was born in Australia's Snowy Mountains and then spent most of her adult life travelling the world. She is inspired by people and places and worked with these concepts for a long time before embarking on a new career as an illustrator and designer. She loves storms and snow and is happiest running in the mountains, drawing in the streets, or imagining new characters and creating atmospheric worlds.





There is a  
world *within*  
me.

Not when I'm as  
*wild* as the forest and as  
*curious* as the stream.

*I change, I grow,*



*I am.*

No one can sum me  
up in small *words*.



## The Woodland Badger

**Holly Webb**

**Illustrated by David Dean**

Poppy loves spending time at her mum's allotment and the tangle of wild woodland behind it. They regularly see foxes and hedgehogs, but one special evening, just as they are about to head home, they spot a young badger. It's the first time Poppy has ever seen one in real life, and she's entranced.

Then Poppy learns that the woodland has been sold and there are plans to build houses on it. Poppy and her mum are horrified.

Is there anything they can do to save the young badger's home?

**A heartwarming story about family and nature from best-selling author Holly Webb.**

- An enchanting read, perfect for fans of Jill Tomlinson's animal stories and Michael Morpurgo's younger fiction
- Holly Webb's books have sold over 1.5 million UK trade copies
- Features beautiful black and white illustrations throughout

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**ISBN: 9781788957465**

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Series: Summer Wildlife Stories

Number in Series: 6

Format: 198 x 129mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 192

CBMC Code: C3N79

BIC Code: YFP, YFN

Age: 7 – 9 years

### About the Author

Holly Webb is one of Britain's best-loved children's writers. She has written over a hundred books for children and her work has been translated into over thirty languages. Holly lives in Tilehurst, just outside of Reading, Berkshire. Visit [www.holly-webb.com](http://www.holly-webb.com) or @HollyKateWebb.

### About the Illustrator

David Dean has illustrated around 140 covers over the course of 21 years, having graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University with a BA in Illustration and an MA in Communication Design.



## THE WOODLAND BADGER

Obviously the hole wasn't big enough yet. Then another pause, and a wriggle, and this time it was a black-and-white-striped nose that tried to squeeze under the fence – and then a rounded, greyish-black patch of shadow hauled itself up and out and into Mum's flower bed.

A badger!



## THE WOODLAND BADGER

Poppy was almost certain that it was Diamond. She couldn't see the pattern of stripes clearly enough to tell, but this badger was bigger than little Ruby. They'd seen Diamond pottering around the allotments several times now, so surely this was her? The young badger padded slowly, uncertainly, out between the stems of the flowers, and then on to the small patch of grass in the middle. She stopped there, looking around as if she didn't know what to do next.

Poppy sat frozen, watching her. She thought Diamond looked frightened, but she decided she was probably just imagining it. She didn't really know what a frightened badger looked like. It was only because she knew Diamond's home was in danger – *she* would be terrified, if it had happened to her.



\*\*\*DRAFT COVER\*\*\*

Series: Rock Band  
 Number in Series: 1  
 Format: 198 x 129mm  
 Depth:  
 Binding: Paperback  
 Extent: 256  
 CBMC Code: E3N79  
 BIC Code: YFQ, YFS  
 Age: 13 – 18 years

## Rock Band: Music and Misfits

Leah Osakwe

Galaxy has always known she's destined for fame and fortune as a solo singer. She has the voice, the dance moves and is *always* coming up with new lyrics. So when she spots a poster for a talent show at school, she knows she has to enter.

Then troublemaker Sabrina suggests they enter together and Galaxy is shocked. Firstly, that they actually have something in common, and secondly that Sabrina suggests they form a *rock band*! Rock is totally not Galaxy's thing, she doesn't know Sabrina that well, and what would her best friend Kia think? She's about to say no when Sabrina points out that Beyoncé and Lauryn Hill both got their start being in a band and agrees that Galaxy can be lead singer. So she hesitantly decides to share the spotlight. But when the only students interested in joining their band are Grace, a socially awkward goody two shoes, and Galaxy's little sister Zaya, is Galaxy's chance at stardom over before it's even begun?

**First in a funny new teen series, perfect for fans of *We Are Lady Parts*, *Grow Up*, *Lara Bloom* and *Holly Smale*.**

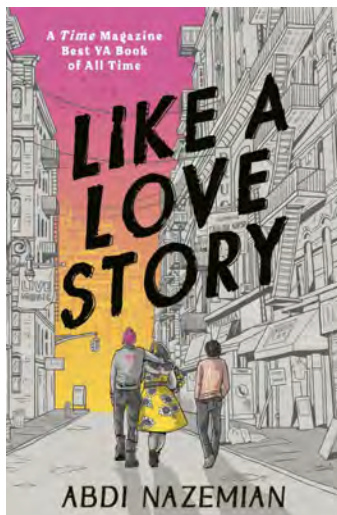
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### About the Author

Leah Osakwe is the author of the Little Voices series. She's always writing whether that be for apps and digital products or fiction for children. She lives in Essex, UK.





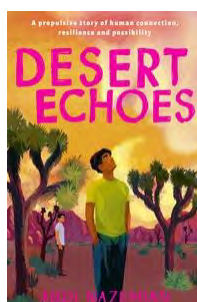


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Binding: Paperback  
Extent: 432  
CBMC Code: E3N79  
Age: 13 – 18 years



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## Like a Love Story

Abdi Nazemian

From a Stonewall Honor-winning author comes a bighearted, sprawling epic about friendship and love and the revolutionary act of living life to the fullest in the face of impossible odds.

Reza is an Iranian boy who has just moved to the city with his mother to live with his stepfather and stepbrother. He's terrified that someone will guess the truth he can barely acknowledge about himself. Reza knows he's gay, but all he knows of gay life are the media's images of men dying of AIDS.

Judy is an aspiring fashion designer who worships her uncle Stephen, a gay man with AIDS who devotes his time to activism as a member of ACT UP. Judy has never imagined finding romance ... until she falls for Reza, and they start dating.

Art is Judy's best friend, their school's only out and proud teen. He'll never be who his conservative parents want him to be, so he rebels by documenting the AIDS crisis through his photographs.

As Reza and Art grow closer, Reza struggles to find a way out of his deception that won't break Judy's heart - and destroy the most meaningful friendship he's ever known.

- Abdi is an award-winning author in the US. His YA novels *Like a Love Story* and *Only This Beautiful Moment* were Stonewall Honor Books, and he won the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Debut Fiction. He is also a TV and film screenwriter and producer, working on films including *Call Me by Your Name*.
- Perfect for fans of *Last Night at the Telegraph Club*, *The Great Godden* and *If You Still Recognise Me*.

**Pub Date: 5 June 2025 Price: £8.99**  
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### About the Author

Abdi Nazemian is the author of *Only This Beautiful Moment* (a Stonewall Award Winner), *The Chandler Legacies* and *The Authentics*. His novel *The Walk-In Closet* won the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Debut Fiction. His screenwriting credits include the films *The Artist's Wife* and *The Quiet*, and the television series *The Village* and *Ordinary Joe*. He lives in Los Angeles.

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