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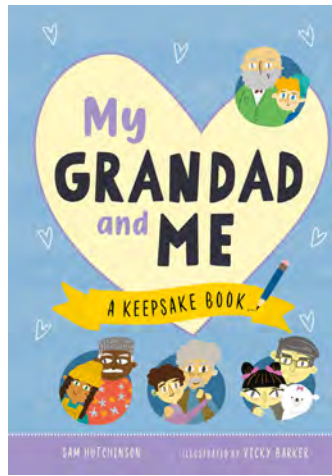


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## My Granny & Me My Grandad & Me

written by Sam Hutchinson  
and illustrated by Vicky Barker

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### KEY SELLING POINTS:

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bestsellers

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### WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

**Author:** Sam Hutchinson is an award-winning author and publisher of children's books.

**Illustrator:** Vicky Barker is b small publishing's art director as well as being the winner of the Blue Peter Book Award 'Best Book with Facts' 2018 for Real-life Mysteries.

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My granny's favourite colour is

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My favourite colour is

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My granny's favourite  
piece of clothing is

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My favourite piece  
of clothing is

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Design a T-shirt  
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your granny  
will love!

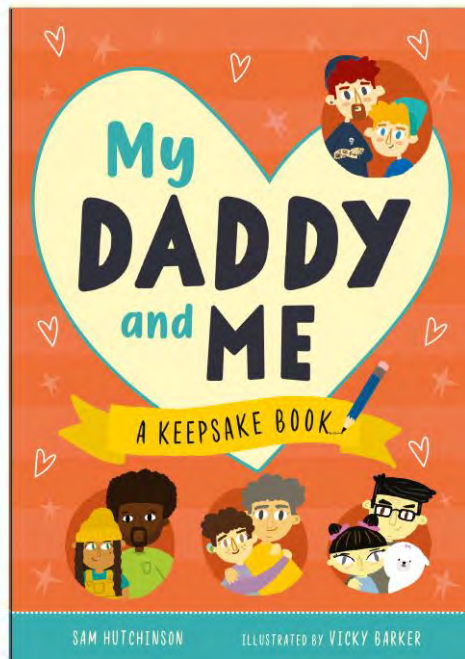


Design a piece of clothing that  
shows you and your granny together!

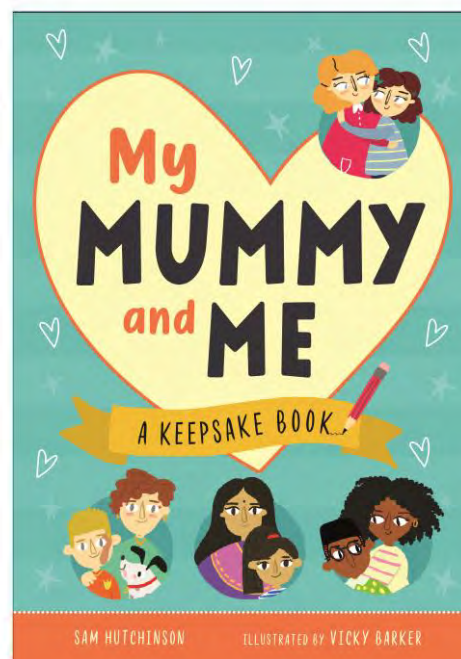
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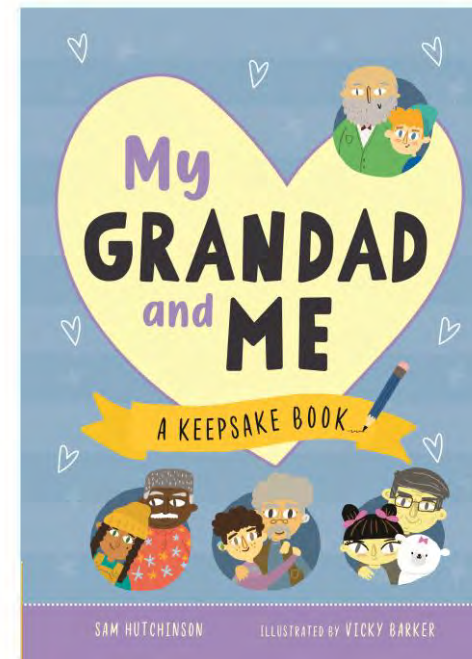
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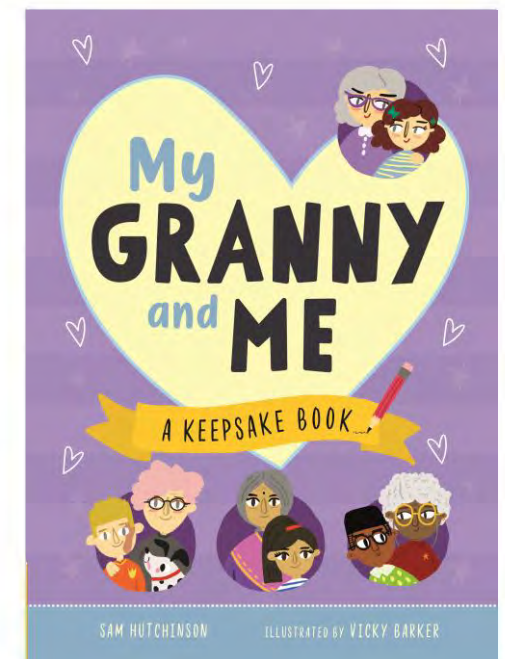


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Age: 3+ years  
Genre: Board Book  
Subject: First Words and Concepts  
Binding: Hardback  
Format: 180 x 180 mm  
Extent: 20 pp  
Rights: WORLD

Thema: YBLN  
Series: Food, Food, Food!  
Illustrations: Colour illustrations

## Banana, Banana, Banana!

Sarah Finan

### Keynote:

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

### Sales points:

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

### Description:

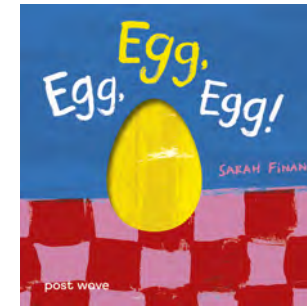
There's only one thing this little baby wants to eat as a snack – bananas, bananas, bananas! Mashed in a bowl, mixed with porridge, smothered in honey – always yummy.

With sweet rhyming text, bold, bright artwork and clever die-cuts throughout, this board book is a joy to read aloud to little ones and can be enjoyed again and again.

### Author Biography:

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

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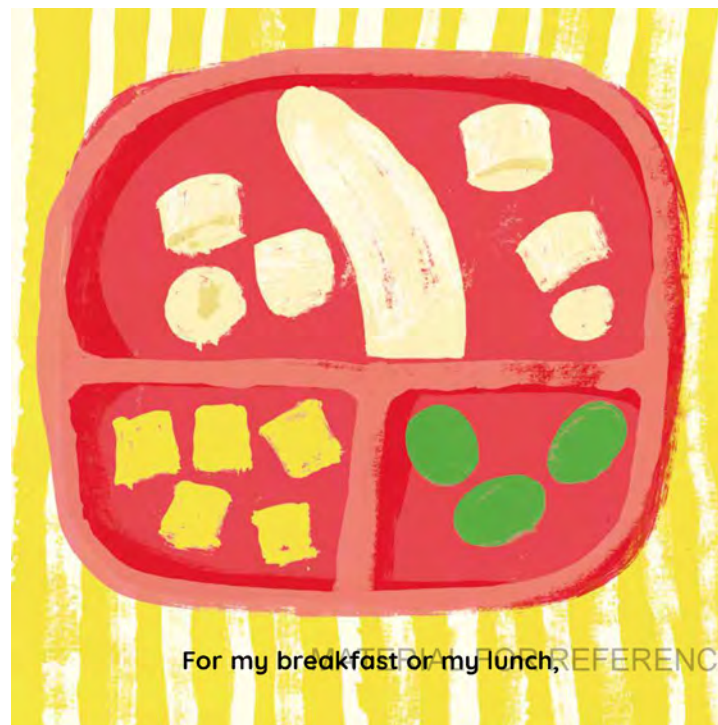


When I'm hungry  
on the move,

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bananas are the perfect food.



For my breakfast or my lunch,



I could eat them by the  
**bunch!**

# Title Information



Pub. date: 05 June 2025

Price: £14.99

ISBN: 9781836270201

Age: 7 - 9 years

Genre: Non-Fiction Book

Subject: Science and

Technology

Binding: Hardback

Format: 300 x 207 mm

Extent: 88 pp

Rights: World, English

Thema: YNTP, YNMK

CBMC: C5N79

Illustrations: Colour  
illustrations

## The Cities of the Future

Didier Cornille

Translated by Charis Ainslie

### Keynote:

Discover how ten innovative cities are becoming greener and more liveable, inspiring us to improve our own communities.

### Sales points:

- A child-friendly approach to innovation in urban design
- Themes of sustainability, innovation, global awareness and personal responsibility
- Stylish, modern artwork
- Supports KS2 National Curriculum: Human and Physical Geograph

### Description:

Discover how cities around the world are transforming into greener, more innovative, and people-friendly spaces while continuing to develop. In this inspiring book, Didier Cornille takes readers on a journey to visit pioneering cities like Curitiba in Brazil, London in the UK and Berlin in Germany, showcasing their impressive green initiatives and vibrant communities. Meet the visionary architects, passionate residents and energetic leaders driving these changes, and learn how both children and adults can contribute to making their own cities more liveable.

This captivating exploration of over ten forward-thinking cities offers a glimpse into the future of urban living and inspires us all to take action.

### Author Biography:

Didier Cornille was a student of Claude Courtecuisse at the Lille Fine Arts School. He then joined Roger Tallon's design department at the Arts Décoratifs in Paris. During his studies he met the designer Ettore Sottsass in Milan, who steered his work as a designer in the right direction. His work as a designer, and turned to the creation which he exhibited at the Neotu gallery.

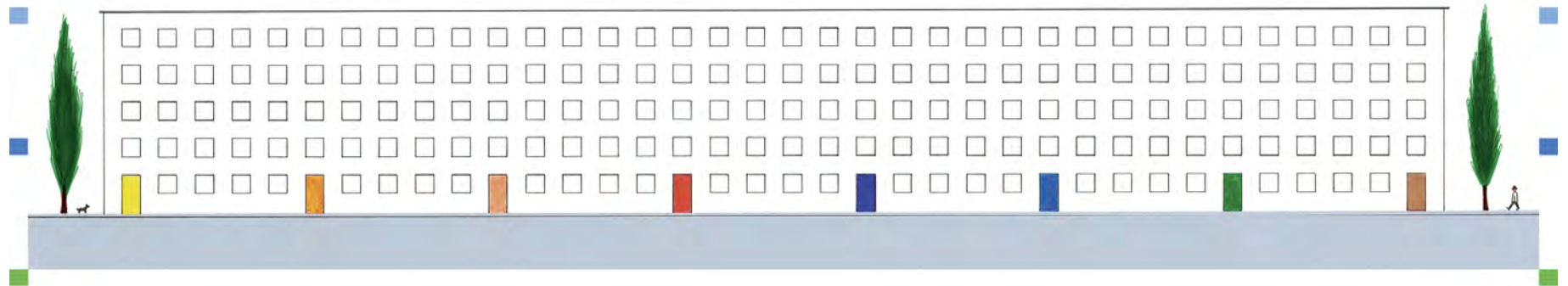
After teaching design at the fine arts in Tunis, then in Tourcoing and at LISAA (Institut Supérieur des Arts Appliqués) in Paris, he taught design for a long time at Le Mans Fine arts School. Today, he devotes his time to his books and his work as a designer. He lives in Paris.

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Suburbs grew around the cities – often in the shape of large housing estates. Although cheap to build, these homes were often a long way from the city centres where people worked and lived.

People living in the suburbs don't only need homes, but schools, medical facilities and a good transport network, along with places to relax, exercise and have fun.



In other areas of the suburbs, there are rows and rows of houses that all look the same, each with a tiny garden.

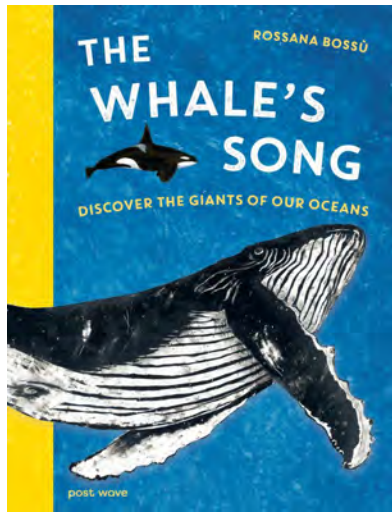
To get from one suburb to another, or to reach the centre of town, people must drive or catch a bus.





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## The Whale's Song

Discover the Giants of our Oceans

Rossana Bossù

Translated by Margaret Greenan

### Keynote:

Discover the majestic world of whales and the secrets they hold beneath the waves.

### Sales points:

- An in-depth look at the fascinating world of whale
- From the illustrator who brought us *The Jellyfish Garden*
- Exquisitely illustrated by an award-winning illustrato
- Explores themes of animal conservation and environmental protectio

### Description:

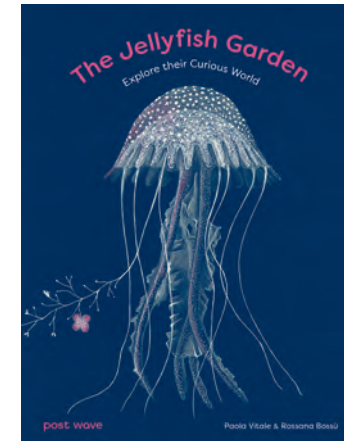
Dive into the mysterious world of whales – symbols of the ocean's uncharted depths. Whales, the giants of the ocean, have fascinated people for centuries with their immense size and mysterious lives. Once hunted almost to extinction, they are now recognised as amazing creatures that bridge both the ocean and the land. This book, filled with beautiful illustrations and engaging stories, teaches readers about the importance of protecting whales, and the wonders they hold.

Perfect for sparking curiosity and a love for marine life, this book is a call to action to save these magnificent animals before they become legends.

### Author Biography:

Rossana Bossù lives in Turin and has a degree in advertising and editorial graphics. She taught at the Institute of Applied Art and Design in Turin. In 2009, she retrained as an illustrator and has won numerous awards for her work, including the prestigious Image of the Book International Prize (Russia), and the Dapeng Children's Natural Book Award (China). Her books have been translated all over the world.

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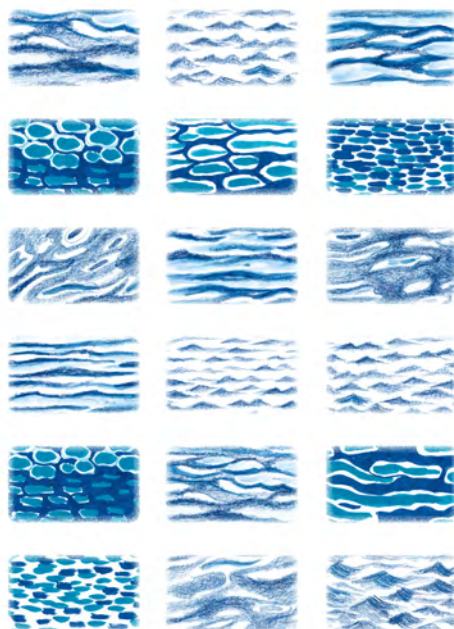
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Water, Salt, Air



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I LIVE IN THE SEA, BUT I'M NOT A FISH

When a whale emerges from water it breathes through a blowhole. This is an opening on the top of its head and is used to exhale the air the whale keeps in its lungs when it dives into the water.

The air expelled by the whale is hotter than its surroundings because it comes from inside the animal. This means that when the air comes out it condenses into vapour which forms a fine spray. The spray is called a spout. But rather than seeing a spout of water, what we are actually seeing is the whale's breath. Just before a whale dives into the water, strong muscles close the blowhole. The size and shape of the spout can be used to identify different species of whale, as well as other cetaceans.

The name cetacean comes from the Greek word *ketos*, which means 'whale' or 'sea monster'. It was first used by the philosopher Aristotle in his study of marine creatures that breathe through lungs. Cetaceans are mammals. They are different from fish because they breathe through their lungs, give birth to live young and feed their offspring with milk. Unlike fish they are warm-blooded, though some species of fish (such as sharks and tuna) can also warm parts of their bodies.

So, next time you look at a marine animal and you're not sure whether it's a fish or a cetacean... just look at how its tail moves!



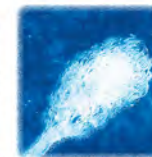
Cetacean is the name given to a large group of aquatic mammals, consisting of whales, dolphins and porpoises. There are eighty-five species of cetacean. Almost all of them are marine animals (meaning they live in the sea), except for a few species of freshwater dolphins. These cetaceans are sub-divided into two more sub-groups: *Odontoceti* (toothed whales) and *Mysticeti* (haleen whales, which have whalebones instead of teeth).

Like fish, cetaceans move using their tail (caudal) fin, but while fish move their tails from right to left, cetaceans move their tails up and down. A whale's tail fin is connected to its spine. As we know, cetaceans are mammals, and the spines of mammals bend freely forward but have very little sideways movement. Fish are not mammals, so they are constructed differently.



**BLUE WHALE**  
straight spout,  
up to 12 metres high

Baleen whales have two blowholes, while toothed whales only have one. The sperm whale (a toothed whale) has a single blowhole with two air ducts. The blowhole can be found in the front-left part of the head.



**SPERM WHALE**  
low, angled spout,  
up to 2 metres high



**RIGHT WHALE**  
V-shaped spout (like a bush),  
up to 3 metres high



**BOWHEAD WHALE**  
V-shaped spout  
(divided in two parts),  
up to 7 metres high

A cetacean's spout is largely composed of water vapour, but also carries mucus from the whale's airways.



**HUMBACK WHALE**  
low, squashed spout  
(either V-shaped or heart-shaped),  
up to 3 metres high

Scientists sometimes collect this mucus using drones, and analyse it to see what bacteria it contains - this helps them work out if the whale is healthy.



**GREY**  
low, bushy spout

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# The Fierce Little Woman and the Wicked Pirate

Author **Joy Cowley** Illustrator **Miho Satake**

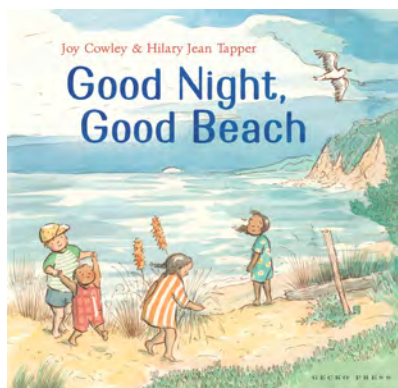
## ABOUT THE BOOK

The fierce little woman lived in a house at the end of a jetty. She knitted socks in blue and green wool, to sell to sailors who had got their feet wet. But when there were no ships at her jetty, she was quite alone. One stormy day, a pirate came to the house on the jetty. He stood on his toes, and starting tap-tap-tapping on the window...

## SALES POINTS

- A warm family and love story with an independent female lead
- Themes of independence and relationships; strength and vulnerability; family
- One of Joy Cowley's bestselling picture books with fresh contemporary illustrations for a new young audience

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



9781776575565

HB £12.99

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

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

**Miho Satake** is a highly regarded Japanese artist and illustrator known for illustrating the Japanese editions of classic children's books including Diana Wynne Jones and anniversary editions of the Harry Potter series.

## TITLE INFORMATION

UK RELEASE JUNE 2025

Ages **4-6**

Format **paperback**

Size **218 x 272 mm**

Pages **32 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765671696**

RRP GBP **7.99**

Original Language **English (NZ)**

This book in 3 ideas  
**family, independence, the sea**

newly illustrated!

## WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"This is a truly international book—a story loved for decades by New Zealand children given a new life by one of Japan's leading young illustrators."

**Rachel Lawson,**  
**Publisher**

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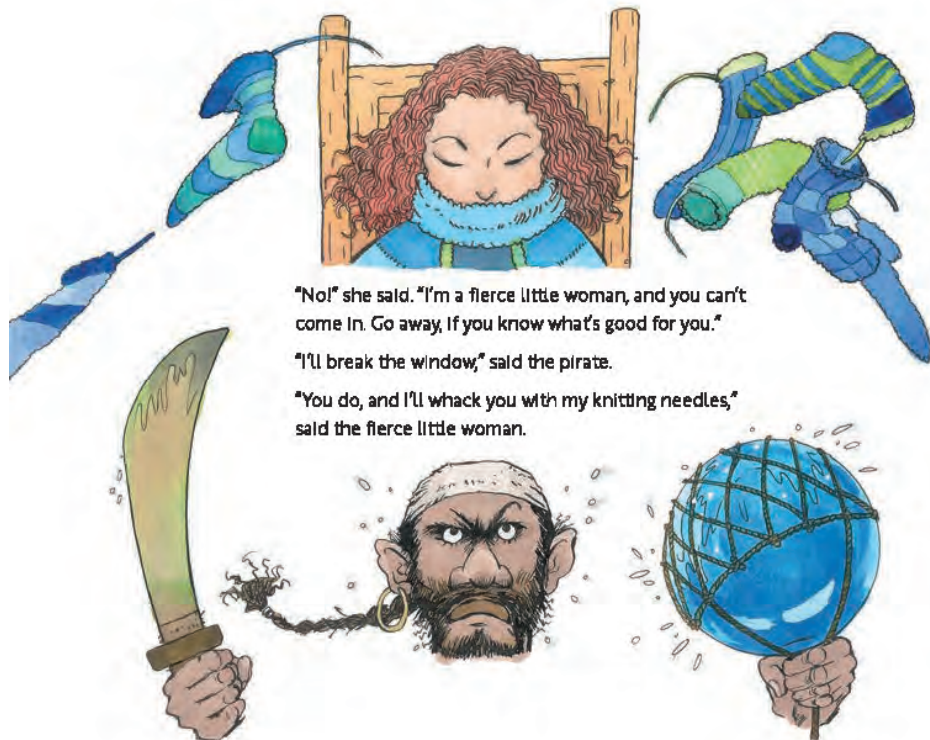
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"No!" she said. "I'm a fierce little woman, and you can't come in. Go away, if you know what's good for you."

"I'll break the window," said the pirate.

"You do, and I'll whack you with my knitting needles," said the fierce little woman.



The pirate didn't answer.



She made him put his wet boots in front of the fire. Then she gave him a new pair of blue and green socks.

"I didn't know a wicked pirate could be scared of the dark," she said.

The pirate wriggled his toes in the warm socks. "I didn't know a fierce little woman could knit so fine," he said. "Or live in such a cozy house. Tell me, my fierce little woman..."





# The Lucky House Detective Agency

## Scarlett Li

### Mystery with a side order of friendship!

The first in this cosy crime middle-grade series set in a Chinese takeaway, created in partnership with Storymix and author Lui Sit. With black-and-white internal artwork.

Felix and his best friend Isaac love mysteries – chasing clues, identifying suspects, catching criminals – they can't wait to open their own detective agency. So when Felix's parents' Lucky House takeaway is cursed with a spate of bad luck, Felix is determined to find the culprit.

The boys' investigations lead them to a clue: an ancient coin with a square hole at its centre. Could this lead them to secret treasure? (Un)fortunately, 'Nosy' Nina Ding, Felix's sworn enemy, may have the answers. While volunteering at the local museum, Nina spotted an old Chinese jewellery box with an indentation in the same shape as the mysterious coin. Does Leighton-on-Sea have more links to Hong Kong than Felix could ever have imagined?



Publication 5th June 2025

Age Range 7-11yrs

Format B-format PB

Price £7.99

ISBN 9781915820051

### Sales & Marketing

- Commercial, accessible, child-centred mystery series set in a Chinese takeaway in a seaside town. With page-turning plots that promote problem-solving, teamwork and curiosity, all rooted in real history.
- A warm and witty celebration of community, friendship and family, that centres the British-Chinese immigrant experience alongside a diverse cast of supporting characters.
- KO's first partnership with award-winning agency Storymix will lead into a commercial PR & Marketing campaign that taps into the cosy crime genre & highlights the much-needed British East Asian representation for younger middle-grade readers.
- For fans of High-Rise Mystery, Front Desk, and Anisha the Accidental Detective.

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CHASING CLUES

IDENTIFYING SUSPECTS

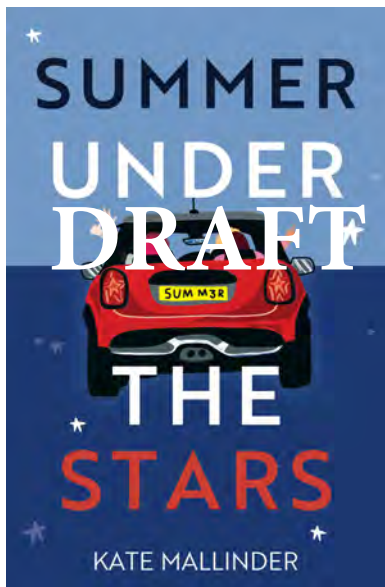
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The Lucky House Detective Agency is OPEN for business!



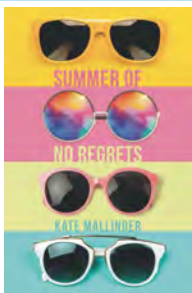
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& STICKERS!



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9781910080948 PB £8.99

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



9781913102296 PB £7.99

# Summer Under the Stars

Kate Mallinder

- In the sequel to the much-loved *Summer of No Regrets*, the four friends drive across France, each hiding a secret. They get lost, fall out and rescue a kitten, but will they get to Sasha's dad's wedding in time?
- The four girls face first love, being fostered and insecurity in this feel-good, heartfelt novel. In particular, Hetal's battle with perfectionism and her eventual realisation that she is good enough is beautifully handled and is a story many teenagers need to hear.
- Kate is a very hard-working author, excellent at events and school visits.
- To be supported by a road-trip theme YouTube tour and TikTok challenge.

## Summary:

- Four 17-year-old friends drive across France in what should be the holiday of a lifetime. But Sasha feels as if her dad's wedding will be the end of her relationship with him; Cam is reeling from being rejected by her birth grandparents; Hetal is doing badly in school for the first time; and Nell's in love and afraid she'll lose Tom if she's away too long. They need to rekindle their friendship. They need a road trip to end all road trips. They need a summer under the stars.

## Praise for Asking for a Friend:

- 'a feel-good adventure that reinforces how friendship can be a source of strength in the face of intimidation — from others and from within.' Sally Morris, *Daily Mail*
- 'Kate really is a master of friendships ... her books are like little pockets of comfort.' Yasmin Rahman



**Kate Mallinder** lives with her husband, four children and two cats near Ashby-de-la-Zouch in **Leicestershire**. She grew up in Solihull and went to college in Leeds. If left to her own devices, she'd live on a window seat with a good book and a never-ending cup of tea. She recently completed her MA in writing for children at Bath Spa. *Summer Under the Stars* is her third novel.

## Praise for Summer of No Regrets:

- 'A wonderful summery, happy-ending story about friendship. I raced through it.' **Perdita Cargill**
- 'a great uplifting story, perfect for teen readers' **A M Dassu**
- 'Highly recommended, this is one to dive into.' **Fallen Star Stories**
- 'A perfect summer read to share with your best friends.' **Keris Stainton**
- 'Summer of no Regrets is a complete page turner ... I loved spending summer with the gang!' **Jenny McLachlan**
- 'Bucketloads of summer fun...' **Simon James Green**

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# Live

## Luke Palmer

- Third book by Carnegie-longlisted and Branford Boase shortlisted poet and novelist.
- Will appeal to readers of James Goodhand, Lisa Williamson & Bali Rai.
- Comes with complete song lyrics and possibly accompanying playlist.
- Stunning coming of age novel for anyone who ever wanted to be in a band.

### Summary:

Year Twelve pupil George is passionate about his band and his music, even if the three other band members are little more laid back. They play for all their friends' parties and just might, he hopes, hit the big time despite surprise competition with new girl Beth and shy fellow-pupil Taidgh taking to the stage as talented musicians.

But when disaster strikes one of the band members, the whole year group must deal with loss and grief, and work out who their true friends are as they try to rebuild their futures.

### Praise for *Play*:

'It's profound, poetic, funny, heartbreaking and above all, real - every line, from the lyrical to the punchy, and every character rings with truth. Luke Palmer is up there with Melvyn Burgess, Patrick Ness and Anthony McGowan.'  
*Jo Nadin*

'Boys will be boys but will strive to become so much more in Luke Palmer's wonderfully astute and truthful story. It's the best book of young male friendship I've read in years. Gut-wrenching and glorious.'  
*Keith Gray*



**Luke Palmer** is a critically acclaimed YA author and a prize-winning poet. He lives with his partner, their three daughters, a dog, and a cat.

**Luke is based in Wiltshire.**



BY THE SAME AUTHOR

9781915444318

PB £8.99

# Unity Street School Saves the Planet



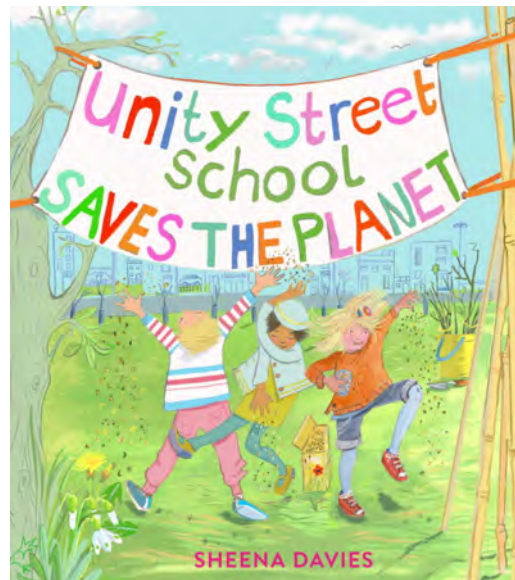
Sheena Davies

An urban primary school takes action for our planet by creating an exciting rewilding project

When the Green Team come to Unity Street School to talk about climate change, the children have a great idea. They will make a wild area at their school!

With the help of Mr Moss, the caretaker, and the Green Team, the children clear the ground, sow wildflower-meadow seeds, and plant beans and hedge saplings. Then they wait... until... later that summer... something wonderful happens at Unity Street School!

This delightful and inspiring story shows conservation and rewilding in action, as a group of children show the way to help our planet.



05 June 2025

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Hardback

275 x 240 mm, 32 pages

Colour illustrations throughout

Reading age: From 4 years

BICs: YXZG

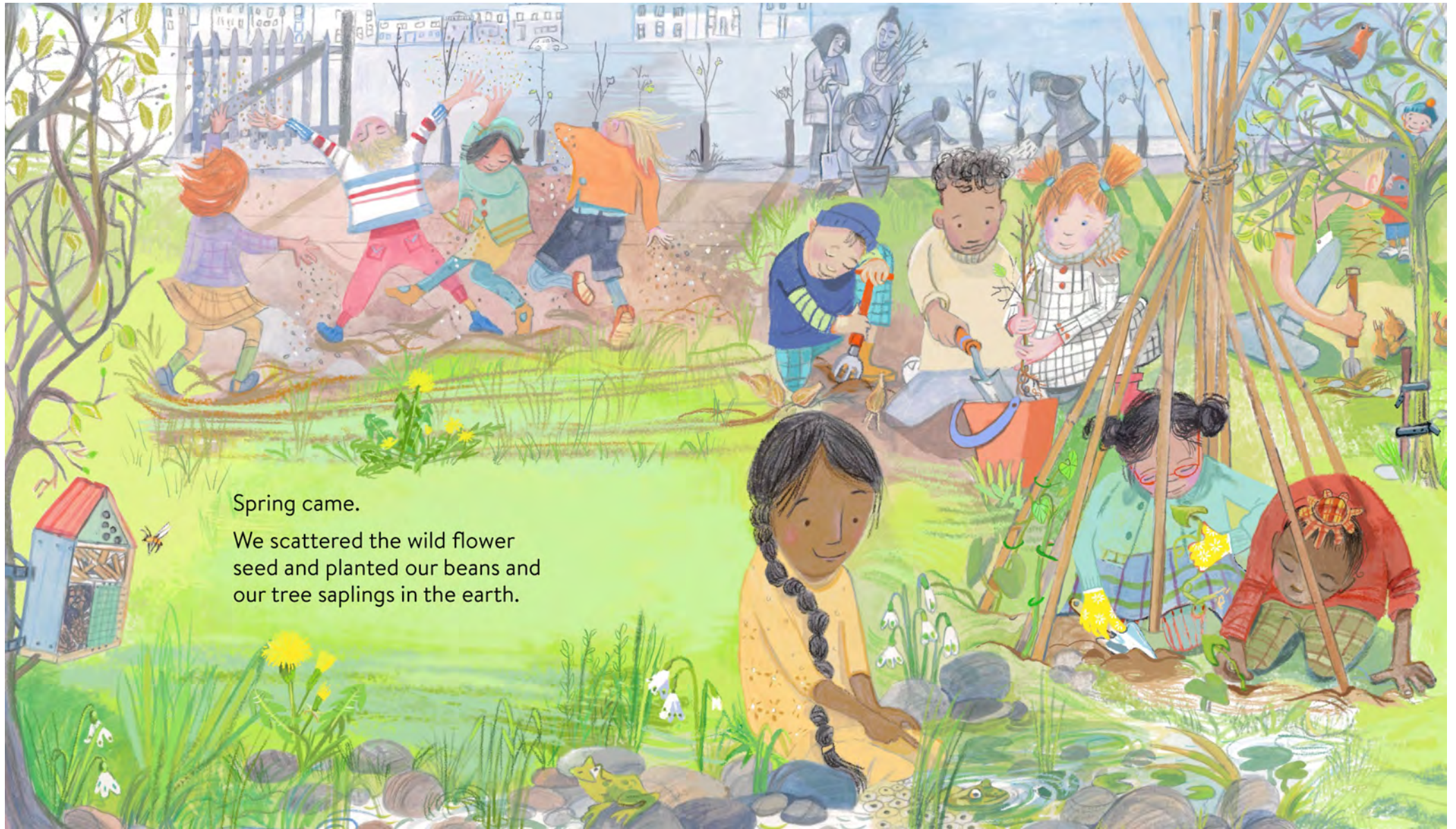
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- Shows **children taking action** to make their school **healthier, happier** and **'greener'**
- **Rewilding** is a rapidly growing, **important movement** in the effort to stem climate change
- Shows how the **enthusiasm of children** can push **adults** into **positive action**
- **Lively, diverse** group of children
- **Promotion** through Rewilding Britain and other environmental groups
- **Debut picture book** from MA graduate of the **prestigious** Cambridge School of Art

## Author Information

**Sheena Davies** has degrees in Graphic Design and Children's Book Illustration from Cambridge School of Art. She is a painter and has worked as an art tutor at Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts. She works with watercolour, gouache, pen, ink, wax resist and sometimes collage. A dedicated plant grower and recycler, she lives in Cambridge, England, where she has three small ponds, a bee hotel and an untamed hedge to encourage wildlife.





Spring came.

We scattered the wild flower  
seed and planted our beans and  
our tree saplings in the earth.





Days and nights and  
weeks passed until...

at last...





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# The Best Jollof Rice Ever!

Onyinye Iwu

A comic and playful picture book celebrating the fun of cooking together



"This story is fun, vibrant and absolutely **BURSTING** with flavour! A brilliant debut from a bright and shining talent in the kidlit world, Onyinye has all the ingredients to tell a good story, and you're going to totally love what she's cooked up with this one." **Dapo Adeola**

Kamsi and Kwame are best friends and their favourite food is jollof rice!

Kamsi thinks his mum's is best, with spicy peppers. Kwame is sure his mum's is better, with juicy tomatoes. The boys decide they will each make their own jollof in their mud kitchen, to see whose is best of all.... But when they start playing tricks, secretly adding some very odd ingredients – a caterpillar, nettles and ants – to each other's dishes, both boys find they have made the **WORST** jollof ever! What can they do?

Maybe the **BEST** jollof rice is made when you do it together... A funny and heart-warming read-aloud story about sharing and the joy of cooking together!

- Shows the **fun** of **preparing food together** - in play and in real life
- A **warm, funny** story featuring two **Black British** families
- Celebrates **diversity in food** - Jollof rice is a global dish originating in West Africa
- Includes **a recipe** for Jollof rice
- Story will **encourage boys** to enjoy cooking
- Debut picture book written and illustrated by **up-and-coming British Nigerian author**

## Author Information

**Onyinye Iwu** is of Nigerian parentage. She was born in Italy and moved to Britain as a teenager. A secondary school teacher, she has a degree in Architecture and a Master's in Cultural Diaspora Ethnicity. She is the illustrator of *Sala, Mountain Warrior*, by Wakanyi Hoffman, and of the *Too Small Tola* books by Atinuke. She lives in London.

"First we wash our hands," says Kwame's mum. "Then let's tie up our aprons - and get our ingredients ready for cooking."

Together the boys race to the sink and pour a nice dollop of handwash on their hands and put on aprons.

Then they help to chop the peppers and tomatoes.



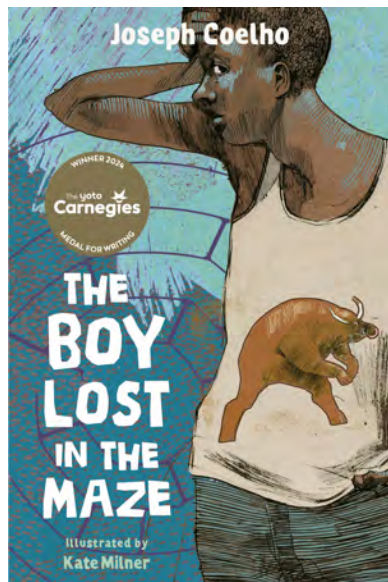


# The Boy Lost in the Maze

Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Kate Milner



Winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2024



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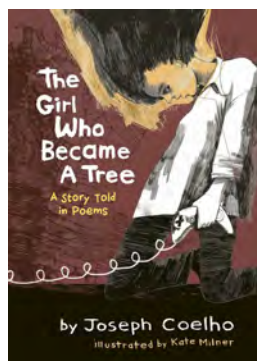
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- "**Monsters** and **mythical creatures** are given **startling contemporary relevance** in this **affecting** novel in verse." *Financial Times*
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- Follow up to the **critically acclaimed** *The Girl Who Became a Tree*
- Author was **Waterstones Children's Laureate** 2022-24
- Major **marketing campaign** and **author tour**

## Author Information

**Joseph Coelho's** debut poetry collection *Werewolf Club Rules* won the CLPE CLIPPA Poetry Award 2015. His poetry collection *Overheard in a Tower Block*, published by Otter-Barry Books in 2017 was shortlisted for the CLIPPA Poetry Award and longlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. His verse novel *The Girl Who Became a Tree* (Otter-Barry Books) was shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal in 2021. As well as poetry, Joseph also writes plays and picture books. Joseph was the Waterstones Children's Laureate 2022-24. *The Boy Lost in the Maze* won the Yoto Carnegie 2024 Medal for Writing. He was awarded an OBE in 2024 and is nominated for the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2025. He lives in Edinburgh.

**Kate Milner** studied illustration at Central St Martin's before completing an MA in Children's Book Illustration at Anglia Ruskin University. Kate won the V&A Illustration Award 2016 and the Klaus Flugge Prize 2018 for *My name is not Refugee*. Kate is particularly passionate about libraries; she continues to be involved with every kind of activity from Storytime for toddlers to teen reading groups at her local library. She lives in Edinburgh.



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# The Summer Puppy

Jackie Morris, illustrated by Cathy Fisher

Lyrical story about a puppy's first summer, with beautiful illustrations, from a bestselling, award-winning duo

*"Born at the very start of the summer, so small she could rest easily in the cupped hands of a child ..."*

From a little furry bundle, Rosie the puppy grows, learns, and explores her world - rose petals, spiders and butterflies in the garden, the jungle of long summer grass, the fields where a fox calls, the beach where she chases waves and digs deep in the sand.

Warmly and lovingly, Rosie's first summer is recreated in Jackie Morris's poetic words and Cathy Fisher's unforgettable images.

Rich in the sense of discovery, rich too in the love between puppy and child, here is a timeless country idyll for all ages.

- **Lyrical text** celebrates a puppy's first summer from birth to almost fully grown dog
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- Jackie Morris is **internationally renowned** for *The Lost Words*
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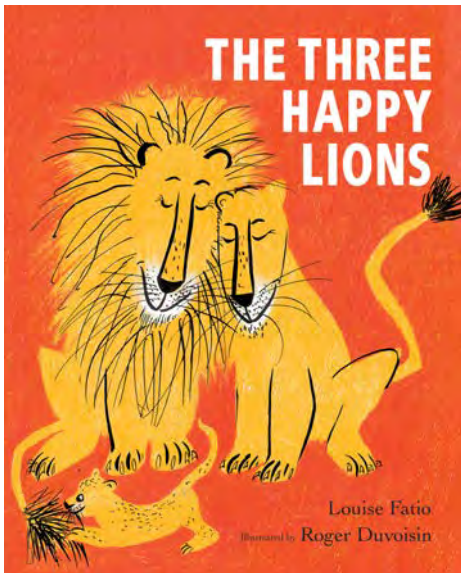
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## Author Information

**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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CBMC Code	A3M79

# The Three Happy Lions

By Louise Fatio and Roger Duvoisin



Scallywag Press

**The third adventure in this much-loved classic series is re-published for a new audience**  
*'There was once ONE Happy Lion who lived in the zoo of a little French town. Then there were TWO Happy Lions, and that's better than one, because two is company. Then ... one day ... there were THREE Happy Lions...'*  
 The proud parents are delighted with their new cub. But what profession could he have? How can they help launch him into the world?

## Key Selling Points

- Classic artwork and longer text make this appealing to a wide range of ages
- A stand-alone title which is part of a well-loved series by one of the 'greats' of Children's literature
- Humorous look at different careers, with the comforting message that you should do what you enjoy most
- Charming and iconic cover clearly suggests the themes of 'a new family' and parenting
- Beautifully produced paperback with full size pages and retro art make this the perfect gift book.
- French setting and occasional French words are great to introduce children the culture of another country
- Message about finding out who you are and being true to yourself

## Sales and Marketing

- French language resources on publisher website
- Strong series appeal; republication of THE HAPPY LION ROARS was well received: 'This class from 1954 has been reprinted and not before time' *The T*; 'Very funny and with a brilliant sense of timing, this fifty old classic feels fresh and effortlessly timeless. Highly recommended.' *Children's Book Ireland*

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So François the lion set out to help François the gardener.  
 With what ease he pushed the wheelbarrow loaded with pots of flowers!  
 Dig a hole for a tree? No one did it better than he.



Water the flowers? How amusing.  
 Weed the flower beds? Rake the leaves? Spray the flowers for bugs?  
 Just the right work for a lion!





# The Happy Lion Series

By Louise Fatio and Roger Duvoisin

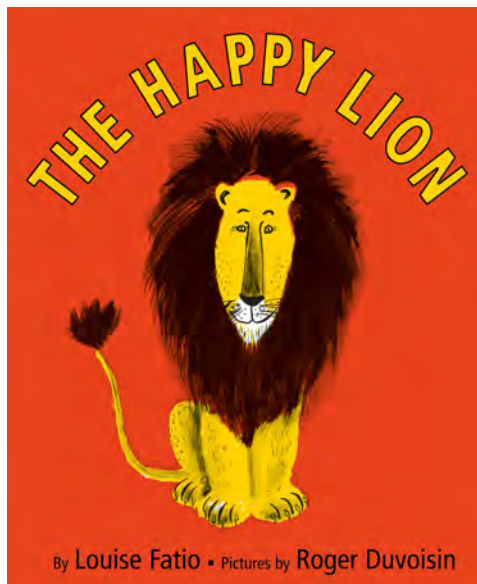


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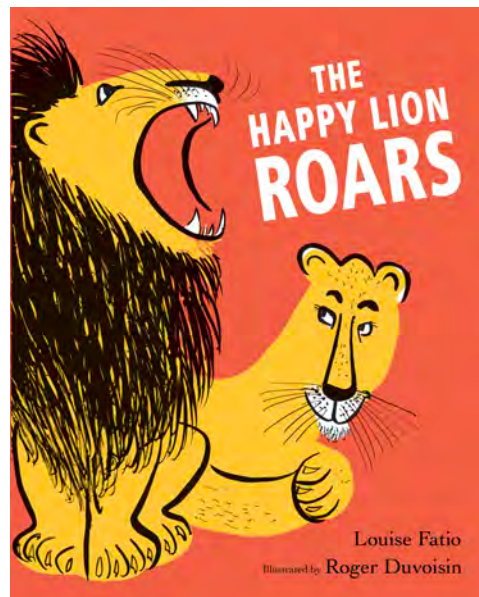


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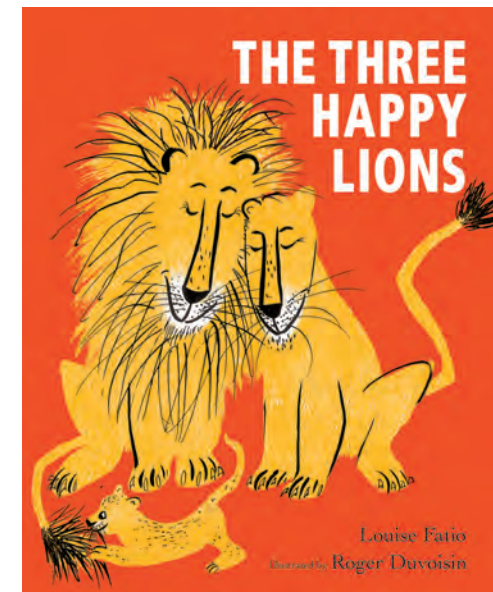
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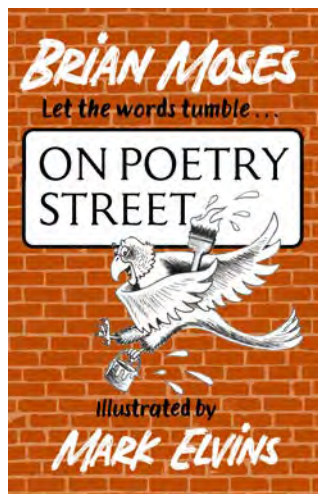


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# On Poetry Street

by Brian Moses and Mark Elvins

Join our Poetry Street party and get creative!

Do you like stringing words together to see what they look like and what they sound like?

Do you have rhythms dancing in your head as you drift through the day?

Do you rhyme all the time while your feet tap a beat?

If you answered YES to all or most of these questions then you're pretty much hooked on words.

Now – together – let's take a walk down Poetry Street!



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BIC Code	YDP, CBV, YPCA2
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## Key Selling Points

- Fifty two entertaining poems to stimulate the imagination and get the creative juices flowing
- Both the perfect gift for a child, and the ideal writing manual for use in a classroom
- 'S gateway to a magical world of words' INIS
- With an introduction to welcome readers, and two spreads of creative writing ideas at the end
- Every spread illustrated with black and white illustrations by up and coming artist Mark Elvins
- The poems are playful, provocative, full of wordplay and intriguing images as well as with rhyme and rhythm as you'd expect from a poet of Moses' calibre and experience. Books for Keeps BOTW

## Sales and Marketing

### Long Listed for UKLA Award 2025

- Brian Moses regularly visits schools and performs at poetry events around the country
- Social media campaign, videos, giveaways
- Campaigns with Reading Zone, Love Reading, Toppsta, Interviews in Books for Keeps, YLG website and other poetry websites
- Bookmarks and further POS



**Brian Moses** is a well-known poet writing mainly for children. His poetry books and anthologies for Macmillan have sold in excess of 1 million copies

**Mark Elvins** lives in Yorkshire. He is a print-maker and award-winning illustrator. His debut children's book illustrations were for the FLYNTLOCK BONES trilogy



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# NETTA BECKER AND THE TIMELINE CRIME

JENNIFER CLAESSEN

## THE BOOK

A mysterious labyrinth. A desperate king. A rebellious princess.

Being stuck in a crumbling old villa in Crete with her annoying, history-obsessed little brother Remy isn't exactly Netta's idea of a fun summer holiday. But before she can even get bored, Netta starts having very real dreams where she is dragged back thousands of years to Ancient Greece. Here, King Minos is preparing for the opening of his precious labyrinth, and there are rumours that a monster lurks inside.

As Netta becomes more drawn to the past, her present-day self starts slipping away. Netta and Remy must figure out what is pulling her back before they run out of time - and if they don't solve the puzzle soon, Netta might just become history herself.

## THE AUTHOR

Jennifer was born in Reading so, of course, grew up a book worm. She is the author of the *Month of Magic* series.

She studied literature and theatre at at least five universities. As teacher and theatre-maker, Jennifer loves stories and leads interactive drama-based workshops. She is currently Writer in Residence at Abney Park, a cemetery in North East London, where she works with Year 5 students on telling their own stories. Jennifer has two small feral children and is raising them to love reading, travel and ice cream just like her. You can find her whizzing to drama and creative writing workshops on her yellow bike.

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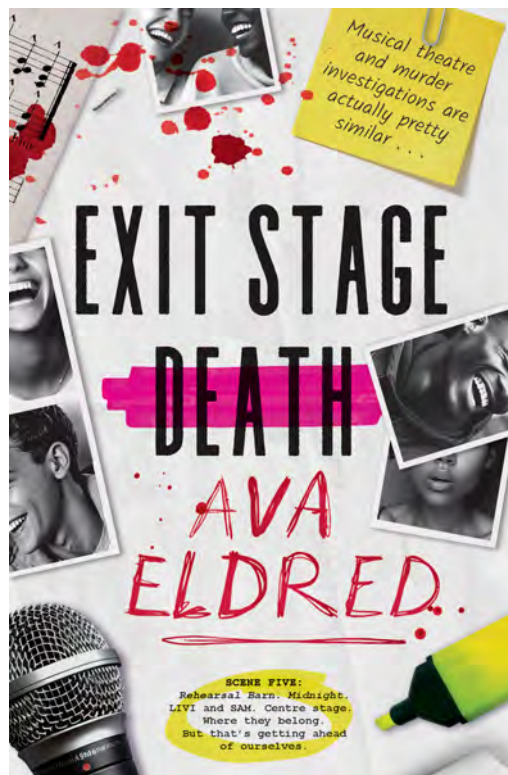
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# EXIT STAGE DEATH

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Livi Campbell's summer to-do list is simple:

1. Have the best final summer at Camp Chance.
2. Prove to her parents that acting is an acceptable career choice.
3. Smash all her rehearsals and get the lead in the senior showcase.

But when a fellow camper shows up dead under mysterious circumstances and Livi finds a note suggesting all is not as it seems, she must team up with her camp-mates to catch the culprit before they kill again.

Enter Juliet, the social media influencer with everything to prove; Aaron, the nepo baby who isn't sure he wants to be in Hollywood at all; Daisy, the inexperienced newbie trying to find her place; and Sam, the leading man who broke Livi's heart last summer.

The players are in place. The stage is set. Curtain up.

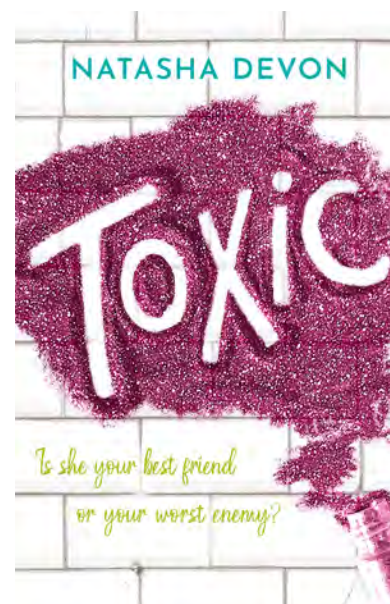
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## THE AUTHOR

Ava Eldred was born in London, and has spent much of the last decade writing and developing stage musicals, as well as producing large scale theatrical concerts. Her work has been performed both in London and internationally. She is a recent alumna of Faber Academy's Writing a Novel course, and a life-long fan of boybands.

Her debut novel, The Boyband Murder Mystery, was published by Penguin Random House on the 27th May 2021.



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# THE MAGICKAL SUMMER OF EVIE EDELMAN

HARRIET BUENO DE MESQUITA

**\*Adult Fiction\***

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People at Synagogue say she is weird. A psychiatrist says she has Asperger's. But Evie knows she is a witch.

Leeds, England 1982. After the sudden death of her eccentric aunt Mim, Evie Edelman is left with a sizeable fortune, a yellow Alpine Sunbeam and a chihuahua named Peggy. Seizing her chance at independence, she escapes the claustrophobia of her parents' house and the disapproval of her tight-knit Jewish community and moves to the country to practice her true calling: witchcraft.

But trouble follows Evie in the form of her first-love Alex, and property developer Malcolm who just might be Satan himself. As Evie finds herself increasingly torn between magick and reality, and the past and present, rumours begin flying about what exactly a single young woman is doing in a remote village on her own. Soon, Evie starts to wonder whether she is always destined to be misunderstood – and if she will ever figure out who she truly is.

## THE AUTHOR

Harriett Bueno de Mesquita is a London-born novelist, now based in rural Suffolk. Diagnosed with autism as an adult, she explores the neurodiverse experience in her work, particularly in women. She is determined to make autistic protagonists and their adventures a normal feature in the literary world. Coming from a Sephardic Jewish family, her writing also focuses on modern Jewish life and family relationships.

Harriett trained as a classical dancer. When she is not writing, she can be found teaching Pilates, swimming in the North Sea and spending time with her French Bulldog, Loretta.

Harriett de Mesquita

# The Magickal Summer of Evie Edelman

A small fortune. A countryside cottage.  
A witch in search of her coven.

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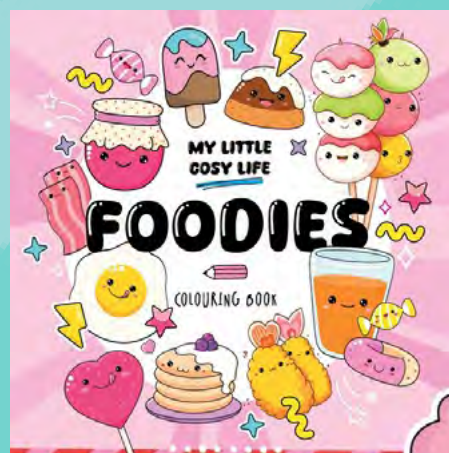
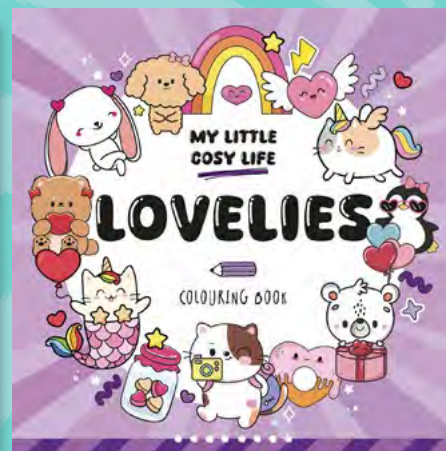
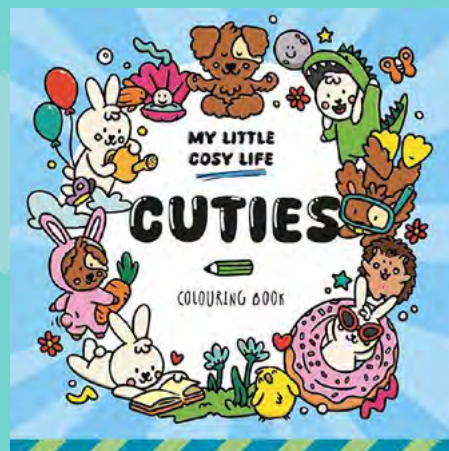


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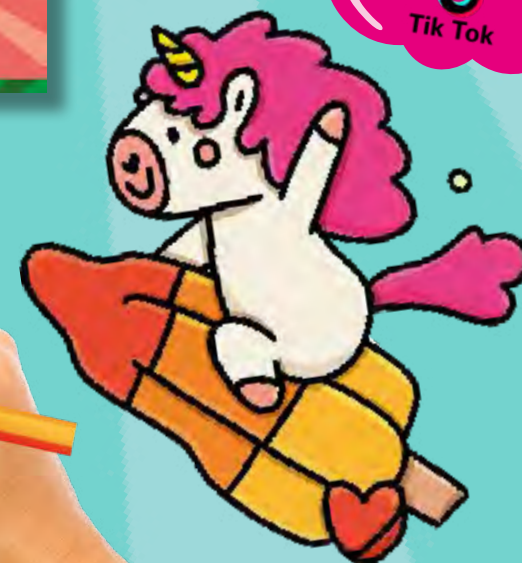
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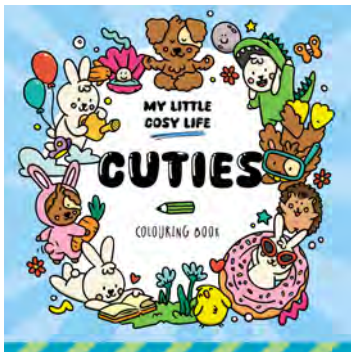
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# My Little Cosy Life: Cuties

Colouring Book

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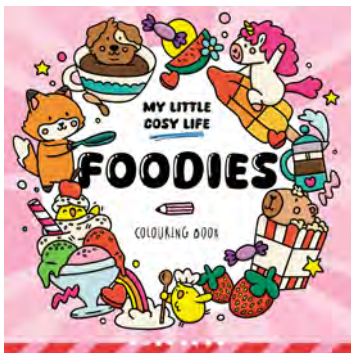


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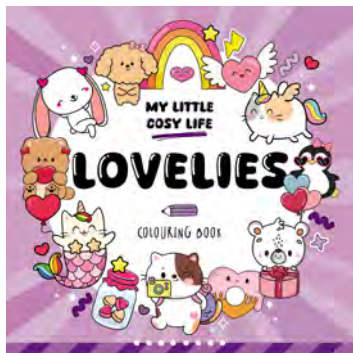


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## My Little Cosy Life: Lovelies

Colouring Book

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## My Little Cosy Life: Christmas

Colouring Book

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Grab your colouring pens and pencils and prepare for a cosy Christmas in this mindful My Little Cosy Life Colouring Book for teens, adults, and seniors.

Easy-to-colour pictures of cute Christmas animals and festive characters will help to calm your mind and are guaranteed to put a smile on your face. Santa, kittens, puppies, snowmen and many more fun Christmas characters are waiting to be discovered inside!

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# Happy Rattle Book



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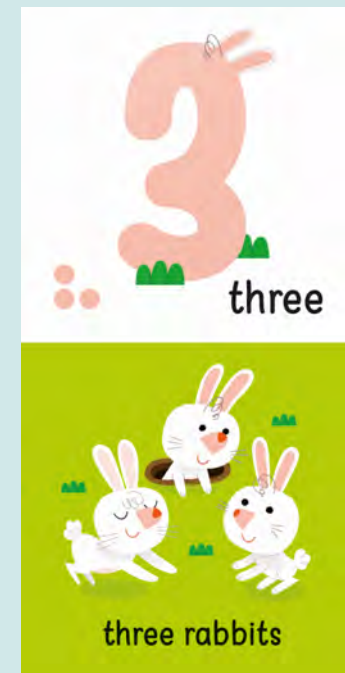
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RRP: £143.76

## BABIES • PETS • NUMBERS • VEHICLES

Thanks to this adorable series of rattle books, babies will enjoy discovering baby animals, pets, numbers or vehicles.

Publication	JUNE 2025
Price	£ 5.99
Format	Board book
Size	100 x 100 mm
Extent	20 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	1+
Features	Teether and rattle



## KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A rattle and teether are attached to the book. Perfect for babies!
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## ANIMALS • COLOURS • FARM • WORDS

These adorable books with big flaps will stimulate the fine motor skills and increase the vocabulary of the youngest readers. On every spread a playful question is answered underneath a chunky flap with a cut-out border and tab for increased sensory exploration. A playful learning moment for the smallest readers as they discover what's hiding under the flaps!

<b>Publication</b>	JUNE 2025
<b>Price</b>	£7.99
<b>Format</b>	Board Book
<b>Size</b>	140 x 140 mm
<b>Extent</b>	12 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	1+
<b>Features</b>	1 big flap per spread, with a cut-out border and chunky tab

## KEY SELLING POINTS:

- 6 giant chunky flaps per book, with tabs and a cut-out border
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## FIREFIGHTER VETERINARIAN

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

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

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Cut to shape to match each main character.
- Discover what a day in the life of a local hero looks like.
- Enrich vocabulary in a playful way.

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# National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of African Animals

Catherine D. Hughes

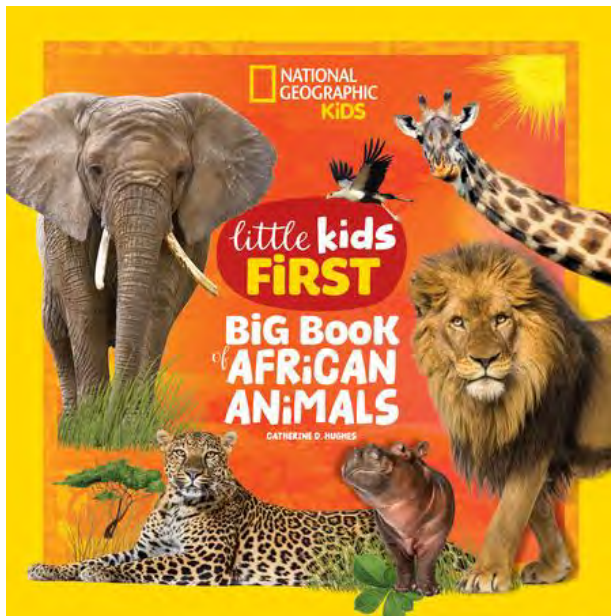


From the toothy lions and towering giraffes you already know to the burrowing aardvarks and adorable gorillas you can't help but love, this engaging reference book introduces young readers to the diverse wildlife found in Africa.

Venture through Africa's rainforests, grasslands, and deserts to meet more than 50 different animals native to this large continent. Featured creatures include mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, insects, and spiders.

Through informative profiles and stunning photographs, readers will learn what these amazing African animals eat, where they live, and so much more!

- **FRESH NEW LOOK:** This book debuts a modern new look for the series that aligns with our other Little Kids First collections.
- **HIGH-INTEREST TOPIC** incorporates fan-favorite animals while introducing readers to lesser known critters as well.
- **STRONG SERIES SALES RECORD:** Nat Geo's Little Kids First Big Book series has momentum and longevity in the marketplace.
- **INTERACTIVE LEARNING FUN:** Creative parent tips provide activities that extend kids' learning beyond the page.



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<b>Publisher</b>	Nat Geo Kids	<b>Binding</b>	Hardcover
<b>ISBN</b>	9781426374005	<b>Illustrations</b>	
<b>Format</b>	251 x 251 mm	<b>Author</b>	Catherine D. Hughes
<b>Price</b>	£12.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
<b>Age</b>	4-8 years	<b>Market</b>	
<b>Extent</b>	128	<b>BIC Codes</b>	





## CHAPTER 4

# Plants, Please!

This chapter explores a variety of animals that eat plants. Whether they nibble grass, munch leaves, or sip nectar, these creatures are nature's vegetarians.





# The Ultimate Book of Whales

## Brian Skerry with Stephanie Warren Drimmer

Plunge into the wondrous world of humpbacks, dolphins, and every cetacean in between with famed National Geographic Explorer and photographer Brian Skerry as your guide.

This gorgeous compendium features all of the major whale species, from blue whales to belugas, right whales to minke whales, narwhals to orcas, and even dolphins. (Yes, dolphins are whales, too!) Get the inside scoop on how these beloved ocean mammals live, what they eat, and how they hunt, play, communicate, and care for their young. Discover which whales have epic underwater battles with giant squid, why scientists think dolphins have unique names for each other, the challenges these animals face, and much more.

With breathtaking photography, the latest science, and exclusive behind-the-lens stories from Skerry—including the time he rescued a baby whale caught in a lobster line—this book is a fascinating dive into all things whale. You'll feel like you're swimming right alongside these magnificent mammals

- **CELEBRITY AUTHOR:** Brian Skerry is an award-winning National Geographic Explorer and photographer. His latest docuseries, *Secrets of the Whales* on Disney+, won a 2021 Emmy Award.
- **PROGRAM SUCCESS:** The Ultimate Book of Sharks, also by Brian Skerry, sold well over 50,000 copies in year 1.
- **UNPARALLELED EXPERTISE:** All books in this series are written and/or photographed by National Geographic Explorers with deep experience in the field.

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Publisher	Nat Geo Kids	Binding	Hardcover
ISBN	9781426375262	Illustrations	
Format	232 x 302 mm	Author	Brian Skerry
Price	£16.99	Illustrator	Stephanie Warren Drimmer
Age	8-12 years	Market	
Extent	192	BIC Codes	

# CREATURE FEATURES

Whales come in all sizes. They range all the way from the vaquita, which is small enough for an adult human to hold in their arms, to the blue whale, which is longer than two school buses parked end to end. But no matter how big or small, all whales share characteristics that allow them to thrive in the ocean.

## BRAIN

Whales can have enormous brains. Some species brains weigh some 18 pounds (8 kg)! However, that's still considered relatively small compared to body size. But there's no doubt whales are intelligent—they can learn and teach other whales what they've learned.

## ROSTRUM

A cetacean's snout, beak, or rostrum is made up of the same bones as other mammals have in their snout, but in whales the nose opening is not near the tip of the rostrum, but instead on the forehead and is called the blowhole.

## NECK

Except for a few cetaceans, almost all whales have very short neck vertebrae and their neck is so thick and muscular that most cannot turn their heads like humans. But rigid necks help make their bodies hydrodynamic, or able to move smoothly and quickly through the water.

Humpback whale

## FLIPPERS

A whale's pectoral fins act like the rudders on a boat, helping the animal control its movement through the water. Long fins help give these behemoths more movement control as they glide through water.

## BLOWHOLE

Whales breathe through one or two blowholes located on top of their heads. Millions of years ago, whales had nostril-like features at the tip of their snouts. Over many generations of whale evolution, these nostrils moved to their current position to make it easier for whales to breathe while swimming.

## DORSAL FIN

This helps keep a whale stable and balanced while swimming.

A whale's **LARGE BODY** HELPS IT TRAP HEAT, keeping this warm-blooded animal from getting too chilly in cold ocean waters.

## TAIL

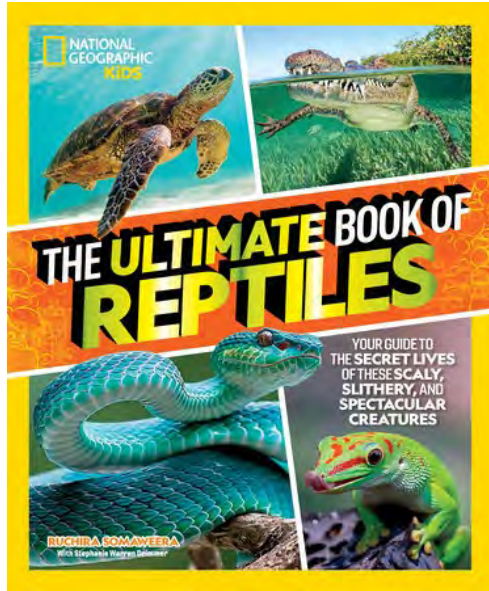
Sometimes referred to as the fluke, the wide sides of a whale's tail do not contain bones. Instead, they are composed of tough tissue that makes the tail strong yet flexible. Whales propel themselves forward by moving their tails up and down.

**BLUBBER** is a layer of fat that helps keep a whale **WARM IN COOL WATER** and streamlines its body to help it **SWIM WITH LESS ENERGY**.

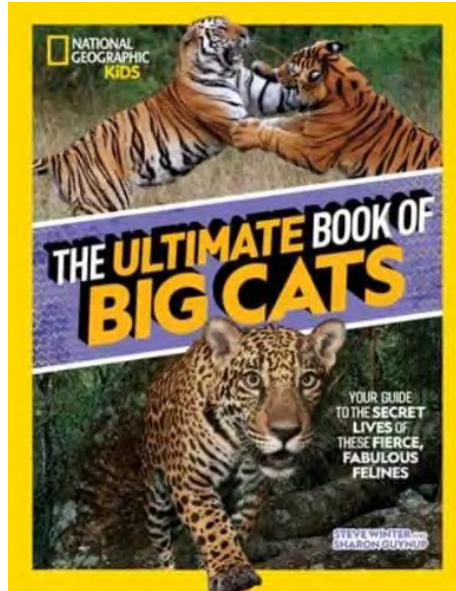


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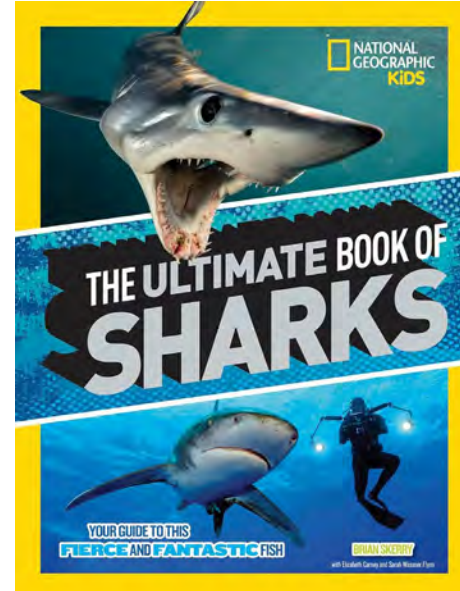
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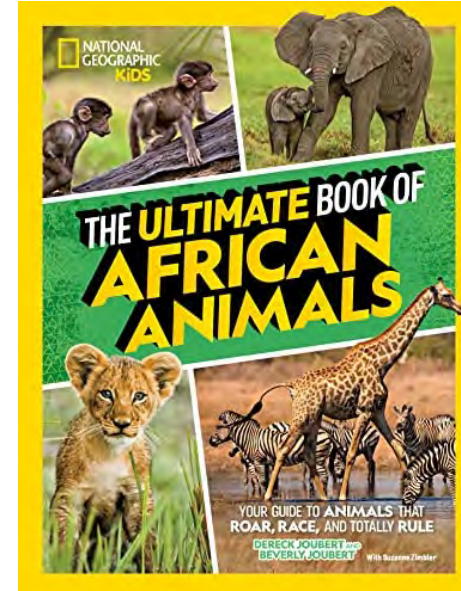
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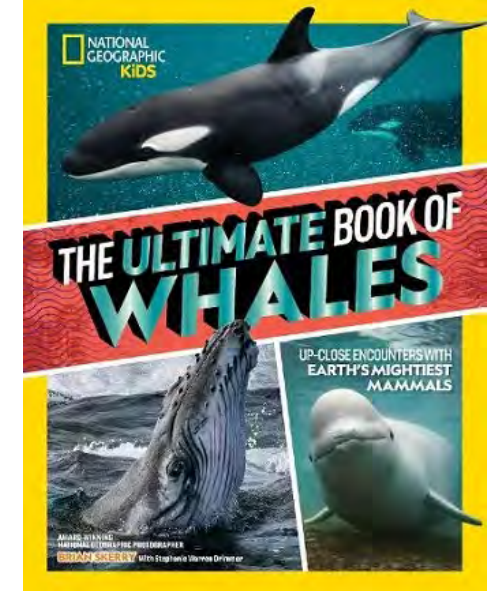
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Through information-packed profiles and loads of super-cool stats and wow-worthy fun facts, kids will become mini experts on their favourite animals!





# Explorer Academy Vela: The Unbreakable Bond (Book 2)

**Trudi Trueit**

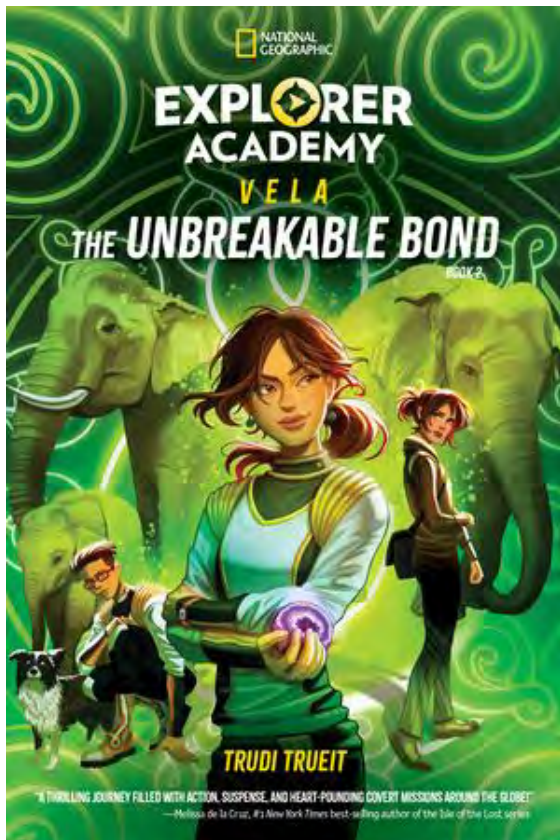
The thrilling conclusion to Sailor York's mission to find her sister and save her from an evil wildlife-trafficking ring.

In this suspenseful sequel to *The Sailor Cipher*, Sailor York must learn to control her extraordinary ability to communicate with animals to save her sister—and the planet. The deadly animal-smuggling ring Hydrus is at it again: They've created a high-tech device that lures animals to be captured and sold. Sailor and her Explorer Academy friends Lani, Cruz, and Emmett—aka the Vela Squad—are determined to stop Hydrus at any cost.

Their secret weapon? Sailor's mysterious powers, which she is still learning how to use, all the while juggling their most challenging semester at Explorer Academy yet! To add to the pressure, it's not just animals' lives at stake, but the life of Sailor's missing sister, Keel.

Following a trail of clues around the globe leads the Vela Squad to an astounding discovery and daring race against the clock. In the end, their courage—and everything they thought they knew about Explorer Academy—will be put to the test.

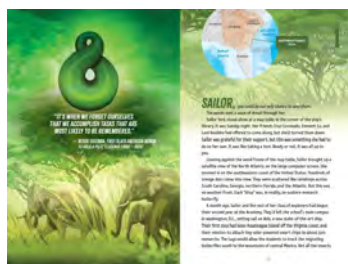
- **INSPIRING FEMALE LEAD** character is science minded, smart, courageous, resourceful, and loyal.
- **EXCLUSIVE CONTENT AND SOURCE MATERIAL:** This series combines the lore, adventure, and rich history of the National Geographic Society with the latest science and expeditions from National Geographic Explorers in the field.
- **FACT-BASED FICTION:** Action-packed plot rooted in real science, deductive reasoning, and problem-solving appeals to Nat Geo brand loyalists, parents, educators, AND middle-grade readers.



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Price	£8.99	Illustrator	
Age	8-12 years	Market	
Extent	216	BIC Codes	





# Kitty vs Kindergarten

Martha Freeman

Disney • HYPERION

**Kitty knows three things. He is the center of the universe. He likes it that way. Nothing should ever change. But to Kitty’s everlasting surprise and annoyance, things continue to change around him!**

Kitty has everything he could ever want—breakfast at 7:00, supper at 4:00, and his favorite raggedy mouse toy. When Kitty goes to sleep, he dreams of a so-cozy life exactly the same as his own because same is what Kitty likes. But Kitty's world is rocked when his good, nice boy announces that Kitty will be going to kindergarten.

At kindergarten, Kitty is not able to do the things he usually does. He can't watch his nature shows, sharpen his claws, or hunt for snacks. But with the help of his good, nice boy and the teacher, Kitty learns that he can enjoy trying new things...and still get home in time for supper.

**RELATABLE THEMES WITH A TWIST:** Kitty’s stubbornness and the humor associated with his resistance to change bring a fresh take to evergreen picture book themes like new experiences.

**FRANCHISE POTENTIAL:** With endless possibilities of new experiences to face, Kitty is poised to be a perennial family-favorite with books to address any situation, similar to series like Pig the Pug.

24/06/2025			
Publisher	Disney Hyperion	Binding	Hardback
ISBN	9781368097284	Illustrations	
Format	229 x 229 mm	Author	Martha Freeman
Price	£14.99	Illustrator	
Age	3-7 years	Market	
Extent	48	BIC Codes	

Kitty had heard of kindergarten,  
but it was only a word,  
nothing to bother a kitty until



he was packed up,



driven off,



carried inside,



and that's when all of a sudden . . .

. . . kindergarten got **real**.



*What am I doing here?  
Kitty thought.  
Cats do not go to  
kindergarten!*

"Don't worry," the teacher told the boy.  
"He'll come out when he's ready."

*I don't think so, thought Kitty,  
and he stayed right where he was.*



# Fantastic Four: A Family (Anti)Matter Marvel Press

The Fantastic Four find themselves on an incredible family adventure in this beautifully illustrated picture book.

The Fantastic Four are Marvel's greatest Super Hero family! They know science can be messy at the best times, but things really get out of hand when an accident in Reed Richards' lab traps some of the team, including the Thing and the team's trust robotic sidekick, H.E.R.B.I.E., in the Negatize Zone!

The rest of the Fantastic Four rush to save their friends before they need to rename themselves . . . the Fanastic Three! This hilarious adventure uses real science to center on teamwork, problem-solving, and family.

- STEM TIE-IN: This adventure is grounded in real science topics, and will include kid-friendly nonfiction backmatter.
- UPCOMING FILM: The eagerly awaited Fantastic Four film premieres on July 25, 2025 and is a huge priority for Marvel Studios.



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<b>Publisher</b>	Disney Marvel Press	<b>Binding</b>	Hardcover
<b>ISBN</b>	9781368114028	<b>Illustrations</b>	
<b>Format</b>	216 x 254 mm	<b>Author</b>	Marvel Press
<b>Price</b>	£14.99	<b>Illustrator</b>	
<b>Age</b>	3-6 years	<b>Market</b>	
<b>Extent</b>	32	<b>BIC Codes</b>	





The Human Torch is right. **They must work together.**

“On our way.” **Mister Fantastic** stretches from one universe into the other.

While the **Invisible Woman** creates an antimatter force field.

And the **Thing** keeps them anchored to their world.





# World of Reading: This Is the Fantastic Four

## Marvel Press Book Group



Meet the Fantastic Four and see them protect their headquarters from a classic villain in this Level 2 reader.

Reed Richards builds a rocket ship and asks his friends Sue Storm, Ben Grimm, and Johnny Storm to join him on his first mission into space. But when they hit a cosmic storm, something very odd happens! The cosmic rays leave the four of them changed forever, and they become the Fantastic Four!

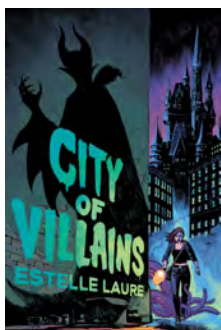
Young readers will love learning about Marvel's first Super Hero family in this Level 2 reader.

- **BLOCKBUSTER SALES:** Marvel's World of Reading titles have sold over 4.5 million copies
- **UPCOMING FILM:** The family friendly Fantastic Four film premieres on July 25, 2025 and is a huge priority for Marvel Studios

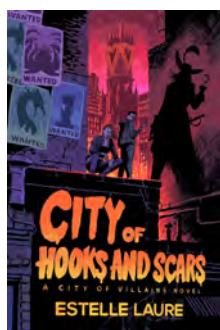
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# City of Magic and Monsters

## Estelle Laure

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In this conclusion to the City of Villains trilogy—blending flavors of Once Upon a Time, Gotham, and Serena Valentino's Villains series—teen detective Mary Elizabeth embraces her villainous side . . . and the Disney Villains' surprising origin stories are revealed.

The Villains have taken over Monarch City, and Mary Elizabeth Heart has finally joined them. When different factions begin vying for the control of magic, Mary must question where her loyalties lie—and what everyone's motives really are.

As the Villains band together to wage one last epic battle against the corrupt forces who made them villains in the first place, the very fabric of the world starts to unravel. It soon becomes clear that Mary can't hide from her demons, and that her real destiny as a fairy tale villain is only just beginning.

- **DISNEY'S VILLAINS GO EVEN DARKER:** Demand for Disney's villains is greater than ever, and this new series takes the villainy up a notch. Recognizable fan favorites are reimagined with an older, edgier, darker spin sure to satisfy Disney fans and YA/crossover readers.
- **REAL WORLD—REAL MAGIC:** With its seamless blend of gritty real-world setting and otherworldly magic, the City of Villains series fits perfectly alongside books by Victoria Schwab, Maggie Stiefvater, and Laini Taylor, and television shows such as Jessica Jones, Riverdale, and Once Upon a Time.

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