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WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

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

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



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ANCIENT GHOSTS



Many alleged hauntings seem to involve ghosts from just a few hundred years ago, but one incredible story involves more ancient phantoms.

In 1953, a 17-year-old carpenter called Harry Martindale was working in the cellars of The Treasurer's House in York, England. He began to hear the unlikely sound of a

trumpet and then, unbelievably, a Roman soldier emerged out of the wall. He was followed by several more warriors, all carrying daggers and round shields. Weirdly, these ghostly soldiers also looked as if they were knee-deep in the floor.



Roman soldiers usually had rectangular shields, but those stationed at York had round ones.

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The level of the original Roman road was below the floor of the cellar.



PRESIDENTS AND GHOSTLY PRESENCES



The White House, on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington DC, is the official home of the President of the United States of America. It may also be America's most haunted house. Staff, guests, and presidents and their families have told stories of ghostly presences, unexplained noises, rushes of cold air and apparitions.

A **PRESENCE** is something that is felt, or sensed, rather than seen.

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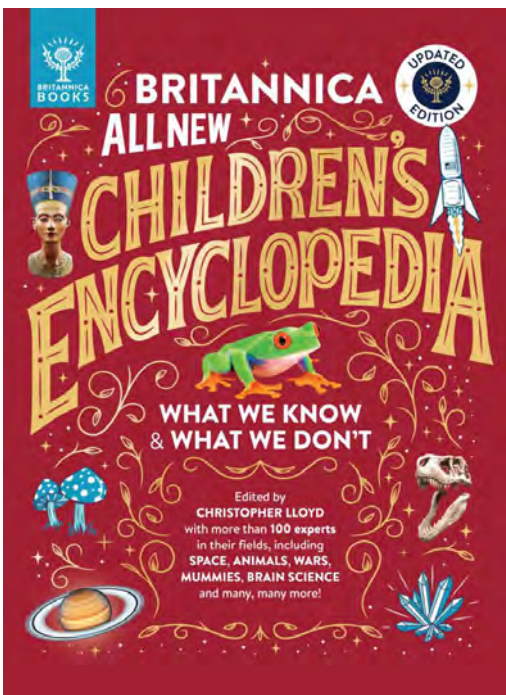
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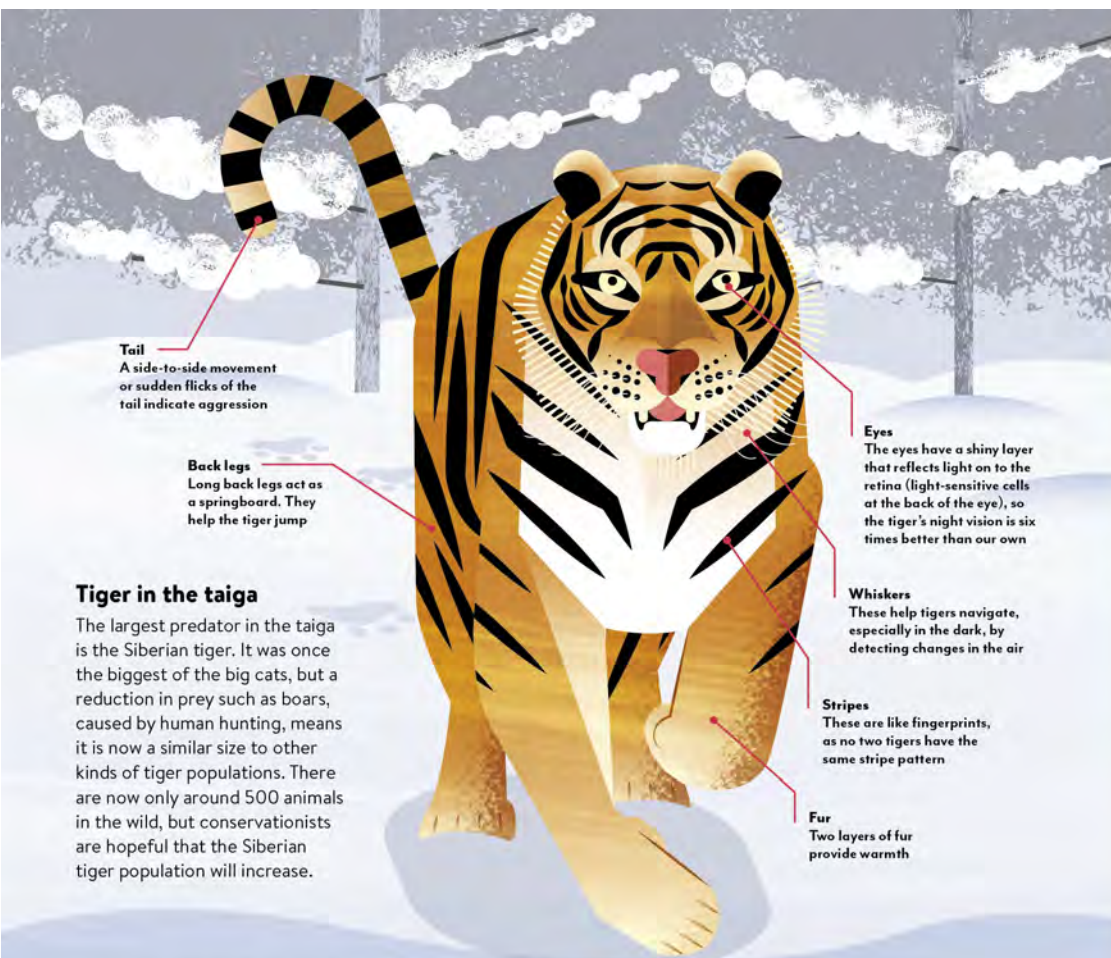
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Tail
A side-to-side movement or sudden flicks of the tail indicate aggression

Back legs
Long back legs act as a springboard. They help the tiger jump

Eyes
The eyes have a shiny layer that reflects light on to the retina (light-sensitive cells at the back of the eye), so the tiger's night vision is six times better than our own

Whiskers
These help tigers navigate, especially in the dark, by detecting changes in the air

Stripes
These are like fingerprints, as no two tigers have the same stripe pattern

Fur
Two layers of fur provide warmth

Tiger in the taiga

The largest predator in the taiga is the Siberian tiger. It was once the biggest of the big cats, but a reduction in prey such as boars, caused by human hunting, means it is now a similar size to other kinds of tiger populations. There are now only around 500 animals in the wild, but conservationists are hopeful that the Siberian tiger population will increase.

THE TAIGA & TEMPERATE FORESTS

The taiga is a band of forest that stretches across the northern lands of Eurasia and North America. Also called boreal forest, it mainly has conifer trees with tough needle-like leaves that do not drop in fall. Temperate forests are found in slightly warmer climates and have many broad-leaved trees. These trees lose their leaves in autumn in order to reduce water loss and save energy in winter. New leaves then grow in spring.

Winter slowdown

In winter, some woodland animals, like this dormouse, hibernate – a state that is close to death. They use very little energy and their body temperature and heart rate fall. In Alaska, the wood frog appears to freeze solid in winter. In fact, the frog produces an antifreeze inside its cells that prevents it from dying. When the weather warms up, the frog thaws out.



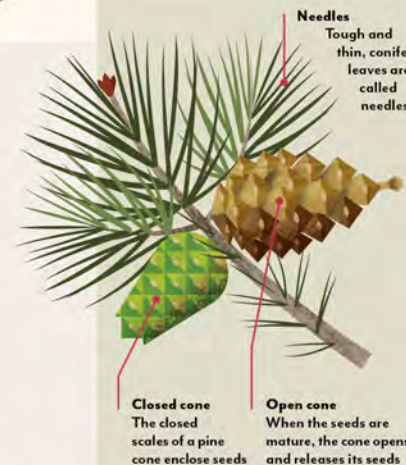
Masters of disguise

The wings of an adult brimstone butterfly mimic an alder leaf, the plant on which its caterpillars, also green, feed. Like many other woodland creatures, it uses camouflage to hide from predators. In the taiga, snowshoe hares, which are red-brown in summer, grow white fur in winter so that they blend in with the snow.



The toughest trees

Conifer trees such as fir and spruce are designed to survive extreme cold. Their needle-like leaves store water and the drooping branches help the trees shed snow. The sap, which carries water and nutrients through the tree, undergoes a chemical change that stops it from freezing. Tough scales packed into tight cones protect the seeds.



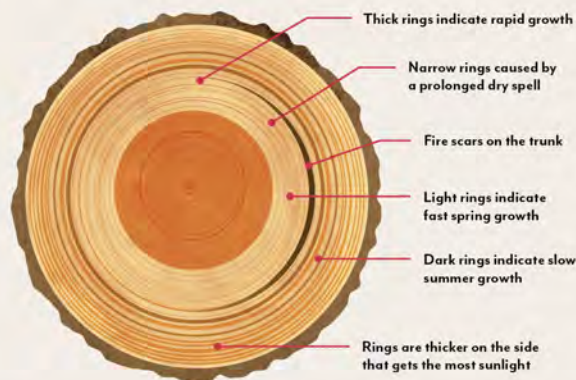
Needles
Tough and thin, conifer leaves are called needles

Closed cone
The closed scales of a pine cone enclose seeds

Open cone
When the seeds are mature, the cone opens and releases its seeds

What can tree rings show us?

A tree's trunk expands from the centre, laying down a new 'ring' each year. In good years, when there is plenty of rain and sunshine, the rings are thick; in very dry years, they are thin. By counting the number of rings, we can find out the age of a tree that has died or been chopped down.



Thick rings indicate rapid growth

Narrow rings caused by a prolonged dry spell

Fire scars on the trunk

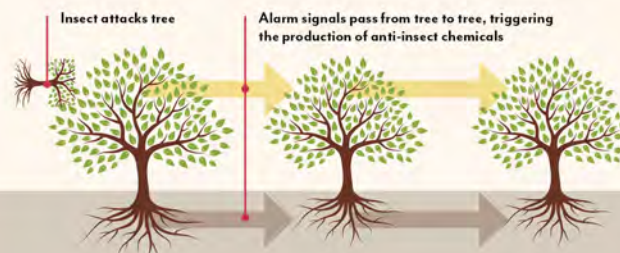
Light rings indicate fast spring growth

Dark rings indicate slow summer growth

Rings are thicker on the side that gets the most sunlight

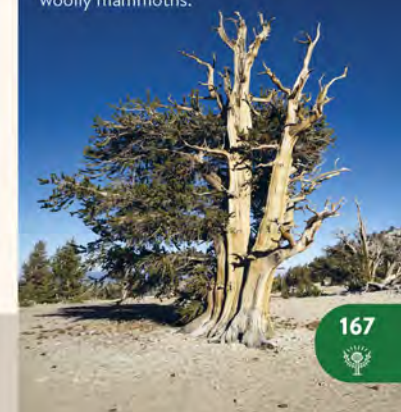
Talking trees

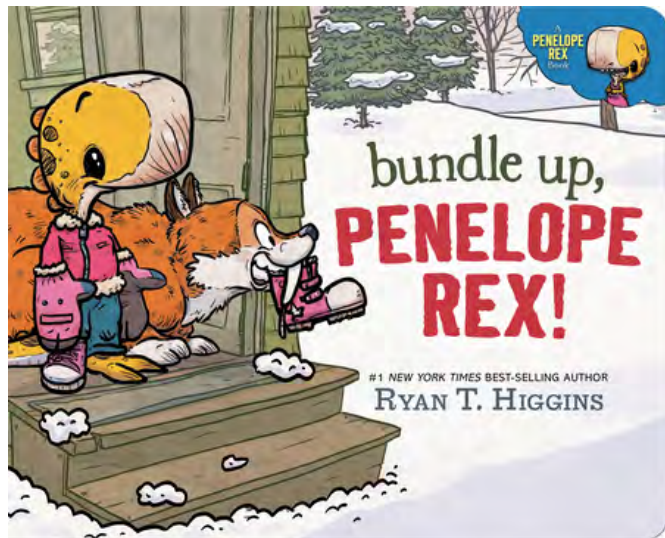
Scientists have discovered that trees can communicate. If a tree is attacked by insects, its leaves produce a scent that tells neighbouring trees to produce more anti-insect chemicals such as tannins. Networks of fungi growing among tree roots also pass on chemical alarm signals.



FACTastic!

The Great Basin bristlecone pines in the Rocky Mountains of the US are the oldest living thing on Earth. Around 5,000 years old, they were alive at the same time as the last woolly mammoths.





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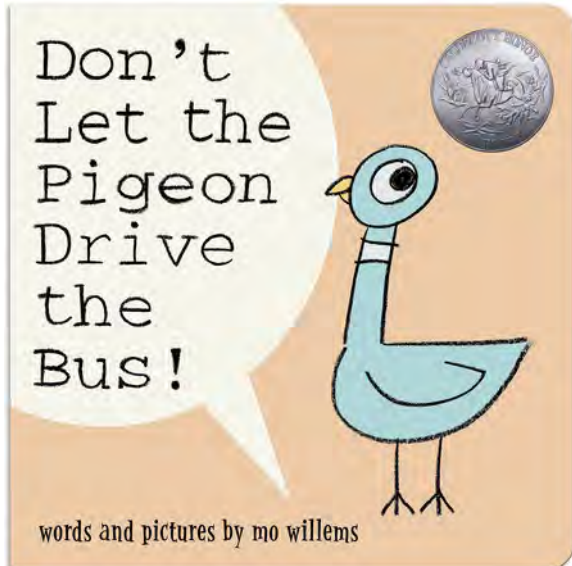
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She puts on
her left boot.





Don't Let Pigeon Drive the Bus

Mo Willems

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The classic Caldecott Honor-winning picture book **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** is now in board book format, perfect for the littlest Pigeon nay-sayers!

When the Bus Driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place: a pigeon! But you've never met a pigeon like this one before. As the Pigeon pleads, wheedles, and begs his way through the book, readers answer back and decide his fate.

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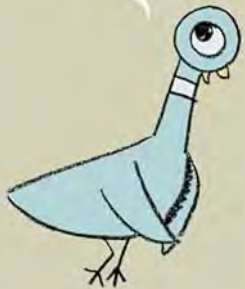
2004 CALDECOTT HONOR WINNER is a perennial hit and a read-aloud favorite that can be enjoyed again and again.

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I'll be your
best friend!



How 'bout I
give you
five bucks?



What's the
big deal!?



It's just
a bus!!!



No fair!



I bet your mom
would let me.

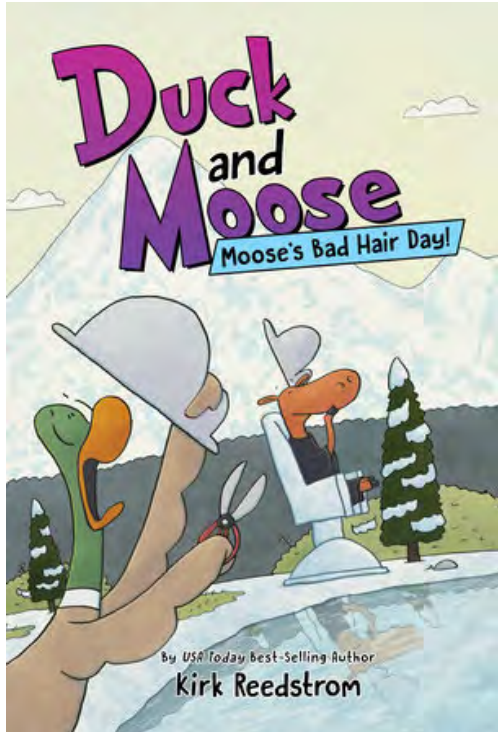


I have dreams,
you know!



Fine.





Duck & Moose: Moose's Bad Hair Day! Kirk Reedstrom

Disney • HYPERION

The fourth book in a laugh-out-loud early graphic novel series perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly!

Moose is having a bad hair day, so Duck offers to give his pal a haircut. Everything is going smoothly until—POP!—one of Moose's antlers comes off mid-trim! Duck desperately tries to reattach without Moose noticing, but nothing works, not even disguising the antler as Duck's long-lost cousin! Can Duck find a way to fix his mistake without upsetting Moose?

Filled with zany hijinks and slapstick humor, Kirk Reedstrom's Duck and Moose series showcases unlikely friendships and the power of compromise.

"...[T]his title is a strong choice for those new to comics. Odd couple animal bros, firmly set in the grand tradition of Frog and Toad." —Kirkus

Praise for Duck and Moose: Moose Blasts Off!

"Not only will this be a book series kids gravitate towards, but it has extensive opportunities for social-emotional lessons on communication, friendship, flexibility, and emotions. A must-have series that is among the best that graphic novels have to offer."—Danielle Schwessinger, School Library Journal

DUCK AND MOOSE ARE MAKING A SPLASH:

The first two books have received starred reviews from SLJ and have been selected as Amazon Best of the Month picks for March!

IN-HOUSE TALENT: Kirk is a librarian and former bookseller, is a great collaborator, and incredibly prolific. He's made appearances with Booklist, various schools, bookstores, and book festivals.

KID APPEAL IN AN IRRESISTABLE PACKAGE:

With full-color interior art, pitch-perfect jokes, and plenty of zany hijinks, kids won't be able to get enough of Duck and Moose.

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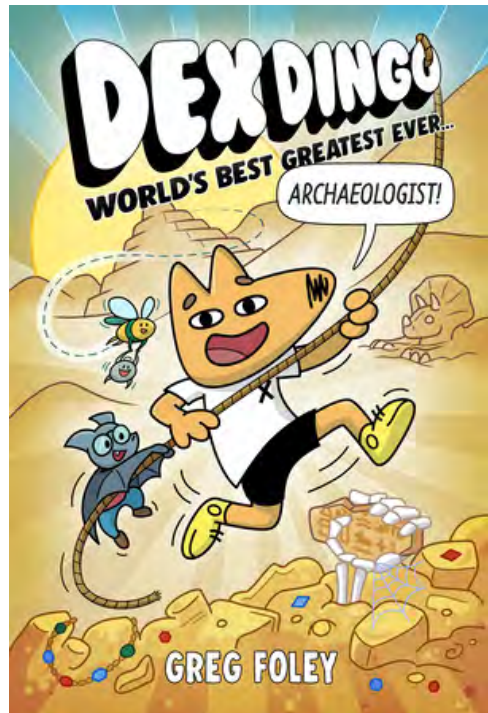
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Dex Dingo: World's Best Greatest Ever Archaeologist

Greg Foley

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After a school assignment challenges Dex to be whatever he wants, Dex decides he wants to be the **WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER...at something.**

Filled with clever humor and touching insight, this chapter book graphic novel series follows Dex's misadventures as his attempts at the "coolest jobs" go awry.

With the whole "inventor" debacle behind him, Dex decides to try being the next best thing: an archaeologist! Dex knows that archaeologists make discoveries that help solve mysteries about ancient people. So if he's going to be the **GREATEST** archaeologist, he'll need to solve the **BIGGEST** mystery by making the **COOLEST** discovery **EVER**.

Dex, his best friend, Buckley, and Nono the rogue nanobot head back to the Infinity Room and venture through a doorway to the desert to find the lost treasure of the Forgotten Dino-sty. Together, the trio decodes riddles, navigates mazes, and finds a reward beyond their wildest dreams. But they soon learn that all that glitters isn't gold when they face the wrath of an angry mummy. It'll take teamwork and the help of a new friend if Dex is going to make it out of the desert and become the **WORLD'S BEST GREATEST EVER ARCHAEOLOGIST**.

Reviews

Strega Nona meets the singularity in this zany comic....[E]nergetic illustrations and off-the-wall story brim with action and humor; kids will be eager for more of Dex. Frenetic, funny, fantastic,relatable—this dingo is a wild dog!" —**Kirkus**

"An all's-well-that-ends-well resolution sows anticipation for the next installment of this brightly hued graphic novel series opener."—**Publishers Weekly**

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DEX & BUCKLEY: BAWSE FRENZ*

(*best friends)

I am **Dex**, and
this is my **best friend**,
Buckley.

Present!

I love **lists**!*
(*more about
this later)

I've got the **fastest shoes** in the world.
(Well, being the fastest is **MY** job,
but they **help**.)

I have a **sister** named **Dina**.
(She does **NOT** like me
being in **her** room.)

BEST JOBS EVER: A LIST*

(*more about this now)

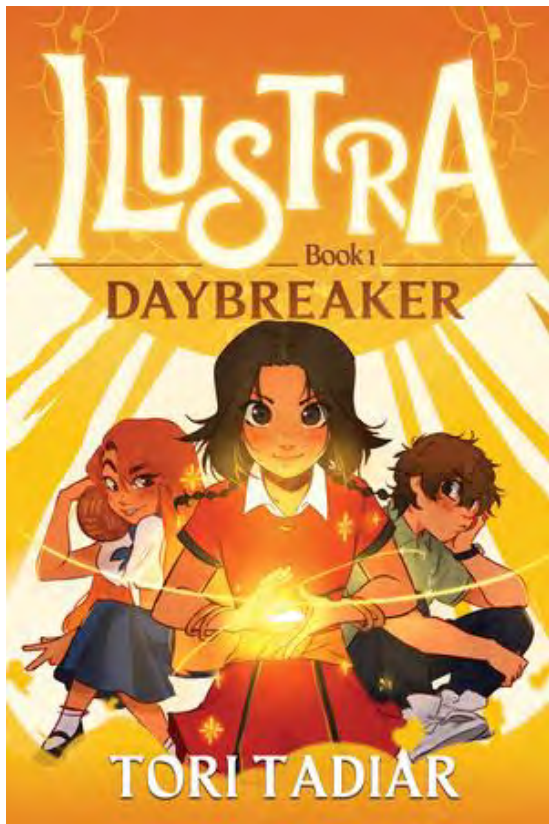
some of the BEST JOBS EVER

Artist
Architect
Archaeologist
Astronaut
~~Diver~~ ~~Climber~~ ~~Sailor~~ Explorer
Hypnotist
~~Inventor~~
~~Dancer~~ ~~Singer~~ Pop Star
~~Baker~~ Chef
Secret Agent (Spy)
Superhero
Monster
~~King~~
Ninja
Actor
Cowboy
~~Robot~~ Programmer
Racer
Scientist
Magician

I **already** tried
being an **inventor**,
but that did **NOT**
work out so great.

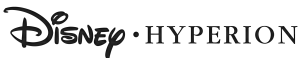
So **now** I need to try
and be **something else**.

Philip Pig took my
idea of being a **king**,
so I crossed that
one **off** the list.



Daybreaker

Tori Tadiar



Mika always thought the gods and goddesses of the Philippines were no more than legend—until she wakes one and discovers a destiny she never imagined.

This middle-grade graphic novel series starter by an award-winning Filipina artist, inspired by the folklore of the Philippines, is perfect for readers of Amulet and Percy Jackson.

At Mika Marisol’s elite boarding school in urban Manila, classmates tease her for clinging to the stories of gods and goddesses her lola raised her on. But she can’t help it—those myths are all she has left of her guardian. That is, until a year after Lola’s death, when a moth speaks to Mika in the old woman’s voice. Mika experiences a burst of inexplicable power, and in her panic, she accidentally casts a spell and binds herself to two eavesdropping classmates.

Literally stuck together, Mika, Halle, and Teo grudgingly set out to find a countercurse in ancient Filipino beliefs. But the more they learn, the more it seems that Lola’s tales were all true—and that Mika is destined to play a role in them.

The mythology of the Philippine Islands comes to life in this funny, warm, and enchanting graphic novel about making friends, learning to let go, and finding your place in the world.

- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Fans of contemporary fantasy comics and graphic novels like Amulet and Hooky; fans of multicultural mythologies and retellings like the Percy Jackson series; Filipinx-American readers hungry for representation in fantasy; fans of Harry Potter seeking a diverse alternative; kids who love epic stories with action, humor, and friendship
- **AWARD-WINNING ARTIST** delivers enthralling, anime-style art in line with trends.



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I've been watching over you since you came to Ilustra.

You have?

I wasn't alone this whole time?



Wait.

Do you hear that, 'La?

Hear what?

That sound ...

That voice.

It's coming from this tree!

Mahika?

I remember you told me this tree was called—

Q't'r?



Pagbati, young one.

I owe you my awakening.

Wh-what ...

who are you?!

I am the engkanto of this tree.

It is rare for a slumbering spirit such as I to have my eyes opened once again.

What is your name, small one?

M-
M-
Mika?

M-
M-
Mika.

To settle my debt, I will grant you one thing you greatly desire.

Shall I see what lies in your memories?

The deepest wishes of your heart?

O- okay.

Jax Freeman and the Phantom Shriek

Kwame Mbalia

The award-winning author of the best-selling Tristan Strong trilogy has created a secret world where kids can wield magic by summoning the power of their ancestors.

What do you get when you combine Kwame Mbalia's incredible imagination and world-building talent with trains, history, and ghosts? Nothing less than middle grade magic.

On his twelfth birthday, Jackson "Jax" Freeman arrives at Chicago's Union Station alone, carrying nothing but the baggage of a scandal back in Raleigh. He's been sent away from home to live with relatives he barely knows. But even worse are the strangers who accost him at the train station, including a food vendor who throws dust in his face and a conductor who tries to steal his skin.

At his new school, Jax is assigned to a special class for "summoners," even though he has no idea what those are . . . until he accidentally unleashes an angry spirit on school grounds. Soon Jax is embroiled in all kinds of trouble, from the disappearance of a new friend to full-out war between summoning families.

When Jax learns that he isn't the first Freeman to be blamed for a tragedy he didn't create, he resolves to clear his own name and that of his great-grandfather, who was a porter back in the 1920's. By following clues, Jax and his schoolmates unlock the secrets of a powerful Praise House, evade vengeful ghosts, and discover that Jax may just be the most talented summoner of all.

NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR
KWAME MBALIA

"Jax Freeman is my new best friend. I loved everything about this book—the characters, the humor, the page-turning adventure. I'm glad Kwame Mbalia is such a prolific writer because I will be bugging him for the sequel immediately."—Rick Riordan

A DIFFERENT KIND OF MAGIC SCHOOL populated by a diverse group of students with unique talents

BRINGS BLACK HISTORY TO LIFE in an entertaining and memorable way

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Michael the Great Globetrotting Sausage Dog

Terrie Chilvers

illustrated by Tim Budgen

- Third in a heartwarming and humorous series, this title for 7-9 features fun 'paw-written' entries by Michael himself and brilliant illustrations by Tim Budgen.
- Perfect for fans of *Grimwood*, *Space Detectives*, and Andy Shepherd's *Boy who Grew Dragons* series.

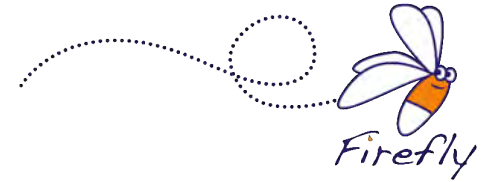
Summary:

Michael and Stanley are embarking on the race of a lifetime as they compete to win the TV show, Chase Around the World! Michael is determined to get his paws on the glitter-globe trophy. But with Stanley Big Dog intent on having fun, can they come out on top?

Praise for MICHAEL:

'Hilarious and heartwarming. Michael's journey to su-paw-stardom is an inspiring reminder to go after your dreams, get up when you fall, and never let a peanut-balancing chocolate labrador steal the show.' **Hannah Moffatt**

'A tail-waggingly fun read. You're in for a doggie treat.' **Mo O'Hara**

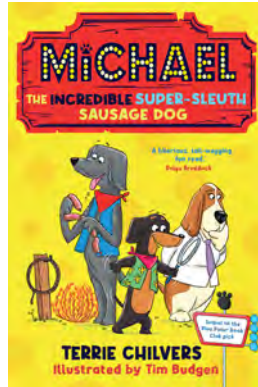


Terrie Chilvers writes funny middle grade fiction and non-fiction. She works freelance as a copywriter and social media consultant but is most happy when teaching a dog to high-five or taking a picture of her Eggs Benedict to post on Instagram. Terrie lives in London where she is the doting aunt to two long-haired sausage dogs. @cowfishdreams

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Chrimes' novel *Tiger Heart* was longlisted for the Branford Boase Award.

Hero the Highway Girl

Penny Chrimes

- Fast-paced, fast-talking, jam-packed with narrow escapes and moonlit rides across a frosty heath, this is an irresistible swashbuckling adventure for fans of *THE RUBY IN THE SMOKE* and *HETTY FEATHER*.
- Comprehensive marketing campaign planned for the author with strong social media presence and events campaign

Summary:

An exhilarating novel, set in a Georgian world of highwaymen and tricksters, starring heiress Hero Devine. Hero is a girl who can hold her own, as notorious, charming, highwayman Jack Giles discovers to his cost when he tries to hold up her coach.

Accompanied only by her pet wolf Flow, Hero is escaping a childhood beset by the darkest horrors and she soon recruits Jack to her own urgent mission: to change the dreadful fate ordained for her by her evil family. As a reluctant Jack is drawn into her terrifying world, he discovers that she may hold the clues to his own mysterious past.



Penny Chrimes is the author of middle grade books *WILDER*, *TIGER HEART*, *THE DRAGON AND HER BOY* and *MOONSHIFTER* (ORION/HACHETTE). She is also the author of numerous picture books under the name Penny McKinley. Chrimes has had a long career as a journalist and scripts the *BAKER STREET FOUR* series of dramatised podcasts for children. Originally from the Wirral, Penny now lives in south-east London.

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Bear's Lost Glasses

Leo Timmers



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WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“Leo Timmers draws enormous fun from a very simple premise—the story is imaginative, absurd and wholly relatable.”

Julia Marshall, Publisher

Bear's Lost Glasses

Author/Illustrator **Leo Timmers**

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Bear can't find his glasses. He must have left them at Giraffe's house. On the way over, Bear sees all kinds of animals he didn't notice last time: an elephant, a crocodile, a flamingo, a deer. And who's this long spotty snake lying on Giraffe's deckchair?

The patient Giraffe finds Bear's glasses—right where glasses always get lost, perched on his head. Then Bear takes Giraffe to meet these wondrous animals that he found on the way.

Leo Timmers' details are full of expression and humour. Through an ingenious telling of this classic comical situation, Leo Timmers shows us how to enjoy the world through different eyes.

SALES POINTS

- A masterclass in imagination
- Leo Timmers is at the peak of his career with a large worldwide fan base
- A classic comical situation shows us how to enjoy the world through different eyes
- Timmers' *Elephant Island* was a *New York Times* Best Picture Book and a New York Public Library Best Illustrated Book

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Leo Timmers is one of Belgium's preeminent picture book authors, with a large and loyal following, whose *Monkey on the Run* was a *New York Times* / New York Public Library Best Illustrated Picture Book.

TITLE INFORMATION

Release September 2025

Ages **4–6**

Format **paperback**

Size **250 x 250 mm square**

Pages **36 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765673058**

RRP GBP **7.99**

Translator **David Colmer**

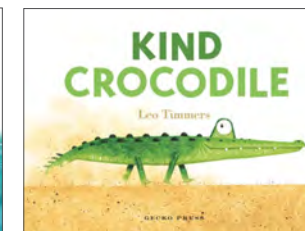
Original Language **Dutch (Belgium)**

This book in 3 ideas
mistaken identity, lost glasses, comedy

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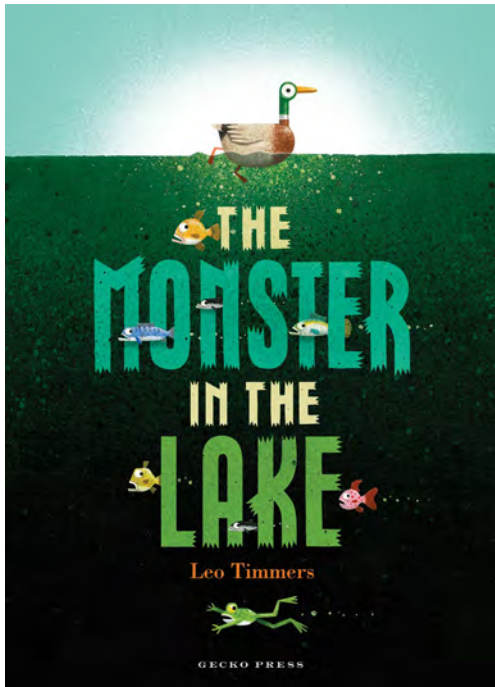


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Three
LIONS!





The Monster in the Lake

Author/Illustrator **Leo Timmers**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Four ducks are tired of their small pond and set out for an adventure in the big lake. Walking at the back, Eric isn't sure. He's heard there's a monster in the lake, but his friends don't believe a word of that old story! Eric reluctantly tags along, only to make a startling discovery and find himself in a wonderful underwater adventure.

This large-format picture book features a detailed fold-out underwater world of mechanical marvels and sea creatures. The story of a nervous duck who finds courage and the over-confidence of groups will resonate with anyone who's nervously dipped a toe in unknown waters.

SALES POINTS

- Funny ducks with personality
- Foldout underwater page with intricate mechanical detail
- Themes of peer pressure and overcoming fears
- Two international prizes, rights sold in 7 languages

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Leo Timmers is a leading Belgian author and illustrator, whose many successful picture books have been published in 32 languages. He has a large following as one of Belgium's pre-eminent picture book artists.

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"Leo Timmers' relatable animal heroes and intricate artwork are reliably popular with children around the world."

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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TITLE INFORMATION

Release September 2025

Ages **4-6**

Format **hardcover**

Size **315 x 225 mm**

Pages **36 pp with foldout**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765670507**

RRP GBP **12.99**

Translator **Bill Nagelkerke**

Original Language **Dutch (Belgium)**

This book in 3 ideas
**underwater world, overcoming fears,
marvellous sea creatures**

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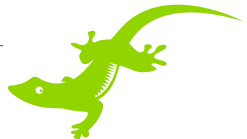
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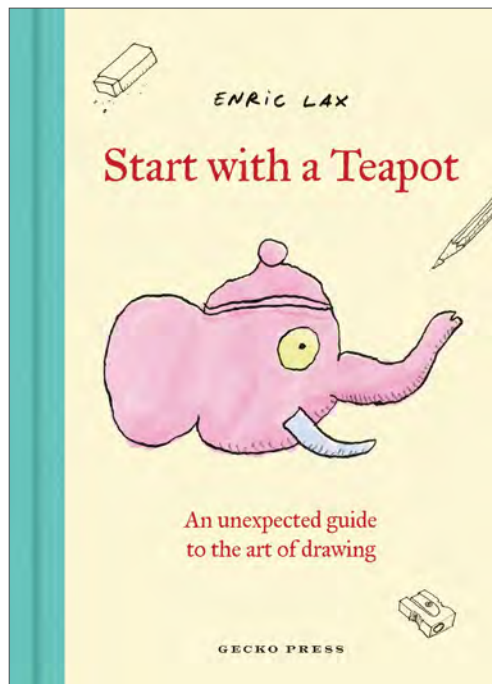
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Don't be scared,
Eric.

Look
around.

It's so
peaceful.





Start with a Teapot

An Unexpected Guide to the Art of Drawing

Author/Illustrator **Enric Lax**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Drawing is not very different from riding a bicycle, whistling or cooking a tortilla: learning all these things only requires a little practice and a sense of humour.

For example, to draw an elephant, you start with a teapot. Next add eyes and tusks, finish with a tail and four legs... ta-daa, you've got your elephant! And how do you draw a horse? First, draw an elephant.

Start with a Teapot: An Unexpected Guide to the Art of Drawing is utmost nonsense and unarguable logic. How do you draw a snail, a stapler, a butterfly, a eukaryotic cell? How do you draw poop? Enric Lax inspires his readers to observe, transform, tell stories and make mistakes—*that's* how to draw.

SALES POINTS

- Wholly original, fresh and free!
- Combines parody, story and instruction manual
- Drawing is not about rules but about play and allowing ourselves to make mistakes
- Child-friendly view of nonsense and logic—in the spirit of Norman Juster (*The Phantom Tollbooth*) and Douglas Adams (*The Hitchhiker's Guide*)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Enric Lax studied illustration in Barcelona and later the Academy of Fine Arts of Bologna. His work has been exhibited in Catalonia and Belgium. Born in Catalonia, Spain, he now lives in Brussels, where he teaches art.

TITLE INFORMATION

Release September 2025

Ages **7-12**

Format **hardcover**

Size **250 x 170 mm**

Pages **92 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765670491**

RRP GBP **14.99**

Translator **Daniel Hahn**

Original Language **Catalan/Spanish**

This book in 3 ideas
creativity, imagination, humour

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This drawing manual is original, warm, anarchic—and deeply useful.”

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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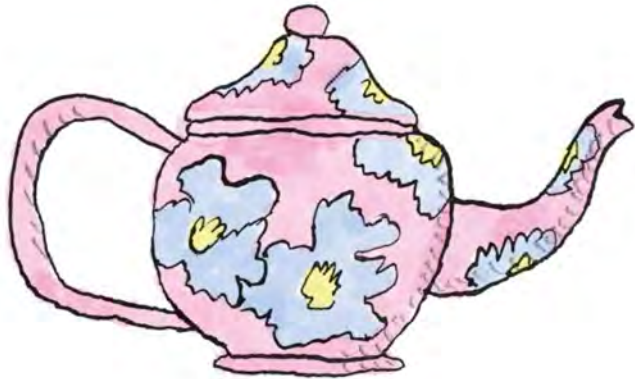
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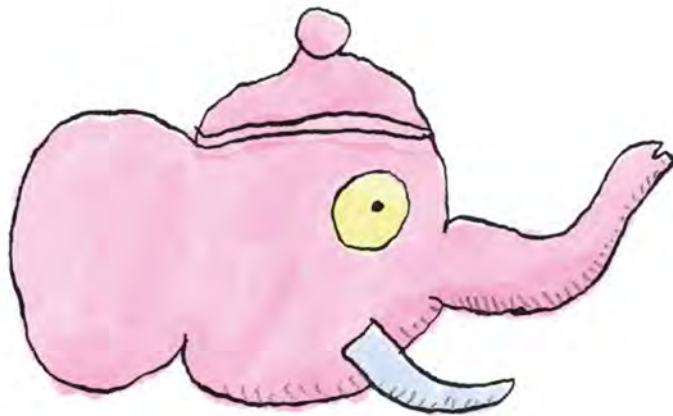
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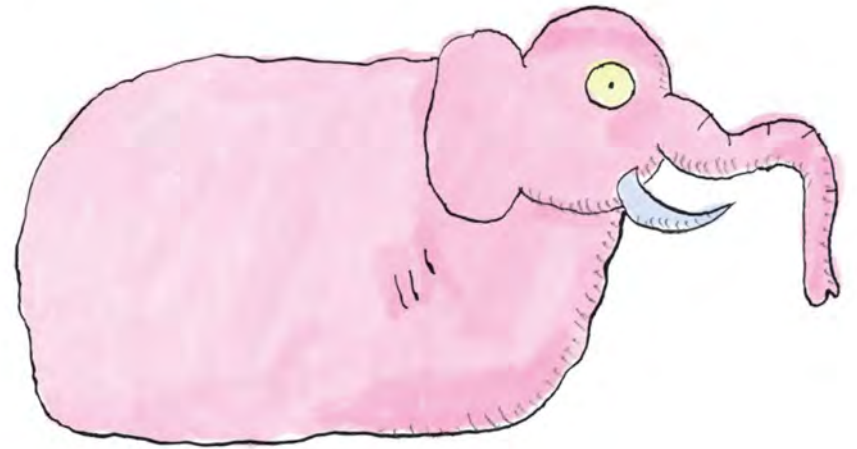
1. Draw a teapot.



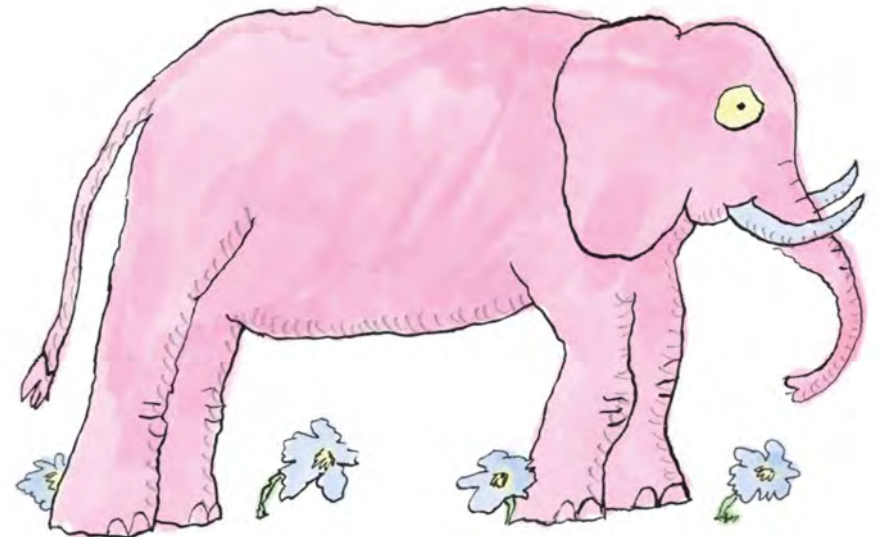
2. Add eyes and tusks.



3. A big body...



4. Finish it off with a tail, four legs and...
Ta-daa! There's your elephant!





Timeline (Revised Edition)

A Visual History of Our World

Author/Illustrator **Peter Goes**

ABOUT THE BOOK

A big visual introduction to the history of our world for children young and old.

Travel through time with this cleverly illustrated 80-page journey of our planet's culture and events, from the Big Bang to the iPod and into the future.

Take a trip across the timeline of world history, past dinosaurs, Vikings, Aztecs and spaceships, wars and disasters, artists, explorers and leaders, mythology, politics and inventions.

With a combination of facts, figures, infographics and fun illustrations, each double-page scene covers a period in history, showing key events and aspects of culture in all parts of the world. Every page includes talking points for young children and a chance for older children and adults to put their own political, cultural and historical knowledge to the test.

An accessible and fascinating timeline of historical events for children of every age.

SALES POINTS

- Updated with 4 new pages on the first 25 years of our century and into the future
- A sensational visual approach to nonfiction ideally suited to today's readers
- Appeals across the age range—as a gift for adults, a lively reference for children, and a classroom resource
- A key Gecko Press title worldwide

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Peter Goes lives in Belgium where he works as a freelance illustrator. He has also worked as a stage manager and studied animation at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts (KASK) in Ghent, Belgium.

TITLE INFORMATION

Release September 2025

Ages **10-18**

Format **hardcover**

Size **370 x 270 mm**

Pages **80 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765689226**

RRP GBP **25.00**

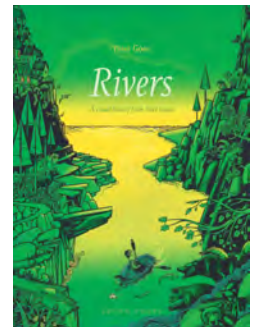
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The 2020s

The Covid-19 pandemic brought the world to a standstill at the start of the decade, with lockdowns, masking, and vaccines defining daily life. Healthcare and the economy were put under heavy pressure, but the crisis also stimulated innovation and worldwide collaboration. In this decade it became ever clearer that political will and international cooperation are needed to tackle the increasingly urgent climate crisis. Social inequality remains an ongoing problem, with the gulf between rich and poor continuing to widen everywhere. Despite political tensions, acts of war and discord, there are also signs of hope. Solidarity, resilience, technological breakthroughs, and green energy offer prospects of a better future.

In 2021 the container ship *Ever Given* became wedged in the Suez Canal. The blockage caused a week-long headache for international shipping.

Wars, such as those in Ukraine and the Middle East, cause death and destruction and lead to large numbers of people being forced to flee.

Since the Taliban returned to power in 2021, the rights of women have become even more restricted with laws that, among other things, ban education and travel and require full coverage of face and body in public.

In November 2020 pharmaceutical companies announced the first effective Covid-19 vaccine. Following successful vaccination initiatives worldwide, the Covid-19 crisis eased in 2022.

King Charles III succeeded his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, when she died on September 8, 2022.


AI became more popular than ever, with technological breakthroughs and new applications such as ChatGPT. AI plays an increasingly important role in everyday life, from advanced chatbots to use in healthcare and industry.

In 2024 fashion house Prada and Axiom Space revealed the spacesuits for the Artemis 3 mission, planned for 2027, when the first woman will land on the moon.

Government leaders and businesses are seeking solutions to combat climate change, which is causing icecaps to melt, sea levels to rise and extreme weather conditions all over the world.

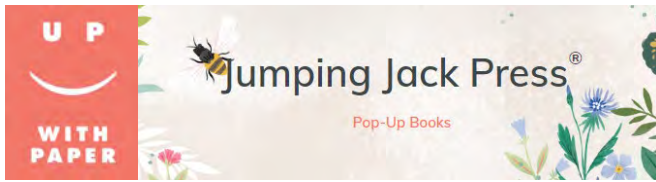
The 2023 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Narges Mohammadi for her efforts against the oppression of women in Iran and her pursuit of human rights.

In 2023 Warner Bros. announced that Greta Gerwig's movie *Barbie* was the highest grossing in the history of the studio.



Although the use of green energy is growing fast, the world is still generating more energy from fossil fuels than from renewables.

Projects are under way worldwide to return endangered species to the wild. It's hoped that an embryo transplant can save the northern white rhino.



Snowscape

A Winter Pop-Up Book

Written by Nicole Yin

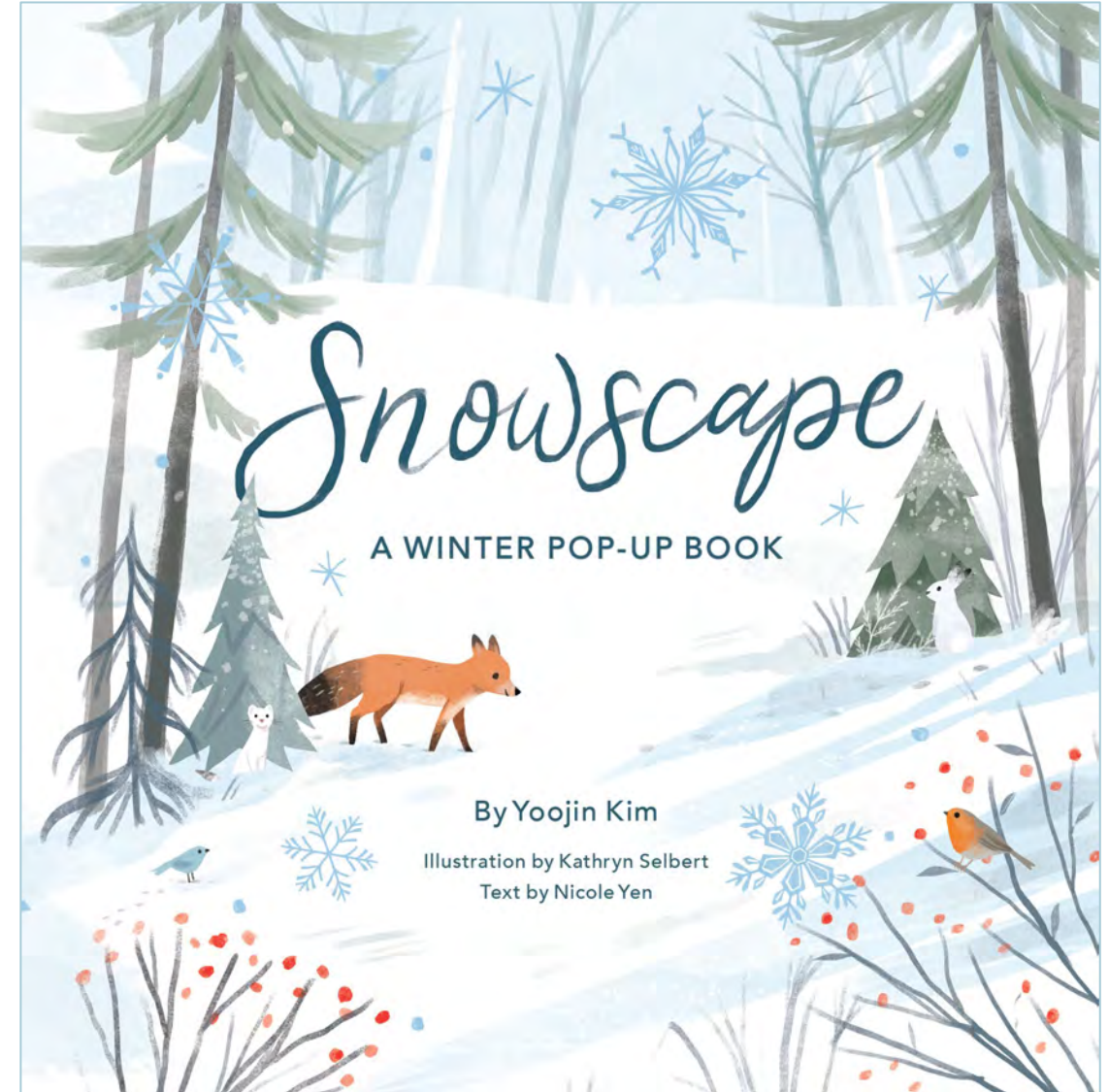
Illustrated by Kathryn Selbert

Paper engineer: Yoojin Kim

RESUB

Snowfall quietly blankets the landscape. Critters scurry in search of food, while others hibernate in wait for warmer weather.

Each spread is packed with unique interactive pop-ups and pull-tabs; there are even fascinating facts within this special winter pop-up book. A gorgeous gift to share this festive season.



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Role Model

Elle McNicoll

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Publication	4th Sept 2025
Age Range	8-12 yrs
Format	B-format PB
Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781915820075

Praise for A Kind of Spark

Winner of the Blue Peter Book Award (Best Story) 2020
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Sales & Marketing

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About the Author

Elle McNicoll is a bestselling and award-winning Scottish novelist. Her debut, *A Kind of Spark*, won the Blue Peter Book Award and the Overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize,

as well as Blackwell's Book of 2020. She is Carnegie nominated, and was shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag Awards 2020, the Branford Boase Award and The Little Rebels Award.

Her second novel, *Show Us Who You Are*, was Blackwell's Book of the Month and one of The Bookseller's Best Books of 2021. She is an advocate for better representation of neurodiversity in publishing, and currently lives in London.

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The Experimenters

Luke and Ruby's Scientific Sleepover

By Dr Shane Bergin, illustrated by Sayani Mukherjee

Age 7+

*An interactive picture book
inspiring children to appreciate cosy science
in the world around them*

Summary

Ever wondered how boats float? Or which birds gather in your garden? Do you know what makes the perfect cake a perfect cake? Or how to make your own musical instrument?

When Luke and Ruby head to Nanny and Grandad's house for their mid-term break, they discover their grandparents' old science notebooks. But it turns out that science isn't only about blowing things up! With the help of Nanny and Grandad, they discover the role science plays in the world around them, whether that be birdwatching, telephone making, plant growing and beyond. They write all of it down in their new science notebook.

But what about the reader? Shouldn't they be doing this stuff too? Author Dr Shane thinks so. Interspersed between Luke and Ruby's cosy scientific adventures, is the reader's very own 'how to' science notebook. Filled with facts, hints and suggestions it encourages our young scientists to roll up their sleeves and give Luke and Ruby's experiments a go. Readers will be immersed in a world of science and discovery that is accessible on their doorstep.



Pub date: 1st September 2025

Price: £14.99

ISBN: 9781915071088

Thema: YNT, YNTD, YNTF

Format: 222mm x 222mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 64 pp



Sales Points

- Physicist Dr Shane Bergin is experienced at **introducing children to everyday science in a fun and accessible way.**
- **Strong publicity campaign** leveraging all of the author's existing relationships including *The Irish Times*, RTE, and *Newstalk*.
- **An interactive story including activities** to get readers thinking like scientists.
- **Scientific notebook pages** offer fun facts and hints throughout.

About the Author

Dr Shane is a scientist. He loves to use his imagination, to do experiments and play, and to figure out how the world works. He works at University College Dublin where he does research and teaches students who enjoy science. He and his students run a science and music programme for children with the National Concert Hall called Quavers to Quadratics. In 2022, Shane and his friend Declan wrote *Peigi's Adventures in Science*, illustrated by Steve McCarthy.

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Dino Mode Activated

written by Jen Wallace and illustrated by Alan O'Rourke

A laugh-a-minute dinosaur-packed story, featuring neurodivergent characters.

Summary

Oleg's new camera is definitely not ordinary.

It has no instructions and no buttons, but it seems to know exactly what Oleg wants it to do. When Oleg goes on a camping trip with his friends, Rory and Daria, they soon discover the camera's most special function – Transformation Mode. The camera can turn its subjects into dinosaurs!

Now, with dinos of all sizes running about the campsite and a group nosey university people (who would definitely like to experiment on some dinosaurs) poking around, Oleg and his friends commence Operation Hide the Dinosaurs.



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Binding: paperback
Extent: 176 pages approx

Sales points

- **Neurodivergent protagonist:** the author explores dyslexia, ADHD and autism in a relatable and compassionate manner informed by years of working with children
- **Written by an award-winning author:** Jen Wallace was selected for a fellowship by Children's Books Ireland in 2023. Her debut novel *Dinosaur Pie* won the Great Reads Award 2024
- **Featuring humorous black and white illustrations** by Alan O'Rourke.



About the Author

Jen Wallace is an author and mother from Cork who loves stories. She works in both verse and prose and likes to weave stories from a child's perspective, full of wonder, deep wisdom and questions about the world. Her perspective is an autistic one and is informed by her years of working with children. She was selected as a Children's Books Ireland Raising Voices fellow 2022. Her debut, *Dinosaur Pie*, won the Great Reads Award 2024.

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Oscar Wilde's Stories for Children

Age 7+

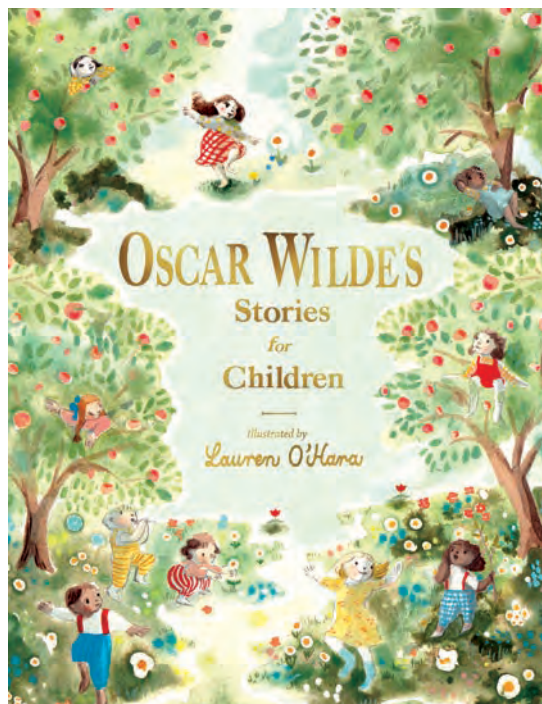
by Oscar Wilde, illustrated by Lauren O'Hara

*Oscar Wilde's classic stories for children
in a stunning new collection*

Summary

In 1888, the famous Irish poet and playwright, Oscar Wilde, published a collection of bedtime stories for children. Oscar Wilde's Stories for Children is stunningly illustrated new edition of these tales which includes six of the most beloved stories: "The Happy Prince", "The Nightingale and the Rose", "The Selfish Giant", "The Devoted Friend", "The Remarkable Rocket" and "The Young King".

Lauren O'Hara's delicate yet powerful full-colour illustrations bring these classic stories to life for readers of all ages.



Pub date: 4th September 2025

Price: £19.99

ISBN: 9781915071897

Thema: YFJ; FNF; YFU

Format: 270 x 210

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 96pp

Sales Points

- A stunning gift edition with **full colour illustrations, hardback format and ribbon bookmark**, will be treasured for generations to come
- A long-awaited new edition of children's stories by **one of Ireland's most famous writers**
- Beautifully illustrated by **award-winning illustrator Lauren O'Hara**.

About the Author

OSCAR WILDE was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1854, and studied at Trinity College Dublin and at Magdalen College in Oxford. He was a playwright and poet, short story writer and novelist who wrote one novel and 14 works of short fiction. His most famous work was *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, which is regarded as one of the greatest works of Irish Literature. He enjoyed considerable fame in London literary circles. His plays continue to be performed today, most notably *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and he remains a cornerstone of Irish literature.

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by Oscar Wilde, illustrated by Lauren O'Hara



About the Illustrator

LAUREN O'HARA is a Dublin-based illustrator, originally from the north of England. As well as collaborating with her writer sister, Natalia, on *Once Upon a Fairytale* and *Hortense and the Shadow* she has illustrated books by Sophie Dahl, Vivian French, and with the Royal Opera House. Lauren has three times been nominated for the CILIP Kate Greenaway award. Her book *Madame Badobedah* with author Sophie Dahl was the Guardian's book of the year, and *Frindleswylde* by Natalia O'Hara was awarded the Children's Books Ireland Illustration Honour award. She lives in a converted church in Dublin with her partner and assorted ghosts.



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The Selfish Giant

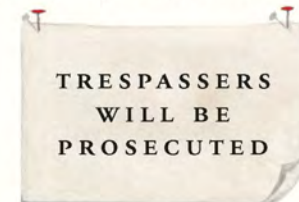
Every afternoon, as they were coming from school, the children used to go and play in the Giant's garden.

It was a large lovely garden, with soft green grass. Here and there over the grass stood beautiful flowers like stars, and there were twelve peach-trees that in the spring-time broke out into delicate blossoms of pink and pearl, and in the autumn bore rich fruit. The birds sat on the trees and sang so sweetly that the children used to stop their games in order to listen to them. "How happy we are here!" they cried to each other.

One day the Giant came back. He had been to visit his friend the Cornish ogre, and had stayed with him for seven years. After the seven years were over he had said all that he had to say, for his conversation was limited, and he determined to return to his own castle. When he arrived he saw the children playing in the garden.

"What are you doing here?" he cried in a very gruff voice, and the children ran away.

"My own garden is my own garden," said the Giant; "any one can understand that, and I will allow nobody to play in it but myself." So he built a high wall all round it, and put up a notice-board.



He was a very selfish Giant.

The poor children had now nowhere to play. They tried to play on the road, but the road was very dusty and full of hard stones, and they did not like

The B-format paperback edition of the hugely acclaimed, award-winning MG novel

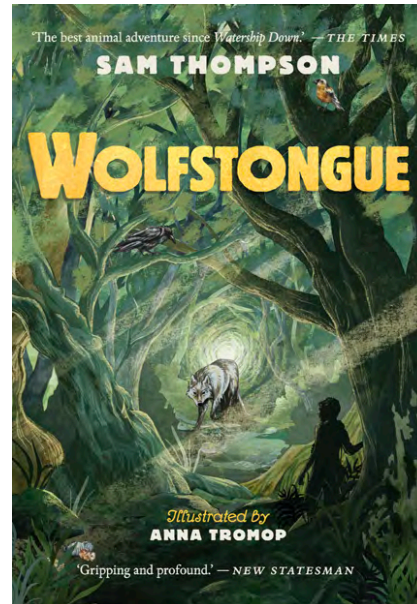
Summary

The Times called it “a modern classic” and “the best animal adventure since *Watership Down*”. Anthony McGowan described it as “One of the most extraordinary children’s books I have ever read.”

Winner of the Literacy Association of Ireland award (2023), Spark! School Book Award (2022) and a USBBY Outstanding International Book (2023), now available in mass-market B-format paperback.

Wolfstongue is the remarkable story of Silas, the boy who struggles to talk, and the last wild wolves who need Silas to speak for them, to overthrow the wicked foxes and bring down their underground dictatorship.

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Pub date: 1 September 2025

Price: £8.99

ISBN: 9781915071972

Thema: YFP, YFC

Format: B-format **Binding:**

Paperback

Extent: 224pp

Sales Points

- **Award-winning**, critically acclaimed middle-grade fiction with a long shelf life as a **modern classic**
- Cover carries **quotes** from Piers Torday, Anthony McGowan, and *The Times*
- Includes an **author Q&A** at the end of the book

About the Author

Sam Thompson is the author of three novels for children, *Wolfstongue*, *The Fox’s Tower* and *The Forest Yet To Come*, and several books for grown-ups. His debut novel *Communion Town* was longlisted for the Booker Prize. He lives in Belfast with his wife, three children, and a dog and cat who have finally admitted they are best friends.

About the Illustrator

Anna Tromop is a freelance illustrator, forest lover, watercolour enthusiast & avid knitter based in Oslo. She plays with paint in a pink office full of plants and drinks questionable amounts of tea (and occasionally paintwater).



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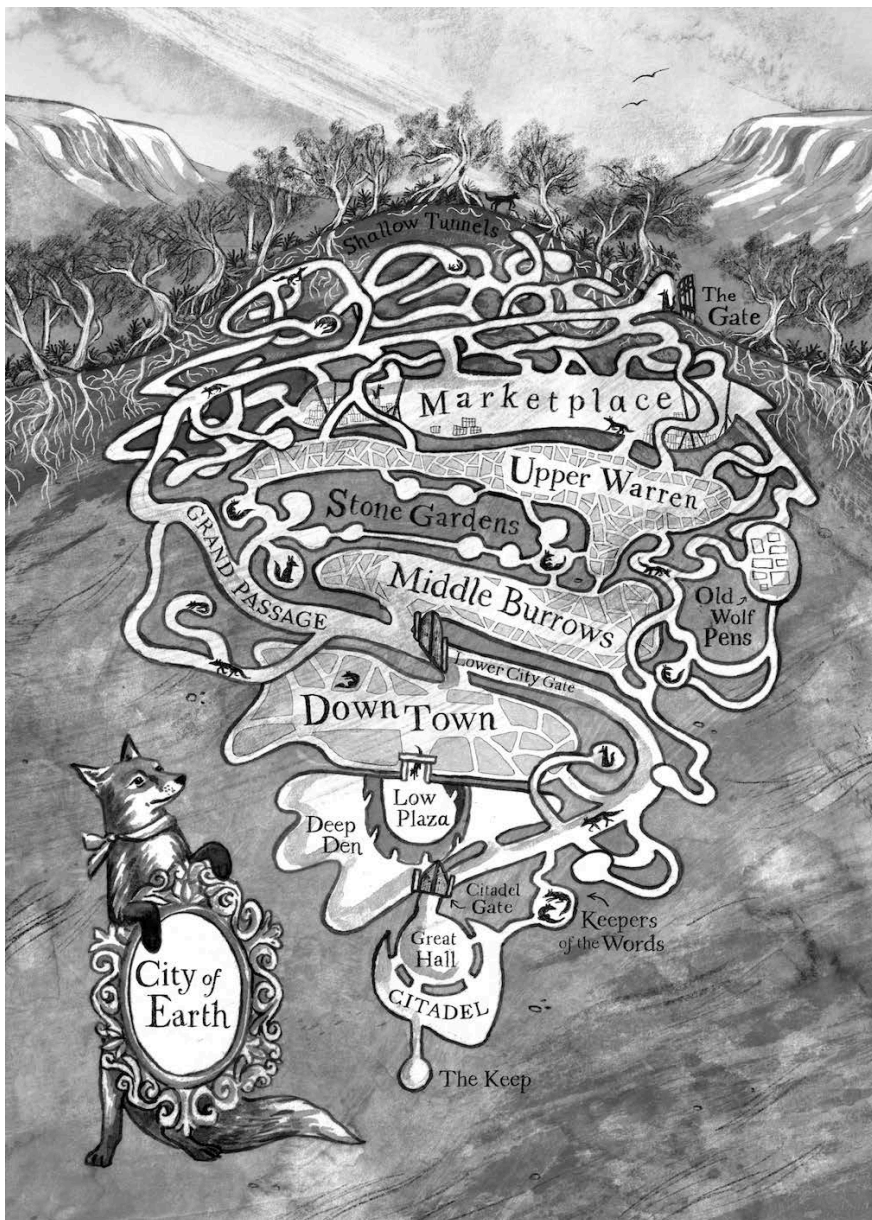
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Wolfstongue

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Ages 8–12





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Mixed Up: An Irish Boy's Journey to Belonging

by Leon Diop

A groundbreaking memoir about growing up mixed-race in Ireland, by the Irish Book Award-winning author and media personality Leon Diop

Summary

Following the success of 2023's *Black & Irish, Legends, Trailblazers & Everyday Heroes*, author and Black & Irish co-founder Leon Diop returns to tell his own story.

Mixed-race experience in Ireland has never been described so honestly. Diop, a charismatic public figure and strong positive male role-model for young Irish people, tells his story from his first day as the only brown boy in school to his powerful recent experience reconnecting with his African roots in Senegal.

Growing up, Diop struggled with his identity, got into trouble, and lost his way, before turning his life around and finding his mission: helping Black and mixed-race Irish people tell their stories.

Now it is Diop's turn to tell his own story, about his journey from mixed-up kid to embracing his own identity. It is a story that will inspire young Irish people and help counter dangerous political narratives in Ireland today.



Pub date:	18 September 2025
Price:	£8.99
ISBN:	9781915071651
Thema:	BM, YXM, 1DBR
Format:	B-format
Binding:	Paperback
Extent:	198pp

Sales points

- The latest book by award-winning author and media personality Leon Diop
- A historic book, the first of its kind in Ireland
- **Major media PR campaign** run by Peter O'Connell targeting national and local radio, TV and newspapers – replicating previous book's success which featured on Late Late Show, Irish Times front page, Irish Independent Saturday magazine

About Leon Diop

Leon Diop is a mixed race man from Tallaght, Dublin. Born to a White Irish mother and Senegalese father, he grew up in a mixed ethnic and religious household. He is the founder of the Black & Irish advocacy group, host of the Black & Irish podcast, activist, educator, public speaker, and was an Obama Foundation European Leader from 2024 to 2025.

Praise for *Black & Irish: Legends, Trailblazers & Everyday Heroes*

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It's Really, Really Not Fair



Written and illustrated by Angie Morgan

Funny and perceptive picture storybook about Polly, who complains a lot.

Polly wants to fly like the pigeons, climb a mountain, dig to Australia and paint the house with her own paints... but why does Mum always say no?

It's really, really not fair!

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- Eagerly awaited new title from the creator of internationally best selling picture books *I Really, Really Don't Like Parties* and *Small Stanley's Big List of Scary Stuff*
- Explores the concept of fairness with perception, wit and humour
- Lively comic artwork brings the story and characters alive
- Author is booked for Bath International Festival, September 2025

Author Information

Angie Morgan is an author-illustrator whose stories show an acute and sympathetic understanding of the ways in which certain things can seem problematic to young children. A graduate in Graphics and Illustration of Goldsmiths' College, London, she uses a wide variety of media: watercolours, pastels, charcoal and scanned ephemera of all sorts. Otter-Barry Books have also published her *Small Stanley's Big List of Scary Stuff* (2023), and *I Really, Really Don't Like Parties* (2024). Angie lives in Bath.

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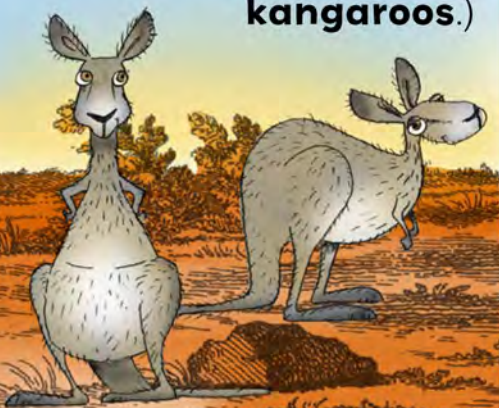
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Polly thought she'd
DIG to Australia.



(She wanted to see some
kangaroos.)



But... "Oh no," said Mum.

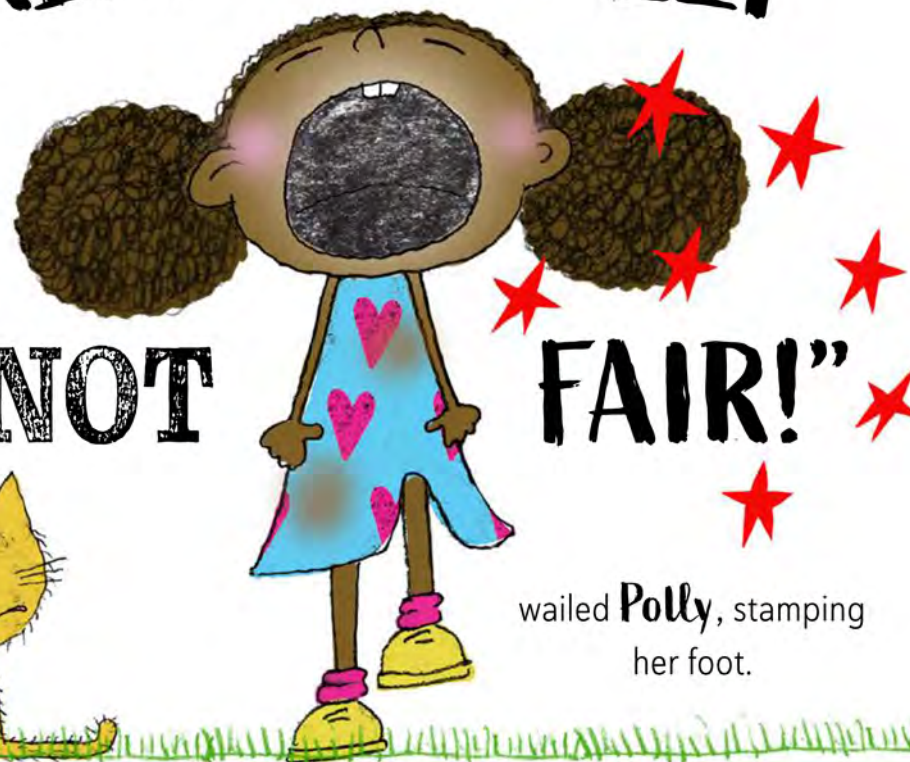


"Maybe the sandpit would be a better place to dig?"

"IT'S
REALLY, REALLY

NOT

FAIR!"



wailed Polly, stamping
her foot.

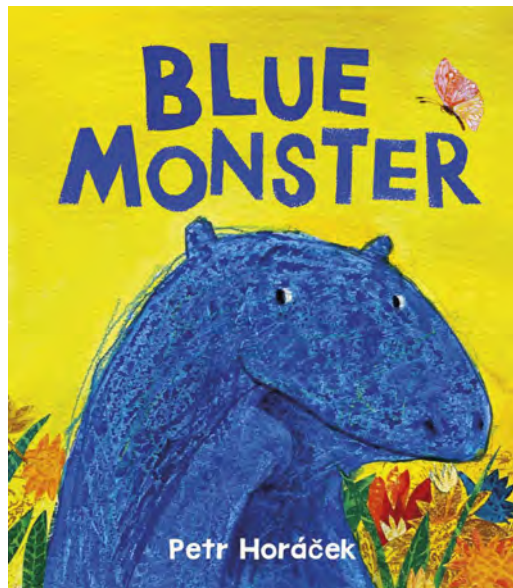
Blue Monster

Petr Horáček



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Blue Monster wants to play with Rabbit – but Rabbit is sleeping and doesn't want to play. SO... what should Blue Monster do?

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- Author is a favourite performer in bookshops, schools and at festivals

Petr Horáček was born in Prague and studied at the Academy of Fine Art. After graduating in 1994, he moved to England. His first two picture books were published in 2001, winning the 'Books for Children' Newcomer award. Since then he has gained a string of international distinctions. His books for Otter-Barry include *The Last Tiger*, *The Perfect Present*, shortlisted for the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2024, and *The Star Whale* with Nicola Davies. He lives in Worcester.

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Paperback

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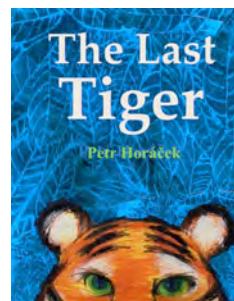
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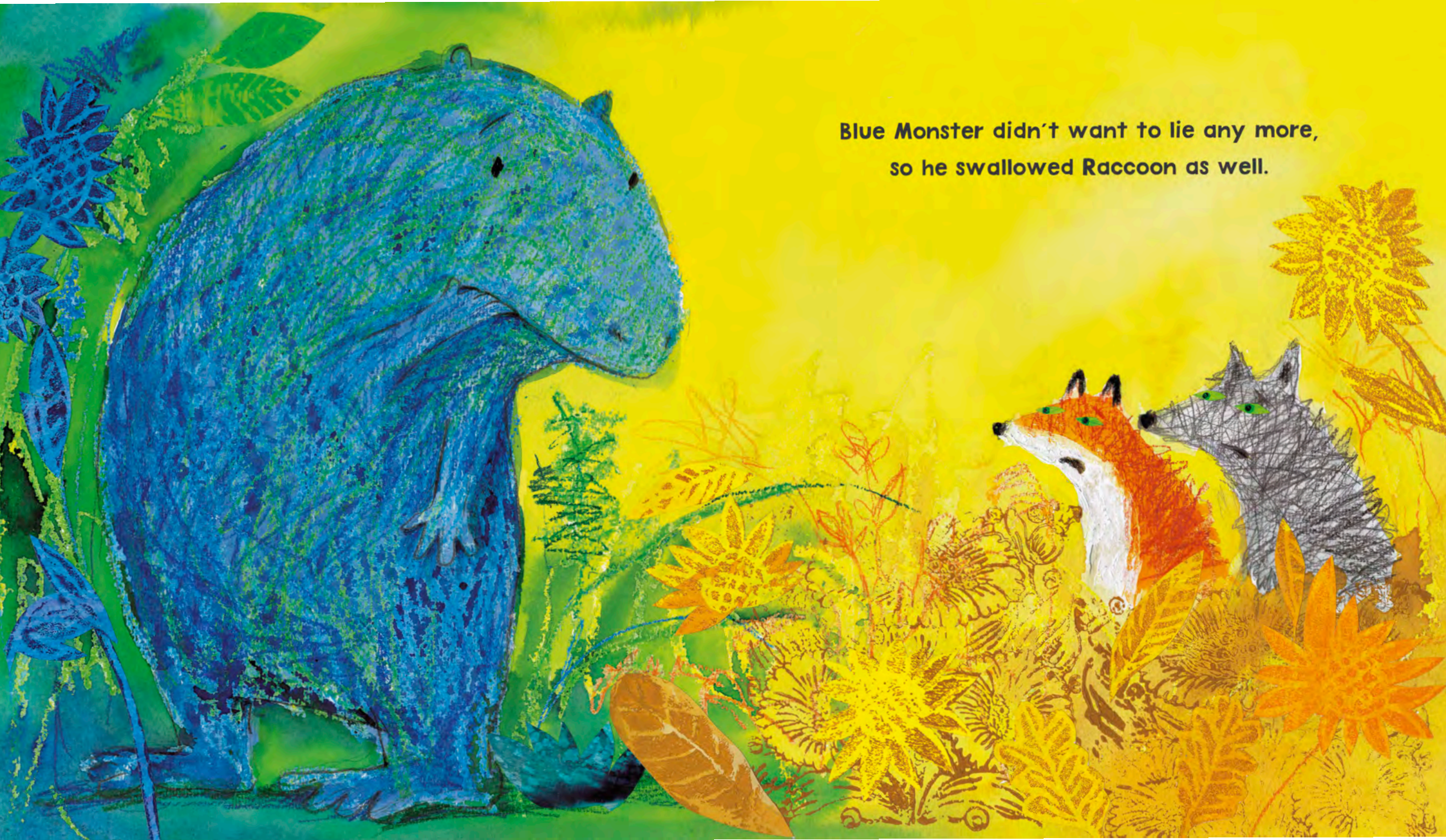


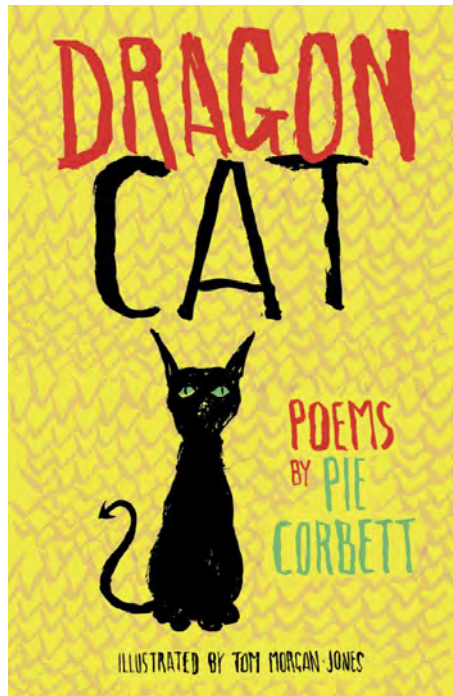
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Blue Monster didn't want to lie any more,
so he swallowed Raccoon as well.





Dragon Cat

Pie Corbett, illustrated by Tom Morgan-Jones



An exciting solo collection from a leading figure in children's poetry

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- Witty and clever illustrations provide an extra dimension to the poems

Author Information

Pie Corbett is a poet and educator whose lifetime mission has been to encourage and grow literacy in children, finding and developing ways to help them towards the joy of stories and poems, and to write for themselves. He is famous in schools as the creator of the 'Talk For Writing' approach, and his many books include the *Jumpstart* titles on storymaking, games and activities. He lives in Gloucestershire.

Tom Morgan-Jones has illustrated John Dougherty's *Zooming the Zoo* and *Dinosaurs and Dinner Ladies* for Otter-Barry Books. A professional illustrator, author, events artist and hand-letterist, he lives in Edinburgh.

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£8.99 Paperback

198 x 129 mm, 96 pages

Black & white illustrations

Interest age: From 4 years

BICs: YDP

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Fairies at the Bottom of our Garden

There are snakes
at the bottom of our garden.
Not fairies.

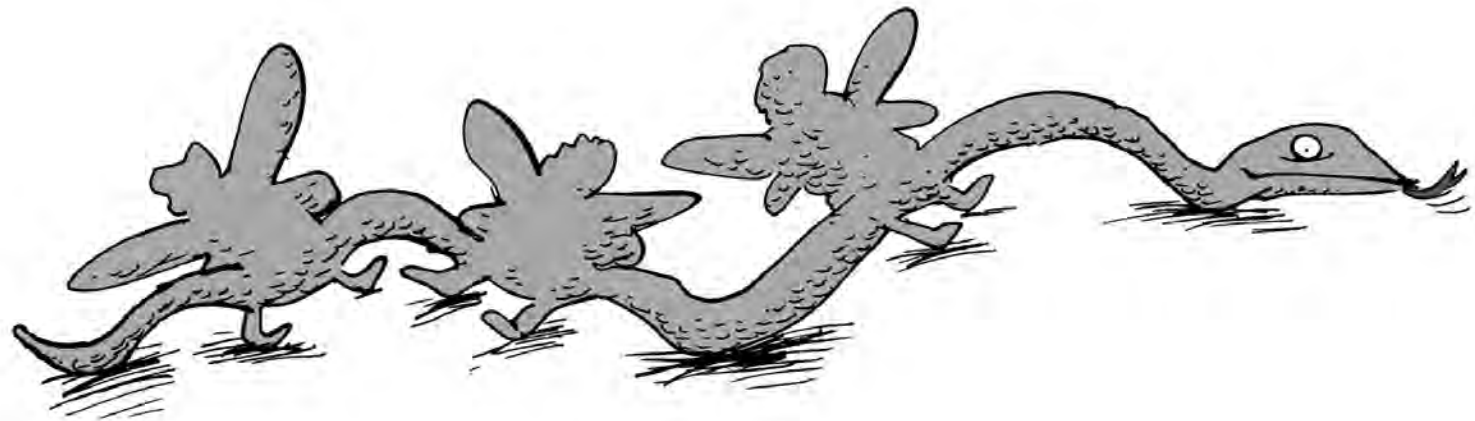
I found them,
coiled beneath
some corrugated iron,
basking in the heat.

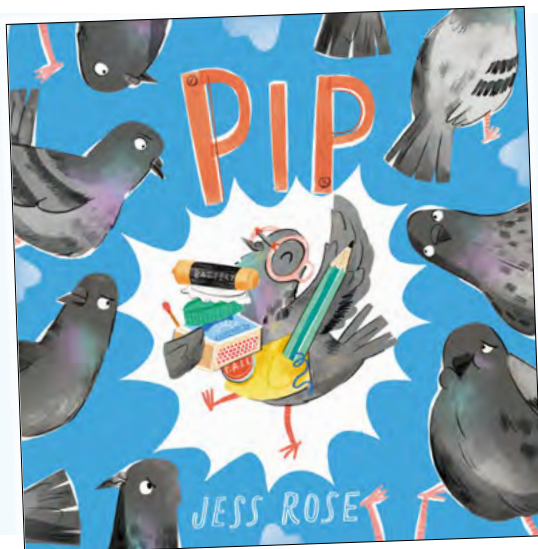
As soon as
we lifted the tin,
they slithered
quick as a conjuring trick
into the grass.

You should have seen us
scarper
to the safety
of the patio.

When I was little
I would peer
into the ears of foxgloves,
peek into daffodil trumpets
and search beneath fallen leaves
for the fairies
that were supposed to live
at the bottom of our garden.

I think that the snakes
must have chased them away.





Publication 4 sept 2025 | Picture Book | PB

Size: 240 x 250 mm | Extent: 32pp

ISBN: 9781913339272 | RRP: 7.99



By Jess Rose
Illustrator of three
key Owllet titles!



ENCOURAGING A GROWTH MINDSET. THIS STORY MODELS RESILIENCE AND INSPIRES CHILDREN TO EMBRACE FAILURE. BY FINDING WAYS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WITH WHATEVER THEY CAN FIND AROUND THEM.

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"My child loves to build and make things from our recycling pile: coming up with all sorts of contraptions to give rubbish endless possibilities. This inspired Pip's character - a pigeon who thinks differently, doesn't try to fit into a mould, and isn't scared to be themselves. I then explored how this one pigeon might tackle the litter around towns and cities, without being afraid to try again if they failed. Hopefully children will 'be more Pip' and be inspired to embrace failure, as they do their bit to improve our world, having confidence in themselves and their ability to make a difference."

- Inspires children to adopt a growth mindset with a re-use/ repurpose focus in conservation.
- Builds resilience by embracing failure as an opportunity to learn and relearn quickly.
- Includes a link to a download of fun invention activities for children using safe recycled materials. This kind of creative reuse sparks incredible problem-solving skills. Children learn to look at everyday objects and think "what else could this become?" instead of just throwing things away. From an environmental perspective, every item we transform means one less new item we need to buy.





GOODNIGHT BABY DINOSAURS

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Key Selling Points:

- 8 spread picture book
- Pop-up nightlight
- Rechargeable with USB cable (not included)



Publisher
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Format
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Age
Trim size

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Coming soon:
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Title Information



Pub. date: 04 September 2025

Price: £12.99

ISBN: 9781836270256

Age: 3 - 5 years

Genre: Picture Book

Subject: Family and Friendship
Stories

Binding: Hardback

Format: 285 x 245 mm

Extent: 32 pp

Rights: WORLD

Thema: YBC

CBMC: B3M79

Author location: Manchester, UK

Pencil's Best Story Ever

Carly Gledhill

Keynote:

A riotous, interactive story-within-a-story with twists, turns and unexpected surprises.

Sales points:

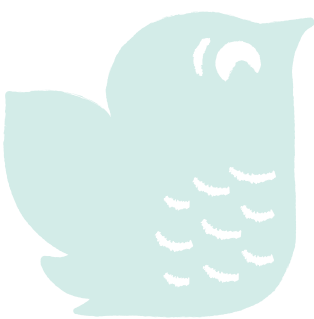
- A story within a story
- Fun characters that children will love
- Gorgeous illustrations by an award-winning illustrator
- Perfect for fans of *The Day the Crayons Quit*

Description:

Pencil has written THE BEST STORY EVER and he can't wait to share it with you. But when Pencil's characters refuse to keep to the story, chaos unfolds. Can Pencil pull his story back on track so that EVERYONE can play a part and EVERYONE can enjoy it? *Pencil's Best Story Ever* is celebration of creativity, story writing and resilience.

Author Biography:

Carly Gledhill is a children's book creator and print designer based in Manchester. Her colourful creations draw inspiration from children's TV shows, mid-century design and gardening. Carly was a winning illustrator in the 2024 Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition.



GRRR!

What's that NOISE?
Quick, hide!

Peanut, come back!
Hiding is NOT part
of my story.

It's NOT?

What happens
next then?

Well, you're not going
to like this bit . . .

Peanut shone his torch and out of the
trees pounced a big grizzly BEAR!

A, a, a, what?!

Bear chased Peanut and Jelly all the way
through the forest and out the other side.



Pub. date: 07 August 2025

Price: £12.99

ISBN: 9781836270348

Subject: Friendship and
Social Skills

Binding: Hardback

Format: 200 x 280 mm

Extent: 40 pp

Rights: World, English

Thema: YBCS2, YFMF, YBC

CBMC: A3M79

Illustrations: Colour
illustrations

My Best Friend Tilly

Iris Samartzi

Keynote:

Explore the incredible power of imaginative play in this magical tale of friendship

Sales points:

- Celebrates the transformative power of creativity and friendship
- Beautifully illustrated with collage-style artwork
- Features a glorious four-page fold-out spread
- Supports the concept of imaginative play whilst highlighting the importance of the little things in life

Description:

One little girl wants to build a magnificent, make-believe world for her and her best friend Tilly to explore, full of fire-breathing dragons, snorkelling elephants and intergalactic rollercoasters. But as her imagination grows and her dream world becomes bigger and bigger, poor Tilly is pushed entirely out of the picture! Join the two as they discover the value of the simple things in life and learn the true meaning of friendship.

Fuelled by a child's limitless imagination, Iris Samartzi's playful tale takes readers on a fantastical escapade, crafting a magical world where anything is possible.

Prizes:

National Children's Literature Award (Greece), 2021

Author Biography:

Iris Samartzi was born in Athens, Greece. She has been working as a children's book illustrator since 2004, and has been awarded by the Greek IBBY, the EBGE Design Awards, and the Greek National Book Prize. In 2016 she won the Compostela Prize for picture books for the book *El último día* (author: A. Papatheodoulou). She has been nominated twice for the H.C. Andersen Award (2020, 2022) and is also a nominee for the 2021 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

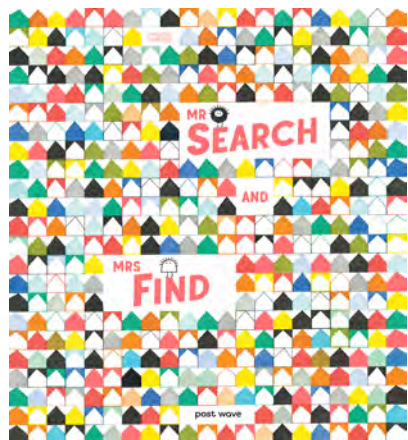
Imagine if we had a telescope to gaze
at the moon, and the stars, and ALL
the planets in the sky.



There's no Tilly in Tilly
Land...



Title Information



Pub. date: 04 September 2025

Price: £14.99

ISBN: 9781836271116

Age: 5 - 7 years

Genre: Puzzle, Activity and Game
Book

Subject: Activity Books
(Stickers, Puzzles and Games)

Binding: Hardback

Format: 300 x 271 mm Extent: 48
pp

Rights: World, English

Thema: YBGH, YNVM, YZG CBMC:
B2L79

Illustrations: Colour illustrations

Miss Search and Mr Find

Illustrated by CSIL

Keynote:

Miss Search is a master of disguise. Mr Find is brilliant at evading capture. They've turned the whole book into their playground! Can *you* outsmart them and uncover their hiding spots?

Sales points:

- A sophisticated and fun search-and-find book with pantone throughout
- Large format perfect for poring over details
- The ideal gift for design-conscious parents and gift giver
- Over 20 activities to solve, which get harder as you progress through the book

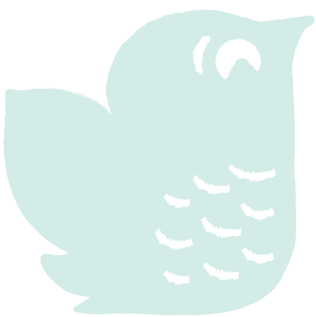
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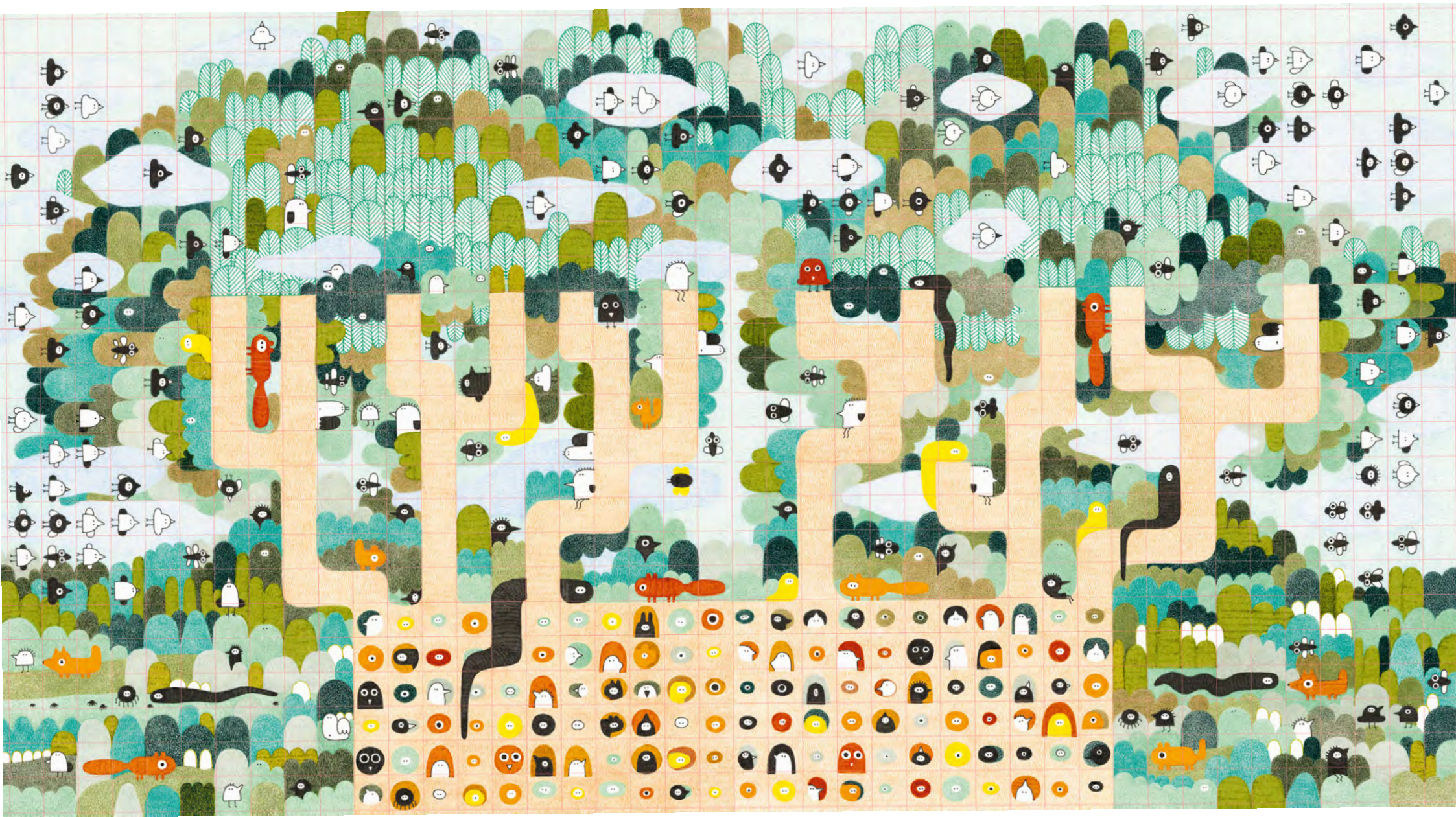
Packed with sophisticated artwork, this clever and incredibly detailed activity book will keep children entertained for hours of hide-and-seek fun.

This large format search-and-find book is perfect for poring over every detail and includes over 20 activities to solve.

Author Biography:

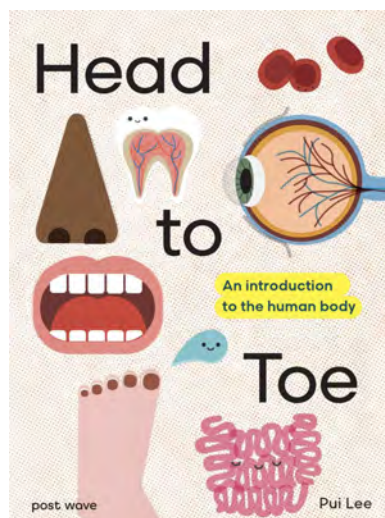
Csil is an illustrator and graphic designer based in the Ardennes region, in the North East of France. In her work, she shapes an eccentric, colorful and poetic world, where quirky characters invite themselves.





Title Information

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Head to Toe

An Introduction to the Human Body

Pui Lee

Keynote:

This stylish book presents the human body from head to toe, with vibrant graphic artwork and fun facts.

Sales points:

- Striking bold artwork and fun easy-to-read text
- A vibrant introduction to the human body
- The first book in an exciting new series that looks at core curriculum topic
- A distinctive graphic approach that children will love
- Scout Editions are a very exciting London-based illustration studio

Description:

Did you know women tend to have shorter tongues than men? Or that the human eye can detect over 10 million colours? This visually stunning series shows just how fascinating the human body can be!

Head to Toe presents a collection of weird and wonderful facts about the human body, starting at the top of the body and moving all the way down to the bottom, with fun and stylish artwork that will amuse and delight readers aged 7+.

Author Biography:

Pui Lee is a freelance graphic designer and illustrator based in London. Her first book for children was published by Nosy Crow in 2024. As a branding, campaigns, product and packaging designer, Pui has worked with reputable global brands including Mulberry, V&A, M&S and The Body Shop.



Pub. date: 04 September 2025

Price: £16.99

ISBN: 9781836270232

Age: 7 - 9 years

Genre: Non-Fiction Book

Subject: Body Image and Self-Esteem

Binding: Hardback

Format: 300 x 220 mm

Extent: 64 pp

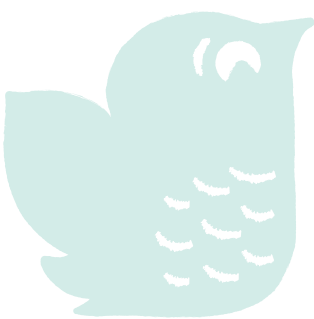
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Vision

Our eyes are crucial for seeing and understanding the world, so it is important to take good care of them. There are lots of ways we can keep our vision strong and our eyes healthy.

Glasses

Some people need glasses to see better. If they are short-sighted, they can see things up close but not far away. If they are long-sighted, they can see far away but not up close. Glasses make everything clear and sharp. Sunglasses also protect our eyes from bright light and harmful rays.



Take a Break

When we watch TV or look at a computer screen, it's important to rest our eyes afterwards to prevent strain. Eye strain happens when our eyes get tired from focusing for too long.



Eating With Your Eyes

Vitamin A is essential for good eyesight. It can be found in foods like carrots, asparagus, apricots and nectarines.



Eye Tests

It's recommended to have an eye test every two years or when your optician suggests. An eye test checks how well you see straight ahead and your side vision, called peripheral vision. Regular eye tests can identify vision problems early on.



20/20 Vision

20/20 vision refers to a person who can clearly read an eye chart when they are standing 20 feet (6 metres) away. It is a term used to describe normal eyesight.

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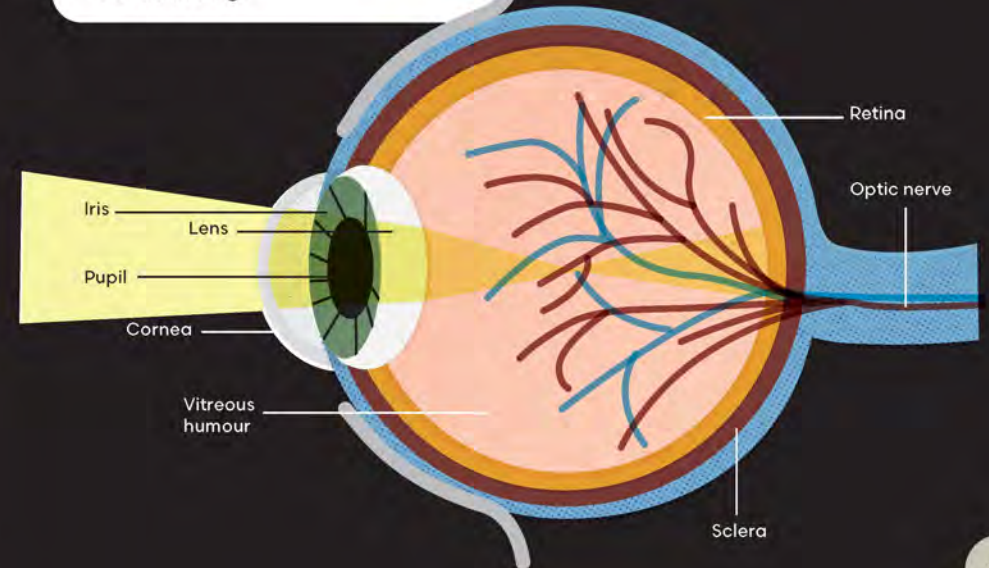


Humans, like most animals, can see in the dark, but it takes time for our eyes to adjust. It can take between 10 to 30 minutes for the pupils in our eyes to expand and let more light in.

How Do Eyes Work?

Our eyes work a bit like a camera. Light enters through a clear part called the cornea and then passes through the pupil, which is the black circle in the middle. The light then hits the lens, which focuses it onto the retina at the back of the eye. The retina changes the light into signals that travel to the brain, which then tells us what we are seeing.

Anatomy of the Eye



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Reptiles and Amphibians

Nature's Most Extraordinary Creatures

Marty Crump

Andy Charrier

Illustrated by Loreto Salinas

Keynote:

Discover the fascinating and surprising facts - from the weird to the truly unbelievable - about reptiles and amphibians.

Sales points:

- A focus on reptiles and amphibians from the Americas makes this book stand out in the market
- Packed with the most interesting facts—from the weird to the truly unbelievable - about reptiles and amphibians
- Written by a university professor who has been studying reptiles and amphibians for more than 50 years
- Illustrated by a renowned illustrator specialising in scientific illustration
- Encourages an interest in scientific thinking as well as the natural world
- Highlights the importance of environmental conservation

Description:

Journey through the fascinating and surprising world of reptiles and amphibians.

Some can change colour, while others see temperature. Some can swallow prey whole, and others cry blood to scare off predators. Some can even regrow their lost tails!

Discover where amphibians and reptiles come from, how they have survived for millions of years, why they are important for the planet, and all about their superhero-like abilities.

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ISBN: 9781836270300

Age: 9 - 11 years

Genre: Non-Fiction Book

Subject: Nature and Wildlife

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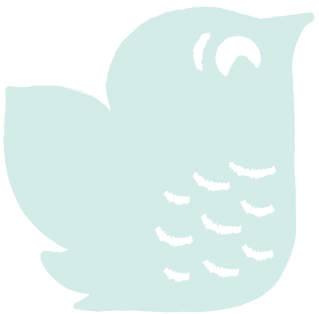
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Mat o' Shanter

by Simon Lamb and Ross MacRae



A modern version of a classic poem, written for the ears and eyes and hearts of today

Written in response to 'Tam o' Shanter' – the famous Scottish poem by Robert Burns – and inspired by the author's own experiences of that same poem, Simon Lamb's new book is a highly original and moving work incorporating an introduction to the classic verse, a full-length modern-day reimagining, and commentary in the form of an extensive author's note, with bold and energetic illustrations.

Key Selling Points

- Respectful modern re-working of a classic poem, repackaging the original humour and drama for a new generation
- Stunning black and white illustrations confirming the contemporary angle
- Health and wellbeing themes including an appeal to look out for and stand up to bullying behaviour
- Wide appeal for all ages and readers beyond Scotland
- Accessibility features including an introduction to 'Tam o' Shanter' and a glossary of Scottish words

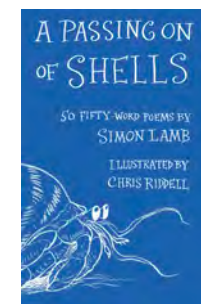
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- Author continuously tours schools across the UK on his mission to inspire young readers
- Author working with Scottish Book Trust, National Literacy Trust and Authors Aloud
- Social media campaign around publication
- Videos of author reading from his poems on publisher website
- Teacher resources free on publisher website

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Age	7+
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Size	216 x 135mm
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SIMON LAMB is the Carnegie-nominated author of *A Passing On of Shells*, his debut poetry collection. With a background in performance and education, he lives in Ayrshire, where he held the role of Scribe at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Alloway, 2022–2025. ROSS MACRAE is a Scottish muralist and first time book illustrator whose large-scale work can be found across Scotland. He works on community projects with young people.



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Two Windmills

Magic Wheel Book: Good Morning Dog / Lion

Rise and shine! Turn the ingenious magic wheels to wake up all the animals!

Author: Rob Abbott | Illustrator: Katie Saunders

Lots of animal fun! Three double-sided wheels with 24 hiding animals to magically reveal.

Develop your child's manual dexterity and motor skills with movable wheels to turn throughout the book.

With a rhyming story and characterful pictures to make children smile.

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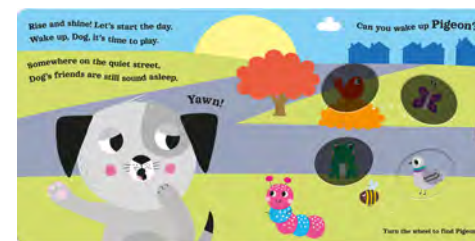
Children will love to read about Dog / Lion and his friends as they wake up and start the day. With a rhyming story and characterful pictures, this turn-the-wheel book is perfect for reading with your child over breakfast or any time of the day!

With three double-sided, easy-to-turn wheels designed for little hands, this book will improve your child's manual dexterity and motor skills, while also helping to develop their vocabulary.

Turn the wheels to magically reveal the animals under the four acetate windows on each spread and point out each one to help your little one learn new animal names. Lots of paw-some fun!

Illustrator: Katie Saunders

Katie Saunders knew she wanted to be an illustrator when she had a picture published in Twinkie Magazine at the age of five. Katie worked as a teacher before becoming a full-time illustrator. She enjoys working with bright colours and experimenting with textures to create cute characters that children will love. Katie's distinctive Toddler Time books, featuring lovable twins, Amy and Archie, have sold over one million copies worldwide.



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Pub date: 11 September 2025

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour casebound board book

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Additional Info: Board book binding with moving wheels, hardcover case and 2 rounded corners. 6 spacers: 1/0 350gsm FSC C1S + 1/s matt press varnish. 3 spacers: 0/0 350gsm FSC C1S. 6 x APET acetate sheets affixed between die cut sides of spreads and spacers.

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Water Painting Search and Find: Search and Find Christmas

Create your own colourful pictures with this magical series and watch the scenes transform in front of you!

Author: Georgie Taylor | Illustrator: Maike Boot

Search and find the hiding items again and again - paint with water, leave to dry, then paint again!

Develops fine motor skills, memory recall, and text and picture association skills.

Simple, mess-free fun - perfect for activity fun on the move!

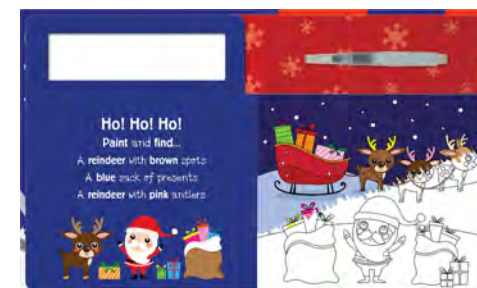
Includes a refillable water brush pen and easy to follow step-by-step instructions.

Paint with water for festive search and find fun!

Create awesome Christmassy pictures with this water painting book, then search and find the things that are hiding on each page. Simply apply water with the special pen, leave to dry, then paint your pictures and search and find again.

Illustrator: Maike Boot

Based in the coastal city of The Hague, Netherlands, Maike Boot started drawing as soon as she could hold a pencil. Most of Maike's drawings begin with a Sharpie or brushes and India ink, with the black and white renderings transformed through Adobe Illustrator. Today her work is mainly seen on handmade products from laptop sleeves to baby shoes to swimwear, not to mention in children's books!



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Cover finishes: Matt lamination

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Picture Storybooks: The Elf Next Door

Each of these fantastic picture storybooks combines lavish illustrations with engaging stories, ensuring that they will be picked up by new and emerging readers time and time again.

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A delightful rhyming story that combines much-loved Christmas characters with a counting 1-10 element.

Illustrated by Rhys Waters, illustrator of 'The Dinosaur Next Door' and 'The Fairy Tale Next Door'.

On the other side of town is the most amazing street! It's the home of festive, magical neighbours, that you will love to meet!

Have you heard of Candy Cane Lane? It's the most magical street at the North Pole! Here is where Santa, the elves and the reindeer live and where all the Christmas magic happens as Santa gets ready to deliver presents on Christmas Eve. From Santa's office, the toy factory and the reindeer stables to a gingerbread cafe, an elf hotel and Mrs Claus' sleigh workshop, there's a whole street of festive friends to meet in this Christmas story.

A magical, rhyming Christmas story book to read and share at Christmastime for festive story time fun!



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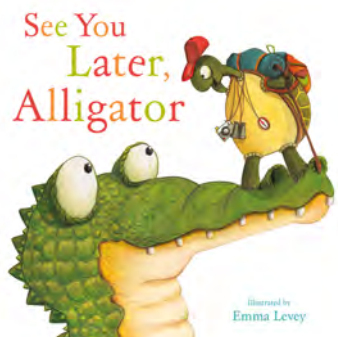
Rhys is an illustrator based in Swansea, UK with Welsh/Norwegian roots. He loves painterly textures and vibrant colours often using a range of mediums to achieve this. Whimsy and fun are at the heart of his work.

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The reindeer need a final spruce.
It's done at number 3.

Their fur is brushed, their tails made plush.
Now don't they look pretty?



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Picture Storybooks: See You Later, Alligator

Each of these fantastic picture storybooks combines lavish illustrations with engaging stories, ensuring that they will be picked up by new and emerging readers time and time again.

Author: Sally Hopgood | Illustrator: Emma Levey

Illustrated by Emma Levey, author and illustrator of the Hattie Peck stories.

A whimsical tale about goodbyes that seem to take longer than the adventure ahead!

Simple, endearing, rhyming fun.

When a friendly tortoise decides to set off on an adventure, he must first say goodbye to all his friends. Will he ever actually leave the zoo?

Comedic illustrations by the super-talented Emma Levey, author and illustrator of *Hattie Peck*, are the perfect accompaniment for this whimsical rhyming story.



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Illustrator: Emma Levey

Like Hattie and her collection of eggs, Emma Levey has an enviable collection of talents, working in everything from print, to gouache, to photography and 3D. Emma is based in a teeny, tiny village called Llancafarn in the South of Wales and her surroundings inspire her over-active imagination. Emma has a ridiculous obsession with her cat Gimli, who pops up from time to time in her work!

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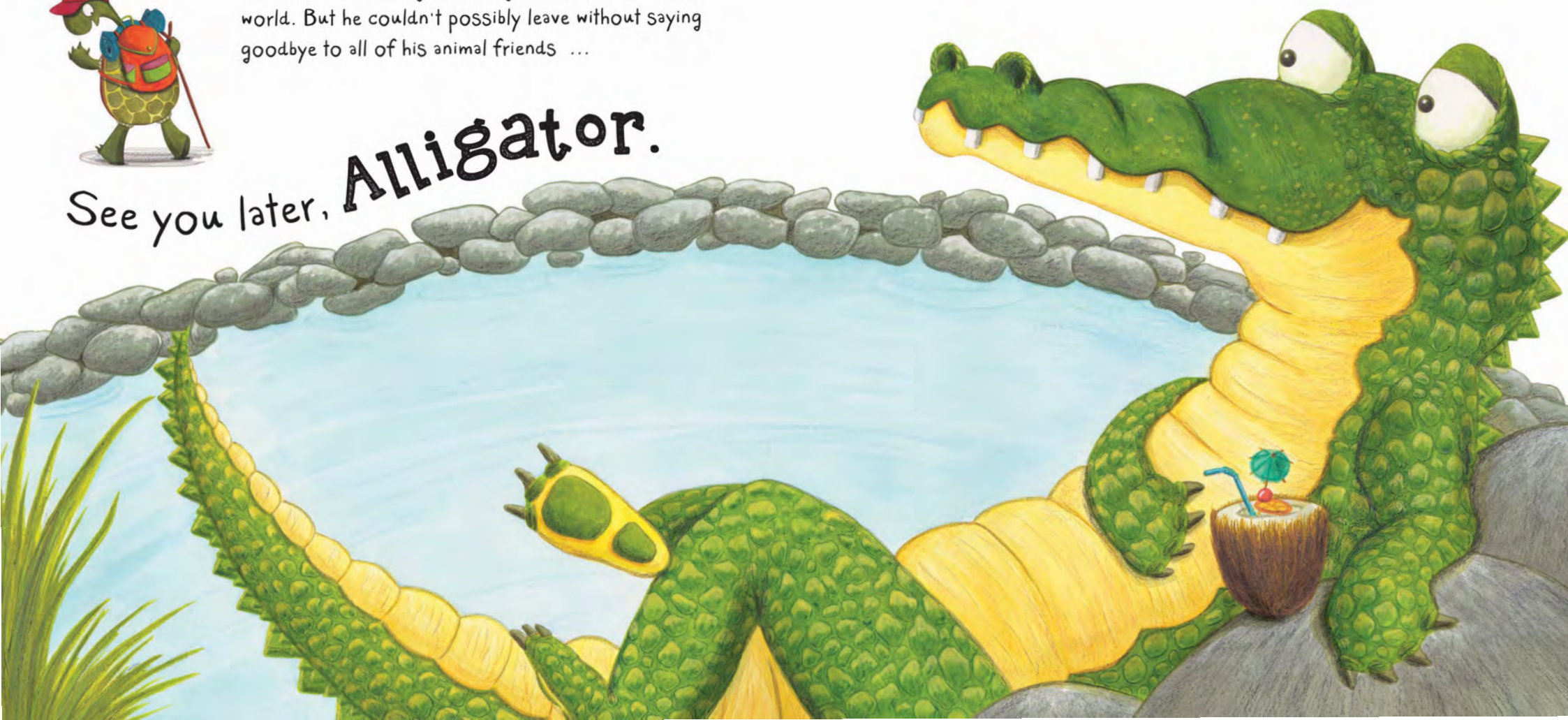
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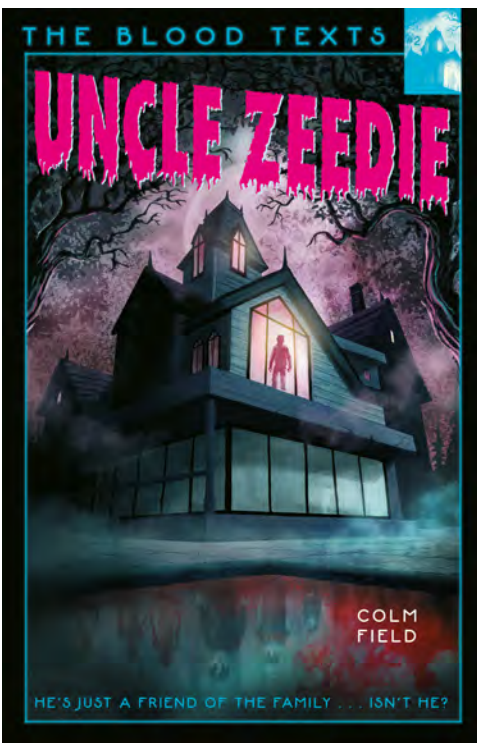
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Tortoise wanted to go on a big adventure to see the world. But he couldn't possibly leave without saying goodbye to all of his animal friends ...

See you later, **Alligator.**





UNCLE ZEEDIE

COLM FIELD

THE BOOK

Uncle Zeedie is weird, but at least he's rich and his house is amazing. That's what George and Lacey tell themselves when they arrive at his isolated mansion in the Welsh woods.

Only something here is worse than weird. Uncle Zeedie seems unhinged, serving them rotten food, and skulking around at night. The house is decaying, blood stained, and stinks of sour milk. And George is seeing kids that aren't there. They're dead, these kids.

And if the rumours are right, Uncle Zeedie is the one who's killing them.

Cover illustration by Keith Robinson.

THE AUTHOR

Who is Colm Field? Well, he was born in the witching hour, beneath a blood-red moon, and under a bad sign. His first words were not fit to print. Now he scratches stories with yellowed fingernails, across the mouldering walls of the abandoned nuclear power station he calls home. If you like what you read, we'll dare you to find out more...

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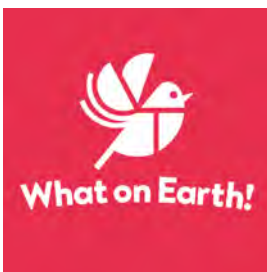
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You add the noise...

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This ingenious, playful book invites every reader to add their own sound effects to the gorgeously illustrated scenes!

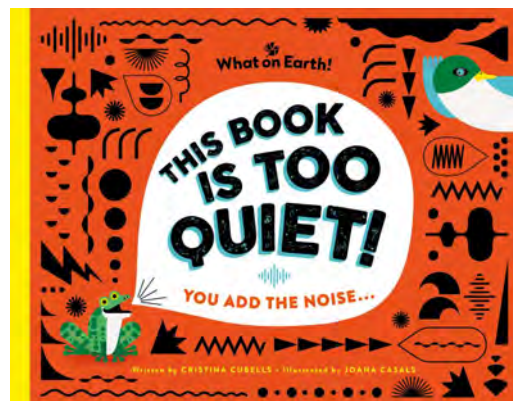
Explore every scene of this stylish book and follow the prompts to create your own noises! Enter the storm scene and add the 'plip... plip... plip' of raindrops and the 'rumbrumbrum' of thunder... Take a tour of the bustling kitchen and make the 'zmmmm zmmmm' of machines and 'crashhhhhh' of plates... Gaze up at the night sky and add the 'fiiewwwwww' of the fireworks as they whoosh into the darkness! With the turn of every page, readers will create their very own landscape of sounds. This playful book offers children a joyfully interactive reading experience, which is both absorbing and hilarious.

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- Gorgeously illustrated throughout with contemporary artwork by Joana Casals.
- Fabulous for gift shops and museums as well as the traditional book trade.

Author Information

Cristina Cubells holds a degree in Music and Psychology, and an MA in Critical and Cultural Theory. Her work and research focus on the crossover between education, theatre and music. She is interested in developing new types of theatre in which sound plays a fundamental role.

Joana Casals is an illustrator and a graphic designer. She graduated in Fine Arts at the University of Barcelona, Spain, and has been working as a graphic designer ever since. She is currently Art Director at Zahorí Books. Her children's non-fiction book *Me and the World*, featuring infographic illustrations, has been published in more than 15 countries and won many awards.



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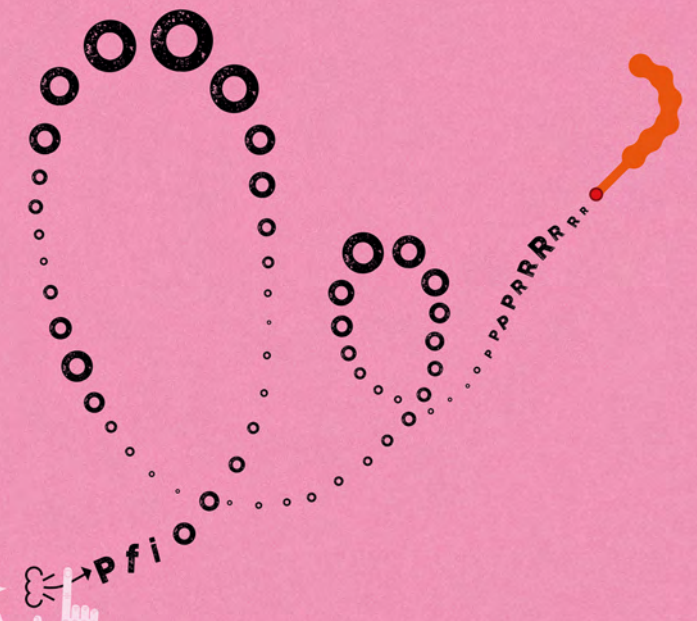
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THIS BOOK IS TOO QUIET.
IT NEEDS YOU TO MAKE SOME NOISE!

PUFF, PUFF, PUFF INTO THE RED BALLOON
UNTIL YOU RUN OUT OF BREATH.
IF YOU DON'T TIE A KNOT... ALL THE AIR WILL ESCAPE!

FOLLOW THE SCENE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT,
ADDING YOUR OWN SOUND EFFECTS.
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FINGER AS YOU MAKE THEM.





Marvellous Animal Homes

A Magic Lens Book

Jane Wilsher, Laurie Avon

An exclusive invitation into your favourite animals' homes! Use the magic lens to see through, peek behind and tunnel deep into bear dens, armadillo burrows, termite nests, beehives, bat tents, squirrel dreys and more.

Have you ever wondered what's going on inside nests, dens, hives, burrows and other animal homes? Deep underground, high up in the mountains and way down at the bottom of the sea, animals make extraordinary homes in surprising places and in ingenious ways. Use the magic lens to look inside these clever constructions and discover all the amazing ways animals make themselves at home in their habitat. Take a tour inside termite mounds and squirrel dreys, bat tents and bee hives, bear dens and tarantula burrows. Explore a whole world of *Marvellous Animal Homes*!

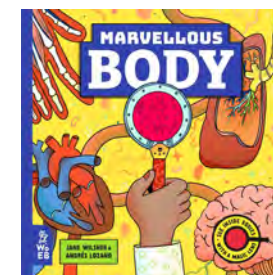
- The third book in the successful *Marvellous* series, featuring a 'magic lens' that reveals hidden illustrations. The magic lens is stored neatly in the front cover. It adds an interactive element, inviting readers to explore their favourite scenes further.
- Bright and detailed illustrations make every spread a visual feast – there's more to see every time you look.
- Accessible text offers a fun and informative reading experience, explaining scientific concepts clearly and evocatively.
- Features a broad range of animal homes and habitats, including Arctic scenes with snowy owls and polar bears; water homes with otters and parrotfish; tropical rainforests with sloths, snakes and jaguars; and mountain scenes with snow leopards and red pandas.

Author Information

Jane Wilsher, who lives in London, is a writer, editor and publisher of award-winning non-fiction books for children. She enjoys commissioning and making fun fact-packed titles for kids, who tend to ask the best kind of tricky questions. Jane enjoys spending a day out at the museums and art galleries, which are packed with inspiration for new book ideas.

Laurie Avon is a freelance illustrator and printmaker based in Brighton. His process is primarily digital, with a focus on narrative, character and handmade textures. His clients include the National Theatre, *the Observer*, the *Guardian*, Penguin Books and BBC History.

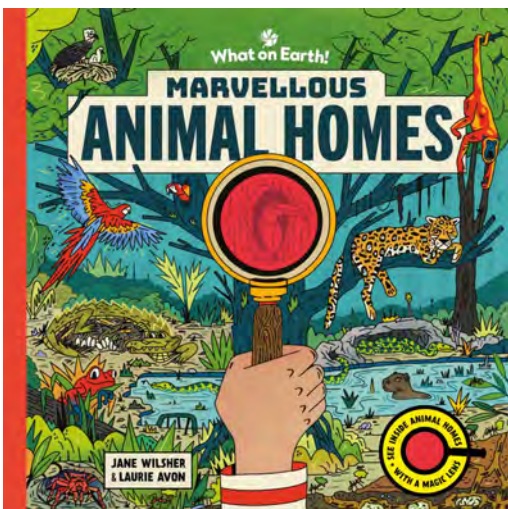
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STEAMY RAINFOREST

Where do animals make their homes in the hot and wet Amazon rainforest?

Everywhere – from the tops of the trees to the forest floor. More than three million different kinds of animals live here.

Day in and day out, the sun shines and the rain pours down. Birds build nests in the high branches, while lower down, monkeys, bats and frogs shelter under a patchwork of leaves. On the forest floor, insects scuttle amongst the damp bark and tangled roots.

Who makes their home where?

A rainforest tree can grow as tall as a 20-storey building. In the rainforest, there are different layers where different kinds of animals make their homes.

Emergent layer

Birds and butterflies soar in the sun-drenched treetops.

Canopy

Monkeys swing through the thick branches and birds peck at berries.

Understorey

Snakes and bats live amongst the vines. A jaguar might hide here, too.

Forest floor

Here, many animals search for bugs and fallen fruit to eat.

FIND IT

Can you spot the animals on this list? You'll need the magic lens to find some of them!

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 toucan chicks | 6 three-toed sloth |
| 2 jaguar | 7 tent-making bats |
| 3 red-eyed tree frog | 8 caiman |
| 4 harpy eagle | 9 anaconda |
| 5 howler monkey | 10 bugs, beetles and spiders |

1 A hollow tree makes a safe, hidden nest for **toucan chicks**. The chicks' mother can poke her long bill, or beak, through the hole with fruit for them to eat.

3 The **red-eyed tree frog** swims in its very own swimming pool home. First, it hides inside bromeliad leaves, which are shaped like a bowl. Then when it rains, the bowl fills with water.

4 Look up to the top of the tallest tree to see a huge nest built by a pair of **harpy eagles**. These birds dive, then grab animals below with their razor-sharp claws, called talons.

5 In the daytime, a **howler monkey** swings from tree to tree searching for fruit to eat. It hooks its tail over a branch, just like another arm. At night, the monkey beds down in a leafy nest, high in the treetops.

7 **Tent-making bats** make a nest in the shape of a tent. The bats bite a leaf in its middle. This makes the leaf fold down into a tent shape. The tiny bats are now safe from predators, the rain and the sun.

6 The **three-toed sloth** doesn't need a nest. It holds on tight to a branch with long curved claws, spending all day fast asleep, upside down.

8 Near the river, a female **caiman** builds a nest from soil and leaves, then lays her eggs. When she hears one of her eggs hatch, she will carry the young caiman to the water's edge in her mouth.

9 Can you see the **anaconda** in the river? It's harder to spot on land. This snake's mottled skin blends into the colours of the forest floor.

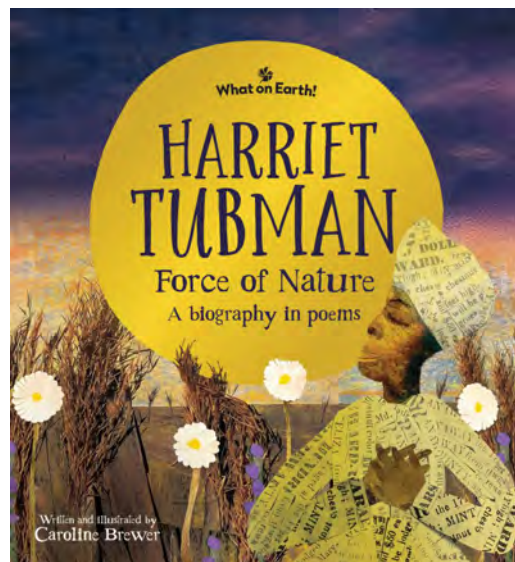
10 All kinds of **bugs, beetles and spiders** make their homes in the dark corners of the forest floor. Many also live on the ridged bark of the trees.



Harriet Tubman, Force of Nature

A biography in poems

Caroline Brewer, Caroline Brewer



The extraordinary life of Black American abolitionist leader Harriet Tubman told through rhythm, rhyme and collage illustrations.

Harriet Tubman, Force of Nature celebrates the life of an unlikely hero with the power of rhythm, rhyme and luminous collage. Tubman was born and grew up enslaved, was wrenched from her parents and assigned dangerous work from the age of six and suffered a brain injury in her teens. Despite it all, she developed a rich understanding of nature and a deep spirituality, using them to free herself and to lead hundreds of others to freedom. Once the American Civil War began, she threw herself into the North's effort to win the war and free all of her people, doing everything from laundry, nursing and spying, to becoming the first woman in American history to lead soldiers on a military mission.

Author-illustrator Caroline Brewer, former chairwoman of the Taking Nature Black Conference, an event focused on diversity, equity and inclusion in the environmental movement, is devoted to connecting children to both reading and nature, and her passion infuses every word and illustration in the book.

- Told in poetry that's perfect for reading aloud, with hip-hop rhymes and rhythms that mesh beautifully with the energy of the story.
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- There are many biographies of Harriet Tubman, but this one looks at her life from a fresh angle, emphasising both her involvement with the natural world and her deeply spiritual nature.
- Back matter includes glossary, index, source notes, and map.

Author Information

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UP FROM THE UNDERGROUND

After her thirteenth trip to unchain her folks,
Harriet lets go of pines, maples and oaks –
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cardinals, blue jays, barred owls –
streams, rivers, ocean, bays –
swamps, forests, hideaways –
night crawling, secret codes:
life on the blessed Underground Railroad.

THE CIVIL WAR COMES TO HARRIET'S DOOR

A battle begins between the states.
To end slavery, or not, is what's at stake.
The Union Army calls Harriet out of retirement.
To be a scout and a spy is the requirement:
to map out plans for escapes and attacks,
to sneak behind the enemy's back,
to talk to the enslaved in disguise,
to work for freedom as bullets fly,
to be as dazzling
in intelligence gathering
as a purple sunrise.

THE MERCY OF A SUNSET

And yet Harriet is asked to do more
than be a spy during the war.
Into the battlefield
she's implored to swoop
to be a nurse for Black Army troops.
But the military does not pay
this angel of mercy for her workdays.
So she's forced to earn money by hook or by crook
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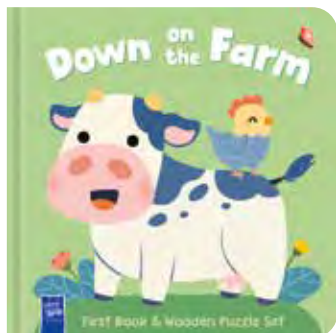
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Publication	SEPTEMBER 2025
Price	£ 12.99
Format	Board Book
Size box	193 x 195 x 29,5 mm
Size book	190 x 190 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+ / 3+
Features	A handy slipcase with 1 story book and 1 three-piece wooden puzzle (bonus: two puzzles with soft fur)

KEY SELLING POINTS:

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Price	£12.99
Format	Board Book
Size (box)	280 x 150 (80) x 27 mm
Size (book)	90 x 150 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	3 cut-to-shape books in one slipcase

KEY SELLING POINTS:

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Publication	SEPTEMBER 2025
Price	£ 7.99
Format	Board Book 150 x 150 mm
Size	10 pages
Extent	YB
BIC code	2+
Age	4 sliding puzzles
Features	

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Children love sliding puzzles: Check!
- Children love cute rhymes: Check!
- Children love adorable animals: Check!

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Price	£ 7.99
Format	Board Book
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Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	Die cuts, felt elements and edges

KEY SELLING POINTS:

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