

1,2,3...SPIN & SEE!

SPECIFICATION

BINDING	Board book binding with round corners
EXTENT	8pp
SPECIAL FINISHES	Folded mirror appears over cover & internals contain 4 spinning discs
PRODUCT SIZE	180x180 (7"x 7")
INTERNAL PAGE SIZE	180x180 (7"x7")
PUB DATE	Aug 2025
RRP	£7.99
AGE	2+
BIC	YBGH
TITLE 1	Ocean Explorer ISBN: 9781837160044
TITLE 2	Nature Detective ISBN: 9781837160037



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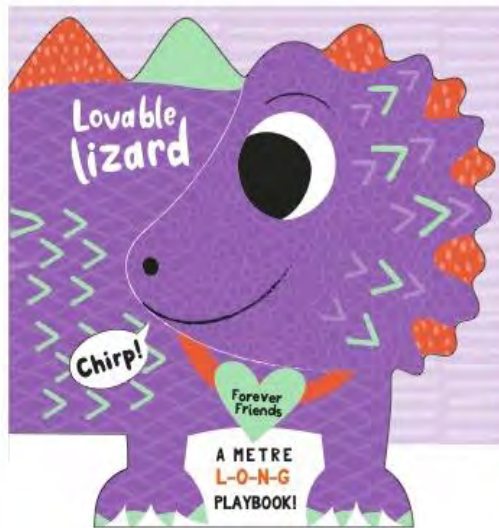
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Innovative new format with a gatefold cover mirror and spinning disc that reveals hidden pictures.

Boosts learning with topical vocabulary and matching image activities.

Enhances fine motor skills, logical reasoning, and problem-solving through interactive play.

MY PAWSOME PETS



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SPECIFICATION

BINDING	Concertina Board
EXTENT	12pp
SPECIAL FINISHES	The entire book is printed with 3 pantones
PRODUCT SIZE	180x180 (7"x 7")
INTERNAL PAGE SIZE	180x180 (7"x 7")
PUB DATE	Aug 2025
RRP	£5.99
AGE	18mnths+
BIC	YBCS2
TITLE 1	Playful Puppy ISBN: 9781837160051
TITLE 2	Clever Kitty ISBN: 9781837160068
TITLE 3	Lovable Lizard ISBN: 9781837160075

Innovative concertina format with an over 1m-long pet toy!

Introduces pet care in a fun, fresh and engaging way!

Enhances fine motor skills and creativity through interactive and imaginative play.



Woof! Woof!

Thanks for choosing me. I'm SO excited to be your fur-ever friend!

Can you give me a pat? I love those!

What will you call me?



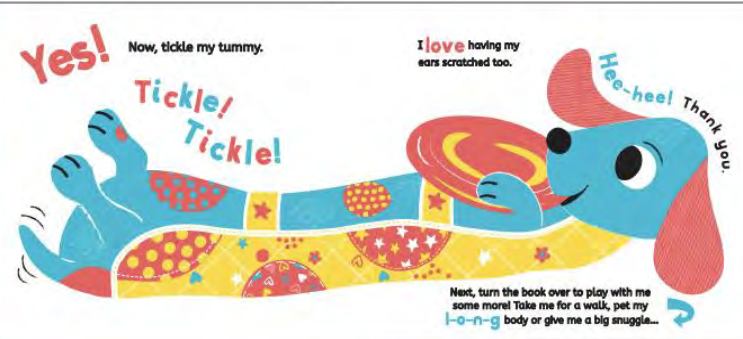
I adore playing catch with my frisbee.

Trace around the frisbee with your finger to make it spin.

Keep going...

Wheee!

Will I catch it?



Yes!

Now, tickle my tummy.

Tickle! Tickle!

I love having my ears scratched too.

Hee-hee! Thank you.

Next, turn the book over to play with me some more! Take me for a walk, pet my long body or give me a big snuggle...



YAWN!

That was fun! Now it's nap time.

Playful puppy, I love you, I adore each thing you do! From your ears down to your paws, you're all mine, and I'm all yours! Playful puppy, I love you,

Can you sing me this lullaby?



Ahhh!

It's working! I'm SO sleepy. Can you give me a kiss goodnight?

You're the best!

Time for my beauty sleep!

Zzzzz!



Meeowww!

Thanks for bringing me home. We're purr-fect for each other!

Can you scratch under my chin?

What will you call me?



Yay!

I found wool. I'm such a clever kitty! I can almost reach it...

Can you slowly tilt the book this way to help me?



Oopsy!

I'm all tangled up.

Now tickle my paws to help me wriggle free.

Wriggle! Wriggle!

Hee-hee!

Can you follow the wool with your finger all the way to my feet?



Yes!

We did it! We're clever together! Clap and sing with me

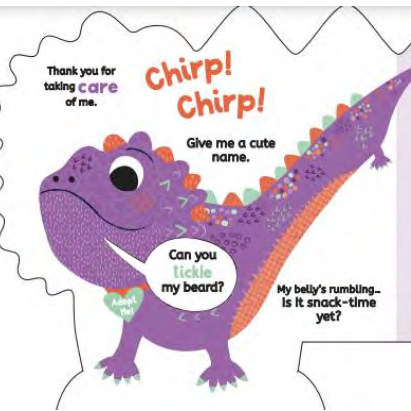
If you're clever and you know it, clap your paws! If you're clever and you know it and you really want to show it, if you're clever and you know it clap your paws!



Shall we s-l-r-e-t-c-h together? Pawsome work!

Flip me over for more play time!

Thank you! I love you meow and fur-ever!



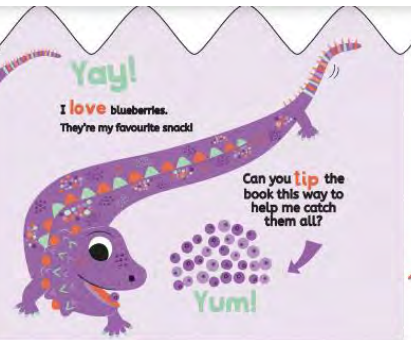
Chirp! Chirp!

Thank you for taking care of me.

Give me a cute name.

Can you tickle my beard?

My belly's rumbling... Is it snack-time yet?



Yay!

I love blueberries. They're my favourite snack!

Can you tip the book this way to help me catch them all?

Yum!



Oh, dear!

After all those blueberries, I'm sticky.

SPLISH! SPLOSH!

Can you clean me up?

Let's sing and splash about.

The bubbles in the bath go...

POPI POP! POP! POP! POP! POP! POP! POP!

The bubbles in the bath go... POP! POP! POP! All day long!

POP the bubbles with your finger. POP! POP! POP!



Ahhh!

I feel much better, thank you. Now pat me dry.

Can you blow on my scales to warm me up?

Ha-ha-ha! That tickles!



It's time for a BIG kiss... I love those!

And I love being LOVED by you!

Bearded buddies forever!

Flip me over for more fun, snacks and snuggles.

BEST GUESS!



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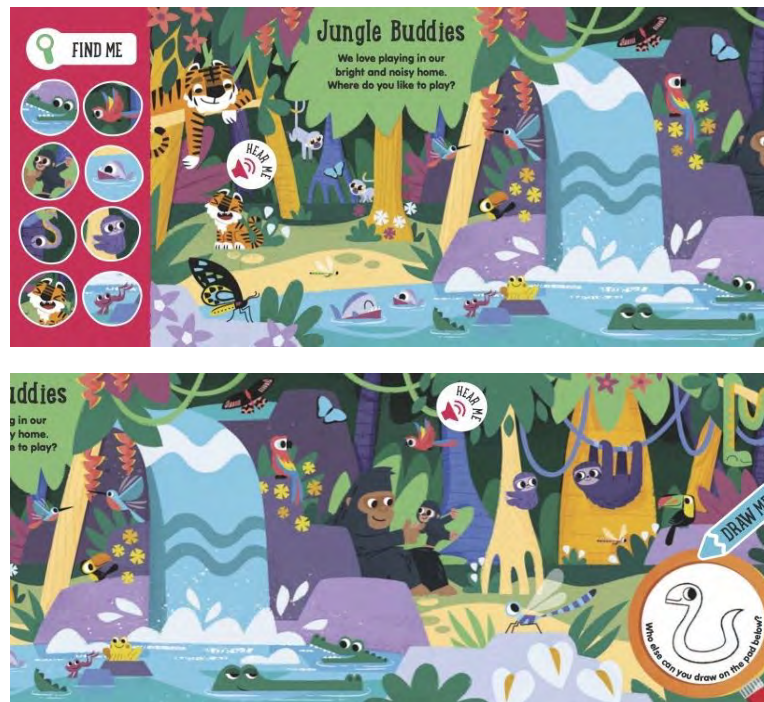
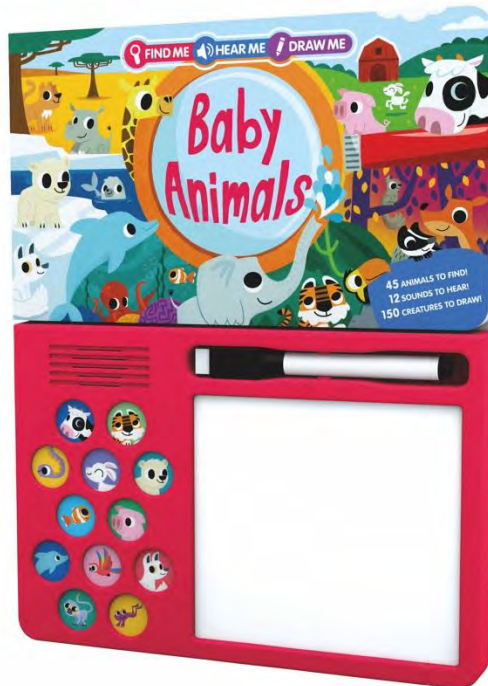
BINDING	Pad-bound paperback
EXTENT	96pp
SPECIAL FINISHES	2 x Pantone, spot UV
PRODUCT SIZE	250x250 (9.75"x9.75")
INTERNAL PAGE SIZE	250x250 (9.75"x9.75")
PUB DATE	Aug 2025
RRP	£7.99
AGE	10+
BIC	YNVM
TITLE 1	Entertainment ISBN: 9781837160006
TITLE 2	Classic Trivia ISBN: 9781837160020
TITLE 3	Animals ISBN: 9781837160013

The family quiz game book where kids can win!

No need to know the answers- it's all about guessing who's closest!

Easy to play – look up the answers on the internet!

FIND ME, HEAR ME, DRAW ME!



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Innovative 3-in-1 sensory sound book: 12-button sound module, whiteboard and wipe-clean pen.

Enhances motor skills: stimulates senses, improves fine motor and hand-eye coordination.

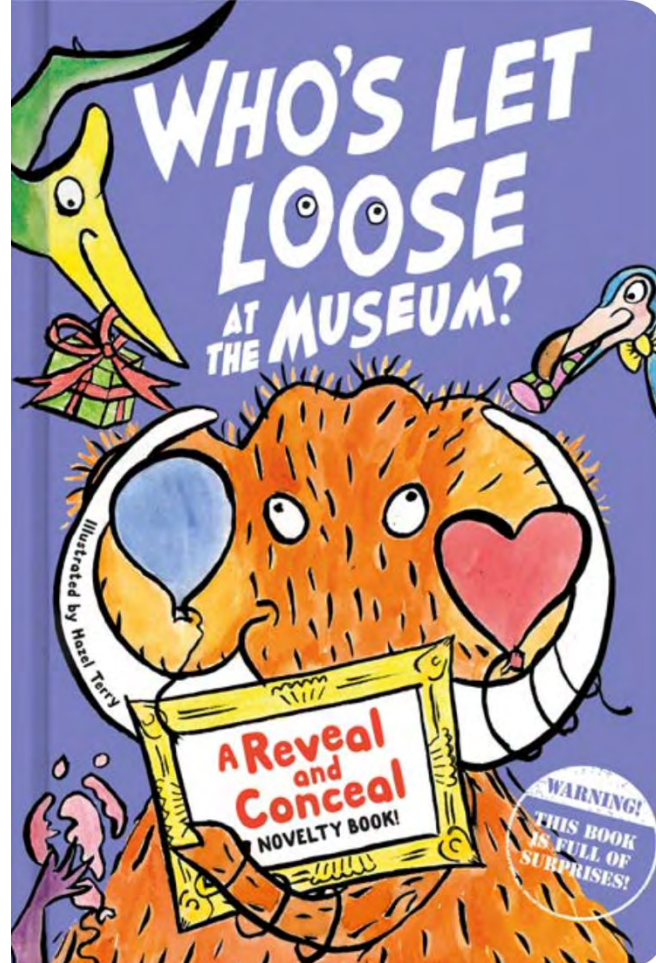
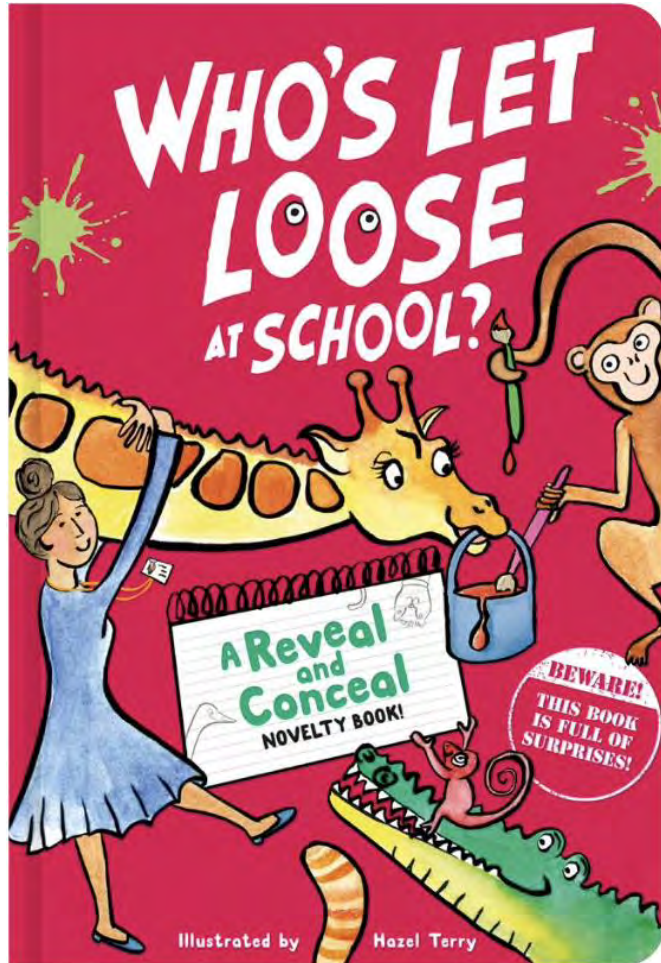
Fun introduction to nature: explores the natural world in a playful, exciting way.

SPECIFICATION

BINDING	Board book with sound module
EXTENT	14pp inc cover
SPECIAL FEATURES	Electronic sound module containing 12 sounds, a wipe clean marker with felt-tip eraser & whiteboard for drawing
PRODUCT SIZE	280x220 (11"x8.75")
INTERNAL PAGE SIZE	220x130 (8.75"x5")
PUB DATE	Aug 2025
RRP	£12.99
AGE	0-3
BIC	YBGH
TITLE 1	Baby Animals ISBN: 9781837160082
TITLE 2	Baby Dinos ISBN: 9781837160099

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WHO'S LET LOOSE – BOARD BOOK



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SPECIFICATION

BINDING	Novelty cased board
EXTENT	24pp + cover
SPECIAL FINISHES	Grain lam
SPECIAL FEATURES	Internal pages gradually get smaller, then bigger in width – each revealing a different character scene.
PRODUCT SIZE	227x157 (9"x 6.25")
INTERNAL PAGE SIZE	220x150 (8.75"x 6")
PUB DATE	Aug 2025
RRP	£6.99
AGE	0-3
BIC	YBCS2
TITLE 1	At School ISBN:9781837160167
TITLE 2	At The Museum ISBN:9781837160174

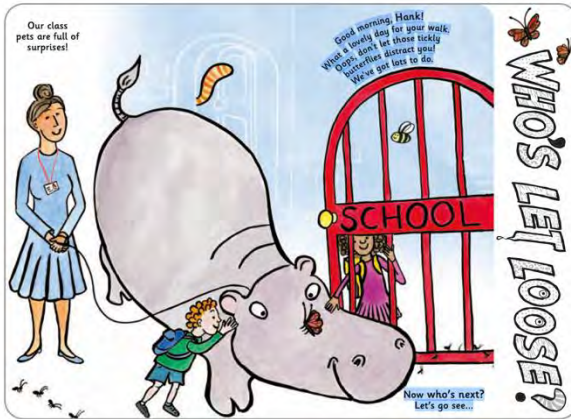
A market-first die-cut format with a fun reveal & conceal on every page

Combines best-selling themes in fresh engaging stories that kids will love

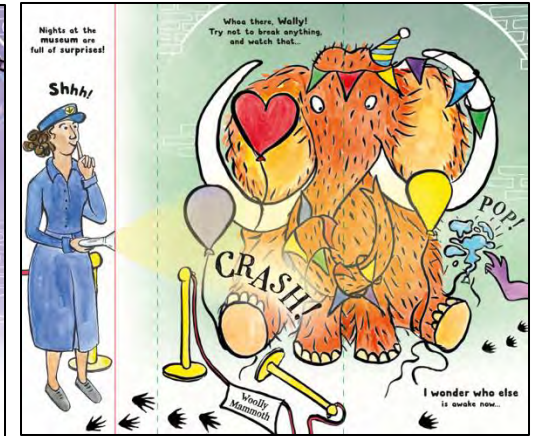
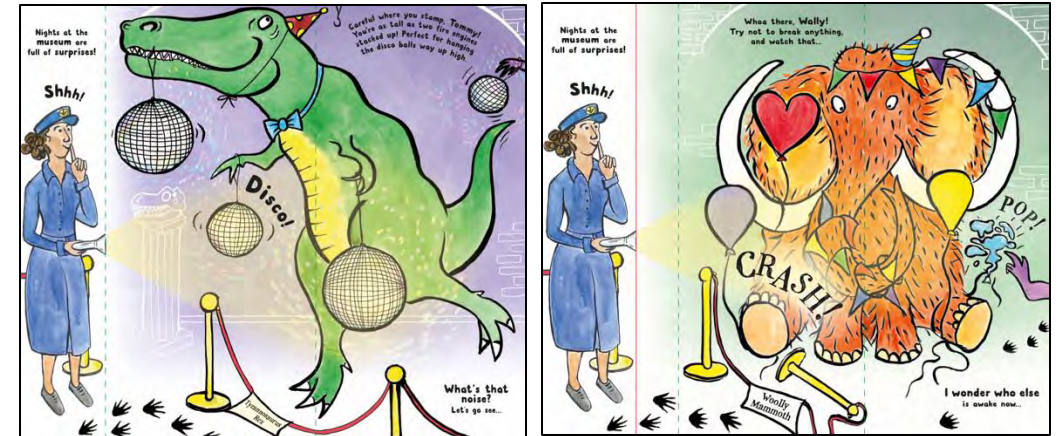
Interactive guessing elements boost literacy & cognitive development

WHO'S LET LOOSE – BOARD BOOK INTERNALS

At School



At The Museum



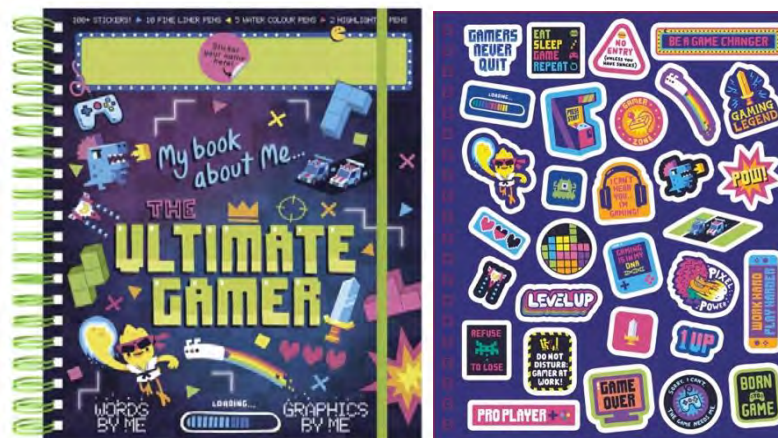
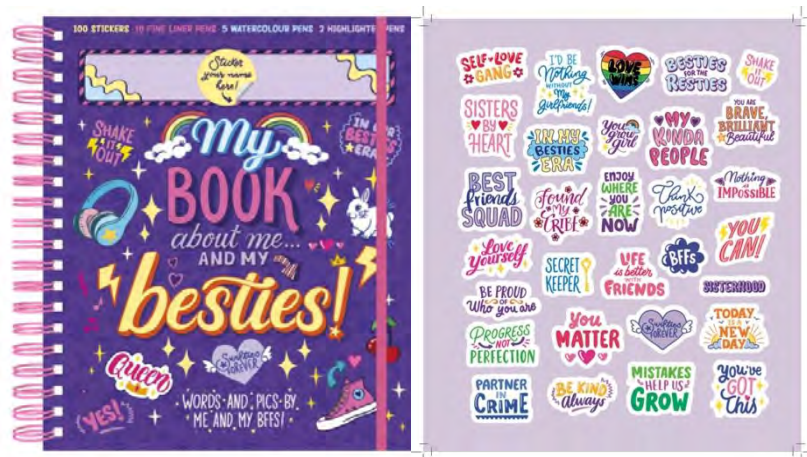
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PERSONALISED ARTS & CRAFTS



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SPECIFICATION

BINDING	Wiro bound
EXTENT	48pp + 4pp stickers
SPECIAL FEATURES	Bound into internals is a vac tray, made from 30% recycled plastic, containing 10 water-colour markers, 5 fine-line markers & 2 neon highlighters
PRODUCT SIZE	260X230 (10.25"x9")
INTERNAL PAGE SIZE	260X230 (10.25"x9")
PUB DATE	Aug 2025
RRP	£12.99
AGE	8-13
BIC	YBGC
TITLE 1	Me and My Besties ISBN: 9781837160105
TITLE 2	The Ultimate Gamer ISBN: 9781837160112

Personalization—readers can add their name to the front cover, and internals, using the stickers.

Encourages creativity, self-awareness and positive thinking.

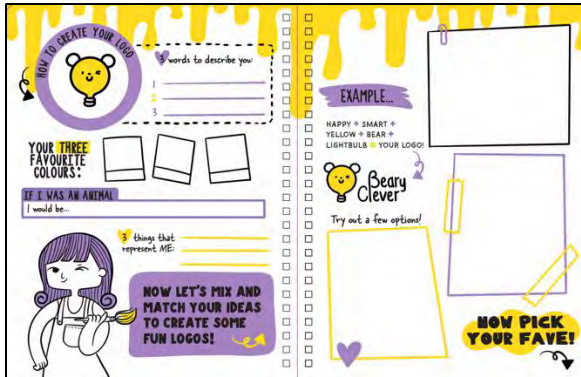
Includes on-trend stationery: 10 fine liner pens, 5 watercolour pens, 2 neon highlighters, and 3 sticker sheets.

PERSONALISED JOURNALS



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SPECIFICATION

BINDING	Wiro Bound
EXTENT	96pp + 2 sheets of stickers
SPECIAL FINISHES	2 x pantone
SPECIAL FEATURES	Bound into cover is strip seal pencil case containing 2 neon highlighters & 2 twin-tip markers
PRODUCT SIZE	230x190 (9"x7.5")
INTERNAL PAGE SIZE	230x190 (9"x7.5")
PUB DATE	Aug 2025
RRP	£9.99
AGE	8-13
BIC	YBGC
TITLE 1	You've Got This: My Happy Journal ISBN: 9781837160129
TITLE 2	Brush It Off: My Creative Vibes Journal ISBN: 9781837160136

Personalized creative journaling for Gen Alpha, featuring neon-bright stickers to add their name to the cover!

Supports tweens' social and emotional development, boosting self-confidence and wellbeing.

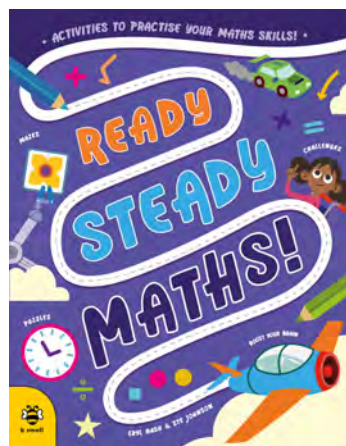
Includes trendy, high-quality stationery: 4 neon double-tipped highlighters, markers, pencil case and stickers.

ADVANCE INFORMATION **ACTIVITY**



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Ready Steady Maths! Ready Steady Science!

written by Eryl Nash, illustrated by Ste Johnson

A FUN WAY TO WARM UP YOUR MATHS MIND!

Here is an activity book full of popular puzzles that children will know and love, such as join the dots, colouring in, mazes, sudoku and even a word search. But there's one big difference... it's all about MATHS! From adding and subtracting to times tables and putting things in chronological order, each page presents simple maths challenges in a way that takes the fear out of building this key skill. So grab your pencils and... READY, STEADY, GO!

Series title: Ready Steady ...

- Positive approach encourages children to have a go
- It's a 'normal' activity book that children will know how to use

AUGUST 2025

Publisher	b small publishing ltd.	Binding	Paperback
Format	246x189mm	Illustrations	Full colour
Price	£7.99 (no VAT)	Author	Eryl Nash
Age	5 years and up	Illustrator	Ste Johnson
Extent	48 pages	Market	Worldwide
		BIC Codes	YNTM

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Author/Illustrator: Eryl is an author and editor in children's publishing specialising in making science easy to understand. Ste Johnson is an illustrator based in Sheffield who has illustrated for Kingfisher and Hodder.

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We believe that children are natural learners. That's why, for over 30 years, we've been making books that celebrate their enthusiasm for discovering new things. From science to foreign languages, our award-winning non-fiction and activity books help all children discover the joy of learning.



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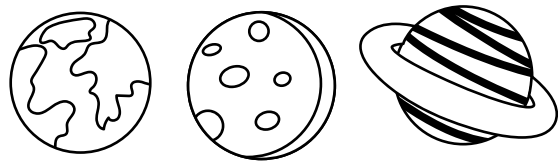
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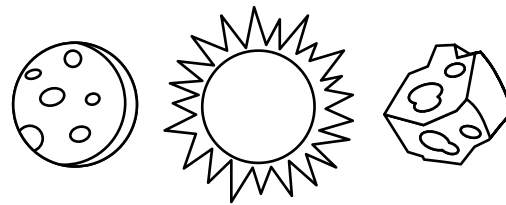
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Colour the correct picture that matches each word.

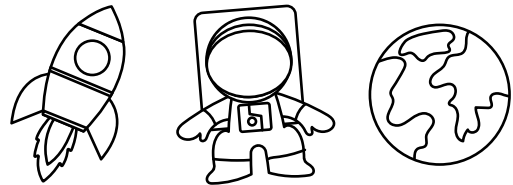
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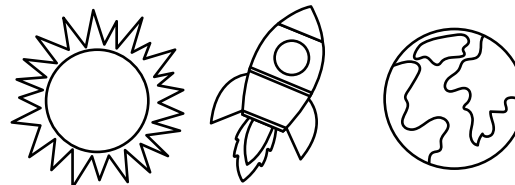
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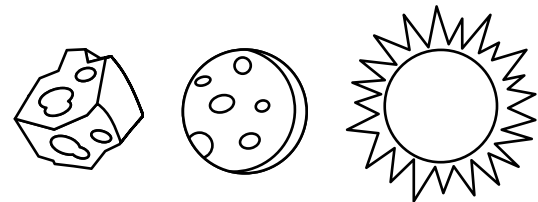
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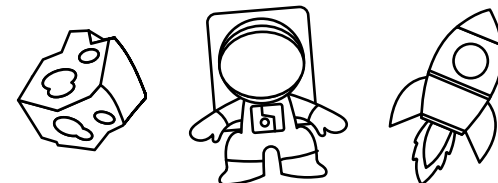
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• SUN



• ROCKET



• PLANET



Fitness fun

Which row matches these shadows?



A



Cycling makes my heart **healthier**.

B



I **sleep** better after a swim.

C



Skipping makes me feel **happy**!

D



Moving keeps my muscles **strong**!

SERIES OVERVIEW ACTIVITY



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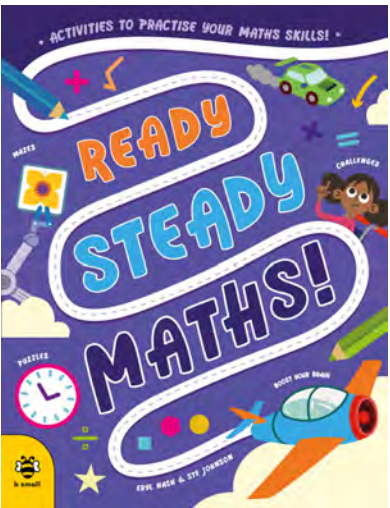
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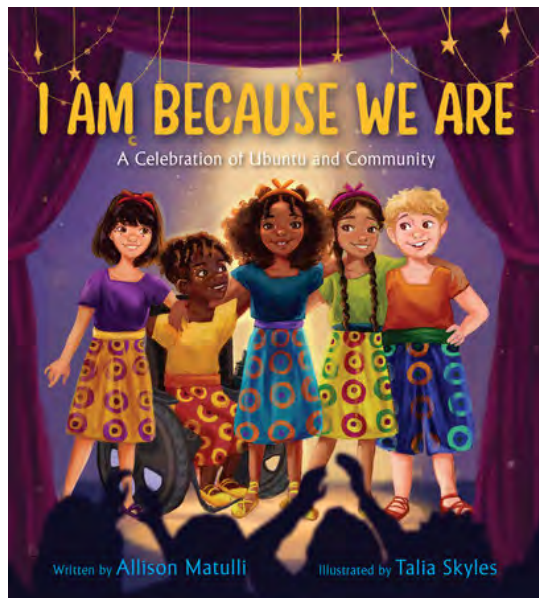


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READY STEADY SERIES	
Publisher	b small publishing ltd.
Format	246x189mm
Price	£7.99 (no VAT)
Age	5 years and up
Extent	48 pages
Binding	Paperback



I am Because We Are

Allison Matulli

Disney • HYPERION

Grounded in African Ubuntu philosophy, this lyrical picture book celebrates community and invites readers to lift up our neighbors.


For fans for ALL THE WORLD and ALL ARE WELCOME comes a new classic that celebrates community.

Your joy is my joy.
My freedom is your freedom.
Me.
You.
We.
All of us!
That is community.
This is ubuntu.

This rhythmic story follows one child as they dream, perform, and celebrate at the heart of their community.

- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF CLASSICS LIKE ALL THE WORLD AND BE KIND** and for people looking for uplifting picture books about community.
- **AUTHOR HAS AN ENGAGED AUDIENCE** due to her work as a motivational speaker and educator
- **LYRICAL EXPLORATION OF COMMUNITY, MUTUAL AID, AND BELONGING** complete with vibrant, expressive art.

21/08/2025			
Publisher	Disney Hyperion	Binding	Hardback
ISBN	9781368099103	Illustrations	
Format	229 x 254 mm	Author	Allison Matulli
Price	£14.99	Illustrator	
Age	3-7 years	Market	
Extent	40	BIC Codes	



I fly high when you
can soar high, too.

Your flight and mine
are one and the same.



Maggie and the Story Shadows

Annabelle Oh

Disney • HYPERION

A pint-sized Only Murders in the Building meets Land of Stories in this fantastical middle grade mystery where three kids' search for a missing mother leads them to a world where every story ever told is real—making a hit web series about their search along the way.

Five months ago, Maggie Woodrow's mom disappeared without a trace. Now, the world has given up the search and Maggie and her dad may lose their house. But Maggie has a plan: hire a private investigator, find her mom, and everything will go back to normal.

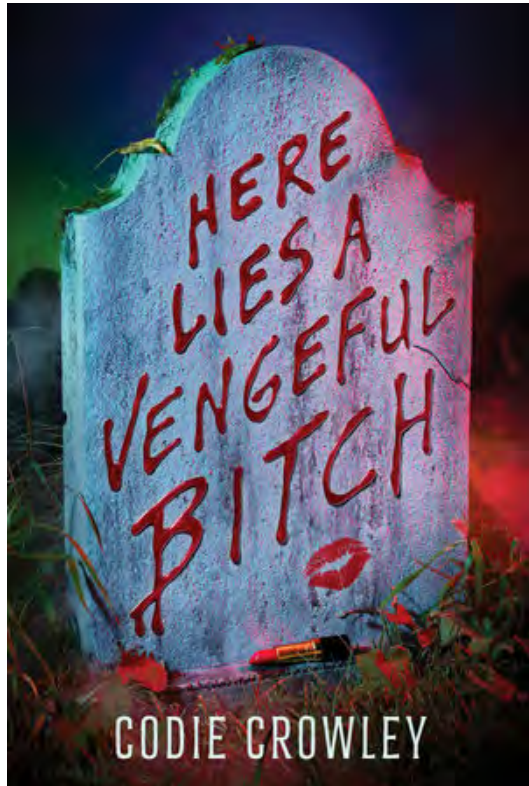
When the private investigator wants \$3,000 to take on Maggie's case, she knows just who to turn to: Griffin, the school's entrepreneur-influencer. Intrigued by Maggie's mom's story, Griffin agrees to film the investigation and create a web series, splitting the profits with Maggie.

Except their search takes a totally unexpected turn when they are sucked into a world where every story ever told is real—and so is magic. From Sherlock Holmes to Baba Yaga to terrifying mythical monsters, Maggie and her new friends never know what's around the corner. Still, they are determined to work together and uncover the truth about Maggie's mom.

As Maggie, Griffin, and Petra close in on the answers they seek, a mysterious (and dangerous) man known as The Reaper sends increasingly deadly threats after them. Will they find Maggie's mom? Or will their own disappearance become the latest mystery?

- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF LAND OF STORIES, INKHEART, AND THE SWIFTS. ENGAGING MYSTERY WITH STRONG CONTEMPORARY FANTASY ELEMENTS** combines two beloved middle grade staples.
- **IMMERSIVE, PUNCHY, FAST-PACED WRITING** perfect for grabbing middle grade readers' attention.
- **HIGH STAKES WITHOUT GORE OR GRAPHIC VIOLENCE**, full of dramatic and age-appropriate plot twists.

14/08/2025			
Publisher	Disney Hyperion	Binding	Hardback
ISBN	9781368114141	Illustrations	
Format	140 x 210 mm	Author	Annabelle Oh
Price	£14.99	Illustrator	
Age	8-12 years	Market	
Extent	272	BIC Codes	



Here Lies a Vengeful Bitch

Codie Crowley

Disney • HYPERION

Murdered bad girl Annie Lane is back from the grave and hellbent on revenge . . . she just has to figure out who killed her.

This fast-paced thriller, now available in paperback, delivers a horror-infused hunt for justice that's at once furiously feminist, darkly funny, and utterly satisfying.

Includes a teaser chapter from Codie Crowley's next novel!

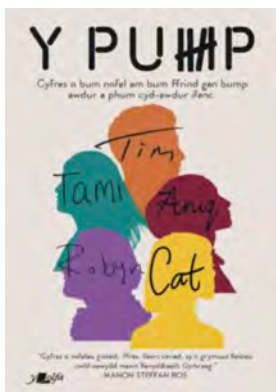
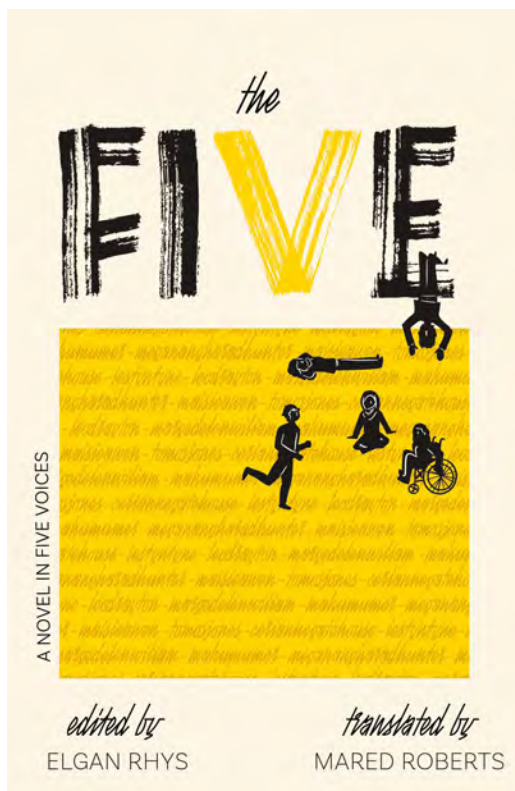
Between her careless mom, her cheating ex-boyfriend, and her rotten reputation around town, Annie Lane is used to being left behind. But she's never been left for dead before—until she wakes up to find her body's been dumped on a mountain rumored to raise the dead.

Annie can't remember who killed her, but she'll stop at nothing to figure it out and make them pay. Because girls like her don't get justice unless they take it for themselves.

Codie Crowley's propulsive debut presents a furious and cathartic thriller skewering society's condemnation of "unlikeable" girls.

- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Fans of Jesse Q. Sutanto, Karen McManus, Holly Jackson, and Jessica Goodman; fans of horror novels and movies like Jennifer's Body; readers of female-driven, dark thriller; #MeToo/#GoodForHer era readers looking for an angry, cathartic read
- **SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING OF 150K+ ON TIKTOK**
- **PERFECTLY ON-TREND THRILLER**
- **GENRE-BUSTING, ORIGINAL STORY**
- **FIERCE FEMINISM PERFECT FOR TODAY**

07/08/2025			
Publisher	Disney Hyperion	Binding	Paperback
ISBN	9781368101394	Illustrations	
Format	140 x 210 mm	Author	Codie Crowley
Price	£9.99	Illustrator	
Age	14+ years	Market	
Extent	320	BIC Codes	



The Five

ed. Elgan Rhys

- A distinctive and relatable depiction of young adult life in Wales today
- The Welsh language editions, Y Pump, was the winner of **Wales Book of the Year 2022** in the Children & Young People and People's Choice categories, as well as the Tir na n-Og 2022 Welsh Language Secondary Category.

Summary:

The Five follows a year in the interconnected lives of five outcasts who forge a singular bond at their secondary school in north-west Wales. As they navigate the joys and tribulations of what makes them different as individuals, their newfound community is both tested and strengthened.

This boldly original and tender-hearted young adult novel is adapted by Mared Roberts from the multi-award-winning Welsh-language series Y Pump, which was co-created in an innovative authorship process led by the voices of Wales' next generation.

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The Cyber Ciphers of Eartha Quicksmith

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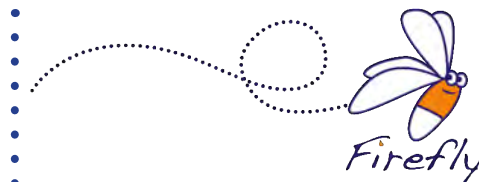
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Loris Owen has lived in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Her home is now in Leicestershire, where she spends her days beachcombing for interesting combinations of words. Loris owns a turtle pyramid.

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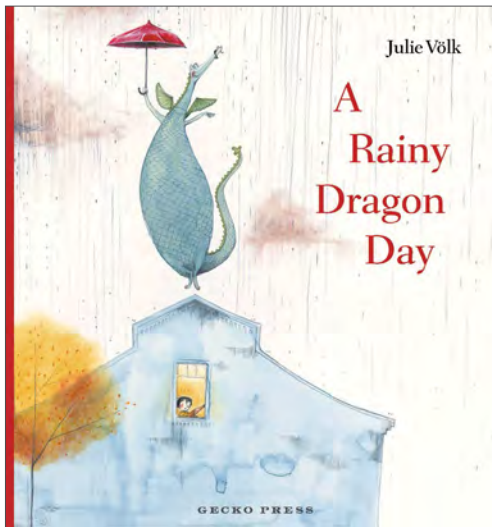
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A Rainy Dragon Day

Author/Illustrator **Julie Völk**

NEW IN PAPERBACK

ABOUT THE BOOK

What's more perfect than a day on the sofa while the rain patters on the windows?

I'm just settling down with books, cocoa, and my long-haired dachshund, when the doorbell rings. It's Fred the dragon, hoping to use the bathroom. There's nowhere suitable for a fastidious dragon. After rejecting all the usual places, Fred sweeps us off through the storm to a magical world of floating pagoda bathrooms.

Every beguiling detail in these illustrations evokes the snuggle of a cozy, rainy day in a funny story that addresses the very necessary question of where dragons go when they need to go.

SALES POINTS

- Clear, delicate illustrations and an exquisite palette convey fantasy and atmosphere
- Captures the snug inside feeling of a rainy day
- An elegant comic story of needing the bathroom

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Julie Völk is a celebrated illustrator from Vienna, Austria, who studied at the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg and has illustrated many award-winning picture books. In 2018, she was named an IBBY Honored Illustrator.

TITLE INFORMATION

Release August 2025

Ages **4-8**

Format **paperback**

Size **263 x 248 mm portrait**

Pages **40 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9781776575800**

RRP GBP **8.99**

Translator **Melody Shaw**

Original Language **German**

This book in 3 ideas
**cosy indoors, dragon fantasy,
needing the bathroom**

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“Julie Völk’s delicate and beautiful illustrations draw us in to an enchanting dragonworld then surprise us with earthy comedy.”

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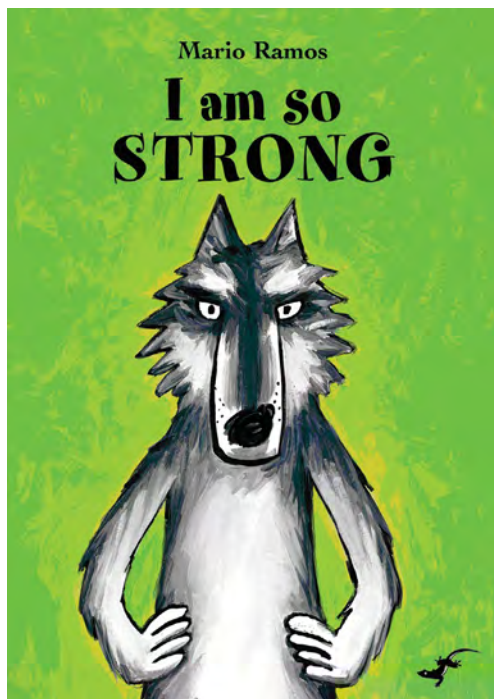
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I Am So Strong

Author/Illustrator **Mario Ramos**

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ABOUT THE BOOK

The big bad wolf knows he rules the forest—but he likes to hear the others tell him so. He marches through the woods, asking: “Tell me, who is the strongest?” Everyone, from Little Red Riding Hood to the Three Little Pigs to the Seven Dwarfs, agrees he is the strongest, the toughest, the terror of the woods. So when “a little toad of some sort” stands up to him, the wolf is furious—then quickly learns his lesson.

I Am So Strong is a great read-aloud for families and classrooms, and a delightful story for anyone who’s known an overconfident wolf.

“The wolf’s comeuppance is deeply satisfying; the only disappointment is that the book is over so soon. Better read it again.” —*Publishers Weekly* (US)

SALES POINTS

- Funny story with extending language
- Great classroom and family read-aloud
- Bold illustrations with lasting appeal
- Themes of bragging and power lightly told

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Mario Ramos (1958–2012) was a much-loved Belgian author and illustrator, whose work has been published all over the world and received many awards.

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This picture book is an enduring bestseller in multiple languages for its irresistible language and incorrigible wolf.”

Rachel Lawson, Publisher



TITLE INFORMATION

Release August 2025

Ages **5–8**

Format **paperback**

Size **275 x 195 mm**

Pages **28 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

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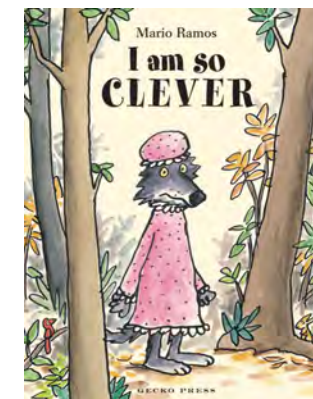
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Translator **Jean Anderson**

Original Language **French**

This book in 3 ideas
fairytale, bragging, comeuppance

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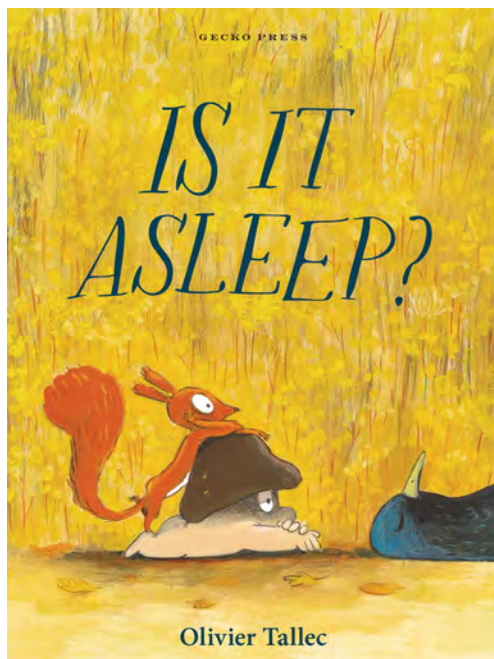


Next he came upon Little Red Riding Hood.

"My dear, how well that crimson suits you. You look sweet enough to eat. Tell me, my little strawberry, who's the strongest in the woods?"

"Oh, you are, absolutely. Yes, you, Mister Wolf. There's no question," she answered. "You're the strongest in the woods!"





Is It Asleep?

Author/Illustrator **Olivier Tallec**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Squirrel and his best friend Pock the mushroom sit on the old stump, watching birds fly by. When they're tired of this, they take the path to the yellow meadow to listen to the blackbird sing. But today, the bird's not there. The friends look everywhere. Finally they find it on the path, all stretched out and quite still. It must be sleeping. They sit down quietly and wait for the bird to wake.

This true-to-child story of a natural encounter with an animal that has died is both dryly humorous and a profound example of how to manage the comings and goings of life.

SALES POINTS

- Life and death in nature with a direct perspective straight from childhood
- Respectful, deep and heartwarming
- Brings immense lightness to a serious topic, making it accessible to children through play and humour
- A brilliant guide for what to do at a funeral—they give this bird a beautiful send-off!
- *A Better Best Friend* was reprinted twice in first months of release. Tallec's squirrel books are successful in multiple languages

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Olivier Tallec was born in Brittany, France. After graduating from the École Supérieure d'Arts Appliqués Duperré in Paris, he travelled extensively and now lives and works in Paris. He has illustrated more than 60 books for children.

TITLE INFORMATION

Release **August 2025**

Ages **4-7**

Format **hardcover**

Size **280 x 200 mm**

Pages **32 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765670521**

RRP GBP **12.99**

Translator **Antony Shugaar**

Original Language **French**

This book in 3 ideas
nature, funerals, friendship

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

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When we're tired of that, we follow the path to the yellow meadow
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But today the blackbird isn't there.

The Nightmare Club: The Weird Blood Bank

by Annie Graves, illustrated by Glen McElhinney

The latest in a series of scary and funny tales
for young and reluctant readers.

Summary

Welcome to the Nightmare Club, the sleepover that is definitely not for wimps. Annie Graves is your host, and she only invites guests who can tell really creepy stories.

Alex gets taken to the doctor more often than Alex likes. Dr White takes an awful lot of blood samples – so greedy is he for blood that he uses a double syringe and he sends great big bottles of it to the “lab”. This makes Alex suspicious – and sure enough, the blood “samples” are not going to a lab at all, but to the blood bank. Alex decides to investigate, and it turns out that the blood bank has been taken over by flocks of white-coated vampires!



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Thema: YFD, YFQ, YNX

Format: 198mm x 129 mm

Binding: Paperback **Extent:**
64pp

Sales points

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- Filled with funny and spine-tingling **illustrations**
- Eleven titles in the series being rolled out between 2025 and 2027

About Annie Graves

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Annie is twelve years old, and she has no intention of ever growing up. She is, conveniently, an orphan, and lives at an undisclosed address in Dublin with her pet toad, Much Misunderstood, and a small black kitten, Hugh Shalby Nameless.

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'Thing is,' said Alex, 'he said it was to strengthen my blood. But there's nothing wrong with my blood, see? I'm perfectly fine.'

'So why have you been going to the doctor, then?' asked Betty.

'It's my mum,' said Alex. 'She fusses. And she *likes* the doctor.'

'Hmm,' said Jeff. '*Suspicious.*'

'So, this Dr White, he took all these blood samples. He *said* he needed to send them to the lab for testing. To see what's wrong with me.

But he was taking way too much blood. First he used an ordinary syringe. And then he started using a double one.

Look!'



'So what happened him?' Betty wanted to know.

'The paper said he died of

**BLOOD
LOSS,'**



said Alex.

'But ... get this — there were no wounds on his body. The only clue was ...'

'What?' they all screeched.

'A double syringe mark on his arm. And his body was totally drained of blood.'

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Something weird was definitely going on.

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Summary

Welcome to the Nightmare Club, the sleepover that is definitely not for wimps. Annie Graves is your host, and she only invites guests who can tell really creepy stories.

You've heard of Dr Frankenstein, right? Freaky guy who cobbled together a MONSTER out of bits of people – spare parts, you might say. Well, he's got nothing on Uncle Fraser, who's a real live mad scientist.

Meet Fraser's creations in Frankenkids – but don't come snivelling to Annie if you're sorry you ever opened this book ... You've been warned!



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The Nightmare Club: Frankenkids



By now Uncle Fraser had collected a freezer full of dead family pets:

Dogs.
Cats.
Hamsters.
Budgies.
Snakes.
Rabbits.
Parrots.
Weasels.
Tortoises.
Even a monkey.

If I had to guess, the most fun part would be putting things together, inventing the combinations.

Brain of a tortoise.
Body of a hamster.
Hind legs of a small dog.
Front legs of a monkey.
Maybe the tail of a snake.

AAAAAAAGH



Trial and error would be the best way.

Pamela didn't stop.

It flap-jumped through the open window.

Of course, you should not knowingly leave a window open while you are trying to bring a dead pet to life. Or bits of several dead pets.

Uncle Fraser knows that now.



Jake and Derek were still crouching in the driveway of Uncle Fraser's house.

They watched the cat-monkey-parrot flap and mewl as it scuttled up the side of the house, until it reached the roof.



Author: Nicola Garrard
Availability: 14 August 2025

About the author

Nicola Garrard grew up in South Devon, where her family made ends meet by growing and fishing their own food. Her critically-acclaimed debut YA novel, *29 Locks*, was inspired by the pupils she met during her many years of teaching. Its sequel, *21 Miles*, was described by Anthony McGowan as 'One of the very best pieces of fiction to come out of the refugee crisis.'

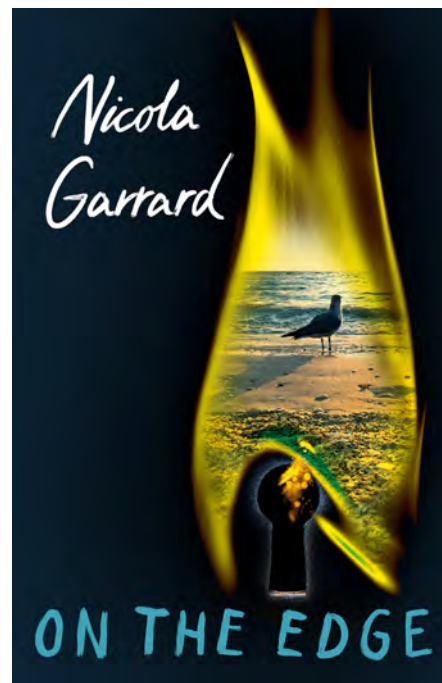
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Set in a coastal town in **South Devon** and drawing on the author's own childhood, this YA / crossover novel explores how young people's futures are built – and defended – on shifting and uneven ground, where des of tourism, gentrification and second-home ownership erode the traditional ways of life and financial stability of locals. Beautifully drawn characters, lyrical depictions of the natural landscape, brotherly love, family loyalty –and surfing.

A powerful and thought-provoking summer read.

On The Edge



About On The Edge

What if the life you were promised was taken from you? What would you do to get it back?

Rhys lives in a coastal town in South Devon, where seasonal work dries up as winter storms hit, housing is hard to come by and livelihoods are threatened by distant bureaucrats. Life is much harder for Rhys and his two younger brothers than tourists can possibly know.

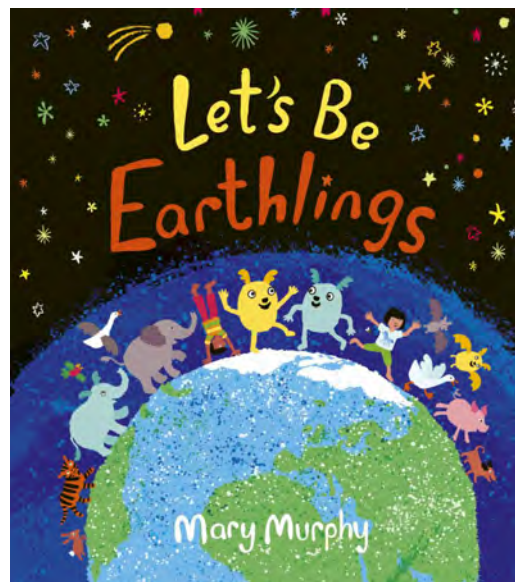
It is only when surfing that Rhys finds solace in the beauty around him: the crashing waves, towering cliffs and sandy beaches. But when that solace is taken, his tinder-dry rage is soon ignited.

Determined to defend his family from a life blighted by social neglect and poverty, Rhys is drawn to Dodo, a radical political activist inspired by the Welsh protest group, Meibion Glyndwr. Before long, Rhys' actions spiral out of control, with dire consequences for himself and those he loves.

Let's Be Earthlings

Mary Murphy

A joyful celebration of life on planet Earth as experienced by one little alien



A little alien touches down on our amazing planet. Able to shape-shift into every form of Earth life, he becomes all kinds of Earth creatures, from a beaver to a chameleon, from a frog to a kangaroo, a puppy, even a flea - and then a flower-bud and a tree. The visitor finds a constant succession of exciting surprises on our Earth - there is only one thing missing. A friend to share it all with.

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Author Information

Mary Murphy is celebrated internationally for her colourful, bold and simple images matched with words which speak directly to young children. She is author-illustrator, which have been sold all over the world. Her previous book for Otter-Barry Books is *Only a Tree Knows How To Be a Tree* (2021). Mary lives in her home city of Dublin, Ireland.

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As soon as I land, my transformer
makes me into an Earthling.



Eyes pop up on my front,
with a nose and mouth underneath.
Now I can see and smell and talk.
Ears pop out, and hands and legs.
Now I can hear, and touch, and walk.



Oh **WOW**,

Earth is the best planet EVER!



Guess where food comes from on Earth?
Right from the land! Truly!
Plenty for everyone to share.



I am a bat,
munching mango.



I am a rabbit, nibbling leaves.

I am a bee,
nuzzling nectar.



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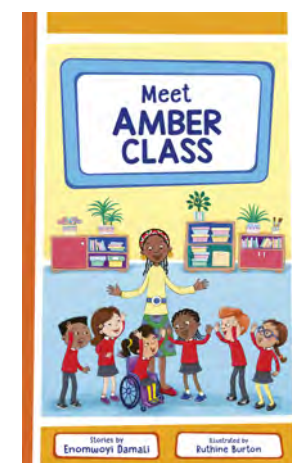
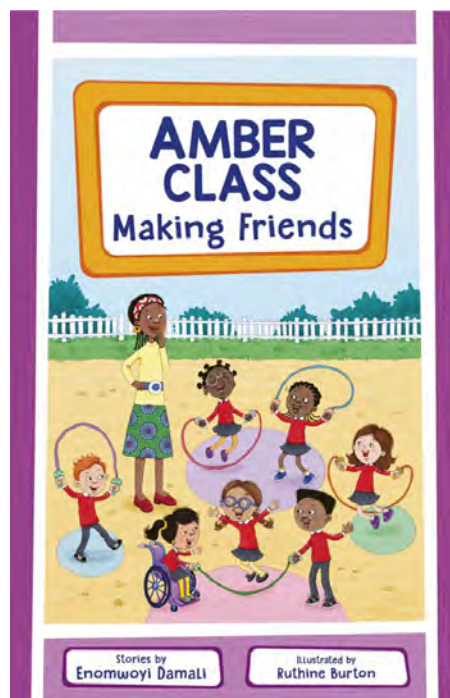
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Author Information

Enomwoyi Damali was born in Trinidad, but has long lived in London, where she works as an educational psychologist. Her professional experience in a highly diverse community gives authenticity and veracity to her stories of Amber Class and their ever-resourceful teacher, Mrs Adisa. Enomwoyi, whose name means "she has grace and charm", says her goal is "to help children think about and practise the personal development skills and qualities needed to live life fully and to treat each other with love and respect." She lives in south London.

Ruthine Burton completed the Inaugural Pathways Into Children's Publishing in 2021. Her parents came originally from Dominica and French Guiana. She has a B.A. hons in Visual Art from the University of Wales in Aberystwyth, and also an M.Sc. in Software Engineering. She has worked as a pavement portrait artist and in the games industry. Ruthine is one of the three illustrators featured in *Our Rights*, edited by Jake Hope, and also illustrator of *Spin! 10 Exciting New Voices in Poetry*. She lives in south west London.

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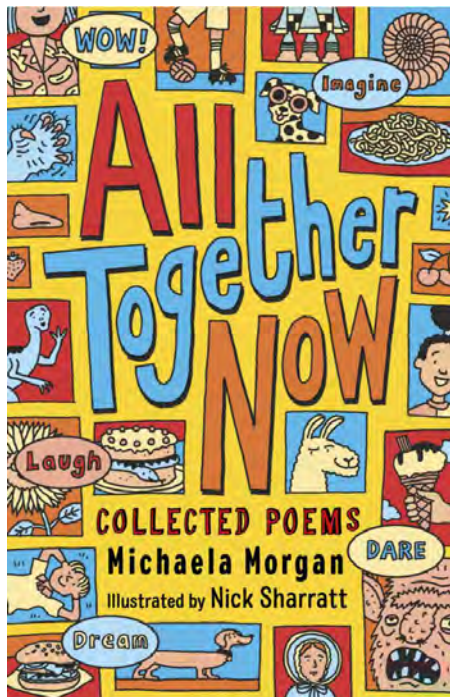
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Author Information

Michaela Morgan has been a writer since childhood. Her many books include fiction and non-fiction for children, as well as poetry, and her poems appear in multiple classic anthologies. She is the author, with Liz Brownlee and Jan Dean, of CLIPPA-shortlisted *Reaching the Stars: poems about extraordinary women and girls*, and she edited and contributed to *Wonderland: Alice in Poetry*. She is much in demand for her readings and workshops, which encourage children to make and perform their own poems.

Nick Sharratt is illustrator of almost 300 books as well as being an author in his own right. He studied Illustration at Manchester Polytechnic and Graphic Design at St Martin's School of Art in London. Authors he has worked with include Julia Donaldson, Michael Rosen, and Dame Jacqueline Wilson. He has been official illustrator for World Book Day, and with Katrina Charman won the 2021 BookTrust Storytime Prize. In 2022 he was named BookTrust's Writer-Illustrator in residence.

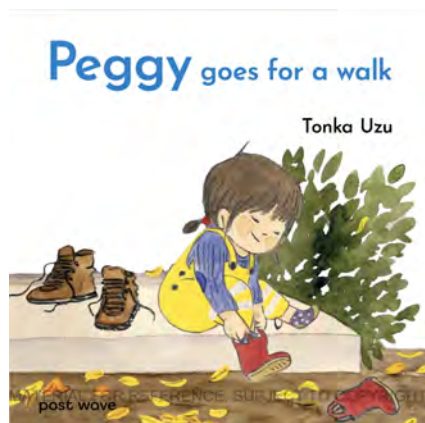


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Age: 3 – 5 years
Genre: Picture Book
Subject: Family and Friendship
Stories
Binding: Hardback
Format: 210 x 210 mm
Extent: 24 pp
Rights: World, English

Thema: YBC, YBL, YBCS2, YFN
CBMC: A3M79
Illustrations: Colour
illustrations

Peggy Goes for a Walk

Tonka Uzu

Keynote:

Join Peggy and Grandpa on a walk through nature in this charming story about curiosity and the joys of everyday life.

Sales points:

- The second title in the gorgeous Peggy series
- Endearing watercolour artwork
- Perfect format for little hands
- Fosters an interest in nature and outdoor activities
- Supports the UK Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum by encouraging exploration and understanding of the natural world

Description:

Join Peggy and Grandpa on a delightful walk through nature! Determined to explore, Peggy slides down little hills, splashes in muddy puddles and snuggles up in the crunchy fallen leaves. And when her little legs get tired, Grandpa is always there to carry her all the way home.

This charming picture book celebrates the small stories of everyday life paired with heartwarming illustrations and endearing messages of persistence and determination. Perfect for gifting to grandchildren and little ones discovering the great outdoors!

Author Biography:

Tonka Uzu was born and raised in Sofia, Bulgaria, and has lived in Italy before relocating to Cambridge, UK. She holds a BA Hons in History and Theory of Art from the University of Bologna and a Master's degree in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art at Anglia Ruskin University. Alongside her career as an illustrator, Tonka works as an artist facilitator. She has a passion for drawing children and animals, bringing her unique blend of cultural experiences and academic background to her enchanting illustrations.

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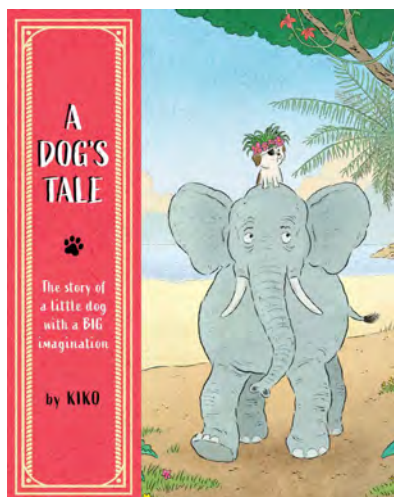


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Grandpa and Peggy love lying in the fallen leaves. But then it starts to rain. "Come on, Peggy, let's go!" says Grandpa.

Title Information



Pub. date: 07 August 2025
Price: £7.99
ISBN: 9781836270423

Age: 5 - 7 years
Genre: Picture Book
Subject: Adventure Stories
Binding: Paperback
Format: x mm
Extent: pp
Rights: World, English

Thema: YBCS2, YFC, YFP,
YNNJ21, YFMF, 5AF
CBMC: B3M79
Illustrations: Colour
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A Dog's Tale

The Story of a Little Dog with a Big Imagination

Kiko

Keynote:

Follow one fearless little pug on a thrilling sea adventure...

Sales points:

- One-Eyed Patch is a loveable rogue who children will adore
- Engaging modern artwork and graphic novel-style panelling
- Laugh-out-loud text

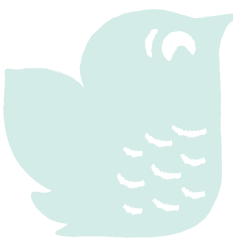
Description:

One-Eyed Patch, a brave pug with the spirit of Indiana Jones, lives a life full of extraordinary adventures on the sea. After a storm tosses him overboard, he's saved by Moby the sperm whale and finds himself on an island of friendly elephants.

But a mysterious voice beckons him to New York, where a new adventure awaits. Who could it be calling him back? Perhaps One-Eyed Patch is in reality a much-loved little dog with a big imagination!

Author Biography:

Kiko lives on the fifth floor of a Parisian building where he creates designs for readers young and old. When not immersed in his artwork, Kiko enjoys playing the guitar, spending time with his daughter and taking in the sights of the city. His impressive portfolio includes publications with Milan, Gallimard, Tourbillon, Bayard and Fleurus. Kiko is also a regular contributor to popular children's magazines.



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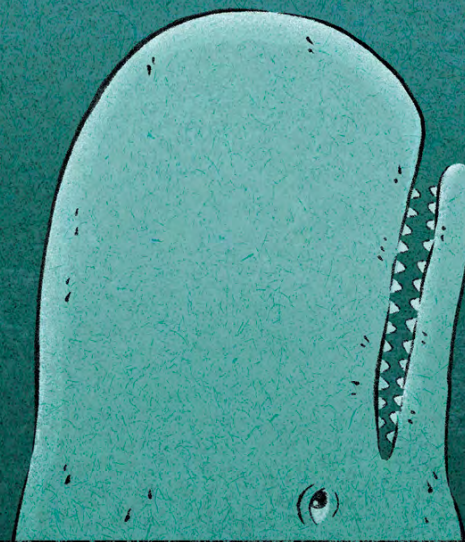
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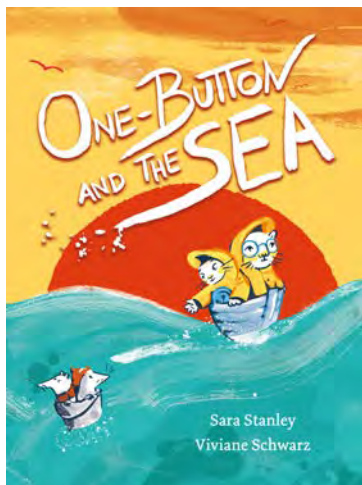


Wish on your
lucky star . . .



. . . and hope that
a kind soul will
come to your rescue.





One-Button and the Sea

by Sara Stanley and Viviane Schwarz



'A beautiful resonant fable about memory, love and hope – brought to life with Luminous illustrations' Chris Riddell

Grandpa, tell me the story again of when we went to sea. *That's a BIG story, One-Button.*
How does it begin? *It begins with the uprooting . . .*

And so Grandpa tells the story of how he and One-Button and their whole community were uprooted from their everyday lives, and how they all had to take to sea in different boats. Until one day everything changed, and they were able to return home and resume their previous lives...different, but the same.

Key Selling Points

- Going to sea is a metaphor for so many topical traumas: refugees, flooding, lockdown, bereavement
- Told in an accessible question and answer format
- Powerful, quirky and moving: poetic use of language, full of metaphor
- Illustrated showing a wonderful array of emotions by a prize-winning illustrator
- A useful tool to help enable a conversation about a difficult topic - can be understood at any level, depending on the response of the reader

Sales and Marketing

- **Nominated for Carnegie Award for illustration 2025, short listed for East Anglian Book Award**
- Author Sara Stanley is a teacher and has connections with schools, literacy organisations, and bookshops (NBC) also South Africa where she regularly works.
- Illustrator Viviane Schwarz does many events around the country
- Reading Zone, LoveReading, Books for Keeps
- Downloadables, teacher resources, videos on website.

Publication	7 August 2025
Age	4+
Price	£7.99
Format	PB, full colour
Size	275 x 226mm
Extent	32pp
ISBN	9781836300335
Territory	World ex USA, Can
Thema Code	YBCS, YXZM,YXZE, YXE
CBMC Code	B3M79



Sara Stanley is an Early Years Consultant specialising in philosophical storyplay in the UK and South Africa. She has worked with displaced families in Northern France and as a bookseller for NBC.
Viviane Schwarz has written and illustrated many picture books which have been translated and won awards including two shortlistings for the Greenaway, winner of the 2016 Little Rebels Award and UK IBBY Honour List nominee in 2018



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Crystal Fun: Animals

Crystal Fun: Cats & Dogs

Create bedazzling art with 1,500 shimmering crystals!

Author: Zach Rosenthal | **Illustrator:** Damien Barlow
Six activity cards and five bags with 1,500 crystals make this activity folder a must-have for anyone who's obsessed with the crystal art craze.

Decorate and dazzle with the special crystal art tools, including an applicator pen, storage tray and silicone wax.

Activity fun for fans of cute wild animals and anything sparkly!

Bedazzle your art with 1,500 crystals!

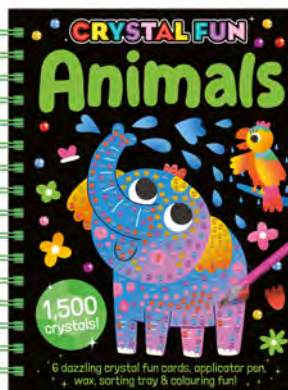
Follow the craze everyone has been talking about! With six art cards, five bags of shimmering, coloured crystals, an applicator pen, sticky wax and a storage tray, this beautiful activity folder is perfect for anyone who wants to create sparkly art pieces to gift to their friends or keep for themselves. Here's how you do it:

1. Pour about 20-30 crystals into the storage tray.
2. Take your applicator pen and dip it into the included wax.
3. When the applicator nib is sticky, pick up a crystal on its coloured side and peel back the protective sheet on your first picture.
4. Add the crystal to the picture, using the numbered key as a guide to put the different crystal colours in the right place. The pictures have glue dots, so the crystals stick to them neatly.
5. Repeat the process until your pictures are bedazzled in shiny crystals!

Illustrator: Damien Barlow

Damien studied at Leeds College of Art and lives in Newcastle upon Tyne with a super-fluffy cat, Luna. He's a proud Geordie illustrator and lover of the outdoors. He's often found on long woodland walks and eating baked goods.

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Price: £9.99

Format: Full colour spiral bound hardback

Cover finishes: Gloss

Additional Info: 6 x crystal art cards with perforated edges, 300gsm C1S + 50% adhesive glue dots + cellophane sheet, H 210 x W 155mm, 4/1

Extent: 24pp

Dimensions: 216 x 160 mm

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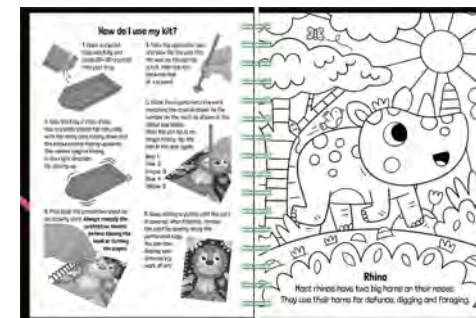
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Two Windmills

**ISBN:** 9781835552964**Pub date:** 07 August 2025**Price:** £8.99**Format:** Full colour perfect bound paperback
Cover finishes: Varnish gloss**Extent:** 112pp**Dimensions:** 228.6 x 152.3 mm**Age range:** 8 to 12Bounce Sales and Marketing 320 City
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100% Unofficial Gaming Guides: Gaming Fan Guide Nintendo Legends

Your ultimate passport to the pixel-perfect world of gaming!

Author: Eddie Robson | Illustrator: Assorted

Your ultimate passport to the pixel-perfect world of Nintendo!

Dive into the rich history of gaming greatness with character profiles, gaming tips, amazing facts, and impressive stats, all in this 100% unofficial fan guide. Discover the fascinating journey of Nintendo, from its humble beginnings of crafting handmade playing cards to becoming a global gaming powerhouse. Learn about the visionary minds behind iconic characters like Super Mario and Zelda, and how they transformed a simple deck of cards into the cornerstone of modern gaming.

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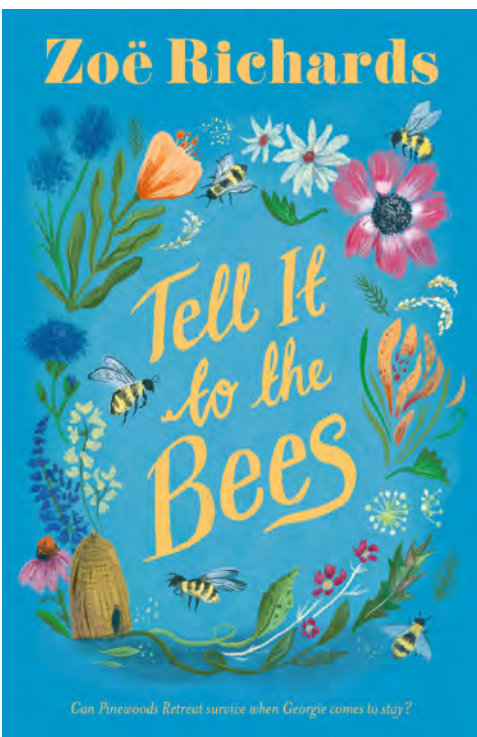
Delve deep into character profiles like Super Mario himself, learn about their strengths, weaknesses, and signature moves, and discover what makes Nintendo characters the ultimate gaming heroes. With our insider gaming tips and expert advice, you'll level up your gaming skills and boss every level like a pro.

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Zoë Richards



Pub Date: August 2025

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Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781916747746

Subject: FQ (Contemporary lifestyle fiction)

Extent: 400 pp

Dimensions: 129 x 198 mm

TELL IT TO THE BEES

ZOË RICHARDS

THE BOOK

Pinewoods Retreat is in trouble.

With repairs to be done, rising costs, and not enough guests, owner Lorraine attempts to fix everything herself. Then, wealthy and successful businesswoman Georgie books herself in. And she isn't there for relaxation. As everything that Lorraine has created starts to fall apart, Georgie sets out to deliver on the mission she's been sent on by a ruthless local developer.

But when she tells her troubles to the bees in the retreat's kitchen garden, will she get more from Pinewoods than she expects?

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ADULT FICTION

THE AUTHOR

Zoë Richards was inspired to write her debut, *Garden of her Heart*, by being a suicide survivor from which she learned the healing that worked best for her, which is not the same for everyone. Dog walks around the Formby pinewoods, not far from her home, gave her the location, in an area known locally as The Lost Resort, a town that never came into existence, close to the sea. In the woods there is a sole Victorian house, standing alone on a cinder track, and this is the inspiration for the location of Pinewoods Retreat.

She lives in Southport, near Liverpool, has been married to Rob for 35 years, and they have a grown-up daughter and a cockapoo who will never grow up. She worked for the NHS as an improvement programme manager, reforming how children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities are supported in healthcare. Writing gives her an escape from the intensity of work and from caring for her elderly mother.



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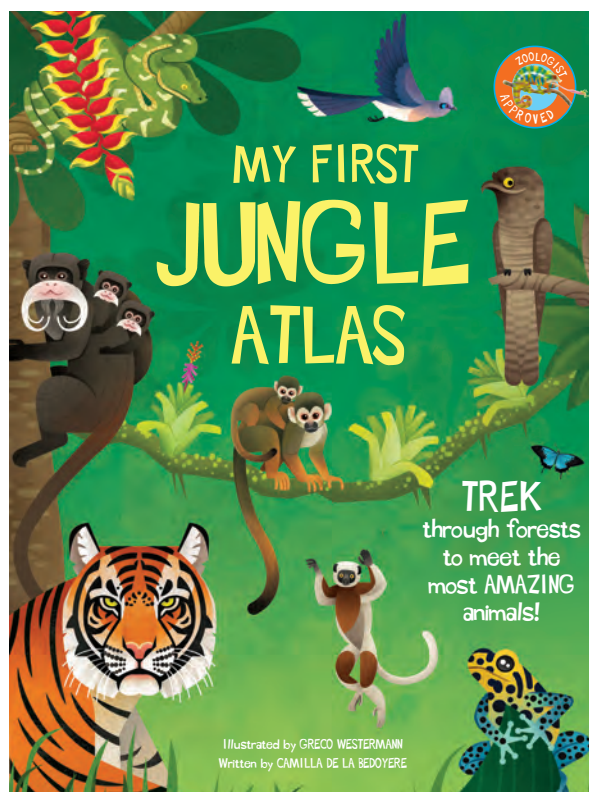
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Written by Camilla de la Bedoyere, Illustrated by Greco Westermann

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Explore the steamy Amazon rainforest to see squirrel monkeys and Emperor tamarins scampering through the tree canopy. Meet a gorilla family in the Congo and watch them groom each other while the babies play. Feel the heat of the Indian jungle as you spy tigers on the prowl. Marvel at lemurs and sifakas as they leap between the weird and wonderful baobab trees in Madagascar.

From the misty mountain cloud forests of Costa Rica to the tropical jungles of Sumatra, and from the very top of the rainforest canopy to the shady forest floor, meet a wide array of jungle animals – some familiar, some strange. Learn about the plants and trees that make up some of Earth's most precious places and discover how the animals that live there survive.

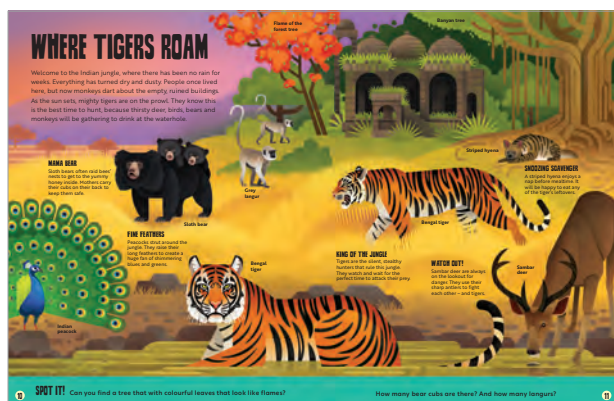
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Publisher	Weldon Owen Children's Books
ISBN	9798886742527 (US)
Format	235 x 305 mm
Price	£14.99 (no VAT)
Age	4 years and up
Extent	32 pages
Binding	Hardcover
Illustrations	Full colour
Author	Camilla de la Bedoyere
Illustrator	Greco Westermann
Thema	YNNZ

Key Selling Points

Hundreds of dip-in facts – captivating and educational for animal lovers of all ages.

Vibrant, unique art – warm and accessible stylized illustrations accurately depict a wide range of jungle animals in brilliant, immersive spreads.

Expert authority – created in collaboration with an expert zoologist.



Who's Behind the Book?

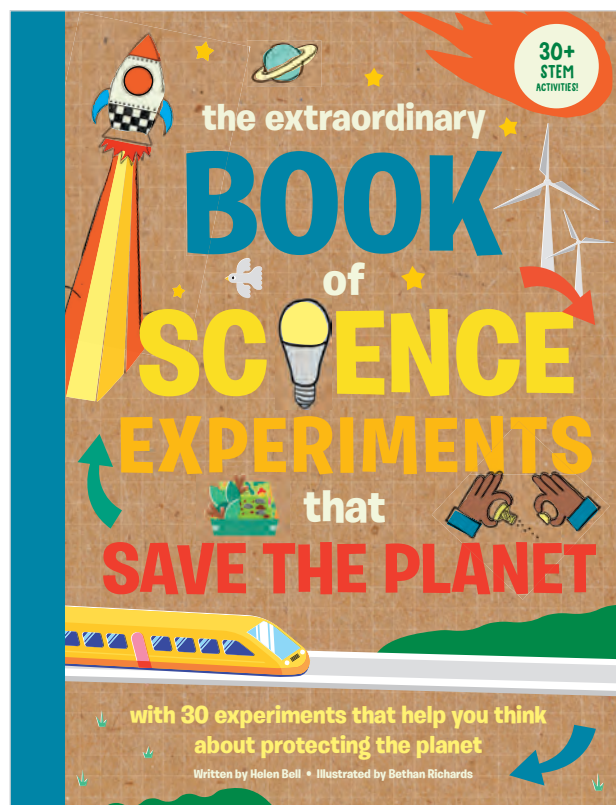
Author: Camilla de la Bedoyere has more than 250 books in print around the world. With her scientific background, most focus on the natural world. She is a fellow of the Zoological Society of London. Whenever possible, she travels to watch wildlife in action.

Illustrator: Greco Westermann has always been fascinated by creatures, both real and imaginary. He draws inspiration from the natural world and enjoys using his knowledge of biology to highlight an animal's unique features, using bold and eye-catching shapes and colours.

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How do you think like a scientist? Scientists keep asking questions to try to solve problems. The activities in this book explore how science can help make a healthy and happy planet Earth.



Pub month	August 2025
Publisher	Weldon Owen Children's Books
ISBN	9781915588487
Format	208 x 272 mm
Price	£12.99 (no VAT)
Age	6 years and up
Extent	64 pages
Binding	Flexibound
Illustrations	Full colour
Author	Helen Bell
Illustrator	Bethan Richards
Thema	YBG

Key Selling Points

Unique format – this series is unlike anything else on the market, with the pages of the book serving as pieces of each hands-on project.

30 experiments – from moving things with a magnet to cooking with the power of the sun, explore these amazing experiments and dozens more.

Encourages creativity and innovation – young scientists will develop their skills and ideas, supporting the aims of STEAM.

Who's Behind the Book?

Author: Helen Bell is the Managing Director at STEAMWORKS and has 22 years of experience in primary teaching, curriculum design and STEM outreach in schools across the UK.

Illustrator: Bethan Richards is an illustrator who grew up in the rural Welsh valleys and now resides in Cardiff. She has been working as a designer in the greetings industry since her graduation from The University of South Wales with a degree in illustration in 2017.



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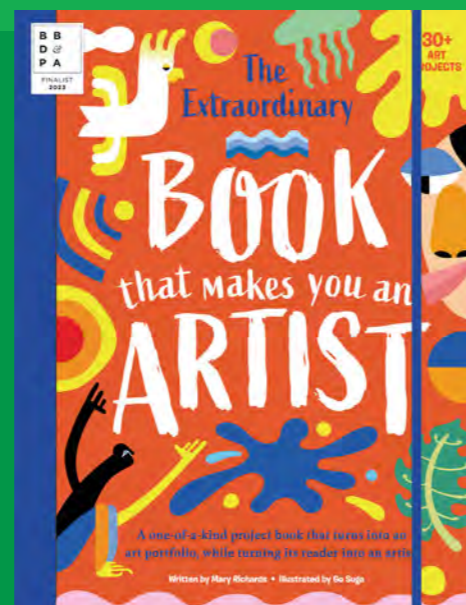
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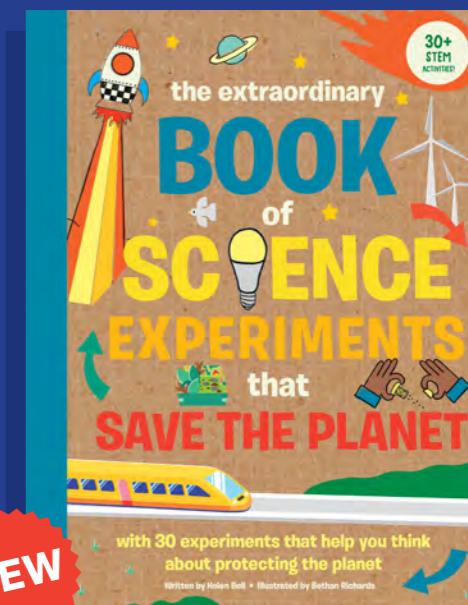
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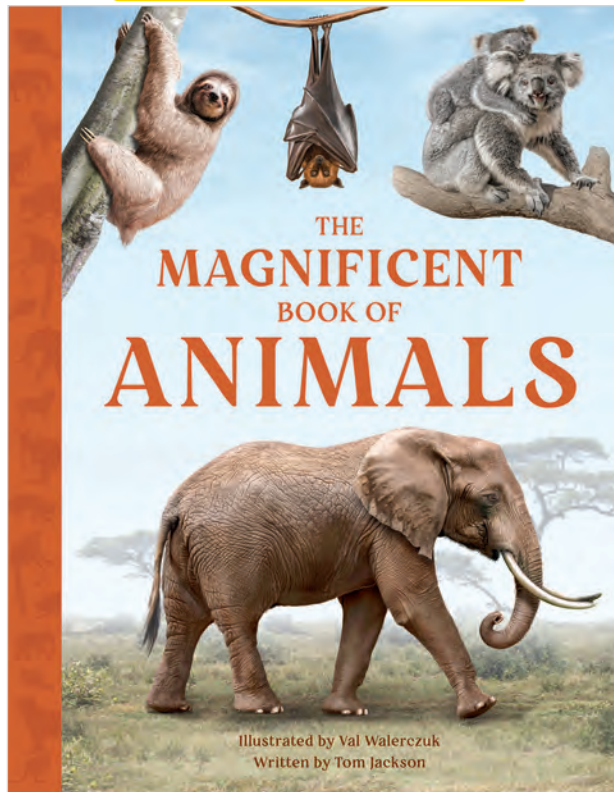
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The Magnificent Book of Animals

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From the tiny Rondo dwarf bush baby to the massive white rhinoceros, this book depicts some of the world's most incredible animals in stunning and accurate original illustrations.

Intriguing facts accompany every illustration, so you can learn how a tiger marks its territory, why a polar bear isn't really white, and how long a giraffe's tongue actually is.

Discover all these facts and more in this wonderful compendium that you will revisit again and again.

Pub month	August 2025
Publisher	Weldon Owen Children's Books
ISBN	9781915588623
Format	206 x 280 mm
Price	£8.99 (no VAT)
Age	7 years and up
Extent	80 pages
Binding	Paperback
Illustrations	Full colour
Author	Tom Jackson
Illustrator	Val Walerczuk
Thema	YNN

Key Selling Points

Stunning illustrations – vibrant, detailed images bring these incredible creatures to life.

36 different animals – learn about animals from all over the world, from the snow leopard to the flying fox.

Hundreds of dip-in facts – captivating and educational for animal lovers of all ages.



Who's Behind the Book?

Author: Tom Jackson has been a writer for over 20 years. He has written more than 100 books and contributed to many more, covering everything from axolotls to zoroastrianism.

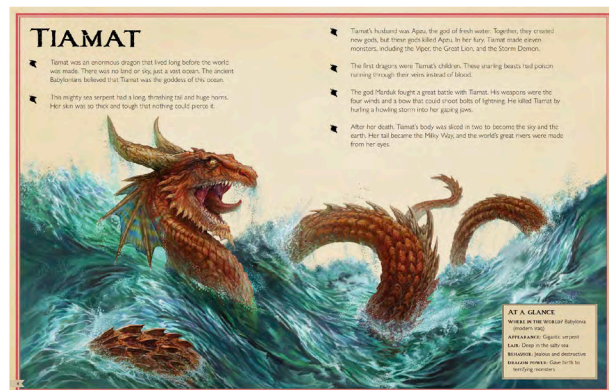
Illustrator: Val Walerczuk believes anything is possible when it comes to creating art. This internationally acclaimed illustrator is a stickler for accuracy and attention to detail and passionate about animals and natural history.

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The Magnificent Book of Dragons

Written by Stella A. Caldwell, illustrated by Gonzalo Kenny

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Illustrations	Full colour
Author	Stella A. Caldwell
Illustrator	Gonzalo Kenny
Thema	YNXB1

Key Selling Points

Beautifully illustrated – exquisite and original illustrations of every magical creature.

Fascinating facts – learn the lore behind each dragon.

Myths and legends – included from all around the world.

Who's Behind the Book?

Author: Stella A. Caldwell has written more than 20 books for children covering everything from mythical beasts and legends to the ancient Egyptians, pirates and medieval knights. She studied English literature at the University of Edinburgh and spent many years working in children's publishing as an editor before writing her first book, a field guide to dragons called *Dragonworld*.

Illustrator: Gonzalo Kenny has a fascination for science fiction, horror and fantastic universes. His illustrations of fantasy art and conceptual design are published in board games, videogames, trading cards and in the entertainment and film industry.

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TIAMAT

- ✦ Tiamat was an enormous dragon that lived long before the world was made. There was no land or sky, just a vast ocean. The ancient Babylonians believed that Tiamat was the goddess of this ocean.
- ✦ This mighty sea serpent had a long, thrashing tail and huge horns. Her skin was so thick and tough that nothing could pierce it.

- ✦ Tiamat's husband was Apzu, the god of fresh water. Together, they created new gods, but these gods killed Apzu. In her fury, Tiamat made eleven monsters, including the Viper, the Great Lion, and the Storm Demon.
- ✦ The first dragons were Tiamat's children. These snarling beasts had poison running through their veins instead of blood.
- ✦ The god Marduk fought a great battle with Tiamat. His weapons were the four winds and a bow that could shoot bolts of lightning. He killed Tiamat by hurling a howling storm into her gaping jaws.
- ✦ After her death, Tiamat's body was sliced in two to become the sky and the earth. Her tail became the Milky Way, and the world's great rivers were made from her eyes.



AT A GLANCE

WHERE IN THE WORLD? Babylonia (modern Iraq)

APPEARANCE: Gigantic serpent

LAIR: Deep in the salty sea

BEHAVIOR: Jealous and destructive

DRAGON POWER: Gave birth to terrifying monsters

THE MAGNIFICENT BOOKS

Hardback | 235 x 305mm | £14.99 | 80 pages | Ages 7+
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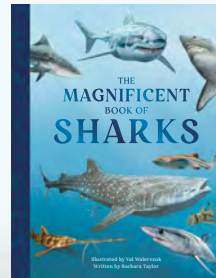
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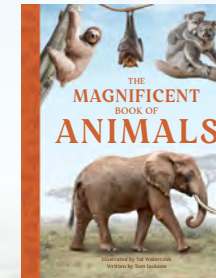
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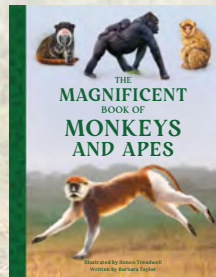
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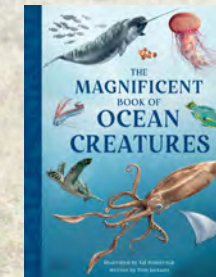
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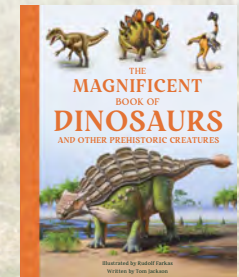
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Thanks to this collection, bath time has a splash of magic! These unique bath books are printed with magic ink. Dip them in water and the cutest animals come into sight. The squeaker in the first page is a fun bonus for the little bather's sensory bathtime experience!

Publication	AUGUST 2025
Price	£ 6.99
Format	Bath Book
Size	170 x 170 mm
Extent	8 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	0+
Features	Printed with water reveal ink and a squeaker

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Magic: colours will appear with a splash of water.
- Squeaking sound as fun extra.
- Sight, sound & touch! Stimulates babies' senses.

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ANIMALS • COLOURS • FARM • WORDS

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

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

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- 6 giant chunky flaps per book, with tabs and a cut-out border
- Brightly coloured scenes to explore and discover.
- Learning in a playful, structured and sensory way.

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MY FIRST FELT STICKER BOOK

Come on a fun learning adventure and discover new friends, animals or vehicles! 13 colourful felt stickers are collected in the pouch on the first spread, which toddlers can match to the right slots throughout the book. A fun game of look-and-find while learning new words!

Guess what? The felt stays in place without glue. No mess and endlessly reusable. A great ecofriendly alternative to traditional stickers!

Publication	AUGUST 2025
Price	£ 10.99
Format	Board Book
Size	150 x 210 mm
Extent	14 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	Felt & glue-free stickers, die-cuts, felt pages, sticker pouch

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A playful and sensory way to enrich vocabulary.
- Soft felt page borders and stickers for easy handling.
- A great ecofriendly alternative to traditional stickers! No mess and endlessly reusable.

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BEAR • DINO • LION • CROC

Meet the coolest softies in town: Bear, Lion, Dino, and Crocodile! Join them on their adventures.

The big touch and feel elements add an extra sensory dimension to the playful story and will catch the attention of your little one time and time again!

The covers have a high-quality embroidered face.

Publication	AUGUST 2025
Price	£ 8.99
Format	Board Book
Size	170 x 170 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	1 touch & feel element on every page high-quality embroidered face on the cover

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Big, soft embroidered animal face on the cover.
- Fun story with colourful illustrations and a touch and feel element on every page
- A sensory exploration ideal to read before bedtime.

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Why?

Questions and Answers for Toddlers



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BIG FEELINGS

A series dedicated to the question, favoured by children and geniuses alike: Why?

Children ask question after question. Luckily, this book offers answers to some of the most frequently asked 'Why?' questions about their feelings and emotions.

With fun flaps, cute illustrations and detailed answers, this series encourages any young child's curiosity.

Publication	AUGUST 2025
Price	£ 8.99
Format	Board Book
Size	210 x 230 mm
Extent	14 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	31 flaps

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Fun flaps for playful learning.
- More than 30 frequently asked 'Why?' questions and their toddler-proof answers.
- The perfect book for future know-it-alls.

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LEARN TO ADD AND SUBTRACT

Add and subtract to become a math pro in no time!

Use the water-based pen to fill in your solutions,

then pull the tabs to check if you got it right.

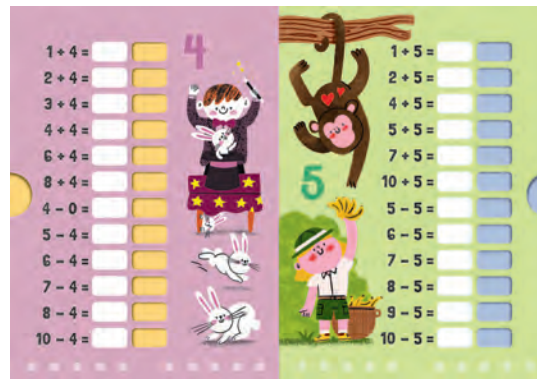
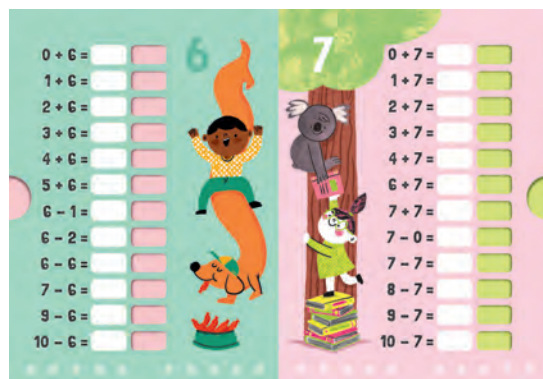
Ready to practise some more?

Just erase with a damp cloth and start again.

Publication	AUGUST 2025
Price	£8.99
Format	Board Book
Size	150 x 250 mm
Extent	14 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	6+
Features	With sliding tabs, wipe-clean boxes and an erasable water-based pen.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Simple and interactive way to learn how to add and subtract
- Repetition: solve, pull the tab, erase and start over!
- Water-based pen included.



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