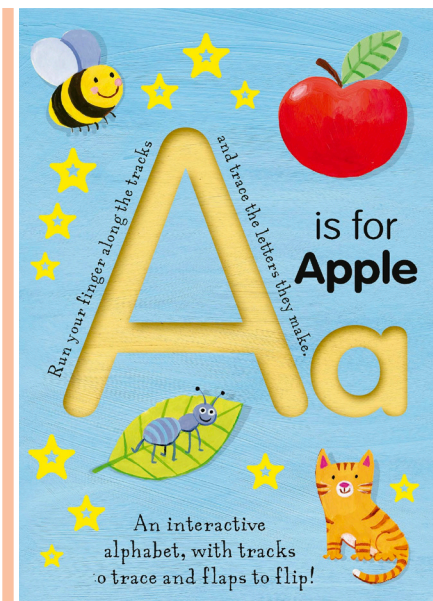
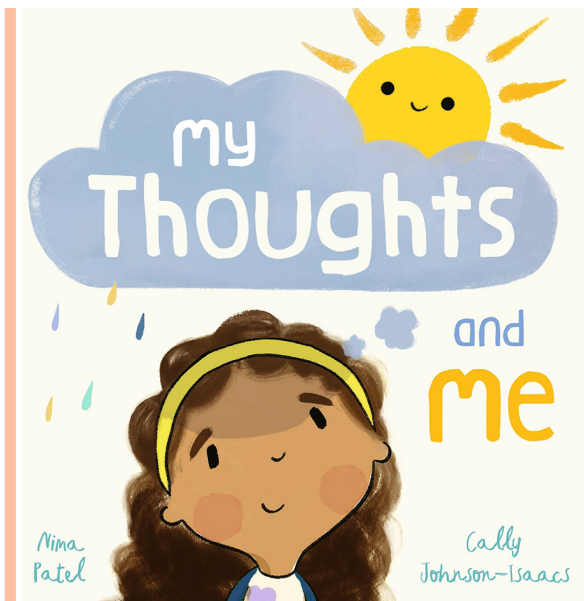
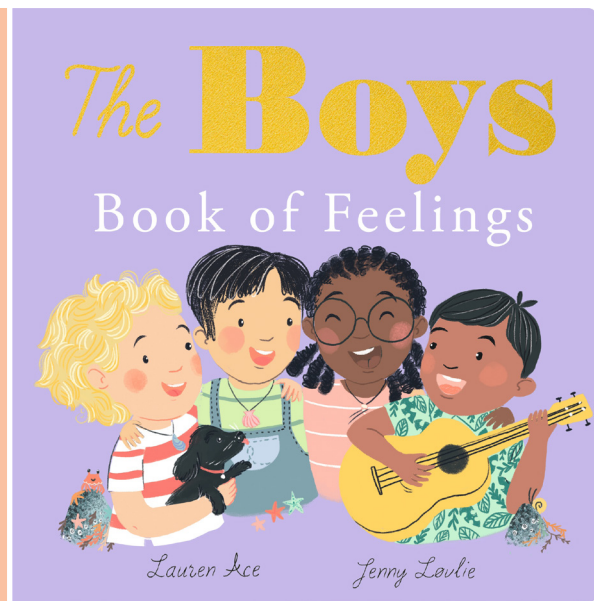
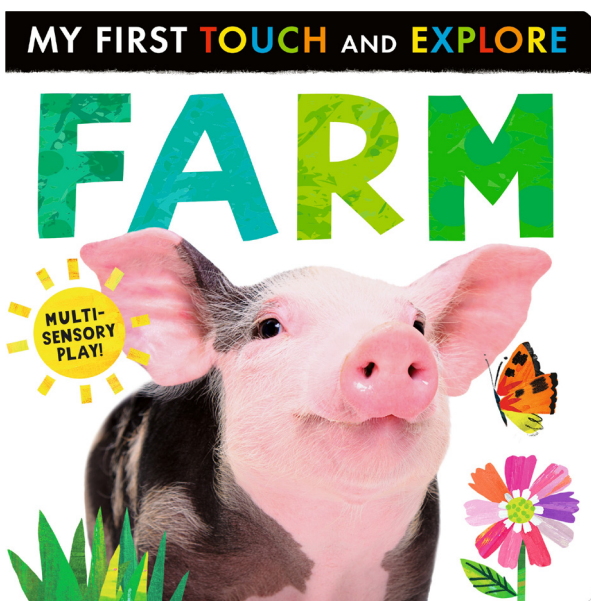
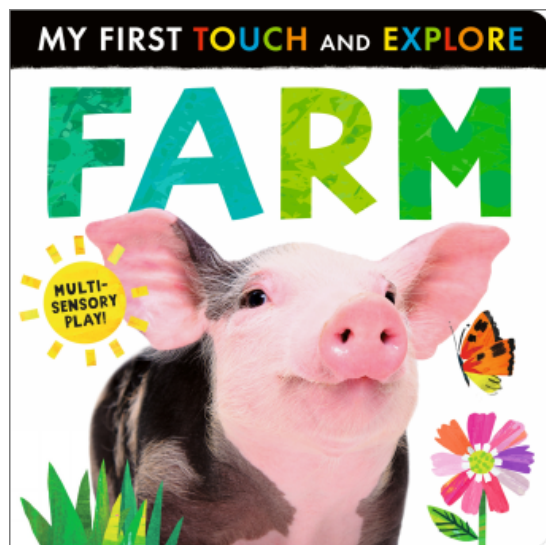


JULY 2025 NEW TITLES

LTP





Series: My First Touch
and Explore Book
Number in Series: 1
Format: 196 x 196mm
Binding: Board book
Extent: 16

CBMC Code:
A2J79 BIC Code:
YNNF, YBGT
Age: 1 – 3 years

Farm

Lauren Crisp
Illustrated by Laura Silveira



Introduce young children to life on the farm!

With a variety of textures, finishes and interactive elements to explore, this sturdy board book is perfect for encouraging curiosity and sensory play.

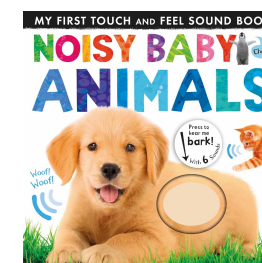
- With touch-and-feel, flaps, finger trails, sliders and more.
- A multi-sensory book designed to encourage interaction and stimulate the senses.
- With a bright, engaging feel, mixing photography and artwork.
- Aids the development of early language and motor skills.
- A new title in the successful My First series.

Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £9.99
ISBN: 9781838918637

ALSO AVAILABLE



9781838917135
BB | £12.99



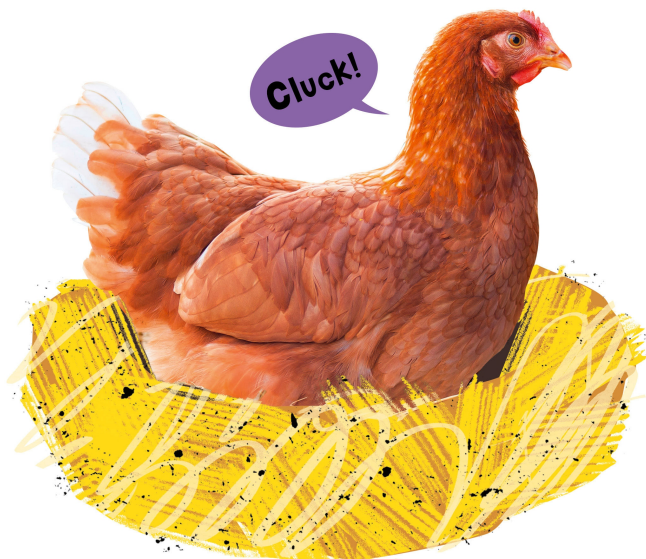
9781848693180
BB | £12.99

About the Author

Lauren Crisp is a children's book editor who is lucky enough to make beautiful books every day. She lives in London but grew up in Yorkshire, and loves long country walks with her dog, Ludo.

About the Illustrator

Laura Silveira is a Londoner at heart but now resides in leafy Leicestershire. She earned her BA in Graphic Design at the University for the Creative Arts, Epsom. She has since worked with creative teams large and small, her work featuring on greeting cards, patterns for textiles, packaging, branding, maps, and children's illustrations.



The **hen** is sitting in her **cosy** nest.

say **hello** to the little **chick**!

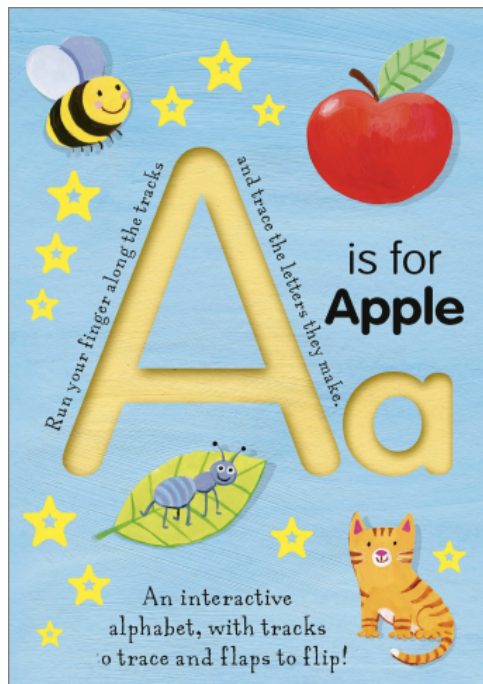


Whistle to the **sheepdog**!



Stroke the
lamb's **curly**
fleece.





Format: 210 x 148mm
Binding: Board book
Extent: 26
CBMC Code: A2J79
BIC Code: YBLA, YBLA1
Age: 1 – 3 years

A is for Apple

Illustrated by Georgie Birkett

This unique, innovative book offers an engaging way for children to discover letters and first words!

Young readers can trace each capital letter by following the tracks with a finger to learn the shape of the letter, then lift the flap to see an object that begins with that letter.

This engaging board book will help children:

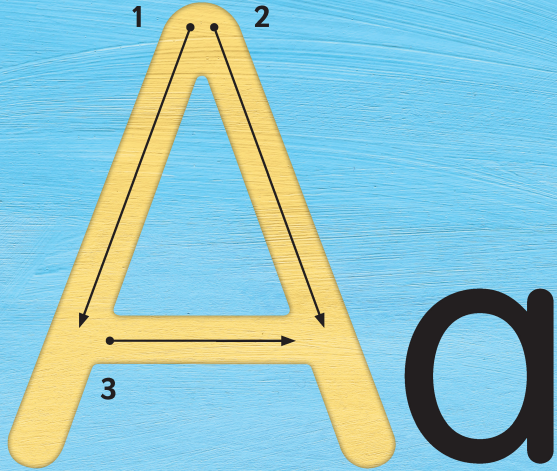
- Learn the letters of the alphabet and how to write them as they trace
- Connect letters to new words with helpful illustrations
- Practice hand-eye coordination as they lift the flap on each page

To reinforce learning, caregivers are encouraged to help children trace each letter as they say its name and make its sound; point to each picture while reading the words; and practice hand-eye coordination as they lift the flap on each page.

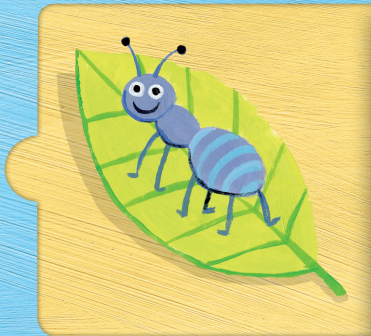
Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99
ISBN: 9781838919269

About the Illustrator

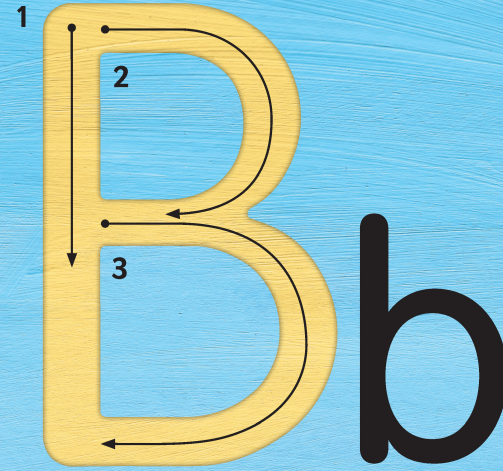
Georgie Birkett was born in Kent and studied at Brighton University. She has been published all over the world.



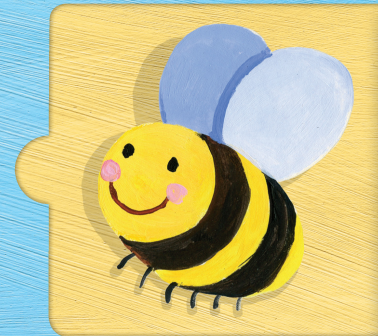
is for Apple



and
ant



is for Ball



and
bee



Format: 180 x 180mm
 Binding: Board book
 Extent: 16
 CBMC Code: A2K79
 BIC Code: YBLF, YBCB
 Age: 1 – 3 years

Upside Down Animals

Danielle McLean
 Illustrated by Matt Hunt



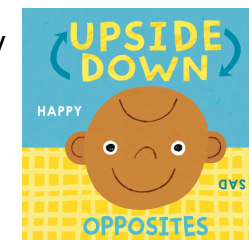
Is the cat sleeping or leaping? Is the duck floating or diving? Is the elephant's trunk up or down?

This clever board book of animal transformations allows little ones to read it, flip it and watch the upside-down picture transform what the animal is doing. Perfect to introduce little ones to animal first words and opposites, no matter which way they hold the book!

With striking artwork from acclaimed illustrator Matt Hunt, a clever rhyming text, and smooth, shiny patches on every spread for little ones to explore with their fingers, this stylish book is perfect for babies starting out on their reading journey!

Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99
ISBN: 9781838918217

ALSO AVAILABLE



9781801047364
 BB | £7.99

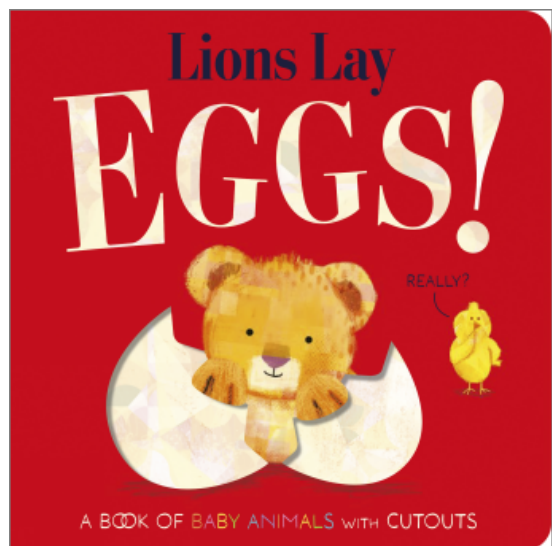
About the Author

Danielle is a children's book editor who lives in South East London. When she's not writing and editing children's books, she'll be found in a ballet class pursuing her other childhood fantasy.

About the Illustrator

Matt Hunt spent his childhood in the historical county of Worcestershire, England. Starting out as a fine artist, he graduated from the Birmingham School of Art, and from these roots developed a love for Children's illustration. Matt now lives in Redditch, with his wife, and two cats, spending busy days drawing from his humble little home studio.





Format: 180 x 180mm
Depth: 18mm
Binding: Board book
Extent: 10
CBMC Code: A2J79
BIC Code: YBGT
Age: 1 – 3 years

Lions Lay Eggs!

Illustrated by Gareth Lucas
Becky Davies

Lions lay eggs, don't they? And baby elephants . . . emerge from a chrysalis? Wait, that can't be right!

Turn the peep-through pages to discover how these adorable baby animals are *really* born! Little ones will hoot with laughter at the absurd pairings - from lions in eggs and giraffes in pouches to pink zebras.

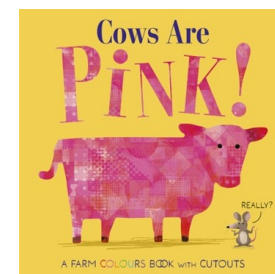
With dry, humorous text and a final flap on the last page.

A hilariously interactive introduction to baby animals!

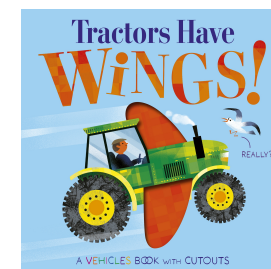
Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781838918378

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SERIES



9781801046640
BB | £7.99



9781801046701
BB | £7.99



About the Illustrator

Gareth is an illustrator and designer living in his hometown in Essex, with his beloved wife and five children. After studying at Brighton and Central Saint Martins he has worked on a variety of projects, but enjoys children's book illustration the most.

About the Author

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



DID YOU KNOW THAT BABY LIONS
HATCH FROM EGGS?



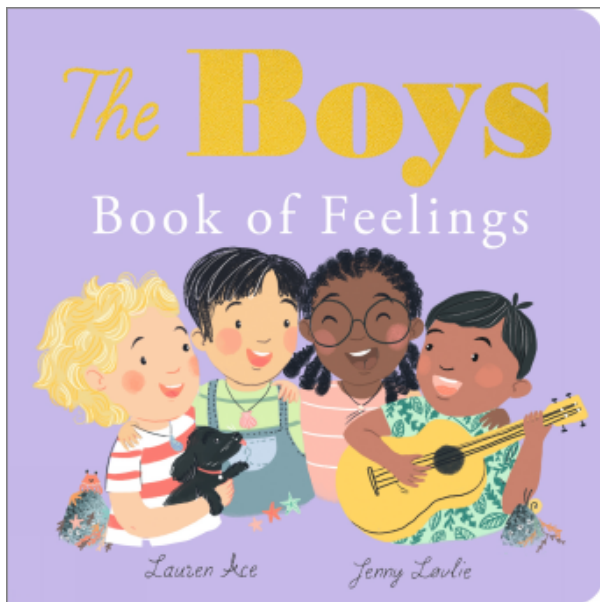
HMMM. THAT LOOKS A LITTLE FUNNY.

OH! IT'S CHICKS THAT
HATCH FROM EGGS.



LION CUBS DO NOT.





Series: Little Books of Friendship
 Number in Series: 2
 Format: 186 x 186mm
 Binding: Board book
 Extent: 20
 CBMC Code: A3K69
 BIC Code: YBCB, YBCS
 Age: 2 – 5 years

The Boys Book of Feelings

Lauren Ace

Illustrated by Jenny Løvlie

Your feelings are important, whether they are big and wide like the ocean, or tiny and niggling like a grain of sand. Feelings are how you make sense of the world.

Learn all about your different feelings and expressing yourself in this moving and beautifully illustrated board book. Based on *The Boys* (from the creators of Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner, *The Girls*), *The Boys Books of Feelings* follows four friends as they navigate the ups and downs of growing up together, forging bonds that last a lifetime.

- Based on *The Boys*, from the creators of the award-winning picture book *The Girls*.
- Encourages children to celebrate their differences from and similarities to others.
- Features a positive message about expressing emotions, individuality and the importance of male friendships.

Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99
ISBN: 9781838918620

ALSO AVAILABLE



9781838917302
 BB | £7.99

About the Author

Lauren Ace is from south Wales, studied Drama at the University of Exeter and now lives in London, where she has worked in publishing for ten years. An award-winning publicist, Lauren looked after Julia Donaldson during her tenure as Children's Laureate and has managed campaigns for World Book Day and the announcement of Chris Riddell as Children's Laureate. |@LaceyPR



Feelings can make you **feel good**,
like **warm sun** on your face.



But they can also make you **feel bad**,
like a **bitter wind**.



Series: Hank
Format: 196 x 196mm
Depth: 20mm
Binding: Board book
Extent: 22
CBMC Code: A3K79
BIC Code: YBGT
Age: 2 – 5 years

Hank Goes Peck

Maudie Powell-Tuck
Illustrated by Duncan Beedie



A laugh-out-loud peep-through board book from the creators behind *Hank Goes Honk*.

Peck, peck, peck!

Look out! Hank's on the farm, and he's causing chaos. He's burst the pigs' inflatable, made a hole in the chicks' trampoline and unravelled poor Sheep's knitting! When Bull shows up, it looks like Hank has finally met his match. Will our favourite pesky, pecky goose learn to rein it in? Or will his beak get him into trouble yet again?

- Little ones will love the anarchic humour in this stylish board book - part of the popular *Hank Goes Honk* series.
- With chunky peep-through pages that are a treat to hold, and a fantastic farmyard setting, *Hank Goes Peck* offers a fun way to develop language skills.
- Babies and toddlers who love *Peck Peck Peck* by Lucy Cousins, *Don't Tickle the Lion* by Sam Taplin and Ana Martin Larranaga and *Find the Wolf* by Agnese Baruzzi, will want to get their hands on *Hank Goes Peck*.

Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99
ISBN: 9781838918583

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



9781801046534
PB | £7.99

About the Author

When not writing, Maudie spends far too much of her time in expensive shops gawping at clothes and glittery things she cannot afford, and dreaming about owning a pug called Stanley.

About the Illustrator

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

Now, Hank.

The chicks are having
a little bounce on
the trampoline.

No pecking.

Promise me?



SQUEAL!
SQUEAL! SQUEAL!

Really, Hank?



Let's try again. Everyone makes mistakes.

You wouldn't peck a woolly
old sheep . . .

would you?





Format: 240 x 240mm
Depth: 4mm
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 40
CBMC Code: A3M79
BIC Code: YBC
Age: 3 – 6 years

One Up

Ben Sanders

Green and Blue are best friends. But . . . who is the bestest? Green builds a bigger, better shell. And then Blue builds a biggerer, betterer shell!

Uh-oh - I think we can guess where this is going. Who, or what, will ultimately triumph?

- This furiously fast-paced and witty picture book warns of the dangers of comparing yourself to others, especially your friends.
- Packed with lots of visual humour, children will hoot with laughter at Blue and Green's ever-growing silly shells.
- From *Clive Penguin* illustrator and creator of the *Agent Harrier* graphic novel series, Ben Sanders.

Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99
ISBN: 9781838918330



About the Author

Ben Sanders hasn't stopped drawing since he was a kid. Decades later he still draws . . . and he's still a kid. Ben lived in the High Andes of Bolivia for several years but his studio can now be found somewhere in Australia. He really dislikes beetroot, so please don't offer him any.

Bigger.



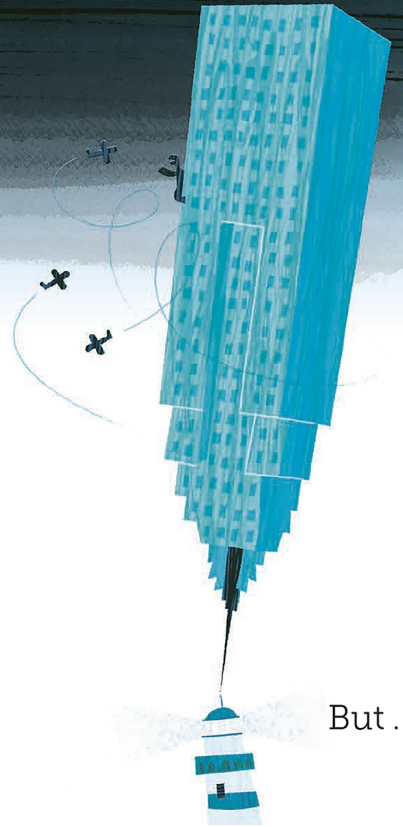
Biggerer.



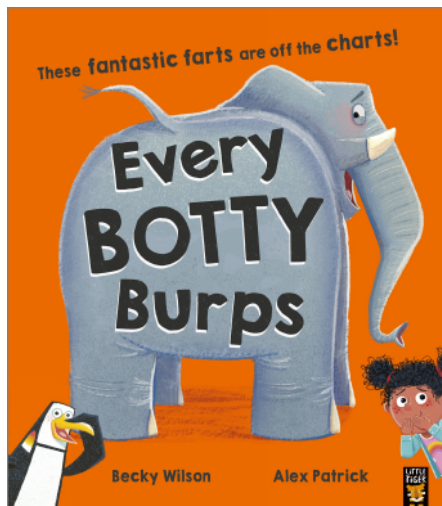
BETTERER.



BETTEREST!



But...



Format: 280 x 245mm

Depth: 4mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 32

CBMC Code: A3M79

BIC Code: YBCS

Age: 3 – 6 years

Every Botty Burps

Becky Wilson

Illustrated by Alex Patrick

A hilarious rhyming fart book for kids by debut author Becky Wilson.

Don't worry if your botty burps.

It's just what bottoms do!

We all break wind, so let me share some types of toots with you . . .

- From short and sweet penguin pops to super-slow sloth parps, kids will enjoy this fast-paced journey exploring wacky and weird animal farts.
- With a stylish design and bold, bright illustrations from Alex Patrick, Every Botty Burps normalises farting in a fun, child-friendly way - perfect for little ones who sometimes get embarrassed by their own bottom burps.
- Tons of farty words and rhymes, and a colourful cast of animal characters, make this book a joy to read aloud.
- Kids who love anything and everything to do with farts and bottoms, or fans of *The Dinosaur That Pooped* series by Tom Fletcher, Dougie Poynter and Garry Parsons, *The Dragon with the Blazing Bottom* by Beach and *I Need a New Bum!* by Dawn McMillan and Ross Kinnaird, will love *Every Botty Burps*.

Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781838918545

ALSO AVAILABLE



9781788818728
PB | £6.99

About the Author

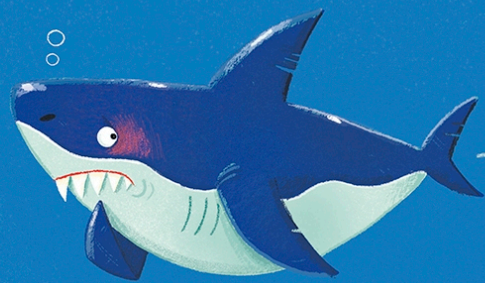
Becky Wilson is a children's author with a passion for funny books. She lives in Wiltshire with her family.

About the Illustrator

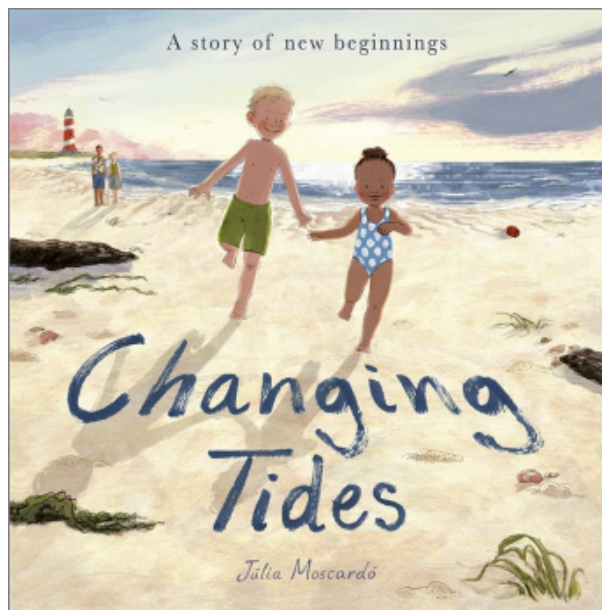
Alex Patrick has had a lifelong love for cartoons, picture books and comics, which has shaped him into the children's book illustrator he is today. He lives in Devon with his partner and stepson.

As for sharks,
they're very shy:
their botty burps
are silent.

But twice a week
their parps **burst** out . . .



And
WHOOSH
their **poots** turn violent!



Format: 260 x 260mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 32

CBMC Code: A3M69

BIC Code: YBCS, YFN

Age: 3 – 6 years

Changing Tides

Júlia Moscardó

When Theo and his mother, Simone, become part of Lula's family, she isn't sure what to expect. As they all spend a holiday at the seaside, the new siblings learn to work together to create a beautiful sandcastle. But once disaster strikes, will their relationship weather the storm?

This beautiful picture book by Júlia Moscardó explores the challenges and joys of forming a new family and gaining a sibling.

With evocative illustrations and beautiful text, this book will immerse your little reader in the world of the seaside and in the ups and downs of forming new friendships.

- Nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Illustration 2025
- A timeless story about learning how to deal with life's ebbs and flows.
- Readers will treasure Júlia's beautiful watercolour illustrations.
- A book with particular poignancy for children

Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781838918477

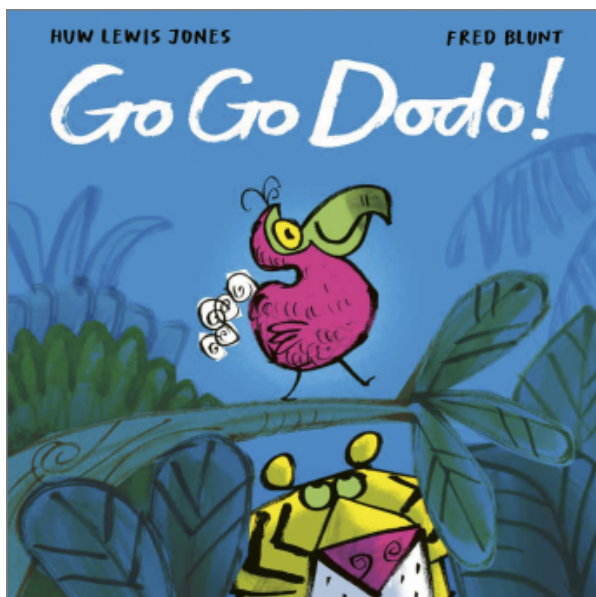


About the Author

Júlia Moscardó is an award winning artist and illustrator. She lives in the UK with her partner Joe (also an illustrator and their daughter). She studied Fine Arts in València, with an Erasmus exchange scholarship at Leeds University. In 2017, she graduated from the MA in Children's Book illustration at Cambridge School of Art.



“Tomorrow we’ll make another
sandcastle, taller, stronger and prettier!”



Go Go Dodo!

Huw Lewis Jones
Illustrated by Fred Blunt



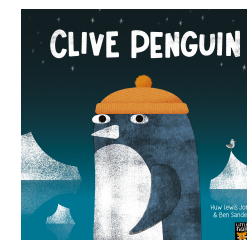
A blissfully carefree dodo takes a stroll through a very gentle jungle, across a very friendly swamp and over a very soothing sea . . . completely unaware that, not only is his walk full of peril, but he's being stalked by a VERY hungry tiger!

Readers will adore shouting "He's behind you!" in this simple yet hilarious read, where text and art tell two sides of the same story.

Format: 246 x 246mm CBMC Code: A3M79 Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £12.99
Binding: Hardback BIC Code: YBCS ISBN: 9781838918316
Extent: 32 Age: 3 – 6 years



BY THE SAME AUTHOR



9781801044868
PB | £7.99



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HB | £12.99

About the Author

Huw Lewis Jones has voyaged many times to Antarctica, meeting all kinds of penguins. He is now a professor at Falmouth University teaching natural history and other creative things. Huw has written books about photography, mountains, and maps, but these days his stories are mostly about annoying apples and befuddled badgers. He lives in Cornwall

About the Illustrator

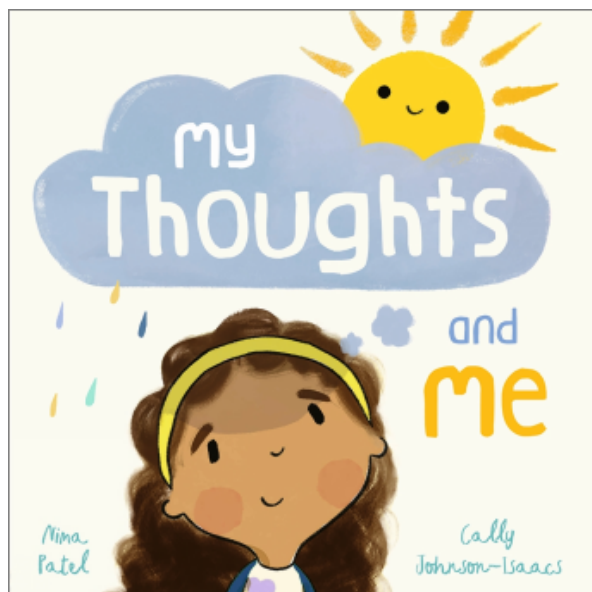
Fred never wanted to be an astronaut or drive a train when he grew up. Right from the beginning he knew he wanted to draw silly pictures for a living and some decades later, he's living the dream! Fred has worked on all manner of projects, including editorial, advertising and designing animations for the BBC. He now works mainly in children's books.



through the gentle jungle



yes, the very peaceful hill



My Thoughts and Me

Nima Patel

Illustrated by Cally Johnson-Isaacs



We all have difficult thoughts sometimes, but we don't have to believe them.

Discover a variety of helpful and age-appropriate strategies for managing troubling thoughts and negative self-talk in this uplifting follow-up to *The Best You*.

A comforting and inclusive exploration of an important issue for young readers.

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9781838916992
PB | £7.99

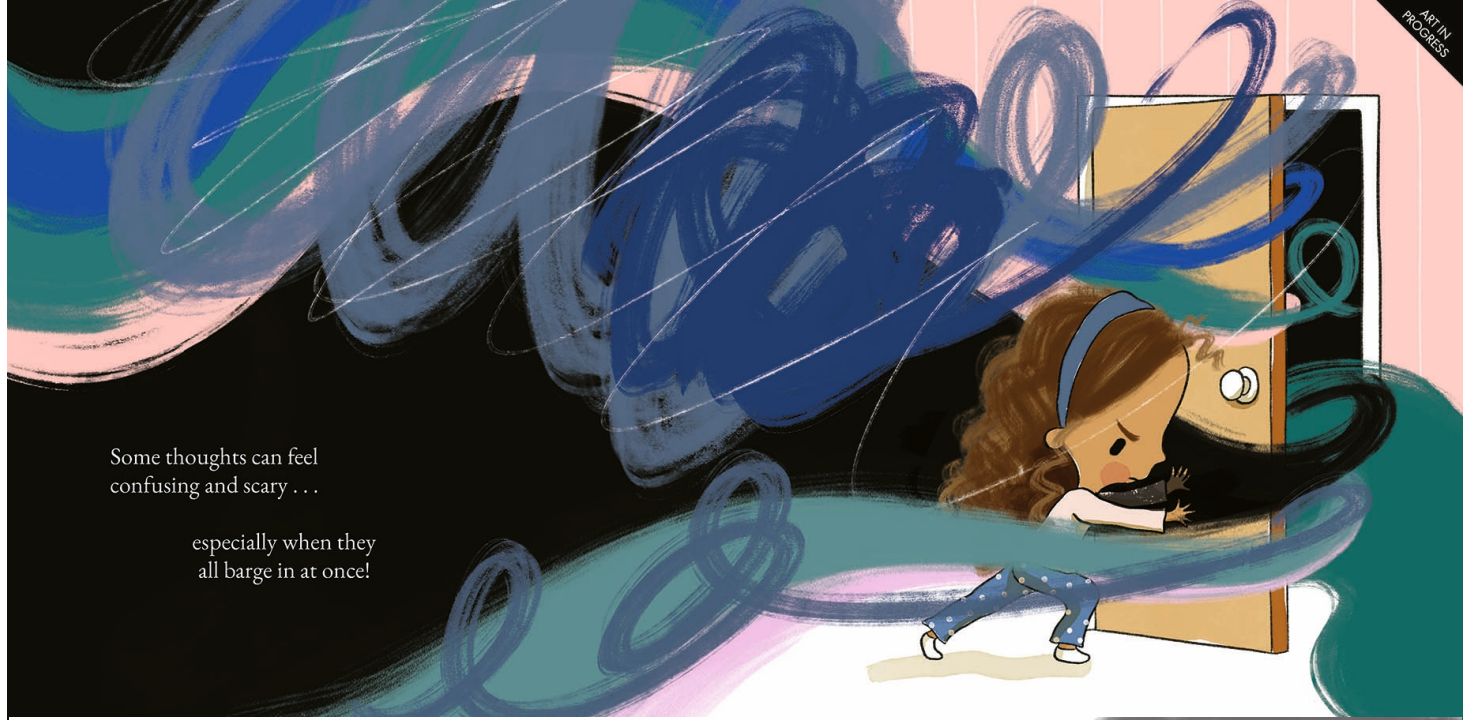
Format: 260 x 260mm CBMC Code: B5M79 Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £7.99
Binding: Paperback BIC Code: YBC, YXL ISBN: 9781838916473
Extent: 32 Age: 5 – 8 years

About the Author

Nima Patel is a psychology graduate, parenting coach, children's author and former primary school teacher, with a family background of over 30 years' experience in early years education. Combining her two passions in life: self-development and teaching, she has passionately created the brand Mindful Champs, with a mission to bring an emotional education into the lives of children.

About the Illustrator

Cally Johnson-Isaacs spent many fun-filled years as an in-house artist for Hallmark Cards before going on to pursue her children's book dreams. She has now illustrated nearly 20 picture books and hopes to work on many more! She creates her artwork at her seaside cottage in Northumberland.



Some thoughts can feel
confusing and scary . . .

especially when they
all barge in at once!



So, how can you help
yourself feel better?



You could take a break for a while
and do something you enjoy.



But what happens when
taking a break isn't enough?



Series: Bad United
Number in Series: 3
Format: 198 x 129mm
Depth:
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 96

CBMC Code: B3N79
BIC Code:
Age: 5 – 8 years
Carton Quantity:
Item Weight:

Bad United: Fast as Lightning

Louise Forshaw

Hoof and Bad United are on a WINNING STREAK and working well as a team! All of them, except one...

As the team gears up for the next match, Hoof struggles to maintain his sunny personality as Bolt constantly challenges him. The cheetah wants to prove that HE is the STAR of the team. And when there's a surprising turn of events during the game, Bolt gets his chance. But will he be able to bring the THUNDER?

The third book in a super and silly graphic novel series, perfect for fans of *The Bad Guys* and *The Nothing to See Here Hotel*.

Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £6.99
ISBN: 9781788956680



ALSO AVAILABLE!



9781788956666
PB | £6.99



9781788956673
PB | £6.99

About the Author

Louise Forshaw is an illustrator (and sometimes author) living in a small town in the North East, UK. She graduated with a BA (Hons) in Illustration and Animation from Newcastle College. Louise works from home in a small studio, supervised by her three noisy and very mischievous Jack Russell Terriers.

Meet me: Hoof. This is my team, BAD UNITED.
Now with **two** wins under our belt!



So, where are we going?

I'm so excited!



It's a surprise.



Ooooooh!



Look!

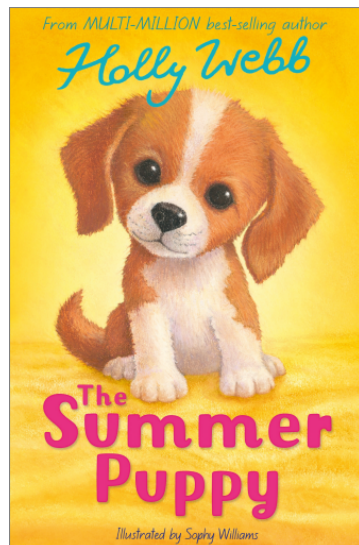


Hey, team!
We're famous!

HOORAY!



It's my favourite
superhero!



The Summer Puppy

Holly Webb

Illustrated by Sophy Williams

Izzy is so excited to be staying at a gorgeous Greek villa for the summer holidays - they even have a beautiful pool all to themselves! Then she spots a little puppy hiding in the bushes, who she names Mango. He looks scared and hungry, so Izzy tries to win the puppy's trust by offering him some food.

The more time Izzy spends with Mango, the more she realises how frightened he is of loud noises and grown-ups, and when her dad spots the puppy, he runs away. Izzy knows Mango desperately needs food and shelter - will she be able to find him?

Series: Holly Webb: Animal Stories

Number in Series: 61

Format: 198 x 129mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 128

CBMC Code: B3N79

BIC Code: YFP

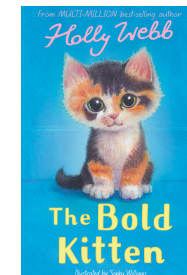
Age: 6– 8 years

A new story from best-selling author Holly Webb, perfect for animal-loving children, and fans of ZOE'S RESCUE ZOO and MAGIC ANIMAL FRIENDS.

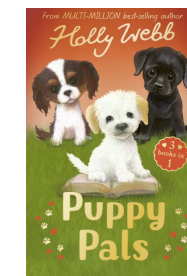
Pub Date: 3 July 2025 Price: £6.99

ISBN: 9781788957588

ALSO AVAILABLE



9781788957397
PB | £6.99



9781788956024
PB | £9.99

About the Author

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

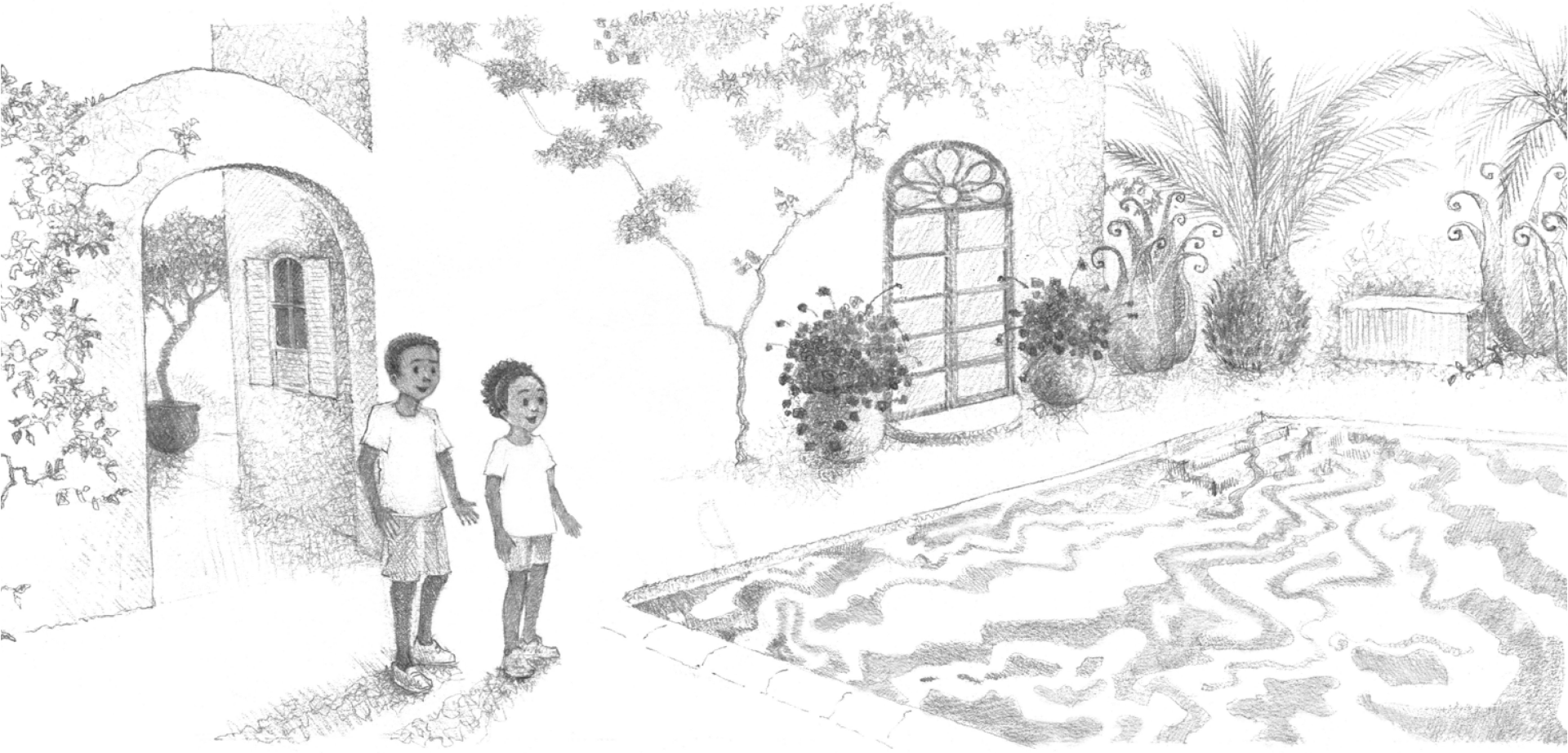
About the Illustrator

Sophy Williams is an award-winning illustrator who has worked with many prestigious authors, including Philip Pullman, Geraldine McCaughrean and Adèle Geras. Sophy lives in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire. Visit sophywilliamsillustrator.com

“Oh, wow...” Izzy whispered, stopping as they came round the corner.

“It’s amazing,” Jamie agreed. “I’ve never seen a swimming pool with plants all round it like that.”

The pool looked like it was in a little jungle, Izzy thought. There was a palm tree growing at one corner, and a wall with trailing plants covered in bright pink flowers down one side. There were even some enormous spiky things.





Series: Guardians of the New Moon

Number in Series: 3

Format: 198 x 129mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 160

CBMC Code: B3N79

BIC Code: YFH, YFC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Guardians of the New Moon: The Year of the Ox

Eric Huang

Illustrated by Phùng Nguyễn Quang

It's almost time for the Year of the Ox! Ming and Miaow are busy helping their ox friend Xiao Nioh get ready to kick off the festivities with a dance performance to wow the crowds. But when Xiao Nioh's father Lord Chiyou makes clear his disapproval, the trio find themselves sent on a quest to save a village from a fearsome beast.

Xiao Nioh is worried. He can't fight a monster - he's a dancer, not a warrior like his dad! Can the Guardians help their friend prove himself to his father without giving up his passion, or is the Year of the Ox ruined before it's even had a chance to start?

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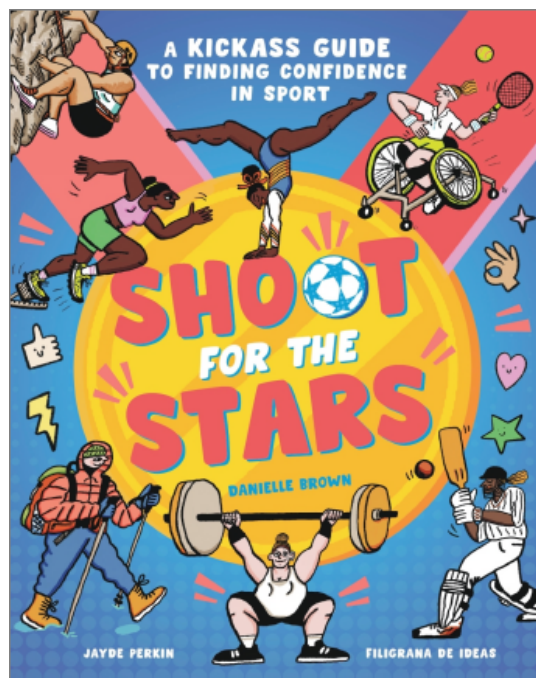
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“Don’t let me down!”

Xiao Nioh remembered his dad’s words and narrowed his eyes. “I won’t,” he mumbled. “Not this time.”

The young ox was so close to finishing the Great Race, a competition held by the King of Heaven, the Jade Emperor. The first twelve animals to finish would have a year on the lunar calendar named after them. Xiao Nioh knew he would be one of



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EXERCISE comes with the official stamp of approval from scientists. It might be the last thing you want to do on a period, especially if your energy levels have dipped, but when we exercise we get a rush of endorphins – our feel good hormone – which helps us to, well, feel good. It can also help with cramps if you get those.



Self-care is important all the time, not just when you're having an off day, or on the 2-7 days a month you might be on your period. Doing one thing for yourself every single day (like having a bubble bath, going for a run or reading a book) is a good habit to get into.

LISTEN TO YOUR BODY.

It will tell you what you need. Sometimes this means taking a day off to rest; other days you're up for a beast of a workout.



BE KIND TO YOURSELF.

This doesn't mean hiding under the duvet and refusing to come out while having a period or raiding the cupboard and scoffing every chocolate biscuit in sight. Being kind is giving yourself positive encouragement and also telling yourself to keep persevering with your sport. Not in the 'beat yourself up' sort of way – that is never okay! Treat yourself the same way you would a friend: be gentle, patient and encouraging.

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WARM UP AND COOL DOWN,

taking longer than you normally would if on a period. Your ligaments (the tissues that hold your body together) become stretchier during your period. It can make your arms and legs feel like spaghetti, so drills and skills might feel a bit weird. This form of self-care is important to prevent injuries, as well as helping you ease into your sport a bit more gently.



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