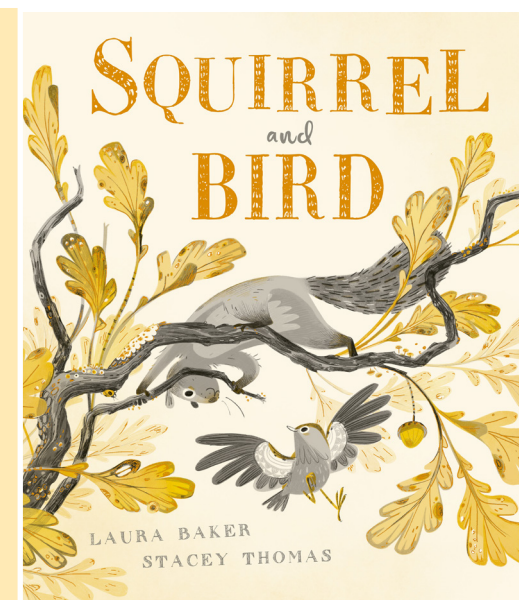
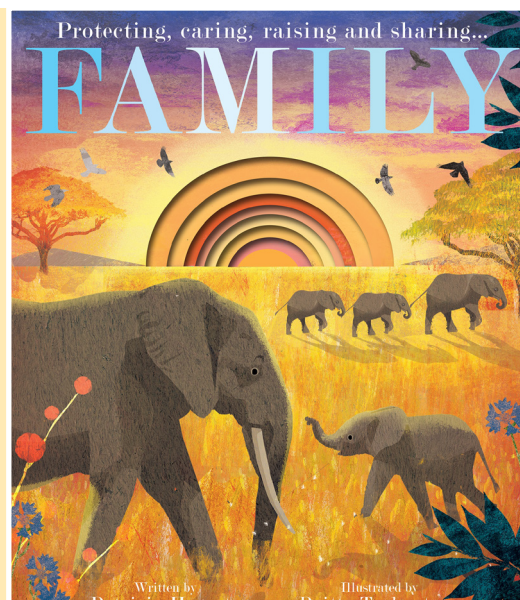
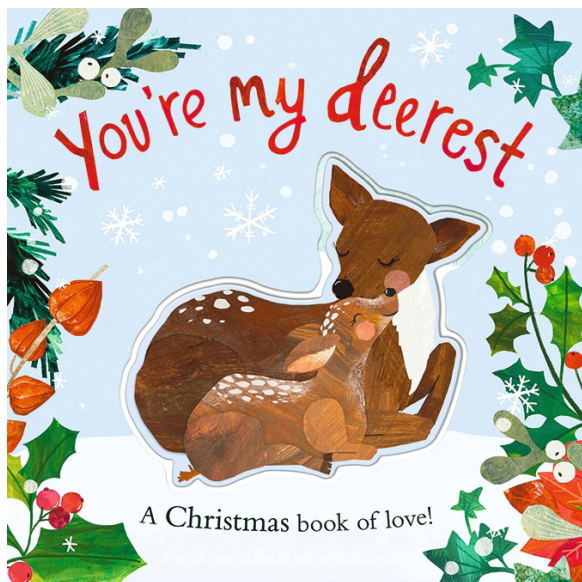


# OCTOBER 2025 NEW TITLES

## LTP







# You're My Deerest

By (author) Harriet Evans

Illustrated by Bryony Clarkson



You're my favourite little fawn -  
yule always be my deer-est. I  
promise that you are the one  
I love to keep the nearest.

This pretty peek-through book takes readers on a wintry journey through the snowy woodlands, where they can meet snuggly mice, friendly foxes and sleepy swans.

- This Christmas-themed book in the popular Bee Mine series has a foil finale and cover to add extra magic!
- Chunky board pieces and die-cuts are perfect for curious little hands.
- Adorable parent-and-child animal pairings on every spread will appeal to families looking for a festive read.

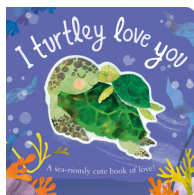
Also available . . . ***Bee Mine, Owl Always Love You, I Turtley Love You***



9781848579385  
BB | £7.99



9781848579798  
BB | £7.99



9781838915681  
BB | £7.99

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Harriet Evans

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

### Bryony Clarkson

Bryony loves making pictures of magical worlds and quirky creatures for children. She especially loves drawing night time scenes. Her studio is in the lovely city of Oxford, where she can usually be found sketching away and covered in paint, with her wheaten terrier asleep on her feet.

**Pub Date:** 2 October 2025

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781838916763

**Extent:** 14 pages

**Dimensions:** 190 x 190 mm

**Interest Age:** 1-3 years

**THEMA:** YBLB

**CBMC:** A3K69

**Series:**





As winter wraps  
around the world

and blankets it with snow . . .



Baby mouse, we'll snuggle up  
beneath the mistletoe.

Sweet little chick, all crimson red,  
our voices soar together.





# Merry Christmas, My Little Cuddle Bug

By (author) Nicola Edwards  
Illustrated by Natalie Marshall



*It's Christmastime, sweet Cuddle Bug,  
No wonder you're excited!  
The Christmas stockings are all hung  
and everyone's invited.*

It's Cuddle Bug's first Christmas and she's ready to experience all the joy that the season has to offer in this sweet and colourful rhyming board book.

**Celebrate the festive season with this adorable addition to the bestselling You're My Little. . . series!**

- Fan-favourite character Cuddle Bug has reached No. 1 on the Publishers Weekly Bestsellers list, with over 140 weeks on the list to date.
- Cuddle Bug is a National Parenting Products Award winner as well as a Barnes and Noble and Amazon bestseller.
- This much-loved series of die-cut board books with raised pieces and chunky pages has sold over 8.3 million books.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Nicola Edwards

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

### Natalie Marshall

Natalie Marshall is an internationally published illustrator and author. Her unique illustrations can be found worldwide in books for children as well as on greeting cards and wrapping paper, baby nappies, mugs and packs of blueberries! Natalie lives near the beach in Melbourne, Australia with her bike-loving husband and two busy children.

**Pub Date:** 2 October 2025

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781838918460

**Extent:** 18 pages

**Dimensions:** 190 x 190 mm

**Interest Age:** 1-3 years

**THEMA:** YBCB|YBCS

**CBMC:** YBGT

**Series:** You're My Little



9781838915896  
BB | £7.99



9781838915704  
BB | £7.99





It's Christmas time, sweet Cuddle Bug,  
No wonder you're excited!

The Christmas stockings are all hung  
And everyone's invited.





# Reindeer! Reindeer! What Can You See?

Illustrated by Pintachan

By (author) Dee Costello



*Reindeer! Reindeer! What can you see?*

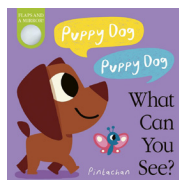
*Under the tree, who could it be?*

Lift the flaps to help Reindeer discover who is hiding underneath. With a mirror under the final flap, this seek-and-find book is perfect for sharing with the very smallest of readers - especially at Christmastime!

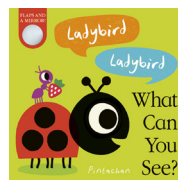
- The sixth title in Pintachan's stunningly illustrated board book series, this one featuring favourite Christmas characters!
- With a surprise mirror ending!
- Perfect for fans of Nosy Crow's Felt Flaps series and Usborne's That's Not My . . . series.



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BB | £7.99



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BB | £7.99



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BB | £7.99

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Pintachan

Pintachan's real name is Pablo! And he lives in the north of Spain with his family where he enjoys watching old sci-fi movies, eating liquorice and, of course, illustrating children's books. Pablo has worked for Hachette, Abrams Kids, Running Press, Quarto and McDonalds to name but a few.

### Dee Costello

Dee Costello is a children's book editor and writer who grew up in London, spent a happy chunk of her life in Boston, USA, and is now living by the big, beautiful sea in Worthing, UK. At every opportunity she will try to smell pine trees, cycle, surf, laugh, make arty 'creations' with her two children, and read . . . out loud!

**Pub Date:** 2 October 2025

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781838918323

**Extent:** 10 pages

**Dimensions:** 170 x 170 mm

**Interest Age:** 1-3 years

**THEMA:** YBLL

**CBMC:** A3J79

**Series:** What Can You See?



Reindeer! Reindeer!

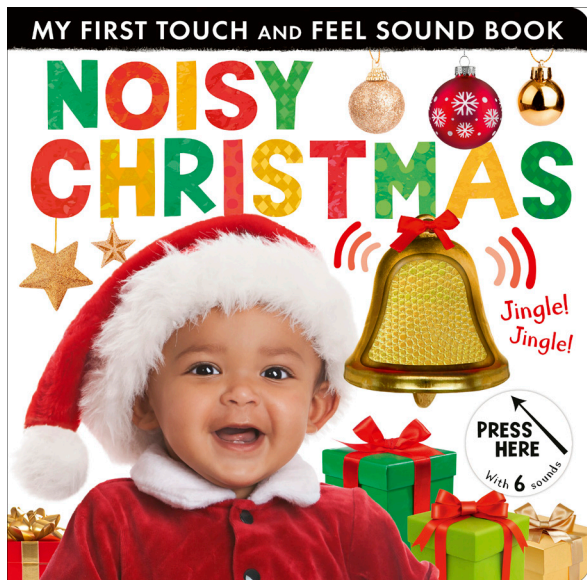


What can you see?

In this stocking,  
who could it be?







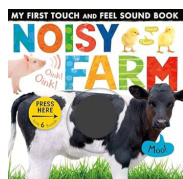
# Noisy Christmas

By (author) Hettie Cox

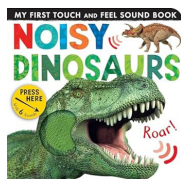


**Touch, feel and hear the sights and sounds of Christmas on every page of this interactive board book!**

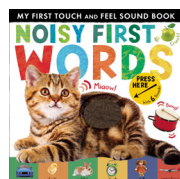
- Features a touch-and-feel texture and sound button on every spread.
- Full of bright, engaging photographs.
- Includes an on/off switch on the back cover to extend battery life.
- A new title to add to this successful range of noisy touch-and-feel books. Other titles in the series: Noisy Farm, Noisy Dinosaurs, Noisy Trucks, Noisy Jungle, Noisy Things That Go, Noisy Baby Animals, Noisy First Words, Noisy Babies and Noisy Construction.



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BB | £12.99



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BB | £12.99

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Hettie Cox

Hettie Cox originally hails from North London where she spends time with her family, two bunnies and cat Roxie. When she's not researching fun facts for children's books or looking over artwork, she's usually curled up with a cup of tea watching an animated movie (or three!) or practising her singing.

**Pub Date:** 2 October 2025

**RRP:** £14.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781838918644

**Extent:** 12 pages

**Dimensions:** 216 x 216 mm

**Interest Age:** 2-5 years

**THEMA:** YBCB

**CBMC:** YBGT|5HC

**Series:** My First Touch and Feel Sound Book



At Christmas, there  
are so many delicious  
treats to share.



Do you like  
to bake and  
decorate  
cookies?

What goodies will  
you find inside your  
Christmas stocking  
this year?



Press the  
stocking to  
hear a song!

Tra la la!

It's time to open  
your presents!



Can you guess  
what is inside?



It's a  
Christmas  
teddy bear!

Rub the teddy bear's tummy  
to wish everyone a very...



Merry  
Christmas!





# The Magical Orchestra

By (author) **Lauren Crisp**

Illustrated by **Ella Hobbis**



*"Shhh - listen! Can you hear something? Could it be . . .?"*

*"Just what is going on?"*

*"It's the world-famous forest orchestra!"*

Explore the magic of the classical orchestra with this beautiful picture book, complete with 20 marvellous musical sounds. A wise hare and a curious little rabbit are bounding through the forest when they happen upon an orchestra, its players an array of magnificent woodland creatures. The musicians are warming up for a very special performance . . . and it's going to be a night to remember. This interactive first introduction to the orchestra, beautifully illustrated by the talented Ella Hobbis, encourages both interactive learning and musical development. Perfect for little musicians and woodland animal lovers!

- Complete with 20 different musical sounds.
- A gently educational narrative guides the reader through the different sections of the orchestra, culminating in a magical final performance.
- A very first introduction to the orchestra for little ones, with a familiar woodland setting and characters lovingly portrayed by Ella Hobbis.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Lauren Crisp

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. She enjoys reading, writing and dreaming up fun rhymes for the books she works on.

### Ella Hobbis

After a career in digital marketing, Ella returned to her childhood passion of drawing and hasn't put her pencils down since. Her heart lies in creating art for children; she draws with passion, texture and tiny details to create memorable picture books that will inspire and delight young readers. Her illustrations may often appear simple, but always make sure to look out for the details she hides in them... a lot like life, there's always magic to be found somewhere.

**Pub Date:** 2 October 2025

**RRP:** £16.99

**Format:** Hardback

**ISBN:** 9781838918613

**Extent:** 28 pages

**Dimensions:** 296 x 236 mm

**Interest Age:** 2-5 years

**THEMA:** YBCS|YNC

**CBMC:** A5J69

**Series:**



It's the world-famous  
forest  
orchestra!

The musicians are  
tuning their  
instruments ...

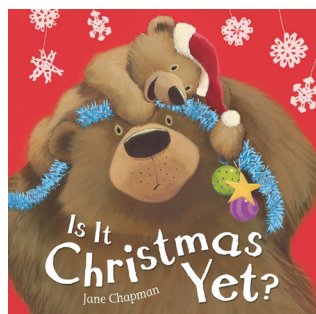
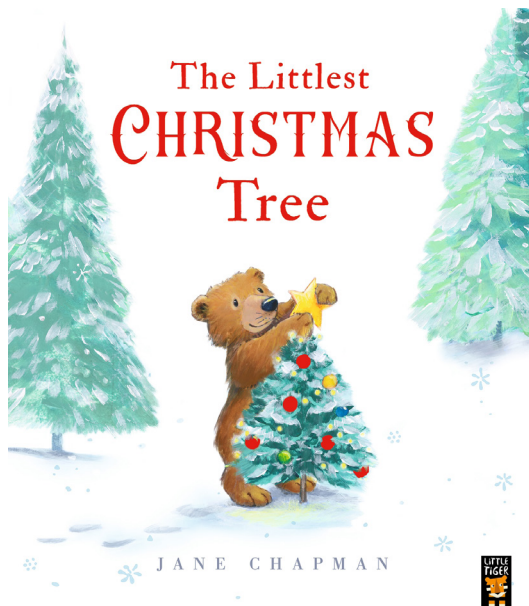
... and practising  
their scales ...

What a racket!

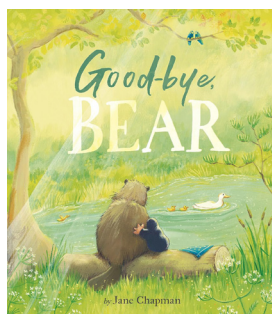
... and warming up for  
a *very* special performance.







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PB | £7.99

# The Littlest Christmas Tree

By (author) Jane Chapman



Deep in the wintry wood grows a special little Christmas tree, waiting patiently for someone wonderful to take him home . . .

A heartwarming celebration of the magic of Christmas – perfect for little ones who love the festive season.

- A heartfelt story deftly written and illustrated by the inimitable Jane Chapman. Now out in paperback!
- This super-festive story is wrapped up with a child-friendly environmental message.
- A perfect Christmas gift for little ones to treasure.
- Just like The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandøy, The Christmas Eve Tree by Delia Huddy and Emily Sutton, and Dasher by Matt Tavares, The Littlest Christmas Tree is a true modern classic.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Jane Chapman

Jane has been writing and illustrating picture books for almost thirty years and has produced many best-selling and award-winning titles. She is mother to two sons and lives in Dorset, England with a very fluffy cat.

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**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Paperback

**ISBN:** 9781801046503

**Extent:** 32 pages

**Dimensions:** 280 x 245 mm

**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

**THEMA:** YBCS2|YBCS

**CBMC:** A3M79

**Series:**

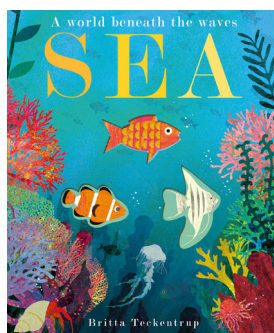
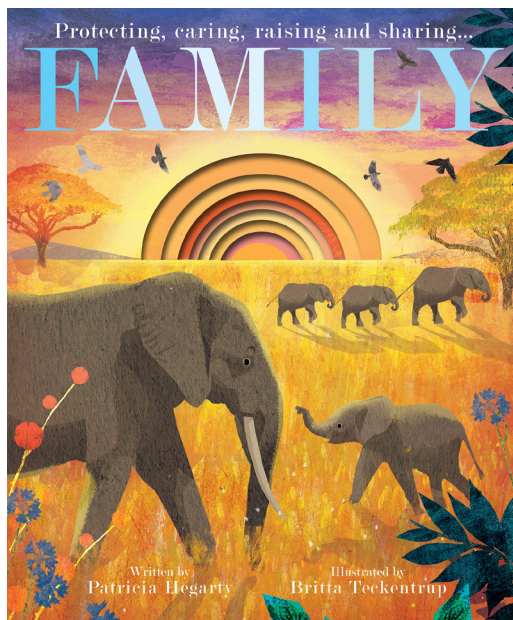


Cubby knew.  
“Little Tree loves sledding!”



“Everyone loves sledding!” exclaimed Daddy.





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PB | £7.99



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## Family

Illustrated by Britta Teckentrup

By (author) Patricia Hegarty



**A gorgeous picture book by award-winning illustrator Britta Teckentrup!**

Discover the incredible habits of animals and their families, from diving dolphins to marvellous manatees, and explore what family means to all kinds of creatures. Britta Teckentrup's stunning artwork brings to life nature's incredible stories of the ways in which animals protect and support each other. Lyrical rhyming text by Patricia Hegarty creates a calming tone, making this a perfect book for sharing with your child at bedtime or anytime!

- Die-cuts let young readers peep through the pages, revealing different horizons all across the world. In this latest addition to Britta Teckentrup's bestselling series of nature-themed books, animal parents and their young help you celebrate families, love, and the wonders of nature.
- Also available in the Peek-through Nature series: Don't miss the full range of stunning picture books that focus on the natural world, including **Sea**, **Moon**, **Bee**, **Tree** and **Home**!
- For more Britta Teckentrup books that explore social themes, don't miss **We Are Together**, **Under the Same Sky**, **Kindness Grows** and **A Happy Place**.

### WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

#### Britta Teckentrup

Britta Teckentrup is an award-winning illustrator and author, having written and illustrated over 80 children's picture books that have been published in over 20 different countries. After 17 years in the UK, Britta now lives and works in Berlin with her Scottish husband, son Vincent and their old cat Oskar.

#### Patricia Hegarty

Patricia Hegarty is currently the Editorial Director of Caterpillar Books and has written about all kinds of things from trees and bees to ABCs (and she loves to rhyme).

**Pub Date:** 2 October 2025

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Paperback

**ISBN:** 9781838916510

**Extent:** 32 pages

**Dimensions:** 275 x 225 mm

**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

**THEMA:** YBC|YNN

**CBMC:** A3M69

**Series:** Britta Teckentrup First Nature

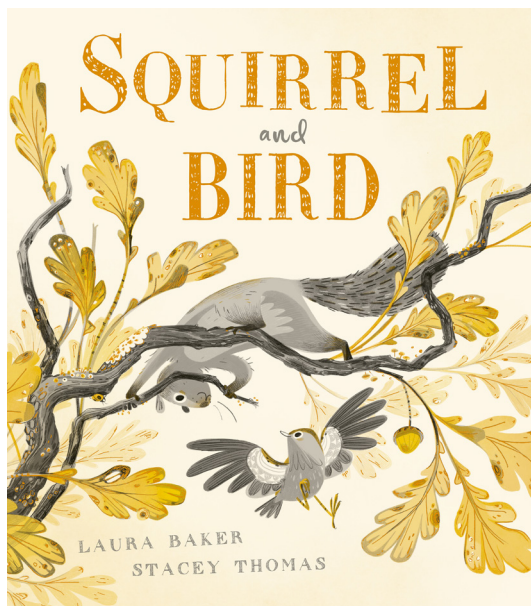




When it's time to leave the nest,  
Tiny chicks are put to the test.

Learning quickly, they must try  
To spread their wings and start to fly.





# Squirrel and Bird

By (author) Laura Baker

Illustrated by Stacey Thomas



*Meet Squirrel. Squirrel is LOUD.*

*Meet Bird. Bird is quiet.*

*They are complete opposites.*

*And that's all you need to know.*

*The end.*

*Or is it . . . ?*

A story that encourages us to embrace the wonderful variety of traits that makes us who we are, and to challenge the reductive labels others may place upon us.

- Stunningly illustrated in a super stylish limited palette by debut illustrator Stacey Thomas.
- A cleverly-crafted book in which the words and pictures are often telling two different stories.
- With a powerful message to embrace who you are and not let others tell you who you should be

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Laura Baker

Laura Baker is the author of over 50 books for children, including picture books, board books, activity books, non-fiction and early readers. She has written about feelings, friendship, monsters, unicorns and, of course . . . the magic of books. Laura grew up in Canada but now lives in a lovely town on the south coast of Wales with her husband, two boys and big basset hound.

### Stacey Thomas

Stacey Thomas has been drawing for as long as she can remember. She lives in a small town in the Oxfordshire countryside, where she spends her days illustrating picture books, rambling in the neighbouring woods and attempting to befriend the local wildlife.

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**RRP:** £12.99

**Format:** Hardback

**ISBN:** 9781838917203

**Extent:** 32 pages

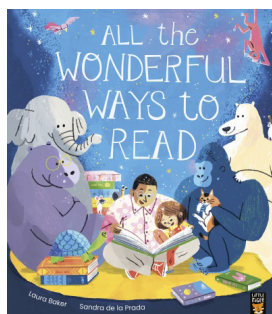
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**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

**THEMA:** YBCS|YBC

**CBMC:** A3M79

**Series:**



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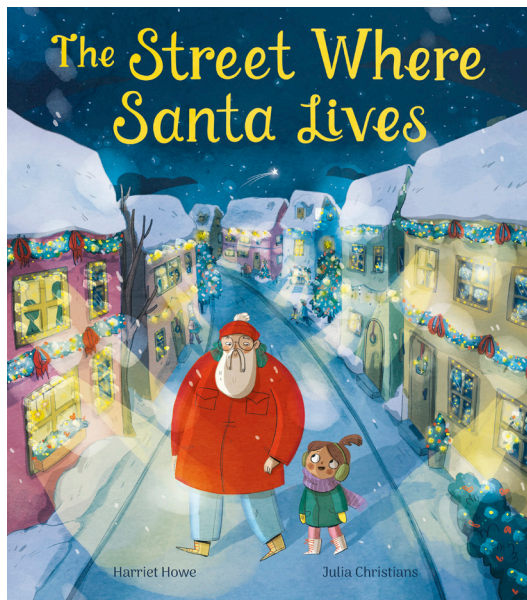
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This is Squirrel.

This is Bird.





# The Street Where Santa Lives

By (author) Harriet Howe

Illustrated by Julia Christians



**When an old man moves in next door, everyone is too busy to notice, except one little girl. He's got a white beard and a round tummy and is very handy at repairing toys in his workshop – he must be Santa Claus!**

A heartwarming and humorous story that celebrates the magic of people coming together.

- A playful, festive story celebrating the joy of community.
- Lightly touches on the theme of looking out for the elderly, especially in the holidays.
- Written by exciting new talent, Harriet Howe.
- With beautiful and playful illustrations by the hugely talented Julia Christians (Magnificent Mabel).
- Alongside *Pick a Pine Tree* by Patricia Toht and Jarvis, *Dasher* by Matt Tavares and *The Christmas Eve Tree* by Delia Huddy and Emily Sutton, *The Street Where Santa Lives* is a modern-classic Christmas picture book.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Harriet Howe

Harriet's first word was 'book', and she's loved stories ever since, so it's a dream come true to end up writing her own. When not writing, Harriet works in television. But she's happiest with a pencil in one hand, a cup of tea in the other, brewing up her next story.

### Julia Christians

Julia Christians was born in 1984 and got her diploma in Communications Design at the University of Art in Brunswick in 2011. Since 2018 she has worked as a freelance illustrator. Julia lives in the deep, dark forest of the Harz Mountains, Germany, with her husband, two kids and a pack of dogs.

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**RRP:** £12.99

**Format:** Hardback

**ISBN:** 9781838918576

**Extent:** 36 pages

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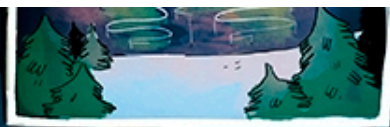
**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

**THEMA:** YBC|YBCS

**CBMC:** A3M79

**Series:**





*Ding ding!*

Turns out, Santa  
can fix anything!



“Must be all that practice with  
the elves!” laughs Mum.

“Know anything about  
motorbikes?” asks Dad.





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# The Bear Who Wanted to Dance

By (author) **Stephanie Stansbie**

Illustrated by **Wendy J Warren**



**A heartwarming picture book about chasing your dreams, celebrating your differences and twirling to your own rhythm.**

Meet Rita, a big bear with an even bigger dream! Rita is a talented, passionate, hard-working ballerina. And she's top of her class! But when she studies her ballet magazines, and compares herself to her friends, she realises - she's the wrong shape! Can Rita find her inner power and confidence in her beautiful big-bear body?

- Conveys an important message of body positivity and selfacceptance at any size.
- Tackles the issue of representation with a light touch.
- For dance fans and any child who has ever felt out-of-place.
- With atmospheric illustrations from a brand-new illustrator
- Perfect for sharing with fans of *Brontorina* by James Howe and Randy Cecil, *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees, and *Julian Is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Stephanie Stansbie

Stephanie has been a children's book editor, and then an author, for most of her adult life. She adores editing and writing in equal measure and has always worked on illustrated books, where the art is as important as the word. The books she has written have been translated into more than 15 different languages. Stephanie lives in Oxford, England, and enjoys goofing about with her family and friends, going to the theatre and chocolate porridge.

### Wendy J Warren

From a young age Wendy has drawn, however in her early years she always drew people wearing ballet shoes as she couldn't do feet very well. Wendy's colourful illustrations are inspired by the people, quirky architecture and natural landscape around her, infusing her work with a vibrant and whimsical quality that captures the imagination.

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**RRP:** £12.99

**Format:** Hardback

**ISBN:** 9781838918675

**Extent:** 32 pages

**Dimensions:** 286 x 251 mm

**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

**THEMA:** YBCS|YBC

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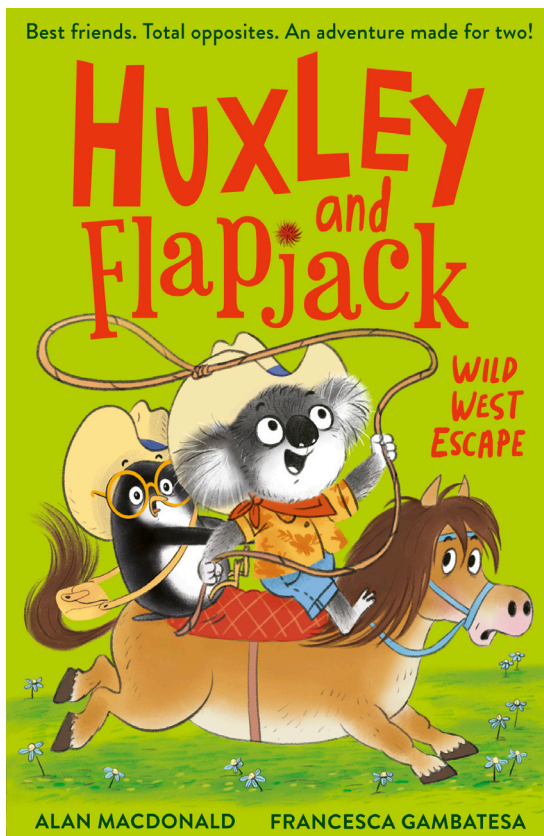
**Series:**



When I was a little bear, I saw my first ballet.  
And it changed my life forever!







# Huxley and Flapjack: Wild West Escape

By (author) Alan MacDonald

Illustrated by Francesca Gambatesa

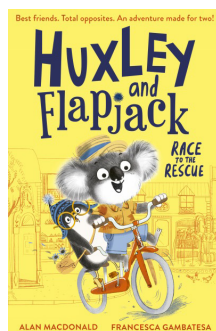


Meet Huxley, an irrepressible koala with BIG ideas, and his best friend, Flapjack, a rather jumpy penguin. Flapjack would rather stay at home, but for Huxley, each new day sparkles with possibility and the chance of adventure!

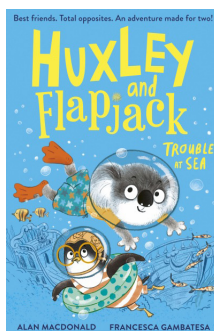
When Huxley and Flapjack get jobs as cowhands, Huxley imagines himself sleeping under the stars and singing by the campfire - easy peasy! But when the herd goes missing, can he and Flapjack spot the clues and track down the cows before the farmer finds out? It's time to get MOO-ving!

- Third title in this pitch-perfect series by Alan MacDonald, author of the bestselling DIRTY BERTIE series.
- Full colour illustrations on every page.
- Funny and child-friendly storylines divided into manageable chapters, ideal for emerging readers.
- For fans of CLAUDE, HOTEL FLAMINGO, RABBIT AND BEAR and ISADORA MOON.

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## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Alan MacDonald

Alan MacDonald dreamed of becoming a professional footballer, but when he won a pen in a writing competition his fate was sealed. Alan has written over eighty children's books, which have been translated into many languages and won several awards. Alan also writes for TV.

### Francesca Gambatesa

Francesca works as an illustrator of children's books and as a designer and art director for animation projects. She studied art, film and traditional animation in Rome. She makes her illustrations with drawings on paper and digitally and her favourite part of the process is creating appealing character designs. Francesca is Italian and lives in London.

**Pub Date:** 2 October 2025

**RRP:** £6.99

**Format:** Paperback

**ISBN:** 9781788957403

**Extent:** 96 pages

**Dimensions:** 198 x 129 mm

**Interest Age:** 5-7 years

**THEMA:** YFQ|YFC|YFP

**CBMC:** B3N79

**Series:** Huxley and Flapjack



# Chapter One



Breakfast was over. Flapjack was doing the crossword in the newspaper.

“Hmm ... peace and something ... begins with a Q,” he puzzled.



“MY GUITAR!” cried Huxley, bouncing into the room.

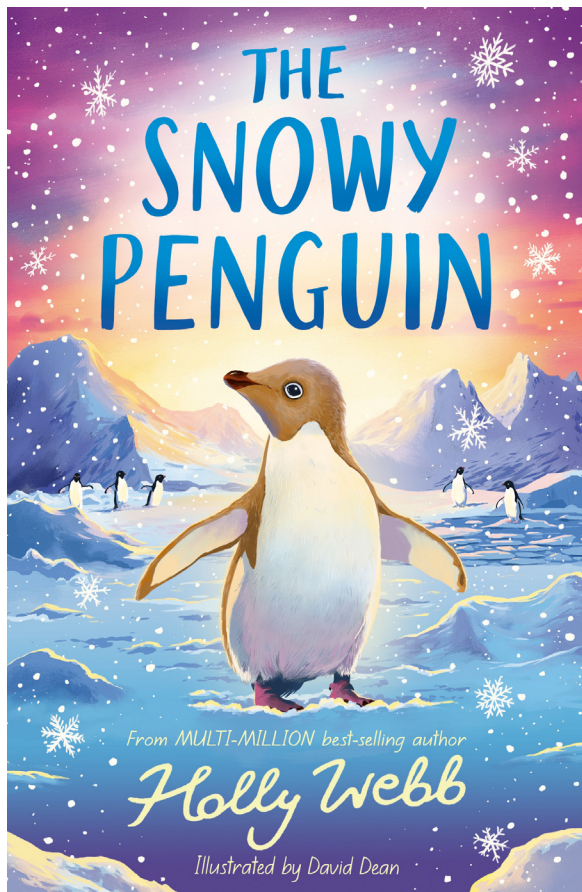
Flapjack frowned. “No, that begins with a ‘G’.”

“No, my guitar. I found it in the cupboard,” said Huxley.

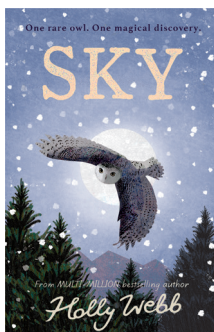
“Oh dear, yes,” said Flapjack.







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PB | £7.99

# The Snowy Penguin

By (author) Holly Webb  
Illustrated by David Dean



Bella is thrilled to be joining her mum on an expedition to study penguins on the Antarctic coast. While exploring one of the islands she discovers an unusual penguin with a pale brown coat instead of the typical black.

But before Bella can investigate further, she spots an old pirate ship sailing to the island, then she blinks -and it disappears! Bella is convinced that she imagined it, until she goes out searching for the pale penguin again and bumps into a boy named Jules. He has arrived with a group of sailors from the 1800s, and they're desperate to catch the rare penguin for themselves...

**A magical wintry tale from best-selling author Holly Webb. For fans of Michael Morpurgo and THE SNOW FOAL, this is the perfect book to snuggle up with and enjoy this winter.**

- Features beautiful black and white illustrations by David Dean throughout
- Holly Webb's ANIMAL STORIES series has sold over 1 million UK trade copies to date

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Holly Webb

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](http://www.holly-webb.com) or @HollyKateWebb.

### David Dean

David Dean has illustrated around 140 covers over the course of 21 years, having graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University with a BA in Illustration and an MA in Communication Design. Known for his exotic and colourful work, David works in a room surrounded by books from many different cultures, from which he finds inspiration.

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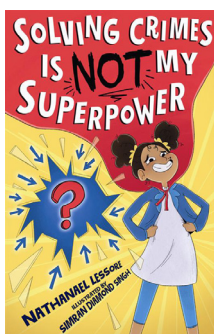
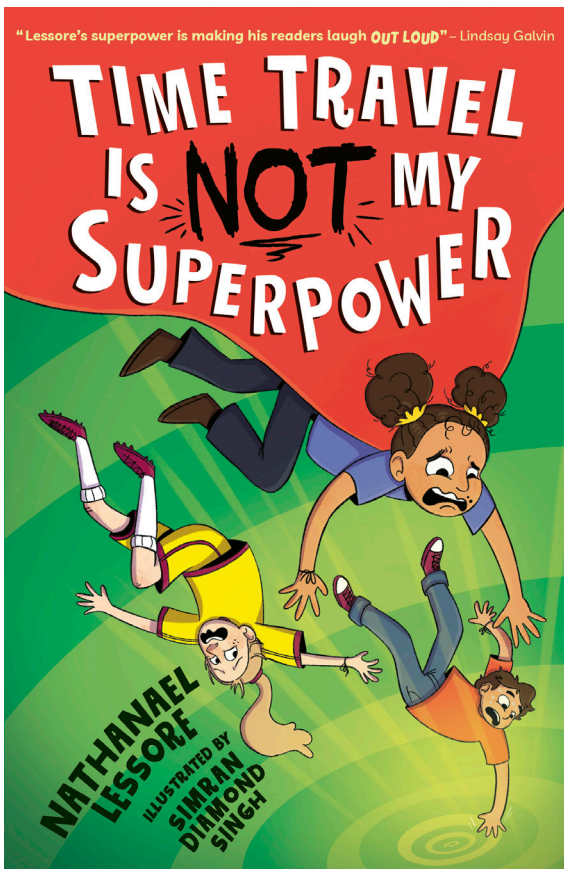
“Bella! Bella! It’s happening!”

Bella looked over at her mum, who was standing by the kettle, making herself another cup of tea and staring at her phone. For a tiny moment she wasn’t sure what Mum meant – and then she understood, and was flooded with a wild mix of panic and excitement and pride and worry.

“Antarctica?” she whispered.

“Yes...” Mum was frantically skimming through an email on her phone. “Yes! The project’s been approved. The funding. They said





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# Time Travel Is NOT My Superpower

By (author) Nathanael Lessore

Illustrated by Simran Diamond Singh



Sara has been practising her new teleport powers and she's getting pretty good! Except when she accidentally transports herself and her best friends (Georgie and Javier) and her nemesis (Jock) back in time...

They're warned not to interact with ANYONE, to make sure they don't change anything in the future, but that becomes difficult when they're dragged into a birthday party. They get out as quickly as they can, although not before causing some minor chaos. But how much damage can a squashed cake really do?!?

(As it turns out, a LOT.)

**A laugh-out-loud series about all the different ways of being extraordinary, perfect for fans of PIZAZZ, SAM WU and MARV.**

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Nathanael Lessore

Nathanael Lessore grew up in a North Peckham estate as one of eight children to French and Madagascan parents. His debut book <em>Steady For This</em> was shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2024 and won the Branford Boase Award 2024. Becoming a writer is a dream come true, and he will never take this journey for granted.

### Simran Diamond Singh

Simran Diamond Singh is an illustrator and character designer based in East London. She has always adored storytelling and world-building and bringing characters to life, and ventured into the world of children's book illustration after winning the SECRET STORY DRAW in 2021.

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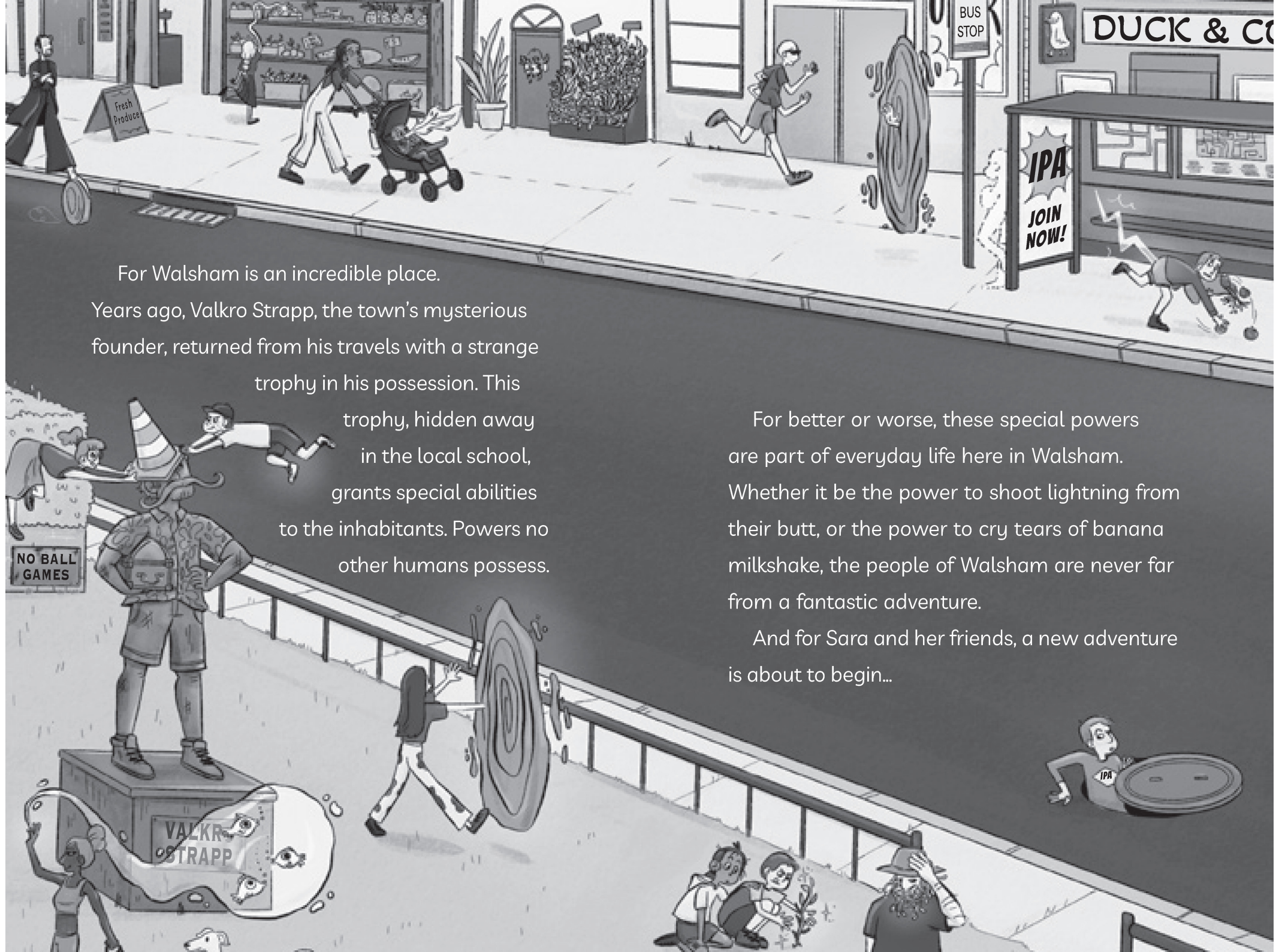
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**Series:** ...Is NOT My Superpower





For Walsham is an incredible place. Years ago, Valkro Strapp, the town's mysterious founder, returned from his travels with a strange trophy in his possession. This trophy, hidden away in the local school, grants special abilities to the inhabitants. Powers no other humans possess.

For better or worse, these special powers are part of everyday life here in Walsham. Whether it be the power to shoot lightning from their butt, or the power to cry tears of banana milkshake, the people of Walsham are never far from a fantastic adventure.

And for Sara and her friends, a new adventure is about to begin...





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# SCRAP: Escape From Somewhere 513

By (author) Guy Bass

Illustrated by Alessia Trunfio



*This is the story of how everything changed. It's not my story, not really. This is the story of my sister and her best friend Scrap, and of what they gave up for me ... to save me.*

After escaping the clutches of Mayor Highshine for a second time, Scrap, Paige and Gnat make the perilous journey to the ocean jungles in search of the last rocket ship on Somewhere 513. But as they struggle to liberate the ship from a family of vicious frogbears, disaster strikes and it suffers a near-fatal crash.

As Scrap works to repair the ship, things go from bad to worse when he makes a discovery that means leaving is impossible. But with the forces of Mayor Highshine closing in, staying isn't an option either. As old rivalries return and new alliances form in the midst of a final stand-off, Paige faces an agonising decision if she is to keep her promise to her mum to keep Gnat safe...

**The final instalment in an original and entertaining new trilogy for middle-grade readers from the award-winning author of STITCH HEAD. For fans of Maz Evans and Thomas Taylor.**

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Guy Bass

Guy Bass is an award-winning author who has written more than 30 books, including the best-selling STITCH HEAD series, DINKIN DINGS, SPYNOSAUR and SKELETON KEYS. He lives in London with his wife. Find out more at [guybass.com](http://guybass.com) | [@GuyBassBooks](https://twitter.com/GuyBassBooks)

### Alessia Trunfio

Alessia was born in southern Italy, but grew up in Rome, where she still lives. She has wanted to be an illustrator since she was a child but she hasn't excluded the possibility of becoming an astronaut. After graduating in 2013 with an Animation Degree from the International School of Comics in Rome, Alessia has worked as background artist for some of the most important animation studios in Italy. She currently works as a freelance artist on various animation and illustration projects.

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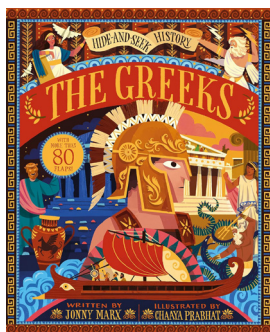
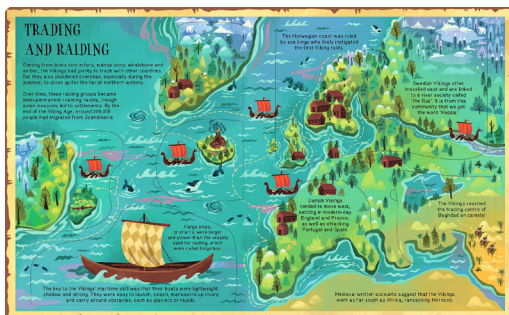
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**Series:** SCRAP





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# The Vikings

By (author) Harriet Evans  
Illustrated by Chaaya Prabhat



How did the Vikings travel as far afield as modern-day Canada and Baghdad? Why were their most fearsome warriors called berserkers? And what does doomsday have to do with nail hygiene?

Readers can discover the truth behind some of the most incredible Viking stories and superstitions and unearth the most fascinating aspects of an ancient culture in this immersive book.

With more than 80 lift-the-flaps and flaps under flaps, there's plenty of history to uncover.

- Viking stories are part of the global zeitgeist with numerous iconic cultural phenomena focusing on the Norse myths, such as Marvel's Thor.
- The magical illustrations of award-winning Chaaya Prabhat and a foiled cover make this book a beautiful gift for little history-lovers and an impressive addition to any museum shop.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Harriet Evans

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

### Chaaya Prabhat

Chaaya Prabhat is an illustrator and graphic designer. After completing her M.A in Graphic Design from Savannah College of Art and Design, she is now working in Chennai, India. She has since worked with several clients such as Snapchat, Facebook, Google and The Obama Foundation, but especially loves illustrating for children's books. She has received awards for her portfolio and projects from Behance and Adobe.

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# TRADING AND RAIDING

Coming from lands rich in furs, walrus ivory, whalebone and amber, the Vikings had plenty to trade with other countries. But they also plundered overseas, especially during the summer, to stock up for the harsh northern winters.

Over time, these raiding groups became semi-permanent roaming navies, though some invasions led to settlements. By the end of the Viking Age, around 200,000 people had migrated from Scandinavia.

The Norwegian coast was ruled by sea kings who likely instigated the first Viking raids.

Swedish Vikings often travelled east and are linked to a river society called 'the Rus'. It is from this community that we get the word 'Russia'.

Danish Vikings tended to move west, settling in modern-day England and France, as well as attacking Portugal and Spain.

The Vikings reached the trading centre of Baghdad on camels!

Cargo ships, or knarrs, were larger and slower than the vessels used for raiding, which were called longships.

The key to the Vikings' maritime skill was that their boats were lightweight, shallow and strong. They were easy to launch, beach, manoeuvre up rivers and carry around obstacles, such as glaciers or rapids.

Medieval written accounts suggest that the Vikings went as far south as Africa, ransacking Morocco.

