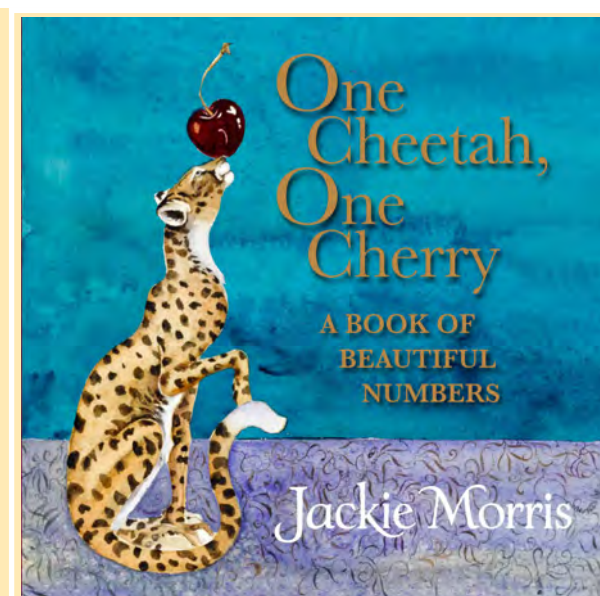
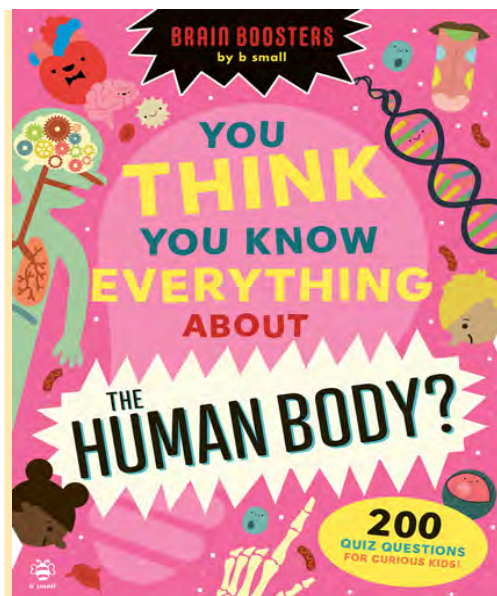
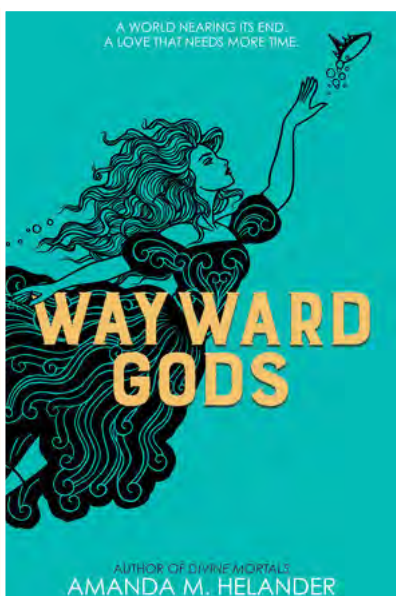


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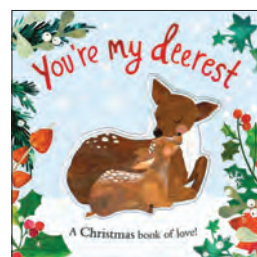
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Author: Catherine Bruzzone has more than 30 years' experience teaching languages to children and developing innovative language-learning programs as well as publishing all other types of non-fiction books for children from art to science. She is the author of the Children's Classics series, My Book of Bike Activities, the Lucy Cat series and many other series for b small publishing.

Illustrator: Stu McLellan has been drawing for as long as he's been walking - making pictures is one of his great loves, as is being out in nature, where he feels most alive. He lives with his family in Hertfordshire.

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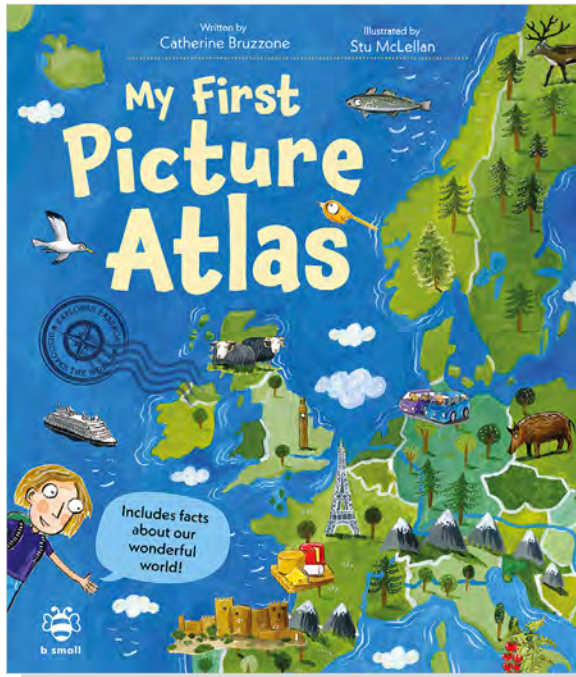
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Format	270x230 mm	Author	Catherine Bruzzone
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Can you find these pictures on the map?



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cars



tomatoes



river



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Good morning.
Where are
you from?



I'm Greek.
I'm from
Greece.

Can you find
this country?



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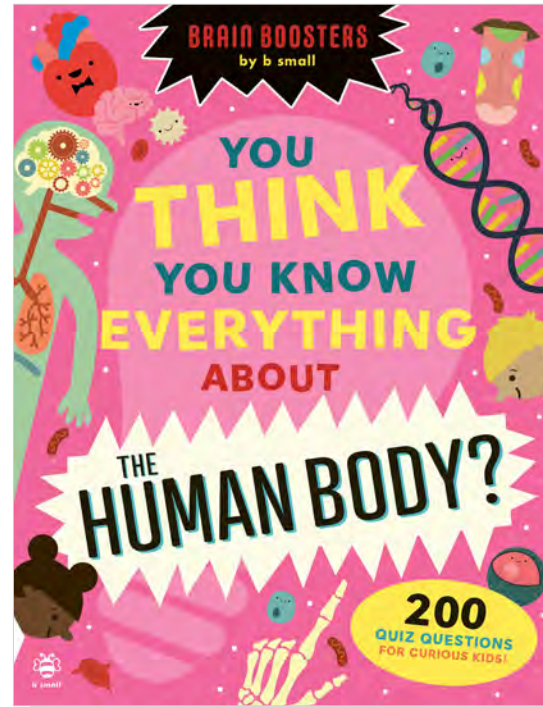
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The subject is ...

THE SOLAR SYSTEM

BRAINS READY!

1 POINT EASY 2 POINTS MEDIUM 3 POINTS HARD

1. Solar means ...
a) sun or sunny
b) starry
c) light

2. A sun is ...
a) a planet
b) a comet
c) a star

3. In our solar system, planets go around ...
a) the Moon
b) Earth
c) the Sun

4. Our solar system is in which galaxy?
a) Andromeda
b) the Milky Way
c) Canis Major Dwarf

5. A star is a cold object.
True or false?

6. How big is our solar system?
To fly a plane, not a rocket, from Earth to the Sun would take around ...
a) 17 years
b) 17 days
c) 17 hours

7. Which of these could not be part of the solar system?
a) an asteroid
b) a pole star
c) a comet

8. How many times would Earth fit into the Sun?
a) 130
b) 130,000
c) 1,300,000

9. What holds the solar system together?
a) gravity
b) heat
c) radiation

LET'S CHECK OUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 44 AND MAKE A NOTE OF OUR SCORES.

FEELING GOOD? NEXT SUBJECT!

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HELLO AND WELCOME TO ... YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY? COME ON DOWN!

THIS ISN'T YOUR EVERYDAY, RUN-OF-THE-MILL QUIZ, IT IS A GAME SHOW IN A BOOK! THERE ARE DIFFERENT ROUNDS, AND SOME QUESTIONS ARE WORTH MORE POINTS THAN OTHERS.

YOU CAN PLAY ON YOUR OWN OR IN A GROUP. IF YOU'RE IN A GROUP, ONE OF YOU IS THE HOST.

START WITH ROUND ONE. THE HOST READS THE QUESTIONS ALOUD, LEAVING TIME FOR THE PLAYERS TO WRITE DOWN THEIR ANSWERS. THERE ARE FIVE ROUNDS EACH WITH FOUR SUBJECTS.

AFTER EACH ROUND, ASK THE PLAYERS TO MARK EACH OTHER'S QUIZZES (TO KEEP THEM HONEST!). THE HOST READS THE ANSWERS ALOUD AND KEEPS TRACK OF THE SCORES.

AT THE END OF ALL FIVE ROUNDS, WHOEVER HAS THE HIGHEST TOTAL SCORE IS CROWNED THE 'BODY BRAINBOT'!

WELCOME! HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, HERE ARE SOME QUICK-FIRE, WARM-UP QUESTIONS TO GET YOUR BRAINS TICKING.

EACH QUESTION IS WORTH 1 POINT. THE HOST READS THEM OUT AND THE PLAYERS SHOUT OUT THEIR ANSWER. WHOEVER GIVES THE CORRECT ANSWER THE QUICKEST WINS THE POINT. THE ANSWERS ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.

1. Our bodies are only 10% water.

2. The length of your arms stretched out is about as wide as your height.

3. Human bodies emit a very low level of light.

4. We don't use our appendix.

5. The oldest human was 135 years old.

6. About 10,000 human cells can fit on the end of a needle.

7. Females have more cells in their bodies than males.

8. There are now 3-D printers that can build body parts.

9. We shed the weight of a large dog's worth of skin over our lifetime.

10. The average adult has 22 internal organs.

11. Blood is red because it has iron in it.

12. There's more bacteria inside us than human cells.

SO, ARE YOU A BODY BRAINBOT?

ROUND ONE THIS WAY!

1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. False 6. True 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. True



The Bucket List Family

Garrett Gee

Disney
HYPERION

This inspiring story from the celebrated Bucket List Family—globe-trotters who have visited more than 100 countries and counting—encourages young readers and their families to seek adventure and create special memories wherever they are.

Dorothy Gee loves adventure days with her family. They're the days she, her younger brothers, and her mom and dad spend time together dreaming up adventures big and small—like flying an airplane over the Pyramids at Giza and soaring above the Nile. Then one Saturday, her life changes forever: Mom and Dad roll out a map and ask Dorothy and her brothers, “Where should we go this time?”

Heartwarming and wholesome, this charmingly illustrated tale of one imaginative family will inspire others to find joy in play, dream big, and most important, find new ways to make memories together.

MEDIAGENIC AUTHOR WITH BUILT-IN AUDIENCE: The Bucket List Family—nominated for a Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award and winner of the American Influencer 'Traveler of the Year' Award for the past three years—reaches an audience of more than 6 million between their Instagram accounts, YouTube subscribers, and Bucket List Friends paid subscriber base. They've reached millions more through coverage in People and Parents magazines; on Good Morning America; They also have successfully promoted their previous book and merchandise through their connected networks of content creators and celebrities.

TARGET CONSUMERS: Fans and followers of The Bucket List Family; parents/grandparents/gift givers looking for a fun read-aloud book; families interested in adventure and travel.

INTERACTIVE COMPONENTS: A letter to the reader and family photos at the end of the book highlight the real-life experiences of The Bucket List Family, and a QR code links to their videos.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CROSS-PLATFORM OPPORTUNITIES: The Bucket List Family is working across National Geographic with various initiatives.

INSPIRING CONVERSATION STARTER FOR FAMILIES

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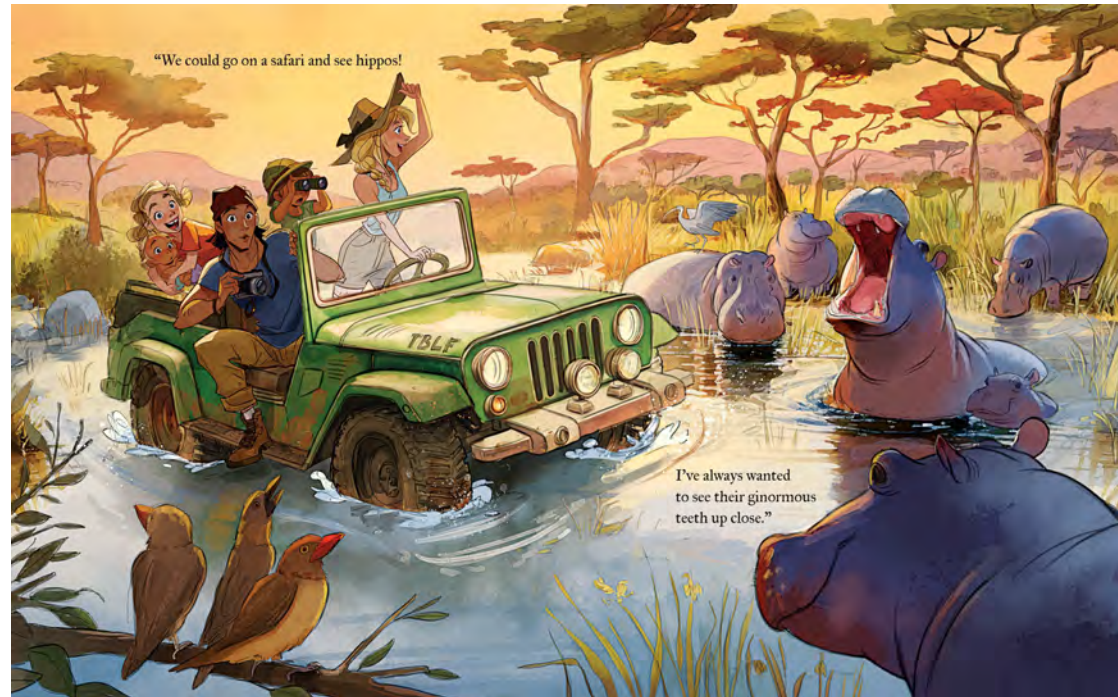
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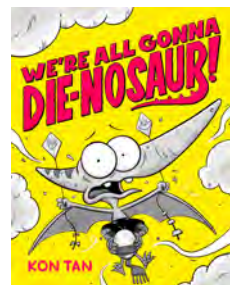
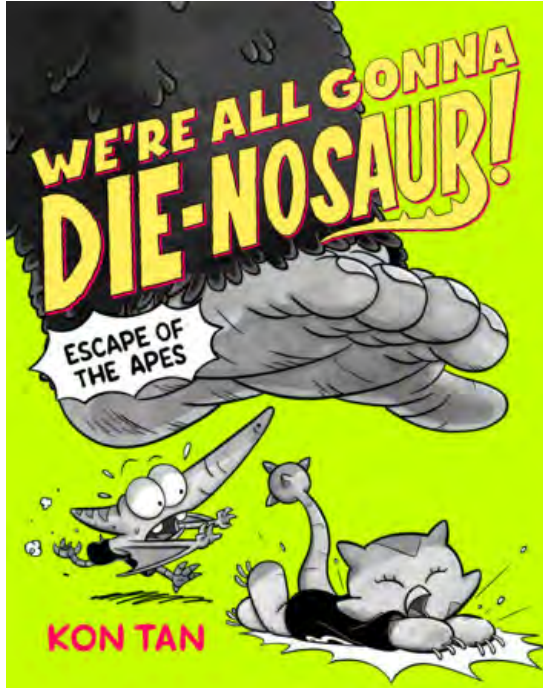


"Can you imagine being
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whales in the deep blue sea?"



"We could go on a safari and see hippos!"

"I've always wanted
to see their ginormous
teeth up close."



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We're all Going to Die-nosaur!

Escape of the Apes

Kon Tan

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Ptery the pterodactyl has lots of nightmares—and they always come true! Can Ptery face his fear of monkeys? If not . . . we're all gonna DIE-nosaur!!!

With black-and-white comic illustrations on every page, this subversively hilarious chapter book series is perfect for young fans of The Bad Guys, Dog Man, and Captain Underpants.

Ptery the pterodactyl has the sc-sc-scariest dreams—the kind that come true! Last night, Ptery dreamed about terrifying creatures with big eyes, lots of hair, and long creepy fingers.

Then, on his first-day-of-school field trip, Ptery comes face to face with the horrible beasts: monkeys. And they escape! Can Ptery find the courage to save himself and his new dinosaur classmates? Or will his banana-shaped head be his downfall?

Kon Tan's hilarious, heart-filled early graphic novel series shows kids it's okay to be scared—and that fears can be overcome.

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M-m-my name is Pterry
(the *P* is silent) and I have the
sca-scariest kinds
of nightmares.

My nightmares come **TRUE**. . . .



1

Two weeks ago,
I dreamed my
feet were
HUGE.



Guess what
happened that
very morning? I

STUBBED

my toe on the
way to school!



2



A Thousand Worlds Novel: Fox Snare

Ha Yoon Lee

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Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents a third space opera starring Korean animal spirits by Yoon Ha Lee, author of Dragon Pearl.

This thrilling conclusion of the Thousand Worlds trilogy, told in alternating points of view, will put you under a delightful spell as it transports you to worlds full of both danger and wonder.

While on a mission to cement peace between the Sun Clans and the Thousand Worlds, Min the fox spirit and her ghost brother Jun get stranded on a death planet with Haneul the dragon spirit and Sebin the tiger spirit. To survive, the young cadets will have to rely on all their wits, training, and supernatural abilities. And let's not forget the Dragon Pearl . . .

Endorsed by Rick Riordan, author of the Disney+ hit series Percy Jackson and the Olympians.

• **ACCESSIBLE SCI-FI** in the form of a rollicking space opera, with action, mystery, humor, and suspense

• **REUNITES THREE FAVORITE ANIMAL SPIRITS:** Min the fox, Haneul the dragon, and Sebin the tiger

• **INSPIRED BY KOREAN MYTHOLOGY, CULTURE, AND HISTORY:** This story is an allegory for Korea's complicated relationship with Japan.

• **A SATISFYING AND EXCITING CONCLUSION TO THE THOUSAND WORLDS TRILOGY** that can also be enjoyed as a standalone read

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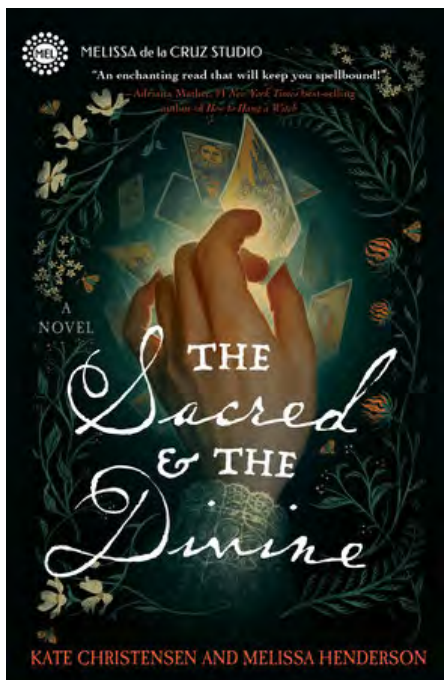
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The Sacred and the Divine

Eliza Wolfe & Kate Christensen

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History, romance, and the occult come together in a mesmerizing tale of sisterhood, fate, and the darkness lurking in our world.

Past, Present, Future. What do the cards say? Only the Wolfson sisters know. The year is 1848, and Daisy, Morrigan, and Avery Wolfson are skilled in the supernatural, particularly tarot readings. Daisy has insights about the future, Morrigan has ties to the past, and Avery has a special connection to the present. Although Massachusetts is known for its hostility to such talents, the village of Redcliffe is eager to use the sisters' abilities for its own gain.

Then Daisy meets Harvard medical student and occult skeptic Jasper Fitzwilliam, as well as handsome newcomer Nate Winthrop, whose fiery nature might just rival Daisy's. Caught up in the throes of first love, Daisy grows distracted, which is only further muddled by a mysterious feud between the girls' mother and their spiritual tutor.

But when the sisters accidentally unleash a bloodthirsty demon on their sleepy town, the lines between friend and enemy get blurred. Will Daisy, Morrigan, and Avery escape unscathed, or is an unfortunate fate written in the stars?

STUNNING PACKAGE: With a gorgeous tarot-inspired cover and chapter header designs, this package will be perfect for BookTok and Bookstagram shareables, as well as a great candidate for witchy-themed book boxes.

TAROT IS TRENDING: Tarot is having a moment. Sales of tarot decks have doubled in the past five years according to the US Games System and are expected to grow.

FOR FANS OF HOTEL MAGNIFIQUE AND HISTORICAL FANTASY

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Midnights With You

Clare Osongco

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Fans of Susan Lee and Dustin Thao will be enchanted by this soulful YA romance about how we love, how we heal, and how we find the strength to go on.

"Where were you thinking of going?"
"Nowhere."
"Great," he says lightly, putting the car in gear. "Then we'll go there."

Seventeen-year-old Deedee's life is full of family ghosts and questions she can't ask. She longs to escape her stifling home, but guilt holds her back—that, and the fact that her strict Filipino single mom won't let her learn to drive.

But one sleepless night leads Deedee down a road she never thought possible: secret driving lessons with the new boy next door, Jay, whose turbulent family life also keeps him up until sunrise.

As midnights stretch into days, Jay helps Deedee begin to unravel her past, and as shared secrets blossom into love, Deedee starts to imagine a life where happiness is possible. But the deeper she digs into the trauma that has shaped her, the more that trauma threatens to tear Deedee and Jay apart. Together, these two must decide if the pain they've both inherited has the power to choose their fate, or if they have the power to choose for themselves.

- THE ROMANCE WE CRAVE: An intoxicating yet heartbreaking love story perfect for fans of Dustin Thao, Susan Lee, and Nicola Yoon
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Seven for a Secret

Mary Roach

Sadie meets *The Female of the Species* in this YA thriller starring Nev, a teen who is forced to confront the mysteries of her past when the man in charge of her former group home pays her a visit then turns up dead the next day.

After her parents died in a car accident, Nev spent her childhood in a group home on Avan Island. But now, after being emancipated at sixteen, Avan Island is the last place she ever wants to return. Nev has worked hard to move on, leaving behind the island, the group home, and her memories. But there is one thing she will never forget: the girls at the group home who would periodically just . . . vanish.

The staff said they had run away. Nev never believed them.

One night, the former head of the group home rings Nev's doorbell. And she slams the door in his face. The next day, his dead body is found just blocks from Nev's apartment. In the search for answers, Nev finds herself led back to the place she had hoped to leave behind forever—Avan Island.

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FEMININE RAGE AND REVENGE popular among teen readers as escapism.

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Seeing Stars: A Mashad Family Novel

Candice Jalili

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A spin-off story to the beloved Finding Famous, Candice Jalili is back with another story in the Mashad Family universe: a laugh-out-loud, larger-than-life YA romance that brings reality down to earth.

Mona Mashad grew up on camera, with millions of fans around the world tuning in to see her every move. After more than a decade on screen, Mona has discovered the key to being the most followed person on Instagram: never let your guard down and never give your heart away (because if it breaks, the whole world will know).

But she didn't expect to meet Lukas Haas: all-around hottie and son of the first female President of the United States. Lukas sweeps her off her feet (literally, she was falling down the Met Gala steps and he saved her), and for just one second Mona wants to let her walls come down.

So, it hurts even more when he betrays her (although he claims it's just a misunderstanding) and even more when Mona's mom/manager and the literal POTUS conspire behind their kids' backs to come up with a plan raise both their ratings (by forcing Lukas and Mona to fake date for the delight of fans and voters).

Normally this would be fine, after all, Mona is used to living her life for the camera. But then Mona meets Kai. A (hot) surfer and all-around normal guy. Could he be the escape from this fake reality that Mona needs? Or will fake dating America's most eligible bachelor lead to real feelings?

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• **MEDIA-CONNECTED AUTHOR WITH A GROWING PLATFORM:** Candice comes with 13k followers on IG as well as an established journalism career with credits in Cosmopolitan, The Cut, and Glamour

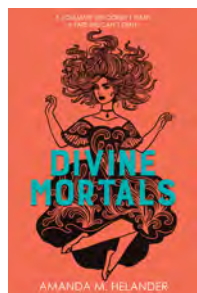
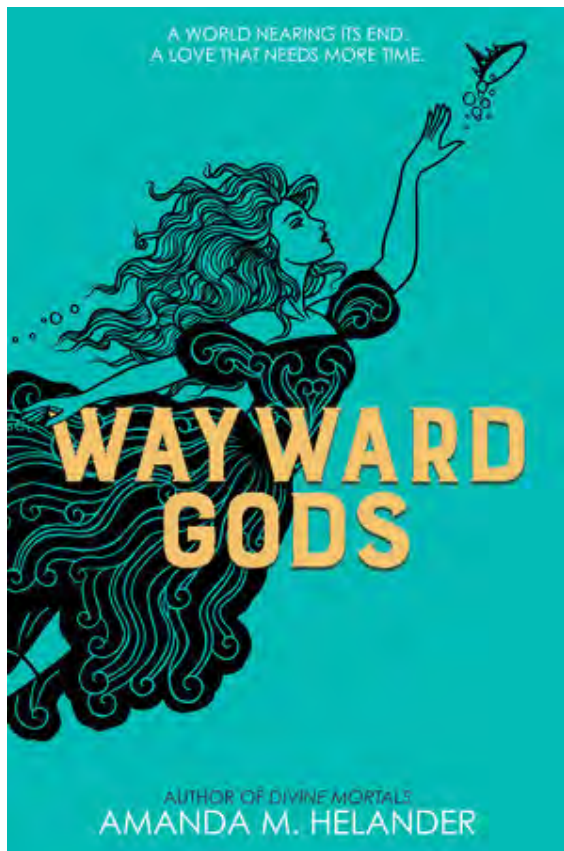
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Amanda M. Helander

Disney • HYPERION

This sequel to young adult romantasy *Divine Mortals*, which Kirkus Reviews recommended for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Rebecca Yarros, delivers sizzling romance and epic stakes.

Mona is tasked with saving the world and everyone she loves—but what can she do when even the gods have failed?

Soothsayer Mona Arnett never even wanted a soulmate, and now she's been forced to marry the king, parting from the man she truly loves.

Worse, though Mona has delayed the prophesied end of the world, she hasn't stopped it. The gods have turned their backs, the castle is besieged by demons, and Mona is the only one who can seek help.

But who do you turn to when the world is ending and even the gods are powerless to stop it? To save all those she's come to love, Mona may have to become even more powerful than the gods . . .

- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Fans of Sarah J. Maas, Rebecca Yarros, and Leigh Bardugo; teens and adults who like their romance with spice; fans of strong, witty female protagonists; and lovers of rich fantasy worlds, court intrigue, and epic adventures
- **ROMANTASY IS HOT ON BOOKTOK**
- **SLOW BURN ROMANCE WITH SPICY ENCOUNTERS** keeps readers hooked
- **THE STAKES LITERALLY COULD NOT GET HIGHER** than the end of the world
- **CROSSOVER APPEAL** for teens and adults
- **GENRE-BENDING:** Fans of romance, fantasy, and court intrigue alike will love this duology

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ISBN	9781368117920	Illustrations	
Format	152 x 229 mm	Author	Amanda M. Helander
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Kwame Mbalia

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Seventh grader Jackson "Jax" Freeman recently learned two important facts: one, he's a summoner—someone who can call on the magical powers of his ancestors to help him do amazing things—and two, he isn't the only person with this ability.

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But while everyone is focused on winning, Jax is given a special side quest by the elders of the four magical families: he has to spy on each of the competitors—including his own teammates—in order to uncover who is releasing endangered, and very dangerous, cryptids into the arena.

Can Jax take the top spot in the tournament and save himself and his friends from a mysterious foe?

Kwame Mbalia's incredible imagination and world-building talents are on full display in this thrilling adventure that's packed with magic, friendship, non-stop action, and a lot of heart.

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

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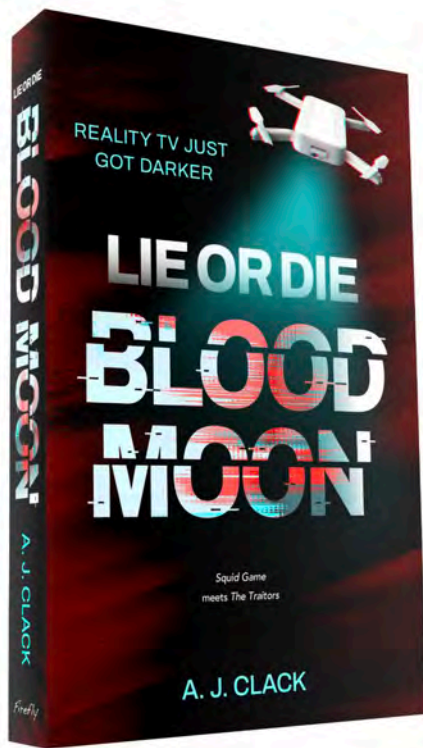
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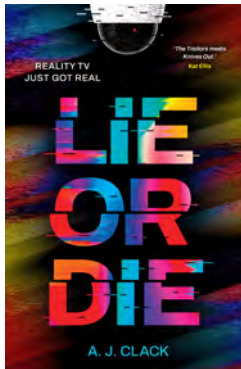
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Lie or Die: Blood Moon

A.J. Clack

**Fourteen strangers trapped in a castle.
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Summary:

Lie or Die survivor Kass is back and blackmailed into competing in the reality TV sequel, Blood Moon.

Lured to a mysterious castle location, Kass discovers that these contestants will go to extreme lengths for fame, fortune, and revenge, and that far from being on the run, the Lie or Die killer has prepared a deadly comeback. Kass has just three nights of the Blood Moon to identify the Werewolves and save her friends.

Lie or Die was just a rehearsal. Reality TV just got deadlier. Welcome to Blood Moon.

Praise for *Lie or Die*:

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'If you thought Lie or Die was a roller-coaster ride of a read then hold onto your hats for Lie or Die 2: Blood Moon. A.J. Clack has done it again with this reality-TV thriller even more deadly than the last.'
Editor, Hayley Fairhead



A.J. Clack moved from a small village in Wales to London, to pursue a career in television. She worked on a wide range of shows from Teletubbies to Friends, while also writing plays for the Edinburgh Fringe and development scripts/pilots for children's television. She now lives in Suffolk with a houseful of teenagers and can often be found freezing on a rugby pitch.

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Gatlin released *His Royal Hopeless* with Chicken House in 2021 under the name Chloe Perrin after being longlisted for the Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition.

Dirk Jones is NOT the Chosen One

Gatlin Perrin

- Thrilling science fiction weirdness for the older middlegrade reader
- Comprehensive marketing campaign planned for the author with strong social media presence and events campaign

Summary:

Dirk isn't the chosen one. Not even close. So how did they end up in the middle of a potential apocalypse?

All Dirk wanted was to escape another argument with their parents and go for a nice quiet coffee. Instead they've been kidnapped by agents, attacked by mal-realms and forced to wear a boiler suit that they're pretty sure someone died in.

When Dirk is taken to Base, a secret underground...well... base, they learn way more than they need to. More about other realms, more about the battle between good and evil, and more about the absolutely terrifying Violent Jack, an evil mal-realm determined to bring about the end of the world.

Both sides need the chosen one. But there's not a lot Dirk can do about it, is there? It's not like it's them.

Unfortunately for Dirk, not everyone knows that.



Gatlin Perrin is a North Walian living in London. They tell folktales to children, lecture to university students and do workshops for adults. Essentially, they're trying to ruin as many generations as possible.

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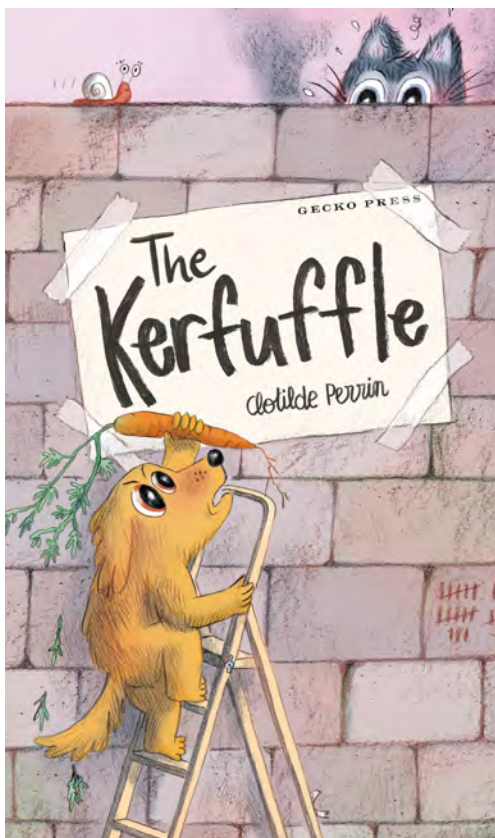
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The Kerfuffle

Author/Illustrator **Clotilde Perrin**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Dog and Cat were happy living next door until a misunderstanding caused a real kerfuffle! Now they can't stand each other any longer so start to build a wall between their gardens. The wall goes up and up and up.

One day a funny rabbit pops its head over. But whose garden will this new friend play in? Here's another cause for chaos between neighbors! Finally a better idea for how to use the bricks finds three happy friends sharing the garden after all—until some pigs move in next door . . .

From the creator of sensational lift-the-flap books about fairy tales and adventures comes a delightfully simple story about getting along with friends, which doesn't put the lid on pandemonium.

SALES POINTS

- A playful book with big flaps engineered to tell the story and transform each image
- Details to pore over, with silent stories in the illustration backgrounds
- Themes of what separates us, what brings us together, boundaries we impose on ourselves

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Clotilde Perrin is an illustrator and author living in France. A graduate of the prestigious School of Decorative Arts in Strasbourg, she has published more than 30 books and is known for her intricate lift-the-flaps books.

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TITLE INFORMATION

Release **October 2025**

Ages **4–8**

Format **lift-the-flap hardcover**

Size **155 x 265 mm**

Pages **26 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765688656**

RRP GBP **16.99**

Translator **Daniel Hahn**

Original Language **French**

This book in 3 ideas

lift-the-flaps, disputes, friendship



9781776575046
HB £17.99

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“The bright humour and charming animals bring Clotilde Perrin’s magical imagination to younger children, with much to explore in the seemingly simple turn of every flap and page”

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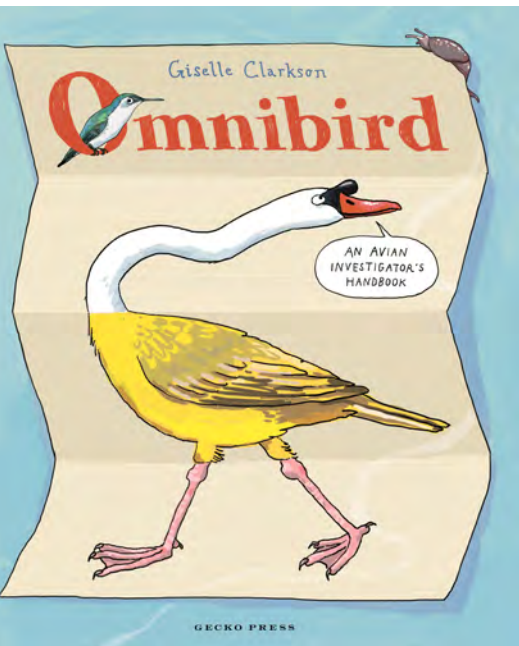
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What a kerfuffle!
Kitty's had it with the dog next door.



Omnibird

The Avian Investigator's Handbook

Author/Illustrator **Giselle Clarkson**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Have you seen a bird today? Probably, unless you're reading this in bed. Did you truly look at the bird? To open your ornithological eyes and ears, meet the Omnibird.

An Omnibird contains the essential birdiness of every bird—it was born from an egg, has feathers, two legs, a beak and gizzard, perhaps some premium features like spurs or a curuncle. Once you recognise the Omnibird, you'll see the remarkable in *any* bird. You'll be expert at finding extraordinary things around you, just by looking.

Omnibird describes 12 common birds from habitats around the world—eagles, owls and seabirds, starlings, ducks and swans. In this book, you will explore the incredible internal structure of bird bones, learn what a gizzard stone is for, meet the tiny creatures that live on birds, and find the fascinating in eggs, bird poop, feathers and flight patterns.

Now you're an Omnibird expert, you'll look at every bird in new ways every day.

SALES POINTS

- Distinctive voice and humour combines with fascinating science
- Commonly known birds found in habitats around the world
- Text combines with comics, full-page illustrations, fact boxes
- *The Observologist* sold out in first weeks of release, has reprinted twice, has three starred reviews, and received multiple shortlistings and awards internationally, including shortlisting for the UK Wainwright Prize for Science and Nature Writing

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Giselle Clarkson is an illustrator and comic artist based in Greytown, New Zealand, known for work on conservation and environmental topics. She has written and illustrated award-winning picture books and non-fiction and is an Arts Foundation Laureate.

TITLE INFORMATION

Release **October 2025**

Ages **8–13**

Format **hardcover**

Size **290 x 250 mm portrait**

Pages **96 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798765670514**

RRP GBP **16.99**

Original Language **English (NZ)**

This book in 3 ideas
birds, observations, science



BY THE SAME AUTHOR

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WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

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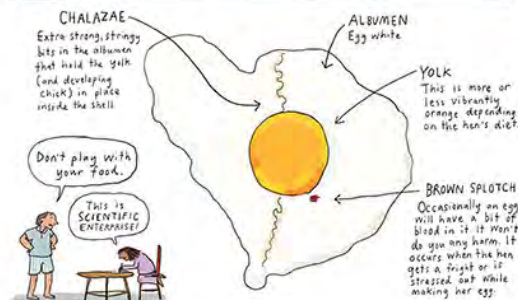
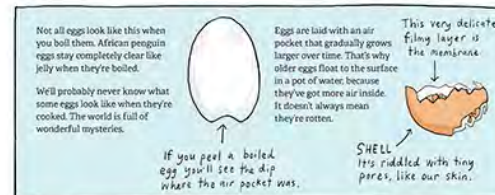
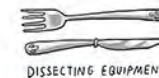


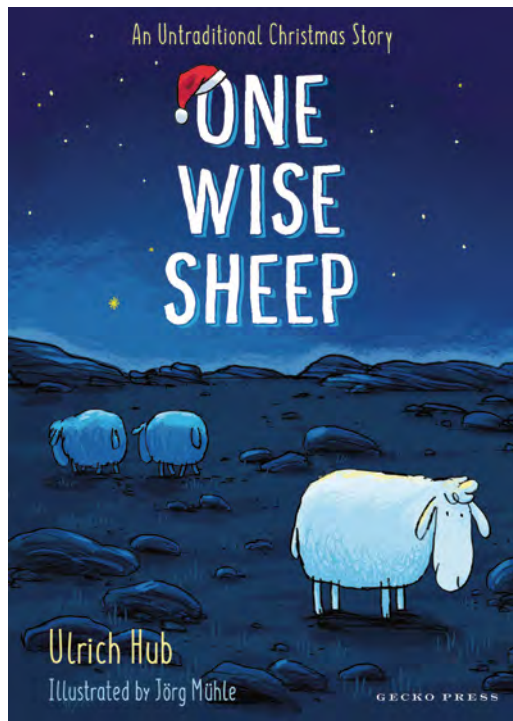
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DISSECT YOUR BREAKFAST

A chicken egg plucked from a carton is as wondrous as any wild bird's egg, and finding one is elementary for even an amateur sleuth. This makes them perfect to marvel at, and allows you to observe things that are true for ALL eggs, even the very rare and brightly decorated ones.





One Wise Sheep

****Reprint****

Author: **Ulrich Hub**

Illustrator: **Jörg Mühle**

This retelling of the nativity story from the point of view of the sheep is laugh-out-loud funny and full of the warmth of Christmas—a cheeky illustrated chapter book by a bestselling author/illustrator pair.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Tonight, the sheep can't sleep. The pasture is floodlit by a strange new star and their shepherds have disappeared. They must have been kidnapped by a UFO—or perhaps they've gone to meet the child rumoured to have been born in a stable. The sheep set off to find their shepherds. They'd like to see this child too, and they heard there'll be a party!

The sheep hike across country two by two, so none are lost. During this extraordinary night in Bethlehem, the quarrelsome sheep gradually become a real flock that pulls together.

This amusing retelling of the first Christmas story through the eyes of the sheep reinforces the season's theme—be a little nicer to each other, forgive your quarrels, and listen to everybody, especially the children.

SALES POINTS

- Timeless message of kindness and working together
- Can be enjoyed alongside the traditional nativity story or with no knowledge of it
- 2 starred reviews and a Bank St Best Books selection

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Ulrich Hub trained as an actor and now works as a director for stage and writes plays, screenplays and children's books, which have won numerous awards.

Jörg Mühle has written and illustrated many bestselling children's books for all ages including the *Tickle My Ears* series of bestselling baby books, picture books and junior fiction.



TITLE INFORMATION

Seasonal Release

funny with heart | alternative nativity story | kindness

Ages **6–10**

Format **paperback**

Size **204 x 144 mm**

Extent **88 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9781776575961**

RRP **GBP 7.99**

Translator **Helena Kirkby**

Original language **German (Germany)**

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“Ulrich Hub is a very funny man with a big warm heart—this book speaks directly from the seven-year-old inside.”

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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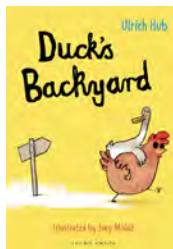
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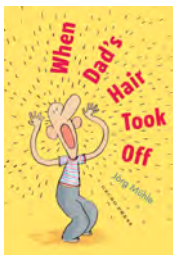
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Key Selling points

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Facts

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- Age: 1-4
- Size: 205x150 mm
- Pages: 10
- Board book
- Wooden figures: 2



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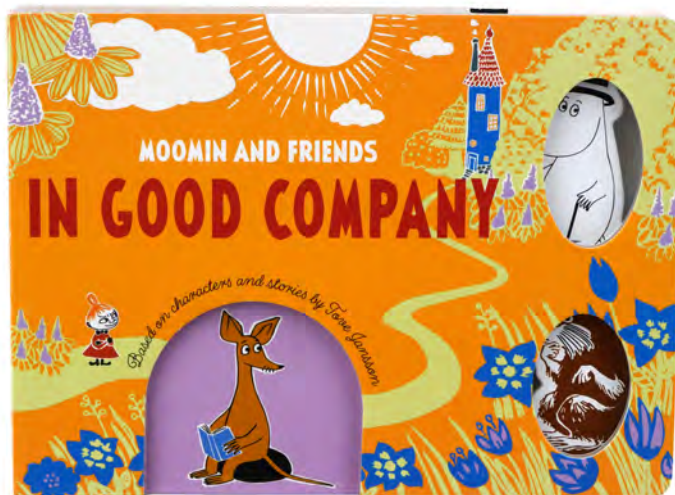
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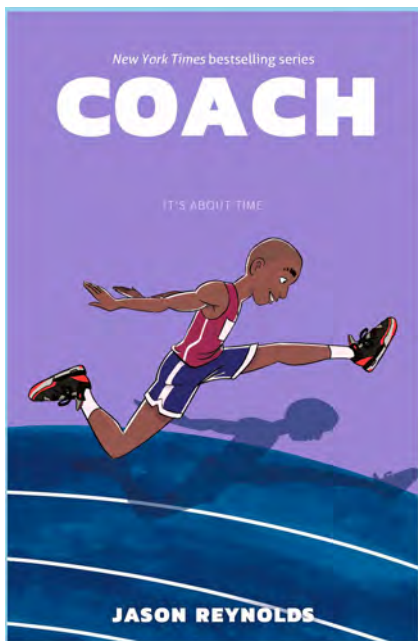
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COACH (RUN #5) Jason Reynolds

In this companion to Jason Reynolds's award-winning and New York Times bestselling Track series, meet Coach as a boy striving to come into his own as a track star while facing upheaval at home.

Before Coach was the man who gave caring yet firm-handed guidance to Ghost, Lu, Patina, and Sunny on the Defenders running team, he was little Otie Brody, who was obsessed with Mr. 9.99 (a.k.a. Carl Lewis) and Marty McFly from Back to the Future. Like Mr. 9.99--and his own dad--Otie is a sprinter. Sprint free or die is practically his motto.

Then his dad, who is always away on business trips, comes home with a pair of Jordans. JORDANS. Fine as fine can be. Otie puts them on and feels like he can leap to the moon...maybe even leap like Mr. 9.99 when he won the Olympic gold medal in the long jump. But one morning he wakes up to find his brand-new secret weapon kicks are missing--right off his feet! And Otie just might have a fuzzy memory of his dad easing them off as Otie was sleeping, but that can't be right, can it?

Unless all the reasons for his dad's "gone's" are very different from what he's been told... Because now, not only are the Jordans missing, but so is his father.



Other books by this author



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About the author



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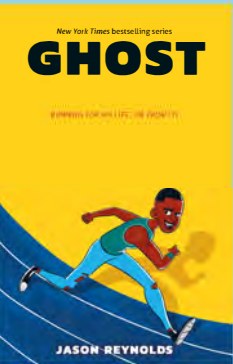
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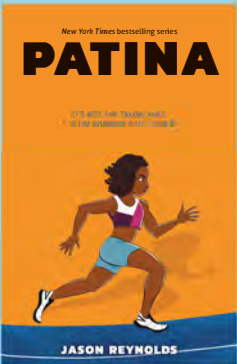
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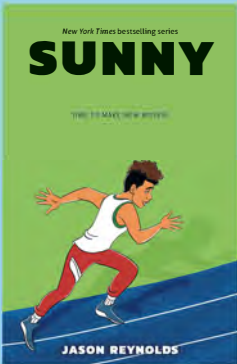
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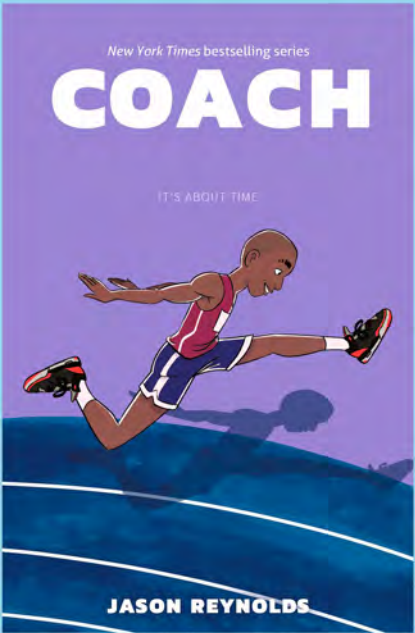
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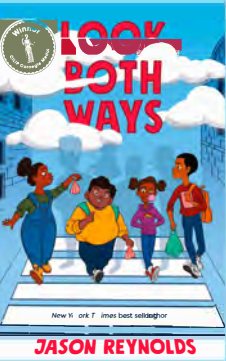
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Up Above The City

Clare Weze

It's the Christmas holidays, and Jake has nowhere else to go but to work with his mum.

Who is the girl he can see in the attic room across the road? Is she trapped? Does she need help? If Jake tries to help her, what kind of people will put a spotlight on him?

Note from the author

This story is about displacement, and the uncertainty following family separation. It spotlights the protagonist's fascination with the adult world via an owl's eye view. It deals with learning to be responsible, juggling other people's secrets and safety, trust, and above all, friendship. Together, these experiences reduce the impact of problems you can't alter. They change your perspective and can work like a miracle. Jake discovers a secret about London and witnesses an astounding scientific breakthrough. The strength of this feeds into the way he feels about his own future.

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- A topical and moving middle-grade novel by Clare Weze, tackling the real theme of the often-hidden communities of refugees through a gently fantastical lens
- Supported by school events and a PR campaign that focuses on the message of the book; Clare has great connections and experience working with BookTrust

About the Author

Clare Weze grew up in London and Yorkshire and has British and Nigerian heritage. She writes for both adults and children and has always written around her day job, starting out as a hairdresser in London's West End, then moving on to a science degree, postgraduate studies and work in the fields of biomedical and environmental research. Books had a huge effect on her as a child, and her aim is to recreate that sense of discovery in her readers. Writing for children allows her to take her ideas to their ultimate, wildest conclusions. In 2016 she won the Northern Writers Award

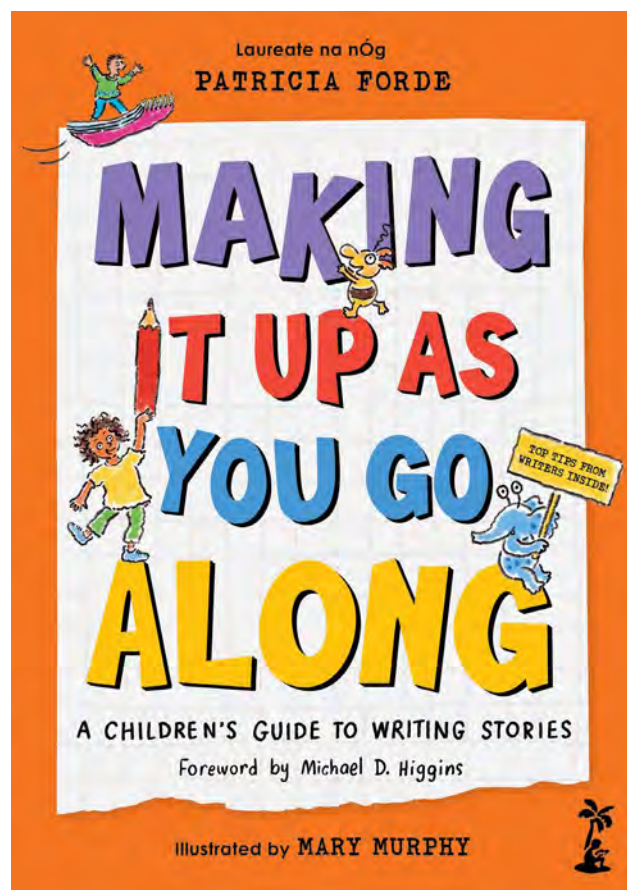
ADVANCED INFORMATION

Making It Up As You Go Along: A Children's Guide to Writing Stories

by Patricia Forde, illustrated by Mary Murphy



1 Oct 2025 | HB | 9781915071903 | £14.99 | Age 8+ | 296pp | Thema: YFJB Books & Writers | BISAC: JNFO29010 Creative Writing



Learn how to write stories from Ireland's Children's Literature Laureate and bestselling author, Patricia Forde.

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Patricia Forde is an award-winning author from Galway. She writes for all ages, from picture books to books for young teenagers. She is the Laureate na nÓg (Ireland's children's laureate) 2023–26.

Mary Murphy is an award-winning illustrator of more than fifty books, mainly bright, strong books for preschoolers. She lives in Dublin, Ireland.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A non-fiction debut from **Patricia Forde, Ireland's Laureate na nÓg** (Children's Literature Laureate) 2023–2026
- Includes **creative advice and storytelling tips** from a range of bestselling Irish middle-grade authors
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MARKETING & PR PLANS:

- Digital review campaign on NetGalley
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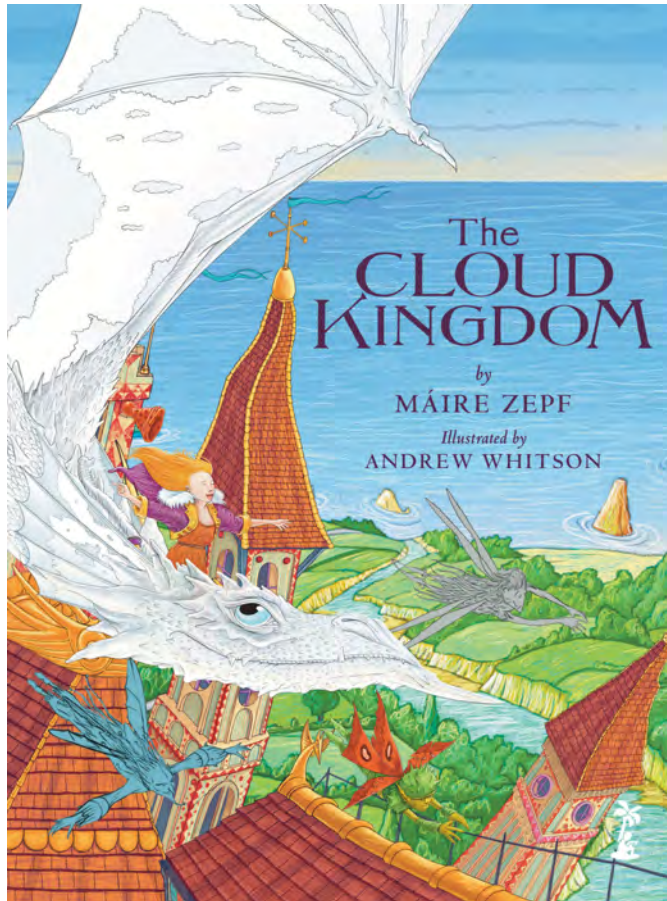


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The Cloud Kingdom

by Máire Zepf, illustrated by Andrew Whitson

4 Oct 2025 | HB | 9781915071859 | £16.99 | Age 7+ | 8opp | Thema: FNF Fairytale Retellings | BISAC: JNFoo12020 Fairytales



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Máire Zepf is a multi-award-winning children's author from. Her books have been adapted for television and appear in ten languages worldwide. Máire was chosen as the first Children's Writing Fellow for Northern Ireland in 2017.

Andrew Whitson is an award-winning artist, author and publisher from Belfast native. He has illustrated over thirty books.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- New tales with a timeless, classic feel, sure to be **a future classic** on family bookshelves
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- **Beautiful handmade illustrations** throughout
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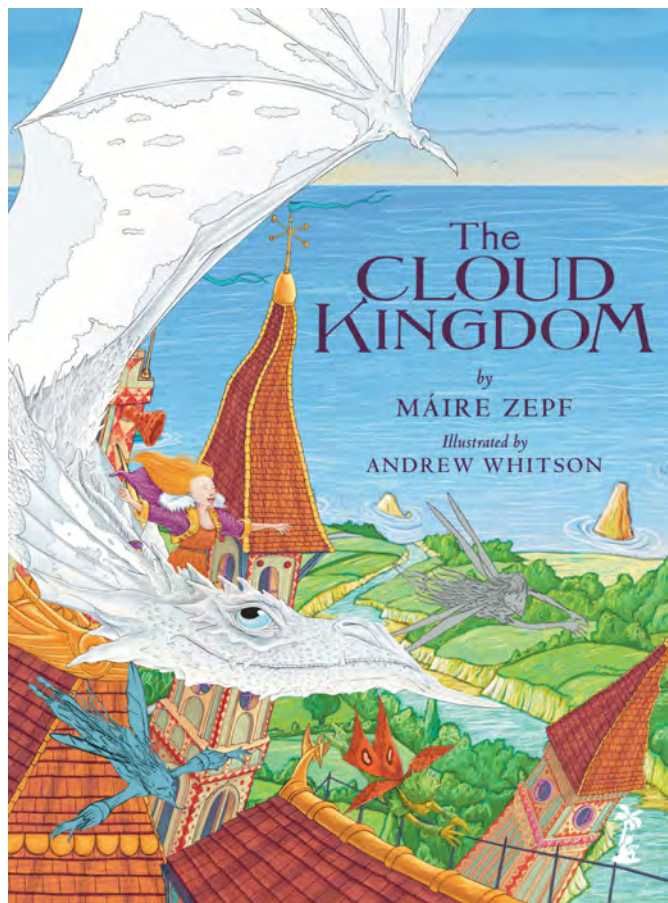
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Mixed Up: An Irish Boy's Journey to Belonging

by Leon Diop

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

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

KEY SELLING POINTS:




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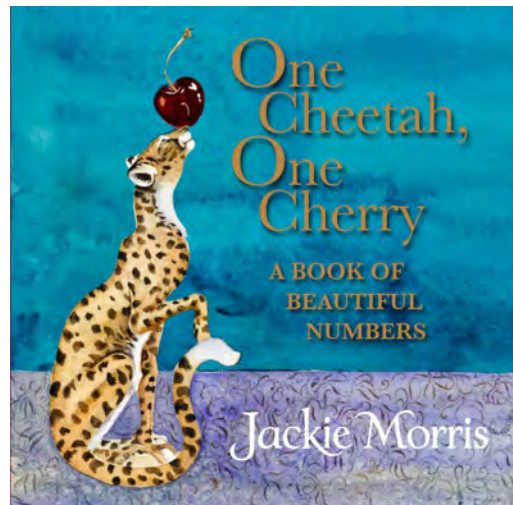
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One Cheetah, One Cherry

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Written and illustrated by Jackie Morris

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One cherry, one cheetah

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Three bears, three bowls, three silver spoons

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- “A particularly decorative counting book” – *Observer*
- Jackie Morris has a huge fan-base and following on social media, and in galleries, bookshops and gift shops

Author Information

Jackie Morris is the bestselling author and illustrator, photographer and painter who created, with Robert McFarlane, the international sensation, *The Lost Words*, winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019. Her books for Otter-Barry Books include *I am Cat*, *Something About a Bear*, *The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes*, *The Seal Children*, *Can You See a Little Bear?* and *the Mrs Noah* series with James Mayhew, and *The Panda's Child* and *The Summer Puppy* (May, 2025) with Cathy Fisher. Jackie Morris lives in Pembrokeshire.

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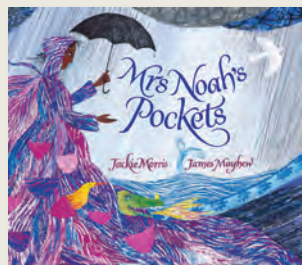
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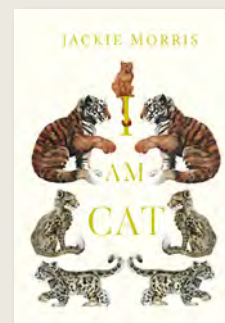
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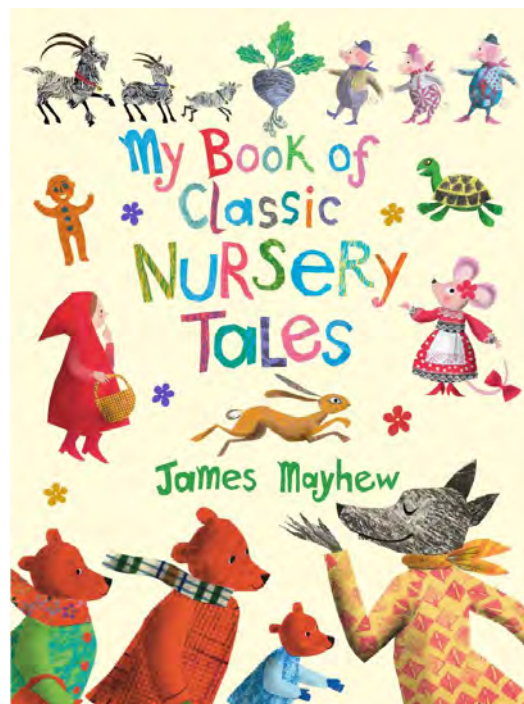


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- High standard production with jacket and special finishes
- Author is a hugely popular performer at festivals, music and book events in bookshops, schools and concert halls across the UK

Author Information

James Mayhew is an internationally acclaimed author, artist and storyteller. He is the illustrator of the *Mrs Noah* series written by Jackie Morris (twice nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal) and author of *Can You See a Little Bear?*, illustrated by Jackie Morris. *Once Upon A Tune* (2021) was inspired by his work with orchestras and musicians, presenting concerts that incorporate stories, music and art created live on stage. It is followed in 2024 by *A Symphony of Stories: Musical Myths and Tuneful Tales*. He lives in Suffolk, England.



BY THE SAME AUTHOR

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It was a rainy autumn day, so she put up her hood and followed the path, this way and that. Soon she saw bright berries, autumn fruits, and flowers.

"I could gather berries for Grandma," thought Little Red Riding Hood. "And maybe a bunch of flowers..." and skippetty skip, she wandered away from the path, deep into the dark woods.

She found lots of delicious berries for Grandma. But after a while, she had the funny feeling she was being watched...

She turned around and... there was a wolf, sitting and staring at her.

"Hello, little girl," said the wolf, licking his lips. He was cold and wet and hungry. "Where are you off too?"

"I'm off to see Grandma, on the far side of the woods," said Little Red Riding Hood. "She's sick and needs some good things to eat."

'Hmm, so do I,' thought the wolf. 'A delicious little girl dressed in red, perhaps...' But he didn't say it out loud. Instead he smiled and said, "Little girl, I know a shortcut. Follow me through the woods."

Suddenly Little Red Riding Hood realised how far she had strayed from the path.

"Oh no, I must get back to the path, thank you very much," she said, and she skippetty-skipped off with the basket of treats.



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Colour illustrations throughout

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BICs: YBCS

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Jake Hope, illustrated by Yu Rong

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- Beautiful artwork by award-winning Chinese artist Yu Rong

Author Information

Jake Hope is a writer, reviewer and consultant for the Carnegie Medals. He has judged or chaired numerous awards, including the Costa Children's Fiction Prize, and has been a jury member on the Bologna Ragazzi award. He is editor of and a contributor to *Our Rights! Stories and Poems About Children's Rights* (2023). He lives in Preston, Lancashire.

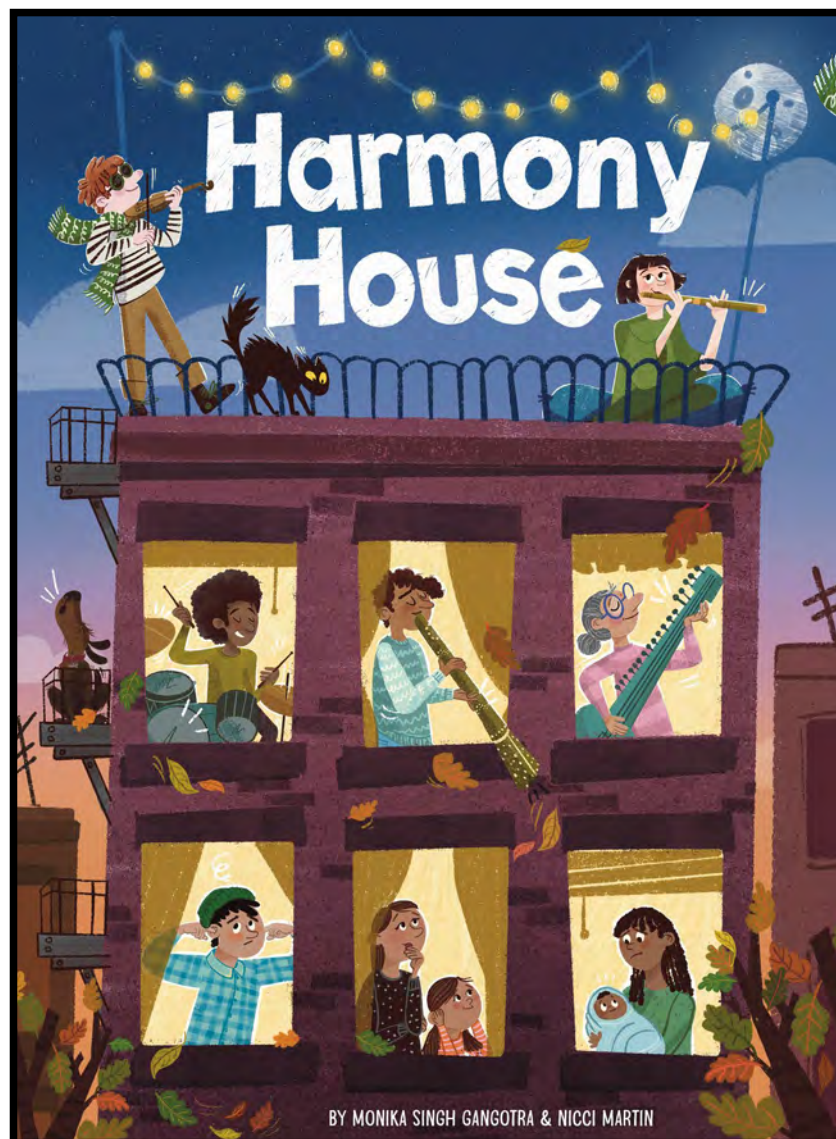
Yu Rong has degrees in Chinese Painting and Contemporary Art from Nanjing Normal University, and in Communication and Design from the Royal College of Art, London. Yu Rong's books for Otter-Barry Books include *Shu Lin's Grandpa*, with Matt Goodfellow, which was shortlisted for the Yoto Kate Greenaway Medal 2022. She has also illustrated *The Boy Who Loves to Lick the Wind*, written by Fiona Carswell, short-listed for the Teach Awards (2024) and nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Medal (2025). Yu Rong lives in Cambridgeshire.

The light that Ming brings to people's lives is soon needed, as a new danger lurks on the streets. War comes to London, bombs begin to fall on the city and many homes destroyed.

It is a dark and frightening time.



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Monika Singh Gangotra is a South Asian author from Australia, now based in Birmingham. She is known for her picture book "Sunflower Sisters" (2021), which celebrates cultural diversity and friendship. Drawing from her Indian heritage and experiences as a migrant, Gangotra writes stories that promote inclusivity and cultural understanding. She actively advocates for diverse representation in children's literature and participates in literary events and festivals.



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They always disagreed over whose music was best –
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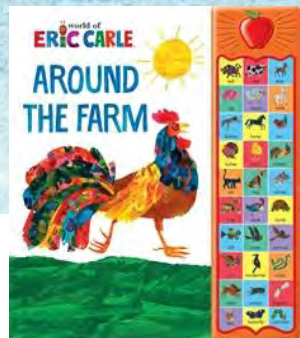
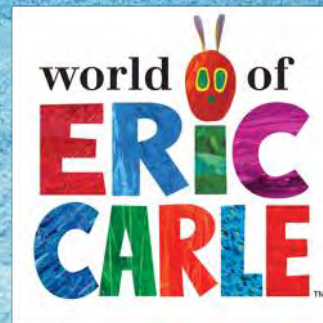
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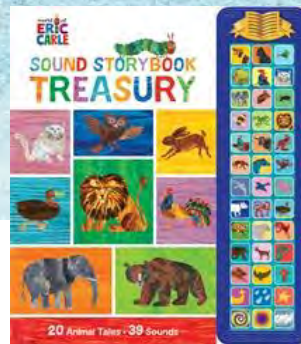
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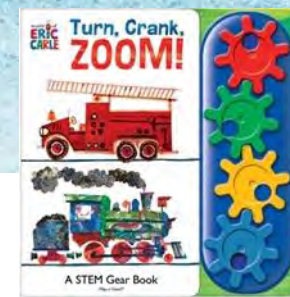
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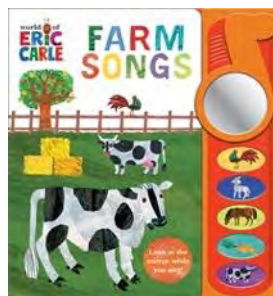
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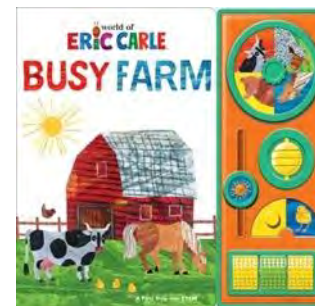
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3D LOOK & FIND PUZZLE BOX SET FROZEN

Grab your glasses and come along with Elsa, Anna, and their friends on a 3D adventure!

Explore exciting scenes as you uncover 100+ hidden objects and characters. Then build the 48-piece puzzle for a bonus 3D scene with more "find'ems" to spot!

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- Large boxset makes a perfect gift
- Packed full of content to keep kids engaged for hours – book contains over 100 things to spot, plus additional content on the last spread

Format: Boxset containing 48 piece puzzle, two pairs of 3D glasses and hardback book

RRP: £19.99

Height: 279.4 mm

Width: 401.4 mm

Depth: 50.8 mm

Age Range: From 4 years

ISBN: 9798384601463



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ME READER NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS

Learn about different kinds of animals from all over the animal kingdom!

Eight books filled with full-colour photographs come packaged with a sleek Me Reader Module that reads each book aloud. Choose a book, press the matching book and page buttons on the module, and hear all the interesting animal facts, along with real animal sounds!

- Engaging narration and sounds support reading comprehension, and build confidence for beginner readers
- Every word of the 8 books are read aloud
- National Geographic Kids has huge parent and grandparent brand recognition, publishing in time for Christmas gifting

Binding: Box Set containing 8 HB books

RRP: £24.99

Pages: 8 x 24 page books

Height: 232.4mm

Width: 203.2mm

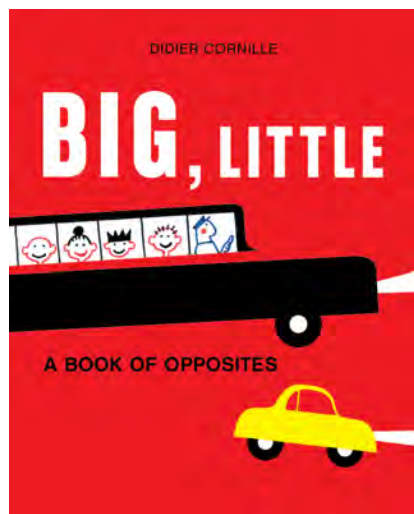
Depth: 76.2mm

Age Range: From 4 years

ISBN: 9798384600527



Title Information



Big, Little

A Book of Opposites

Didier Cornille

Keynote:

A vibrant little red book, where artist Didier Cornille playfully transforms opposites –empty to full, round to square– into surprising visual delights, with hidden foldout pages.

Sales points:

- Gorgeous small format
- Stylish minimal design that will appeal to design-conscious buyers
- A fun first concepts book about opposites
- With fold-out surprises throughout

Description:

A small click, a big bang. A sleek limo, a compact car. Contrasts at every turn! This tiny, vibrant red book, with its minimalist design, surprises at every page with a playful mix of opposites.

In *Everything and Its Opposite*, Didier Cornille transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary, making empty spaces feel full, vertical shapes horizontal and round objects square. Plus, discover a few hidden fold-out pages that add an extra element of surprise.

Author Biography:

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

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

Pub. date: 02 October 2025

Price: £9.99

ISBN: 9781836270362

Age: 3 - 5 years

Genre: Non-Fiction Book

Subject: First Words and Concepts

Binding: Hardback

Format: 150 x 120 mm

Extent: 64 pp

Rights: World, English

Thema: YBL, YBLF CBMC:
A2J79

Illustrations: Colour
illustrations

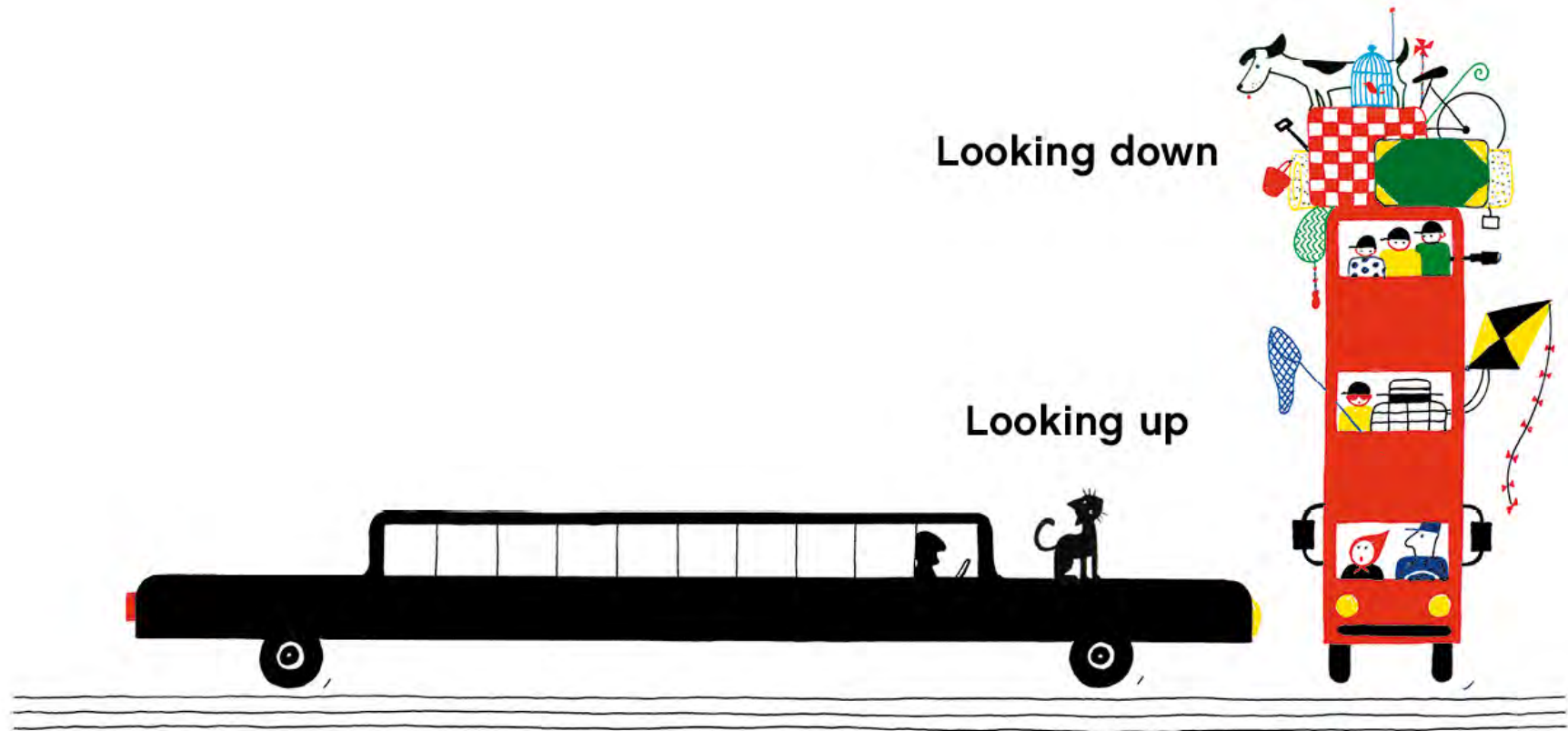
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Looking down

Looking up



Title Information



Slide and Peek Santa: Animal Surprises!

Hector Dexet

Keynote:

What has Santa Claus got for the penguin this year? Which animal will unwrap a cosy new pair of pyjamas?

This playful and colourful novelty book is packed with surprises and festive fun! Little ones will love guessing the gifts and revealing them by pulling the tabs – from snug socks for the spider to a speedy sled for the penguin.

Sales points:

- Vibrant artwork by popular artist, Hector Dexet
- A fun festive gift book for toddlers – the ideal stocking filler
- Satisfying sliders with die-cut reveals
- Perfect for fans of Nosy Crow's 'Peekaboo' series

Description:

Can you guess what Santa has brought for the animals?

With every pull of the tabs, little hands will reveal the delightful gifts Santa Claus has for each animal – cosy socks for the spider, snug pyjamas for the crocodile, a speedy sled for the penguin and a charming hat for the ladybird!

This sweet board book includes satisfying big sliders and joyful colourful artwork from Hector Dexet.

Author Biography:

Hector Dexet is a Paris-based author and illustrator known for his bold, bright graphic style that captivates toddlers and young readers.

Pub. date: 02 October 2025

Price: £7.99

ISBN: 9781836271123

Age: 3+ years

Genre: Novelty Book

Subject: Activity Books
(Stickers, Puzzles and Games)

Binding: Board book

Format: 170 x 170 mm

Extent: 14 pp

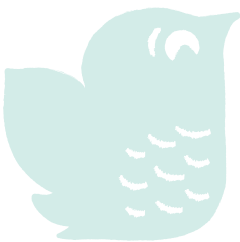
Rights: World, English

Thema: YBL, 5HPD, YZG,
YNN

CBMC: A2J79

Illustrations: Colour
illustrations

Author location: Paris, FR



My feet won't be cold anymore!



Merry Christmas, Spider!



Merry Christmas, Little Mouse!

I'll be cosy
at bedtime!



Merry Christmas, Spider!



Merry Christmas, Little Mouse!

Title Information

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Meowy Christmas

Panos Christodoulou

Illustrated by Daniela Stamatiadi Translated by Manos Bonanos

Keynote:

One cat, one tree, one Christmas catastrophe...

Sales points:

- A festive feline adventure told from the perspective of one very curious cat
- Jam-packed with hilarious kitty antics
- Perfect for gifting to little cat lovers

Description:

One December morning, Tiddles the cat wakes to find an unexpected arrival towering over him. It's big, it's bushy, and it's draped in oh-so-tempting tinsel! The humans love their beautiful new Christmas tree, but one kitten is not so smitten. And when the tree's twinkly lights start to disrupt nap time, Tiddles must take matters into his own claws, once and for all...

Join Tiddles as he faces his biggest (and sparkliest) adversary yet: the Christmas tree! Full of kitty chaos, feline festivities and laugh-out-loud catastrophes, this hilarious tale captures the magic and mayhem of a kitten's first Christmas.

Author Biography:

Panos Christodoulou was born in 1972. He studied Law at the University of Athens and Human Rights at the University of London. He has collaborated on human rights issues with various organisations, such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Greek Council for Refugees. In 2016, he became the director of the Network for Children's Rights. As a children's author, he has published thirteen books and been nominated for various awards, including the Children's Literature Award by *Anagnostis* magazine (*The Ball of Their Life*, 2013), the Cyprus State Prize (*How I Got Involved with Justice and Other Unknown Words*, 2016).

Daniela Stamatiadis is a graduate of the Athens School of Fine Art. She has illustrated over 100 picture books for children. She has received many awards, including the Greek IBBY, the Greek Graphic Design and Illustration Award, and the Peter Pan prize for best translated book from the Swedish IBBY for *Sabelle's Red Dress*. She was also the Greek nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2014. Her first author-illustrator picture book, *I Wanna!* (Ikaros), and silent picture book, *Every Ending Is a New Beginning* (Patakis Publishers), were published in 2021; the latter was selected for the BRAW Amazing Bookshelf.

Pub. date: 23 October 2025

Price: £12.99

ISBN: 9781836270386

Age: 3 - 5 years

Genre: Picture Book

Subject: Pets

Binding: Hardback

Format: 285 x 245 mm

Extent: 32 pp

Rights: WORLD

Thema: YNNH2, YNNJ22, YFZC

CBMC: A3M79

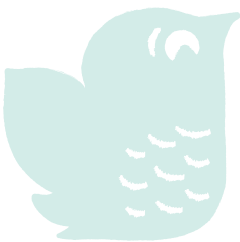
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Title Information



Pub. date: 30 October

2025 Price: £7.99

ISBN:

9781836270355

Age: 3 - 5 years

Genre: Picture Book

Subject: Friendship and
Social Skills

Binding: Paperback

Format: 285 x 245 mm

Extent: 40 pp

Rights: WORLD

Thema: YBC, YNN,

YBCS, YFMF

CBMC: A3M79

Series: Tiger and Mei

Illustrations: Colour
illustrations

Author location: , UK

Tiger, It's Snowing!

Daishu Ma

Keynote:

Adorable duo, Tiger and Mei, embark on a snow-filled winter adventure.

Sales points:

- A heart-warming story of friendship, embracing the day and new experience
- Introducing two adorable new characters in a beautiful snowy adventure
- Daishu Mu is a best-selling illustrator in Chin

- Simple and bright artwor

Description:

Join Mei and Tiger in a touching story about friendship, embracing the day and new experiences.

Mei's exuberant Tiger wants to play in the snow, but Mei isn't quite so sure. It's cold and it's wet! But Mei soon changes her mind when she tastes delicate snowflakes for the first time, makes fresh footprints in the pristine snow and they have a fun snowball fight. As the day draws to a close, the duo return to the warm embrace of home – a perfect conclusion to a day filled with wonder and delight.

Reviews:

A lovely book for the very young, full of vivid experiences, characters who are so like them, and an overwhelming sense of comfort and security in the final pages. - Andrea Reece, LoveReading4Kids

Tiger, It's Snowing! is a lovely exploration of new experiences for little ones. Daishu Ma's textured illustrations are atmospheric and characterful. - Books for Keeps

An adorable picture book about two friends embarking on a snow-filled adventure and embracing new experiences. Daishu Ma's simple but textured illustrations are atmospheric, perfectly depicting the chilly feeling of being outdoors in the snow and then the cosy comfort of home. - BookTrust



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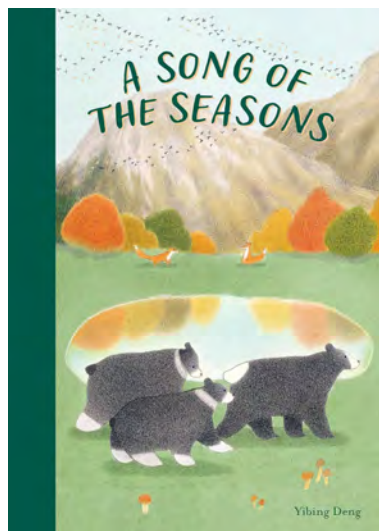
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Title Information



Pub. date: 23 October 2025

Price: £12.99

ISBN: 9781836270676

Imprint: Post Wave Children's
Books

Age: 5 - 7 years

Genre: Picture Book

Subject: Nature and Wildlife

Binding: Hardback

Format: 300 x 210 mm

Extent: 32 pp

Rights: WORLD

Thema: YNN, YNNV2, YBC, YXWP,
YZG

CBMC: B5M79

Illustrations: Colour illustrations

A Song of the Seasons

Yibing Deng

Keynote:

A lyrical tale of a mother bear and her cubs exploring the beauty of the changing seasons, *A Song of the Seasons* invites the reader into the wild of the forest.

Sales points:

- A poetic exploration of the seasons, witnessed by a mother bear and her cubs
- Gorgeously illustrated with traditional mediums by debut illustrator
- This exceptional book is a beautiful addition to the children's non-fiction market, with award-winning potential

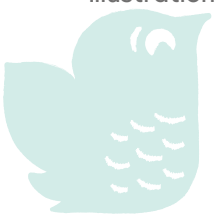
Description:

Experience the changing seasons through the eyes of a mother bear and her cubs. Wake up with them from winter's sleep, explore the forest's springtime freshness, enjoy summer's adventures and savour autumn's golden harvest.

With delicate pencil illustrations capturing the serene beauty of nature, this lyrical tale invites you to witness the gentle passage of time in the wild.

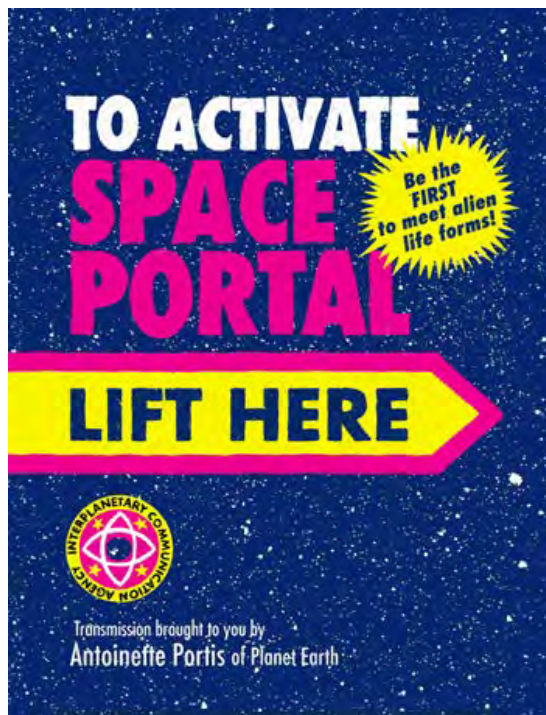
Author Biography:

Yibing Deng is a Children's illustrator and recent graduate of Goldsmiths University. She also holds a Bachelor's Degree from the Central Academy of Fine Arts. She excels in using coloured pencils, pastels and brush pens to create her illustrations. Yibing enjoys observing nature and watching nature documentaries, often sketching scenes from her daily life. Her works reflect a deep appreciation for the natural world and she is passionate about bringing stories to life through her illustrations.





Preparing for winter,
Beneath the forest's joyful gaze,
A chorus of creatures cheers
for the harvest of fall.



To Activate Space Portal Lift Here

by Antoinette Portis



This book is an interstellar portal, and the aliens inside want to get to know you!

Before you lift the cover, be sure you're ready to meet Zrk and Blrg. They're not so different from you—but to them, you're the alien!

After their initial shock at seeing you through the portal, they're eager to see what kind of teeth you have, compare home planets, and maybe team up for a prank. You met as aliens, but by the time the portal closes, maybe you'll be friends.

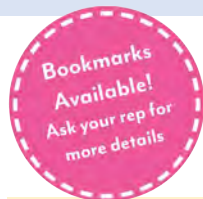
Key Selling Points

- An interactive book – opening it opens a space portal and turning the pages uses up the virtual battery
- Drama of a real encounter, with prompts to the reader to interact through the portal
- Intriguing cover with sparkly foil, and bright lines and bold colours inside
- Fresh and playful, to activate young imaginations
- A subtle message of acceptance: feelings of "strangeness" fade away when similarities are realised
- Theme of space, planets and aliens

Sales and Marketing

- POS for shops in the form of postcards with tips about the book
- Fun activities on publisher website
- Social media competition and giveaway
- Teacher Notes and activities on publisher website
- Author recognition: *Hey! Water* has reprinted April '25, *A Seed Grows* is just out in PB, *A New Green Day* won the English Picture Book Award

Publication	9 October 2025
Age	3+
Price	£12.99
Format	HB, full colour
Size	279 x 203mm
Extent	56pp
ISBN	9781836300359
Territory	World ex USA, Can
Thema Code	YBCS, YNXF, YXPB, YFMF
CBMC Code	A3M79



Antoinette Portis lives in California. She made her picture-book debut with *Not A Box*, winner of an ALA Seuss Geisel Honor, a New York Times Ten Best Illustrated Books of the Year and NYT bestseller. In the UK Antoinette has won the English Association Award, been long listed for the UKLA Award, and nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal. Her books are highly valued by teachers and librarians.



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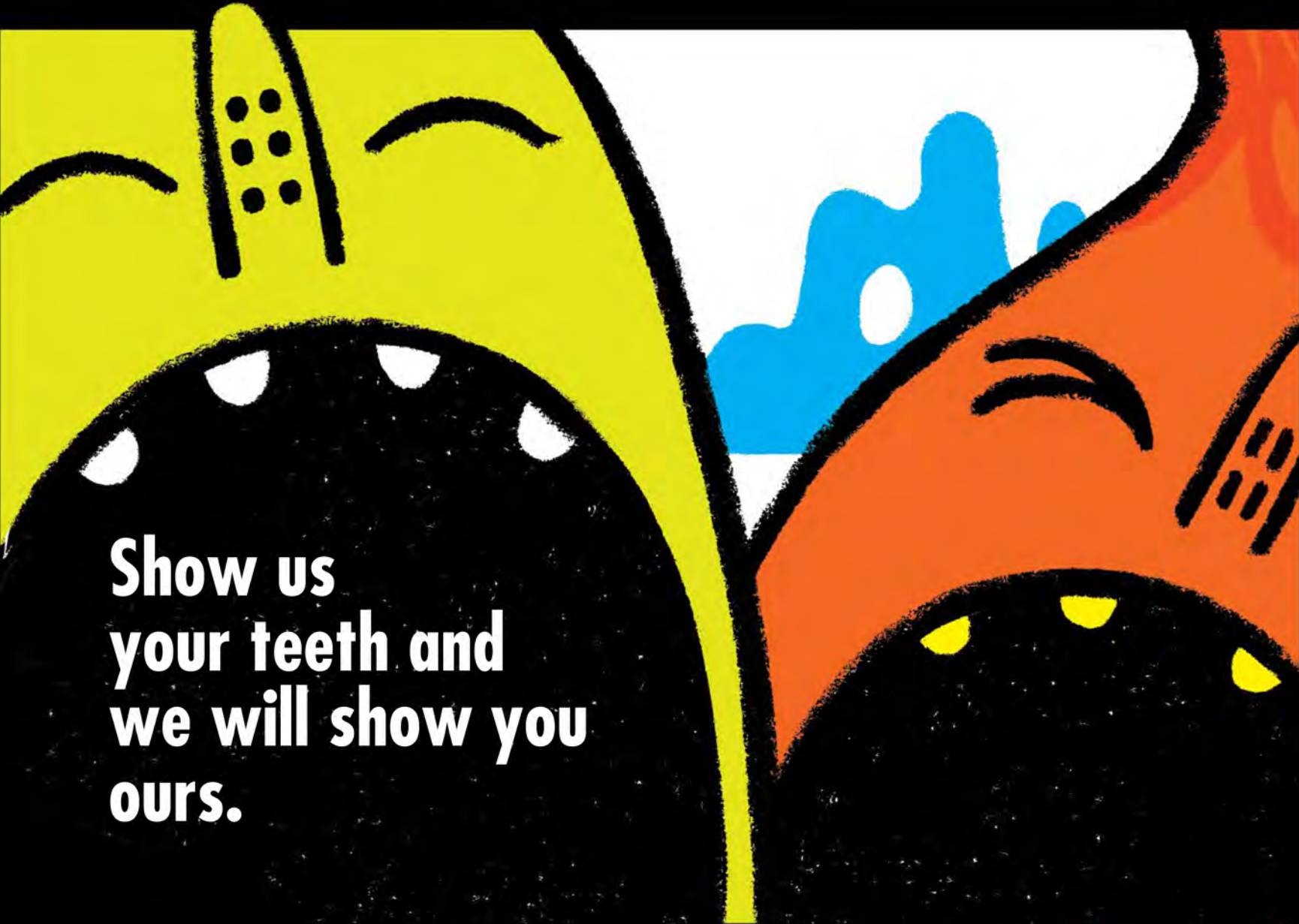


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we will show you
ours.**

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Two Windmills

555 Sticker Fun: 555 Sticker Fun Sharks

The ultimate sticker book series, with over 555 stickers and things to spot on every page!

Author: Susan Mayes | Illustrator: Amanda Shufflebotham, Aimee Wright, Dan Crisp

Includes over 500 stickers.

A perfect introduction to the most popular species of shark.

Bite-size facts make sticker creativity and learning fun!

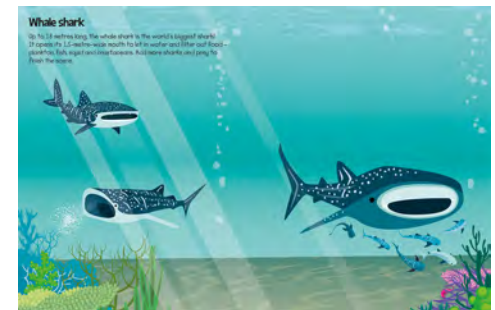
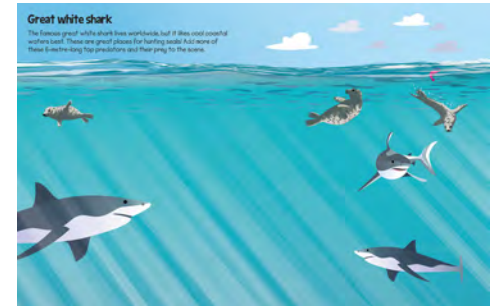
Create amazing shark scenes from around the world with this awesome shark sticker activity book for boys and girls age 5+.

555 Sticker Fun Sharks features fun, bite-sized reference text which sets the stage for each illustrated under-the-sea scene. From great white, hammerheads and blue sharks to whale sharks, thresher sharks and goblin sharks, readers can complete the colourful shark-themed scenes using the hundreds of shark stickers that are included.

A perfect natural history activity book to give to a child for shark sticker fun.

Illustrator: Amanda Shufflebotham

Amanda is a designer and illustrator who has worked in publishing, design and advertising. Amanda now works from her home studio, and when she's not illustrating and designing she is spending time with her family and enjoying her garden. In fact, if Amanda hadn't gone into design she would have like to be a landscape gardener as the shapes and textures of foliage have always enchanted her.



ISBN: 9781835552650

Pub date: 09 October 2025

Price: £6.99

Format: Full colour perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Extent: 48pp

Dimensions: 280 x 216 mm

BIC Code: YBGS

CBMC Code: B2J79

Age range: 5 to 7

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Two Windmills

555 Sticker Fun: 555 Sticker Fun Space

The ultimate sticker book series, with over 555 stickers and things to spot on every page!

Author: Oakley Graham | Illustrator: Diego Vaisberg

Includes over 500 stickers.

A perfect introduction to space exploration and discoveries.

Bite-size facts make sticker creativity and learning fun!

Create amazing space scenes with this out-of-this-world space sticker activity book for boys and girls age 5+.

555 Sticker Fun Space features fun, bite-sized reference text which sets the stage for each illustrated space scene. From the Big Bang, the formation of our Solar System and Moon landings to space tourism and the future of space exploration, readers can complete the colourful space-themed scenes using the hundreds of stickers that are included.

A perfect science activity book to give to a child for space sticker fun.



ISBN: 9781835552674

Pub date: 09 October 2025

Price: £6.99

Format: Full colour perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Extent: 48pp

Dimensions: 280 x 216 mm

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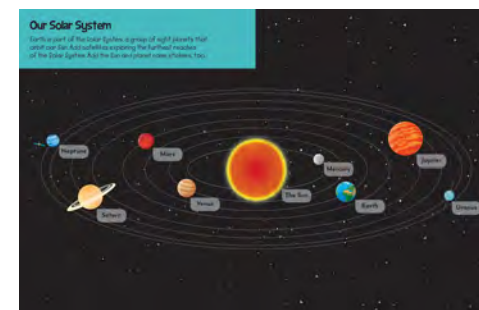
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Illustrator: Diego Vaisberg

A talented illustrator and designer, Diego Vaisberg lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and when he is not working on children's books he teaches at Palermo University. Diego can illustrate in many styles and adds a pinch of fun to anything he touches.



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Water Painting Search and Find: Search and Find Christmas

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

Author: Georgie Taylor | Illustrator: Maike Boot

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

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

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

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

Paint with water for festive search and find fun!

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

Illustrator: Maike Boot

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



ISBN: 978183552551

Pub date: 30 October 2025

Price: £8.99

Format: Full colour casebound hardback

Cover finishes: Matt lamination

Additional Info: 5 water-painting scenes, refillable water pen

Extent: 10pp

Dimensions: 240 x 200 mm

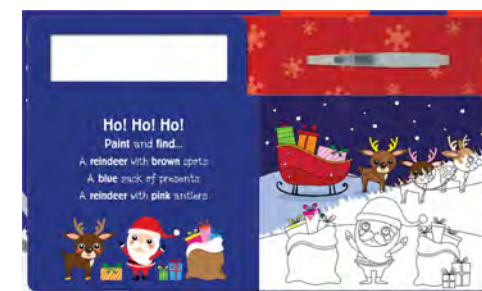
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CBMC Code: A2L79

Age range: 3 to 5

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Pub Date: October 2025

Price: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781916747807

Age Range: 5 - 8

Subject: YFC (Children's / Teenage fiction:

Action and adventure stories)

CBMC Code: B3N79

Extent: 122 pp

Dimensions: 129 x 198 mm

THE YETI'S SNEEZE

TRACY CURRAN

THE BOOK

The second book in a brand new chapter book series, Unicorns in Uniform.

High up in the Mystical Mountains, YAN YETI has a bad case of the sneezes, causing extreme weather in the form of snowstorms! When a ginormous 'ATISHOO!' triggers an avalanche, and young YO-YO YETI goes missing, air and mountain rescue unicorn SUNNY and his unicopter BEE are tasked with an urgent rescue mission: to venture out onto the mountain and find her.

But out on the snowy slope, SUNNY starts struggling with strange spells of dizziness. As he calls in the other unicorns and a swoop of albatrosses to help, can they save YO-YO YETI before it is too late?

Illustrated by Steve Wood.

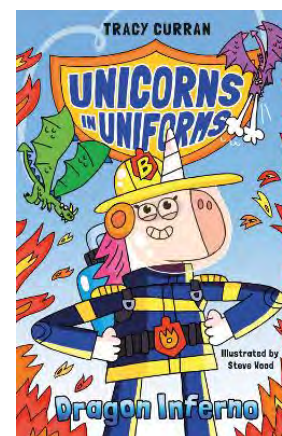
THE AUTHOR

Tracy writes picture books, young fiction and funny middle-grade.

She was a primary school teacher for sixteen years and is now a carer for her autistic daughter.

At around the age of three, Tracy fell into a storybook and discovered a world of magic! As a result, you'll now find her immersed in the pages of another imagined world or running along the beach, conjuring up her own story ideas. Her pile of books is taller than she is!

Tracy lives on the Cornish coast with her husband, three children, five rabbits, four chickens and one dog.



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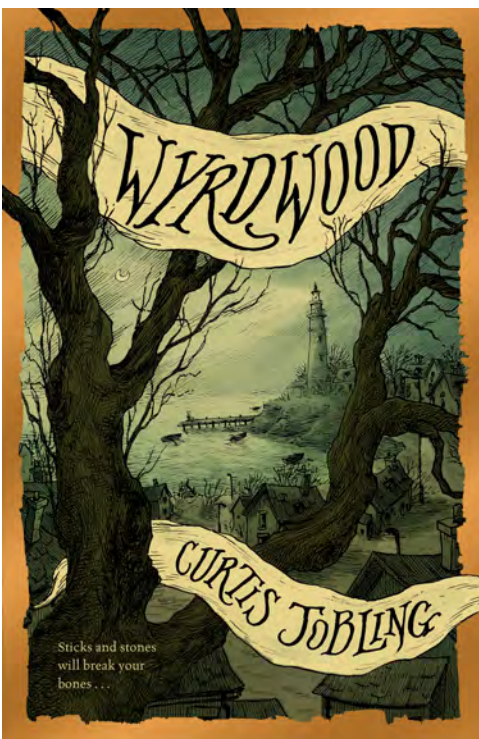


Suddenly, the dormitory went dark. Blaze glanced up just in time to see a huge figure flash past the window.

"What was that?" She frowned. The Unicorns in Uniforms were trained to be on constant alert and that shadow had been too big to be any kind of seabird, even an albatross. Quickly, Blaze stuck her head out of the window.

"GAH!" A jet of hot flames shot down from the rooftop, scorching Blaze's mane and almost melting the tip of her horn.





WYRDWOOD

CURTIS JOBLING

THE BOOK

Something strange is happening in Merryweather-by-the-Sea.

Whispers in the playground abound – a spring-heeled phantom haunts the edge of the Wyrdwood, the ancient forest which surrounds the sleepy coastal town. But the Twig Man is the least of Kiki Harper's concerns.

Returning home for the holidays, Kiki discovers a peculiar woman has moved into her family home, having stolen everybody's hearts. Who is the beautiful Fay – and could Kiki's family really be bewitched?

Cover illustration by Alice Cao.

THE AUTHOR

Curtis Jobling is an author, illustrator and animation creator. He has both designed and created some of the UK's best loved children's shows, including the BAFTA-winning **Bob the Builder**, **Frankenstein's Cat**, and **Raa Raa the Noisy Lion**, while also writing and illustrating numerous picture books for young audiences. He has had eleven novels published for older audiences, including the acclaimed and bestselling **Wereworld** series, now adapted into a major new animated series for Netflix, titled **Wolf King**.

Pub Date: October 2025

Price: £8.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781916747692

Age Range: 11 - 14

Subject: YFHW (Children's / Teenage fiction:

Contemporary and urban fantasy)

CBMC Code: E3N79

Extent: 322 pp

Dimensions: 129 x 198 mm

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Pop Up Pals



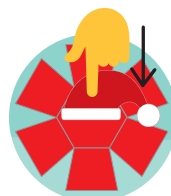
Where's santa?
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Pull the tab
to unlock
the pop-up.

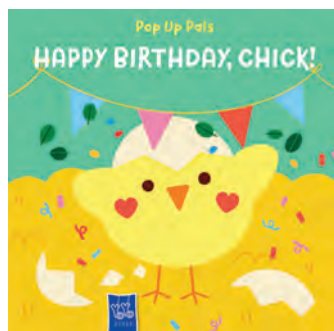


Santa will jump up!



Press Santa
back down to
lock him in
place.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SERIES



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BB £8.99



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WHERE'S SANTA?

Ho, ho, ho! Santa's fun adventure will have you jumping at the surprise. As the festive story unfolds, you will be delighted by the top-notch 3D pop-up of Santa on the last page. Just pull the tab on Santa's hat to make him POP from the page! An internal Velcro closure will lock him back in place, to allow safe and easy storage.

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£ 8.99
Format	Board Book
Size	190 x 190 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	One big 3D pop-up surprise

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Your favourite character pops from the page!
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Counting the Days to Christmas



A December to Remember
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167 cm

A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

It's beginning to look a lot like... a fold-out Christmas town with 7 stories and 25 fun flaps! Count your way from December 1st to the most wonderful time of the year as Christmas comes to town. Discover a hidden festive surprise each day. In addition, the 7 heartwarming bedtime stories are sure to make this a very merry Christmas. That's not all: this book folds open to become a 167-cm-long Christmas scene. There's no better way to start the festive season!

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£12.99
Format	Fold Out Flap Book
Size	210 x 280 mm
Extent	15 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	25 flaps, fold-out pages (167 cm)

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Advent book: a festive calendar to count down to Christmas.
- Fold-out book: a 167-cm-long Christmas scene.
- Story book: 7 stories and 25 flaps with festive facts.

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Counting the Days to Christmas



167 cm



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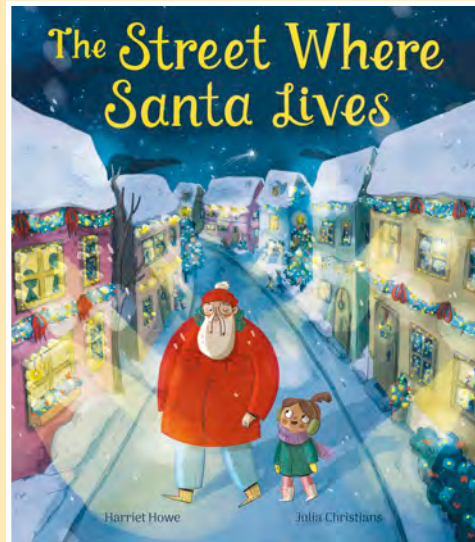
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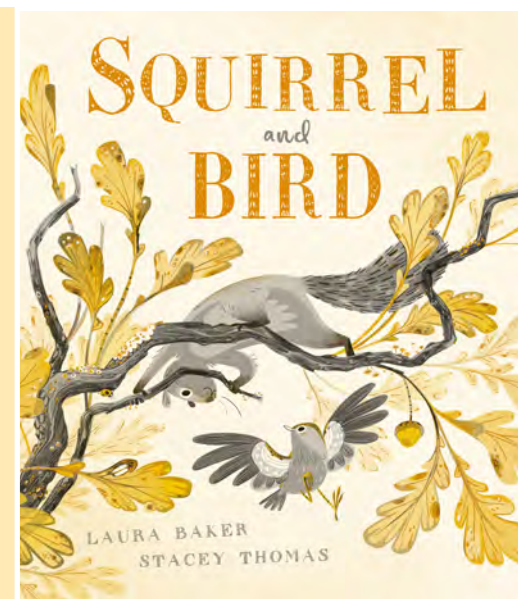
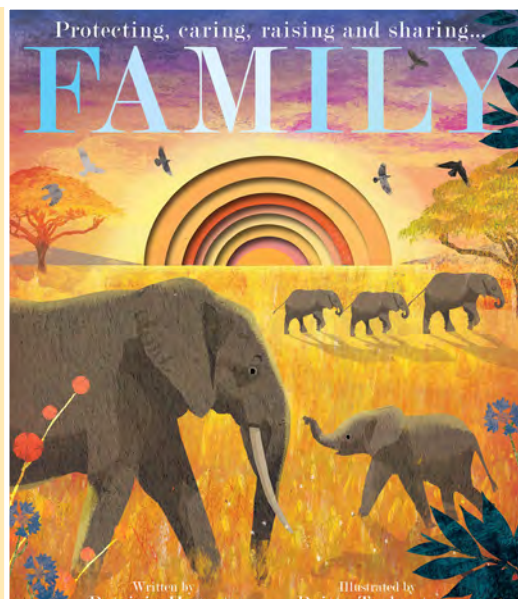
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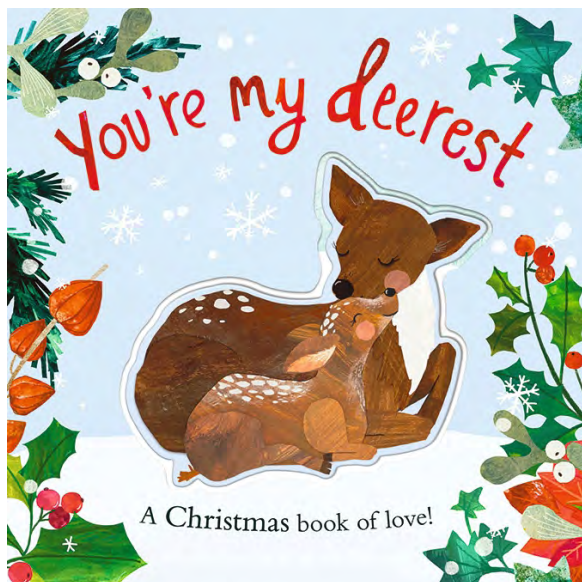
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OCTOBER 2025 NEW TITLES

LTP





You're My Dearest

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 snugly 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:





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?

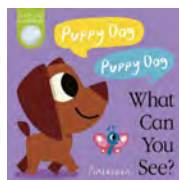
Under the tree, who could it be?

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.



9781788818339
BB | £7.99



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BB | £7.99



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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?

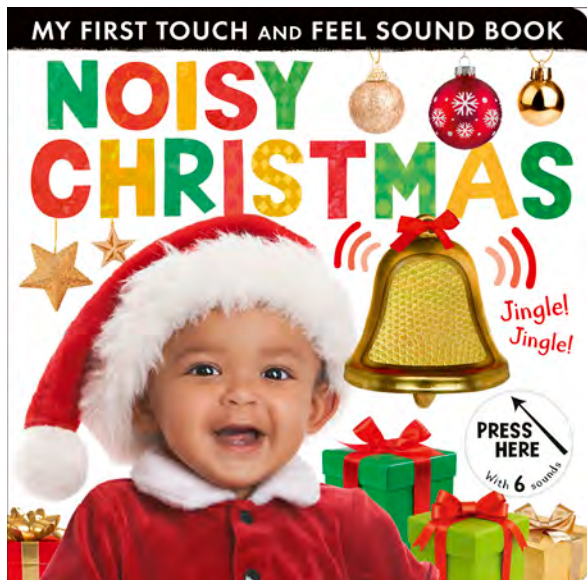
Reindeer! Reindeer!



What can you see?

In this stocking,
who could it be?





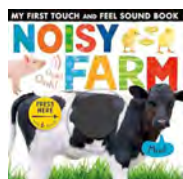
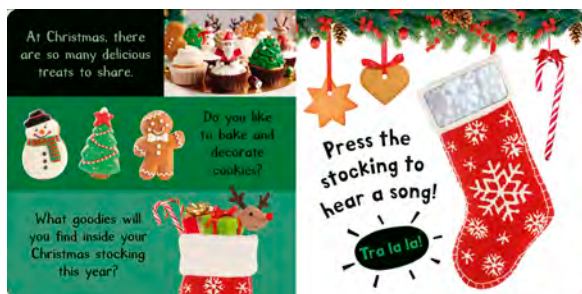
Noisy Christmas

By (author) Hettie Cox

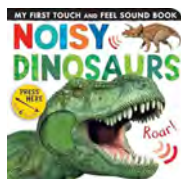


Touch, feel and hear the sights and sounds of Christmas on every page of this interactive board book!

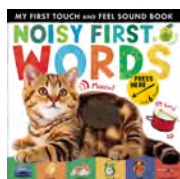
- Features a touch-and-feel texture and sound button on every spread.
- Full of bright, engaging photographs.
- Includes an on/off switch on the back cover to extend battery life.
- A new title to add to this successful range of noisy touch-and-feel books. Other titles in the series: Noisy Farm, Noisy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



9781848956995
BB | £12.99



9781848691650
BB | £12.99



9781848698499
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 | £6.99



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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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781801046503

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 280 x 245 mm

Interest Age: 3-6 years

THEMA: YBCS2|YBCS

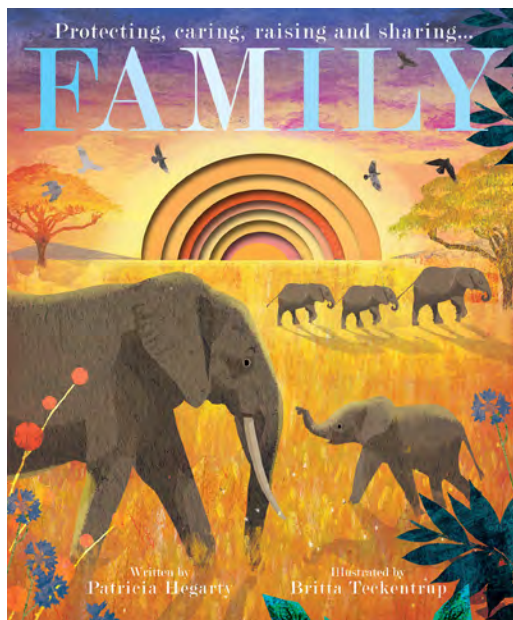
CBMC: A3M79

Series:

Cubby knew.
“Little Tree loves sledding!”



“Everyone loves sledding!” exclaimed Daddy.



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PB | £7.99

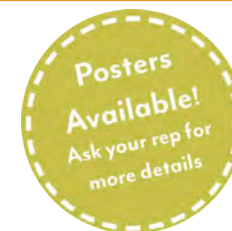


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PB | £7.99

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

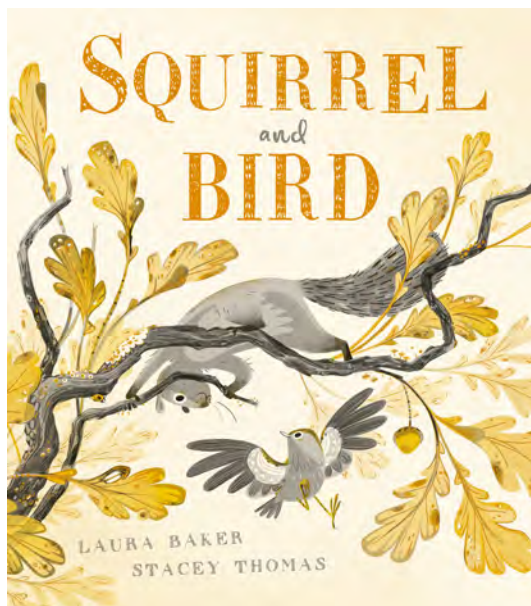
CBMC: A3M69

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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781838917203

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 286 x 251 mm

Interest Age: 3-6 years

THEMA: YBCS|YBC

CBMC: A3M79

Series:



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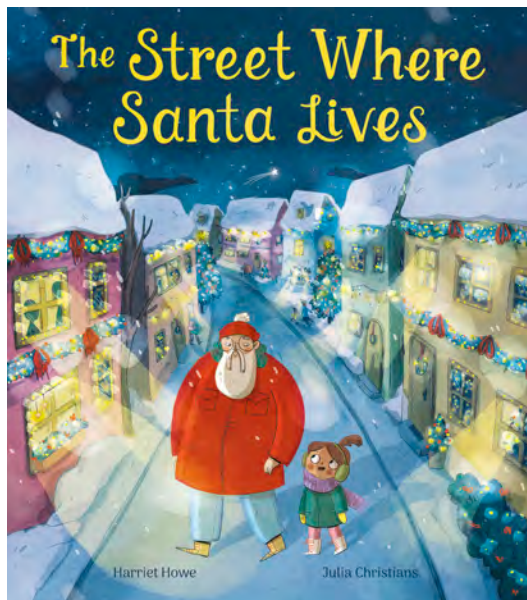


9781838917227
PB | £7.99



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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781838918576

Extent: 36 pages

Dimensions: 286 x 251 mm

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.



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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

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Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 286 x 251 mm

Interest Age: 3-6 years

THEMA: YBCS|YBC

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Series:



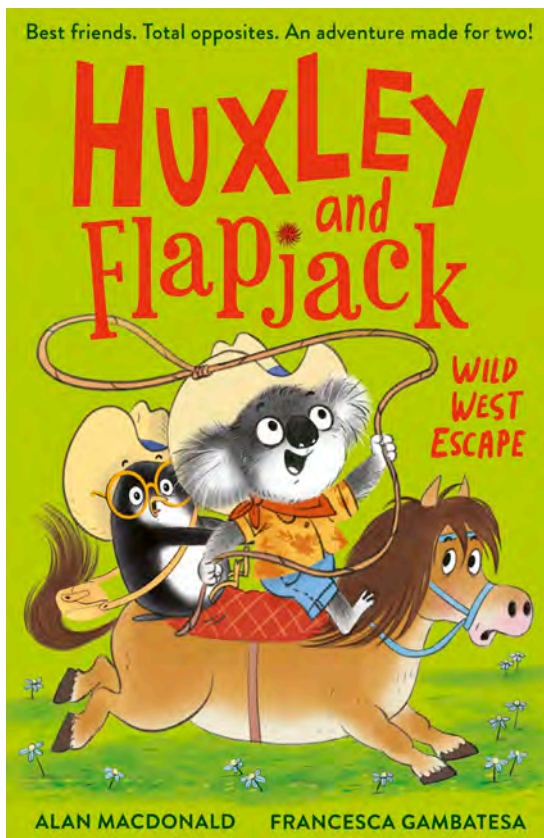
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When I was a little bear, I saw my first ballet.
And it changed my life forever!





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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PB | £6.99



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PB | £6.99

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.





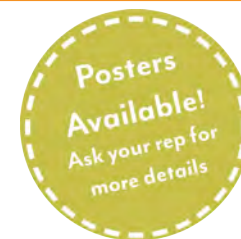
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The Snowy Penguin

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 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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781788957458

Extent: 160 pages

Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm

Interest Age: 7-9 years

THEMA: YFP|YFN

CBMC: C3N79

Series: Winter Wildlife Stories

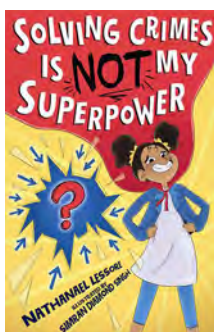
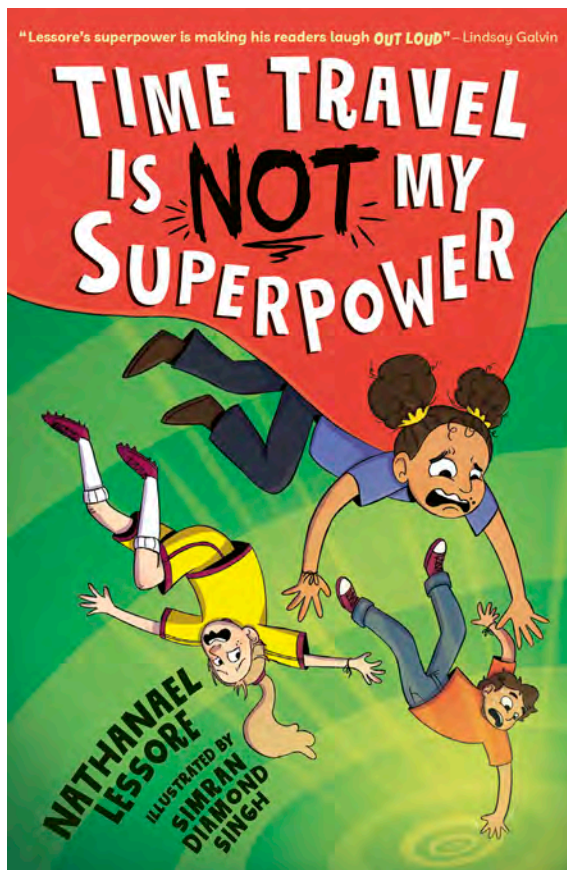


“Bella! Bella! It’s happening!”

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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PB | £7.99

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 Steady For This 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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Extent: 208 pages

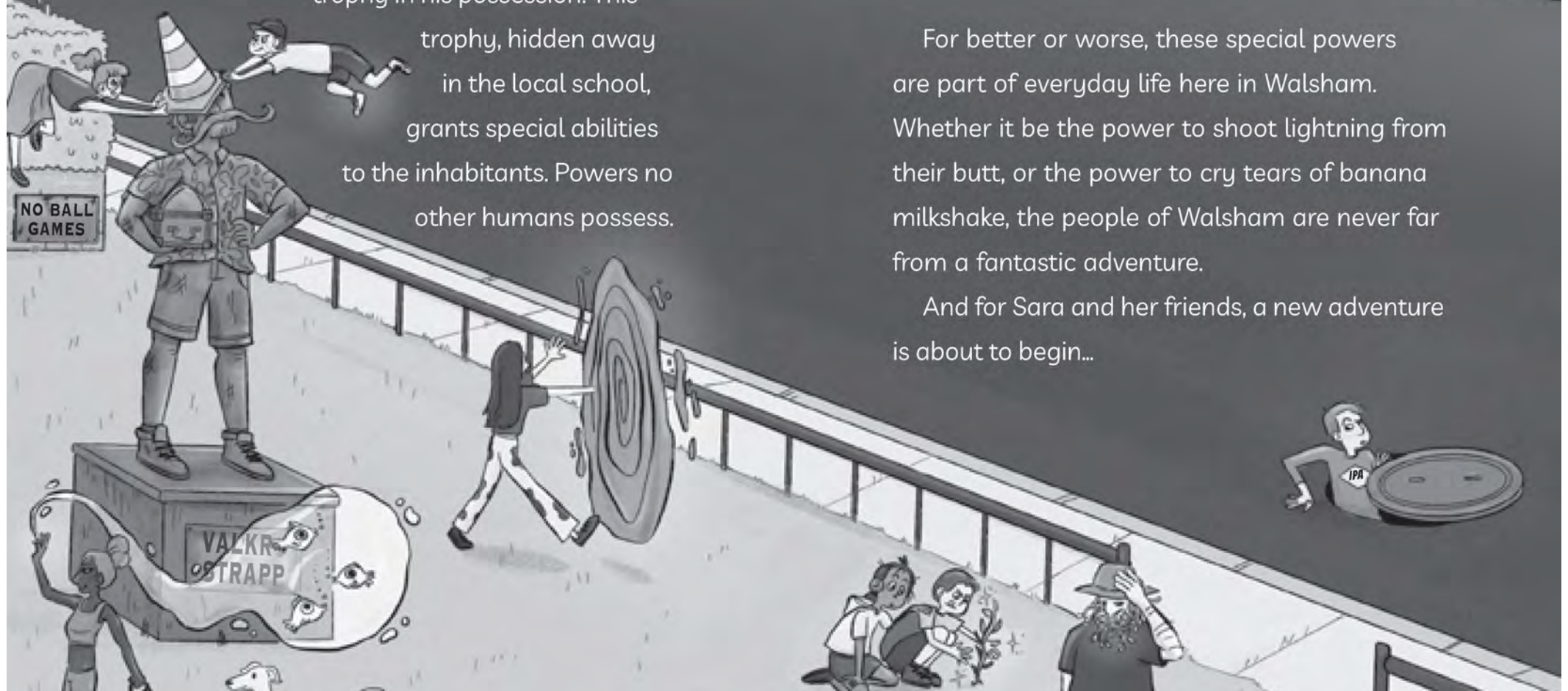
Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm

Interest Age: 7-9 years

THEMA: YFH|YFCF|YFQ

CBMC: C3N79

Series: ...Is NOT My Superpower



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 | [@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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781788957656

Extent: 336 pages

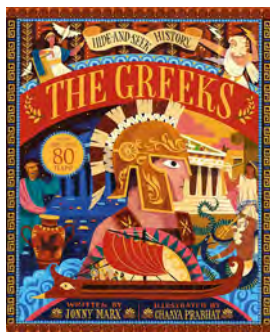
Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm

Interest Age: 9-12 years

THEMA: YFC|YFG|YFE|YFQ

CBMC: D3N79

Series: SCRAP



9781838913250
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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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £18.99

Format: Board book

ISBN: 9781838916640

Extent: 12 pages

Dimensions: 326 x 266 mm

Interest Age: 6-9 years

THEMA: NHDE|YNH

CBMC: C5K79

Series: Hide-and-Seek History

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.



Books-in-a-Box



A Christmas party of three
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A CHRISTMAS PARTY OF THREE

Three festive tales, one merry adventure. Discover the Christmas magic from every angle. This three-book-set is a festive read for toddlers. Each book reveals another piece of a Christmas Eve story told through different eyes. A unique storytelling perspective designed to keep toddlers happy during the holidays.

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£12.99
Format	Board Book
Size (box)	280 x 150 (80) x 27 mm
Size (book)	90 x 150 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	3 cut-to-shape books in one slipcase

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A collection of 3 cut-to-shape books.
- Adorable illustrations.
- A unique storytelling perspective designed to keep toddlers entertained!

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My First Musical Play Book



My First 6 Songs on the Xylophone
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MY FIRST 6 SONGS ON THE XYLOPHONE

Do, re, mi, fa, so much fun with music!

This deluxe box will awaken the little virtuoso in any toddler. The music book has 6 popular children's songs with colour-coded notes to help your little musician play the xylophone to their heart's content.

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£14.99
Format	Board Book
Size (box)	257 x 192 x 42 mm
Size (book)	240 x 180 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	1+
Features	Toy xylophone included

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Six children's songs with lyrics and colour-coded notes.
- Perfect gift to awaken a lifelong love of music.
- Colour-coded toy xylophone included.

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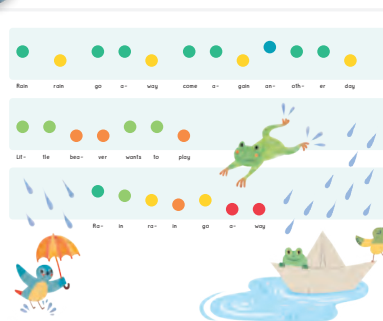
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My First Musical Play Book



My First 6 Songs on the Piano
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MY FIRST 6 SONGS ON THE PIANO

Do, re, mi, fa, so much fun with music!

This deluxe box will awaken the little virtuoso in any toddler. The music book has 6 popular children's songs with colour-coded notes to help your little Mozart play the piano to their heart's content.

And don't worry, the piano also has a time-out feature to preserve battery life!

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£17.99
Format	Board Book
Size (box)	257 x 192 x 42 mm
Size (book)	240 x 180 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	1+
Features	Toy piano included

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Six children's songs with lyrics and colour-coded notes.
- Perfect gift to awaken a lifelong love of music.
- Colour-coded toy piano included.

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My Snuggle Book



Koala
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Fox
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KOALA • FOX

Babies love to snuggle up close to stuffed animals. With their colourful illustrations and soft materials, these animal-shaped snuggle books will stimulate your baby's sensory development throughout the day.

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£ 12.99
Format	Soft book
Size (box)	170 x 265 x 75 mm
Extent	8 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	From birth
Features	Cuddly toy with sewn-on soft book, embroidery and crinkly paper, packed in box.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- 2-in-1: cuddly toy and soft book.
- Crinkly paper.
- Stimulates baby's development: verbal (naming illustrations) and sensory and sensory (sight, hearing, touch).

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Soft Shake & Squeak Book



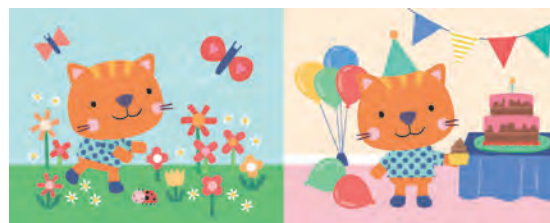
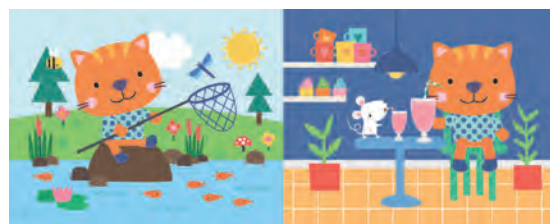
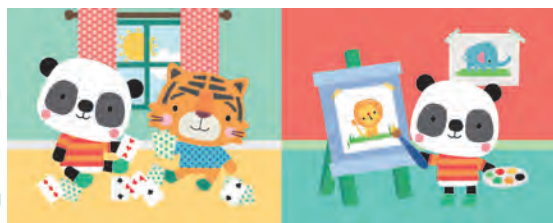
Panda

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Cat

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PANDA • CAT

Baby's first pull-and-shake animal friend!

Pull the string to watch them shake.

Hug and squeeze them to hear a squeaky sound.

The colourful soft book attached to each animal's tummy has crinkly pages and cute illustrations to make it extra fun.

A sensory treasure for babies and toddlers!

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£ 14.99
Format	Soft book
Size (box)	140 x 200 x 90 mm
Size (book)	110 x 90 mm
Extent	8 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	+6 months
Features	Pull-and-shake device, squeaker, crinkly page.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A soft animal that shakes: attracts baby's attention.
- Bonus: a squeaky sound and soft book with crinkly pages.
- Stimulates sensory development.

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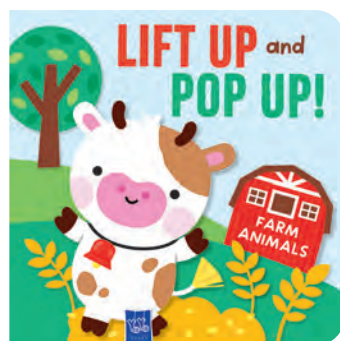
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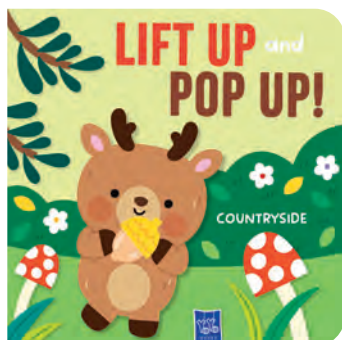
Lift Up and Pop Up!



Wild Animals
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Goodnight
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WILD ANIMALS • FARM ANIMALS • COUNTRYSIDE • GOODNIGHT

Play your first game of hide-seek-and-pop-up! Help the main character find his friends while exploring the jungle, farm, countryside or nighttime. Lift XL flaps to discover surprising pop-ups, with fun pop-ups underneath!

PS: don't forget to spot the bonus hidden critter.

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£ 8.99
Format	Pop Up Book
Size	190 x 190 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	6 XL flaps to lift with hidden pop-ups

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Six XL flaps to lift to discover hidden pop-ups.
- Cute hide-and-seek animal stories toddlers will adore.
- Adorable illustrations.

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A Journey Back in Time



Ancient Rome
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ANCIENT ROME • ANCIENT GREECE

Here is your ticket to an amazing journey back in time! Step inside these time-machine books to explore the most fascinating periods in history. From their art and culture to their leaders, myths and scientific discoveries: dive into history and learn what made these civilisations unforgettable for over a thousand years. Open flaps and fold out pages to reveal ancient wonders and marvel at impressive pop-ups. History awaits, so let's get exploring!

Publication	OCTOBER 2025
Price	£12.99
Format	Picture Book
Size	245 x 325 mm
Extent	22 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	6+
Features	Flaps to lift, fold-out pages, and one giant pop-up

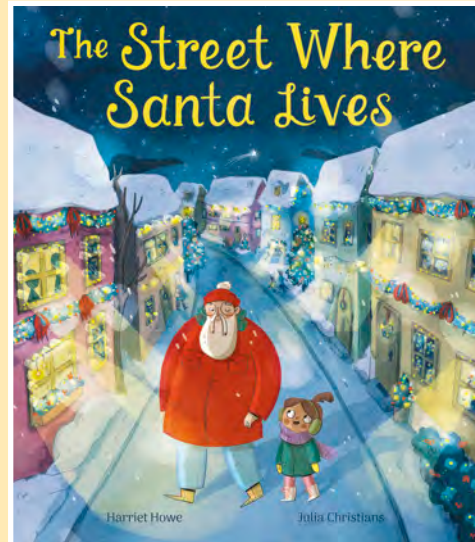
KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Countless historical facts, all beautifully illustrated.
- Interesting flaps and fold-out pages designed for children.
- A giant pop-up to catch attention!

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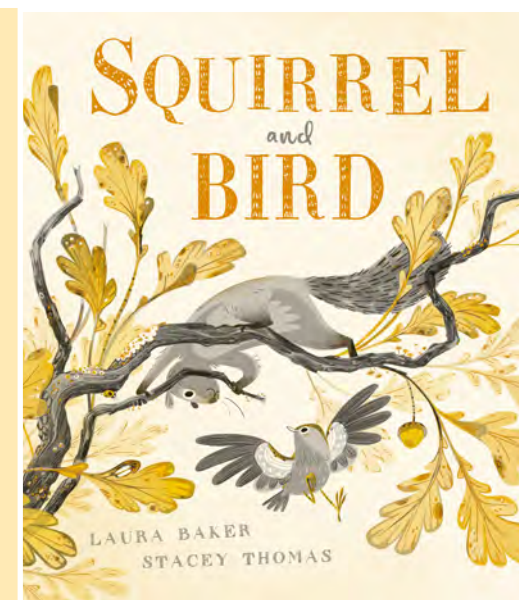
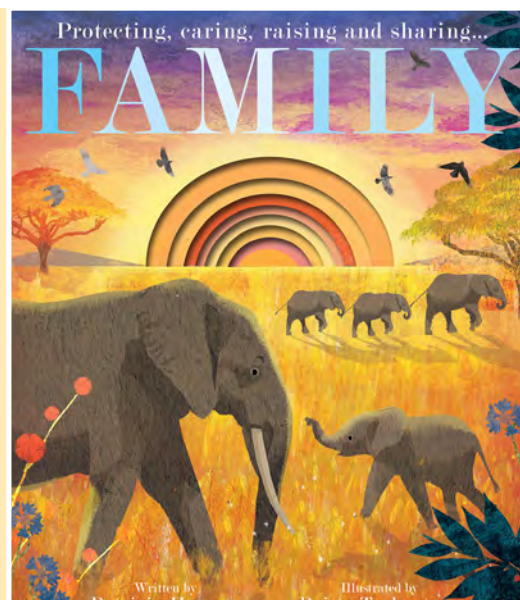
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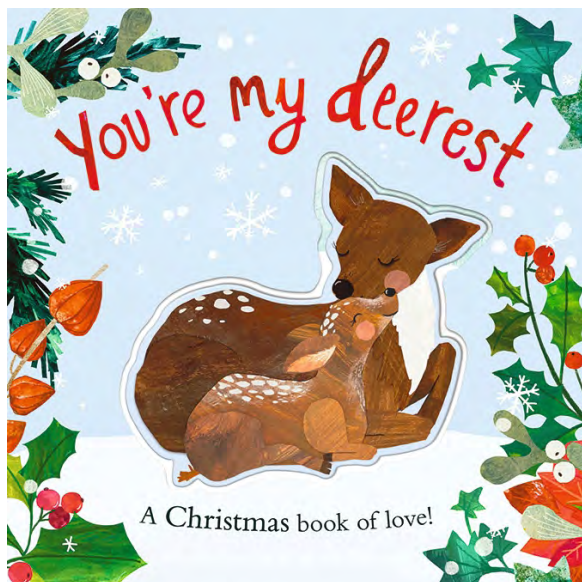
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OCTOBER 2025 NEW TITLES

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You're My Dearest

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.



9781788818339
BB | £7.99



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BB | £7.99



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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!

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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?

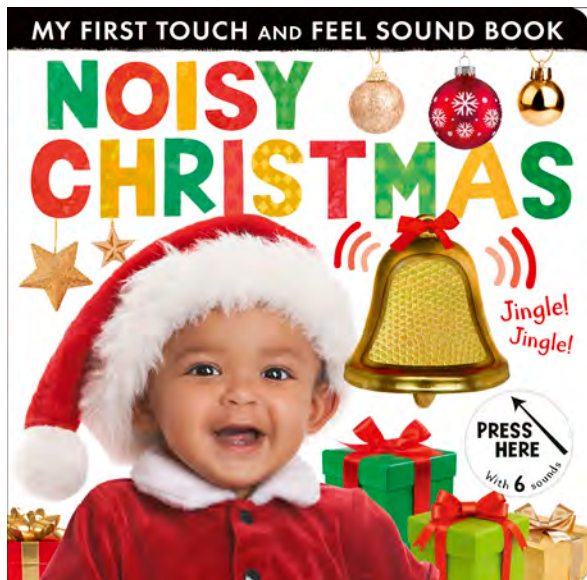
Reindeer! Reindeer!



What can you see?

In this stocking,
who could it be?





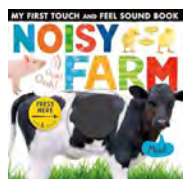
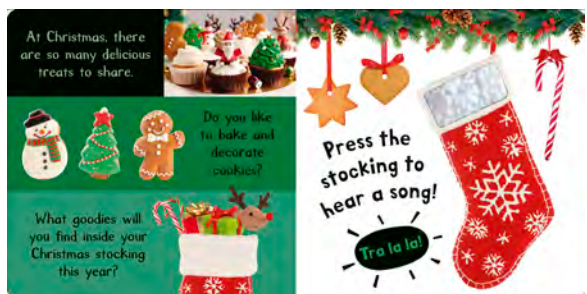
Noisy Christmas

By (author) Hettie Cox

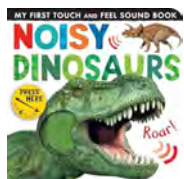


Touch, feel and hear the sights and sounds of Christmas on every page of this interactive board book!

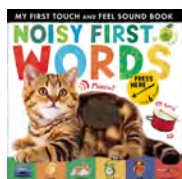
- Features a touch-and-feel texture and sound button on every spread.
- Full of bright, engaging photographs.
- Includes an on/off switch on the back cover to extend battery life.
- A new title to add to this successful range of noisy touch-and-feel books. Other titles in the series: Noisy Farm, Noisy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



9781848956995
BB | £12.99



9781848691650
BB | £12.99



9781848698499
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.





9781801040419
PB | £6.99



9781801041737
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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781801046503

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 280 x 245 mm

Interest Age: 3-6 years

THEMA: YBCS2|YBCS

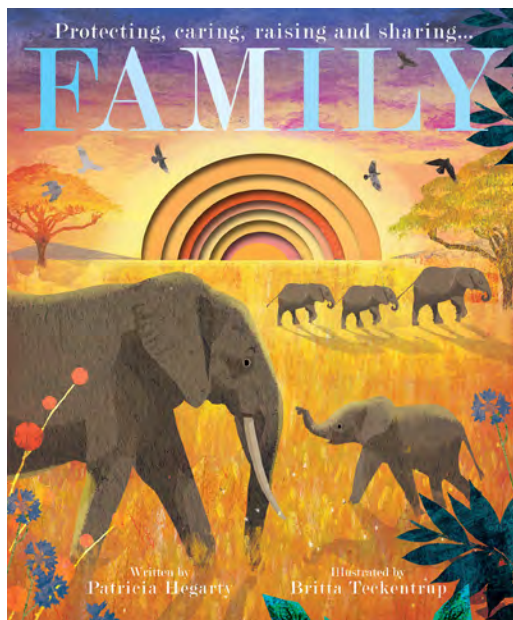
CBMC: A3M79

Series:

Cubby knew.
“Little Tree loves sledding!”



“Everyone loves sledding!” exclaimed Daddy.



9781788816298
PB | £7.99

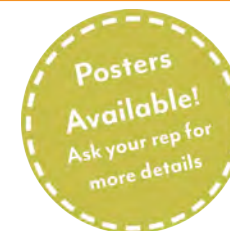


9781801040426
PB | £7.99

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

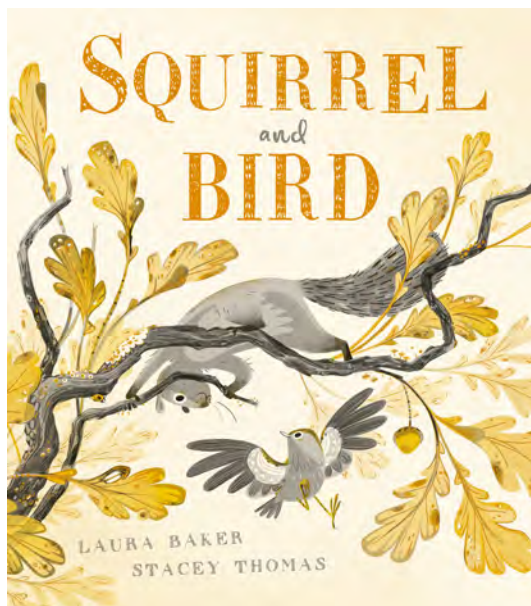
CBMC: A3M69

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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781838917203

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 286 x 251 mm

Interest Age: 3-6 years

THEMA: YBCS|YBC

CBMC: A3M79

Series:



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PB | £7.99

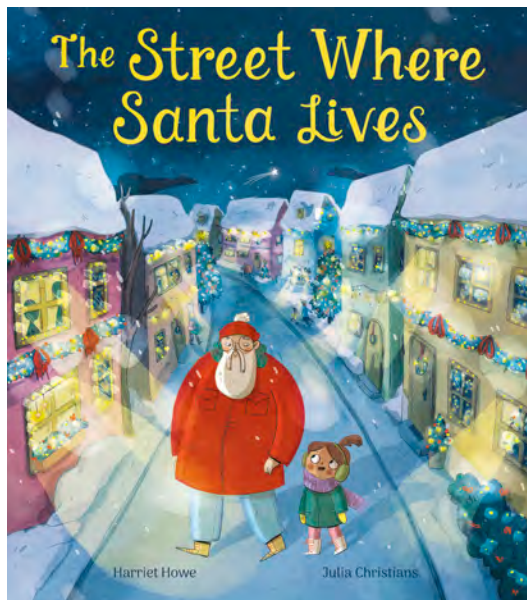


9781838917227
PB | £7.99



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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781838918576

Extent: 36 pages

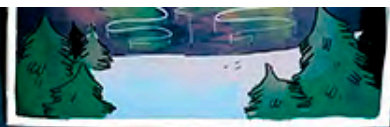
Dimensions: 286 x 251 mm

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.



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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781838918675

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 286 x 251 mm

Interest Age: 3-6 years

THEMA: YBCS|YBC

CBMC: A3M79

Series:



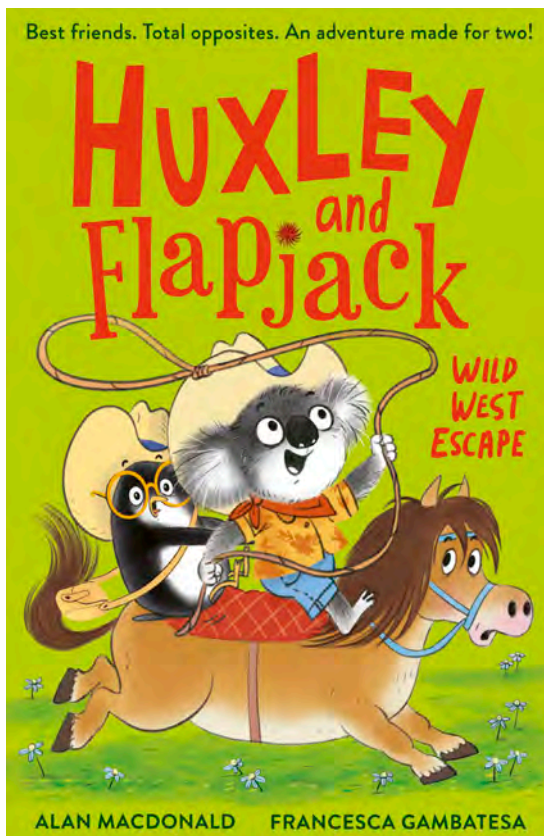
9781801044561
PB | £7.99



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PB | £7.99

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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PB | £6.99



9781788956208
PB | £6.99

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.





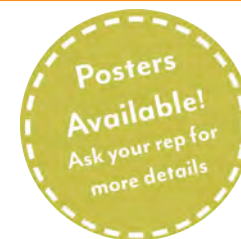
9781788951241
PB | £6.99



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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 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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781788957458

Extent: 160 pages

Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm

Interest Age: 7-9 years

THEMA: YFP|YFN

CBMC: C3N79

Series: Winter Wildlife Stories

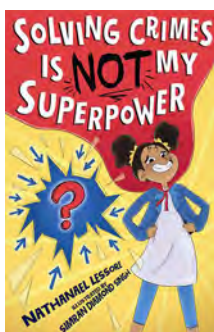
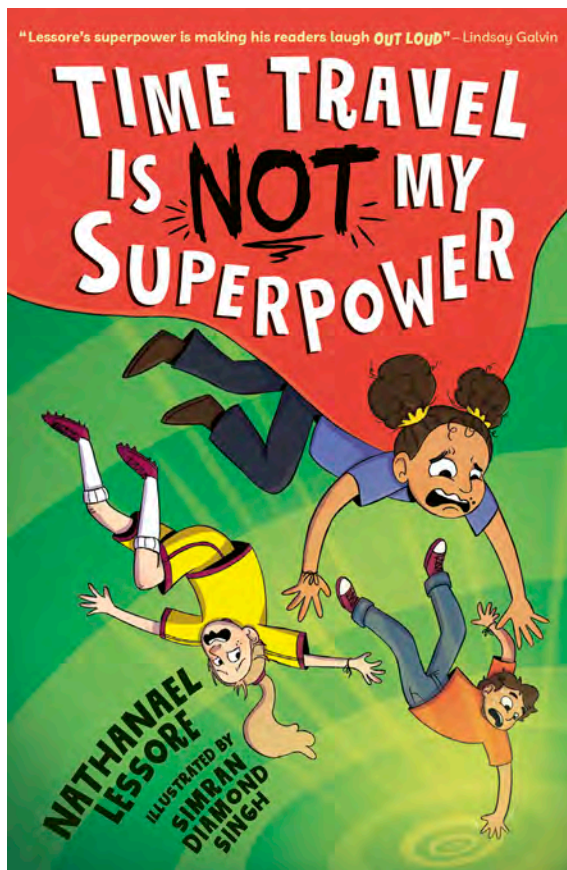


“Bella! Bella! It’s happening!”

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



9781788956642
PB | £7.99

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 Steady For This 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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781788956659

Extent: 208 pages

Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm

Interest Age: 7-9 years

THEMA: YFH|YFCF|YFQ

CBMC: C3N79

Series: ...Is NOT My Superpower



9781788955973
PB | £7.99



9781788956932
PB | £7.99

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 | [@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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781788957656

Extent: 336 pages

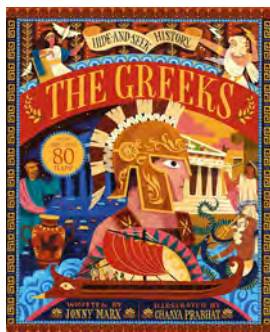
Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm

Interest Age: 9-12 years

THEMA: YFC|YFG|YFE|YFQ

CBMC: D3N79

Series: SCRAP



9781838913250
BB | £18.99



9781838910303
BB | £18.99

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.

Pub Date: 2 October 2025

RRP: £18.99

Format: Board book

ISBN: 9781838916640

Extent: 12 pages

Dimensions: 326 x 266 mm

Interest Age: 6-9 years

THEMA: NHDE|YNH

CBMC: C5K79

Series: Hide-and-Seek History

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.

