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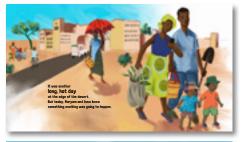
Written and Illustrated by Ken Wilson-Max



How one family helps to bring hope and regeneration to their community in sub-Saharan Africa

One hot day at the edge of the desert, Maryam and Issa know something exciting is going to happen. Mum and Dad bring spades, Uncle Cedric brings lots of plants and seedlings, the neighbours bring water. Everyone works together, digging, planting and watering – and the children all help too. Then they wait... and hope...

This powerful story is about the creation of The Great Green Wall of Africa, an exciting, real-life project to bring trees, growth and regeneration across sub-Saharan Africa.





KEN WILSON-MAX was born in Zimbabwe and has a deep commitment to African regeneration. As author and illustrator he has over 70 books to his credit. He is a Patron of CLPE (Centre for Literacy in Primary Education) and of the Jericho Prize. He illustrated Valerie Bloom's *Stars With Flaming Tails*, winner of the 2021 CLiPPA Award, and has been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Award and the Carnegie/Kate Greenaway Medal. For Otter-Barry Books he has written and illustrated *Astro Girl, Eco Girl* and *Aqua Boy*. He lives in North London.

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The Heart of the Storm

Teresa Heapy Illustrated by Kate Read



Dramatic and action-packed picture book in which enmity turns to friendship

Ruby the fox and Growl the wolf live deep in the forest. There's just one problem - they hate each other...!

But when a raging storm tears through the forest and the animals have to flee, they must help each other to survive. Can Ruby and Growl overcome their enmity and find friendship in the heart of the storm?

An exciting, fast-paced picture book adventure with stunning illustrations, celebrating courage and the importance of helping each other.

TERESA HEAPY has been an editor and tutor as well as an author. Her many books include educational titles for the Oxford Reading Tree as well as picture stories such as *Very Little Cinderella*, with Sue Heap (winner of Best Picture Book in the Oxfordshire Book Awards). Teresa lives in Oxford.

KATE READ'S first picture book, *One Fox*, was an international sensation, winning the *Teach Early Years* Award and the Mathical Book Prize in the UK; and the Cybils Award, a *Parents' Choice* Gold Award and a *Kirkus* Star in the US. Her illustrations are made with hand-painted and mono printed paper collage, finished digitally.

The Brave Little Whale

Written and illustrated by Charlotte Manning



An exciting story about the real lives of Humpback Whales, with gorgeous illustrations

Vki is a young Humpback Whale. Every year his beloved grandpa Yuka leads little Uki and the whale pod from tropical seas to the icy waters of the Arctic. But this time is different - this time Cousin Amka will be the leader....

There are dangers ahead for the whales, terrible storms and hungry sharks. And when sharp-toothed Orcas attack, Amka becomes trapped deep down, in an old fishing net. Can Uki remember the song of peace his grandfather taught him and save the pod, and will he be brave enough to lead the whales to safety?

This exciting story with richly coloured illustrations, is inspired by the real lives of Humpback Whales, and includes fascinating facts about the whales and their amazing journey.

CHARLOTTE MANNING is a graduate of the Cambridge School of Art's MA course in Children's Book illustration. An accomplished animal artist, she works with mixed media, painting and pochoir (stencil) to depict animals in their own environments. She was shortlisted in 2020 both for the World Illustration Awards and for the Communication Arts Illustration Competition. Her first book was *The Lost Horse* (2022). Charlotte lives in Canada.

King School

Written and illustrated by Alexis Deacon



Fantastic new story from an iconic picture book creator

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here's a new king in the land, but he's a child!

The people say he must go to King School, but the king hates wearing heavy robes and remembering difficult rules.

So the king says, "NO!"

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A brilliant new story from the internationally acclaimed author of *Beegu* and *Slow Loris*."

ALEXIS DEACON graduated with first-class honours from Brighton School of Art. His first book, *Slow Loris*, was published in 2002 and was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award. In 2015 *Time* Magazine included it in the 100 best Children's Books of All Time. He has twice been shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal and has twice won the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book Award. He lives in London.

Max and the Haircut

Written and illustrated by Samareh Azadi



Exciting debut – a diverse and inclusive picture book exploring an important early years milestone

ax is going with Mum for his very first haircut – but he doesn't like Wendy's Hairdressing Salon. It's too bright and noisy. And then there's the water spray, the uncomfortable cloth round his shoulders and the spiky hair clips. Before Wendy can start snipping, Max shouts,

"STOP!"

But Wendy has a wonderful idea. Maybe a cat, a soft cushion and some bubbles could make a first haircut fun after all?

This debut picture book explores the universal experience of a first haircut with sensitivity and beautiful, glowing pictures.

SAMAREH AZADI was born and grew up in Iran and the geometrical shapes, textures and patterns of Iranian art have been a source of inspiration in her work. She was runner-up in the FAB Illustration Prize in 2021. Samareh has a Masters in Children's Illustration from Cambridge School of Art, and teaches in a school for high-functioning autistic children. Samareh lives in Cambridge.

Bart is Different

Written and illustrated by Barroux



A witty celebration of creativity and finding your true self

art the spider has always been different. He's not like the other spiders, though he looks just like them. He runs about, he jumps, he doesn't listen at school and is scolded by the teacher.

Bart is a dreamer, creating amazing patterns with his thread. But nobody wants to play with him and he stands at the edge of the playground, lonely and misunderstood.

Then his only friend, the wind, changes everything. "Have confidence and be yourself," the wind tells Bart. And, helped and inspired by the wind, Bart discovers that he has an incredible, unique talent...

BARROUX has won many international honours, including the 2005 Prix Enfantasie and the 2015 Prix Médecins Sans Frontières. Born in Paris, he grew up in Morocco and has also lived in Canada and New York. His most recent books are *Free as a Bird* (2024) and *I Love You, Blue* (2022). He is also illustrator of Hollis Kurman's *Hello: A Counting Book of Kindnesses* (2020) and *Counting in Green* (2023), all published by Otter-Barry Books. He lives in Paris.

Cities Going Wild

To Save the Planet

Catherine Barr Illustrated by Christiane Engel



Shows how cities across the world are bringing live nature into urban environments, where most of the world's children live

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Have fun spotting the birds, insects and other creatures that share our cities. And look out for lots of activities, so that YOU can make YOUR city green!

CATHERINE BARR is a leading author on science and nature topics for young children. She worked for Greenpeace and London's Natural History Museum before becoming a full-time writer. Her previous books for Otter-Barry are *Red Alert: 15 Endangered Animals Fighting to Survive; Invisible Nature: A Secret World Beyond Our Senses* (winner of the *Teach Primary* science book prize), *Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth* and *Wildlife Crossings: Protecting Animal Pathways around the World.* She lives near Hay-on-Wye.

CHRISTIANE ENGEL grew up in Germany and now lives in Kent, England. She is an author and book creator as well as an illustrator, with over 50 children's books to her credit. Her first book for Otter-Barry Books was *Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Our Earth* followed by *Wildlife Crossings: Protecting Animal Pathways around the World*.

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Michael Catchpool Illustrated by Shanarama



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MICHAEL CATCHPOOL is an ex-headteacher, now an education consultant, and the author of several picture books. He has a Ph.D for his research on children's engagement with peer feedback and its effect on them as writers. He is also coauthor of several resource books for primary schools. He lives in Cambridgeshire.

SHANARAMA is a new illustrator, living in London. *Jake in the Middle* is the first story book she has illustrated. With a background in architecture, film and TV, she is adept in a number of illustration genres, and often combines them in her work.

Little Rhino Lost

Candy Gourlay
Illustrated by Jamie Bauza



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CANDY GOURLAY is an internationally acclaimed writer of children's books. On the Otter-Barry list she is author of *Is It A Mermaid?* illustrated by Francesca Chessa. Born in the Philippines, Candy now lives in London.

JAMIE BAUZA is an illustrator, designer and crafter, based in Manila, Philippines. A graduate of Ateneo de Manila University, she is a member of ANG Ink, a Philippine association of artists for the creation and promotion of illustration for children.

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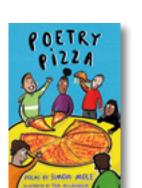
NEAL ZETTER is a children's poet in great demand for performances and workshops. His interactive, rhythmic verses work wonders in developing literacv. confidence, creativity and communication. He is author of *The Universal Zoo* and The Shape of Rainbows, also published by Otter-Barry Books. Neal lives in London.

WILL HUGHES is an illustrator and author of children's books. His strongly graphic, comic images perfectly complement Neal's poems.

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Simon Mole Illustrated by Tom McLaughlin





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SIMON MOLE is an acclaimed children's writer, performer and National Poetry Day ambassador. Simon works in schools and libraries across the country and overseas. He has published two collections of poetry for younger children: A First Book of Dinosaurs and A First Book of Bugs and three picture books, Kites, I Love My Bike (shortlisted for The Sunday Times Children's Sports Book of the Year) and I Love My Cat. Poetry Pizza is his first collection for older readers. Simon lives in Berkshire.

TOM MCLAUGHLIN studied illustration at Falmouth College of Arts, before working as the political cartoonist at the Western Morning News. His debut picture book was The Diabolical Mr Tiddles, and The Story Machine was longlisted for the Carnegie Medal for illustration. Tom has recently published his first graphic novel, Alan, King of the Universe. Tom has five children and lives in Exeter.

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JAMES CARTER is a prize-winning children's poet, non-fiction writer and musician. His picture books include *Zim Zam Zoom!* and *A Ticket to Kalamazoo!* He lives in Oxfordshire. **NEAL LAYTON** is an author and illustrator. His picture books include *The Tree, The Story of Stars*, and *Oscar and Arabella*. He lives on the Isle of Wight.

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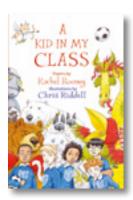
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JANE NEWBERRY taught Early Years Music for over 25 years. Her previous poetry collection is *Big Green Crocodile*. Jane lives in Cornwall. **CAROLINA RABEPS** first picture book, *Snow* (Faber), was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal. She lives in Cambridge.



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RACHEL ROONEY worked as a teacher of children with special needs while bringing up her three sons. Her debut poetry collection, *The Language of Cat*, won the CLiPPA Award in 2012, and was followed by CLiPPA-shortlisted *My Life as a Goldfish*, and *Hey, Girl!*, a powerful exploration of adolescence, for 11+. Rachel lives in Brighton.

CHRIS RIDDELL is internationally renowned both as artist and author. His awards include the Kate Greenaway Medal (2002, 2004), the Costa Children's Book Award (2013), and the Hay Festival Medal for Illustration (2015). He was Children's Laureate from 2015-17. He lives in Brighton.

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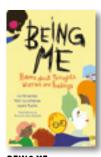
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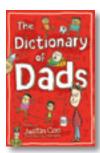


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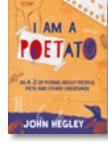


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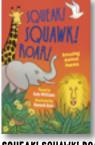


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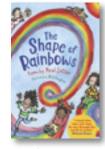


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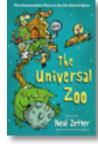
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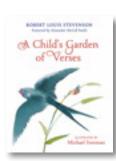




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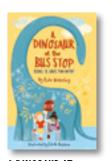
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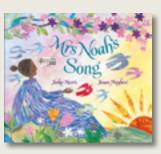


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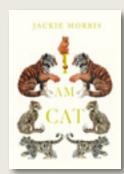
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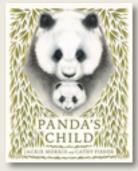


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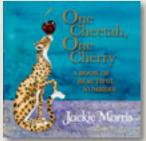
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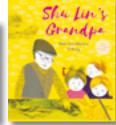


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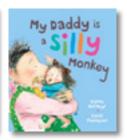
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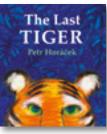


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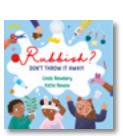


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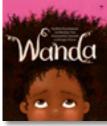


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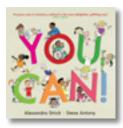


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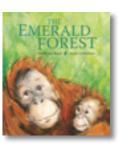
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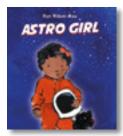
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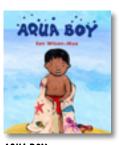
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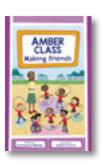


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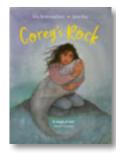


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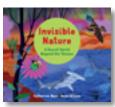
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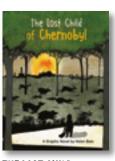


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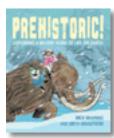
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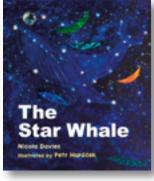


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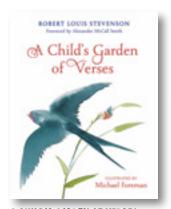


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