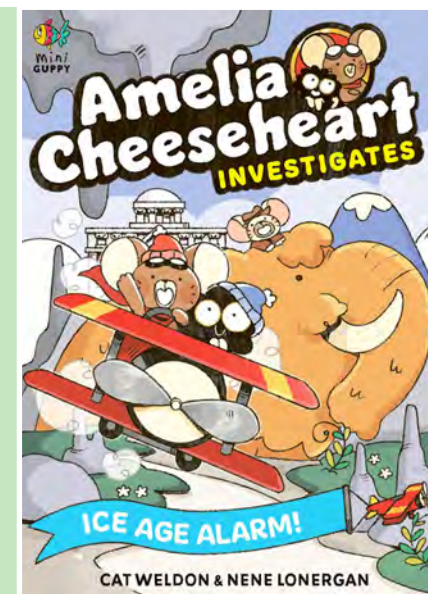
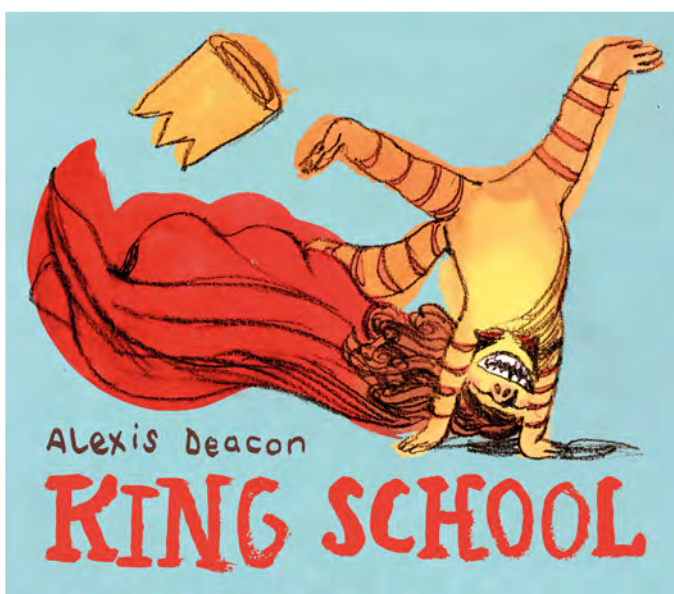


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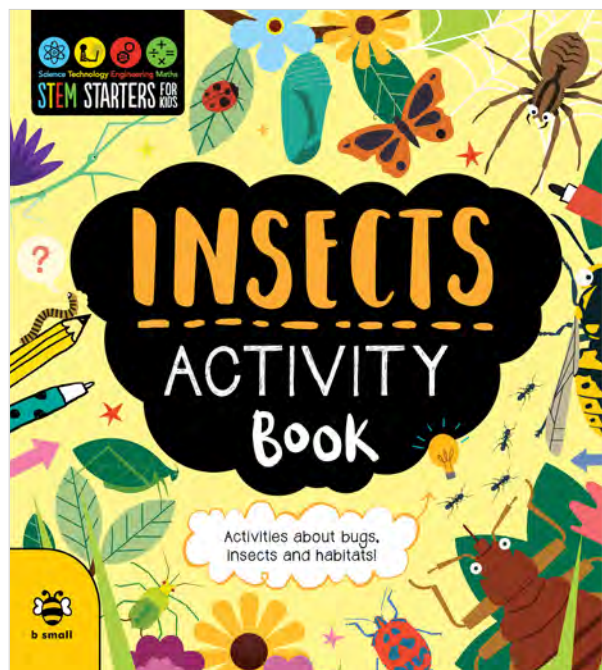


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<b>Price</b>	£6.99 (no VAT)	<b>Illustrator</b>	Ste Johnson
<b>Age</b>	5 years and up	<b>Market</b>	Worldwide
<b>Extent</b>	32 pages	<b>THEMA</b>	YNNL / YNT

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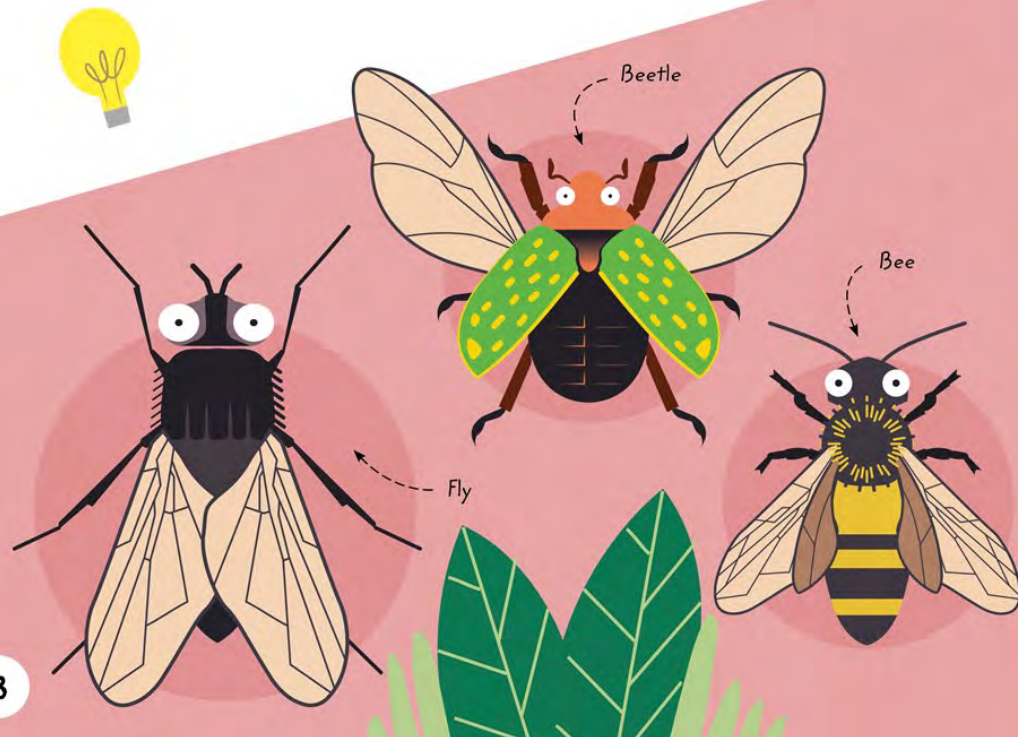
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# WINGS!

Many insects are able to fly, and they often have two pairs of wings. But not all insects follow this rule. The most famous flying insect - the fly! - has only one pair of wings. A beetle's outer pair of wings are hard and don't help them to fly. Instead, they protect the softer wings underneath.

Being able to fly is one of the reasons that insects survive so well in nature. They can escape danger, find food, meet other insects and look for the perfect home.



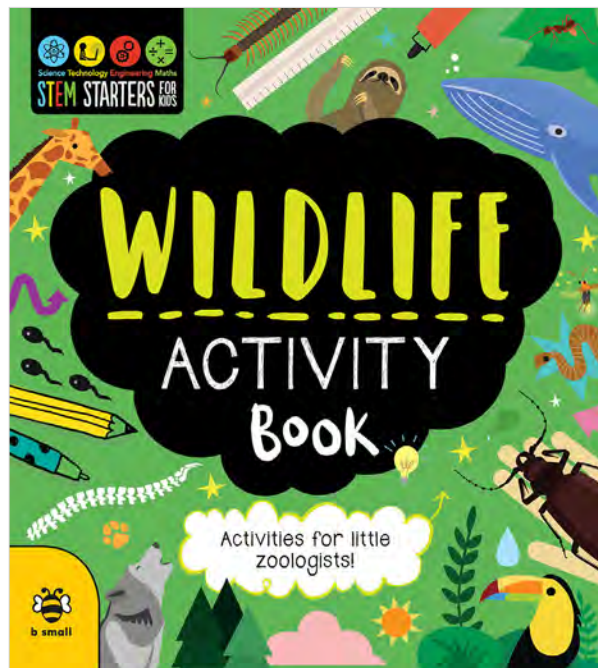


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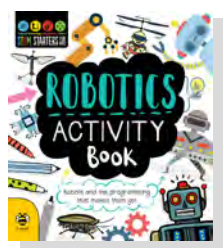
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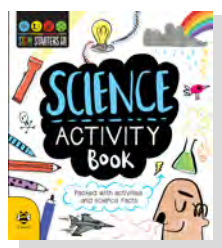
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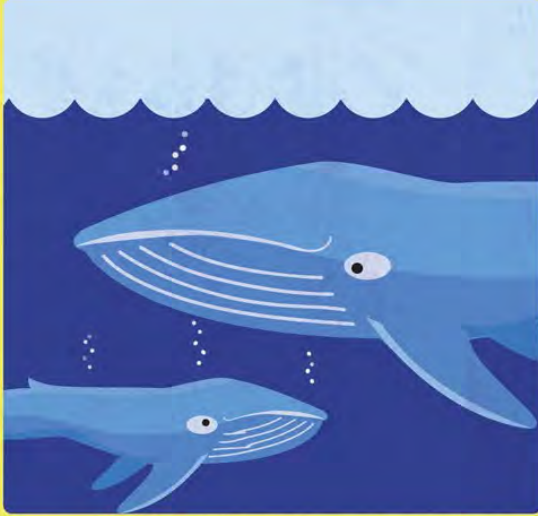
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# GROWING UP

Birds and most reptiles lay hard-shelled eggs, from which their young will hatch. Most mammals give birth to live young that need milk to grow. Most fish and amphibians lay soft eggs in water, which go through quite big changes before becoming adults.



Discover more about how animals go from baby to adult with this quiz. Check your answers on page 31.



1. All baby animals need milk from their mother to grow.

☐ TRUE?

☐ FALSE?

2. Birds aren't the only animals that lay eggs.

☐ TRUE?

☐ FALSE?

3. Blue whale babies are 12 metres long when they are born - about the length of a bus!

☐ TRUE?

☐ FALSE?

4. Sometimes the male animal carries the babies instead of the female.

☐ TRUE?

☐ FALSE?

5. Frogs are the only animal with four stages in their life cycle (frogspawn → tadpole → froglet → frog).

☐ TRUE?

☐ FALSE?

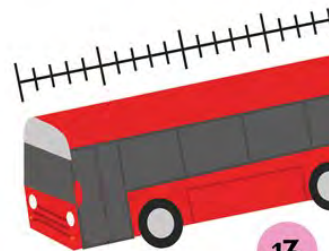
6. Polar bears give birth to just one cub.

☐ TRUE?

☐ FALSE?

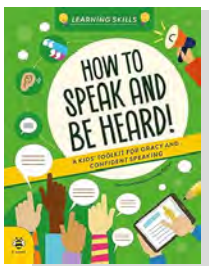
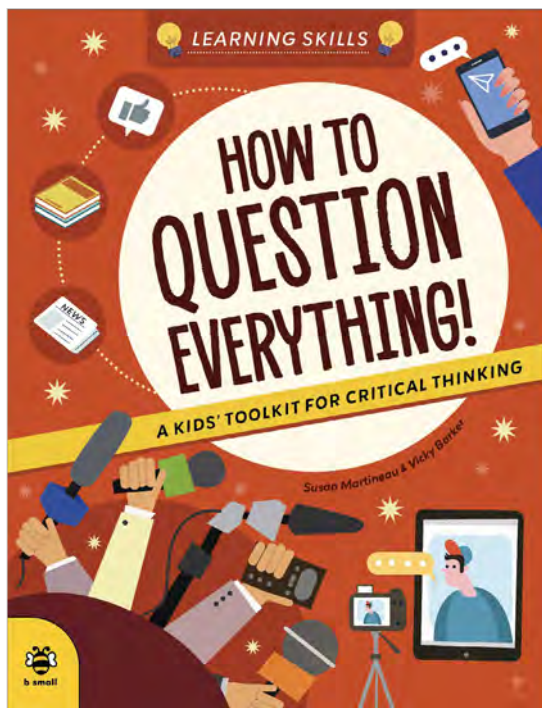


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# ADVANCE INFORMATION NON-FICTION



9781916851917  
PB £8.99

## How to Question Everything!

written by Susan Martineau, illustrated by Vicky Barker

### TAKING THE ANXIETY OUT OF BREAKING NEWS

Critical literacy helps children learn about the world around them in a calm and safe way. It's not just about spotting fake news, it also involves learning how to think carefully about things every day - decisions, thoughts, feelings - so that children can face the information jungle without unnecessary fear or anxiety.

Series title: Learning Skills

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Updated edition of *Question Everything* (2020) to include AI
- A simple introduction that teachers can build on
- Part of a series that will also tackle oracy and scientific literacy

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## IN THE NEWS!

News stories are written and shared in many different ways.  
The same story often looks very different, depending on who has written it.

# MONSTER KILLER!

Beach paradise is now a killer's playground



"No one is safe in the water," said one horrified witness after terrifying shark attack.



## Shark attack responsible for surfer injury

The Paradise Beach Surfing Club have confirmed that one of their members was attacked by a large shark yesterday. He survived, but lost part of an arm as he wrestled with the beast.

## DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY

Latest news



We can confirm that a shark was involved in yesterday's incident. Sharks rarely attack humans. It is possible that the shark mistook the surfer for a seal, its usual prey.



How do these different versions of the story make you feel?



### Who writes the news?

Stories might be written by eyewitnesses or people who were actually there. Journalists investigate events and report on them. Experts may comment on what has happened. Some stories might be written using AI to gather and put information together (see page 6).



Is a news story full of

**FACTS**

or

**SPECULATION?**

means the writer has carefully checked the facts of what happened. They have spoken to reliable eyewitnesses and experts on the subject.

means the writer has included their own theory or guess about what happened. It might be based on the facts, but it is the writer's opinion.

### Activity



Write up a news story.  
You can write about an event you have witnessed yourself.  
Ask your friends to read it.  
How does it make them feel?

### WORDS TO KNOW

**RELIABLE** describes someone you can trust or believe.

**EXPERT** is a person with great knowledge or skill in something.

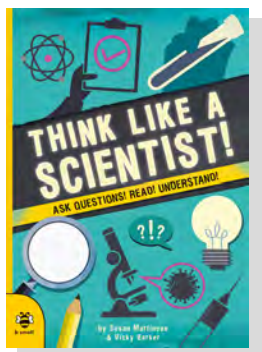
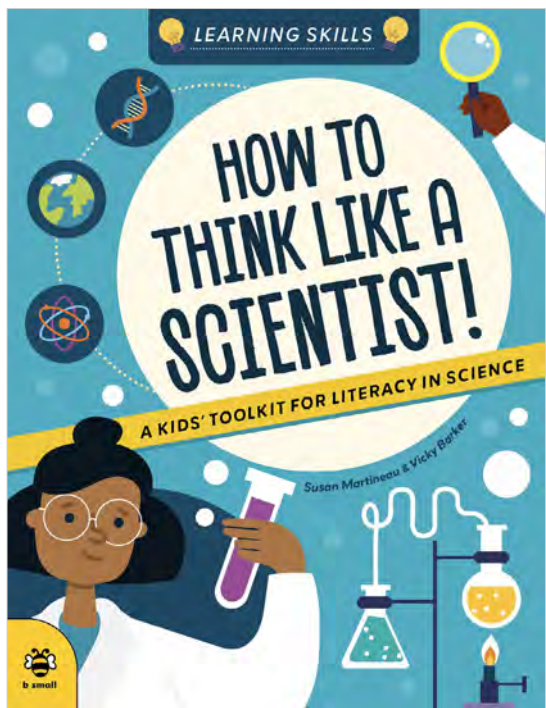


And then there is everyone else who might want to share it!





# ADVANCE INFORMATION NON-FICTION



9781913918095  
PB £5.99

## How to Think Like a Scientist!

written by Susan Martineau, illustrated by Vicky Barker

### EXPLAINING THE SCIENCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Scientific literacy gives children the skills to understand the context behind the scientific information they see in the world. It's not just about statistics and studies, it also involves useful skills - solving problems, asking questions, communicating facts - that children can use and they learn about any topic.

Series title: Learning Skills

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# SCIENCE IS EVERYWHERE!

Science helps us to find out about everything around us on our beautiful planet, and beyond into the Universe. It also helps us to live safe and healthy lives.

What is a black hole in space?

Where will there be another earthquake?

What lives in the deepest depths of the oceans?

Do trees talk to each other?

Scientists are never finished with their work. They are always finding out new things and they do this by asking lots of questions, experimenting, observing and then asking more questions.

How many lemurs are left in the wild?

Why and how did that happen?

When did it happen?

Can we measure or test that?

Will it happen again?

How can we find out more?

What is that made of?

We also need to ask questions to understand what scientists tell us, and to navigate this world of scientific information and evidence. If we ask the right questions we can learn more about how they do their work.

Asking questions is the best way to find out true facts. There is always more to find out so maybe you will become a scientist yourself, too!

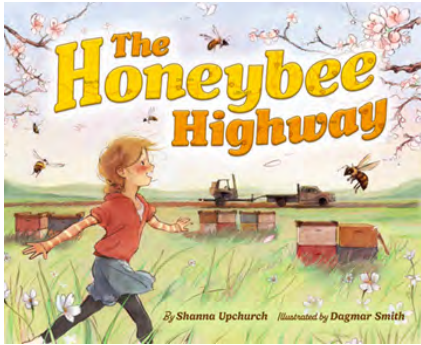
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## WORDS TO KNOW

**EVIDENCE** is anything that helps to prove that something is, or is not, true.

**AI** stands for Artificial Intelligence. Computers rely on people to write programs telling them what to do. AI is when a program gives the computer ways of gathering information and the ability to create its own new programs. AI is used to analyse data and solve problems in many different scientific areas from space exploration to medical research. This means it can do lots of things that only humans used to do!

What do you think about this?



# The Honeybee Highway

Shanna Upchurch

Disney  
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**WATERCRESS** gets an ecological twist in this celebration of honeybees, agriculture, family, and—above all—kid power in the latest addition to Disney Planet Possible Books.

An eighteen-wheeler barrels across the country, loaded with over 400 beehives. It's bound for the almond groves of California, and seven-year-old JJ is along for the ride!

Once there, the honeybees will pollinate the almond flowers, bouncing from tree to tree to help the almonds grow. These beehives are part of the honeybee highway, an expansive network of commercial beehives that play an essential role in growing the food that feeds the people of our world—just ask Joey J. She's a honeybee expert and an essential member of her uncle's team. Uncle Mike, Jose, and Joey load up the bee crates and make the long journey across the country—stopping only at night so as not to disturb the bees. After that, there is a lot to worry about, like how to keep the bees cool, passing inspection, and wondering if native pollinators will ever be able to help grow enough food to feed the planet.

With the lyricism and family relationships of favorites like **WATERCRESS**, this stunning debut sheds light on a little-known piece of our world's food supply and celebrates the magnificent honeybee.

- **ACTIONABLE:** Back matter will explain the importance of native pollinators as well as the crucial role commercial beehives play in feeding Earth's growing population. DIY activities for kids and their caretakers will encourage growing plants that attract honeybees and nurture their population.

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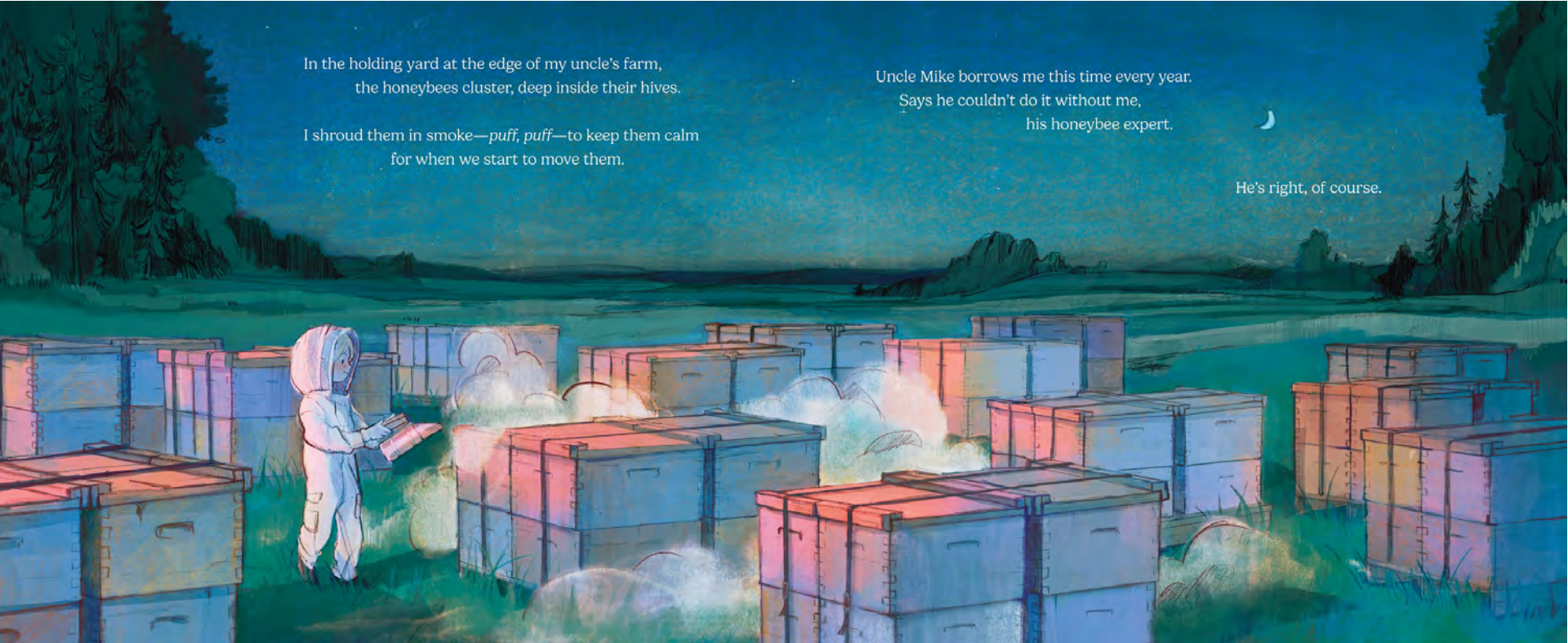


In the holding yard at the edge of my uncle's farm,  
the honeybees cluster, deep inside their hives.

I shroud them in smoke—*puff, puff*—to keep them calm  
for when we start to move them.

Uncle Mike borrows me this time every year.  
Says he couldn't do it without me,  
his honeybee expert.

He's right, of course.



# Lilibet Makes a Friend

Kersten Hamilton

Lilibet has lots of friends—it's just that they are all imaginary! Can she build the perfect real-life friend?

With a relatable neurodivergent main character and a message of friendship and acceptance, this funny and heartfelt picture book is perfect for 3-5 year olds.

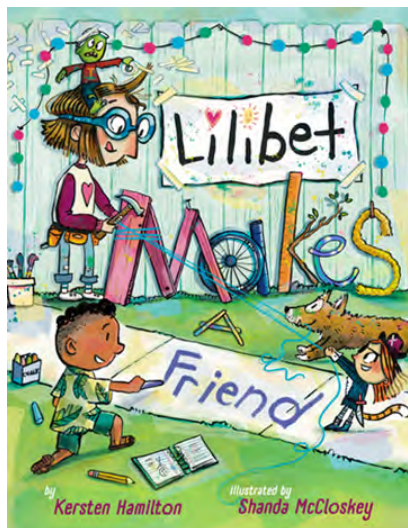
Lilibet has tools, a lab, and a notebook. She also has lots of friends, like Calico Cate, Tom Zombie, and Dire Pup. It's just that they're all imaginary. So she plans a new project, REAL FRIEND 1.0, and makes a list of requirements:

- Knows the difference between a bug and an insect (extremely important!)
- Never calls her robot face
- Or computer brain
- Does not ask if she is a boy or a girl

As she sets out to build a friend, she is joined by Paul "Peanut" Shelley, who is keen to help, whether Lilibet likes it or not. It turns out, sometimes the best of friends come from unexpected places.

Celebrated author Kersten Hamilton writes from her own experience on the autism spectrum, creating a one-of-a-kind neurodivergent protagonist in a story brimming charm and humor.

**NEURODIVERSITY REPRESENTATION:** Celebrated author Kersten Hamilton writes her first autistic protagonist in LILIBET MAKES A FRIEND, drawing inspiration from her own childhood.



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**Format** 229 x 279 mm

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**Age** 3-5 years

**Extent** 40

**Publisher** Disney Hyperion



Lilibet dove over the bump and rolled.

The Friend flew over her and smash landed.



When Peanut finally made it down the hill, he collapsed on the grass beside her.

"You won," he gasped.

Lilibet started to laugh.



Peanut held his sides and rolled with laughter.

"You're cool," he said. "Cool-cool-cool."



# I Am Because We Are:

## A Celebration of Community and Ubuntu

### Allison Matulli



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

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

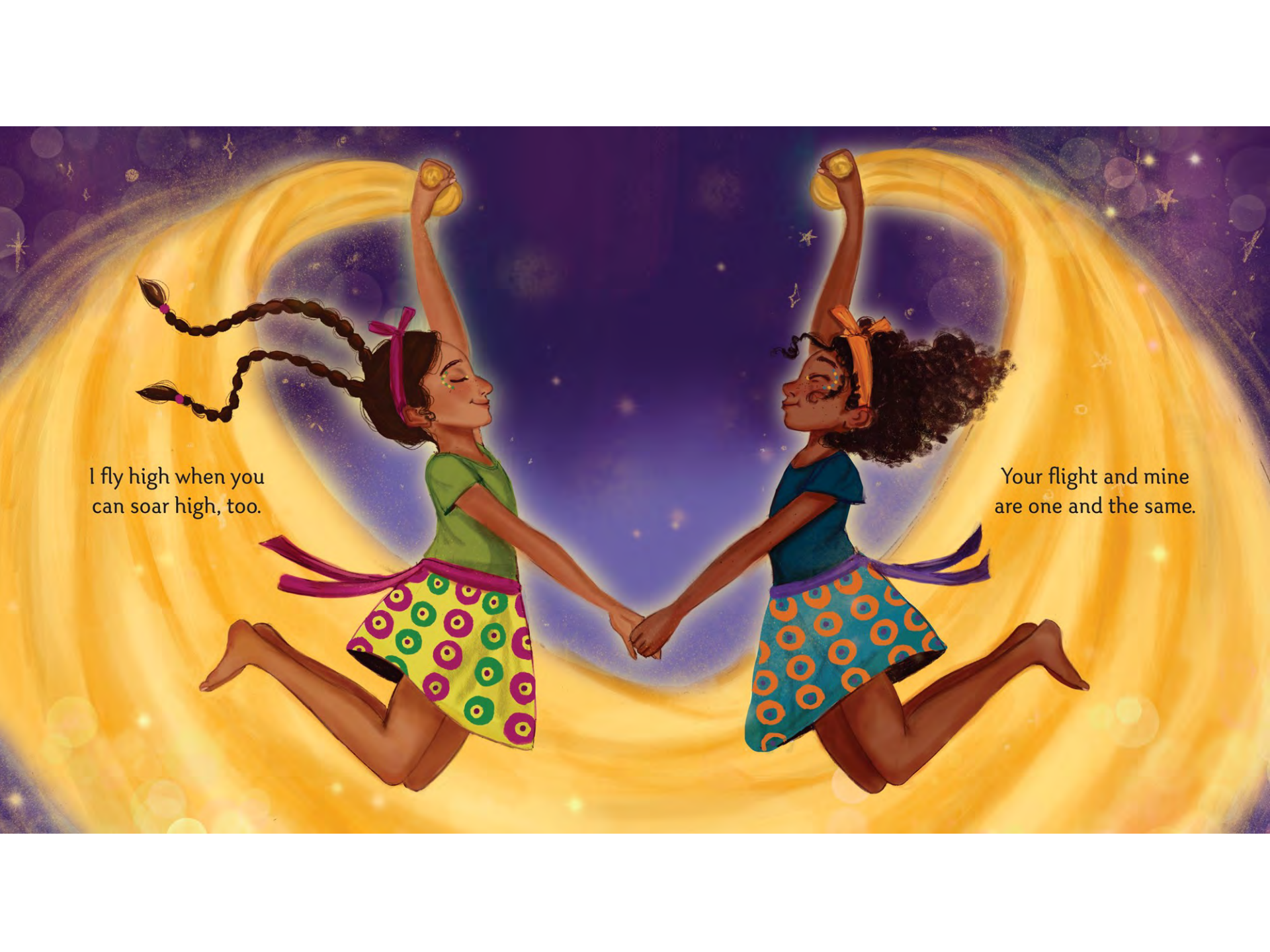
Your joy is my joy.  
My freedom is your freedom.  
Me.  
You.  
We.  
All of us!

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

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

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Price	£12.99
Age	3-7 years
Extent	40
Publisher	Disney Hyperion



An illustration of two young girls floating in a cosmic space. They are holding hands and each holding a small yellow sphere. The background is a deep purple with a large, glowing yellow ring that they appear to be flying through. There are many small stars and bokeh light effects scattered throughout the scene. The girl on the left has long braids and wears a green shirt and a yellow skirt with purple and green polka dots. The girl on the right has curly hair and wears a blue shirt and a blue skirt with orange and yellow polka dots.

I fly high when you  
can soar high, too.

Your flight and mine  
are one and the same.



# Skyshattered

Julia Kagawa

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With incredible world-building, a fast-paced narrative, and both adorable—and terrifying—dragons, this third and final book in the epic middle grade fantasy series by New York Times bestselling author Julie Kagawa is sure to be a hit with fans of Wings of Fire.

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Publisher	Disney Hyperion





# Rayana Johnson's Giant Leap

Disney • HYPERION

Jill Tew

**For fans of middle grade contemporary by authors like Janae Marks, Ibi Zoboi, and Leah Johnson who are already beloved by teachers, librarians, and booksellers alike**

A hilarious and heartfelt middle-grade novel about a STEM loving Black girl finding her place in the universe again after her first period knocks her out of orbit. Rayana Johnson always thought that turning thirteen would mean being old enough to stay home alone, go on her first date, and attend Galaxy Camp, a sleepaway camp that's all about her true passion—space exploration.

But instead of having a blast on flight simulators and multi-axis trainers or learning what it takes to explore the stars, Ray's mind is stuck on Earth, wondering why her parents are arguing, why her best friend isn't acting like herself, and why her totally-crushworthy counselor keeps treating her like a kid. Then, just when things couldn't get any worse, puberty throws her the ultimate curveball—she gets her first period.

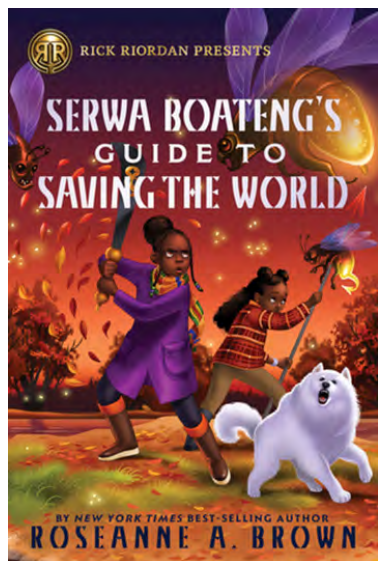
In the span of just a few days, Ray's gone from having total certainty in her universe to barely being able to count on anything—not her parents' marriage, not Galaxy Camp, and not even her own body. Will she ever feel grounded again, or is the rest of her life destined to be as nebulous as the Milky Way?

**HILARIOUS AND HEARTFELT:** Ellie Engle's charm and wit meets Rick Riordan Presents humor and fun in Jill Tew's middle grade novel. A fitting combination for the Freedom Fire program.

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Gods are made, not born.

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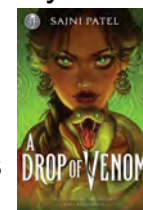
Nothing is as it seems in a land filled with ravenous monsters, ghoulish residents, and a river full of the dead. But most terrifying of all is the Shadow King, who intends to use Eshani to obtain immortality. As it turns out, Eshani—nicknamed “little goddess of spring”—is the key to fulfilling the Nightmare Realm’s prophecy. There’s only one person who can help Eshani escape, and he has his own problems.

Hiran has spent most of his life hiding, but destiny beckons, and he can no longer resist the call of the realm. But how can a stowaway, long thought to be dead, save an entire world? Nothing will stop the Nightmare Realm from getting what it wants. Except maybe a king in the making and a goddess rising.

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# Wish Upon a K-Star

Kat Cho

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**For fans of Jenny Han, Emily Henry, and BTS who love hilarious yet heartfelt romcoms layered with the drama of K-pop and glitz and glamour of K-dramas.**

A spin-off to the New York Times best-selling *Once Upon a K-Prom*, a K-pop idol and an up-and-coming K-drama star must fake date in this fresh and funny romcom that Korean pop culture fans will absolutely swoon over!

Moon Minseok—or Moonster as this WDB fans know him—wasn’t born to lead. Even as part of the world’s most popular K-Pop group, he found comfort in his role as the jokester, the sidekick, the unserious one (with the cutest smile). But now WDB is drowning in dating scandals, and it’s time for Moonster to take charge of the group's image.

Shin Hyeri has been dealing with some scandals of her own. An up-and-coming K-Drama actress, she’s been labeled a “nepo baby” (with a famous idol as a big brother) and now, a bully (which couldn’t be further from the truth). Desperate to show the world that she’s earned her spot, Hyeri is determined not to let her rising star crash and burn. When these two childhood enemies get caught up in yet another scandal while co-hosting a K-Pop festival, there’s only one solution that will save both of their reputations: appear on one of Korea’s most popular variety shows, *Our Celebrity Marriage* (where celebrities pretend to get married and compete in ‘newlywed’ challenges).

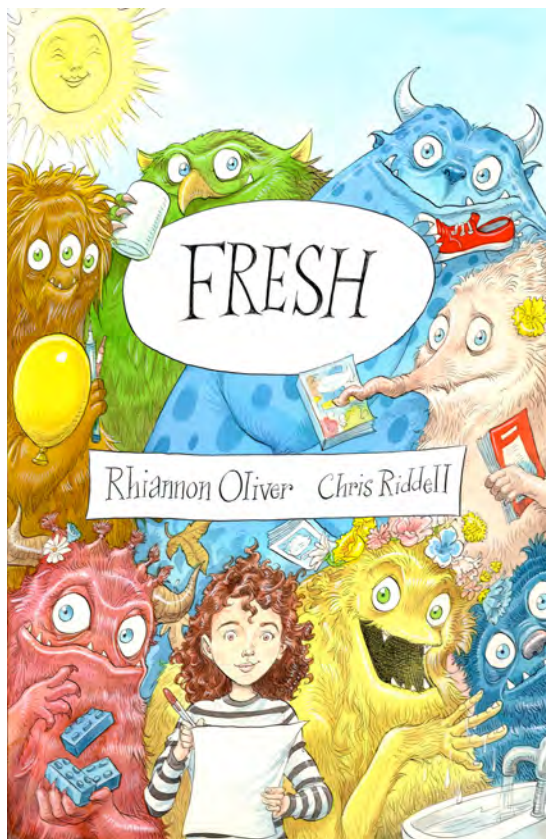
The plan is simple—pretend to get along, win back the fans, then go their separate ways. But what happens when a fake marriage leads to real feelings? Will Moonster and Hyeri bow to the pressures of their famous realities, or will they decide their love is something worth fighting for?

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# FRESH

Rhiannon Oliver  
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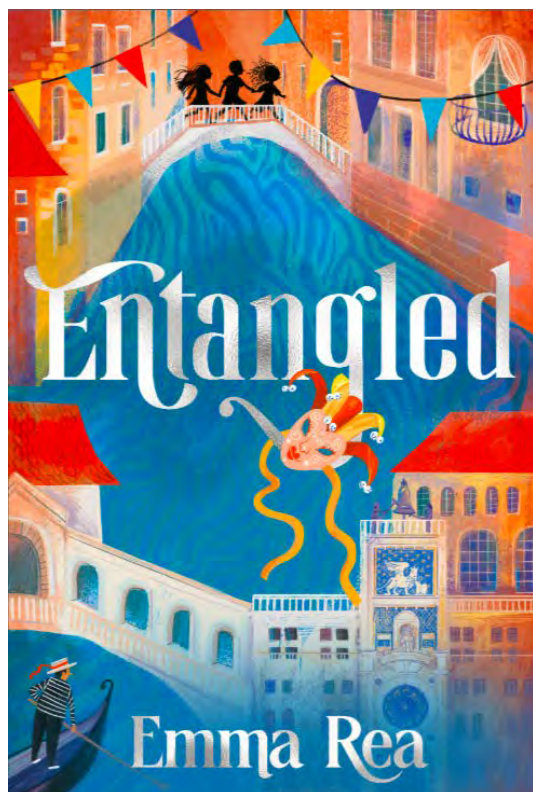
*Love we have to leave!  
Mum's voice bounces off the ceiling  
for the last time.*

*We have to leave.  
I leave my breath in the walls  
And sigh goodbye to the house  
That will stay in my bones.*



**Rhiannon Oliver** trained as an actress at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) and has worked at Shakespeare's Globe, National Theatre, National Theatre of Wales, Off-Broadway, and on UK, and International tours. She started writing poetry for children in 2020 and has since been widely published in magazines, websites, and anthologies. *Fresh* is her debut poetry collection. @rhicattjam (X) @rhiannonoliverwords (IG)

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## Emma Rea



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- *My Name is River* selected for Summer Reading Challenge and Sunday Times Book of the Week.

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### Why we love it:

*'I can't wait for readers to race over the bridges of Venice, shoot through the waterways and disappear into the lagoon along with Thomas and his friends in this intriguing adventure.'* Hayley Fairhead, Editor



**Emma Rea** is an author, reviewer and proof reader. She is the author of MG novels *Top Dog* (Gomer 2014) which was shortlisted for the North Somerset Teachers' Book Award and *My Name is River* (Firefly Press 2020) which was selected as a Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week and a Summer Reading Challenge pick. She lives in London and regularly visits mid-Wales where she used to live.

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### THE AUTHOR

Tamsin lives in Bath with her husband, two children, one rabbit, several crows, and a badger, though she still flies home to Shetland whenever she can. If you go there in the summer, you'll probably spot her, striding about with the wind in her hair, chasing a wild story.

She is the author of the Weather Weaver Adventure trilogy. The first book in the series won the Dudley Children's Book Award in 2021, and was shortlisted for the North Somerset Teacher's Book Award.



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# Frank the Monster

Author **Mats Strandberg** Illustrator **Sofia Falkenheim**

Fast-paced horror with heart about a cuddly werewolf and his pack of misfit monster friends



## ABOUT THE BOOK

A boy-turned-werewolf discovers his identity and finds his pack of misfit monster friends in this fast-paced, Nordic noir, illustrated series. The chapter books offer horror with heart to entice young readers and build a bridge to independent reading.

## SALES POINTS

- Explores themes of how we fear difference and finding your pack
- The sweet cast of monsters provide an emotional hook alongside the horror thrills
- Offers a bridge for children beginning to read independently
- Written by Sweden's leading horror writer
- Published in 18 languages, adapted into a play and a film under way

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

**Mats Strandberg** is one of Sweden's most acclaimed suspense and horror writers for children and adults, published internationally. His Frank the Monster series is an award-winning bestseller and book club choice, read by children around the world in eighteen languages.

**Sofia Falkenheim** is an artist in Malmö, Sweden, where she also works as a high school art teacher. Her work includes comics, traditional printmaking, and illustrations for children's books.

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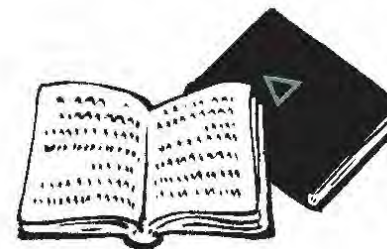
As I walked in, the owl glinted in the sunlight, almost as if it were blinking at me.

It took a while to find the right part of the library because I didn't want to ask for help. The librarian might say I was too young to be reading books about monsters. As I searched the shelves, I thought she was giving me suspicious looks.

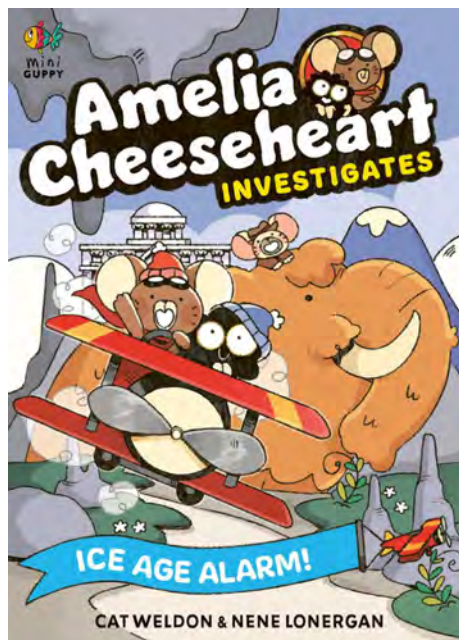
There were heaps of books about monsters. I had no idea there were so many creatures to be afraid of. Ghosts and vampires and zombies of course, and witches with warts on their noses. Mummies with filthy bandages. Evil gnomes and jack o' lanterns. There were also books about gods and creatures I'd never heard of, like cyclops and djinns and kitsune. There were Egyptian cat gods, an Indian god with an elephant trunk and Greek musclemen with horse bodies, called centaurs.



There were a lot of books about werewolves: people who sometimes turned into wolflike monsters. That felt familiar to say the least, so I read more.



Apparently, a long time ago everyone believed in werewolves. In fact, back



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It's time for Amelia Cheeseheart to investigate!

## Author Information

Cat Weldon is a children's author who writes funny, fast-paced stories full of adventure, heart, and a sprinkling of chaos. She has a lifelong fascination with museums – the hidden corners, the curious artefacts, and the stories that lurk inside every display case – and can often be found jotting down ideas beside a fossil or two.

Cat holds a master's degree in scriptwriting and has a background in children's theatre. These days, she splits her time between writing, teaching, and chasing her wayward chickens through neighbouring gardens, while occasionally pausing for a banana. She lives in East Anglia with her family and a growing collection of museum postcards. Alongside *Amelia Cheeseheart Investigates*, Cat is also the author of a hilarious Viking trilogy for older readers, *How to Be a Hero*.

Nene Lonergan is a Thai/Chinese artist based in Ireland. She started drawing comic books at age 7 and has not yet stopped. Her comic works have been published in the OPArts Anthology, the HOME Anthology and Inis Magazine, for which she has been nominated for the Eco de Literatura prize (2021), the Ignatz awards (2022) and the Le Blanc Literature prize (2022). After art college, she won the prize in Illustration from the Irish Institute of Designers Graduate Awards for her short comic in 2023.



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'One of the best YA books I have read this year' Just Imagine

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## Author Information

Ken is the author of several books for young readers. His award-winning Silverwing trilogy has sold over a million copies worldwide and been adapted as an animated TV series and stage play. His novel Airborn won a Michael L. Printz Honor Book Award and the Canadian Governor General's Literary Award for children's literature. His most recent book, Ghostlight, was praised as "a thrill ride packed with harrowing escapes, puzzling mysteries, and memorable characters" (SLJ starred review). Ken lives in Toronto.

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# The Catventures of Sparky and George

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The debut chapter-book from award-winning picture book author Alan Windram with fabulous line drawings throughout by Giulia Cregut.

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## Description

Everybody says it is a dog's life, but Sparky and George both knew that was just rubbish. Dogs were soooo silly, always running around after their humans, doing what they were told, chasing things, and BRINGING THEM BACK! Why on earth would you want to do that?

Whereas being a cat was the absolute very best.

Tasty treats, lots of nap's AND the whole wide world was just waiting to be explored on the other side of the cat flap.

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## About the author

Alan Windram is the award-winning author of the hugely popular *One Button Benny* series of picture books. *One Button Benny* was the winner of the Bookbug Picture Book Prize in 2019.

Alan is on the road for much of the year taking part in book festivals, school and library events. He loves meeting the children, telling stories, singing songs and doing some 'robot dancing'.

Alan is an accomplished singer-songwriter with four independent albums of original songs under his belt.

The Catventures of Sparky and George is Alan's first chapterbook based on the antics of his two cats.

Alan lives near Oban with his wife and two furry friends, Sparky and George.

## About the illustrator

Giulia has been in love with art all her life.

She began to draw and paint as soon as she was given her first crayons as a child. At school she struggled with maths, english, and science...luckily she found art. She studied painting, drawing and other disciplines for six years at the Centro d'arte Martenot, in Francesca Del Panta's Studio, Italy.

From 2014 to 2017 she studied illustration at the Nemo Academy in Florence. She now loves her work as a freelance illustrator.

Giulia has previously illustrated the Little Door Books Rory the Dragon series of chapter books.

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## CHAPTER 10

Ray sat up, his head still spinning after his bounce down the hill and then crashing into the fox. He saw stars and chickens, and even squirrels, spinning round him. Slowly, the merry-go-round slowed down, and everything came into focus, and he felt Beryl cautiously trying to hug him for saving her – she didn't want to

# ADVANCED INFORMATION

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- Winner of a White Raven Award
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**Louise Finch** grew up in a small town in the Midlands. After studying History of Art she worked for over a decade in the charity sector across women's and LGBT+ rights, and youth arts. She now lives in the South East of England with her husband, their two small dogs and too many house plants, surrounded by books, craft supplies and vintage furniture.

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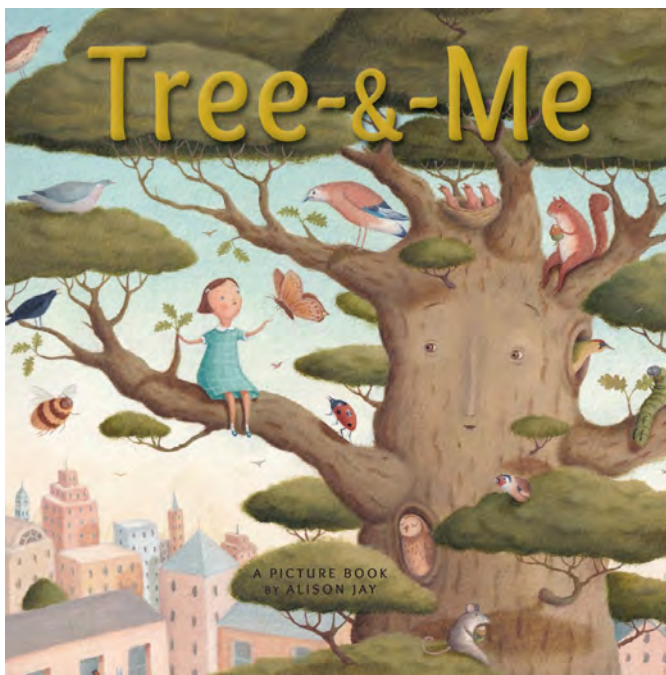
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Alison Jay graduated from the London College of Printing with a first class degree in graphic design and, after a short stint in animation, has been an illustrator ever since. She has over 30 children's books to her name and has been listed for some of the world's most prestigious awards.

**Format:** Hardback  
**Size:** 245 x 245 mm  
**Extent:** 32 pp  
**BIC Code:** YBCS  
**BISAC:** JUV029010  
**Thema:** YBC, YBLL  
**CBMC:** A3M79  
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**Price:** £12.99  
**Imprint:** Old Barn Books



## Tree & Me

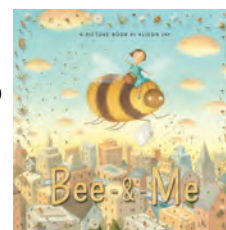


Did you know? Oak trees can be home to over 200 species and jays are thought to be responsible for planting more acorns than any other creature.


### About Tree & Me

Daisy and Pedro escape to the woods and bring back an acorn, dropped by a passing jay. The acorn sprouts and magically grows too big for its pot on the windowsill so they plant it out on the street. Soon, the tree is a friendly giant, and reaches in through Daisy's window, inviting her to crawl onto a branch and discover all the birds and bugs who have made the tree their home. Over the summer, the oak provides food and shade for all kinds of creatures, including humans, who drag their tables out into the street to eat in its shade. But autumn comes and the wind blows – bringing down new acorns. Daisy and Pedro collect the acorns and fly on the backs of their friends the jays, to plant new trees in the city. A sequel to *Bee & Me*, a firm favourite in nurseries and primary schools around the globe, *Tree & Me* book carries an uplifting message about nature's life cycles and features Alison's signature detailed and humorous artwork.

9781910646199  
PB £7.99








Into a cool, dark tree-cave.

Looking up, not bricks but branches



Not planes but birds.



# Big Red Dragon

Play-Rhymes Through the Year

Jane Newberry, illustrated by Carolina Rabei



An exciting collection of original action rhymes for every season, for babies and toddlers

Find hamsters, dogs, robins and unicorns, little cars and big diggers, stomp like a dinosaur or fly like a big red dragon in this beautifully illustrated collection of 15 action rhymes, each with clear instructions for the parent or carer on how to act out the rhymes.

Rhymes celebrate festivals and special events, such as Easter, Halloween, Diwali, Christmas and Chinese New Year.

This book is a perfect companion to Jane Newberry's very popular first collection, *Big Green Crocodile*, which was shortlisted for the CLIPPA award. At home, playgroup or nursery, the rhymes provide fun while also nurturing children's responses to language, rhyme and images.

- "At home, playgroup or nursery, the rhymes provide **fun** while also **nurturing** children's **responses** to **language, rhyme** and **images**." *Books Go Walkabout*
- "The illustrations give a small child every reason to want to join in as they **listen** to each verse and **copy** the action." *Books for Keeps*
- "Promotes **language development** through interactive poems, **beautiful bright illustrations** and clear instructions for parents and carers...**highly recommended** for nursery and EYFS libraries and for reading at home to very young children." *School Reading List*

## Author Information

**Jane Newberry's** unique insight into very young children began as a puppeteer at children's parties. She then taught music to Early Years groups for 25 years, garnering and creating a portfolio of rhymes and songs for creative play. Her previous collection, *Big Green Crocodile*, was a great success and prompted many requests for more.

**Carolina Rabei** is an internationally acclaimed children's book illustrator. Born in Moldova, she gained a BA in Graphic Art there and then an MA in Children's Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. Her debut book was an illustrated edition of Walter de la Mare's poem Snow. As well as illustrating *Big Green Crocodile* for Otter-Barry Books, she illustrated *Binky's Time to Fly* by Sharmila Collins. She lives in Cambridge.



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Full colour illustrations  
throughout

Paperback

275 x 240 mm, 32 pages

Interest age: From 2 years

BICs: YDP

RIGHTS: WORLD



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## Big Red Dragon

Big Red Dragon flying  
higher, higher, higher.

Big Red Dragon shouting,  
"Fire, fire, fire!!"

His paws clap, clap,  
his wings flap, flap

and he jumps up and down  
like a big rubber tyre!

Boing!

Boing!

### LET'S PLAY!

Lift child as high as you can  
for *higher, higher*.

Older toddlers can raise an arm  
and point upwards.

Cup hands round mouth for *fire, fire fire!*  
Indicate wings with big arm flaps.

JUMP up and down!!





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Hardback

215 x 250 mm, 40 pages

Colour illustrations throughout

**Interest age:** From 4 years

**BICs:** YBCS

**RIGHTS:** ROW

**Not for Sale:** ES

# King School

Alexis Deacon

**Fantastic new story from an iconic picture book creator**

There'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!"

And he takes the people into the forest and shows them a different way to be king....

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

- Rare **new picture book** from the **author of classics** such as *Beegu* and *Slow Loris* and *I am Henry Finch*
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- **Joyfully anarchic**
- **Witty** and **delightful** illustrations reminiscent of Maurice Sendak
- "One of the **most subtle** and **innovative** writers working today." – *Waterstones*

## Author Information

**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.





Then the people told the King  
everything they knew.

"Remember these things, they  
are important," the people said.  
The King tried to remember.

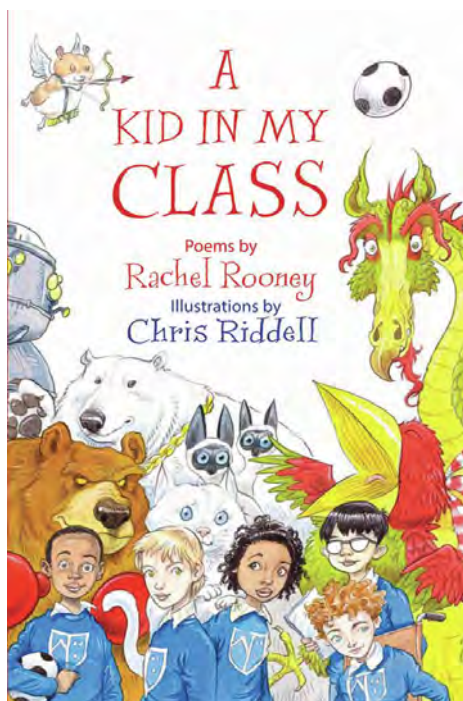




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Paperback

230 x 150 mm, 88 pages

Black and white illustrations throughout

Interest age: From 7 years

BICs: YDP RIGHTS: WORLD

# A Kid in My Class

Poems by Rachel Rooney, illustrated by Chris Riddell

Bestselling poetry collection by award-winning Rachel Rooney with iconic illustrator Chris Riddell - now available in paperback

They're all here...every kid in the class has their own poem. The pushy one, the shy one. The whizz kid and the daydreamer. The best-friender and the kid who runs in his wheelchair. The tough kid, the poet. And not forgetting the class hamster.

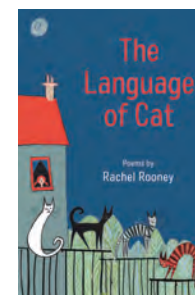
This collection from an outstanding poet, Rachel Rooney, winner of the CLiPPA Award, is perfectly matched by the amazing witty and inventive illustrations by Chris Riddell, the former UK Children's Laureate.

- "This moreish collection of poems about a class full of characters is **beautifully written and illustrated** and will ring bells with all children about their own behaviour and that of their schoolmates." *The Sunday Times*
- "Rooney evokes children's perspectives with **empathy**. The **poignancy** and **humour** of these character sketches are heightened by their illustrations." *Guardian*
- "**Thought-provoking** and **fun**." *The Week Junior*
- "Full of both emotion, and knowledge of the classroom, this is a **superb** collection, **brilliantly illustrated**. Poetry has never seemed more **alive** and more **relevant**." *Minerva Reads*
- "There is not one weak point in this **wonderful** collection." *Poetry Zone*

## Author Information

**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**, Children's Laureate 2015-17, 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 is currently president of the School Library Association. His bestselling books include the *Goth Girl* series, the *Coraline* series, *The Sleeper and the Spindle* with Neil Gaiman and *A Great Big Cuddle* with Michael Rosen. He lives in Brighton, UK.



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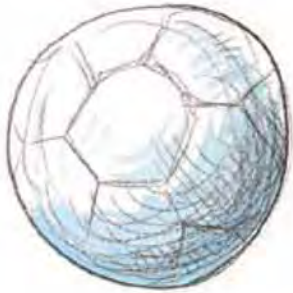
# Tomboy

Not glitter and glitz. Not hair clips and bangles,  
painting of toenails and doodled lovehearts.

More baseball cap worn at a jaunty right-angle,  
skateboard and shin pads, arm-wrestling, darts.

Not twirling pink tutus and crushes on singers,  
pouts in the mirror for selfies, fake fur.

More spit on the sidelines, whistle through fingers.  
Not a Tom. Not a boy. Just being more her.







## Bounce Recommends: Matt Goodfellow

Explore the CLPE Notes  
for *The Final Year*



### THE FINAL YEAR

Matt Goodfellow

Illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton



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verse novel about change,  
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working-class boy's experience  
of Year Six...It's one to read  
aloud to leavers so they will  
never forget their final year."  
Nicolette Jones,  
*Sunday Times*



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Children's Laureate 2024-2026

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*The Final Year*.  
Honest, warm,  
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a celebration of family  
and friendship."  
Patrice Lawrence

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Even better than  
*The Final Year* if that is  
possible. Cried buckets  
towards the end. Everyone  
needs to read this."  
*The School Librarian*

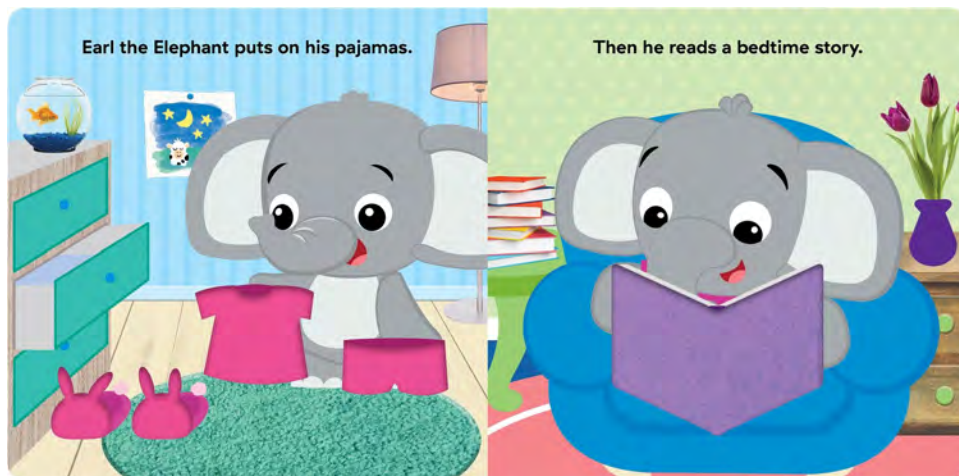
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A baby **cat** is called a kitten.



All kittens are born with blue eyes that can change color over time.





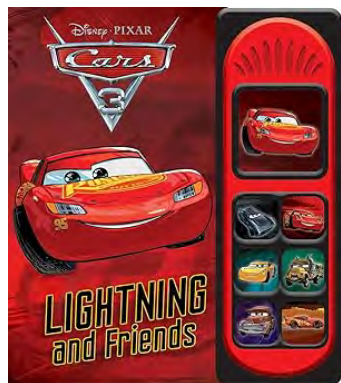
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Mater  takes Lightning  tractor-tipping  for fun. You just sneak up in front of 'em and then honk!



Mater  is the world's best backwards driver! Follow the track forwards and backwards.





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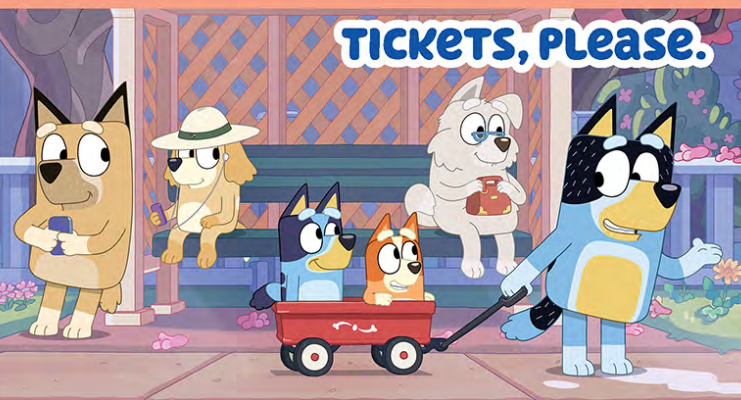
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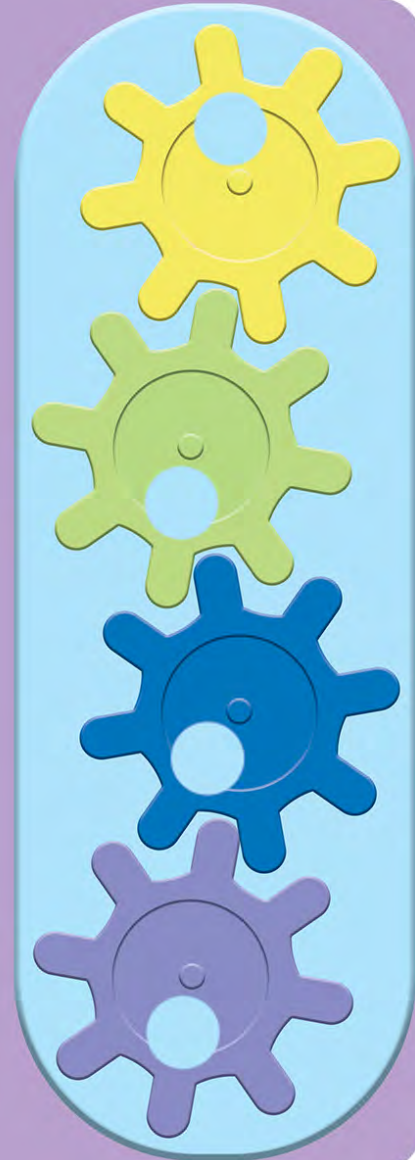
Bluey and Bingo wait for their bus.

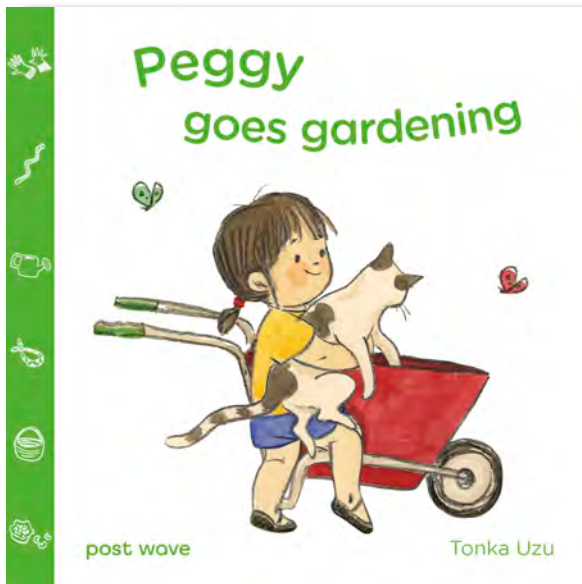


“Off we go, bus driver,” says Bluey.



“You ladies are certainly up early,”  
says Bus Driver Dad.





# Peggy Goes Gardening

Tonka Uzu

post wave  
children's books



**Join Peggy in her garden adventures in a charming story about curiosity, determination, and the joys of everyday life.**

Join Peggy and her mother on a delightful day in the garden! Determined to help with every task, Peggy eagerly exclaims, "I'll do it, I'll do it!" as she plants beans, waters seedlings, removes weeds and tastes raspberries. Though the results aren't always perfect, Peggy's cheerful spirit never waivers.

This charming book celebrates the small joys of everyday life paired with heart-warming illustrations and endearing messages of persistence and determination.

## Sales points:

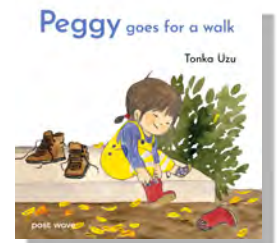
- Endearing watercolour artwork
- Perfect format for little hands
- Fosters an interest in nature and outdoor activities
- Supports the UK Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum by encouraging exploration and understanding of the natural world

## Reviews:

A lovely book that shows the small joys of trying and the little moments together. - Shelf Editions

## Author Biography:

Tonka Uzu was born and raised in Sofia, Bulgaria, and has lived in Italy before relocating to Cambridge, UK. She holds a BA Hons in History and Theory of Art from the University of Bologna and a Master's degree in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art at Anglia Ruskin University.



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HB £10.99

Pub Date: 23/04/2026

RRP: £7.99

Format: Board Book

ISBN: 9781836272106

Extent: 16 pp

Dimensions: 180 x 180 mm

Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

Thema: YNPG, YBCS, YBL, 5AC, YXFC,  
YBLN, YNWP

CMBC: A3M79

Series: Peggy Goes





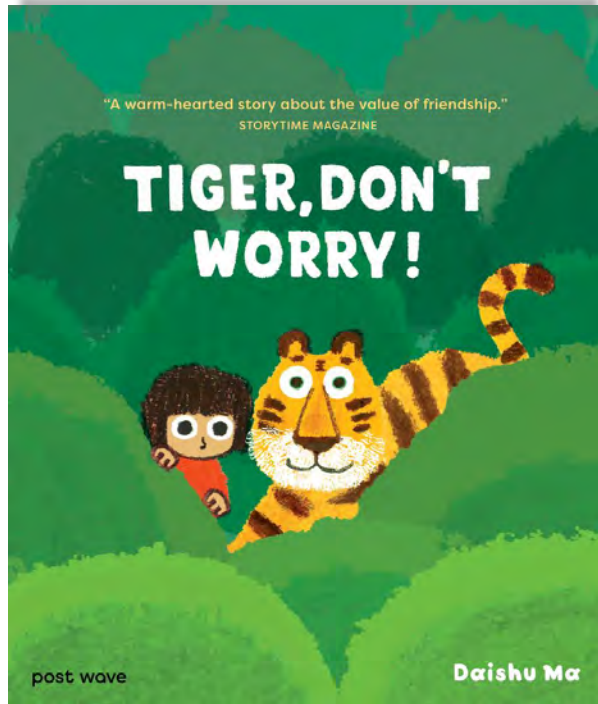
Peggy lies down in the soft grass,  
closes her eyes and imagines  
that she is a little flower.

Peggy loves gardening!

# Tiger, Don't Worry!

Daishu Ma

post wave  
children's books



Pub Date: 02/04/2026

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781836270324

Extent: 40 pp

Dimensions: 285 x 245 mm

Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

Thema: YBC, YBCS, YXEF, YXEL, YXHB, 5AC

CBMC: A3M79

Series: A Tiger and Mei Book

**Adorable duo, Tiger and Mei, learn the value of responsibility and courage in a heartwarming tale steeped in forgiveness.**

The adorable duo are back! In this heartwarming tale of friendship and courage, Mei and her exuberant best friend Tiger eagerly try to help make tea, but their efforts lead to broken tools and panic! Fearing being scolded, they run away, but Mei soon realises the importance of returning home and facing their mistake. They return home with trepidation and are relieved to be met with an important lesson in empathy, forgiveness and patience.

## Sales points:

- Loveable duo Mei and Tiger are back for a new adventure
- A sweet story about friendship, responsibility and courage
- Daishu Mu is a best-selling illustrator in China
- Simple and bright artwork

## Reviews:

The crisp and charming artwork works perfectly with a warm-hearted story about the value of friendship. - Storytime Magazine

This is a very sweet narrative covering a familiar childhood experience of accidentally making a mess, but it's the illustrations that are the real stars, here. - Teach Primary

## Author Biography:

Daishu Ma is a Chinese illustrator and graphic artist working in East London. Daishu's first wordless graphic novel *Leaf* was published in 2014. As well as writing and illustrating her own stories, she has worked on various collaborative projects, including the Chinese edition of the bestselling non-fiction title *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics*.



9781836270355  
PB £7.99



**“Let’s run away!”**

I jump on Tiger’s back and  
hold on REALLY tight.







Pub Date: 23/04/2026

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836270737

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 285 x 245 mm Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

Thema: YBGH, YNNB2, YNN, YZG

CBMC: A2J79

# The Storm Cloud

Frances Stickley and Emily Hamilton

post wave  
children's books



**A beautiful, life-affirming and hopeful story about sitting with sadness, the power of friendship, and learning that the brightest rainbows always come after a storm.**

It's a wonderfully sunny Spring day but Bear has woken up to find a storm cloud hanging above his head and he just can't get rid of it. Can his friends help him to find his way through the storm to discover the brightest of rainbows?

## Sales points:

- A beautifully written, heartfelt picture book with potential to become a modern classic
- Huge crossover gifting potential
- Supports little ones (and bigger ones!) to talk about feelings openly and compassionately and to know that they are not alone
- Perfect for fans of Charlie Mackesy and *Guess How Much I Love You?*

## Author Biography:

**Frances Stickley** is a former primary school teacher and trained literacy specialist. Her picture books have been published by Walker, Andersen, Nosy Crow, Magic Cat and Simon & Schuster. She lives in Nottinghamshire.

**Emily Hamilton** is a self-taught illustrator based in North Devon. She uses watercolours, gouache, pencils and ink, pulled together with a flurry of Photoshop. She is published by Bloomsbury and Andersen Press.





... the **storm cloud** sitting  
right above his head.





Pub Date: 26/03/2026

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836270751

Extent: 16 pages

Dimensions: 187 x 253 mm

Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

Thema: YBGH, YNNB2, YNN, YZG

CBMC: A2J79

# Jungle Jumble

## A Lift-The-Flap Jungle Adventure

Magda Azab

post wave  
children's books



Step into the jungle in this topsy-turvy search-and-find book that whisks young explorers away on a thrilling journey, with flaps to lift and habitats to explore.

Can you match the jungle babies to their mothers? Can you spot the teeny caterpillar amongst the butterflies? This interactive search-and-find book takes little explorers deep into the jungle, where they can spot hidden animals, match babies to their mothers and uncover clues like footprints and food trails. With bright, intricate artwork and lift-the-flap surprises, children will stay engaged for hours while developing their observation and matching skills.

### Sales points:

- Young adventurers will sharpen their observation skills as they search for hidden animals amidst busy scenery
- Through playful interactions, children will learn fascinating facts about animals and their environments
- From matching baby animals with their mothers to deciphering animal tracks, each page presents a unique challenge to conquer
- Captivating, bright and busy illustrations bring the habitats to life, immersing readers in the natural world with fun characters to spot
- Packed full of flaps to lift and discover

### Author Biography:

**Magda Azab** is an Italian-Egyptian graphic designer and illustrator. She has worked with clients from all around the world on a wide range of projects from editorial illustrations to animations, branding images and pattern design. She likes to play with colours, graphic elements, irony and lateral thinking.





The jungle is a busy place, bursting with life. Can you find 5 baby animals and match them to their mothers?



Butterflies of all shapes, sizes and colours fill the jungle! But can you spot one little caterpillar who hasn't turned into a butterfly yet?





Pub Date: 07/05/2026

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836271208

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 300 x 220 mm

Interest Age: 5 - 7 years

Thema: YFP, YBCH

CBMC: B3N79

Series: Mabel and Merryglow

# The Spark

Julien Arnal and Loïc Clément

post wave  
children's books



**Meet Mabel, a tortoise who is terrified of the dark, and Merryglow, a kind-hearted firefly who brings friendship, warmth and a spark of hope when all seems lost in this heartwarming panelled picture book.**

When darkness falls, Mabel the tortoise's fears come alive. But when a kind-hearted firefly joins her for tea, he brings with him a spark of hope. He teaches her to be brave in the night, to embrace the darkness and safety of her shell and no longer be ashamed of her fears.

## Sales points:

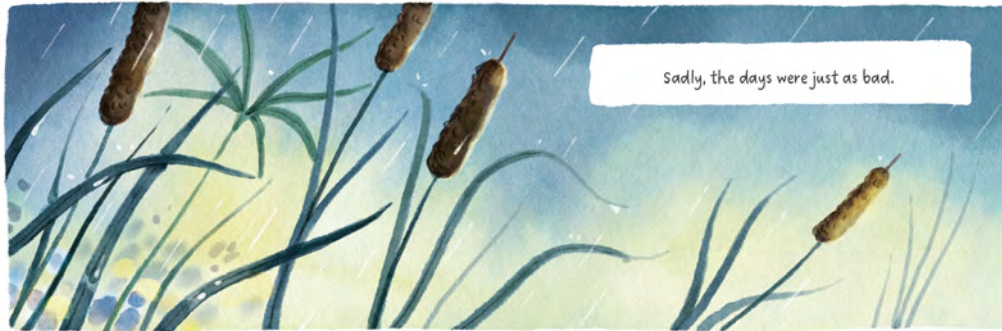
- A gentle graphic novel that bridges the gap between picture books and middle grade
- The perfect book to encourage reluctant readers
- With a heartfelt story that approaches anxiety in a unique way, this book can be a great aid in helping children overcome their own fears and worries
- Stunning, vibrant illustrations by Loïc Clément bring these characters to life, with a stunning colour palette and loveable characters

## Author Biography:

**Julien Arnal** is an illustrator and 2D animator, born in the landscapes of the Central massif. He spent his childhood exploring the natural expanses and isolated corners of these very ancient mountains which nourished his practice and influenced his graphic universe. Through his illustrations and animations, he tends to pay homage to the poetry of these wild spaces.

**Loïc Clement** was born in 1981 in Bruges. He lives in Gironde. Writer of comics for adults and young people, and author of illustrated albums, Loïc was a specialist bookseller, literary critic, librarian and trainer in the field of book trades, before launching into writing.





Sadly, the days were just as bad.



Every day rolled into the next,  
each no different from the last.



The light might change...



... the wind might blow...



... but each day would always  
end with a sunset, promising  
a long night ahead.





## Good Golden Sun

by Brendan Wenzel



From the bestselling and award-winning creator of *They All Saw a Cat* comes a bold and playful exploration of how the sun touches all life on earth--perfect for celebrating Earth Day!

Good golden sun, there is much we'd like to know! Are you happy? Are you lonely? Are you feeling well today? Does your belly ever ache? Won't you come down to play? From sunbeam, to flower, to insect, to animal, to plant, to soil, and the earth itself...the sun makes, moves, and transforms life all around us. Celebrate the mysteries of light from sunup to sundown as it weaves its way through creation inspiring change, hope, wonder, and curiosity.

Publication	2 April 2025
Age	3+
Price	£7.99
Format	PB, full colour
Size	216 x 135mm
Extent	40pp
ISBN	978-1-83630-032-8
Territory	World ex USA, Can
Thema Code	YBCS, YXZG, YFP, YXEJ
CBMC Code	A3M79

### Key Selling Points

- An ebullient exploration of the life-giving power of our nearest star
- Bold, young collage-style art perfect for fans of Eric Carle
- Brendan Wenzel's mastery of visual storytelling is on full display

"From break of dawn to day's end, the journey of the sun as captured in lyrical text and stunning illustrations is a joy to behold. Highly recommended for all collections to encourage curiosity about life on Earth and the connections all living beings share." School Library Journal, starred review

### Sales and Marketing


- Brendan Wenzel's *THEY ALL SAW A CAT* is a firm favourite in the UK and won a Caldecott Honor in USA
- Campaigns with Reading Zone, Love Reading,
- Teacher Notes and activities on publisher website

**Brendan Wenzel** is a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator, creator of the Caldecott Honor book *They All Saw a Cat*. Brendan is an ardent conservationist and proud collaborator with organizations working to ensure the future of wild places and threatened creatures. You can find more of his work at [brendanwenzel.info](http://brendanwenzel.info).



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Good golden sun,

are you lonely in the sky?

Don't you wish you had a friend  
or two to be there by your side?



# Taking the Long Way Home

by Jake Hope and Brian Fitzgerald



**Using all five senses and a dash of imagination, the ordinary walk back from school becomes a super-sized adventure!**

Normally Zarah and her brother are collected from school by their dad, who rushes them home taking every shortcut. But today Uncle Jerome is collecting them, and he takes 'The long way home'. Reluctant to go further than necessary at first, the children are soon caught up in amazing adventures, due to their uncle's sense of fun and imagination

Publication	2 April 2026
Age	3-6
Price	£7.99
Format	Paperback
Size	245 x 270mm
Extent	32pp
ISBN	978-1-83630-060-1
Territory	World ex USA, Can
Thema code	YBCS2, YBLN1, YNND, YXD
CBMC code	A3M79

## Key Selling Points

- A lovely portrayal of the close relationship between uncle, nephew and niece
- Entering into the spirit of play and adventure empowers the children
- Each spread conveys a sense of journey – the reader feels they are taking their eyes for a walk and going on a voyage of discovery
- Illustrations which give the protagonists wonderful personality, warmth and energy

## Sales and Marketing

- Jake Hope is an active member of the YLG and many other literacy organisations
- Brian Fitzgerald's reputation is growing with previous titles being *The Bear who had nothing to Wear* and *Bunny's Most Fabulous Holiday Ever!*
- Brian's *Gealach agus Grian* won a White Raven 2024.
- On line videos and social media campaign
- Postcards and free downloadable activities and teacher resources
- Campaigns with LoveReading and Reading Zone



**JAKE HOPE** is a reading development and children's book consultant. Alongside delivering training and public speaking on books and reading, Jake is an active reviewer and a passionate advocate for libraries. **BRIAN FITZGERALD** is an Irish illustrator who studied at the National College of Art and Design in Dublin and won the Bologna Fair International Silent Book Competition in 2014



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Uncle Jerome walks us through the wild woods  
and we plod along the pathways  
hearing the **crunch** and **scrunch**  
of leaves underfoot.



When we are deep in the dark of the woods,  
we hear the crows **caww-craawww**.

‘Can’t we stop?’ Zarah asks,  
dragging behind.



Uncle Jerome pauses.  
‘Listen!’ he says.  
‘What’s that noise?’  
I think it might be . . .

# MUSICAL ABC

**An alligator with an accordion! A bunny with a banjo! An owl with an oboe! A yak with a...?**

Strum, clap, and tap your way through this alphabet of instruments and the cast of animals who play them!

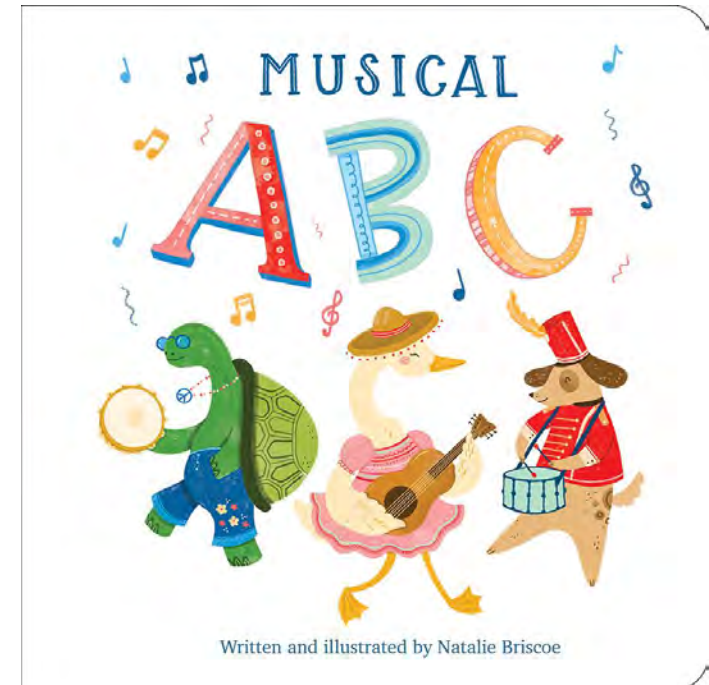
- Beautifully illustrated board book which supports preschool and early learning
- A fun and quirky ABC book featuring an array of incredible instruments and animals!



Natalie Briscoe lives in Music City a.k.a Nashville, Tennessee.

She creates joyful art for kids' books, pattern designs, greeting cards, packaging, and magazines.

When she's not drawing, you can find her getting lost in nature, working on her budding ceramics practice, or loving on her sweet cats.



ISBN: 9798384600916

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RRP: £6.99  
Extent: 28 pp

Height: 152.4 mm  
Width: 152.4 mm  
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Age Range: From 3 years

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A

is for alligator with an accordion.



B

is for bunny with a banjo.

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Two Windmills

## Picture Storybooks: On Daddy's Shoulders

Each of these fantastic picture storybooks combines lavish illustrations with engaging stories, ensuring that they will be picked up by new and emerging readers time and time again.

Author: Jamie French | Illustrator: Georgie Fearn

A positive, upbeat story for little ones and their daddies to share.

Adorable illustrations by children's book illustrator Georgie Fearn.

Full of everyday scenarios that young readers can identify with.

A great starter for talking about a child and parent's relationship, and how we know we are loved.

'I can do anything ... on Daddy's shoulders!'

Settle down with your daddy to read this adorable story book, and discover all the many reasons that little ones love spending time with their daddies.

When you climb up on your Daddy's shoulders, how do you feel? Can you see for miles? Can you touch the clouds? Are you a giant on top of the world?

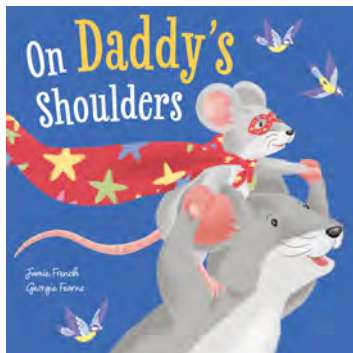
This book is a celebration of the special relationship between little ones and their daddies.

Makes a perfect Father's Day gift, or a present for new daddies of newborns, and as a birthday and Christmas gift, too.

Written to be shared and read aloud at story time or play time, this touching book celebrates the special relationship between little ones and their daddies.

**Illustrator: Georgie Fearn**

Georgie is a London-based illustrator, designer and storyboard artist with great creative flair and versatility. She originally specialised in fashion and lifestyle, but was soon drawn to the fun and exciting world of children's books, where her lovingly-created characters help to bring each story vividly to life.



ISBN: 978-1-83555-491-3

Pub date: 02 April 2026

Price: £6.99

Format: Full colour perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Extent: 32pp

Dimensions: 254 x 254 mm

Age range: 3 to 5



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On Daddy's shoulders,  
I catch raindrops on my tongue, as they fall past me, to the ground.



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# Wipe-Clean Activity Fun: Farm

## Wipe-clean magic with puzzles and drawing fun!

Author: Will Putnam | Illustrator: Sarah Wade



ISBN: 978-1-83555-294-0

Pub date: 02 April 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour saddle stitched paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Additional Info: 115mm long wipe clean pen attached to spine with a large wafer seal (50 H x 90mm W)

Extent: 24pp

Dimensions: 280 x 216 mm

BIC Code: YBGC

CBMC Code: B5L79

Age range: 5 to 7

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Learn through play! Discover fascinating facts and boost pen control and problem-solving skills.

Children can feel a sense of reward and satisfaction every time they finish an activity.

Wipe-clean magic with puzzles and drawing fun!

Join Farmer Mikey as he travels through the farm in his big, red tractor. Packed with over 20 exciting puzzles, this baa-rilant book will delight farm fans aged 5 and up while helping them develop key skills like pen control and problem-solving.

With activities like odd-one-out, pairing puzzles, mazes, spot-the-difference and drawing challenges, children will love the sense of accomplishment after completing each page. Filled with illustrations that bring Mikey's farm adventure to life, this book will inspire curiosity and creativity in young farm fans.

Help Mikey on his search-and-find quest to find the missing lambs – there's one hidden on every page, adding an extra challenge for readers as they journey through the farm with Mikey and learn lots of fascinating farm facts along the way.

The wipe-clean pages and included pen mean children can enjoy these activities again and again. Whether at home or on the go, this wipe-clean book is an utterly good time and will make egg-cellent memories for every little farmer-in-training.

## Illustrator: Sarah Wade

Sarah is a children's illustrator living in sunny Suffolk with her two daughters, husband and cat called Mouse. Her designs can be found worldwide on over 80 children's titles as well as greeting cards, textiles and stationery. Sarah loves bringing whimsical stories to life with her expressive and playful style.



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# Piggy Portrait

It's time to feed the mama pig! Can you draw her in the larger grid using the smaller grid as a guide? Give your pig a name, too.

Did you know?

Pigs keep cool by rolling in mud!

Oink!  
Oink!

Be baa-rave with your drawing!

Name:

# Pairing Piglets

Can you match the mama pig's identical twins? Draw a line between each piglet pair. Which piglet doesn't have a twin?

Answer:

A

B

C

Oink!

2

3

4

Help me to match these piglets!

Did you know?

Mama pigs 'sing' to their piglets!

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Two Windmills

# Wipe-Clean Activity Fun: Ocean

## Wipe-clean magic with puzzles and drawing fun!

Author: Will Putnam | Illustrator: Sarah Wade



ISBN: 978-1-83555-288-9

Pub date: 02 April 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour saddle stitched paperback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Additional Info: 115mm long wipe clean pen attached to spine with a large wafer seal (50 H x 90mm W)

Extent: 24pp

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Join Submariner Sam as he travels through every ocean in his submarine. Packed with over 20 exciting puzzles, this sea-sational book will delight ocean fans aged 5 and up while helping them develop key skills like pen control and problem-solving.

With activities like odd-one-out, pairing puzzles, mazes, spot-the-difference and drawing challenges, children will love the sense of accomplishment after completing each page. Filled with illustrations that bring Sam's ocean adventure to life, this book will inspire curiosity and creativity in young fans of the ocean.

Help Mikey on his search-and-find quest to find the treasure chests – there's one hidden on every page, adding an extra challenge for readers as they journey through the oceans with Mikey and learn lots of fascinating ocean facts along the way.

The wipe-clean pages and included pen mean children can enjoy these activities again and again. Whether at home or on the go, this wipe-clean book is a turtle-y good time and will make krill-iant memories for every little submariner-in-training.

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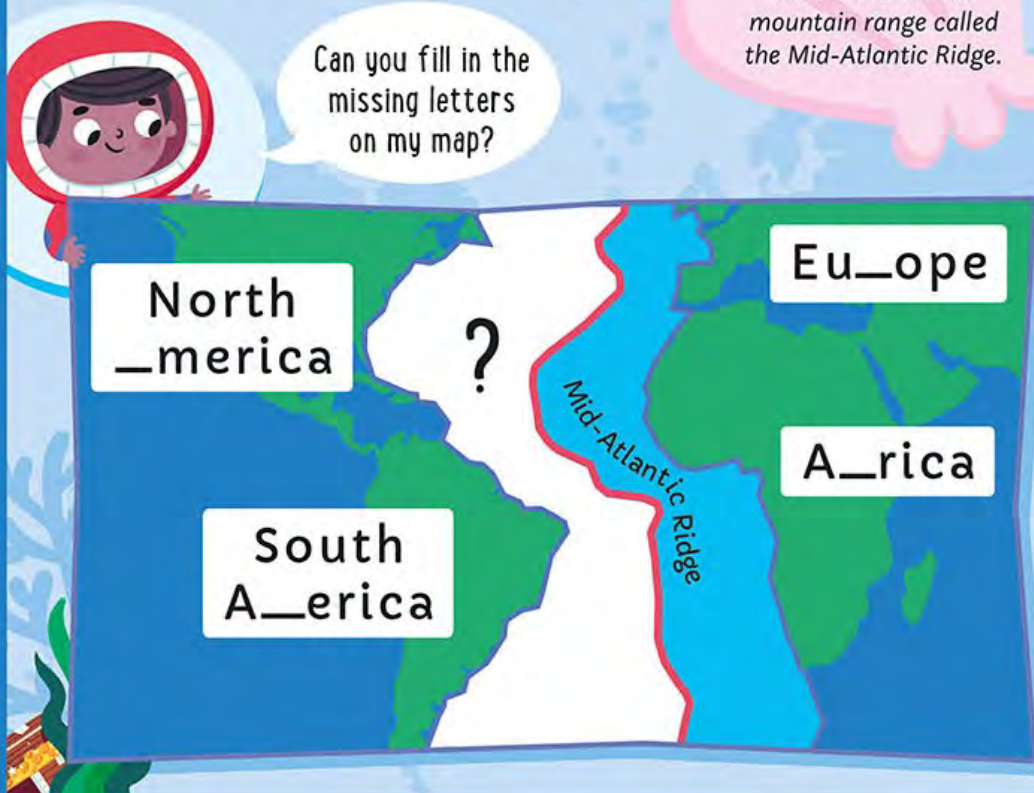
# Map Matching

Sam is heading to the Atlantic Ocean.  
Look at his map and find the missing piece.

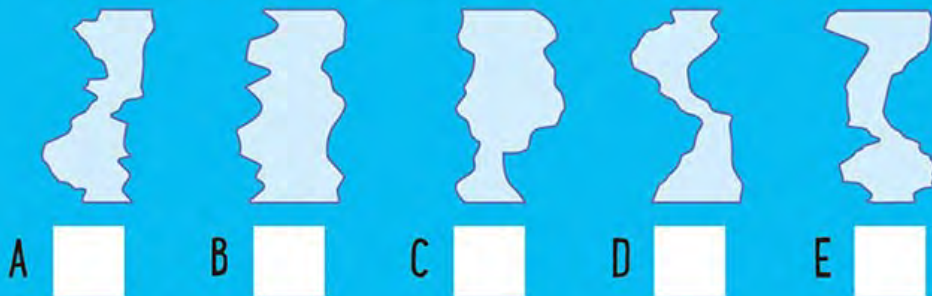
Did you know?

The Atlantic Ocean has an underwater mountain range called the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

Can you fill in the missing letters on my map?

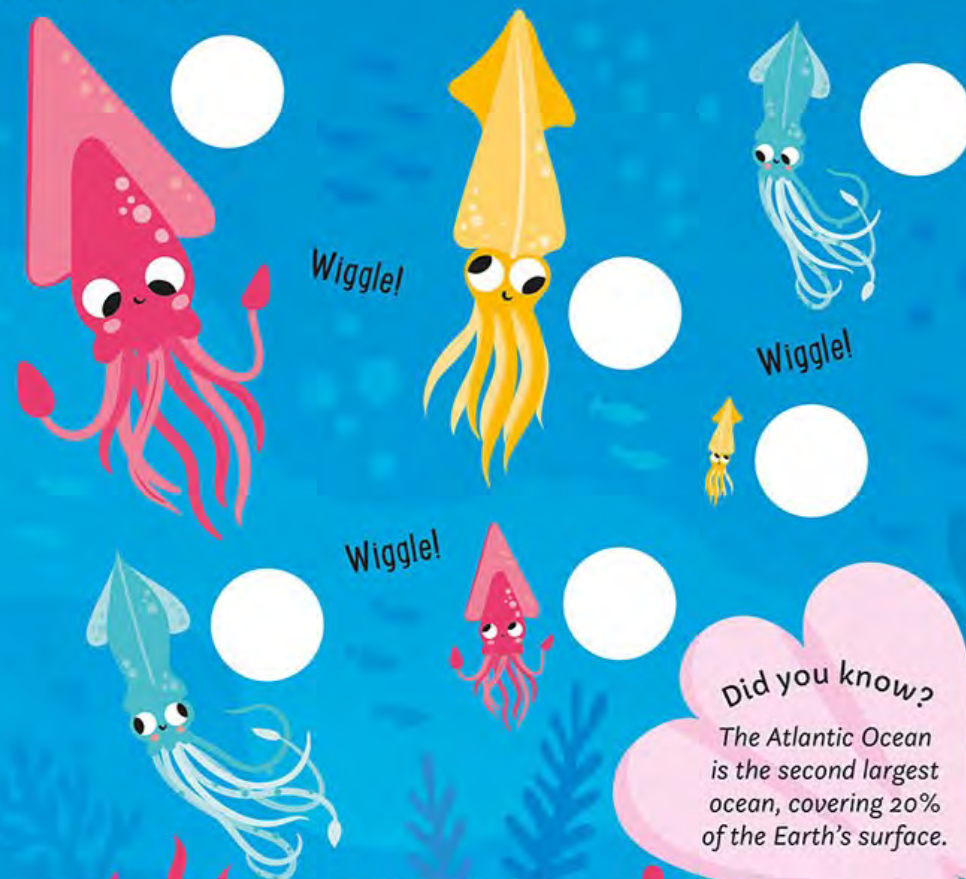


Tick the correct missing piece that matches the space in the map above.



# Squid Sizing

Look at these squids in the Atlantic! Can you number them in size order from 1-6? 1 is the biggest and 6 is the smallest.



Did you know?

The Atlantic Ocean is the second largest ocean, covering 20% of the Earth's surface.

Don't forget to find the missing treasure chest!

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Two Windmills

# MVP Legends: Lionel Messi

Discover the incredible life and career of your favorite sports hero.

Author: Assorted | Illustrator: Assorted



ISBN: 978-1-83555-464-7

Pub date: 02 April 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Matt lamination

Extent: 96pp

Dimensions: 208 x 139 mm

Age range: 7 to 9

Discover the incredible journey of Lionel Messi, from a young boy in Argentina, to becoming one of the greatest soccer players of all time. Packed with fascinating facts, unbelievable stats, and awe-inspiring accomplishments, this book delves deep into Messi's life and career.

**Biographical Highlights:** Trace Messi's rise through the ranks, overcoming challenges and breaking records.

**Remarkable Achievements:** Relive the moments that cemented his place in soccer history, from his numerous Ballon d'Or wins to his unforgettable goals.

**Awesome Stories:** Read anecdotes and behind-the-scenes tales that showcase Messi's journey and his impact on and off the pitch.

**Puzzles and Jokes:** Test your knowledge and enjoy some light-hearted fun with puzzles and jokes inspired by Messi's illustrious career.

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## FOOTY SCRAMBLE

Can you un-jumble these mixed-up football words?

ADHERE

CAT ELK

ADMIT US

FAR WORD

LET WISH

NET PLAY

RAN GAME

FREED END

EAGLE POKER

FILMED RIDE



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## CUP CONFUSION

Only one of these four trophies is the real deal. Which one matches the original cup?



## MESSI MULTIPLIED

Can you find Messi?  
The grid below only contains the letters M, E, S and I. How many times does the name MESSI appear? It must be in a straight line across, up or down, or diagonally.



M	E	S	S	E	I	S	S	E	S
E	I	S	S	M	E	S	S	I	M
S	M	M	M	E	I	S	S	E	M
I	I	M	E	I	S	S	M	E	S
S	S	E	S	M	E	S	I	E	M
S	E	S	M	M	E	M	M	I	I
E	E	S	E	S	M	S	E	S	E
M	E	I	S	S	E	S	S	E	M
S	S	M	S	E	S	E	S	I	M
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**Animals**  
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These cute books are designed to spark little ones' imagination. On each page, they will discover a question about colours, animals, words or the farm. On top of that, the colourful rattle stimulates the sensory development of your baby. A fun way to learn!

<b>Publication</b>	APRIL 2026
<b>Price</b>	£7.99
<b>Format</b>	Board book
<b>Size</b>	140 x 140 mm
<b>Extent</b>	12 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	1+
<b>Features</b>	Colourful rattle

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Includes a colourful rattle.
- Learning through fun.
- The beautiful and colourful illustrations will capture your baby's attention.

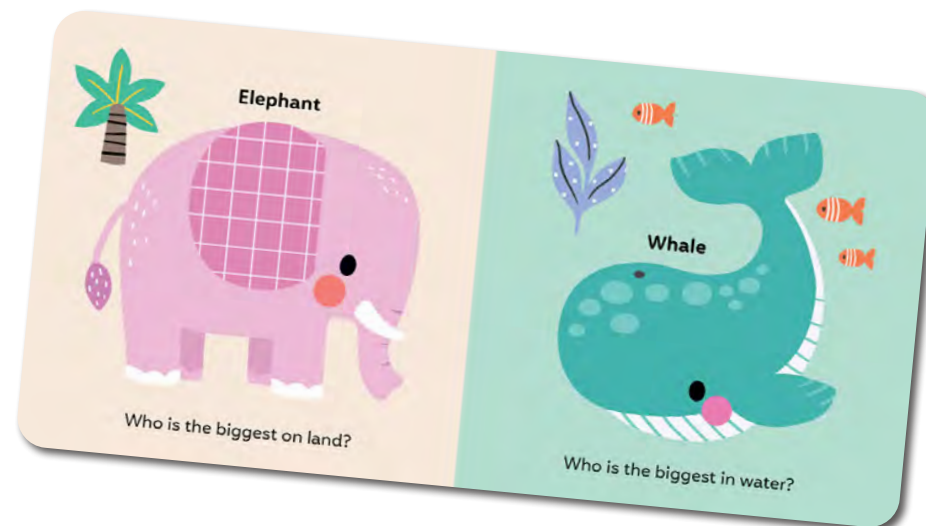
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<b>Publication</b>	APRIL 2026
<b>Price</b>	£5.99
<b>Format</b>	Board book 100
<b>Size</b>	x 80 mm 8
<b>Extent</b>	pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	2+
<b>Features</b>	4 turning wheels

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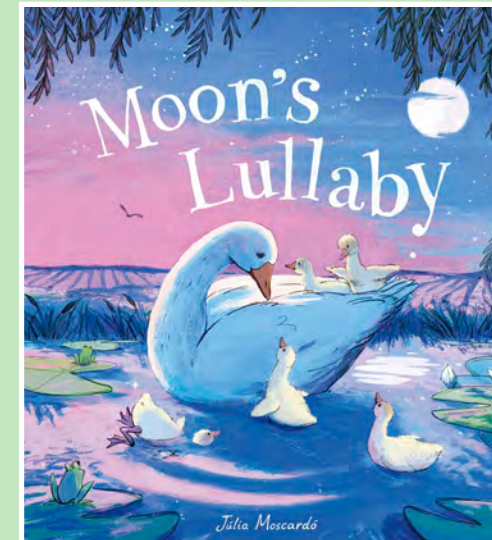
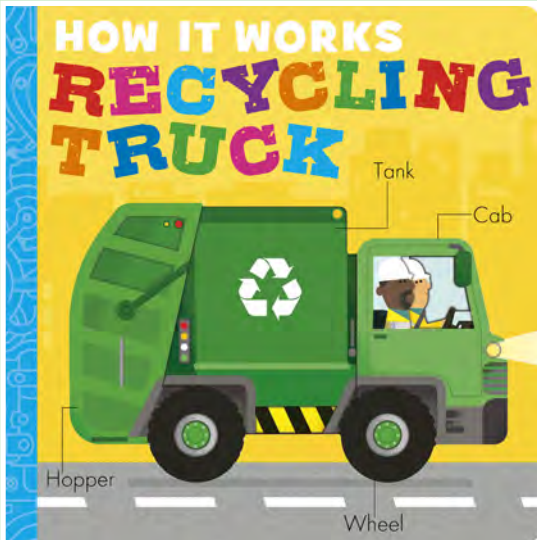
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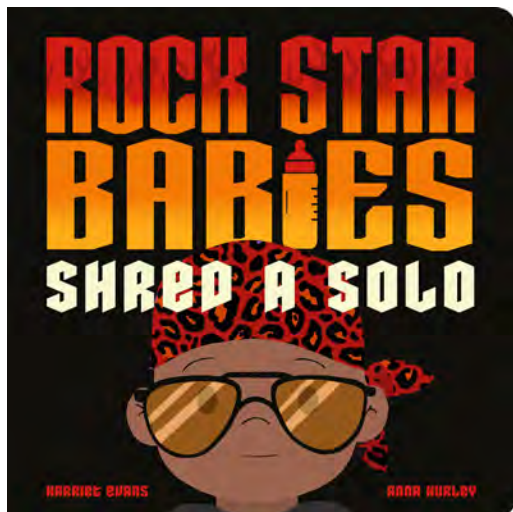


# APRIL 2026 NEW TITLES

## LTP







# Rock Star Babies Shred a Solo

By (author) Harriet Evans

Illustrated by Anna Hurley



**Rock babies mosh all night, don't get up till late and stick it to the man. Rock on, rockstar baby!**

From baby's beginner vinyl collection to their first trip with the Harley, there are plenty of ways for parents to share their passions with their little ones.

The third book in this new series of trend-focussed, tongue-in-cheek board books celebrates an inclusive cast of families, following a day in their lives before ending with a sweet bedtime message.

Told in simple sentences that lend themselves perfectly to reading aloud, and brought to life with Anna Hurley's vibrant illustrations, this playful board book is the perfect gift for anyone in your life with rockstar inclinations, whether young or old, parent or child.

- This series appeals to parents who are looking to incorporate their children into their existing lifestyle.
- The books capitalise on key trends and perennially popular cultures.
- The stylish and eye-catching design makes these titles aesthetic additions to the nursery, as well as humorous gifts



## 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.

### Anna Hurley

Anna Hurley is a freelance illustrator based in Berkeley, California, USA, specialising in colourful character art, whimsical children's book illustrations, packaging design, and everything in between! Inspired by mid century art, nature, and all the 90s cartoons she grew up on, her work aims to bring cheer and playfulness to the everyday. She loves riding her bike, reading, and playing board games with her husband and sons.

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**RRP:** £7.99

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**ISBN:** 9781838919429

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**Dimensions:** 180 x 180 mm

**Interest Age:** 1-3 years

**THEMA:** YNC|YBCB

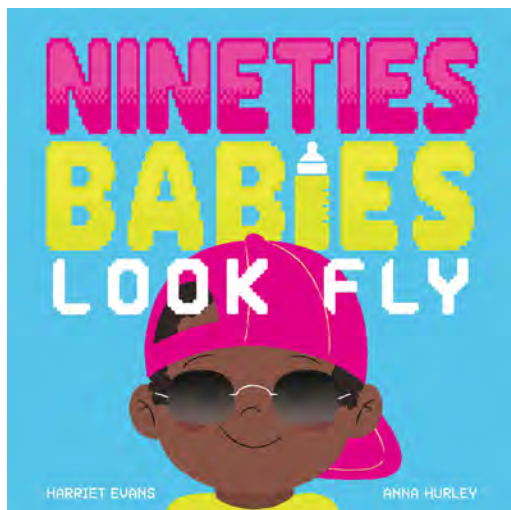
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**ROCK STAR BABIES** listen to vinyl.



# Nineties Babies Look Fly

By (author) Harriet Evans

Illustrated by Anna Hurley



**Nineties babies hang at the crib, eat cereal and watch cartoons. What's the 411, nineties baby?**

From matching frosted tips to baby's first butterfly clips, there are plenty of ways for parents to share their passions with their little ones.

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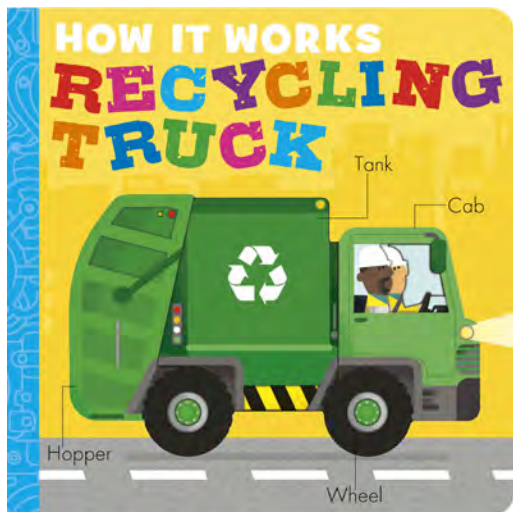


## NINETIES BABIES

look fly.



COLOUR  
IN PROGRESS



# How It Works: Recycling Truck

By (author) Dee Costello

Illustrated by David Semple



## Recycling trucks are very helpful machines! But how do they work?

This chunky board book has been especially designed for little hands to look inside, with interactive pages to grasp and explore.

Curious young ones will love learning all about a recycling truck - how bin workers empty special bins into its tank on a journey with lots of stops, how noisy it can be (clink, clunk, crush!) and how the truck brings the old materials it has collected to a recycling centre to be cleaned, sorted and used all over again to make something new!

Packed with accessible information, this is the perfect book for vehicle-mad little ones.

- Peep-through pages encourage hands-on exploration, keeping readers engaged from start to finish.
- Filled with fun, fascinating information about recycling trucks and recycling.
- With simple facts from an adorable mouse asking 'Did You Know?' questions.
- Over 800,000 copies of the series sold worldwide!



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### 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!

### David Semple

David Semple was born in the North East of England in the early 70s. After studying illustration, he enjoyed a stint working in the TV and Film industry in London painting latex puppets & prosthetics! Since then, a pencil has never been far from his grasp and he has designed and illustrated characters for an impressive range of clients across the globe. He lives in York with his designer wife Kate, their three children, and Olive the dog.

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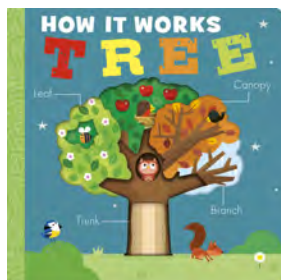
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**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

**THEMA:** YBG

**CBMC:** A3M79

**Series:** How it Works



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BB £7.99



# Ready to Recycle

Now the truck can have a nice rest, while other machines at the recycling centre are put to work!



Conveyor belt

Forklift truck

Front-loading truck

## Did You Know?

We can help the planet if we reduce what we use and recycle!

Grabber truck

Skip

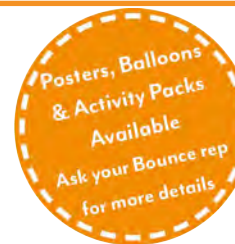
All of the recycling collected that day is cleaned and sorted before it's turned into something new.

Do you have anything you can recycle?



# Hank Meets Frank

By (author) Maudie Powell-Tuck  
Illustrated by Duncan Beedie



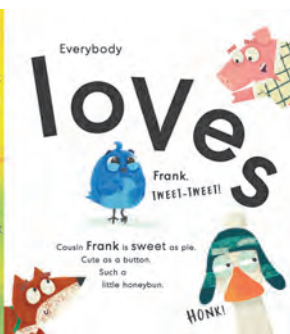
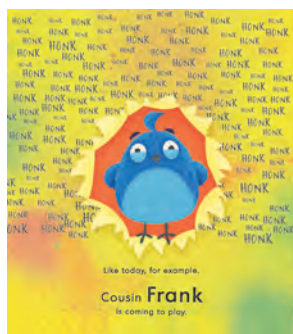
**Hank the goose is back in this anarchic follow up to *Hank Goes Honk*.**

Hank can be a little pesky, a little pecky and a teensy bit objectionable! But not today. Not when his little cousin Frank is here to visit. You see, Frank is sweet as a daisy and cute as a button. Butter wouldn't melt. So, Hank is going to be on his very best behaviour. In fact, they're both going to be little angels. Isn't that right, Hank? Frank? Guys?!

Featuring super-stylish illustrations from Duncan Beedie (*I Really Really Need a Wee*, *Agent Llama*, *Heavy Metal Badger*) and a deadpan, contemporary narrative voice, *Hank Meets Frank* is part of the hilarious World of Hank series of picture and board books.

With a loveable anti-hero, fans of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* by Mo Willems, *The Bad Seed* by Jory John and Pete Oswald, and *I Can Only Draw Worms* by Will Mabbitt are sure to have a HONK-ingly good time.

Also available . . . *Hank Goes Honk*, *Hank Goes Peck*, *Don't Do It Doug*



9781801046534  
PB £7.99

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Maudie Powell-Tuck

Maudie Powell-Tuck has been writing, editing and dreaming about picture books for over 12 years. She has worked in a children's bookshop and as an editor for a children's publisher, so she can enthuse about kids books 'til the cows come home. She is forever losing her hearing aids and has dropped her phone 1,345,566 times. Miraculously it still works.

### Duncan Beedie

Duncan is a bestselling children's author and illustrator from Bristol. He has worked on a number of Little Tiger titles, including the *Agent Llama* series by Angela Woolfe, *The Bush Baby Adventure* by Karl Newson and his own story, *Heavy Metal Badger*, which has been nominated for several children's literature awards.

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**THEMA:** YBCS|YBC|YB

**CBMC:** A3M79

**Series:** The World of Hank



Come on, everyone – gather round for a photo.

Today will  
be wonderful.



Today will be . . .

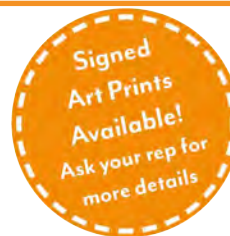


WHOOOPS!



# Our Tree

By (author) Jessica Meserve



**A stunning evocation of tolerance, togetherness and the power of community.**

Little Red is delighted when he discovers a beautiful tree, all to himself! But he soon realises he is not on his own - animals of all sizes visit the tree to enjoy its shade, nibble on its leaves and rest on its branches. Little Red doesn't want to share; he'd rather set off to find a place of his own. But after a mildly perilous altercation with a leopard, Little Red learns the value of friends who have your back.

A gentle encouragement of the importance of sharing and acceptance with exquisite, detailed illustrations that are perfect for poring over. Like *Hey, Wall* by Susan Verde and John Parra, *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy, Theresa Howell and Rafael López, and *Leaves* by Stephen Hogtun, *Our Tree* is a picture book to treasure.

Also available . . . *The Home That Love Built*

- Enforces themes of acceptance and sharing, with a gentle touch.
- Celebrates the majesty of nature through the character of a wise old tree.
- Exquisite illustrations and a lyrical text from a rising star.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Jessica Meserve

Jessica Meserve studied illustration at Edinburgh College of Art and worked in publishing as a children's book designer before pursuing a career as a children's author and illustrator. She has lived in Canada, France and the US, but now lives with her family in England. She finds inspiration and happiness from the great outdoors, and her two dogs and her family.

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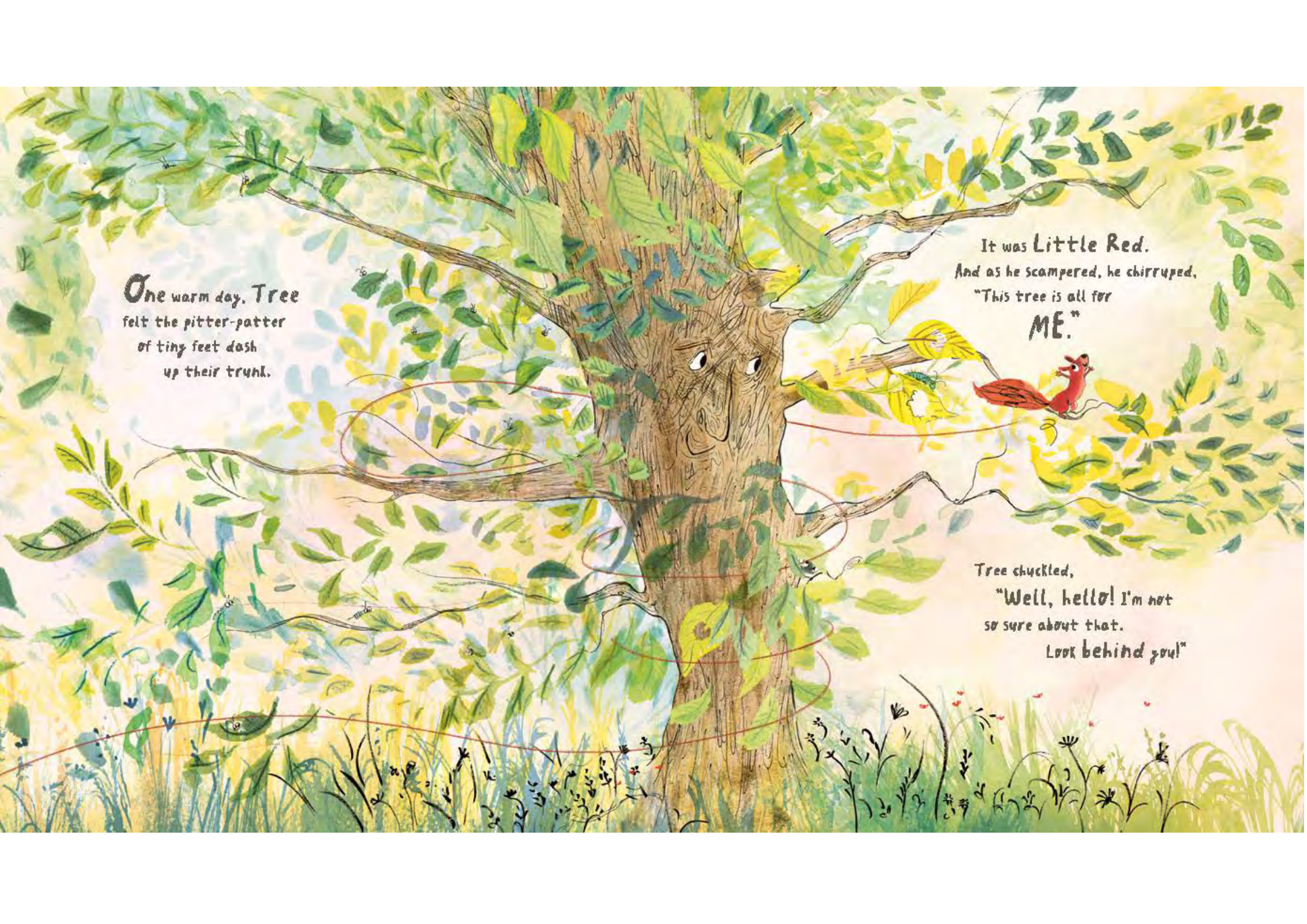
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**CBMC:** A3M79



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HB £12.99



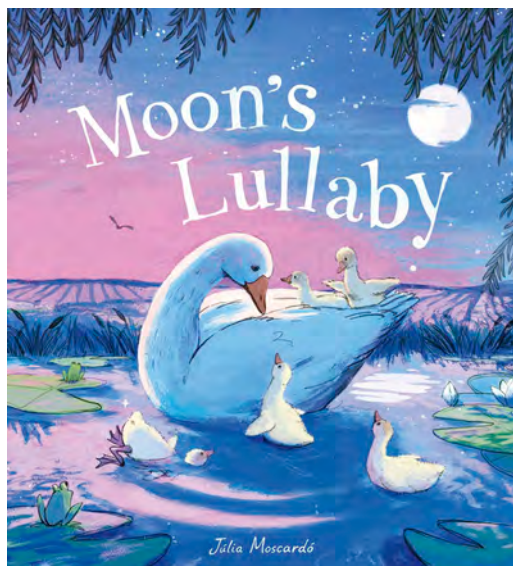
A whimsical illustration of a tree with a face, a squirrel, and a red string. The tree has a large, gnarled trunk and a face with two large eyes and a small mouth. It is surrounded by lush green leaves and branches. A red string is wrapped around the tree's trunk and extends across the scene. A small red squirrel is perched on a branch to the right. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with green grass and small flowers at the bottom.

One warm day, Tree  
felt the pitter-patter  
of tiny feet dash  
up their trunk.

It was Little Red.  
And as he scampered, he chirruped,  
"This tree is all for  
**ME.**"

Tree chuckled,  
"Well, hello! I'm not  
so sure about that.  
Look behind you!"





# Moon's Lullaby

By (author) Júlia Moscardó



*"Can we have the story of Moon's lullaby?" asks one little gosling.  
"Yes," says Mama. "But you will have to be very quiet and listen . . ."*

Day is drawing to a close at the pond, but five little goslings aren't ready to sleep just yet. They want to hear their favourite bedtime story about the animals that Moon watches over on her nightly crossing of the sky. Soon the goslings are wrapped up in their mama's words, scurrying like rabbits, buzzing like bees and croaking like frogs. But as darkness blankets their home, they find themselves feeling sleepier and sleepier . . .

This beautiful, atmospheric picture book from Carnegie-nominated Júlia Moscardó follows all our favourite woodland animals in a panoramic nighttime adventure. With evocative illustrations and beautiful text, this book will immerse your little reader in the world of the great outdoors.

Perfect for fans of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *Owl Babies* and *The Shirley Hughes Collection*.

- Created by Carnegie-nominated Júlia Moscardó.
- This book has plenty of animal sounds and actions to copy.
- The book includes a subtle countdown element, calming children as they prepare for bed.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Júlia Moscardó

Júlia Moscardó is an award-winning artist and illustrator. She lives in the UK with her partner, Joe, who is also an illustrator, and her daughter. In 2017, she graduated with an MA in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art.

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**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

**THEMA:** YBCSIYBLC

**CBMC:** A3M79





*"And then Moon  
comes to my favourite  
part of her song."*

"What's your favourite part, Mama?"  
asks the last little gosling still awake.

"You'll have to close your eyes  
and be very quiet to find out."

One little gosling snuggles closer  
to Mama, feeling sleepier . . .

and sleepier . . .





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HB £11.99

# We Are All One

By (author) Britta Teckentrup



*We are raindrops in sunlight  
And the rivers that flow.  
We are winds blowing hard  
And all things that grow.*

This mesmerising die-cut picture book, written and illustrated by the award-winning Britta Teckentrup, shows how we are all connected to nature and to each other. Lyrical rhyming text evokes the beauty of our world, while clever die-cuts link the images from page to page to underline the close relationships that make life possible in all its varied wonder.

Perfect for fans of the National Trust and Usborne nature books, Britta Teckentrup books are truly unique. Don't miss *We Are Together*, *Under the Same Sky*, *Kindness Grows*, *Family* and *A Happy Place*.

- A beautiful introduction to the natural world which helps children to understand the interconnectedness of our environment.
- Clever die-cuts encourage curious minds to delight in the connections between different elements of nature.
- Lyrical rhyming text and stunning illustrations by award-winning artist Britta Teckentrup.

## 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.

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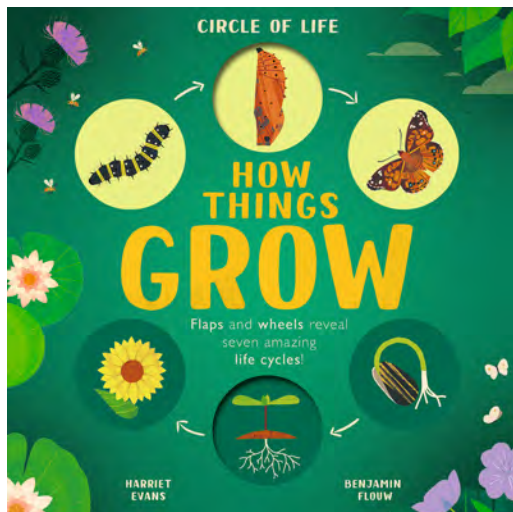


We  
are  
the  
trees  
in a  
wood



and the  
stars of  
the night.





# How Things Grow

By (author) Harriet Evans

Illustrated by Benjamin Flouw



**Discover the wonder of nature's diversity and ingenuity in this beautiful, immersive introduction to animal and plant life cycles.**

With an engaging wheel mechanism and flaps throughout, this book is an interactive treat that encourages reader to get hands-on while learning.

The gorgeous illustrations by the super-talented Benjamin Flouw and clear, comprehensive text, full of helpful hints about how to spot and protect wildlife, make this nonfiction book an exciting exploration of a core scientific concept.

Perfect for young wildlife lovers, curious kids and little scientists; fans of Blue Planet, Steve Backshall's Deadly 60 and National Geographic, or anyone who enjoys a good lift-the-flap book!

- Stylish illustrations by French artist Benjamin Flouw bring an important non-fiction topic to life, while the text includes suggestions for practical ways to see and help local wildlife.
- The wheel novelty fully matches the subject matter, and flaps make reading an interactive experience.

## 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.

### Benjamin Flouw

Benjamin Flouw is an artist and author based in Marseille, France. Inspired by wildlife documentaries and botany, his work features animals, plants, and landscapes through a distinctive style of colorful geometric shapes and dramatic lighting. His versatile talent spans children's publishing, press, advertising, and branding, collaborating with prestigious clients and publishers internationally.

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**ISBN:** 9781838919443

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**Interest Age:** 5-9 years

**THEMA:** YNNC|YNNL|YNNNT

**CBMC:** B5J79

**Series:** Circle of Life

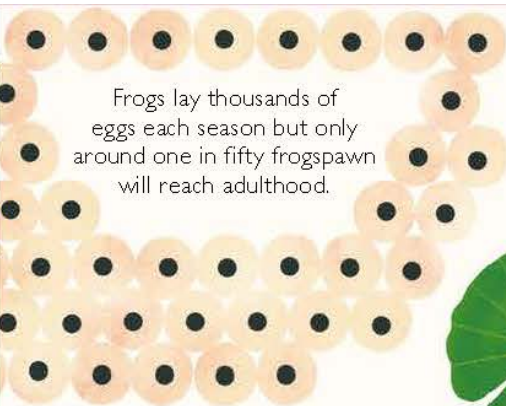




# AMPHIBIAN

Water-loving amphibians include toads, salamanders and newts, but the most common animal in this group is the fantastic frog!

Almost all amphibians spend part of their life on land and part in water.



Frogs lay thousands of eggs each season but only around one in fifty frogspawn will reach adulthood.



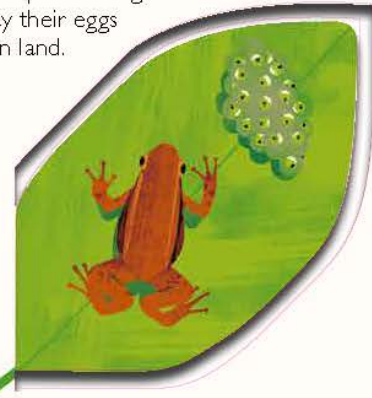
While frog eggs gather in clumps, toadspawn is laid in long ribbons.

SPREAD  
IN PROGRESS

## HATCHING

Normally, tadpoles take around 14 weeks to become frogs. This time can be shorter if the tadpoles are in danger. But if it's too cold on land, tadpoles can delay becoming frogs for up to a year.

Most frog eggs need to be in water but poison frogs lay their eggs on land.



## BREATHING

A tadpole is born with **gills**, which means it can breathe underwater. When it's older, it grows lungs and can then live on land.

Most amphibians can also breathe through their skin as long as it is wet.



3. A tadpole grows legs and changes body shape. It can now eat insects as well as plants.

Spin the wheel to see the stages of a frog's life cycle.

## HAVE YOU TRIED . . .

looking for tadpoles? You can normally spot them in ponds from March to May in the UK.



One amazing amphibian is the axolotl. It has a tail and so is a type of salamander.



# Star Friends: Energy Thief

By (author) Linda Chapman

Illustrated by Kim Barnes



**Do you believe in magic? Maia and her friends do! And when they meet the Star Animals, a whole world of adventure unfolds.**

Maia is worried when she sees visions of several accidents happening in Westcombe. The Star Friends are determined to find out what's going on, but every time they make a plan something goes wrong. The girls are certain someone is trying to stop them from uncovering the truth, but who - or what - could it be?

Perfect for fans of MY SECRET UNICORN and THE RESCUE PRINCESSES, and for RAINBOW MAGIC readers looking to move on to a more challenging adventure.



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PB £5.99



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PB £6.99

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Linda Chapman

Linda Chapman is the best-selling author of over 200 books for 5-14 year olds. Her series include MY SECRET UNICORN and STAR FRIENDS, among many others. She lives in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Visit [lindachapmanauthor.co.uk](http://lindachapmanauthor.co.uk)

### Kim Barnes

Kim Barnes is a UK based illustrator with a first class degree in Illustration from the University of Lincoln. Her love of drawing began at a very young age and she loves to relive her childhood through the stories that she creates and works with. Kim lives on the Isle of Wight with her partner and two children.

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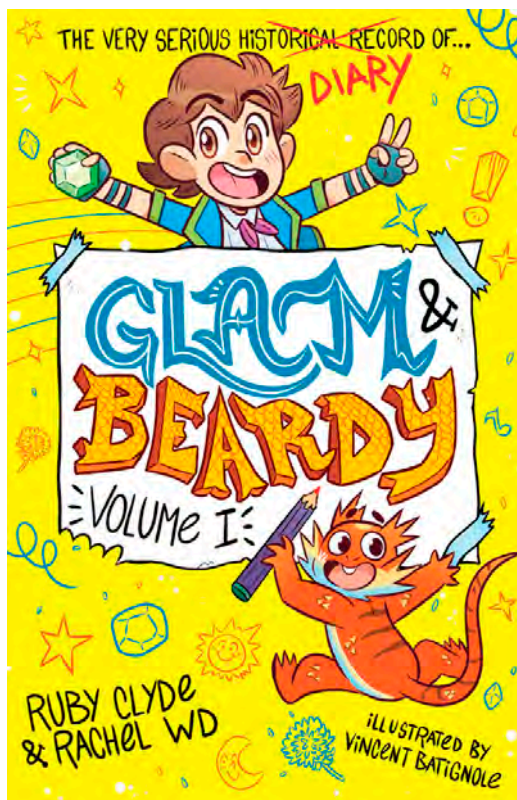
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**THEMA:** YFP|YFH|YFC

**CBMC:** C3N79

**Series:** Star Friends

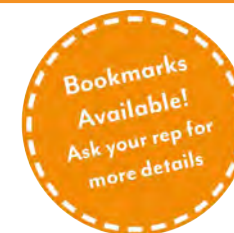




# Glam and Beardy: Volume I

By (author) Ruby Clyde and Rachel WD

Illustrated by Vincent Batignole



**A laugh-out-loud series written by an award-winning comedy double act (Shelf).**

*The five Kindoms of Kinisle have stood since the dawn of time. Each holds its own unique power, its own importance in the balance of our world. We all belong to one of these ancient Kindoms. When we turn ten, we Meet our Familiar, and our Familiar bears a Mark that reveals which Kindom we belong to, and we fit into our Kindom perfectly and feel wonderful and happy and good forever and ever and always. Unless you're me, that is.*

This is the historical record of how I, Glam, FINALLY met my Familiar, Beardy, and how we learned that NOTHING about our world is as it seems... (And that parkour and dandelions are ALWAYS the answer - Beardy said it was very important that I add that!) Written as a shared diary (well, it's very much Glam's diary, but she can't stop Beardy writing in it!), GLAM AND BEARDY is packed with humour and adventure.

Perfect for fans of LOKI, DIARY OF AN ACCIDENTAL WITCH and FROSTHEART.

- Shelf perform regularly across the UK – they have a comedy show for kids that they tour with, as well as writing for *The Amazing World of Gumball* on the Cartoon Network.
- Heavily illustrated diary format, with an appealing cartoon style
- A celebration of being your true self and friendship in a fun fantasy setting

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Ruby Clyde and Rachel WD

Rachel WD and Ruby Clyde are also known as Shelf - a comedy double act that write and perform for adults and children. They are regular writers on series 7 of *The Amazing World of Gumball* (Cartoon Network) and currently have children's fiction and television projects in development.

### Vincent Batignole

Having been raised on a diet of French comics, colourful anime and his grandparents' collection of true crime books, Vincent has a penchant for the cute, absurd and creepy. His professional journey began in 2005 with the GloomCookie series by Serena Valentino. Since then, he's been illustrating and writing for various international clients while earning a Master's Degree in cinema history and film analysis. Vincent now lives in Paris.

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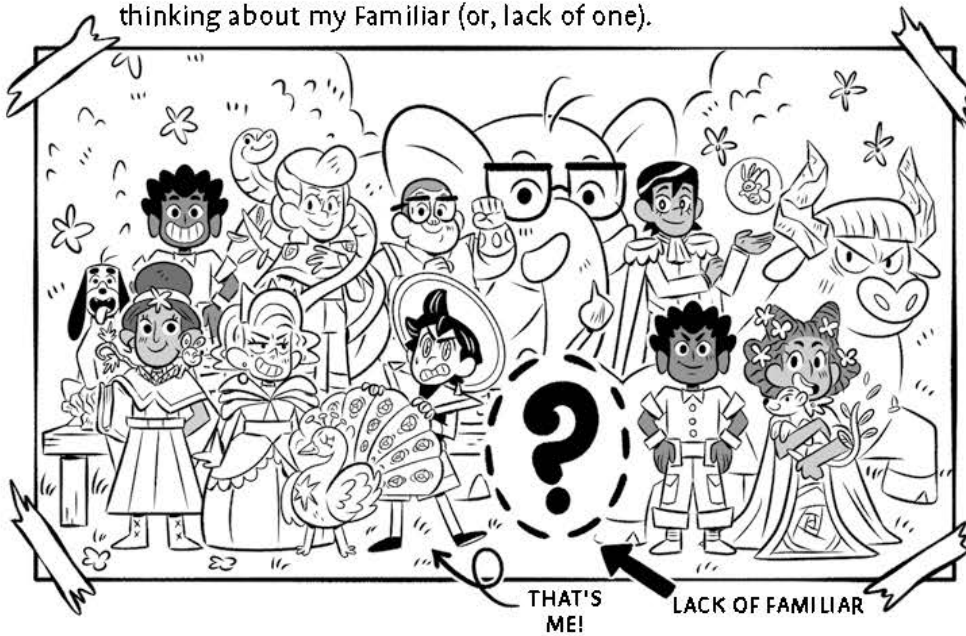
**THEMA:** YFH | YFQ | YFP

**CBMC:** D3N79

**Series:** Glam and Beardy

Glitz and Shimmer nuzzled, and I've got to admit they are incredible together: Glitz really is Shimmer's perfect match. Which is annoying... But great for them!!!

Luckily, their sparkly smugness was interrupted by the bell for assembly. Unluckily, assembly didn't help me stop thinking about my Familiar (or, lack of one).



This assembly was just for Final Year students, and it was led by Power Guardian and Wisdom Guardian. They lead the school, their own Kindoms AND the whole of Kin Isle. Though they do it in different ways. Wisdom Guardian uses wisdom and, well, Power Guardian uses power.



They work really well as a team. Like, Wisdom Guardian will say, "Oh, this classroom could do with some shelves..." and before he's even finished speaking, Power Guardian and her grizzly bear Familiar, Grizzle, will have covered that room in shelves.







# Rock Band: Rockstars and Rebels

By (author) Leah Osakwe



Music is EVERYTHING to Sabrina. It's her way of expressing herself - she loves listening to it, writing it and playing it. And since she formed a band with her best friend Galaxy, she gets to do that all the time! Things are looking up for Just the Misfits, and Sabrina's on a mission to take them to the next level.

But Sabrina and her mum have always had a strained relationship and tensions grow as Sabrina struggles to balance her studies and music, getting her into more trouble at school. Sabrina is frustrated that her mum refuses to understand how important the band is to her, and while her friends try to support her, things start to spiral. Soon Sabrina's mum has had enough of her antics and threatens to send her away to live with her dad. Can Just the Misfits show Sabrina's mum how much the band means to them, and convince her to let Sabrina stay?

**A funny new teen series, perfect for fans of We Are Lady Parts, Grow Up, Lara Bloom and Holly Smale.**

- Leah Osakwe's writing is fresh and fun and bursting with personality.
- Features a cast of distinct and compelling characters that readers can identify with.
- Perfect for fans of WE ARE LADY PARTS and Louise Rennison

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Leah Osakwe

Leah Osakwe is the author of the *Little Voices* books for young children and the fresh new teen series *Rock Band*. She's always writing - whether that be for apps and digital products or fiction for children. She lives in Essex, UK.

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**Series:** Rock Band



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