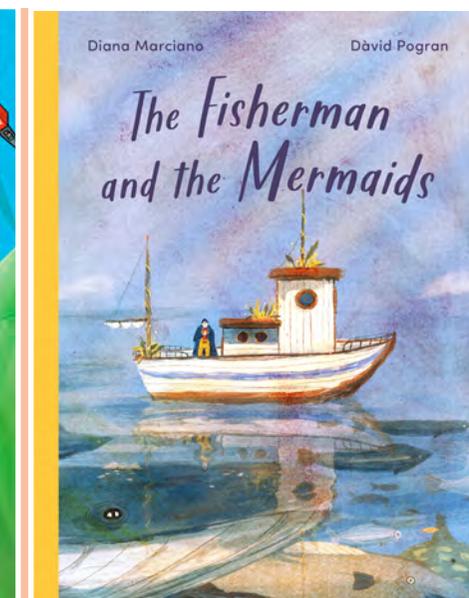
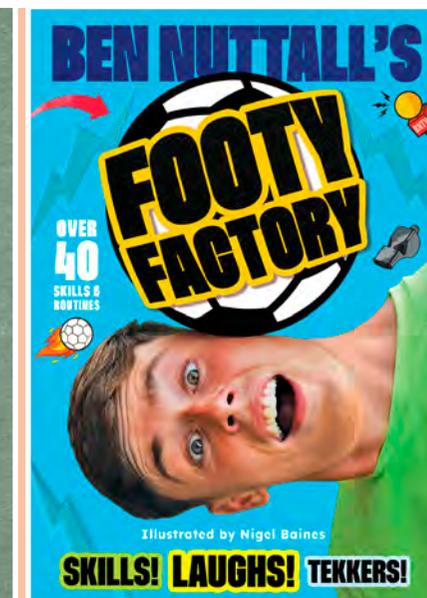
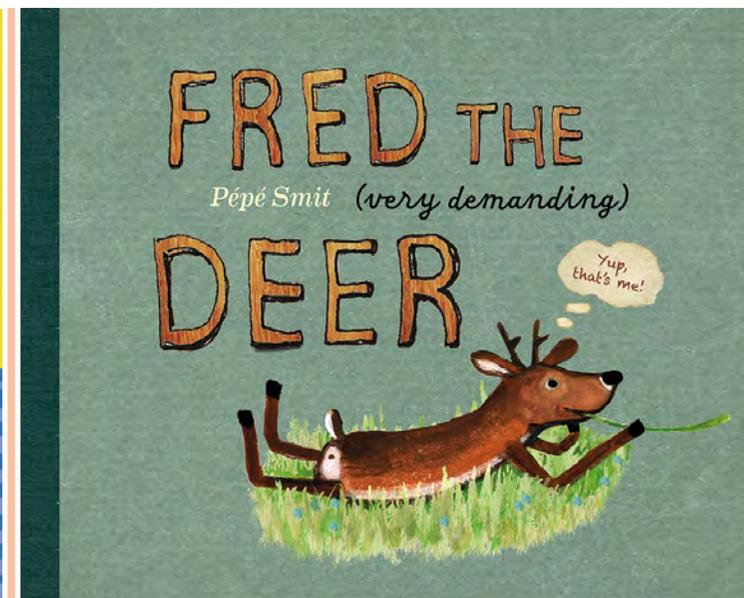
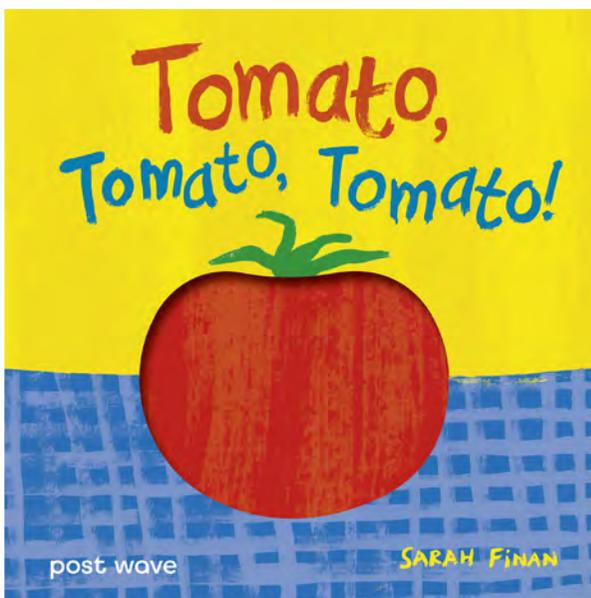


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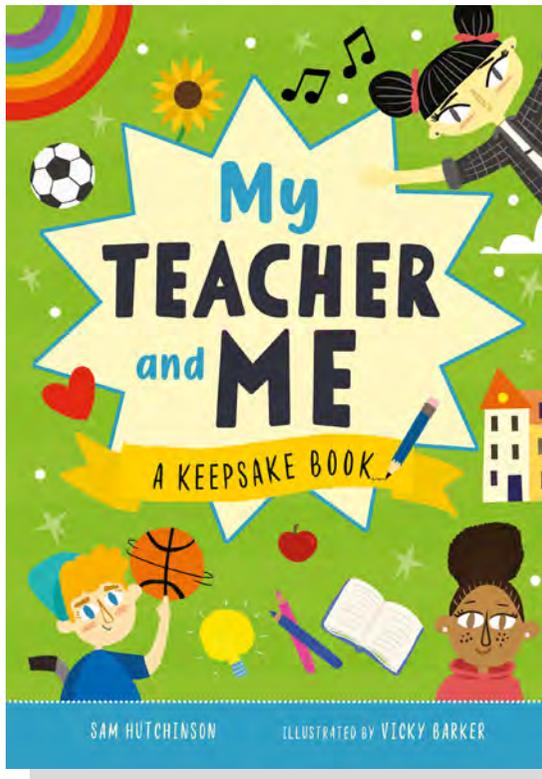
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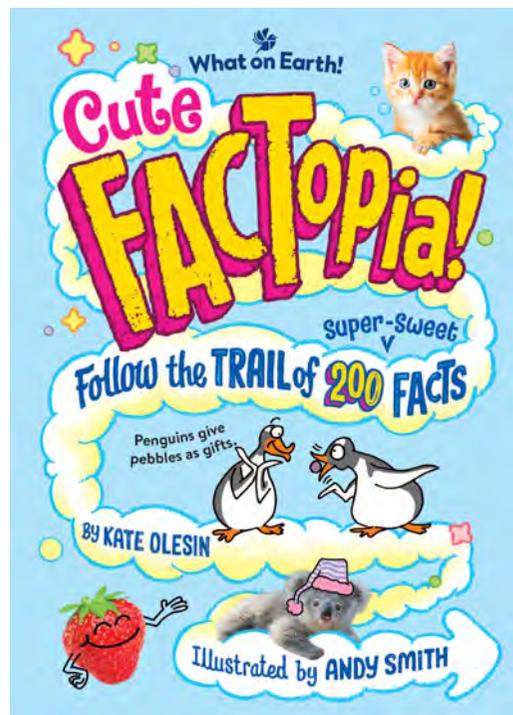




# Cute FACTopia!

Follow the Trail of 200 Super-sweet Facts

Kate Olesin, Andy Smith



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**Kate Olesin** (formerly Kate Hale) is a writer, editor and professional fun fact finder. A former executive editor for National Geographic Kids' Books, she's edited or written about everything from dog communication to inspiring scientists to wacky roadside attractions. She also co-created and hosted the award-winning kids' radio program, the *Weird but True!* show, and is the author of *FACTopia!* and *Return to FACTopia!* Kate lives in Portland, Oregon, USA.

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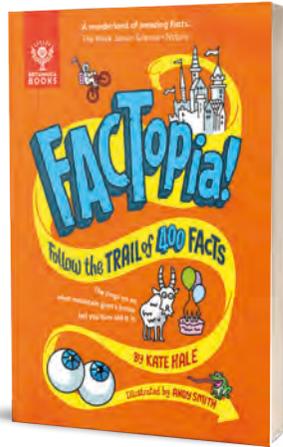
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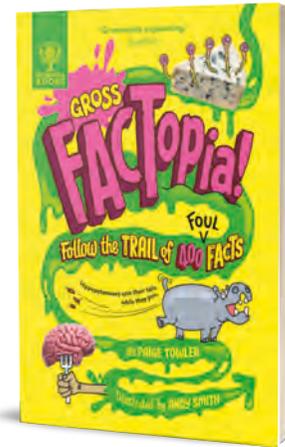
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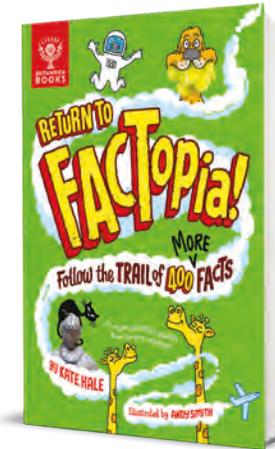
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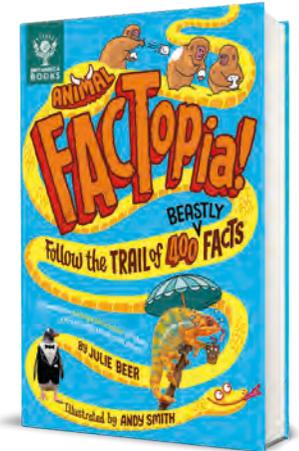
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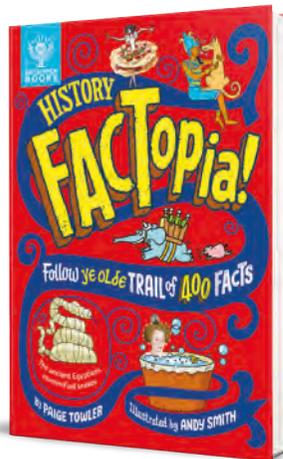
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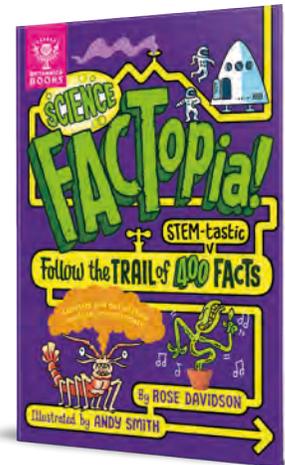
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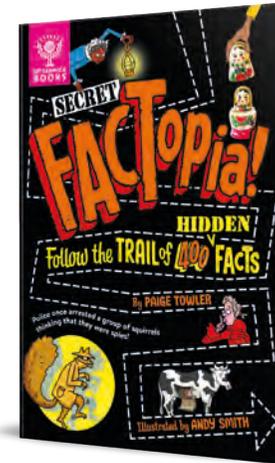
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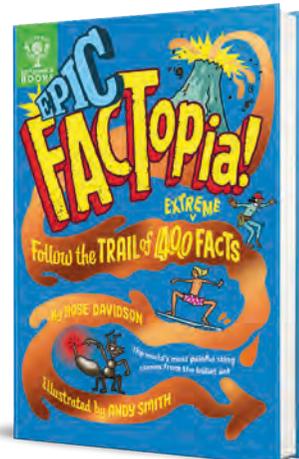
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Tammi Sauer

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Behold, my lovely audience!  
I am the amazing Augustus.  
There is no one quite like me.

Augustus the squirrel is so busy praising himself that he winds up in the belly of a lion! This quirky, voicy picture book by beloved author Tammi Sauer is certain to have kids laughing as they realize well before Augustus that he is walking across a lion's back.

Kids love being smarter than the book, and this one takes the joke as far as possible—that is, literally inside a lion.

- **A NEW HERO TO LOVE:** Unflappable Augustus brings confidence and positivity to every new situation, even a scary one--energy we could all use! Stay tuned for his next adventure, coming in Spring 2027.
- **SCHOOL & LIBRARY FAVORITE:** Tammi Sauer does dozens of school visits a year and is a promotional wizard.
- **A LAUGH-OUT-LOUD, VISUAL ROMP:** Hilarious, detailed illustrations bring this story uproariously to life and will reward multiple readings.

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My nose twitches



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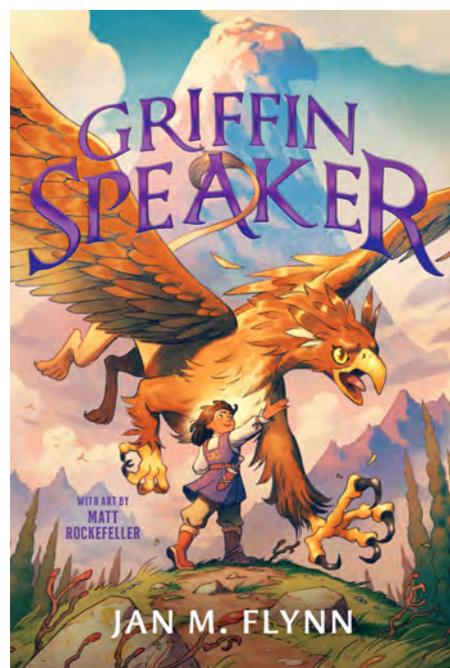


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# Griffin Speaker

Jan. M. Flynn

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For fans of animal based fantasy like *Impossible Creatures* and *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*, for fans of the *Percy Jackson* books and show for their epic action, for readers looking to get lost in a welcoming, original world like that of *Nevermoor*.

When twelve year old Rain bonds with the last wild griffin, she has the chance to change her fortune and possibly her world if she can survive a dangerous quest. As an orphan on the lowest rung of society, twelve year old Rain is destined for a future of hard labor until she meets a wild griffin and bonds with him. An old law says that bond entitles Rain to an education at the elite Griffin Riders Academy instead of a life in the mines. But Rain's Rise threatens to topple Griffin Land's fragile hierarchy, and those at the top are determined to see her fail. So they task Rain with proving herself: Armed with just her wit and accompanied by her best friend and an unlikely ally, Rain must scale the highest peak in Griffin Land and defeat the monster at its summit. Rain's success could change the world. But with an impossible quest ahead, will she and her griffin even survive?

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- **STUNNING BLACK AND WHITE INTERIOR ILLUSTRATIONS**
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# THE GRIFFIN HEART GAZETTE

## SPECIAL MORNING BULLETIN

**G**ood morning, dear readers! Big news again today: Your crusading Crier has learned the High Council has quietly rescheduled its meeting to determine the exact nature of the Ordeal that will be required of our Bottomstoop beauty (*beauty* might be stretching things a bit). Anyway, it's a most unusual development.

One can't help wondering if it has anything to do with the anonymous handbills and posters that have been littering Griffin Heart's streets and squares of late. My commitment to civic responsibility forbids me from repeating what those feckless flyers say, but if you haven't seen one, trust me—they're not just insolent, they're practically

provocative! Could it be that the exalted Empyreon lords of the Council intend to use this grub's attempted Rise to show what happens when the lower ranks resist the lawful Order of society?

I am merely asking questions, dear readers. My only desire is to keep you informed, so here I am at Council House at a most uncivilized hour, ready to report every iota of information that's deserving of your attention. Don't miss the next special edition, which will be flying off the presses as soon as the Council renders its decision.

Never forget: If it's news, you can bet that it's in the *Gazette!*

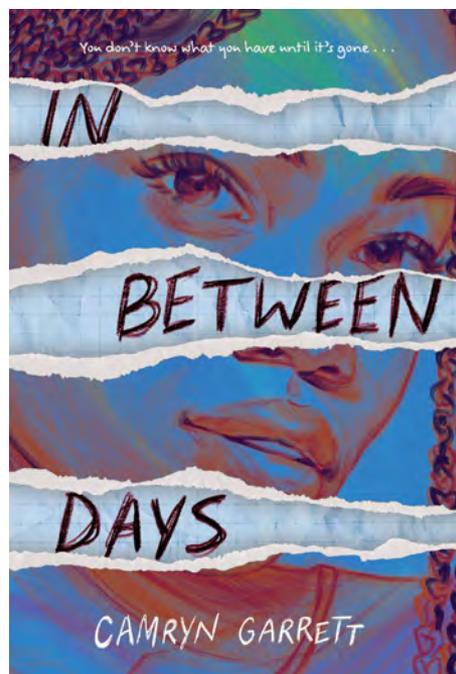


## CHAPTER TWENTY

### *An Impossible Quest*

**C**ouncil House was a looming gray structure whose every stone seemed designed to intimidate. Most daunting of all was the Council chamber itself, reaching through a succession of high-ceilinged hallways that seemed to echo with disdain as Rain walked along them. She hurried to follow Lady Orla and the two footmen from Taryn House who accompanied her. Rain was dressed in another of the purchases from Lolo's boutique, the nicest fitted trousers and jacket she'd ever worn. Lady Orla had even pinned a small T-shaped brooch on her collar, the insignia of House Taryn. As she'd passed one of the mirrors in the foyer on her way out, Rain had checked her reflection and wished Twig and Aunt Willow—and, come to think of it, even Blossom and Miss Groat—could see her now.

But now she stood in the Council chamber, a circular room with an impossibly high ceiling where the members of the



# In Between Days

Camryn Garrett

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**A stunning and uplifting contemporary YA about a young teen who explores her queerness and navigates her grief through an unlikely friendship with her deceased father's boyfriend.**

When her mother refuses entry to a stranger named Richard at her father's funeral, 17 year old Mira Howard doesn't understand why. But snooping through her father's things reveals that Richard was her father's boyfriend a boyfriend she never knew about. In fact, Mira never even knew for sure that her dad was gay. Hoping to feel more connected to her late father, Mira reaches out to Richard without telling her mom, who is still angry from the divorce. As Mira and Richard become closer, Mira gains more and more insight into the side of her father that she never got to see. Grieving that she never got to connect with her dad about their shared queerness, Mira asks that Richard teach her "how to be queer" while she navigates a new crush on her co worker, which brings her out of her diary and into the real world. But as Mira grows more confident in herself, she finds it hard to keep her relationship with Richard a secret, questioning why her family never talked about her father's sexuality in the first place.

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# Body Count

Codie Crowley

For fans of YA horror by Kalynn Bayron, Ryan La Sala, and Adam Cesare and for fans of slasher movies like *Jennifer's Body* and *Fear Street: 1994*.

One prom queen celebrating at the Jersey Shore. And one monster who will keep killing until her wishes are paid for. Seven years ago, Sundae Valentine made a deal with a monster she met at the bottom of a motel pool. She didn't know the wishes he offered had a price or that the third wish, the one she still hasn't made, will cost her life. Back then, she barely escaped Wildwood alive. Now, the cheerleaders and football players are headed to the Jersey Shore for prom weekend leaving Sundae no choice but to return to the scene of her sun bleached nightmares. Sundae tries to forget, throwing herself into the rides on the pier, the tequila fueled dance parties, and the guitar strumming girl she can't quite look away from. She hopes the beast has forgotten, too. But there are eyes like silver coins watching from the shadows, and teeth like a rusty saw glinting in the light of the boardwalk. Because Sundae still owes a debt. And whatever it takes, whoever he has to kill, this time the monster's determined to collect.



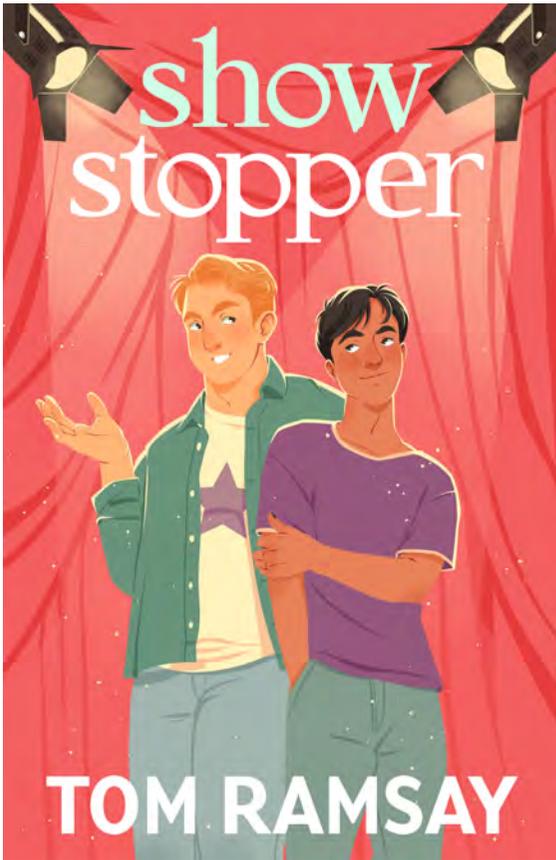
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# Showstopper

## Tom Ramsay

- Joyous, feel-good, queer romance set in the world of musical theatre.
- Centres on queer joy, mental health and the power of being part of an ensemble
- Perfect for fans of *Heartstopper* and *Glee*

### Summary:

Larger than life Olly is back at the UK's most prestigious competition for teen performers to prove he has what it takes to be a leading man. After being sabotaged last year, he is determined to stand out ahead of his drama school auditions.

Nervous newbie Tarun was nominated after stepping in from the chorus to a leading role. This is his week to explore if his secret hobby could be something more serious. But imposter-syndrome is real, and his dad's derisive comments threaten to derail him.

When the two boys are paired together, Olly can't comprehend being with someone who doesn't get his niche musical references, whilst Tarun thinks Olly is 'way too much'. But they soon discover they've more in common than the opening number might reveal.

Amidst the drama of rehearsals, could two boys be falling in love?

A life-affirming read for all those searching for their place and their people.



**Tom Ramsay** has been telling stories since childhood, where he spent many hours in his Yorkshire bedroom building sets out of cardboard boxes and acting out full productions of musicals with a cast of Sylvanian Families. He's since been allowed to turn this into a profession, working for a West End Producer as Literary Manager and Dramaturg looking after new work and writers of theatre for the company. This role has included working on an Olivier-nominated play and helping to translate a musical about the life of Marie Curie from Korean to English.

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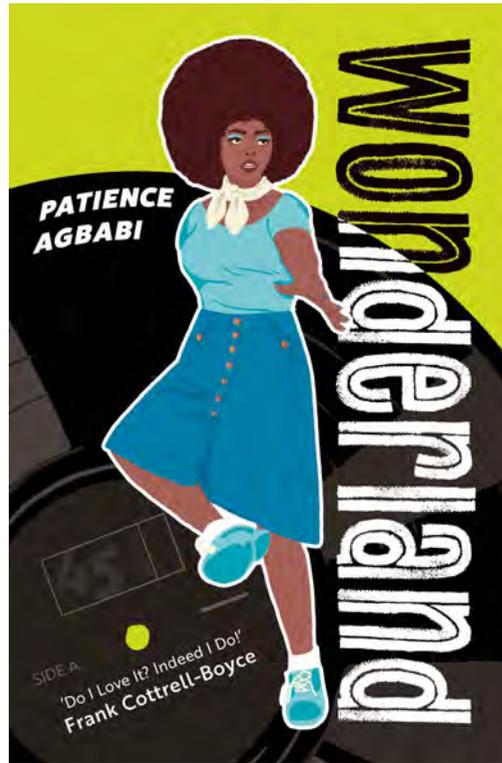
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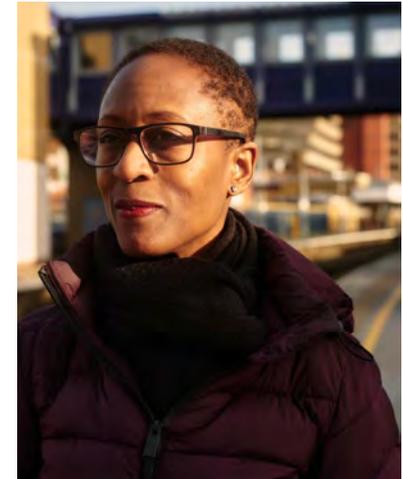
- A stunning young-adult verse novel from award-winning poet, academic and children's author Patience Agbabi.
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Will she and her new friends be able to find the rarest soul record of them all and save Wonderland?



**Patience Agbabi** was born in London to Nigerian parents. She studied English language and literature at Pembroke College, Oxford. Now, she is Associate Creative Writing Lecturer at the University of Wales, Cardiff and has been writing poetry for many years. Her first children's novel *The Infinite* (Canongate, 2020) won the Wales Book of the Year 2021.

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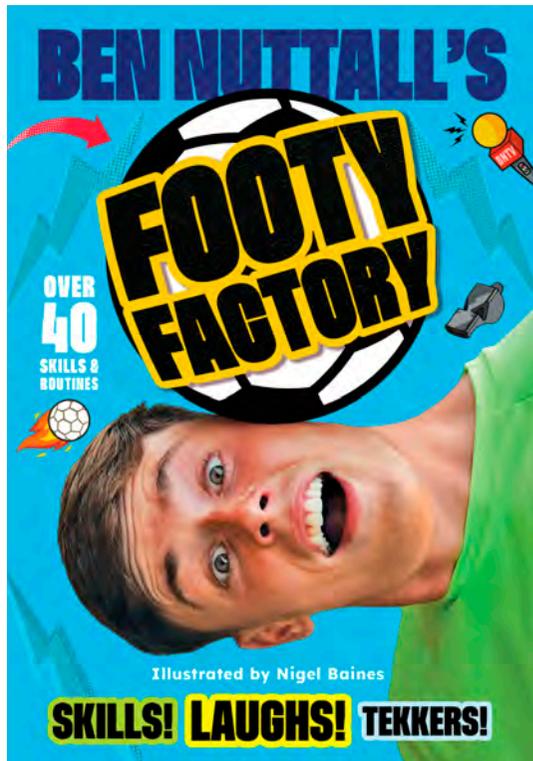
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Ben Nuttall is an exceptionally talented professional football freestyler. The undisputed World Number One of the sport, Ben is the main freestyle performer for both Adidas and Manchester United, working with some of the world's biggest brands and performing in front of massive audiences.

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# HOW TO DRIBBLE

I promise our first skill has nothing to do with baby drool! In football, dribbling is about staying in control of the ball while moving it around the pitch. Try these drills to help you get confident.



1



Put the ball between your feet. Hop from one foot to the other as you use the inside of each foot to tap the ball back and forth. Keep a gentle bend in your knees.

Can you manage four taps in a row? How about ten?

Now try one tap with the outside of your foot, followed by one tap with the inside of the **same** foot. Repeat on the other foot. Keep repeating!

2



3



Now, let's travel. Use the top of your foot (where the laces are) to tap the ball a little ahead of you. Take a step on your other foot to catch up with the ball, then tap it again with the first foot.

Speed up a bit and repeat the **step-tap-step-tap** rhythm.

Now try a few step-taps followed by one tap with your **outside** foot. That'll change the direction of the ball. More step-taps to move the ball forward, then chuck in a tap with your **inside** foot to change direction again. Nice!

4



## EXTRA-TIME CHALLENGE

Now try Step 3 without looking at your feet. Try to keep the ball moving and under control while you keep your eyes peeled for teammates to pass to, or defenders coming in to try and take the ball!

Remember - just **TAP** the ball gently when you're dribbling, don't **KICK** it! You don't want to send it too far away, otherwise your opponent might sneak into the gap and steal it from you!





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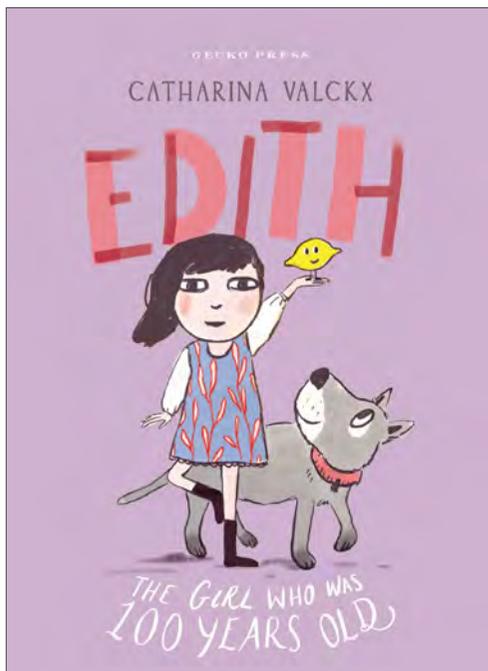
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### ABOUT THE BOOK

As a newborn, Edith received two gifts: the ability to bring any object to life and eternal childhood. That's why today, 100 years later, Edith is celebrating her centenary as a ten-year-old. What will she wish for this time? Certainly a new life—being ten forever has its downside. On her birthday, Edith sets off to find the fairy who bewitched her and reverse the spell. She takes her only friends, a wise dog and a talking lemon. Fully illustrated in color, this one-of-a-kind chapter book bursts with good things: the dry wit of a faithful dog, a fairytale adventure, camping, boating, friendship and danger, and a question that matters.

### SALES POINTS

- Fairytale characters and magic with a contemporary feel
- Writing with humor and depth, from a child's view
- Illustrations are characterful and timeless
- Read aloud or read alone, with lots to talk about

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

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This was not the ancient fairy people had mentioned—no, Aisha was young.

*She has kind eyes, thought Edith's mother. Though she can't be a day over fifteen...*

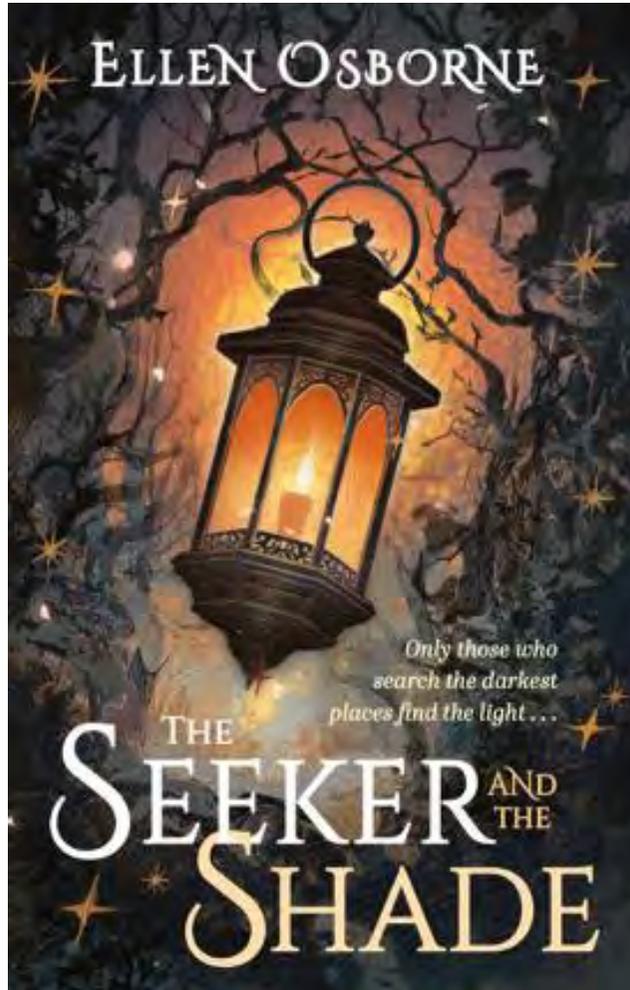
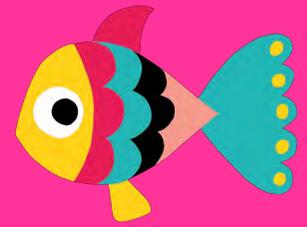


This was the first time Aisha had used her magic powers on a baby. She concentrated hard. She murmured a few words, and a star appeared at the tip of her magic wand. Once she'd finished the incantation, the star blinked out.

# The Seeker and the Shade

Ellen Osborne

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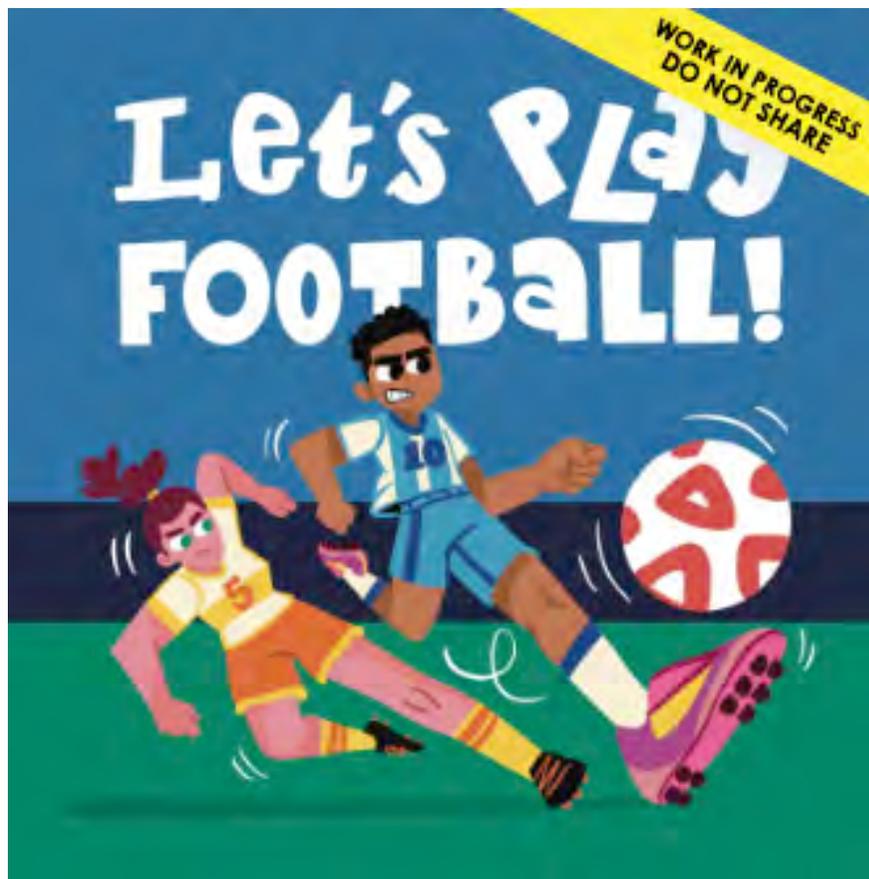
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## Let's Play Football!

by Gordon D'Arcy & Paul Howard, illustrated by Ashwin Chacko



7 May 2026 | PB | 9781915071187 | 210 x 210mm | 32pp | £9.99 | Age 4+ | Thema: YNWD1 Football | BISAC: JUV051000 Imagination & Play



DRAFT COVER

**Irish sports legend Gordon D'Arcy and bestselling author Paul Howard have teamed up with children's illustrator Ashwin Chacko on this heart-pumping interactive picture book that puts young readers in the boots of a footballer competing for the championship cup, while teaching them the basic skills of the game along the way!**

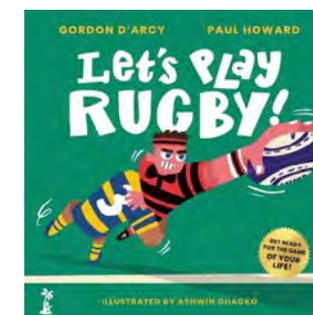
*It's match day. Are you ready?*

Swing your legs high in the air! Do some high knees! Then face off against your opponents in the game for the ages. Slide on the floor to tackle, run into the box and weave past defenders to score that all important goal.

This team are good, so it's going to take everything you have to win the cup...

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

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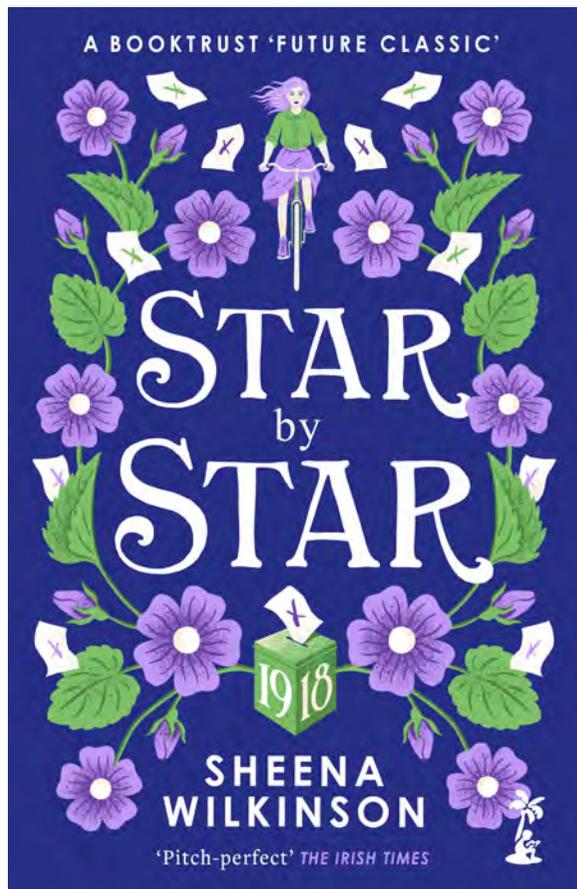
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by Sheena Wilkinson



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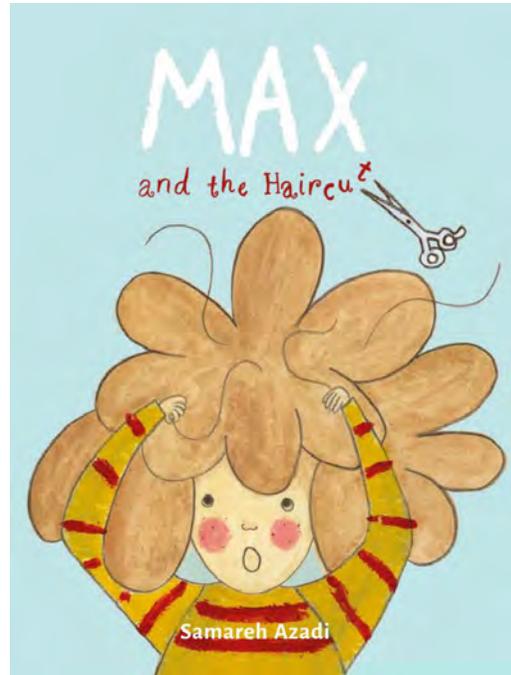
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**Samareh Azadi** was born and grew up in Iran and the geometrical shapes, textures and patterns of Iranian art have been a source of inspiration in her work. She was runner-up in the FAB Illustration Prize in 2021, specially commended for her "restrained colour palette, careful and considered use of detail, as well as her use of gorgeous printmaking techniques, which adds a lovely texture and tactile qualities to her work". Samareh has a Masters in Children's Illustration from Cambridge School of Art, and teaches in a school for high-functioning autistic children. She lives in Richmond, Surrey.

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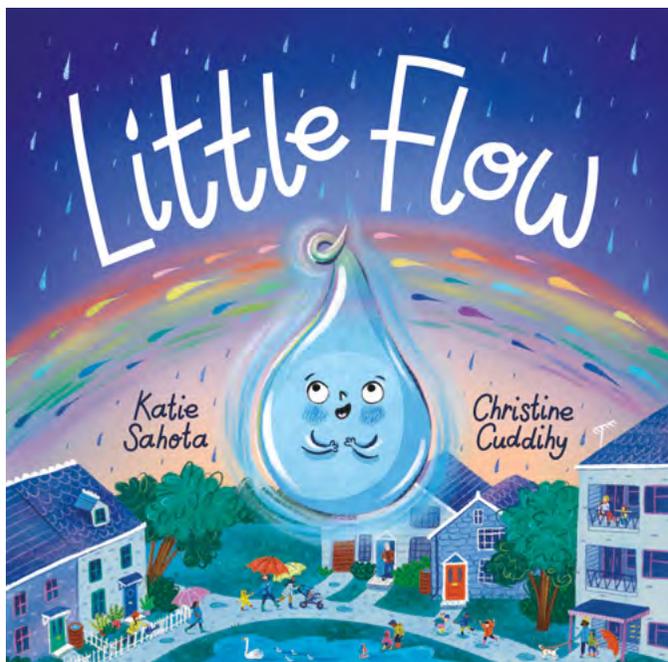
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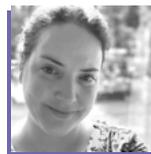


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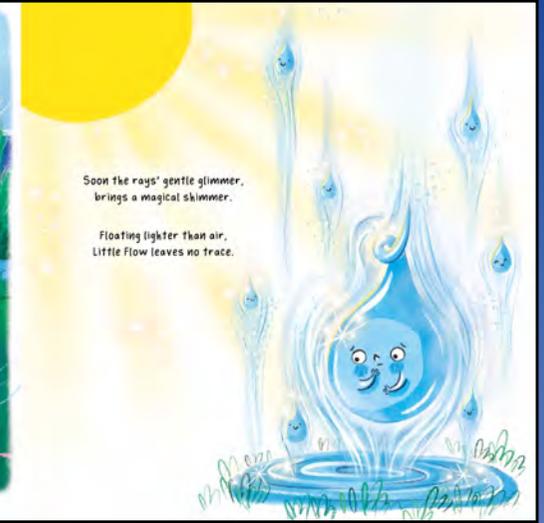
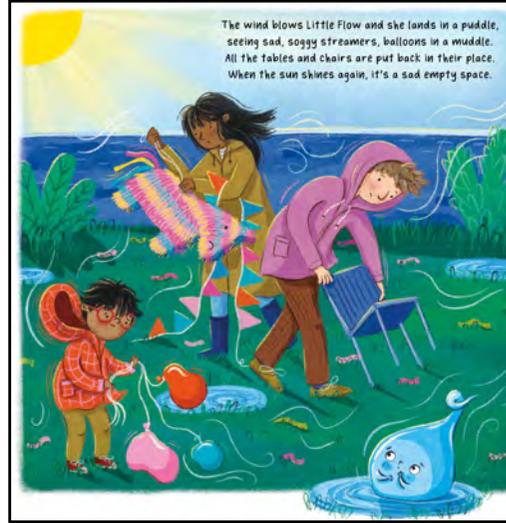
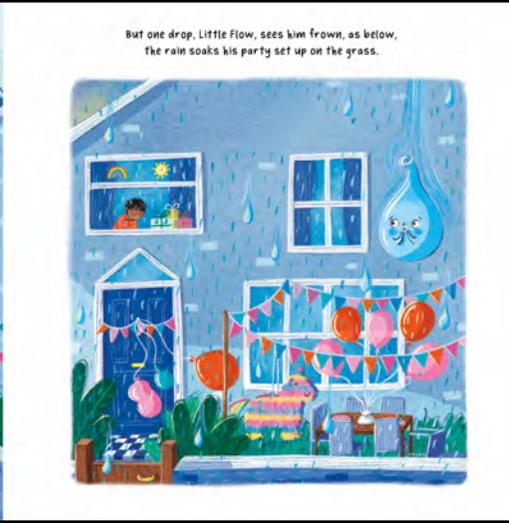
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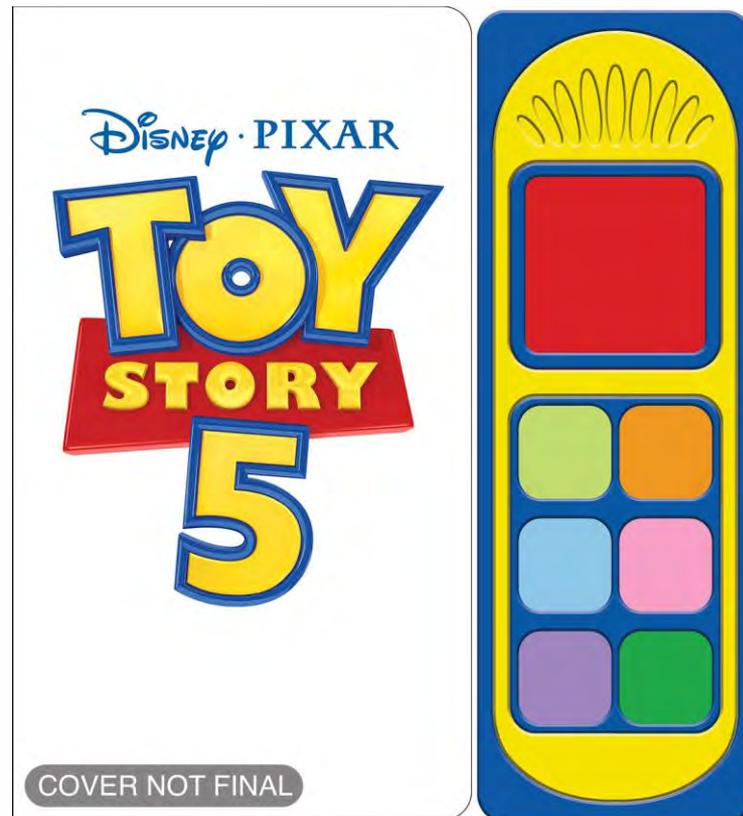
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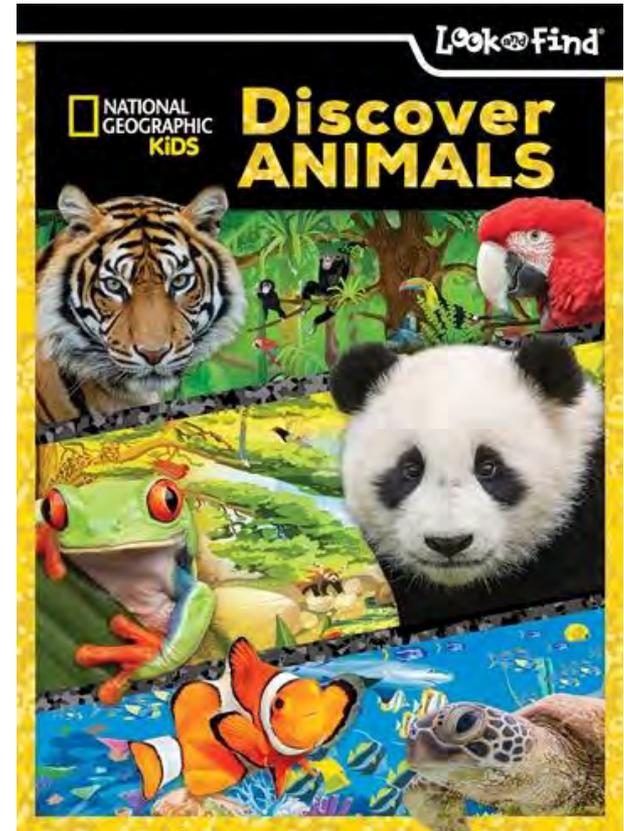
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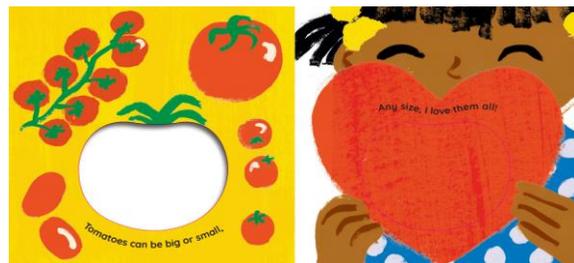
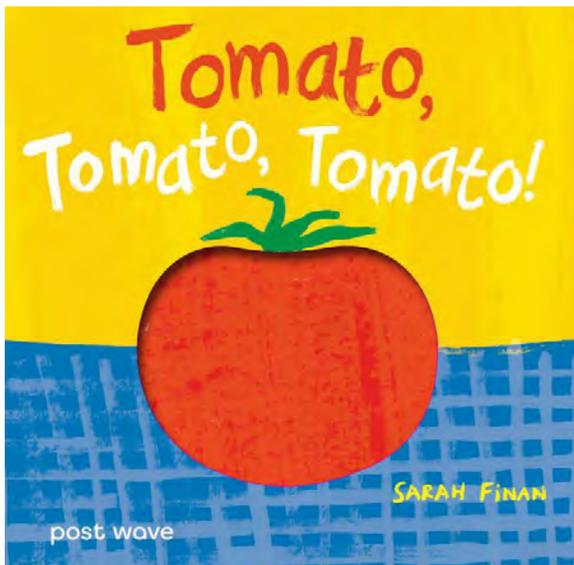
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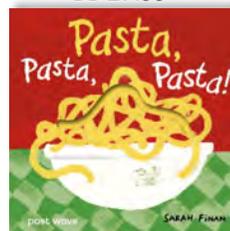
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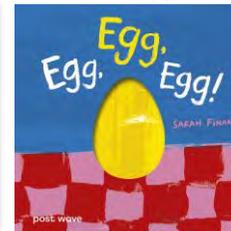
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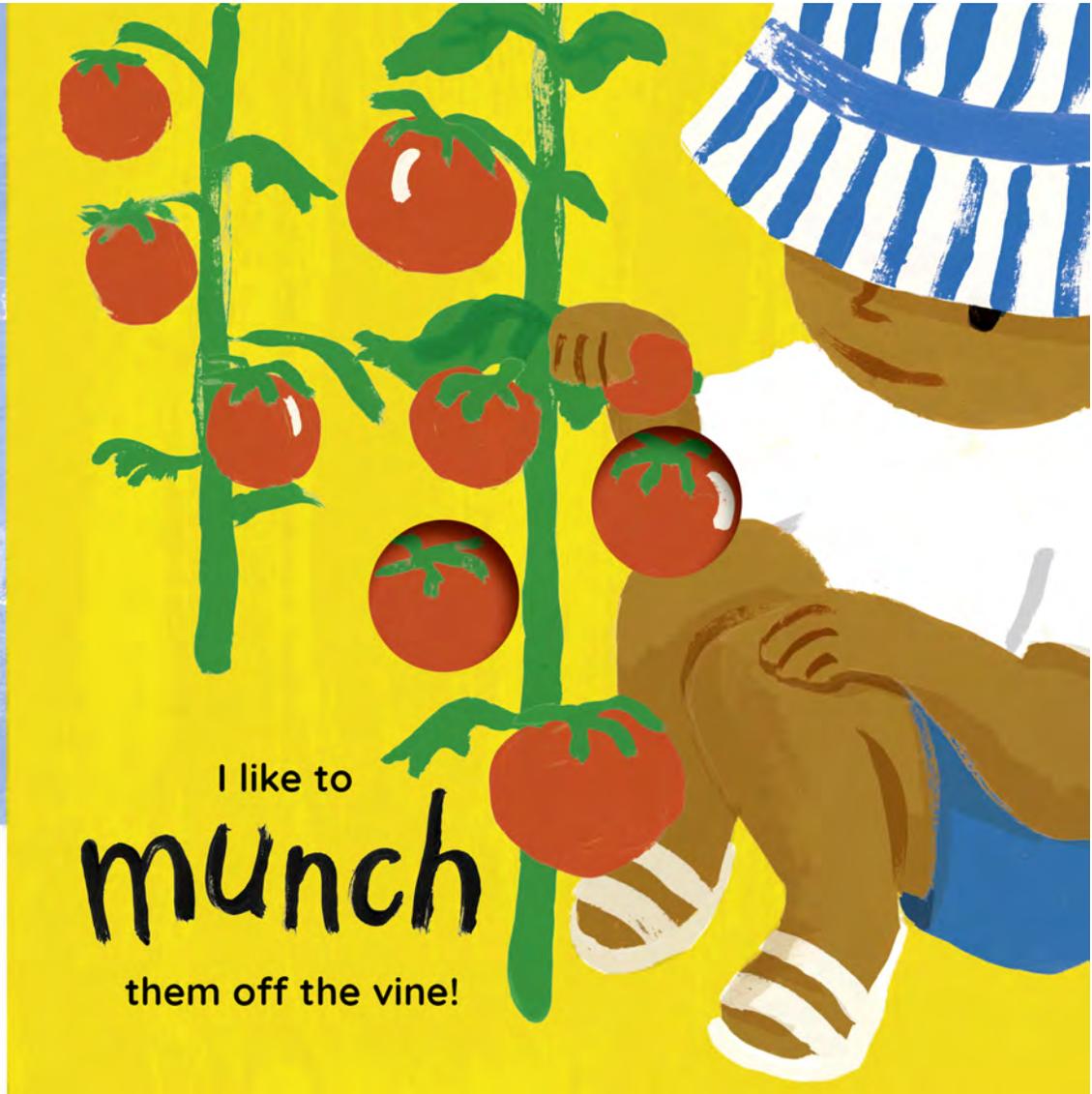


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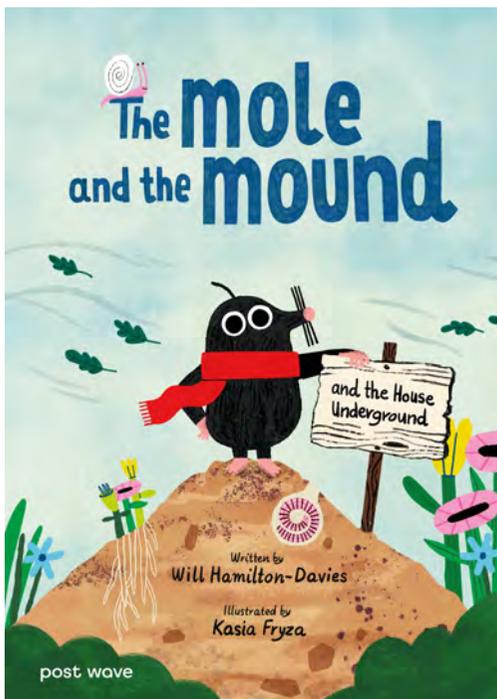




Watch them  
grow in warm  
sunshine.



I like to  
**munch**  
them off the vine!



Pub Date: 07/05/2026

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Interest Age: 3 years

# The Mole and the Mound and the House Underground

Will Hamilton-Davies and Kasia Fryza

post wave  
children's books



Mole's friends don't think much of his mound until a storm destroys their own homes, and they realise that the best treasures are often right beneath their feet!

A brilliantly funny picture book showcasing the importance of humility and the value of empathy. Mole is on a mission to build an extraordinary shelter for him and his friends. But Bird, Beaver and Bee don't see what the fuss is about - who would want to spend time in a muddy, mouldy mound when they could be enjoying Bird's impressive nest, Beaver's incredible lodge or Bee's intricate hive?

### Sales points:

- A fun, read-aloud story perfect for fans of Julia Donaldson's *What the Ladybird Heard*
- A fresh voice in children's publishing with huge potential
- Bold, dynamic illustrations create a visually striking book with strong shelf appeal
- A standout debut with broad commercial appeal and award-winning potential

### Marketing and Publicity:

- Trade press acquisition release (for Frankfurt) and extensive review mailing
- London and SW launch events and hand-delivered cookies to key bookshops
- Videos on Authorfy and ReadingZone
- Campaigns on LoveeEading4Kids, Books for Keeps, CLPE and Topsta
- Promotional tour to include school events and key festival appearances
- POS packs including activity sheets and teacher resources
- Our Reading Agency promotional slot for 2026



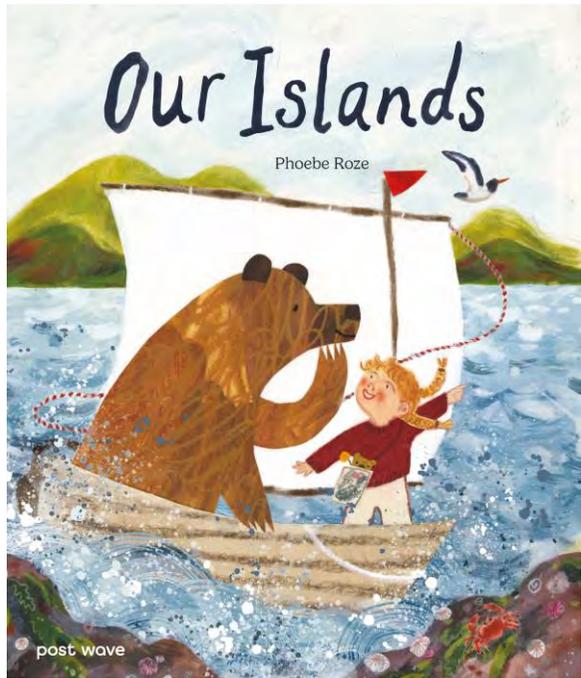
**Will Hamilton-Davies** is a Bristol-based author and poet. His stories champion confidence, curiosity, and courage – empowering young readers to speak up, stand out, and embrace the world around them.

**Kasia Fryza** (Katarzyna Książopolska) is an illustrator from Warsaw. She loves drawing and travelling through Europe with her husband, daughter and dog in their old van.



**SCOOP,  
WIGGLE  
WIGGLE,**  
went the mole...

... working on his great, grand hole.



Pub Date: 07/05/2026

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836270775

Extent: 40 pages

Dimensions: 285 x 245 mm

Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

# Our Islands

Phoebe Roze

post wave  
children's books



**A tender story where friendship blossoms, warming the heart of a lonely bear who finds himself adrift beyond his island home.**

When Bear's cosy island life is interrupted by a wild storm, he finds himself adrift and alone. Washed ashore on a new island, fear turns to wonder as he encounters an unlikely friend, Isla. Together, they join forces to help Bear find his way home.

Join Bear on this heart-warming adventure to discover if the path back home might bring the greatest of adventures and the truest of friendships.

### Sales points:

- A picture book classic in the making – filled with warmth, wonder, and universal appeal for readers of all ages
- Bear's journey explores the balance between comfort and curiosity, resonating with young readers ready to embrace adventure while cherishing home
- A fresh new voice in picture books, using a blend of textures and mediums to craft a warm, cosy style

### Marketing and Publicity:

- Review mailing and Instagram outreach
- Pitch to Scottish Book Trust
- Available for local windows and events

**Phoebe Roze** is an illustrator from the Scottish Highlands, currently based in Edinburgh. Often looking towards the landscapes, nature and folklore of Scotland to inspire her, a sense of place and playfulness are important elements within her work. Since graduating with a first class honours in Illustration, Phoebe has worked with many interesting organisations, including The Folio Society, Glasgow Children's Hospital and Dundee City Council. When she isn't drawing, she can usually be found out cycling on her bike or with her nose in a good book.

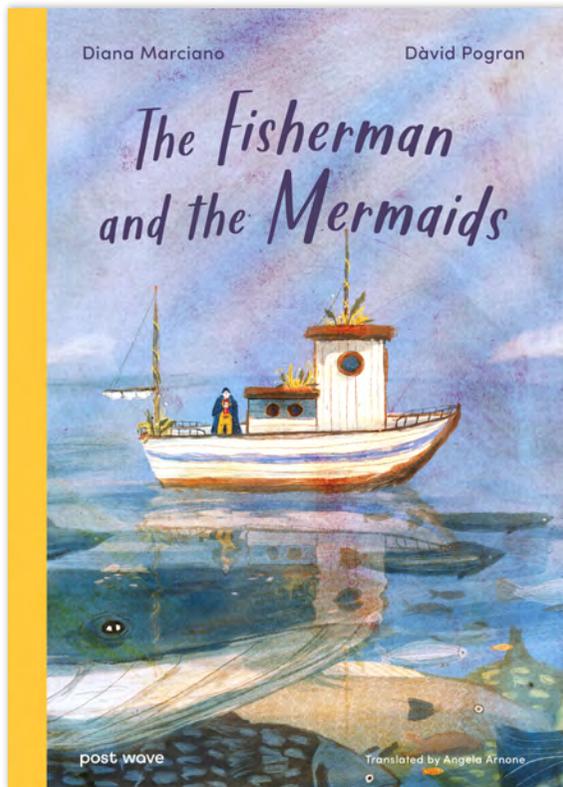
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This is where Bear lives,  
and it is the only home he knows.





# The Fisherman and the Mermaids

Diana Marciano and Dávid Pogran

post wave  
children's books



**A magical story about a fisherman who learns that the most valuable things aren't what you're given, but the dreams, memories and wishes you keep.**

As the sun rises over the ocean, an old fisherman casts his net into the sea and sings a lonely tune. To his surprise, three magical sirens appear – and offer him everything he's ever wished for: to be young again, to be rich and to be happy forever. But there's a catch...

### Sales points:

- Beautifully atmospheric illustrations will enchant readers young and old
- An important tale of appreciating what you have and not giving into the temptation of vanity or riches
- Originally published in Italian this is a debut for both Diana Marciano and Dávid Pogran

### Marketing and Publicity:

- Review mailing and Instagram outreach

**Diana Marciano**, after graduating from high school with a classical background, graduated in Publishing and Journalism and then in Modern Philology. She is the author of several works ranging from essays to comics, she works—not without forays into journalism—as an editor and copywriter for various publishing houses and dedicates herself to film adaptations of novels and plays.

**Dávid Pogran** is an illustrator and designer from Poprad, Slovakia, passionate about bringing stories to life through art. Inspired by nature, music, and dreams, his work explores the harmony between reality and the surreal—with flowers often stealing his attention.

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Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836271161

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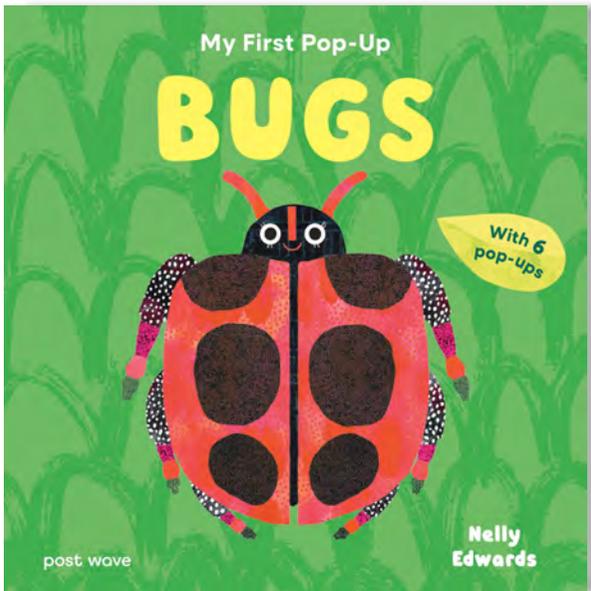
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The old fisherman refused.  
He wouldn't part with the precious memory  
of his dear cat, who could chase away his  
sadness with one gentle nuzzle and a purr.

No gold could ever shine as brightly  
as that memory, tucked away in his heart.



# My First Pop-Up: Bugs

Nelly Edwards

post wave  
children's books



From jewelled beetles to dazzling butterflies, enormous dragonflies to furry bees, this stylish pop-up book is the perfect introduction to insects for young children.

Simple yet captivating, each page introduces favourite creatures through six brightly coloured pops. The bugs almost leap from the page with the sturdy, multi-layered pop-ups, and the small format make this ideal for little hands.

### Sales points:

- Sturdy pop-ups and small format, great for little hands Includes six, multi-layered pop-ups of favourite insects, from butterflies to ladybirds
- Vibrant, stylish artwork by debut illustrator, Nelly Edwards
- The first in a series of stunning pop-up books
- Perfect for fans of Ingela Arrhenius

### Marketing and Publicity:

- Review mailing and Instagram outreach
- Focus on wildlife magazines and organisations

**Nelly Edwards** is an illustrator based in the countryside just outside of Newbury, West Berkshire. Nelly dreamt of being an illustrator when she was a child. Now more than 40 years' later, she's able to live that dream! Nelly works in her tiny home studio hand printing fun colours, patterns and textures onto recycled paper that she finds here and there (like a Womble). Each newly printed piece of paper provides her imagination the opportunity to run wild and go on exciting adventures.

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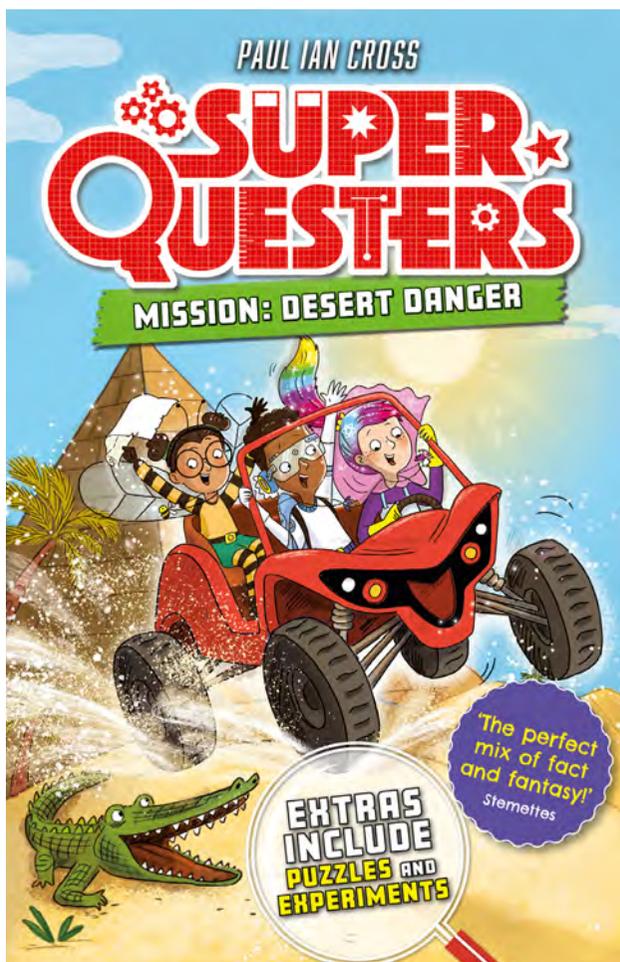
Look at you **bumblebee,**

buzzing by the **flowers.**

## SUPERQUESTERS MISSION: DESERT DANGER

Paul Ian Cross

Illustrations by Katarina Gasko



Join the fearless SuperQuesters in a race against time to stop a rogue archaeologist from destroying the entire desert.

Best friends Lilli, Leo and Bea are having an exciting day at the beach. They have everything they need for fun, including their Questland game and their special amulets. During their sandcastle competition, they spot a message in a bottle. It shows strange hieroglyphs and one clear word: Help! At that moment, their amulets glow and, in a flash, they are back in Questland.

Transformed into the SuperQuesters – Lillicorn, Leo Zoom and Bea Bumble – they arrive on the banks of a dried up river in the desert. As they gaze at a towering pyramid, they meet Arid the Sand Sprite, who is very upset. Skitter the scarab beetle tells them that Arid's brother, Rainveil the River Sprite, has been captured by the sneaky archaeologist Professor Vortec along with his beetle friends. The professor wants to control Questland's water so she can take the Legendary Treasure from the secret underwater chamber.

The SuperQuesters leap into action. Working with Arid and Skitter, they uncover the Professor's plan to use an ancient spell to steal the cursed treasure. Using their STEM skills, reasoning, and courage, the trio crack codes, dive for treasure and debug dune buggies in a race to stop Professor Vortec before she completes the ritual when the three stars align.

### Key Selling Points

- *Peanut Jones* meets *Jumanji* in this exciting STEM-packed adventure!
- The first book in the series, *SuperQuesters Mission: River Crest Rescue* was Highly Commended in the Teach Primary Awards and was part of the The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge 2025. It has also been selected for the BookTrust Letterbox Club 2026.
- Exciting adventure story embedded with real-life fun facts, brainteasing puzzles, secret codes to crack, STEM activities to try at home or school. Plus a map and glossary.
- Introduces children to a range of science, maths and computing subjects – from nature and health to robots and coding – in an exciting and easy-to-understand way.
- Supports the National Curriculum for Key Stage 1 and 2 Science, Computing and Maths.
- Features diverse and inclusive role model characters who show that anything is possible with clear thinking, logic and patience
- Perfect for fans of *Leonora Bolt* and *Izzy the Inventor*, as well as superhero enthusiasts, young scientists, animal lovers and adventure seekers.

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'A charming read that will inspire its young readers to be more inquisitive about the world around them.' *How It Works Magazine*



# Questland



THE TALKING TREES

SLEEPY BRIDGE

RIVER CREST



CLOUD MEADOW

SUNNY CREEK



SHIMMERLEAF OAK

PETAL DOOR

HONEY GARDENS



SHADOW SHED MAZE



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### Author Biography

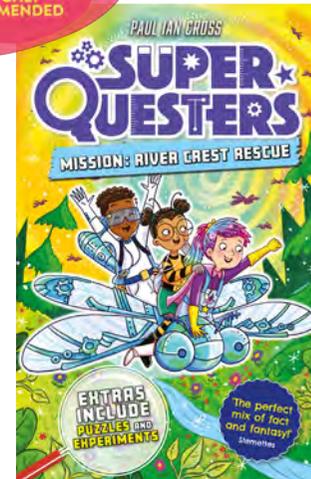
**Paul Ian Cross**, is an award-winning British author and scientist who has written numerous page-turning books for young readers, including Teach Primary Awards Highly Commended *SuperQuesters Mission: River Crest Rescue*. With a PhD in his field, Paul expertly weaves mind-blowing facts into stories that inspire readers to embrace their inner scientist and envision a better world. He is a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, neurodivergent and belongs to the chronic disease community. Paul lives in Brighton

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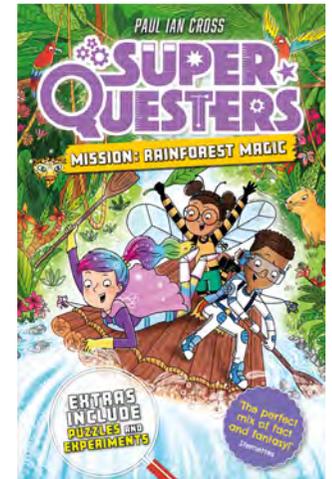


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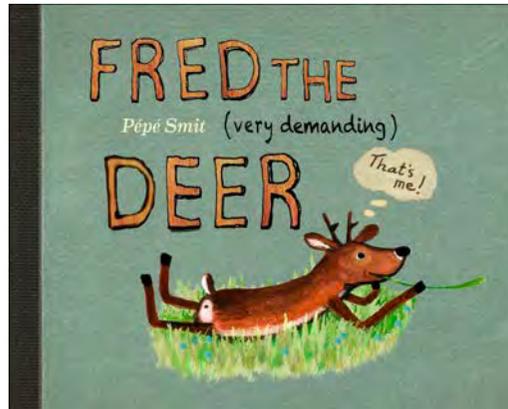
'A hit for any science-loving kids.' ★★★★★ *The Sun*

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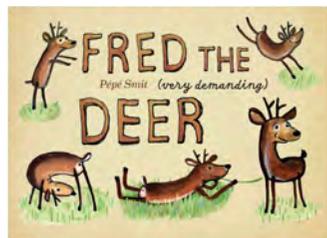
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CBMC Code	A3M79



**Pépé Smit** was trained as a visual artist at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy and the Sandberg Institute. Her illustrations have appeared in several leading magazines and newspapers, but she has increasingly focused on creating picture books that make young children both laugh and think. Her first, *Fred the (Very Demanding) Deer*, has become a much-reprinted title and marked the beginning of a successful series.

## Fred The (very demanding) Deer by Pépé Smit



**In this unique and hilarious picture book, Fred the Deer throws a series of tantrums with his illustrator, and ends up getting most of what he wants!**

Fred the deer loves living in the forest. Or does he? No, he says he **does not!** He is bored, and wants to visit the town! Once there, he sees everyone else has shoes – so why can't he have shoes? Everyone else seems to be eating chips, but he needs hands to eat chips... really, Fred? Read on to see if Pepe will give in and give him hands, and how the story will end up!

### Key Selling Points

- An absurd and very funny dialogue where the author/illustrator is directed by the protagonist
- A book to make children and adults laugh, but also think
- Readers will secretly identify with Fred, who is demanding and stubborn but somehow loveable
- A book with timeless art and an evergreen text, with high quality production values and cloth spine
- Already a classic in the Netherlands, where it has reprinted many times

'From beginning to end, it exudes timelessness' *Cobra.be*

'Fred's adventures are unpredictable and disruptively different' *Annemarie Terhell, Trouw*

### Sales and Marketing

- Free online resources including a board game
- Marketing with Love Reading, YLG website
- Trailer and social media campaign, and giveaways



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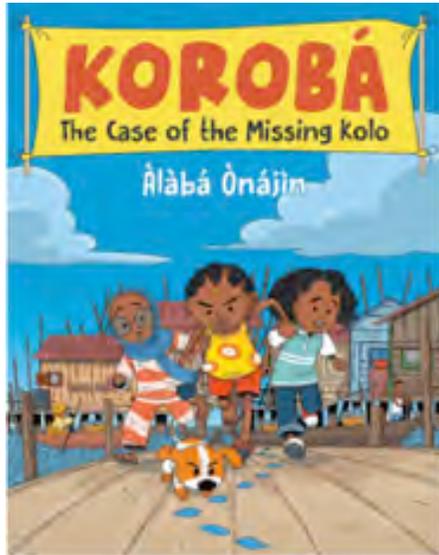
All right, then. Which ones would you like? You choose.



I want  
THESE!



Fred, watch out!  
LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING!



# Koroba: The Case of the Missing Kolo

## by Alaba Onajin



**A new graphic novel series reminiscent of Tintin, set in a vibrant African community.**

Ten-year-old Korobá knows everyone in Makoko, the Nigerian fishing village where she lives. Between doing chores for her mother, she roams free with her best friends, Saidat and Joba, and her adorable dog, Popi. The last thing Korobá would expect in Makoko is a thief. Yet Saidat's wooden piggy bank has been stolen! Buckle up, budding mystery fans...

It's time to join Korobá and friends on their thrilling chase for the culprit.

### Key Selling Points

- All the exotic adventure and rich detail of the best *Tintin* books
- Visual literacy as the illustrations feature some very important clues
- Feeds the current appetite for authentic global stories and representation
- Accessible and warm, not issue-led
- More uplifting and realistic than some other Nigerian-set children's books that have been well received (*Jummy at the River School* or *Onyeka*)



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Extent	144pp
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BIC Code	
CBMC Code	

### Sales and Marketing

- First in a series: next title is **The Case of the Broken Masterpiece**
- A new voice from an African writer – his first publication in the UK
- Author based in the UK, active on social media
- Eligible for prizes, published within 3 months of USA debut
- Potential for use in schools
- International appeal for Africa but also France



Àlábá Ònájìn was born in Nigeria, and now lives in Gloucestershire after gaining a diploma in Freelance Cartooning and Illustration from The Morris College of Journalism. He has always had a passion for telling stories through his drawings, and his work has been published in USA and by UNESCO.

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This is my dog, Popi.



We are inseparable!

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Two Windmills

# Arty Mouse Early Learning Activity Books: Arty Mouse Copying

Creative play is an important part of a child's development, so give them a head start with the help of Arty Mouse and his colourful friends.

Author: Robyn Gale | Illustrator: Brad Hunt, Mandy Stanley

In this immersive, creative activity book, Arty Mouse and his colourful friends introduce the fun of picture-making by copying lines and shapes - at the same time developing important motor skills for learning to write.

With a big smile, a paw full of art materials and a head full of creative ideas, Arty Mouse is the perfect friend and mentor for children aged 3 and up, who are just getting to grips with handling tools and art materials for the first time.

Building confidence in children with dyslexia, who often think in pictures rather than words.

Helping to grow self-esteem and build confidence in children with dyspraxia as muscles in their fingers, hands and wrists strengthen and they develop vital fine motor skills.

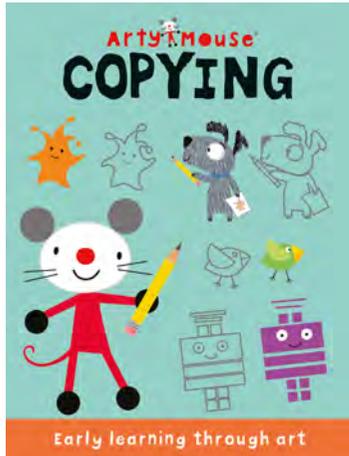
Copy lines and shapes to make pictures and develop motor skills to get ready to write.

Join Arty Mouse for picture-making fun. Packed with copying activities on every page, children age 3 and up will be captivated as they learn to draw vertical, horizontal and curved lines to complete colourful pictures, at the same time developing important motor skills for learning to write.

Watch them blossom as their creative skills and confidence grow. With the addition of clear notes for parents, including practical learning milestones, Arty Mouse Copying ticks the educational boxes as well as the one marked 'fun'!

## Illustrator: Brad Hunt

Brad Hunt gained a First-Class Honours degree in Graphic Design. He then spent five years in the publishing industry, designing a wide range of children's books including licensed products. He now works for a design agency. His illustration credits include the Arty Mouse series of Activity Books, 555 Sticker Fun Horses and Unicorns, and Ten Little Unicorns.



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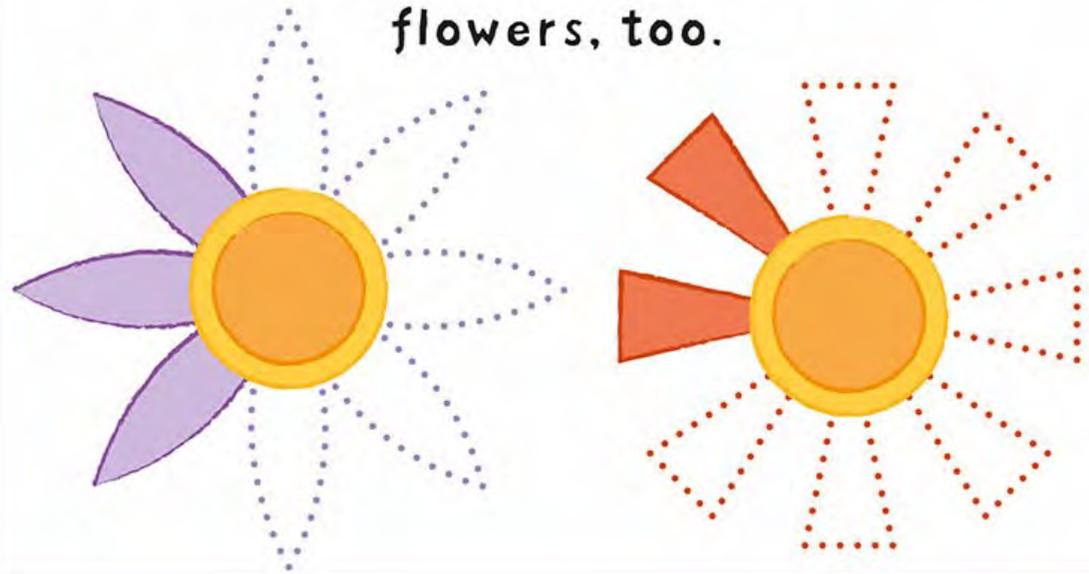
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# Summer flowers

Arty Mouse loves flowers. Copy the petal shapes to finish the picture.



Finish these summer flowers, too.



Can you copy your own flower all by yourself?



My pretty flower



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# Arty Mouse Early Learning Activity Books: Arty Mouse Cutting

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Author: Robyn Gale | Illustrator: Brad Hunt, Mandy Stanley

In this immersive, creative activity book, Arty Mouse and his colourful friends introduce the fun of cutting out - at the same time developing important motor skills for learning to write.

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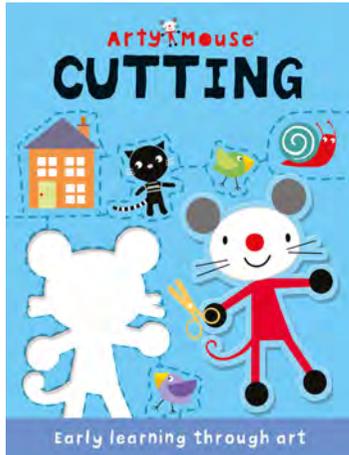
Cutting out shapes is fun and helps to develop motor skills to get ready to write.

Join Arty Mouse for cutting-out fun. Starting at the beginning, children age 3 and up will soon be absorbed in cutting their way through the activities from front to back, discovering surprises with every turn of the page, and developing important motor skills for learning to write. Watch them blossom as their creative skills and confidence grow.

With the addition of clear notes for parents, including practical learning milestones, Arty Mouse Cutting ticks the educational boxes as well as the one marked 'fun'!

## Illustrator: Brad Hunt

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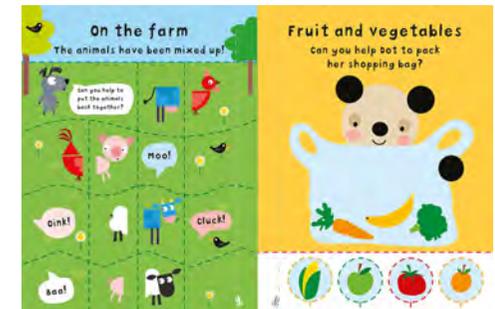
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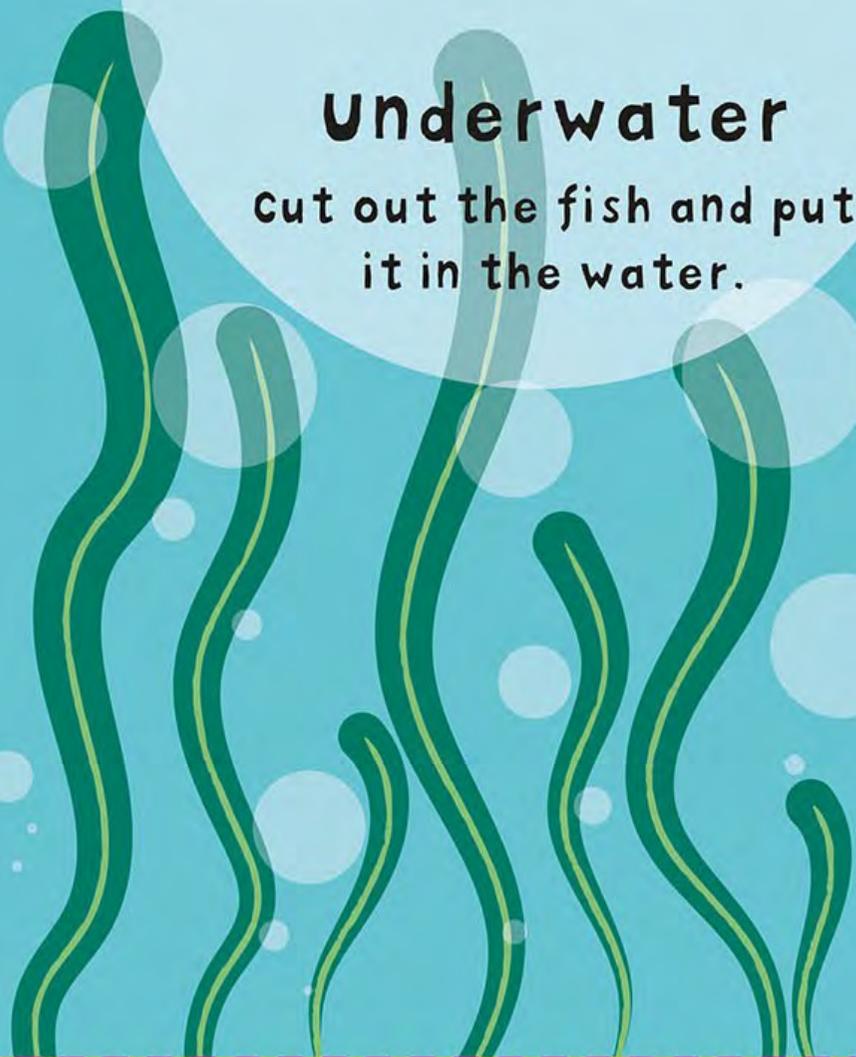


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# Underwater

Cut out the fish and put it in the water.



# Scribble's quilt

Cut along the dotted lines on Scribble's stripy quilt.



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Two Windmills

# Novelty Activity Wallets: My Little Cosy Life Cuties Colouring & Scratch Cards

Activity-packed wallets full of immersive fun and creativity!

Illustrator: Caro Van Den Berg

Includes a 24-page colouring book packed with pictures of adorable animals to colour in using your own pens, crayons or markers.

A neat little wallet bursting with feel-good creative fun for children age 5 and up.

10 colourful scratch art pictures to reveal by scratching away the black surface with the included scratch stylus.

Keeping young hands and minds busy on rainy days, holidays, and on the go.

Ready to unpack and get busy straight away.

A feel-good gift.

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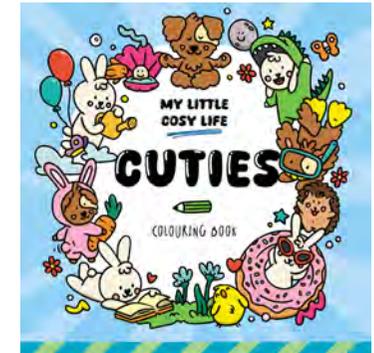
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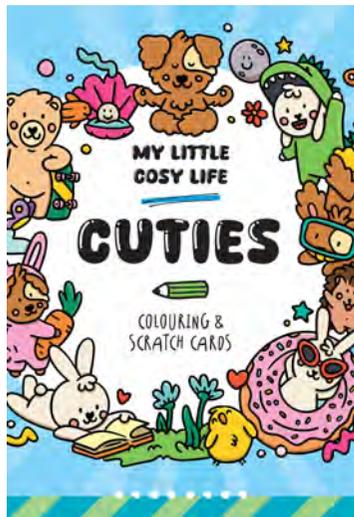
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Pub date: 14 May 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour cover, 1 colour interiors  
perfect bound paperback

Cover finishes: Gloss

Additional Info: Wallet attached inside back  
cover contains 10 cards 250x170mm printing  
4/0 with black scratch surface, scratch stylus

Extent: 24pp

Dimensions: 255 x 175 mm

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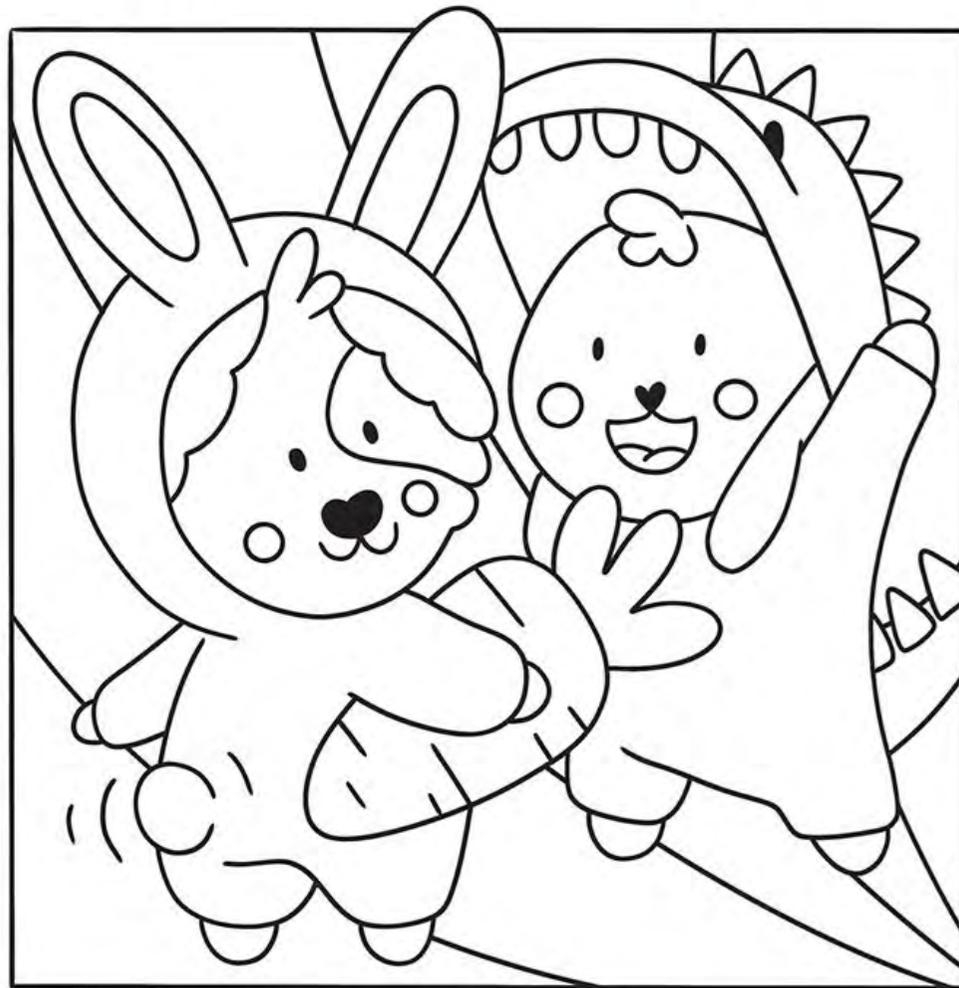
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Illustrator: Caro Van Den Berg

Includes a 24-page colouring book packed with pictures of adorable animals to colour in using your own pens, crayons or markers.

A neat little wallet bursting with feel-good creative fun for children age 5 and up.

10 colourful scratch art pictures to reveal by scratching away the black surface with the included scratch stylus.

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Ready to unpack and get busy right away.

A feel-good gift.

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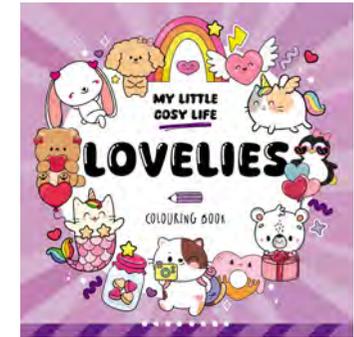
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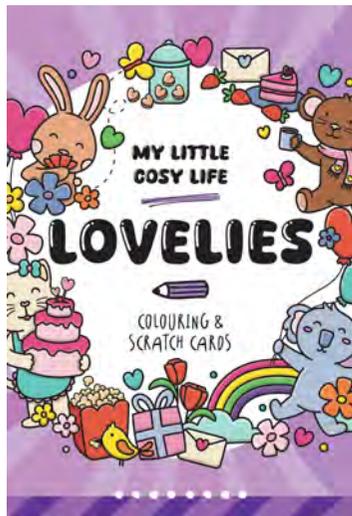
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Price: £7.99

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Additional Info: Wallet attached inside back cover  
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Extent: 24pp

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Explore a sensory world of colours. This first word book as colourful wonders for little eyes, hands and noses. By engaging their senses in a colourful way, curious toddlers will build their vocabulary through sight, touch and smell.

Publication	7 MAY 2026
Price	£ 7.99
Format	Board Book
Size	170 x 170 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	Soft elements to scratch, touch and smell

## KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Beautiful illustrations to learn first words.
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Parrot

Who is flying in the air?



Ladybird



Robin

Which reptiles live in the water?

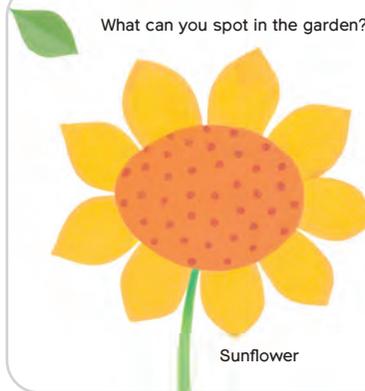


Crocodile



Turtle

What can you spot in the garden?



Sunflower



Bee

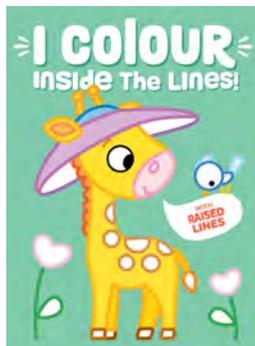
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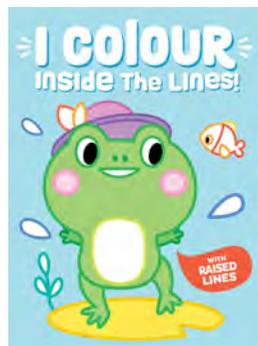
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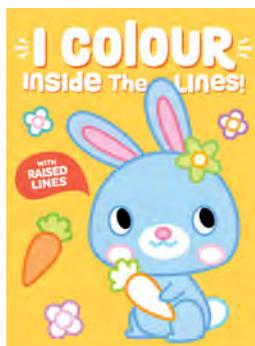
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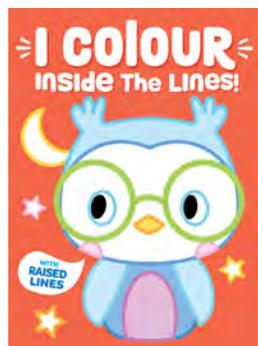
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## GIRAFFE • FROG • BUNNY • OWL

Children learn to colour inside the lines in their own time and at their own speed. This series lends a helping hand. The raised lines of the drawings act as barriers, encouraging young artists to stay within the lines.

<b>Publication</b>	7 MAY 2026
<b>Price</b>	£ 4.99
<b>Format</b>	Colouring book
<b>Size</b>	158 x 214 mm
<b>Extent</b>	64 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	3+
<b>Features</b>	Coloured lines as a raised UV-layer

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- The raised barriers help to stay inside the lines.
- Discover fun designs in a playful way!
- Encourage young artists' creativity and motoric skills.

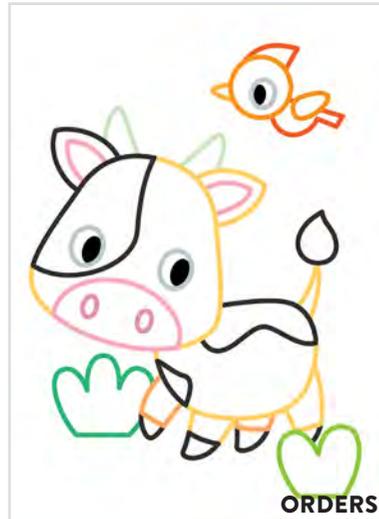
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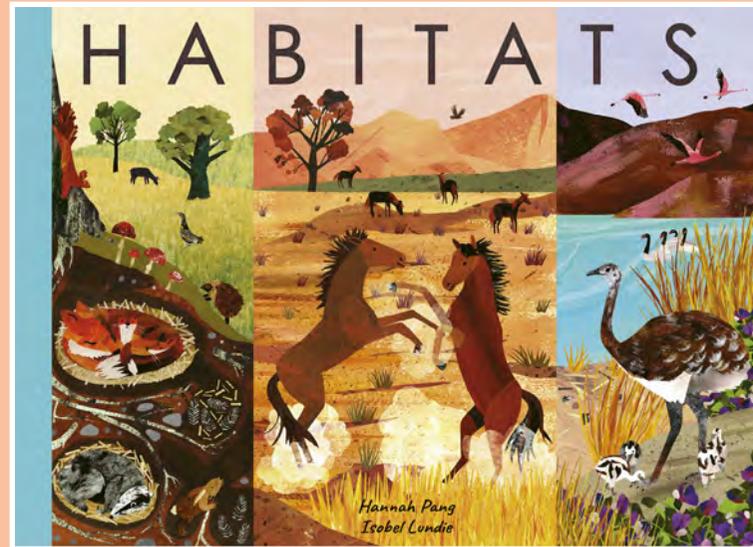
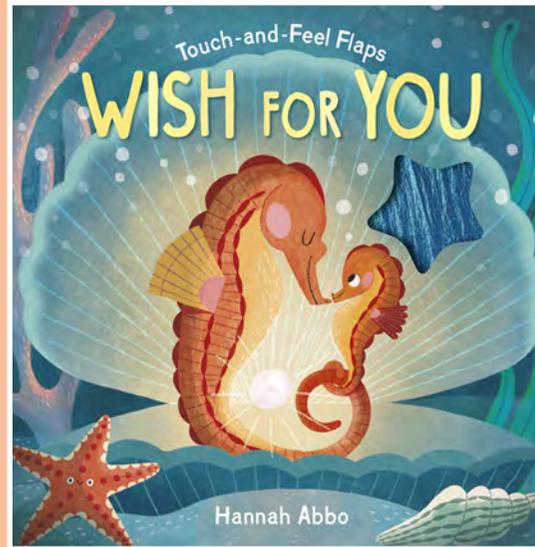
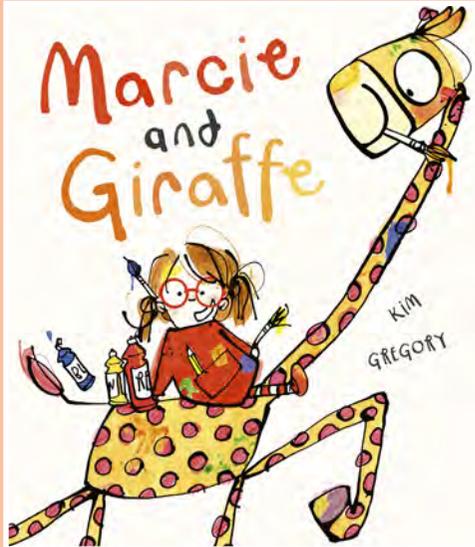
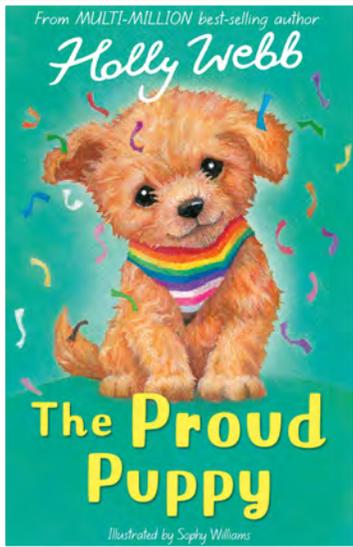


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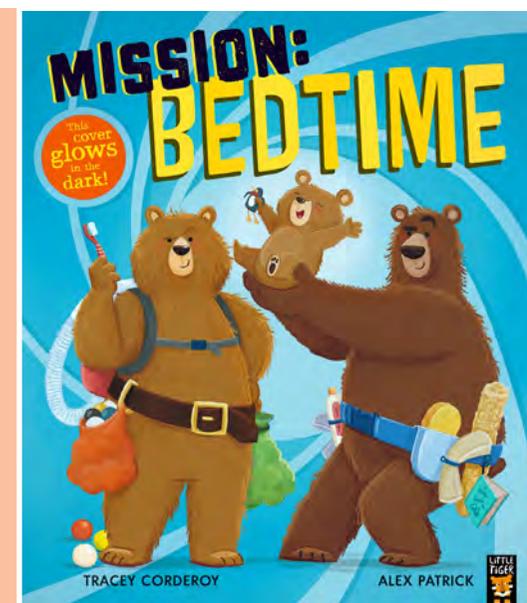
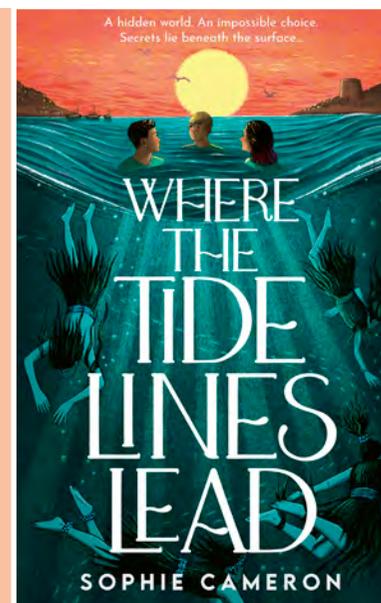
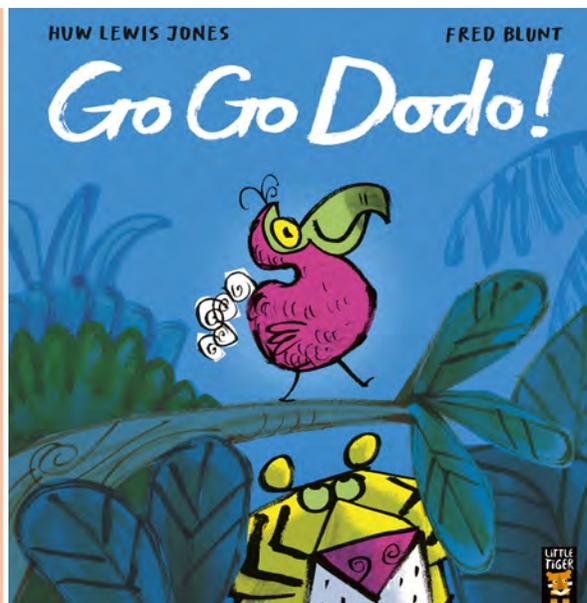
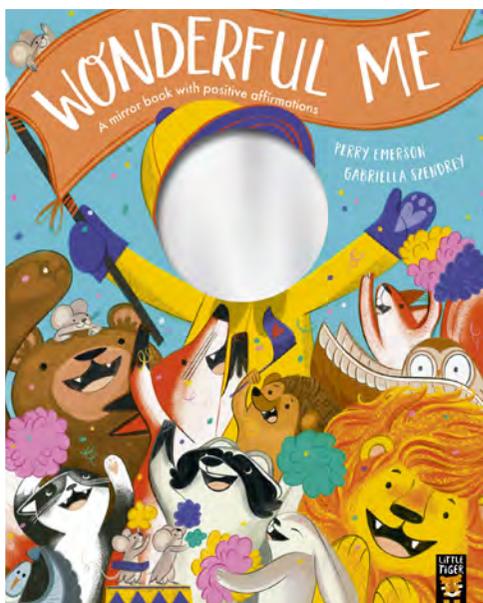
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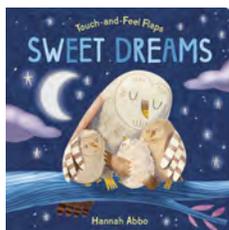
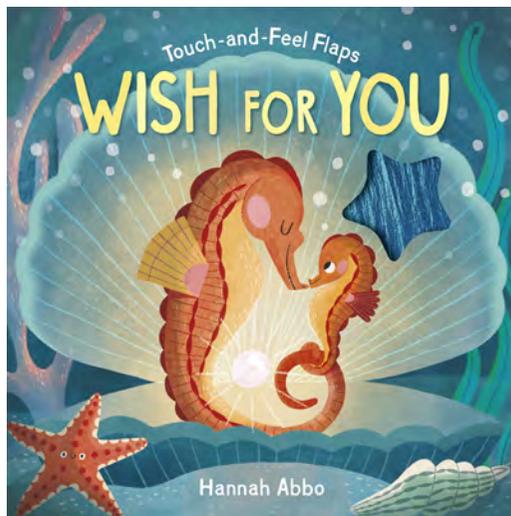


# MAY 2026 NEW TITLES



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# Touch-and-Feel Flaps: Wish for You

By (author) Dee Costello

Illustrated by Hannah Abbo



**Touch-and-feel meets lift-the-flap in this heartwarming board book for the very young!**

Turn the sturdy pages to see Baby Seahorse lovingly swim alongside Daddy Seahorse and lift the fabric flaps as they pass by playful yet kind fish, small yet strong lobsters, and a very brave new octopus wading out for the first time on its own. Ending with a hopeful wish from caregiver to baby, this book focusses on the beautiful, bright future that lies ahead for an 'oh-so new' baby as it continues to grow.

Little hands will also discover five DIFFERENT textured flaps such as smooth waves, bumpy coral, rough rocks, slippery seaweed and a shiny shell in a complete sensory experience designed to stimulate curiosity.

- A shaped flap on every spread, each constructed with a different non-fray fabric.
- Children will explore various textures, each of which is referenced in the gently paced rhyming text.
- The perfect gift to give at baby showers and Christenings, or for any 'new baby' occasion.

## 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!

### Hannah Abbo

Hannah Abbo is a self-taught, award-winning illustrator from Brighton, UK. She currently lives in Lisbon, Portugal. When she's not drawing she loves making ceramics in a local studio, visiting the botanical gardens and rollerblading.

**Pub Date:** 7 May 2026

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781838919733

**Extent:** 10 pages

**Dimensions:** 186 x 186 mm

**Interest Age:** 1-3 years

**THEMA:** YBG

**CBMC:** A3K79

**Series:** Touch-and-Feel Flaps

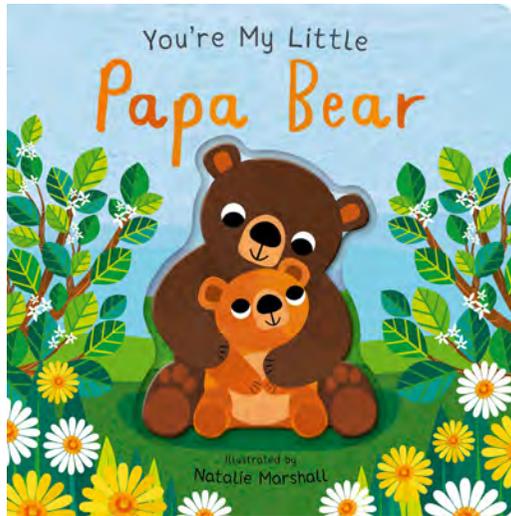


Over rough rocks,  
bob deeper along,

past the lobsters,  
small but strong.

# You're My Little Papa Bear

By (author) Nicola Edwards  
Illustrated by Natalie Marshall



*I'm your caring papa bear, it's my favourite job to do!  
It is my greatest honour to spend my days raising you.*

This Father's Day, celebrate the love your little one shares with their amazing papa bear with this heartwarming gift book. Cuddle up with your little one to remind them how much you love them while you meet a cute cast of characters, from papa lions to papa dolphins.

With the series' signature rhyming text, charming parent and baby die-cut animal pairings, and chunky pages for little hands, this sweet read is perfect for parents and children to enjoy together at bedtime, nap time or anytime!

## Get to know the bestselling You're My Little... series!

From Valentine's Day to Christmas Day and every day in between, the international bestselling *You're My Little...* series celebrates the love between parents and children using creative characters and clever rhymes. They're perfect for bedtime, story time, or just for a cuddle and a celebration of your little one.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Nicola Edwards

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

### Natalie Marshall

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

**Pub Date:** 7 May 2026

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781838919498

**Extent:** 18 pages

**Dimensions:** 190 x 190 mm

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**Series:** You're My Little



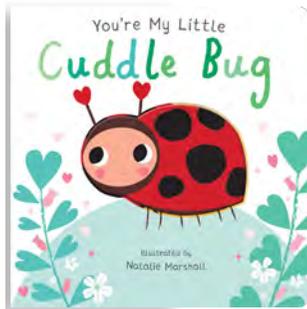


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So you can lead one day.

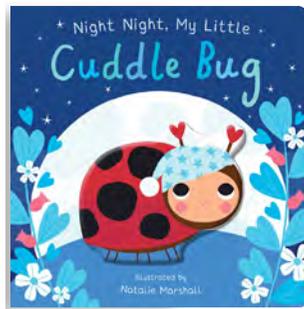
I'm your watchful  
papa wolf,  
For now, I'll lead  
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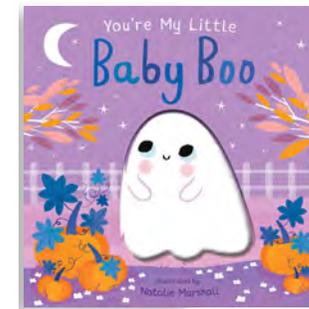
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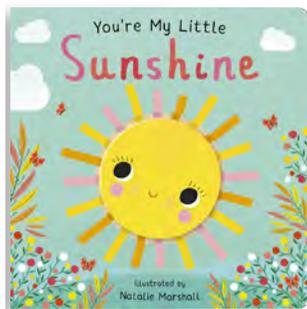
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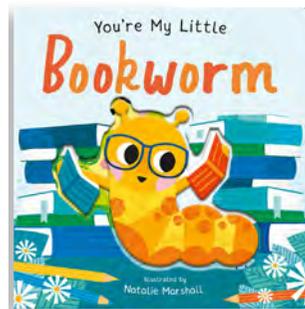
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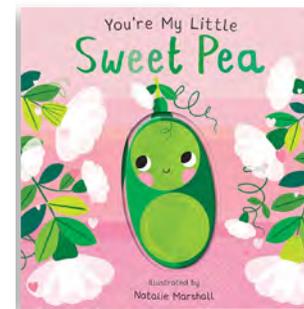
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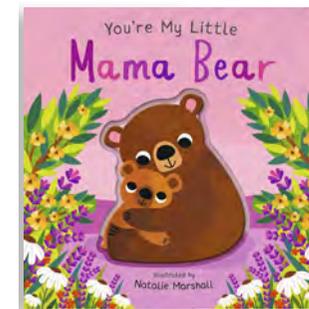
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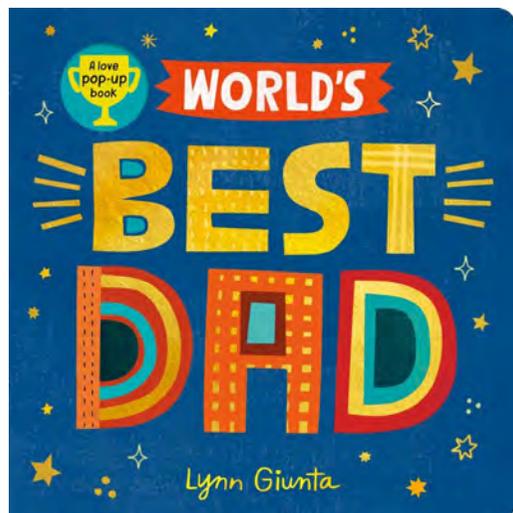
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# World's Best Dad

By (author) Isabel Otter  
Illustrated by Lynn Giunta



**The world's best dad is mine and he is wonderful!**

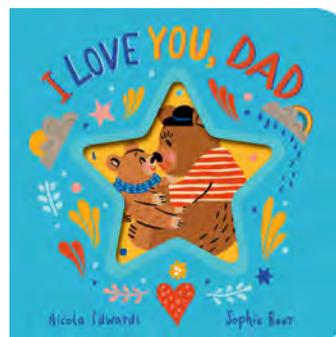
Celebrate all the dads and father figures in your life with this beautiful pop-up book from Lynn Giunta. Colourful, cheerful text reminds readers how brilliant dads are, while a cute cast of animal pairings encapsulate the special sweetness of the father-child relationship.

**With gorgeous paper-cut artwork and vibrant, uplifting text, this is the perfect gift for dads everywhere.**

- With adorable animal pairings and engaging pop-ups on every spread.
- Featuring typography and illustrations by Hallmark artist Lynn Giunta, who has over 91k followers on Instagram.
- The perfect gift for father's day!

Perfect for fans of *I Love My Daddy* by Giles Andreae and Emma Dodd, *Daddy is my Hero* by Dawn Richards and Jane Massey, and *That's My Daddy* by Ruth Redford and Dan Taylor.

Also available by Isabel Otter and Lynn Giunta: *You are Loved* and *You are Strong*.



9781838916749  
BB £7.99

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Isabel Otter

Isabel Otter is a children's book editor and writer. When not writing, you can find her climbing mountains in muddy boots, squirrelled into an armchair with a novel and a cup of tea or tending to her potted plants.

### Lynn Giunta

Lynn Giunta is a collage and lettering artist who lives and works in Leawood, Kansas, USA. She is constantly drawn to hope and positivity, and the endless possibilities of bringing words to life through cut paper and collage.

**Pub Date:** 7 May 2026

**RRP:** £9.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781838916732

**Extent:** 12 pages

**Dimensions:** 186 x 186 mm

**Interest Age:** 1-3 years

**THEMA:** YBCB

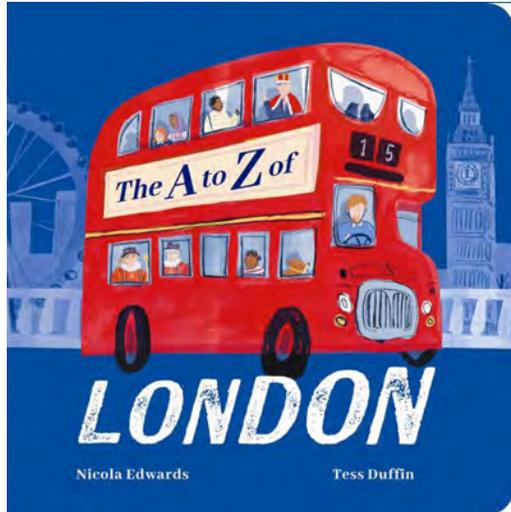
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GREATEST  
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DAD  
FILLS ME  
WITH THE  
COURAGE  
TO BE  
MYSELF.



# The A-Z of London

By (author) Nicola Edwards

Illustrated by Tess Duffin



*A is for Afternoon Tea B is for Big Ben C is for Covent Garden D is for Double Decker Bus . . .*

Experience an A-Z adventure through London's most famous landmarks!

**Enjoy the perfect day out in London with this alphabetical journey through one of the world's most exciting capitals and learn all about letters, words and the world beyond home.**

Packed with iconic landmarks, everyday sights and lively illustrations, it's a playful introduction to the city for curious toddlers and young travellers.

- A playful A-Z adventure through London's most famous landmarks.
- The perfect introduction to this iconic city for curious little explorers everywhere.
- An engaging first look at letters, words and the world beyond home.
- A charming keepsake to treasure with stylish illustrations from Tess Duffin.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Nicola Edwards

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

### Tess Duffin

Tess Duffin is an illustrator who loves silliness, play and fun! Growing up on their family's farm in rural Leicestershire, Tess went on to study Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Tess' work has also been long-listed for the AOI World Illustration Award 2023.

**Pub Date:** 7 May 2026

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781801048811

**Extent:** 24 pages

**Dimensions:** 196 x 196 mm

**Interest Age:** 1-3 years

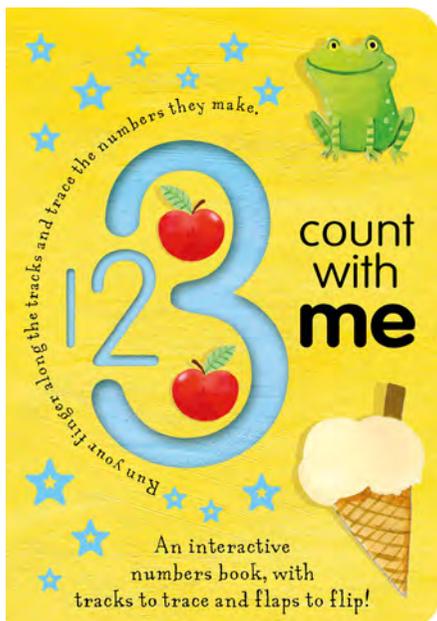
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# 123 Count with Me

Illustrated by Georgie Birkett



**Introduce children to the numbers 1 through 20 and the early concept of counting with this interactive trace-and-flip board book featuring bright and bold illustrations!**

This unique, innovative trace-and-flip book offers an engaging new way for children to discover numbers 1 to 20 and learn to count! Young readers can trace each number by following the tracks with a finger to become familiar with its shape. This engaging board will help children:

- Learn the numbers 1-20 and how to write them as they trace
- Count up to 20 with helpful illustrations of objects that correspond to each number - Practice hand eye coordination as they lift the flap on each page
- Stay entertained on road trips and train rides! To reinforce learning, caregivers are encouraged to help children trace each number and count each of the items on each page.

Also available . . . *A is for Apple*

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Georgie Birkett

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

**Pub Date:** 7 May 2026

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

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**Interest Age:** 1-3 years

**THEMA:** YBLC|YBL

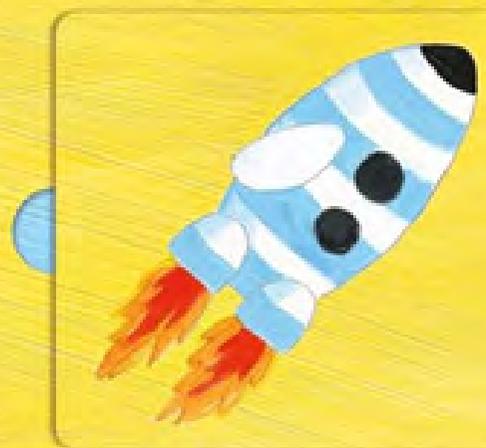
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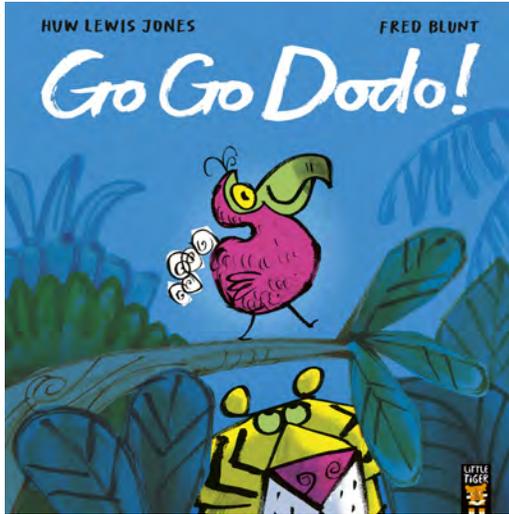


five bears



six rockets





# Go Go Dodo!

By (author) Huw Lewis Jones  
Illustrated by Fred Blunt



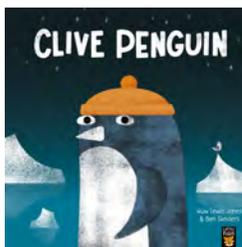
A blissfully carefree dodo takes a stroll through a very gentle jungle, across a very friendly swamp and over a very soothing sea . . . completely unaware that, not only is his walk full of peril, but he's being stalked by a VERY hungry tiger! What will happen when they enter the very dangerous grass?

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

- An impactful and simple text, with an additional narrative in the art.
- Surprise at each page turn, as the reader expects Dodo to be captured... but it is Tiger who is hilariously foiled by snakes, crocodiles, and even a volcano eruption!
- An attractive, bold package from artist Fred Blunt, with limited colours and characters that pop against the backgrounds.



yes, the very peaceful hill



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## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Huw Lewis Jones

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

### Fred Blunt

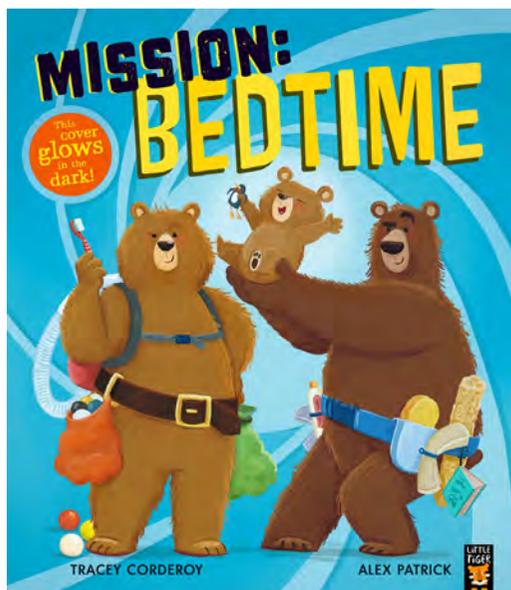
Fred never wanted to be an astronaut or drive a train when he grew up. Right from the beginning he knew he wanted to draw silly pictures for a living and some decades later, he's living the dream! Fred has worked on all manner of projects, including editorial, advertising and designing animations for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

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**Format:** Paperback  
**ISBN:** 9781838919726  
**Extent:** 32 pages  
**Dimensions:** 240 x 240 mm  
**Interest Age:** 3-6 years  
**THEMA:** YBCS2|YFQ  
**CBMC:** A3M79



WAIT, WHAT?

DANGEROUS?!



# Mission: Bedtime

By (author) Tracey Corderoy

Illustrated by Alex Patrick



It's bedtime in the bear house - but is Kit sleepy? No, she is not. Not one tiny bit! Grandpa springs into action, turning the grown-ups into a team of secret agents armed with a Bubble-Blowing Submarine, Supersonic Launcher, and Super Star Light Projector. Their objective? Get Kit to bed! Will she ever settle down - or is it Mission: Impossible?

**A riotous, action-packed bedtime caper from award-winning author Tracey Corderoy and super-stylish illustrator Alex Patrick. Kids will burst with laughter at Kit's antics while parents will nod in recognition at the all-too-relatable bedtime chaos.**

For fans of *Sleep Tight*, *Disgusting Blob!* by Huw Aaron, *There's a Bear in Your Book* by Tom Fletcher, and *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy. This book is perfect pick for families on their very own Mission: Bedtime.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Tracey Corderoy

Tracey Corderoy lives in the Cotswolds with her family and a couple of lovely pets. Once a trained primary school teacher, Tracey is now an award-winning writer. She loves visiting schools, libraries and bookshops, bringing her stories to life with bright, engaging events, and inspiring children to want to be writers too!

### Alex Patrick

Alex Patrick has had a lifelong love for cartoons, picture books and comics, which has shaped him into the children's book illustrator he is today. He lives in Devon with his partner and stepson, and when it's sunny, enjoys going to the beach and walking around in the countryside.

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**Dimensions:** 280 x 245 mm

**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

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"Ooh! Mission accepted!" squealed Kit.  
This sounded like a top Agent Penguin adventure.

There was no time to lose. Plans were drawn,

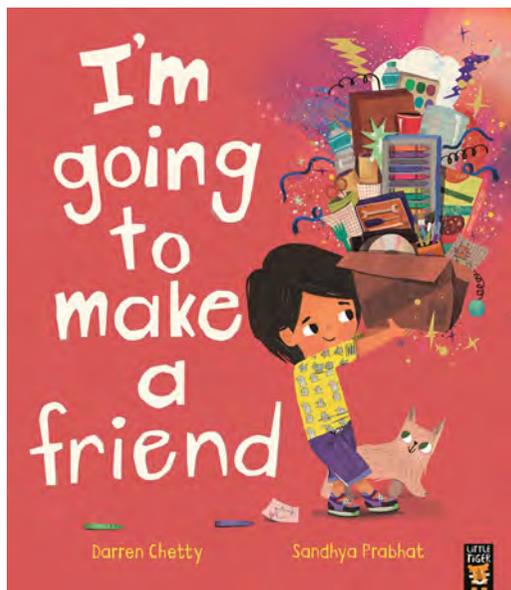


watches synchronized,



and mission snacks prepared.





# I'm Going to Make a Friend

By (author) Darren Chetty  
Illustrated by Sandhya Prabhat



**A heartwarming and original take on the nature of friendship from philosopher and debut picture book author Darren Chetty.**

Moving neighbourhood comes with many challenges, especially making new friends. How long will it take? Will they play how I want to play? Will they hug me when I'm sad, or give me space? So many questions! But in the end, the only thing you can do is dive in and give it a go.

**Darren Chetty's pared-back text explores the myriad of emotions - the vulnerability and courage - that it takes to form meaningful relationships. Sandhya Prabhat's gorgeous and magical illustrations celebrate the power of imagination.**

- The clever use of questions invites the reader to consider the nature of friendship.
- A debut picture book from a bestselling author and philosopher.
- Readers who enjoyed *Me and My Fear* by Francesca Sanna, *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig and Patrice Barton, and *The Boy with Flowers in His Hair* by Jarvis, will love *I'm Going to Make a Friend*.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Darren Chetty

Darren Chetty is a Welsh Indian South African Dutch Londoner. He teaches in primary schools and at university and writes for people of all ages. He loves football and music and collects children's books, snow globes and toy robots.

### Sandhya Prabhat

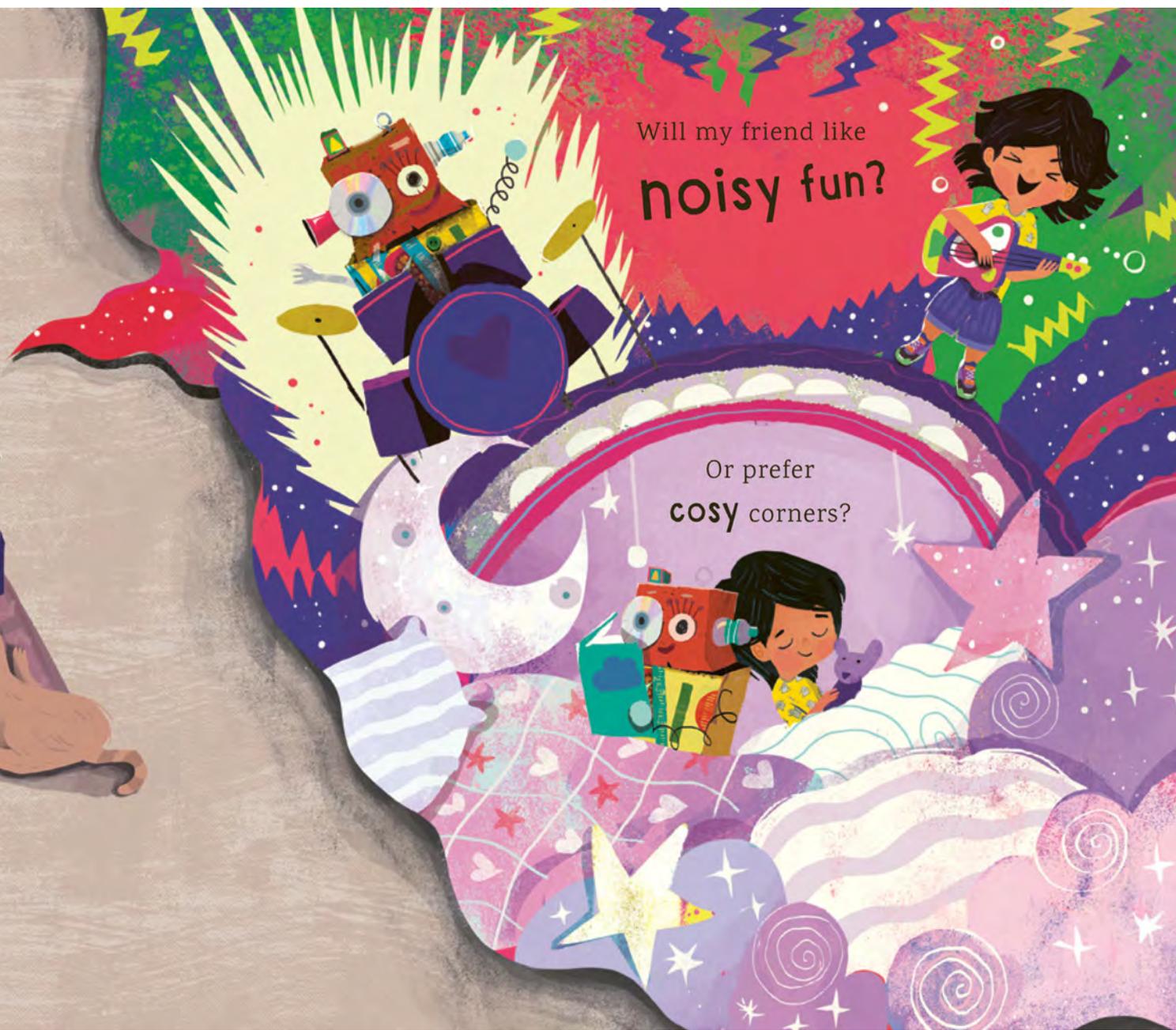
Sandhya Prabhat is an independent animator and illustrator based in the Bay Area, California, and is from Chennai, India. She holds an MFA Degree in Animation and Digital Arts from NYU Tisch School of the Arts Asia and a Bachelor's Degree in Literature from Stella Maris College.

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What **kind** of friend  
will I make?

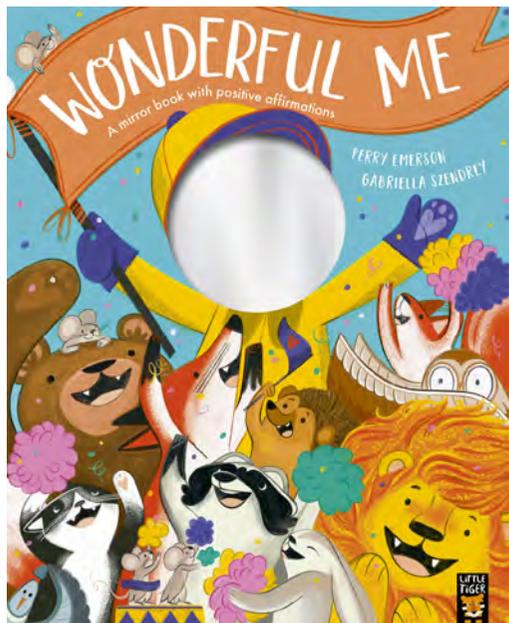


Will my friend like  
**noisy fun?**



Or prefer  
**cosy corners?**





# Wonderful Me

By (author) Perry Emerson

Illustrated by Gabriella Szendrey



*I look in the mirror, and what do I see?  
Now I'll say all the wonderful things about me!*

**Wonderful Me is a joyful book of positive affirmations to help little readers celebrate who they are. Each page invites children to speak aloud as they turn playful peep-through pages that lead to a dazzling mirror made especially to reflect everything that makes them unique.**

- Inspired by the trend for daily affirmations, which helps encourage self-confidence in children.
- Written in beautifully rhythmic verse that inspires read-aloud repetition.
- With stylish illustrations from new talent, Gabriella Szendrey, who seamlessly blends the innovative novelty concept with warm, engaging characters and scenes.

For readers who love *I Am* by Zondervan and Judi Abbot, *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* by Emily Winfield Martin, and *You Are a Beautiful Beginning* by Nina Laden and Kelsey Garrity-Riley, this heartfelt book is a reminder that every child is amazing just as they are.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Perry Emerson

Perry is a writer and editor at Little Tiger Press, where he works mostly on picture books and sometimes on novelty books. When he's not making books, he spends his time playing music and discovering new restaurants. Perry lives in London with his partner and their much-too-fluffy cat.

### Gabriella Szendrey

Gabriella Szendrey is a Hungarian illustrator, visual development artist and art director, living and working in Budapest (or hiking in a forest somewhere with her dog). She is fascinated by human connection, folktales, creatures, nature, reading tons of books and trying out way too many art supplies whenever possible.

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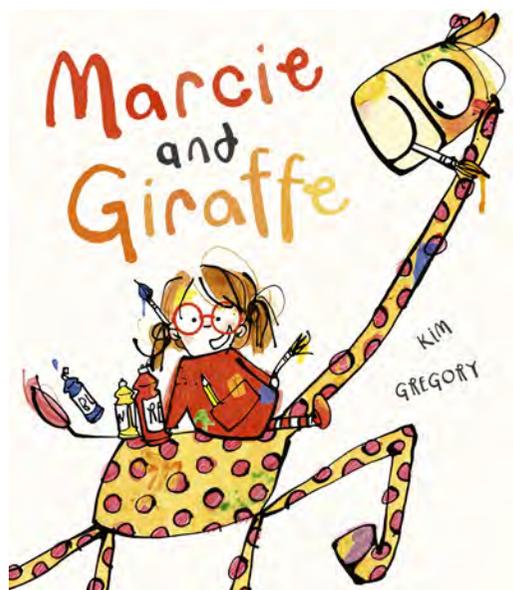
**THEMA:** YBCS2|YBCS|YBC

**CBMC:** A3M79



I'll shoot  
for the stars,  
just you wait  
and you'll see!

But I know  
I'm not better  
than those  
around me.



# Marcie and Giraffe

By (author) Kim Gregory



Marcie has painted a picture of Giraffe. At first, she loves it! But when Giraffe paints a picture of Marcie, she's not so sure. "Your art is better than mine . . ." she sighs, before making a series of FIERCE and SCRIBBLY pictures that capture her inner turmoil. Can Marcie and Giraffe find a way to make art together?

**In this joyful debut, Kim Gregory boldly explores what it feels like to compare yourself to others. Her energetic illustrations in vibrant primary colours bring Marcie and Giraffe to life in style.**

Full of warmth and personality, this hilarious duo will inspire you to embrace mistakes, express ideas with confidence and discover the messy magic of making art with friends.

Perfect for fans of *Ish* by Peter H. Reynolds, *Beautiful Oops!* by Barney Saltzberg, *Mix It Up!* by Hervé Tullet, and *The Artist* by Ed Vere, this picture book is a must-read for any child learning to trust and celebrate their own creative voice.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

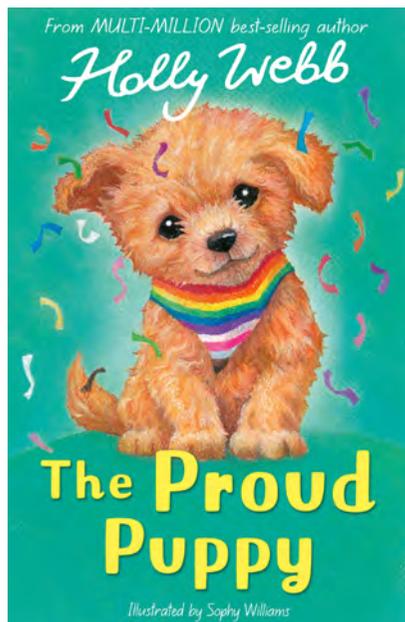
### Kim Gregory

Kim Gregory works as a designer, photographer and musician in Portsmouth, UK. She is proud to say that she is also a maker of picture books. She lives with her three children, two dogs and a cat, between stacks of children's books and curated higgledy-piggle.

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**Extent:** 36 pages  
**Dimensions:** 280 x 245 mm  
**Interest Age:** 3-6 years  
**THEMA:** YBCS2  
**CBMC:** A3M79

But when Giraffe  
tried to make a  
**FIERCE**  
and  
**SCRIBBLY**  
picture . . .





9781788956499  
PB £6.99

## The Proud Puppy

By (author) Holly Webb  
Illustrated by Sophy Williams



Emmie loves her new puppy Loki, even if he does have a habit of hiding things and chewing her family's shoes. Then she overhears that her uncle and his partner want to make their wedding extra special, and she has the best idea - Loki can be the ringbearer!

Unfortunately, everyone is worried that it is too risky to put that much responsibility on the young pup. Emmie knows Loki would be perfect for the wedding, but can she convince her family in time?

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

- Holly Webb's books have sold over 1.5 million UK trade copies.
- An inclusive story that celebrates the LGBTQ+ community, friendship and family
- Features relatable first-time pet-owner issues such as puppy training
- Centres around a gorgeous west highland terrier and poodle mix

### WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

#### Holly Webb

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

#### Sophy Williams

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

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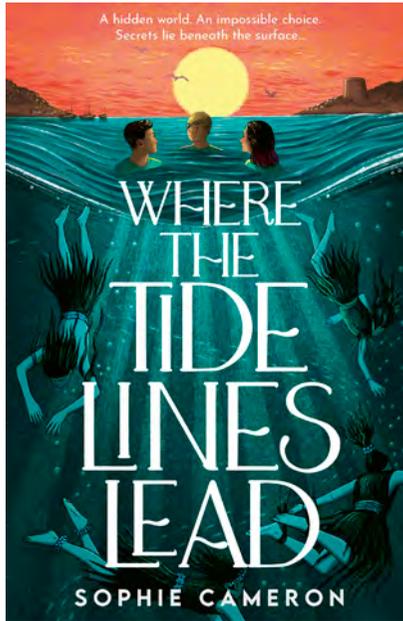
**Dimensions:** 198 x 129 mm

**Interest Age:** 6-8 years

**THEMA:** YFP|YFN

**CBMC:** B3N79

**Series:** Holly Webb: Animal Stories



# Where the Tide Lines Lead

By (author) Sophie Cameron



Elio's family owns a successful holiday resort on the Spanish coast, but when multiple teenagers go missing in suspicious circumstances, bookings across the town dry up. Then Elio witnesses something strange - the sea parting for a teenage girl, before carefully enveloping her.

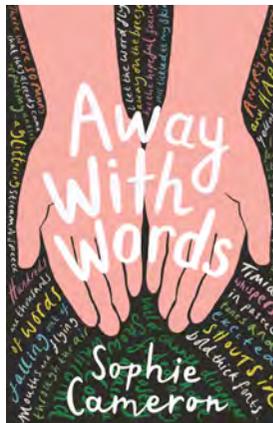
Unsurprisingly, no one on the island believes Elio. But a few days later, Sam, a British tourist, comes to find him. Her older sister Jess is one of the missing teens, and Sam thinks Elio's story could be true.

As they investigate, they too are pulled into the water and discover an underwater city ruled by selkie-like creatures. The beings are in desperate need of Elio and Sam's help, but why have they been taking teenagers, and can they really be trusted?

- A lyrical, mysterious and fantastical adventure into friendship and identity, while also addressing the climate crisis.
- A coming-of-age story featuring a diverse cast of characters with a magic twist.
- *The Surface Breaks* meets *Green Rising*, perfect for fans of *On Silver Tides*.



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## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Sophie Cameron

Sophie Cameron is a YA and MG author from the Scottish Highlands. Her debut MG novel OUR SISTER, AGAIN won the Leeds Book Awards, and AWAY WITH WORDS was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Writing, UKLA Award, Polari Prize, Spark! Book Awards, and a runner-up at the Diverse Book Awards. She lives in Spain with her family.

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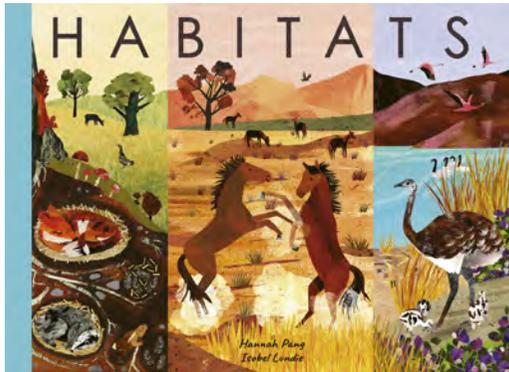
**THEMA:** YFH|YFC

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# Habitats

By (author) Hannah Pang

Illustrated by Isobel Lundie



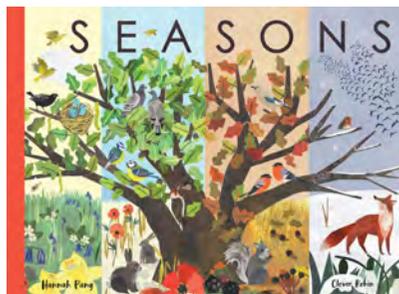
**Nature is like a magical journey that transforms with every step. Peel back the pages of this gloriously illustrated book to discover a world of ever-changing animal habitats.**

Interactive split pages create an immersive experience: readers are taken on a visual journey through each unique home, as they meet the incredible animals that live there.

With simple facts and stunning, collaged artwork, this is the perfect book for nature lovers. From mountain tops to forest floors, from vast oceans to shifting sands - animal habitats connect to form one amazing home. Our home. Our Earth.

Also available: *Seasons*

*"This beautiful picture book shows readers some of the plants and creatures that can be found at the different parts of a habitat...This is a charming book with a good level of text to picture, suitable for mid-primary readers, and the paper craft used in the book – pages that are cut short in the different sections to make flap pages of graduated sizes – demonstrates the idea of layers to the reader in a clear and interactive way." - BookTrust*



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## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Hannah Pang

Hannah Pang has been a children's book editor for over thirteen years, having worked in-house for Templar Publishing and Walker Books, before chasing her dream to become an author and freelance editor. She lives in the beautiful West-Sussex countryside with her husband and book-loving daughter, plus a cat called Sprout and a huge spider called Woolly!

### Isobel Lundie

Isobel Lundie is a freelance illustrator living in Worthing with her boyfriend and sneezy cat Banshee. She spends most of her time drawing characters and writing books that she never quite finishes. When she's not working, she spends her time playing netball with her team or taking down her brother's Just Dance skills.

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**Interest Age:** 3-6 years

**THEMA:** YBLL|YNNB

**CBMC:** B5M79

## MYSTERIOUS OCEAN



In every layer of the ocean, magical creatures make their home.

Take a trip off the eastern coast of Australia to discover its many hidden depths.



## TWILIGHT ZONE

The twilight zone is sandwiched between the sunlit shallows and the pitch-black deep—and scientists know less about this mysterious zone than the surface of the moon!



**Zooplankton** are tiny sea animals. They stay in deeper, darker waters during the day to avoid being seen by predators, then move up to the surface at night to feed on microscopic sea plants.



The **giant siphonophore** is made up of many creatures all joined together, and has a curtain of deadly, stinging tentacles!

The **Dana lanternfish** lights up to communicate with other lanternfish, and so that predators cannot make out its silhouette.



Some **comb jellies** are colorless and almost transparent, except for their guts, which are red. This hides what they've eaten from predators, as the color red can't be seen in deep, dark water.



The **pelican eel** uses its huge mouth to scoop up fish, shrimp, and plankton. The end of its tail has a flashing light, either to confuse prey or to help it communicate with other eels.

