

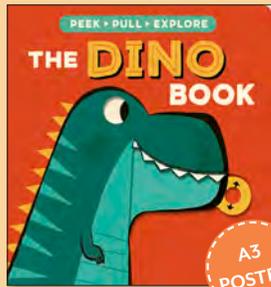


# Our Top Picks for June

A monthly selection of titles perfect for independent bookshops!

## Board & Novelty

Don't miss these two must-have board books, handpicked by our reps for indies!



**The Dino Book**  
9781838919702  
BB £8.99 Little Tiger

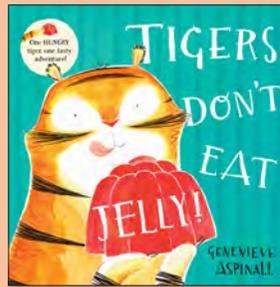


**The Sun Thief (BB)**  
9780702345531  
BB £7.99 Scholastic

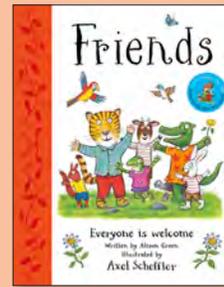


## Picture Books

Discover two picture book gems guaranteed to charm booksellers and children alike!



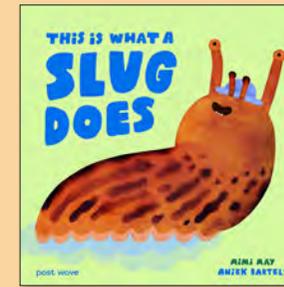
**Tigers Don't Eat Jelly**  
9781917894005  
PB £7.99 Fox & Ink Books



**Friends**  
9780702346132  
PB £7.99 Scholastic

## Non-fiction & Activity

The first book in a fact-packed non-fiction series that takes a closer look at the strange and slimy lives of animals!

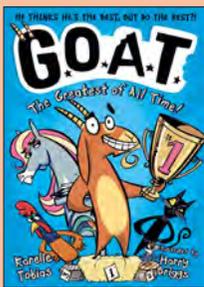


**This Is What A Slug Does**  
9781836271185  
HB £12.99 Post Wave



## Chapter & Graphic Novels

Meet G.O.A.T., a new, quirky farm-based graphic novel for 6-9-year-olds, packed with satisfyingly silly storylines!

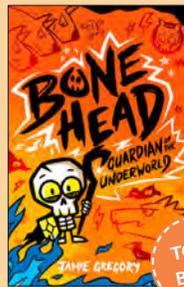


**G.O.A.T: The Greatest of All Time**  
9781788958134  
PB £7.99 Little Tiger



## 9-12 Fiction

Check out these two brilliant middle-grade stories destined to delight readers in every indie bookshop!



**Bone Head: Guardian of the Underworld**  
9780702348822  
PB £7.99 Scholastic



**The Game Changers**  
9780702342745  
PB £7.99 Scholastic

## YA Fiction

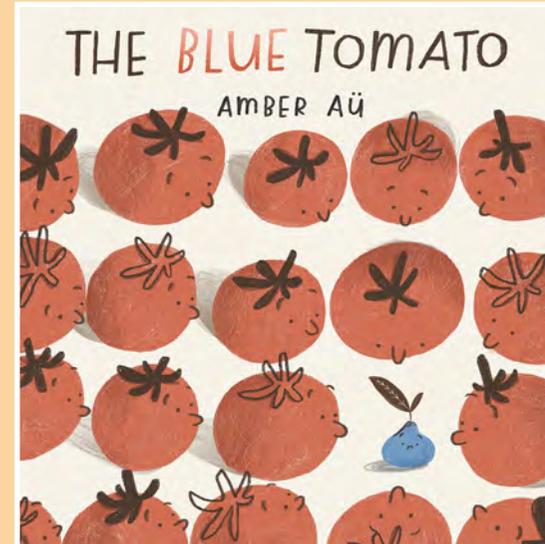
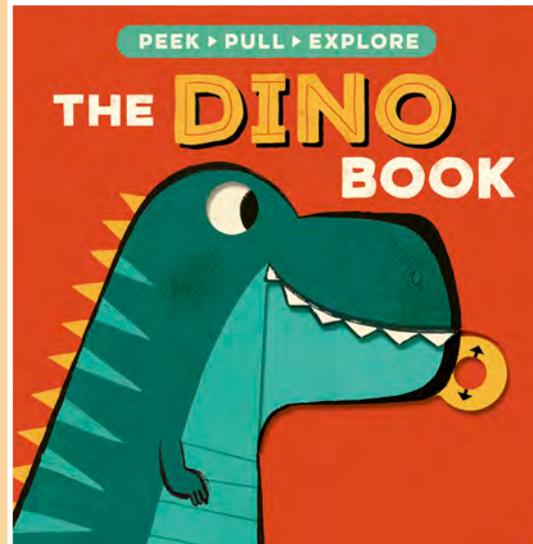
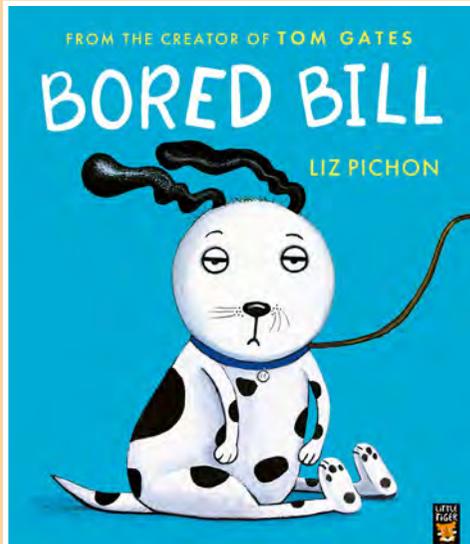
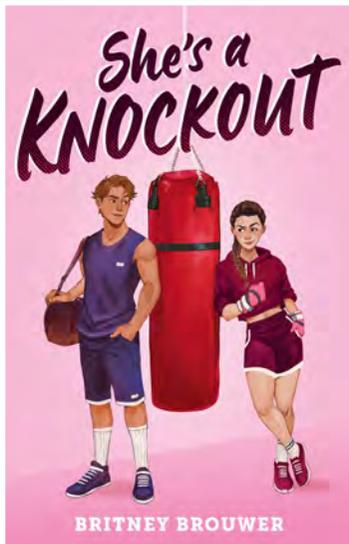
Dive into our must-read YA for June that we can't wait for you to recommend and champion!



**A Flood of Memories**  
9781916558748  
PB £8.99 Guppy Books

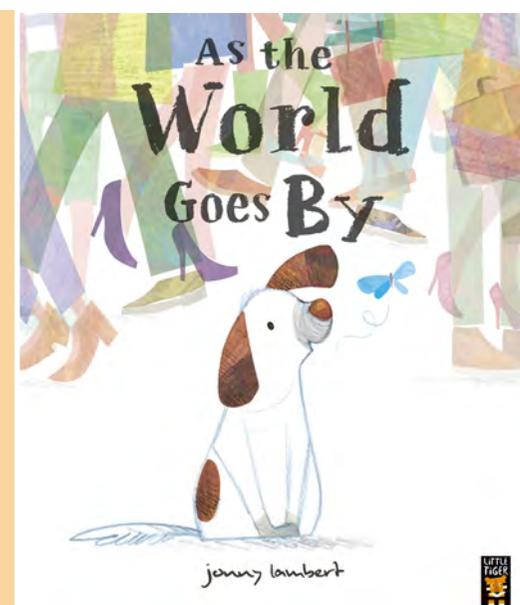
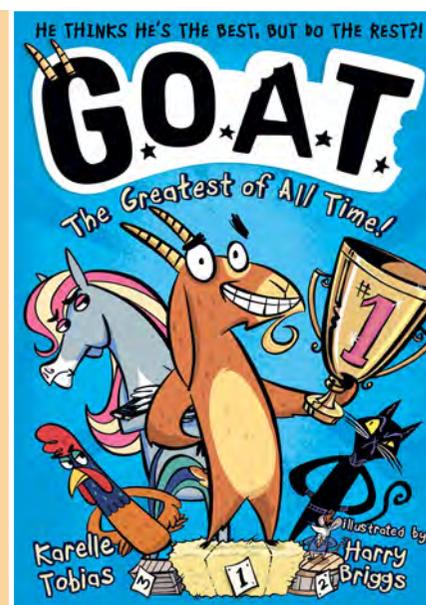
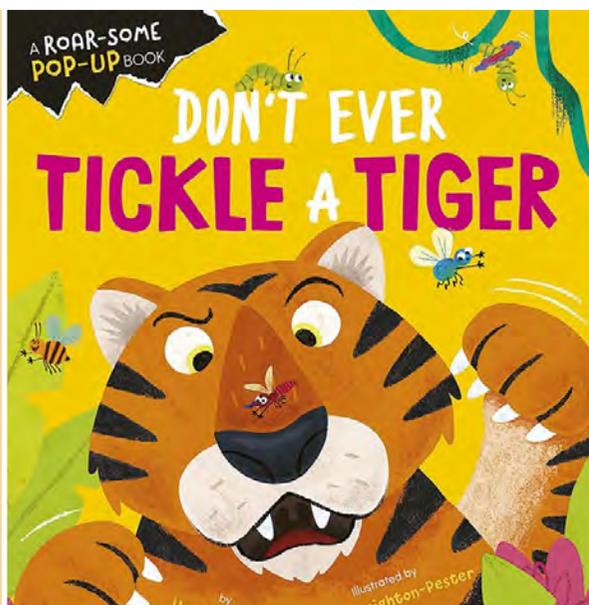


**Foes & Cons**  
9781917894043  
PB £8.99 Fox & Ink Books



# JUNE 2026 NEW TITLES

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# My First Cloth Book: My Little Seaside

By (author) Wendy Kendall



**A charming first cloth book to introduce babies to the seaside - spot a boat, a crab, and even a seagull!**

With simple, graphic images, high-contrast colours and crinkle sounds, this lovely cloth book will delight tiny hands, ears and eyes, stimulating all of your baby's senses and grabbing their attention! It also comes with a teether strap for babies who like to bite and chew!

- Soft and tactile cloth pages with crinkle sounds are perfect for little hands to grasp and explore.
- A charming first book to help parents introduce baby to simple words.
- Graphic images in high-contrast colours are sure to grab baby's attention.
- With useful teether strap to attach to buggy for babies who like to bite and chew.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Kendall, Wendy

Wendy lives in Stafford, England, with her four-year-old daughter Nancy and their two house cats. She loves Scandinavian style design, sunny days and yoga.

**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026

**RRP:** £10.99

**Format:** Rag book

**ISBN:** 9781801048972

**Extent:** 8 pages

**Dimensions:** 150 x 150 mm

**Interest Age:** Up to 24 months years

**THEMA:** YBLL

**CBMC:** A2K79

**Series:** My First Cloth Book





# My First Cloth Book: My Little Farm

By (author) Wendy Kendall



**A charming first cloth book to introduce babies to the farm - spot a tree, a sheep, and even a couple of chicks!**

With simple, graphic images, high-contrast colours and crinkle sounds, this lovely cloth book will delight tiny hands, ears and eyes, stimulating all of your baby's senses and grabbing their attention! It also comes with a teether strap for babies who like to bite and chew!

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**ISBN:** 9781801048804

**Extent:** 8 pages

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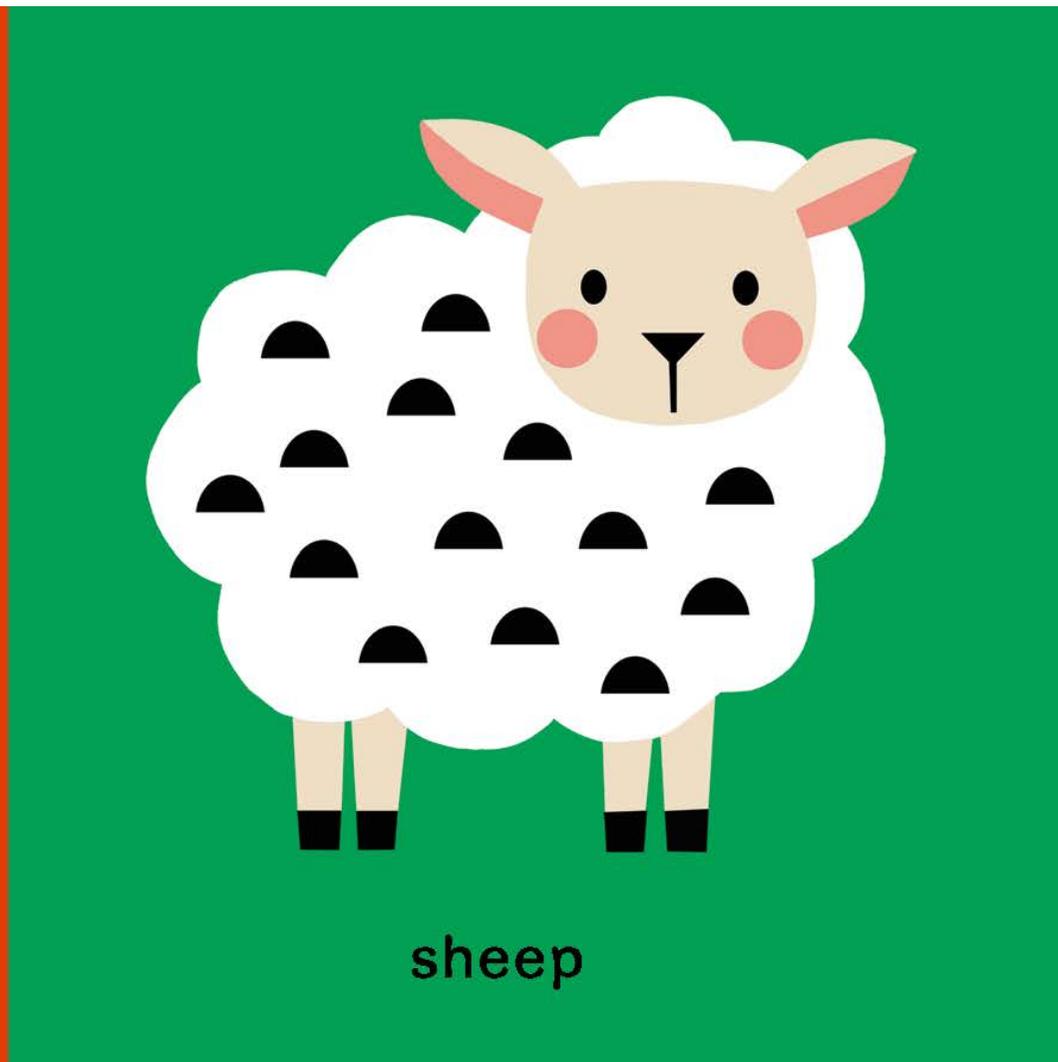
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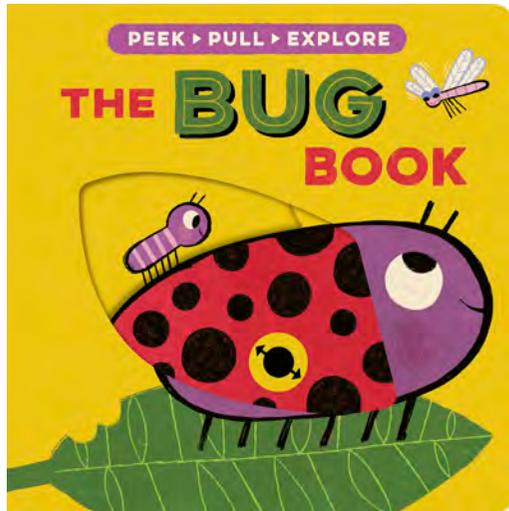
**Series:** My First Cloth Book



tree



sheep



9781801043281  
BB £9.99

# The Bug Book

By (author) Becky Davies

Illustrated by Denis Angelov



**Pull, peek, slide, seek, lift, reveal, touch-and-feel, spin, grasp, trace and GASP at this brilliantly interactive new series!**

Bugs with prickles Bugs with fuzz Bugs that eeeeeeee Bugs that buzzzzzz

A peeping, pulling, flipping, flapping, sliding, seeking, touch-and-feeling celebration of favourite topics as you've never seen them before. With different novelties on every page, bold illustrations and punchy rhyming text, this is THE book for little bug lovers.

- A hilarious, bright and engaging series of commercial subjects as you've never seen them before. Collect them all!
- DIFFERENT novelties on every page for a complete interactive and sensory experience. Flaps, touch-and-feels, sliders, peep-through pages and more!
- Simple yet funny rhyming text which will surprise and delight the reader.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Becky Davies

Becky is a children's book editor, and sometimes author, from the South West of England. Her favourite things are animals, books about magic, and anything sparkly. In a parallel universe she lives in Hawaii, where she works in a dog sanctuary and surfs until the sun sets beyond the horizon.

### Denis Angelov

Denis Angelov is an illustrator who lives in Sofia, Bulgaria. He loves buying and testing out new art supplies which, sooner or later, end up in his books somehow. In his spare time he likes to travel and explore quieter towns, paint wonky abstract landscapes and shoot film.

**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026

**RRP:** £8.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781801047562

**Extent:** 24 pages

**Dimensions:** 190 x 190 mm

**Interest Age:** From 10 months years

**THEMA:** YBG

**CBMC:** A2J79

**Series:** Peek, Pull, Explore

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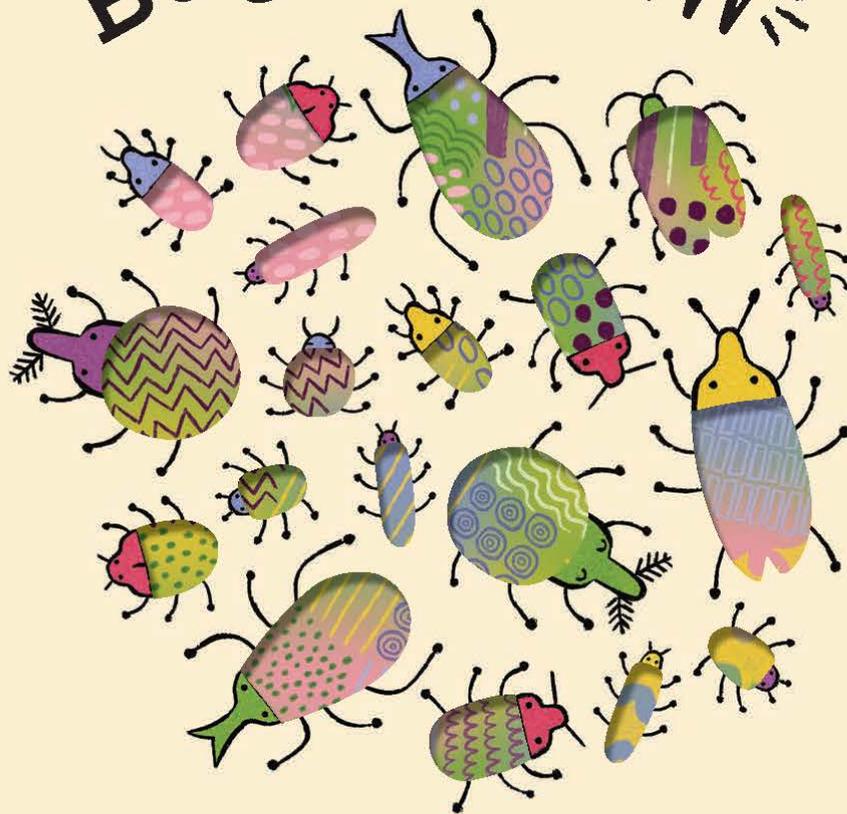
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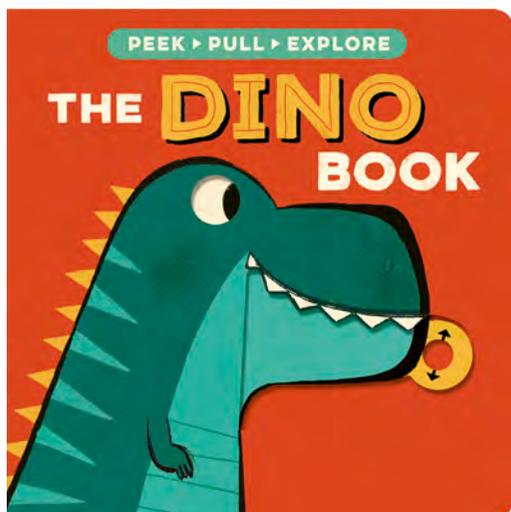
Bugs  
that

DANGLE



Bug = RAINBOW





# The Dino Book

By (author) **Becky Davies**  
Illustrated by **Denis Angelov**



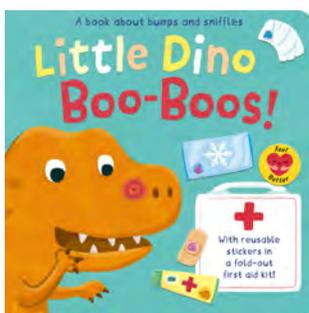
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Dino ROAR Dino STOMP Dino SNUGGLE Dino CHOMP!

Introducing the first title in an innovative new board book series: a peeping, pulling, flipping, flapping, sliding, seeking, touch-and-feeling celebration of favourite topics as you've never seen them before. With different novelties on every page, bold illustrations and punchy rhyming text, this is THE book for little dino lovers.

- A hilarious, bright and engaging series of commercial subjects as you've never seen them before. Collect them all!
- DIFFERENT novelties on every page for a complete interactive and sensory experience. Flaps, touch-and-feels, sliders, peep-through pages and more!
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Coming soon: The Bug Book, The Puppy Book and The Car Book



9781801047449  
BB £7.99

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**Interest Age:** From 10 months years

**THEMA:** YBG|YBCB|YBL

**CBMC:** 0-5 years, Home / Early Learning, Novelty Book, Non-character, Non Tie-in

**Series:** Peek, Pull, Explore

Dino  
**ROAR**

Dino  
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MY FIRST PEER-THROUGH FLAPS

# THINGS THAT GO



## My First Peek-Through Flaps:

### Things That Go

By (author) Lauren Crisp

Illustrated by Thomas Elliott

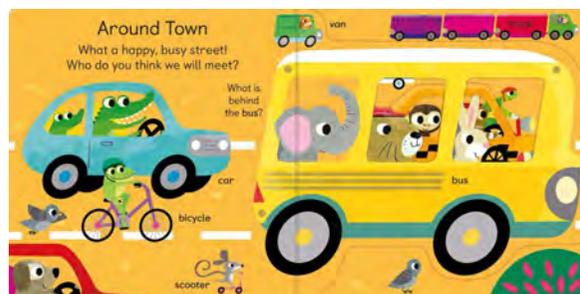


Travel by land, sea and air and learn all about things that go with this bright and bold board book!

With flaps upon flaps, peek-through holes and plenty of surprises, little ones will delight in exploring its pages. Each spread includes lots to spot and plenty of new words to learn, from hot air balloons and bicycles, to rockets and rowing boats.

Perfect for little hands, *My First Peek-Through Flaps: Things That Go* encourages motor skill development, hand-eye coordination, parent-child participation and a love of learning for the very young.

- Complete with peek-through holes, flaps and surprises for hands-on learning.
- Flaps layer up cleverly to create new scenes on every page.
- Full of transport vocabulary, to learn all about the many things that go.
- Aids motor skills and hand-eye coordination.
- Perfect for summer holiday travel plans.



### WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

#### Lauren Crisp

Lauren Crisp is a children's book editor who is lucky enough to make beautiful books every day. She lives in London but grew up in Yorkshire, and loves long country walks with her dog, Ludo. She enjoys reading, writing and dreaming up fun rhymes for the books she works on.

#### Thomas Elliott

Thomas Elliott is an illustrator and designer with a keen love of nature. When he's not creating beautiful books, he likes to spend time with his family and two dogs.

**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781801048958

**Extent:** 12 pages

**Dimensions:** 180 x 180 mm

**Interest Age:** From 10 months years

**THEMA:** YBLT|YBG

**CBMC:** A3|79

**Series:** My First Peek-Through Flaps

lifeboat



Out  
at Sea



motorboat



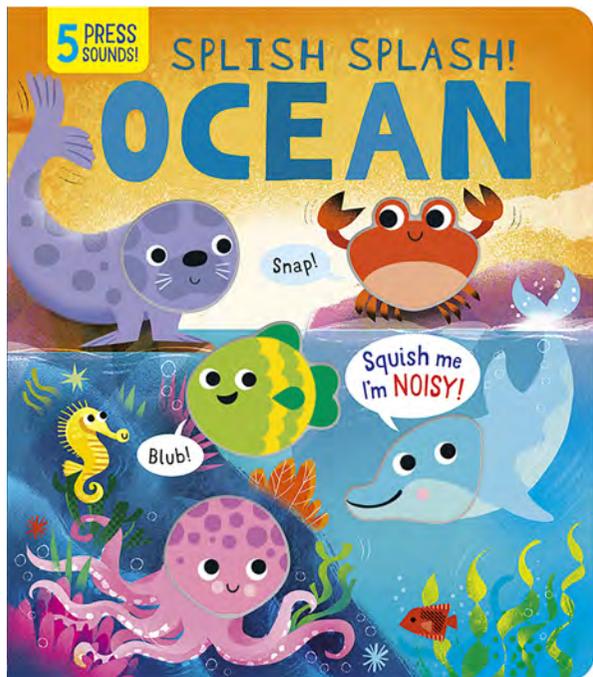
sailboats

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watercraft



submarine





# Splish Splash! Ocean

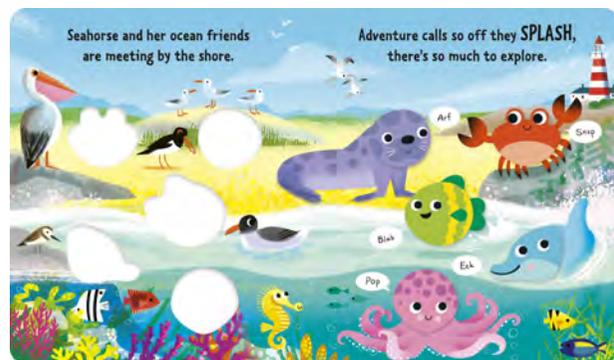
By (author) Louise Taillandier

Illustrated by Gareth Lucas



**This brilliant rhyming sound book is sure to make waves with children and grown-ups alike!**

Seahorse and her ocean friends are meeting by the shore. Adventure calls so off they SPLASH, there's so much to explore. Press the squishy ocean animals to hear them blub, snap and splash as they swim through the sea, race with turtles and even find treasure.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Louise Taillandier

Louise lives in a lovely flat in London, where she works editing children's books. She loves swing dancing, scouring charity shops for books and records, and finding cute names for her plants. Her greatest dream is having a garden filled with flowers and veggies. She also really wants a dog.

### Gareth Lucas

Gareth is an illustrator and designer living in his hometown in Essex, with his beloved wife and five children. After studying at Brighton and Central Saint Martins he has worked on a variety of projects, but enjoys children's book illustration the most.

**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026

**RRP:** £12.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781801048255

**Extent:** 10 pages

**Dimensions:** 220 x 190 mm

**Interest Age:** From 10 months years

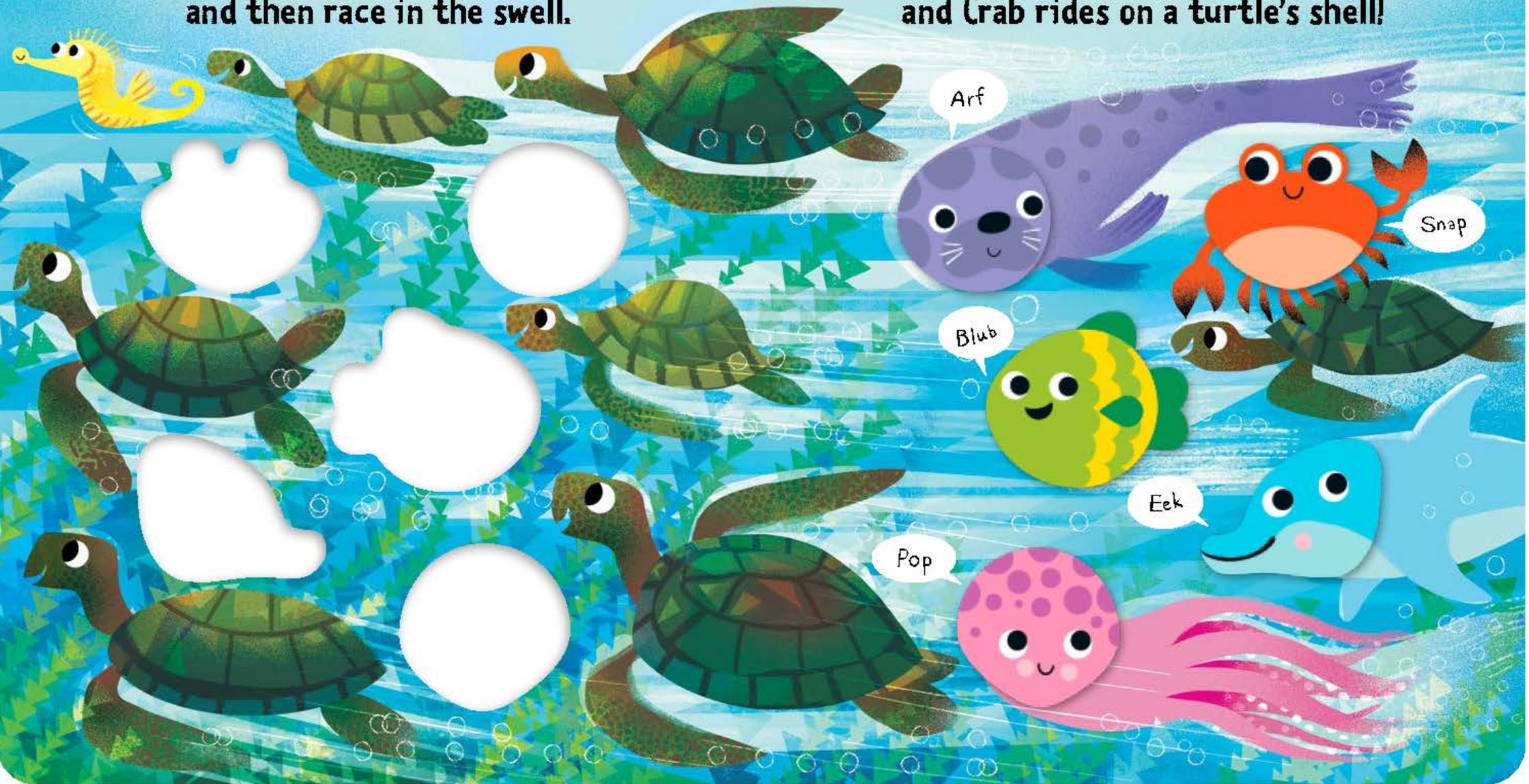
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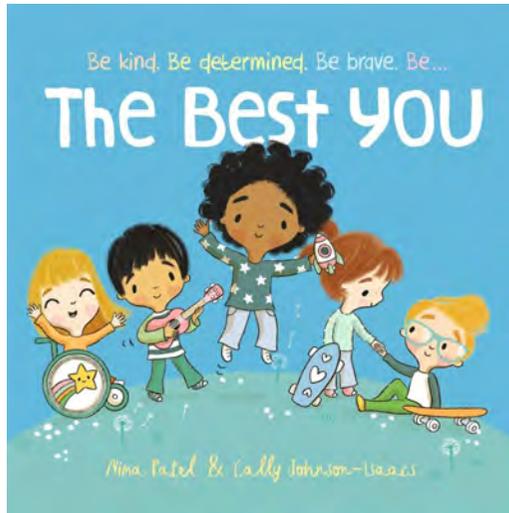
**CBMC:** A3J79

**Series:** Silicone Sounds

They make it through a seaweed wall,  
and then race in the swell.

Dolphin dips and dives –  
and Crab rides on a turtle's shell!





# The Best You

By (author) Nima Patel

Illustrated by Cally Johnson-Isaacs



Let's stop asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" and start asking who children want to be.

From a firefighter's bravery and a teacher's fairness to the creativity of an artist, this book explores the different values which can make us the best versions of ourselves. Uplifting text and joyful artwork show readers the importance of being kind, strong, passionate and determined.

Now in a new format for younger children, this inspirational, thought-provoking board book from parenting coach Nima Patel celebrates the qualities children need to thrive. What we need to succeed is already within us!

- A celebration of core values such as kindness, bravery and determination.
- Empowers children to reach for the stars and believe in themselves.
- Thought-provoking text with fresh, charming illustrations.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Nima Patel

Nima Patel is a psychology graduate, parenting coach, children's author and former primary school teacher, with a family background of over 30 years' experience in early years education. Combining her two passions in life: self-development and teaching, she has passionately created the brand Mindful Champs, with a mission to bring an emotional education into the lives of children.

### Cally Johnson-Isaacs

Cally Johnson-Isaacs spent many fun-filled years as an in-house artist for Hallmark Cards before going on to pursue her children's book dreams. She has now illustrated nearly 20 picture books and hopes to work on many more! She creates her artwork at her seaside cottage in Northumberland. She has an impressive Instagram (@callyjanestudio) where she enjoys sharing work and news of her latest books.

**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Board book

**ISBN:** 9781838919566

**Extent:** 24 pages

**Dimensions:** 186 x 186 mm

**Interest Age:** From 10 months years

**THEMA:** YB

**CBMC:** A3K79

Then there are the people who

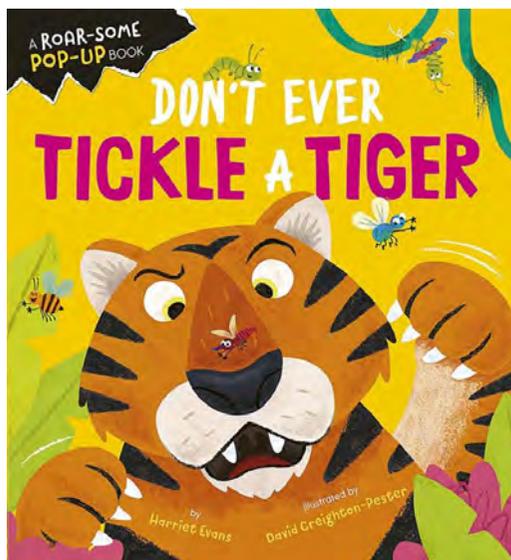
**CHANGE THE WORLD**

through  
activism



or by **volunteering** and  
**taking care** of those in need.





# Don't Ever Tickle a Tiger

By (author) Harriet Evans

Illustrated by David Creighton-Pester



*Let me give you some rules  
that will be quite topical  
On a jaunt to the jungle  
or somewhere that's tropical.*

Learn what 'tou-can' and 'tou-cannot' do in the rainforest and have a 'hiss-terical' time with this 'claw-some' pop-up book! With hilarious, pun-packed text guaranteed to charm children and adults alike, this romp through the rainforest takes readers through a different pop-up spread on each page, bumping into all kinds of creatures from capybaras to snakes.

The lovable cast of animals, playful illustrations from talented David Creighton-Pester and dad-jokes galore makes this a book that begs to be read again and again. It's got to be the funniest jungle etiquette book ever made! The sixth book in the wildly funny, pop-up-packed Creature Feature series!

Also available . . . *Don't Take a T-rex Out For Tea, Don't Ever Smile at a Shark, Don't Ever Laugh at a Ladybird, Don't Ever Conga with a Cow* and *Don't Ever Mess with a Monkey*.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

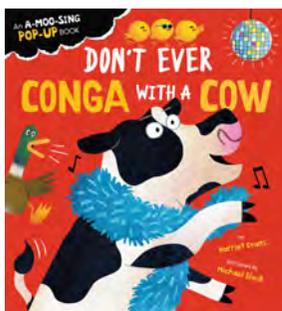
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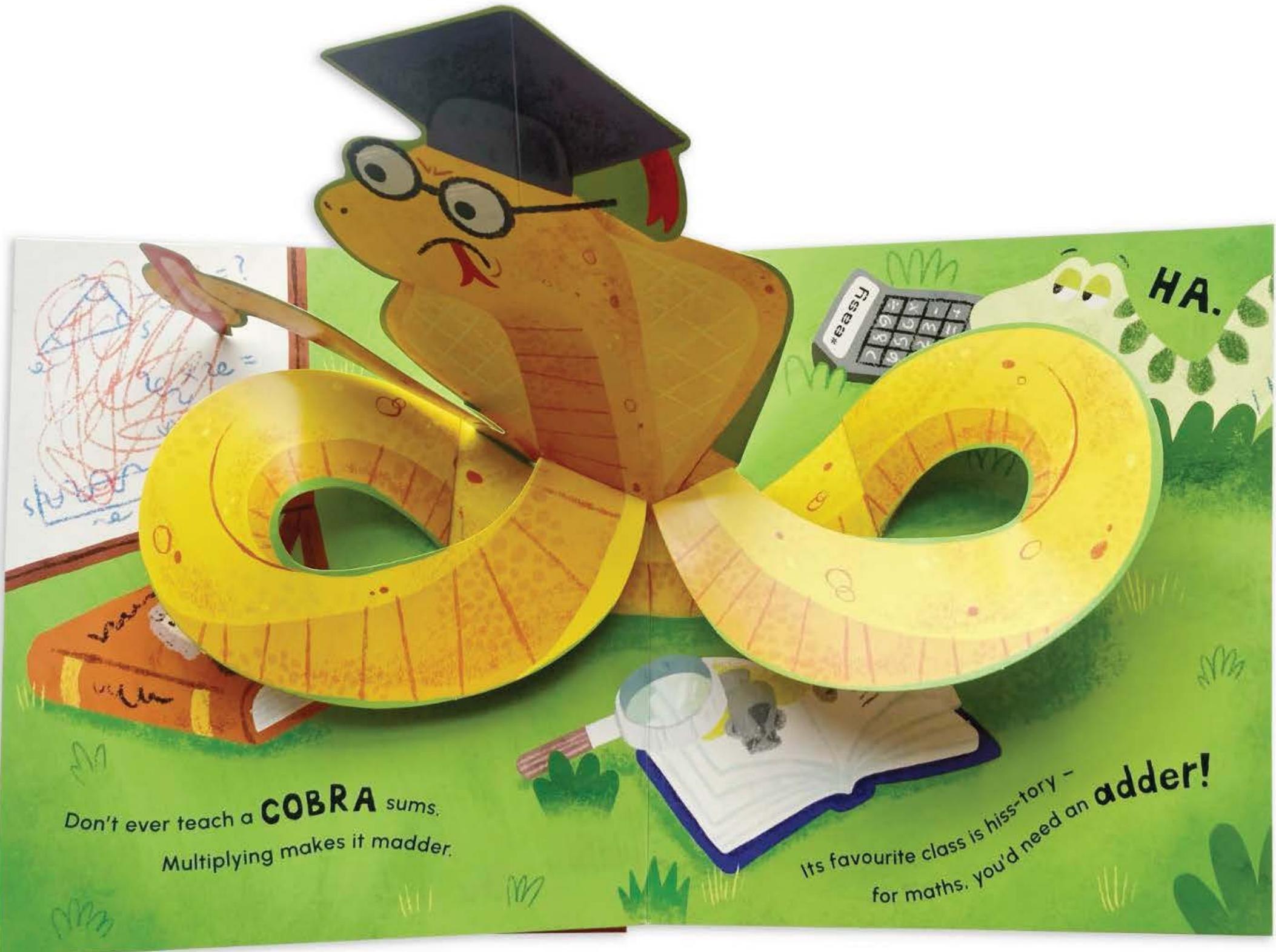
### David Creighton-Pester

David Creighton-Pester is an illustrator and designer from Hamilton, New Zealand, where he lives with his wife and two young children. His illustration work has been used on products and published in books around the world; including the UK, New Zealand, Australia, France, Spain, USA and Canada.

**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026  
**RRP:** £12.99  
**Format:** Board book  
**ISBN:** 9781838919382  
**Extent:** 10 pages  
**Dimensions:** 246 x 226 mm  
**Interest Age:** 3-6 years  
**THEMA:** YNU  
**CBMC:** A3J79  
**Series:** Creature Feature Pop-ups

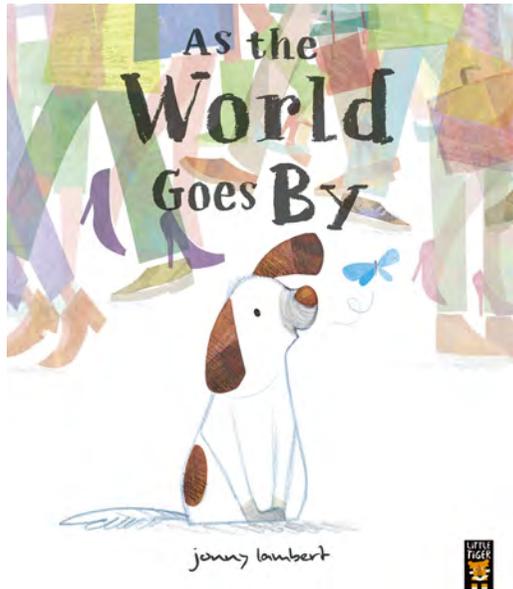


9781838916343  
BB £10.99



Don't ever teach a **COBRA** sums.  
Multiplying makes it madder.

Its favourite class is hiss-tory -  
for maths, you'd need an **adder!**



# As The World Goes By

By (author & illustrator) Jonny Lambert



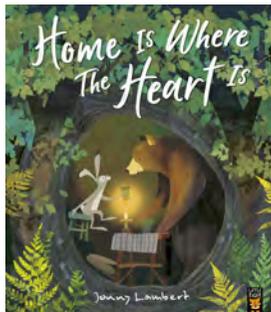
**A timely new mindful kids book from bestselling author-illustrator Jonny Lambert.**

When Buttons spots a beautiful blue butterfly, he is sure everyone will want to see. But among the bustle of the street and the chitter-chatter of the café, no-one notices . . . Can Buttons find a way to make the world pay attention to this small moment of wonder?

This lyrical, thought provoking picture book is the ideal antidote to our busy, bustling world. With a gentle message that encourages us all to pause, take a breath and appreciate the wonder all around us, *As The World Goes By* is a stunning first introduction to mindfulness.

- Inspires a moment of pause and contemplation that feels particularly pertinent in our busy, bustling modern world.
- Over 400,000 copies of Jonny Lambert picture and board books sold worldwide.

Just like *You're Snug with Me* by Chitra Soundar and Poonam Mistry, *Mayfly Day* by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross and *On a Magical Do-Nothing Day* by Beatrice Alemagna, *As The World Goes By* is perfect for any child who struggles to live in the present.



9781801041713  
PB £6.99

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Jonny Lambert

Jonny grew up knowing he wanted to be an artist of some sort. Encouraged by his grandfather and, later, his art tutor at the Reigate School of Art and Design, Jonny is now an internationally-published author and illustrator, children's book designer and paper engineer. He lives with his family and a menagerie of animals near Horsham, West Sussex.

**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026

**RRP:** £7.99

**Format:** Paperback

**ISBN:** 9781838918026

**Extent:** 32 pages

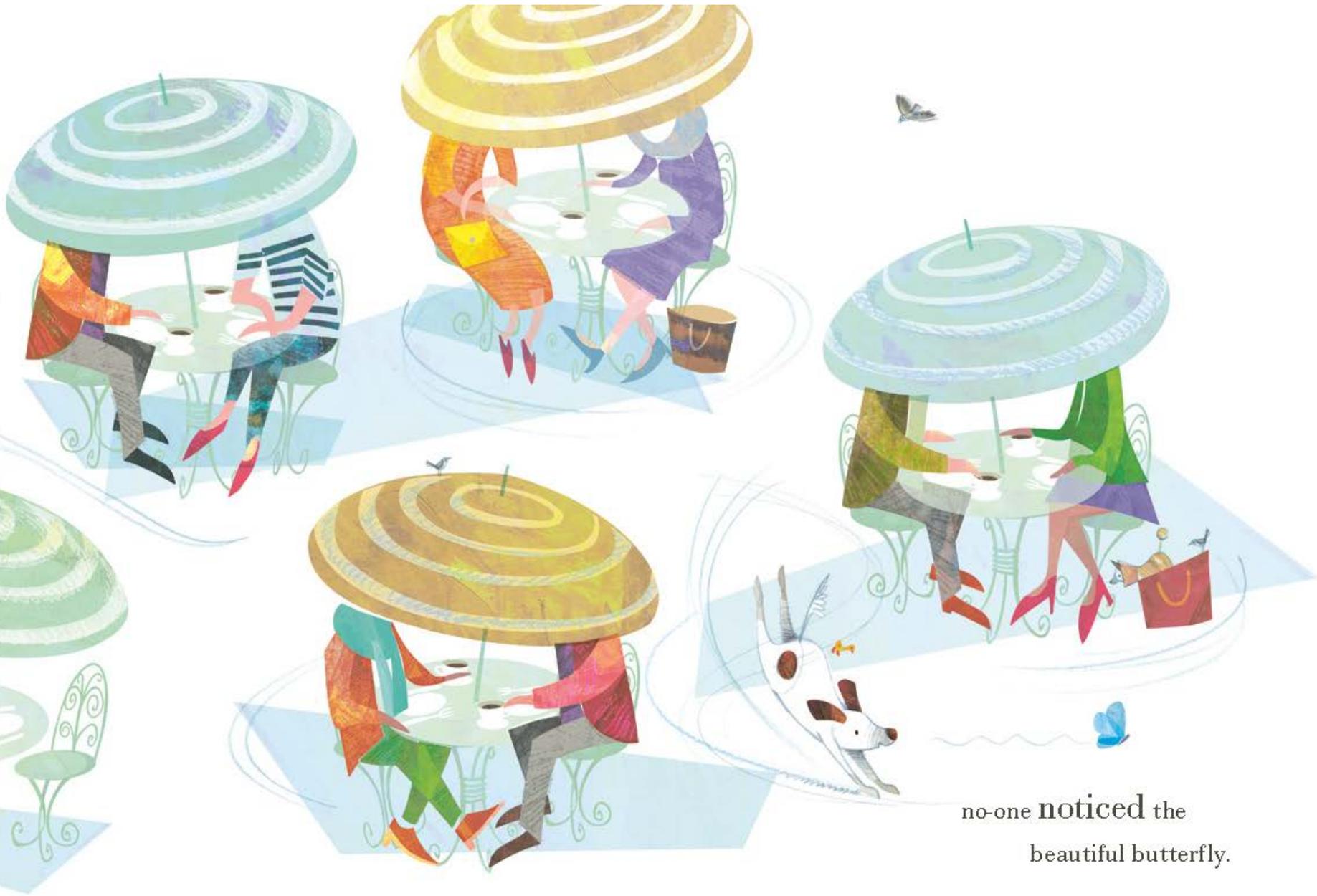
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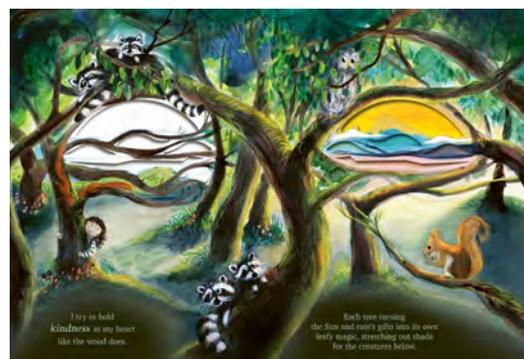
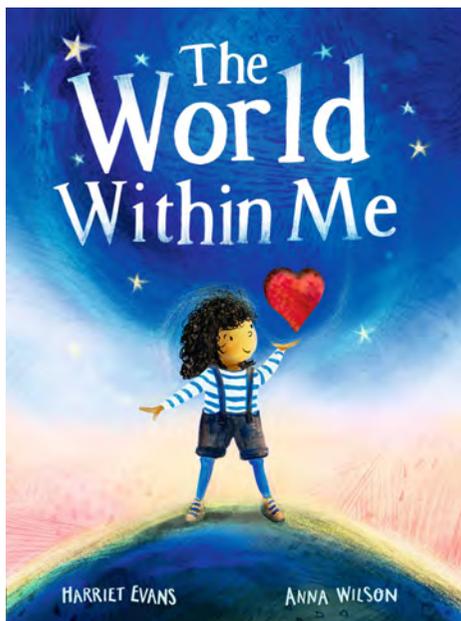
**THEMA:** YBCS|YBC

**CBMC:** A3M79

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chitter-  
chatter  
of the  
café . . .



no-one noticed the  
beautiful butterfly.



# The World Within Me

By (author) Harriet Evans

Illustrated by Anna Wilson



**There is a world within me. I am not just one thing.**

From your sunrise-matching serenity and rainforest-rousing loudness to your glacier-like patience and cliff-top-clambering courage, this book is a celebration of all the different facets that make you . . . YOU!

Lyrical, emotive language encourages young readers to step back and really appreciate all the complexities of their inner worlds, from sadness to anger, happiness to peace, and gently encourages them to learn how to manage their emotions.

- Complex die-cuts build up a magical world, showing how all the different elements of your personality come together to make a beautiful whole.
- Anna Wilson's evocative art creates mesmerising scenes in which readers can lose themselves.
- This book is a self-affirming ode to each person's uniqueness and urges us all to resist simple labels for one another and ourselves.

A great read for little ones who enjoyed *Happy* by Nicola Edwards, *Slow Down* by Freya Hartas or *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers.

## 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 Wilson

Anna was born in Australia's Snowy Mountains and then spent most of her adult life travelling the world. She is inspired by people and places and worked with these concepts for a long time before embarking on a new career as an illustrator and designer. She loves storms and snow and is happiest running in the mountains, drawing in the streets, or imagining new characters and creating atmospheric worlds.

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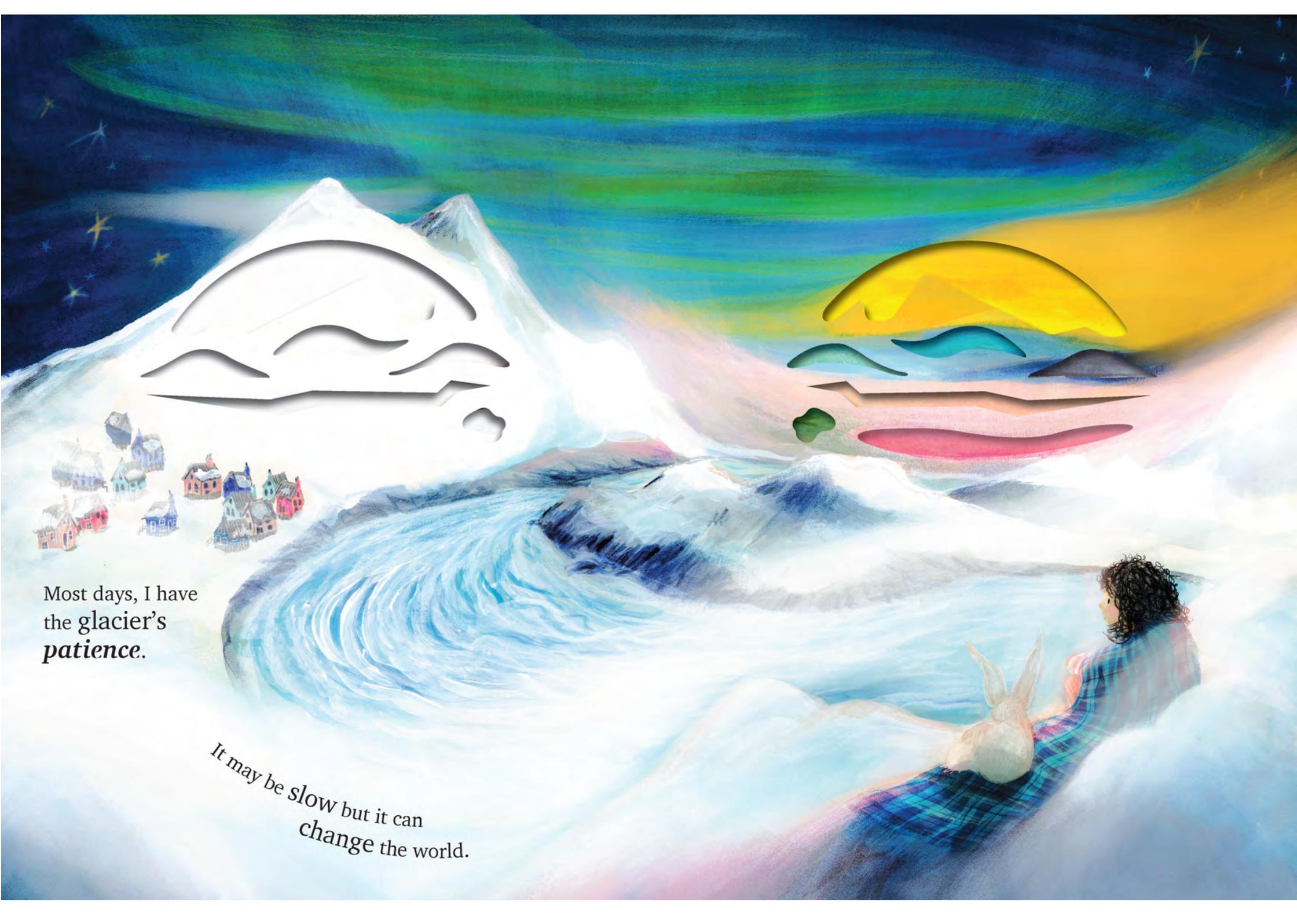
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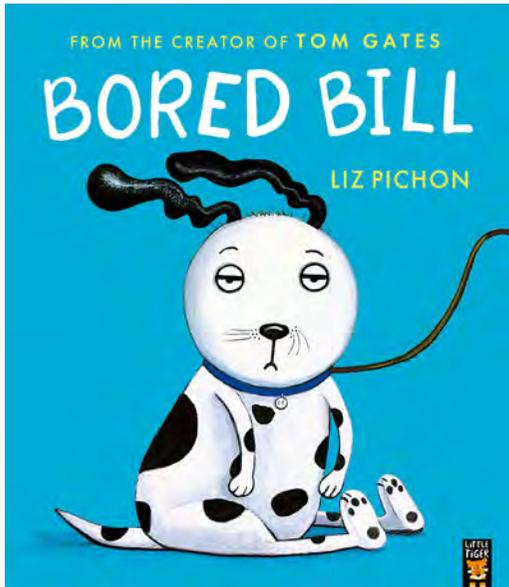
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Most days, I have  
the glacier's  
*patience.*

*It may be slow but it can  
change the world.*



# Bored Bill

By (author & illustrator) Liz Pichon



**Bill is bored. Not just a bit bored but really really bored. His owner Mrs Pickle is never bored. She's always busy reading, gardening, cooking or doing kung fu. But Bill finds it all very dull. Until one windy day, everything changes . . .**

Full of bold, wacky humour and animated illustrations, Liz Pichon takes us along a space adventure that pulls Bill out of his snooze-fest against all odds!

- A laugh-out-loud journey for any kid who's ever sighed, "I'm bored..."
- With quirky characters, a surprise space adventure, and a reminder that life is never as dull as it seems!
- A bold, bright rebranded edition!
- By Liz Pichon, the creator of the fun-packed and famous Tom Gates series.

Perfect for fans of Jon Klassen's *I Want My Hat Back*, Rob Biddulph's *Blown Away*, or Liz's very own bestselling *Tom Gates* series, this story is bound to make you think twice before ever moaning to your friends or parents, 'I'm bored'!

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Liz Pichon

Liz Pichon is the bestselling British author and illustrator behind the multi-award-winning Tom Gates series of children's books, which have sold over 16 million copies worldwide. Her distinctive style, which combines text with a high volume of doodles and illustrations in a diary format, was influenced by her own experiences with undiagnosed dyslexia and a desire to create engaging books for reluctant readers. Before becoming a celebrated author and illustrator, Liz worked as an art director in the music industry. The success of her first Tom Gates book in 2011, which won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, launched a global phenomenon that has since been adapted into an animated television series and a stage show.

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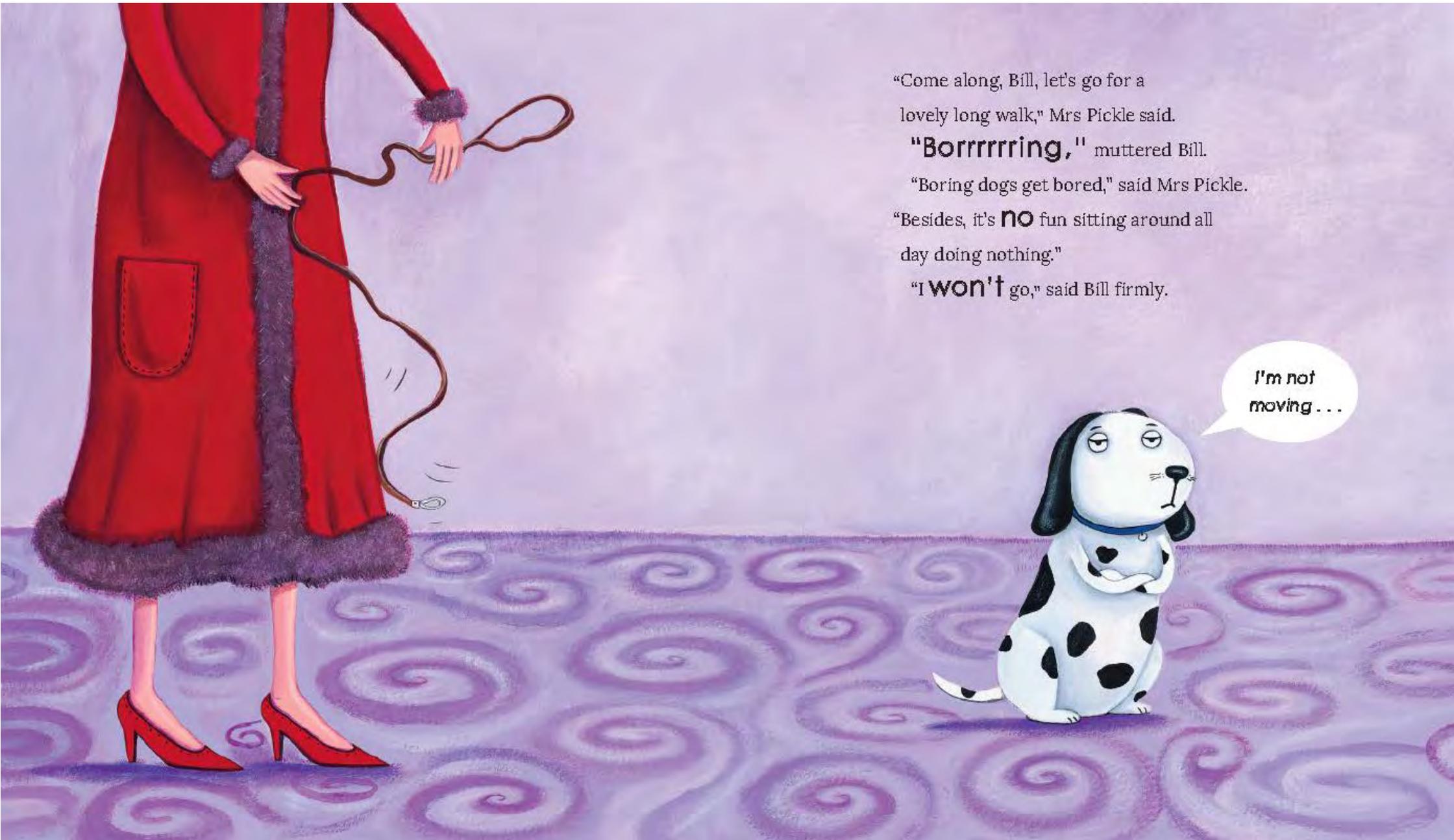
**Extent:** 32 pages

**Dimensions:** 280 x 245 mm

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"Come along, Bill, let's go for a lovely long walk," Mrs Pickle said.

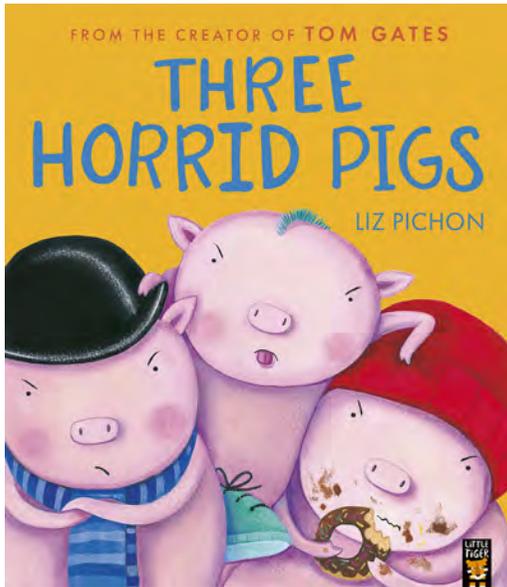
**"Borrrrring,"** muttered Bill.

"Boring dogs get bored," said Mrs Pickle.

"Besides, it's **no** fun sitting around all day doing nothing."

"I **won't** go," said Bill firmly.

I'm not moving...



# Three Horrid Pigs

By (author) Liz Pichon



**This fantastically fractured fairytale is perfect for families who love a whacky read-aloud!**

Mother Pig has had enough of her three horrid little pigs. So she packs their bags and sends them on their way. The first two little pigs build their houses by stealing straw and pinching twigs. The third little pig is so lazy, he moves into a hen house and calls it a day! These lazy, chaotic pigs may think they're getting away with their terrible behaviour, but everything changes when they meet a big, friendly wolf who might just be the one to teach them some very unexpected lessons. . .

- A wickedly funny spin on a well-loved story.
- A surprising hero - the big FRIENDLY wolf.
- A bold, bright rebranded edition!
- By Liz Pichon, the creator of the bestselling Tom Gates series.

Perfect for fans of Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems, The Bad Seed by Jory John and Pete Oswald, as well Liz Pichon's very own fun-packed and famous Tom Gates series.

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**THEMA:** YBC|YBCS

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Once upon a time, Mother Pig lived with her three **horrid** little pigs in a tiny house.

The little pigs were very naughty and they drove their mother **crazy!**



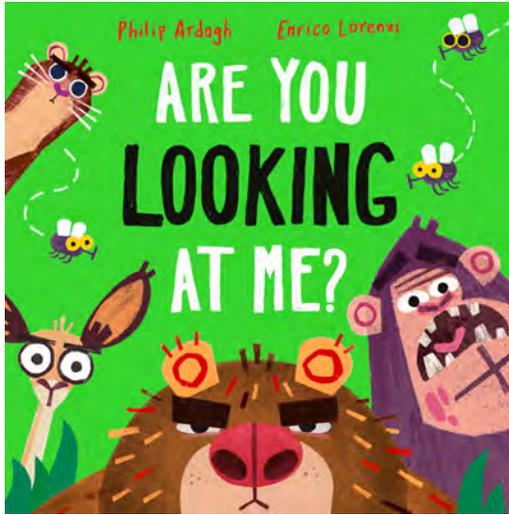
"I've had enough of you **pesky** pigs," she told them. "It's about time you moved out and found your own way in the world!"

So she packed their bags and sent them on their way.



Go on, clear off!

Stop pushing!



# Are You Looking At Me?

By (author) Philip Ardagh  
Illustrated by Enrico Lorenzi



## Have you ever been stared at by a big brown bear?

From a gawping gibbon to a leering lion; a frowning frog to a peering python, the animal kingdom is filled with curious creatures - but the starkest of starers turns out to be something quite unexpected!

- A rollicking rhyming text from Philip Ardagh, bestselling author of BUNNIES ON THE BUS, makes ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME? pure fun to read aloud.
- Bold, graphic illustrations from Enrico Lorenzi are given extra punch with fluorescent ink and are packed with visual humour.
- A purely fun and anarchic read with a clever twist.

Fans of the OI FROGS AND FRIENDS series by Kes Gray and Jim Field, I AM A TIGER by Karl Newson and Ross Collins, and NEVER TICKLE A TIGER by Pamela Butchart and Marc Boutavant will delight in the animal anarchy of ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME?



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

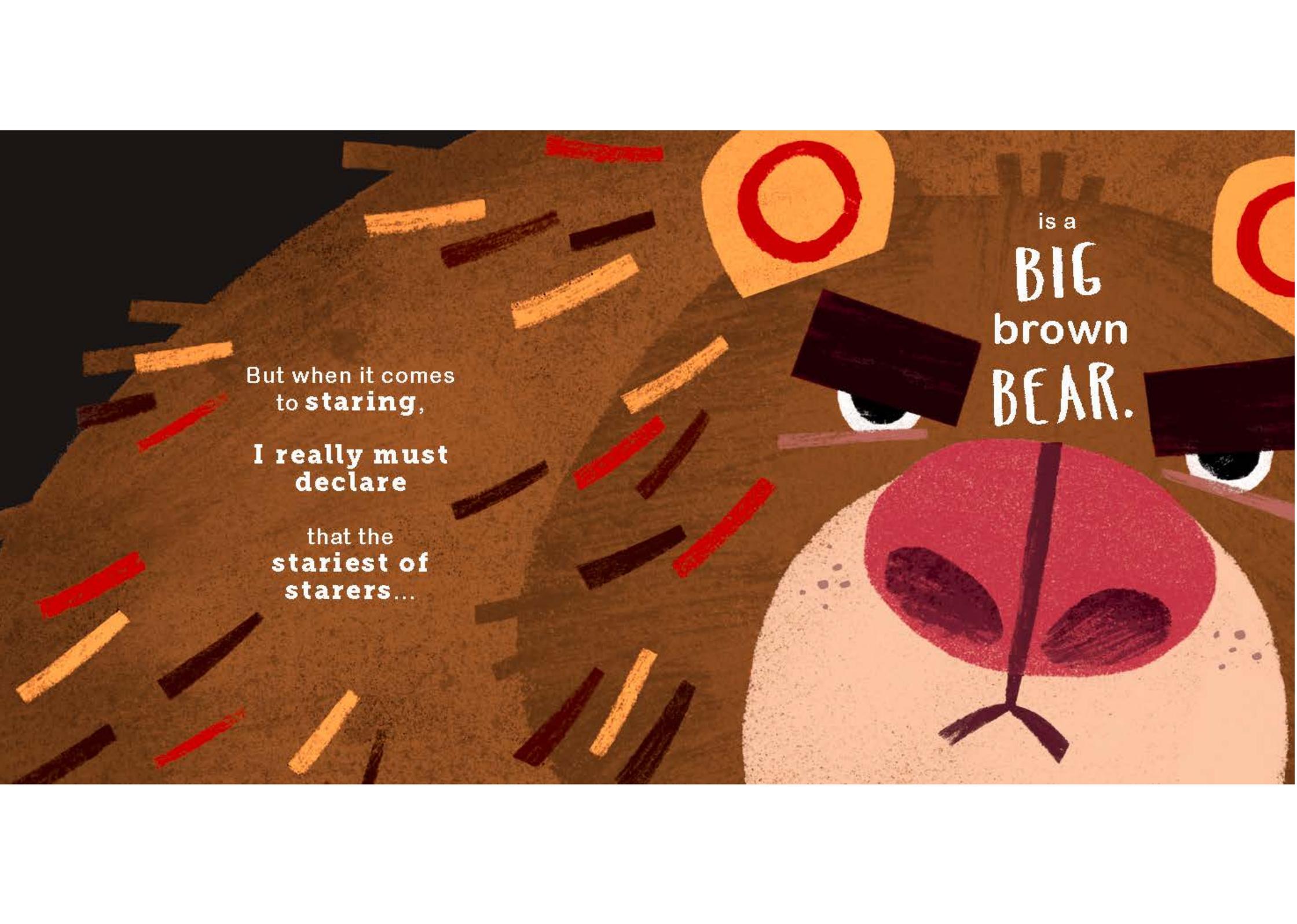
### Philip Ardagh

Philip Ardagh is a prolific writer who has been published in forty languages around the world. His titles include the bestselling EDDIE DICKENS trilogy, HIGH IN THE CLOUDS, co-written with Paul McCartney, and STINKING RICH and JUST PLAIN STINKY, the winner of the 2009 Roald Dahl Funny Prize. He lives with his wife and son in Kent, the Garden of England.

### Enrico Lorenzi

Enrico Lorenzi is an Italian illustrator currently residing in Florence. Enrico loves getting lost in an endless search, finding and trying new techniques and mixing traditional, engraving and digital styles. His works range in different genres, from non-fiction books to illustrated books.

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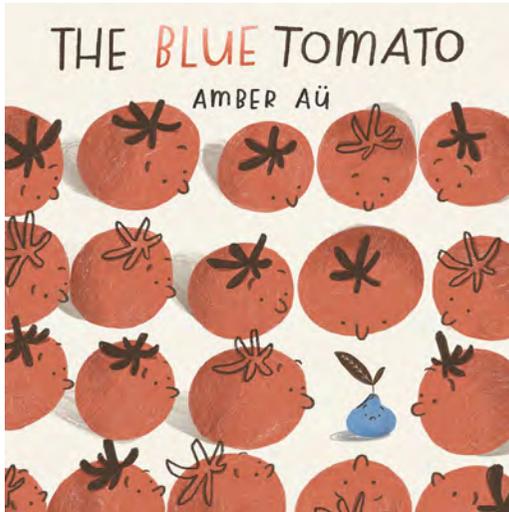
The background is a textured, brownish-gold surface. It is decorated with numerous horizontal brushstrokes in shades of red, orange, yellow, and dark brown. On the right side, there are two large, dark brown rectangular shapes that look like eyes or ears, each with a white circle inside. Above these are two yellow circular shapes with red outlines. In the lower right, there is a large, textured, light-colored shape that resembles a bear's snout or nose, with two dark brown oval shapes inside. The overall style is abstract and painterly.

But when it comes  
to **staring**,

**I really must  
declare**

that the  
**stariest of  
starers...**

is a  
**BIG  
brown  
BEAR.**



# The Blue Tomato

By (author) Amber Aü



**Blu is excited to move into a brand-new town full of tomatoes - until he realises he's the only one in blue! Desperate to fit in, Blu sets off on a frustrating project to turn red, like everyone else . . .**

Debut talent Amber Aü spins a sensitive tale of personal growth and self-acceptance. Quirky humour and a warm, pared-back palette beautifully capture both the ache of feeling like an outsider, and the joys to be found in the very things that set us apart.

- With captivating, world-building illustrations from exciting debut author-illustrator, Amber Aü.
- A sensitive exploration of one character's struggles with self-esteem and body image, told in a gentle, child-friendly way.
- Taps into themes of loneliness with an idiosyncratic humour and warmth.
- Highly Commended in the World Illustration Awards 2024 - Children's Publishing Professional.

Ideal for fans of *Elmer* by David McKee, *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers, and *Odd Dog Out* by Rob Biddulph, this heartfelt, confidence-boosting picture book will captivate readers young and old.



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Amber Aü

Amber Aü began doodling in her food diary while healing her relationship with food, which led her to discover her passion for illustration. She now lives in Alsager, England, with her partner and two corgis, Tofu and Toro. When Amber's not drawing, you can find her wandering around grocery stores, chatting with a bunch of bananas, or enjoying a pastry or two.

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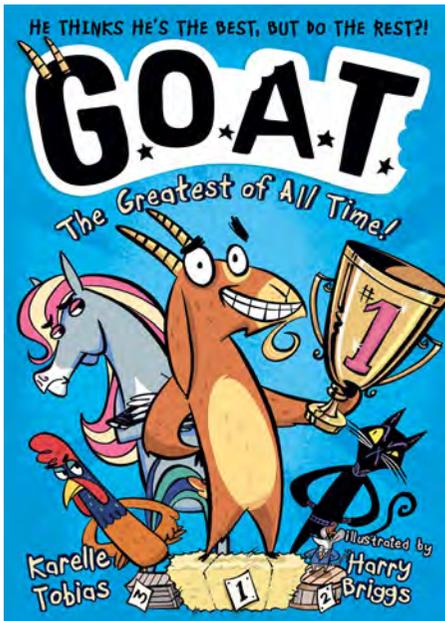


*Blu set off*



*early the next morning and arrived at Spider's home.*





# G.O.A.T.: The Greatest of All Time!

By (author) Karelle Tobias

Illustrated by Harry Briggs



A new, quirky, laugh-out-loud farm-based graphic novel series including a wide cast of characters and satisfyingly silly storylines.

Goat, the 'Greatest Of All Time', is new to Harmony Farm, but when Rooster gives him the lay of the land, he manages to ruffle more than a few feathers. And things take a turn for the worse when he insults Horse's legendary dance moves. Horse decides there's only one thing for it:: an epic dance battle! All competitors will need to display their popping and locking skills - with the Notorious P.I.G. providing the music, of course. Whoever stops dancing is out! However, it soon becomes clear that Goat's skills might be slightly exaggerated. Will he ever find his place at the farm???

- A quirky, laugh-out-loud farm-based graphic novel series for 6-9-year-olds transitioning from picture books, including a wide cast of characters and satisfyingly silly storylines.
- A series about not being afraid to try new things – even if you mess up along the way!
- Each book follows a new farm-fuelled drama as each animals attempts to prove their 'G.O.A.T' status



## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Karelle Tobias

Karelle has always had an overactive imagination, so it's hardly a surprise that he's landed in the wonderful world of children's publishing, where he is able to flex his creative muscles writing and editing books about boastful goats and epic beast battles, among other things. He was born and raised in West London.

### Harry Briggs

Harry Briggs was raised in the California sunshine incessantly doodling. A graduate of Art Center College of Design, Harry has spent the better part of 30 years solving creative riddles for a spectrum of clients including American Greetings, Scholastic, McGraw-Hill, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, the LA Times, and the Washington Post.

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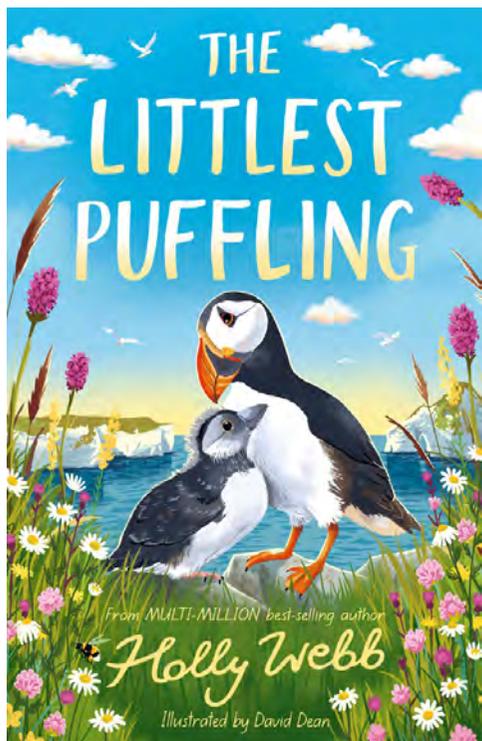
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**THEMA:** YNUC|YFQ|YFP

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## The Littlest Puffling

By (author) Holly Webb  
Illustrated by David Dean



**A heartwarming story about family and nature from best-selling author Holly Webb.**

Alice and her family are camping in Yorkshire, where her new stepdad is hoping to photograph puffins. Alice struggles to understand her stepdad's fascination with the seabirds, and finds it even harder dealing with her younger stepsister, Hattie, who takes all the attention.

When Alice tries to avoid Hattie by hanging back during a bike ride, she discovers a baby puffin huddled by a rock. It seems scared and all alone, but local volunteers have warned that it's dangerous for puffins to interact with humans. Is there any way that Alice can help the puffling return to the sea?

- Raises awareness for the RSPCA Project Puffin survey and how the climate crisis is affecting seabirds.
- Holly Webb's books have sold over 1.5 million UK trade copies
- An enchanting read, perfect for fans of Jill Tomlinson's animal stories and Michael Morpurgo's younger fiction
- Features beautiful black and white illustrations throughout.

### WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

#### Holly Webb

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

#### David Dean

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

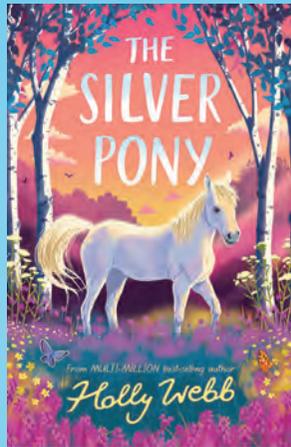
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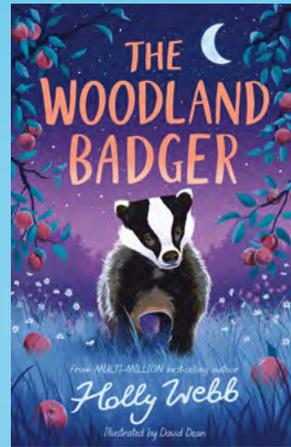
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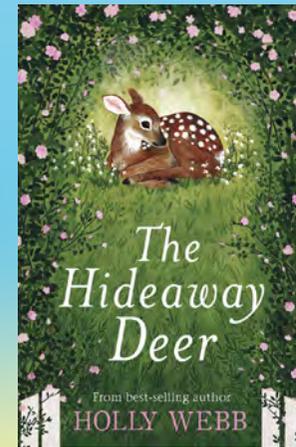
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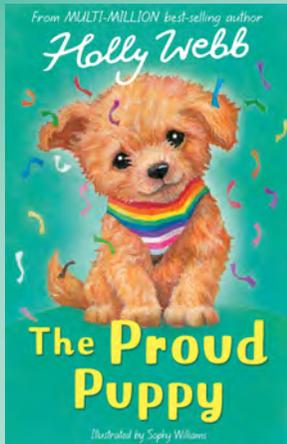
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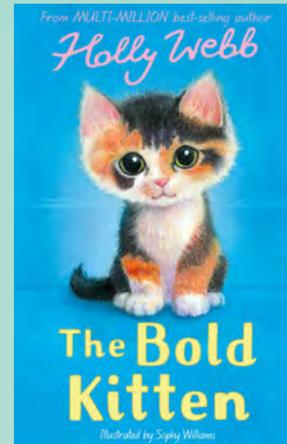
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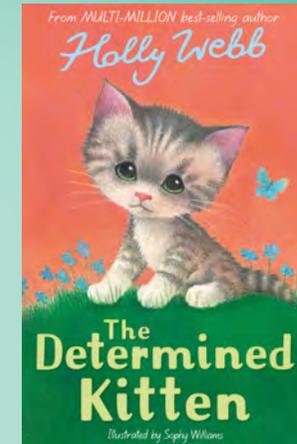
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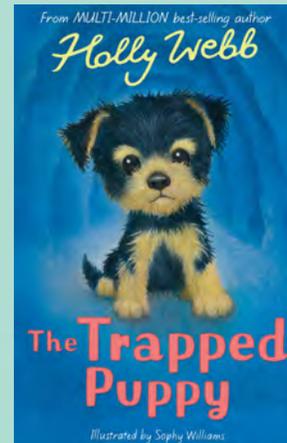
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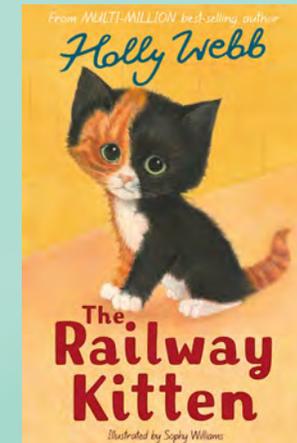
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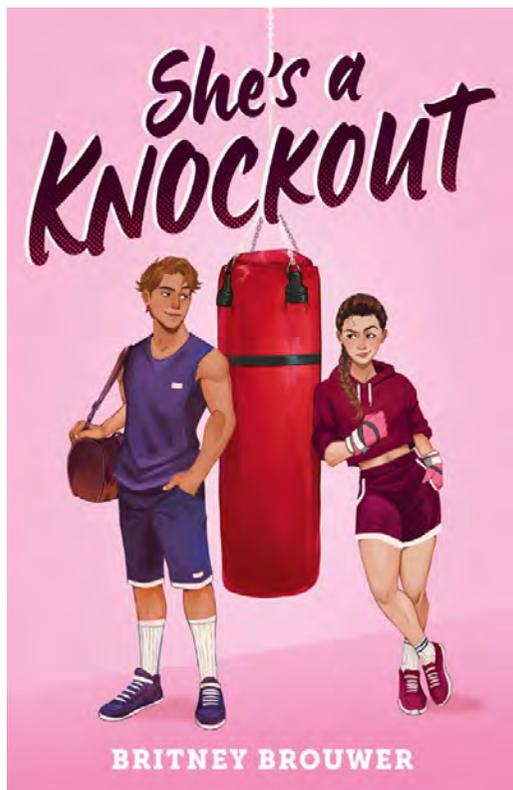
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## She's a Knockout

By (author) Britney Brouwer



**A punchy romance, perfect for fans of Talia Hibbert, Lynn Painter and RIVAL DARLING.**

Annie Armani's life changed with one knockout punch. She's not a scrappy nobody any longer - she's the Junior MMA Champion, the star of a new documentary, with a high-profile fight on the horizon and the chance of earning the kind of money her broken family desperately needs.

Secretly though, Annie's terrified. The punch was a fluke and she's still reeling from her brother Marc's recent death in a car crash. Now Annie has to contend with nosy producers, adoring fans and (worst of all) her feelings for her hot new sparring partner, Jake Duff, who has his own reasons for joining her team. With her future and her heart on the line, can Annie prove she's got what it takes to be a knockout sports star?

- Sports romances are on trend and MMA as a sport is growing in popularity
- Annie—female lead—is the main athlete and is both relatable and a great role model
- Full of everyone's favourite romance tropes, with some spice but appropriate for YA readers
- An exciting debut writer, based in the US

### WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

#### **Britney Brouwer**

Britney Shae Brouwer grew up wanting to be a lawyer and an author so it makes sense that she first drafted SHE'S A KNOCKOUT while studying for the Bar Exam. Now an editor of court opinions, Britney lives in Columbus, Ohio with her fiancé and rescue dog. When she's not writing, she's usually found drinking tea and watching ice hockey. Annie is inspired both by the power and strength of female MMA fighters and the incredible women that Britney worked with during an internship in the male-dominated world of the National Hockey League.

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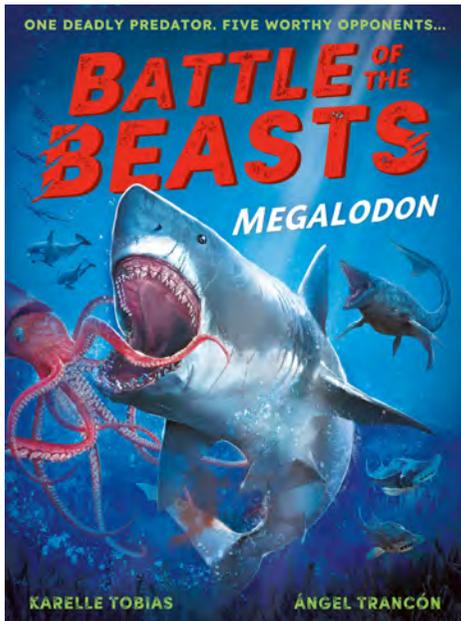
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**Interest Age:** 14-18 years

**THEMA:** YFM|YFR

**CBMC:** 12+ years, Fiction, Ordinary Printed Book Format, Non-character, Non Tie-in

**Series:**



# Battle of the Beasts: Megalodon

By (author) Karelle Tobias

Illustrated by Ángel Trancón



**The megalodon was one of the deadliest predators in history, but is there any creature - past or present - that could have rivalled it?**

*Battle of the Beasts* puts that question to the test, pitting the mighty megalodon against a pod of orcas, a colossal squid, a Livyatan whale, a Pliosaurus and a Mosasaurus, and determining who would win each hypothetical fight.

- Striking colour illustrations by Ángel Trancón.
- Filled with fun facts about each sea creature and the ocean they dwell in.
- Contains a Top Trumps styled page illustrating each creature's stats.
- Two-page comic strips depicting the action-packed battles.
- End matter includes a quiz to test the reader's knowledge.

Jam-packed full of fascinating facts, with epic comic-style illustrations of each battle, this is perfect for fans of the *Survived* series, *Who Would Win?* and the *Guinness World Records*.

## WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

### Karelle Tobias

Karelle has always had an overactive imagination. That, combined with being an avid writer and reader means it's hardly a surprise that he's landed in the wonderful world of children's publishing, where he is able to flex his creative muscles writing and editing books about epic beast battles, among other things. He was born and raised in West London.

### Trancón, Ángel

Ángel Trancón is a graphic illustrator whose works span diverse topics from science, history and pop culture to film industry design. His visual style is cinematic, trendy and with a vintage touch.

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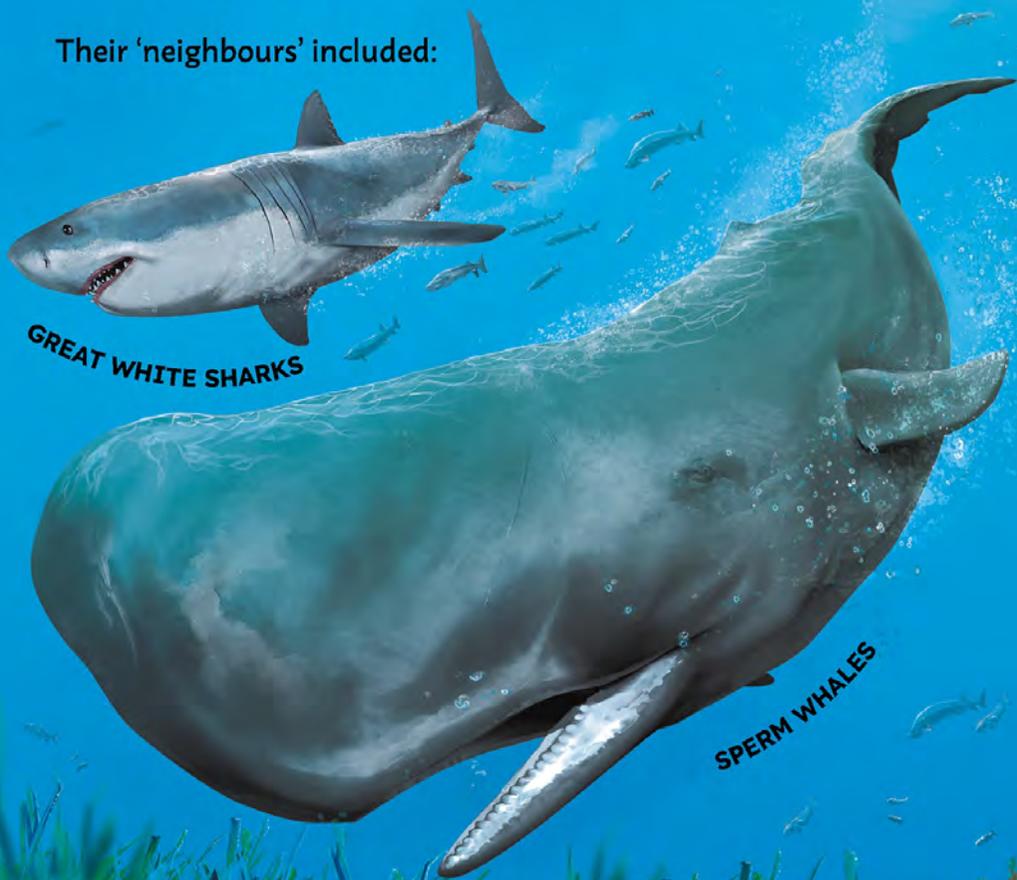
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# HOME

Megalodons were born and raised close to the shore in shark 'nurseries' to avoid being hunted by larger predators.

Their fossils have been found on every continent of the world except Antarctica. This is because they preferred to hunt in warmer, tropical, shallower seas.

Their 'neighbours' included:

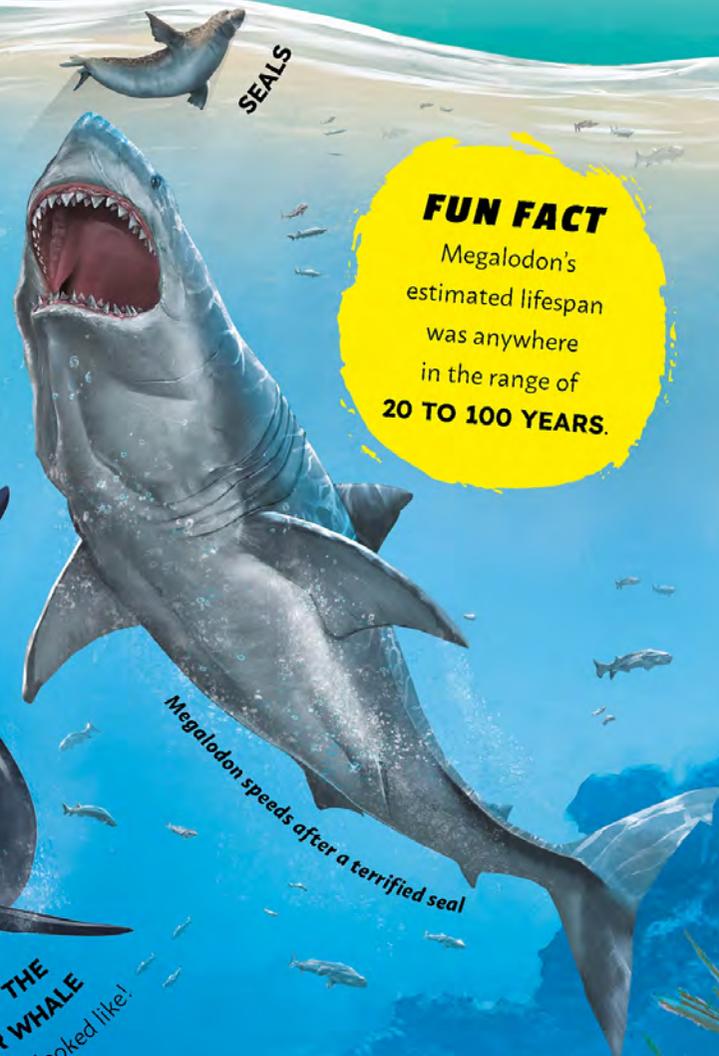


GREAT WHITE SHARKS

SPERM WHALES



ANCESTORS OF THE MODERN KILLER WHALE  
But it's unclear what they looked like!

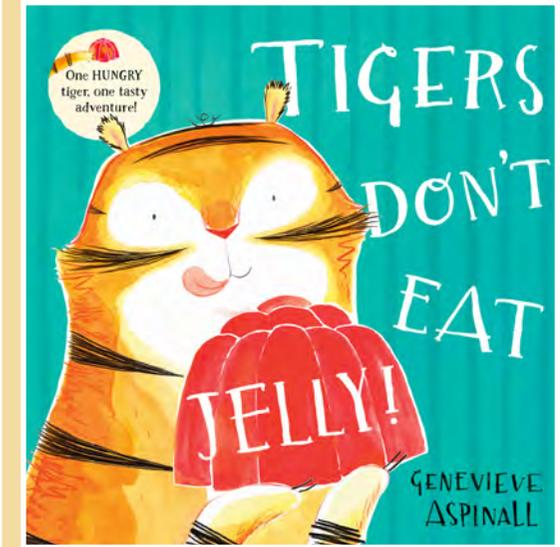
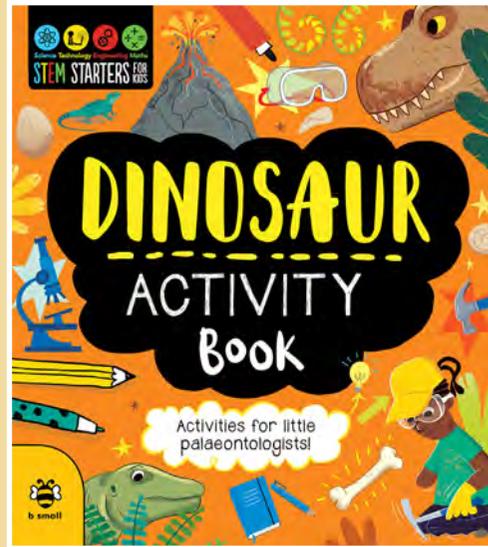


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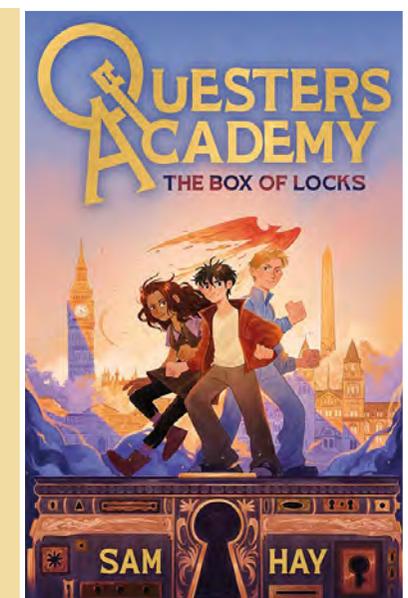
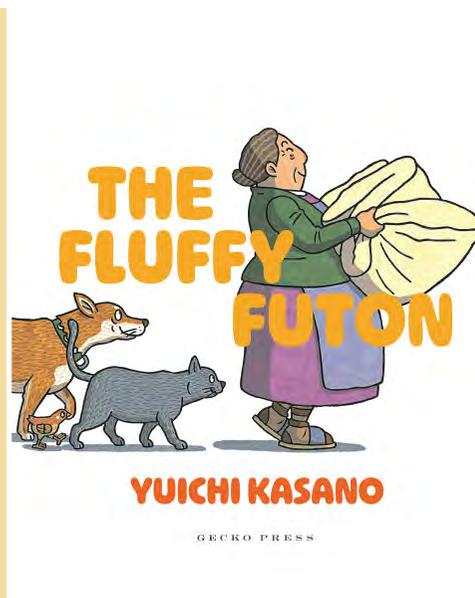
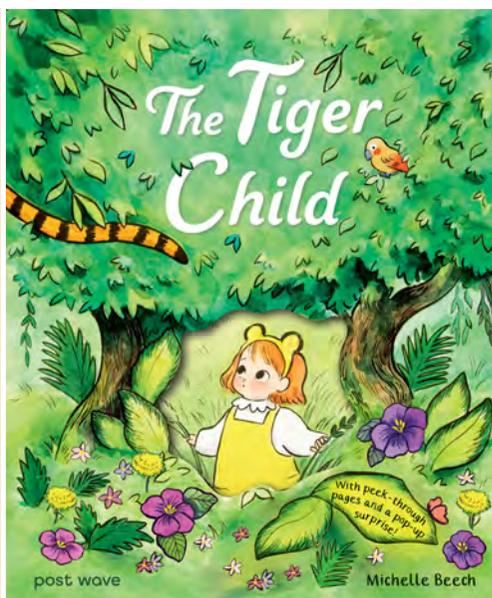
**FUN FACT**  
Megalodon's estimated lifespan was anywhere in the range of **20 TO 100 YEARS.**

Megalodon speeds after a terrified seal



# JUNE 2026 NEW TITLES

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# My Magical Bath Book



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## BEAR AND OCTOPUS • FROG AND WHALE DUCK AND OTTER • ELEPHANT AND TURTLE

Meet your new bathtime companions:

Bear, Elephant, Frog and Duck!

These fun animal-shaped wash cloths are fun in and out of the tub. Each box also includes a cute magic bath book that changes colours when wet. Have a splashing good time!

<b>Publication</b>	JUNE 2026
<b>Price</b>	£ 12.99
<b>Format</b>	Bath Book
<b>Size</b>	170 x 170 mm
<b>Size Box</b>	180 x 190 x 35 mm
<b>Extent</b>	8 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	+6 months
<b>Features</b>	Magic bath book and animal-shaped wash cloth with cute embroideries.

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

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**World:**  
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Open the book fully and  
use the Velcro to create  
your first standing  
globe or rocket book!



## WORLD · SPACE

Unfold your first book in the shape of a globe or a rocket to explore all the wonders of our world and Universe! Discover amazing facts and playful rhymes along the way. Open up the book entirely and connect the ends with the Velcro to create your first standing book.

<b>Publication</b>	JUNE 2026
<b>Price</b>	£ 9.99
<b>Format</b>	Board Book
<b>Size</b>	120 x 120 mm
<b>Extent</b>	12 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	1+
<b>Features</b>	Cut-to-shape standing book with vecro ends.

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Unfold your first book in shape of a globe or rocket.
- Explore all the wonders of our planet and Solar system.
- Discover while learning fun facts and playful rhymes!

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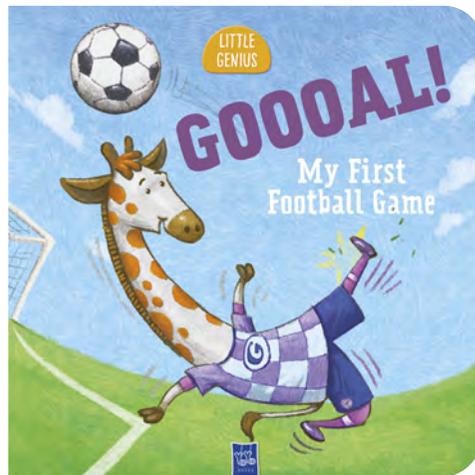
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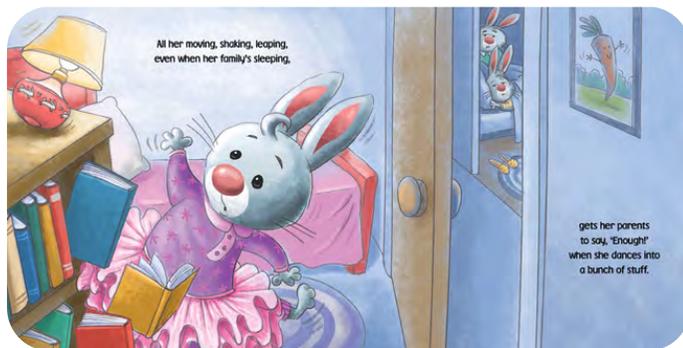
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**Ballet Bunny**  
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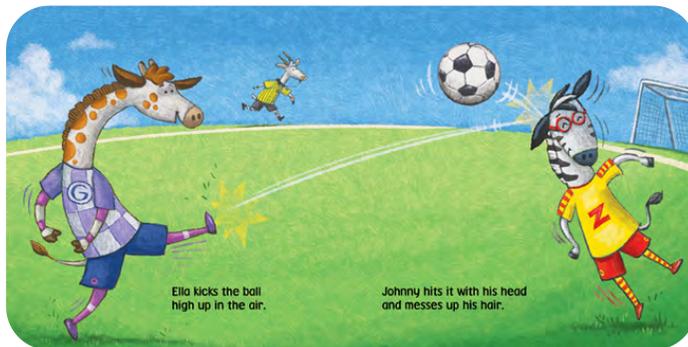


**Gooool! My First Football Game**  
9789465245218



All her moving, shaking, leaping,  
even when her family's sleeping.

gets her parents  
to say, "Enough!"  
when she dances into  
a bunch of stuff.



Ella kicks the ball  
high up in the air.

Johnny hits it with his head  
and messes up his hair.

## BALLET BUNNY GOOOAL! MY FIRST FOOTBALL GAME

A fun first know-it-all series designed for the youngest athletes! This brightly coloured series is written in rhyme to expand your knowledge about toddler-friendly subjects through story. A captivating series for all!

<b>Publication</b>	JUNE 2026
<b>Price</b>	£8,99
<b>Format</b>	Board Book
<b>Size</b>	215 x 215 mm
<b>Extent</b>	24 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	3+

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Introduces knowledge to toddlers in rhyme and story.
- Improves understanding of a sport.
- Develops the desire to learn and discover.

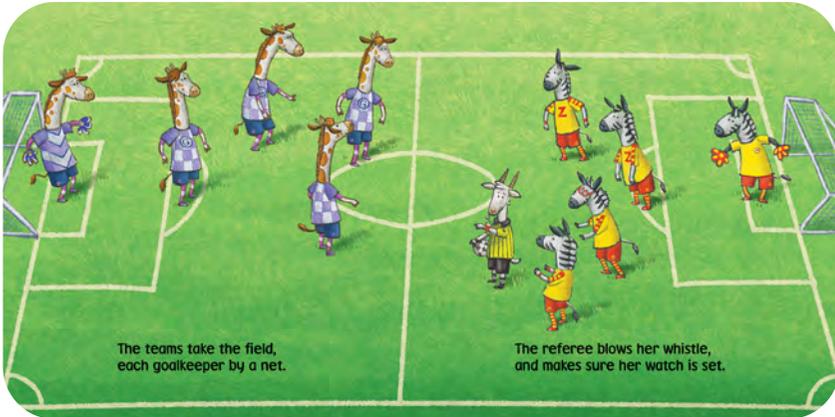
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The teams take the field, each goalkeeper by a net.

The referee blows her whistle, and makes sure her watch is set.



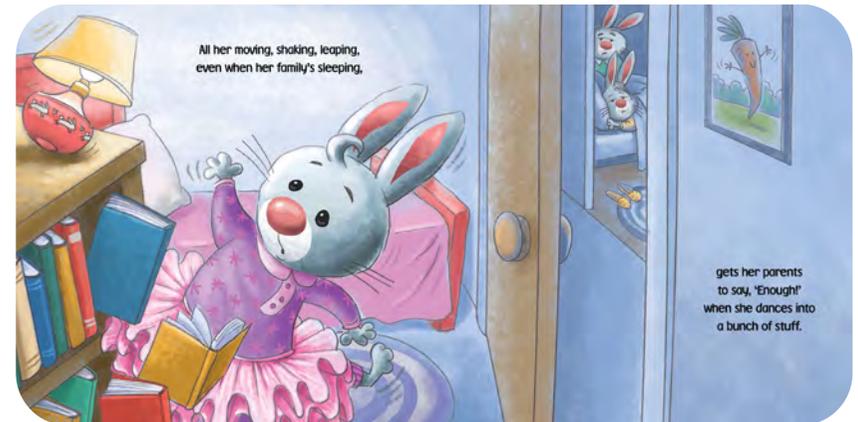
Dad says,  
"We need lessons right away!  
We must hurry and sign her up for ballet!"

"And really, all that is required,  
is that Little Bunny comes  
home good and tired!"



Ella kicks the ball  
high up in the air.

Johnny hits it with his head  
and messes up his hair.



All her moving, shaking, leaping,  
even when her family's sleeping,

gets her parents  
to say, "Enough!"  
when she dances into  
a bunch of stuff.

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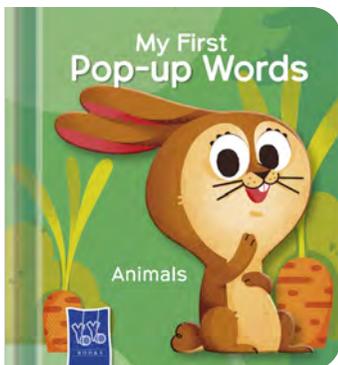
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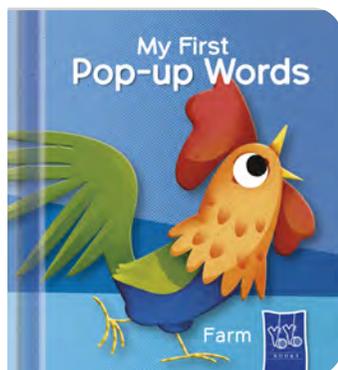
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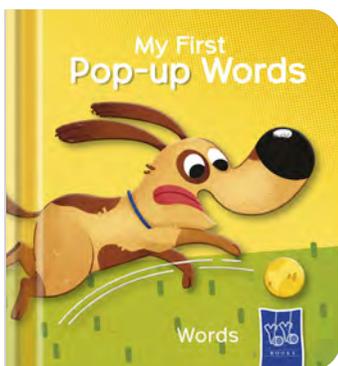
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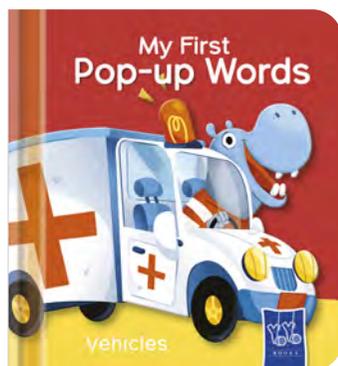
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**Words**  
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## ANIMALS • FARM WORDS • VEHICLES

This charming series will enchant the curious little readers about the world around them and teach them new words. Discover new farm animals, wild animals, vehicles and first words with these 15 pop-ups!

<b>Publication</b>	JUNE 2026
<b>Price</b>	£ 8.99
<b>Format</b>	Board Book
<b>Size</b>	130 x 140 mm
<b>Extent</b>	30 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	3+
<b>Features</b>	15 toddler-proof pop-ups

### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A pop-up on every page.
- Learn 15 new words with ease.
- Fun illustrations in bright colours for maximum impact.

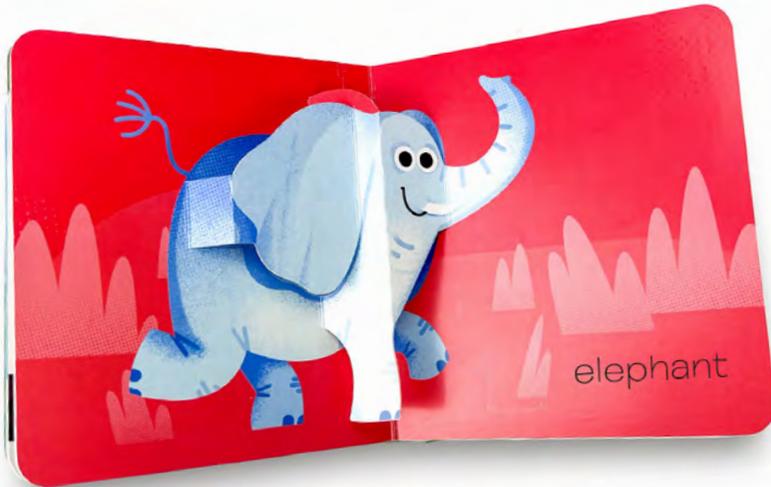
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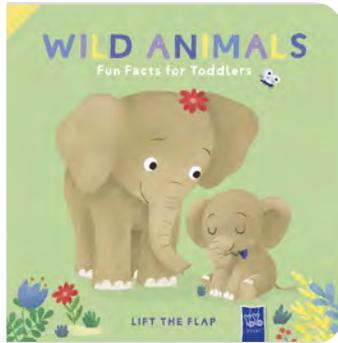
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# Lift The Flap

## Fun Fact For Toddlers



**Wild Animals**  
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**On the farm**  
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**Vehicles**  
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**Human Body**  
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### WILD ANIMALS • ON THE FARM VEHICLES • HUMAN BODY

A first fact book for toddlers with jumbo flaps!  
Each spread handles a topic toddlers will love.  
Fun facts are discovered by lifting more than  
20 flaps that are easy to handle by little fingers.

<b>Publication</b>	JUNE 2026
<b>Price</b>	£ 7.99
<b>Format</b>	Board Book
<b>Size</b>	190 x 190 mm
<b>Extent</b>	12 pages
<b>BIC code</b>	YB
<b>Age</b>	4+
<b>Features</b>	Big flaps to lift on every page

#### KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Lift the flap for a learning surprise.
- Big flaps for little fingers.
- Lovely and brightly coloured illustrations.

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# Lift The Flap

## Fun Fact For Toddlers

There are wild animals all over the world. Discover the cutest baby animals and their parents!

**Kangaroos** are the largest marsupials on Earth.

Baby **elephants** use their trunk to play with water.

**Turtles** are born in eggs. Once they have hatched, they run to the ocean to learn how to swim.

When they are born, **flamingoes** look like grey, fluffy tennis balls.

**Sea otters** are very playful, but they also love taking naps in the water.

Welcome! Let's explore a day on the farm. First, meet the farmer and his family.

They all live in the **farmhouse**.

Some farmers have **animals** and others grow **vegetables**.

There are multiple buildings. One of them is the **stable**.

The farmer uses his **tractor**, as the farm is very big.

For years, people have used all kinds of vehicles to get around. Lift the flaps and discover!

**Cars** are used in people's daily lives, all around the world.

**Scooters** have two wheels instead of four.

London is famous for its **double-decker buses**.

A **train** is so fast that you can cross countries within a few hours.

The human body is amazing. Lift the flaps and discover!

Did you know adults have **206 bones** in their body?

As well as our voice, we also use our **hands** to communicate.

Feet are often very **ticklish**.

The **spine** goes from your tailbone to your neck and keeps you upright.

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## Product Type

Board Book

Binding

Cased

Cover Finish

30% Eco Glitter + Spot UV

Special Finish

All 4 edges of the book block are printed 4 colour

TPS

178 x 178 mm

Product Size

185 x 185 mm

Extent

24 Pages + Cover

Titles

I Love You Because...

To Follow:

My Christmas Letter From Santa

Easter Title TBC Halloween

Title TBC Religion TBC

RRP

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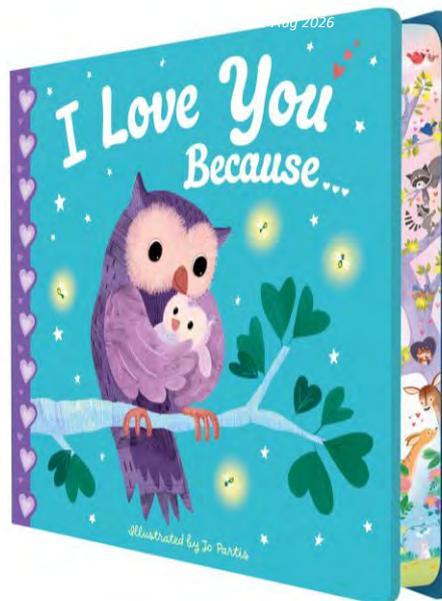
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## SEASONAL GIFT BOOKS

*All-year-round gift for birthdays, thank yous, or just telling someone how much you love them!*

*High specification with special finishes of eco glitter and beautifully-illustrated printed edges*

*Gorgeous artwork from renowned illustrator, Jo Partis*



Eco Glitter on front cover

Product Type  
Novelty Board  
Binding

Board

Cover Finish

TBC

TPS

160 x 160 mm

Product Size

160 x 160 mm

Extent

6 pages, including 3 'Pull-down and Pop-up' leaves

Titles

My Pet Party

My Best Christmas

RRP

£9.99

Age

0-3 years

Pub Date

TBC

## SNAP HAPPY HEROES

*With incredible  
PULL-DOWN, POP-UP  
technology*

*A book that doubles  
up as a toy camera!*

*Playful captions  
keep little ones  
guessing each silly  
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## GLOW LFAB Boxset Disney Princess Sparkling Dreams

Reach for the stars with Tiana, Moana, Rapunzel, Cinderella, and Jasmine.

Use your flashlight to see these Disney princess' dreams shine bright! The foiled pages sparkle and shine in your flashlight's glow, and 5 buttons on the flashlight play sounds to enhance the story!

- The sound storybook encourages imagination, exploration and learning through play
- Every page features foil
- Includes a working flashlight with 5 sound buttons



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HB £8.99



ISBN: 9798384603320

**Binding:** Box  
**Format:** GLOW LFAB Boxset  
**RRP:** £15.99  
**Extent:** 10 pp (board book in box)

**Height:** 165.1 mm  
**Width:** 212.9 mm  
**Depth:** 54.1 mm  
**Age Range:** From 3 years

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## 20 Button Sound Book: Gabby's Dollhouse Surprise Dance Party!

**Gabby and the Gabby Cats throw a boogie-riffic party for DJ Catnip!**

Press the buttons while you read to hear meow-mazing music and sounds.

- Includes 20 fun sounds!
- Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie starring Kristen Wiig, Gloria Estefan and Laila Lockhart Kraner released September 2025 & grossed \$79.8 million
- Seasons 13 & 14 of Gabby's Dollhouse will release on Netflix in 2026



9781503774681  
HB £9.99



**ISBN: 9798384603443**

**Binding:** HB

**Format:** 20 Button Sound Book

**RRP:** £14.99

**Extent:** 24 pp

**Height:** 218.4 mm

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**Depth:** 16.5 mm

**Age Range:** From 3 years

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Gabby  joins everyone in the Fairy Tail Garden 

to make a plan.

“We can have the party  here!” says Kitty Fairy. “There’s

lots of space for dancing.” 

“Awesome!” says Gabby. “We just need someone to keep

DJ Catnip  in the music room while we set up.”

“Ooh!” says Pandy. “I can do that!”



## Mirror Songbook Disney Baby: Stitch's Stay Awake Songs

**It's time for bed, but Stitch is not quite ready to sleep!**

Press 5 buttons to play music and look in the mirror while you sing along!

Lyrics included.

- Lyrics included – sing along with Stitch and Lilo
- Stitch continues to be a leading Disney brand in apparel, toy and books
- Bedtime theme – get all of your energy out with Stitch and then settle down for bedtime



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HB £8.99



**ISBN: 9798384603450**

Binding: BB

Format: Mirror Songbook

RRP: £9.99

Extent: 24 pp

Height: 230 mm

Width: 187.45 mm

Depth: 15.49 mm

Age Range: From 4 years

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Lilo plays some calming music.  
Stitch wants to keep dancing...  
but he can't keep his eyes open!



## LITTLE BLUE DREAMER

Melody: "Beautiful Dreamer"

Little blue dreamer,  
finally asleep,  
hopefully counting  
(and not chasing) sheep!  
Snuggle in sweetly,  
your day is through.  
Starlight and moonlight  
are waiting for you.



Look  
in the  
mirror and  
whisper  
good night.

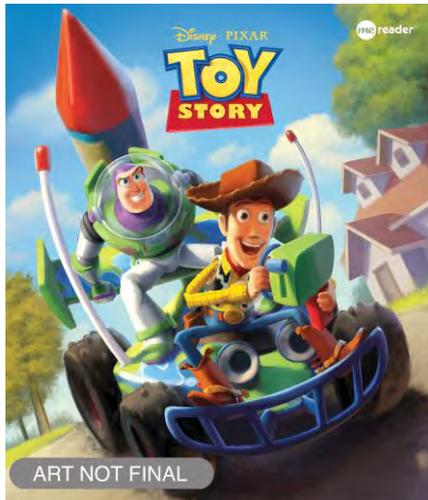


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# DISNEY PIXAR TOY STORY: ME READER 8 BOOK LIBRARY AND ELECTRONIC READER SOUND BOOK SET

Join Woody, Buzz, Jessie, and more Toy Story friends on a reading adventure!

- 8 illustrated books come packaged with a sleek Me Reader module that reads each book aloud.
- Choose a book, press the matching book and page buttons on the module, and hear the action-packed retellings of all five Toy Story movies, including Toy Story 5!
- Follow along in the book for an independent reading experience that builds confidence in beginning readers.
- Story sounds and expressive narration enhance reading comprehension.



ISBN: 9798384602835

**Binding:** Pack

**Format:** Me Reader

**RRP:** £25.99

**Extent:** 192 pp

**Height:** 232.41mm

**Width:** 203.2 mm

**Depth:** 76.2mm mm

**Age Range:** From 4 years to 7 years

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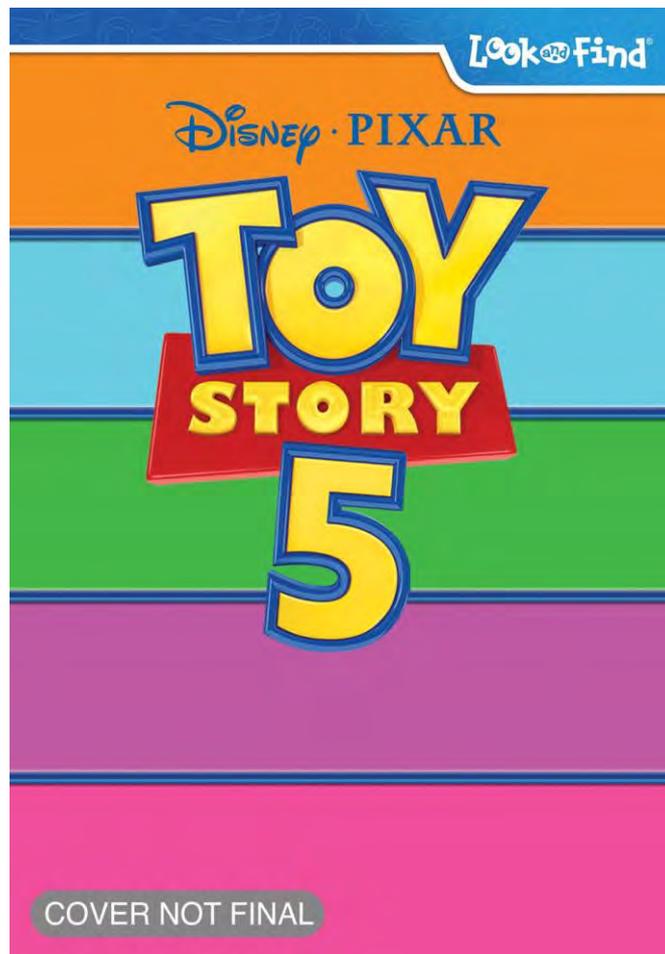
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## Look and Find Midi Disney Pixar Toy Story 5

**The toys are back in Disney and Pixar's *Toy Story 5*, and this time it's Toy meets Tech.**

Buzz, Woody, Jessie and the rest of the gang's jobs are challenged when they go head-to-head with a new threat to playtime!

- Direct tie-in to Toy Story 5 film which releases on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Search for hidden surprises in 8 scenes, then turn to the back of the book for even more Look and Find challenges



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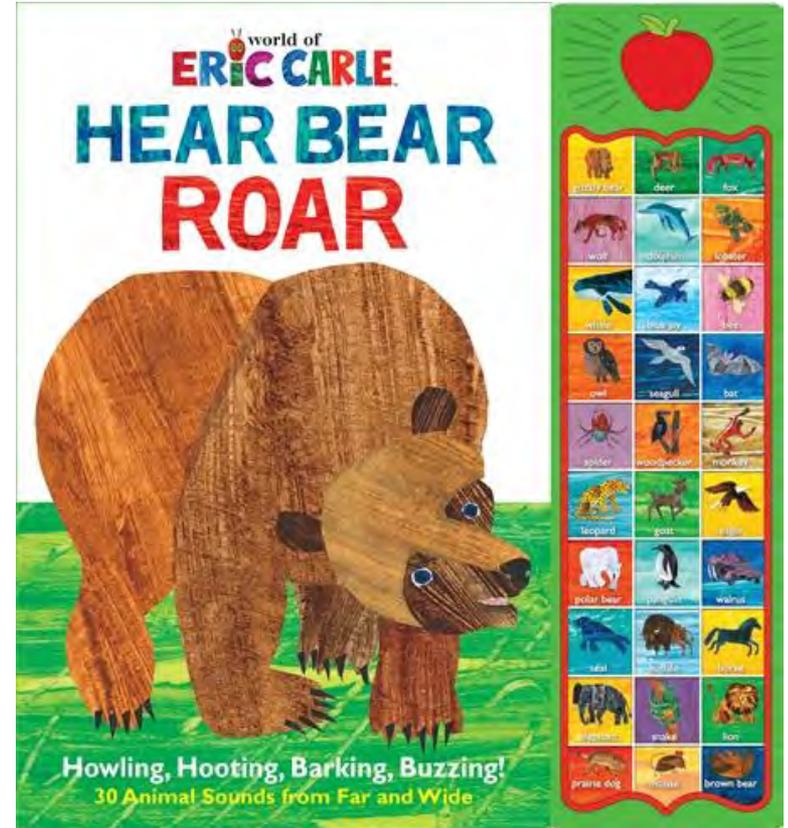
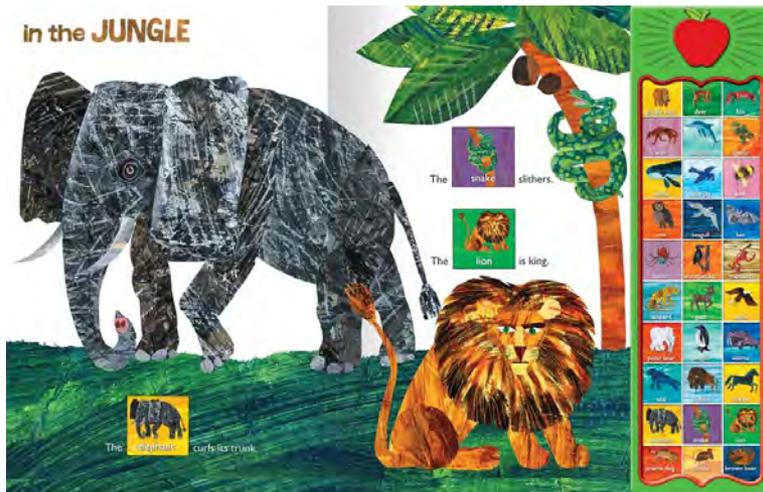
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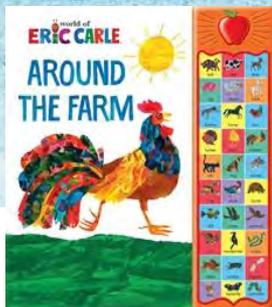


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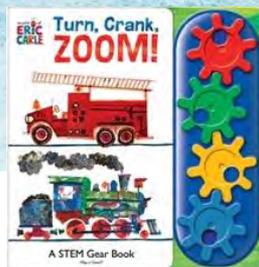
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Pages: 24

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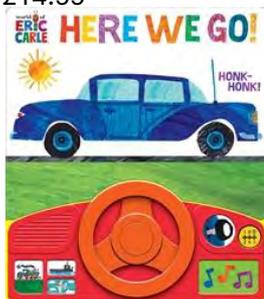
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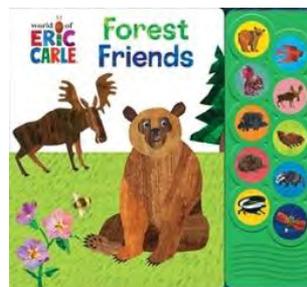
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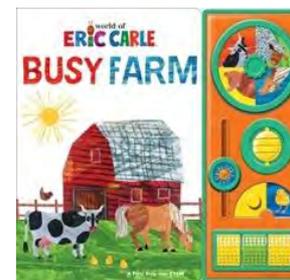
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Picture Books

# The Fluffy Futon

Author and Illustrator **Yuichi Kasano**

A soft fluffy futon in the sun is an irresistible spot for a nap, as everyone discovers in this picture book that will make you laugh, yawn—and feel like you’ve woken from a very good sleep

## ABOUT THE BOOK

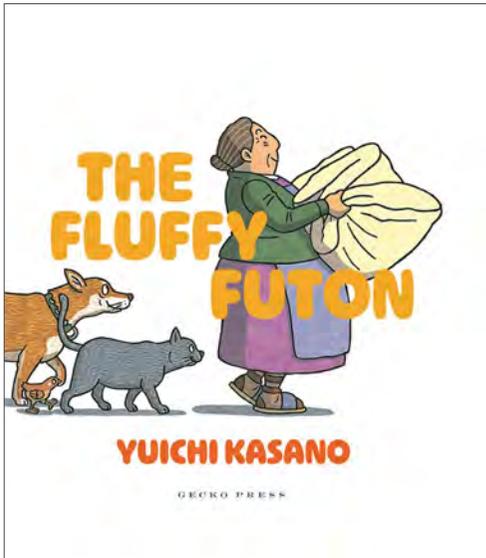
Grandma spreads her newly washed futon to dry in the sun. The futon is so soft and smells so clean! The cat can’t resist nestling down for a snooze. Instead of chasing it away, Grandma settles in alongside, soon followed by the hen and her chicks, a little boy, the dog, the goat, and the pig family. . . . Soon the whole household is taking a nap! Until Grandma starts to find the futon so comfy that no one else can fit. With irresistible illustrations of a cozy pile of funny sleepers, *The Fluffy Futon* is both encouragement for bedtime and laugh-out-loud funny.

## SALES POINTS

- Adorable snoozing animals
- An original too-many-in-the-bed story
- Funny, charming and fresh
- A bestseller in many languages (more than 30,000 copies sold in Japan)

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

**Yuichi Kasano** was born in southwest Japan. He graduated from the Tokyo College of Agriculture but found his calling after visiting an exhibition of Beatrix Potter’s original Peter Rabbit drawings. He has since published more than twenty children’s books.



## WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This book will generate a big happy grin with every reading—it’s a very cheerful, magnificently satisfying story.”

**Rachel Lawson, Publisher**

## TITLE INFORMATION

Release June 2026

Ages **2-5**

Format **hardcover**

Size **225 x 240 mm portrait 8 7/8 x 9 1/2”**

Pages **28 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

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This book in 3 ideas

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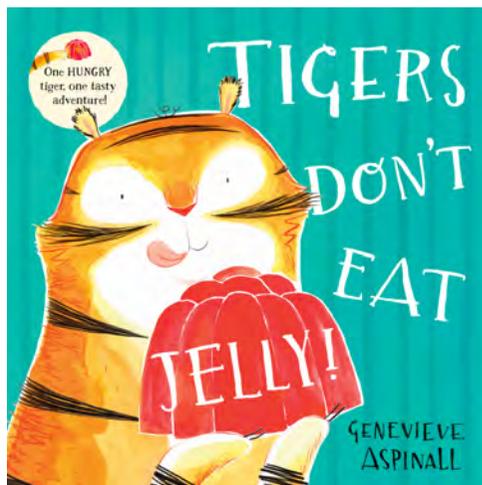
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On a warm, sunny day, Grandma spread a futon on the porch to air.



# TIGERS DON'T EAT JELLY!

**GENEVIEVE ASPINALL**

## THE BOOK

Tiger's favourite food is jelly.

But tigers don't eat jelly!

This one does.

Excited to discover what else she will love, Tiger sets out to see what other delicious foods are out there ...

Join Tiger as she discovers new foods from animal friends, in this beautifully-illustrated and humorous story from author-illustrator Genevieve Aspinall.

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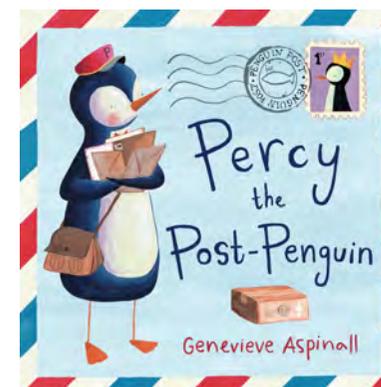
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Extent: 32 pp

Dimensions: 2400 x 2400 mm

## THE AUTHOR

Genevieve is an author and illustrator based in Lancashire working in gouache and pencil crayon. Genevieve has illustrated two picture books and has been longlisted for the World Illustration Awards 2022 and 2024, longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize and nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Illustration. Illustrating a variety of topics such as animals, people, stationery and food.



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BOOKS

# Food for All

What We Eat and Where it Comes From

Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Ros Asquith



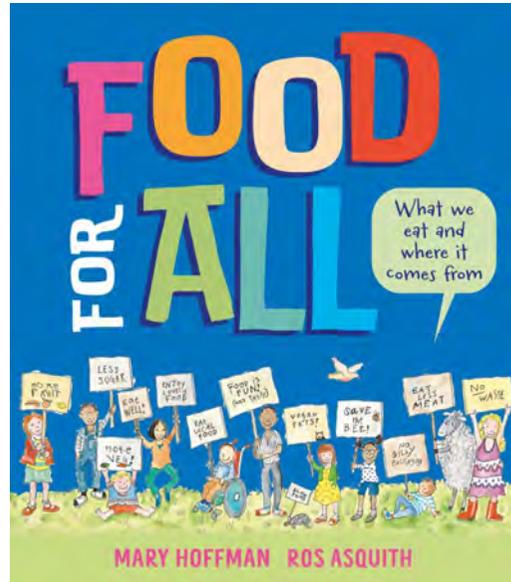
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**A unique, global exploration of the food we eat, where it comes from and how it is shared**

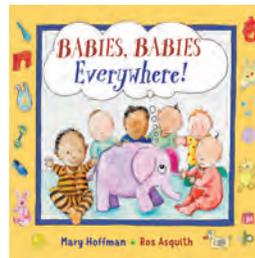
FOOD! We all need it to live – and here is a book bursting with information, questions and ideas about the food we eat, where it comes from and how it is shared.

Is there enough food to go round? Do some countries have too much? Should we all eat organic food or go vegetarian? Where does the food on our plates start from and how does it get to us? Is farming making climate change worse – and, most important of all, how can we feed everyone on our planet, now and in the future?

Created by bestselling superstars Mary Hoffman and Ros Asquith, the team behind *The Great Big Books* series, this is a brilliant, inspirational and diverse exploration of FOOD, with witty and thought-provoking illustrations.



- "With its lively illustrations and a dash of humour, it breaks down complex issues in an accessible way for 4-7 year olds and its ideal for sparking discussions in EYFS. Highly recommended." *School Reading List*
- "Mary Hoffman's engaging style makes a wealth of information easily digestible for primary age readers and Ros Asquith's droll illustrations help keep the tone of the whole book light and inviting. A thought-provoking book that offers a wealth of discussion topics." *Red Reading Hub*
- "Offering essential information about the basics of food, while raising important issues, it could be used as a stimulating nonfiction class read-aloud. Much discussion would be generated by considering the alien character's questions. This book both informs and empowers children by raising awareness that they can take action to ensure there is food for all." Just Imagine



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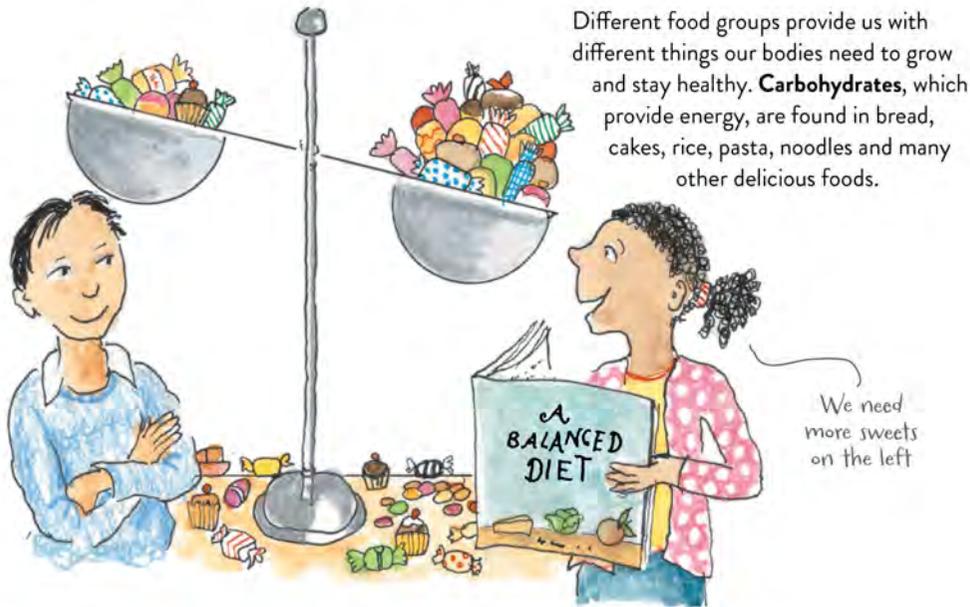
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# A balanced diet



Different food groups provide us with different things our bodies need to grow and stay healthy. **Carbohydrates**, which provide energy, are found in bread, cakes, rice, pasta, noodles and many other delicious foods.

We need more sweets on the left

**Protein**, which builds muscles, comes from meat, fish, eggs, cheese, milk, yoghurt, lentils, soybeans, nuts and processed food like tofu (made from soya) and Quorn (made from something a bit like mushrooms). **Fats**, which keep our bodies running – our hair and skin and our bodies' cells – are found in oils, butter, and some meat and fish.

Wow, it's complicated on earth! On my planet there are only two things to eat.



**Vitamins and minerals**, which we also need, are in all sorts of food, especially in green vegetables and fruits. A balanced diet is supposed to contain elements of all these food groups, either every day or at every meal.



Vitamins		
<b>A</b>	carrots	cheese
<b>B</b>	peas	nuts
<b>C</b>	potatoes	berries
<b>D</b>	oily fish	red meat
<b>E</b>	eggs	wholemeal bread
<b>K</b>	green leafy veg	vegetable oil

You can get vitamin D from sunlight too!



Sugar is found naturally in fruit and honey but is also made from sugar cane plants or sugar beets.

Although lots of people enjoy sugar in cakes and sweets and chocolate and in fizzy drinks and puddings, it is bad for our teeth and our general health and we should all eat less of it. A lot of sugar is added by makers to foods that might surprise you, like peanut butter, bread and yoghurt and ready meals. We really don't need added sugar even though it's tasty.





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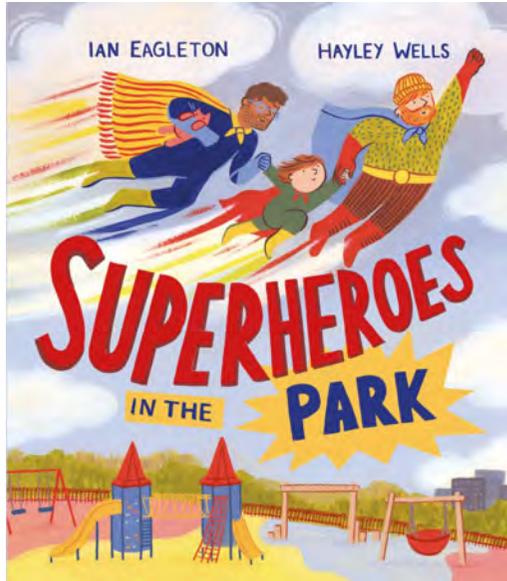
BOOKS

# Superheroes in the Park

Ian Eagleton, illustrated by Hayley Wells



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**A delightful, inclusive and empowering picture book, by an LGBT+ author/illustrator team**

One little boy can't wait to get to the park with Dad and Daddy. But oh no! The path is too icy. "Careful or you'll slip," says Dad. The ropes are too high... "Stop, or you might fall," says Daddy. Everything is too high, too fast, too slippery or too big. It's not fair!

But after some tears and a big hug the boy has a brilliant idea. They will all play TOGETHER at the playground and he will show Dad and Daddy what to do! On the ropes they're pirates, on the swing they are swooping birds and on the roundabout they're SUPERHEROES.

What adventures will they have next?

"With Dad and Daddy by my side, I know I can do anything!"

A delightful, inclusive and empowering story, full of love and tenderness, based on the author's own family.

- A **delightful, inclusive** and **empowering** picture book, by an LGBT+ author/illustrator team
- **Authentic story** written from personal experience, featuring a **two-dad family**
- Explores how to **have adventures** and **stay safe**
- From the author of the **bestselling** *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman*
- Lively, characterful illustrations by an **exciting, up-and-coming illustrator**
- **Father's Day** 21 June
- **Pride London** 4 July; **Pride Brighton** 1 August; **European Pride**, Amsterdam, 8 August

## Author Information

**Ian Eagleton** is a former primary school teacher, now a reviewer, resource writer and picture book author whose first two books, *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman* and *Violet's Tempest*, were widely acclaimed. Ian runs the Reading Realm online resource and enjoys running virtual workshops for children. He and his husband have recently become dads through adoption and this book is very much based on their own experiences of parenting a toddler. Ian lives in Essex.

**Hayley Wells** is an illustrator and author with a special interest in portraying social and environmental themes. Their work has been shortlisted in the World Illustration Awards 2022 and the Hiii Illustration Awards 2022. Hayley is dedicated to using recycled and vegan-based materials in her art whenever possible. *Superheroes in the Park* is their first book for Otter-Barry Books. They live in Essex.

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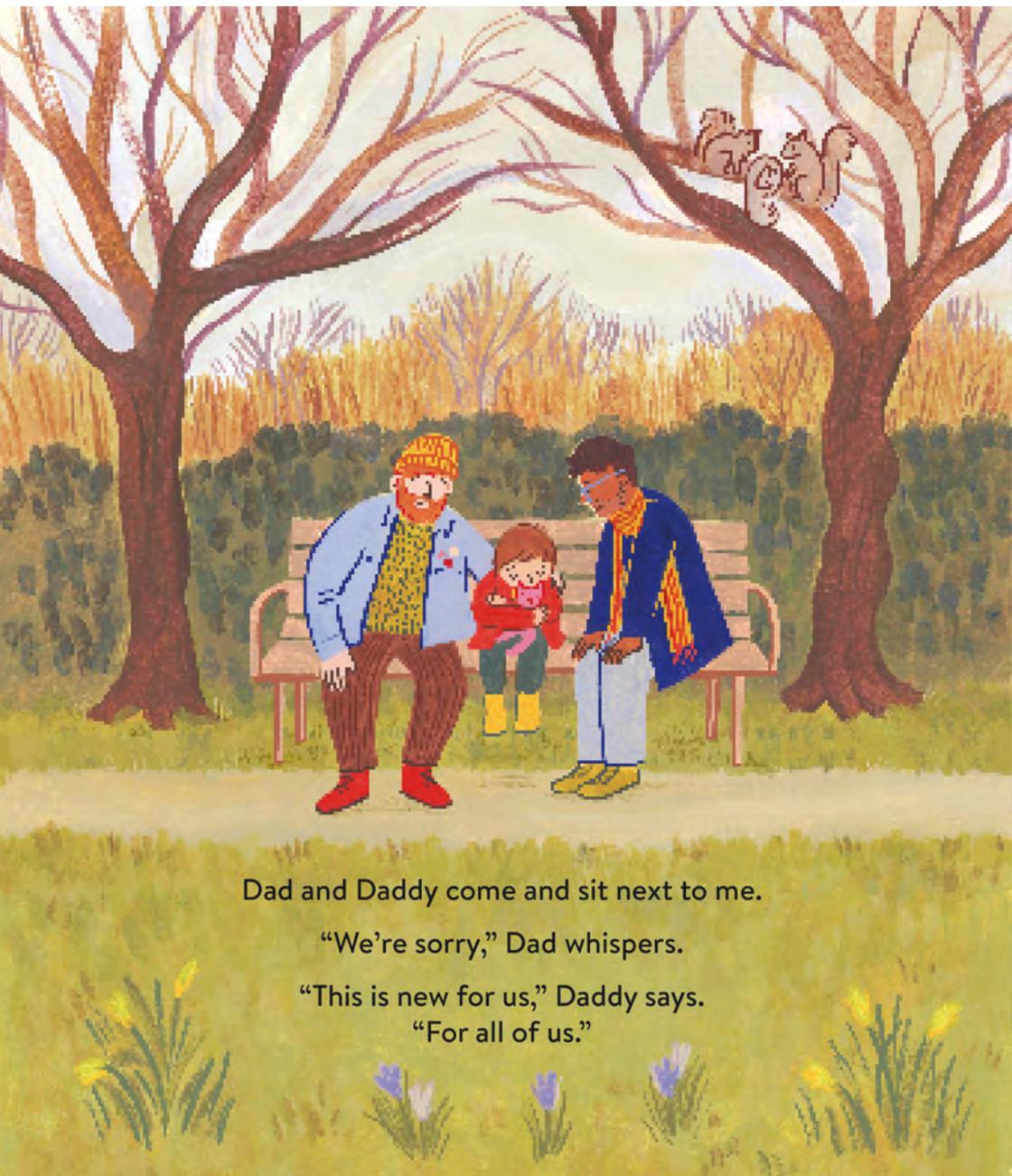
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Dad and Daddy come and sit next to me.

“We’re sorry,” Dad whispers.

“This is new for us,” Daddy says.

“For all of us.”

They both give me a  
GREAT **BIG** HUG  
and I stop crying.





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# Bart Is Different

Barroux



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**'A witty celebration of creativity and finding your true self**

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

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

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

When he shows his very first picture "Smiling in the Wind", his family and classmates are astonished - Bart has found his true self and happiness, and when he grows up he becomes - a famous artist! Yes, Bart is truly different!

- A **quirky** and **delightful** story about **embracing difference** and finding your true self
- A **celebration** of **creativity**
- **Charming, comic** insect characters that children will love
- A **tactile** picture book - children can trace Bart's pink thread through the book
- Author and illustrator Barroux has a **huge international following**

## Author Information

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



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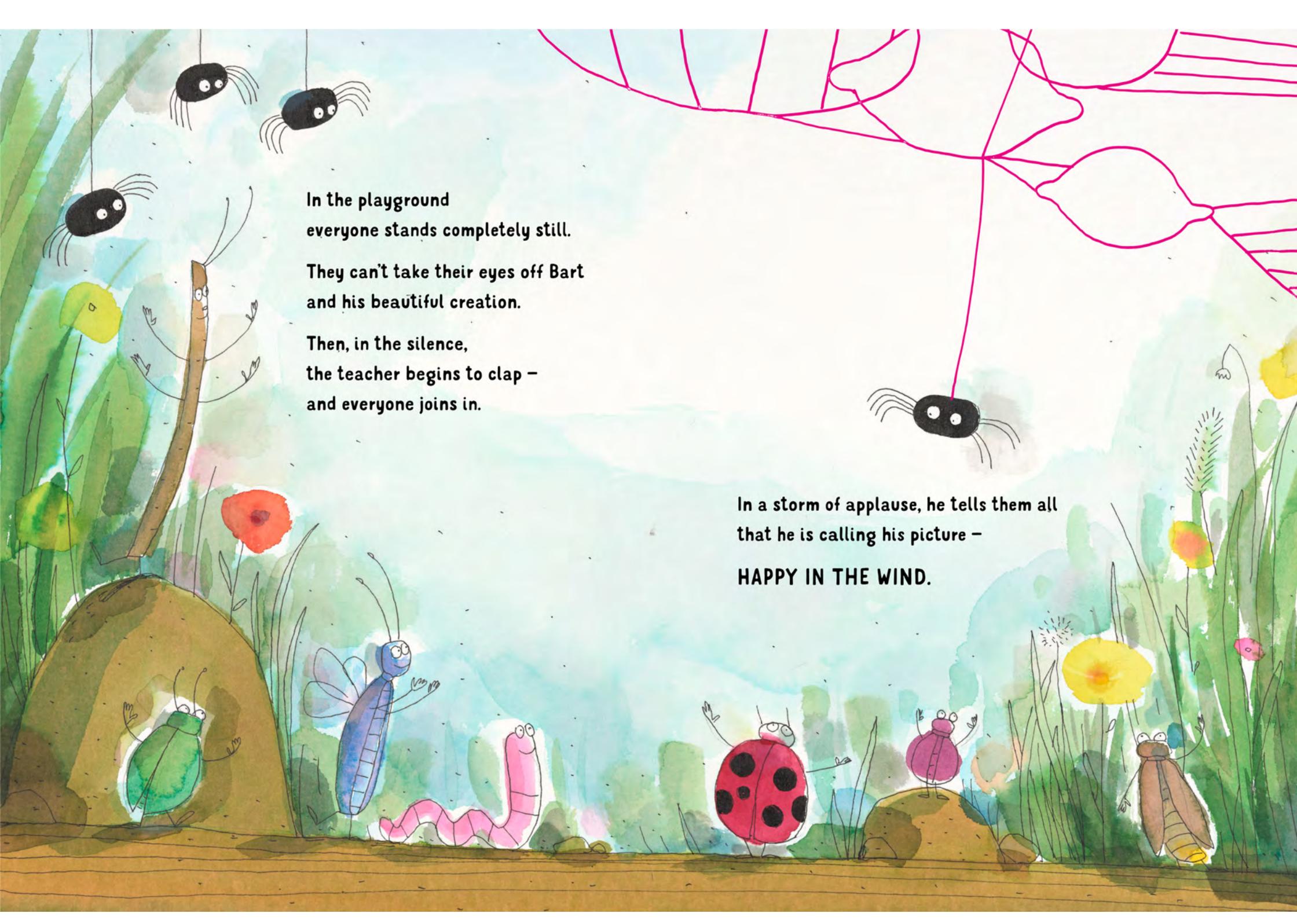
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**In the playground  
everyone stands completely still.**

**They can't take their eyes off Bart  
and his beautiful creation.**

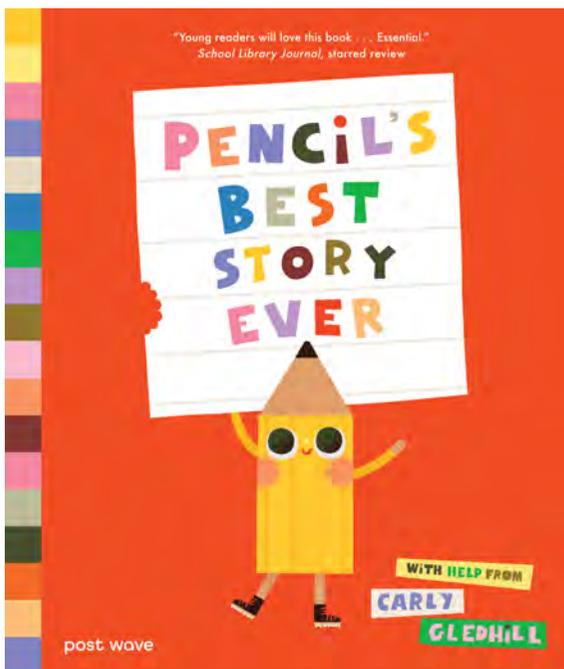
**Then, in the silence,  
the teacher begins to clap –  
and everyone joins in.**

**In a storm of applause, he tells them all  
that he is calling his picture –  
HAPPY IN THE WIND.**

# Pencil's Best Story Ever

Carly Gledhill

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children's books



**A riotous, interactive story-within-a-story with twists, turns and unexpected surprises.**

Pencil has written THE BEST STORY EVER and he can't wait to share it with you. But when Pencil's characters refuse to keep to the story, chaos unfolds. Can Pencil pull his story back on track so that EVERYONE can play a part and EVERYONE can enjoy it? Pencil's Best Story Ever is celebration of creativity, story writing and resilience.

## Sales points:

- A story within a story
- Fun characters that children will love
- Gorgeous illustrations by an award-winning illustrator
- Perfect for fans of The Day the Crayons Quit

## Reviews:

*Perfect for rigid thinkers, this book will help children understand that play can be cooperative and imaginative rather than directive. Essential.*

Benjamin Ludwig, School Library Journal

*A funny, inventive story about creativity.*

The Bookseller

*A brilliant example for children writing their own stories with imagination, fun and the power of the writer taking centre stage.*

Kate Heap, Scope for Imagination

## Author Biography:

Carly Gledhill is a children's book creator and print designer based in Manchester. Carly was a winning illustrator in the 2024 Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition.



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Interest Age: 3 - 5 years



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Is there anything helpful  
in your backpack?



Well, I packed CRISPS,  
CHOCOLATE BUTTONS,  
a CALCULATOR...



4 SPOONS.  
1 CHEESE SANDWICH.  
1 RUBBER RING.  
8 PING PONG BALLS.  
4 TENTS.  
187 TENT PEGS.  
2 UMBRELLAS.  
4 SOCKS.  
2 MARSHMALLOWS.  
1 HAIRBRUSH.  
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3 SEA SHELLS.  
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SUN TAN LOTION  
aaaaannd ...

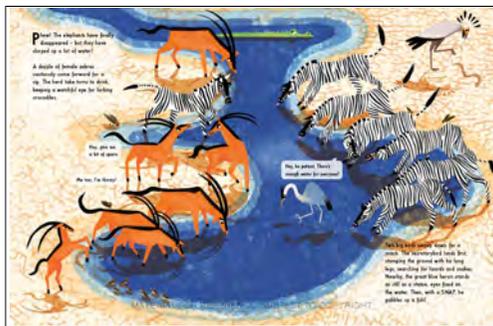
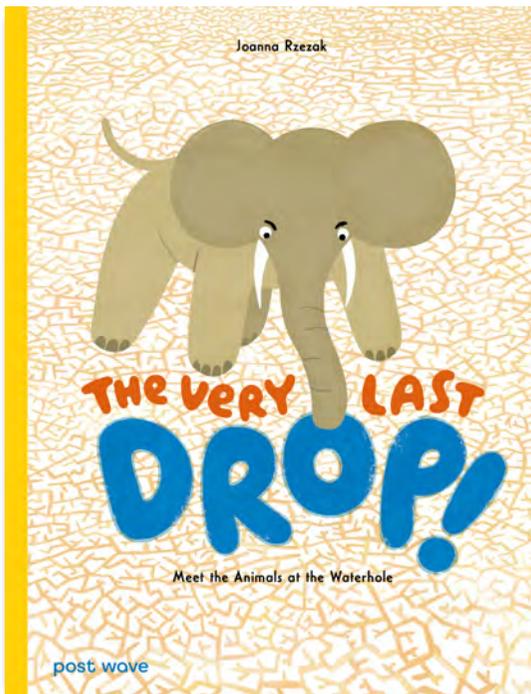


A  
TORCH!



Peanut took a deep breath, switched his torch to full beam  
and stepped inside THE SUPER SPOOKY FOREST.





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RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781836271345

Extent: pages

Dimensions: mm

Interest Age: 5 - 7 years

# The Very Last Drop!

Joanna Rzezak

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**With the savanna sun blazing and the waterhole drying up, the animals become desperate. But can an unexpected hero bring them hope?**

As dawn breaks over the African savanna, animals gather to enjoy a refreshing morning bath. Throughout the day, they parade around the waterhole as the sun climbs higher in the sky, the heat intensifies... and the lake gradually dries up. Will everyone get a drink before it's too late? But just when it seems hope is lost, a clever baby elephant steps in with a big idea to save the day.

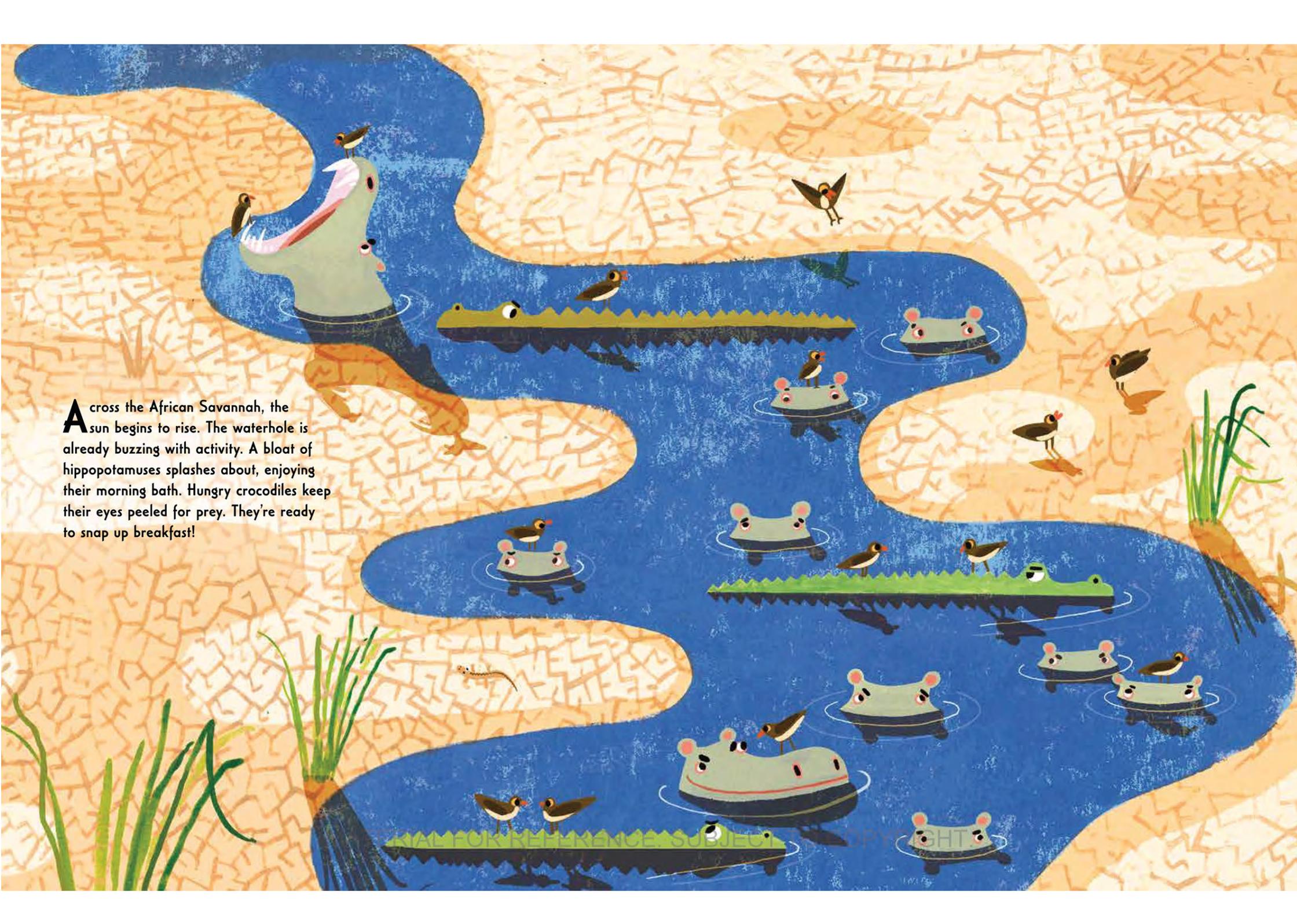
Perfect for introducing children to the wonders of African wildlife and the importance of precious water in sustaining life.

## Sales points:

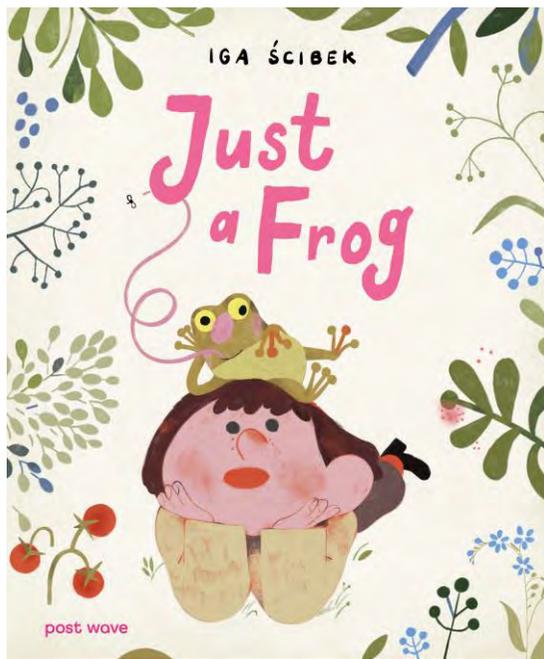
- Captures daily life on the savanna, and includes many favourite animals including elephants, lions, giraffes, hippos and monkeys.
- Important messaging around the preciousness of water
- Helpful hints at the back of the book offer practical ways we can all help to conserve water
- Beautiful artwork from Polish illustrator, Joanna Rzezak

## Author Biography:

Joanna Rzezak is a versatile artist and illustrator based in Paris, originally from Warsaw. A multidisciplinary creator, she works across painting, illustration, design and children's book projects. She has published six children's books and illustrated several others. Her works have been translated into several languages and are enjoyed by young readers around the world.



**A**cross the African Savannah, the sun begins to rise. The watering hole is already buzzing with activity. A bloated hippopotamus splashes about, enjoying their morning bath. Hungry crocodiles keep their eyes peeled for prey. They're ready to snap up breakfast!



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Dimensions: 285 x 245 mm

Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

# Just a Frog

Iga Ścibek

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children's books



**A fun and heartwarming story that teaches us the value of every creature, reminding us all that harmony comes from embracing differences.**

Welcome to Sophie's farm, where hens cluck, cows moo, and the dog barks for pancakes! Life is peaceful, filled with the friendly sounds of happy animals – except for one. The loud, croaky frog by the pond drives Sophie crazy. When Sophie chases the frog away she thinks it is "just a frog" but then everything starts to fall apart. No eggs! No milk! Mosquitoes everywhere! Could that pesky croak have been more important than Sophie thought?

## Sales points:

- With lovable animals, silly mishaps, and a heartfelt lesson
- A gentle but powerful message about embracing what we often find annoying or unimportant, helping children understand the value of patience and perspective in everyday life
- A delightful combination of humour, heart and quirkiness

## Marketing and Publicity:

- Review mailing and Instagram outreach

**Iga Ścibek** is a Polish author and illustrator. Trained as a landscape architect, she pursued a master's degree at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw and later shifted her focus to graphic design. She regularly collaborates with the Mamastudio agency, and her interest in children's illustration has grown steadily. In 2021, she won the "Clairvoyants" competition organized by the Polish publishing house Dwie Siostry with *The Red Ball*, her first children's illustrated book. *Just a Frog* is her first author/illustrator book.

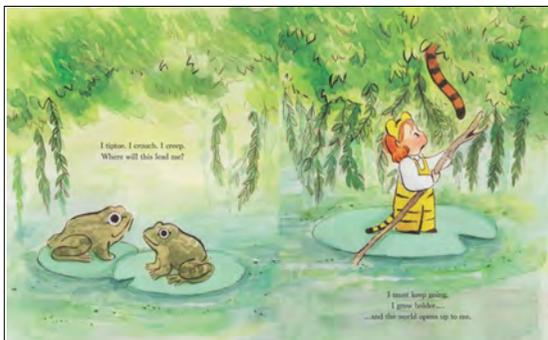
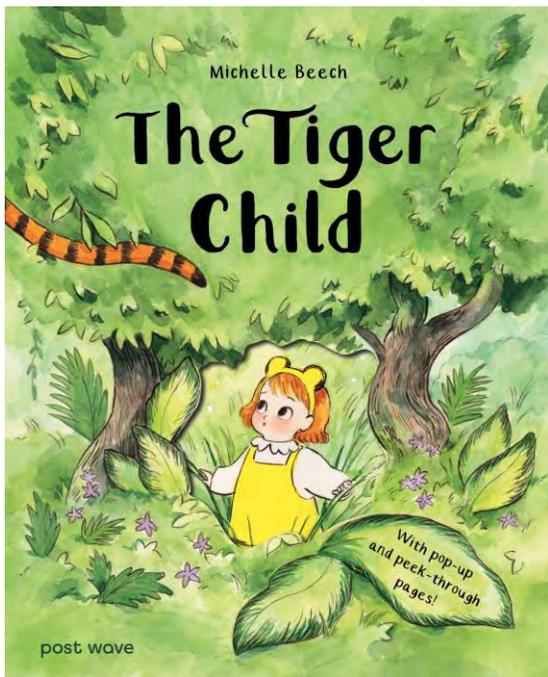
Until one day, she's had enough.

“STOP IT, FROG!  
YOU'RE NOT NEEDED HERE!  
YOU'RE JUST A FROG!”

“CROOOAAAK”

The frog puffs up, croaks one last time,  
and then – he's gone. Finally some peace!





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# The Tiger Child

Michelle Beech

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Join one little girl as she learns what it means to be brave in this inspiring, beautifully illustrated tale of self-discovery.

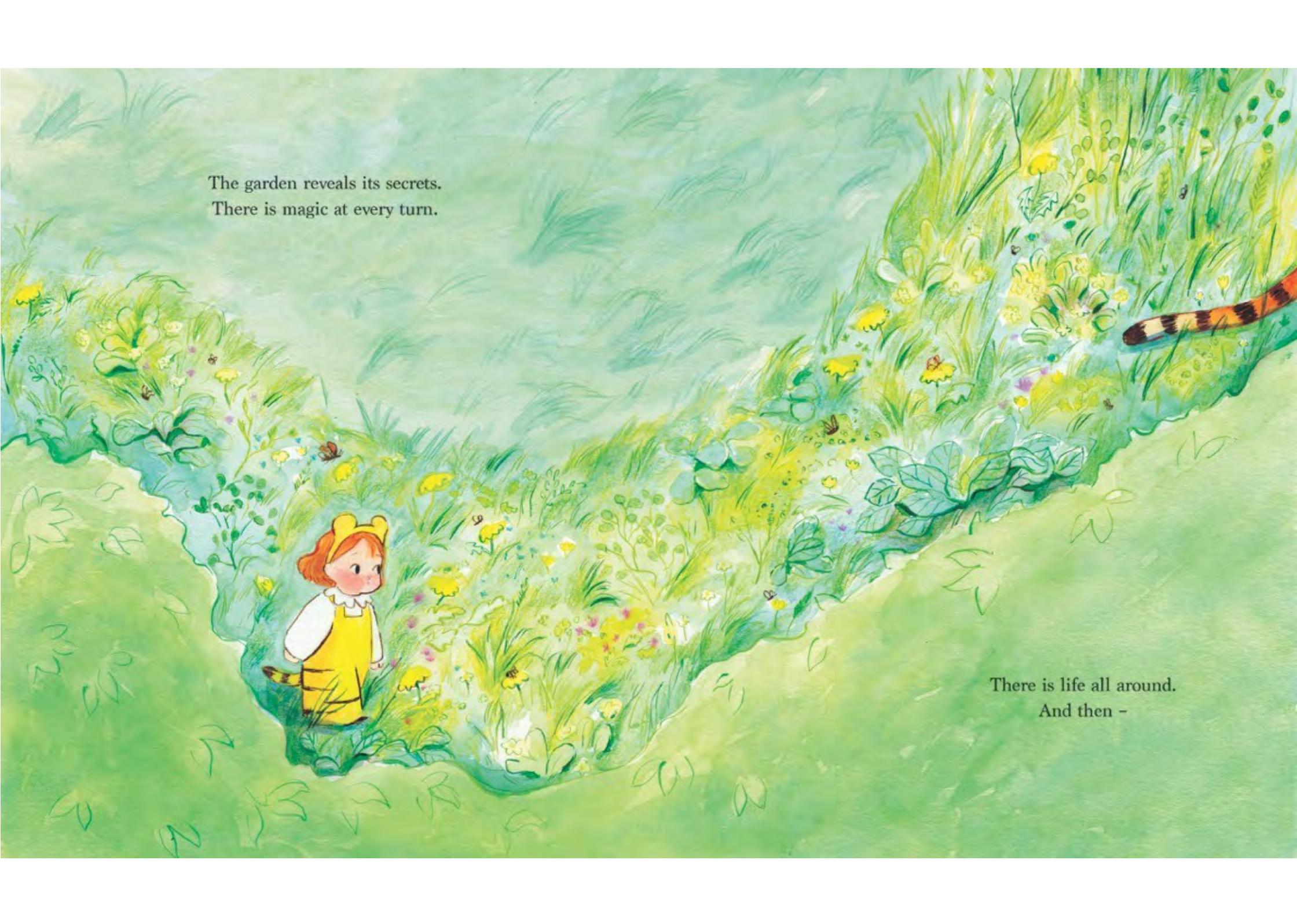
When a shy little girl spots a mysterious tiger's tail outside, she dares to follow it into the jungle. Step by step, she grows in confidence, until she finally comes face to face with the tiger himself...

A tender tale of courage and self-esteem, reminding little ones that bravery doesn't always have to roar – it can be as gentle as a whisper. With peek-through pages and a very special pop-up surprise, this story is perfect for shy or sensitive children.

## Sales points:

- A gentle, sensitive story that teaches children that everyone's voice can be powerful, however small
- Features intricate peek-through pages, a shaped gatefold and a joyous pop-up flap
- Explores themes of shyness, overcoming your fears, embracing new experiences and making unlikely friends
- An empowering, inspirational message from a debut talent

**Michelle Beech** is an illustrator and author from Devon, UK. She studied Illustration BA (Hons) at Falmouth University and MA Illustration at Plymouth University, and she loves to create enchanting characters and dreamlike settings through her watercolour illustrations.



The garden reveals its secrets.  
There is magic at every turn.

There is life all around.  
And then -



# This Is What A Slug Does

Post Wave UK Ltd and Aniek Bartels



Ever wondered how a slug sees without eyes or why it leaves behind that slimy trail? *This Is What A Slug Does* is a hilariously slimy dive into the surprisingly weird world of slugs – complete with fascinating facts, and one truly creepy head-regrowing trick.

*This Is What A Slug Does* is the first book in a brilliantly funny, fact-packed nonfiction series that takes a closer look at the strange, slimy... and often underwhelming lives of animals.

## Sales points:

- Jon Klassen's dry wit meets the absurdness of Phil Bunting's *The World's Most Ridiculous Animals*
- The first in a brand new narrative non-fiction series that sheds light on mundane creatures
- Bite-sized facts with plenty of personality – perfect for curious kids
- Hilarious and bold artwork by exciting up-and-coming illustrator
- Includes non-fiction information at the back of the book

## Marketing and Publicity:

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

**Aniek Bartels** is a Dutch illustrator known for her playful, character-driven artwork and quirky animals. A graduate of the Willem de Kooning Academy, she has illustrated children's books like *Vleertje Muis* and *Een Kleintje Erbij*. She is based in Amsterdam.

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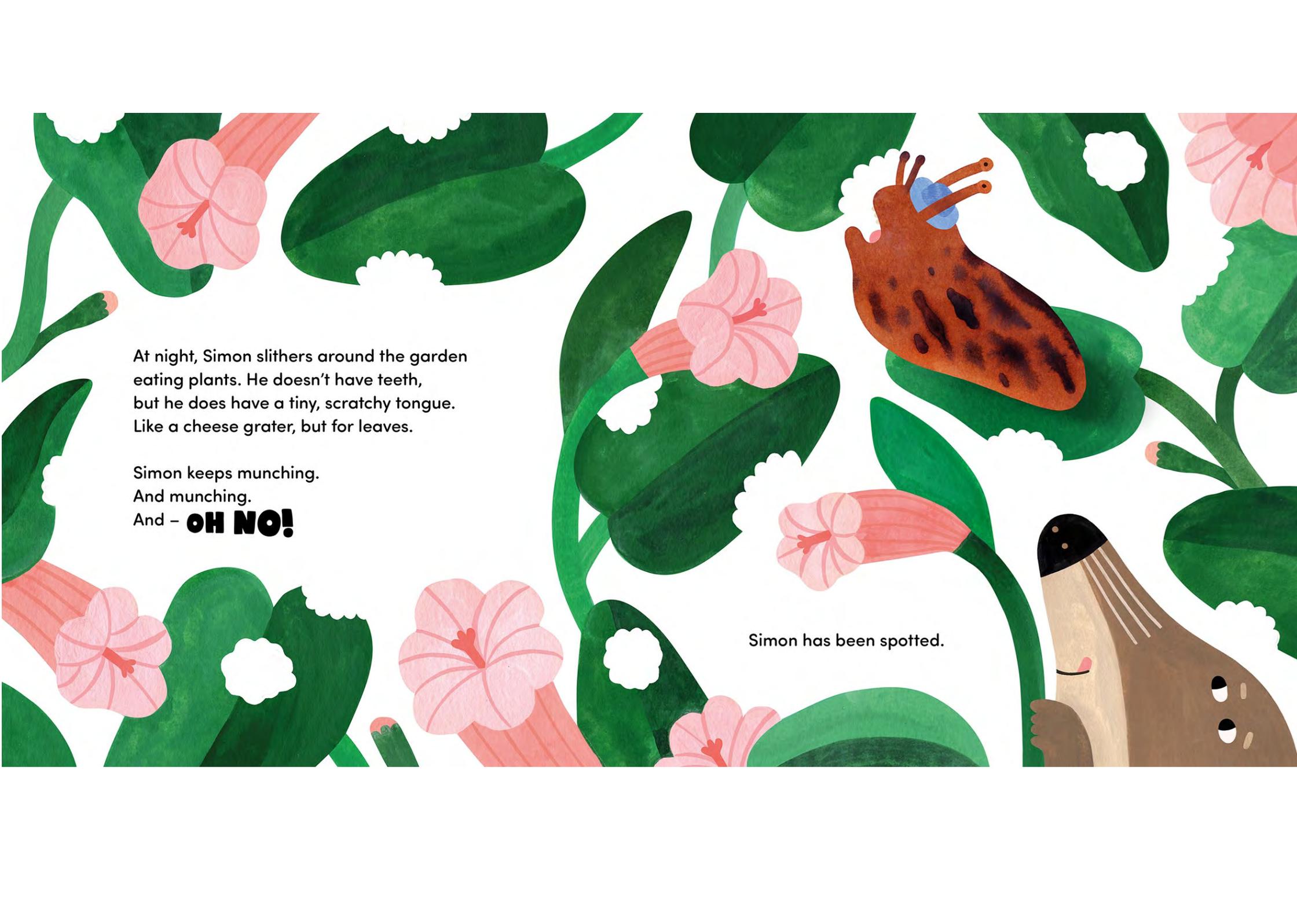
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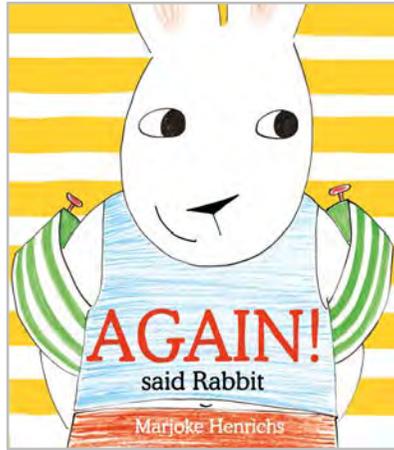
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At night, Simon slithers around the garden eating plants. He doesn't have teeth, but he does have a tiny, scratchy tongue. Like a cheese grater, but for leaves.

Simon keeps munching.  
And munching.  
And – **OH NO!**

Simon has been spotted.



## Again! Said Rabbit

by Marjoke Henrichs



**The third book featuring this loveable Rabbit and his family, exploring the emotions in a young child's world**

Rabbit is off to the seaside for the day – this time with his mum and dad. As usual, he prepares for all the activities he wants to do – building sandcastles, playing football, and flying a kite. Rabbit demands to do all the above again and AGAIN, then his long suffering parents take him paddling, but he's surprised by a sudden big wave... plus the sun goes in. Will his day be ruined?



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### Key Selling Points

- Young readers will love to join in with the repeated refrain 'Again'
- All days at the seaside have ups and downs - a universal experience for both adults and children
- Rabbit's rollercoaster emotions are handled gently by his parents
- International appeal with books sold in 18 languages
- Third title featuring Rabbit. *No! said Rabbit* was short listed for the 2021 Book Trust Storytime Prize and long listed for the Klaus Flugge Prize and received much critical acclaim:

*'By now a familiar picture book character' Big Issue North*

*'Clever use of repetitive language and the bright, scribbly illustrations full of familiar objects, make this another perfect book for the very young.' Books for Keeps*

*'Full of movement and humour' Booktrust*

### Sales and Marketing

- Teacher notes and activities free on the website
- Marjoke is an Empathy Lab trained author who has visited many schools and libraries in East Anglia and is planning more events



Marjoke Henrichs graduated from the MA Children's Book Illustration course at Cambridge School of Art in 2019. She is also a theatre designer and a painter. She was born in the Netherlands and now lives in Suffolk.

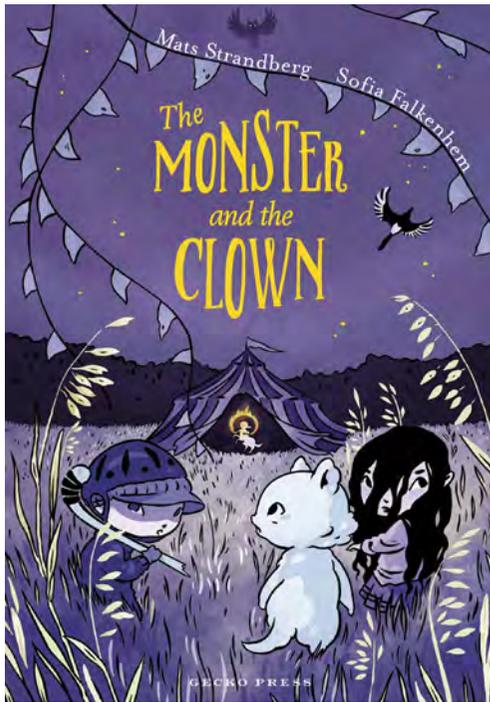
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“It’s beach time,” said Mum.  
“Time to relax,” said Dad.



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Middle Grade



# The Monster and the Clown

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

Frank must outwit the ringleader of the monstrous circus in this new story in the just-scary-enough illustrated chapter book series about a warm-hearted, shapeshifting boy trying to find his pack

## ABOUT THE BOOK

The people of Yrred are terrified of monsters, and fear is spreading like wildfire. So when Kruger the Clown comes to town, they leap at his offer to catch the creatures haunting Yrred and force them to perform at his circus. Only Frank knows the town's secret—and his own. He is the monster they're all afraid of. But he's also a nine-year-old boy, who has finally found friends like him. Frank and his monster friends must reveal the truth of Kruger's cruel circus before the hateful plan takes hold. *The Monster and the Clown* is a spine-tingling adventure about a creepy clown, a daring rescue, and having the courage to stand up for what's right.

## SALES POINTS

- Cleverly uses horror genre for children: the monster is the protagonist, and horror conventions provide a safe place to explore fears
- Explores themes of how we fear difference, trust, and finding your pack
- The sweet cast of monsters provides an emotional hook alongside the horror thrills
- A series with plot, pace, and emotion that has hooked children around the world
- Written by Sweden's leading horror writer

## 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 more than fifteen 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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Translator **Julia Marshall**

Original Language **Swedish (Sweden)**

This book in 3 ideas **shapeshifter, outcasts, identity**

## WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

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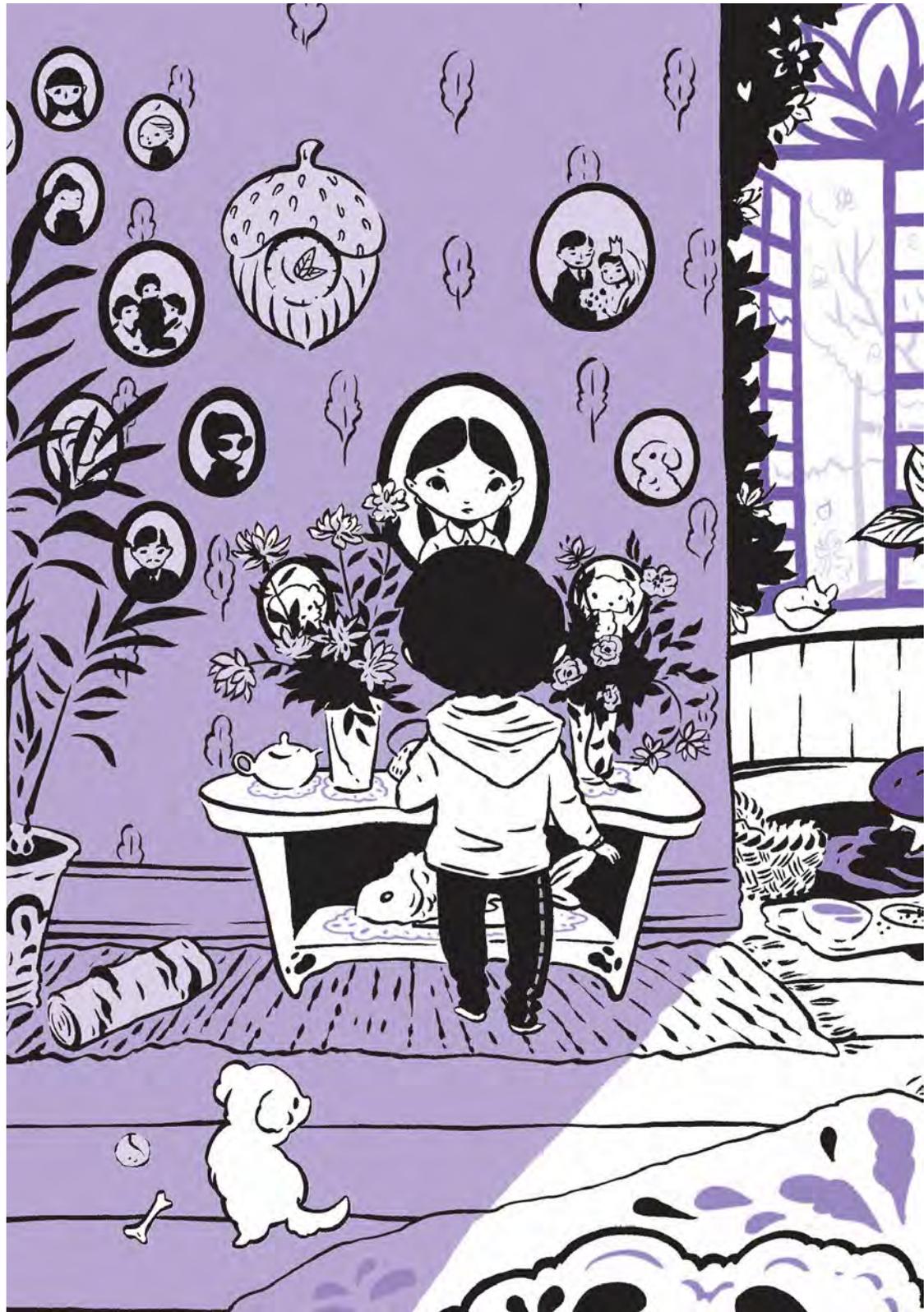
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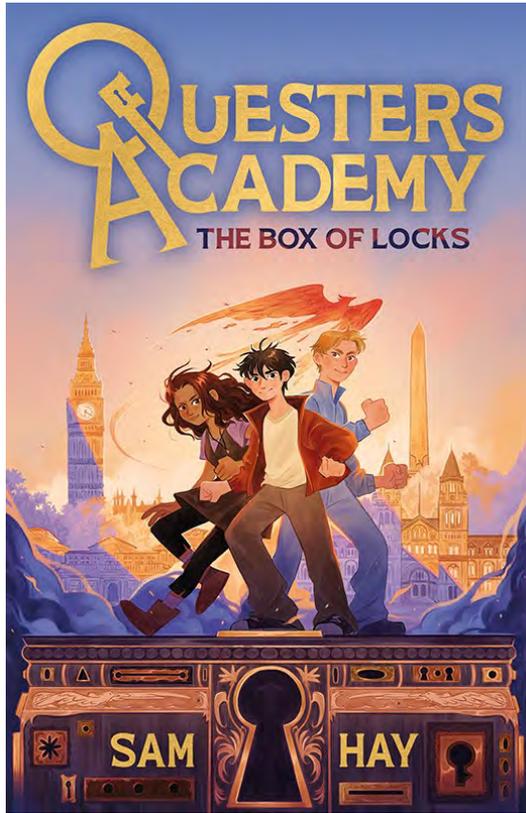


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# Questers Academy: The Box of Locks

Sam Hay



Why we love it: 'Sam has created a fast-paced, action-packed adventure that all kicks off in the brilliant setting of the National History Museum. Questers Academy is full of new friendships, mythical objects and with plenty of puzzles and clues to unravel along the way. We all knew this was special from the very first page and can't wait to share this new, exciting world with readers.'

- Fast paced middle-grade action adventure set in Natural History Museum
- *The Da Vinci Code* meets *The London Eye Mystery*
- First in a potential series from author of *Stella & the Night Sprites* and *Undead Pets*

### Summary:

Twelve-year-old Tom Friday was never meant to be a museum-guarding, artefact-finding, super-brave explorer. But when he meets new friend Lisha outside the Natural History Museum, he gets embroiled in an adventure to protect and retrieve powerful mythical objects.

The Questers Agency run a network of international agents tasked with locating and safeguarding treasures from around the world. And Lisha is determined to be the youngest ever agent, but first she'll need to prove her worth. That's where Tom comes in. Tom is a super-recogniser, someone with the ability to pick out people from a crowd after just a quick glance. Together Lisha is sure they can find the key to the mythical Box of Locks, before it falls into the wrong hands.

Faced with a bunch of complicated cyphers and coded clues, the new friends must learn to trust each other in order to beat the forces of darkness and save the world from potential apocalypse.



**Sam Hay** trained as a journalist in Edinburgh. She worked in newspapers and for BBC Television in London, before moving to Wales to have a baby and write her first children's book. Since then she's had more than 50 books published including the Spy Penguins series (Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan), Undead Pets series (Stripes in the UK and Penguin in the US), the Stella & the Night Sprites series (Scholastic Branches)

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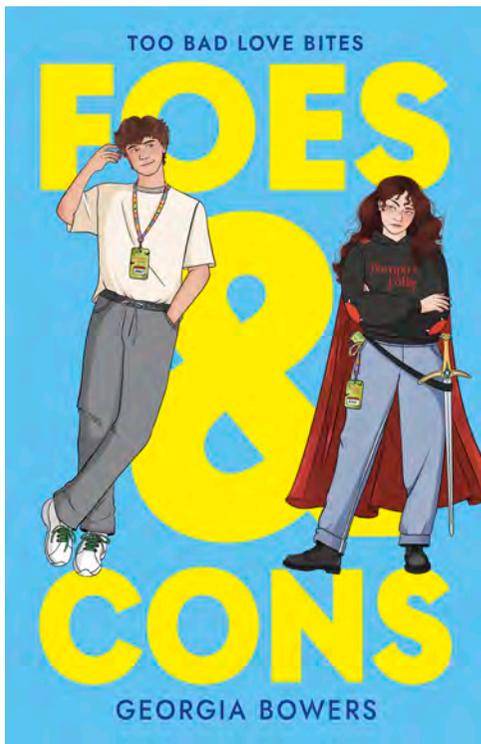
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# FOES AND CONS

GEORGIA BOWERS

## THE BOOK

**Set in the convention world of the fictional show Vampire Falls, this is a story that celebrates the inclusivity of conventions, the passion of fandoms and meeting friends for life.**

Eliza and Charlie Chamberlain were best friends until he decided to abandon her and become the most popular (i.e., worst) guy in school. Now he can't be within a five-meter radius of Eliza without taking the piss out of her Vampire Falls obsession. A TV show that he used to watch with her. Religiously.

But Eliza can rejoice in her happy place: the annual Vampire Falls convention where she and superfan bestie, Roxy, can enjoy a weekend of guest Q&As and cosplay, safe from the judgement of others who just don't understand their passion.

Or that's what she thinks, until guess-who shows up chaperoning his little sister. Not only that, but Eliza finds herself pitted against Charlie Chamberlain's team in a once in a lifetime opportunity. Eliza and Roxy join forces with a feisty pensioner and a mysterious (possibly hot) guy in a werewolf costume to win the ultimate prize: an all-expenses paid trip to San Diego Comic Con.

But with the stress of uni looming and the past rearing its ugly head, Eliza finds her sanctuary crumbling at every scheduled panel and themed party. Will Charlie Chamberlain ruin the one weekend Eliza lives for, or is that bubbling feeling in the pit of her stomach not actually hatred after all?

## THE AUTHOR

Way, way more comfortable with fictional characters than real people, Georgia Bowers pledged her allegiance to Melvil Dewey (the Fairy Godfather of librarians) over twenty years ago so she could hang out with books exclusively. She once dragged a bewildered customer around the library showing him the poetry books, until he pointed out he'd asked for books on poultry. Equal to her passion for books is her love for Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Give her any episode description from season 1-4 and she'll tell you the title and worst outfit worn (always Xander).

Georgia co-hosts the Delete My Browser History podcast with TikTok famous author Cynthia Murphy where they chat with authors about warm and fuzzy research topics such as leeches, death by escalator, and taxidermy. A winner of the SCBWI Undiscovered Voices competition and the Slushpile Challenge, she's written articles about Buffy and Stranger Things for Hodderscape, and daydreams of writing a vampire musical featuring Alanis Morissette.

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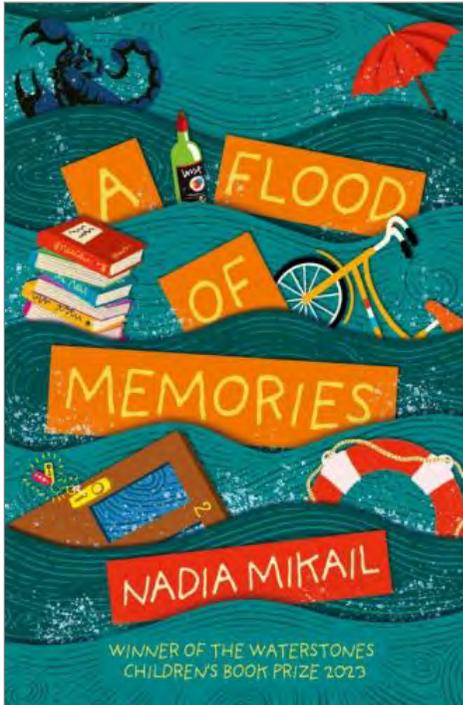
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# A Flood of Memories

**Nadia Mikail**

## DESCRIPTION

It's raining in Sarawak, Malaysia - a lot - and Leila, now living in Kuala Lumpur, must go home to help her Mak before the floods become serious. But she hasn't been home since the death of her father - and she's not quite ready to confront what's waiting for her there. Life with Pak was complicated.

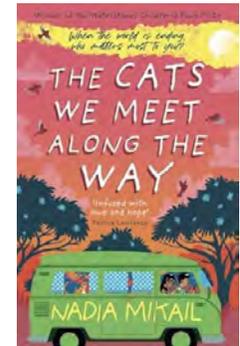
But Arthur is in Sarawak, the boy she's thought about ever since they first met at school - Arthur, who offers her support, care and love, but at a cost perhaps too great for Leila.

As the floodwaters rise and her family and home become threatened, can Leila confront the enormity of her own past in order to move forwards properly in her present? A beguiling and meaningful novel which explores the fine line between care and control, between love and abuse in families, and shows that it is possible to move on to a brighter future.

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Nadia is a lawyer in London, a full-time houseplant owner and a part-time investigative journalist into what London's pigeons are planning when they flock together like that. She is mostly unsuccessful at (but still hopeful about) both these occupations. Her first novel for young adults, *The Cats We Meet Along the Way*, won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2023 and was shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award and the YA Book Prize.

She is from Sarawak in Malaysia, where the air is always sweeter, the food is always tastier, and the pigeons are considerably less bold.



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**Author:** Jenny Jacoby is the author of many bestselling children's books about STEM topics.

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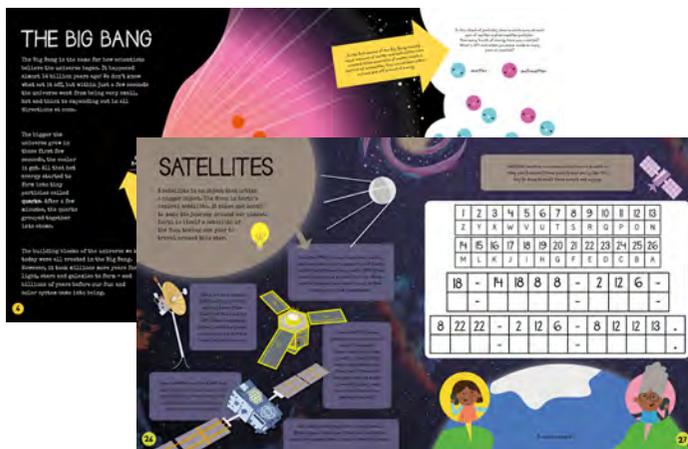
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# WHAT IS SPACE?

Once you travel up and out of Earth's atmosphere, you enter space. It is the vast darkness of the universe! Most of space is empty, with huge distances between stars and planets. Stars give off light that travels across space until it hits something. When you look at the starry night sky, you are seeing light that has travelled through empty space for many years before reaching your eyes.



## Where does space begin?

We say that space begins at the Kármán line, which is 100 km (62.1 miles) above the surface of Earth. It is a line marking the change from Earth's blue atmosphere to the darkness of space.



There are all sorts of things in space. Can you find:

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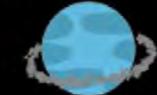
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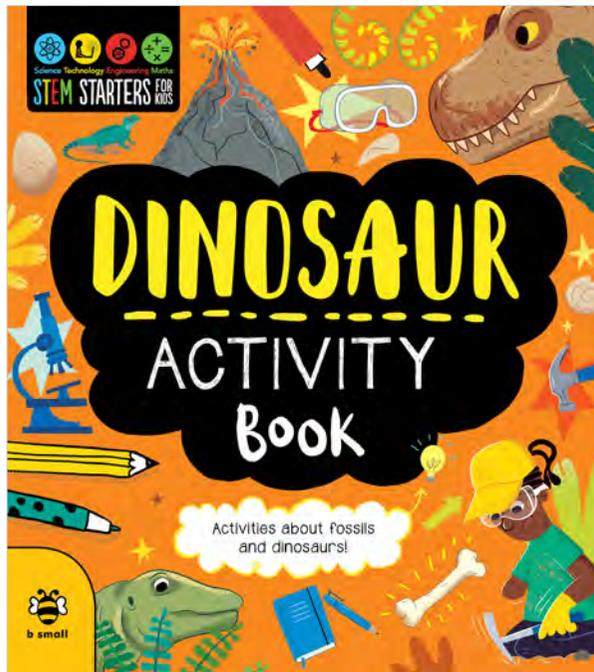
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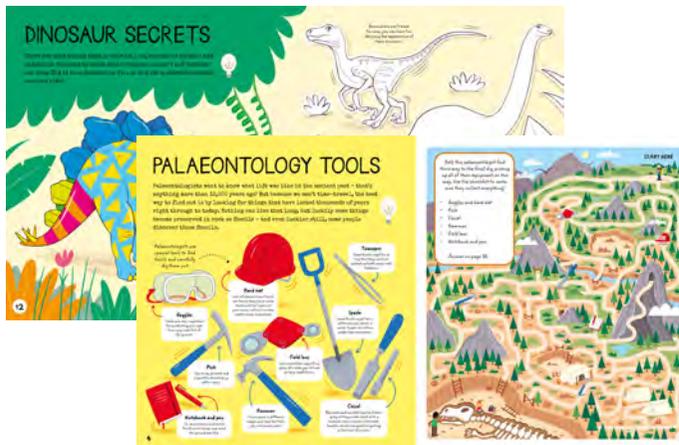
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# FORMING FOSSILS

Fossils are the remains of ancient life preserved in rock. Fossils take millions of years to form and they only happen very rarely, when the conditions are exactly right.



## How fossils are made



1. When an animal or plant dies, it might get buried by mud, ash or sand (sediment). The soft parts soon rot away, leaving the skeleton.



2. Over time, new layers of sediment build up, and the heavy weight pressing down eventually turns the ground around the skeleton to rock.



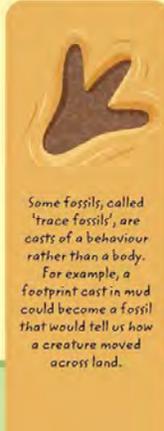
3. Water slowly trickles through the rock and into the bones, leaving behind mineral crystals that turn the bones to stone.



4. Sometimes, water washes away the skeleton completely and the mineral crystals fill the space, creating a cast fossil.

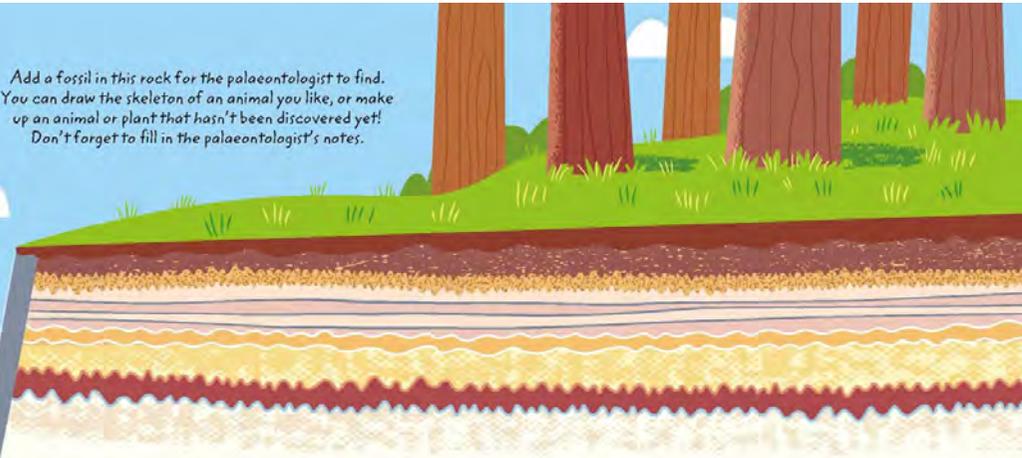


5. The slow movement of the land, plus weathering from wind and rain, can gradually bring the fossils closer to the surface again. This makes it more likely that palaeontologists will find them.



Some fossils, called 'trace fossils', are casts of a behaviour rather than a body. For example, a footprint cast in mud could become a fossil that would tell us how a creature moved across land.

Add a fossil in this rock for the palaeontologist to find. You can draw the skeleton of an animal you like, or make up an animal or plant that hasn't been discovered yet! Don't forget to fill in the palaeontologist's notes.



## FIELD NOTES

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Special features: .....

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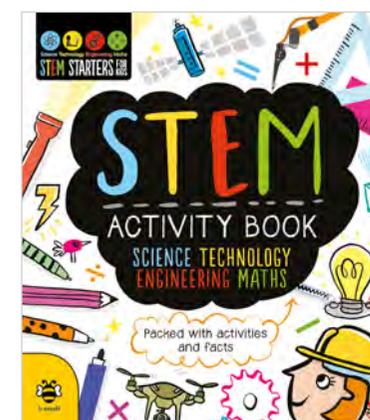
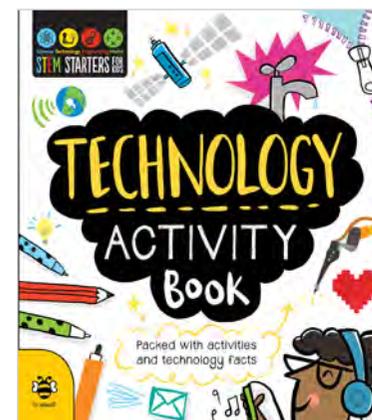
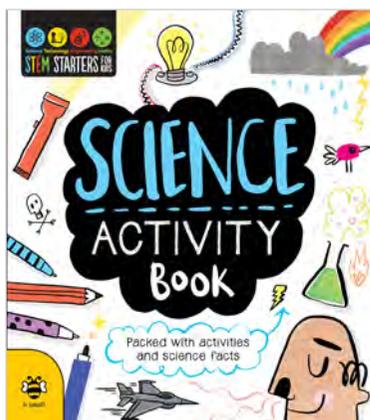
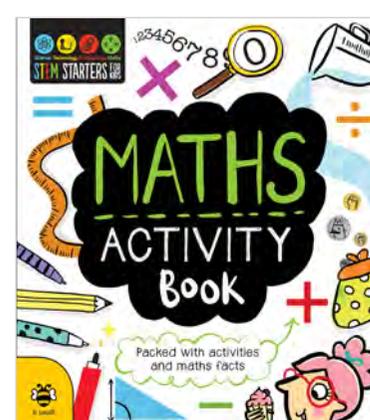
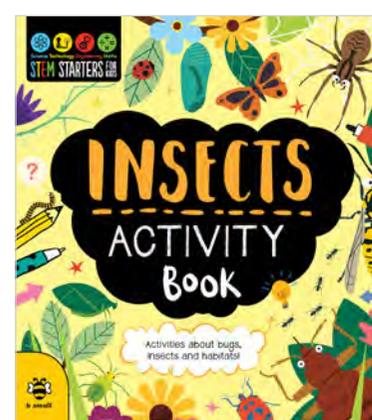
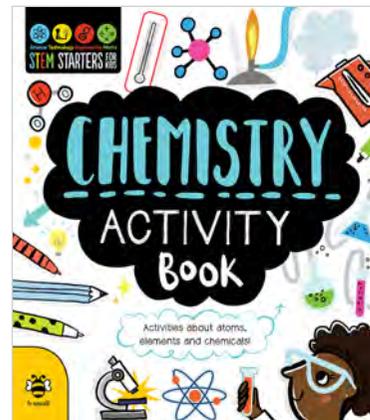
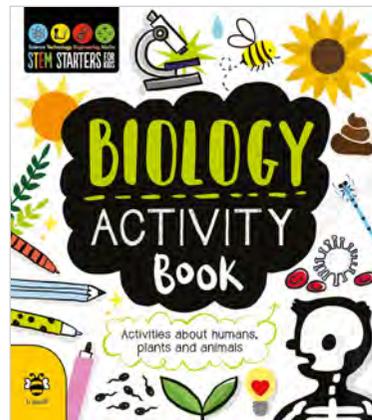
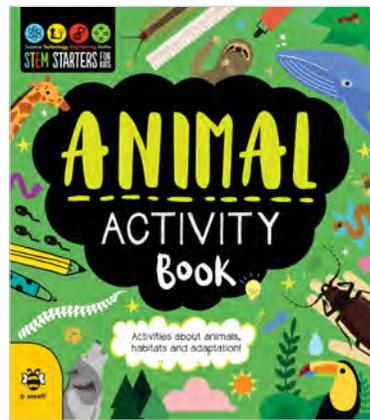


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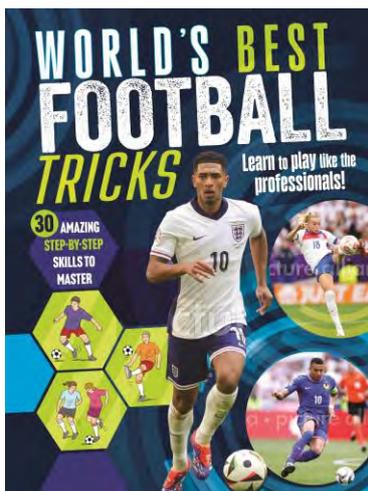
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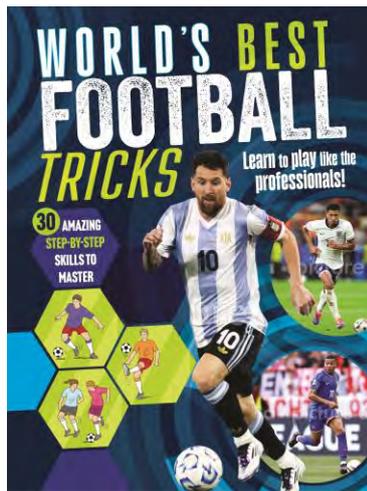
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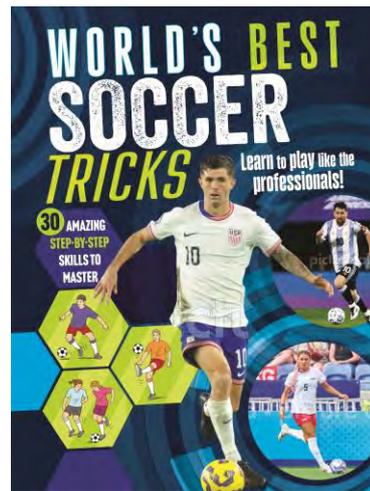
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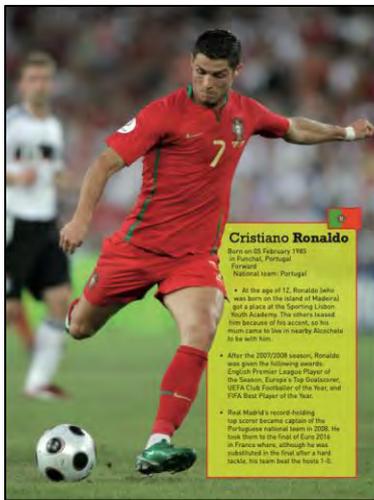
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## Cristiano Ronaldo

Born on 25 February 1985 in Funchal, Portugal  
Forward  
National team: Portugal

- At the age of 12, Ronaldo Junior was born on the island of Madeira, but got a place at the Sporting Lisbon Academy. The others leaved him because of his accent, so his main came to live in nearby Alcabala to be with him.

- After the 2007/2008 season, Ronaldo was given the following awards: English Premier League Player of the Season, UEFA Club Footballer of the Year, and FIFA Best Player of the Year.

- Real Madrid's record-breaking top scorer became captain of the Portuguese national team in 2006. He took them to the final of Euro 2016 in France where, although he did not substitute in the final after a hand injury, his team beat the hosts 1-0.

## The Double Stepmover

Ronaldo has a talent for scoring spectacular goals, and he has mastered some amazing tricks. His trademark trick is the double stepmover. Unlike the double scissor kick as on page 12, in the double stepmover you step right over the ball, and that makes this move really fast and effective.



**STEP 1:** While the ball is rolling forward, take up a stable stepmover position. This is usually to one side of the ball, in our example it's on the right.



**STEP 3:** End on your right leg and do the same with your left foot. The final stepmover will confuse your opponent, who won't be sure which way you're going to move next.



**STEP 2:** Stand on your left foot and pass your right foot in an arc over the ball, from inside to outside.



**STEP 4:** Do as many stepmovers as necessary. After the last stepmover, dribble quickly away from your opponent with the outside of your right foot.



## Jude Bellingham

Born on 29 June 2003 in Southampton, England  
Midfielder  
National team: England

- Just 15 years old, Jude Bellingham played so well that he was allowed to skip for Birmingham City's U21 team.

- In August 2019, Bellingham made his first professional appearance. At 16 years old, he was the youngest player ever to wear a Birmingham City jersey.

- Just six days later, he set a record with his winning goal against Stoke City. He became the youngest goal scorer in the club's history.

- Bellingham played for the England U16, U17 and U21 national teams. His first appearance in the senior team was in 2022.

- In the 2022/23 season Bellingham was Real Madrid's top scorer, winning the La Liga Player of the Season award.

## The Reverse Nutmeg

Bellingham is known for creating scoring opportunities, and delivering pinpoint passes to teammates. Here, we show you how to play the ball between your opponent's legs as a surprising way to get it past them to your team.



**STEP 1:** As the ball is coming towards you, turn your back to the defender and put all your weight onto your left side.



**STEP 3:** Bend forwards and stretch your right leg out behind you as if you are about to kick the ball forward. But you then pass your right foot over the ball...



**STEP 2:** With your right foot, step the ball and keep it in front of you.



**STEP 4:** and backstep it between the defender's legs. You will probably lose your balance as you do this, that's why it might look like you're stumbling.



## Lucy Bronze

Born on 28 October 1991 in Borehampton, England  
Defender  
National team: England

- Her full name is Lucia Roberta Tough Bronze.

- She played for clubs in England, France and Spain before joining Chelsea FC in 2024.

- Bronze has been a key player for her clubs, becoming French Champions and winning the Women's Champions League several times.

- Bronze helped England to win back-to-back UEFA European Women's Championships, in 2022 and in 2025. The final against Germany in 2022 was Bronze's 100th international match.

## The Banana Swerve

In every game she plays, Bronze shows just how talented she is. On the pitch she often pulls off amazing trick plays such as this swerve, which leaves the opponent between Bronze and the ball standing open-mouthed.



**STEP 1:** The banana swerve is most likely to work after receiving a pass along the ground from a teammate. Run a few steps towards the ball and kick it...



**STEP 3:** ...to the right and spin it to the right around the defender.



**STEP 2:** At an angle behind to the left, with the outside of your left foot. This makes the ball take off and fly through the air past your opponent. At the same time you turn...



**STEP 4:** You have to make sure you reach the rolling ball before your opponent realises what you are doing, so that you can start dribbling the ball again.



## Lionel Messi

Born on 24 June 1987 in Rosario, Argentina  
Forward  
National team: Argentina

- When trying out for FC Barcelona aged 13, Messi put in such a convincing performance that the youth coach wrote a contract for him then and there on a napkin.

- FC Barcelona was paid for the cost of treating a growth disorder that Messi had as a child.

- Because he is only 1.68 m (5 feet 7 inches) tall and on the back on his feet, he quickly earned the Spanish nickname 'la pulga' which means 'the flea'.

- In his 10th World Cup appearance, in 2022, Messi finally fulfilled his sporting dream. The superstar became a world champion with the Argentine national team. His win also earned the nickname 'the best player'.

## The Messi Lob

When Messi dribbles the ball it sometimes looks as if it's on a piece of elastic, staying close no matter how fast the all-rounders are running. He also likes to combine the defender by lobbing the ball up and over them. Why don't you try it? This will only work after receiving a high pass.



**STEP 1:** Chest a high pass from your teammate and control the ball so you can play it right away.



**STEP 3:** Without letting the ball fall to the ground, kick it with your shoelace foot...



**STEP 2:** As soon as you have controlled the ball with your chest, bring up your dominant foot. Messi's is his left foot.



**STEP 4:** High over the head of the defender trying to take it from you. Then chase after the ball and defeat the goalie!



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