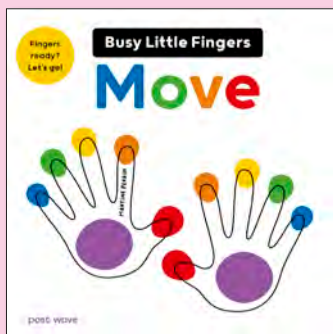




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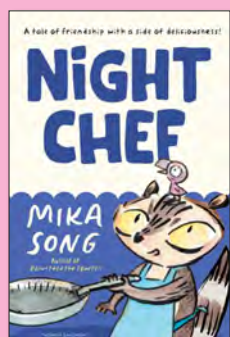
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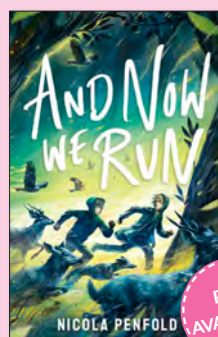
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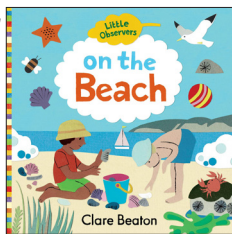
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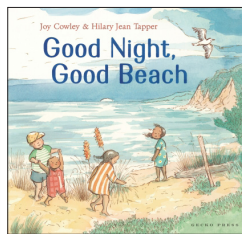


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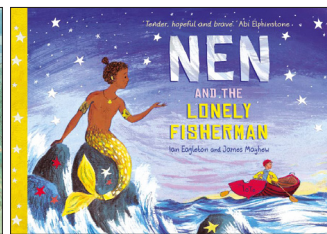
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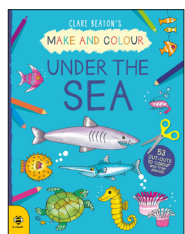


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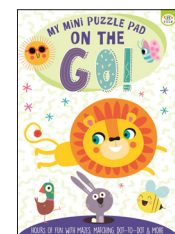


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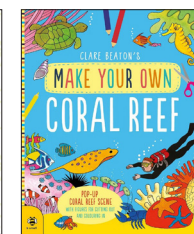
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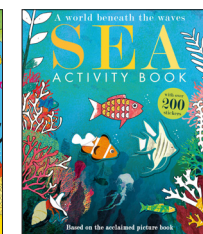
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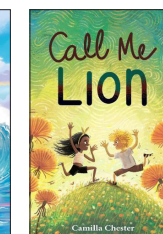
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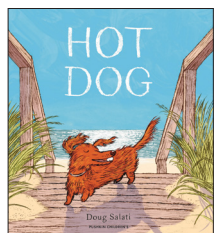


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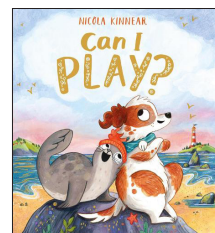


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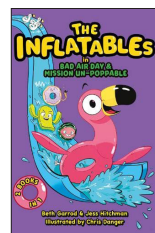
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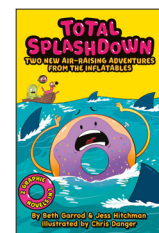
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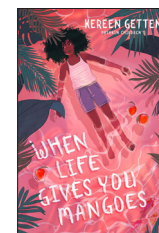
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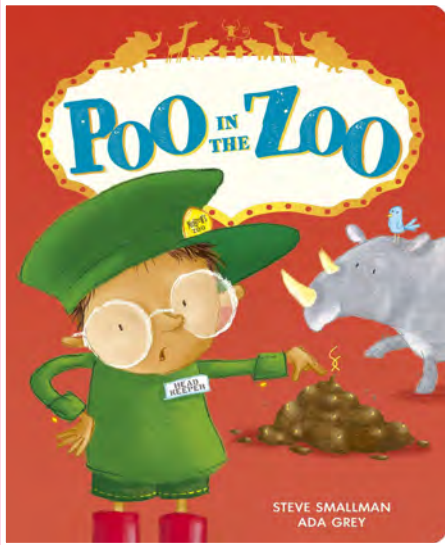
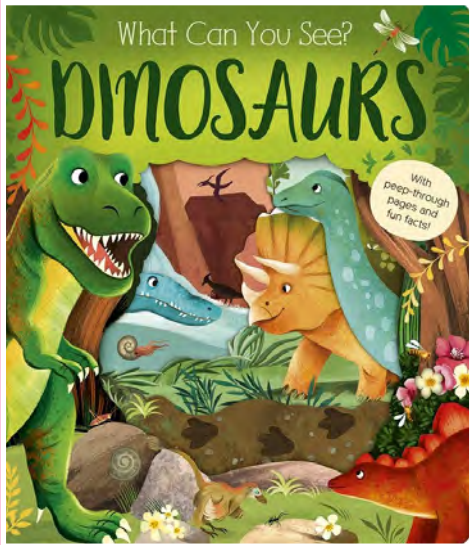
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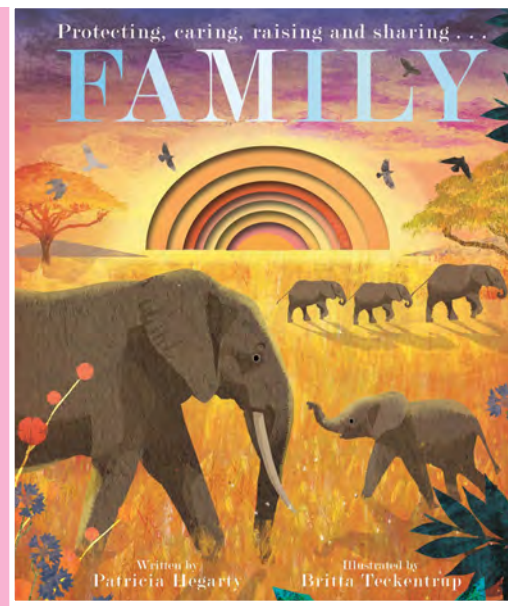
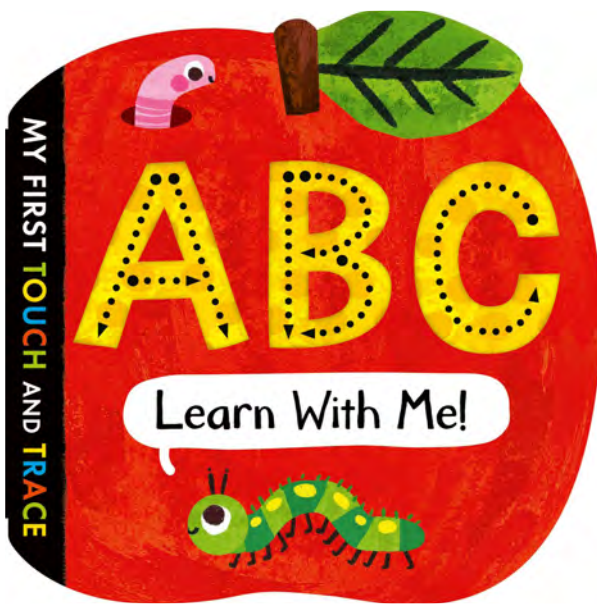
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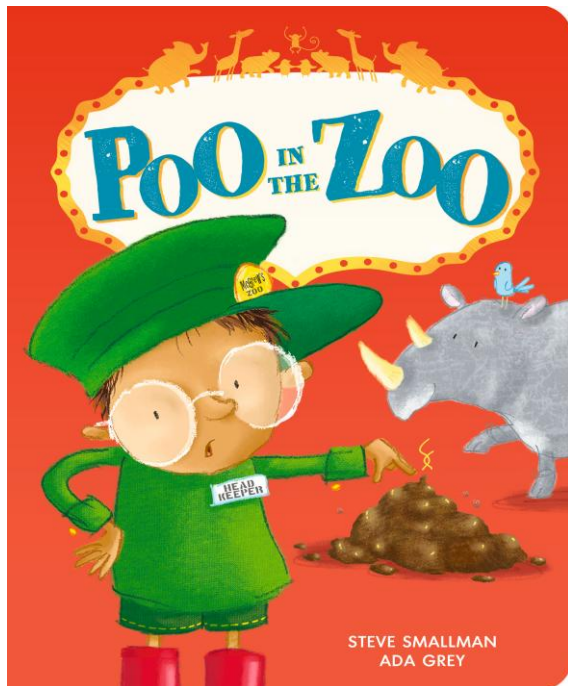
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Poo in the Zoo



Poor zookeeper Bob McGrew. There's too much poo in the zoo - and he's the one who has to scoop it up.

Then one day, a mysterious glowing poo appears! Could it be alien poo from outer space, and what on EARTH will Bob do with it?

A gloriously poop-filled chunky board book, packed with humour, romping rhyme and lively illustrations!



Written by Steve Smallman
Illustrated by Ada Grey

ISBN: 9781838918538
Pub Date: 2 July 2026
Price: £7.99
Format: CBB
Age: 2 to 5
Dims: 190 x 155 mm
Extent: 28 pp.



- A gloriously poop-filled story packed with humour, romping rhyme and bright, lively illustrations - now in a chunky board book format!
- Join hard-working zookeeper Bob McGrew in his mystery-solving escapades at the zoo in this hilarious tale!
- Steve Smallman's (*The Lamb Who Came for Dinner*, *The Eyebrows of Doom*, and *The Monkey With a Bright Blue Bottom*) clever wordplay makes *Poo in the Zoo* a perfect read aloud story for bedtime!

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Soon everybody knew about the new poo in the zoo,
And people flocked to see the inter-planetary poop.
Then a man in a cravat and a sparkly blue top hat
Said, "Hallo there, Mr Zookeeper, my name is Hector Gloop."

You're My Little Cuddle Bug Bath Book



Reveal a rainbow, make the sun come out to play and reunite Cuddle Bug with her beloved Mama Bug.

This adorable bath book, featuring bestselling character Cuddle Bug, has interactive colour-change technology on every spread.



Written by Nicola Edwards
Illustrated by Natalie Marshall

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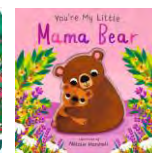
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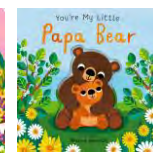
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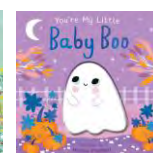
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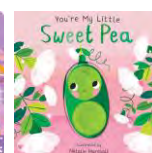
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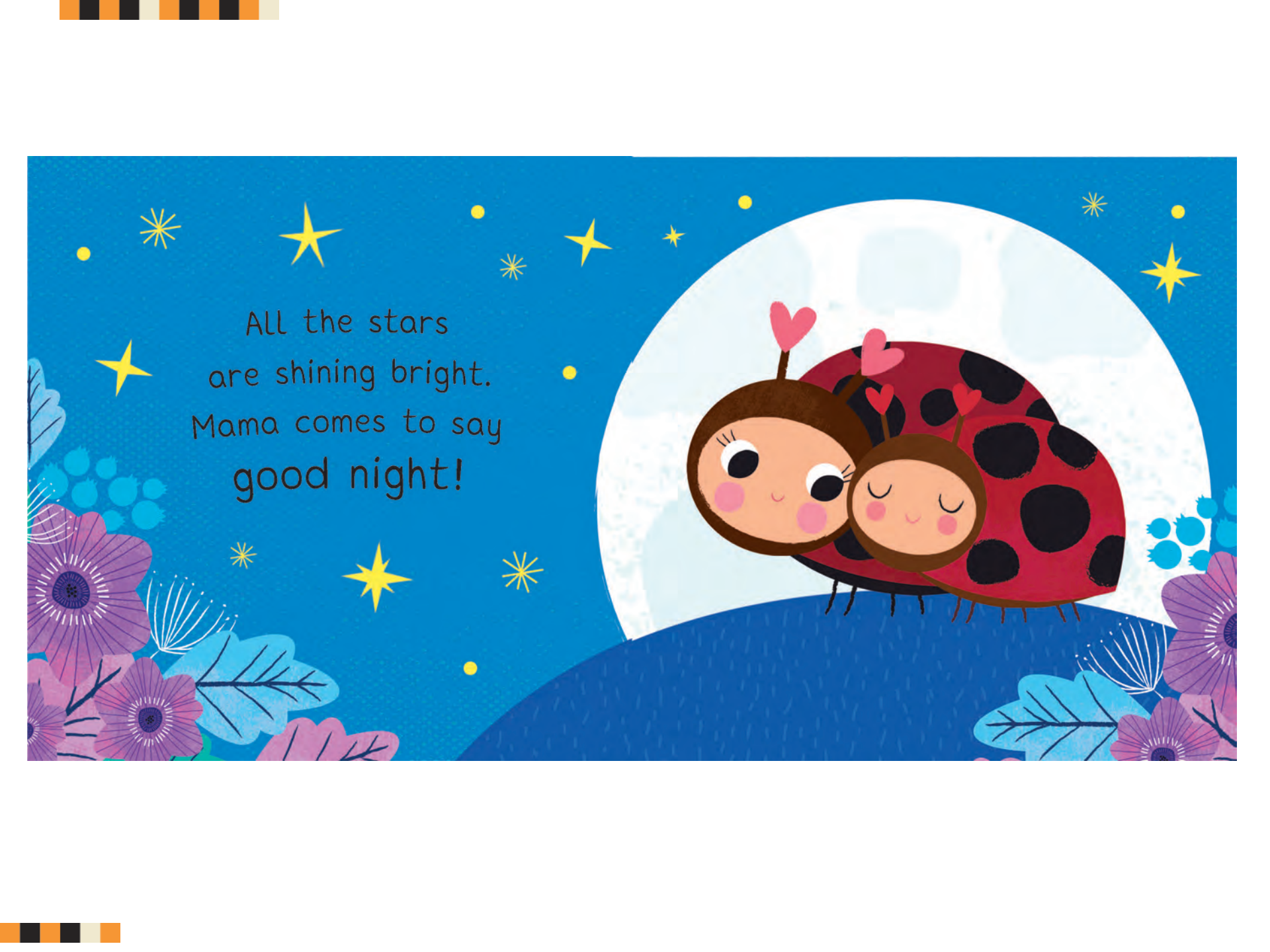
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- Features showstopping colour-change magic on every spread.
- This bright, beautiful bath book showcases favourite characters from the bestselling board-book series.
- Includes sweet, uplifting text in the signature series style.

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A whimsical illustration for a children's book. The scene is set at night with a deep blue background. A large, bright white full moon is on the right. Scattered across the sky are various yellow stars, some simple and some with multiple points. In the foreground, a dark blue hill is visible. On the hill, a large red ladybug with black spots is the central focus. Two children, dressed as ladybugs with brown bodies and red hearts on their heads, are hugging the ladybug. One child has their eyes open, while the other has their eyes closed. The bottom corners of the page are decorated with stylized purple and blue flowers and leaves. At the very top and bottom edges of the page, there are decorative horizontal bars with segments of black, orange, and white.

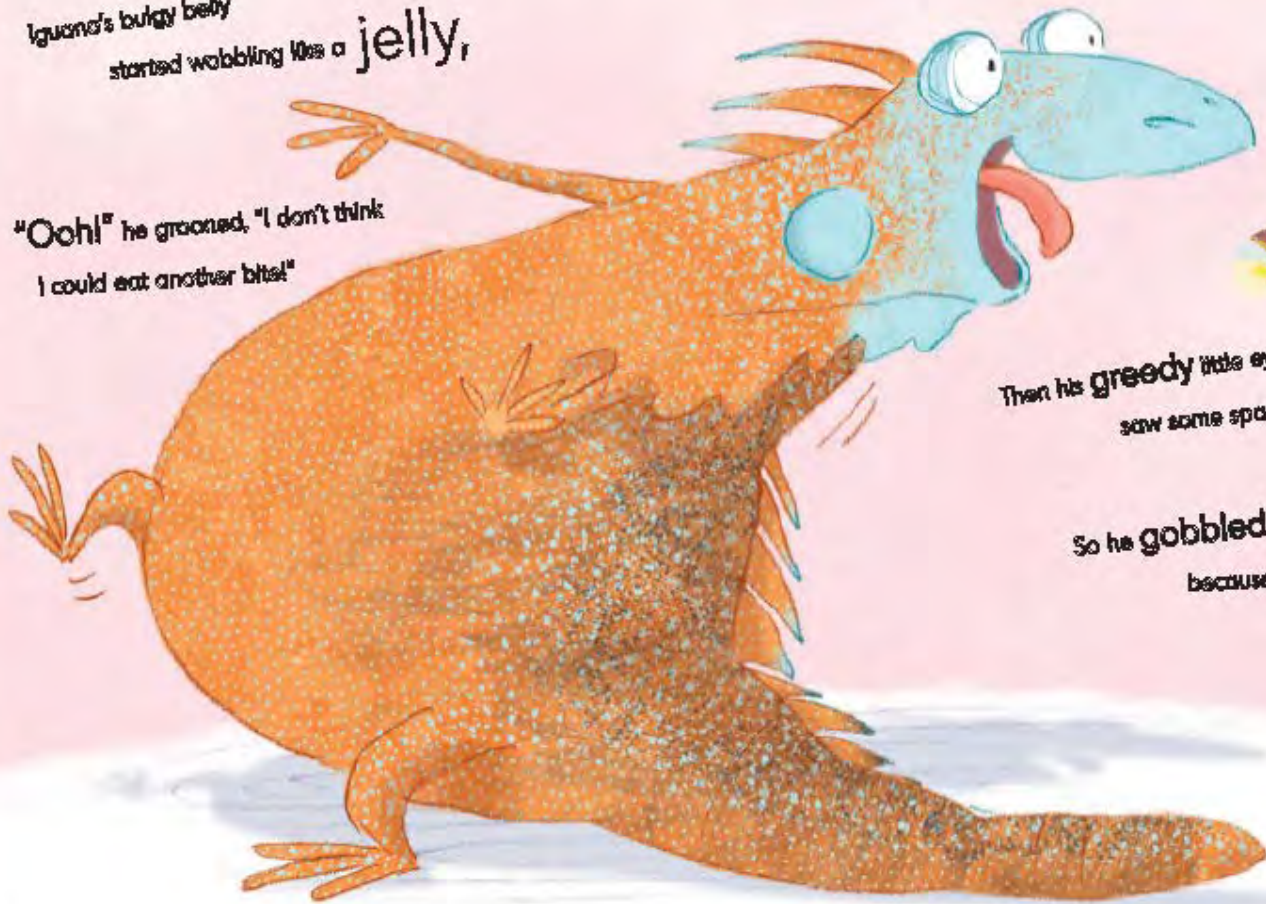
All the stars
are shining bright.
Mama comes to say
good night!

Iguana's bulgy belly
started wobbling like a jelly,

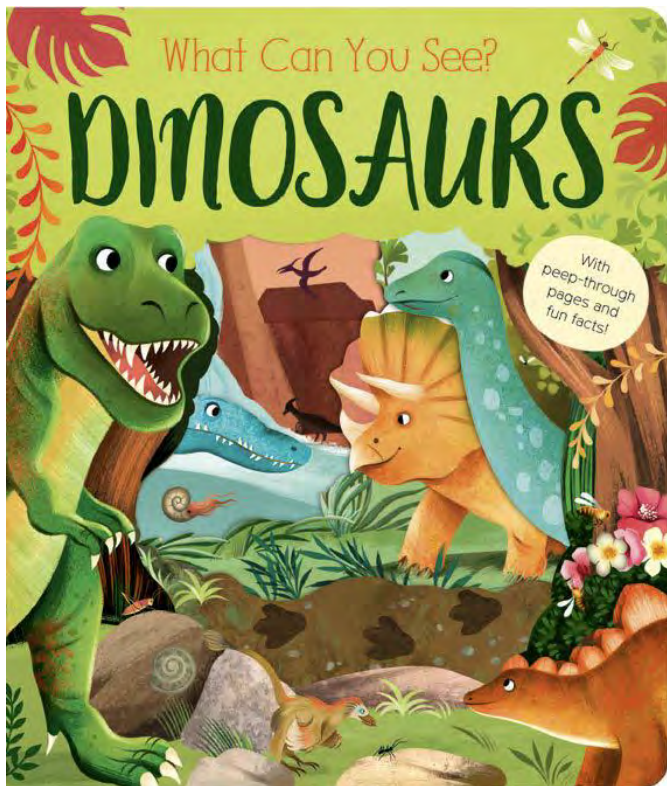
"Ooh!" he groaned, "I don't think
I could eat another bite!"

Then his greedy little eyes
saw some sparkly fireflies,

So he gobbled them up too
because he fancied 'something light.'



What Can You See? Dinosaurs



Step back in time to discover incredible dinosaurs! Toddlers will love peeping through the cut-out pages exploring different prehistoric habitats and meeting a LOT of awesome dinos along the way.

With bright, bold illustrations and accessible first facts, this is the perfect introduction to dinosaurs.



- Chunky, peep-through pages present an immersive layering effect, perfect for discovering dinos and all things prehistoric.
- Packed with simple information, fun facts and things to spot for little learners.

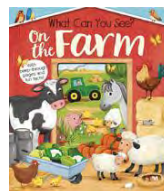
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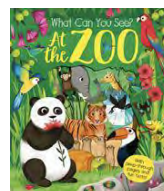
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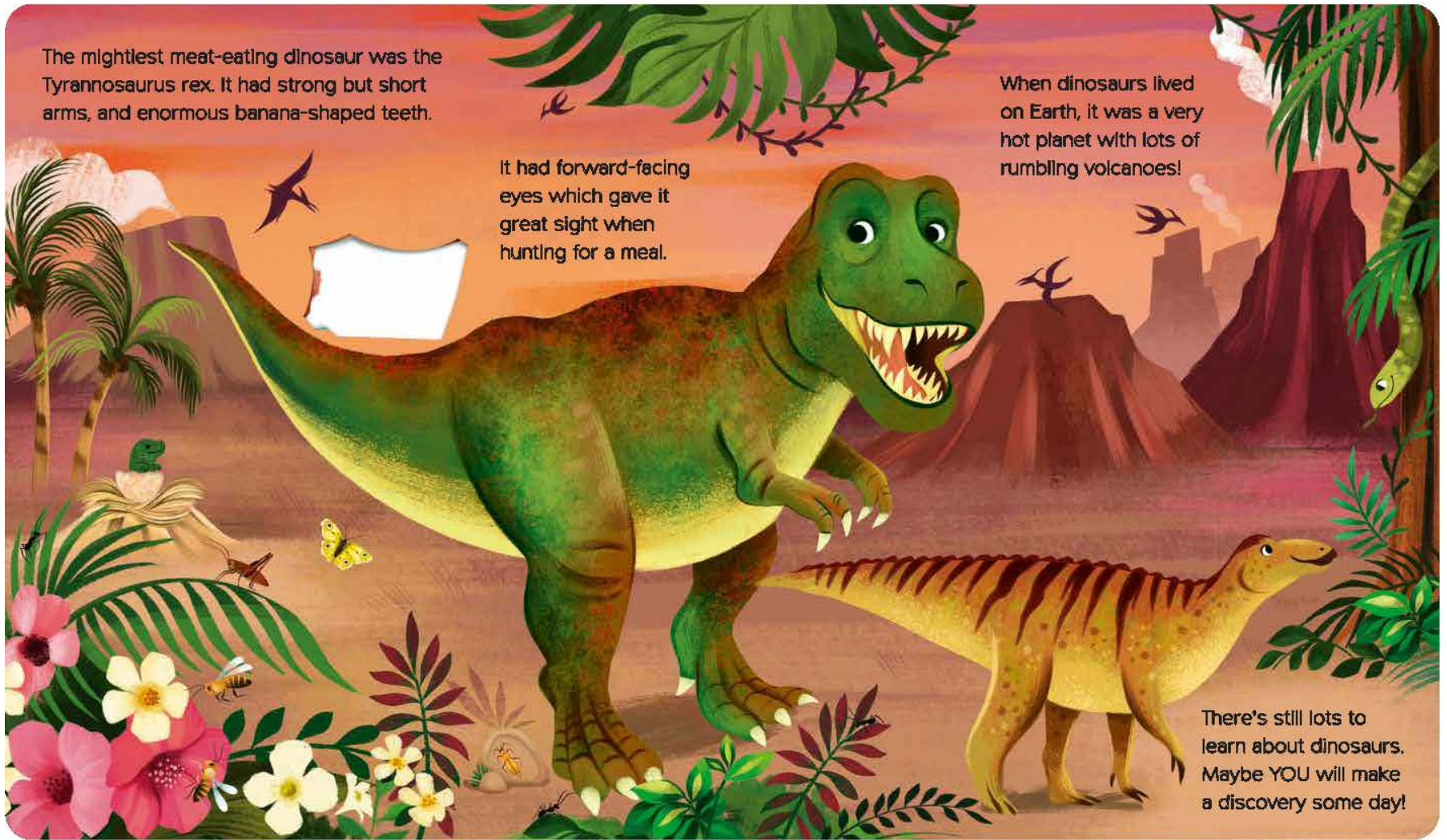
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The mightiest meat-eating dinosaur was the Tyrannosaurus rex. It had strong but short arms, and enormous banana-shaped teeth.

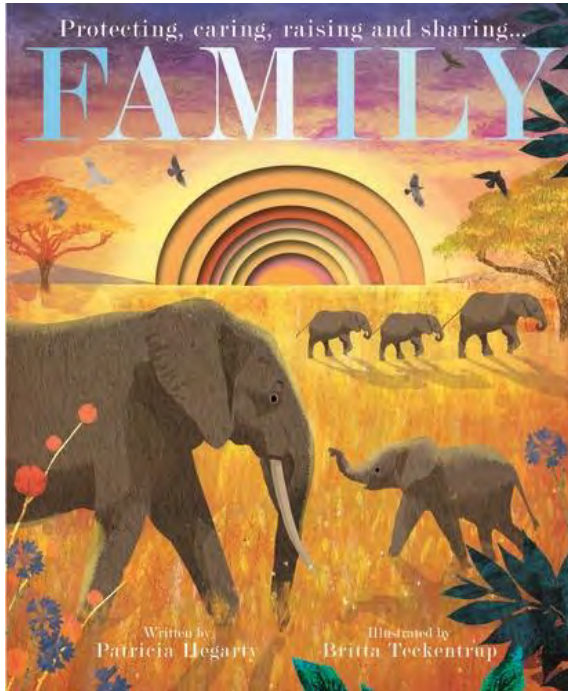
It had forward-facing eyes which gave it great sight when hunting for a meal.

When dinosaurs lived on Earth, it was a very hot planet with lots of rumbling volcanoes!

There's still lots to learn about dinosaurs. Maybe YOU will make a discovery some day!

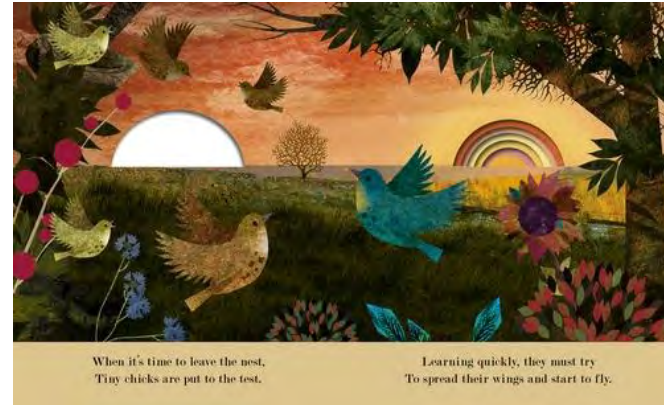


Family



*On the savannah, whatever the weather,
The animals must stick together.
A herd of elephants cross the trail,
Steadily walking, trunk to tail.*

Discover the incredible habits of animals and their families, from diving dolphins to marvellous manatees, and explore what family means to all kinds of creatures. Britta Teckentrup's stunning artwork brings to life nature's incredible stories of the ways in which animals protect and support each other.



Written by Patricia Hegarty
Illustrated by Britta Teckentrup

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Age: 2 to 5
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Extent: 24pp

- Clever die-cuts on every page create a stunning layered effect.
- A gentle introduction to facts about the natural world.
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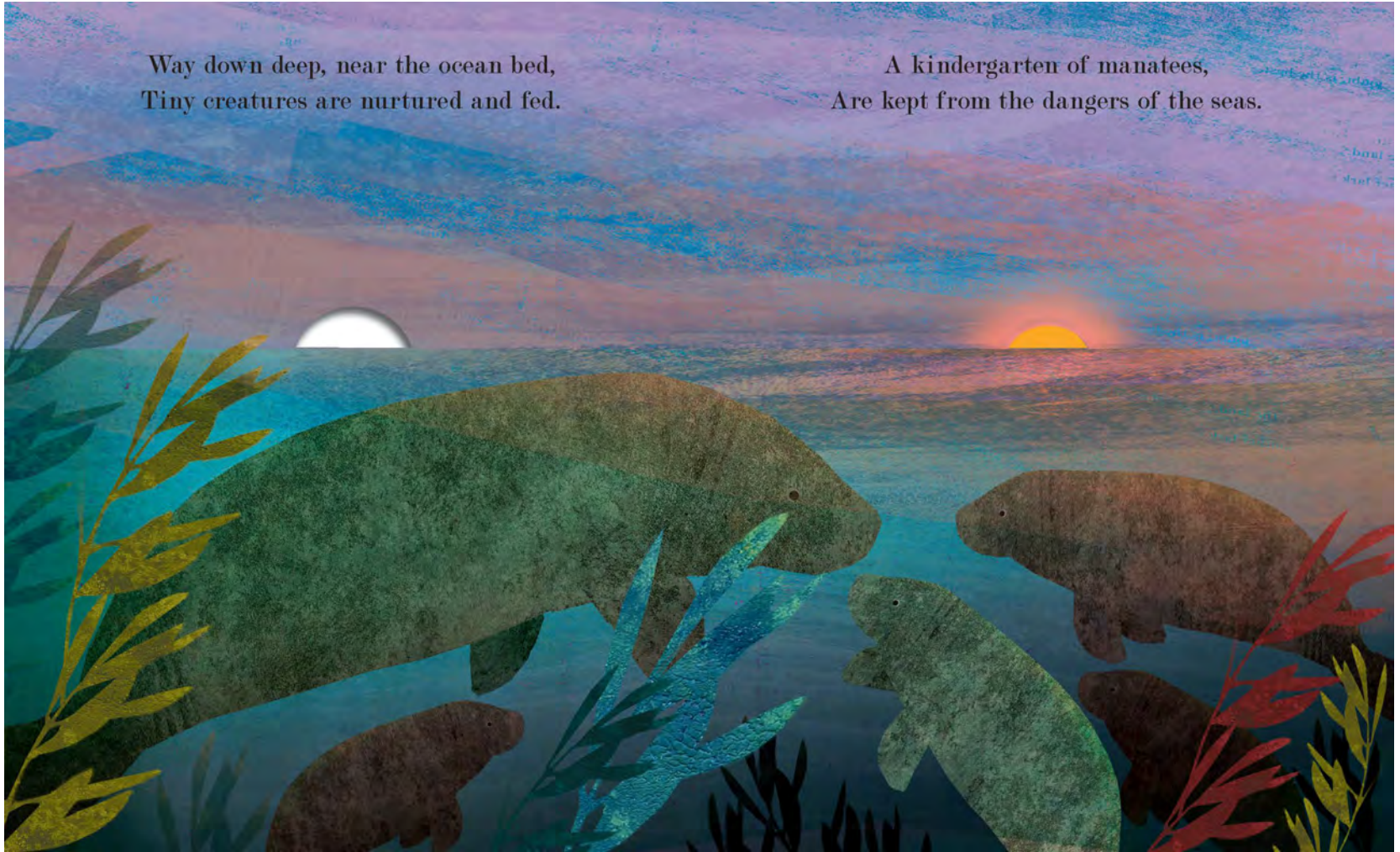
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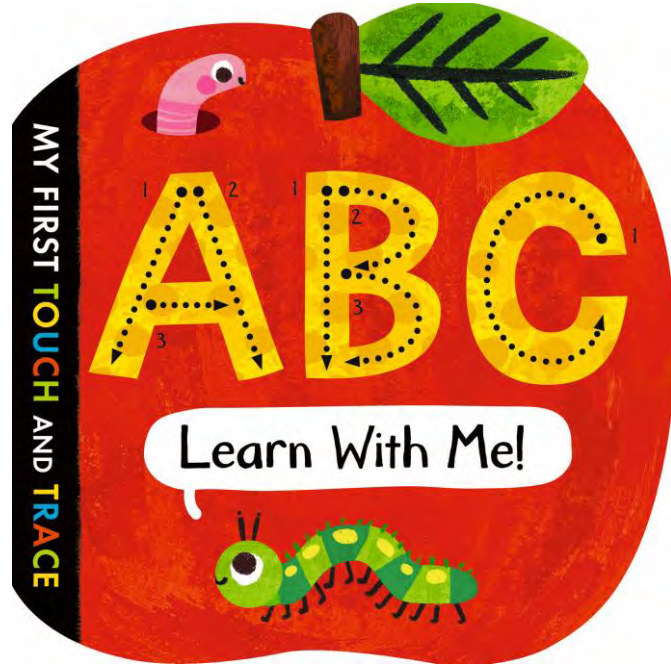
LITTLE TIGER

Way down deep, near the ocean bed,
Tiny creatures are nurtured and fed.

A kindergarten of manatees,
Are kept from the dangers of the seas.



ABC Learn With Me!



Written by Lauren Crisp
Illustrated by Laura Silveira

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Introduce little ones to the alphabet and numbers with these new additions to the *My First* series. Charmingly illustrated and incorporating touch-and-trace finishes throughout, these bright board books will engage the very youngest learners.



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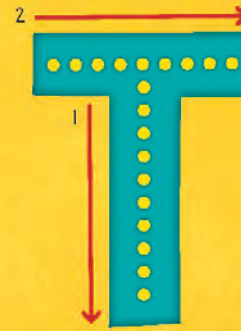
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123 Counting Tree!



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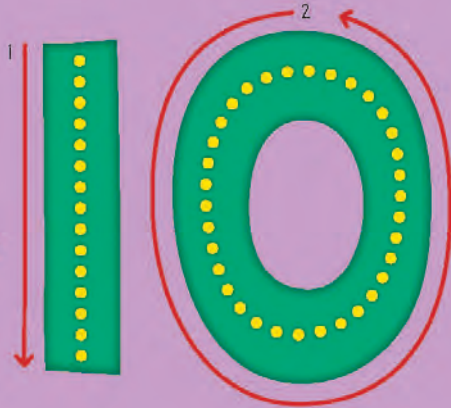
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Ready For School



The forest classmates are learning their numbers, eating their lunch, and doing show and tell! Children will love finding the right sticker to help the animals complete each familiar school task.

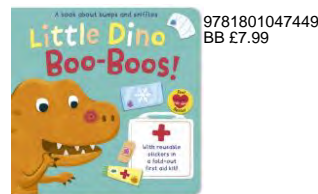
A book about preschool with chunky reusable stickers in a fold-out school bag!



Written by Sophie Aggett
Illustrated by Jannie Ho

ISBN: 9781801048262
Pub Date: 2 July 2026
Price: £7.99
Format: BB
Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 281 x 231 mm
Extent: 32 pp.

- A great seasonal gift for children aged 3-6 during the back-to-school period.
- The same popular reusable sticker format as *Little Dino Boo-Boos*, here featuring familiar school items housed in a fold-out school bag.
- The perfect book for little animal fans, with a cast of young woodland creatures adorably illustrated by Jannie Ho, and a matching element to help cognitive development.



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We love to learn our colors
and our numbers—one, two, three.
We even get to play with toys...



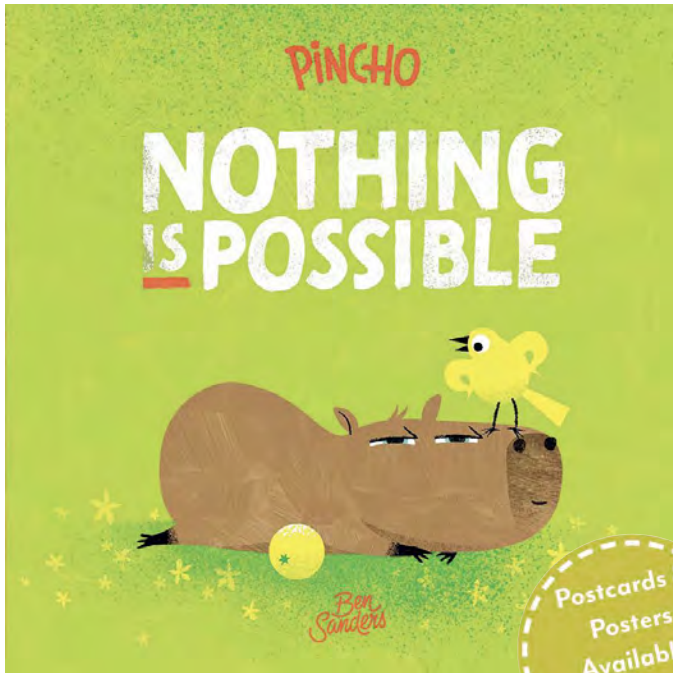
to learn our ABCs!

Learning
makes me
HOPPY!

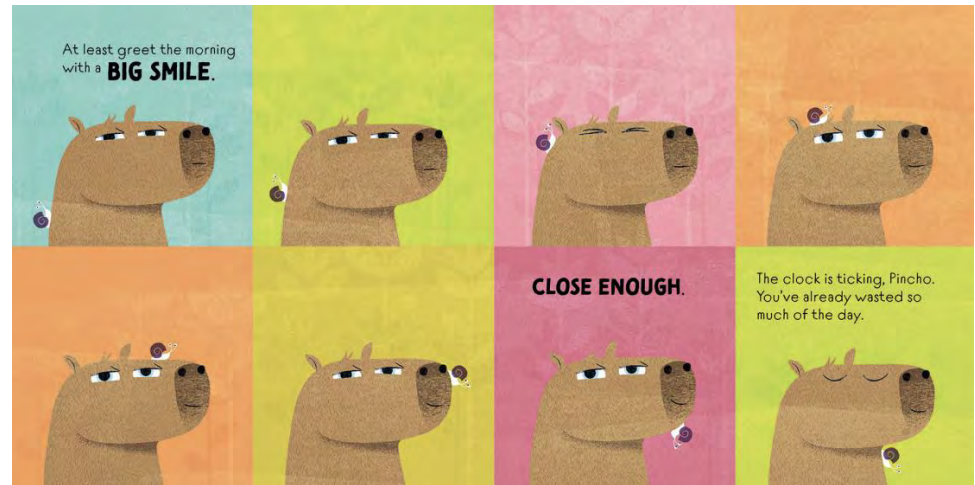


Can you find the ABC blocks sticker
Frog needs? Give Frog a reward sticker
for working hard!

Pincho: Nothing is Possible



Today is your day, and nothing is possible. Yes, you read that right the first time. Nothing IS possible! Meet Pincho, a capybara who never hurries and never worries – not even when in the jaws of danger ...



Written by Ben Sanders



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Format: PB
Age: 3 to 6
Dims: 246 x 246mm
Extent: 40 pp.

- Capybaras are hugely popular, and Pincho embodies the qualities that people admire about these animals: he is friends with everyone, chill, unbothered, and perpetually content.
- In a world that keeps going quicker, pushing productivity and the pressure to always do more, have more and be better, Pincho is a symbol of peace, calm, and the value of simply enjoying the moment.
- Huge character potential, with lots of ideas for further Pincho adventures already in the pipeline.
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Capybaras make friends
without even trying.
With **ANYONE** ...



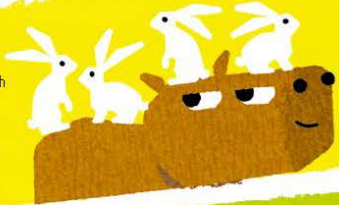
and
EVERYONE!



A snake would totally eat
them, but capybaras are
TOO FRIENDLY.



Rabbits catch
capybaras
like they're
catching
the bus.



Birds can hang
out on them
for hours.

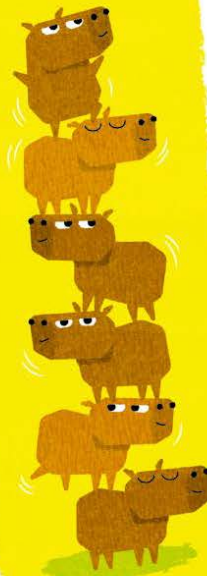
**CAPYBARAS
JUST DON'T
CARE.**



Some capybaras
even chill out on
OTHER
capybaras.



This is a
CAPY-STACK
... just because.



No matter what happens,
capybaras are always
HAPPY.




This is a story about the
chill-est, happiest capybara ever.
A capybara named Pincho.






You need to
get out of your
comfort-zone
to be happy,
Pincho.



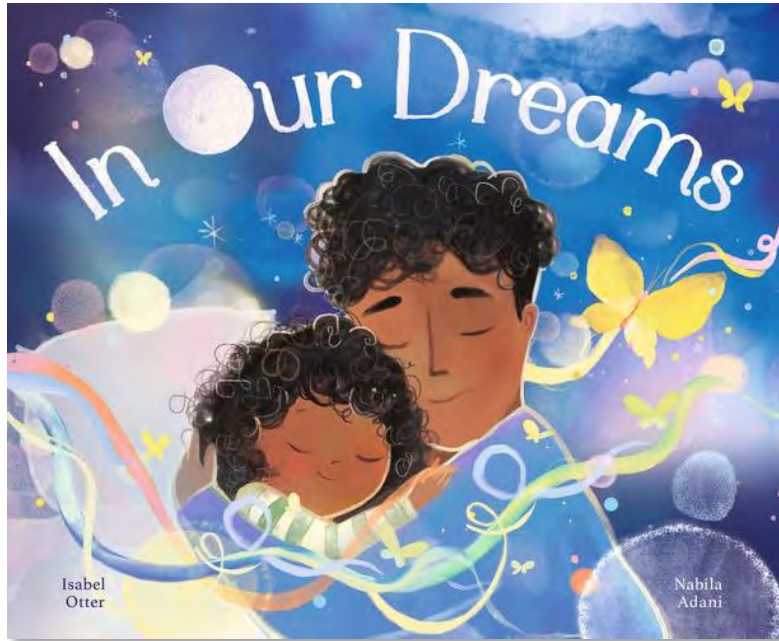
Grit your
teeth and
**NEVER
LOOK
BACK!**

Climb the
**HIGHEST
HEIGHTS...**



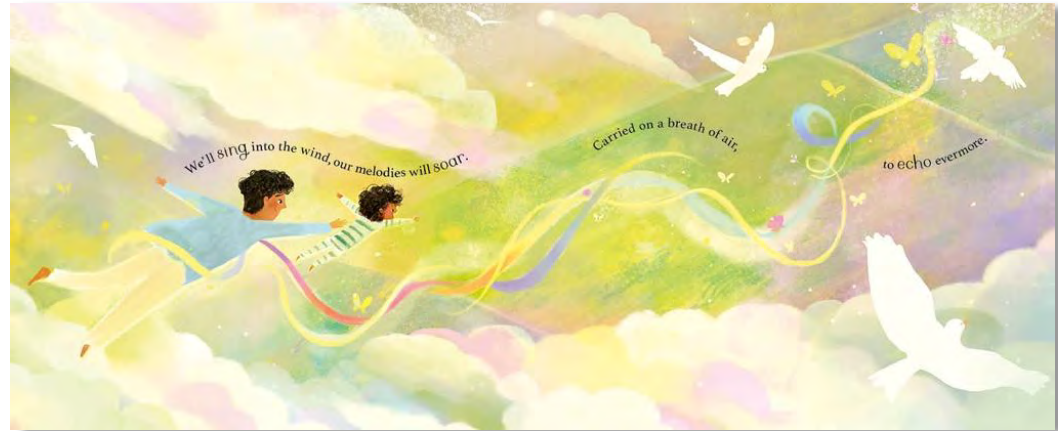
... and
swallow your
FEAR!

In Our Dreams



As night falls and bedtime beckons, join a father and child on their journey into dreamland. Lyrical rhyming text and magical illustrations will soothe your little ones, even if they fear nightmares. Together, you will race through wild meadows, dive into pools of words and sing into the wind.

Make this the last book before bedtime to prepare every young dreamer for a peaceful night's sleep.



Written by Isabel Otter
Illustrated by Nabila Adani

ISBN: 9781801048705
Pub Date: 2 July 2026
Price: £8.99
Format: PB
Age: 3 to 6
Dims: 281 x 231mm
Extent: 32 pp.

- The perfect final story to read aloud before bedtime, designed to help children travel to their own happy place before drifting off to sleep.
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We'll roam
the deepest
forests

and wend our
way through trees,

When You Meet My Friend



Written by Mark Sperring
Illustrated by Marisa Morea

ISBN: 9781801048446
Pub Date: 2 July 2026
Price: £8.99
Format: PB
Age: 3 to 6
Dims: 280 x 245 mm
Extent: 32 pp.

It's a young boy's first day at school and he's feeling a little lost. Where should he put his coat, and who should he sit with at lunch? Luckily there's a classful of friendly faces waiting to welcome him, and soon he's feeling right at home. This is a gently humorous, reassuring story with a wonderful twist at the end!

A heartwarming, reassuring story about starting school and the ripple effect of friendship and kindness.



- With a gentle rhyming text and a heartwarming message about how to make others feel included.
- Children will love the delightful surprise ending.
- Introduces children to the typical rhythm of a day when they start school, with endmatter to support this.

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If you ever meet my friend,
what a **great** day that will be!
I'm sure you'll grow to **love** my friend
at **least** as much as me.



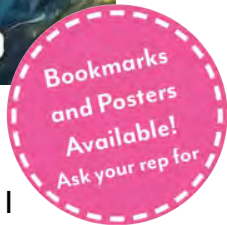
Hooray for budding friendships
that **bloom** like flowers do.
I'll be **happy** all day long
just knowing they found you.

And Now We Run



By Nicola Penfold

ISBN: 9781788958431
Pub Date: 2 July 2026
Price: £8.99
Format: PB
Age: 9 to 12
Dims: 198 x 129 mm
Extent: 224pp.



We're running now, along the spine of the world, and behind us, just below, half the land is sliding away to nowhere.

Jelly is NOT looking forward to the first school trip at her new school, since her best friend ditched her and is determined to make Jelly miserable. Lincoln however can't wait – he used to visit the hills with his brothers and he's excited to be back.

But what neither of them expected was for the extreme weather to cause the reservoirs to burst, and for the area to be flooded. Or to be left behind when the rest of their class is evacuated. As rain pours down and the water rises, Jelly and Lincoln have to put aside their fears to outrun the storm.

- The book sounds the alarm for climate change, and the impact of extreme weather on the landscape, while also navigating friendship dynamics and starting a new school.
- Nicola's titles have been shortlisted for numerous awards, including Lancashire Books of the Year, Cumbria Schools Library Service Spellbinding Book Award, Hampshire Book Awards and The Redhill Academy Trust Book Award. *BEYOND THE FROZEN HORIZON* was longlisted for *Little Rebels Award*.
- This is Nicola's fifth title, with each book garnering glowing reviews from readers across the board, including write-ups in *The Guardian*: "Atmospheric, memorable, extraordinarily gripping, this is storytelling at its finest."

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We Wait for the Stars



By Bridget Hamilton

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Price: £9.99
Format: PB
Age: 14+
Dims: 198 x 129 mm
Extent: 368pp.

When clouds roll in, wool-thick and grey, and it's harder to breathe than before, when we can't remember Dad's face or how he sounded anymore, we wait for the stars.

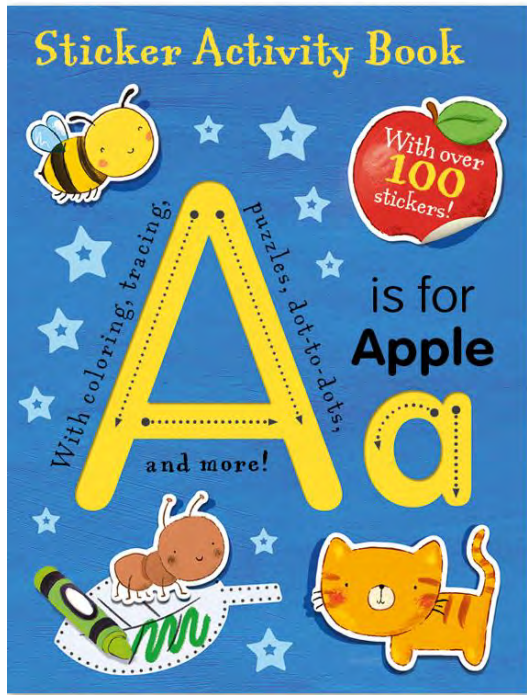
After losing her dad, Celeste's life feels like it's splintering. Then she makes a new friend in Katie, who shares her love of the beach, and meets Reuben, a fellow photographer. Maybe a new friendship group is just what she needs – as long as she keeps her growing attraction to Reuben out of the equation. But Celeste soon finds that emotions can't be bottled up. . .

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Age: 2 to 5
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Add some
starfish stickers
to the rock pool.



Draw a line between each pair of **socks**.

10-Minute Amazing Activities



Written by Selina Wood
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READY, SET, GO!

The frogs are competing in their summer sports day. Can you find these six things in the picture?

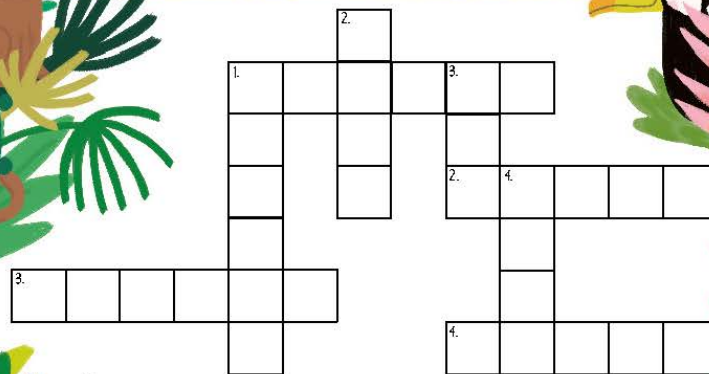
1. A basketball
2. A trophy
3. A frog blowing a whistle
4. A frog wearing red shorts
5. A green dragonfly
6. A blue net



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JUNGLE CROSSWORD

Read the clues and then fill in the letters to complete the crossword.



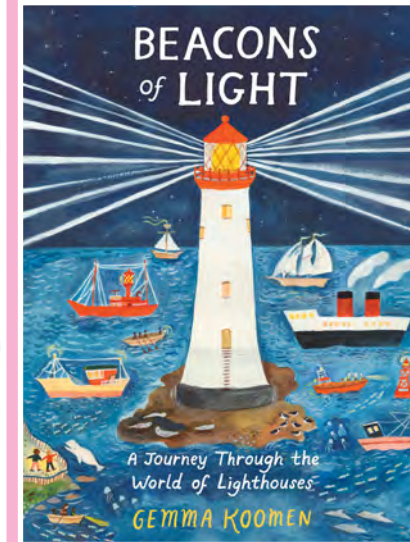
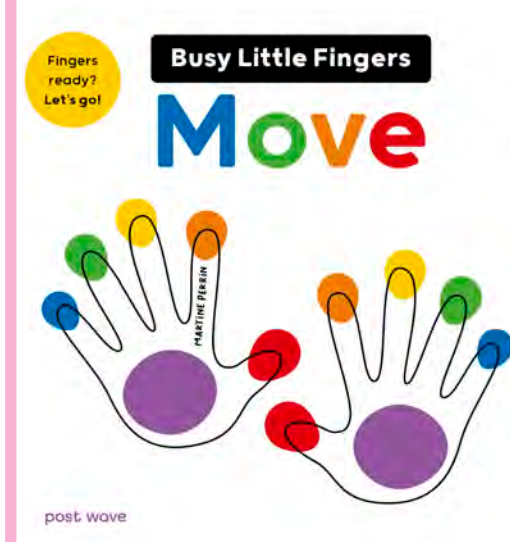
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1. Creepy-crawly with eight legs.
2. Animal that has moist skin and hops around.
3. Tiny insect that likes to work in groups.
4. The jungle often has this wet weather.

ACROSS

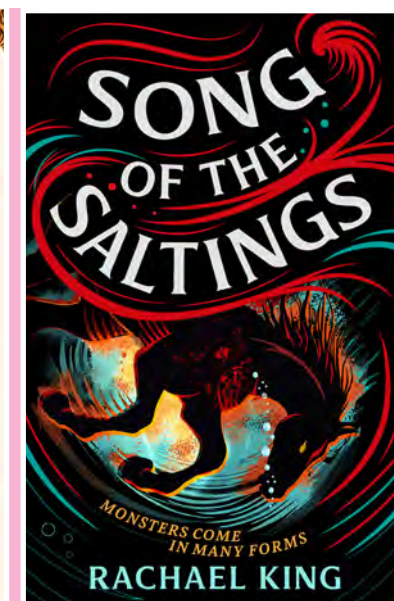
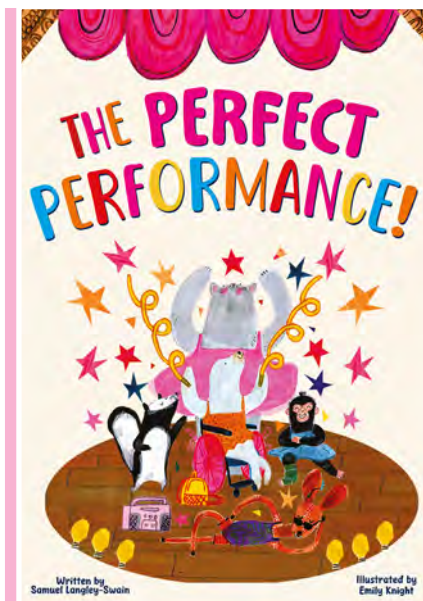
1. Small, narrow river.
2. The jungle is full of these tall, green plants.
3. Hairy animal that swings from branches.
4. This legless animal slithers along.

Answers on page 63



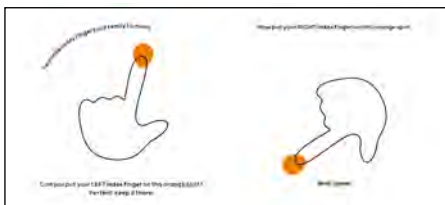
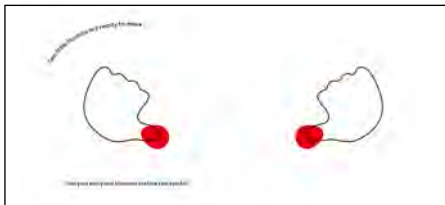
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Busy Little Fingers: Move

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Two hands, ten fingers – one colour at a time.

On each page, little hands are invited to touch, tap, walk and play using fingers and palms.

Can you do all the actions together?

A gentle, interactive board book for babies, encouraging hand movement while introducing left and right, and the names of all the fingers.

Sales points:

- A soft, intuitive introduction to hand movement and early left and right awareness, designed especially for babies
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- Bright, eye-catching primary colours encourage hand and finger actions such as grasping, pinching, and releasing, helping to strengthen coordination and support early neural development

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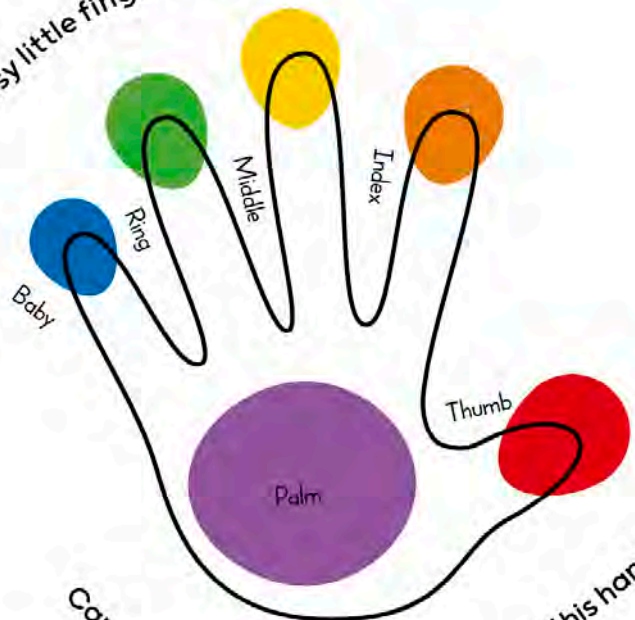
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Extent: 20 pages

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Interest Age: 3 years

Your busy little fingers are ready to move ...



Can you put your LEFT hand on top of this hand?

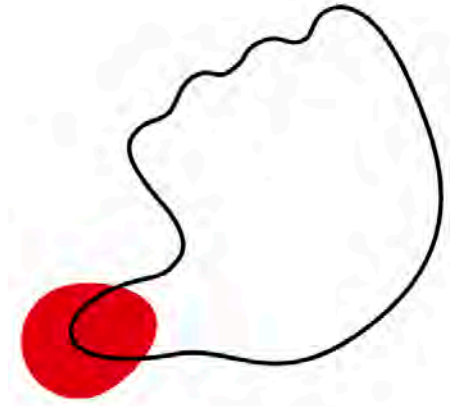
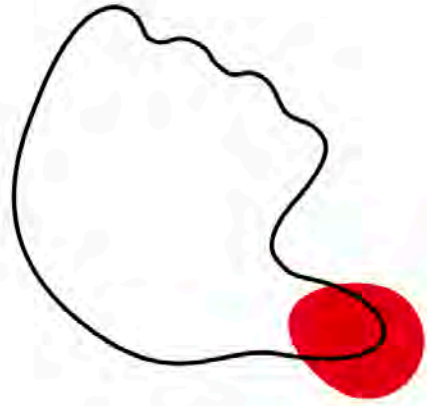
GREAT!
Keep it there!

Now, put your RIGHT hand on top of this hand.

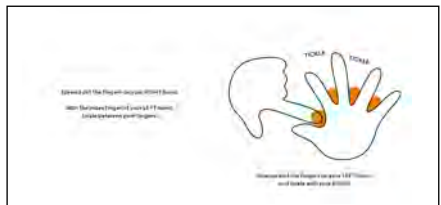
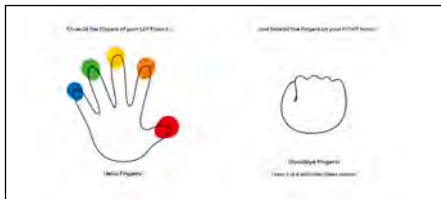


Keep your eye on the colours.
They'll help you figure out which finger to move.

Two little thumbs are ready to move...



Can you put your thumbs on the red spots?



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Two hands, ten fingers. One finger, one colour.

On every page, games to play with your fingers.

With your hands, with all your fingers, and even with your palms, you'll show, hide, tickle and more.

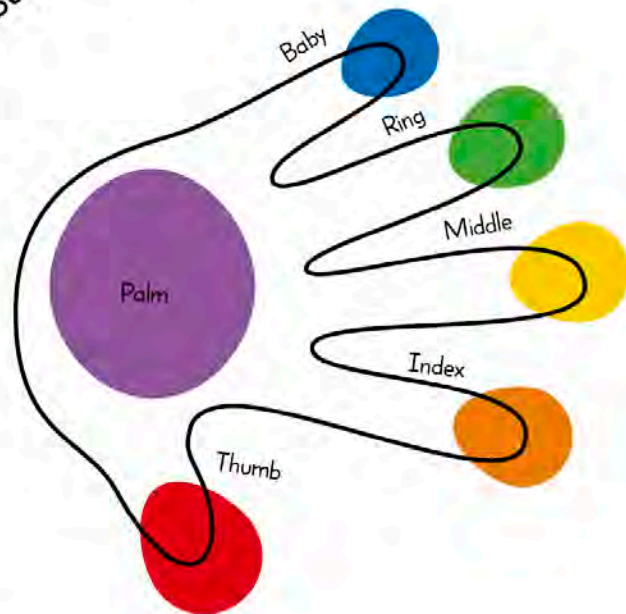
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Are your busy little fingers ready to play?

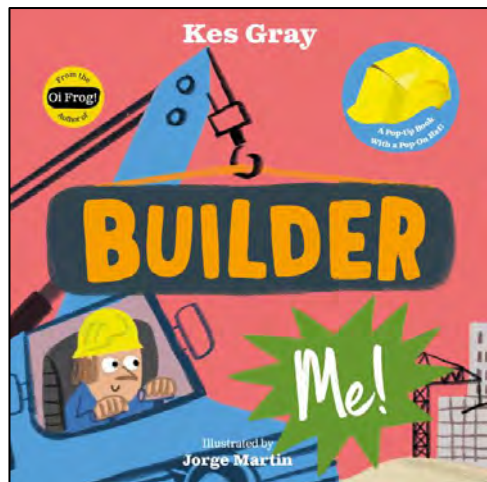


These colours match your left thumb, index finger, middle finger, ring finger, baby finger and your palm.

Keep your eye on the colours.



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Tagline: A Pop-Up Book with a Pop on Hat!

Keynote

Pop on your builder's hat and get ready to join the crew in this interactive story full of action and fun! *Builder Me!* lets little readers become the hero of their own building adventure with a wearable cardboard hat tucked inside the front cover.

Description

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Sales Points

- Includes a wearable builder's hat for Children to dress up and play.
- Features a giant lift-the-flap and a fun final pop-up.
- Lively storytelling with rhyming text makes it perfect for reading aloud.
- Bold, Bright and colourful illustrations bring the building site to life.
- Great for children who love to dress up, pretend and join in the story.
- From bestselling picture book creator Kes Gray.

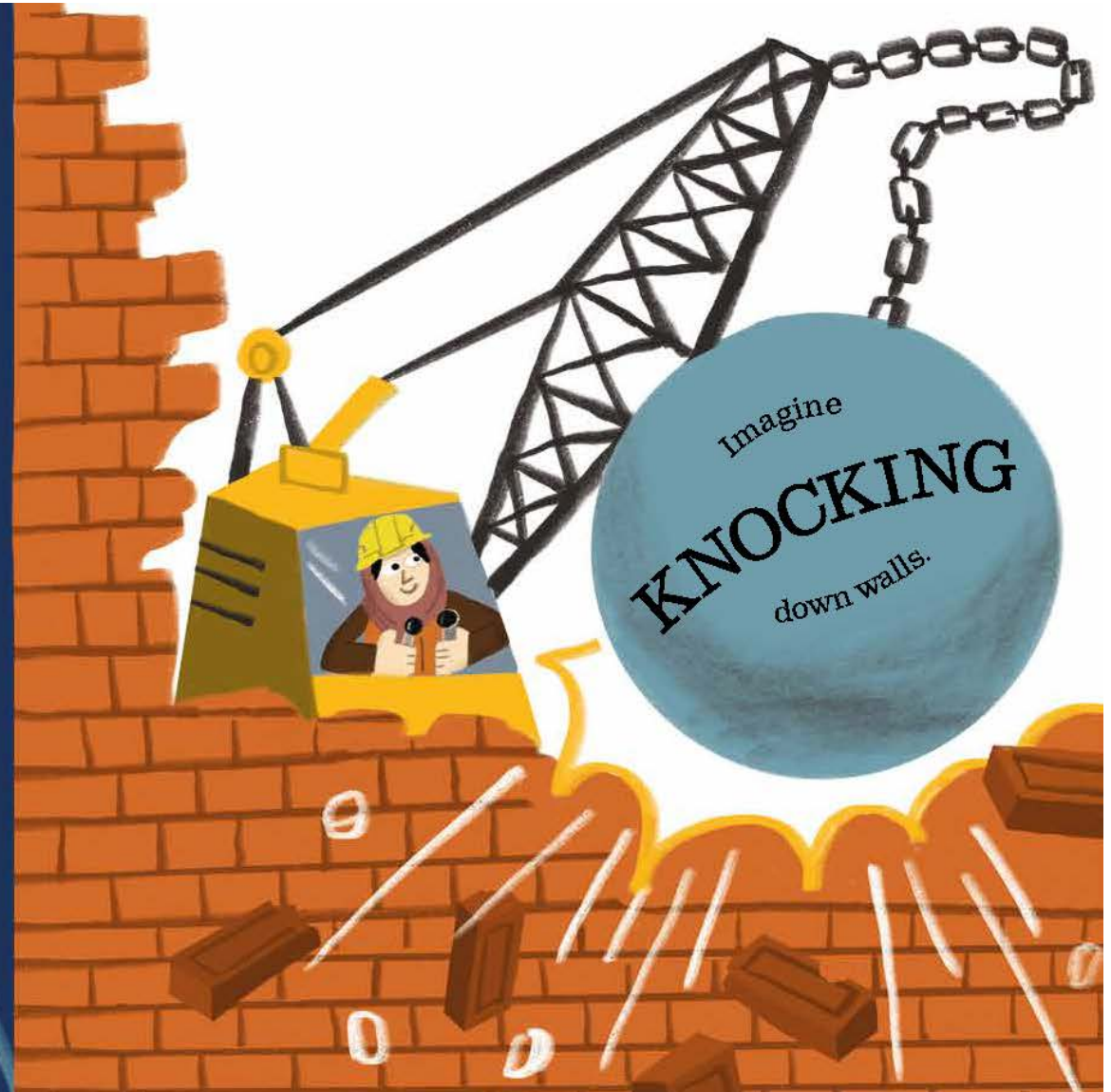
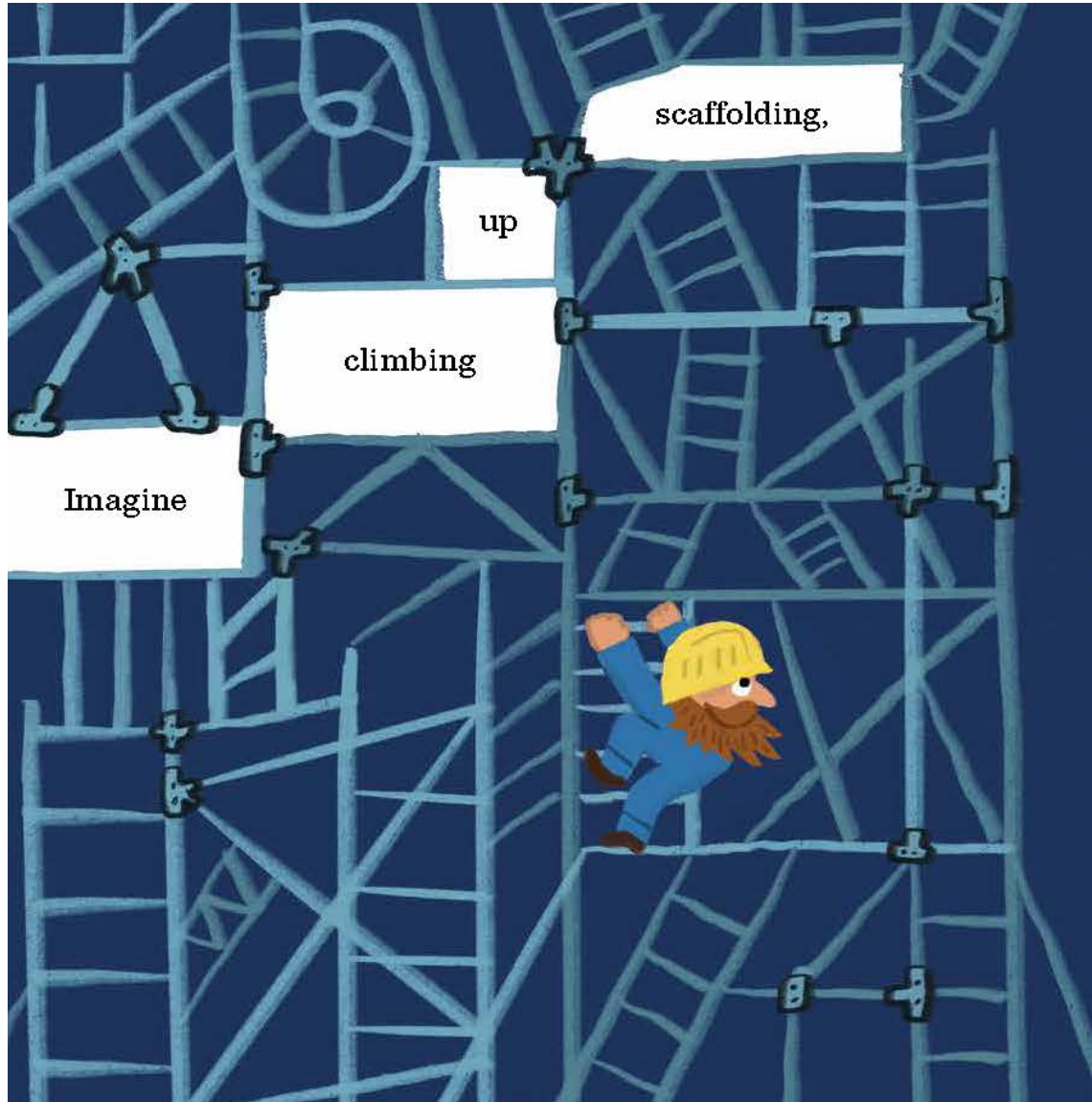
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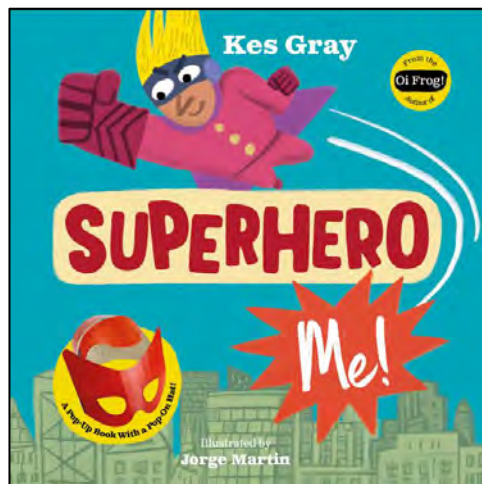
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ISBN	9781918030020
Author	Kes Gray
Illustrator	Jorge Martin
Ages	3-7
Illustrations	Colour
Cover Finishes	Matt laminate with spot gloss UV on the text panel.
Format	Board Book
Dimensions	230m x 230mm
Extent	8 spreads + giant flap + pop up + wearable builder hat
Territory	Worldwide





Tagline: A Pop-Up Book with a Pop on Hat!

Keynote

Pop on your superhero mask and get ready to zoom into action in this interactive story full of fun and adventure! *Superhero Me!* lets little readers become the hero of their own daring mission with a wearable cardboard mask tucked inside the front cover.

Description

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Sales Points

- Includes a wearable superhero mask for Children to dress up and play.
- Features a giant lift-the-flap and a fun final pop-up.
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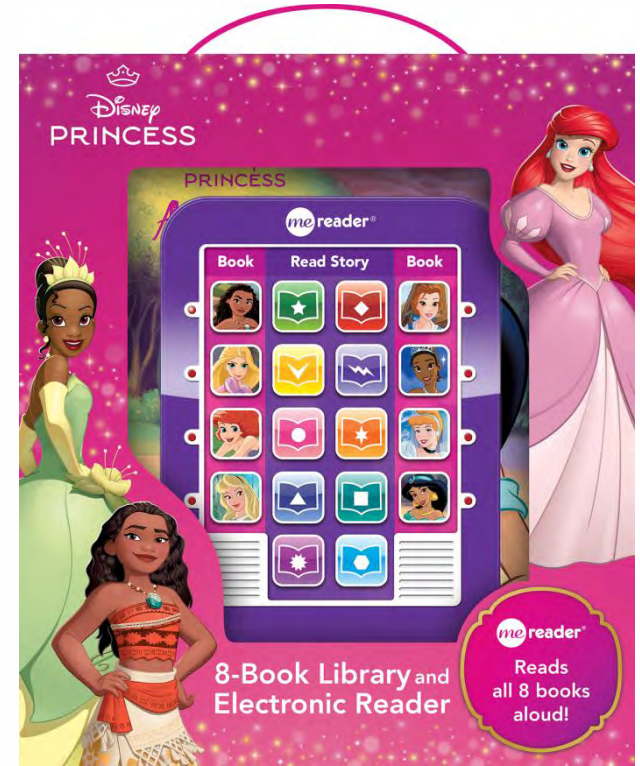
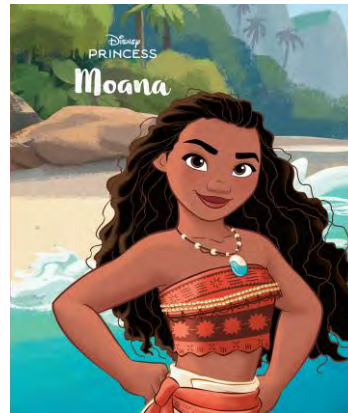


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Two Windmills

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Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour casebound hardback

Cover finishes: Spot uv matt lamination

Additional Info: 5 pages with inset acetate and a card torch on a ribbon

Extent: 12pp

Dimensions: 206 x 206 mm

BIC Code: YBGT3

CBMC Code: A3J79

Age range: 3 to 5

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Ghost is ready for bed, but first he wants to say goodnight to all his spooky friends.

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Illustrator: Carrie Hennon

Since graduating from art school, Carrie has worked as a graphic designer, illustrator and art editor for the past 21 years. Carrie is passionate about children's book illustration and is continually inspired by her daily contact with the artists whom she commissions. She has also written her own books for the very young.



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Goodnight, goodnight,
sleepyheads.
Now it's time to go to bed.

But one last thing
before Ghost's day ends,
He'll say goodnight
to his spooky friends.

Slide out the torch and
use it to find Ghost's friends.



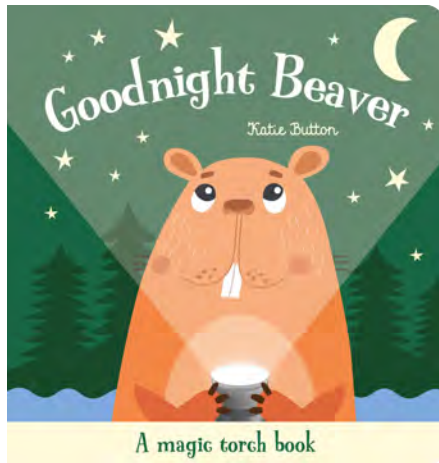
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Important concepts such as shapes, colours, first words and counting are given a magnetic makeover in this great new series. Each title includes a set of interactive magnetic components stored in a compartment attached to the book.

Author: Susie Linn | Illustrator: Dan Crisp



ISBN: 978-1-83555-647-4

Pub date: 16 July 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: Full colour casebound board book

Cover finishes: Gloss

Additional Info: 44 magnets in exposed vac form

Extent: 10pp

Dimensions: 240 x 206 mm

BIC Code: YBLC

CBMC Code: A2J79

Age range: 3 to 5

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Boost matching, coordination and learning with colourful, busy scenes.

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Inside, there are 44 magnets with essential first numbers to learn. The magnets feature both numbers and pictures, so children can match them to each colourful scene. From a city and a wildlife park to the depths of the ocean, each scene will spark their imaginations and get them excited about learning.

This book is fantastic for boosting matching skills, counting and hand-eye coordination. The durable magnets and busy scenes make learning stick (literally!). This is the ultimate screen-free activity that turns learning into playtime fun.

Illustrator: Dan Crisp

Dan Crisp lives in West Yorkshire, UK, with his wife Isabel and their children, Tom, Matilda and Caleb. As well as enjoying writing Dan is a professional illustrator and studied illustration in Sheffield and at The North East Wales Institute. He loves illustrating and enjoys karate, the outdoors, cycling and hiking.



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Ocean

The colourful sea creatures swim around the coral reef.

4

four

5

five

6

six



How many
stripy fish?

?

?



How many
seahorses?

?

?



How many
starfish?

?

?

Find the word and number magnets. Put them in the correct places.
Then, add the ocean creature magnets to the scene.



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Magnetic Play & Learn: First Words

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Author: Susie Linn | Illustrator: Dan Crisp

Learn first words with 70 durable picture and word magnets.

Hands-on matching fun that builds big vocabulary for ages 3+.

Boost matching, coordination, and learning with colourful, busy scenes.

Find, Match and Learn!

Get ready for playscene fun with this early learning magnetic book – the perfect interactive book for children aged 3+!

Inside, there are 70 magnets with essential first words to learn. The magnets feature both words and pictures, so children can match them to each colourful scene. From a beach to a city to a playpark, each scene will spark their imaginations and get them excited about learning.

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Pub date: 16 July 2026

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Dimensions: 240 x 206 mm

Age range: 3 to 5

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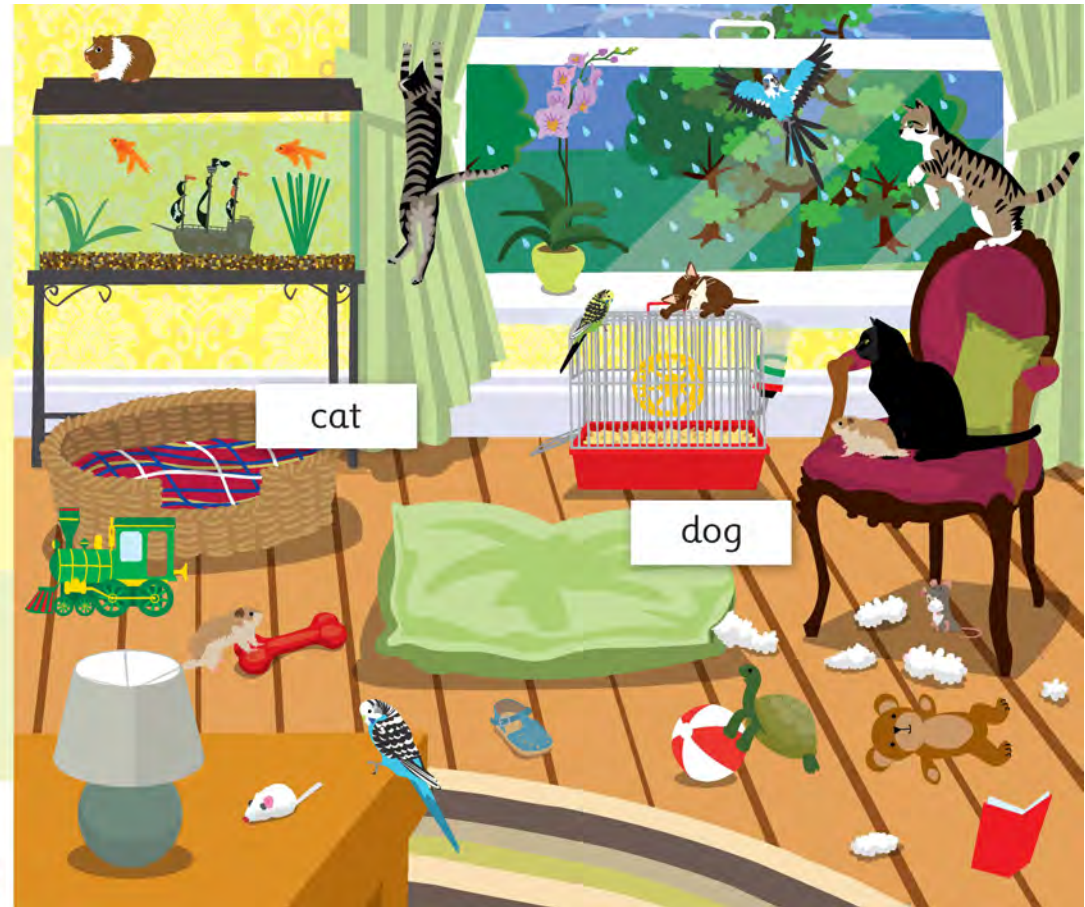
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Home

It's raining today. The pets are playing indoors.
What are they all doing to keep busy?

				
cat	shoe	rug	lamp	ball
				
teddy	dog	fish	train	
				
rain	book	mouse	bird	chair

Find the word and picture magnets. Put them in the correct places on the scene.



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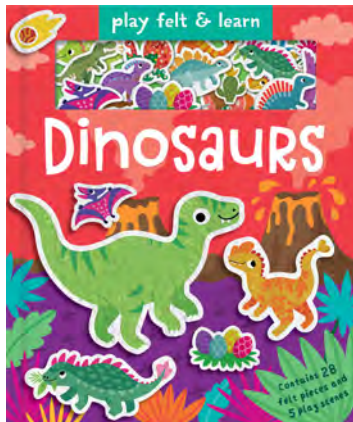


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Play Felt & Learn: Play Felt Dinosaurs

Creative play felt fun for busy little hands!

Author: Alice Barker | Illustrator: Ekaterina Beskova



ISBN: 978-1-83555-247-6

Pub date: 23 July 2026

Price: £8.99

Format: Full colour casebound board book

Cover finishes: Matt lamination

Additional Info: Soft felt play pieces stored in a vac form at the top of the book, 5 felt-covered pages

Extent: 10pp

Dimensions: 242 x 202 mm

BIC Code: YBGT3

CBMC Code: A5L79

Age range: 3 to 5

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Step into a prehistoric adventure!

Learn and play with five scenes and 28 soft felt pieces. With counting, shapes, colours and sounds to discover, you will have lots of first learning fun while bringing each dinosaur scene to life.

From a sparkling midnight waterfall to a mega-hot volcanic desert, every scene is packed with dino-mite fun! Match the felt pieces to their perfect spots and imagine the T. rex stomping through the jungle, the Triceratops grazing by the waterfall and a giant volcano exploding. Each page is filled with exciting descriptions to spark young imaginations and guide their storytelling.

With easy-to-use felt pieces that stick onto the pages, children can play again and again, creating new dinosaur stories every time. It's the perfect blend of hands-on fun and first matching skills, making it a great gift for young dinosaur fans.

Illustrator: Ekaterina Beskova

Ekaterina (Kate) is a Serbian illustrator and artist. She likes to draw cute patterns for children's fabrics and stationery.



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Can you find the pictures and place them on the noisy scene?



STOMP! STOMP!



SWISH! SWISH!



ROAR! ROAR!



CRACK! CRACK!

SNORE! SNORE!



MUNCH! MUNCH!



What else makes a sound in the picture?



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Play Felt & Learn: Play Felt Unicorns

Creative play felt fun for busy little hands!

Author: Alice Barker | Illustrator: Bethany Walker, Daisy Snow, Lexi Claus



ISBN: 978-1-83555-250-6

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Step into a sparkly world of unicorns!

Learn and play with five scenes and 28 soft felt pieces. With counting, shapes, colours and sounds to discover, you will have lots of first learning fun while bringing each unicorn scene to life.

From a midnight meadow to a twinkling castle, every scene is bursting with unicorn fun! Match the felt pieces to their perfect spots and imagine the unicorns galloping through the enchanted woods, having a unicorn picnic and eating magical treats. Each page is filled with fun, vibrant descriptions to spark young imaginations and guide their storytelling.

With easy-to-use felt pieces that stick onto the pages, children can play again and again, creating new stories every time. It's the perfect mix of hands-on fun and first matching skills, making it a wonderful gift for unicorn lovers.

Illustrator: Bethany Walker

Bethany graduated with a degree in Graphic Design and Illustration from the University of Suffolk. She has created her own characters and worlds ever since she could pick up a pencil! As well as illustration, Bethany loves animals, adventures and collecting too many house plants.



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What colourful felt pieces will you add to this picture?



A RED STRAWBERRY

A BLUE BUNNY

A UNICORN WITH
A PURPLE MANE

A GREEN BUTTERFLY

A PINK DOUGHNUT

A MULTICOLOURED
RAINBOW



How many strawberries can you count in the scene?



Boat Bath Book

Bath Book & Boat With Soft Scuba Fabric



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Ahoy, sailors! Sail into fun with this 3-in-1 bath set! Made from soft, quick-drying scuba fabric, this book and boat are perfect playtime companions in and out of the tub. The book fits perfectly on the boat. As a bonus, the cleverly designed foldable boat doubles as a hat.

Publication	JULY 2026
Price	£ 14.99
Format	Bath Book
Size	120 x 125 mm
Size box	155 x 200 x 55 mm
Extent	8 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	1+
Features	Boat and book in neoprene material

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Book and boat combo: fun gift for bath time!
- High quality: soft quick-drying scuba fabric.
- Multifunctional: The boat also folds into a hat!

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POTTY TIME • TIE MY SHOES TELL THE TIME • BRUSH MY TEETH

Meet Penny and Ben: this little sister and big brother want to do it all by themselves. They are ready to hit their next milestones! Discover how Penny learns to use the potty and brush her teeth. And follow Ben as he learns to tie his shoes or tell the time. The fun, vivid stories include an educative element and fun features so young readers will become little experts too, joining Penny and Ben in cheering 'Yes, I can!'

Publication	JULY 2026
Price	£ 7,99
Format	Board book
Size	210 x 230 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	2+
Features	toilet seat to fold, bamboo toothbrush, laces, clock with 2 hands

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A series about a little boy and girl, characters little ones can identify with.
- Stimulates and helps children in reaching milestones.
- Practising in a playful way boosts children's self-confidence.

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Penny and her big brother, Ben, are getting ready for bed all by themselves. 'I put on my pyjamas and Kitty's pyjamas too!' Penny tells Ben.

'Good!' says Ben. 'You are almost ready for bed. Now it is time to brush your teeth.'

After breakfast, Penny asks her brother, 'What time is it now?'

Ben looks at the clock. He knows that the short hand is the hour hand. The long hand is the minute hand.

'It's 9:00!' Ben tells Penny. 'That is two hours away from 11:00.'

Ben and Penny are going to ride their bikes to the playground. Penny wants to wear her new shoes, but they are missing laces.

'Ben, can you lace my shoes for me?' Her brother Ben is just learning to lace and tie shoes. 'I will try,' Ben promises.

One day, Penny sees her big brother, Ben, hanging up clothes to dry.

'What's that?' asks Penny. 'It's underwear, silly,' says Ben.

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Publication	JULY 2026
Price	£ 7.99
Format	Board Book
Size	170 x 170 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	Soft touch-and-feel elements

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A lovely, soft embroidered face on every cover.
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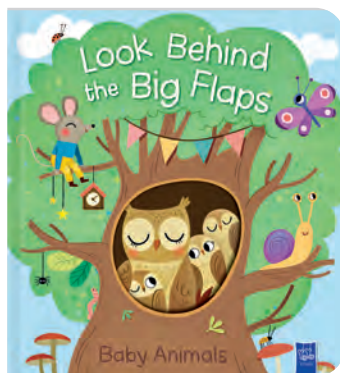
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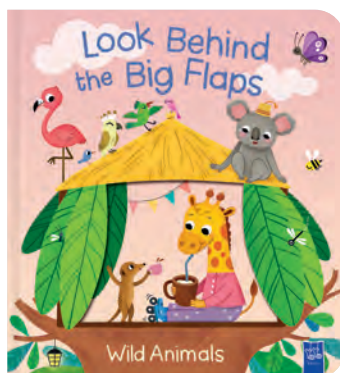
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Publication	JULY 2026
Price	£ 7.99
Format	Board Book
Size	210 x 230 mm
Extent	10 pages and 5 giant flaps
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	Giant flap with peekaboo holes

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Toddlers love to learning and explore.
- Giant, full-page flaps with special peekaboo holes.
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Small Stanley's Big List of Scary Stuff



Angie Morgan

A funny, reassuring story about how to deal with worries – perfect for sharing.

Small Stanley wants to be BRAVE and FEARLESS...but what about SPIDERS and DOGS and the DARK?

Stanley's list of SCARY things grows longer and longer, until one day a Wild Wind blows and - oh no! - Stanley's list gets blown away.!

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Author Information

Angie Morgan was born in Bristol and trained in Graphic Design at Goldsmiths College, London, in the early 1970's. Her previous picture books include *Daisy's Big Dig*, *Enormouse* and the *Shouty Arthur* series as well as the hilarious *Sedric* books that she wrote for older children. *Small Stanley's Big List of Scary Stuff* was her first book for Otter-Barry Books, showing her acute and sympathetic understanding of young children. Her colourful and humorous illustrations are made up of scanned drawings which she colours in using Photoshop.

Angie gets her inspiration from all sorts of unlikely places, but mostly from her five grandchildren who make her laugh most of the time. She lives in Bath with her husband and a fluctuating number of chickens.



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Stanley waited
and waited,
hoping the wind
might bring
his list
back.



But after
a while
he realised
that the wind
had forgotten

ALL

about him.

His list was

GONE!

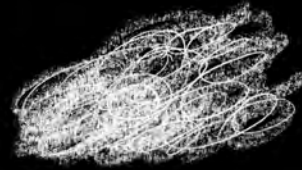
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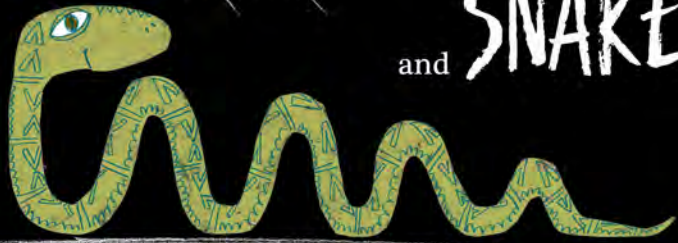


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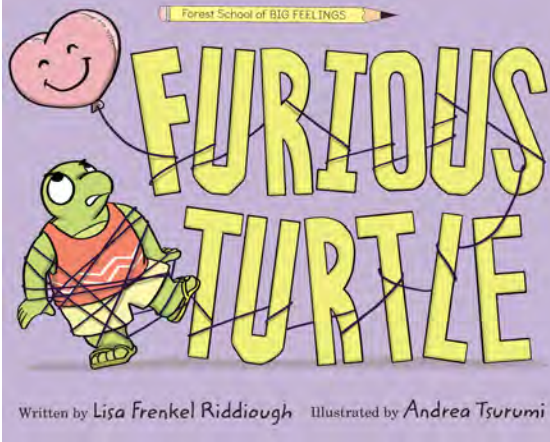
BEARS



(and he wasn't quite sure about SANTA either).

Furious Turtle

Lisa Frenkel Riddiough



When everything goes wrong for Turtle during the school carnival, he becomes shell-shakingly furious. How will he get through the rest of this obnoxious day? This second book in the Forest School of Big Feelings series from Lisa Frenkel Riddiough and Andrea Tsurumi offers a relatable look at tackling big feelings, losing with grace, and discovering your own calm in the face of chaos.

The carnival was just beginning.
 Turtle had grand plans for winning!
 He tried to hit the striker bell
 but accidentally whacked his shell.
 From arcade games to the beanbag toss,
 Turtle's fury grew with each upsetting loss.

What is Turtle to do when his fishing pole breaks, he isn't the winner of the drawing contest, his number isn't chosen during the prize walk, and the arcade machine won't accept his token?

He gets frustrated, flabbergasted, and, of course, furious! But with help from his teacher Ms. Bunny, Turtle learns how to transform his anger into peace.

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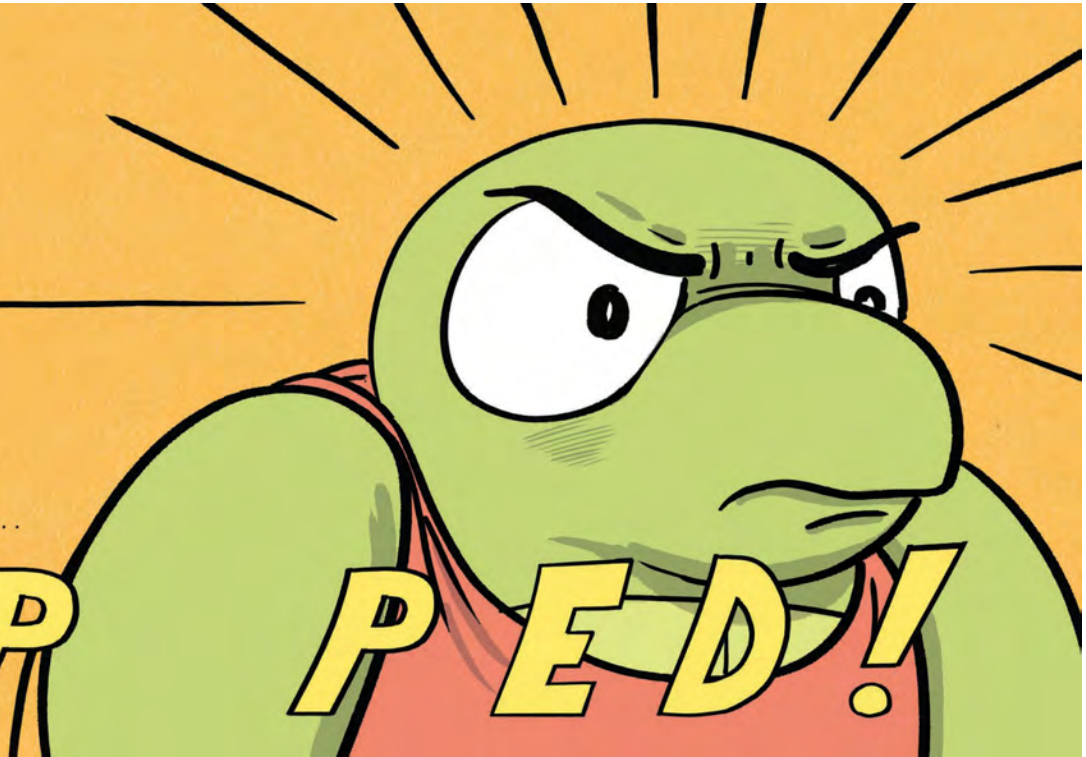
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Price	£14.99
Age	3-7 years
Extent	32
Publisher	Disney Hyperion

Look what I won!

Hedgehog yapped.

That's when Turtle finally ...

S N A R P E D !





Pub Date: 4th June 2026
 Price: £8.99
 Format: Paperback
 ISBN: 9781917894296
 Age Range: 5 - 8
 Subject: YBCS (Picture storybooks)
 CBMC Code: B3M79
 Extent: 40 pp
 Dimensions:

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THE BOOK

High above a mountain village, tucked away in the clouds, lies Qing Qing's indigo workshop.

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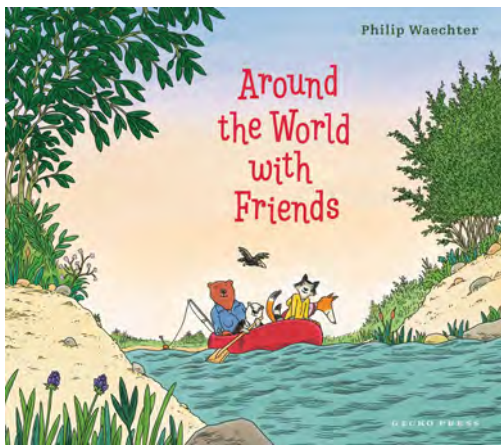
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As they work late into the night, they sing a special song in the moonlight.

The singing travels far into the distance, and the lyrics have been passed down from generation to generation.



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Around the World with Friends

Author and Illustrator **Philip Waechter**

An uplifting picture book with a read-aloud refrain that revels in carefree days outside with friends, making adventure from nothing, and coming home happy to feed the chickens

ABOUT THE BOOK

Raccoon finishes his book and is ready for his own adventure—he wants thrills, excitement, and to cross the ocean! He borrows everything he needs from his friends, who insist on coming along. They sail through rapids, collect sweet blackberries, chase away bees, and play soccer, until a little rain and thoughts of home bring their excursion to an end. That, thinks Raccoon, was the most thrilling magnificent adventure with friends I've ever had.

In this heartwarming follow-up to *A Perfect Wonderful Day with Friends*, Waechter shows how life is better when you bring along your friends and take what the day brings.

SALES POINTS

- A feel-good story of exploring outdoors in the company of friends
- Laconic narration and funny dialogue
- Repetition of language and structure makes a fun and satisfying read-aloud
- Makes a perfect pair with *A Perfect Wonderful Day with Friends*
- Waechter is a leading illustrator with a beautifully classic illustration style

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Philip Waechter is one of Germany's leading children's author/illustrators. He lives in Frankfurt, where he works as a graphic designer as part of the community studio LABOR.

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Size **265 x 235 mm landscape**

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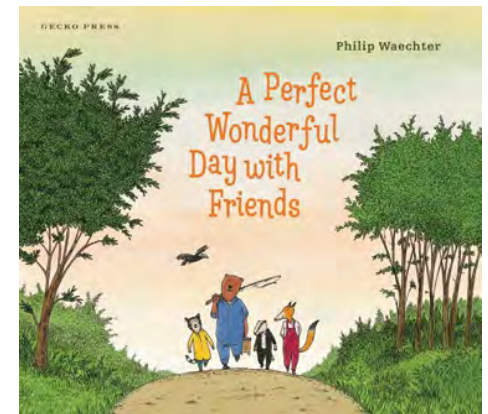
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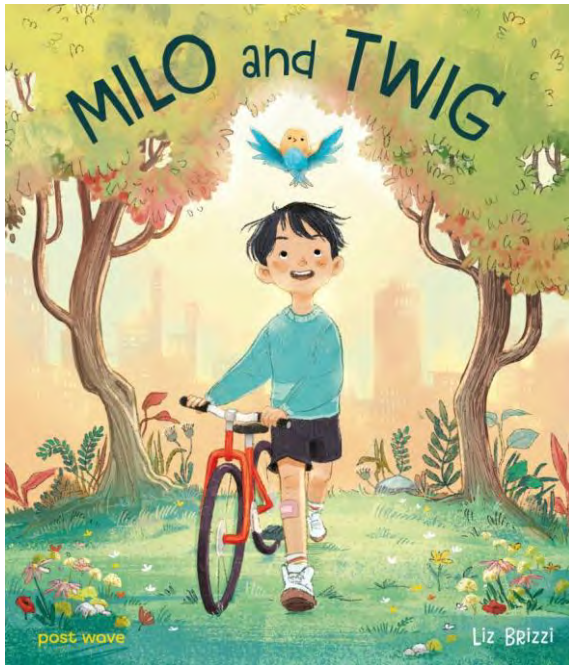
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"Help!" Fox yelps. "A venomous water snake!"
"Nonsense!" says Raccoon. "That's a grass snake—
they're the friendliest animals in the world!"
"Badgers are the friendliest, in fact," says Badger.

Shortly after, the boat is caught by rapids.
"Hold your course, don't paddle against the current!" Crow calls.





Milo and Twig

Liz Brizzi

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children's books



A beautiful and heartwarming story of a boy and a bird who have much in common but ultimately need freedom to be happy.

The day Twig falls out of his nest he meets a boy called Milo. Milo cares for Twig, building him a new nest in his home, tending to his broken wing and introducing him to his flock. Twig sings his appreciation to Milo as his wing heals, and they become the best of friends. But Twig is still a bird and soaring with Milo on his bike just isn't the same as spreading his wings in the air. He stops singing, leaving Milo with a hard decision about the last thing his best friend needs to heal.

Milo and Twig is a child-centred depiction of what it means when someone says, "If you love something, let it go."

Sales points:

- *Milo and Twig* demonstrates the importance of small good deeds and how, sometimes, the little moments come together to create a turning point in the lives of everyone involved
- A perfect book for parents and teachers to show kids how their actions can positively affect others
- A gorgeously illustrated debut book from author/illustrator Liz Brizzi
- *This Story is Not About a Kitten* meets *Ida*, *Always*, *Milo and Twig* is a gentle story about the joy of caring for others and the bonds that unite us for life – even if we're forced to be far apart

Liz Brizzi is the illustrator of *I'm A Little Bunny* (Little Simon, 2023) a forthcoming book from HarperChristian, and four Boxcar Children early readers. *Milo and Twig* is her author-illustrator debut.

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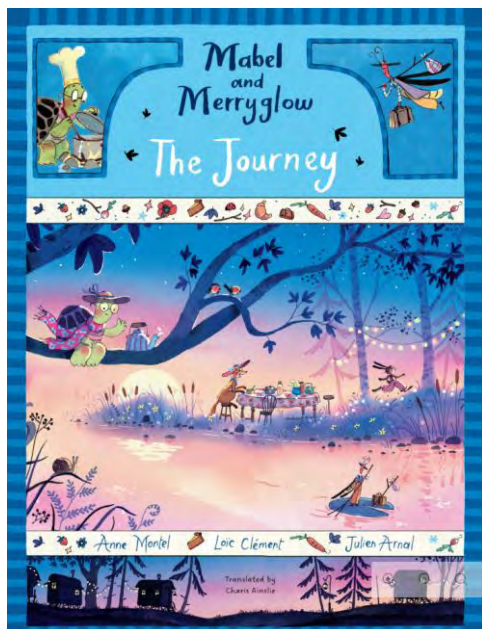
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The boy brought me into his nest.
He gave me water and food.
He wrapped me in a blanket.

He told me his name was Milo.





The Journey

Anne Montel and Loïc Clément, Julien Arnal

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When Merryglow the firefly sets off on his travels, Mabel the tortoise must learn – through the help of two unexpected friends – that even in the darkest times, friendship can help her shine. The second book in the Mabel and Merryglow series.

Mabel and Merryglow are the best of friends, their days are filled with her laughter, and the nights shine with his light, but Merryglow has always been a wanderer at heart, and the time has come for his next adventure. With Mabel's only friend gone, she returns to old habits, spending her days sulking. But when Mabel crosses paths with two unexpected new friends, Pip, a spirited little bunny, and Cara, a kindhearted fox with a taste for vegetables, her days are once more filled with the laughter of friends!

The outcasts learn to love themselves despite their differences, and teach Mabel to find comfort in their company with Merryglow gone. When Merryglow returns, will he recognise the once morose and miserable tortoise he called a friend? This joyful story explores the importance of loving yourself and your differences, and to stand on your own two feet even when you feel afraid.

Sales points:

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

Anne Montel and **Loïc Clement** both living in France have come together to write the Mabel and Merryglow series of books.

Julien Arnal is an illustrator and 2D animator, who spent his childhood exploring the natural expanses and isolated corners of born in the landscapes of the Central massif.



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Meanwhile, despite being sad to leave his friend, Merryglow was full of excitement.



He drank in every leaf and tree and flower on his journey.



Sometimes, beautiful rays of sunshine pierced the grey clouds and reached down to touch the horizon ahead of him.



It was as if the friendly beams of light were showing him the way.



Then, wisps of lively music tickled his ears. He had to find who was creating such wonderful melodies!



Following the notes, Merryglow found himself in a fairground paradise.



And, being a great musician himself, he fitted right in.



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BECAUSE EVERYONE BELONGS CENTRE STAGE!

TRUE FRIENDSHIPS FORM WITHIN A DYNAMICALLY DIVERSE DANCE TROOP, AS YOUNG READERS LEARN THAT DANCING TO YOUR OWN BEAT IS THE ULTIMATE SHOWSTOPPER!!

When excited animals line up to audition for a new show, the swan ballerinas are a little too quick to judge their abilities. This fun story celebrates the richness of diversity and champions those that might get picked last with their strengths often unseen, but who have lots of heart and talent to boot!

Get ready to laugh, cheer and maybe even dance along with this colourful cast of characters that shows, no matter who you are, you deserve to shine!

Sensitivity readers and guest editors from Inclusive Minds were invited to contribute and shape this playful text which featured a loveable bunch of animal characters with varying abilities, body shapes and levels of confidence, who all try their best to dance with unbridled joy and excitement. The overarching message of the book is that perfection isn't everything, in this heartwarming story that celebrates the underdog and the joy of being true to yourself.

THEMES: Dance - Differing Abilities - Teamwork - Perfectionism - Confidence



- Written by Welsh author, Samuel Langley-Swain, author of 'What Wesley Wore', 'Where Bjorn Belongs' and 'Storm in a Jar'.



- Illustrated by Emily Knight, a debut talent based in Norwich, UK, with playful flair for 'naive' mixed-media.



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Then crowds begin cheering,
the swans are so shocked.
They're invited to join
all the dancers they mocked.

And the new golden rule?
EVERY creature is cool!

They'll always remember
their performance that

ROCKED!





George and Lenny Are Always Together

by Jon Agee



This rabbit and bear are inseparable best friends - until now, that is! An irresistible, funny read for all ages.

George and Lenny are always together. And it's terrific. They are never alone! So what happens when one of them decides it's time to try some alone time? Is there a way for them to be alone together?

Key Selling Points

- Wanting to be alone sometimes and together sometimes is a universal and relatable subject
- Also appeals to adults – an adult to adult gift (weddings, anniversaries, Valentines)
- Empowers children to be brave enough to break away and do their own thing
- Wonderful bold and expressive pictures
- Jon has been shortlisted for the Children's Book Award, Long listed 3 times for the UKLA Award, and nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Illustration

'The deadpan humour and simple but, oh-so-expressive illustrations with their bold, black outlines, mark this out as **another John Agee classic.**' **Love Reading**

'A sensitive and funny story about two best friends...It resolves the dilemma with utter joy and, as ever, the expressions convey a world of emotion.' **Daily Mail**

Sales and Marketing

- **Long listed for the 2026 Carnegie Medal for Illustration**
- Author is an award winning an internationally renowned picture book creator (sales exceed 2 million copies) with 11 titles published by Scallywag
- Free teaching notes on publisher website
- Jon is featured in Books for Keeps, Book Trust, Love Reading and Reading Zone



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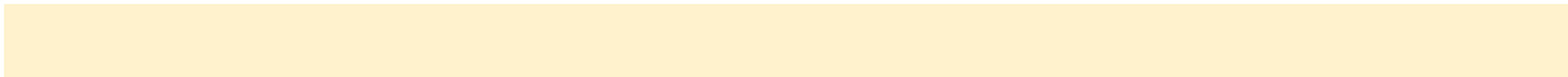
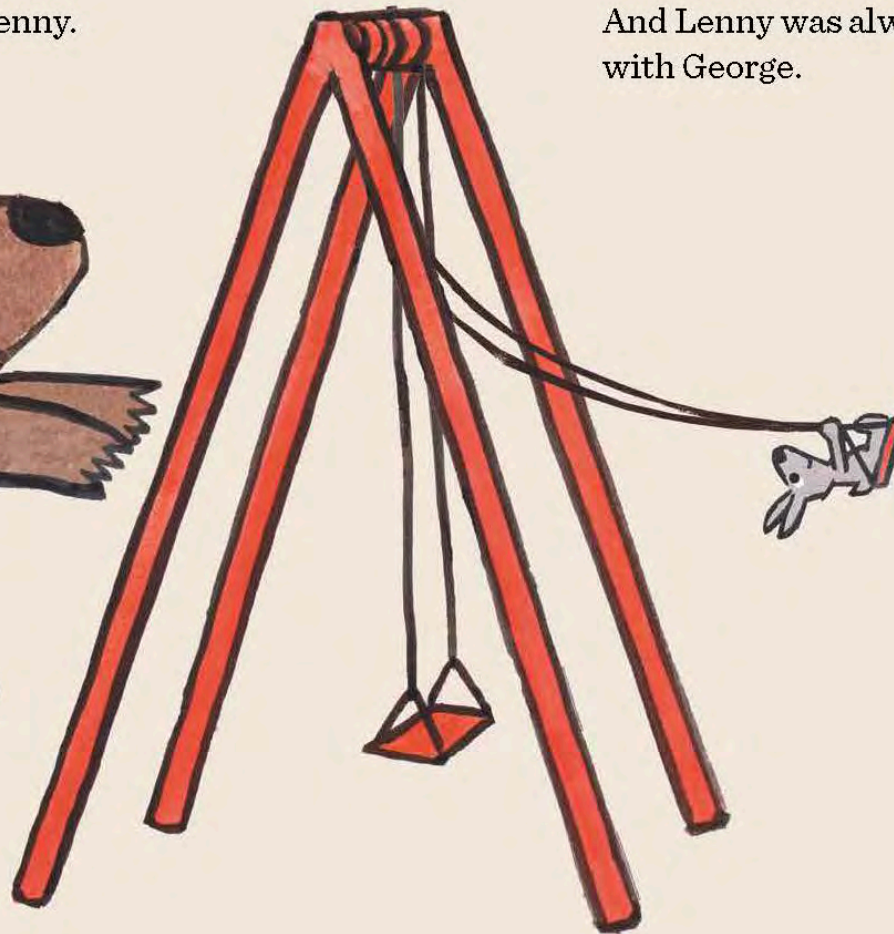
Jon Agee attended The Cooper Union School of Art in New York City. A full-time author, he lives with his wife in San Francisco. Jon is the author/illustrator of many acclaimed books for children, which between them have won an Irma Black Honor, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, New York Times Ten Best Illustrated Books, ALA Notable Book, and much more.

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George was always with Lenny.



And Lenny was always with George.





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DESCRIPTION

Jack has been tricked into swapping his favourite cow for a handful of beans, and here comes Cleo to save the day! ZIP and BOOM and FLASH and KAZAM!

Even Cleo has met her match in the cruel giant at the top of the beanstalk. Luckily she's brilliant at coming up with clever plans! But can Cleo help Jack grab the golden-egg-laying chicken, harp and coins without getting caught, and be home in time for her bedtime story?

A warm and funny series perfect for emerging readers - Cleo falls into a different fairytale each bedtime and causes absolute chaos!

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Myles McLeod (Author)

Myles McLeod has written over ninety commissioned scripts for TV and his writing credits include: series writer

for *Becca's Bunch* (Jam Media), *Hey Duggee* (StudioAKA), *Clangers* (Smallfilms), *Octonauts* (Chorion) and *Best Bugs Forever* (Disney). Myles also develops and produces original concepts for The Brothers McLeod, including the brilliant *Knight Sir Louis* book series for *Guppy*. Myles is a children's

poet published in *Caterpillar* magazine and by the Emma Press.

Evgenia Golubeva (Author)

Evgenia Golubeva is an award-winning animation director and screenwriter and her clients include Disney, Nick Jr, Simon & Schuster and Studio AKA. Evgenia also develops her own IP for children's TV and books. Her picture book *I'm Not a Mouse* was published in 2020 by Child's Play International and was nominated in 2022 for the Laugh Out Loud (the Lollies) award for the funniest children's book. Evgenia has lived in many countries and worked across different cultures which helps her create stories that can be understood all over the globe. She is fascinated by folklore, pine cones and ghosts.



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‘Perfect for newly emerging readers...visually appealing, inclusive, highly entertaining’ *Views from the Bookshelves blog*

‘A brilliant new series for younger readers’ *Waterstones blog Best Books to Look out for in February*

‘Eye-catching illustrations featuring a diverse cast and positive themes around empathy, patience, understanding and friendship... essential books for KS1 children’ *Checkmeout book blog*

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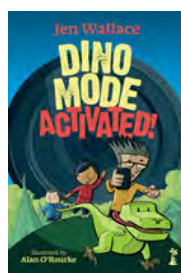
Project Dinosaur: Top Secret!

by Jen Wallace, illustrated by Alan O'Rourke

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Award-winning author Jen Wallace returns with another hilarious dinosaur adventure - with positive representation of neurodivergent characters and fun black-and-white illustrations in every chapter.

Daria has a top-secret problem: she's been hiding real, live dinosaurs in her bedroom!

But when the dinos start multiplying, her room turns into a full-blown dino disaster zone. Things get even worse when her grandmother accidentally leaves the window open... and the dinosaurs escape into the world outside!

Now, with the help of her friends Oleg and Rory, Daria must race against time to launch Operation: Hide the Dinosaurs. Can they round up the runaway reptiles before anyone discovers their roar-some secret?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- 5,000 copies sold in the series so far
- Dyslexic-friendly font and typesetting developed with Dyslexia Ireland
- *Dinosaur Pie* won the Great Reads Award and featured in the US Children's Book Council's Building a Home Library list
- Positive representation of neurodiversity - autism, ADHD and dyslexia

Laugh-out-loud dinosaur adventures to collect and enjoy

Jen Wallace writes stories and poetry, for both children and grown ups. She loves to write neurodivergent characters so people like her can see themselves in books. She lives by the sea with her family and their cats, goats, chickens and rabbit. Jen has wanted to be a writer since she was very small, although she also wanted to be a superhero, a firefighter and the President of Ireland.

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Middle Grade

Royalslinger

Graci Kim

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Graci Kim is back with the final book in her exciting and fantastical Slinger duology where dragons and phoenixes roam the skies of Seoul; meals magically appear based on your mood; and dreams literally come to life.

After successfully passing the Annual Royal Slinger Trials, Aria is about to kick off her second year of training at the Royal League of Dreamslingers. All she and her bloom dragon, Rio, have to do is pass the final Fellowship exam and they'll finally become fully-fledged Fellows.

But before training can begin, the king of Royal Hanguk cancels the exam, and instead commands Aria and the other novices to reclaim the Touch of Death—a powerful ancient relic that was stolen from the kingdom. And by Aria's mother, no less.

If that wasn't bad enough, Aria experiences a devastating loss and considers going to horrific lengths to cope . . . even potentially joining the freedom slingers—a rogue and dangerous faction of dreamslingers. How will Aria choose to deal with her grief? And will her decisions result in the end of the League?

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR: Graci's debut trilogy from Rick Riordan Presents, The Gifted Clans series, was an Indie and New York Times best-seller; a Barnes and Noble Young Reader Pick; and garnered numerous awards and starred reviews

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Circling the Stars

Laura Sheldon

- Enchanting short verse novel for middle-grade readers.
- Explores themes of parental separation, accepting change and the power of friendship.
- Highlights the wonder and joy to be had from our natural world and how to protect it.

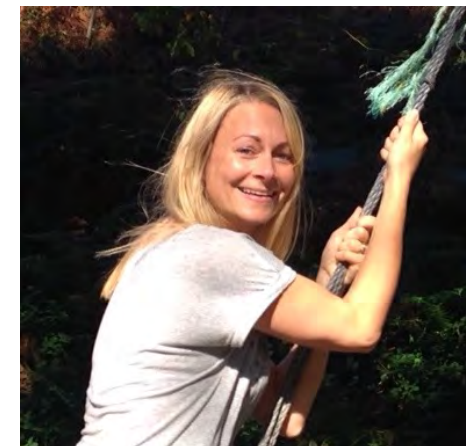
Summary:

Dad has moved out and Ani is struggling to accept his absence at home. But her neighbour Nando and his secret nocturnal trips provide a welcome distraction.

When Ani follows Nando in the dead of night, she doesn't expect to come face to face with the wild fox he has befriended. During each visit they learn a little more about the fox and each other.

But when they discover the fox's home is under threat and she is due to have cubs, Ani and Nando feel powerless to help her. And when she goes missing they fear the worst...

Can Ani and Nando save the fox and her cubs before it's too late?



Laura Sheldon is a teacher at a primary school in Sully where there is a writers' shed overlooking the sea. Her first book, *Mr Mahli's Shed* was published by Firefly Press in 2014. Laura lives with her family in Llantwit Major.

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middle grade fiction

The Color of Sound



Twelve-year-old Rosie is a musical prodigy whose synesthesia allows her to see music in colors. Her mom has always pushed her to become a concert violinist, but this summer Rosie refuses to play, wanting a “normal” life. Forced to spend the summer with her grandparents, Rosie is excited to meet another girl her age hanging out on their property. The girl is familiar, and Rosie quickly pieces it together: somehow, this girl is her mother, when her mother was twelve.

With help from this glitch in time—plus her grandparents, an improv group, and a new instrument—Rosie comes to understand her mother, herself, and her love of music in new ways.

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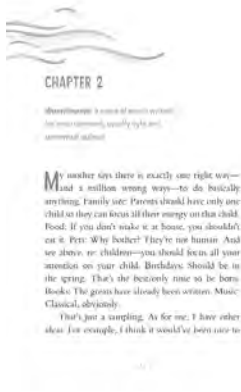
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have a sibling. But since Mom's only sibling, Aunt Lily, has lived in Europe since Mom was in high school, and Dad is an only child, I guess they didn't really see the value. I would've liked to have a little sibling. It would've taken some of the pressure off me.

"Children should play outside" is another one of those pronouncements Mom likes to make, her words like the trumpet solo in the middle of Mahler's Symphony no. 5. Usually it makes me laugh, because I've rarely played outside. I have violin lessons or rehearsals or concerts practically every moment of the day, and also I'm twelve now, which is past the prime age for that sort of thing.

But as we're eating lunch on our first day in Hawdewell, Connecticut, Mom advises me to spend the afternoon outdoors. And what's my alternative? I've skipped out on camp. I'm not playing the violin, I'm self-conscious around Grandpa Jack after my accident earlier today, and the last thing I want to do is spend time with Mom.

Lunch is cold but awkward. Timmy, the housekeeper who helps out a few times a week, keeps the fridge stocked, so Grandpa and Mom and I make sandwiches out of cold cuts and other prepared food.

SELLING POINTS

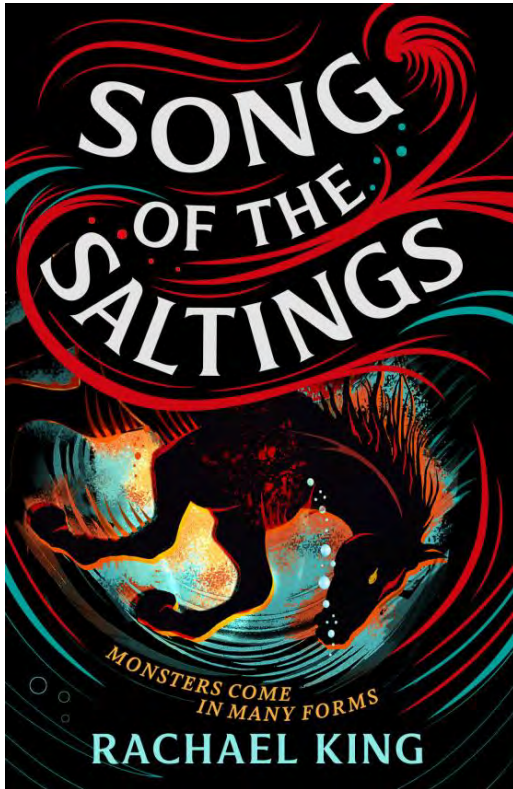
- A rare depiction of synesthesia (in which the brain associates one sense with another, such as perceiving sound as having colors), a condition that the author also has
- Author drew on her own history as a child performer (in her case, an actor) to inform Rosie’s experience as a musician
- A unique spin on a time-travel story, with a focus on intergenerational trauma and connection

AUTHOR BIO

Emily Barth Isler is an essay and children’s book author. Her middle grade novel, *AfterMath*, won the Mathical Book Prize in 2022. She lives in Los Angeles, California, with her husband and their two kids.



July 2026
Young Adult



Song of the Saltings



Rachael King

DESCRIPTION

On the isolated island of Brack, the people live by an ancient bargain: every year, a sacrifice must be made to the Glimm, the creature that haunts the salt marshes. Once, it demanded children. Eight years ago, it should have taken Lotta. Instead, the monster spared her and claimed her pony, shattering tradition and anointing her both folk hero and object of suspicion.

Now sixteen, Lotta tends the Council's sacrificial horses, keeping her distance from the islanders who whisper about her fate. But something is stirring. The island hums beneath her feet, and a song threads through her dreams. Is the Glimm calling Lotta back?

When she crosses paths with Moss—a boy once hidden from sacrifice—a daring bog rescue sparks a chain of events that forces them both to question the Council's rule and the lore that binds their people. As crops and animals are blighted and uncanny weather plagues the community, Lotta and Moss must decide whether to obey the Council or risk everything to uncover the island's deepest secrets. Because on Brack, monsters come in many forms.

An atmospheric YA folk-horror fantasy about Lotta who must defy tradition to save her beloved island from the monstrous forces that are tearing it apart.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Rachael King is a writer, reviewer, former literary festival director and ex-bass player living in New Zealand. Her novels for children include *The Grimmelings*, which has won several awards and is published internationally, and *Secrets at Red Rocks*, which won the Esther Glen Medal in 2013 (as *Red Rocks*) and has been adapted for a television series on BUYtv in the US in 2025. *Song of the Saltings* (May 2026) is her first novel for young adults. All three novels reflect her love for, and obsession with, Scottish folklore – the weirder the better. Rachael's adult novels, *The Sound of Butterflies* and *Magpie Hall* have together been translated onto nine languages. She holds a Masters in Creative Writing from Victoria University in Wellington.



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THE AUTHOR

Rachael Fernandes is a British-Indian twenty-something writer; born, raised and living in San Francisco.

Rachael started her career at Penguin Random House, and has since worked in marketing for major national and international brands. She wears many hats; having a first-class degree in Maths and Chemistry, a diploma in Art and was selected onto the Curtis Brown Children's and YA Writing course, where she developed THE MERCURY IN ME.

You can also find her occasionally on stage, performing regularly in an improv group.

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They Sent a Cat to Saturn

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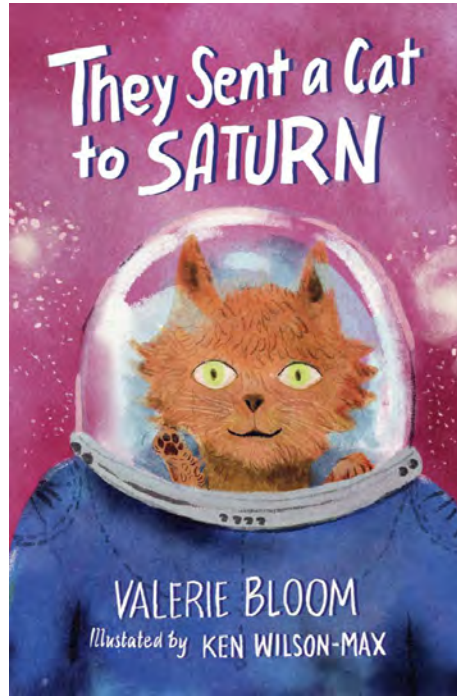
This book by a much-loved poet will be treasured and read again and again, at home and at school.

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- Poems brim with humour and empathy

Author Information

Valerie Bloom is one of the most highly regarded poets writing today and is a highly popular visiting poet in schools. She also runs writing workshops and conducts training courses for teachers worldwide. Born in Jamaica, she was awarded an MBE in the 2008 New Year Honours List. She lives in Kent, England.

Ken Wilson-Max was born in Zimbabwe and is an internationally renowned children's book illustrator, author and designer and co-director of publishing house Alanna Max. He is the illustrator of *Stars With Flaming Tails* and author/illustrator of *Astro Girl*, winner of the 2020 STEAM award, *Aqua Boy*, *Eco Girl*, and *The Big Green*. Ken lives in London.



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ISBN	978-1-916851-71-9	Illustrations	Full colour
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Price	£12.99 (no VAT)	Illustrator	Vicky Barker
Age	5 years and up	Market	Worldwide
Extent	38 pages	THEMA	YNNJ

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Author: Susan Martineau is an award-winning author, editor and first-class fact finder who writes creative and educational books for children. Fascinated by strange and weird information, Susan's books always shine a light into the most unusual corners of the world around us. Susan lives in Berkshire.

Illustrator: Vicky Barker is b small publishing's creative director and a Blue Peter Book Award winning illustrator. Vicky Barker graduated from Liverpool John Moores University and has designed and illustrated for publishers such as Usborne, Egmont and Catnip. Vicky lives in West Sussex.

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A world of cats!

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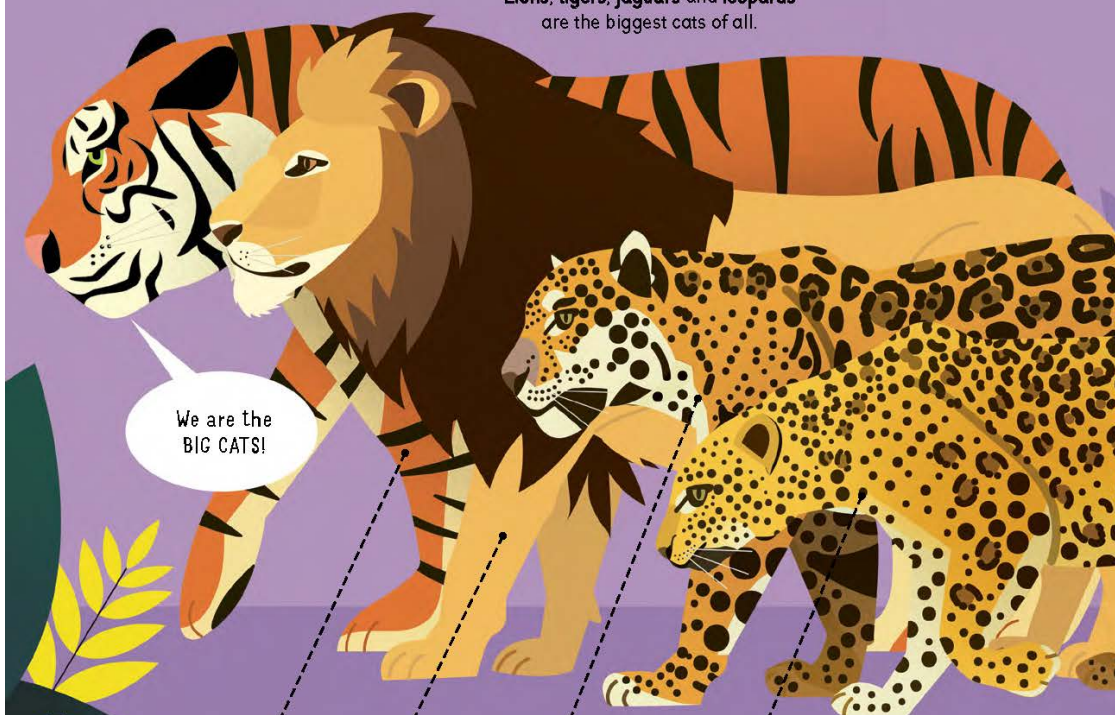
Wild cats live on all the continents of the world apart from Australia and Antarctica.



There are about **40 species**, or types, of cat.

They can survive in all kinds of **habitat**, from rainforests and grasslands to deserts and mountains.

Lions, tigers, jaguars and leopards are the biggest cats of all.



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Tiger

Lion

Jaguar

Leopard



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Cubs and kittens

All cats give birth to live kittens or cubs.
Mother cats also make milk to feed their little ones.

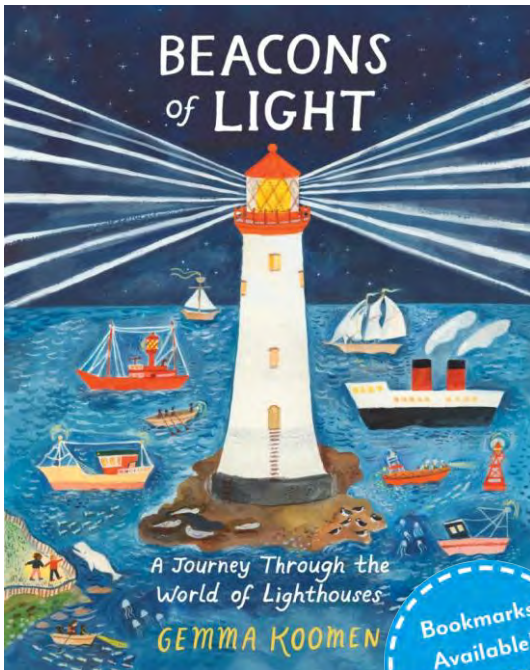
A group of baby cats born from the same mother on the same day is called a **litter**.

Kittens take about 65 days to grow inside their mother before they are born.

They all have blue eyes which usually change colour as they get older depending on the **breed**.

At first, they are blind and deaf. They huddle together to keep warm.

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Beacons of Light

Gemma Koomen



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This narrative non-fiction book explores the history, technology, and human stories behind lighthouses, these enduring beacons guiding ships through time.

Long ago, beneath a starlit sky, travellers braved the wild waves. Lost and lonely, they yearned for a way home. Then, a flicker in the distance! A lighthouse, a beacon of hope, pierced the darkness and guided them to safety.

Beacons of Light takes young readers on a captivating adventure, exploring the history and wonder of these majestic beacons. From the first flickering fires to the powerful lamps of today, discover the ingenious ways humans have tamed the sea and brought light to the darkness.

Sales points:

- A perfect bedtime story or read-aloud for children ages 4-8, fostering a love for history, adventure, and the power of human ingenuity
- Showcases the incredible variety of lighthouses around the world and shows lighthouses in diverse locations – from places of worship to bustling cities and remote islands
- Provides historical and technical details about lighthouses in a simple and engaging way
- Stand out visuals from a brilliant and emerging illustration talent

Gemma Koomen lives in Northumberland, UK, with her husband and two young daughters. Her love of painting and drawing began as a child when she spent her days in an imaginary world created with crayons and pencils. She went on to receive her BFA from Glasgow School of Art. Today, she spends her days making art in her little studio which, on clear days, looks over wide moors, forests and hills. Her first picture book *The Tree Keepers* was published by Quarto and a Sunday Times Children's Book to Watch Out for.

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A painting of a lighthouse at night. The lighthouse is white with a red band and a lantern room at the top. It is situated on a rocky island with a small white building next to it. The sea is dark blue with white-capped waves. The sky is dark blue with stars. Beams of light from the lighthouse sweep across the sea and sky, creating a sense of motion and depth. The overall style is painterly and atmospheric.

Now, in many lighthouses, the lamp has a powerful, far-reaching beam, pulsing from within. As it sweeps across the horizon – almost like the rhythm of a beating heart – this illusion is created by the rotating mechanism inside.

Portland Bill lighthouse in the UK has had four different types of lamps over the last 100 years. Today, the lighthouse uses an energy-efficient LED lamp that flashes four times every 20 seconds.

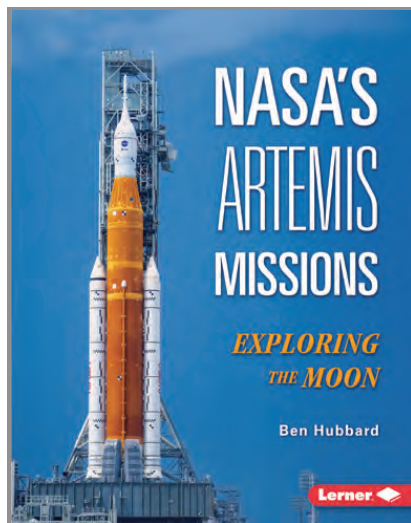
Each lighthouse has its own pattern of flashes. By knowing these patterns, sailors could tell exactly which lighthouse they were seeing, even in foggy weather.



Some lighthouses are found in the busiest and most bustling of places.

Yokohama Marine Tower in Japan was once one of the tallest lighthouses in the world. It stopped guiding ships in 2008, but today it shines in a new way by putting on colourful light shows!

NASA's Artemis Missions: Exploring the Moon



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48 Pages

Reading Level: Grade 5

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Paperback: £9.99

NASA's Artemis missions aim to put people on the Moon again.

Humans have not been to the Moon since the US government canceled its Apollo program in 1972. After President Barack Obama announced funding for NASA to create a new space program, NASA revealed Artemis. Artemis's primary aim was ambitious but simple: Fly humans to the Moon so they could learn to live on another world.

Throughout six initial Artemis missions, NASA aims to land astronauts and equipment on the Moon and bring modules into the Moon's low orbit. The missions will also train astronauts to live on Mars. NASA can't achieve these ambitious goals alone, though. They are partnering with companies such as SpaceX and Blue Origin to build rockets and lunar vehicles. Explore the history of the Artemis missions, including the successes and failures required to land humans on the Moon and beyond.

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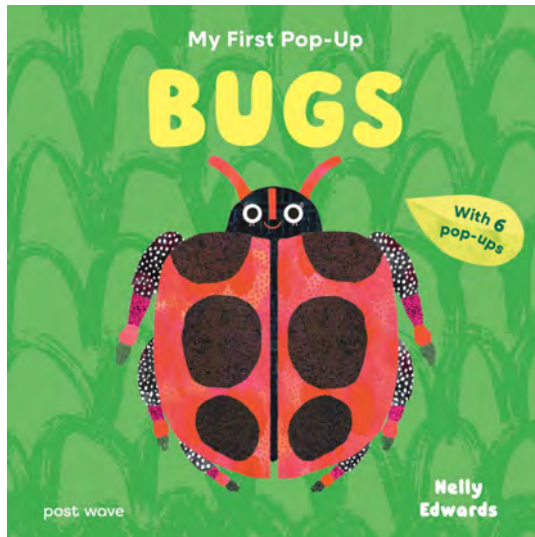


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Bugs

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Extent: 12pp

Dimensions: 180 x 180 mm

Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

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

Simple yet captivating, each page introduces favourite creatures through six brightly-coloured pops. The bugs almost leap from the page with the sturdy, multi-layered pop-ups, and the small format make this ideal for little hands. From debut illustrator, Nelly Edwards, the bright, collage style will captivate young readers.

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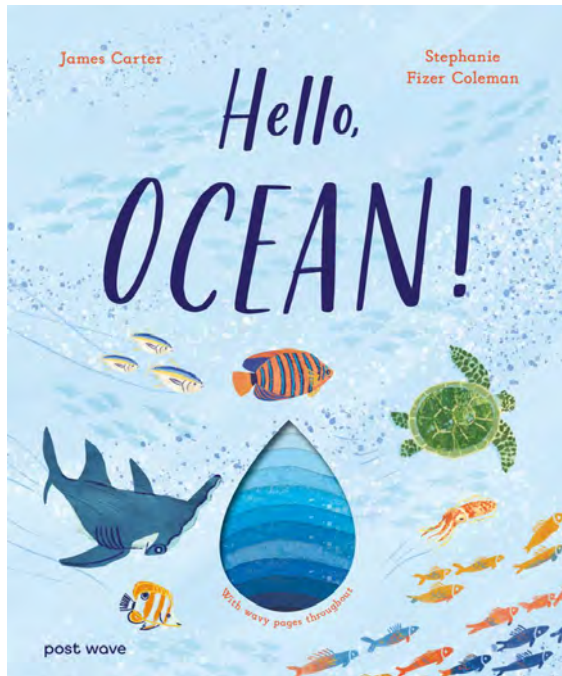
- Sturdy pop-ups and small format, great for little hands
- Includes six, multi-layered pop-ups of favourite insects, from butterflies to ladybirds
Vibrant, stylish artwork by debut illustrator, Nelly Edwards
- The perfect first pop-up series
- Perfect for fans of Ingela Arrhenius pop-up books

Nelly Edwards is an illustrator based in the countryside just outside of Newbury, West Berkshire. Nelly had always dreamt of being an illustrator when she was a child. Now more than 40 years' later, she's able to live that dream! Each newly printed piece of paper provides her imagination the opportunity to run wild and go on exciting adventures.

There you are butterfly,



dancing in the sun.



Pub Date: 23/07/2026

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836271031

Extent: 40pp

Dimensions: 260 x 215 mm

Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

Hello, Ocean

James Carter

Illustrated by Steph Fizer Coleman

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A stunning first ocean book told in gentle rhyme, with beautiful die-cuts throughout. Journey from rocky shores to shimmering depths, and meet the creatures who call them home.

Spark wonder with this gorgeous collection of rhyming poems that introduce the wonders of the ocean. Meet shimmering sea creatures, explore hidden treasures and uncover the magic beneath the waves, while also learning about the ocean's importance and why we need to take care of it.

Sales points:

- A nature-themed book that is sure to get little ones excited about our world
- Beautiful artwork and gorgeous non-fiction poems make this the ideal gift book
- Stunning die-cut novelty
- Includes non-fiction back matter
- The first title in a brand new non-fiction series

Steph Fizer Coleman is an illustrator and designer from West Virginia, known for her rich textures, playful shapes, and love of nature. She has illustrated dozens of children's books and enjoys creating art that sparks curiosity and joy in young readers.

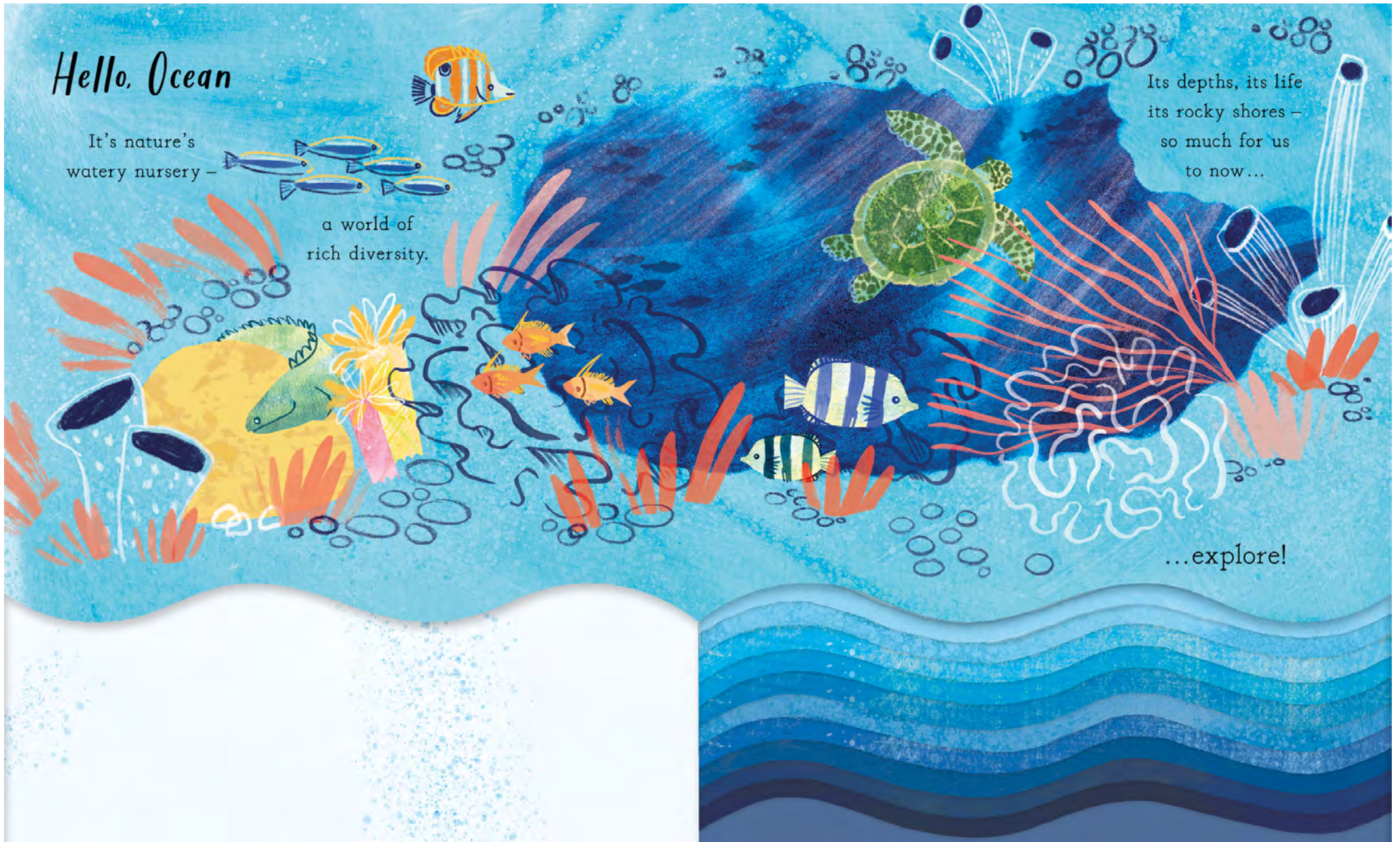
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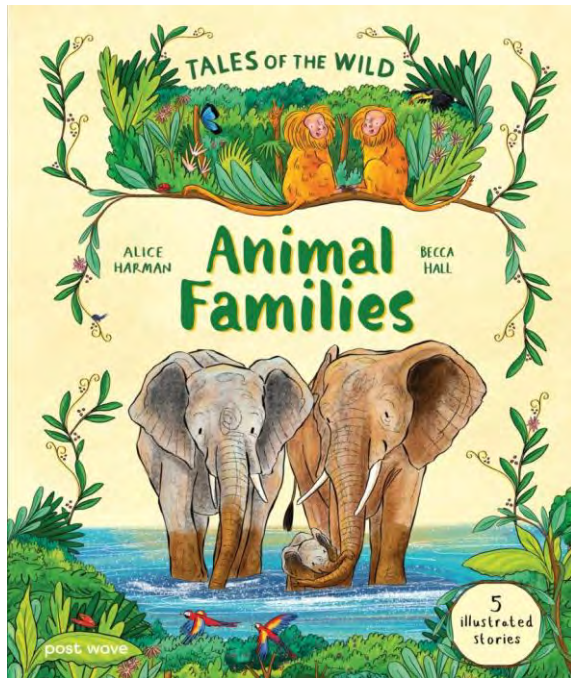
It's nature's
watery nursery -

a world of
rich diversity.

Its depths, its life
its rocky shores -
so much for us
to now...

...explore!





Animal Families

Alice Harman, Becca Hall

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Swim with otters, dance with flamingos and forage with foxes in this sweet collection of five animal stories, told as first comic books, perfect for reluctant readers with bitesize text.

In the suburbs, a red fox encourages his cubs to take their first steps towards independence. In Botswana, an elephant matriarch must trust the youngest herd member to find water.

This charming collection of five beautifully illustrated stories celebrates the incredible bonds between animal families as they navigate the challenges of survival in the wild. With themes of conservation, climate change and rewilding woven throughout, each tale is as educational as it is heartwarming.

Alice Harman's warm storytelling pairs perfectly with Becca Hall's adorable illustrations, making this mix of a comic book and picture book a delight for young readers.



Sales points:

- The first in a series of narrative non-fiction books about the lives of animals for young children
- Learn all about 5 unique animal families from around the world
- With charming text and eye-catching illustrations, these are the perfect books for young nature enthusiasts
- Bridging the gap between picture books and middle-grade novels, this engaging series is the ideal stepping stone for early and reluctant readers
- After every story, a non-fiction page provides bite-sized facts, helping children discover more about animal families through both engaging tales and easy-to-digest information

Alice Harman is an award-nominated author, editor and coach from Derby. She has published over 50 children's books and been translated into 15 languages. Her work has been recognised by the UKLA and Blue Peter Book Awards and featured in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

Becca Hall is a freelance illustrator from the Lake District. She graduated from Manchester School of Art in 2014 with First Class Honours and an Alumni award for illustration. She has illustrated many books including *Meet the Bears* and *Meet the Cats* with Welbeck, and *Poppy Goes Wild*.

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The Elephants' Search

It had been two long, dusty days since Keeya and her family had seen a single drop of water.

Botswana, Southern Africa

Nanaaaaa,
I'm so thiiiiirsty!

See that big baobab tree? There's a watering hole just past there.

That's what she said yesterday...

Keeya! Nana will find water - she always has.

Another hot hour passed, and Keeya was struggling to keep up.

Cheer up, Keeya!
Look...

Grass shower!

Hey!

I wish we could have a real shower.

Me too.



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Format: Hardback

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Extent: 48 pages

Dimensions: 236 x 170 mm

Interest Age: 5 - 7 years

A Guide to Plants for Little Witchlings

Jennifer Lane, Adelina Lirius

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Discover 15 magical plants and their hidden meanings, and find out how you can become a real-life little witchling in this magical non-fiction guide.

Magic could be hiding under any leaf... Behind any tree.... Next to any tiny pebble. Witchlings always know just where to look. Every plant and flower has a special superpower, and psst... The Little Witch's Guide to Plants is here to tell you all their secrets. Did you know that every plant has a special superpower? A lavender can bring you deep sleep and honeysuckle can bring you good luck – all you have to do is ask the plants nicely and work with them to cast a spell.

This beautifully illustrated book shares 15 common plants from the garden that are essential for little witchlings-to-be. Discover fascinating flower facts and fun folklore before learning to cast spells and make petal potions in this magic guide book.

Sales points:

- Introduces children to the magical properties and folklore of common garden plants
- Combines fascinating plant facts with fun, child-friendly spells and potions to try at home
- Encourages a love of nature, creativity and imaginative play
- Features beautiful, whimsical illustrations that bring the plants and their magic to life
- A perfect gift for budding nature lovers

Jennifer Lane is an award-winning children's author and practising witch since the age of 12. She has written for CBeebies, Vogue and The Guardian. Author of *The Wheel and The Witch's Survival Guide*, she continues to create magical non-fiction alongside acclaimed children's and YA fiction.

Adelina Lirius is an illustrator from Stockholm currently living in Mallorca. Her work includes the picture book adaptation of *The Secret Garden*, *The Fort* by Laura Perdeu, *Rivka's Presents* by Laurie Wallmark, and *I, Too, Am Mozart* by Audrey Ades, which received a starred review from School Library Journal.

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is full of wonderful things to explore in nature! You will learn all about wildflowers – how to recognise them, pick them and even eat some. But before you begin, here are some important rules to keep you safe:

LOOK, BUT DON'T TOUCH (UNLESS YOU'RE SURE!)

Some plants are safe, but others can be itchy, prickly or even poisonous! Always ask an adult before touching or picking any plant.

NOT EVERYTHING IS FOOD!

Some berries and leaves look delicious but can make you very sick. Never eat a plant unless a grown-up says it's safe. Plants should always be washed before eating.

WASH YOUR HANDS

Even safe plants can carry dirt or bugs. Always wash your hands after touching plants.

WATCH OUT FOR BUGS AND BEES

Plants are homes for bees, spiders and many other tiny creatures. Be gentle and careful so you don't get a surprise sting!

PICK PLANTS RESPONSIBLY

Some plants are rare and protected, so only pick what you need and leave plenty for animals and others. Some plants are also protected by law, so it's important to check first.

Happy exploring,
little witchling!



Please Look After This Cat Please Look After This Dog

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Please Look After This Cat Please Look After This Dog

Kasia Antczak and Kasia Fryza

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Meet Dot and Spot, experts on all things 'cat' and 'dog'! They will teach you how to care for your feline friends and pooches in these purr-fect pet-care manuals.

Sales points:

- Presents great tips for caring for cats and dogs in a bite-sized, child-friendly way
- Colourful, fun illustrations throughout
- A great new series by Kasia Antczak to help children care for their pet
- With cats and dogs being the most popular pets in UK households, a simple pet-care manual is much needed for children

Reviews:

[These books] have been designed and written with young people in mind... [they] use lots of bold and vibrant illustrations to show how our wonderfully furry friends love to be cared for.

Armadillo Magazine

A broad range of topics are covered including feeding, sleep and exercise as well as less obvious topics such as aging, reacting to visitors and individual differences. [...] The design is bold and stylish with clear and attractive illustrations.

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Author Biography:

Kasia Antczak is an animal psychologist and dog trainer. Her dream is to live in the country. She loves animals, the smell of the forest and the sound of the sea.

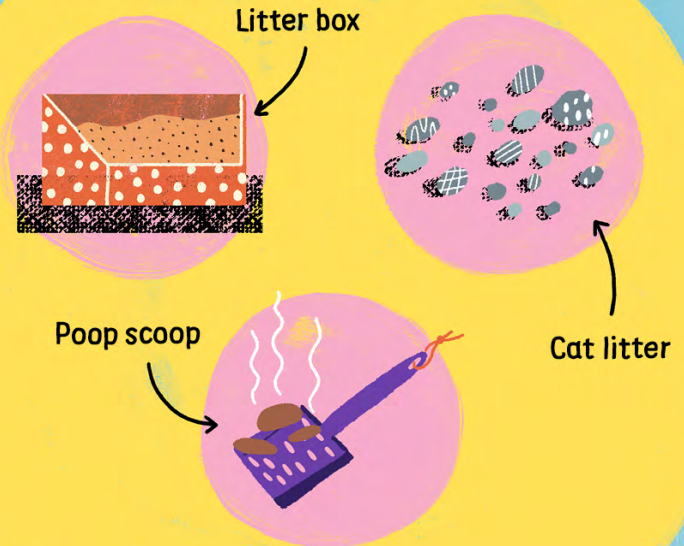
Kasia Fryza (Katarzyna Książopolska) is an illustrator from Warsaw (Warszawa). She loves drawing and travelling through Europe. She has illustrated the *Slobber, Slobber, Kiss, Kiss* book.

Meooooow!



I need some 'me' time.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



That's better!

Indoor cats use a **litter box** to **poop** and **pee**. The box should be put in a place that is private and peaceful – after all, you wouldn't want to do your business in front of everyone!

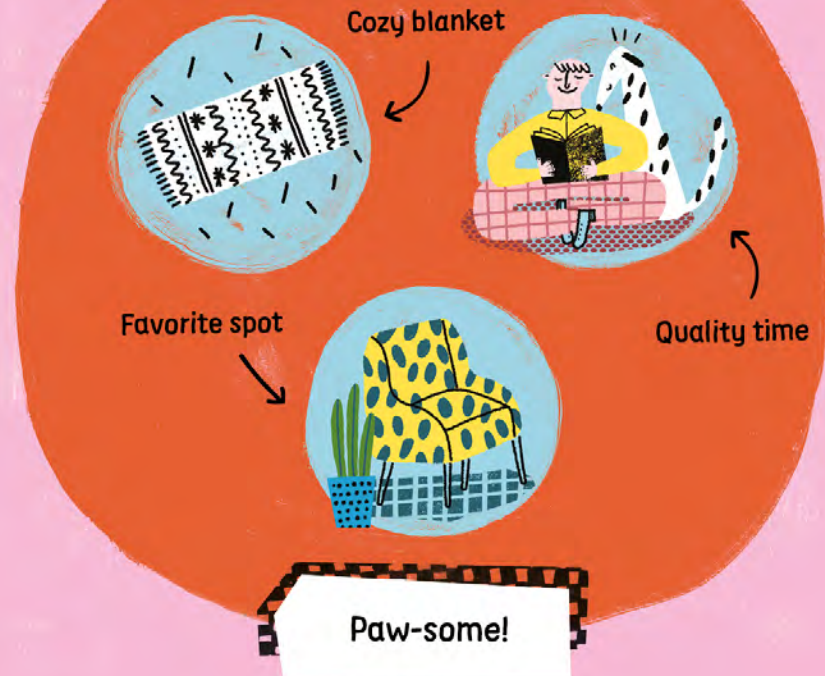
Remember to scoop out any waste from the litter box several times a day, and give the box a full clean with fresh litter every few days.

I'm looking for a spot to relax.



This feels nice and safe.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Dogs can spend a lot of time sleeping, but we also enjoy relaxing in a nice spot or being close to our favorite human.

Your dog might like sitting by the window and observing the world around them or laying by your feet as you do your homework. This lets us recharge our batteries so we can be active later in the day.



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Create incredible inventions in this split-page book where YOU are the inventor! From pedal-powered rocket ships to wind-powered toilets, there are over 450 possibilities in this hilarious and ingenious flip-the-flap book.

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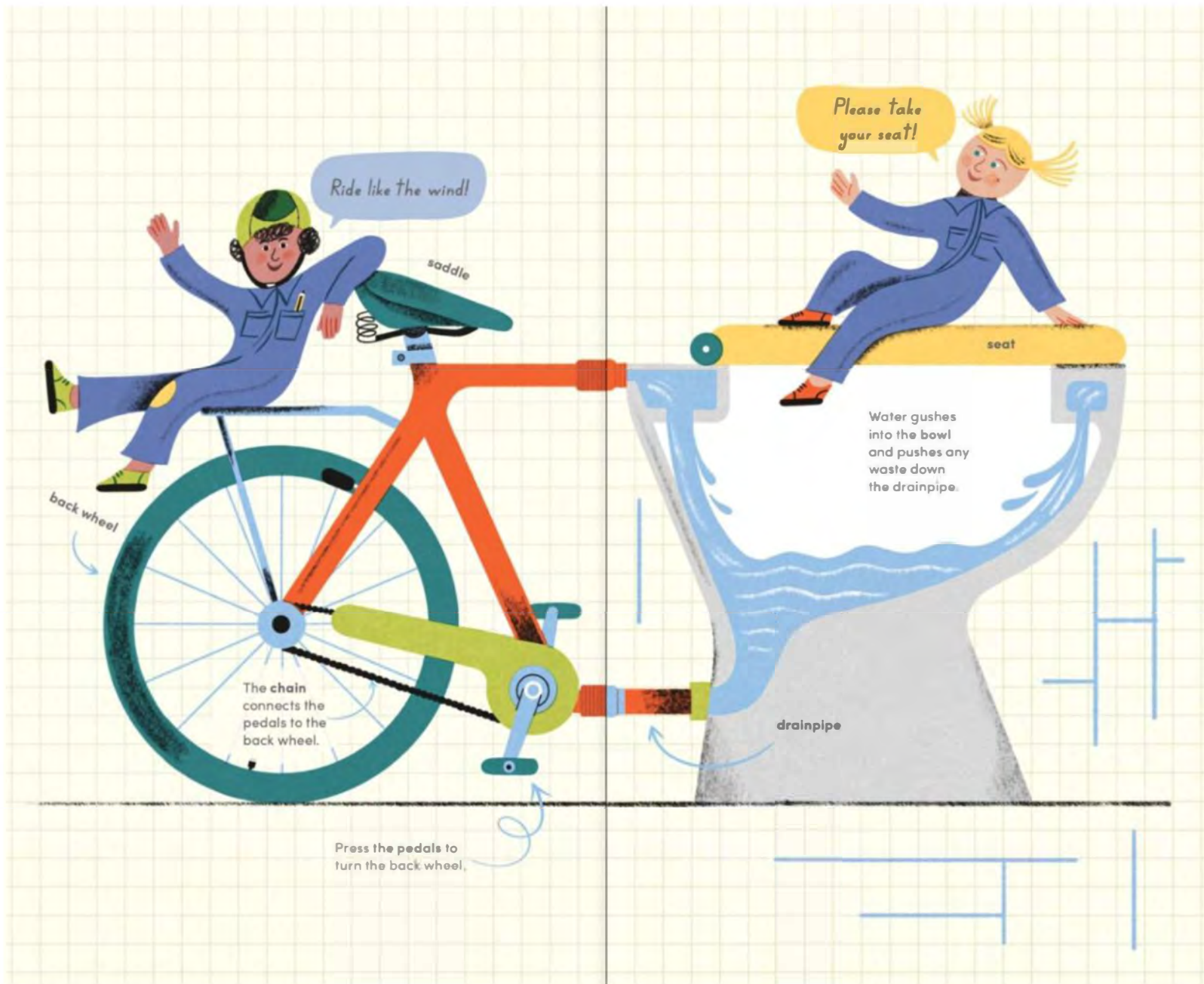
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Rocket fuel provides the power to propel the machine forward.

Race you to the moon!



A rocket-powered engine helps the machine to travel so fast that it escapes the pull of Earth, called gravity.

handlebars

To slow down, squeeze the brakes.

When the brakes are used, brake pads press against the wheel, causing friction and slowing the wheel down.

Safety check complete.

front wheel





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Build Your Own Shaun the Sheep



Release Date June 2026



Price	£14.99
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Dimensions	220 x 220 x 12mm

Fans of Shaun the Sheep can build their very own woolly hero with Build Your Own's eco-friendly, STEM-inspired Shaun kit. Makers of all ages will have baa-rilliant fun recreating the mischievous star from the classic Wallace & Gromit animation, 'A Close Shave!' This hands-on kit features cardboard parts that slot together to form a 20cm-long Shaun, complete with his iconic jumper, curly wool effect artwork and expressive eyes.

Everything you need is provided in the kit – simply follow the instructions: press out the pre-cut parts, build, play, and display. There's no glue, no mess, no fuss! Clever interactive mechanisms bring Shaun to life. Builders can wiggle his tail to create a realistic walking action or waggle the tab on his head to move his jaw, letting Shaun chew on his favourite bone or a newspaper.

Packed with charming extras, the kit also includes a plate of nibbled cheese, a box of porridge, a mini jigsaw and other playful accessories to extend the fun and fuel imaginative play.

Made using sustainable cardboard. 100% plastic-free; both kit and packaging are fully recyclable.



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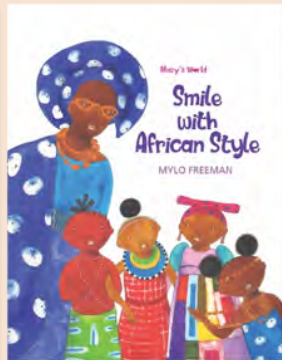
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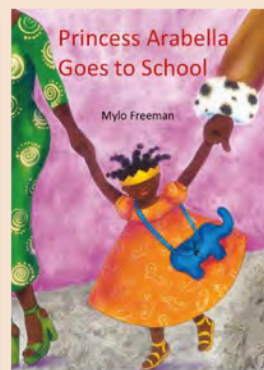
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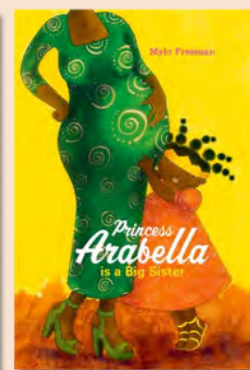
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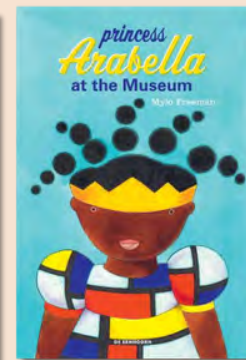
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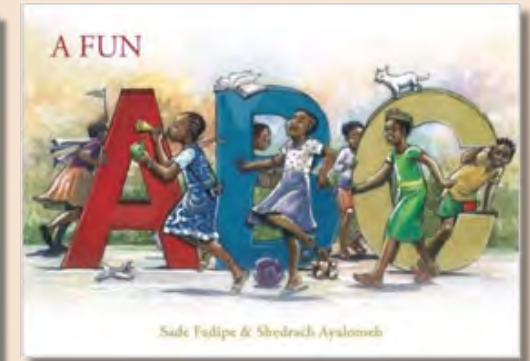
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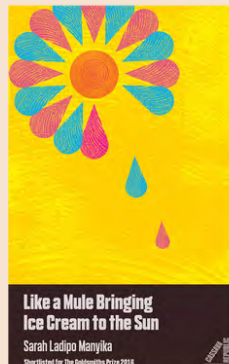


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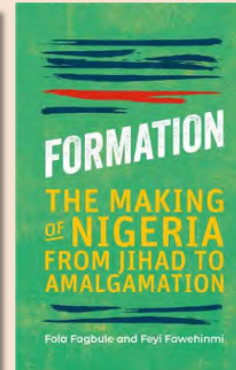
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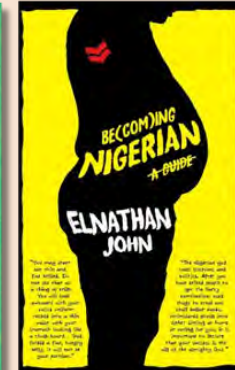
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The Aquatics by Osvalde Lewat

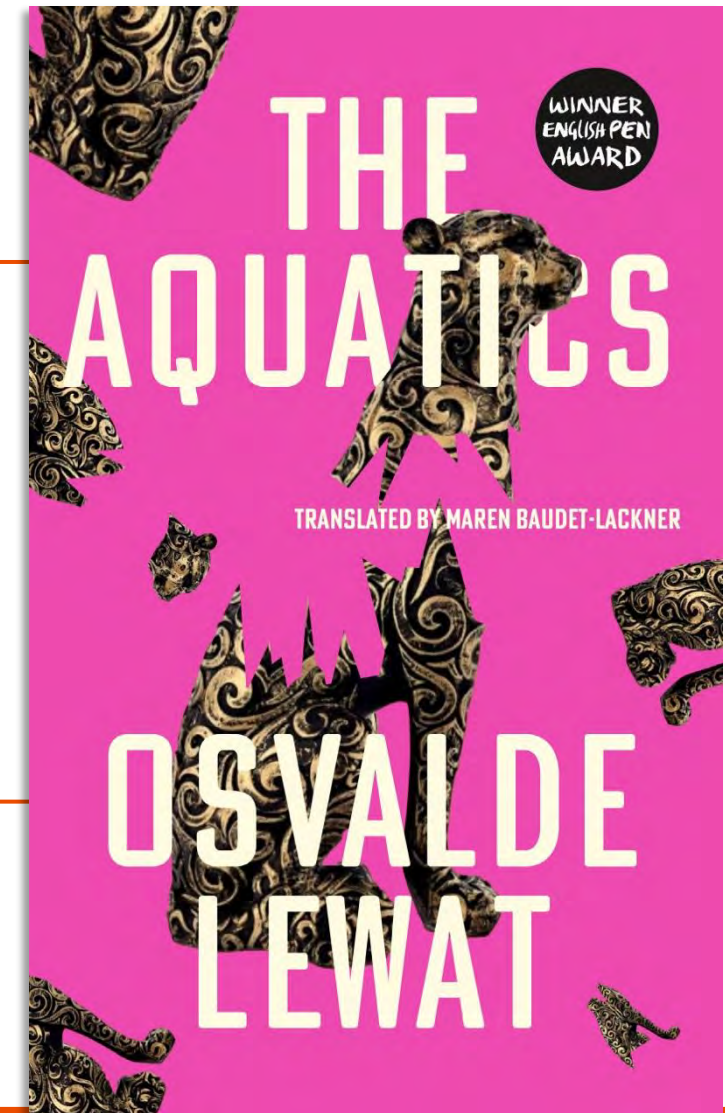
In the fictional African state of Zambuena, Katmé lives a life of privilege as the wife of a rising political figure. Her days are governed by appearances, loyalty and restraint, until her carefully ordered world begins to fracture.

The Aquatics is a powerful, unsettling novel about friendship and betrayal, state violence and moral responsibility, written with the intensity and precision of an author deeply attuned to how power operates.

Key sales points:

- **A tense political novel set in an authoritarian state:** A woman inside the elite is forced to confront complicity and risk.
- **Explores power, repression and surveillance:** As dissent becomes dangerous and silence is enforced.
- **Atmospheric and morally complex:** Literary fiction with strong reading group appeal.
- **A French bestseller:** Over 10,000 copies sold since publication.

Osvalde Lewat is an award-winning Cameroonian writer and filmmaker whose work has been broadcast internationally and exhibited across Africa, Europe and North America. In 2012, she won a Peabody Award for her BBC documentary *Land Rush*. **Maren Baudet-Lackner** is an American literary translator working with major UK and US imprints. She is passionate about bringing exceptional work by underrepresented authors to English-language readers.



The Mercy Step by Marcia Hutchinson



A sharply-witted and tender portrait of a young girl's quiet rebellion and her refusal to be broken.

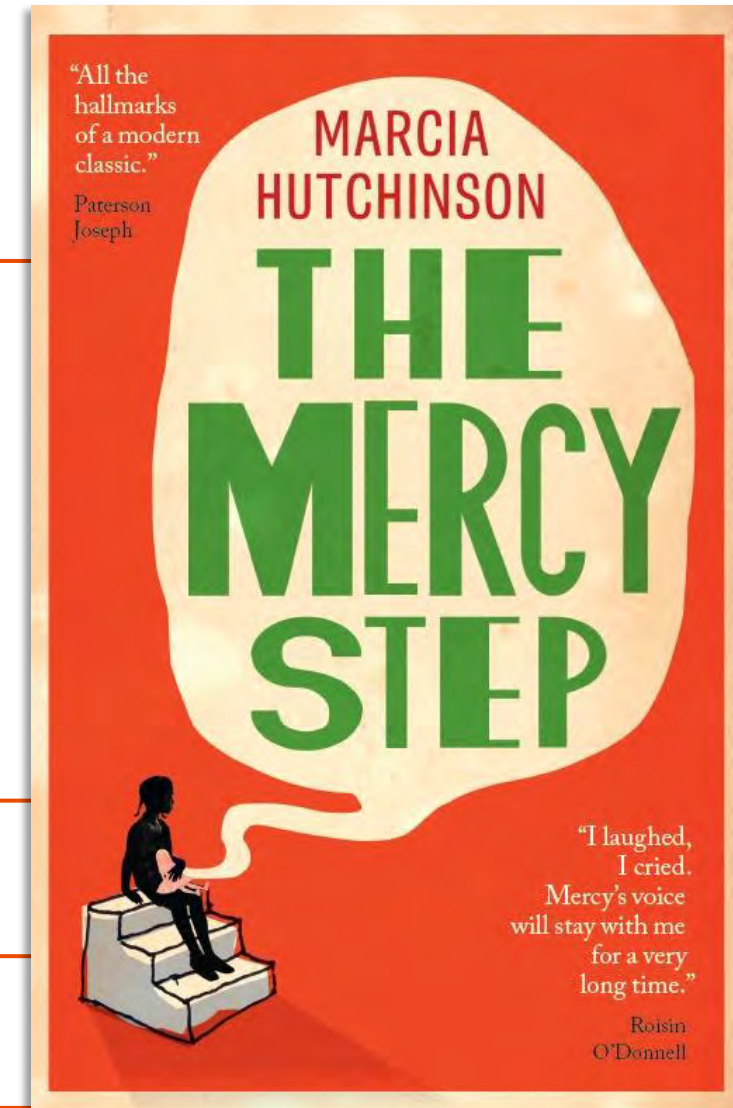
Set in 1960s Bradford, *The Mercy Step* follows Mercy, a precocious young child facing a world far too big for her small body. She lives with her Windrush-generation parents in a crowded household where her mother's attention is stretched between church and family, and her father's temper is something to be endured or avoided.

Key sales points:

- **Shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction 2026 & shortlisted for the British Book Award Discover Prize**
- **Set in Windrush-era Britain:** A vivid portrait of childhood in a Jamaican immigrant household, exploring race, belonging and generational tension.
- **A child's-eye perspective with emotional precision:** Mercy's wit, imagination and quiet defiance offer both heartbreak and humour.
- **Strong reading group appeal:** Themes of family tension, silence, resilience and self-invention resonate across generations.

Marcia Hutchinson, MBE, was the first pupil from her comprehensive school to attend Oxford. A former lawyer and founder of an educational publishing company, she is now a full-time writer and community activist.

'Dark, humorous, and passionately captures the unique realities of the northern Black experience'
— *The Observer*



My Own Dear People by Dwight Thompson

Nyjah Messado has built a life away from home, but he is haunted not by a ghost, but by a memory: the moment he witnessed a brutal sexual assault and chose silence.

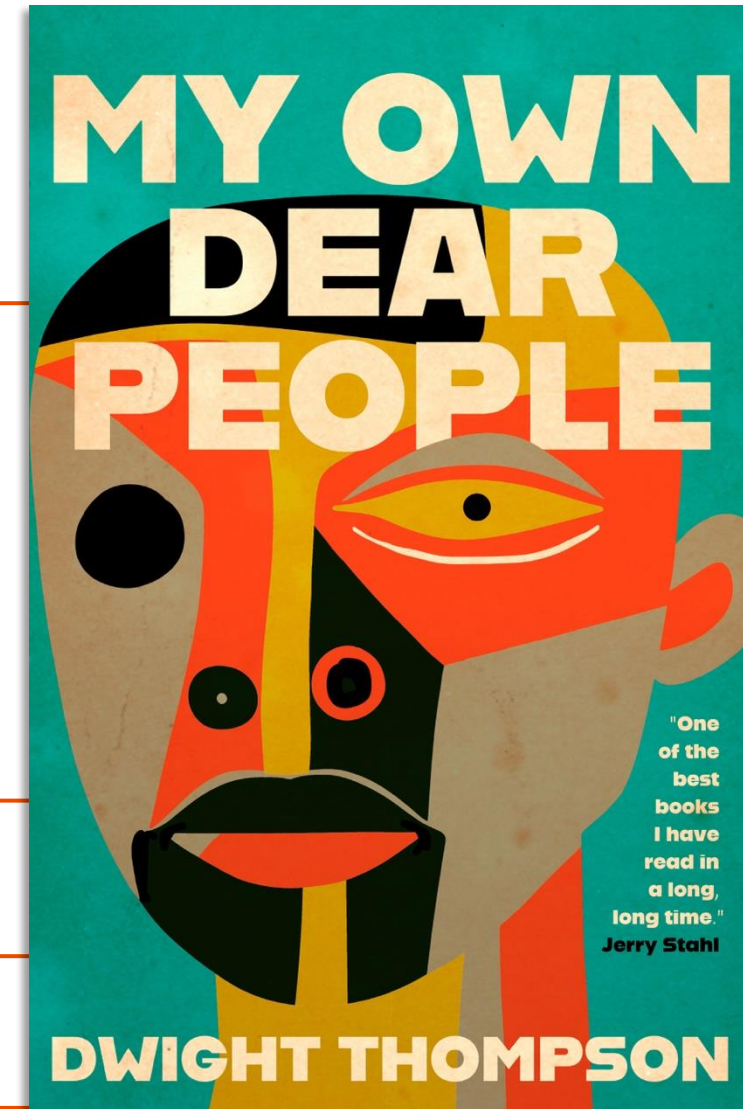
My Own Dear People is a fierce, lyrical coming-of-age novel about masculinity, complicity and self-deception. Unflinching in its treatment of rape culture and homophobia, it asks whether forgiveness, of others or of oneself, is ever truly possible.

Key sales points:

- **A searing coming-of-age novel set in Jamaica:** A young man confronts guilt and complicity after witnessing sexual violence.
- **Explores masculinity and power:** Set within an elite boys' school and its long shadow into adult life.
- **Lyrical, muscular prose:** Rooted in Caribbean speech, rhythm and interior voice.
- **For readers of Paul Mendez and Marlon James:** Bold, unflinching literary fiction.

Dwight Thompson is the award-winning author of *Death Register*. Born and raised in Jamaica, his short fiction has been recognised by the Commonwealth Short Story Prize and the Small Axe Literary Competition.

'An important, beautifully written novel... This is one of the best books I have read in a long, long time'
—Jerry Stahl, author of *Nein, Nein, Nein!*



The Shipikisha Club by Mubanga Kalimamukwento

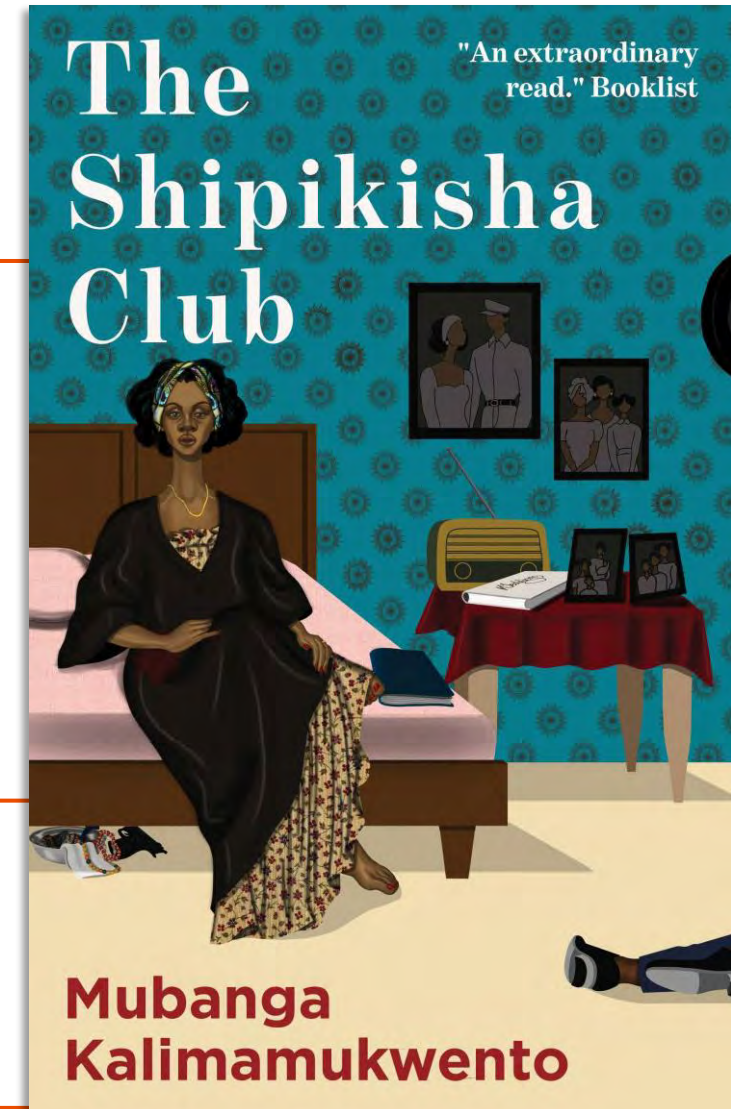
A powerful literary novel set in Zambia, in which a woman on trial for her husband's murder confronts marriage, silence and survival within a culture that demands endurance at all costs.

Told through a braided narrative moving between past and present, *The Shipikisha Club* is a powerful literary novel about marriage, motherhood and the devastating cost of silence in contemporary Zambia.

Key sales points:

- **A gripping literary novel set in Zambia:** A woman on trial for murdering her husband.
- **Explores 'shipikisha':** The cultural expectation that women endure through silence and survival.
- **A courtroom drama with emotional depth:** Examining domestic power and control.
- **Winner of the 2024 Dzanc Prize for Fiction:** With strong reading group appeal.

Mubanga Kalimamukwento is a Zambian writer and criminal lawyer. Her debut novel *The Mourning Bird* won the Dinaane Debut Fiction Award, and her work has received the Drue Heinz Literature Prize and the 2024 Dzanc Prize for Fiction. She holds an MFA from Hamline University and lives in Minnesota, USA.



Dancing with Jinns

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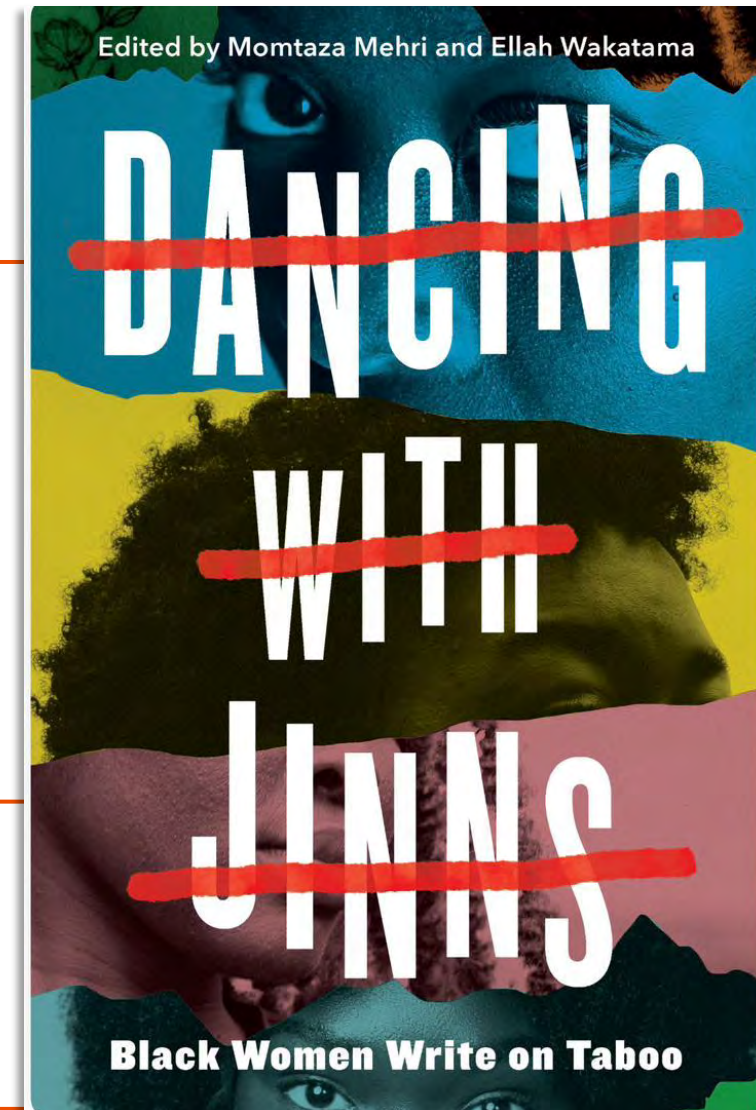
Dancing with Jinns is a bold and compelling collection of essays in which Black women writers confront the cultural taboos that shape life across Africa and its diasporas.

At once intimate and expansive, *Dancing with Jinns* opens up urgent conversations about identity, history and power, creating space for honesty, complexity and resistance where silence has long prevailed.

Key sales points:

- **A bold essay collection:** Bringing together Black women writers from across Africa and the diaspora.
- **Tackles cultural taboos head-on:** Including sexuality, mental health, grief, AIDS and patriarchy.
- **Centres voices often excluded:** Challenging silence and inherited norms around what can be said.
- **A timely, conversation-driving collection:** Strong crossover with feminist and literary non-fiction readers.

Ellah Wakatama is Editor-at-Large at Canongate and Chair of the AKO Caine Prize for African Writing. She was the founding Publishing Director of The Indigo Press. **Momtaza Mehri** is a Somali-British poet and essayist, winner of the Forward Prize for Best First Collection and the Manchester Poetry Prize.



The Power of the Invisible by Paula Moreno

In *The Power of the Invisible*, Moreno weaves memoir, political testimony and cultural reflection to explore what it means to wield power as someone long excluded from it.

Moving between her upbringing, her time in office and the global networks of Black and Afro-diasporic solidarity that shaped her leadership, she reveals how visibility can be both a breakthrough and a burden.

Key sales points:

- **A major political memoir:** From Colombia's youngest-ever Minister of Culture and first Afro-Colombian woman in office.
- **Inside power and exclusion:** A firsthand account of race, visibility and leadership at the highest levels of government.
- **A rare Afro-Latina perspective:** On public power, identity and global Black solidarity.
- **Supported by major international endorsements:** Strong crossover appeal across political memoir, feminism and social justice.

Paula Moreno is Colombia's youngest-ever Minister of Culture and the first Afro-Colombian woman to hold ministerial office. She is an international advocate for racial equality.

'The Power of the Invisible is a profound act of cultural creation'

— Henry Louis Gates Jr.

