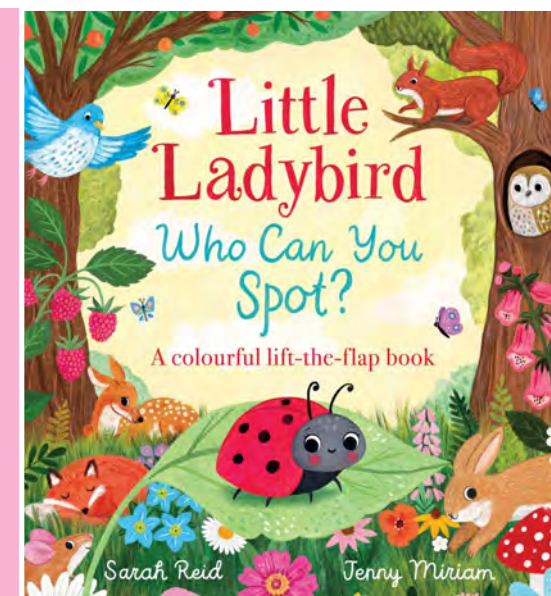
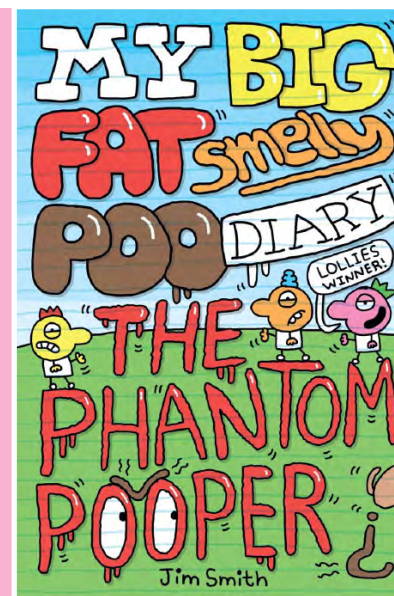


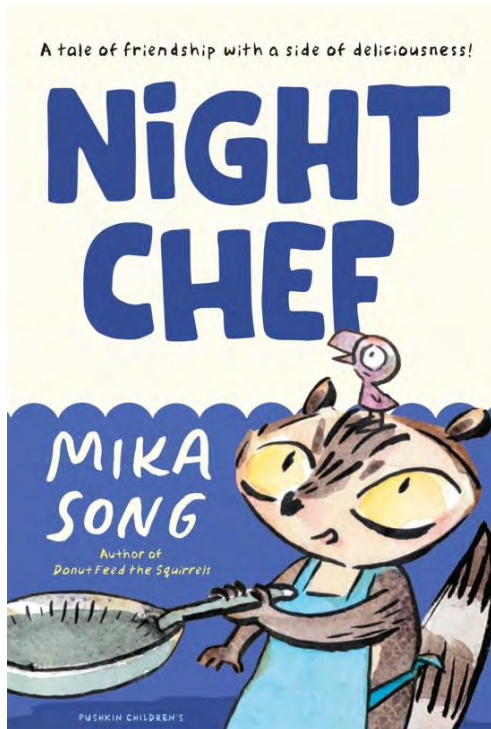
# JULY 2026 NEW TITLES

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# Night Chef

Mika Song



ISBN: 9781782696032

Price: £8.99 | Publication date: July 2026

Binding: Paperback | Format: 210mm x 140mm

Extent: 160 pages

Reading Age: 5-7 years

BIC 2.0: Picture Books (YBC)

CBMC: B3M79=

- A deliciously charming graphic novel about a little raccoon who aspires to be a famous chef – perfect for foodies and fans of *Investigators*, *Narwhal & Jelly* and the movie *Ratatouille*
- Illustrated with a beautifully expressive ink and watercolour style
- From the author of the laugh-out-loud *Norma and Belly* series, the first of which was nominated for an Eisner award

## Reviews

'Fluid ink and watercolor art bring the world of food-obsessed animals to life as *Night Chef* uses her wits and cooking skills to brave the outside world. Amiable critters are always eager to lend a hand in this heartwarming tale about sharing the joy of food with family and friends, and paying it forward' - *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

## Author Biography

Mika Song is a children's writer and illustrator who likes to make stories about sweetly funny outsiders. She grew up in Manila, Philippines and Honolulu, Hawaii and now lives in New York City with her husband and daughter. Her graphic novel series for early readers, *Norma and Belly*, is also available from Pushkin Children's.

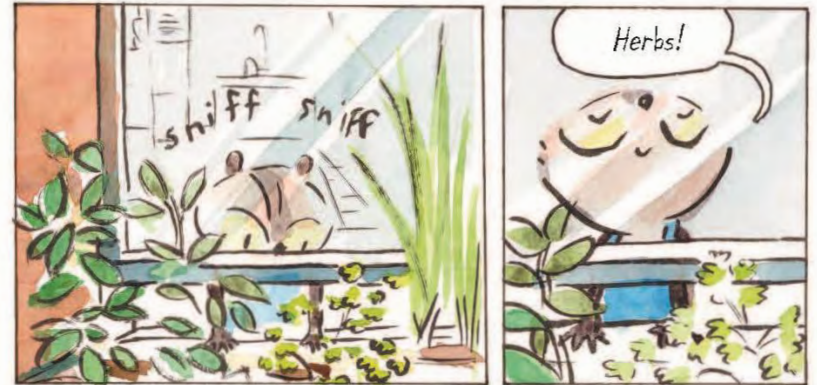
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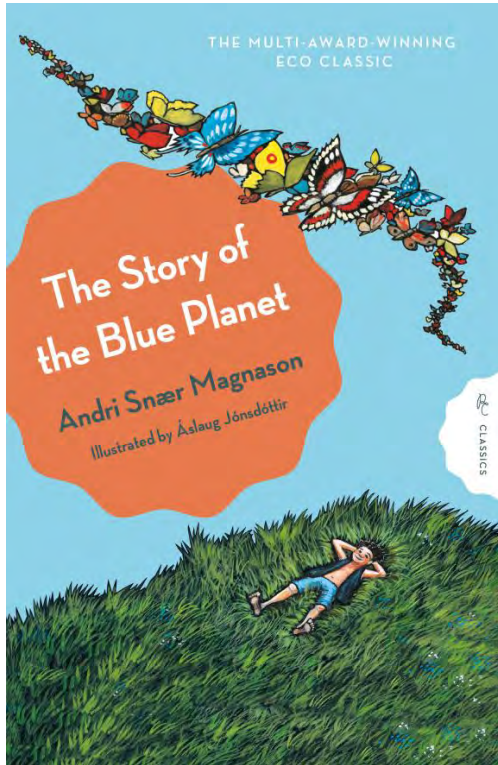
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# The Story of the Blue Planet

Andri Snær Magnason, Áslaug Jónsdóttir



- A new Pushkin Children's Classics edition of the beloved Icelandic eco-fable
- An extraordinary adventure of magic and generosity, and a beautifully simple tale of selfishness and sacrifice, *The Story of the Blue Planet* will delight and challenge readers of every age
- Charming and entertaining 4-colour illustrations throughout

## Reviews

'A Seussian mix of wonder, wit and gravitas' - *The New York Times*

'Ambitious and intriguing, it creates a fable whose contemporary relevance will be easily grasped by its intended readers... there is nothing that I can think of in contemporary English language writing for children that has this kind of ambition' - Clive Barnes, *Books for Keeps (Editor's Choice)*

## Author Biography

Andri Snær Magnason is one of Iceland's most celebrated young writers. In 2002 *Love Star* was named "Novel of the Year" by Icelandic booksellers and received the DV Literary Award and a nomination to the Icelandic Literary Prize. *The Story of the Blue Planet*-now published or performed in 22 countries-was the first children's book to receive the Icelandic Literary Prize and was also the recipient of the Janusz Korczak Honorary Award and the West Nordic Children's Book Prize.

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Binding: Paperback | Format: 198mm x 129mm

Extent: 144 pages

Reading Age: 7-9 years

BIC 2.0: Fantasy & Magical Realism (Children's/ Ya) (YFH) Reading Age: From C7 Years (5A H)

CBMC: C3N79

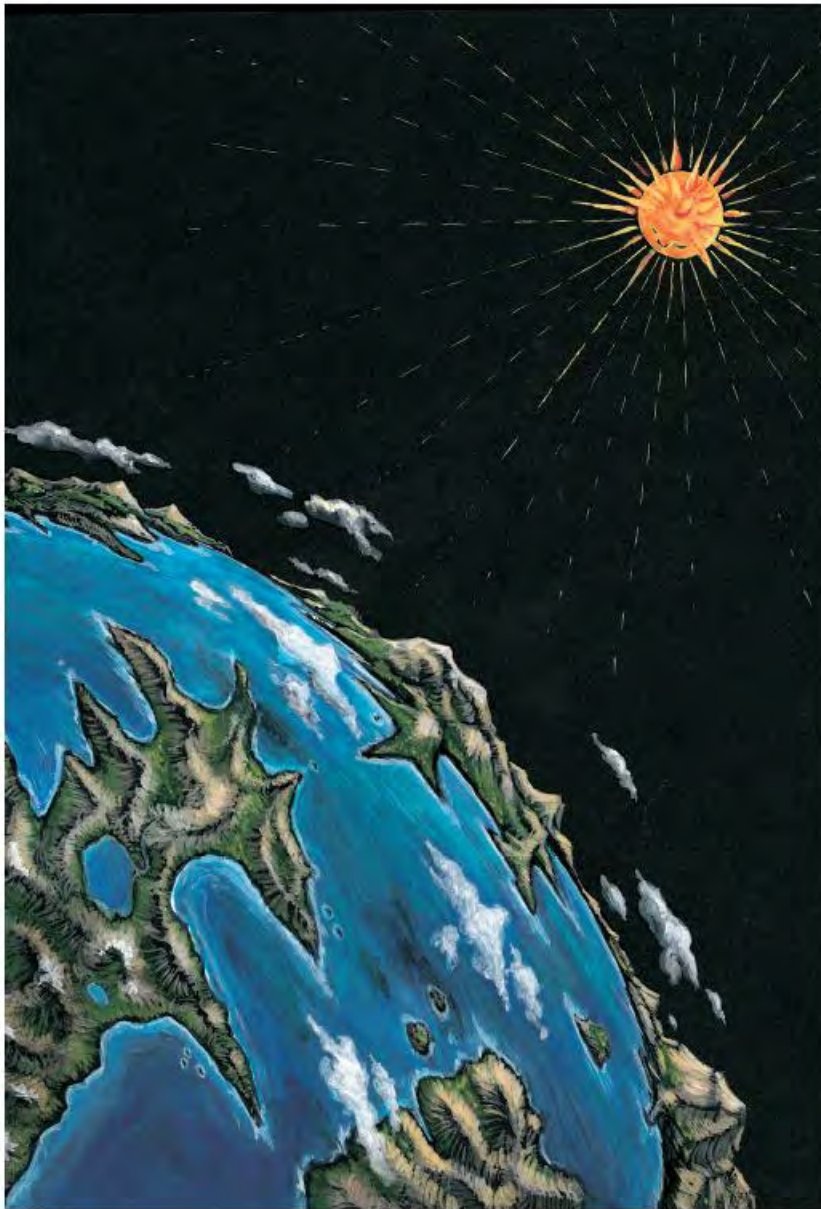
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## *There Was a Blue Planet*

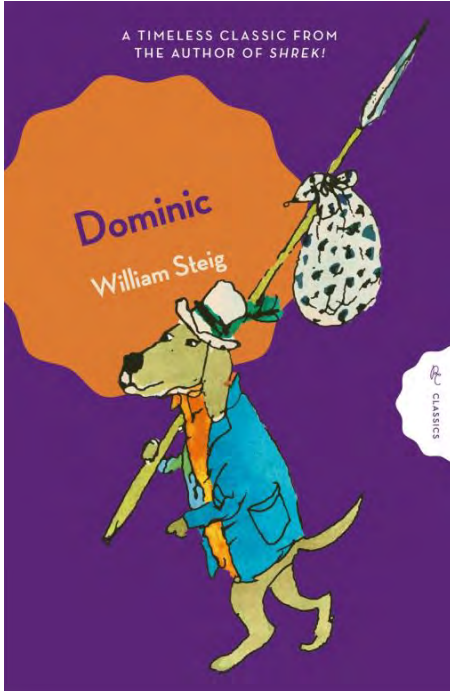
Once upon a time there was a blue planet far out in space. At first sight, it looked like a very ordinary blue planet and it's unlikely that an astrologist or astronaut would even have given it a second glance. A sun and a moon circled the planet once every day and wind swayed the grass and flowers, while waterfalls tumbled from high mountains into deep dark canyons. Clouds were blown across the sky and stars twinkled behind them. The planet was covered with lands and around each land was an ocean that could be as calm as a mirror until it was caught by the roaring winds and smashed into a thousand drops on rocky shores.

The blue planet was very special for one reason: Only children lived there. Plants and animals lived there too of course, but all around the planet were children in all shapes and sizes. Big children, small children, chubby children, and skinny children, and some were even weird like the child you see in the mirror. There were many more than a hundred of them, so let's just say that they were countless. The



# Dominic

## William Steig



ISBN: 9781782695110

Price: £9.99 | Publication date: July 2026

Binding: Paperback | Format: 198mm x 129mm

Extent: 160 pages

Reading Age: 7-9 years

BIC 2.0: General Fiction (Children's/Ya) (YFB)

Classic Fiction (Children's/Ya) (YFA ) Animal

Stories (Children's/Ya) (YFP) Reading Age: From C7 Years (5A H)

CBMC: C3N79

- By the creator of Shrek!, on which the films of the same name are based
- An American Library Association Notable Children's Book
- Winner of a Christopher Award
- Translated into fourteen languages
- Charming black-and-white illustrations by the author throughout

### Reviews

'A likely candidate for classic status' - Harper's

'William Steig has created an engaging hero, a dog with a heart of gold, nerves of steel, and the varied talents of Renaissance Man... A good story for reading aloud' - The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

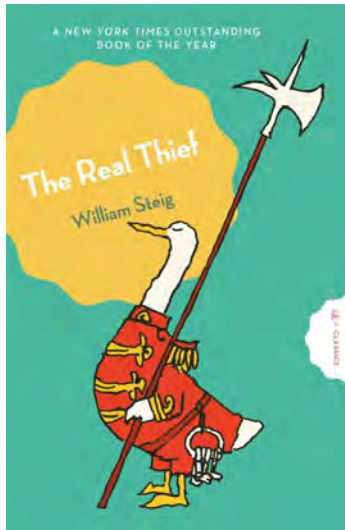
'Steig's books are like perfect smooth stones, complete in themselves, with no seams to be found... he always has the skill to bring together what seems to be a lot of spurof-the-moment choices and make them into stories that land so perfectly and satisfyingly and feel so inevitable in their endings' - Jon Klassen, author of This Is Not My Hat, Guardian

### Author Biography

William Steig (1907-2003) was an American cartoonist, sculptor and illustrator and writer of children's books. He was also the creator of Shrek!, which inspired the film series of the same name. He was the U.S. nominee for both of the biennial international Hans Christian Andersen Awards, as a children's book illustrator in 1982 and a writer in 1988.

# The Real Thief

William Steig



ISBN: 9781782695127

Price: £9.99 | Publication date: July 2026

Binding: Paperback | Format: 198mm x 129mm

Extent: 64 pages

Reading Age: 7-9 years

BIC 2.0: Classic Fiction (Children's/Ya) (YFA )

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Animal Stories (Children's/Ya) (YFP) Reading

Age: From C 7 Years (5A H)

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- A New York Times Outstanding Book of the Year, a New York Times Book
- Review Notable Children's Book of the Year, an American Library Association
- Notable Children's Book
- By the creator of Shrek!, on which the films of the same name are based
- Translated into thirteen languages
- Charming black-and-white illustrations by the author throughout

## Reviews

'The story-telling is simple and direct, but Steig's characters are articulate and reflective and the vocabulary is challenging. It is the kind of writing that doesn't bend down to younger readers, but rather encourages them to reach up'

- The School Librarian

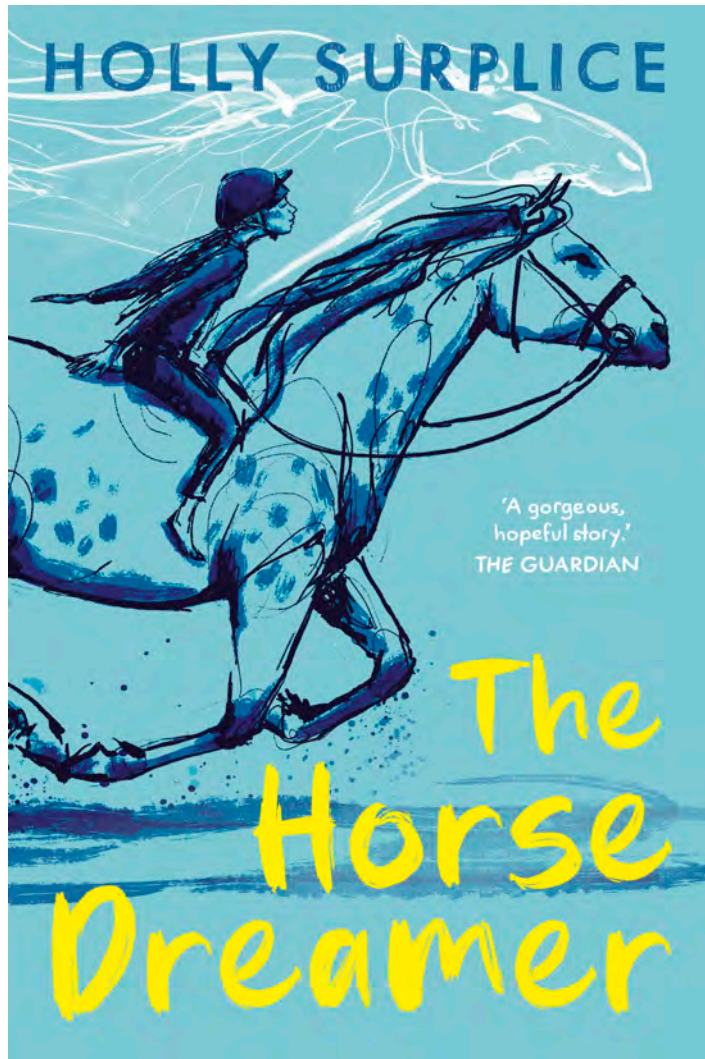
'Steig's captivating style and tongue-in-cheek humor bring to life an endearing set of animal characters with some extremely human foibles' - Booklist

## Author Biography

William Steig (1907-2003) was an American cartoonist, sculptor and illustrator and writer of children's books. He was also the creator of Shrek!, which inspired the film series of the same name. He was the U.S. nominee for both of the biennial international Hans Christian Andersen Awards, as a children's book illustrator in 1982 and a writer in 1988.

# THE HORSE DREAMER (PB)

Holly Surplice



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## FAMILY • GRIEF • HOPE

The horse arrives in the storm, when Merryn needs him most, following the loss of her father. Sorrel is a dreamlike creature, seemingly made from the woods and the sea. Perhaps she wished him into existence. He becomes her friend and confidant. Throughout the summer and autumn, they ride and play, but as Christmas approaches, it will require all of Merryn's new-found strength to help her mum and her sisters heal too.

- A stunning, hopeful and poignant middle-grade animal story, written and illustrated by debut author Holly Surplice.
- A perfect Christmas gift for readers aged 9 and up; all the makings of a modern classic.
- Explores themes of grief, family and healing in an accessible way for young readers.
- Shades of Lauren St John and *Marianne Dreams*.



## HOLLY SURPLICE

Holly lives in the beautiful Outer Hebrides with her three children, Painter and Pencil the dogs, Penny Crayon the cat and a collection of other furry and feathered family. Island life inspires both her written and illustrative work but many of her stories come from observing the animals around her and remembering her farming childhood. Holly studied illustration at Edinburgh College of Art, with her first picture book acquired by Walker Books during her degree show. Holly's books are full of heart, with meaningful writing and expressive illustration.

@HollySurplice

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# EVIE IN VENICE

Bruna De Luca



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## RIVALRY • ART • LOVE

Seventeen-year-old self-taught

artist Evie heads to Venice on an art exchange. The catch? Her parents think she's on a science trip. As if lying wasn't hard enough, her host family's son, Leonardo, a fellow art student, looks down his nose at Evie. Her only comfort is online, where she shares her art with an anonymous online crush. But when she's assigned a project with Leonardo, she starts to question her feelings – both online and off ...

- A new clean teen romance from the author of *Livia in Rome*, this time set against the beautiful backdrop of Venice.
- Think scenic gondola rides, colourful carnival parades, fine art museums and an on-and-offline love triangle!
- Perfect for fans of *Love and Gelato*, *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* and *Emily in Paris*.



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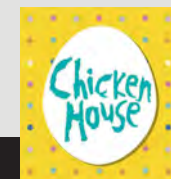
## BRUNA DE LUCA

Bruna De Luca grew up in a very Italian household in the Scottish Borders and

reluctantly describes herself as a deep-fried pizza. This dual heritage is woven into every aspect of her life – from her studies at the University of Edinburgh, where she completed a dissertation on Italian fairy tales, to the years she spent in Italy teaching students to speak English with a Scottish twang. Bruna's experiences as the child of immigrants deeply shape her writing.

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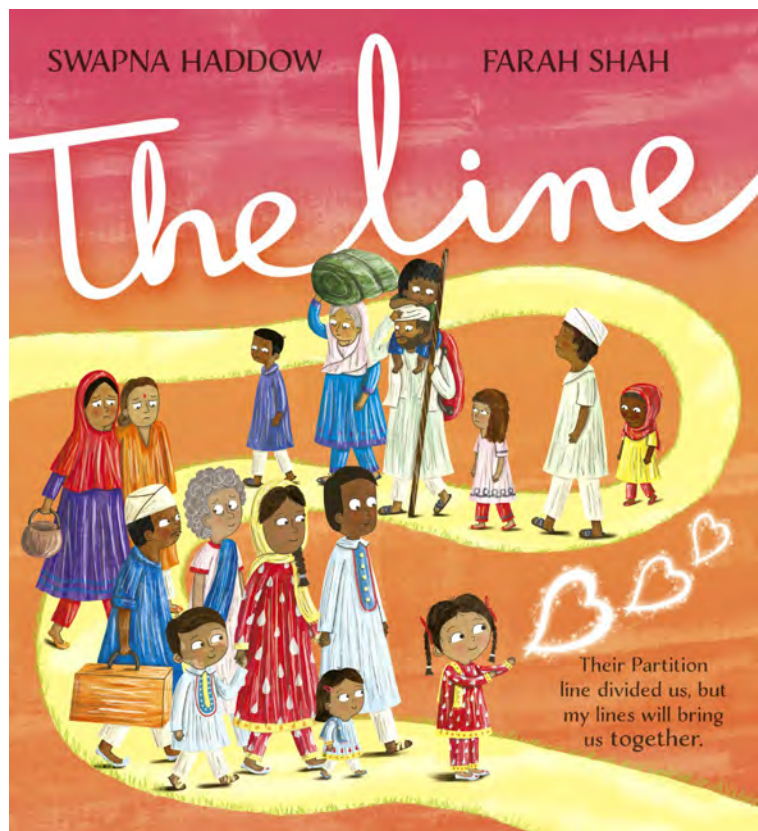
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# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THE LINE (PB)

SWAPNA HADDOW Illustrated by FARAH SHAH



**A powerful story about Partition, with a hopeful message at its heart.**

When a line divides the country of India, a little girl and her family are forced to leave their home. On her journey, the girl thinks about what she would do differently if she was in charge of a line with so much power.

### Key selling points

- Author Swapna Haddow is of Indian heritage, while illustrator Farah Shah is British-Pakistani, representing both sides of the partition
- The hopeful message of the story and warmth of the illustrations handle the subject matter with care, suitable for a young audience
- Includes a spread at the back of the book with facts about the Partition of India

**About the author: Swapna Haddow**, who also writes as Swapna Reddy, is the award-winning children's author of the Dave Pigeon books and several picture books including *The Night Before Diwali* and *My Dad is a Grizzly Bear*. She has worked with Faber & Faber, Macmillan, Oxford University Press and Scholastic to bring stories to young readers around the world.

**About the illustrator: Farah Shah** Farah was born in West Yorkshire, but currently lives in the south of England. She has a Masters degree in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art. Since completing her degrees, Farah has become a full-time illustrator and picture book maker and continues to work on her own story ideas. She was longlisted for the 2025 Klaus Flugge Prize for her debut picture book, *The Christmas Tree Mouse*. @fawashah

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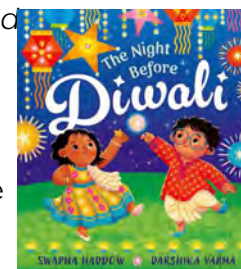
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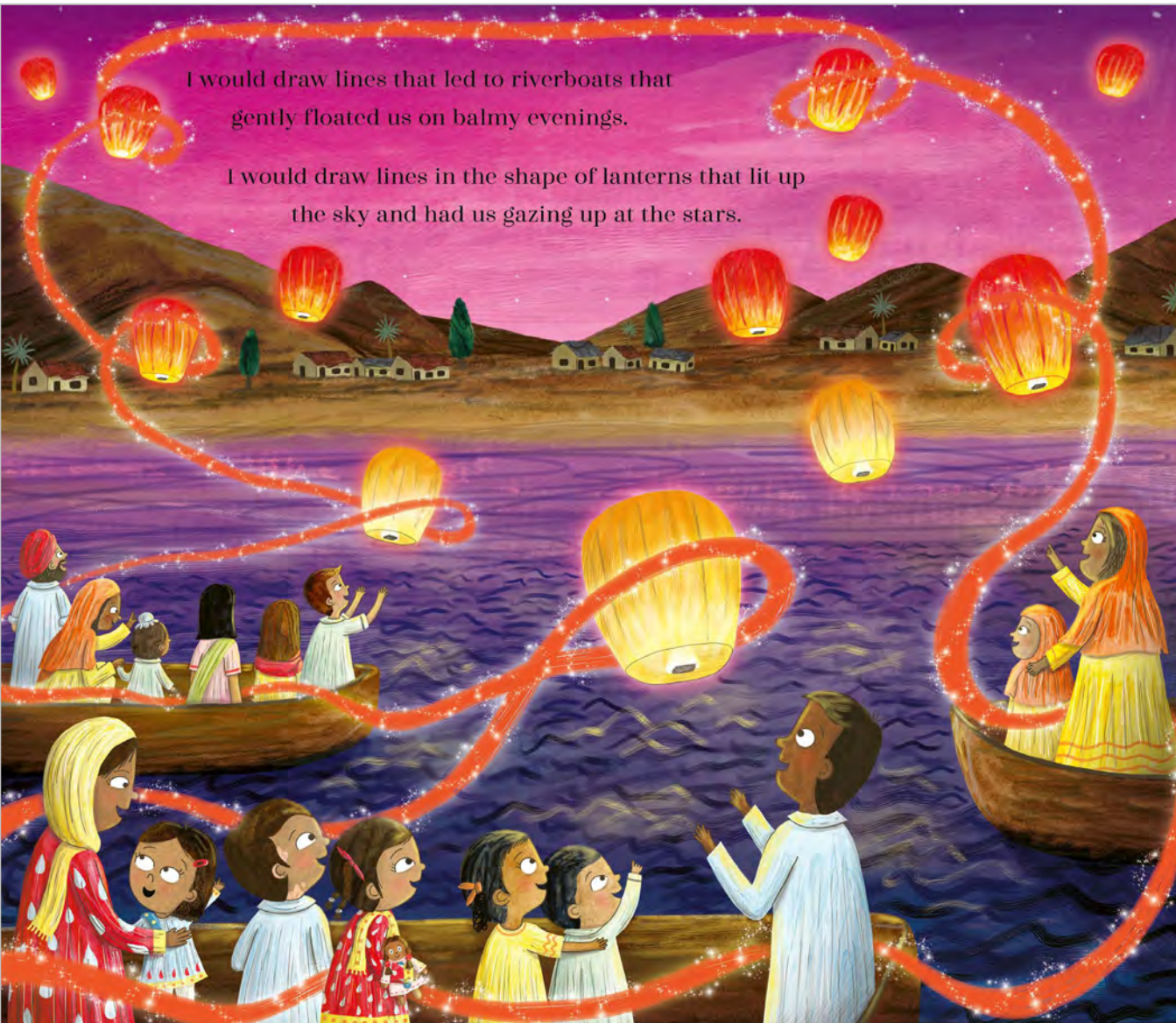
# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THE LINE (PB)

SWAPNA HADDOW Illustrated by FARAH SHAH

I would draw lines that led to riverboats that  
gently floated us on balmy evenings.

I would draw lines in the shape of lanterns that lit up  
the sky and had us gazing up at the stars.



I would draw lines that would lasso us  
to our neighbours and keep us close  
for all time.

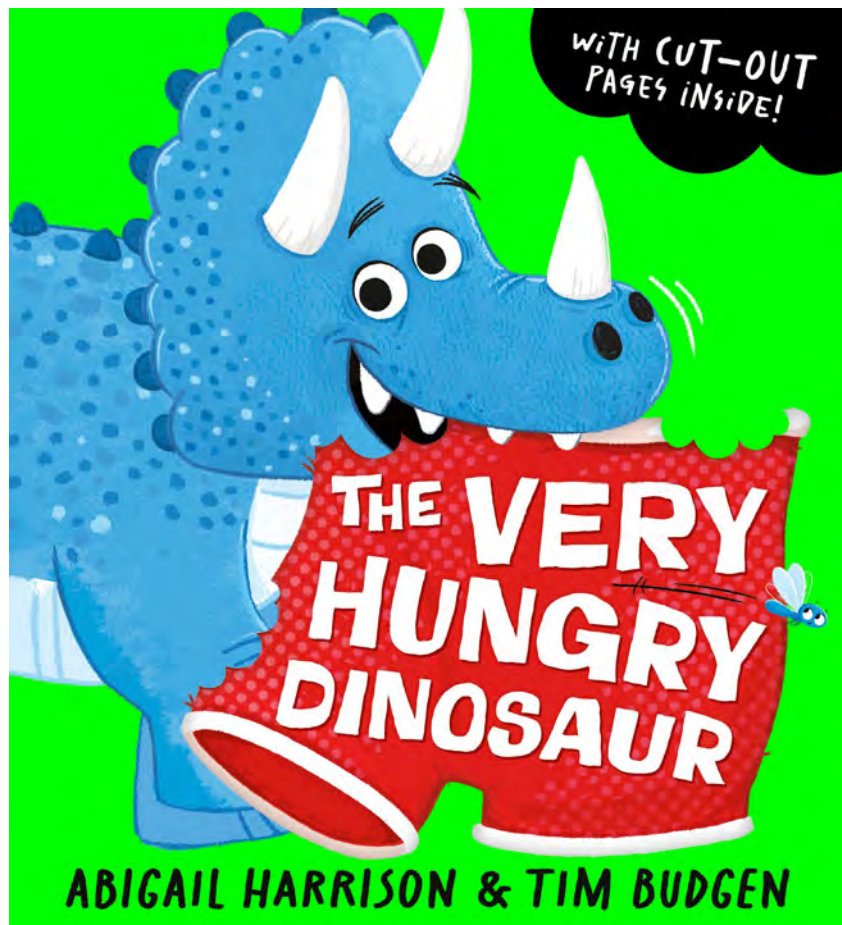


I would  
draw lines that  
made us feel safe together.

# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THE VERY HUNGRY DINOSAUR (PB)

ABIGAIL HARRISON Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN



Dinosaur Dave has a problem - he's very, very HUNGRY. Join Dave as he tries to find the perfect bite to eat - a pear, a plum... a T-Rex's bum?!

Uh-oh, perhaps Dave has bitten off more than he can chew...

### Key selling points

- Abigail Harrison's lively text will have children laughing along
- Tim Budgen is the bestselling illustrator of *The Magic Pet Shop* series
- With exciting die-cut reveals throughout the story
- Perfect for dinosaur-lovers everywhere

 SCHOLASTIC

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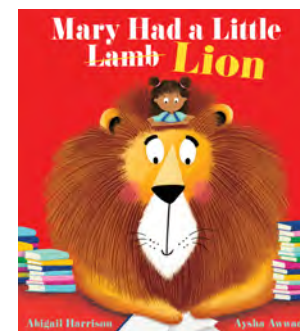
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**English Language Rights:**

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**About the author:** Abigail Harrison is originally from Dublin, Ireland and now lives in London with her husband and two children.

**About the illustrator:** Tim Budgen is a freelance illustrator and art teacher. For much of his life he has been scribbling down ideas and can usually be found with a pencil in one hand and a sketchbook in the other! He lives by the sea on Hayling Island with his wife Julia.

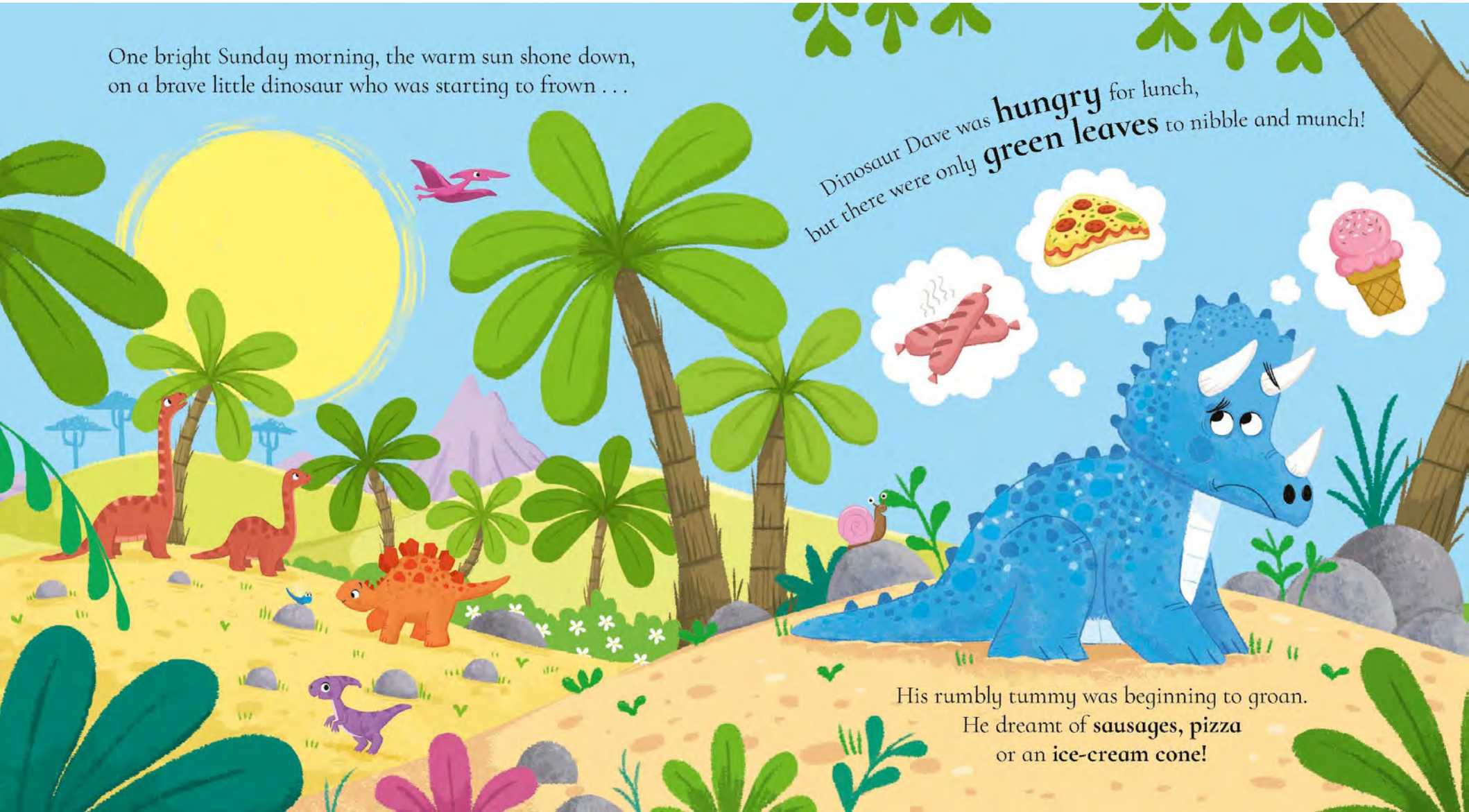
# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THE VERY HUNGRY DINOSAUR (PB)

ABIGAIL HARRISON Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN

One bright Sunday morning, the warm sun shone down,  
on a brave little dinosaur who was starting to frown . . .

Dinosaur Dave was **hungry** for lunch,  
but there were only **green leaves** to nibble and munch!

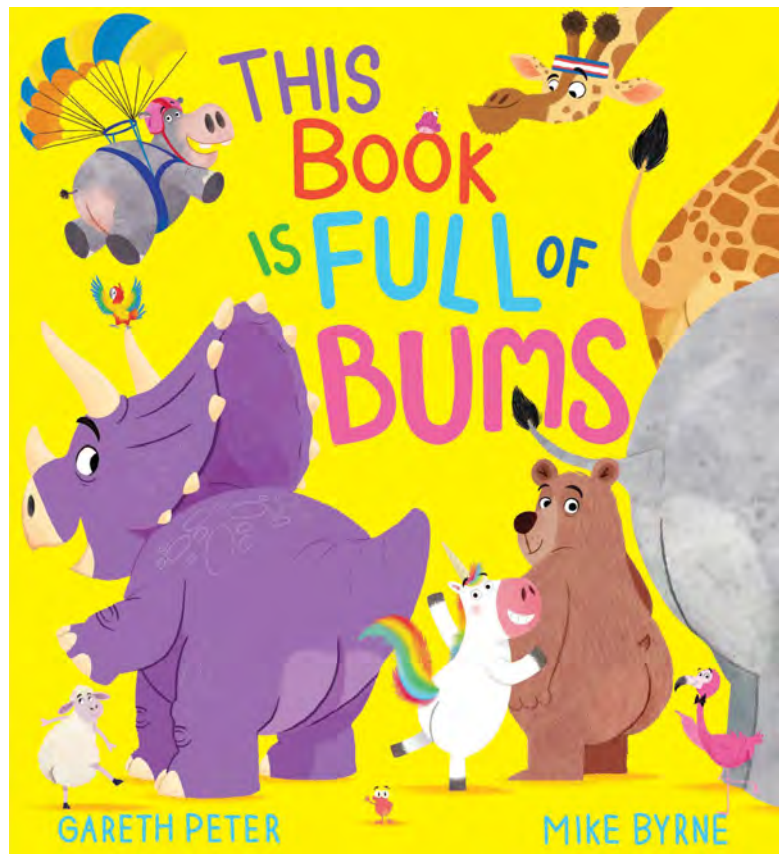


His rumbling tummy was beginning to groan.  
He dreamt of **sausages**, **pizza**  
or an **ice-cream cone**!

# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## THIS BOOK IS FULL OF...: THIS BOOK IS FULL OF BUMS (PB)

GARETH PETER Illustrated by MIKE BYRNE



**A laugh-out-loud picture book jam-packed with animal butts!**

Head out on a bottom spotting adventure to find bottoms of all shapes and sizes. From dinosaurs splashing in muddy puddles, disco-dancing sheep, and unicorns in running races, there's so much fun for bums to have!

### Key selling points

- Superstar picture book duo Gareth Peter and Mike Byrne return for another hilarious story
- The super-silly rhyming story will have you and your little one giggling as you read along
- Packed with bright and bold illustrations from Mike Byrne, there's so much to spot on every page
- If you liked this, you'll love *This Book is Full of Poop*

**About the author:** In 2018 Gareth was selected as one of ten exceptional finalists onto the Penguin Random House WriteNow mentoring scheme, seeking new voices from under-represented communities. His experience as a parent within a same-sex couple brings a fresh, funny and sensitive perspective to parenting and family life.

**About the illustrator:** Mike Byrne has illustrated *THERE'S A TROLL ON MY TOILET, WHO POOED IN MY LOO* and *THERE IS A SPIDER IN THIS BOOK*. Mike grew up on the Wirral near Liverpool, moved to Wales to study illustration and now lives in the countryside with his wife and sons.

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# PICTURE & NOVELTY

THIS BOOK IS FULL OF...: THIS BOOK IS FULL OF BUMS (PB)

GARETH PETER Illustrated by MIKE BYRNE

I'm sure the sight of hippo botts will make you stop and stare...

Especially if they're

zigging,

zagging,

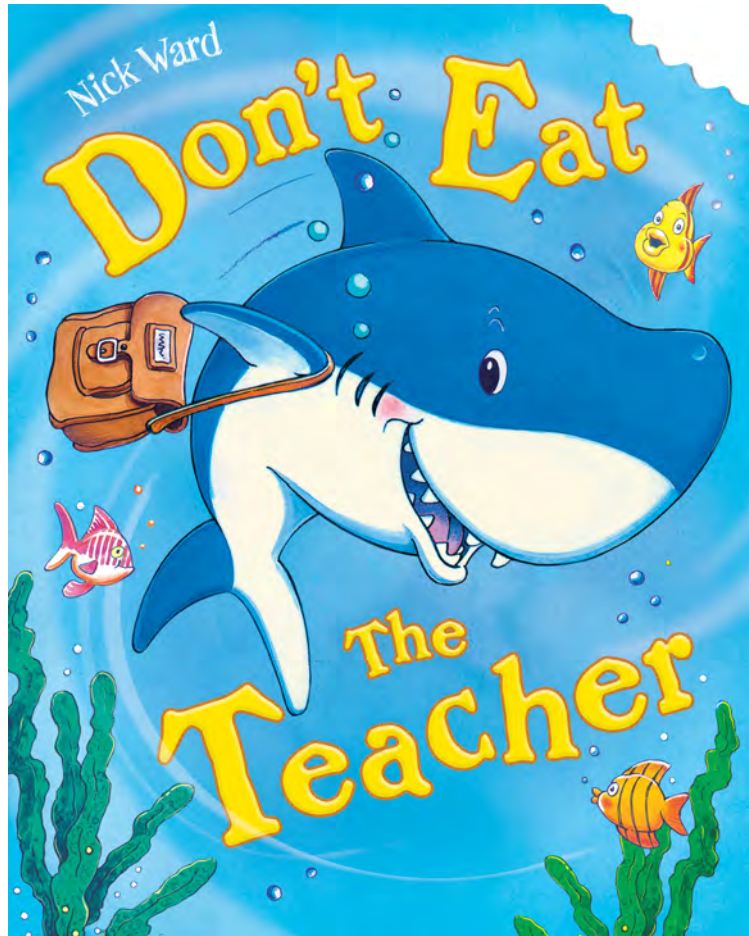
zooming through the air.



# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## DON'T EAT THE TEACHER NE (PB)

NICK WARD



A bright and fun picture book that's perfect for little ones about to start school!

It's Sammy the shark's first day at school and he's so excited!

But when Sammy gets excited, he can't help but . . . CRUNCH!

### Key selling points

- A new edition of the family favourite from celebrated author-illustrator Nick Ward with a clever 'munch' shape cut out of the corner of the book
- A perfect first-day-of-school story with friendly and colourful illustrations, that's great for little ones who love to laugh!
- Sammy's enthusiasm for school makes learning really exciting
- The interactive story is great for reading aloud

 SCHOLASTIC

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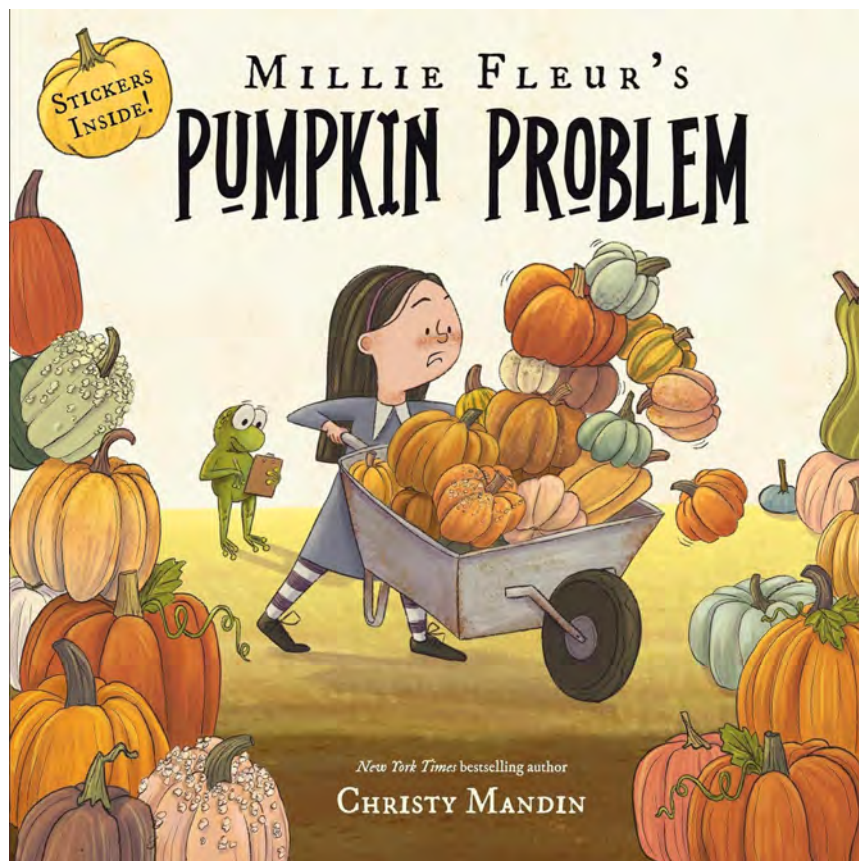
**About the author:** Nick Ward studied graphic design at university and on leaving college he became a freelance designer. He began writing and illustrating his own picture books in the late 1970s. He is the author of *Don't Eat the Teacher!* and *How to Be a Practically Perfect Pig*. He lives in Buckinghamshire with his wife and family.

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# PICTURE & NOVELTY

## MILLIE FLEUR'S PUMPKIN PROBLEM

CHRISTY MANDIN



Millie Fleur's garden is full of unusual and interesting plants that each have their own unique challenges.

But when Millie Fleur's pumpkin seeds are scattered across the WHOLE town, she may face her biggest challenge yet!

### Key selling points

- This smaller-sized hardback is the perfect pick for autumn and Halloween
- With an exclusive sticker sheet at the front of the book!
- A unique, gentle gothic style perfect for young fans of Tim Burton

 SCHOLASTIC

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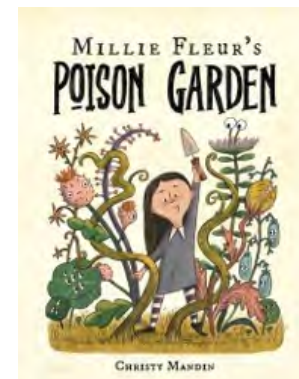
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**About the author:** Christy Mandin is the author and illustrator of multiple picture books. She's grown many interesting plants in her garden over the years but, so far, none with teeth or tentacles. She currently lives in Florida with her husband and four children. Visit Christy online at [christymandin.com](http://christymandin.com).

# GRAPHIC NOVEL

## I SURVIVED THE BOMBING OF PEARL HARBOUR, 1941 (GRAPHIC NOVEL)

LAUREN TARSHIS



A vividly rendered graphic novel adaptation of Lauren Tarshis's bestselling *I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941* with text adapted by Georgia Ball and art by Peter Wartman.

One morning, the skies fill with fighter planes. Bombs pound Pearl harbor. Bullets rain down on the beaches. Danny is shocked - and, for the first time, truly afraid. He's a tough city kid, who's just moved in from New York. But can Danny survive the day that will live in infamy?

### Key selling points

- Lauren Tarshis's New York Times bestselling *I Survived* series comes to vivid life in this pulse-pounding graphic novel edition.
- Perfect for readers who prefer the graphic novel format, or for existing fans of the *I Survived* chapter book series
- These graphic novels combine historical facts with high-action storytelling that's sure to keep readers turning the pages.
- Includes a nonfiction section at the back with facts and photos about the real-life event.

 SCHOLASTIC

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Binding: Non Standard

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**About the author:** Lauren Tarshis's New York Times bestselling *I Survived* series tells stories of young people and their resilience and strength in the midst of unimaginable disasters and times of turmoil. Lauren has brought her signature warmth and exhaustive research to topics such as the battle of D-Day, the American Revolution, Hurricane Katrina, the bombing of Pearl Harbor and other world events. She lives in Connecticut with her family and can be found online at [laurentarshis.com](http://laurentarshis.com).

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# GRAPHIC NOVEL

## HOUSE OF HARKNESS: SCARLET WITCH GRAPHIC NOVEL

PREETI CHHIBBER



Calling all witches! Join Marvel fan-favourites Agatha Harkness and Wanda Maximoff, aka Scarlet Witch, in this spell-binding graphic novel adventure!

When evil threatens their school, Wanda Maximoff and Agatha Harkness are challenged to put their differences aside to save the day!

### Key selling points

- A brand-new, fully-illustrated madcap Marvel adventure
- A magical adventure featuring everyone's favourite witches
- Perfect for Marvel fans

 SCHOLASTIC

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**RRP:** £11.99

**Age:** 08-12

**Binding:** Non Standard

**Extent:** 144pp

**TPS:** 229mm x 152mm

**CBMC code:** D3N68

**Illustrations:** Colour

**English Language Rights:**

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**About the author:** Preeti Chhibber is an author, speaker, and freelance writer who has written for *SYFY*, *Polygon*, *Elle*, *BookRiot*, *The Nerds of Color*, and *The Mary Sue*, among others. Her debut young adult romantic comedy, *Payal Mehta's Romance Revenge Plot* is out in 2024. She also co-hosts the podcasts *Women of Marvel*, *Desi Geek Girls*, and *Tar Valon or Bust*. She usually spends her time reading a ridiculous amount of Young Adult but is also ready to jump into most fandoms at a moment's notice.

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# FICTION

## GALAXY RUNNERS: JELLO BREAKS THE UNIVERSE

JAMES LANCETT



SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 2nd July 2026

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RRP: £7.99

Age: 07-10

Binding: B format - paperback

Extent: 272pp

TPS: 198mm x 129mm

CBMC code: C3N79

Illustrations: Black and white

English Language Rights:

World



*Kiki's Delivery Service* meets *Guardians of the Galaxy* for readers of 7+ in this funny, action-packed adventure highly illustrated text with comic strip panels.

If you need something delivered in space with no questions asked, the Galaxy Runners are for you! They spend their time adventuring across the galaxy, escaping perilous dangers and making a quick space-buck along the way...

### Key selling points

- Short, accessible, highly illustrated chapters interspersed with comic panels are perfect for young or less confident readers.
- With both a boy and girl lead, cute, silly Jello front and centre, and a story packed with humour, creative characters and universe-saving action, *Galaxy Runners* has bags of appeal for young readers.
- James Lancett is brilliantly placed to author-illustrate hybrid fiction, given his extensive work in storyboarding and TV animation plus a strong track record as a commercial children's illustrator, with titles including *Vetman*, *Adam Wins the Internet*, *The New Famous Five* and many more.

**James Lancett** is a bestselling and award winning illustrator, animation director, storyboard artist and yellow sock lover! As a child growing up in Cardiff he was obsessed with cartoons, video games and all things fantasy. He now works in both the illustration and animation industries, and has worked on TV shows for Cartoon Network, Netflix and more, including *The Wonderfully Weird World of Gumball*, *Goat Girl* and *Deadendia*.

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# FICTION

## GALAXY RUNNERS: JELLO BREAKS THE UNIVERSE

JAMES LANCETT

Fig smiled, clearly figuring that pie was as good as his.

Just as they shook on it— DING! The door opened.

Filling the doorway of Kas and Fig's little pop-up office was a tall alien figure. He wore a helmet with a frosted visor covering his face, and a dusty cloak that

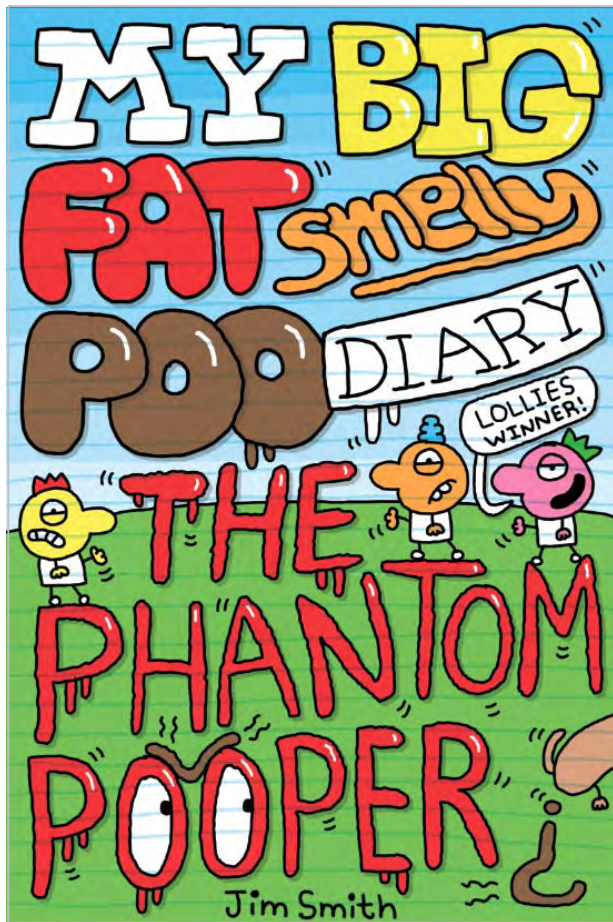


concealed most of his spacesuit. His boots were heavy with various robotic attachments.

# FICTION

## MY BIG FAT SMELLY POO DIARY 5: THE PHANTOM POOPER

JIM SMITH



My Big Fat Smelly Poo Diary: THE PHANTOM POOPER is packed with friendship, fun and more toilet jokes than you can shake a plunger at!

Join best friends Pedro, Olga and Ozzy - otherwise known as the Poopies - on three new outrageously gross adventures, from Dog Poo Bingo to HalloWEEen shenanigans!

### Key selling points

- The brand new graphic novel series from the bestselling creator of Barry Loser, Jim Smith
- A hilarious, fun and witty series of bite-sized stories
- Striking full-colour art in Jim Smith's trademark style
- Book one: MY BIG FAT SMELLY POO DIARY sold over 10,000 copy sales via TCM in just 4 months

**About the author:** Jim Smith is the award-winning author of the laugh-out-loud BARRY LOSER series (Roald Dahl Funny Prize winner, thank you very much), which spawned three full-colour graphic novels. His book FUTURE RATBOY snagged the Scholastic LOLLIES award, proving that rat-human hybrids are literary gold. He is the author of HOW TO BE A GENIUS KID (published by Faber under his alter ego, Waldo Pancake) and now the magnificently titled MY BIG FAT SMELLY POO DIARY series from Scholastic. Yes, you read that right. And yes, kids are absolutely loving it.

**SCHOLASTIC**

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Age: 07-12

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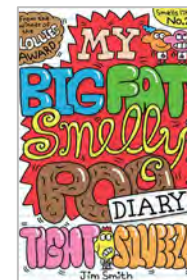
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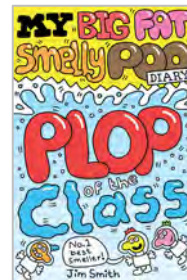
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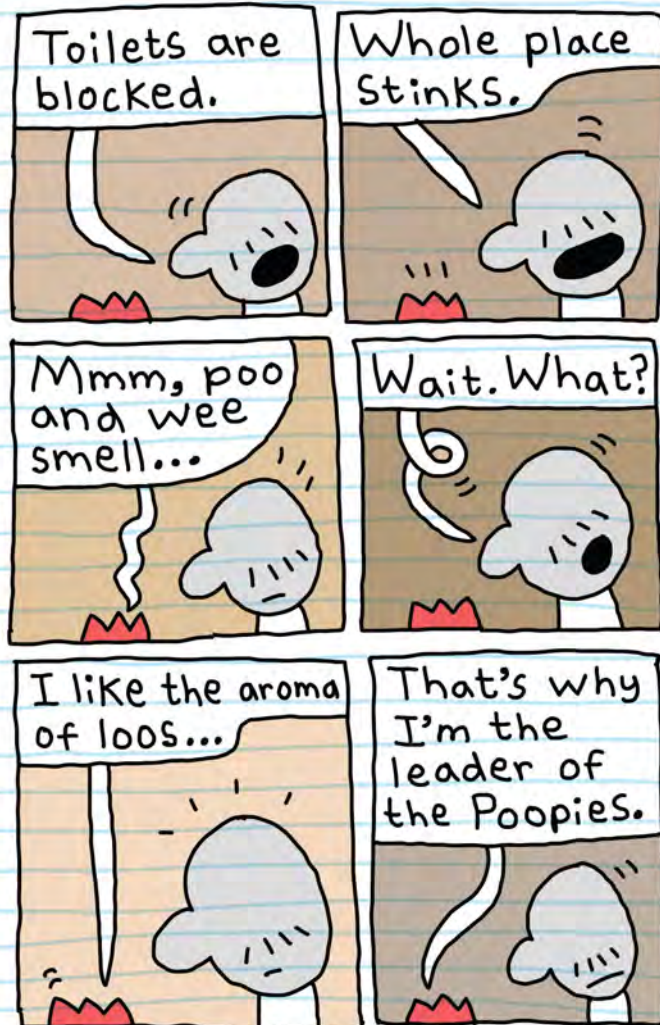


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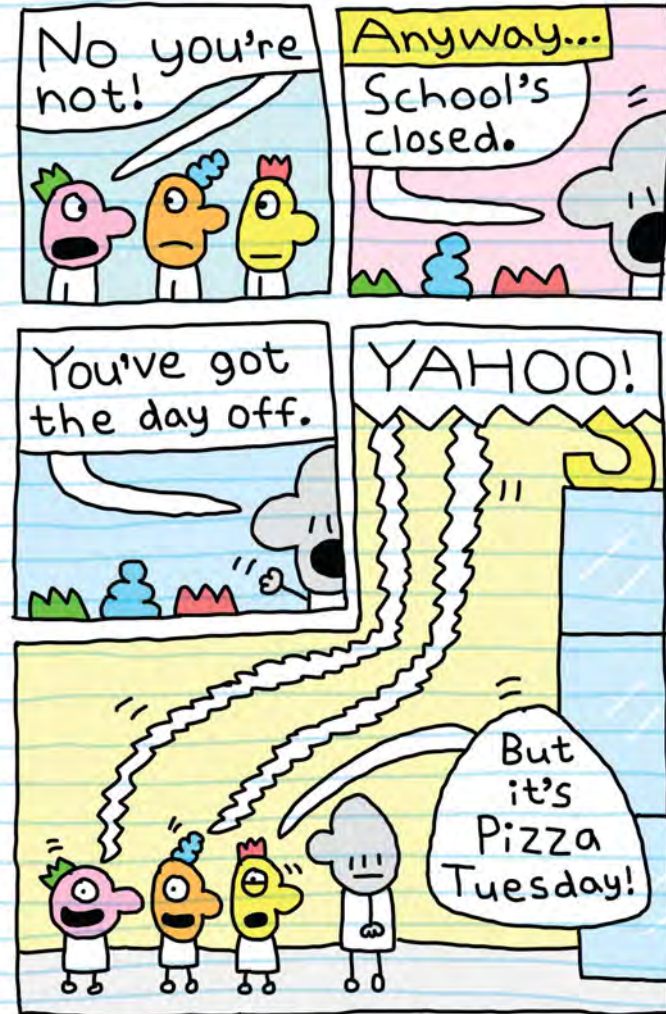
# FICTION

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JIM SMITH



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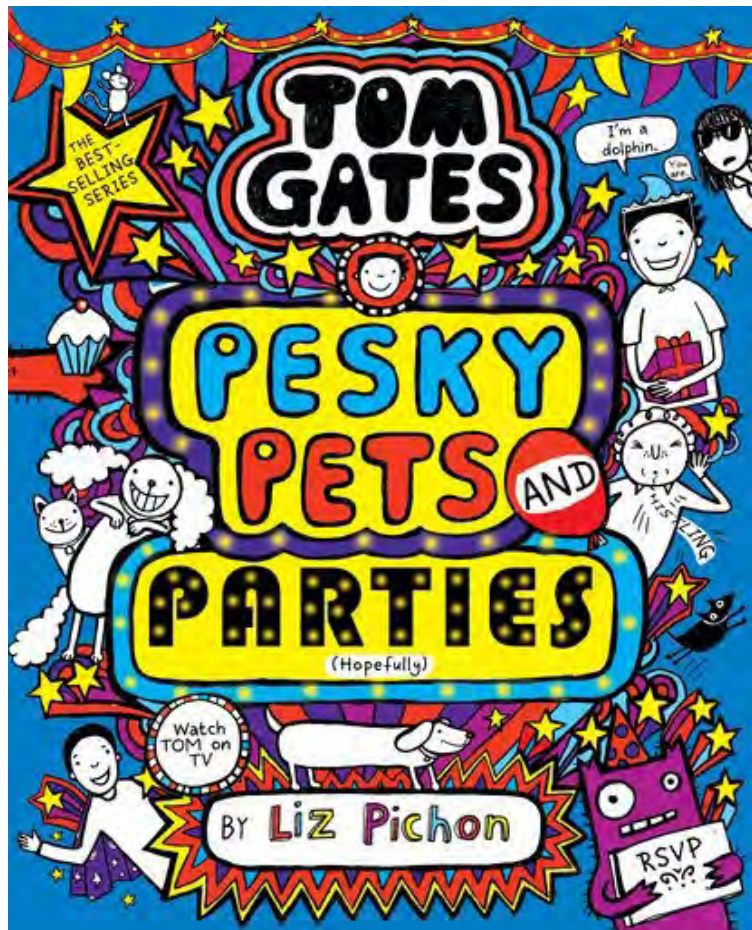


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# FICTION

## TOM GATES 24: PESKY PETS AND PARTIES (PB)

LIZ PICHON



The brand new Tom Gates bestseller from multi-million selling writer and illustrator Liz Pichon.

Get ready for the return of Tom's iconic band DogZombies, Tom dressed up as a dolphin and badly behaved pets causing chaos at parties.

### Key selling points

- Over 5 million copies of Tom Gates books have sold in the UK and the Tom Gates series has been translated into 46 languages.
- The TOM GATES EPIC STAGE SHOW is currently touring the country to huge acclaim.
- THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES is a hit, Scottish BAFTA-winning TV show on Sky Kids. Liz is the bestselling 'homegrown' author/illustrator in the UK.

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**RRP:** £7.99

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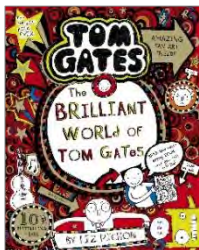
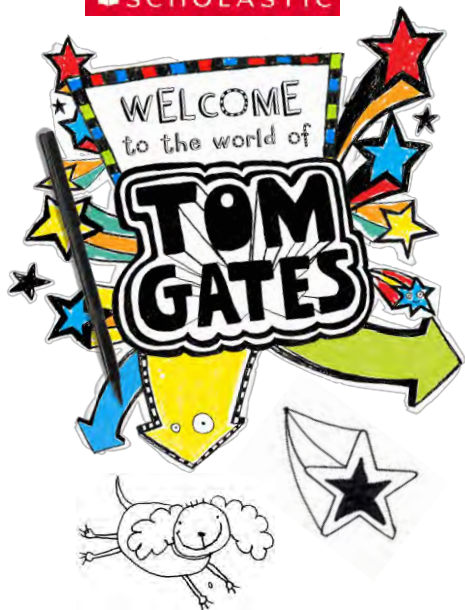
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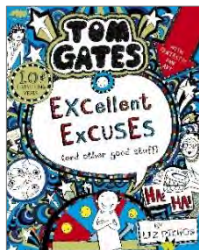
**About the author:** Liz Pichon studied graphic design and has worked as an art director in the music industry. Her freelance design work has appeared on a range of products and she has written and illustrated a number of picture books. Liz's first book for 9+ readers, 'THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES' won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, The Best Book for Young Readers -Red House Book Award and the Best Fiction for 5-12 year olds category of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Liz is married with three children and lives in Brighton.

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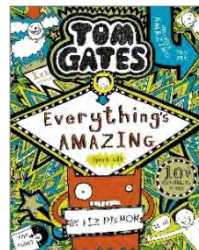
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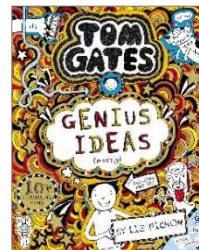
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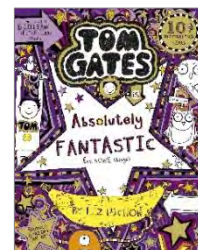
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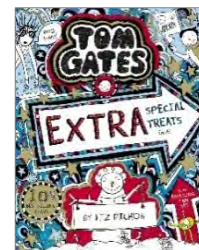
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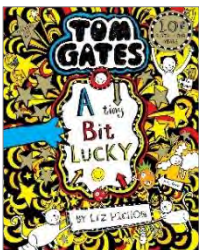
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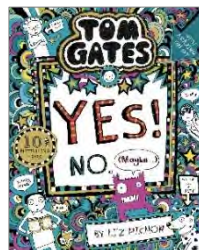
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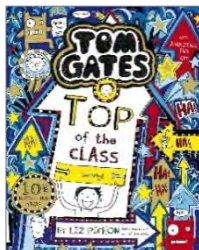
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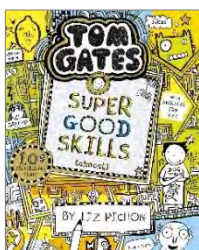
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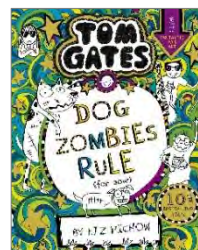
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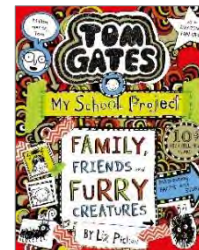
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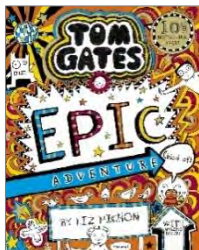
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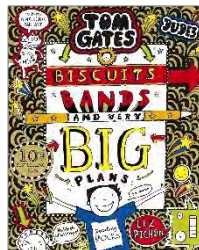
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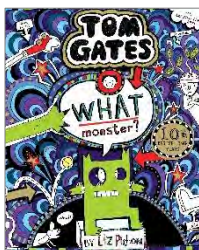
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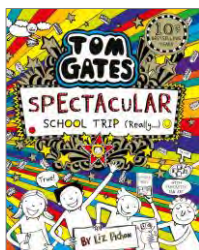
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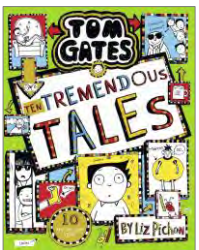
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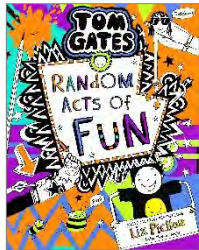
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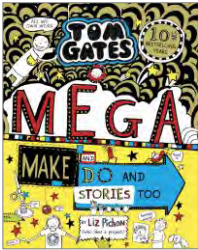
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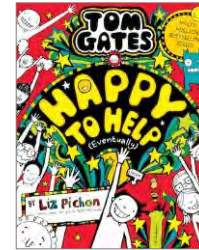
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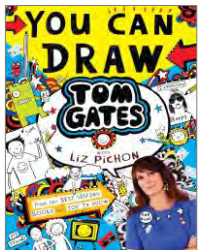
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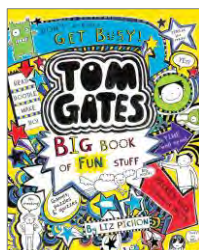
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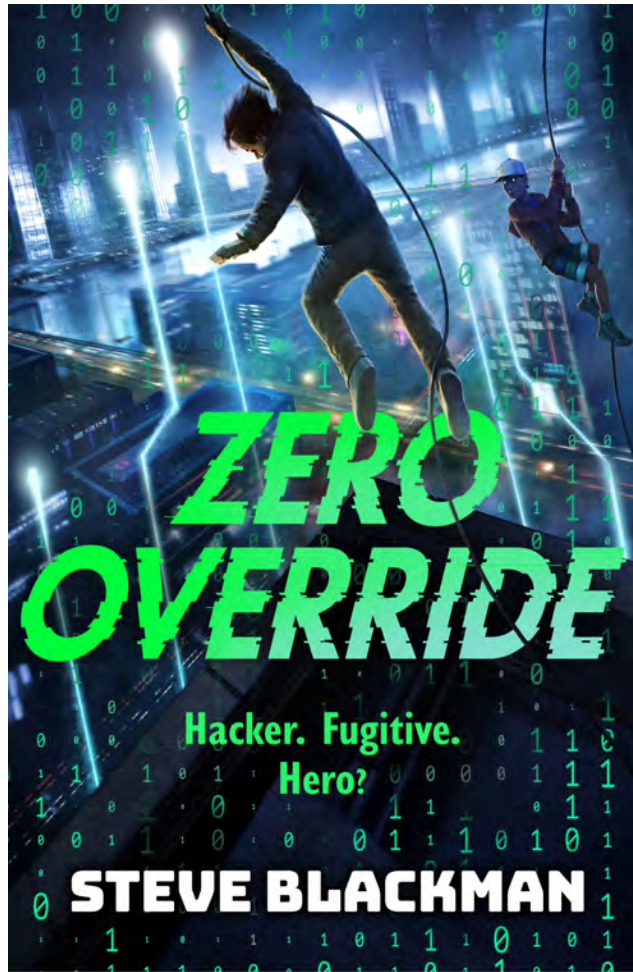
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# FICTION

## ZERO OVERRIDE

STEVE BLACKMAN



In a near-future London where humans and humanoid bots live side by side, sophisticated malware is infiltrating the national system.

If it uploads fully, every intelligent machine in the country - from home assistants to hospital bots to android enforcers - will shut down.

Thirteen year old Zero's sister is in terrible danger if the malware takes down her life support, so its up to him to go against MI6 and save the day!

### Key selling points

- Fiction for upper middle-grade and teen boys is one of the least served areas in our industry, and ZERO OVERRIDE fills the gap perfectly.
- AI is a hot and ever-growing topic, and this book tackles the nuanced topic head-on.
- This action-packed, compelling and intriguing adventure combines the thrills of spy novels like *Cherub* and *Alex Rider* with the exciting rebel identity of our hero who is working *against* the establishment.

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World

**Steve Blackman** is a debut author who lives in South London. Having worked in digital technology for over 25 years, he is now a copywriter and editor with a specialism in that sector. In 2020, Steve graduated Curtis Brown's Creative's YA and Children's Fiction course and has been listed in multiple writing competitions since, including: Skylark Soaring Stories, WriteMentor Novel Award, and SCBWI's Undiscovered Voices competition.

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## READING ENJOYMENT

The National Literacy Trust's annual survey exploring reading for pleasure and daily reading habits revealed that children's reading enjoyment is at an all time low in 2025.

Just 1 in 3 children aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in their free time, and fewer than 1 in 5 said they read something daily in their free time. This decline has been most acute among boys, particularly teenage boys, with only 25.7% enjoying to read in their free time.

But research also suggests we can re-engage readers, particularly boys, by:

Aligning reading with other interests, such as gaming, media and technology.

Giving readers agency over which books they choose to read.

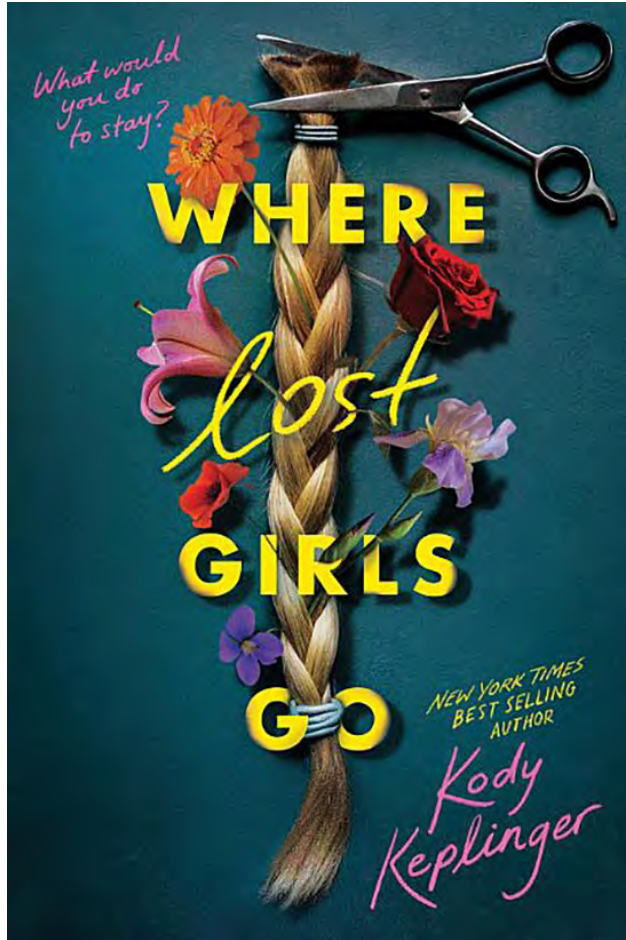
Action/adventure stories and stories with humour resonate most with children and teens.

*Zero Override* by Steve Blackman (July 2026) offers the kind of story that speaks directly to kids and the things they care about. *i, Robot* meets *Alex Rider*, it's a high-stakes adventure debut for readers of 10+, featuring a group of young underground hackers who steal from the rich in a world populated with bots and AI. With pertinent themes of technology and family, alongside a high-energy, high-stakes plot, it has been written with kids' reading enjoyment top of mind.

# FICTION

## WHERE LOST GIRLS GO

KODY KEPLINGER



There are many reasons why five girls have ended up living with Sol in a cabin in the Kentucky mountains. **But the girls don't talk about what has brought each of them here or who they were before.**

Iris knows she owes *everything* to Sol. He has promised to keep them safe from their pasts. All he asks in return is for their loyalty, which Iris freely gives.

When a new girl, Rose, arrives, Iris is drawn to her, but as they grow closer, Rose has Iris questioning things about this life in the woods.

### Key selling points

- A stunning story about girlhood, power and desperation that asks just how far we'll go to save ourselves - and those we love.
- Perfect for fans of the cult-like vibe of *The Girls* and *Where Sleeping Girls Lie*

**About the author:** Kentucky-born Kody Keplinger's earliest memory is sitting at an old typewriter, pressing random keys as she told her mother the story she thought she was writing. Once she actually learned to spell, the writing never stopped. She wrote her first published novel, *THE DUFF* (Designated Ugly Fat Friend) at the age of 17, which is now a hit Netflix show. Since then she has written two more books for teens (*SHUT OUT*, *A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHTMARE*) and one book for middle grade readers (*THE SWIFT BOYS & ME*). She currently lives in New York City.

 SCHOLASTIC

**Pub Date:** 16th July 2026

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**RRP:** £8.99

**Age:** 14-20

**Binding:** B format - paperback

**Extent:** 384pp

**TPS:** 198mm x 129mm

**CBMC code:** E3N79

**Illustrations:**

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# The Odyssey

HOMER

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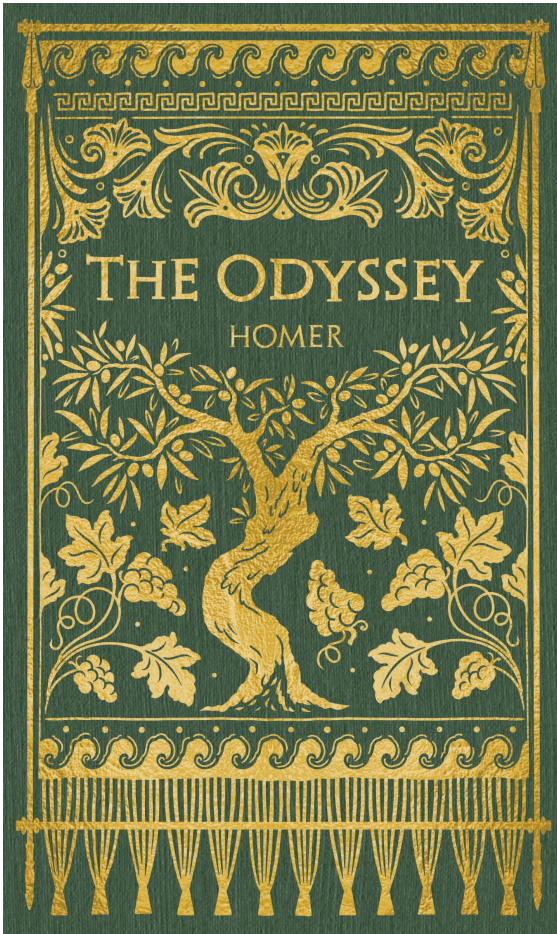
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RRP: £16.99

Age: 11-18

Binding: B format -  
hardback

Extent: 328pp



Step into the timeless epic of Homer's *The Odyssey*, where myth and destiny collide.

- Packaged in a stunning foiled cover.

Follow legendary Odysseus, a king and hero forged in the fires of the Trojan War, as he embarks on a long and perilous journey that will push him to his limits.

This is no ordinary voyage, though, as he and his crew find themselves on islands where mortals were never meant to tread. There are mythical creatures to battle at every turn - from the monstrous Cyclops Polyphemus to the spellbinding Sirens who wish to lure and deceive. And with each storm, sent by vengeful Poseidon, Odysseus must remember the real reason for this journey: home.

His kingdom of Ithaca is under threat from those who are convinced their king has been lost in war. His wife, Penelope, and son, Telemachus, cling to hope, waiting for his return.

Odysseus must rise to reclaim what is his and prove that no distance and no god can stand between a hero and his destiny.

# NON FICTION

## CUTIE COLOURING: RAINY DAY PLAY PAD

SCHOLASTIC Illustrated by SUZANNE WASHINGTON



**Pub Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

**ISBN:** 9780702348983

**RRP:** £8.99

**Age:** 05-07

**Binding:** Non Standard - paperback

**Extent:** 96pp

**TPS:** 246mm x 189mm

These play pads are the perfect way for younger children to take their favourite activities on the road - they will pop easily into a backpack and fit just right on a train or plane tray table or a lap.

**Filled with hours of fun activities including colouring, puzzles and simple games that children will love whether at home or on holiday.**

### Key selling points

- Perfect to fit in backpacks ready for entertainment anywhere
- Tear-out pages make it easy to share and use on the go
- Just the right size for fold-down tray tables, highchairs and more
- Children will love the pages packed with activities
- A great way to give little ones time away from their screens

## CUTIE COLOURING: TRAVEL CUTIES PLAY PAD

SCHOLASTIC Illustrated by SUZANNE WASHINGTON



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# NON FICTION

## CUTIE COLOURING: TRAVEL CUTIES PLAY PAD

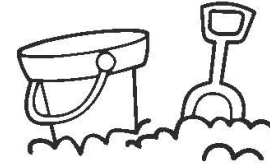
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### Cuties Holiday Wordsearch

Can you find these holiday words hidden in the grid below? Don't forget to give the Cuties some colour!



Words can run across, down and diagonally. (One is even backwards!)



- BEACH
- BOAT
- FERRY
- HOLIDAY
- PARK
- PARASOL
- PLANE
- POOL
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNSCREEN
- TRAIN
- TREATS

Q	V	T	Y	T	B	E	L	I	H	D
P	A	R	A	S	O	L	R	F	T	M
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# NON FICTION

## CUTIE COLOURING: JAPAN CUTIES

SCHOLASTIC



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Perfect for fans of all ages, this book invites you to relax, unwind, and add your own splash of colour to a playful universe filled with music, friendship, and charm.

**Grab your favourite pens or pencils and bring these lovable Japan-themed creatures to life – one cute beat at a time!**

### Key selling points

- The perfect gift for fans of all things Japan
- A gentle and peaceful way to pass the time
- Illustrated on one side to help prevent bleed-through (don't forget to use a protective paper sheet if using markers!)

**About the illustrator:** Suzanne has been working as an illustrator since graduating from Loughborough University in 2004 with a BA in Printed Textile Design. Specializing in highly detailed decorative designs and retro inspired conversational prints inspired by nature, vintage collections and eclectic treasures, Suzanne's work has a quirky narrative quality and a magical sense of nostalgia. Suzanne loves painting florals as well as drawing cute fun designs.

Usually found working in her home studio in Leicestershire she also enjoys cooking healthy treats and baking, doing a spot of hand sewing and nice long walks in the local countryside. Suzanne also loves cats and reading and feels there is nothing like the escapism of a great book!

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**COVER  
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Welcome to a little corner of colouring joy with Cutie Colouring: London Cuties – the perfect gift for visitors and locals alike.

Cosy colouring fans can discover the perfect way to relax with the very best of London, Cutie-style! It's time to celebrate these adorable Cuties and the sites of London, with colouring pages featuring simple images with clear outlines to fill with favourite colours.

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- A soothing treat for colouring fans of all ages.
- Get cosy with more than 45 adorable, bold and simple pictures to colour and complete.

# MEDIA

## THE ULTIMATE SECRET BUILDER'S GUIDE TO MINECRAFT

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For those who want to master the art of creation, *The Deluxe Minecraft Builder's Guide* is the definitive book out there.

Includes full-colour images and step-by-step instructions for cool Minecraft builds. 100% unofficial.

Created by Future plc and GamesMaster, leaders in video game publishing.

### Key selling points

- The ultimate guide for anyone who wants to master Minecraft
- Includes full-colour images, detailed step-by-step instructions and game screenshots to help gamers become a master builder
- Perfect for players of all ages
- Since its launch in 2009, Minecraft has reached 100 million registered users

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# MEDIA

## WINGS OF FIRE: WINGS OF FIRE GLOW-IN-THE-DARK COLORING BOOK

TUI T. SUTHERLAND



Colour your way through the Wings of Fire universe with this deluxe colouring book!

Over 90 pages packed with beloved characters; plus 24 special glow-in-the-dark pages throughout! It's perfect for fans of all ages.

### Key selling points

- Colour in your favourite dragons from the beloved
- Includes 24 glow-in-the-dark pages
- The ideal gift for Wings of Fire fans

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**About the author:** Tui T. Sutherland is the author of the New York Times and USA Today bestselling Wings of Fire series, the Menagerie trilogy, and the Pet Trouble series, as well as a contributing author to the bestselling Spirit Animals and Seekers series (as part of the Erin Hunter team).

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# MEDIA

## SKIBIDI: SKIBIDI ORIGINAL YA NOVEL #2

LYNDSAY ELY



An action-packed novel based on the fastest-growing YouTube series of all time! Includes exclusive information not available online!

Go behind the front lines of the war between Skibidi Toilets and Cameramen in this all-new, original story. Full of epic, post-apocalyptic adventure, this novel is not to be missed!

This book is recommended for readers aged 15 and older. Parental discretion is advised.

### Key selling points

- Full of epic, post-apocalyptic adventure, this novel is not to be missed!
- Perfect for fans of the hit web series
- Based on the unpredictable and funny internet sensation

**About the series:** Skibidi Toilet tells the story of a fictional war between hybrid humanoid characters from a time and place where the lines between humanity and technology are obliterated. This high-action series visualizes an epic clash of sentient machines battling for supremacy and control of an uncertain future. With a feature film in development from the Transformers team of Michael Bay and Adam Goodman, toys from Bonkers and apparel from Bioworld already flying off the shelves, Skibidi is truly the next big thing.

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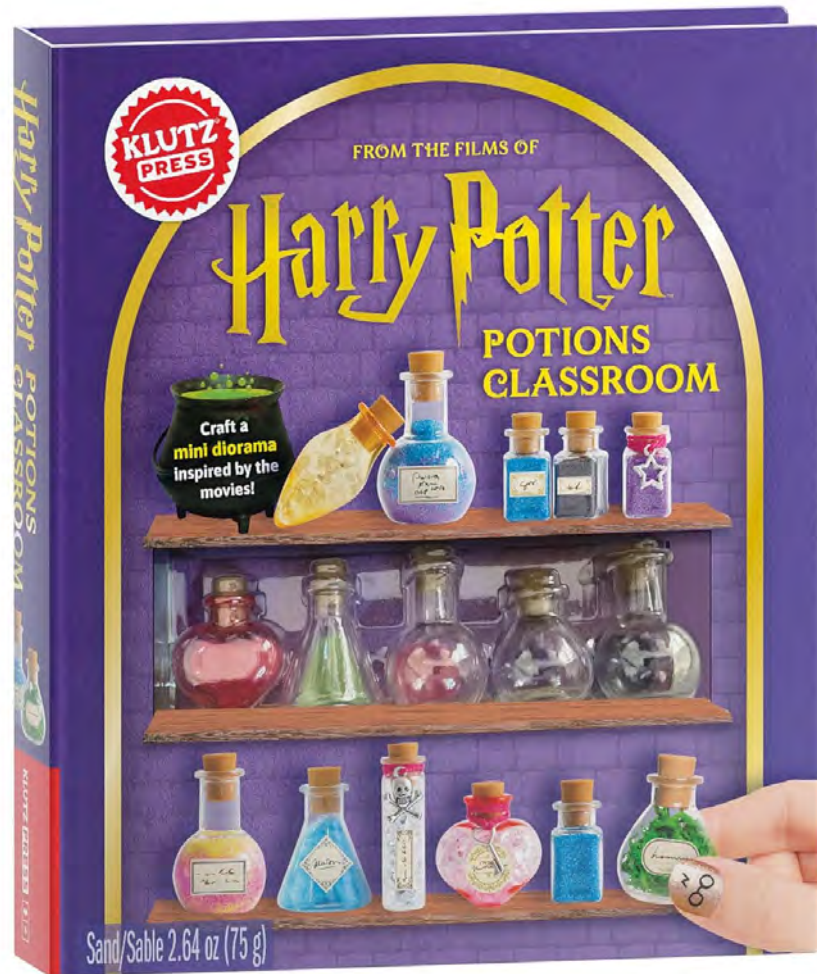
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# KLUTZ

## KLUTZ: HARRY POTTER POTIONS

EDITORS OF KLUTZ



### Make your own miniature display of potion jars from the Harry Potter films!

Colourful mix-ins and tiny potion jars let you re-create the look of 10 potions, from *Felix Felicis* (also known as "liquid luck") to *Amortentia* (also known as a love potion).

Creative prompts encourage crafters to invent their ideas for faux potion recipes, jot down notes in tiny books and display their mini props on sturdy papercraft shelves.

### Key selling points

- This interactive book will entertain and delight
- Includes magical potions to create!
- Perfect gift for creative hands-on kids
- Includes a helpful step-by-step guide
- The Harry Potter books are the best-selling books in history with more than 450 million copies sold as of July 2013

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**About the series:** The best thing about Klutz's award-winning products is that you're never left looking for the extras. Everything you need is included in a package that provides first-rate materials with clear instructions to provide a hands-on learning experience that ranges from the artistic to the scientific.

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