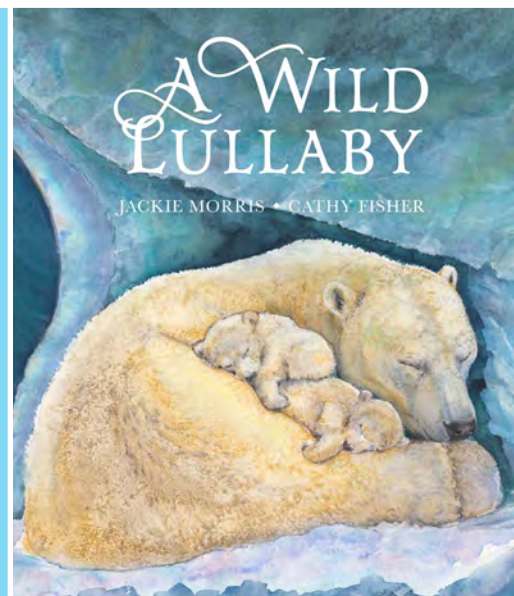
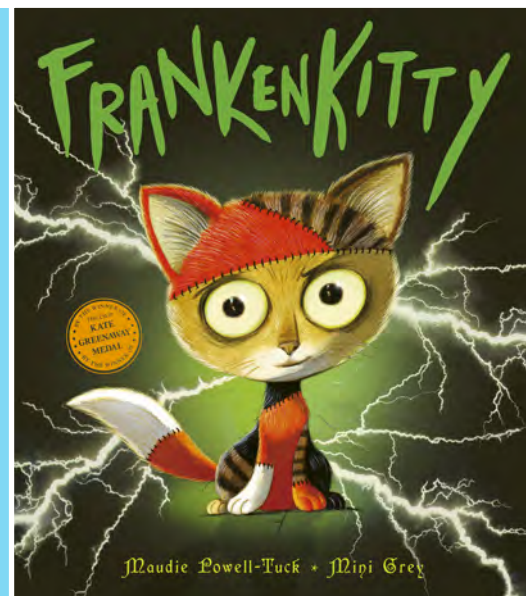
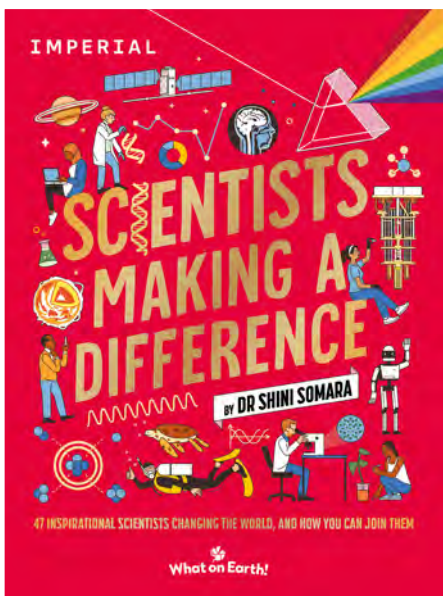


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Our Top Picks for September

A monthly selection of titles perfect for independent bookshops!

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The Broom of Doom
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Who said Boo?
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Sallywag Press



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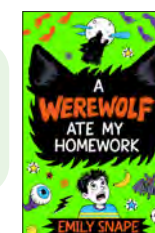


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'Tales of wonder - Tor is one of my favourite artists.'
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Firefly



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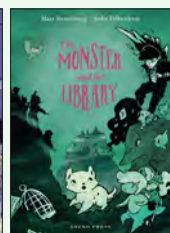
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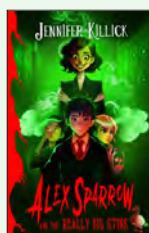
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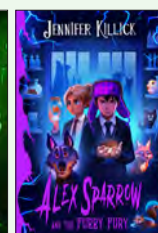
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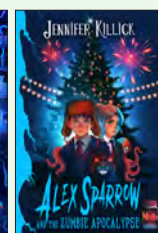
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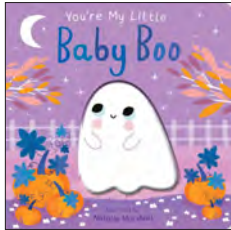
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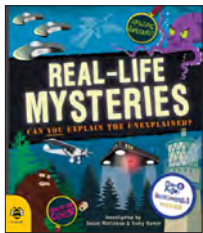
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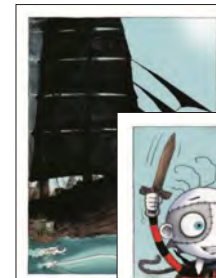
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SALES & MARKETING

September 2026
Baby/Toddler Books



The Little Red Barn

Author and Illustrator **Kim Crumrine**



In this bright, graphic board book that is pure fun, an unfeasible number of animals find a bed for the night in the little red barn

ABOUT THE BOOK

It's time for the farm animals to go to sleep in the little red barn. First a mouse, then two cats, three dogs, four chickens, five pigs . . . Group by group, the animals trot in, carrying toys and cuddlies and snacks. All of them disappear, bottom by bottom, through the door. But how can so many animals fit inside? Turn the last page to find out how the barn that looks so small has room for everybody! *The Little Red Barn* is a goodnight book, a counting book, and a funny joke, as a succession of cheerful farm animals disappear into the very loooooong little red barn.

SALES POINTS

- A fresh, funny, read-again story
- Shows perspective, with the view of the animals and barn turning from side-on to backside
- Three prizes and multiple reprints for original edition, published in Italy

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Kim Crumrine is a freelance artist and picture book writer who lives in New Jersey, in a house where turtles cross her driveway to get to the river. She has a background in math.

TITLE INFORMATION

Release 01 September 2026

Ages **2-4**

Format **boardbook**

Size **180 x 180mm square 7 x 7**

Pages **34 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798348056247**

NZD **19.99** AUD **17.99** GBP **8.99**

USD **14.99**

Translator **Antony Shugaar**

Original Language **Italian (Italy and USA)**

This book in 3 ideas **counting, perspective, warm comedy**

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This book is built for adult and child to enjoy together, with an ending that will delight both every time.”

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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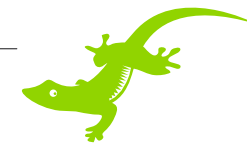
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G E C K O P R E S S



It's bedtime on the farm.
All the animals sleep in
the **little red barn**.





Three dogs.





Songs of the Seasons



Learn about nature's rhythm across the four seasons!

Play a plethora of sounds from the natural world and be enchanted by everything from buzzing bees in spring to hooting owls on a chilly winter's night. Charming, scene-setting text, useful labels and phenomenal facts help introduce children to the sounds and behaviours of creatures in each habitat

Sales Points:

- Press the buttons to hear 24 bird and animal sounds from across Europe.
- Explore eight habitats and discover remarkable facts about wildlife, season by season.
- Enchanting collage-style artwork brings each scene to life.

Marketing and Publicity:

- Over 30,000 copies of Songs of the Birds sold in the UK.
- A series of social media carousels will promote the sounds of each season.
- Backed by a significant digital advertising and PR campaign.

Patricia Hegarty (Author) is currently the Editorial Director of Caterpillar Books and has written about all kinds of things from trees and bees to ABC s (and she loves to rhyme).

Elinor Duffy (Illustrator) worked in publishing for many years and then graduated with an MA in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art. Elinor loves making papertextures, patterns and collaging natural scenes of animals and birds. She lives on a smallholding in the Hertfordshire countryside with sheep, chickens, dogs, ponies, and her family.

Written by Patricia Hegarty
Illustrated by Elinor Duffy

ISBN: 9781801048774

Pub Date: 3 September 2026

Price: £14.99

Format: CBB

Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 210 x 210 mm

Extent: 16 pp.

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The female great tit lays between five and twelve eggs in a clutch.

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BLACKCAP

Blackcaps get their name from the black colouring on the heads of the male birds.

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GREAT TIT

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HONEYBEE

It's spring in the woods.
Birds sing their dawn chorus

and bees buzz
beside burst-open buds.

Honeybees build hives up high, while bumblebees live in nests low to the ground.

BUMBLEBEE



Woodland animals tread among
crisp leaves on an autumn afternoon.

RED DEER

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Male red deer
have big branching
antlers that increase
in size with age.

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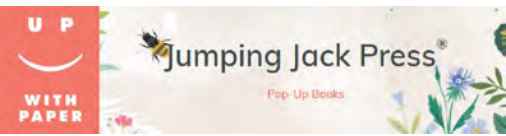
JAY

Jays love acorns
and may store up to
5,000 in a season.

SQUIRREL

A squirrel's nest is made
from twigs and dry leaves
and is called a drey.

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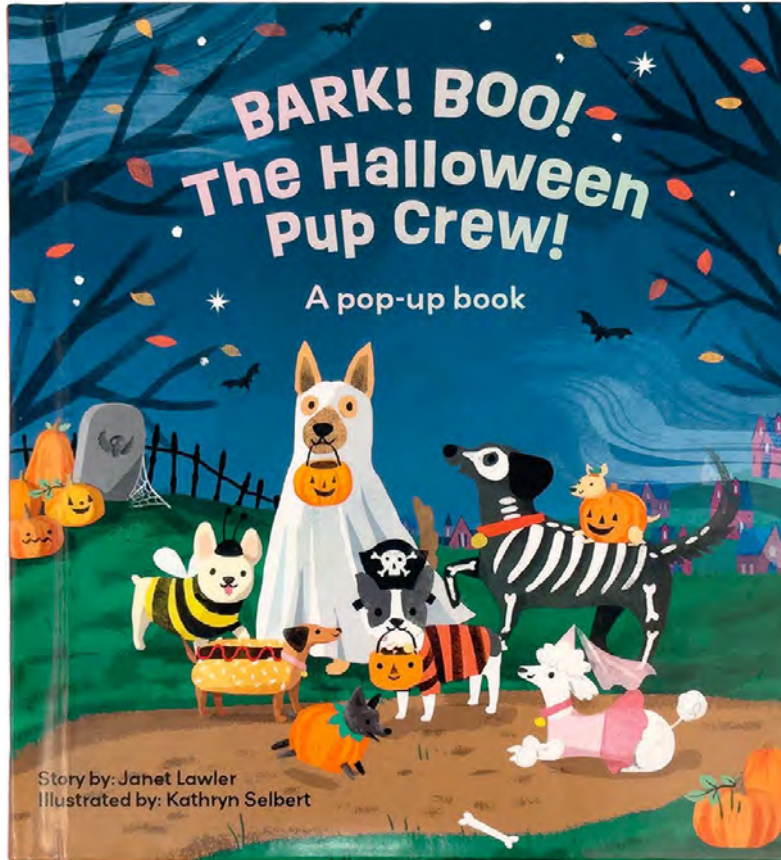
Bark! Boo! The Halloween Pup Crew!

A Pop-Up Book of Wonder

Author: **Janet Lawler**

Artist: **Kathryn Selbert**

Paper engineer: **Renee Jablow and Yevgeniya Yeretskaya**



Costumed pups tote goodie pails through the neighborhood as they do tricks to earn treats on Halloween.

How are the pups and dogs dressed? As a bee, a hot dog, a vampire, a mummy, and more! Dog lovers will howl with delight as they join in on the fun, with pop-ups and moving parts across five spreads.



Boardbook

146mm x 229mm

12 pages

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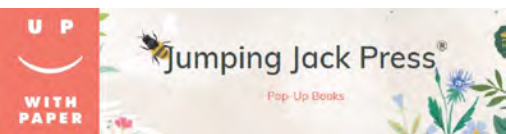
ISBN: 9781623486822

Age range: 3+



At last, the dogs have had their fill.
They gather on a nearby hill.

And then this silly canine crew
yaps Happy Howloween to you!



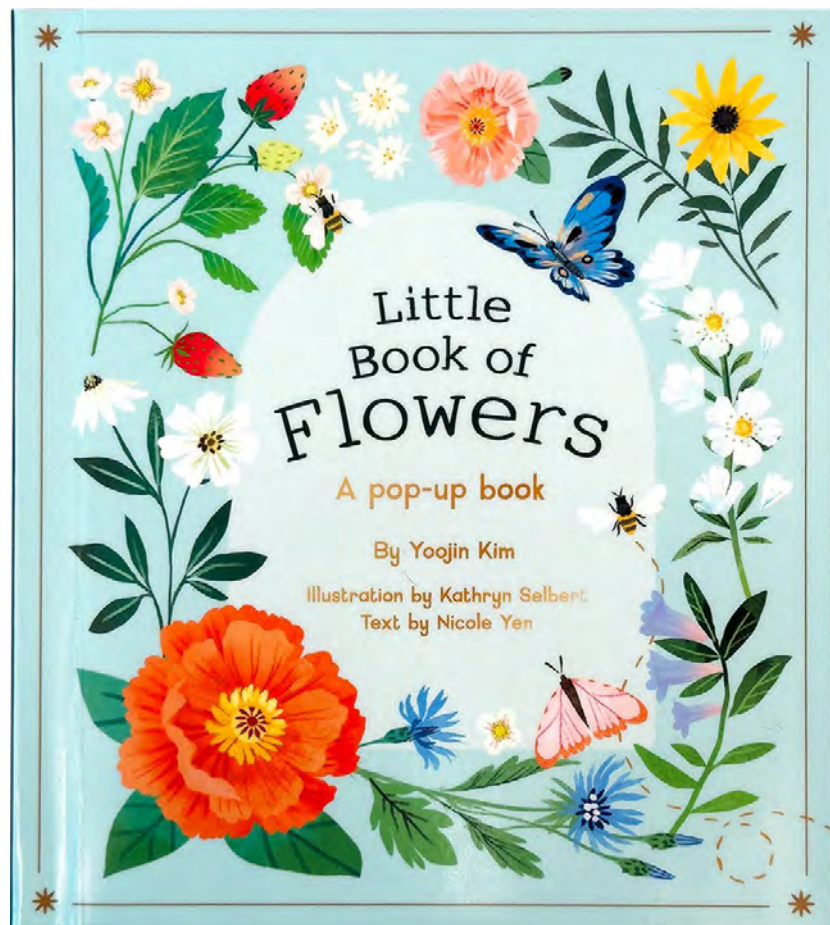
Little Book of Flowers

A Pop-Up Book of Wonder

Author: **Nicola Yen**

Artist: **Kathryn Selbert**

Paper engineer: **Yoojin Kim**



Boardbook

146mm x 229mm

16 pages

£14.99

ISBN: 9781623486839

Age range: 3+

Follow the butterfly on a springtime pop-up adventure and uncover the secret lives of flowers and their critter friends.

Watch as bees dance through pollen, birds peck at ripe berries, and fish swim among lily pads. Explore lift flaps and pull-tabs throughout seven spreads filled with captivating pop-ups and informational tidbits.





Hungry critters sip nectar
from flowers they find,
leaving some traces of pollen behind.

- * Pollination is the transfer of pollen (a fine powder) from the male to female part of a flower, so that seeds can form.
- * Animals and insects pick up and transfer pollen when moving around plants, often without knowing!



Written by Nicola Edwards
Illustrated by Lindsey Sagar

ISBN: 9781801048798

Pub Date: 3 September 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: BB

Age: 1 to 3

Dims: 180 x 180 mm

Extent: 10 pp.



Hello There: Little Bear

Shake the book and share the joy of making the faces move and change!

This fun, fresh board book features an innovative rolling-eye novelty on every spread to engage little ones who are always fascinated by new faces. Readers will enjoy the comforting rhythmic repetition as we greet the day with a cast of friendly forest animals that are bursting with personality.

Sales Points:

- Sturdy pages and embedded eye mechanisms ensure these books hold up to repeated reading – perfect for curious little hands.
- Simple, cheerful rhymes and familiar themes support early language development and offer broad international appeal.
- Bold colours, sweet characters and stylish design ensure collectible series potential.

Nicola Edwards (Author) has been nominated for the UKLA and Blue Peter Book awards and is a two-time Parenting Product Awards winner. She lives in East London.

Lindsey Sagar (Illustrator) graduated with a first-class honours degree in Graphic Design and has been working as a professional illustrator for over 10 years.



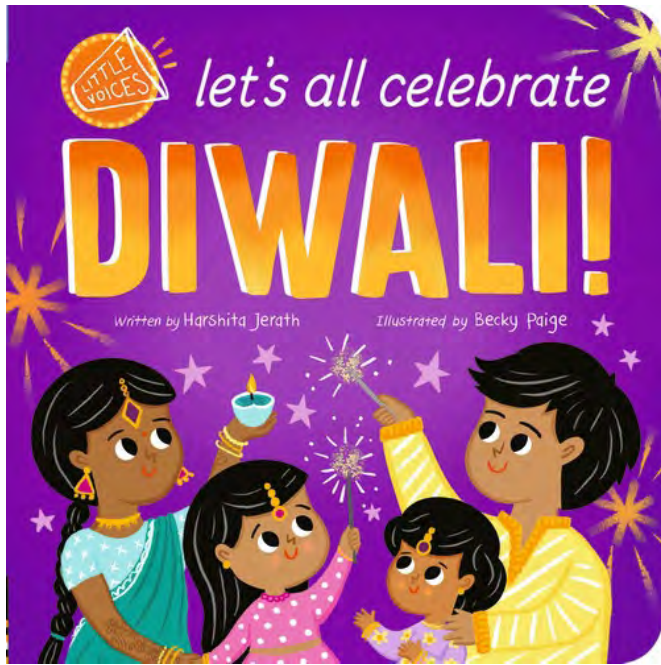
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It's **Raccoon.**
Let's wake
her up.

Look at me!





Let's All Celebrate Diwali

Discover the enchanting festival of lights!

Join in with the exciting preparations and celebrations, from cooking and decorating to feasting and lighting the lamps. This vibrant board book, with its bright artwork and simple text, is all about Diwali!

Perfect as an introduction to Diwali or as a gift for those who celebrate the festival.

Sales Points:

- A bright and accessible celebration of the festival of lights.
- Perfect for introducing young readers to different cultures.
- Part of the *Little Voices* series, which features an inclusive cast of characters.

Harshita Jerath (Author) is a children's book author who draws inspiration from her memories of growing up in India and the colourful world around her. She enjoys visiting schools to spark conversations about storytelling, creativity, and big ideas. She currently lives with her family in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Becky Paige (Illustrator) is an illustrator living in Orlando, Florida. She loves creating images that are sweet, colourful and playful. After 20 years as a classroom teacher, she had the opportunity to go back to school to study graphic design and follow her lifelong dream of being an illustrator.

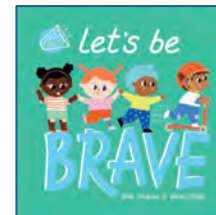
Written by Harshita Jerath
Illustrated by Becky Paige

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Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £7.99
Format: CBB
Age: 1 to 3
Dims: 186 x 186 mm
Extent: 20 pp.

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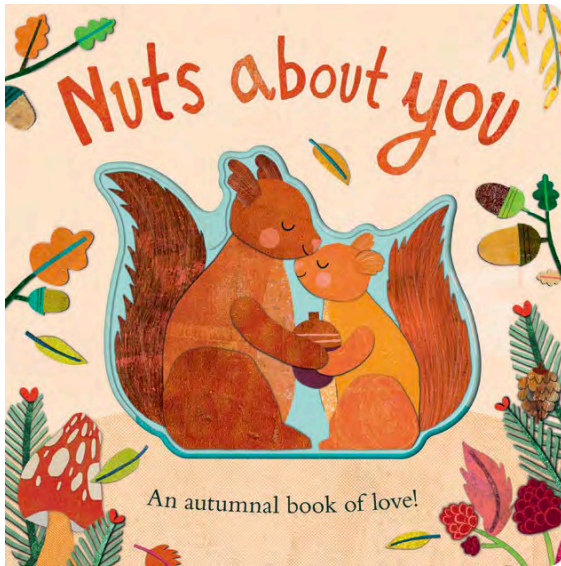
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Every autumn, on a new moon day,
comes Diwali, the Hindu
festival of lights.

We celebrate Diwali
with family
and friends.





Nuts About You

I adore an acorn -
walnuts and almonds, too.
But, more than any other thing,
what I'm nuts about is you!

This gorgeous peek-through book takes readers on a journey through the woodlands with the harvest moon aglow, where they can meet a cast of forest creatures from squirrels to woodpeckers and dormice to beavers. The gentle rhyming text incorporates clever animal-based puns, and celebrates the love between parent and child. With chunky pages for little hands, this is the perfect read to share together during the cosy season.

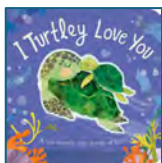
Written by Harriet Evans
Illustrated by Nelly Edwards

ISBN: 9781801048354
Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £7.99
Format: BB
Age: 1 to 3
Dims: 190 x 190 mm
Extent: 14 pp.

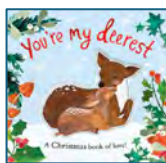
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9781848579385
BB £7.99



9781838915681
BB £7.99



9781838916763
BB £7.99

An amazing autumnal addition to the much-loved Bee Mine series.

Sales Points:

- Chunky die-cut pages are great for curious little hands.
- Adorable parent-and-child animal pairings on every spread make this a perfect autumnal read to share together.
- Textured, collage-style artwork from illustrator Nelly Edwards adds an extra-special sweetness to the pages.

Harriet Evans (Author) works in children's publishing and spends her days researching cool animal facts, imagining awesome adventures and drinking copious amounts of tea.

Nelly Edwards (Illustrator) is based in the countryside just outside of Newbury, West Berkshire. Nelly predominantly works in the medium of collage in her tiny home studio.

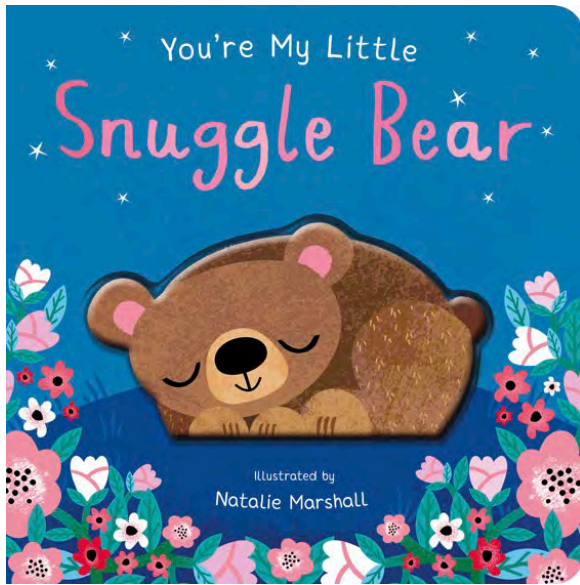
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So, snuggle close beside me
and together we will stay.

The harvest moon says sleep now,
then, tomorrow, we can play.



You're My Little Snuggle Bear

Celebrate the love you have for your little one with this bestselling rhyming board book series.

With chunky pages for little hands and die-cut parent and baby characters, these sweet and colourful books are perfect for bedtime.

Sales Points:

- Part of the multi-million-copy-selling You're My Little ... series.
- Gentle rhyming text affirms the unconditional love between parent and child.
- A perfect read to share while winding down for bedtime.

Nicola Edwards (Author) has been nominated for the UKLA and Blue Peter Book awards and is a two-time Parenting Product Awards winner. She lives in East London.

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

Written by Nicola Edwards
Illustrated by Natalie Marshall

ISBN: 9781848579729

Pub Date: 3 September 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: BB

Age: 1 to 3

Dims: 190 x 190 mm


Extent: 18 pp.



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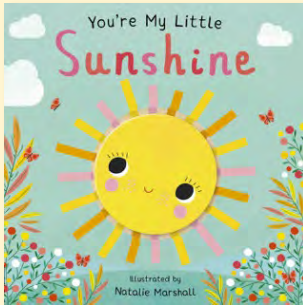
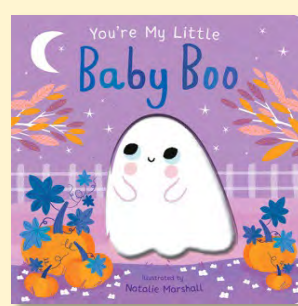
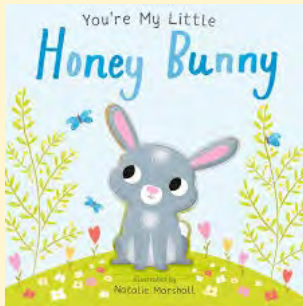
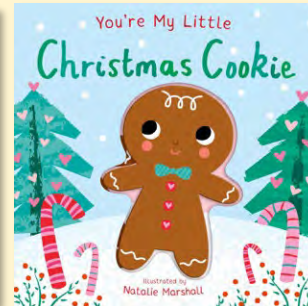
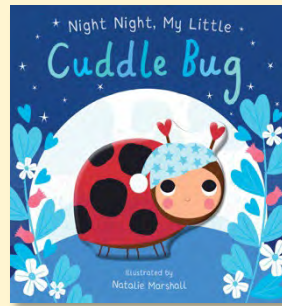


You're the cutest,
dear raccoon,
I'm always proud of you.



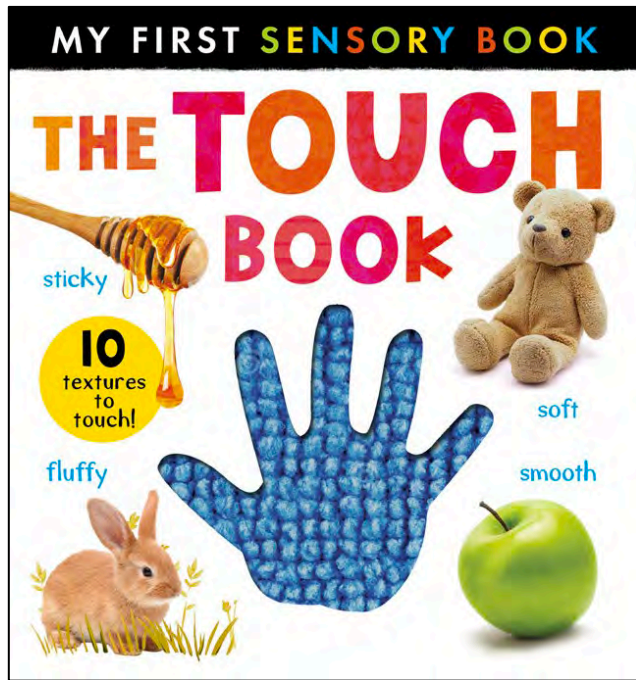
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Over
14 million
copies sold
worldwide!



UK Sales
increased
by 51% in
2025

Board Book with die-cuts & raised pieces • £7.99 • 190x190mm • 18pp



The Touch Book

Full of different textures, this touch-and-feel book encourages children to interact with the world around them.

Each spread is full of vibrant photography that illustrate each texture with familiar everyday objects, easy-to-read text to encourage language development, and stimulating interactive prompts alongside the irresistible touch-and-feel elements, making this the ideal book to get your child learning, thinking and talking with you as they experience their environment through sensory play.

Sales Points:

- A tactile book encouraging sensory and motor development, and an understanding of the world around us.
- Encourages children to interact imaginatively with their environment.
- A book filled with hands-on, practical learning for little ones.
- Part of the My First series, with its broad range of early-learning books in various interactive formats

Nicola Edwards (Author) has been nominated for the UKLA and Blue Peter Book awards and is a two-time Parenting Product Awards winner. She lives in East London.

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

Written by Nicola Edwards
Illustrated by Thomas Elliott

ISBN: 9781801048927
Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £12.99
Format: CBB
Age: 1 to 3
Dims: 226 x 211 mm
Extent: 22 pp.

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spongy, squishy, springy, cushiony

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Spongy things spring back when you press them.



Spongy balls are great at bouncing!

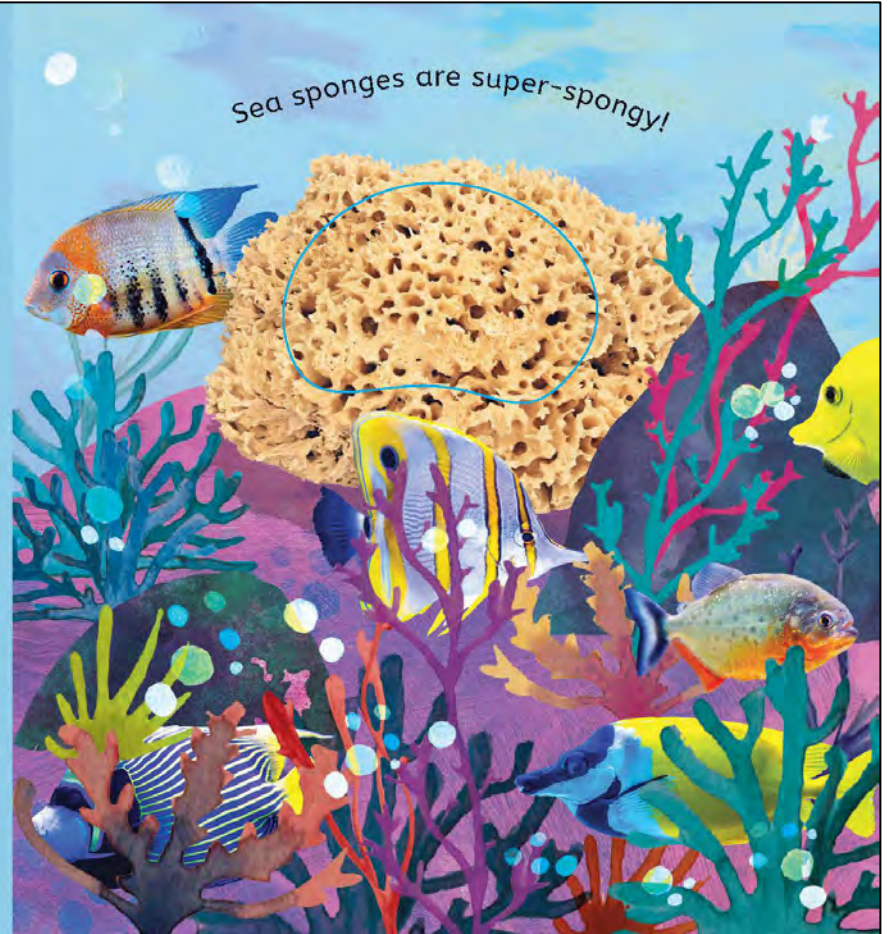


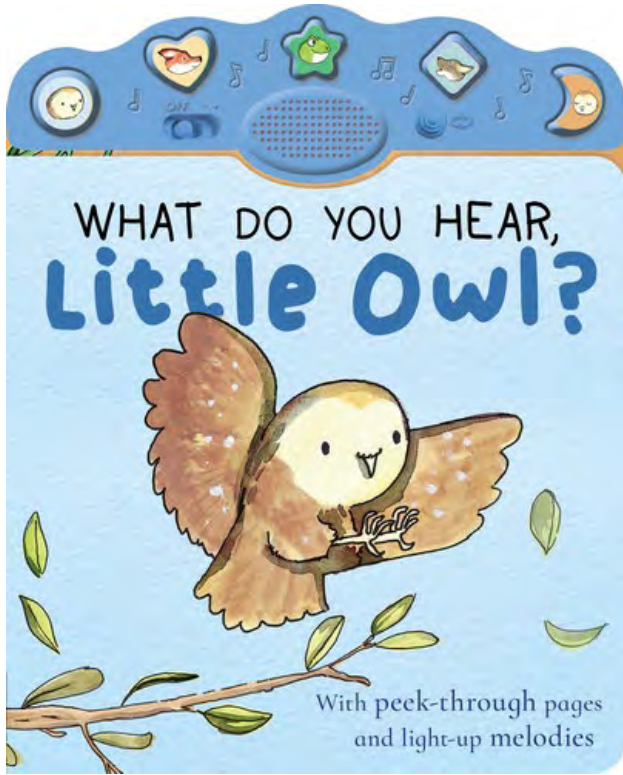
spongy mushroom



Spongy bagels are soft but springy too.

Sea sponges are super-spongy!





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Illustrated by Thomas Elliott

ISBN: 9781801048859
Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £12.99
Format: BB
Age: 1 to 3
Dims: 190 x 190 mm
Extent: 18 pp.

What Do You Hear, Little Owl?

Our baby animals love playing hide and seek. Who's that there? Shall we have a peek?

Play hide and seek with baby animals from the forest in this soothing sound and light book. With classic watercolour illustrations and a charming, evocative tune for every animal, children will love exploring the peek-through die-cuts and reading the reassuring, rhythmic text again and again during special shared moments.

Sales Points:

- Includes five original melodies, incorporating atmospheric animal sounds and buttons that light up when pressed.
- Introduces sensory learning and the development of fine motor skills.
- Visually pleasing shaped books, perfect for little

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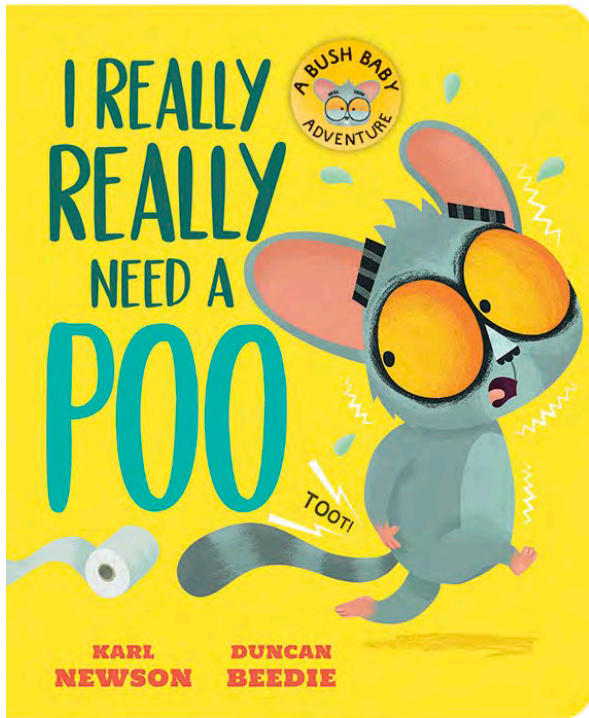
Hello, little Fox,
so nimble and quick,



crunching through the leaves
with a leap, jump, kick!

He'll sneak up slow then slink away.
Press the button to hear him play!





I Really Really Need A Poo

A laugh-out-loud tale packed with parps, poops and giggles — now in a chunky board book format!

Parp! Toot! Uh-oh! Bush Baby really, really, really, really needs a POO! But all the toilets are too tiny or taken. Will Bush Baby find the perfect place to poo, or will there be poo-poo pandemonium!

The second hilarious board book in the bestselling Bush Baby Adventure series by the dynamic duo Karl Newson and Duncan Beedie.

Sales Points:

- A poop-tastic hilarious tale of determination - packed with toilet humour!
- Over 90,000 copies of the Bush Baby Adventure series have been sold across 10 territories.
- Perfect for little ones who are starting out on their potty and toilet training adventures!

Karl Newson (Author) is a bestselling, multi-award-winning children's book author. His stories have been translated into 30 languages around the world. When Karl isn't writing, he enjoys listening to music and walking in the woods. Karl lives in London.

Duncan Beedie (Illustrator) is a children's author and illustrator from Bristol. He has worked on a number of Little Tiger titles, including the bestselling World of Hank series by Maudie Powell-Tuck and the Bush Baby Adventures by Karl Newson, as well as his own book Heavy Metal Badger, which has been nominated for several children's literature awards.

Written by Karl Newson
Illustrated by Duncan Beedie

ISBN: 9781801048194
Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £7.99
Format: CBB
Age: 2 to 5
Dims: 196 x 161 mm
Extent: 28 pp.

Also Available:



9781801047432
BB £6.99

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Written by Patricia Hegarty
Illustrated by Katya Longhi

ISBN: 9781801048682

Pub Date: 3 September 2026

Price: £14.99

Format: CBB

Age: 3 to 6

Dims: 256 x 216 mm

Extent: 10 pp.

Halloween Journey

*With a whistle's loud shriek and a clickety-clack,
The ghost train clatters along the track.
Skeletons rattle their rickety bones,
And the air is filled with ghostly moans.*

Hop aboard the spooky ghost train! Turn the pages of this fantastic, layered book to discover a range of Halloween scenes from haunted houses to witch's shacks. Children will love discovering the spooky skeletons and ghostly ghouls hidden amongst the intricate illustrations.

A spook-tacular pop-up book, perfect for Halloween reading!

Sales Points:

- Layered pop-ups create a stunning diorama effect on every spread.
- Atmospheric rhyming text celebrates traditional Halloween themes.
- A perfect spooky-season read.

Patricia Hegarty (Author) is currently the Editorial Director of Caterpillar Books and has written about all kinds of things from trees and bees to ABC s (and she loves to rhyme).

Katya Longhi (Illustrator) studied at the Art Academy in Florence and Nemo NT Academy of Digital Arts. She has also exhibited in numerous art exhibitions throughout Italy. She currently works as a freelance illustrator based in Trento.

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HALLOWEEN EXPRESS

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Two Windmills

Touchy-Feely Felt Play & Learn: Felt Play & Learn Bugs and other creepy-crawlies!

Early learning fun for little ones with Felt Play & Learn!

Author: Alice Barker | Illustrator: Gareth Williams



ISBN: 978-1-83555-172-1

Pub date: 03 September 2026

Price: £9.99

Format: Full colour casebound board book

Cover finishes: Gloss

Additional Info: Front cover is die-cut to reveal the reusable felt play pieces sheet inside

Extent: 10pp

Dimensions: 246 x 221 mm

BIC Code: YBGT3

CBMC Code: A2J79

Age range: 3 to 5

A colourful activity board book with 28 reusable felt play pieces perfect for little hands to position on the large felt pages, then lift off for repeated play.

Seek and find the correct play pieces to complete each picture and learn all about early learning themes, from colours and counting to shapes and sounds.

Discover early learning fun for little ones with Felt Play Learn Bugs!

Sales points:

- The soft felt play pieces are super-easy for little hands to hold and use - and 100% re-usable too!
- Combines core early learning topics - from colours to counting - with a popular bug and creepy-crawly theme that children are sure to love.
- An engaging activity board board - perfect for all little learners.



Illustrator: Gareth Williams

At an early age, Gareth loved to draw. Gareth studied Illustration at Swansea Metropolitan. His work has a strong illustrative influence, with lots of textures and layers to create a hand drawn style. He frequently visits art exhibitions and finds himself wandering around the galleries with his sketchbook then getting back to his computer, putting his play-list on shuffle, opening up his sketchbook and exploring new techniques and ideas.

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Touchy-Feely Felt Play & Learn: Felt Play & Learn Diggers

Early learning fun for little ones with Felt Play & Learn!

Author: Alice Barker | Illustrator: Gareth Williams



ISBN: 978-1-83555-170-7

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A colourful activity board book with 28 reusable felt play pieces perfect for little hands to position on the large felt pages, then lift off for repeated play.

Find the soft felt play pieces to match the pictures and create felt construction site scenes to learn about colours, counting 1-5, shapes and noisy construction sounds!

Discover early learning fun for little ones with Felt Play Learn Diggers!

Sales points:

- The soft felt play pieces are super-easy for little hands to hold and use - and 100% re-usable too!
- Combines core early learning topics - from colours to counting - with a construction theme that children are sure to love.
- An engaging activity board board - perfect for all little learners.

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There are lots of things to count
on the construction site.
Can you find the pictures and
place them on the busy scene?



1 CRAWLER CRANE



2 CEMENT MIXERS



3 RUBBLE BINS



4 PILES OF BRICKS



5 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

What other pictures can you count 1-5?



Chunky Lift-a-flap Book



Baby Animals

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Ocean Animals

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Vehicles

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Wild Animals

9789465247250



BABY ANIMALS • OCEAN ANIMALS VEHICLES • WORDS

These adorable books with big flaps will stimulate the fine motor skills and increase the vocabulary of the youngest readers. On every spread a playful question is answered underneath a chunky flap with a cut-out border and tab for increased sensory exploration. A playful learning moment for the smallest readers as they discover what's hiding under the flaps!

Publication	10 September 2026
Price	£7.99
Format	Board Book
Size	140 x 140 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	1+
Features	1 big flap per spread, with a cut-out border and chunky tab

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- 6 giant chunky flaps per book, with tabs and a cut-out border.
- Brightly coloured scenes to explore and discover.
- Learning in a playful, structured and sensory way.

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Goodnight My 3 Play Puppets



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Dino Friends
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Pet Friends
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FOREST FRIENDS • WATER FRIENDS DINO FRIENDS • PET FRIENDS

After a fun day, the animals are ready for bed. Play out the story and bring the cutest animals to life with the soft finger puppets. Don't forget to put the puppets to bed afterwards, so the little reader can drift off to slumber and meet them in the sweetest dreams.

Publication	03 September 2026
Price	£12,99
Format	Board Book
Size	170 x 170/270 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	With 3 embroidered finger puppets, a handy holder and pouch

KEY SELLING POINTS:

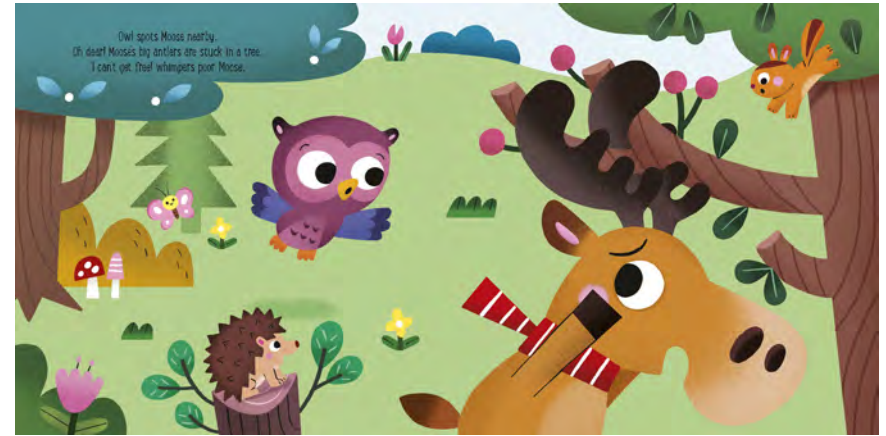
- Cute and interactive storybook.
- With 3 adorable finger puppets.
- Perfect collection for a fun bedtime ritual.

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Rolling Wheels



Molly the Mobile Home
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MOLLY THE MOBILE HOME • MIKE THE MONSTER TRUCK FIREFIGHTERS • TOM THE TRACTOR

Toddlers love driving along with their vehicle friends. Molly the Mobile Home takes a family on holiday. Mike the Monster Truck joins his first big show. The firefighters hurry to the rescue. Tom the Tractor works on the farm. All books have four rolling wheels to make reading even more fun!

Publication	03 September 2026
Price	£6.99
Format	Board Book
Size	170 x 110 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	4 turnable wheels

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- The four wheels make reading even more fun.
- Stimulates toddlers' imagination: children can play out the story or make up their own while 'driving' their book around.
- Fun at home or on the go.

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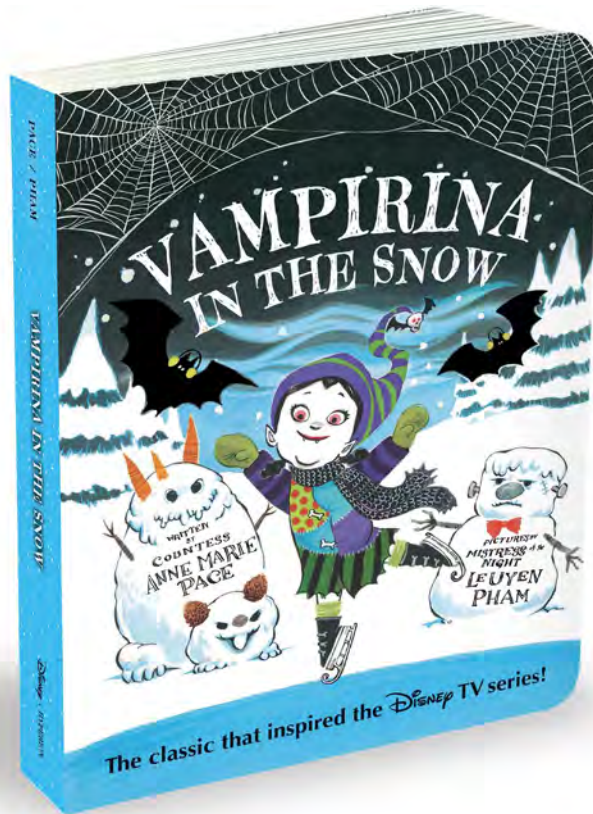
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Vampirina in the Snow

Anne Marie Pace and LeUyen Pham



September 1, 2026

9781368118286

Format: Board

Age: 0 – 3 years

Price: £7.99

Extent: 34 Pages

Dimensions: 140 x 179 mm

Rights: World

Juvenile Fiction - Sports & Recreation - Winter Sports

Disney Publishing Group / Disney Hyperion

In this chillingly fun addition to the *Vampirina Ballerina* series, *Vampirina* and her friends celebrate a snow day!

Get ready for a monster of a storm! *Vampirina* and her clan are determined to suck as much fun as they can from a host of wintry activities. From sledding to snow angels, there is quite a lot to do on this hauntingly beautiful night—and it's not complete until *Vampirina* tests her ballet skills on the ice!

Sales points:

- **Chillingly Perfect Creative Team:** These two are a beloved, critically-acclaimed, award-winning creative team. Illustrator LeUyen Pham is a Caldecott Honoree!
- **Book To Screen:** This is the book series that inspired the hit animated Disney Junior and live-action Disney Channel series (both streaming on Disney+)
- **Re"vamped" Format:** This blood-sucking ballerina is getting a new life in this brand new board book edition!

Anne Marie Pace is the author of a number of published and upcoming picture books, including the *Vampirina Ballerina* series, *Mouse Calls*, *Groundhug Day*, and *Sunny's Tow Truck Saves The Day*.

LeUyen Pham is the award-winning and best-selling creator of over 140 books for children, including *The Man Who Didn't Like Animals* by Deborah Underwood, *Shrinking Violet* by Laurel Snyder, Caldecott Honor *Bear Came Along* by Richard T. Morris, and the Eisner Award-winning graphic novel *Lunar New Year Love Story* with Gene Yang. She lives in Los Angeles, CA.

If your frozen pond has been deemed safe,

lace up your skates and glide onto the ice.



Santa Bruce

Ryan T. Higgins



The New York Times bestselling *Mother Bruce* is home for the holidays in this board book format with the coziest stained edges, perfect for bedtime, readalouds, and any time you'd like a good laugh.

Bruce is a lot of things. He is a bear. He is a grump. He is a pretty decent cook. And he is a mother. One thing Bruce is not? Santa Claus. But that doesn't stop the whole forest from lining up to give him their Christmas wishes when he becomes the victim of mistaken identity—again.

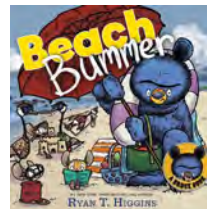
Kids will howl with laughter as award-winning author-illustrator Ryan T. Higgins delivers another hilarious story about this bear who just can't catch a break.

Sales points:

- **DRY YET HEARTWARMING HUMOR:** Bruce's permanent frown lends a funny, refreshing tone to this untraditional holiday tale.
- **FESTIVE FOREST CHRISTMAS:** Kids will love to see how their furry friends celebrate the holidays, complete with lots of woodsy quirks.

Ryan T. Higgins is the author and illustrator of the #1 New York Times best-selling *Mother Bruce*, which received the E. B. White Read-Aloud Award and the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor. In addition to the *Mother Bruce* series, Ryan is also the author and illustrator of *Norman Didn't Do It!*, *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*, *We Will Rock Our Classmates*, *BE QUIET!*, and *What About Worms!?*, and *Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!* book. He lives in Maine.

Also available:



9781368090247
BB £7.99



9781368090209
HB £16.99

September 8, 2026

9781368118828

Format: Board

Age: 3 – 5 years


Price: £7.99

Extent: 48 pages

Dimensions: 152 x 190 mm

Rights: World

Juvenile Fiction - Animals - Bears

A colorful illustration of a holiday scene. On the left, three geese stand on a white tablecloth. In the center, two mice are in a large blue bowl of eggnog, with one mouse also in a smaller cup. On the right, a large blue bear named Bruce stands next to a decorated Christmas tree, looking grumpy. The room is decorated with garlands, ribbons, and ornaments.

The geese had decked the halls.

The mice made
lots of eggnog.

Bruce did not like fun.
Bruce did not like cheer.
Bruce did not like fun
or cheer.

The holiday season was going to be
filled with fun and cheer.

BOUNCE

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September 2026
Picture Books



Written by Huw Lewis Jones
Illustrated by Ben Sanders

ISBN: 9781801049009

Pub Date: 3 September 2026

Price: £8.99

Format: PB

Age: 3 to 6

Dims: 240 x 240 mm

Extent: 32 pp.

Clive Penguin Learns to Fly, Sort Of



Who's ever heard of a flying penguin?

Clive Penguin is back, and, affronted by the narrator's praise for 'majestic' swooping seagulls, is determined to take to the sky himself. He's going to fly! Who says penguins can't do it?

Sales Points:

- Same deadpan tone of text and slightly grumpy character readers fell in love with in the first book
- Can be enjoyed as a standalone without having read *Clive Penguin*
- Theme of jealousy, with Clive deeply envious (though in denial) of a seagull
- Twist at the end

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

Ben Sanders (Illustrator) hasn't stopped drawing since he was a kid. Decades later he still draws. . .and he's still a kid. Ben lived in the High Andes of Bolivia for several years but his studio can now be found somewhere in Australia.

Also Available:



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Seriously.

Hands up if you think seagulls
are better than penguins.

See.
No one.



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LEARNS TO FLY, SORT OF

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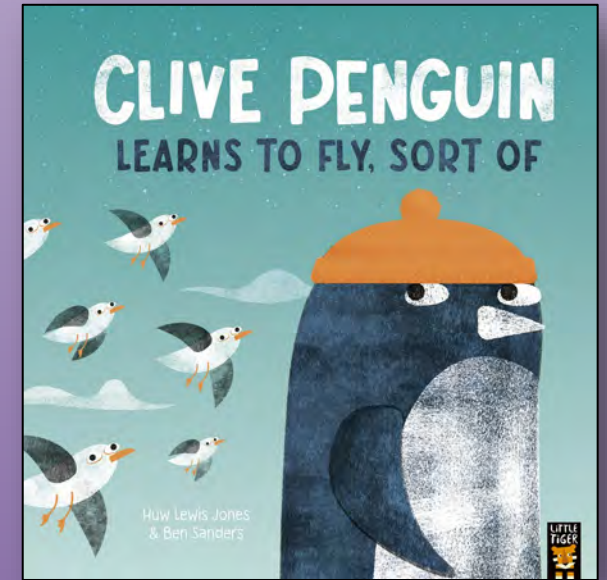
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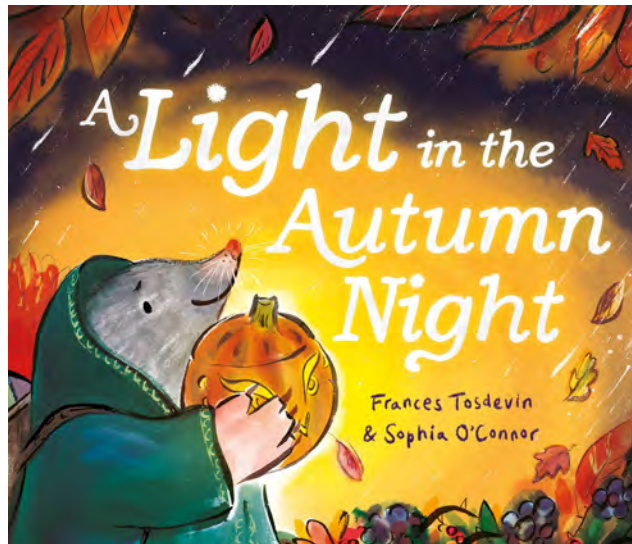
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‘Delightfully deadpan
and strikingly
illustrated’
Waterstones Bookseller



A LIGHT IN THE AUTUMN NIGHT

FRANCES TOSDEVIN, ILLUSTRATED SOPHIA O'CONNOR

THE BOOK

Mole is afraid of the dark, until he discovers that friendship is the warmest light of all.

Mole loves autumn, but when night falls, he prefers to stay safely inside. The dark is far too scary.

One night, Mole kindly shares his glowing pumpkin light with friends who pass by in the wind and shadows.

But when Mole steps into the darkness himself and his light goes out, fear takes over. Lost and alone, he soon discovers that the kindness he gave has followed him into the night.

THE AUTHOR

Frances is an award-winning picture book author who spends her life in a constant state of wonder. She won the SCBWI British Isles Crystal Kite Award for her debut picture book, *The Bear And Her Book* illustrated by Sophia O'Connor. Her other picture books have been shortlisted for many regional and school awards and sold into multiple overseas territories.

KEY SALES POINTS

- **Timely Seasonal Appeal:** A perfect seasonal read-aloud for Autumn, Halloween, and Bonfire Night, focusing on the beauty of the season rather than its spooks.
- **Community & Connection:** Highlights the importance of looking out for others, showing that even small acts of generosity build a vital support network.
- **Overcoming Childhood Fears:** Directly addresses the common fear of the dark with a gentle, reassuring narrative that provides comfort for bedtime reading.

Pub Date: 3rd September 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781917894258

Age Range: 5 - 8

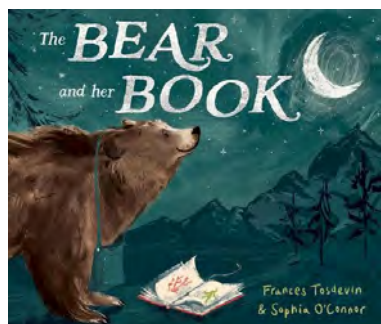
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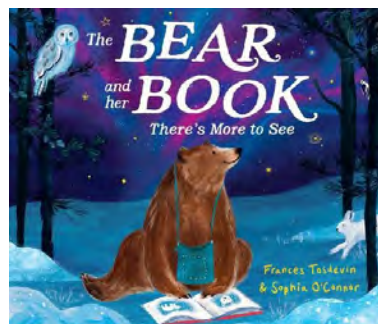
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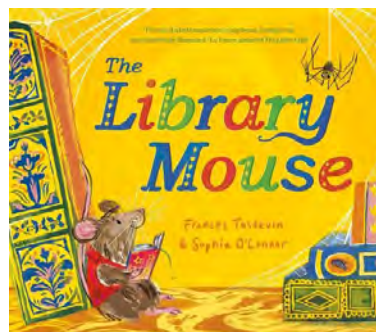
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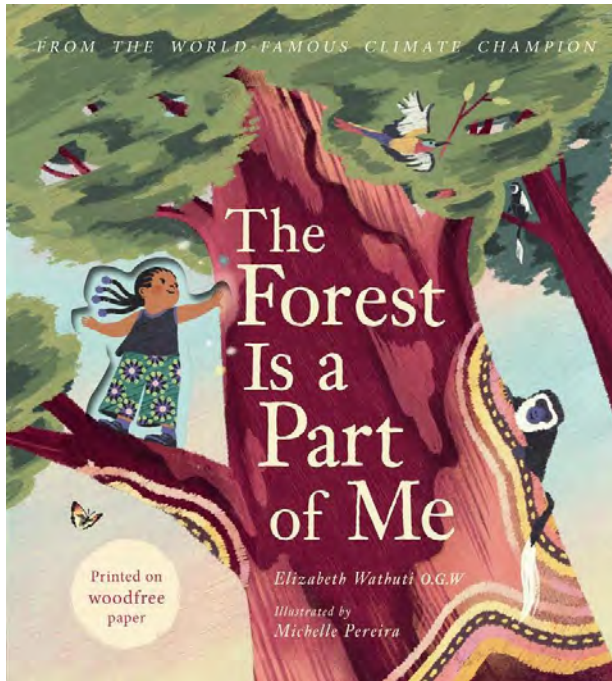
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- Elizabeth Wathuti is a multi-award-winning climate champion whose organization has planted over 6.5 million trees.
- Thought-provoking yet simple text makes this environmental topic accessible and engaging for young readers.
- Vibrant illustrations from Michelle Pereira and creative die-cuts bring the striking Kenyan landscape to life.

Written by Elizabeth Wathuti
Illustrated by Michelle Pereira

ISBN: 9781838919221
Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £14.99
Format: HB
Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 254 x 229 mm
Extent: 32 pp.

Elizabeth Wathuti (Author) is a multi-award-winning Kenyan environmentalist and globally recognised young climate leader with a Head of State Commendation in the order of the Grand Warrior for her work and leadership in environmental conservation (O.G.W). She is the visionary Founder and CEO of the Green Generation Initiative, an action-driven organisation growing millions of trees in 605 schools across Kenya and with communities, climate education and community resilience projects.

Michelle Pereira (Illustrator) makes colourful illustrations for children's books, editorial and ad campaigns for clients around the world. Her work features cheerful colour palettes and texture, bold geometric design, with a focus on women and inclusivity.

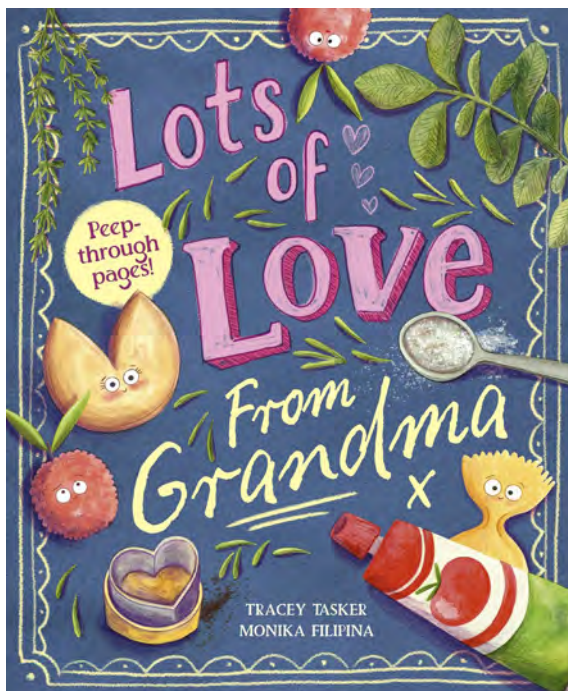
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The forest is alive.
She breathes,
she listens and
she answers.

The forest has always been
home to me. We depend
on her green life.



Written by Tracey Tasker
Illustrated by Monika Filipina

ISBN: 9781838919689

Pub Date: 3 September 2026

Price: £14.99

Format: HB

Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 275 x 225mm

Extent: 32 pp.

Lots of Love from Grandma

*You're Nonna's favourite meatball.
You're always on my mind.
There's no one else quite like you,
You're one of a kind!*

This warm and emotive picture book celebrates the love shared between grandmas and their grandchildren all over the world! It's peppered with reassurance and little bits of life advice, from being yourself to making mistakes.

Sales Points:

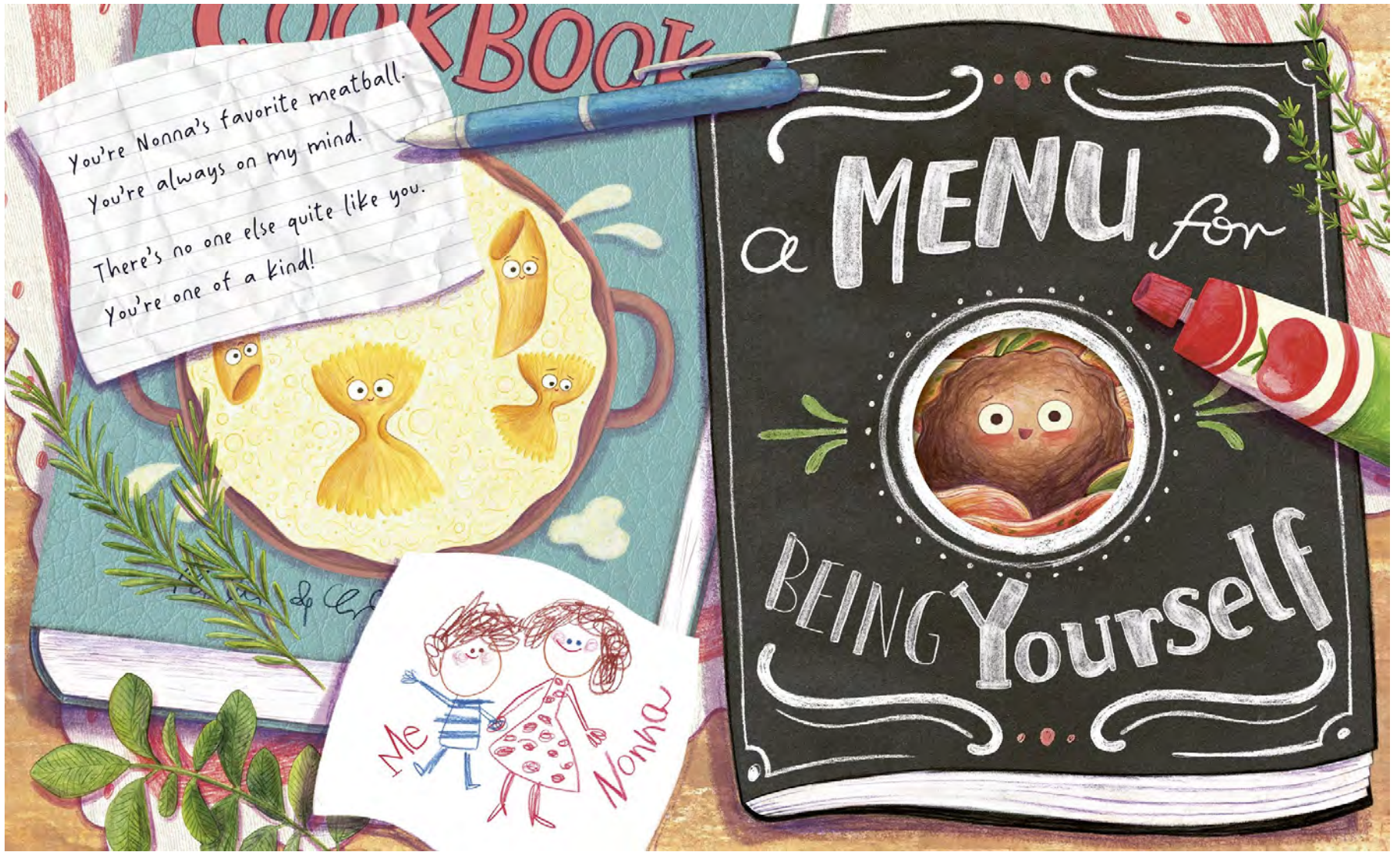
- With the continued popularity of food characters, this book compares little ones to different cute food items (as delicate as a strudel, as unique as a meatball and so on), delivering a loving, uplifting sentiment.
- Strong design and conceptual package that uses collage to present spreads as pages of a cookbook, food packaging, shopping lists and more.
- Simple, large die-cuts throughout.

Tracey Tasker (Author) still can't believe that ideas she scribbled on a post-it note are now being published as a picture book. Tracey works with children as a speech therapist and spends her free time drinking wine while watching crime dramas with her husband, two sets of twins and five cats.

Monika Filipina (Illustrator) successfully completed her Master's degree in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Arts. In her free time she enjoys spending time in nature and likes running, yoga, long walks and windsurfing.

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You're one of a kind!

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You're NaiNai's
favorite dumpling,
the twinkle in my eye.

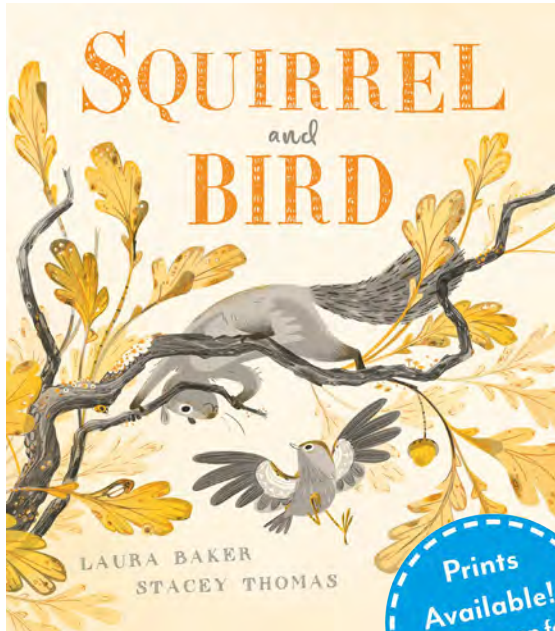
Every time I see you
it's hard to say goodbye.

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Perfect Mix

Have a great day,
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Written by Laura Baker
Illustrated by Stacey Thomas

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Price: £8.99

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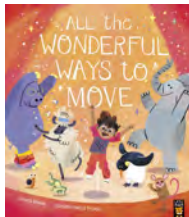
Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 280 x 245mm

Extent: 32 pp.



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Squirrel and Bird

Meet Squirrel. Squirrel is LOUD.
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Sales Points:

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Laura Baker (Author) is the author of more than 60 books for children. She grew up in Canada but now lives in a lovely town on the south coast of Wales with her husband, two sons, lots of cups of tea, and a love of all things cute and cozy.

Stacey Thomas (Illustrator) has been drawing for as long as she can remember. She lives in a small town in the Oxfordshire countryside, where she spends her days illustrating picture books, rambling in the neighbouring woods and attempting to befriend the local wildlife.

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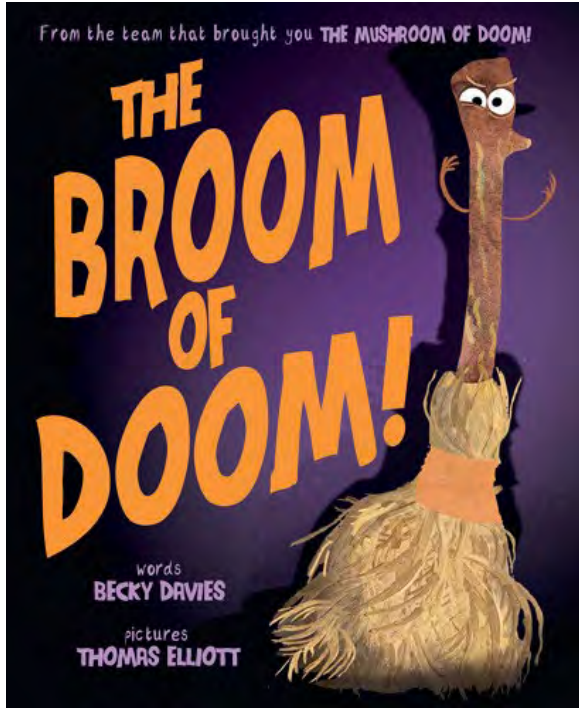
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Written by Becky Davies
Illustrated by Thomas Elliott

ISBN: 9781801049184
Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £8.99
Format: PB
Age: 3 to 6
Dims: 275 x 225 mm
Extent: 40 pp.

The Broom of Doom

It's Halloween again and everyone's excited to celebrate the spooky season. Everyone that is, except for Broom. It's always Witch who gets the glory!

This year, Broom's determined that SHE'S going to be the star. She's about to sweet the floor with the competition . . .

A softly spooky, laugh-out-loud picture book that shows that the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

Sales Points:

- A softly spooky, modern new picture book that explores jealousy: the grass isn't always greener on the other side.
- A funny new perspective for Halloween, told through the lens of an often-overlooked 'character' – a witch's broom.
- Features sparse design and eye-catching illustration by Thomas Elliott in collage style.

Becky Davies (Author) is a children's book editor, and sometimes author, from the South West of England. Her favourite things are animals, books about magic, and anything sparkly.

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

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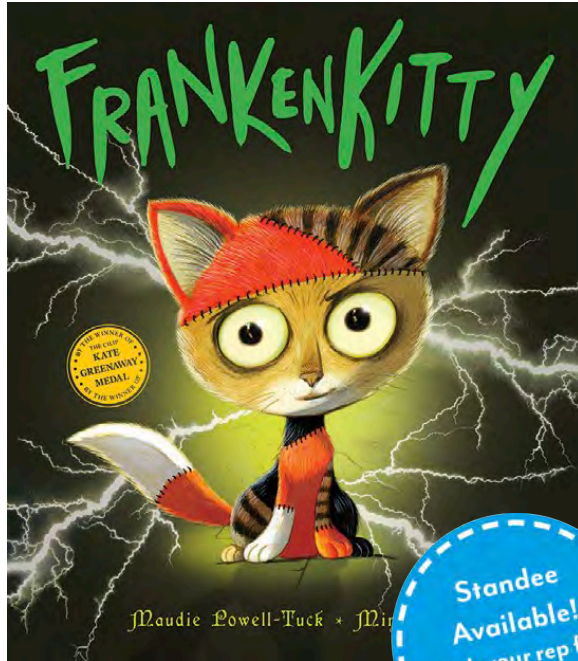
I'm glossy.
I'm gleaming.

I'm not just a broom. I'm serving

BROOM OF DOOM!

Mwa ha ha!





Written by Maudie Powell-Tuck
Illustrated by Mini Grey

ISBN: 9781801048613
Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £12.99
Format: HB
Age: 3 to 6
Dims: 286 x 251 mm
Extent: 32 pp.

Frankenkitty

Here is a tale to chill the blood and thrill the soul – a tale of spooky paws and eerie claws ... The tale of Frankenkitty!

Born of stitches and lightning, Frankenkitty wanders the halls of the darketty dark castle. Everyone trembles at the sight of him. But is he really such a foul and loathsome creature? And can anyone save him before it's too late?

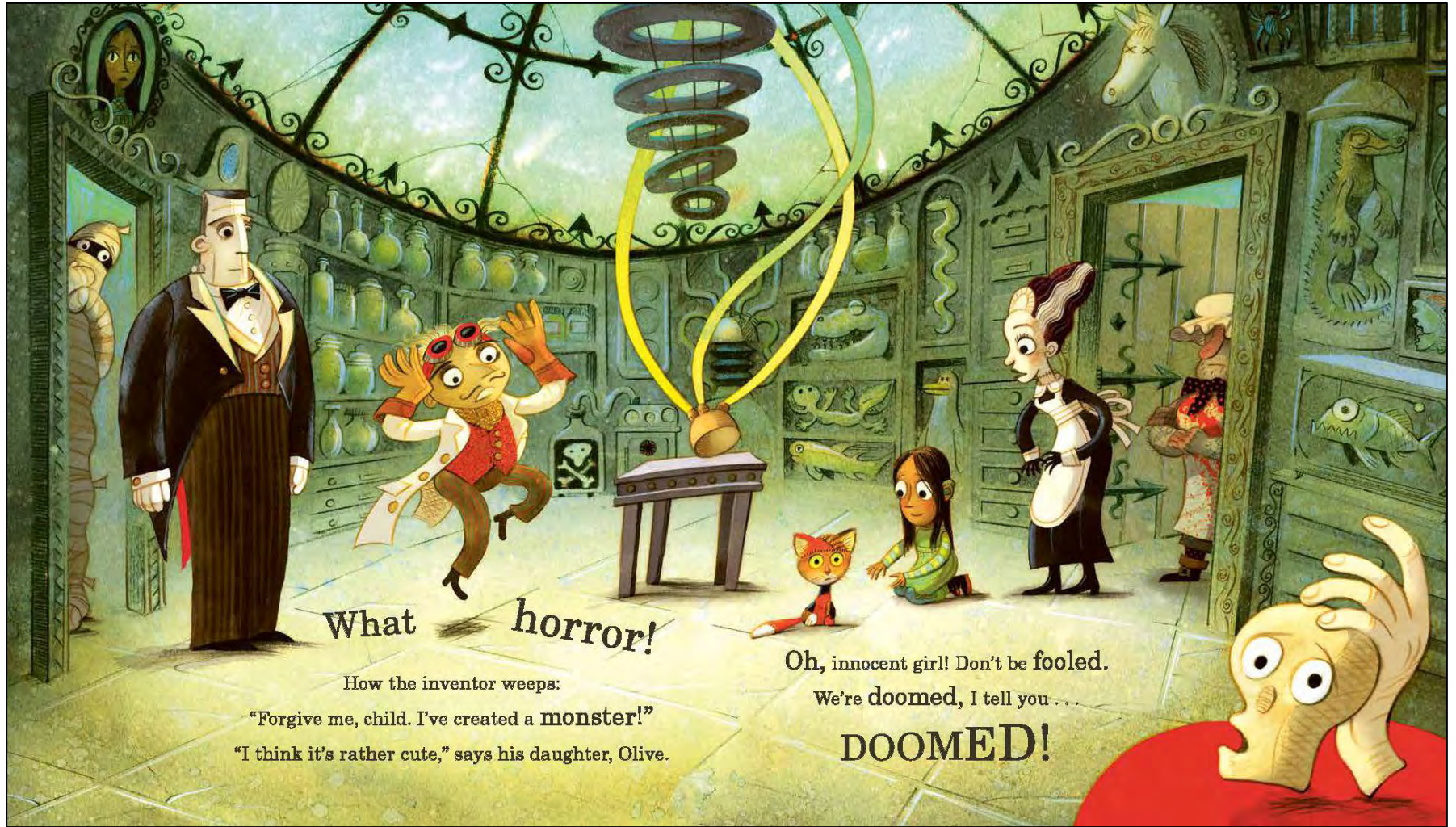
Sales Points:

- Forget Frankenstein - meet Frankenkitty: a loveably weird Halloween monster for a new generation.
- Hilariously dramatic narration from bestselling author Maudie Powell-Tuck.
- Freakishly fun illustrations from multi-award-winning picture book legend Mini Grey.

Maudie Powell-Tuck (Author) has been writing, editing and dreaming about picture books for over 12 years. She has worked in a children's bookshop and as an editor for a children's publisher, so she can enthuse about kids books 'til the cows come home. She's based in London.

Mini Grey (Illustrator) worked as a theatre designer, then a primary school teacher, before beginning making children's picture books, some of which have won awards. Mini lives in Oxford UK with her partner Tony and son Herbie.

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What horror!

How the inventor weeps:

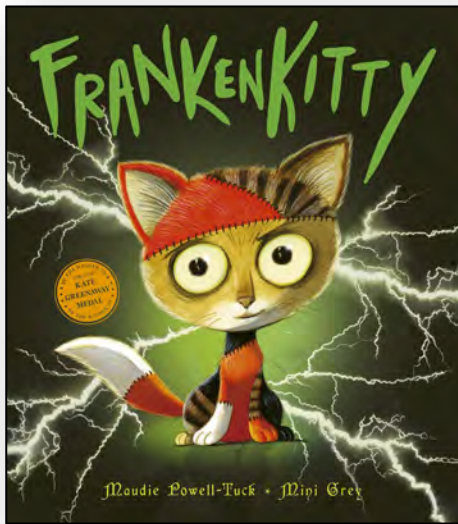
"Forgive me, child. I've created a **monster!**"

"I think it's rather cute," says his daughter, Olive.

Oh, innocent girl! Don't be fooled.

We're **doomed**, I tell you...

DOOMED!

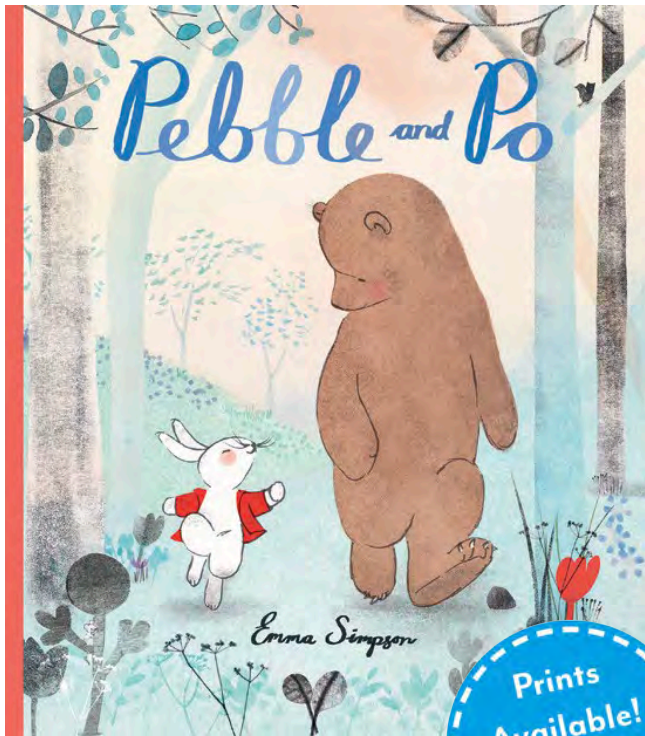


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By Emma Simpson

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Price: £14.99

Format: HB

Age: 3 to 6

Dims: 286 x 251 mm

Extent: 36 pp.

Pebble and Po

A timeless tale about kindness, friendship and the quiet strength in asking for help.

One morning, Pebble wakes up on a soft, warm tummy – Po's! And so begins a beautiful friendship . . . Together, they brave rainstorms, explore dark caves and pick up a curious companion or two along the way. They may not always know where they're going, but they always have each other to lean on.


Sales Points:

- *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* meets *The House at Pooh Corner*, with *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* thrown in!
- Rising star Emma Simpson's tender storytelling and soft-focus illustrations feel like a warm hug on a rainy day - a modern classic in the making.
- Charming 'captionable' moments will encourage children to ask for help.
- Features a sensitive portrayal of memory loss in the adorable protagonist.

Emma Simpson (Author/Illustrator) worked in the special education sector for many years. This time still informs the work she makes today. She is also greatly inspired by nature and loves to walk in the beautiful Bavarian Alps that surround Munich, where she currently lives.

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But in the morning, she had a surprise.
“Sorry for sleeping on your tummy.
I got lost last night and
couldn’t find my way home.”

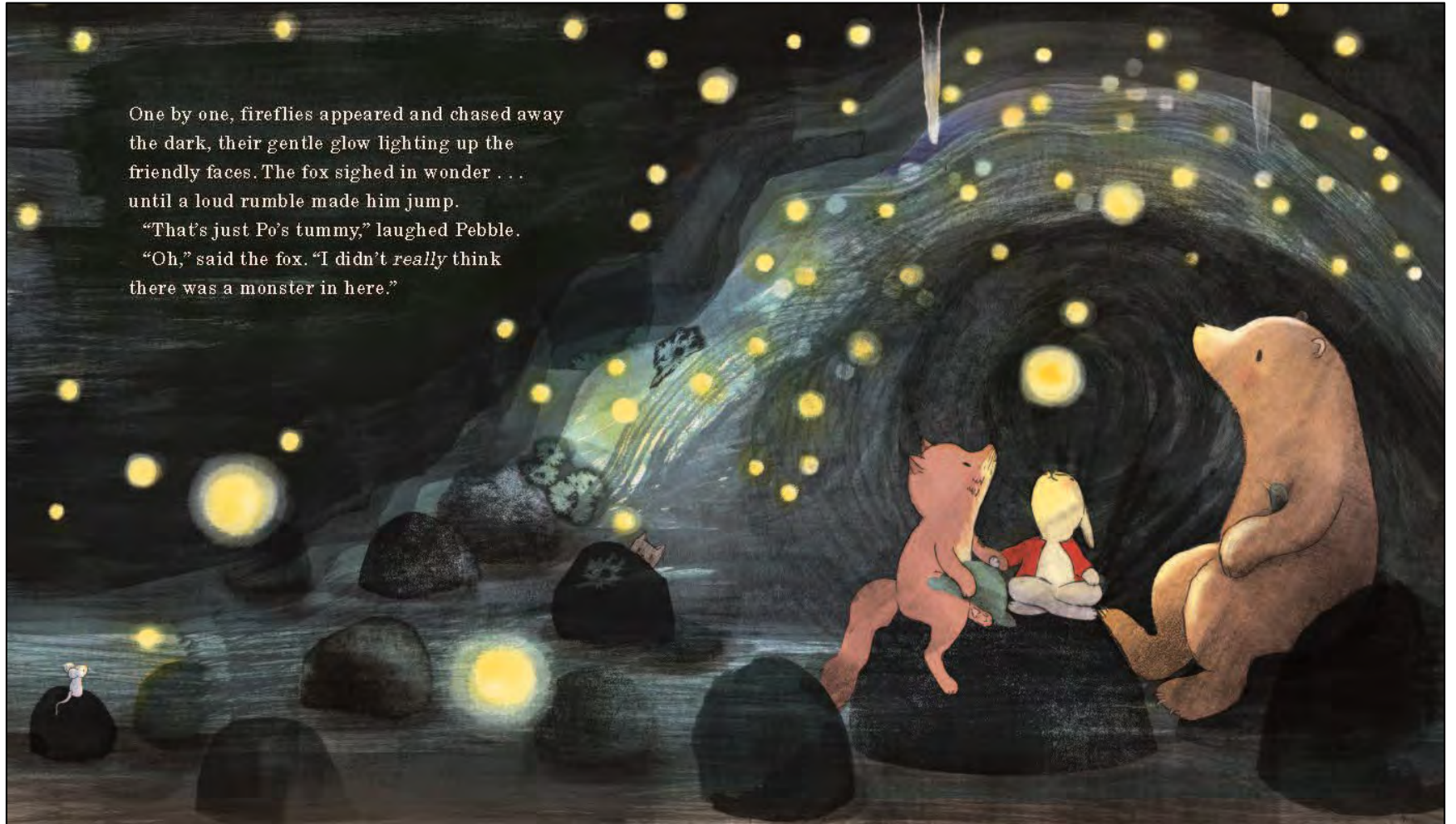
“Humph,” mumbled
the bear.

“Not a morning person?
I understand.
I can’t remember
if you told me your name.
Can I call you Po?”

One by one, fireflies appeared and chased away the dark, their gentle glow lighting up the friendly faces. The fox sighed in wonder . . . until a loud rumble made him jump.

“That’s just Po’s tummy,” laughed Pebble.

“Oh,” said the fox. “I didn’t *really* think there was a monster in here.”





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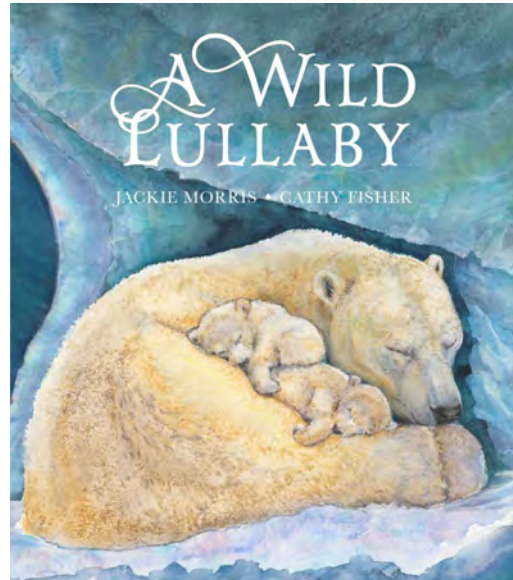
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Author Information

Jackie Morris is the bestselling author and illustrator, photographer and painter who created, with Robert MacFarlane, the international sensation, *The Lost Words*, winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019. Her books for Otter-Barry Books include *I am Cat*, *Something About a Bear*, *The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes*, *The Seal Children*, *Can You See a Little Bear?*, the *Mrs Noah* series with James Mayhew, and *The Panda's Child* and *The Summer Puppy* with Cathy Fisher. She lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

Cathy Fisher is an illustrator and author whose work reveals a deep appreciation of nature and the animal world, as well as of human emotion and behaviour. She grew up in Bath and has lived and worked in Australia and the Seychelles as well as in the UK and now lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales. This is her third picture book with Jackie Morris, following *The Panda's Child* and *The Summer Puppy*.



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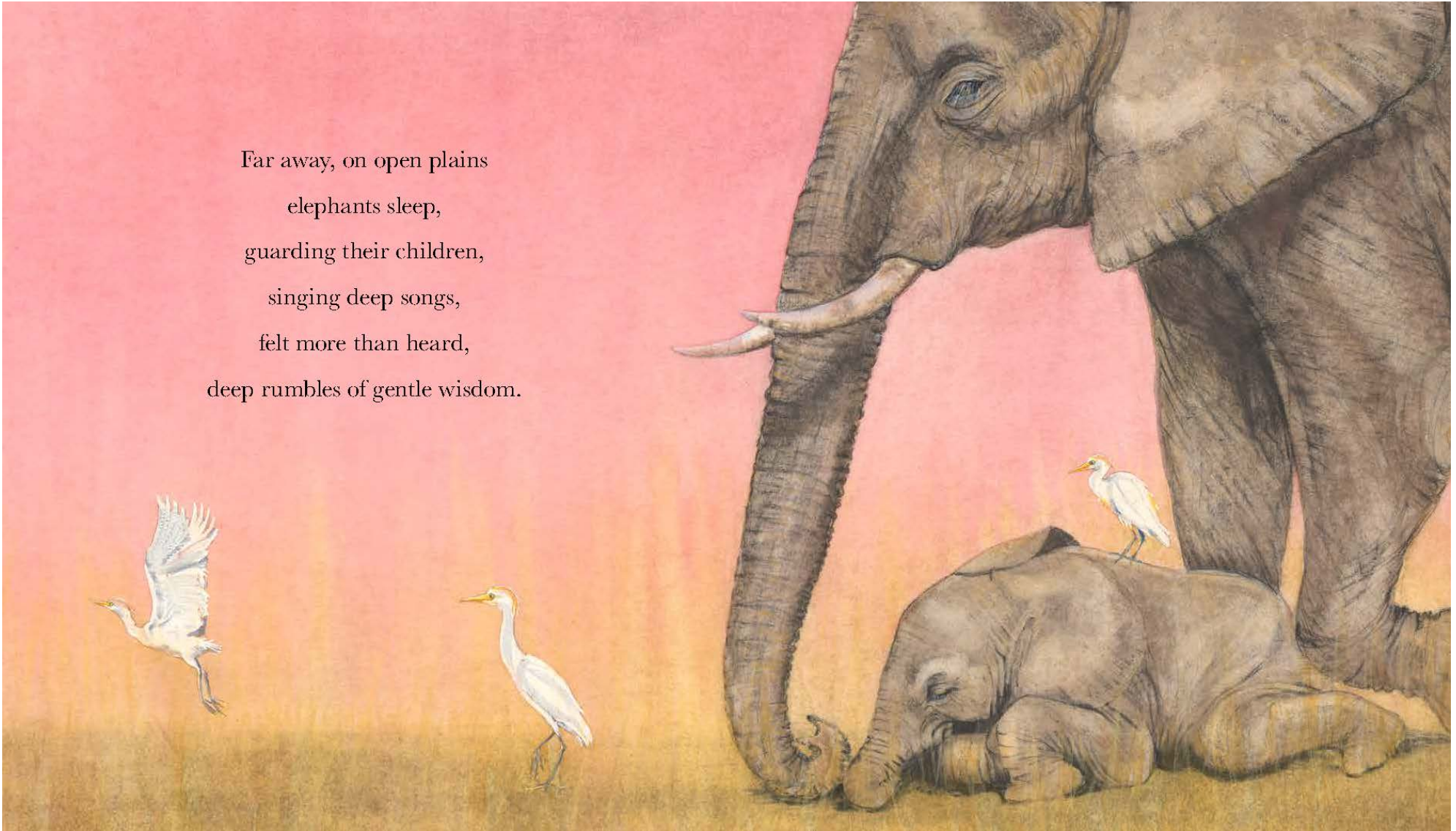
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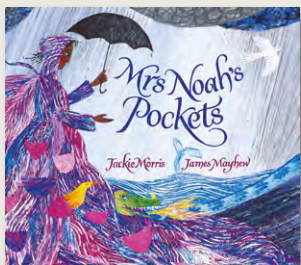
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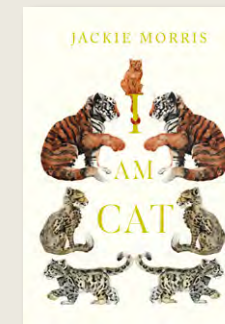
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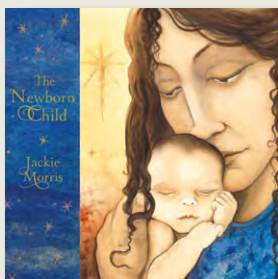
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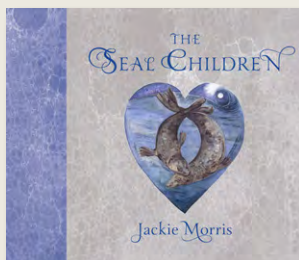
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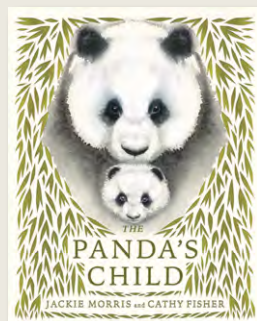
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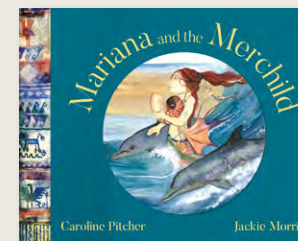
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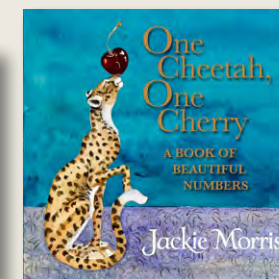
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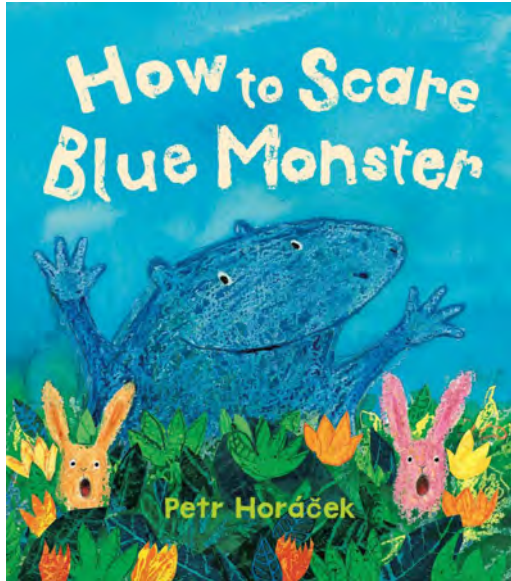
Next time Blue Monster goes out he is all alone. He calls out for his friends but nobody replies. What's happened to them? In his worry for his friends, now Blue Monster really is scared. But the animals have just been hiding and BOO!, they jump out, ready to play.

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- "An **irresistible** character." *LoveReading4Kids*
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Author Information

Petr Horáček is an award-winning author illustrator whose picture books are sold across the world. Born in Prague, he studied at the Academy of Fine Art. After graduating in 1994, he moved to England. His first two picture books were published in 2001, winning the 'Books for Children' Newcomer award. His books for Otter-Barry Books include *The Last Tiger*, *The Perfect Present* (winner of the BookTrust Storytime prize), *The Star Whale* (with Nicola Davies) and *Blue Monster*. Petr is much sought after for school visits and at book festivals. He lives in Worcester.



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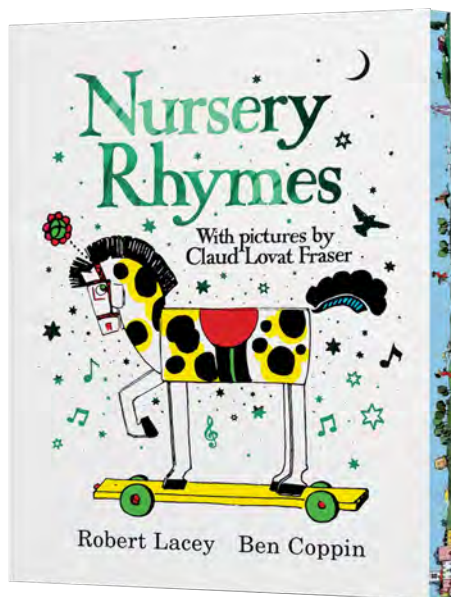


**“Oh, it’s YOU, Blue Monster!”
shouted Fox.**

**“How could you do that to us?”
yelled Wolf. “You scared us!”**

**“Yes, you made us VERY scared,”
said Raccoon.**

**The rabbits said nothing.
They were shaking.**



ISBN: 9781738559510

Pub. date: 3 September 2026

Price: £12.99

Age: 3+ years

Genre: Nursery Rhymes

Binding: Paperback with flaps + spredges

Format: 189x246mm

Extent: 128pp

Rights: World

“Bright, nostalgic treats of elegant penmanship.” – THE SUNDAY TIMES

“Exuding tremendous pick-me-up appeal.” – LOVEREADING STAR BOOK

Nursery Rhymes with Pictures by Claud Lovat Fraser

By Robert Lacey

Illustrated by Ben Coppin

Keynote

Bestselling historian Robert Lacey brings together our most beloved nursery rhymes in this collection inspired by the original drawings of Claud Lovat Fraser, vividly updated by artist Ben Coppin.

Sales Points

- 82 of the most famous nursery rhymes
- Includes the meanings and history
- Endorsed by Michael Morpurgo: “Open this book to the world of childhood ... once read, heard and thought on – never forgotten.”
- Academic consultant Dr Nick Tucker, author of *The Child and the Book*
- Over 150 illustrations re-presented to reflect a modern-day reader

Description

Robert was inspired to create this collection by the original drawings of Claud Lovat Fraser (1890-1921), who originally sketched his eye-catching images for his newly born daughter Helen. The illustrations in this modern volume have been vividly updated by artist Ben Coppin.

Alongside the traditional nursery rhymes, Robert writes on the magic of nursery rhymes, the meaning of their not-so-childish nonsense and the history behind them.

Author Biography

Robert Lacey is a British historian and biographer, the author of numerous international bestsellers, and the historical consultant to the award-winning Netflix series *The Crown*. His pioneering biography of the late Queen, *Majesty*, is a landmark study of British monarchy.

Illustrator Biography

Ben Coppin is a young illustrator and animator already noted for this zany view of life, which has been applied to the updating of the original drawings of Claud Lovat Fraser. *Nursery Rhymes with Pictures* is his debut illustrated book.

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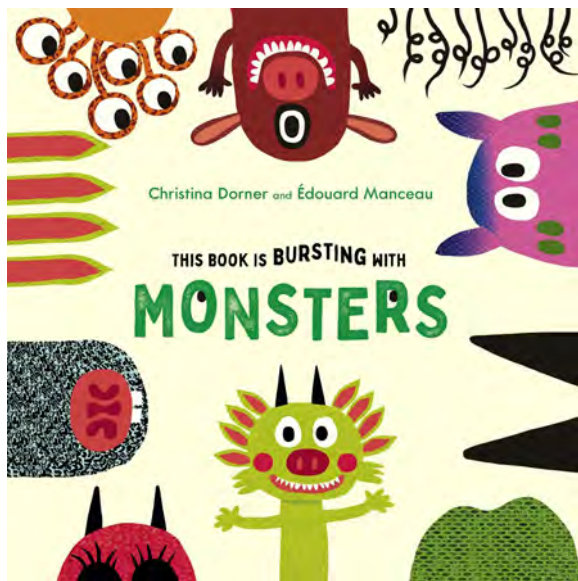


PAPER ARGOSIES



WHAT'S the news of the day,
Good neighbour, I pray?
They say the balloon
Has gone up to the moon.





Pub Date: 03/09/2026

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836272328

Extent: 36 pages

Dimensions: 247 x 247 mm

Interest Age: 3 - 5 years

This Book is Bursting with Monsters!

Christina Dorner, Édouard Manceau

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children's books



A delightful parade of friendly, lovable monsters with wonderfully strange faces exist in this book. One eye, two heads, three nostrils, four cheeks... how many can you find?

With simple actions that make monsters appear and disappear, this playful counting book helps little ones to learn numbers while discovering the names of different parts of the face. Little ones will love expanding their vocabulary as they say hello and goodbye to these hilarious monsters.

Sales points:

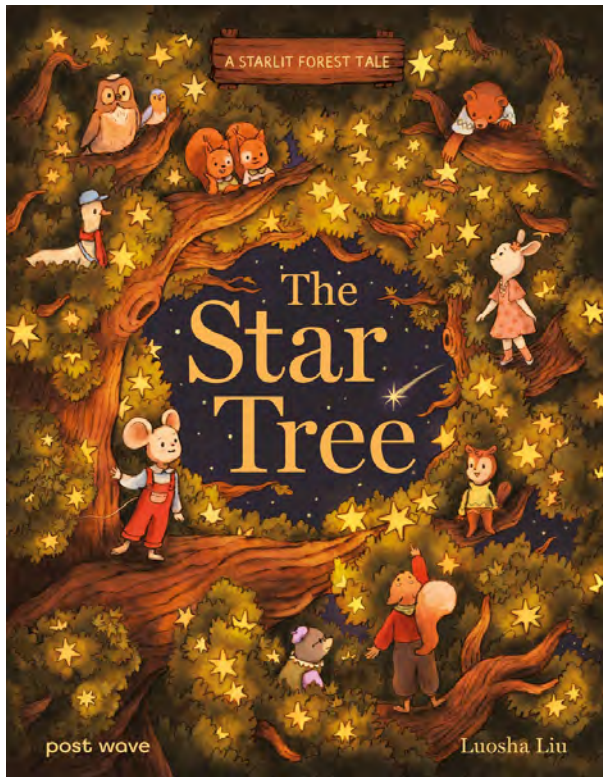
- A joyful, hands-on read that invites children to interact and join in the action
- A fun counting book that helps little ones to identify different parts of the face
- Colourful and endearing artwork from Édouard Manceau

Christina Dorner has been a primary school teacher and headteacher in Lingolsheim, Bas-Rhin, since 2003. She is the author of several reference teaching guides published by Accès. Since 2020, she has also written children's books for Accès Jeunesse.

Édouard Manceau was born in the Vendée countryside in 1969, studied at the Angers School of Fine Arts, and lives often in Toulouse and occasionally in Paris. He loves making books with words and pictures that tell stories. He has written about 130. They have been translated into about twenty languages. He also frequently visits schools to talk about the adventure of literature, the power of books, and the importance of being a reader.



EEEEK, HELP!
Now the monsters have multiplied!
I know one thing that MIGHT help.
Try reading the book from back to
front, but this time, ONLY follow the
instructions in red. That might work.
Good luck!



The Starlit Forest: The Star Tree

Luosha Liu

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children's books



The enchanting first young comic book in *The Starlit Forest* series — a tale of friendship and teamwork set against a magical forest backdrop, celebrating imagination, creativity and the magic of togetherness.

In the heart of the forest, Ellie cherishes the ancient tree. But one night, the tree explodes with starlight, showering the forest in a glittering avalanche! Faced with mountains of stars, Ellie and her animal friends must put their creativity to the test. Can they turn this starry chaos into a dazzling celebration?

Sales points:

- A warm, cosy magical series where each simple story emphasises the importance of creativity, working together and supporting one another, delivering powerful and positive messages for young readers
- Each book will have simple panelling – no more than six panels and some break out illustrated pages to introduce young readers to the world of comics
- Luosha is a brand-new talent in the world of comics and illustration
- A blend of the adventurous spirit of the Hilda comics and the lyrical, nature-rich charm of *Brown Bear Wood*

Luosha Liu, born in China and now living in Waterloo, Canada, is a self-taught children's book illustrator with a degree in Economics. She began her illustration career in 2021, sharing her work on Xiaohongshu, where she has gained 23.4k followers so far. She collaborates with publishers and brands on children's books, clothing, puzzles, and more. This is her first author/illustrator book.

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Format: Hardback

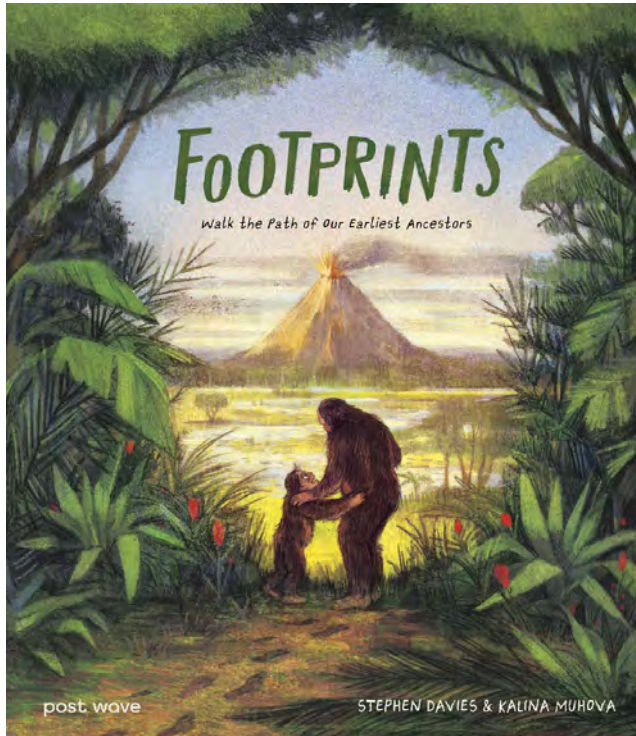
ISBN: 9781836270881

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 280 x 216 mm

Interest Age: 4 – 7 years





Footprints

Stephen Davies, Kalina Muhova

post wave
children's books



Discover the fascinating story of Lucy, the first known hominid to walk on two feet, in this beautifully illustrated book that connects us to our distant past.

Meet Lucy. She may look familiar, but her story began 3.6 million years ago. This beautifully illustrated book imagines her world as she roams ancient landscapes with knife-toothed cats and towering giraffes, while navigating raging volcanoes and fierce storms. Inspired by the discoveries of Lucy's skeleton and the Laetoli footprints, *Footprints* blends scientific breakthroughs with engaging storytelling, offering a unique glimpse into our shared evolutionary past.

Sales points:

- Perfect for fans of *The Fossil Hunter* and *The Search for the Giant Jellyfish*, *Footprints* is an unforgettable exploration of our ancient past
- Epic true story takes readers back 3.6 million years to meet Lucy, the groundbreaking discovery that transformed our understanding of human evolution
- Incredible illustrations and graphic novel-style elements bring to life ancient landscapes, extraordinary animals and dramatic prehistoric events
- Covers themes of evolution, palaeontology and Earth's history
- Strong potential for major awards in children's publishing
- Back matter includes more fascinating facts about Lucy and her discovery by British fossil hunter, Mary Leakey

Stephen Davies is an award-winning British children's author, residing in London. He is the author of the Hilda tie-in novels based on the popular animated series, as well as the Sophie adventure series and numerous picture books.

Kalina Muhova is a Bulgarian illustrator based in Rome, Italy, where she studied at the Academy of Fine Arts. She is a founding member of the artists' collective Brace. Her work includes *Sofia dell'Oceano*, a graphic novel by Marco Nucci that won the Bartoli Award at the ARF Festival, and *Diana sottosopra* (Canicola).

Pub Date: 17/09/2026

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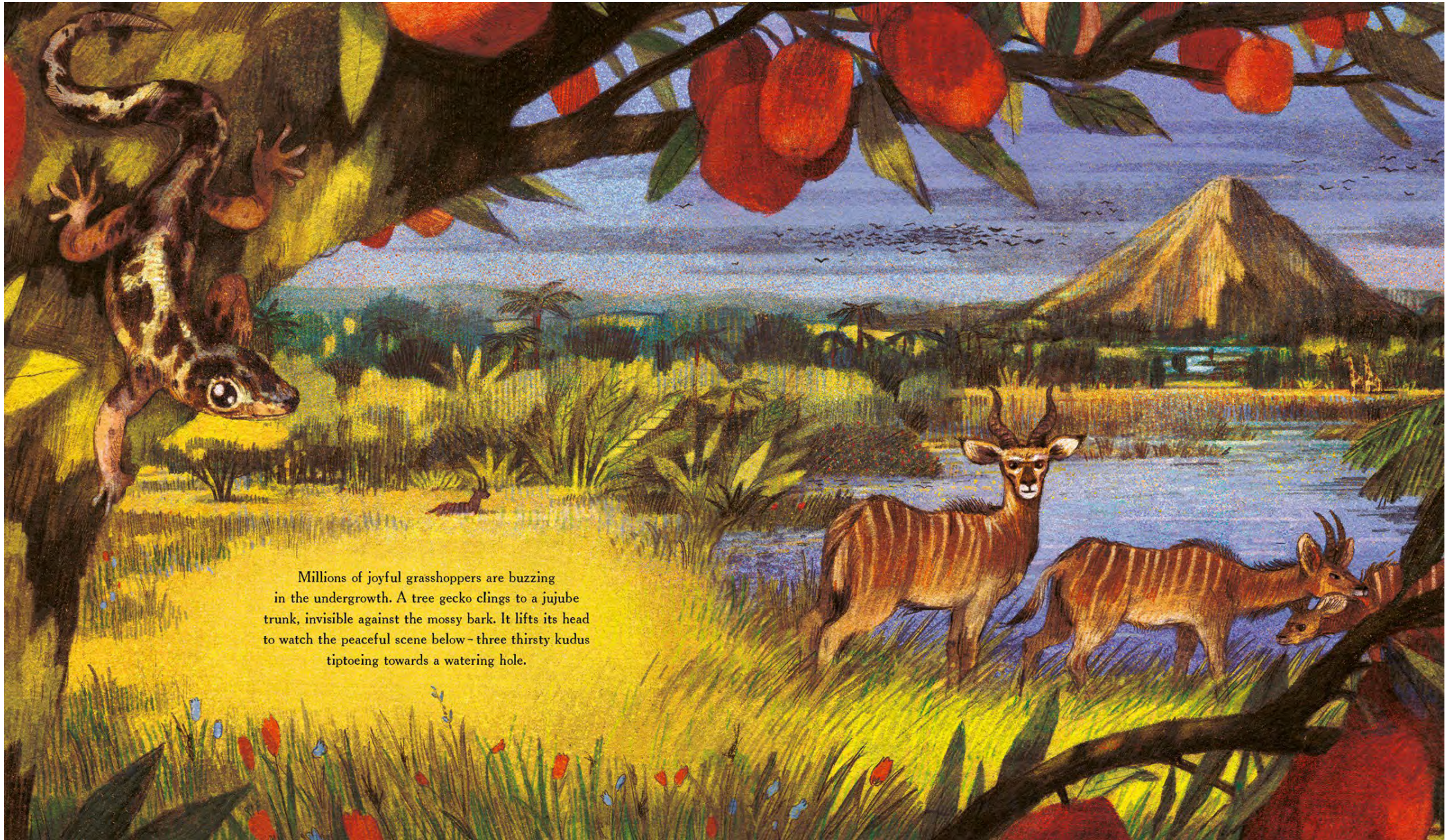
Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836270829

Extent: 56 pages

Dimensions: 285 x 245 mm

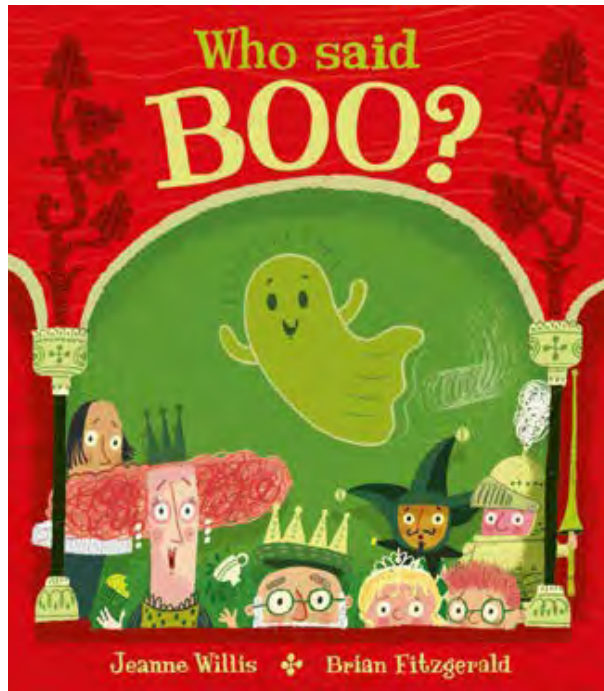
Interest Age: 7 – 9 years



Millions of joyful grasshoppers are buzzing in the undergrowth. A tree gecko clings to a jujube trunk, invisible against the mossy bark. It lifts its head to watch the peaceful scene below - three thirsty kudus tiptoeing towards a watering hole.

Who said Boo?

by Jeanne Willis and Brian Fitzgerald



Publication	3 September 2026
Age	3-6
Price	£12.99
Format	Hardback
Size	275 x 240mm
Extent	32pp
ISBN	978-1-83630-037-3
Territory Code	World ex USA, Can
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Catchy rhyme and pantomime create the perfect read to share!

A naughty little ghost loves giving his unsuspecting victims a fright with a loud 'Boo!' – they can't see him, but the reader can! Each character blames the wrong person, until the clever jester finds an unexpected way to expose the culprit!

Sales points:

- **Search and find:** Children will love spotting the green ghost hidden on each page
- **Interactive:** The repetition of 'boo!' will get children joining in and acting out the story
- **Empowering:** Readers know more than the protagonists in the story
- **A gentle moral:** the ghost's naughty behaviour is punished but he still has the last laugh

Marketing points:

- From **prize-winning author**, Jeanne Willis and Brian Fitzgerald, author of *Bunny's Most Fabulous Holiday Ever* and *Taking the Long Way Home*
- **Online videos** and a **social media campaign**
- **Free downloadable activities** and **teacher resources**
- Campaign with **LoveReading** in September

Jeanne Willis lives in London and often visits schools. Her many books have won the Silver Medal Smarties Prize, the Nasen Special Needs Award, the Sheffield Children's Book Award and the Red House Children's Book Award.

Brian Fitzgerald is an Irish illustrator living in Dublin. His book *Bunny's Most Fabulous Holiday Ever!* was long listed for the Spark! Award and *Taking the Long Way Home* for the Derby Festival Book Award.



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The ghost crept up the
green, green stairs . . .



The Green Princess was saying prayers,
beside her little green, green bed . . .

BOO!

went the
Green Ghost,

BOO!

he said.



The Green Princess looked all around,
she could not see who made that sound . . .



September 29, 2026

9781368119177

Hardcover

Price: £9.99

32 Pages | 21 x 21mm

Rights: World

Juvenile Fiction - Holidays & Celebrations -
Christmas & Advent

Disney Publishing Group / Disney Hyperion

All I Want for Christmas

Disney • HYPERION

Phaea Crede and Suji Park

Perfect for readers ages 3-7, and filled with a delightful cast of critters, *All I Want for Christmas* captures the wonder and true spirit of the holidays!

All Reina the Reindeer wants for Christmas are her two front teeth! So with twelve days to go, a heart full of hope, and a twinkle in her eye, she embarks on a whimsical quest across the North Pole to get what she wants for Christmas! But instead of finding the perfect teeth, Reina discovers the true magic of Christmas - friendship, laughter, and learning you're great just as you are.

Sales points:

- **DIVERSE CAST OF LOVABLE CRITTERS:** From a toothless reindeer to a clumsy Easter bunny and a too-cute bat, the series features a rotating cast of unique, relatable animal protagonists. This diversity keeps the series fresh and engaging, while offering representation and variety for young readers.
- **COUNT DOWN ELEMENT:** With the cast of cute critters completing a different task every day leading up to the big holiday event, this series provides a fun and engaging way for families to count down to the holidays together.

Phaea Crede writes silly picture books for silly kids. As a neurodiverse writer with dyslexia and ADHD, she's proud to demonstrate that disabilities don't have to stand in the way of dreams. She hopes to connect with kids and adults who think they can't write—and convince them that they can!

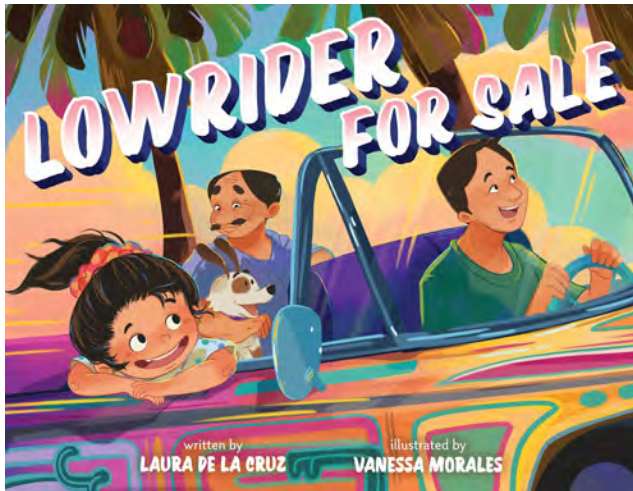
Suji Park is a Korean American author/illustrator. She was born in South Korea and raised in New Jersey. She loves animals, humor, and adventures. She enjoys working in a wide range of style, from realistic portraits to adorable animal illustrations.

7 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

Time to take *matterth* into my own *hooveth*.
I'll walk to the North Pole to get my two front teeth directly
from *Thanta!*

We're coming too!





September 08, 2026
 9781368108355
 Format: Hardback
 Price: £14.99
 40 Pages | 216 x 280 mm
 Age: 3 to 5 years

Lowrider for Sale

Laura De La Cruz

When Gabi's beloved family car is put up for sale, she becomes determined to find a way to save it in this multigenerational story perfect for fans of *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*.

Gabi knows that Papi's lowrider, Pico Nights, is more than a car. It's a family scrapbook on wheels - a treasure trove of memories for her, Papi, and Abuelo Chuchó. It chauffeured Gabi's cousin to her quinceañera, rolled through years of Fourth of July parades, and was detailed most Saturday mornings by Gabi, Papi, and Abuelo.

So when Papi places a FOR SALE! sign on Pico Nights, Gabi tries everything she can to save their beloved car. While Gabi offers her own money, organizes a community fundraiser, and even enters Pico Nights in a car show to try and combat the inevitable, she comes to realize that even though their time with Pico Nights may not last forever, the memories they've made in it will.

Sales points:

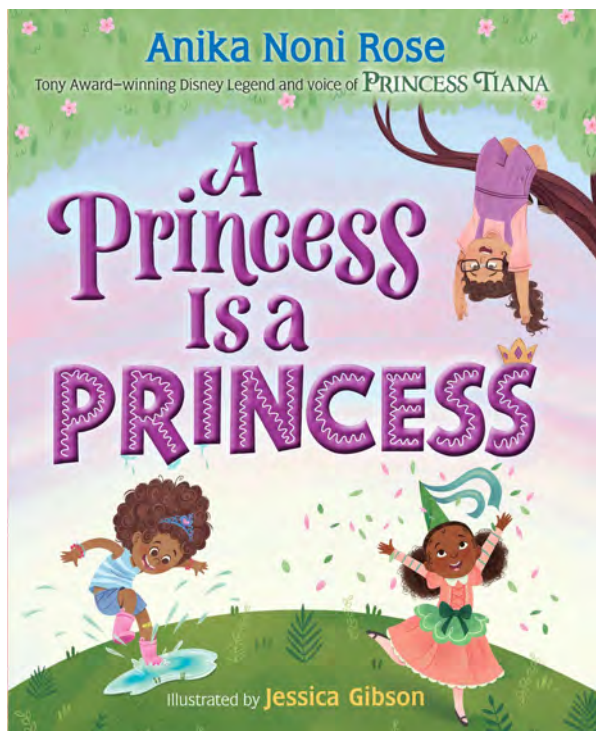
- **Multigenerational Story:** Gabi works with her abuelo and her papi to save their car.
- **Subverted Expectations:** The unexpected ending keeps this story fresh while promoting themes of perseverance, cherishing memories, and embracing change.
- **Spotlight on an Actual Community:** The lyrical text features a strong, tight-knit community while also highlighting the cultural significance of lowriders (with backmatter).

Laura De La Cruz lives in the Texas Hill Country with my husband, a horse named Dolly, and two dogs, Rico and Eddie. When I'm not writing books for kids, I'm feeding animals or enjoying the wide-open space.

Then it was time to ride with pride!
Gabi cheered and waved.
Abuelo blew kisses, making Gabi giggle.
And Papi made the car hop and dance.



The judges
inspected,
measured,
and took notes.



September 22, 2026

9781368100816

Format: Hardback

Price: £14.99

40 Pages | 216 x 276 mm

Age: 3 to 5 years



9781368081603

HB £14.99

A Princess is a Princess

Disney • HYPERION

Anika Noni Rose and Jessica Gibson

Created by Anika Noni Rose, award-winning singer, actress, and voice of Disney Princess Tiana, this heartwarming picture book celebrates princesses of all identities, abilities, and dreams - because what makes a princess is staying true to being royally you.

Whether feeling grumpy or joyful, playful or peaceful - this story, with its empowering text and stunning illustrations - is here to assure readers and princesses of all ages, sizes, colours, and abilities that they deserve to feel seen, celebrated, and royally loved.

Sales points:

- **Written by Tony Award-winning Disney Legend:** Anika Noni Rose is a Tony Award-winning Disney Legend (she voiced fan-favourite Disney princess, Tiana) with accolades across the Company and beyond.
- **Original Picture Book with Relatable Characters:** This is the book of Anika's heart, and it celebrates what it truly means to be a princess; they come in all forms, shades, abilities, creeds, moods, and much more.

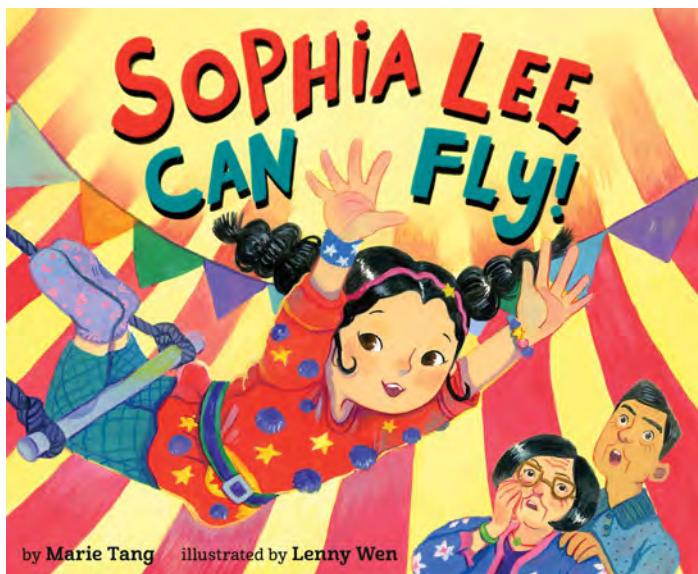
Anika Noni Rose is the voice of Disney's Princess Tiana from *The Princess and the Frog*. An avid reader since childhood, she is a big proponent of children's literacy. She has contributed to *American Theatre* magazine and to the anthology *Meeting at the Table: African-American Women Write on Race, Culture and Community*.

Jessica Gibson is a freelance illustrator born from the riverfront area of Detroit, Michigan. She started doing art professionally after graduating from Wayne County Community College with an Associate of Arts.

A princess is a princess no matter the time of day.
A princess is a princess no matter what they say.

A princess is kind
and sometimes sweet . . .





September 29, 2026
9781368098717
Format: Hardback
Price: £16.99
40 Pages | 280 x 229 mm
Age: 3 to 5 years
Disney Publishing Group / Disney Hyperion

Sophia Lee Can Fly!

Marie Tang

Disney • HYPERION

Bubbly, bobbly, and bold Sophia Lee is always doing the opposite of what her grandparents want her to do! When she tries something new and a little bit scary, Sophia learns that the support of her loved ones might just be what gives her courage.

Sophia Lee is messy where her grandparents are tidy. She's rambunctious where her grandparents are calm. She's always looking for an adventure where her grandparents are careful. When the circus comes to town, Sophia decides that her next adventure will be to become a trapeze artist! Gong Gong and Po Po aren't so sure—Sophia doesn't eat enough vegetables! She might get hurt!

So Sophia shows Gong Gong and Po Po just how tough she is and convinces them to let her try. But once Sophia gets to the trapeze school and sees just how tall the ladder is, doubt begins to creep in. With a little encouragement, Sophia is able to find her courage and learn what it takes to fly.

Sales points:

- **Non-traditional Family:** Sophia lives with her Gong Gong and Po Po and finds strength through their support, making this multigenerational story perfect for Grandparents' Day.
- **Neverending New Experiences:** Sophia's world is ever-expandable as she (and her grandparents!) tries her hand at all sorts of new activities, sports, and hobbies.

Marie Tang was born in Hong Kong, raised in New York City, and was a resident of Shanghai for over a decade. The unique characters and neon lights of the “Big City” have been an ever-present source of inspiration for her. She proudly tells tales of the grit, tenacity, and compassion of the Asian people.





September 2026
Early Readers

The Dragon Mountain

Mathieu Pierloot, François Maumont

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children's books



The first in a brand-new illustrated series centered around bravery, friendship and magic, filled with dragons, witches and an abundance of adventure. This first humorous tale will delight and engage reluctant readers.

When two little witches are sent foraging for potion ingredients, they discover a boy and his pet duck, Custard. But inside the boy's bag lies a stolen dragon egg, nabbed from a group of robgoblins!

Setting off on a treacherous journey involving goblins, a fog-covered lake, kidnap, evil creatures and an adorable baby dragon, this is an action-packed magical adventure sure to captivate young readers.

Sales points:

- This illustrated chapter book will launch a lifelong love of reading among young readers with its simple but funny text
- The world is creative, full of magic and humour which will allow young imaginations to run wild
- The eye-catching full-colour illustrations are full of depth and humour, sure to engage young readers
- With whispers of *How To Train Your Dragon*, the story will enchant readers from the very first page

Mathieu Pierloot is a children's writer, born in Belgium in 1980. Author of novels, album texts and podcasts, he likes to fill his books with playlists and his house with vinyl records. He lives in Brussels with his wife, daughter and cat.

François Maumont was born in 1984 in Choisy-le-Roi. He lives in Asnières-sur-Seine and his drawings have appeared in the press and children's and adult books for around ten years.



Translated by
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Mathieu Pierloot
François Maumont

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Pub Date: 10/09/2026

RRP: £12.99

Format: Hardback

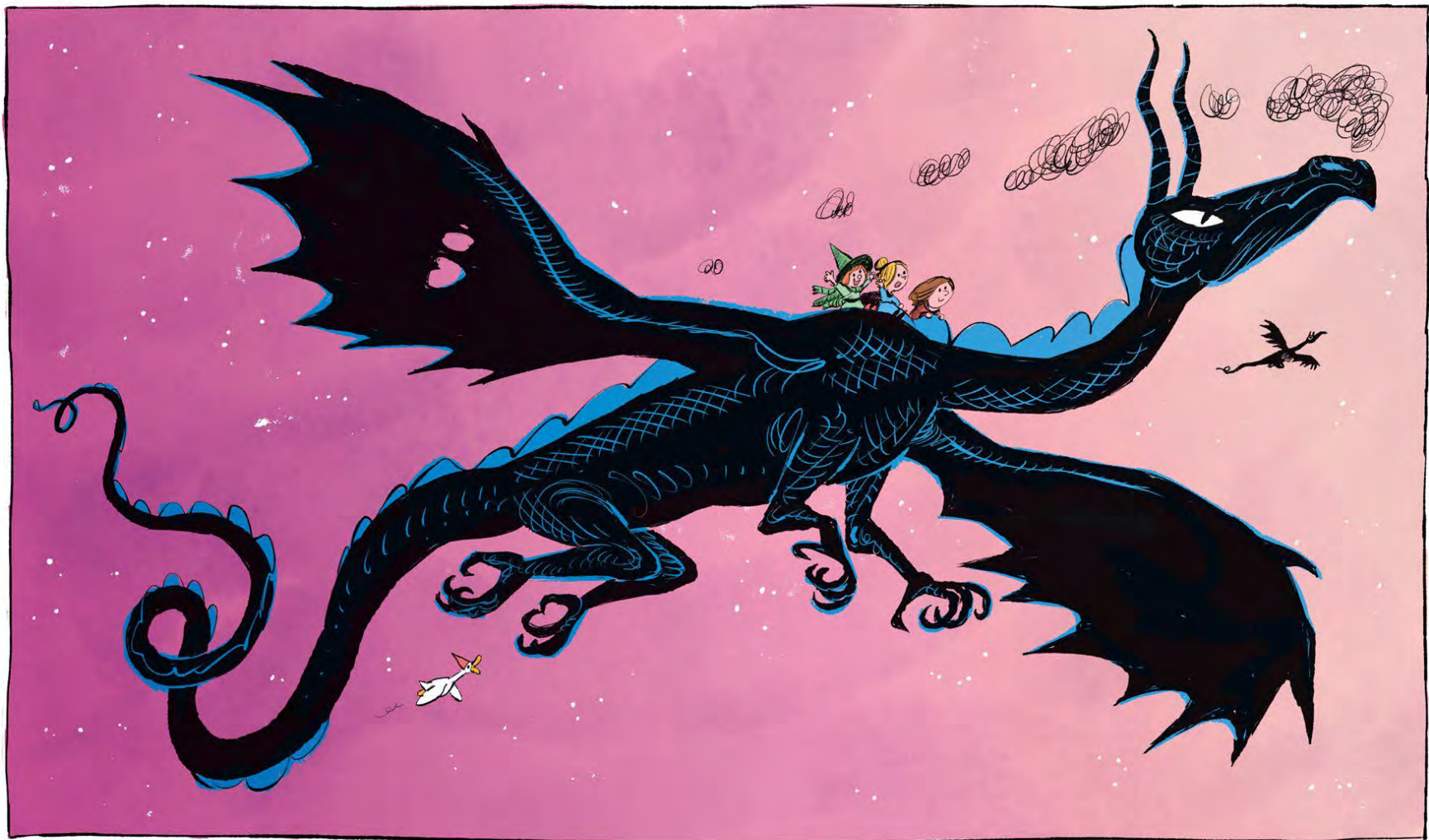
ISBN: 9781836271239

Extent: 120 pages

Dimensions: 217 x 170 mm

Interest Age: 7 - 9 years







Mayhem Mission (My Laugh-out-Loud Life, Book 1)

by Burhana Islam, illus. Farah Khandaker

Book 1 in the hilarious series of illustrated stories celebrating the everyday life of a young boy from a Muslim family, loved by readers everywhere.

Yusuf's older sister is getting married. He's ready for the delicious food, the fun with his cousins and the many presents... but he's NOT ready to take her place as the responsible one.

His only option: cause some chaos and ruin the wedding.

SALES & MARKETING NOTES:

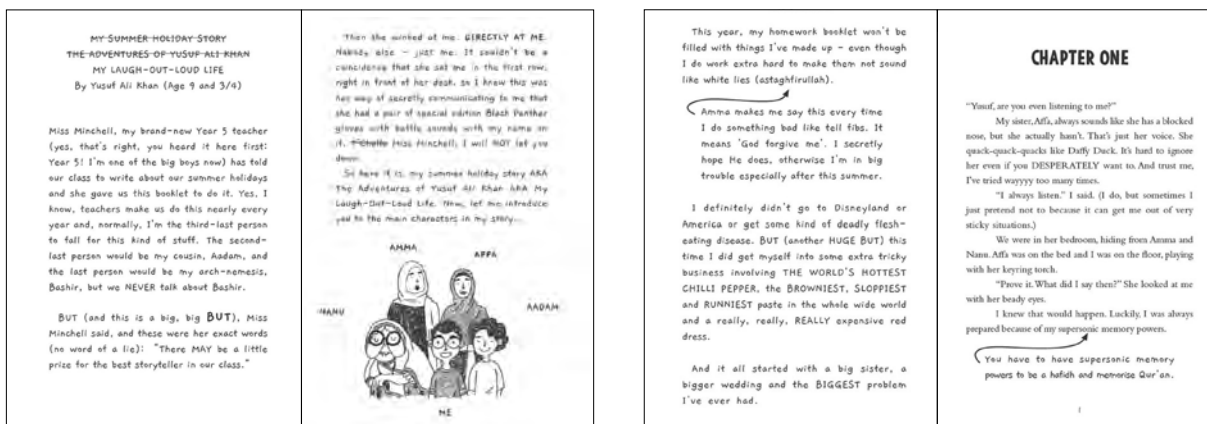
- Winner of the Tower Hamlets Book Award and the Fantastic Book Award
- A hilarious story based on a British Muslim family – loved by readers everywhere
- Originally published by the former children's publisher Knights Of in 2021

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR:

BURHANA ISLAM was born in Bangladesh, raised in Newcastle and now lives in the outskirts of Manchester. She studied English Literature at Newcastle University before teaching at a secondary school.

FARAH KHANDAKER is a digital artist based in Toronto, Canada with a passion for bold colors, surrealism, and nostalgia.

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MY SUMMER HOLIDAY STORY
THE ADVENTURES OF YUSUF ALI KHAN
MY LAUGH-OUT-LOUD LIFE
By Yusuf Ali Khan (Age 9 and 3/4)

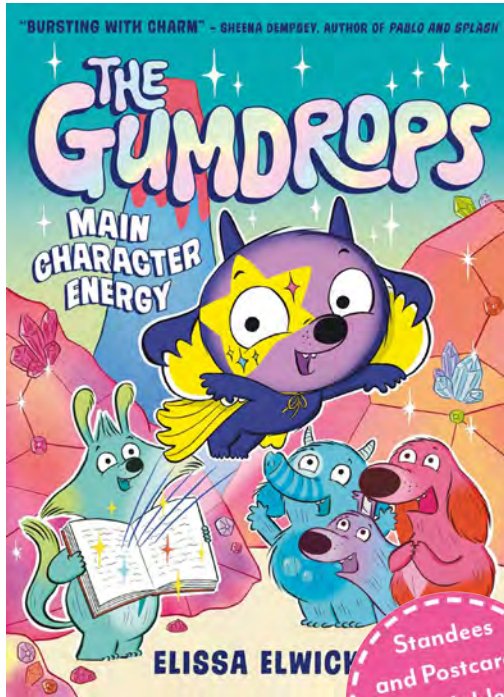
Miss Minchell, my brand-new Year 5 teacher (yes, that's right, you heard it here first: Year 5! I'm one of the big boys now) has told our class to write about our summer holidays and she gave us this booklet to do it. Yes, I know, teachers make us do this nearly every year and, normally, I'm the third-last person to fall for this kind of stuff. The second-last person would be my cousin, Aadam, and the last person would be my arch-nemesis, Bashir, but we NEVER talk about Bashir.

BUT (and this is a big, big **BUT**), Miss Minchell said, and these were her exact words (no word of a lie): "There MAY be a little prize for the best storyteller in our class."

Then she winked at me. **DIRECTLY AT ME.** Nobody else - just me. It couldn't be a coincidence that she sat me in the first row, right in front of her desk, so I knew this was her way of secretly communicating to me that she had a pair of special edition Black Panther gloves with battle sounds with my name on it. ~~Chatta~~ Miss Minchell, I will NOT let you down.

So here it is, my summer holiday story AKA The Adventures of Yusuf Ali Khan AKA My Laugh-Out-Loud Life. Now, let me introduce you to the main characters in my story...





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more details

The Gumdrops: Main Character Energy

Meet the Gumdrops - the guardians of a magical land, full of magical beings! You might meet Imaginary Friends, your favourite characters from a story, or creations from your dreams...

When the Gumdrops meet Bowie, he's fading! His book is being forgotten . . . Can YOU help the Gumdrops bring his story back to life by making it as exciting as possible? You'll have to travel inside Bowie's book, and remember to watch out for the mischievous, but adorable, Evilee!

Sales Points:

- A full-colour graphic novel.
- The perfect series for readers aged five to eight, the books have a simple comic format with panels, appealing to fans of *Narwhal and Jelly* and *Bumble and Snug*.
- With interactive elements to encourage children to use their imagination and engage with the story.
- Elissa Elwick is an award-winning illustrator, working on picture books and fiction with authors including Philip Ardagh and Michelle Harrison.

Written by Elissa Elwick

ISBN: 9781788957915

Pub Date: 3 September 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: PB

Age: 5 to 8

Dims: 210 x 152 mm

Extent: 96 pp.

Elissa Elwick (Author/Illustrator) is an award-winning children's book illustrator and author based in Cardiff.

She worked as a nanny and a bookseller before she started writing and illustrating children's books full time.

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The Secret Pine Marten

Nancy is having a wonderful holiday in Devon when she spots a strange little brown creature poking around in the garden – a pine marten!

But Nancy soon discovers she's not the only one who's seen the curious creature when she meets a mysterious girl from another time, one in which the pine marten's life is in mortal danger ...

Sales Points:

- A magical, wintry tale that will make the perfect Christmas gift for fans of Holly Webb
- Features beautiful black and white illustrations by David Dean throughout
- Holly Webb's ANIMAL STORIES series has sold over 1 million UK trade copies to date
- Praise for *FROST*: "A heart-melting and evocative winter tale full of Webb's beautiful storytelling ... imbued with a special seasonal warmth" -*The Lancashire Evening Post*

Holly Webb (Author) is one of Britain's best-loved children's writers. She has written over a hundred books for children and her work has been translated into over thirty languages. Holly lives in Tilehurst, just outside of Reading, Berkshire, with her husband, three children and several cats.

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

Written by Holly Webb
Illustrated by David Dean

ISBN: 9781788958042

Pub Date: 3 September 2026

Price: £7.99

Format: PB

Age: 7 to 9

Dims: 198 x 129 mm

Extent: 160 pp.

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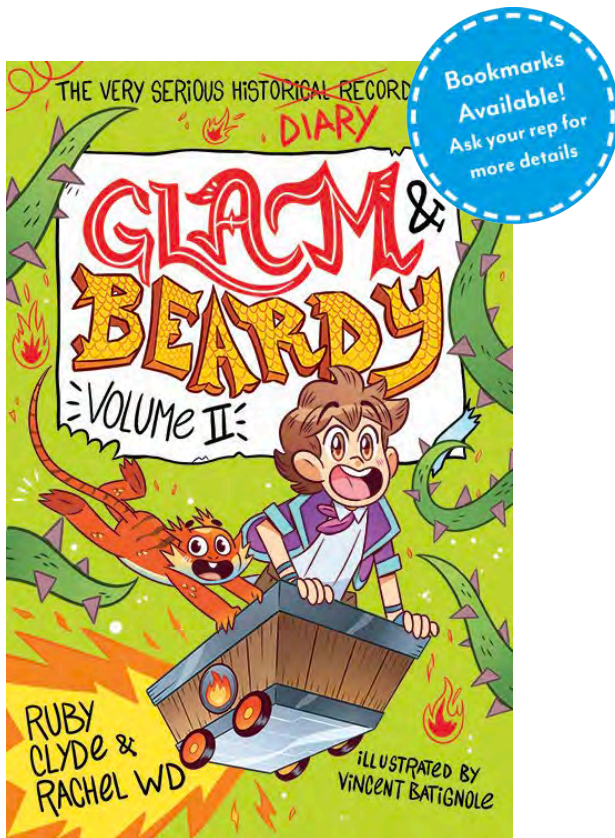
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Sales Points:

- A laugh-out-loud series written by an award-winning comedy double act (Shelf).
- Shelf perform regularly across the UK - they have a comedy show for kids that they tour with, as well as writing for The Amazing World of Gumball on the Cartoon Network – they are planning to do events.
- Heavily illustrated diary format, with an appealing cartoon style.
- A celebration of being your true self and friendship in a fun fantasy setting.
- For fans of *Loki*, *Diary of an Accidental Witch* and *Frostheart*.

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

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

Also Available:



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Written by Ruby Clyde &
Rachel WD
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Pub Date: 3 September 2026
Price: £8.99
Format: PB
Age: 8 to 10
Dims: 198 x 129 mm
Extent: 240 pp.

Olivia Shivers: Spooky Special Agent

by Derek Keilty and Louis Ghibault



In the first of a new illustrated chapter book series, a school author visit goes spooktacularly wrong, but launches Olivia as a Spooky Special Agent!

Olivia is the only one who can detect that the author is a ghost - but that's just the beginning! Her grandfather turns out to be a secret agent for SCARE - Spook Capture and Rehabilitation Enterprises - and Olivia had inherited his Spook Sense. So when Grandpa is kidnapped, Olivia has no choice but to embark on a chilling rescue mission with her best friend Roop.

Sales points:

- **Fantastical world-building and adventure** packed with ghosts and gadgets
- **For boys and girls** - Roop and grandfather are key male protagonists
- **Themes of courage, teamwork and problem solving**
- **Quirky and characterful illustrations** from the illustrator of *Monster Hunting for Beginners*

Marketing points:

- Derek Keilty is an **award-nominated author**, and his work has been translated into 10 languages
- **Free teaching notes** planned for publisher website
- **POS** includes bookmarks
- **Further titles planned:** *The Ghost of Robbery Lane* and *The Phantom's Final Act*

Derek Keilty lives in Belfast. Author of over fifteen books for children and shortlisted for the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year, Derek takes storytelling and creative writing workshops to local schools.

Louis Ghibault lives in Belgium and has illustrated *Monster Hunting for Beginners* (Farshore) and several picture books in France.

Publication	3 September 2026
Age	7-10
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The Worst Thing That Could Possibly Happen



From the limitless imagination of Guy Bass and David Roberts comes a gloriously dark and original collection of tales.

Take a trip through the sideways door and let the supernatural secrets come alive in these chilling tales of terror!

For readers who like their stories on the unsettling side and fans of Chris Priestley, Jennifer Killick and the Aveline Jones series.

Sales Points:

- A spine-tingling offering from an exciting new partnership.
- Tales are told in a variety of formats including traditional verse, comic book and short stories, making them perfect for dipping into or reading late into the night in one terrifying sitting.
- Masterfully interpreted by David Roberts whose stunning black and white illustrations have burrowed into the fabric of each tale to create images that will linger long after you turn the page.
- Guaranteed to delight fans of Guy Bass's previous books – *Stitch Head*, *Skeleton Keys*, *Scrap*, and bring a whole new raft of readers to his door.

Guy Bass (Author) is an award-winning author who has written more than 30 books, including the best-selling *Stitch Head* series, *Dinkin Dings*, *Spyinosaur*, and *Skeleton Keys*. He lives in London with his wife.

David Roberts (Illustrator) is one of the UK's foremost children's illustrators, known for works such as *Dirty Bertie*, *The Bolds*, and *Suffragette: The Battle for Equality*. He was the winner of the Nestle Children's Book Prize in 2006 and was shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal four times. He lives in London.



GUY BASS & DAVID ROBERTS

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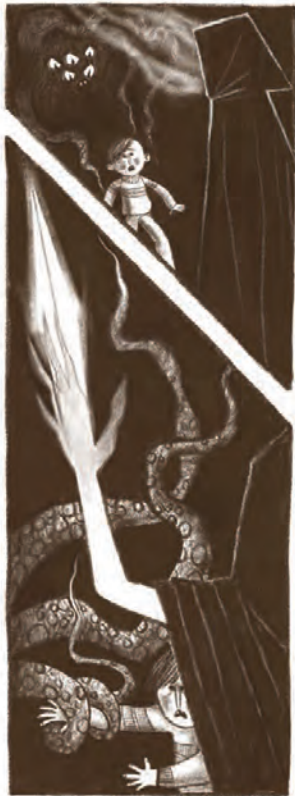
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The moon is full, their howls ring out,
Their gnashing teeth a blur
Werewolves! Complete with fangs and claws
And bodies thick with fur.



They stalk the land, in search of prey
But never stop to question

If other 'weres' are on the prowl,
More beasts of grim possession.



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THROUGH THE
SIDWAYS
DOOR AND LET
SUPERNATURAL
SECRETS COME
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Guy Bass and David Roberts
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A gloriously dark and original collection from the limitless imaginations of Guy Bass, award-winning author of *Stitch Head* and David Roberts, Carnegie-shortlisted illustrator.





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Extent: 224
Age: 8+
Rights: World

Welsh Giants, Ghosts and Goblins

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- **Waterstones Welsh Book of the Year**
- **Comprehensive marketing and events campaign** planned for the author with strong social media presence

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Praise for *Welsh Giants Ghosts and Goblins*:

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Claire Fayers grew up in South-east Wales where, thanks to her local library, she developed a lifelong obsession with myth and magic. Her books include *Tapper Watson and the Quest for the Nemo Machine* (Firefly 2023) *The Accidental Pirates* (Waterstones Book of the Month, shortlisted for the Children's Book Award), and *Storm Hound* (winner of the Tir na nOg award 2020). She lives in the Welsh mountains in an old house which has so far proved to be disappointingly free of ghosts.

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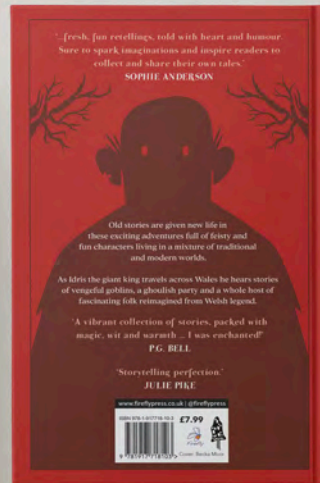
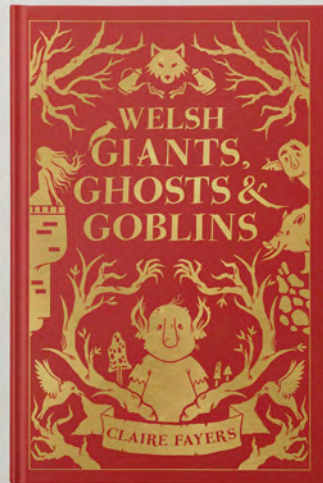
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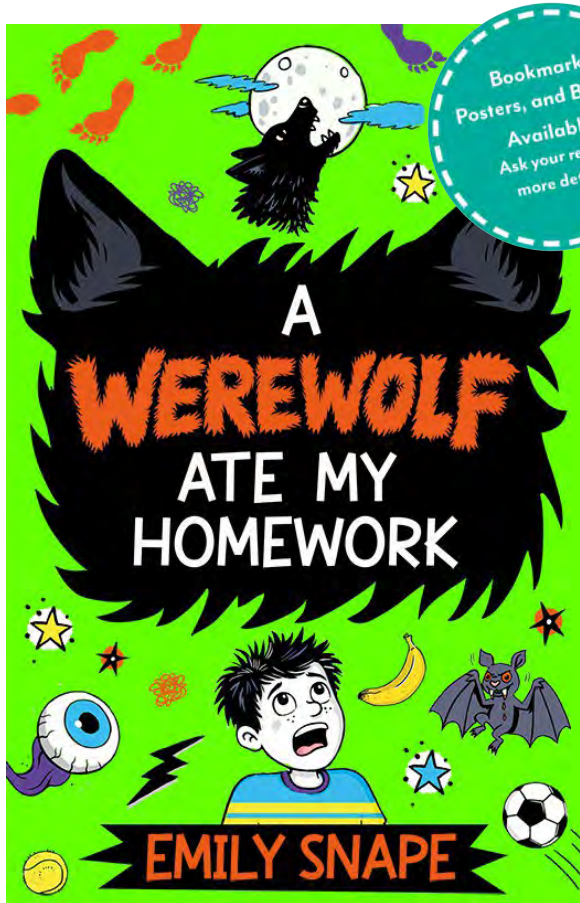
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A Werewolf Ate my Homework

Emily Snape

A hilarious and heartwarming middle-grade novel full of daft moments and off-the-wall humour.

When Asher thinks he sees his soon-to-be stepbrother's wolf-like reflection in the bathroom mirror, he knows he must tell his mum before they all become a midnight snack. But Mum doesn't believe Luca is a werewolf, not after all the fibs Asher's been telling recently.

Together with his banana-loving, werewolf-obsessed frenemy Helga, Asher must collect the evidence he needs to prove Luca is a werewolf. But it turns out it's not quite that easy...

Sales points:

- **Fresh and funny illustrations throughout**
- **Accessible diary-style format**
- **Perfect for reluctant of readers**
- **First in series**
- **Filled with hilarious moments and hair-raising mishaps**
- **For fans of Tom Gates and Diary of a Wimpy Kid**

'I howled with laughter. Kept me guessing until the very end.'

Jonathan Meres

Why we love it: 'A *Werewolf Ate My Homework* is both hilarious and heart warming in equal measure. Full of daft moments and off-the-wall humour, with quirky illustrations throughout. Asher, Luca and Helga are sure to become a much-loved trio.' Hayley Fairhead, Editor



Emily Snape is a children's author and illustrator living in London. She has published several titles across novelty, picture books, middle-grade and non-fiction. She has three children who provide lots of inspiration for stories and also runs a regular illustration class for children and teenagers in North London.

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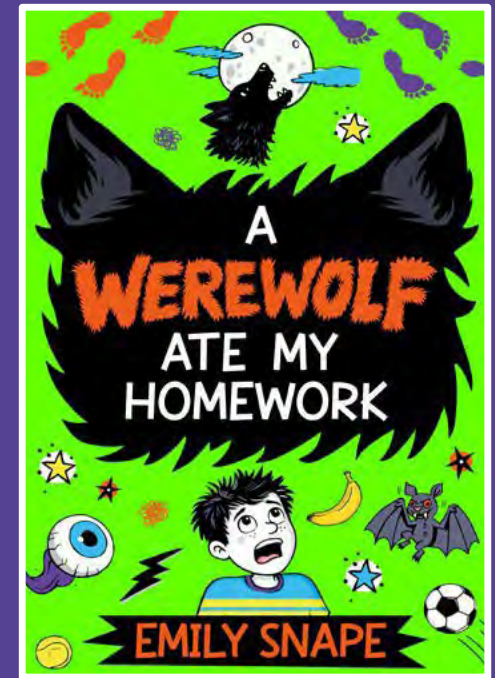
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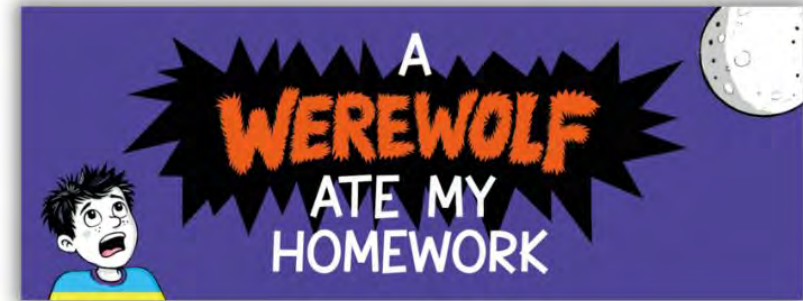
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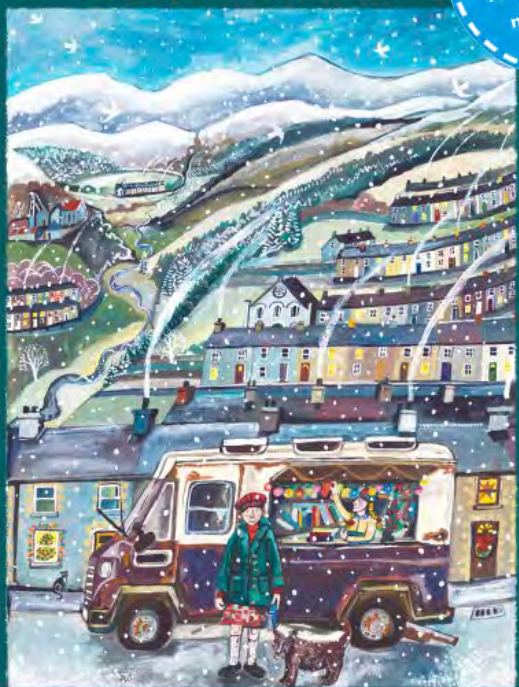
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ELOISE WILLIAMS

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The Library of Lost Stories

Eloise Williams



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This book really does soar. What a beautiful homage to the Valleys' **Nicola Penfold**

'A gorgeously joyful read. It snuck deep into my heart and will sneak into yours.' **Liz Hyder**

- A brand-new tale from **former Children's Laureate Wales**
- An **uplifting tale of hope** about the joy of friendship and the strength found in community
- Set in the South Wales Valleys in the seventies in the shadow of the tragedy at nearby Aberfan, ten years earlier
- Highlights **the challenges and experiences of being a young carer**

Summary:

It's Christmas 1976 in a small town in South Wales, and eleven-year-old Noni and her dad are hiding behind the sofa from the bailiffs. There's no money left and Noni's dad – who used to fix all the town's broken things seems to be the most broken thing of all.

When Noni meets new friend Rebecca and borrows a library book, she realises that fixing the town's old mobile library might be the thing to bring a spark back to her dad's eyes.

But the library van is stuck on Mrs Williams' driveway and has been since the Aberfan disaster ten years earlier...



Eloise Williams grew up in Llantrisant and lives in West Wales, very close to the sea. Having studied drama, she went on to work as an actor for over ten years before studying for a Masters in Creative Writing at Swansea University. She was Wales' first Children's Laureate from September 2019 to August 2022.

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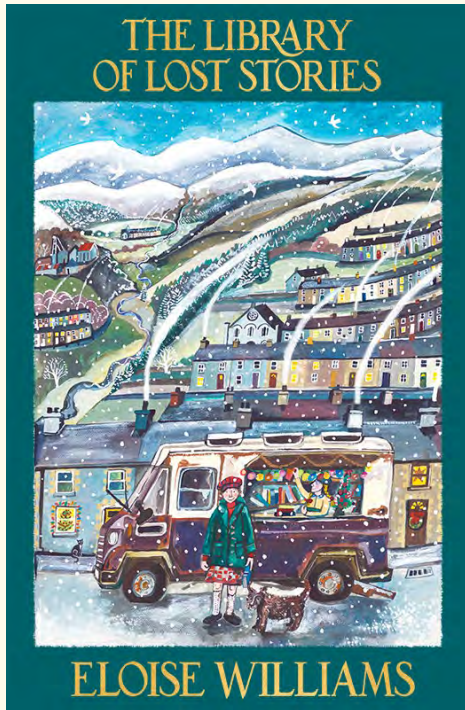
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Noni believes fixing the mobile library will fix her dad. But the library hasn't been used since the Aberfan disaster...

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'It will stay with me for a long time.' **Jo Bowers**

'Gorgeous writing, authentic characters you want to both cwtch and cheer on, and as usual an amazing animal - Jonesy the dog - who could wish for more?' **Rhian Tracey**

'Bursting with heart, hope, and the magic of stories – took me back to my own childhood in Wales.' **Thomas Taylor**

'Eloise always writes beautifully, and I feel like this book just perfectly demonstrates her skill and her love of storytelling. There's so much love in every character and every page. It will stay with me always.' **Jennifer Killick**

'Assured, humane, and quietly powerful, this is a story that trusts both its characters and its readers – and in doing so, leaves a lasting impression.' **Simon Fisher**

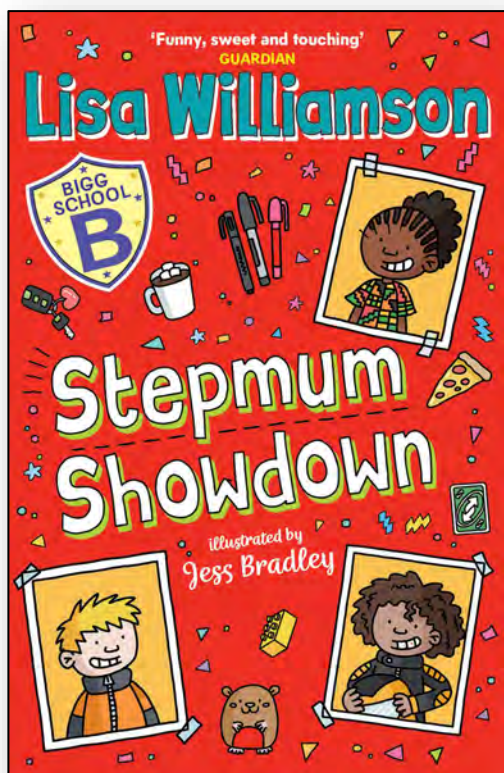


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She was Wales' first Children's Laureate from September 2019 to August 2021. Her books include: *Gaslight*, *Seaglass*, *Wilde*, *Honesty and Lies*, *Elen's Island* and *The Mab*.

Eloise is based in West Wales and is available to travel for events.





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Author Location: London



**GUPPY
BOOKS**

Bigg School: Stepmum Showdown

Lisa Williamson and Jess Bradley

The next instalment in the fabulous series about a class of Year 7 children navigating a new school, family life and the ups and downs of friendship.

When Gabby gets her first period, she's far too embarrassed to tell her dad and older brothers and wishes for the millionth time that her mum was still alive. Although Dad's new girlfriend is nice, Gabby is determined to break them up before Natasha tries to replace her mum and take Dad away from her.

But when things go wrong for Gabby on a weekend away, it's Natasha who saves the day. Maybe change isn't so bad, and there's room for one more in Gabby's family after all.

Sales Points:

- Seventh book in the critically acclaimed series, from multi-award-winning author Lisa Williamson.
- A positive story about step-parenting; from Lisa's experience.
- Warm, funny, accessible stories with copyable doodles throughout.
- Ideal class readers for that transition to secondary school.

Author Biography:

Lisa Williamson was born and grew up in Nottingham. Her first novel, *The Art of Being Normal* won a number of prizes including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Best Older Fiction 2016. She has written three other YA novels and non-fiction for younger children. She lives in London with her husband, stepchildren and a mischievous whippet called Nelson.

Jess Bradley is an illustrator and writer living in Torquay, Devon. In 2021 she won a Blue Peter Book Award for her work on *A Day in the Life of a Poo, a Gnu and You*. She is a regular contributor to *The Phoenix Comic* and *the Beano*.

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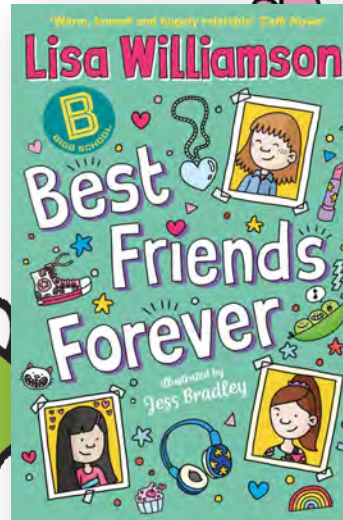
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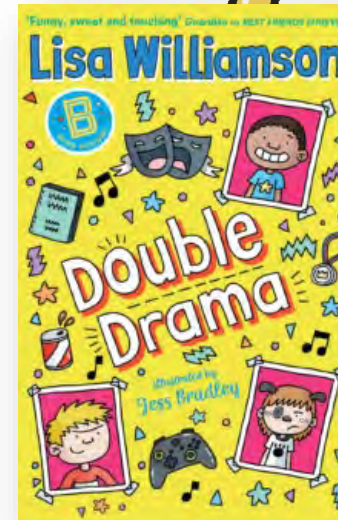
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With each book focussing on a different student at Bigg School, these books tackle so many different things young students face on a daily basis. From changing school, making new friends, losing other friends and annoying siblings, to the tougher topics such as parents' health and challenging home life, this is the series we believe all children should read to feel seen, build empathy and simply enjoy brilliant stories

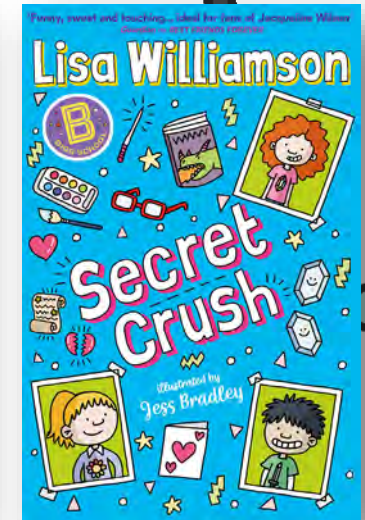
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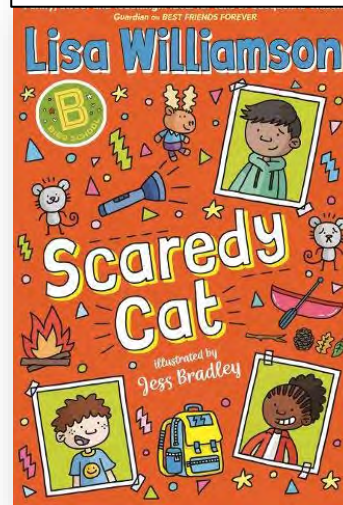
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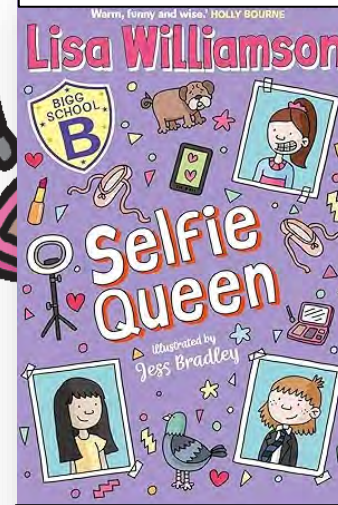
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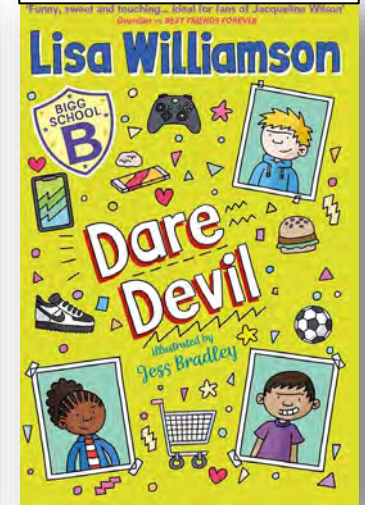
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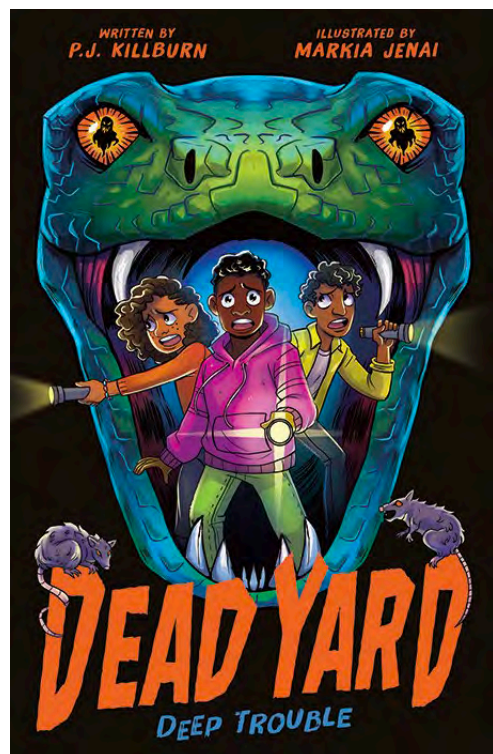
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Dead Yard: Deep Trouble

Jermaine is determined to put the events of his great-great uncle Carl's Dead Yard behind him. No more supernatural shenanigans!

But that's easier said than done, and soon Jermaine is hearing a voice calling out to him from the water. Then several kids in his class disappear into the Thames and return with zombie-like personalities and, to top it off, there are snakes bursting out of the school sinks.

Jermaine and his friends reluctantly admit there must be a new spooky threat in town. Could it be another monster from Caribbean legend, and does Jermaine have what it takes to stop it?

The second in a spook-tastic new series, perfect for fans of *Goosebumps*, *Hide and Seeker* and *Dread Wood*.

Sales Points:

- The second in this funny and spooky new series inspired by Caribbean folklore and featuring a diverse cast of loveable characters.
- The perfect blend of humour and horror in an urban setting.
- *Attack the Block* meets *Round the Twist*.

P.J. Kilburn (Author) was born in London, grew up in St Lucia with her Caribbean dad and South African mum, and currently lives in Sydney - a global citizen! When she isn't hanging out with her partner and cat, she's a children's writer and research nurse, and very passionate about both vocations.

Markia Jenai (Illustrator) a native of Detroit, enjoys pouring herself a hot cup of coffee while daydreaming about fantasy worlds and spending hours doodling. In addition to her artistic pursuits, she has a passion for cultural anthropology, journaling and often finds herself spending too much time playing *The Sims*.

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Written by P.J. Kilburn
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In this unique magic-school fantasy series, 12-year-old Jax Freeman discovers a secret world where a diverse group of students with unique abilities wield magic by summoning the power of their ancestors.

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Sales points:

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Don't miss the epic conclusion to the Jax Freeman trilogy!

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Follow Jax as he discovers what it truly means to form a community and that home is where you choose to plant roots.

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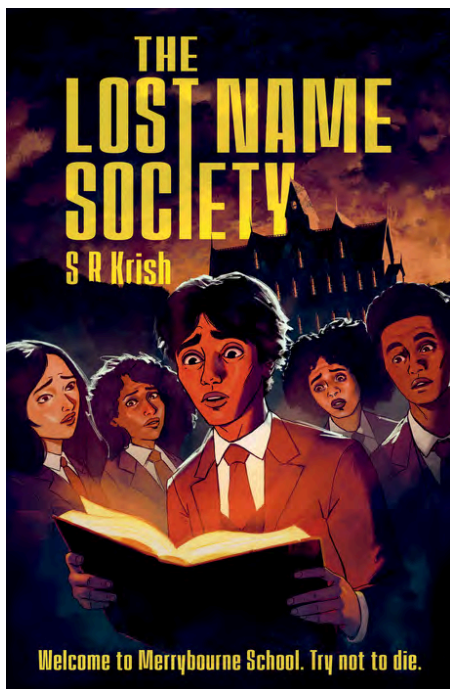
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September 2026
Young Adult



Pub Date: 3rd September 2026

Price: £8.99

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Age Range: 12+

Subject: YFD (Horror and ghost stories, chillers, or other scary supernatural stories)

CBMC Code: E5N79

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Dimensions: 129 x 198 mm

THE LOST NAME SOCIETY

S R KRISH

THE BOOK

In a cut-throat landscape where the supernatural meets the sadistic, five misfits must compete in twisted games where the price of losing is being erased from existence.

In the heart of the Cotswolds, your name isn't just an identity. It's a target.

Five strangers arrive at boarding school expecting the usual academic grind. Instead, they find a headmistress who is anything but human and a curriculum designed for survival.

The rules are simple: compete in a series of twisted, deadly games, or be erased. With nothing in common but their unusual names, this misfit group must navigate a landscape where the supernatural meets the cut-throat.

As the body count rises, they realise the only way to survive is to stop playing by the demon's rules. In a world where fitting in means losing yourself, they must reclaim the power of their names, the ones they were born with and the ones they've chosen, to tear the school down.

Winning is everything. Losing is eternal.

THE AUTHOR

S R Krish is the pen name for Savita Kalhan, a London-based, Carnegie nominated author whose YA thrillers have earned her a reputation for gripping, unputdownable storytelling.

Savita Kalhan was born in India, but has lived in the UK most of her life. Now living in North London, she spends her time writing, playing tennis, growing veg and super-hot chillies on her allotment, and loves to get the boxing gloves on.

She is also a member of the UK Teen/YA author collective The Edge. She runs a teen reading group at her local library in Finchley.

KEY SALES POINTS

- **High-Stakes Deadly Game Premise:** Taps into the massive popularity of the "survival competition" sub-genre (think *Squid Game* or *The Hunger Games*) set within a sinister academic environment.
- **Unique Identity Driven Magic System:** Moves beyond standard spells to explore the power of **names and identity**, making the supernatural elements deeply personal and symbolic.
- **Dark Dark Academia Aesthetic:** Perfect for fans of the "Dark Academia" trend, blending the elite boarding school setting with visceral horror and a non-human antagonist.

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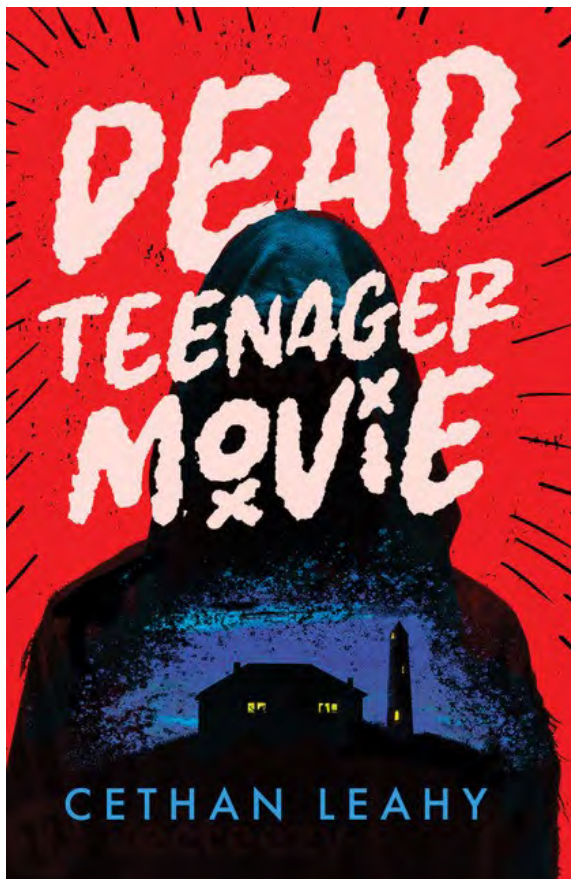
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ADVANCED INFORMATION

Dead Teenager Movie

by Cethan Leahy

3 Sept 2026 | PB | 9781918353020 | 198 x 129mm | TBCpp | £9.99 | Age 12+ | Thema: YFCB Thriller/Suspense | BISAC: YAFo62000 Thrillers



In this YA slasher, a horror-obsessed girl joins a group of wealthy teens for a wild weekend in a remote house, only to discover that the local murder rumours may be far more real – and far closer – than she imagined.

She loved scary movies... until she had the starring role.

A spree of murders is haunting Cork city, leaving behind stories of ghost parties and dismembered janitors, of dead diner owners and folkloric entities.

Die-hard horror buff April ignores it all for one perfect weekend of debauchery with Carl and his group of rich, hot and dangerously irresistible friends.

Together, they head to the West Cork countryside for an unforgettable trip before college begins. But in a remote mountainside house with views to die for, the dream party turns into a nightmare. Because some stories don't stay stories. And someone, or something, inside the house wants more than fear. They want blood.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A YA slasher story perfect for fans of *Scream*, *I Know What You Did Last Summer* and *Sleepaway Camp*
- A Celtic twist on a slasher genre

MARKETING PLANS:

- UK and Irish PR campaigns
- Fun movie-style marketing including Letterboxd reviews, movie posters etc
- TheWriteReads blog tour - Aug 2026
- Pitching author for YALC - Oct/Nov 2026

Cethan Leahy is an author and filmmaker from Cork. His debut novel, *Tuesdays Are Just as Bad*, was published to widespread acclaim, earning a shortlist nomination for the CBI Book of the Year Award and winning the Senior Category of the Great Reads Awards. Alongside his writing, Cethan works across film and animation. When he's not writing stories, he's usually thinking about them.

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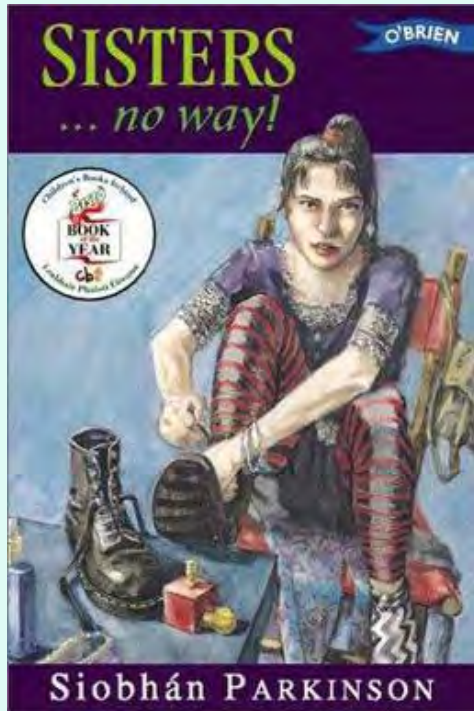
ADVANCED INFORMATION

Sisters... No Way!

by Siobhán Parkinson

3 Sept 2026 | PB | 9781918353952 | 198 x 129mm | 219pp | £9.99 | Age 12+ | Thema: YXWP Growing Up | BISAC: YAN029000 Personal Growth

New cover in progress -
previous edition below:



A modern take on the Cinderella story, this YA novel unfolds through the interwoven diaries of two teenage stepsisters suddenly thrust into a complicated new family dynamic.

Cindy, a with-it and cynical young teen, still traumatised by her mother's recent death, is appalled when her father falls in love with one of her teachers, a woman with two teenage daughters of her own. Surely he can't be serious? She cannot imagine a worse fate than having a teacher as her stepmother, and as for the two prissy girls - she is never going to call them sisters ... no way!

But, if Cindy dislikes her prospective stepsisters, they think she is an absolute horror - spoiled, arrogant and atrociously rude to them and their mother when they visit her house. Whatever about their mother marrying again, they can't imagine being landed with Cindy as a sister ... no way!

But the parents are going to marry, and the girls are going to be family, like it or not. So who gives in?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Two YA stories that can be read in any order, told from each girls' perspective
- A Bisto Book of the Year in 1997
- Translated into twenty languages

Siobhán Parkinson was Ireland's first ever Laureate na nÓg (Children's Literature Laureate). She has published more than 30 books for children and adults, in English and Irish, with publishers including Puffin, Hodder, O'Brien Press and Little Island Books. She has won many awards and been nominated for the Hans Christian Andersen Award. In 2010 she founded Little Island.

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3 Sept 2026 | PB | 9781918353044 | 198 x 129mm | TBCpp | £9.99 | Age 14+ | Thema: YXZC Identity & Belonging | BISAC: YAF037000 Loners & Outcasts

A sharp, emotional YA novel about loss, love and the instinct to survive.

Three teenagers.

One city.

A single night that changes everything.

In contemporary Limerick, Zoe, Shane, and Noah are each trying to survive the jump into adulthood.

Zoe has left school behind for work, animal rescue and a life on her own terms. Shane numbs his grief with addiction and reckless choices that spiral out of control. Noah, a gifted hurler with dreams of university and county glory, is learning how dangerous it is to stand out – and how painful it is to make himself small.

When their lives collide at a party that ends in disaster, the consequences are devastating. In the mess of the aftermath, one thing remains clear: strays are survivors.

Cover artwork
coming soon




KEY SELLING POINTS:

- *The Gone Book* won **Teen Book of the Year** at the An Post Irish Book Awards and was **nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Writing**, among others
- Captures **the raw realities of grief, addiction, racism and first love** with unflinching honesty, giving voice to teens who are rarely centred in Irish YA fiction
- **A dark but ultimately hopeful story** with a powerful multi-narrator structure

Helena Close has been writing full-time for 20 years. She has written or co-written seven novels, including *The Gone Book* and *Things I Know* with Little Island. She lives in Limerick City.

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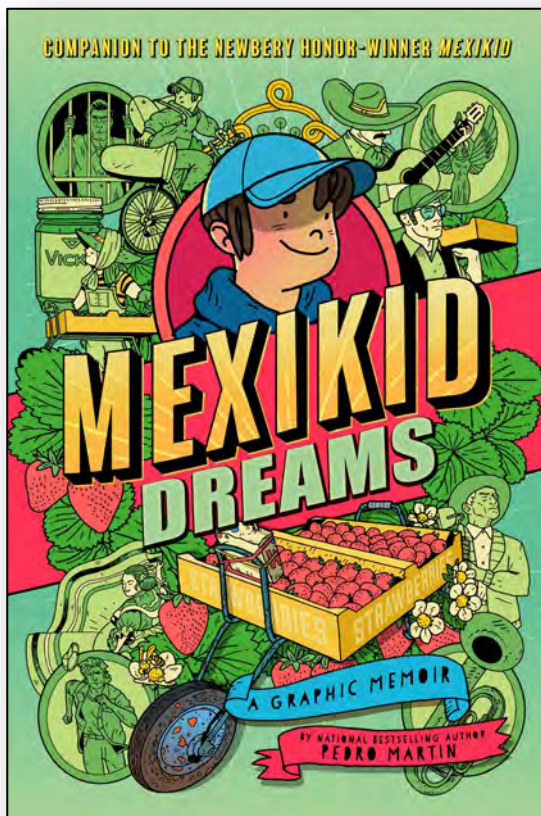
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Graphic Novels



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Extent: 320pp



**GUPPY
BOOKS**

Mexikid Dreams: A Graphic Memoir

Pedro Martin



In this extraordinary graphic memoir companion to Newbery Honor winner *Mexikid*, hilarious family hijinks, immigration patrols, and musical daydreams shape a year of growth and change for a Mexican-American boy and his family.

Pedro Martín is sick of strawberries. Since he was seven, he's spent every weekend and summer picking berries with his family under the hot sun. But as Pedro learns more about his parents' and abuelito's past, and the choices they made in order to open up more choices for him, he starts to understand that freedom isn't just about leaving the fields - it's about knowing where you came from and having the courage to draw your own life.

Sales Points:

- The sequel to *Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir*, winner of the Week Junior Graphic Novel award 2024 and shortlisted for the Scholastic Graphic Novel Award.
- Both hilarious and moving in equal measure, continues the story of Pedro and his family moving to America, and the struggles and joy they encounter.

Author Biography:

Pedro Martin was a Hallmark artist for 27 years and is the creator of *Asteroid Andy* and *Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir*. He also chronicles his life growing up Mexican American online in a series called *Mexikid Stories* (@Mexikidstories, instagram, Facebook and Gocomics.com)

Also available:



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I had been watching and drawing cartoons for as long as I could remember.



When I was doing both, I was in my **HAPPY PLACE**.

It was like being cocooned in a **MAGICAL BROADCAST BUBBLE**.



A bubble that blocked out all the **NOISE AND STRIFE** that came with living in a house of **TWELVE** people who were always struggling to keep up with the bills.



Cartoons, comics, and action figures were like my second family, my best friends, and my shield against reality.

Vámonos.*

My abuelito was always the first one to be ready to go to work. When he wasn't napping or praying, he was working. He did not look kindly on a kid who spent all his daylight hours trying to consume cartoons and comics.

*Let's go!



I really didn't want to go to work and miss out on my peaceful cartoon bubble, so I concocted a simple yet **INGENIOUS** plan to get me out of it:

TODAY, I JUST WOULDN'T GO!

Told you my plan was simple yet ingenious!

THE DEFINITIVE
HIERARCHY OF CAREERS
 THAT MEXICAN PARENTS WOULD LOVE THEIR KIDS TO HAVE (PROBABLY)

Suitable for framing!



1 IF you're lucky enough to get a **PRIEST OR A NUN** in the family, everyone can just skate when it comes to picking a job because you will never be brought up in conversation ever again. All anyone will talk about is the kid that became a priest. **PLUS**, free absolution of sins on demand!



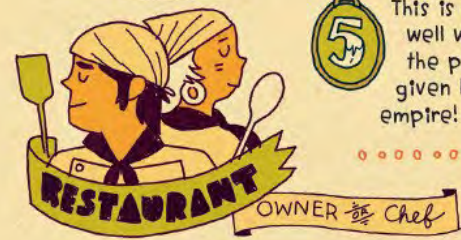
2 **A CLOSE SECOND!** It's like having a priest but with more money. The downside is, most doctors refuse to acknowledge the efficacy of the all-healing power of **VICKS VAPORUB!** Mexican moms hate that.



3 This **SHOULD BE** number one, really. A person who can heal a house or a car is more valuable than someone who heals a person or your soul.



4 Not the biggest earner of the bunch (priest coming in last), but they are available for every family celebration. Whether they want to be or not. Bonus: Big hat, big future!



5 This is a natural and pairs very well with the mariachi and the priest. It's like you've given birth to a wedding venue empire! Good job, Amá and Apá!

OTHER CAREERS YOU CAN HAVE THAT WON'T MAKE MEXICAN PARENTS MAD:

- A. **COP** (Mostly for the stories.)
- B. **A JOB AT LA DMV** (Mostly to get the best license plates.)
- C. **BEAUTICIAN** (This is fine, but just so you know, your apá can cut your hair for free. Why pay \$15? We can do it here in the garage.)
- D. **BUTCHER** (It's like being a cook without the follow-through. Still, we like the cheap, almost past due meats.)

CAREERS THAT WILL CONFUSE YOUR MEXICAN PARENTS:

- A. **SOMETHING WITH TVS OR STEREOs.**
- B. **LIBRARIAN** ("How much money can you make on just collecting late fees?")
- C. **VETERINARIAN** ("But you're just doing that until you get good enough to work on people, right?")
- D. **ARTIST** ("We heard the DMV is hiring. You should apply.")

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September 2026
Poetry



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Rapunzel is a Lettuce



Poems to Grow With

Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Shirley Hottier. With an introduction by Michael Rosen

Highly anticipated new primary-age poetry collection from the former Children's Laureate

Come on a family camping trip with an outdoor feast, or have an adventure, just you and your dog; be a giant of learning, find a message in a bottle, sail the storyteller sea or travel to the centre of the earth. These are poems to fire the imagination, to take you exploring and help you find your own special place.

Beginning with shorter, simpler poems and progressing gradually to more challenging verses, using many different forms, this is a poetry book that children can grow with, alongside teachers and carers – full of fantastic poems that are perfect for reading out loud and sharing in class as well as at home. Grouped into section headings Food, Families, School, Secret Messages, Special Places, Challenges, Plants, Journeys and Other Worlds, there really is something for everyone here.

- **Unique collection** for children to grow with, all the way through **primary school**
- **Introduction** by **Michael Rosen**
- Full of Joseph Coelho's trademark **wit, wordplay, thoughtfulness** and **empathy**, with plenty of **adventure**
- **Celebrates diversity** and inclusion in exciting ways
- Joseph Coelho was Children's Laureate 2022-24 and won the Carnegie Medal for Writing in 2024
- **Overheard in a Tower Block** (2017, Otter-Barry Books) has **sold 25,000 copies** and continues to sell 2,500-3,000 a year

Author Information

Joseph Coelho's debut poetry collection *Werewolf Club Rules* won the CLPE CLIPPA Poetry Award 2015. His poetry collection *Overheard in a Tower Block* was shortlisted for the CLIPPA and longlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. His verse novel *The Girl Who Became a Tree* was shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal in 2021. Joseph was the Waterstones Children's Laureate 2022-24. *The Boy Lost in the Maze* won the Yoto Carnegie 2024 Medal for Writing. Joseph was awarded an OBE in 2024 and was nominated for the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2025. He lives just outside Edinburgh.

Shirley Hottier was winner of the FAB illustration award in 2021. Shirley specialises in digital art, incorporating a rich palette of vivid colours and varied textures. She is illustrator of *The Poetry World of John Agard* (2025). Shirley lives in Edinburgh.

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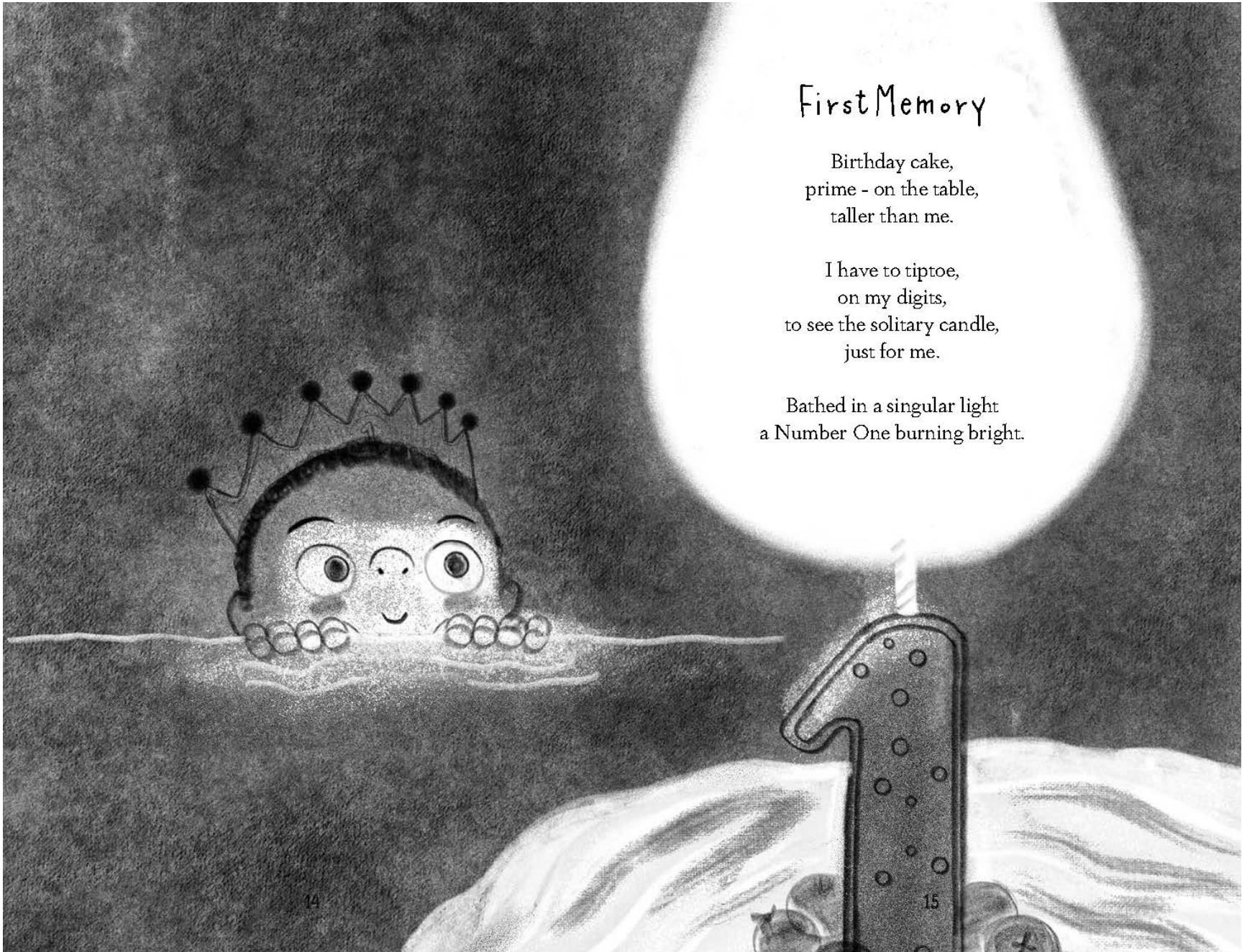
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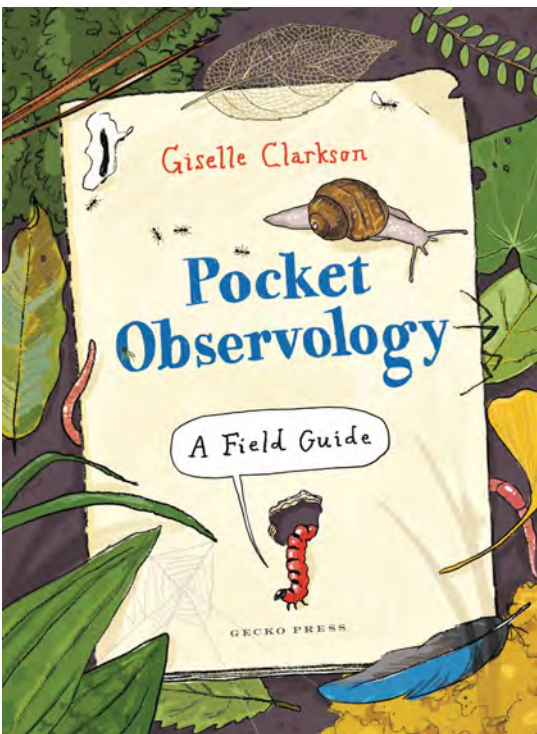
Birthday cake,
prime - on the table,
taller than me.

I have to tiptoe,
on my digits,
to see the solitary candle,
just for me.

Bathed in a singular light
a Number One burning bright.



September 2026
Non-Fiction



Pocket Observology

A Field Guide



Author and Illustrator **Giselle Clarkson**

Slip this practical field guide out of your pocket to identify, measure, compare, or find clues to the things you encounter every day in nature

ABOUT THE BOOK

This pocket guide is a useful tool and fun reminder of how to look at the world around you with care and close observation every day. Use it to identify whether you've found a bee or wasp, centipede or millipede, moth or butterfly. Compare shapes of seeds, leaves, and feathers to deduce their origin. Notice snail trails and make discoveries by turning over a leaf. Learn how to observe—listen, look, record, and collect. With its how-to guides, comic illustrations, weatherproof cover, and built-in, useful tools—such as a ruler, key, and quick access sections—this handy guide will enliven every expedition. After poring over Giselle Clarkson's rich, oversized books indoors, every observologist and omnibirder can slip this guide in their pocket and set out on small scientific outings every day.

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"This practical companion book gives space to notice and enjoy some of the rich detail from Giselle's two chockablock observology books."

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

SALES POINTS

- New content and material adapted from *The Observologist* and *Omnibird*
- A companion to use alongside Giselle Clarkson's full-sized books
- All-weather format with built-in tools for use in the field

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Giselle Clarkson is an author, illustrator, and comic artist based in Greytown, New Zealand, known for her work on conservation and environmental topics. She has written and illustrated award-winning picture books and nonfiction and is an Arts Foundation Laureate.

TITLE INFORMATION

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Size **165 x 225mm portrait 6 ½ x 8 ½"**

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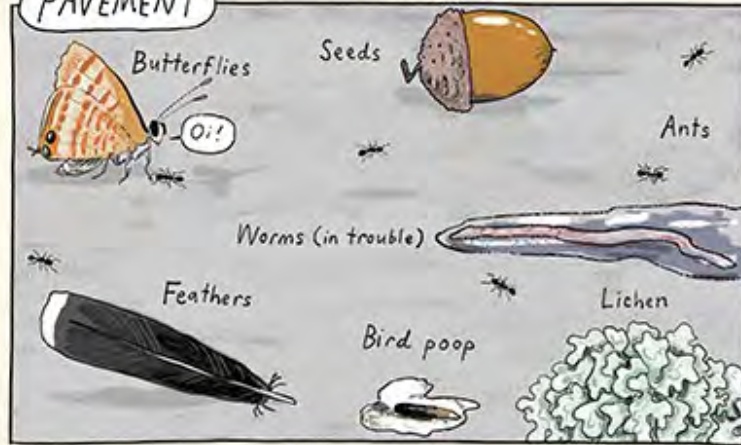
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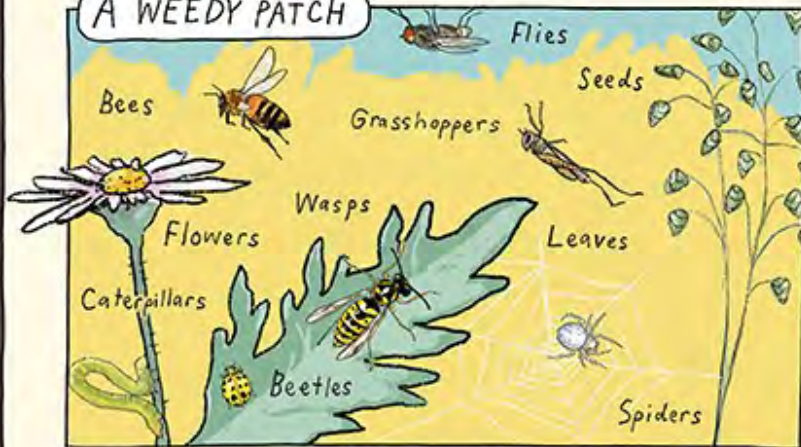
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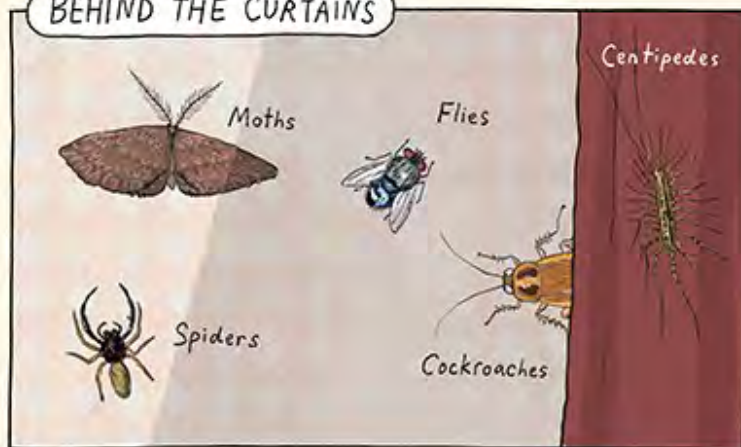
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So good luck
and bon voyage



In no time at all you'll know
hundreds of useful things like...

How to tell a wasp from a bumblebee by the sound each makes.

Who is a millipede, without having to count their legs.

Where a goose has been.

How to describe a leaf without using the word "green."



There are two big books, *The Observologist* and *Omnibird*,
that have extra facts about the things in this pocket guide.



YOUR EXPEDITION LOG

(NOT THE WOODY KIND!)

Sitting still long enough to draw a picture and take notes helps you spot many tiny details, so it's an excellent idea to take a small notebook and a pen with you on your expeditions. You can take a pencil instead of a pen, but only if you promise not to waste time rubbing things out trying to make them perfect. The perfect expedition log is full of scribbles and scrawls.



You might not have long before your subject flits away, so the trick is capturing the gist as quickly as possible.

Try drawing just a few particular body parts instead of the whole creature.

Write down all the descriptive words you think of. Nothing is too silly if it will spark your memory!



There are infinite ways of describing "brown," for example.



YOUR TEACHER'S
HAIR BROWN

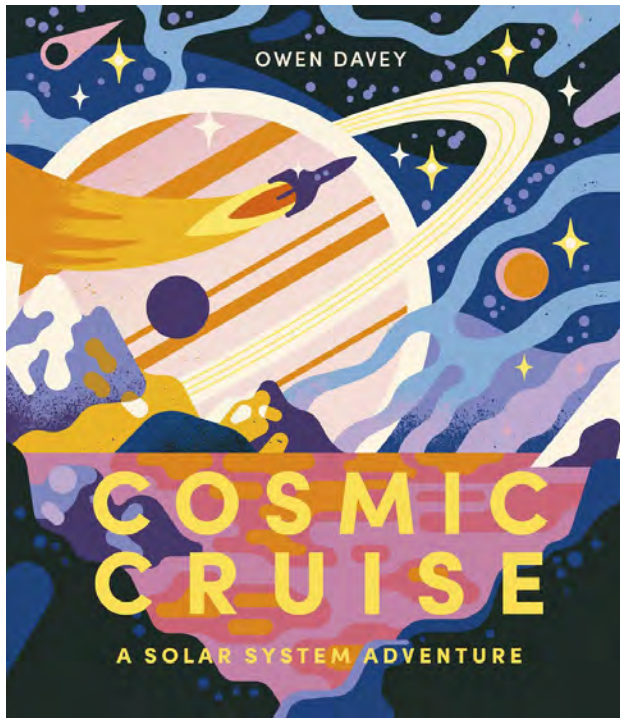
DINNER
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BROWN

DELICIOUS
BROWN

The more you note down, the easier it will be to find out the scientific name of a species later on.





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Interest Age: 6 – 8 years

Cosmic Cruise

Owen Davey



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children's books



This visual guide takes you on a whirlwind tour of the planets, moons and wonders of our solar system.

Ever dreamed of blasting off on a solar system adventure? *Cosmic Cruise* is your ticket! This visual guide by Owen Davey takes young readers on an unforgettable voyage through our cosmic neighbourhood.

Sales points:

- Blends the fun of a travel guide with the wonder of science, offering an immersive, hands-on reading experience that captivates and educates
- Readers "plan itineraries," take "day trips," and virtually explore destinations – bringing the cosmos to life in a playful and educational way
- With endless adventure possibilities, *Cosmic Cruise* is primed to grow into a successful travel-themed series

Marketing points:

- Owen is very pro-active and has 189k Instagram followers
- Events across the south, including pitching to Guildford Book Festival
- Pitch for regional radio and press
- 'Cruise' boarding passes and tickets for influencer mailings, events and giveaways
- Target space/astronomy press and magazines
- Teacher resources and activities

Owen Davey is an award-winning Freelance Illustrator, living & working in Worthing, UK. He has a First Class BA(Hons) Degree in Illustration from Falmouth University. His work has been published in every continent except Antarctica, including picture books in UK, America, Australia, Germany, Spain, France, The Netherlands, Portugal, China & South Korea. He has been published in the UK by Flying Eye Books, Walker, DK and Wide Eyed Editions.

MARS

The Red Planet

Diameter: 6,779km (about half the size of Earth)

Surface Temperature: -153°C to 20°C

One Year: 687 Earth days

One Solar Day: 24.7 Earth hours

Number of Moons: 2

ROCK AND HOLE

Mars has lots of craters, just like Mercury and the Moon, because its thin atmosphere can't stop space rocks from crashing into it. Be careful – you might see some shooting through the sky!

ICE TO SEE YOU

You might think Mars is hot because it's red, but actually, it's much colder than Earth. Mars looks red because its soil and rocks are covered in iron oxide, which is rust. The air on Mars is super thin – about 100 times thinner than Earth's – so it doesn't keep the heat in like Earth's atmosphere does. In fact, scientists have found an ocean of ice under the surface of Mars!

JUMP AROUND

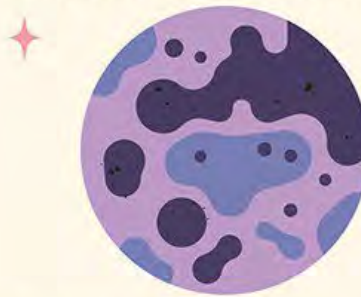
Want to have some fun on Mars? Try jumping! Mars's gravity is weaker than Earth's, so you can jump up to 3 times higher than usual – how high can you jump? Now I can see a dust storm forming on the horizon, so we'd best move from this spot. Dust storms on Mars can cover the entire planet and last for weeks.

AN ASTEROID BELT ADVENTURE

Buckle up and hold on tight as we zoom through the amazing asteroid belt, which is located between Mars and Jupiter! This fantastic belt is filled with thousands of asteroids, comets, meteoroids and even a dwarf planet!



KNOW YOUR SPACE ROCKS:



DWARF PLANET

These are round like planets and spin around the Sun. They are bigger than asteroids yet smaller than planets. Because their gravity isn't strong enough, they can't clear other rocks from their path, which is known as 'clearing their orbit'. Dwarf planets are actually smaller than Earth's Moon!



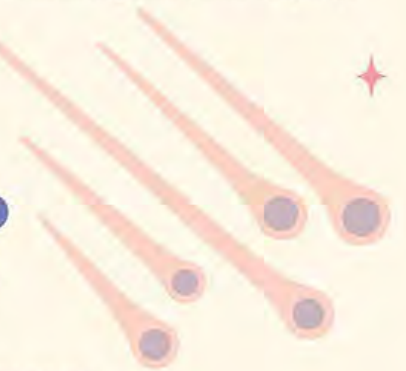
ASTEROIDS

These can be as small as a car or as large as a city. They can be one giant rock, or lots of little rocks held together by their own gravity.



COMETS

The snowballs of space! Comets formed very far away from the Sun in the outer Solar System. They have icy centres covered in dust and rock. When they get too close to the sun, they heat up and glow, leaving bright tails of gas and dust that shine in the night sky.



METEORIODS

These are small rocks or metal pieces floating in space. When they zoom into a planet's atmosphere, they become 'shooting stars', or meteors. If they make it through the atmosphere and land on the ground, we call them meteorites. Keep an eye on the sky – you never know when you might see one!



How to Do (Almost) Everything



100 skills for curious kids: How to make slime, escape a maze, write a secret message on a piece of toast, and more...

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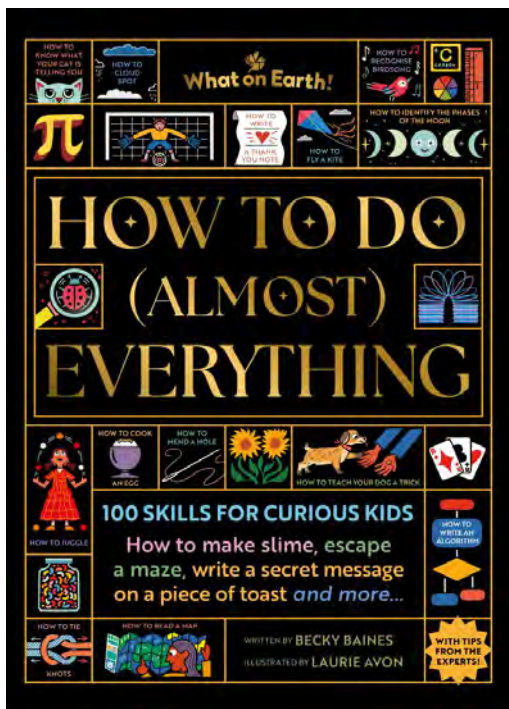
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Sales Points

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HOW TO...

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SKIP (WITH A ROPE)

EXPERT CONSULTANT
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People have been using skipping ropes for thousands of years. Not the same people, obviously (that really would be exhausting) - the activity has been handed down through generations. Some sources trace its roots to China, to a New Year's tradition called the Hundred Rope Jumping Game, so named because the rope looked like hundreds of threads when in motion. Others say it came from Egypt, where athletes jumped vines to train for

sport. It's also possible that each region created their own version of the game around the same time.

Today, people skip with ropes all over the world. There are even skipping championships! Athletes compete to see how fast they can jump, how many times they can turn the rope on a single jump - or who can perform the coolest tricks!

Getting Started

Unsurprisingly, you'll need a rope. But finding the *right* rope is important. If you're jumping solo, the rope should come up to the middle of your chest when folded in half. If you're jumping with turners (two people turning the rope as you jump), the rope should reach over your head when the turners are standing apart. The handles can be plastic or wooden, as long as they feel comfortable in your hands. It is also a good idea to wear athletic shoes to protect your feet and give you an extra spring in your step.



Hop, skip and jump to the next page!

The Moon's Changing Faces

The Moon doesn't make its own light, it reflects light from the Sun.* As the Moon orbits the Earth, its position changes in relation to the Sun - so different parts are illuminated at

different times. During this 30-day cycle, the Moon goes through eight phases. These phases look different depending on whether you are in the Northern or the Southern Hemisphere.



* The Moon reflects only about 10 per cent of the Sun's light - it absorbs the rest.

Top Tip from the Expert

Look carefully for the patches on the surface of a full moon. Some areas look very white and some look dark. The dark areas are known as lunar seas (or *maria*), but these features don't have anything to do with water! They were formed when lava flowed into craters on the Moon's surface more than a billion years ago.



NEW MOON

You can barely see the Moon at all. It is positioned almost directly between the Sun and Earth (as viewed from Earth), meaning the side illuminated by the Sun is facing away from Earth.

WAXING CRESCENT

The Moon appears as though it has started to slide past the Sun, so you can see just the edge lit up. 'Waxing' means it's growing bigger, and 'crescent' refers to the small sliver of Moon you can see - on the right side in the Northern Hemisphere, on the left in the Southern Hemisphere.

FIRST QUARTER

The right half of the Moon is illuminated in the Northern Hemisphere, the left half in the Southern Hemisphere.

WAXING GIBBOUS

Now you can see three-quarters of the Moon. 'Waxing' means it's growing bigger, 'gibbous' means that more than half but less than the whole Moon is illuminated.

FULL MOON

You can see the whole, circular Moon. It is positioned opposite the Sun (as viewed from Earth) and so the side illuminated by the Sun is now fully facing Earth.

WANING GIBBOUS

Everything you've seen so far now works in reverse. The illuminated part grows smaller, called 'waning'. With three-quarters illuminated, now on the opposite side, the Moon is 'waning gibbous'.

THIRD QUARTER

The left half of the Moon is illuminated in the Northern Hemisphere, the right half in the Southern Hemisphere.

WANING CRESCENT

Only a small sliver is visible, now on the opposite side. This is the final phase before a new Moon, when the Moon once again disappears from view.



IT'S A FACT

The Moon is drifting away from Earth at a rate of about 4 centimetres each year.



Despite popular myth, wolves do not howl at a full moon. But they are mostly nocturnal, so they do howl at night-time to communicate with one another.

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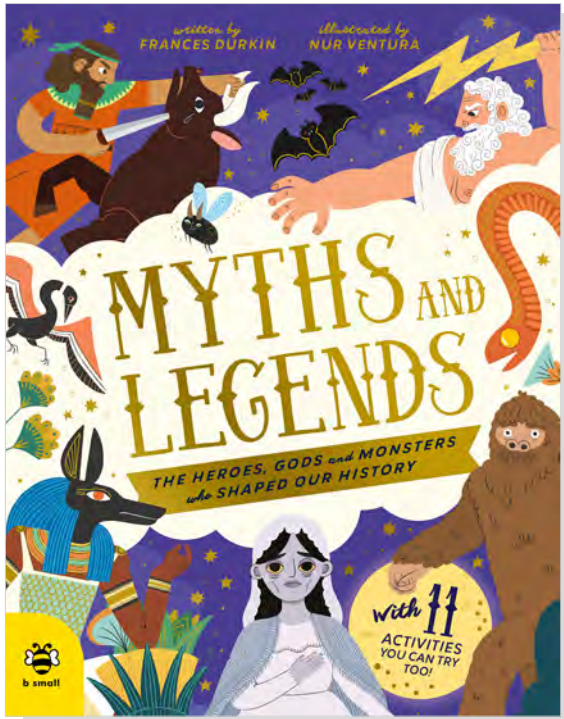
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ANUBIS

(ANCIENT EGYPT, c. 3100 BCE)



Anubis guided the souls of the dead through **Duat** to the hall of the goddess, Maat. In this hall, Anubis supervised the 'weighing of the heart' ceremony, which involved placing the heart of the dead person on one side of a scale and placing an ostrich feather on the other side. If the heart was heavier than the feather, the person was judged to have led a bad life and their heart was fed to the crocodile-headed goddess, Ammit. However, if the heart was lighter than the feather, they were judged to have been good and allowed to pass into **Aaru**, where they stayed for eternity.



Thoth, an ibis-headed god of learning and writing, recorded the results of the ceremony.



Anubis



Ammit

INSPIRING A RITUAL

Anubis is said to have carried out the first mummification **ritual** on the god Osiris, helping him pass into the afterlife. This myth made people believe that their bodies had to be **preserved** in the same way. The ritual was carried out by an embalmer who wore a mask to look like the jackal-headed Anubis. He removed the internal organs, except for the heart, before drying the body with **natron**, wrapping it in bandages and placing it in a special coffin called a sarcophagus. The mummified body was then buried with the possessions that the dead person needed in the next life.



The ancient Egyptian 'Book of the Dead' was a collection of magical spells that helped people in the afterlife.



During the 1800s, uncovered Egyptian mummies were used to make medicines and brown paint!

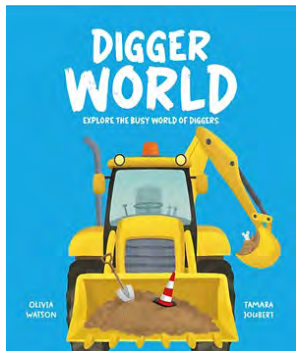
A GOOD-HEARTED PERSON

Rituals and beliefs about the afterlife contain information about people from the past. The myth of the weighing of the heart ceremony encouraged ancient Egyptians to do good things and lead good lives so that they could live on in Aaru.

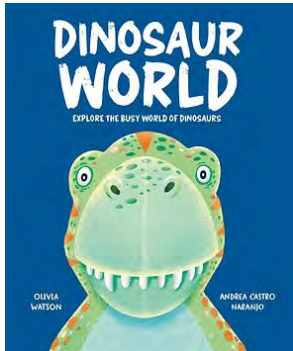
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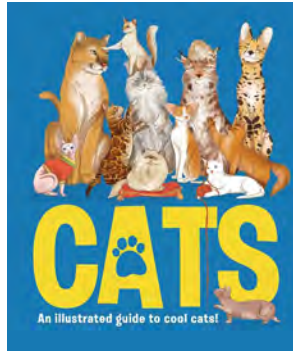
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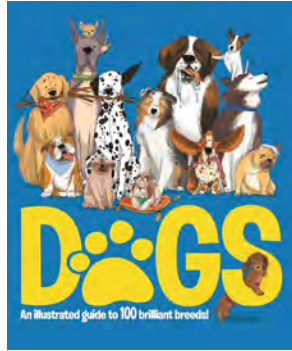
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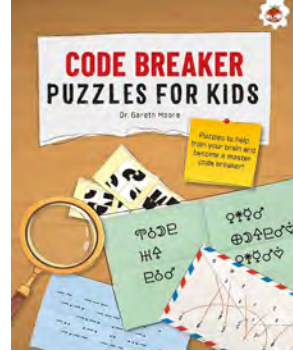
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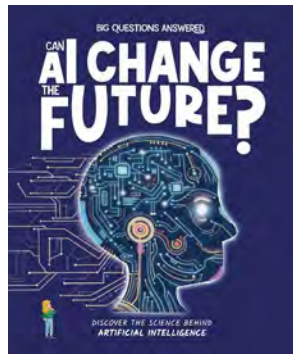
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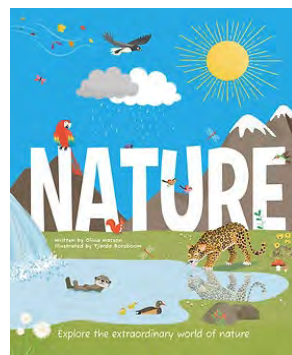
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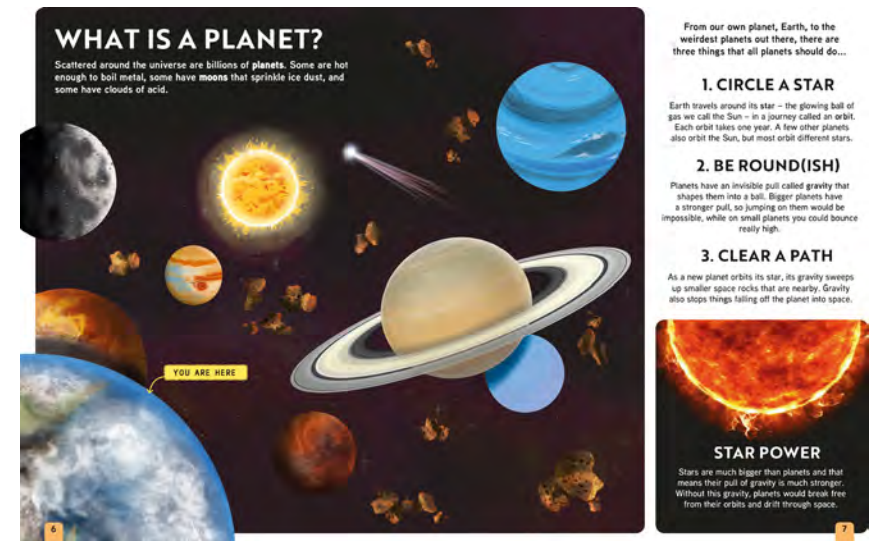
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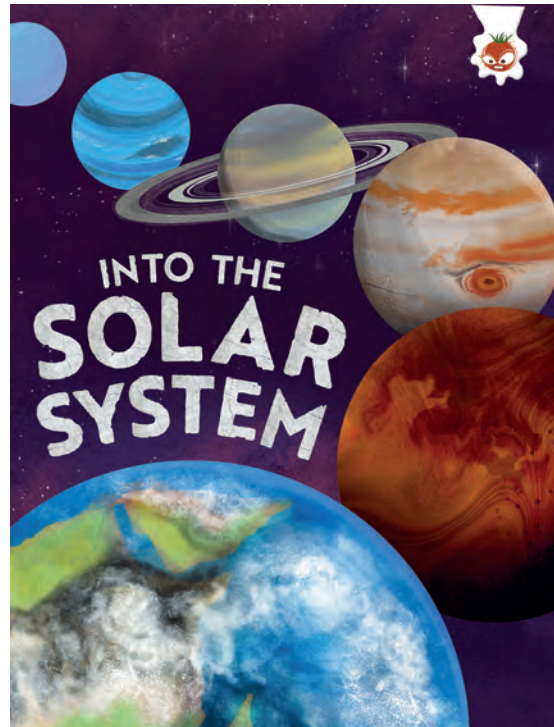
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MERCURY: COVERED IN SCARS

Of the eight planets in the solar system, Mercury orbits closest to the Sun. It is quite a dull looking planet, but it is covered in scars.

FROZEN BY NIGHT

Mercury is close to the Sun, so days can be hotter than an oven, but there is no air to act like a blanket and keep the planet warm at night. When the Sun goes down, the temperature drops far below freezing.

SCARRED BY SPACE ROCKS

When Mercury was still a young planet, it was hit by lots of space rocks, like comets and asteroids. As well as leaving big holes called craters, the rocks hit so hard that crushed rock burst out and fell back down in bright streaks across the ground.

SAME OLD CRATERS

The planet doesn't have any wind or rain to wear rock down, so craters that were made billions of years ago are still there today.

WRINKLED PLANET

Mercury has long, deep cliffs from a time when the inside of the planet shrank, making the ground wrinkle!



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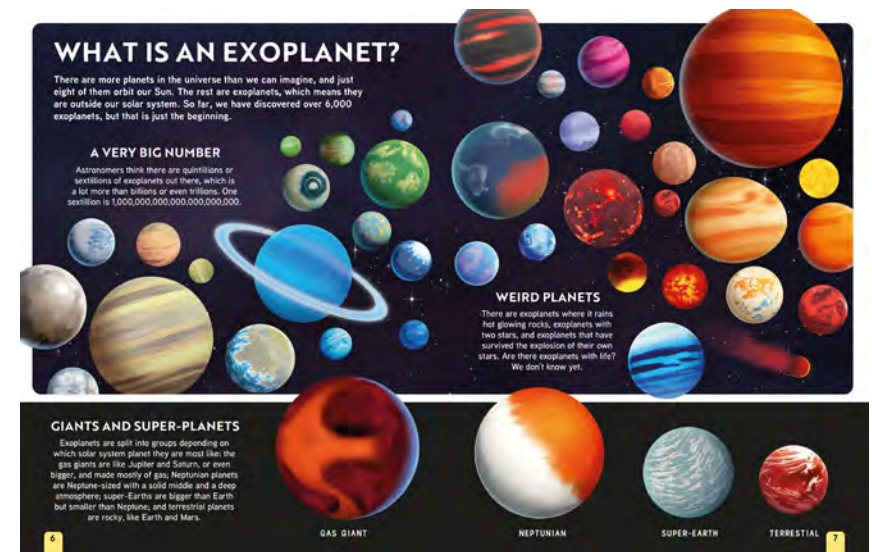
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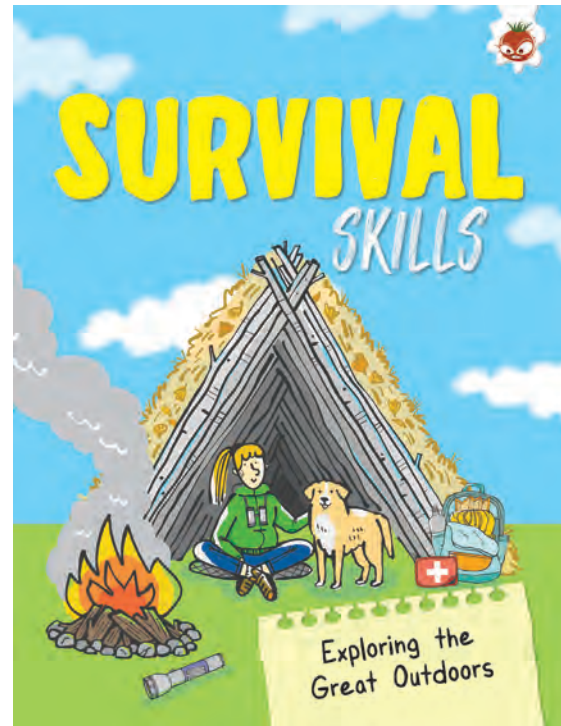
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BUILDING A SHELTER

If you find yourself in a survival situation, finding shelter is the most important thing! Luckily, it's not too tricky to build a shelter that will keep the elements at bay.



WHERE TO BUILD?

You can build your shelter almost anywhere. However, stay away from hillslopes, where you could be blown away, and right next to streams, where you could be flooded.

A LEAN-TO SHELTER

A lean-to shelter is the simplest of all.

- 1 Find a tree with a branch sticking out about 3 feet (1 m) above the ground.
- 2 Find a branch about 8 feet (2.5 m) long on the ground. Rest one end in the "V" between the tree trunk and the branch to make a top beam for your shelter.
- 3 Lean plenty of branches at an angle from the ground against the beam on both sides.
- 4 Cover the branches with dead leaves or with more leafy branches, and throw more dry leaves on the ground to make your shelter more comfy.



AN A-FRAME

If you can't find a tree to support your shelter, you can use this frame instead.

- 1 Use a clove hitch (see page 8) to tie a piece of paracord to the end of a 5-foot long (1.5 m) stick, about 10 inches (25 cm) from one end.
- 2 Put another stick next to the first one. Wrap the paracord around both sticks 10 times. Make sure not to do it too tightly.
- 3 Bring the long end of the rope between the two sticks and wrap it tightly around the turns of rope twice. Then, using another clove hitch knot, tie the end of the cord around the second stick.
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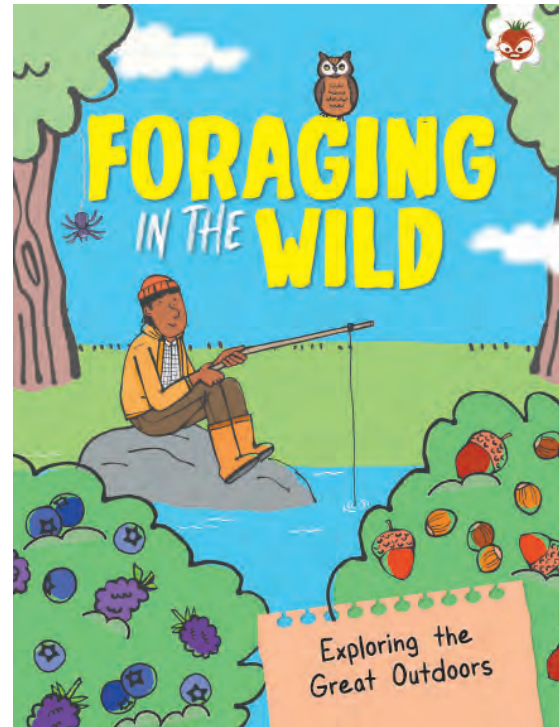
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FISHING FOR FOOD

If you're going on an adventure into the wild, it's unlikely you'll have room in your backpack to take a whole fishing rod with you. But don't worry, you can make one of your own!



FISHING SAFETY

Never go fishing without an adult or where there is a chance of falling into deep, cold, or fast-flowing water. Also be careful of any sharp hooks. Use barbless hooks where possible, which are easier to get out of fish -- and fingers!

WHAT IF YOU CATCH A FISH?

Don't panic! Hold the fish, keep your fingers. Carefully remove the hook from its mouth and return it to the water. Always release any fish that you don't need for survival.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Fishing line
- Measuring tape
- Fishing hook



MAKING A FISHING ROD

Catch your own dinner with this simple rod.

- 1 Look for a stick that is at least 6.5 feet (2 m) long. Cut a small notch near to one of its ends.



- 2 Tie a long piece of fishing line to the notch. Then tie it again to make it more secure. Make sure you tie the knot toward one end of the fishing line.



- 3 Loop the loose end of the fishing line through the hole in the hook, as shown below.



- 4 Use the half blood knot below to join the hook and the fishing line together. Loop the fishing line around itself six times.



- 5 Pull tight!



- 6 For bait you can use food scraps or objects that look like small fish underwater.



HAVEN'T GOT A FISHING HOOK?

If you don't have a fishing hook, you can make one from paper, rope or even the thorns from prickly pears, like the Hawthorn. You can also try fishing with any sort of cord, like string, cotton wool, and even just your own teeth!

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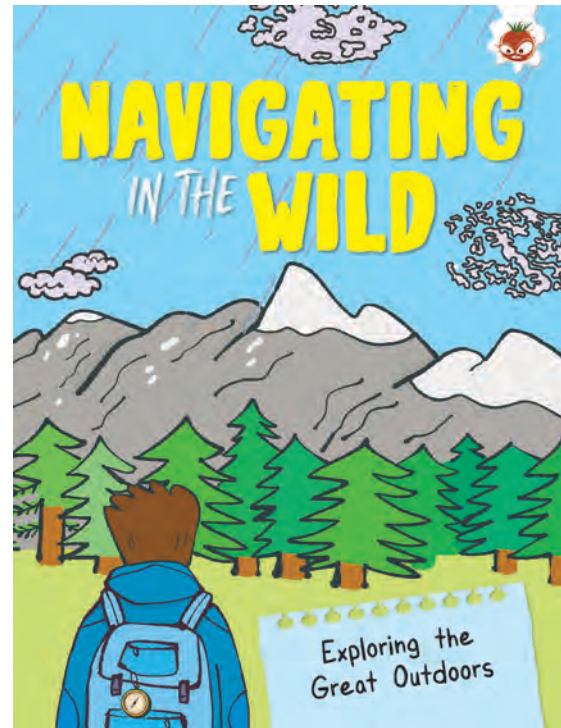
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USING A COMPASS

A compass is your most important tool for exploring in the wild. A compass needle always points north, so you can use it to check which direction you are moving in.

MISCHIEVOUS METAL

Don't hold the compass near anything made of metal, including zippers on your clothing. Some metal affects compasses - you could start walking in the wrong direction!

WHAT TO BRING:

- Compass
- Magnet
- Needle

COMPASS POINTS

A compass shows the four main directions: north, east, south, and west. The red end of the needle always points north.

FOLLOWING A BUTTON COMPASS

Easy steps to using a compass:

- 1 Hold the compass in the palm of your hand. Keep still to let it settle. The red arrow will point toward magnetic north.
- 2 To walk north, turn yourself until the arrow on the needle is pointing directly away from you. Now you can walk forward.
- 3 To travel south, turn around so that the end of the needle that isn't red is pointing away from you. Then, walk forward.



MAKE YOUR OWN COMPASS

If you like your compass, you can make one with a needle and magnet.

- 1 Find a needle and stroke it toward the point using the north end of a bar magnet labeled 'N' and normally red. Lift the magnet away.
- 2 Repeat this about 20 times to make the needle magnetic.



- 3 Place the needle on a dry leaf in a dish of water or in a puddle.
- 4 The leaf will slowly turn until the tip of the needle points north!



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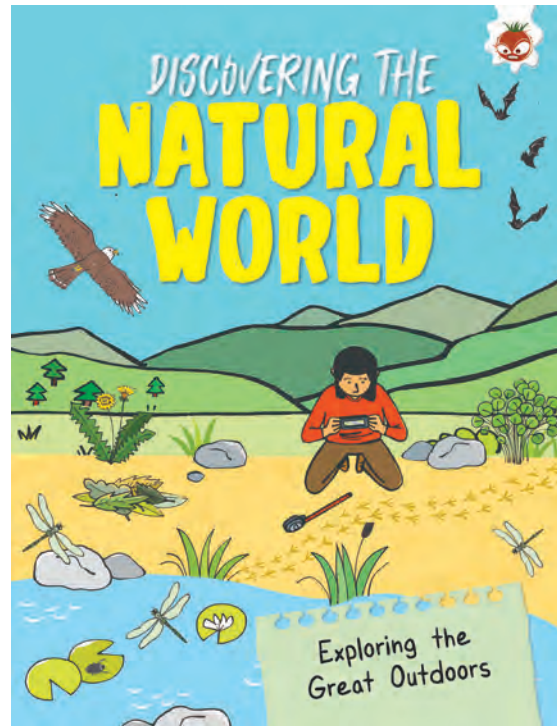
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DISCOVERING THE NATURAL WORLD

Get ready to take on the great outdoors with this fantastic book about the best ways to observe nature and the amazing animals that live in it. Discover how to use camouflage to blend in with the undergrowth, where to look to spot animal footprints, and how to make a bird hide. Learn about...

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- The best places to search for fossils
- How constellations of stars can help find north and south

... and so much more! Fun hands-on activities and characterful illustrations complemented by incredible facts and true stories capture the wonders of exploring the wild. Discovering the Natural World is perfect for nature-loving kids and the whole family!

MAKING CAMOUFLAGE

When you are tracking small animals or watching birds, it's best not to let them spot you - they will run or fly away. By using camouflage, you can easily blend in with the undergrowth.

- WHAT TO BRING:**
- Dark green or brown fabric
 - Fabric glue
 - Scissors
 - Face paint
 - Marker pens



You can make your own face paint by mixing skin lotion, cornstarch, and natural food dye. Start with some lotion, mix the dye in slowly, and then add cornstarch to thicken it.

CAMOUFLAGE FACE PAINT

Hide in plain sight with face paint

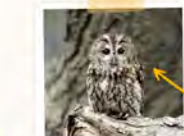
You can use face paints for this. Choose shades like greens and browns. Apply the paints to your face, in front of a mirror if possible. Use patches of paints to break up the shape of your face. In an emergency, you can use mud for face camouflage.



A CAMOUFLAGE SHIRT

Turn a plain shirt into part of your camouflage kit

- 1 Visit a wooded area and collect a few large leaves.
- 2 Place some scraps of green and brown fabric on a table. Lay your leaves on the cloth and draw around them with a marker pen.
- 3 Draw about 20 leaf shapes and then cut those shapes out.
- 4 Glue your cut-out leaves to a dark brown or dark green t-shirt with fabric glue, overlapping them to cover most of the shirt.



DID YOU KNOW?

Some of the animals you are trying to find might be camouflaged themselves! The patterns of an owl's feathers, for example, make it very hard to spot against tree trunks - to keep your eyes peeled.

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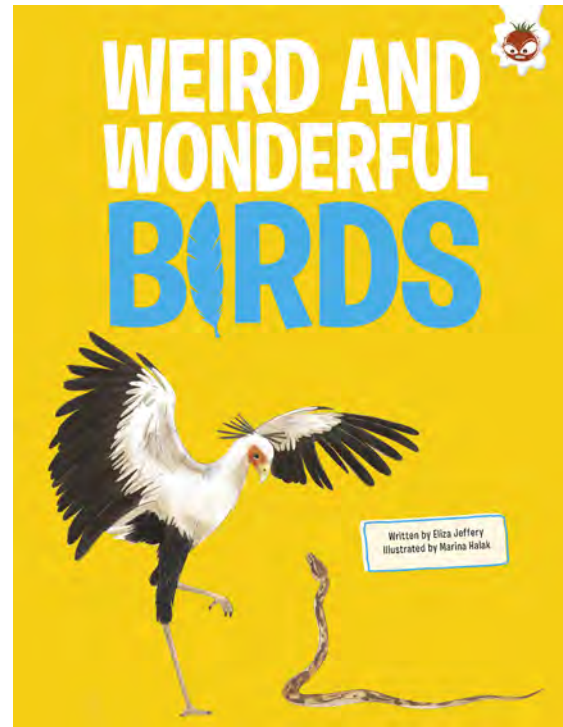
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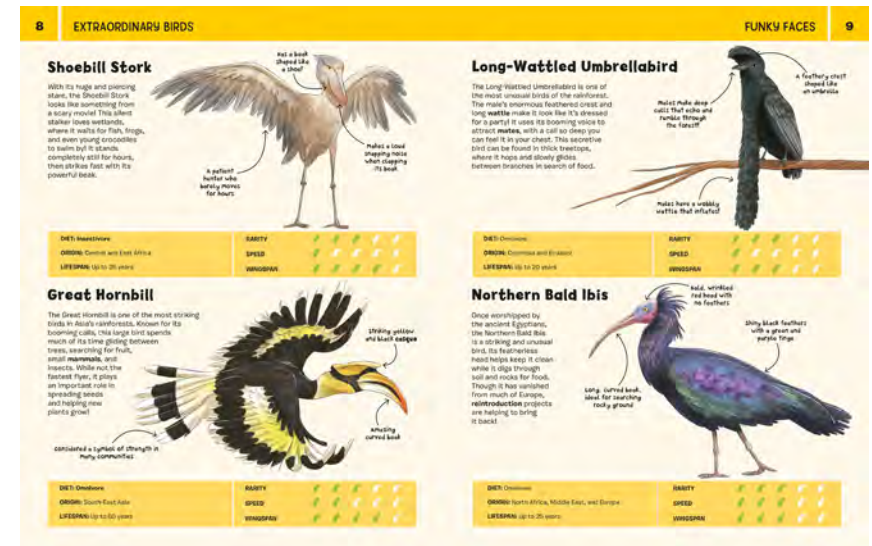
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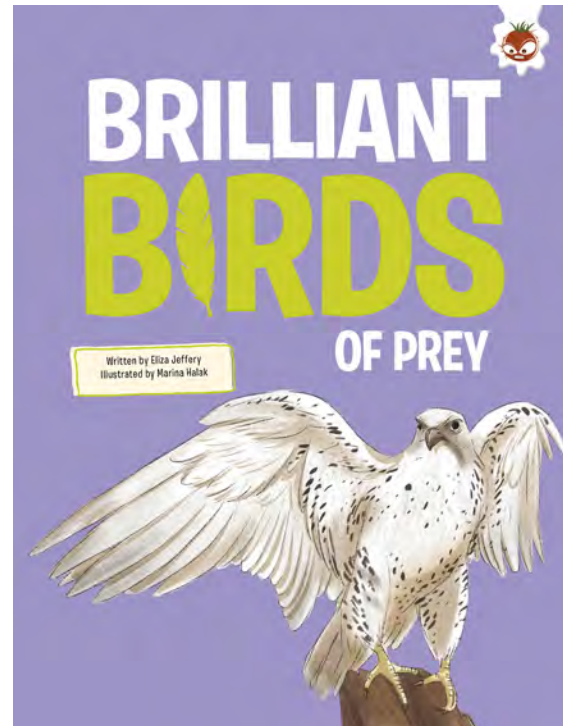
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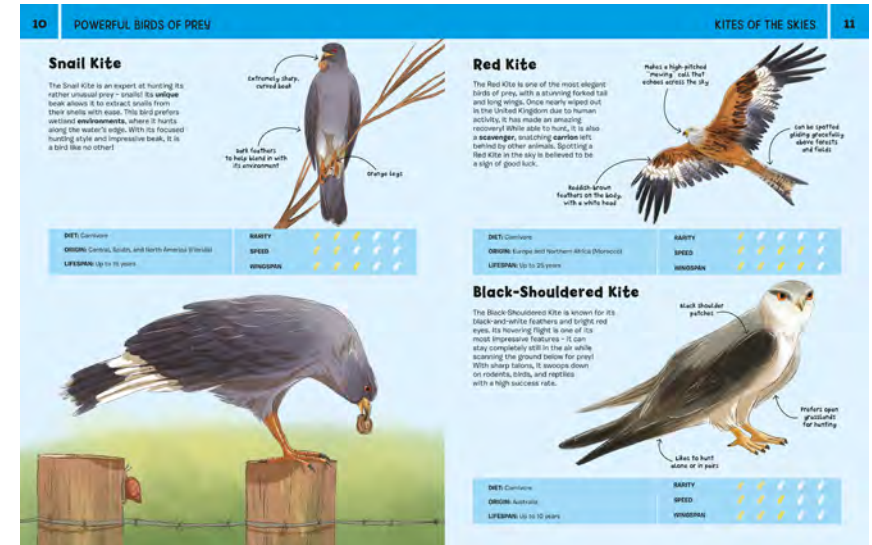
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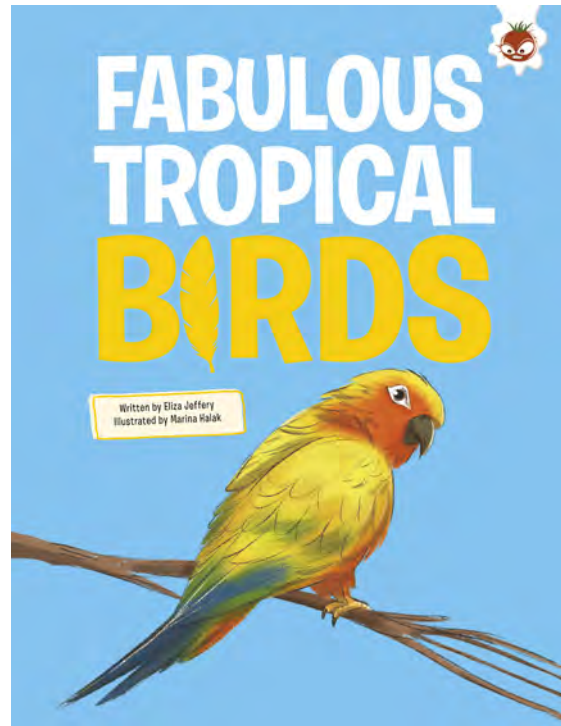
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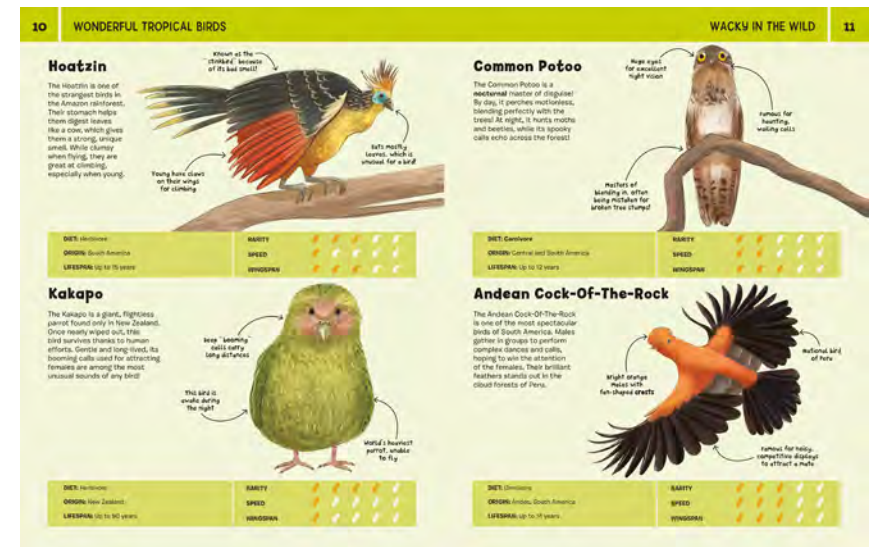
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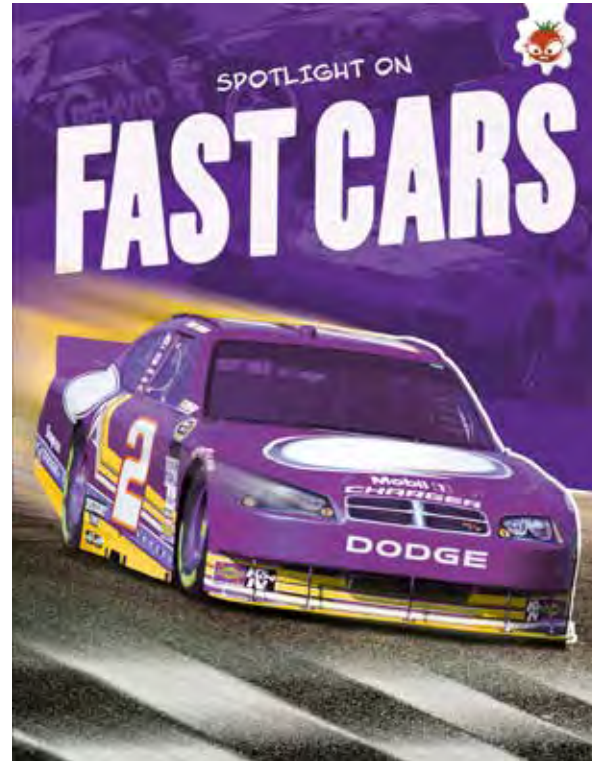
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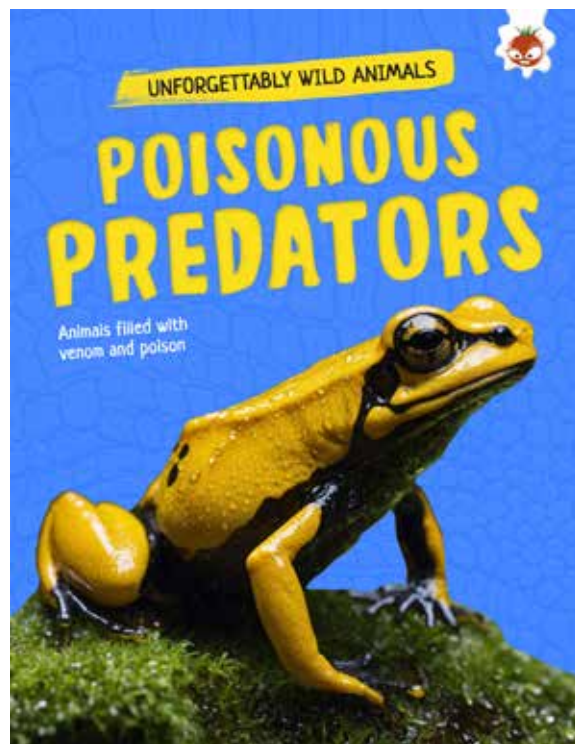
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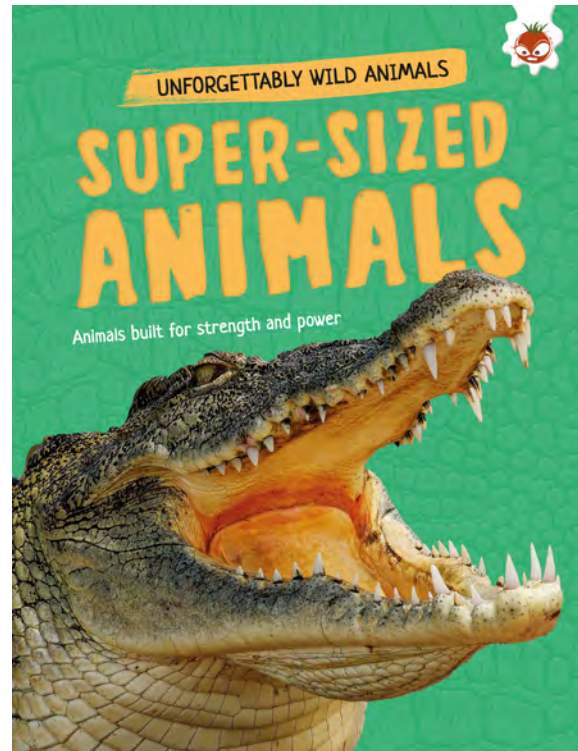
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Written by Emily Kington

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SUPER-SIZED ANIMALS

Get ready to discover the strongest animals in the world! From spiders the size of dinner plates to the biggest and most aggressive crocodile species, Super-Sized Animals is packed with some of the deadliest creatures in the animal kingdom who are incredibly strong for their size. Get ready to discover...

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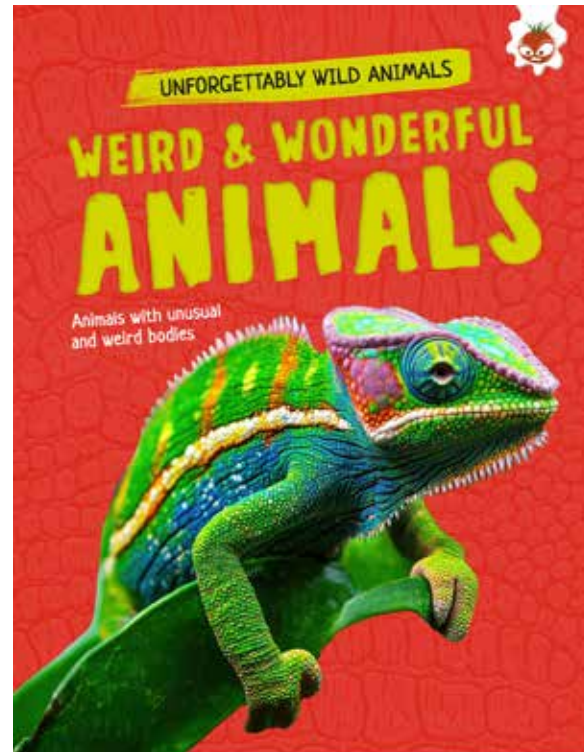


WEIRD AND WONDERFUL ANIMALS

Get ready to discover some of the most unusual animals in the world! From a mantis that disguises itself as a flower to a fish with super-stretchy jaws, *Weird and Wonderful Animals* is packed with some of the strangest creatures in the animal kingdom. Get ready to discover...

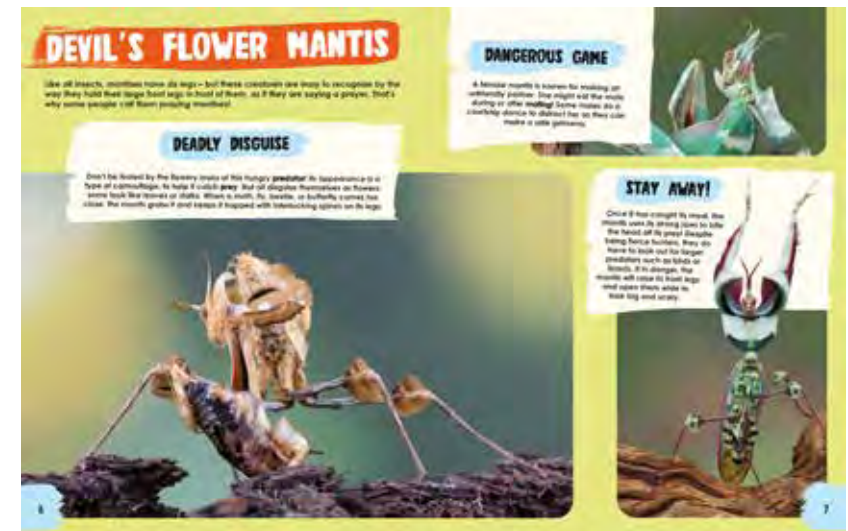
- The lizard that squirts blood from its eyes
- The chameleon that can hide in plain sight
- The parasite that lives inside the eyes of snails

... and so much more! Each animal is accompanied by amazing facts and vivid photographs that highlight its unique skills and features as it hunts prey and escapes from predators. Part of the *Unforgettably Wild Animals* series, this book is perfect for animal-loving readers of all ages!



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- Amazing bite-sized facts about some of the best hunters in the animal world!
- A must-read for animal-loving kids
- Vivid full-colour photographs
- Designed to appeal to even the most reluctant readers

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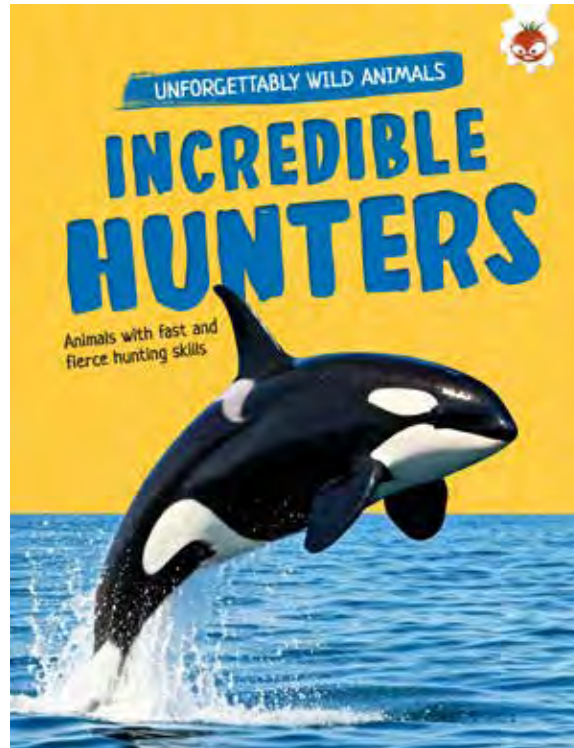
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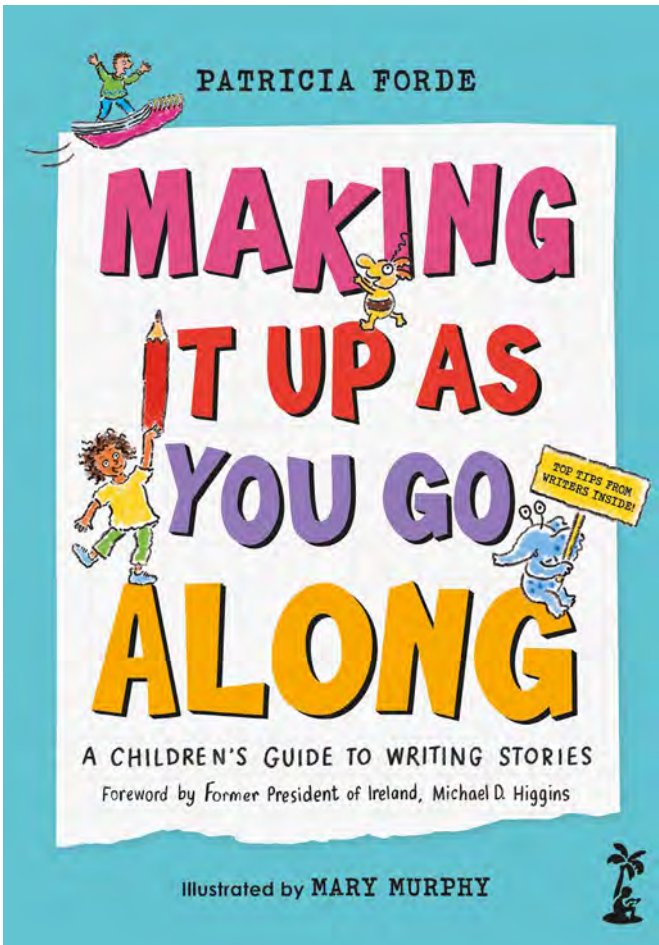
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Making It Up As You Go Along: A Children's Guide to Writing Stories
by Patricia Forde, illustrated by Mary Murphy



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Learn how to write stories from Ireland's Children's Literature Laureate and bestselling author, Patricia Forde.

In this fun and practical illustrated guide, young writers can learn how to find inspiration, craft plots, create characters and build worlds with some of Ireland's most beloved authors, including Eoin Colfer, Derek Landy and Catherine Doyle. Includes imaginative exercises, accessible explanations of writing terms and engaging illustrations.

Patricia Forde is an award-winning author from Galway. She writes for all ages, from picture books to books for young teenagers. She is the Laureate na nÓg (Ireland's children's laureate) 2023–26.

Mary Murphy is an award-winning illustrator of more than fifty books, mainly bright, strong books for preschoolers. She lives in Dublin, Ireland.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- The paperback edition of the non-fiction debut from **Patricia Forde, Ireland's Laureate na nÓg** (Children's Literature Laureate) 2023-2026
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Make a mind map  **TIP**

When I'm looking for inspiration, I sometimes make a mind map. I put the main idea in the centre of the page and then brainstorm. I write down all the ideas that come to mind.

Here is an example of one that I did for my book *Bumpfizzle the Best on Planet Earth*.



OVER to YOU 

Make a mind map based on one of these prompts:

- A girl wakes to find that her baby sister has grown wings overnight
- A gorilla learns to talk
- You discover that you can predict the future
- Two friends find a suitcase with loads of money in it

SUNRISE, SUNSET

Nature has an amazing reputation for inspiring people. She also has some excellent devices – sunsets, sunrises, the sea, the sky, the moon and stars, lonely daffodils, singing birds.



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- **Lively, entertaining** graphic presentation, using **first person narrative**
- From an award-winning duo famous for their exciting, ground-breaking information books for children, including ***Women Who Led the Way: Great Explorers and Adventurers***

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Elizabeth Gould

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Partner in the greatest bird-artist duo in the world

I grew up to be a wildlife illustrator and was lucky enough to be trained in the skills of drawing onto lithographic plates by the great artist and poet, Edward Lear. My husband, John Gould, was an expert naturalist and John and I became a double-act, producing beautiful and collectable natural history books.

Our book *The Birds of Europe*, published in 1837, was a great success. In 1838 John and I made the long voyage to Australia, to find out about its largely unexplored wildlife, especially the birds. After two adventurous years we returned to England, and *Birds of Australia* was published in seven volumes.

In an age when most artists based their illustrations on dead, feather-faded specimens from museums, my 84 illustrations for *Birds of Australia* were based on living birds I had seen with my own eyes. This added a sense of realism but also movement and life, showing birds, not only in scientifically accurate detail, but also as beautiful living creatures.

Many new species were named after us, including the beautiful Gouldian Finch from Australia, which was named after me.



These little finches are such beauties!

By the time of her death, in 1841, Elizabeth Coxen Gould had produced over 650 artworks, an extraordinary achievement.

After Elizabeth's death John used other artists to finish his seven-volume *Birds of Australia*, including his and Elizabeth's friend, Edward Lear. It is considered a masterwork to this day.



Great Big Animal Sleeps

Saskia Gwinn, Carmen Saldaña

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Lift the flaps to uncover the sleepest animals in nature – from hibernating bears to frozen frogs – in this fun, fact-packed hide-and-seek adventure for budding nature detectives.

Sssh – who's fast asleep under the leaves? Peek under the flaps and discover the animals having the BIGGEST sleeps in nature! From bears and bats to chipmunks and frogs, meet amazing creatures who hibernate, doze, nap and even freeze to survive. With fun facts and sturdy lift-the-flaps on every page, young readers will love discovering where animals go when it's time for their super long rest. But whatever you do... don't wake them up! Perfect for little explorers aged 3–5, this gorgeous non-fiction book turns learning about the natural world into an exciting hide-and-seek adventure.

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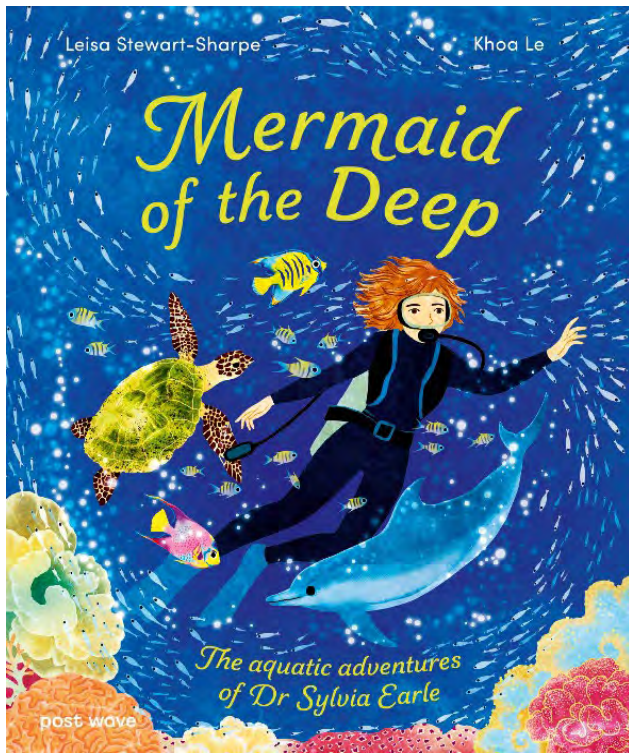
Interest Age: 3 – 5 years

Sales points:

- Discover fascinating facts about how creatures hibernate, nap or even freeze to survive
- The first in a new interactive non-fiction animal series for 3-to-5-year-olds
- Invites children to explore nature by lifting the flaps to reveal hidden animals
- Beautiful illustrations bring the magic of nature's longest naps to life

Saskia Gwinn is a children's author. She has worked in children's publishing for nearly 20 years, crafting best-selling, award-winning non-fiction books to inspire kids on almost everything from how time began to the silliest things in the world today. She lives in Hertfordshire, UK.

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The Mermaid of the Deep

Leisa Stewart-Sharpe, Khoa Le

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Based on the life of Sylvia Earle - the first person to walk the deep ocean floor untethered - this epic story of aquatic discovery will inspire young explorers all over the world

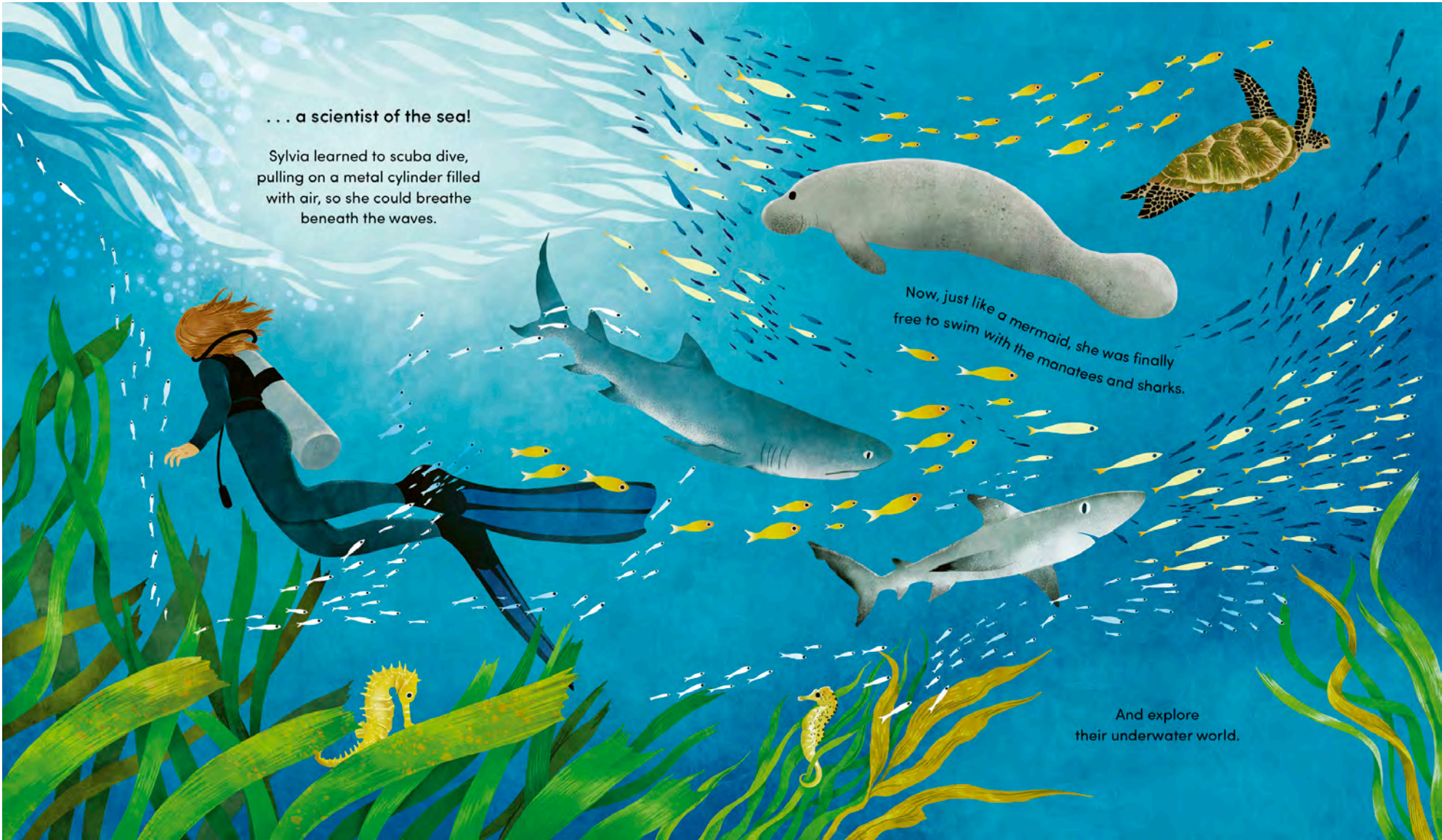
Sylvia loves everything about the ocean. The salt on her lips, the feeling of her toes sinking into the sand. Watching the dolphins dive through the surf, Sylvia longed for nothing more than to follow them into their underwater world and discover their secrets. But dreams don't come true . . . or do they? Based on the groundbreaking story of a real-life ocean explorer, this stunningly illustrated book delves into the depths of Sylvia Earle's life, career and achievements, inspiring a new generation of aquanauts to take the plunge.

Sales points:

- Inspirational and enchanting, calling upon the next generation of ocean activists with a gentle conservationist message
- Spotlights the often-overlooked achievements of women in STEM fields
- Gorgeously illustrated narrative non-fiction for a picture book audience
- Includes back matter for children to learn about Sylvia Earle's work in more detail
- Beautiful, atmospheric artwork with award-winning potential
- Little People, Big Dreams meets *The Search for Giant Arctic Jellyfish*

Leisa Stewart-Sharpe is a trained journalist turned children's author. Originally from Australia, her books are published in 14 languages. She has a bestselling BBC non-fiction series as well as titles on conservation and exploration. Leisa Stewart-Sharpe currently resides in the Chiltern Hills, UK.

Khoa Le is an award-winning Vietnamese illustrator and author. She is passionate about travelling, learning about different cultures and discovering the beauty of the world, which she finds immensely inspiring. Khoa Le currently lives in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

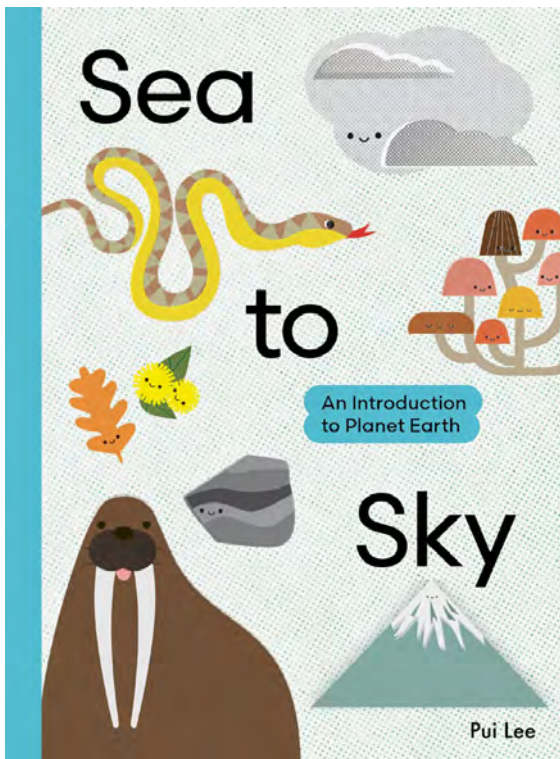


... a scientist of the sea!

Sylvia learned to scuba dive,
pulling on a metal cylinder filled
with air, so she could breathe
beneath the waves.

Now, just like a mermaid, she was finally
free to swim with the manatees and sharks.

And explore
their underwater world.



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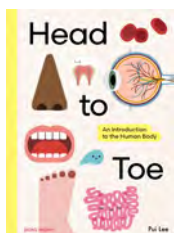
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Sea to Sky

Pui Lee

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This stylish book presents Earth's ecosystems from sea to sky, with stunning graphics and fun facts.

Did you know the deepest part of the ocean is over 11,000 metres below the surface? Or that clouds have their own names, like cumulus and cirrus? This visually stunning infographic series explores Earth's incredible habitats, starting at the ocean floor and moving up through deserts, forests, mountains and into the sky!

Sea to Sky presents a collection of weird and wonderful facts about our planet's ecosystems, with fun and stylish artwork sure to fascinate readers aged 7+.

Sales points:

- A vibrant introduction to planet Earth, full of fun facts
- Striking, bold, graphic artwork and easy-to-read text
- The second book in an exciting new series (following on from *Head to Toe: An Introduction to the Human Body*) that looks at core curriculum topics and makes learning fun
- Distilling big topics into a fun and accessible format for children aged 7+

Pui Lee is a freelance graphic designer and illustrator based in London. She is inspired by the everyday, ephemera, nature and travel. Her children's book *Head to Toe: An Introduction to the Human Body* was published by Post Wave Children's Books in 2025. As a branding, campaigns, product and packaging designer, Pui has worked with reputable global brands including Mulberry, V&A, M&S and The Body Shop.

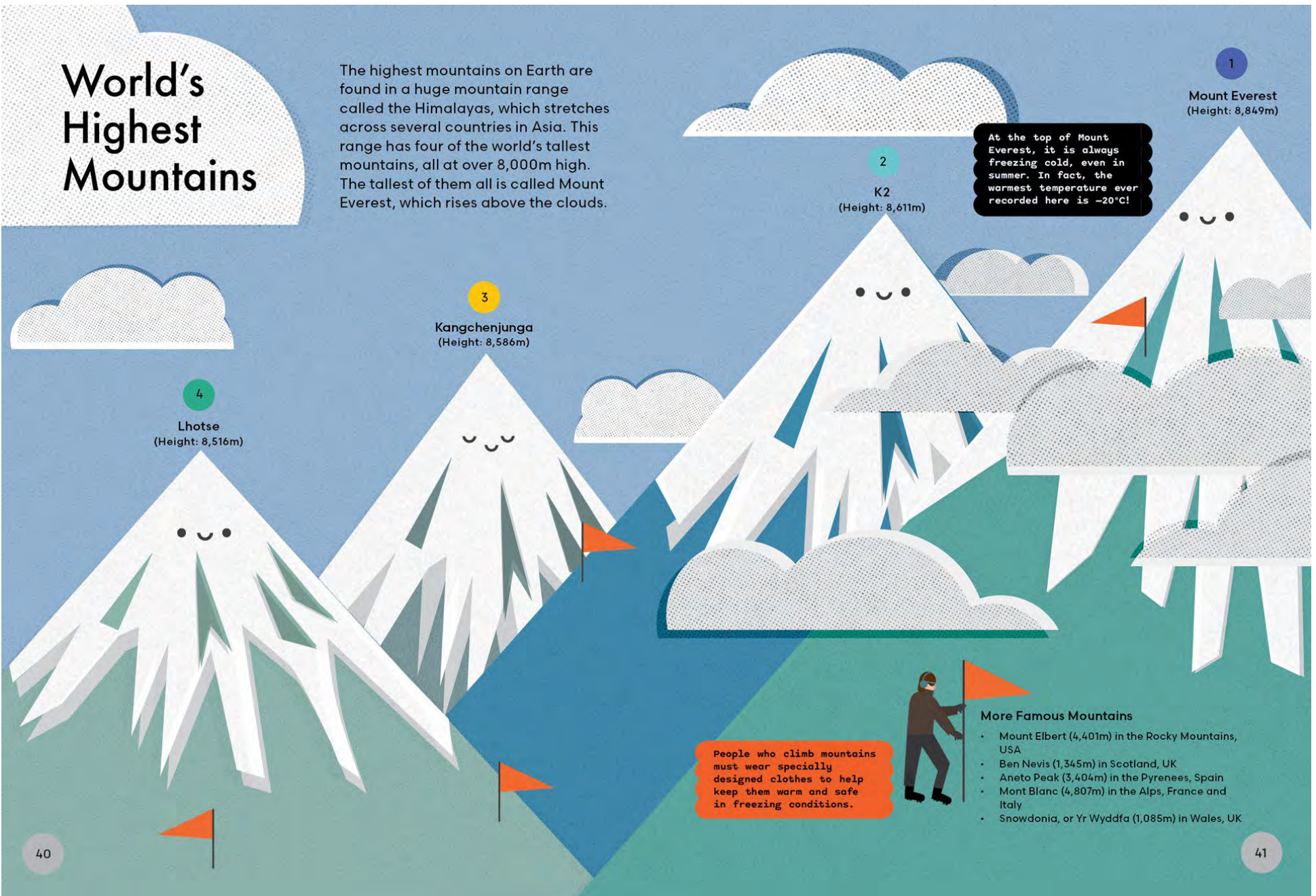
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World's Highest Mountains

The highest mountains on Earth are found in a huge mountain range called the Himalayas, which stretches across several countries in Asia. This range has four of the world's tallest mountains, all at over 8,000m high. The tallest of them all is called Mount Everest, which rises above the clouds.



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Lhotse
(Height: 8,516m)

3
Kangchenjunga
(Height: 8,586m)

2
K2
(Height: 8,611m)

1
Mount Everest
(Height: 8,849m)

At the top of Mount Everest, it is always freezing cold, even in summer. In fact, the warmest temperature ever recorded here is -20°C !

People who climb mountains must wear specially designed clothes to help keep them warm and safe in freezing conditions.



More Famous Mountains

- Mount Elbert (4,401m) in the Rocky Mountains, USA
- Ben Nevis (1,345m) in Scotland, UK
- Aneto Peak (3,404m) in the Pyrenees, Spain
- Mont Blanc (4,807m) in the Alps, France and Italy
- Snowdonia, or Yr Wyddfa (1,085m) in Wales, UK



Theia

Saskia Gwinn, Katie Cottle

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Discover how one cosmic collision gave us the Moon, tilted the Earth and kicked off the most magical rhythm of all – the four seasons – in this graphic-novel inspired story.

Meet Theia – a small planet with a big destiny. She didn't just crash into Earth... she changed it forever! Travel back 4.5 billion years, when Theia slammed into young Earth. From that colossal crash, the Moon was born. Earth began to wobble... and the seasons came to life. This hilarious, science-packed com-book adventure is perfect for curious, fact-loving readers.

Sales points:

- Comic-book panels and engaging artwork brings the birth of the Moon to life.
- The first book in a bold new non-fiction comic series that makes real science hilarious and unforgettable
- Bite-sized laugh-out-loud text is perfect for reluctant readers
- The first comic book by award-winning non-fiction writer, Saskia Gwinn

Saskia Gwinn is an author of children's books. She has worked in children's publishing for nearly 20 years, crafting best-selling, award-winning non-fiction books to inspire kids on almost everything from how time began to the silliest things in the world today. She lives in Hertfordshire with her two boys who hope dinosaurs will one day revisit Earth.

Katie Cottle is a freelance illustrator and picture book maker living and working in Bristol, UK. Originally from Swansea, she moved to Bristol to study illustration at University of the West of England and hasn't left since graduating in 2017. She is the illustrator of several popular children's books, and the 2017 winner of the Batsford Prize for Children's Book Illustration. She has also received the 'Highly Commended' accolade at the Macmillan Prize for Illustration on numerous occasions.

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Interest Age: 7 – 9 years

THEIA

OH HI, THAT WOULD BE ME!
I'M THEIA. OR YOU CAN CALL ME...

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LAVA QUEEN

**SUPER-AWESOME LOST
PLANET OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM,**
SPINNING AROUND THE SUN WITH ALL THE
OTHER PLANETS AND HAVING A BLAST.

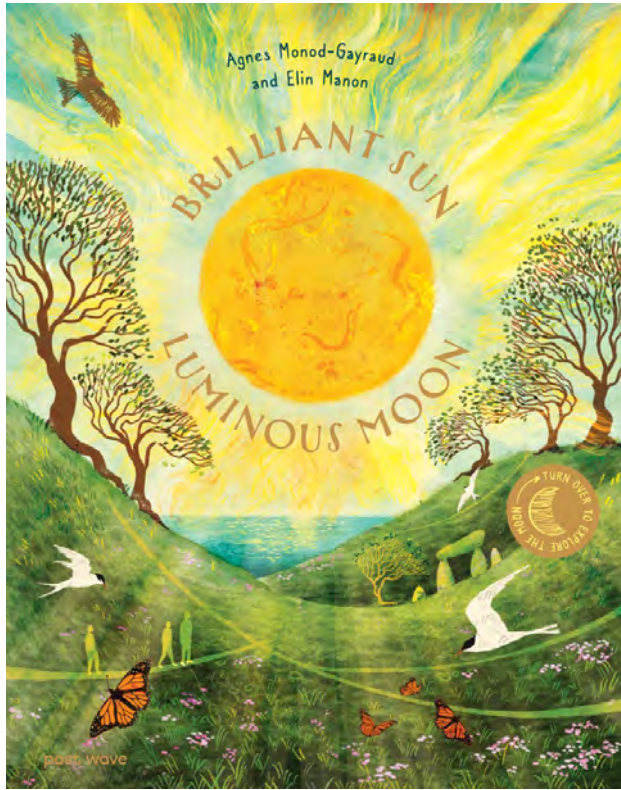


THEIA WAS THE CHILD OF THE AWESOME EARTH GODDESS, GAI, AND THE QUITE COOL GOD OF THE SKY, URANUS (YUP, A GOD WHO HAS A PLANET NAMED AFTER HIM AS WELL).

Once upon a time,
four seasons arrived on Earth.



We called them...



Brilliant Sun, Luminous Moon

Agnes Monod-Gayraud and Elin Manon

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Discover the captivating tales of the sun and moon.

From the beginning of time, human beings have looked up at the stars and speculated on other worlds. This is the story of the sun and the moon. It is also the story of human history. This collection of origin stories from different cultures, scientific discoveries, facts and observations uncovers what we really know about Earth's most influential companions.

Beautifully illustrated, the book works in two parts – one side is dark, but flip it over and the other is bright, meeting in the middle in a perfect eclipse.

Sales points:

- Explore the mysteries of the Sun and Moon through stories and science
- Discover origin tales from cultures around the world
- Beautifully illustrated to captivate young minds and inspire curiosity about the universe
- Aligns with curriculum subjects including science, history, geography and cultural studies

Agnes Monod-Gayraud is a translator and children's author specialising in non-fiction. She received the 2016 Best Scientific Writing Award from the UK's Society of Authors for *The Book of Bees*. In addition to her literary work, she serves as a language editor for the academic journal *Astronomy & Astrophysics* at the Paris Observatory. A native New Yorker, she now resides in London with her family.

Elin Manon is a freelance illustrator from Wales, now based in Cornwall after graduating from Falmouth University in 2020. Her work is inspired by the natural world, ecology, folklore and anthropology. A passion for storytelling and the celebration and protection of our natural world has been a constant drive within her work and creative process.

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Dimensions: 300 x 235 mm

Interest Age: 9 - 11 years

RAY OF LIFE

Each morning at dawn, the Sun lights up our world, its rays chasing away the darkness of night and ushering in a new day.

When the first humans looked up at the sky, they were amazed by this mysterious ball of light. We have always been curious about the Sun—what makes it burn so bright and appear to rise and fall each day. The Sun provides all living creatures on Earth with the light, warmth, and sustenance we need to thrive.

Many of the world's earliest religions placed the Sun at the center of their rituals, building monuments to trace its path across the sky and pay tribute to sun gods and goddesses. Even the seventh day of the week (Sunday) takes its name from the vital role our brilliant Sun plays in everyday life.

Let's embark on this journey to the Sun as we explore how the centerpiece of our Solar System came about—its origins, structure, and the vital role it has played in the story of humankind.



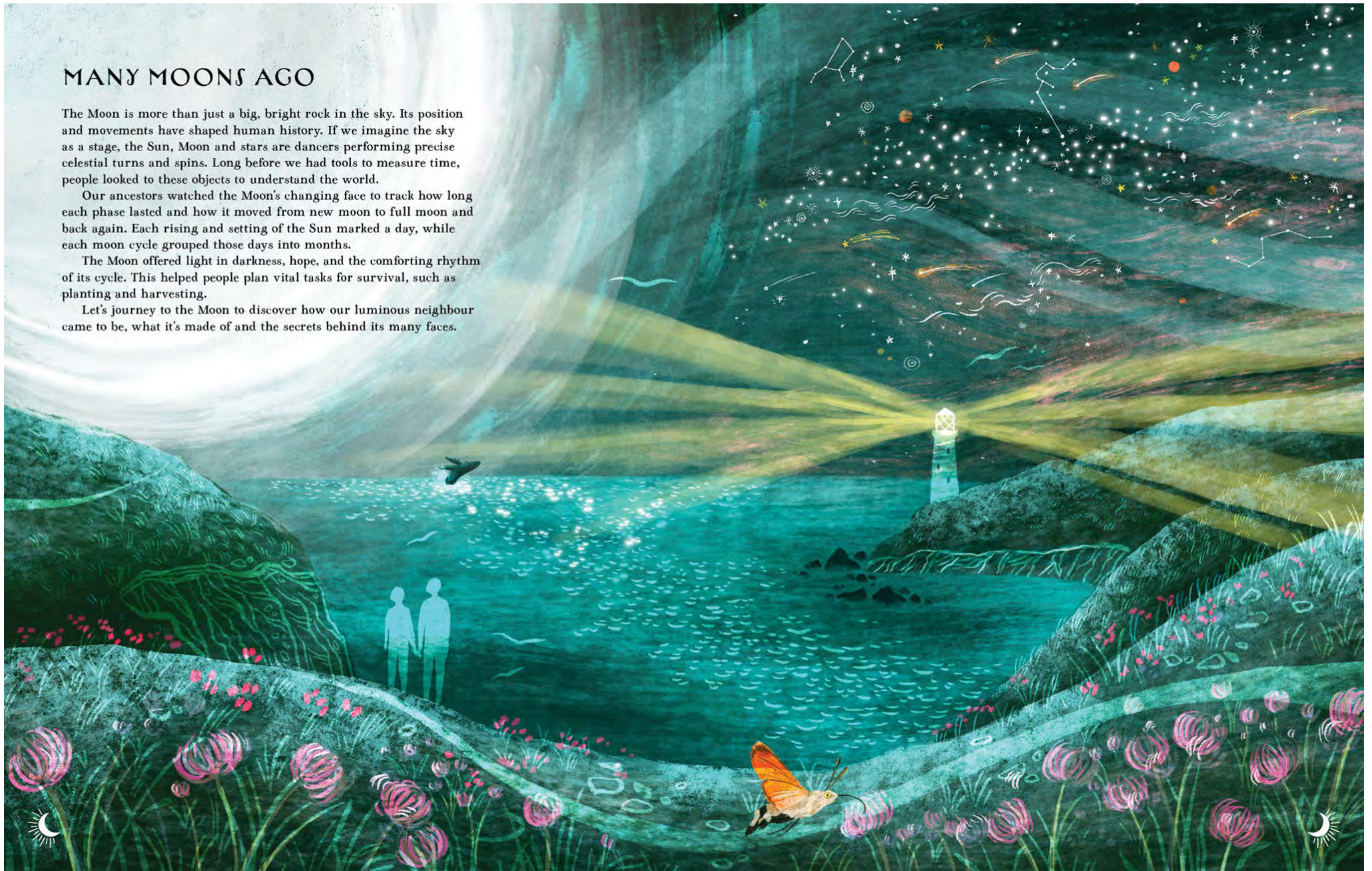
MANY MOONS AGO

The Moon is more than just a big, bright rock in the sky. Its position and movements have shaped human history. If we imagine the sky as a stage, the Sun, Moon and stars are dancers performing precise celestial turns and spins. Long before we had tools to measure time, people looked to these objects to understand the world.

Our ancestors watched the Moon's changing face to track how long each phase lasted and how it moved from new moon to full moon and back again. Each rising and setting of the Sun marked a day, while each moon cycle grouped those days into months.

The Moon offered light in darkness, hope, and the comforting rhythm of its cycle. This helped people plan vital tasks for survival, such as planting and harvesting.

Let's journey to the Moon to discover how our luminous neighbour came to be, what it's made of and the secrets behind its many faces.





Scientists Making a Difference



47 Inspirational Scientists Who Are Changing the World and How You Can Join Them

Dr Shini Somara, Adam Allsuch Boardman, Manuel Šumberac

Meet 47 scientists who are changing our world. Discover how they are answering some of the world's biggest

What do scientists do and why do they do it? In *Scientists Making a Difference*, Dr Shini Somara goes straight to the scientists themselves to find out. You'll meet apprentices and technicians, as well as professors and entrepreneurs. They'll tell you in their own words about their work.

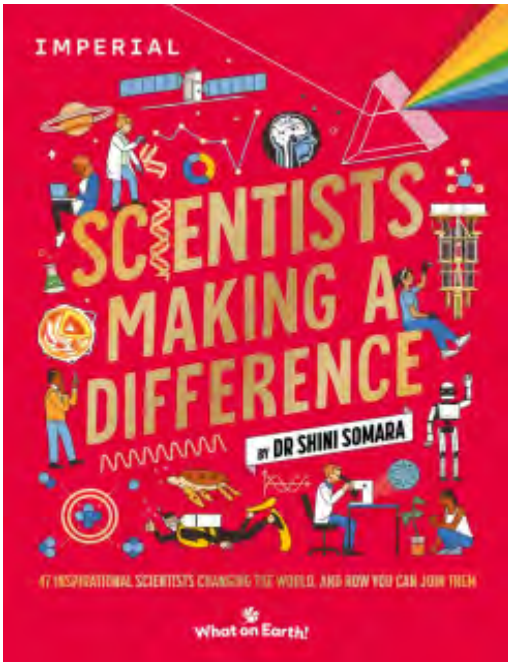
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- Created in collaboration with Imperial College London and the Gatsby Charitable Foundation.
- Strong focus on **STEM subjects**.
- Features **15 video interviews with scientists** from the book, accessible via QR codes. Plus, another 15 videos produced by Dr Somara and to be posted on social channels to engage the future generation of scientists.
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MOLECULAR PLANT PATHOLOGIST

STUDYING PESTS TO PROTECT OUR PLANTS

Many of the crops that we grow tend to die due to the effects of various diseases. To find ways in which we can protect our crops, molecular plant pathologists study genes and proteins in plants. These scientists aim to understand how pests or pathogens and plants interact, and how plants can defend themselves from attack.

Dr Jade Bleau is a molecular plant pathologist who researches how plants are affected by pests, such as aphids and mites, and pathogens, such as bacteria and fungi. Jade and the other scientists in her lab at the University of Dundee are trying to figure out new ways of growing crops that are resistant to these threats. To achieve this, they need to understand how the pests, pathogens and plants interact on a molecular level.

What does your job involve?

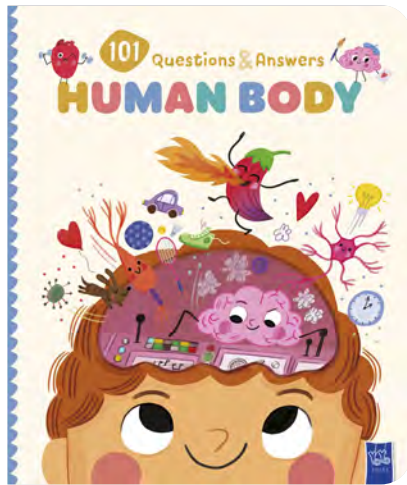
At the moment, I'm working specifically on aphids. They're small insects that live in colonies, and they can be a big problem. Once you have one aphid on a plant, it can multiply to hundreds within a week. Aphids feed on plants and can take all their nutrients, resulting in stunted crop growth, low yields and the transmission of diseases and viruses.

An aphid will use its straw-like mouthpart to pierce a plant and secrete saliva that weakens the plant and makes it easier for the aphid to feed. Its saliva contains molecules called effectors that can interact with proteins in the plant and stop them functioning. My work involves trying to figure out how the aphid's saliva is affecting the plant and how the plant is trying to protect itself. If we can understand these things, we can grow crops that are resistant to the effects of aphids.

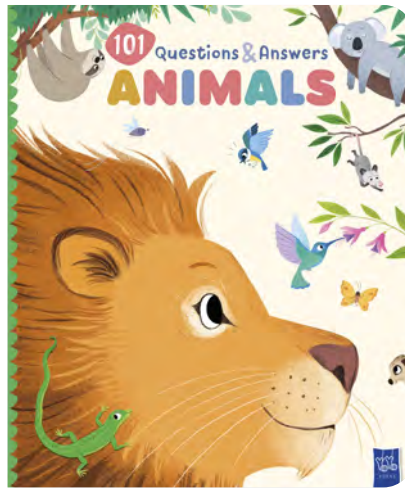
"I love all the light-bulb moments I get from studying science. I'm motivated by asking new scientific questions and finding answers to them."

Dr Jade Bleau

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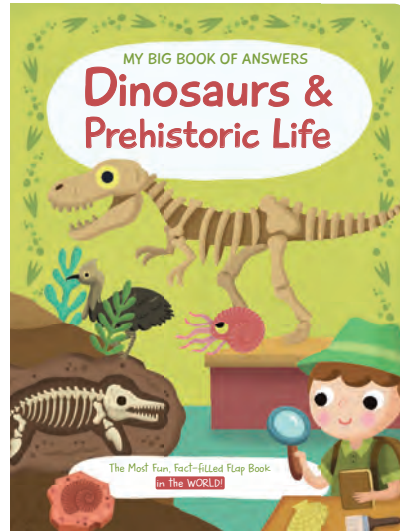
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Extent	14 pages
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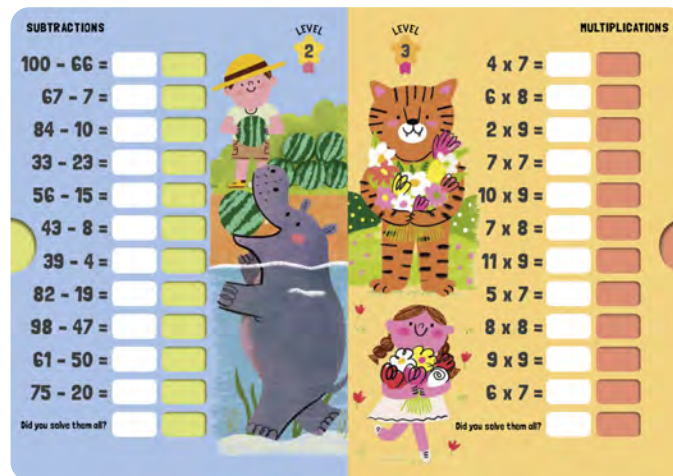
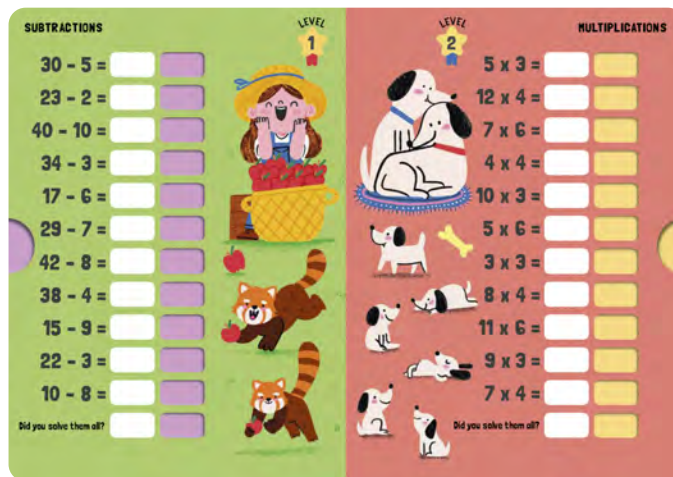
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Price	£9.99
Format	Board Book
Size	150 x 210 mm
Extent	14 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	6+
Features	With pull tabs, wipe-clean boxes and an erasable water-based pen.

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Step into the magical world of giants with this enchanting book nook inspired by Roald Dahl's much-loved classic.

Perfect for book lovers and dreamers, it is a beautifully detailed miniature scene that brings the heartwarming adventure of Sophie and the BFG to life..

With just 30 easy press-out pieces, children can build a charming dream-filled scene featuring the BFG and Sophie among jars of glowing dreams, giant furniture, and hidden Easter eggs from the story such as snozzcumbers and fizzing frobscottle.

A perfect creative project for readers, dreamers, and Roald Dahl fans, it slots neatly onto any bookshelf to become a magical decorative keepsake.

Sales points:

- Inspired by Roald Dahl's much-loved story *The BFG*
- Beautiful, **detailed BFG scene**
- **Slot-together assembly** – no glue, no mess
- **Easy to assemble** with colour instructions

Price	£24.99
Pub Date	03 September 2026
License	Roald Dahl Story Company
ISBN	5060686160417
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Dimensions	230 x 220 x 110mm



Build Your Own Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Step into Willy Wonka's world with this magical book nook that captures the wonder and imagination of Roald Dahl's classic story.

Perfect for book lovers and dreamers, it is a beautifully detailed miniature scene that brings Charlie's extraordinary chocolate factory adventure to life. With just 50 easy press-out pieces, children can build the factory scene featuring Charlie among chocolate rivers, towering sweets, and hidden Easter eggs from the story such as golden tickets and Oompa-Loompas tucked between the details.

A perfect creative project for readers, dreamers, and Roald Dahl fans, it slots neatly onto any bookshelf to become a charming decorative keepsake.

Sales points:

- Inspired by Roald Dahl's much-loved story *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*
- **Beautiful, detailed factory scene** with chocolate pipes, river and more
- **Slot-together assembly** – no glue, no mess
- **Easy to assemble** with colour instructions

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The Thing with Zola by Zibu Sithole



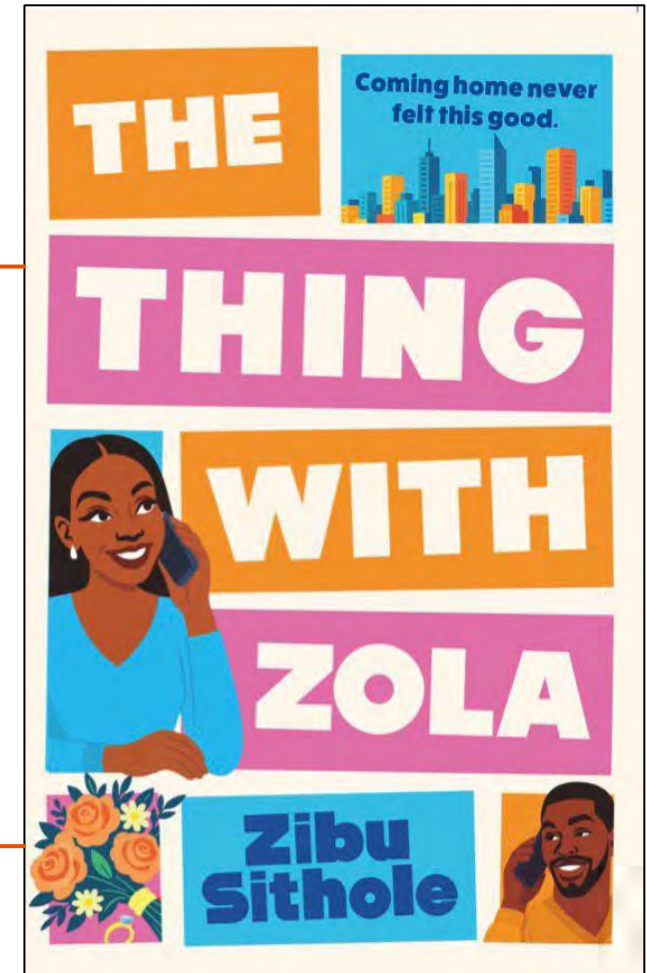
A sharp, sexy Johannesburg romance about starting over and risking it all for love.

Back in Johannesburg after her life abroad falls apart, Zola is rebuilding from scratch. Love is off the table until she meets Mbali. Complicated, irresistible and tied to her new boss, he threatens everything she's trying to hold together.

Key sales points:

- **A warm, witty romance about starting over:** Perfect for readers navigating love, career setbacks and second chances.
- **A fresh Johannesburg setting:** Bringing South African energy to a globally popular romance genre.
- **A relatable millennial heroine:** Exploring ambition, family pressure and unexpected love with humour and heart.
- **Launch title for the new-look Ankara Press:** Leading a bold new focus on commercial fiction from across Africa and the diaspora.

Zibu Sithole is a Johannesburg-based writer and journalist with more than ten years' experience across television, radio and print. She is a published ghostwriter of romance fiction. *The Thing with Zola* is her first novel published under her own name.



The Moon Will Not Burn Us: The Women Who Helped Win One of Africa's Longest Liberation Wars

by Ricci Shryock



The untold story of the women who fought to liberate Guinea-Bissau, and the personal cost of revolution.

At just 13, Joana Gomes joins the fight for independence after her father's murder. As part of a group of female combatants, she helps shape a liberation struggle that will change history. But long after victory is won, the women who fought must reckon with the personal sacrifices demanded of them.

Key Sales Points:

- **The untold story of women in liberation:** Revealing the vital and overlooked role women played in Guinea-Bissau's fight for independence.
- **A powerful true story:** Following Joana Gomes from childhood to the frontlines of a brutal anti-colonial war.
- **Timely and globally relevant:** Speaking to urgent conversations around women's resistance and historical visibility.
- **For readers of narrative history and reportage:** Immersive, rigorously researched storytelling that brings a defining moment in African history to life.

Ricci Shryock is a writer and photographer based in Dakar. Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*. Her writing centres West African perspectives and challenges dominant historical narratives.



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