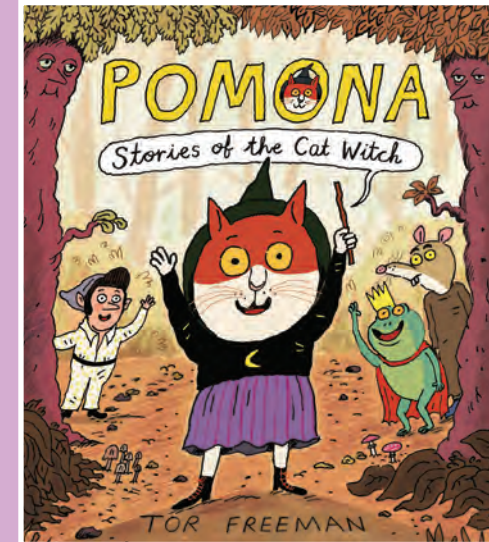
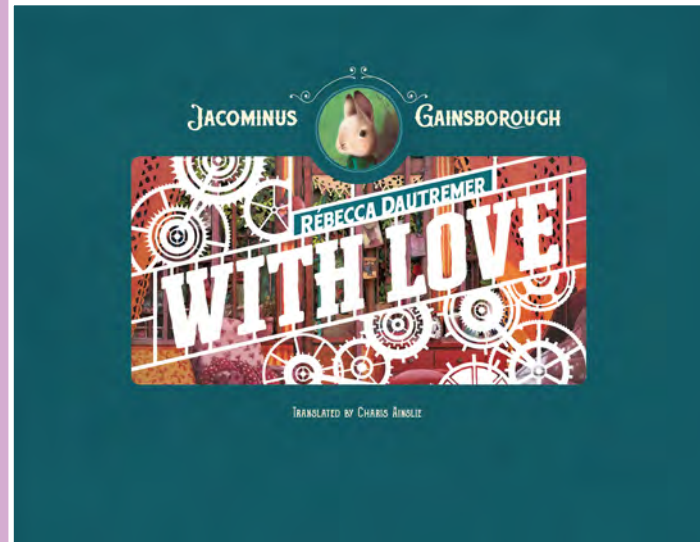
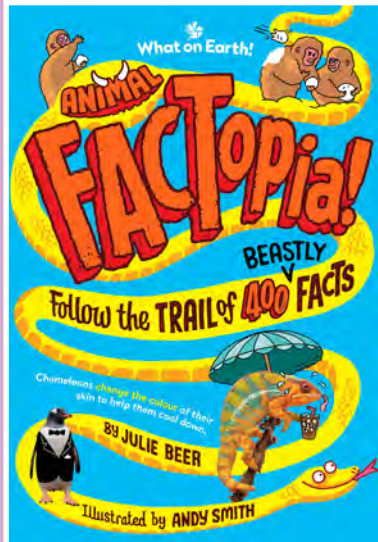
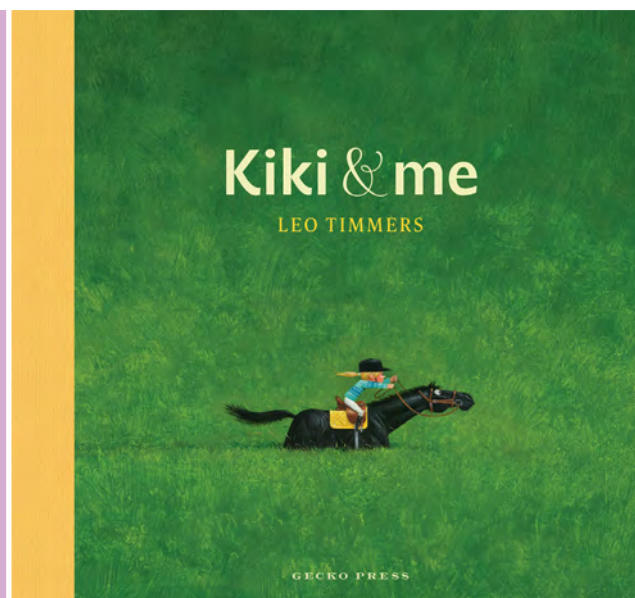
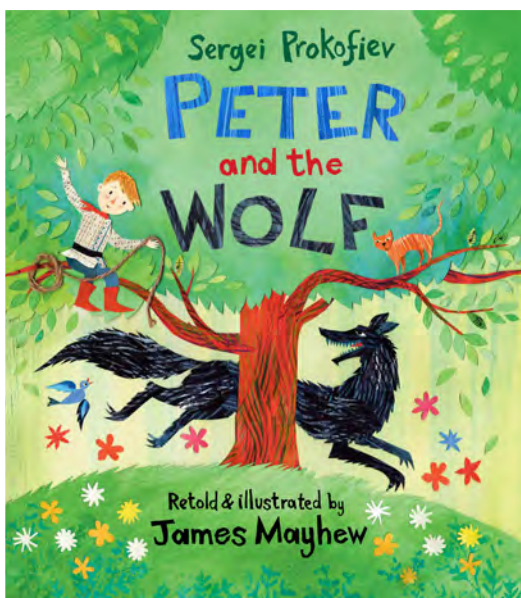




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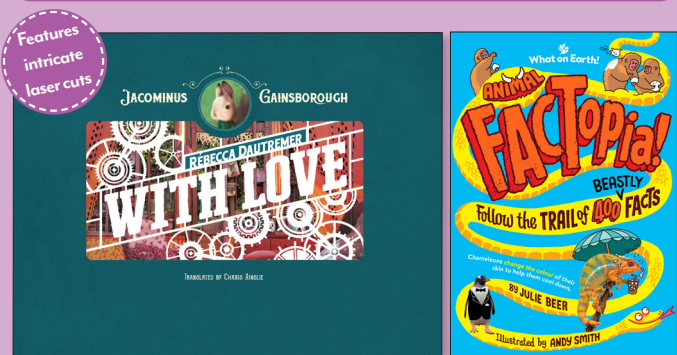




Our Top Picks for October

A monthly selection of titles perfect for independent bookshops!

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Animal FACTopia!
9781804661970
PB £9 What On Earth

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Can You See a Little Bear?
9781917865005
BB £9.99 Otter-Barry

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9781836271956
BB £7.99 Post Wave

Picture Books



King Winter's Birthday
9781782695677
PB £9.99 Pushkin

Kiki & Me
9798348041700
HB £16.99
Gecko Press

Pomona
9781916558823
HB £14.99
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Non-fiction



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9798225063863
£14.99 Scholastic

Graphic Novels



Stitch Head: The Ghosts of Grotteskew
9781788958561
PB £9.99 Little Tiger

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9780702351105
PB £10.99
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9781917894173
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HB £14.99 Pushkin

Apocalypse Baby
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ADVANCE INFORMATION NON-FICTION



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Author: Sam Hutchinson is an award-winning children's book publisher and author of information books for children.

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

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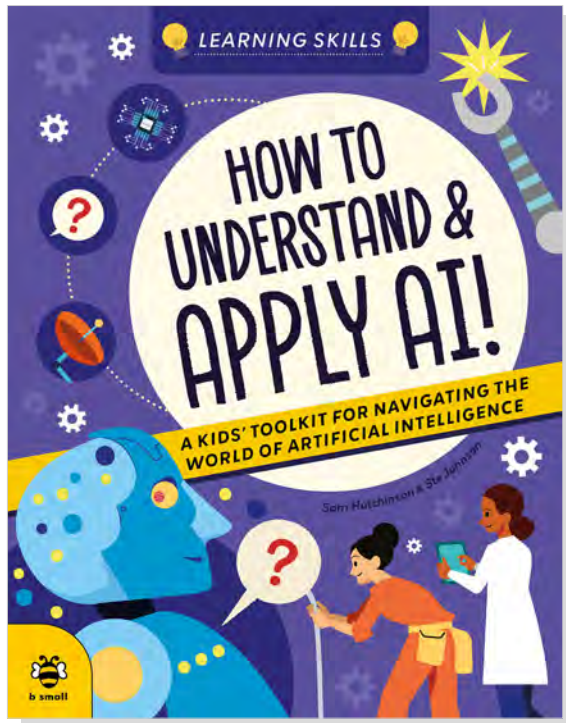
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How to Understand and Apply AI

written by Sam Hutchinson, illustrated by Ste Johnson and Vicky Barker

DEMYSTIFYING AI AND THE ETHICS INVOLVED

Familiarity with AI gives children the skills they need to engage with new technology in a safe and sensible way. It's not just about getting a computer to do your homework, it also involves understanding how it's trained, looking out for bias and spotting fake news, mistakes and hallucinations. Learn to navigate the world of artificial intelligence and tackle the ethical dilemmas that come from using it.

Series title: Learning Skills

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A simple introduction that young learners can build on
- Content checked by AI experts
- Part of a series that tackles critical thinking and oracy skills



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HOW AI WORKS

ORGANISING INFORMATION

Human brains process the world and learn knowledge over time. AI needs programmers to explain the world in a way that it can use to solve problems. This is called knowledge representation.

The programmer tells the AI what these objects are for. The AI gathers and then organises knowledge.

OBJECT	PURPOSE	WHERE TO USE
BATH	For washing yourself	?
FLASK	For drinking	
FRUIT	For eating	
SANDWICH	For eating	
TAP	Gives us water for cleaning or drinking	
TOOTHBRUSH	For cleaning your teeth	

The programmer gives the AI some more information so it can answer the question in the third column. This involves making decisions and solving problems.

New information:

KITCHEN
(where you eat and drink)

BATHROOM
(where you wash and clean yourself)

The AI applies the knowledge and sorts the objects by room. It adds this new knowledge to its growing database.

OBJECT	PURPOSE	WHERE TO USE
BATH	For washing yourself	Bathroom
FLASK	For drinking	Kitchen
FRUIT	For eating	Kitchen
SANDWICH	For eating	Kitchen
TAP	Gives us water for cleaning or drinking	Kitchen, bathroom
TOOTHBRUSH	For cleaning your teeth	Bathroom

What other knowledge could you give the AI so it can keep learning about these objects?

MORE ENERGY!

Creating a base of knowledge for an AI system uses a lot of energy. Thousands of machines must run for months using complicated programs, relying on water to keep them cool. Every time we use AI that uses energy too.

WORDS TO KNOW

KNOWLEDGE is what you learn and remember, including data, facts and rules.
KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION is organising information so that AI can use it.



Hassan and Hassana Share Everything by Elnathan John, Chinyere Okoroafor

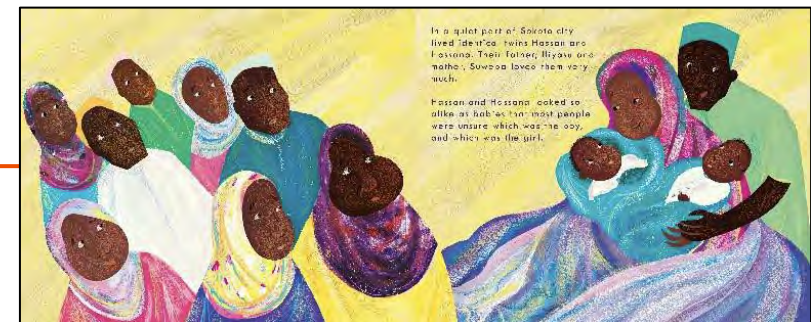
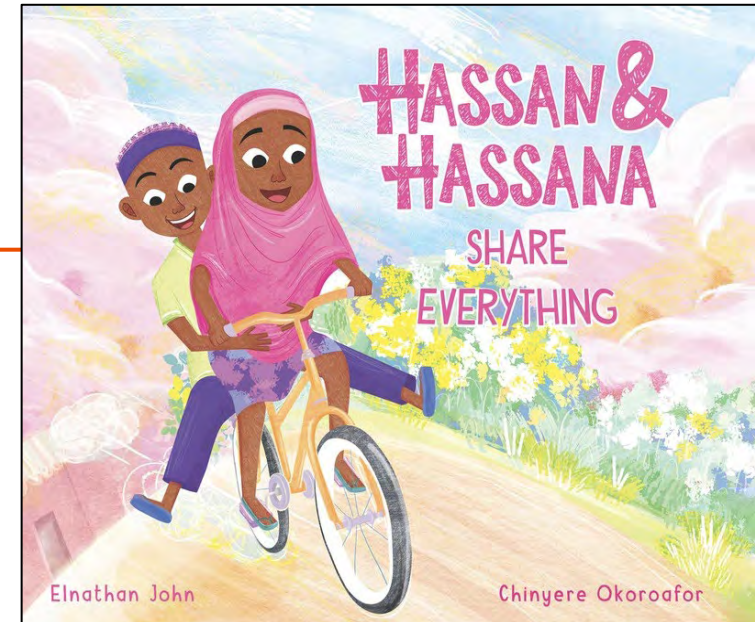
A warm and joyful picture book about sharing, fairness and standing up for what's right.

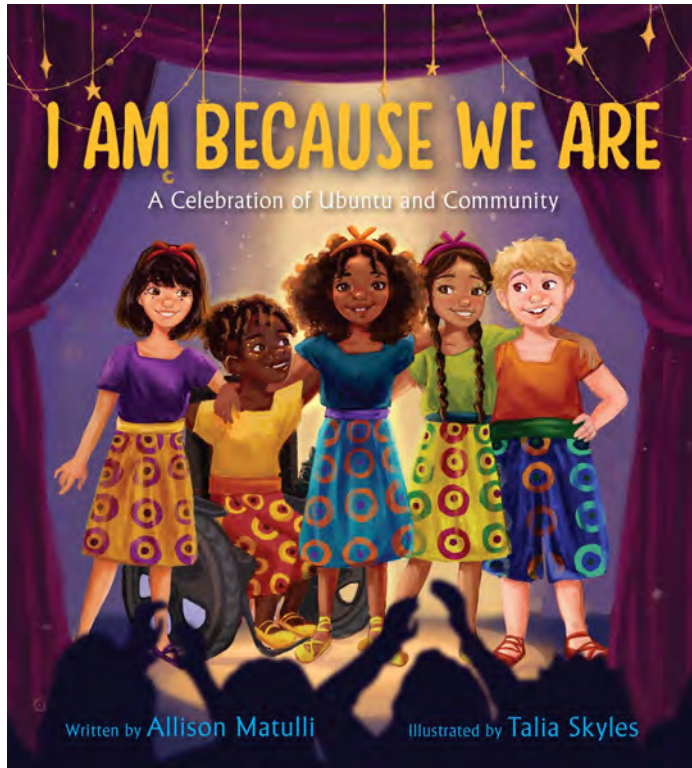
Hassan and Hassana are twins and almost identical, even if one is a boy and the other a girl. When Hassan gets a bike for his birthday and Hassana gets drums, his friends say girls can't ride bikes. Hassan must decide whether to listen or to stand up for his sister.

Key sales points:

- A joyful story about fairness and standing up for others: A clear, relatable hook for young readers and parents alike.
- Tackles gender stereotypes head-on: Encouraging children to question assumptions about what boys and girls can do.
- A fresh take on twins: Centring fraternal twins in a space often dominated by identical pair stories.
- Bright, expressive illustrations throughout: Full-colour artwork that captures energy, emotion and playfulness.

Elnathan John is an award-winning novelist and satirist. His debut novel *Born on a Tuesday* won a Betty Trask Award and the Prix Les Afriques, and his work has been shortlisted for the Caine Prize for African Writing. He is the author of *Be(com)ing Nigerian, A Guide* and a former judge of the Man Booker International Prize. He lives in Berlin.





27th October 2026
 9781368099103
 Format: Hardback
 Age: 3 – 7 years
 Price: £14.99
 Extent: 30 Pages
 Dimensions: 229 x 254 mm

I Am Because We Are: A Celebration of Community and Ubuntu

Allison Matulli and Talia Sykes

Disney • HYPERION

Grounded in African Ubuntu philosophy, this lyrical picture book celebrates community and invites readers to lift up our neighbors.

For fans of *All The World* and *All Are Welcome* comes a new classic that celebrates community. This rhythmic story follows one child as they dream, perform, and celebrate at the heart of their community.

Sales points:

- Perfect people looking for uplifting picture books about community.
- **Author has an engaged audience** due to her work as a motivational speaker and educator.
- **Rising star illustrator** making her trade picture book debut.
- **Lyrical exploration of community, mutual aid, and belonging** complete with vibrant, expressive art.

Allison Matulli is a legal scholar, renowned children's author, and education reform activist. Her children's book, *Your Freedom, Your Power*, was named a Junior Library Guild Selection and Chicago Public Library's Best Books of 2023. She lives in Miami, Florida.

An illustration of two young girls flying through a large, swirling golden vortex against a dark purple night sky filled with stars. The girl on the left has dark hair in two long braids with pink bows, wears a green shirt and a yellow skirt with purple and green polka dots, and holds a golden orb aloft. The girl on the right has dark curly hair with an orange headband, wears a teal shirt and a blue skirt with orange and yellow polka dots, and also holds a golden orb aloft. They are holding hands and appear to be soaring together.

I fly high when you
can soar high, too.

Your flight and mine
are one and the same.



6th October 2026
9781368119221
Format: Hardback
Age: 3 – 7 years
Price: £14.99
Extent: 48 Pages
Dimensions: 229 x 229 mm

Kitty vs. Christmas

Martha Freeman and Eda Kaban

Disney • HYPERION

Kitty is back - but that doesn't mean he's ready for the holidays! The most wonderful time of the year fills this finicky feline with dread. Can Santa help Kitty feel the Christmas spirit?

Kitty is a good, nice kitty with a good, nice family who has everything he could ever want. But to Kitty's everlasting surprise and annoyance, things continue to change around him! So when the holiday season arrives, Kitty is not excited.

So Kitty tangles the tinsel, wrecks the wreath, and messes up the mistletoe. Kitty doesn't feel bad until he sees what a rough night Santa has had. As he and Santa show one another kindness, Kitty realizes that Christmas might not be so bad after all.

Sales points:

- **Preparing for the unknown:** This seasonal title about accepting change and showing kindness at Christmas is perfect for getting kids ready for the holidays.
- **A great gift:** This funny and sweet title makes the perfect holiday gift for preschoolers.
- **Classic made new:** Kitty's humorous stubbornness and resistance to change bring a fresh take to evergreen picture book themes.

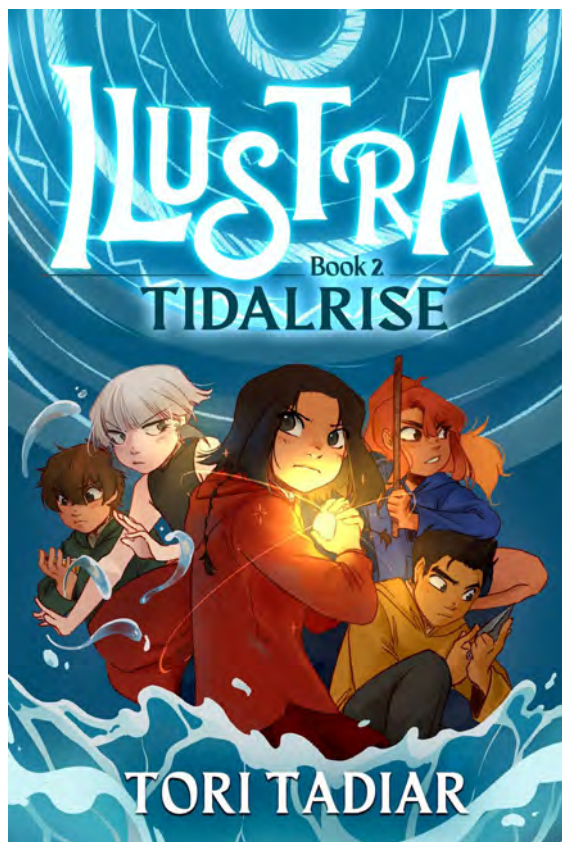
Martha Freeman has written 30 books for children. She's the critically acclaimed children's writer of *Stinkbomb Mom*, *Fourth Grade Weirdo*, and *The Year My Parents Ruined My Life*.

Eda Kaban has worked with clients such as Disney, Marvel, Lucasfilm, Nickelodeon, Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, Scholastic, HarperCollins, Chronicle Books, Macmillan, Lufthansa Airlines, Wall Street Journal, and Boston Globe among others. Her illustrations have been recognized by Society of Illustrators, Creative Quarterly, American Illustration and 3X3.

But every time he helped,
the family's response was this:

"No, no, Kitty, you good, nice kitty,
we don't need your help
with Christmas."





27th October 2026
 9781368089944
 Format: Paperback
 Age: 8 – 12 years
 Price: £12.99
 Extent: 256 Pages
 Dimensions: 152 x 229 mm

Ilustra: Tidalrise

Tori Tadiar

Mika has just begun to understand her ability to wake ancient gods when a sudden attack forces her to travel to the underworld, where she's powerless to save all she loves.

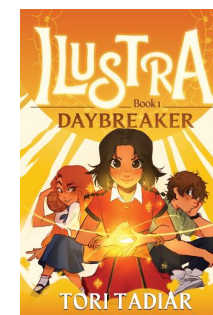
It's been three months since Mika Mirasol discovered her incredible ability to wake gods and spirits and harness the power of Hanan, goddess of the dawn. When she returns to Ilustra after a summer spent with her guardian, Raha, she reunites with her best friends and clashes with her new roommate, who turns out to be a deity trapped in human form.

But tragedy strikes immediately: Magwayen, goddess of the sea and underworld, sends a giant crocodile to kidnap Raha. Only Mika can stop the goddess from releasing the corrupted spirit bound within Raha and unleashing world-ending storms—but she'll have to travel to the watery depths of the underworld, where Hanan's light can't reach.

Sales points:

- Perfect for fans of contemporary fantasy comics and graphic novels, like *Amulet* and *Hooky*.
- A gripping mythological re-telling akin to the *Percy Jackson* series.

Tori Tadiar is an award-winning author and illustrator based in the Philippines. She is known for her graphic novels that blend Filipino mythology with fantasy elements, although her work spans across comics, book illustrations, and game art. Her dream is to be able to tell stories that are Filipiniana-inspired but universally-relatable.



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BOOK ONE

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Delores Mackenzie and the Dead of Winter

Yvonne Banham

- Absorbing gothic spookiness for readers aged 11+
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Summary:

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The ghoulish victim of a decades old murder is hunting Delores down. Rage-filled and unpredictable, Temperance Darrow is screaming for justice from beyond the grave. Delores' greatest challenge yet will take her and her friends from Edinburgh Old Town to far beyond the Arctic Circle chasing after a mysterious book, a legend and a killer. But devious Fabian Vikander, Grand Master of the Paranormal High Council is watching, and Prudence's unstable shapeshifting threatens to land them all in jail – or worse.



Yvonne Banham grew up on an island off the coast of Cumbria and spent lots of time huddled on the wild beach with a scary book. When she left school, she couldn't decide whether to be a nurse, an artist, or a writer, so she tried them all and decided she liked words best. She believes in ghosts though she's never met one, and after five gloriously spooky years in Edinburgh, she now lives in Stirlingshire with her husband and their ancient beagle, Toby. When she's not writing, she'll be hiking or trail running in the nearby hills. @eviewriter

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When Delores Mackenzie is chased home by a restless spirit, she is sent to the mysterious Uncles to learn how to control her unusual 'gifts'. But when a sinister apparition threatens the lives of her strange new housemates, Delores must gather all her strength to save them.

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‘A captivating debut full of ghostly intrigue.’
Phil Hicke

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Thornton



Yvonne Banham grew up on an island off the coast of Cumbria.

When she's not writing, she's either hiking in the nearby hills or checking out creepy locations in search of new stories.

Events with Yvonne

Yvonne is based in Stirlingshire and available for events.

- Creative writing workshops
- Book signings
- Readings and Q&As

Behind the Sky

Megan Angharad Hunter



Why we love it: 'Behind the Sky is a beautiful, powerful novel, raw, intelligent and heartrending. Firefly is proud and delighted to be publishing this deeply empathetic novel which will touch a nerve with so many readers.'

Publisher, Penny Thomas

- A character-driven platonic love story about survival, connection, and what it means to come of age as vulnerable, LGBTQIA+ teen
- An English-language adaptation of Wales Book of the Year Winning *tu ôl i'r awyr* (Y Lolfa)
- Welsh edition described by Manon Steffan Ros as **'The best, most powerful novel I've read in years. A masterpiece.'**
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Summary:

Sixteen-year-old Deian wants to be something that doesn't exist: normal. He wants to feel things in the same way as everyone else, to ride the school bus without having a panic attack, to have real conversations with real friends and not imagined ones with dead artists.

Seventeen-year-old Anest has long abandoned her quest for normality. She doesn't think she deserves to be here on this doomed planet, so doesn't really care if everyone else thinks she's weird and obnoxious (well, maybe everyone apart from that girl she can't stop staring at in group therapy).

The two very different LGBTQIA+ teens meet at a psychiatric facility, but their friendship doesn't really take off until they find themselves stuck in the same toilet stall at a birthday party. They support each other unfailingly, but they're unable to turn that same affection towards themselves and continue to grapple with the self-hatred that threatens to drown them.

Can Anest and Deian find a way to free themselves from the weight of normality and - together - realise that an entire sky of possibilities is waiting for them?



Megan Angharad Hunter is an author and screenwriter from Penygroes, Dyffryn Nantlle, now based in Cardiff. She studied Welsh and Philosophy at Cardiff University, graduating in 2022. During her studies, she became the youngest ever winner of the Wales Book of the Year Award when her Welsh-language debut, *tu ôl i'r awyr*, won in 2021.



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THE MOONLIGHT DRAGON

LIZ FLANAGAN

THE BOOK

One adorable blue dragon. A mysterious prophecy. Three new friends learning to trust each other.

On the night of the full moon, Luna goes to the standing stones, hoping this time her mother will be there. Instead, she sees something incredible: a huge blue dragon, flying through the moonlit sky. This dragon is being chased by hunters, and Luna is heartbroken to see it fall from the sky.

So when Luna finds the dragon's nest and rescues Spark, the last young dragon in the world, she must keep him safe and hidden – not easy with a growing dragon! Teaming up with her new friends, Tobi, the anxious prince, and Elodie, the librarian's daughter, the children must solve the mystery of why the king is so afraid of the dragons, before it's too late.

Meanwhile, crops are failing, water is running out, and people have been forced to leave their homes. Soon a rebellion is brewing. When Luna and Spark are both finally reunited with their mothers, difficult choices must be made - for the sake of the whole kingdom.

THE AUTHOR

Liz Flanagan is a novelist from Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, UK. She's created work ranging from historical fiction for adults, fast-paced teenage fiction, to fantasy adventures for young children.

She's inspired by the beautiful landscape of her hometown and a lifetime of reading voraciously. Liz has won several awards, including a UKLA Award in 2024 for *Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest*, and been nominated for the Carnegie Medal.



LIZ FLANAGAN

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FILTHY

LUCY CUTHEW

A painfully funny coming-of-age story for anyone who's ever felt like the only person on Earth without the instruction manual for adulthood.

Joss has never had sex. But suddenly, it feels like everyone else has. The problem? No one actually explains how any of it works. And David Attenborough has a lot to answer for.

Then she meets Griff. Mysterious. Hot. Not from around here. And, most shocking of all, he doesn't see her as "vanilla."

Determined not to be clueless, Joss turns to the only educational resource that seems readily available: the internet. But late-night "research" comes with unexpected consequences. Embarrassing ones. Ones that might just scare off the best thing that's ever happened to her.

KEY SALES POINTS

- **Hilariously Relatable Trope:** Taps into the universal awkwardness of feeling behind in life, making it a perfect read for the *Sex Education* and *Booksmart* audience.
- **The Internet vs. Reality Gap:** Explores the hilarious and harrowing consequences of using the internet as a sex educator, a theme that resonates deeply with Gen Z and Millennial readers.
- **Body Positive & Empowering:** Beneath the comedy, it carries a strong message about sexual agency, moving away from "vanilla" labels to discover personal confidence.

THE AUTHOR

Lucy Cuthew is the author of over thirty books for children. She has an MPhil in Children's Literature and worked in children's publishing as an editor for fifteen years. Her debut novel *Blood Moon* was nominated for the 2021 CILIP Carnegie Medal, won the 2021 Amazing Book Awards, and was shortlisted for the Bath Children's Novel Award in 2019. She speaks regularly on the BBC about children's books.

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Kiki and Me

Author and Illustrator **Leo Timmers**

This exquisitely illustrated, dramatic, large-format story about the bond between a horse and her owner as she grows up is a landmark picture book for international award winner Leo Timmers

ABOUT THE BOOK

First there was a long, windy road. Then I heard voices. The gate lowered . . . and there she was. Kiki. It took her a while to get used to me, but she was a fast learner. Kiki did everything for me. She watered me, kept me warm, groomed me, and fed me. Kiki loved me. And I loved her.

Kiki and her horse explore the landscape together and are inseparable. But Kiki grows older and things change. One day, the horse is alone—and thinks it will be forever. Delicate black-and-white drawings alternate with rich, dramatic paintings to tell a poignant story about inseparable friends and growing up.

SALES POINTS

- A landmark book for author/illustrator Leo Timmers
- Exquisite, dramatic illustrations
- An emotional story about growing up
- Appeals to adults and children of all ages
- A beautiful gift for horse lovers
- Lavish production with a cloth binding, a gift book to be treasured

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Leo Timmers is a leading Belgian author and illustrator, whose many successful picture books have been published in thirty-two languages. He has a large following as one of Belgium's preeminent picture book artists.



TITLE INFORMATION

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Translator **David Colmer**

Original Language **Dutch (Belgium)**

This book in 3 ideas **horses, growing up, landscape**

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

“This one of a kind book will grab your heart with its vast landscapes, detailed line art and warm connection.”

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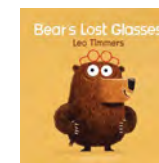
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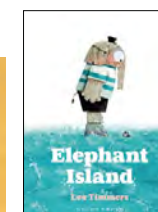
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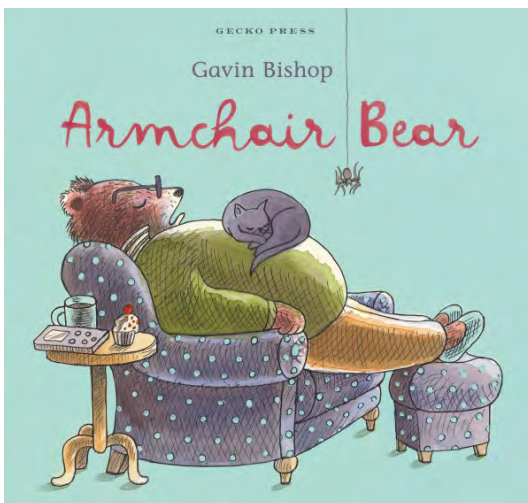
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Armchair Bear

Author and Illustrator **Gavin Bishop**

In this delightful picture book, a big soft bear tries to get his puff back by becoming as strong as a gorilla, until his nibblings remind him what matters most for a bear

ABOUT THE BOOK

Uncle Norman loves to rest on his squashy armchair. But when the young bears visit, he's all out of puff! He can't play bear games like he used to. He doesn't take the young bears on picnics. He's no fun anymore. So when Norman notices an ad for the gym, he sets out to become a new bear. And when he encounters the mighty Gorilla Dilla, he decides to aim for the top. He too can be a powerful champion! But can a bear be a gorilla? Lifting weights turns out to be no fun for a bear. Instead, the young bears help Norman find his own way to the top.

SALES POINTS

- Rich outdoor scenes evoke family summers
- Amusing characters and illustrations full of detail
- A great story for tired dads and uncles

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Gavin Bishop ONZM, Tainui, Ngāti Awa, is a leading Māori illustrator living in Christchurch, New Zealand. He has published more than seventy books internationally, which have been translated into twelve languages. His awards include the Sir Kingi Ihaka award for lifetime contribution to Māori art and culture.

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"This big, soft, tired bear is such a relatable character and had me dusting off my walking boots."

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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TITLE INFORMATION

Release **October 2026**

Ages **4-8**

Format **hardcover**

Size **255 x 240mm landscape 10 x 9½"**

Pages **32 pp**

Illustrations **colour**

ISBN **9798348042417**

NZD **29.99** AUD **27.99** GBP **12.99**
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Original Language **English**
(New Zealand)

This book in 3 ideas **outdoors in nature,**
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He hauled himself up
and plodded outside.

Brenda and Bosco were
already halfway up the tree...

Uncle Norman stayed
at the bottom.

"I need a honey sandwich,"
he gasped.



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My Very Own Nativity Story

ISBN: 9788742551219

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The play set sparks the child's imagination, encourage parent-child talks and supports early literacy. The high-quality content provides endless opportunities for learning and playing. Let the fun begin!

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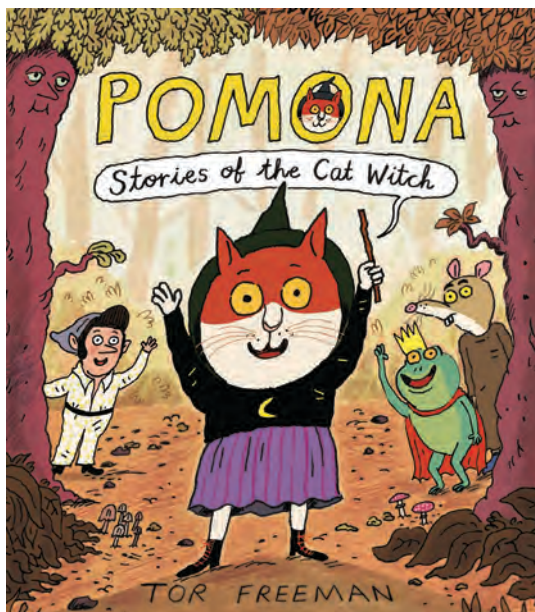
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Publishing: 10th October 2026

Age: 5+

ISBN: 9781916558823

RRP: £14.99

Format: Hardback

Dimensions: 185 x 210mm

Format: 64pp

Author Location: London



Pomona: Stories of the Cat Witch

Tor Freeman

Welcome to the wonderful world of Pomona the Cat Witch! This witty and wise picture book from talented illustrator Tor Freeman will delight readers young and old.

Pomona lives in a little house in the forest, near her friends Ratso, Prince Frog, Elfis and Grandma Wyona. In this funny and charming collection of stories, she learns how to bake a cake with love, finds a friend for her lonely pet caterpillar, discovers empathy and confirms that there definitely isn't enough room for anyone else in her hammock!



Sales Points:

- Witty, warm and wise, this is the perfect gift for anyone, young or old
- An ideal read for Halloween
- Original and distinctive illustrations packed with funny details
- A fresh, modern take on classics like Frog and Toad and Winnie the Pooh

Author Biography:

Tor Freeman was born and educated in London and graduated from Kingston University with a BA in Illustration in 1999. She was awarded a Sendak Fellowship in 2012 and was the winner of the Observer/Cape/Comica Graphic Short Story prize in 2017. Tor has illustrated several picture books and young chapter books, written her own stories and been published in the UK and internationally. Tor lives and works in London.



From Pomona: Stories of the Cat Witch by Tor Freeman, 2026.



A witch's house shouldn't be TOO clean.
A little dust adds mystery!



At least that's what Pomona's Great-Aunt Fitz used to say.



I certainly did not!
My house was always
spotless!

And that
tickles!!

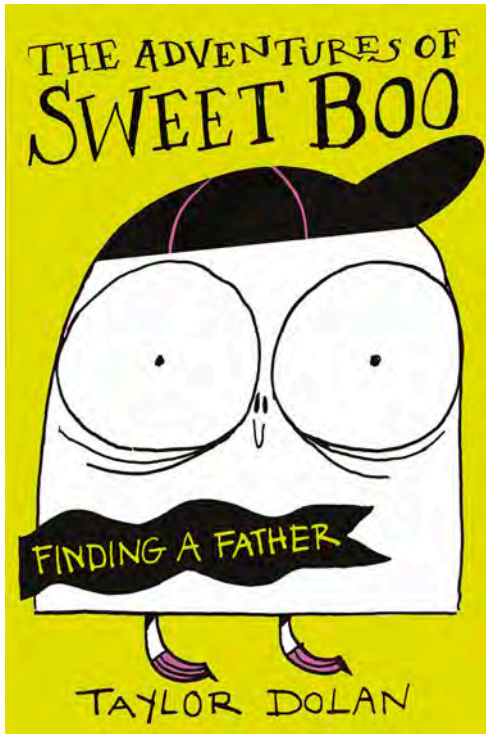
Pomona dusted up in the attic,
which made her sneeze.

She was about to clean away a big
spider web, when a voice said:
"Hey! What do you think you're doing?"



"It took me AGES to make this web! How would you like someone to
come and dust away YOUR house?"





Publishing: 15th October 2026

Age: 5+

ISBN: 9781916558335

RRP: £799

Format: Paperback

Dimensions: 180 x 120mm

Format: 112pp

Author Location: Dublin



The Adventures of Sweet Boo: Finding a Father

Taylor Dolan

Meet Sweet Boo. Sweet Boo is a ghost. Her favourite colour is green, she wears shiny shoes and she DEFINITELY doesn't like milk.

Because she's a ghost, she doesn't have a family. And she doesn't want one! Until one day she spies a picture of a friendly-looking dad - and suddenly wonders if maybe she's missing out. Following clues, she finds herself at the office, running a company and letting all kinds of mayhem commence. Until she finds a boy and his dad who bring her right back down to earth.

Sales Points:

- Vibrant two-colour series
- Perfect for emerging readers – full of hilarity and ghoulish capers

Author Biography:

Taylor Dolan attended the Cambridge School of Art for her Master's Degree in Children's Book Illustration. She was overjoyed to find a whole herd of booknerds to spend time quality time reading quietly together with. She now lives in Dublin, Ireland.



Not every thing on this planet has a family.

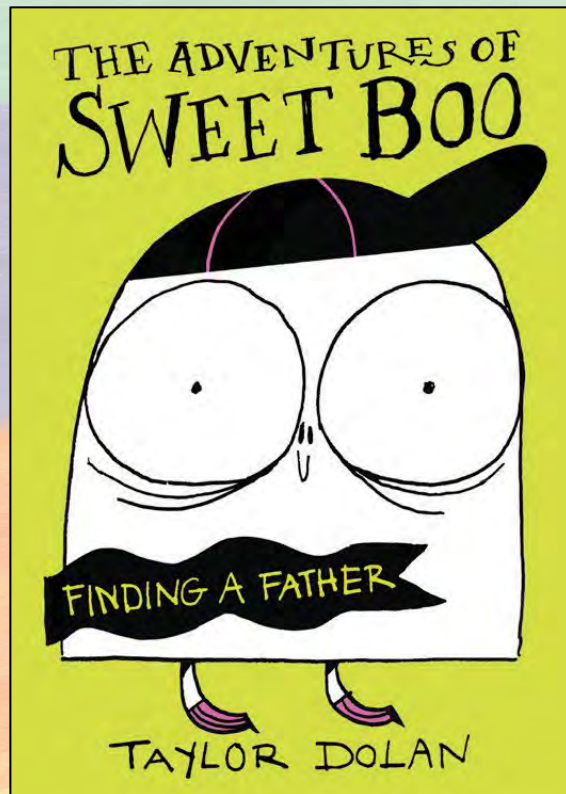


Sweet Boo is one of those things.



THE ADVENTURES OF SWEET BOO

Sweet Boo is a ghost with serious attitude and a love of bright colours and shiny shoes.
Join her as she searches for her very own family, in these madcap highly-illustrated
adventures that will make young readers roar with laughter.



9781916558335 | PB | £7.99



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Coming
March
2027!





Publishing: 29th October 2026

Age: 5+

ISBN: 9781916558601

RRP: £7.99

Format: Paperback

Dimensions: 180 x 120mm

Format: 128pp

Author Location:



**GUPPY
BOOKS**

Fairytale Fiasco: Sleeping Beauty

Evgenia Golubeva and Myles McLeod

In this adventure Cleo is fixing the story of Sleeping Beauty and she's got just what Princess Briar Rose needs – a really loud alarm clock!

Princess Briar-Rose and everyone in her castle have been asleep for one hundred years. Luckily Cleo is here with her noisy alarm clock to save the day! ZIP and BOOM and FLASH and KAZAM!

Can Cleo and Briar-Rose persuade the grouchy thirteenth fairy to break the sleep spell? And will Cleo get home in time for her bedtime story?

Sales Points:

- The Fairytale Fiasco series brings you all your favourite fairytales as you've never seen them before!
- Providing a stepping stone between picture books and chapter books
- Tactile books with short chapters, interactive illustrations and carefully chosen vocabulary

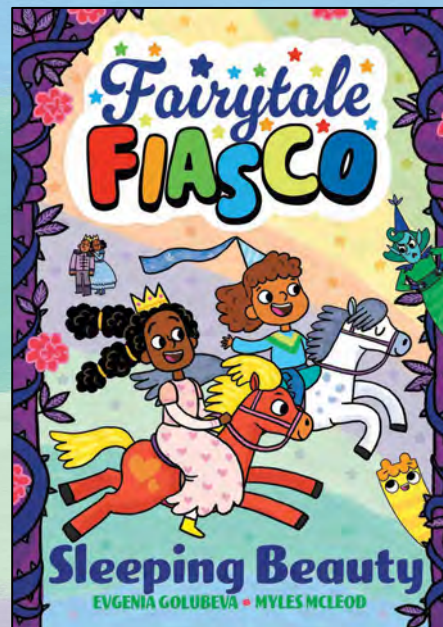
Author Biography:

Evgenia Golubeva is an award-winning animation director and screenwriter. Her picture book *I'm Not a Mouse* was nominated in 2022 for the Laugh Out Loud (the Lollies) award for the funniest children's book. She lives in the West Midlands.

Myles McLeod has written over ninety commissioned scripts for TV. He also develops and produces original concepts for The Brothers McLeod, including the brilliant *Knight Sir Louis* series for Guppy.

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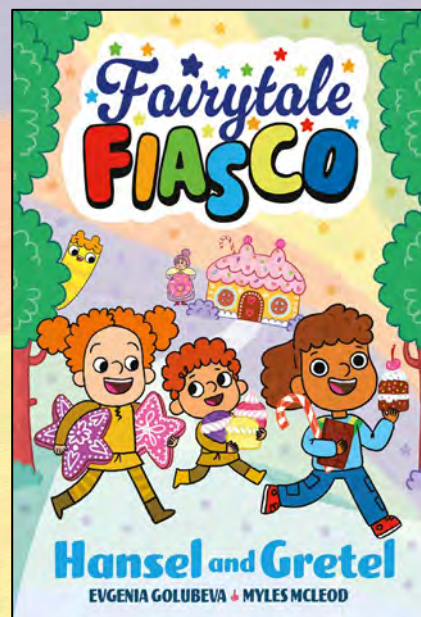
Bold and brave Cleo falls into a different fairytale every bedtime with her friend Book Mark - and emerges having had some incredible adventures! Inclusive, colourful, modern and above all, super fun!



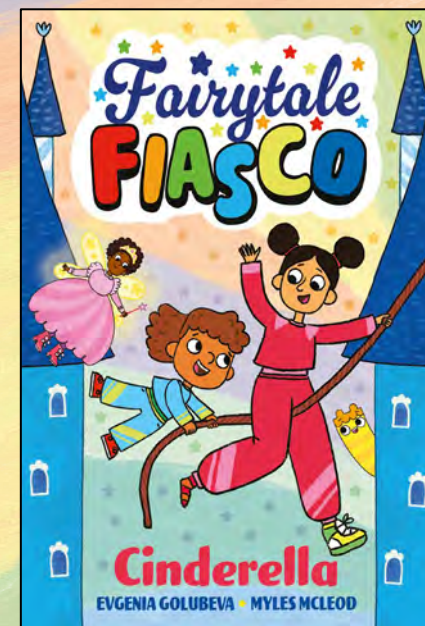
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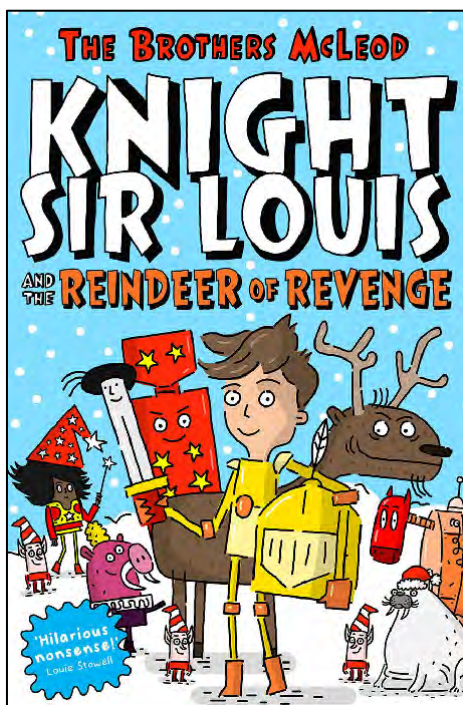
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Publishing: 29th October 2026

Age: 5+

ISBN: 9781918693089

RRP: £7.99

Format: Hardback Dimensions:

198 x 129mm Format: 224pp



Knight Sir Louis and the Reindeer of Revenge

The Brothers McLeod

All is not well in the kingdom of Sideways – Santa has been kidnapped by Crusher, the Reindeer of Revenge!

Furious that he didn't get the job pulling Santa's sleigh, Crusher is intent on RUINING Christmas for EVERYONE. Luckily Knight Sir Louis is here to find and save Santa, while his friend Pearlin promises to deliver all the presents. Can Knight Sir Louis ensure that everyone wakes up to a wonderful festive day?

Sales Points:

- A new Christmas title in the side-splitting series!
- Perfect reading for boys – full of jokes, illustrations, storytelling devices including school reports; comic strip; letters; travel guides; and scrolls.

Author Biography:

The Brothers McLeod are a five-times BAFTA-nominated animation company. They have won one BAFTA and a Webby. Their animations have featured stars such as Brie Larson and Stanley Tucci. They have produced animation for Disney, the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Science Museum (London), the BBC and Aardman Animation.



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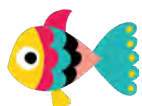
RRP: £14.99

Format: Hardback

Dimensions: 200 x 153mm

Format: 336pp

Author Location: Warwickshire



**GUPPY
BOOKS**

This is a Story

Tabitha Marsh

This is the story of a tiny kingdom, a lost dragon, a pirate who became a king, a queen with a terrible secret, and a girl who made several wrong choices.

Ten-year-old Adelaide Moncrief has been tasked by the Queen with finding the kingdom's missing dragon before the Great Census. Without it, Pebblepoint will lose everything to one of their larger, greedier neighbours.

Armed only with a small dagger, a single scale from the dragon, and an enchanted sugar bowl, Adelaide sets out on her quest. But the dragon has been cursed with dark magic, and traitorous Patience Fish throws obstacle after obstacle in Adelaide's path. Can she use all of her bravery and wit, plus a little help from her trusty sugar bowl, to save the kingdom?

Sales Points:

- A modern-day classic tale with beautiful inside illustrations.
- The beautiful jacketed hardback is perfect for Christmas.

Author Biography:

Tabitha Marsh studied Fine Art at Lancaster University and has worked as a freelance illustrator and artist since graduating. Since 2017 she has been the resident illustrator at the multi-award winning independent bookshop, Kenilworth Books, where she can regularly be found drawing on the windows. In 2019 she was shortlisted for the Stratford Literary Festival/Salariya Children's Book Prize.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Format: 300 x 250mm HB

Extent: 24 pages

Pub Date: 30 October 2026

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Age: 3 – 5 years

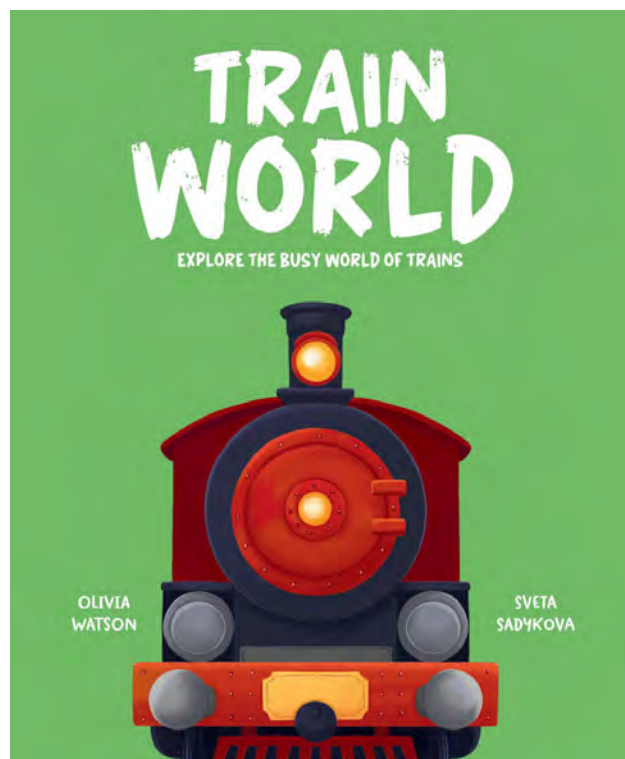
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THEMA: YNTR,YNTG,YBGH

Bookshelf Position: General
Non-Fiction/Transport



Hungry Tomato



Written by Olivia Watson

Olivia Watson, a Cornwall-based writer with an English degree from Cardiff University, shares her love for nature through her writing, inspiring children to explore the world's wonders and secrets.

TRAIN WORLD

Embark on an exciting learning adventure into the fascinating world of trains.

This engaging book is a step up from board books, inviting young children to explore the wonderful world of locomotion. Children will journey through eleven full-colour illustrated scenes, spotting hidden elements and discovering an exciting range of trains in many different settings.

Selling points:

- Interactive questions encourage playful learning and discussion as you explore each scene.
- Spot hidden elements in every scene and discover an exciting range of trains in different settings.
- Scenes prompt questions and challenge observation skills.
- A big book designed to stand out on the shelf.
- A perfect gift book for early years.

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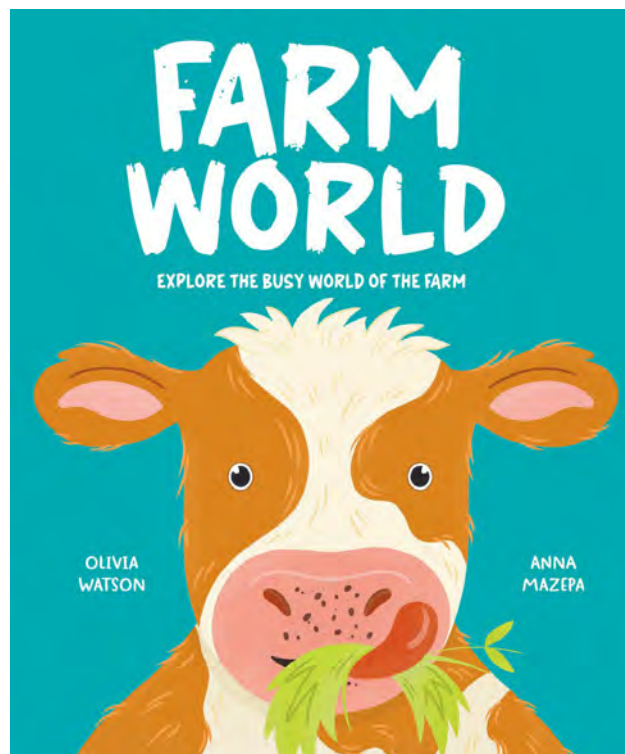
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THEMA: YNN, YNNF, YBGH

Bookshelf Position: General
Non-Fiction/Animals



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FARM WORLD

Embark on an exciting learning adventure into the fascinating world of farms.

This engaging book is a step up from board books, inviting young children to explore life on the farm. Children will journey through eleven full-colour illustrated scenes, searching for Tiny Spotty Cow and discovering exciting farm activities and a range of crops and animals that live there.

Selling points:

- Interactive questions encourage playful learning and discussion as you explore each scene.
- Search for Tiny Spotty Cow who's hidden in every scene and discover exciting farm activities and fascinating animals and machines
- Scenes prompt questions and challenge observation skills.
- A big book designed to stand out on the shelf.
- A perfect gift book for early years.



Little Book of Snow

A Pop-Up Book of Wonder

Author: **Nicola Yen**
Artist: **Kathryn Selbert**
Paper engineer: **Yoojin Kim**

Watch as nature celebrates snow in this winter wonderland.

Some critters shapeshift, while others snooze until the cold melts away. Lift for curious questions and educational facts found within seven charming pop-up spreads.



Boardbook
146mm x 229mm
16 page
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ISBN: **9781623486846**
Age Range: 3+

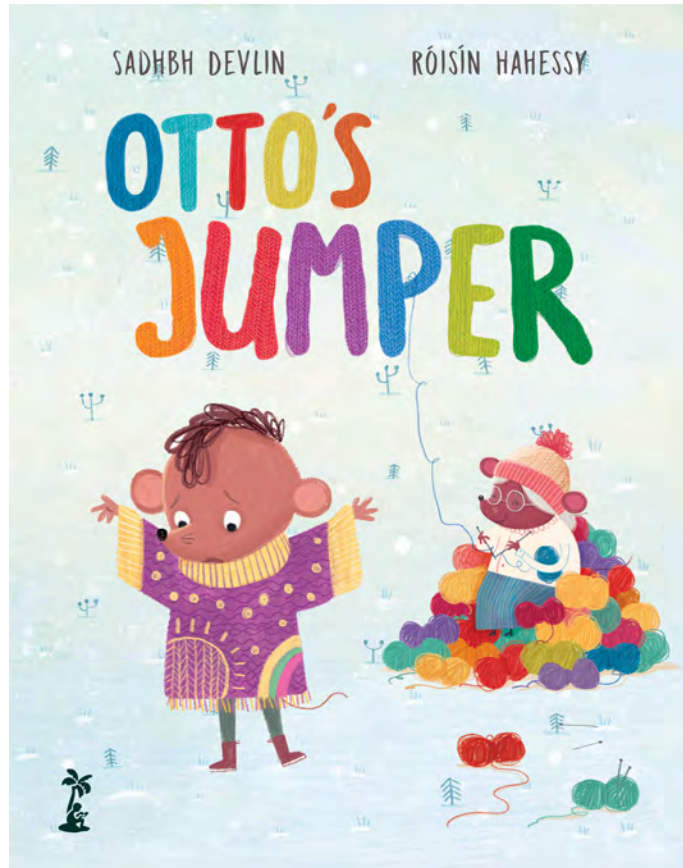


ADVANCED INFORMATION

Otto's Jumper

by Sadhbh Devlin, illustrated by Róisín Haheesy

1 Oct 2026 | HB | 9781918353068 | 280 x 220mm | 32pp | £12.99 | Age 3+ | Thema: YXFC Grandparents | BISAC: JUV039220 Values & Virtues



In this beautifully illustrated picture book, an unwanted gift and a risky journey teach a young boy the true meaning of love, family, and gratitude.

Otto has style. Unfortunately, his Grandma has no sense of fashion at all. When yet another ugly, itchy jumper arrives in the mail, Otto knows he has to do something to save his look.

Determined to put an end to the woolly gifts, Otto sets off on a long, cold walk through the woods to his Grandma's house. Along the way, the sweater he hates is actually keeping him warm. But when a single thread comes loose and the jumper begins to unravel, Otto is left freezing, frightened, and alone.

At last, Otto reaches Grandma's house, only to find her knitting more gifts just for him. And suddenly, Otto understands. They may be itchy, unfashionable, and far from cool – but they're made with love.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A fun and relatable story about a kid who doesn't want to wear his granny's knitted jumpers
- Intergenerational story depicting a sweet relationship between a boy and his grandmother
- Perfect for winter reading or Christmas gifting

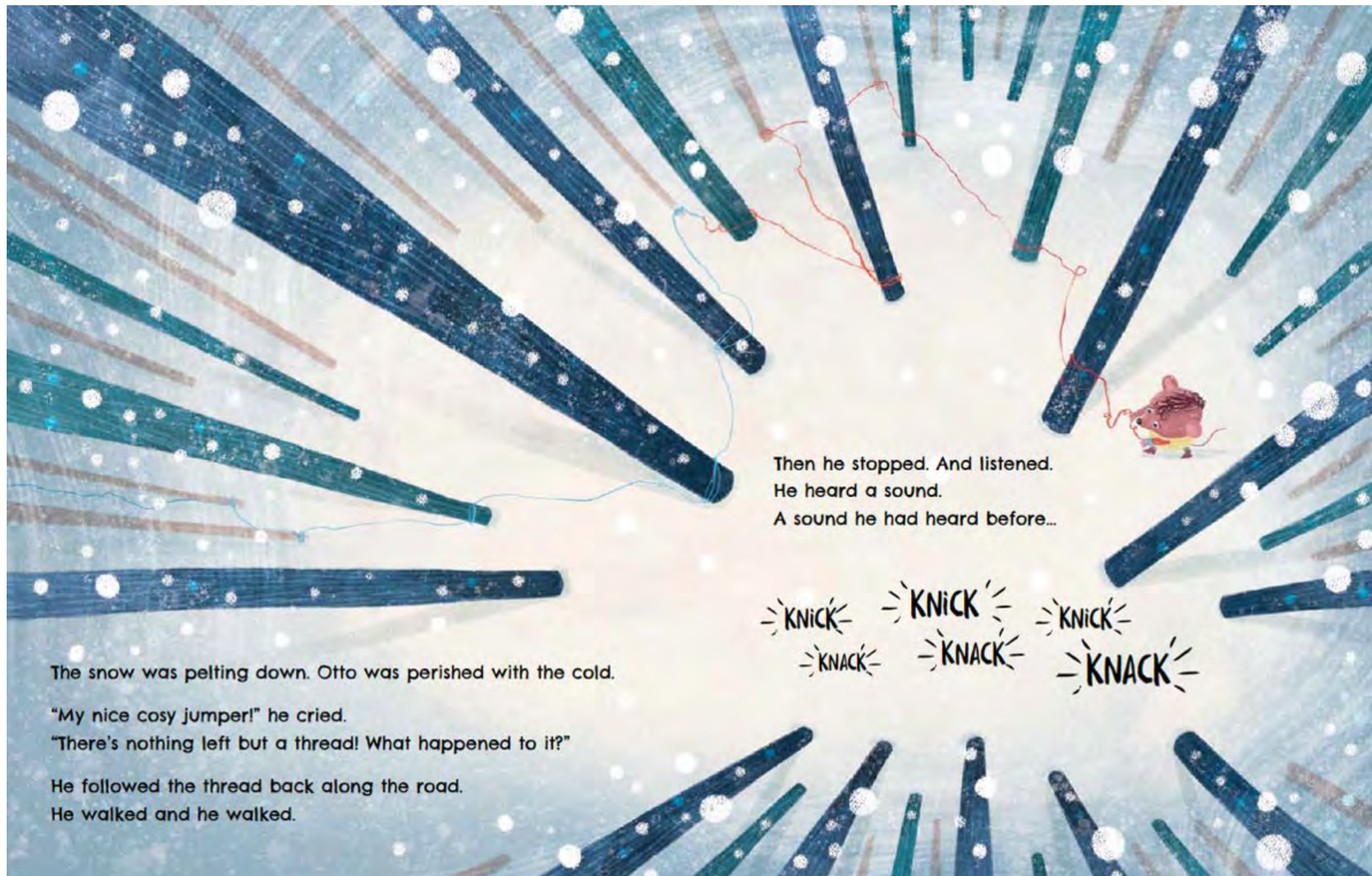
Sadbh Devlin is an Irish-language children's author. She studied Drama and Modern Irish at Trinity College Dublin, and is an active member of the Irish children's literature community, leading workshops in schools, libraries and festivals. She lives in Co. Wicklow.

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Then he stopped. And listened.
He heard a sound.
A sound he had heard before...

KNICK KNICK KNICK
KNACK KNACK KNACK

The snow was pelting down. Otto was perished with the cold.

"My nice cosy jumper!" he cried.

"There's nothing left but a thread! What happened to it?"

He followed the thread back along the road.

He walked and he walked.

ADVANCED INFORMATION

Santa Comes Home

by Áine Ní Ghlinn, illustrated by Andrew Whitson

8 October 2026 | HB | 9781918353051 | 250 x 250mm | 32pp | £12.99 | Age 3+ | Thema: YNMD Holidays | BISAC: JUV017010 Christmas



It's Christmas day, and Santa has delivered every last present and spread Christmas cheer far and wide! But how does he spend his time when all his jobs are done?

After a magical journey around the world, Santa Claus has delivered every single present and spread festive cheer far and wide. Now, finally, he's heading home. It's been a busy year, and now it's time for Santa's holiday to begin!

There are snowy games to play, presents to exchange, snowball fights to win, and slopes to ski as reindeer, elves, snowmen, and even Yetis join in the fun.

This beautifully illustrated picture book celebrates togetherness, gratitude and the joy of coming home for the holidays.

Translated from Irish.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Written and translated by a former Laureate na nÓg (Ireland's children's literature laureate)
- Perfect for curious young readers who love asking "What happens next?"
- Illustrated in the style of vintage annuals and colouring books

Áine Ní Ghlinn is an award-winning author of over thirty books, including four poetry collections and numerous works for young readers. Áine was Laureate na nÓg from 2020 to 2023, the first to write exclusively in the Irish language.

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Ho Ho Ho.



ADVANCED INFORMATION

Sheila's Busy Day

by Oein DeBhairduin with photographs by Kathleen Ward

1 Oct 2026 | HB | 9781918353525 | 250 x 250mm | 32pp | £12.99 | Age 4+ | Thema: YNMP Daily Life | BISAC: JNF052020 Customs & Traditions



Cover in progress



Sheila's Busy Day is a warm and engaging picture book, told through a series of photographs, that follows a day in the life of a young girl from the Irish Traveller community. Co-produced with Pavee Point charity and funded by the Department of Children, Diversity and Equality.

Sheila has a busy day ahead!

She eats breakfast, reads with her baby brother Patrick, plays with her dolls, visits the Pope's Cross in Phoenix Park, spends time at the playground, and helps care for the horses before settling down for bed.

Through a series of engaging photographs, *Sheila's Busy Day* offers a warm and authentic glimpse into the everyday life of a young girl from the Irish Traveller community. Celebrating Traveller identity, family and tradition, the story weaves cultural details – including Sheila's St Philomena chord, Traveller jewellery, and cherished family customs – naturally into day-to-day adventures that children everywhere will recognise and relate to. This charming picture book provides an inclusive and accessible window into Traveller life, celebrating the diversity of Irish culture.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Includes a glossary of Cant words and their translations - plus a QR code to listen to pronunciations
- Features a classroom guide and discussion points for caregivers and educators
- A first-of-its-kind, landmark book that depicts relatable, everyday experiences of an Irish Traveller child

Oein DeBhairduin is a writer, activist and educator with a passion for preserving the beauty of Traveller tales, sayings, retellings and historic exchanges. He is the author of *Why the Moon Travels*, winner of the KPMG–Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year, and *The Slug and the Snail*, shortlisted for an An Post Irish Book Award.

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ADVANCED INFORMATION

Black & Irish: Awesome Icons

by Leon Diop, illustrated by Grace Enemaku

01 October 2026 | HB | 9781915071651 | 250 x 250mm | 48pp | £14.99 | Age 5+ | Thema: YNB Biography | BISAC: YAF007050 Biography - Cultural/Regional



An illustrated celebration of Black Irish identity for young readers.

Following the Irish Book Award-winning *Black & Irish, Legends, Trailblazers & Everyday Heroes* (2024), author and Black & Irish co-founder Leon Diop returns with a new non-fiction picture book.

Black & Irish: Awesome Icons tells the story of twelve inspirational Black Irish people, including record-breaking sprinter Rhasidat Adeleke, NASA scientist Fig O'Reilly and world champion Irish dancer Elliot Kwelele.

Includes a foreword by actress Ruth Negga.

Leon Diop is from Tallaght, Ireland. He is the founder of the Black & Irish advocacy group, host of the Black & Irish podcast, activist, educator, public speaker, and was an Obama Foundation European Leader from 2024 to 2025. Born to a White Irish mother and Senegalese father, he grew up in a mixed ethnic and religious household.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Written by a Black Irish media personality, activist and global leader in equality and inclusion
- Brightly-coloured illustrations by an award-winning Nigerian-Irish illustrator
- Inclusive selection of influential, high-profile Black Irish icons
- The first book of its kind for children

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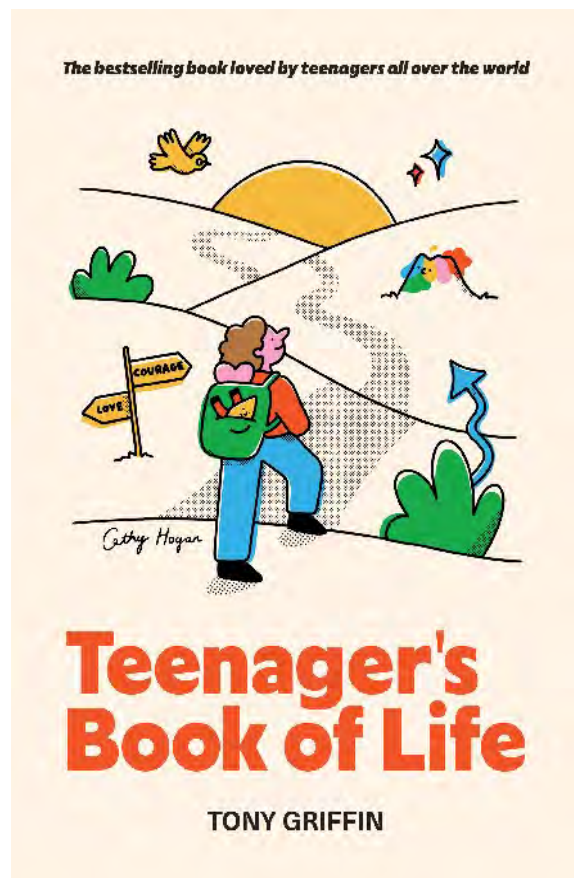
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ADVANCED INFORMATION

Teenager's Book of Life

by Tony Griffin, illustrated by Cathy Hogan

15 Oct 2026 | PB | 9781918353945 | 198 x 129mm | 256pp | £12.99 | Age 12+ | Thema: YXWP Growing Up | BISAC: YANo29000 Personal Growth



The *Teenager's Book of Life* is the bestselling book loved by teenagers and parents all over the world because it connects with young people and makes them feel seen and heard.

Being a teenager in today's complex world isn't always easy (and being a parent of one is no walk in the park either).

Tony Griffin spent 10 years listening to the greatest fears, worries and dreams of more than 30,000 teenagers, and wrote the *Teenager's Book of Life* to help both teenagers and those raising them.

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KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Over 30k copies sold, with strong word-of-mouth among teens, parents and educators
- Based on the author's decades of primary research
- Full-colour illustrated pages

Tony Griffin is an Irish author, mentor and youth advocate. A former Clare inter-county hurler, he earned an All Star before stepping away at the peak of his career in 2006 to cycle 7,000km across Canada and Ireland in memory of his father, raising over €1.1 million for cancer care and research. Since 2012, Tony has co-written a memoir and focuses on creating supportive environments for teenagers, a mission that underpins his writing.

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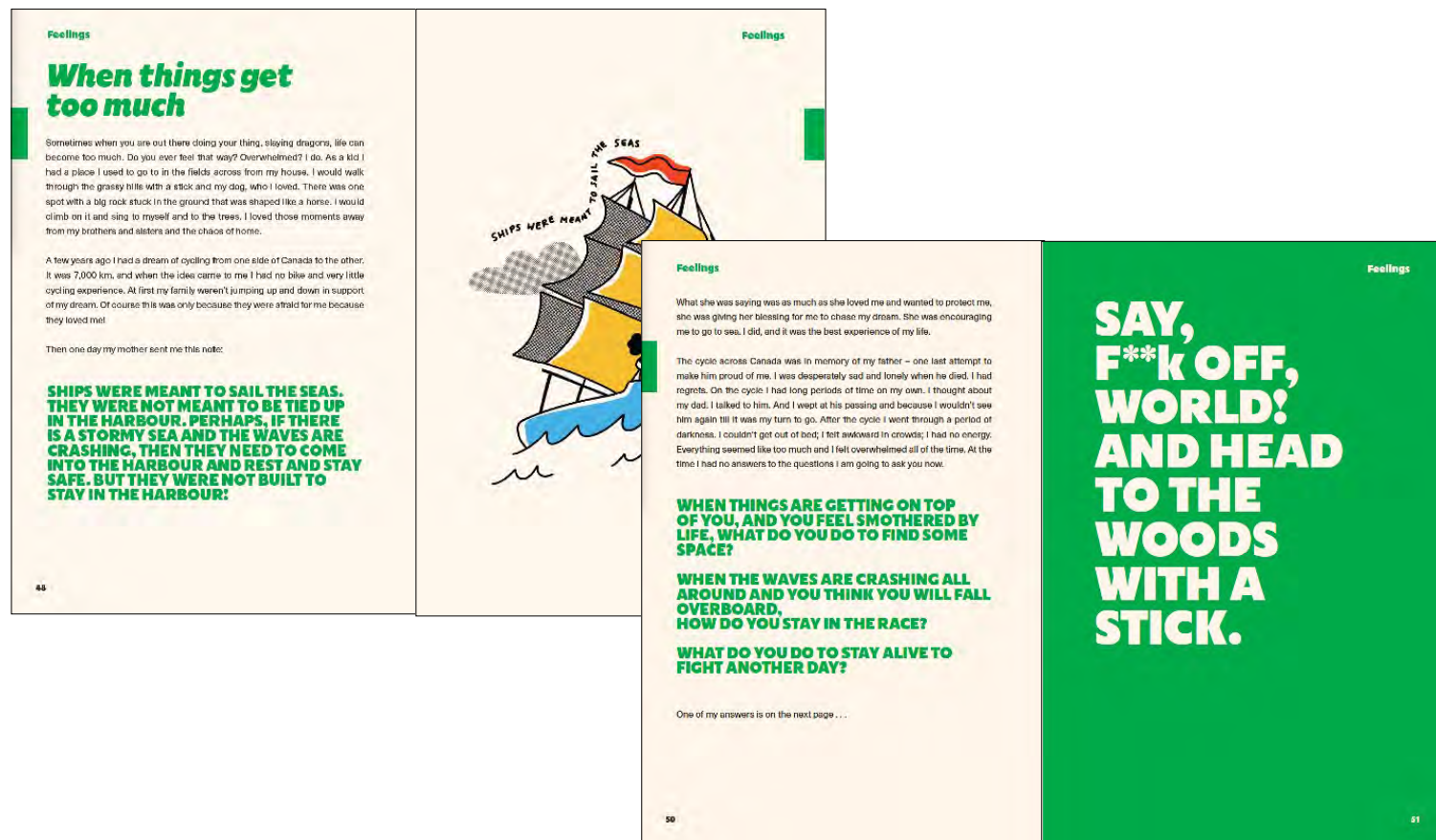
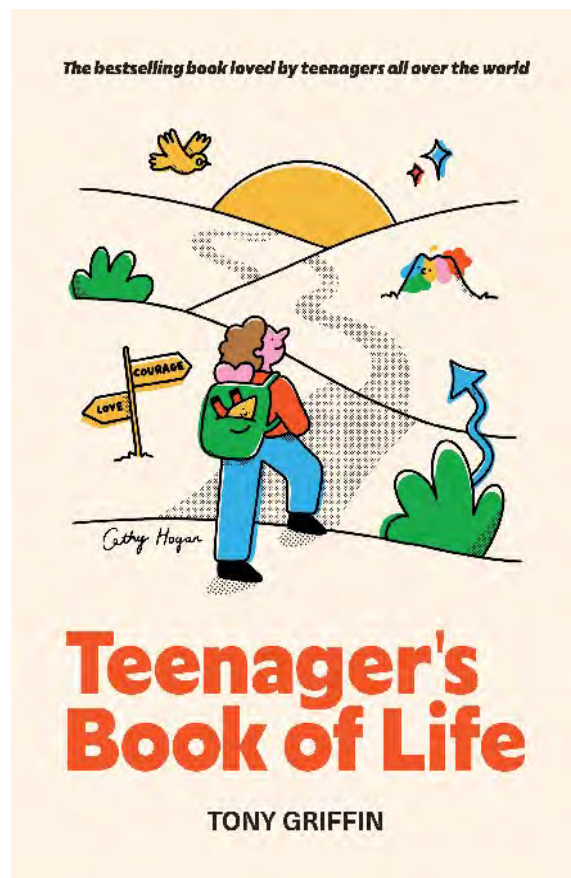
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Teenager's Book of Life

by Tony Griffin, illustrated by Cathy Hogan

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Welcome to White Hart

by Alex Dawson

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The quiet magic of ‘Charlotte’s Web’ collides with the raw survival of ‘Winter’s Bone’ in this YA novel of magical realism.

December, Rural Alabama.

Every Christmas Eve, twelve-year-old Mags sneaks into her granddaddy’s stable and sleeps among the horses, hoping – just once – to hear them talk. This year, instead, she stumbles onto something far more dangerous: a wounded white stag hidden in the woods.

The forest isn’t normal. Animals talk back. Witches lurk under curtains of kudzu. There’s a secret cave no one’s supposed to find, a single golden bullet that changes everything and an island you can only reach through a portal. Closing in on all of it is a relentless deer hunter.

As the days blur toward New Year’s, Mags is pulled into a fast, strange and risky chase through the woods, where magic and real danger exist side by side. Led to a midnight showdown, her survival depends on quick thinking, nerve and knowing who – or what – to trust.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A cinematic, page-turning survival story, described as “Narnia by way of Faulkner” by novelist Lev Grossman
- Set in an Irish-American community in Alabama
- Christmas setting with a magical, folkloric vibe
- Political undertones speak to the current moment, with a brave young heroine and her black best friend standing up to MAGA-coded villains

Alex Dawson is a creative writing professor at Rutgers University, USA, where he focuses on folklore, weird fiction, and the dark fantastic. He hosts a weekly conversation series with authors from around the world, and leads myth-inspired Study Abroad programs. Dawson is also the co-creator of a mobile bookstore and performance space, and curates a bi-monthly variety show featuring writers and performers.

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He Loves Me (Not)

by Máire Zepf

8 Oct 2026 | PB | 9781918353082 | 198 x 129mm | 224pp | £9.99 | Age 14+ | Thema: YFCB Thrillers/Suspense | BISAC: JUV057000 Stories in Verse



A chilling YA thriller told in verse about online romance, obsession, and the dangers hiding behind a screen.

Daisy has always been quiet – the kind of girl who fades into the background. So when she meets a boy online who really sees her, she falls fast. He listens. He understands. He makes her feel special in a way no one at school ever has.

Soon, Daisy's world shrinks to a glowing screen. Her mum worries. Her best friend Erin is pushed aside. But Daisy doesn't notice – she's in love.

Then Daisy goes to meet him in real life.
And she never comes back.

Left behind with guilt and unanswered questions, Erin is forced to confront the truth Daisy never saw. In a world where screens can lie and love can be faked, how can anyone know who to trust?

Translated from Irish.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Explores the dangers of online dating, a continuously important conversation for teen readers
- Stunningly told in verse, with delicate handling strong subject matters
- Originally published in Irish by a multi-award-winning author

Máire Zepf has written over 16 books for children, from picture books to YA fiction. She has won the Children's Books Ireland Children's Book of the Year Award, 5 Literature Association of Ireland Children's Book Awards and 2 international White Ravens among many others. Máire lives in Co. Down and she loves sea-swimming and crisps.

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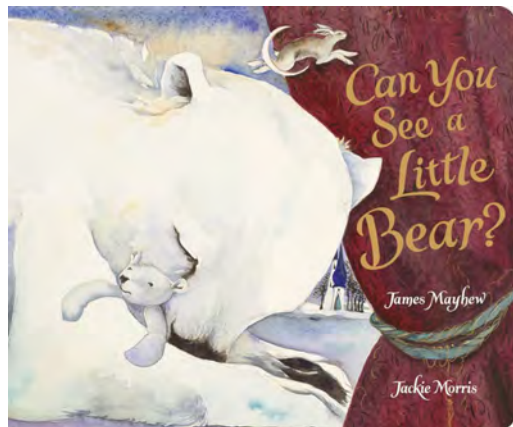


Can You See a Little Bear?

James Mayhew, illustrated by Jackie Morris



A beautiful board book edition of a classic picture book



Where is Little Bear? In this charming look-and-find book, illustrated with Jackie Morris's gorgeous animal fantasies, very young children explore theatrical and circus settings as they look for Little Bear on every page.

The read-aloud nursery verse, with simple clues and vivid word images, helps children discover Little Bear trying on a hat, standing on his head or floating in a balloon, until at last it is bedtime for Little Bear, and for little bears everywhere.

- Beautifully produced **new board book** edition of an out of print and **much-in-demand classic** picture book
- “Full of **mystery** and **magic**. **Out-of-this-world** bedtime **enchantment**.” *Red Reading Hub*
- “Great for bedtime sharing. **Exceptional**.” *BookTrust*
- An **absorbing and interactive** first book that includes lots of detail in the pictures
- Pictures are by the **illustrator** of the enormously successful *The Lost Words*

Author Information

James Mayhew is an author, artist and storyteller whose books reflect his passionate advocacy of the arts for young children. His books for Otter-Barry Books are *Once Upon a Tune*, *A Symphony of Stories*, *Peter and the Wolf* (Oct 26) and the *Mrs Noah* series with Jackie Morris. He lives in Bungay, Suffolk.

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.

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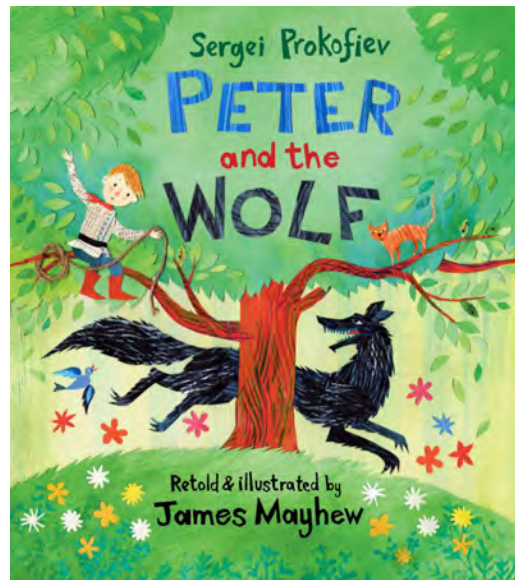
Can you see a little bear

trying on a hat?

Peter and the Wolf

From the story by Sergei Prokofiev

Written and illustrated by James Mayhew



The much-loved classic story of how Peter catches the wolf, retold and illustrated by James Mayhew, with downloadable music

Prokofiev, a brilliant composer born in Ukraine in 1891, wrote *Peter and the Wolf* in the style of a traditional folk-tale, which he set to music for children, using different instruments for the various characters in the story. This story has become a favourite piece of classical music for children across the world, now retold and illustrated by James Mayhew.

Peter lives with his grandpa in the forest and is told to beware of the wolf. But Peter ventures into the meadow, meeting a duck, a little bird and a cat – and eventually comes face to face with the big, hungry wolf, who wants the duck for his dinner.

How Peter manages to catch the wolf and stay safe himself is delightfully retold and illustrated with James Mayhew's glorious collage images and an exclusive recording of the music, downloadable by QR code.

- **Famous story and instantly recognisable music** make this one of the most popular of all classical music pieces with story, **especially created for families**
- Now **beautifully retold and illustrated** by James Mayhew
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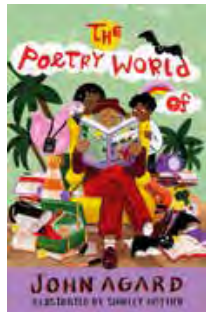


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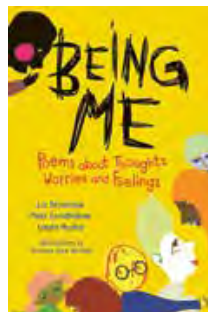
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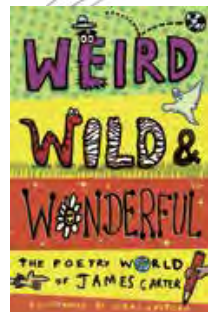
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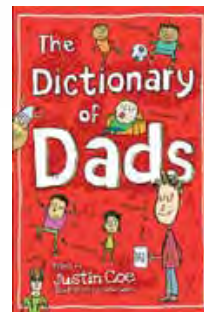
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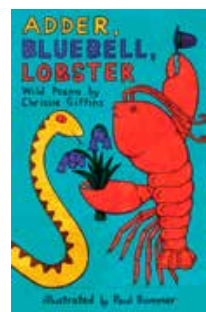
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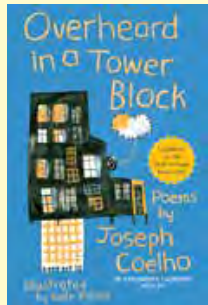
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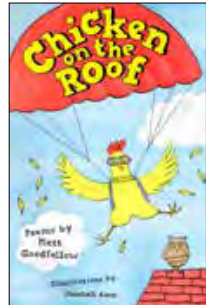
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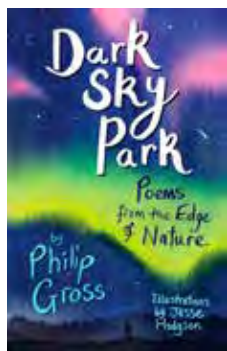
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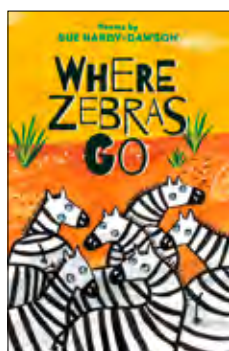
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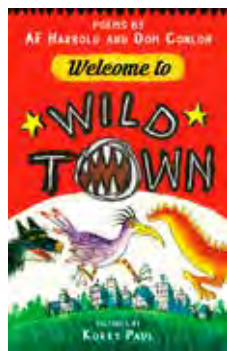
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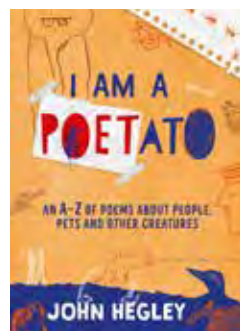
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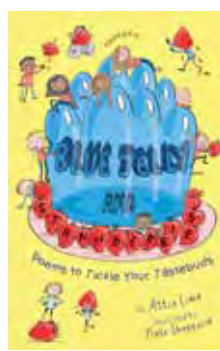
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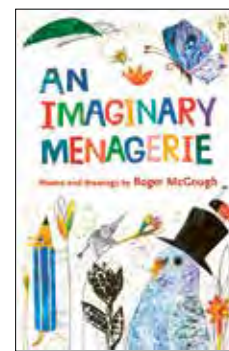
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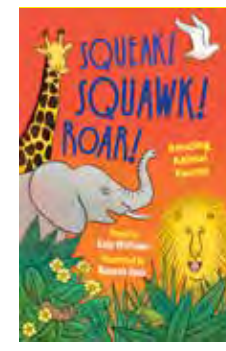
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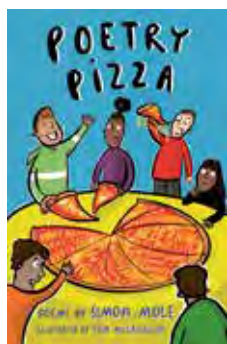
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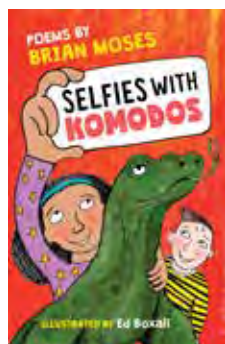
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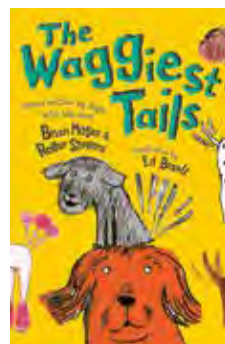
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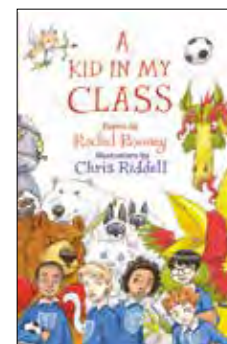
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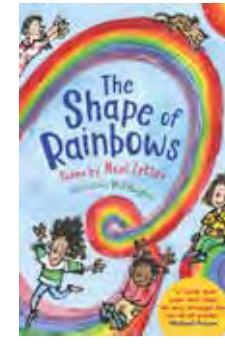
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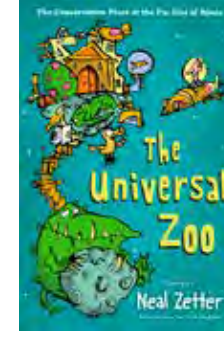
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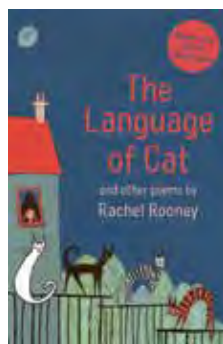
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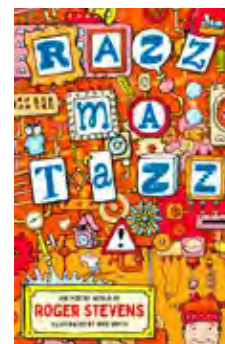
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Tiger, It's Snowing!

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Follow the duo on a joyful winter adventure, tasting snowflakes and enjoying a snowball fight for the very first time – but will they make it back in time for tea?

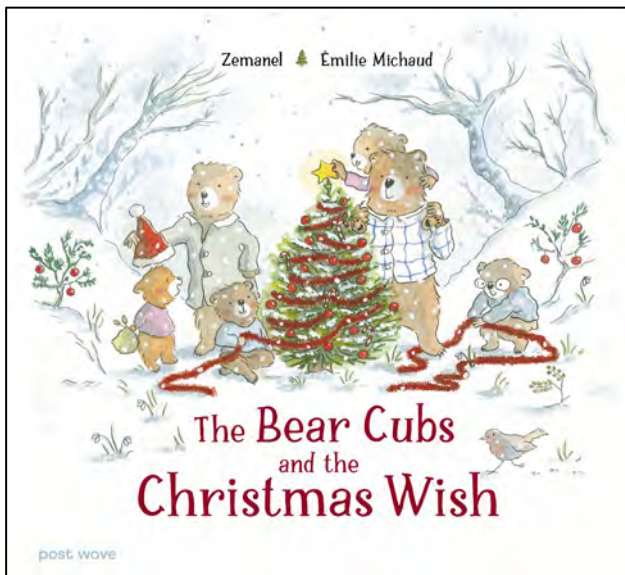
Say hello to Tiger and Mei – two adorable best friends learning to navigate the big, wide world around them! From frolicking in the winter snow to unpacking big emotions, join the duo on a series of exciting adventures before returning home to the warm embrace of their family.

Sales points:

- Introducing two adorable new characters in a beautiful snowy adventure
- Daishu Ma is a best-selling illustrator in China
- Simple and bright textured artwork
- Small board book format makes this the perfect stocking filler!

Daishu Ma is a Chinese illustrator and graphic artist working in East London. Daishu is inspired by science and nature. She also works on collaborative projects, including the Chinese edition of the bestselling non-fiction title *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics*.





The Bear Cubs and the Christmas Wish

Zemanel
Illustrated by Émilie Michaud

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Join four little bear cubs as they learn the true meaning of Christmas.

Nestled in Bramble Wood lives Mummy bear, Daddy bear, and their cubs: Daisy, Clover, Aster and Basil. As winter settles in and the trees grow bare, the little family busy themselves with preparations for Christmas. They hang garlands, make paper chains and nestle by the fire. But suddenly, Daisy wonders: Who will give Mummy and Daddy a Christmas gift?

The four cubs soon discover that Christmas isn't just about the perfect gift, and that nature has a way of rewarding the kind-hearted.

Sales points:

- Timeless, classic feel with great gift giving potential
- Four books in the series – each with gentle seasonal topics
- Cute, memorable characters that children will love
- Perfect for fans of Nick Butterworth and Shirley Hughes, and classic, traditional stories such as *The Jolly Christmas Postman*

Zemanel is an actor, director and author who has staged many works, including his own. He has written many picture books and activity books for children.

Émilie Michaud studied Modern Literature and went on to become a teacher. She has published albums at ZTL, Didier Jeunesse, Minedition and Flammarion Père Castor.

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Interest Age: 3 to 5 years

The family were getting ready for Christmas, and the baby bears were very excited.

"Aster – hold your leaves steady!" shouted Basil.

"We're going to have the best garland in the whole of Bramble Wood!" squealed Clover.

They passed their garland down to Daddy bear while Daisy watched him work.

"Daddy, what's on your Christmas list?" Daisy asked.

"Oh now, I'd have to think about that – what more could I need with you four rascals always under my feet?" laughed Daddy bear.





Meowy Christmas

Panos Christodoulou

Illustrated by Daniela Stamatiadi

Translated by Manos Bonanos

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Full of kitty chaos, feline festivities and laugh-out-loud catastrophes, this hilarious tale captures the magic and mayhem of a kitten's first Christmas!

One December morning, Tiddles the cat wakes to find an unexpected arrival towering over him. It's big, it's bushy, and it's draped in oh-so-tempting tinsel! The humans love their beautiful new Christmas tree, but one kitten is not so smitten. And when the tree's twinkly lights start to disrupt nap time, Tiddles must take matters into his own claws, once and for all...

Sales points:

- A festive feline adventure told from the perspective of one very curious cat
- Energetic artwork conveys the chaos of Christmas
- Jam-packed with hilarious kitty antics Perfect for gifting to little cat lovers

Panos Christodoulou has published thirteen children's books and been nominated for the Children's Literature Award by Anagnostis magazine and the Cyprus State Prize.

Daniela Stamatiadi is a graduate of the Athens School of Fine Art. She has illustrated over 100 picture books for children and received many awards, including the Greek IBBY, the Greek Graphic Design and Illustration Award, and the Peter Pan prize for best translated book from the Swedish IBBY. She was also the Greek nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2014.

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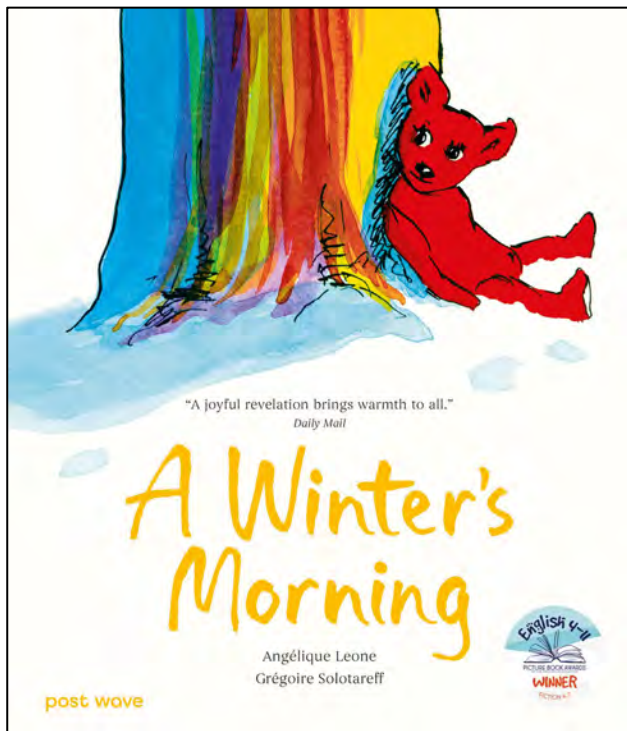
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The shiny little balls came next. What were the humans thinking?
Balls were for kicking and chasing, not draping over trees!
No worries, I'd fix it!

With one almighty **YANK** I sent them tumbling down
in an avalanche of shiny colours.

GO ME!



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Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781836271673

Extent: 40 pages

Dimensions: 285 x 245 mm

Interest Age: 3 – 5 years

A Winter's Morning

Angélique Leone

Illustrated by Grégoire Solotareff

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children's books



A tender tale of a lonely wolf who discovers unexpected friendship and warmth in the heart of winter.

In the heart of a quiet, snow-covered forest, a lone wolf named Sylvester finds solace in the stillness of winter. But his world of solitude is forever changed when he discovers a small, forgotten teddy bear beneath an ancient oak tree.

Sales points:

- From Grégoire Solotareff, bestselling creator of the *Loulou* picture book series that have sold over one million copies worldwide.
- A tender winter tale of friendship, love and unexpected connections.
- A timeless gift for parents, families and anyone seeking warmth this winter.

Angélique Léone studied fashion design then haute couture embroidery. Granddaughter of Olga Lecaye, daughter of Grégoire Solotareff, Angélique now writes stories for children.

Grégoire Solotareff began his career in medicine but published his first children's book in 1985. Since then he has published over 150 books for young people which have been translated throughout the world. Solotareff has also collaborated in adapting his books to film, and is a photographer and sculptor.



Sylvester enjoys the winter, the feeling of fresh snow tingling his paws as he runs between the trees.

But on that day, as he jumps over a stump, he suddenly spots a small red patch in the snow.



Jacominus Gainsborough: With Love

Rébecca Dautremer

Translated by Charis Ainslie



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Fall in love with Jacominus Gainsborough, a loveable rabbit with a big heart, in this intricately designed, masterfully illustrated laser cut book.

Join Jacominus Gainsborough as he waits at the docks, heart racing, for his dearest friend, Sweetie, to arrive. He has an important question to ask her, but only if she arrives by noon! If she doesn't make it, he will never get to ask his question or hear her reply.

Sales points:

- A heartwarming story about love and patience that will capture the hearts of generations
- Incredible laser cuts take readers on a unique reading experience
- Phenomenal artwork by critically-acclaimed author and illustrator
- The third in a collection of books celebrating the life of Jacominus Gainsborough
- Perfect for fans of Shaun Tan

Rébecca Dautremer is a celebrated French illustrator and author of children's literature. She studied graphic design at the École nationale supérieure des arts décoratifs and transitioned from photography to illustration in 1996, a shift that influenced her focus on lighting in her artwork. Dautremer's first children's book, *L'Amoureux*, was published in 2003 and won the Prix Sorcières.

Pub Date: 01/10/2026

RRP: £45.00

Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836270522

Extent: 212 pages

Dimensions: 300 x 210 mm

Interest Age: 5 – 7 years

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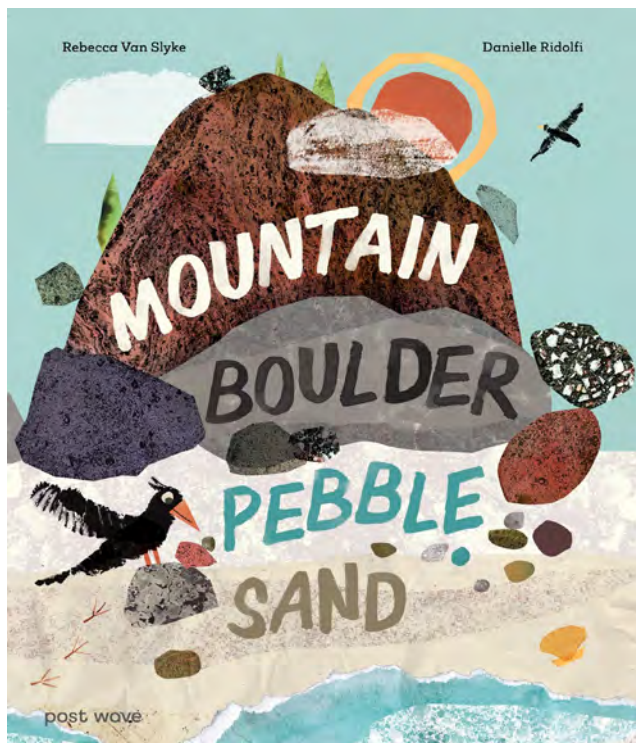
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Mountain, Boulder, Pebble, Sand

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A lyrical ode to – rocks! Moving across time and changing shape with the shifting surface of the earth, the poetic text and stunning illustrations combine to be an informative and unique take on the rock cycle.

A boulder falls from a mountain and cracks into cobbles, which transform into pebbles, then granules, then sand, and silt. What began as a mountain in the clouds forms a mountain in the ocean...and the cycle begins again.

Sales points:

- Introduces the rock cycle and erosion in the simplest terms for young readers
- A topic that hasn't been covered before in this lyrical way with gorgeous and stylish illustrations from Danielle Ridolfi
- An acclaimed picture book author writing her first true nonfiction title
- A perfect STEM title for school and libraries

Rebecca Van Slyke is the author of many picture books. Her books have been chosen for spotlighting by Junior Library Guild, CBC Hot Off the Press, Booklist Lasting Connections, Chicago Public Library's Best of the Year, and a B&N National Story Time selection. She lives with her family in Washington state.

Danielle Ridolfi is a picture book illustrator and scholar. She is the recipient of the 2024 Ezra Jack Keats / Kerlan Memorial Fellowship from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. She holds an MFA in Illustration and Visual Culture from the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis. She lives in Missouri.

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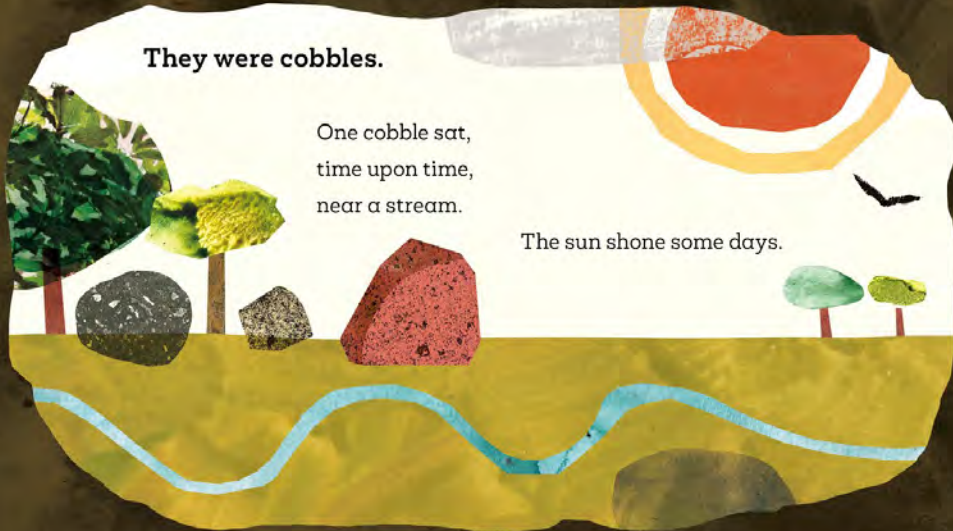
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Interest Age: 5 – 7 years

They were cobbles.

One cobble sat,
time upon time,
near a stream.

The sun shone some days.



The rain fell some days.
A small crack began to form.



Rain dripped into the crack and froze.
The crack widened and ran.

The cobble
broke into bits...





Theia

Saskia Gwinn, Katie Cottle

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children's books



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.

Pub Date: 29/10/2026

RRP: £16.99

Format: Hardback

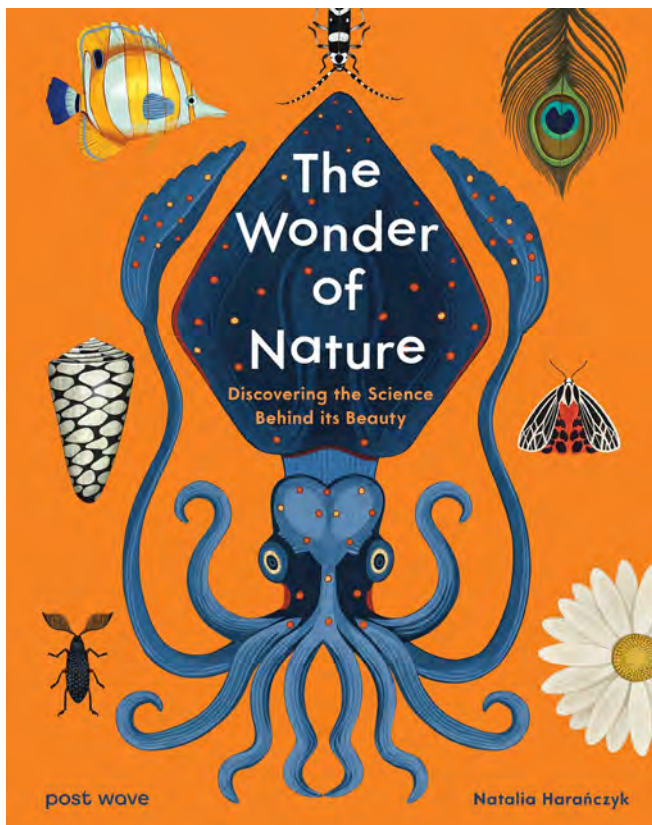
ISBN: 9781836270591

Extent: 64 pages

Dimensions: 265 x 210 mm

Interest Age: 7 – 9 years





Pub Date: 01/10/2026

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Format: Hardback

ISBN: 9781836270560

Extent: 80 pages

Dimensions: 300 x 235 mm

Interest Age: 9 – 11 years

The Wonder of Nature

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Natalia Harańczyk

This beautifully illustrated book reveals the stunning science behind nature's beauty, from vibrant colours and intricate patterns to perfect symmetry and extraordinary shapes.

The Wonder of Nature reveals the science behind what makes nature so breathtakingly beautiful. Explore the microscopic wonders of plants, animals and fungi through vivid, detailed illustrations bursting with colour and life.

Sales points:

- Explores biology, physics and environmental science through the lens of nature
- Breathtaking, intricate artwork reminiscent of Ernst Haeckel, reimagined for a new generation.
- A stunning gift book to treasure, revealing the hidden artistry of the natural world.
- Written and illustrated by expert microbiologist, Natalia Harańczyk
- Explores key curriculum concepts including symmetry, geometry, biology and the science of colour and light.

Natalia Harańczyk is a Polish graphic designer, illustrator and scientist. A graduate of Biology at Jagiellonian University and the School of Computer Graphics in Kraków, she draws inspiration from nature and science. Her book, *Letters from Jasiek (Listy od Jaśka)*, was named 'Book of the Year 2013' by the Polish IBBY.

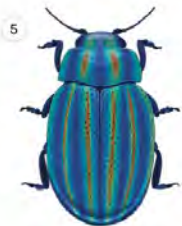
Bilateral Symmetry

On hot and sunny days, butterflies like to rest. This provides the perfect moment for us to admire the beautiful patterns on their wings. If you look closely, you'll see that each side of their wings looks the same, like a mirror image. This is called bilateral symmetry.

This can also be called mirror, or reflectional, symmetry. Imagine drawing a line (called an axis) right down the middle of a butterfly's body – each side would look almost exactly the same.

Bilateral symmetry isn't just found in butterflies. Many animals have this type of symmetry, including insects, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds and even mammals like us! You can see bilateral symmetry in yourself by looking in a mirror. Imagine a line going down the middle of your body, and you'll notice that both sides look pretty similar.

However, symmetry in nature is rarely perfect. It is nearly impossible to find a completely symmetrical human face – and that is perfectly normal.



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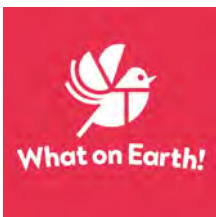
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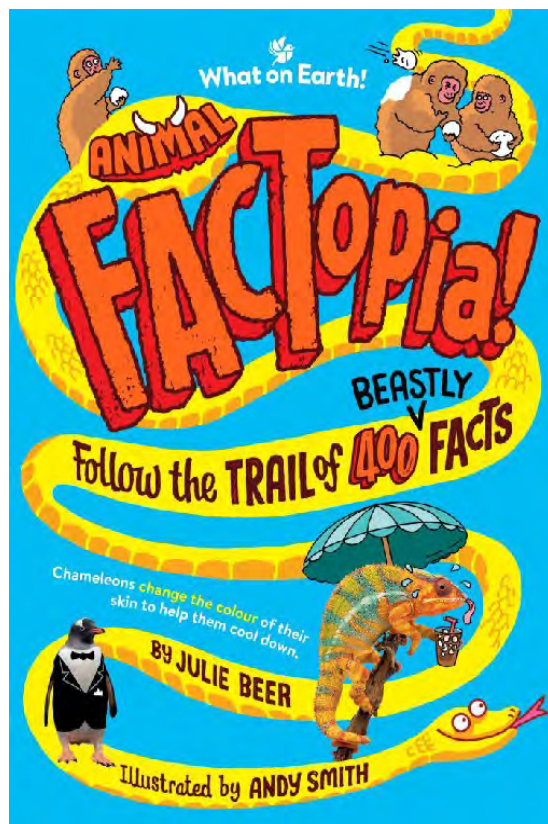
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13. Grévy's zebra
14. Red-eyed tree frog



Animal FACTopia!

Julie Beer, Andy Smith



Follow the Trail of 400 Beastly Facts

This book will make you ROAR with laughter! Discover facts about escaping penguins, farting zebras, leaping dolphins, snorting elephants, dancing bears and more – all connected in weird and wonderful ways.

Did you know that beavers have orange **teeth**? Or that some monkeys floss their **teeth** using **bird** feathers? Or that one species of **bird** can walk **underwater**? Or that alligators stay **underwater** for longer by swallowing **rocks**? Or that sea otters use **rocks** to crack open prey?

Welcome to *Animal FACTopia!*, a purrfectly amazing world of facts.

Selling points:

- The next book in the bestselling *FACTopia!* series, which has sold over 270,000 copies to date.
- Every one of the 400 facts in this book is linked.
- Makes connections between an incredible range of animals, from deep-sea creatures to mountain-dwelling species, as well as animal habitats, record-breakers, prehistoric beasts, and even animal escape artists!
- Features more than 300 fabulously witty colour illustrations and photographs.
- Fun to dive into, even for the most reluctant readers.
- Every fact has been verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Author Information

Julie Beer is an author and editor, who has written numerous children's books on everything from national parks to space to her favourite subject of all – animals! Julie is based in California, USA.

Andy Smith is an award-winning illustrator who studied illustration at the University of Brighton and the Royal College of Art, London. His work combines illustration and photography. He previously illustrated the *FACTopia!* series. Andy lives in Hastings, East Sussex.

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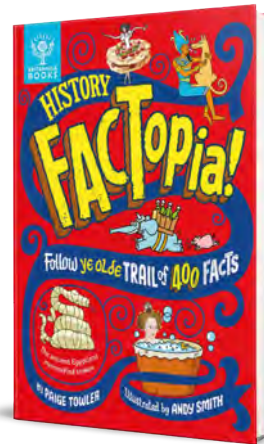
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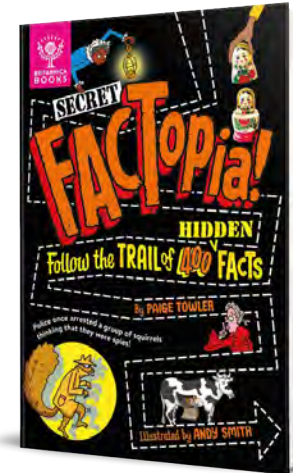
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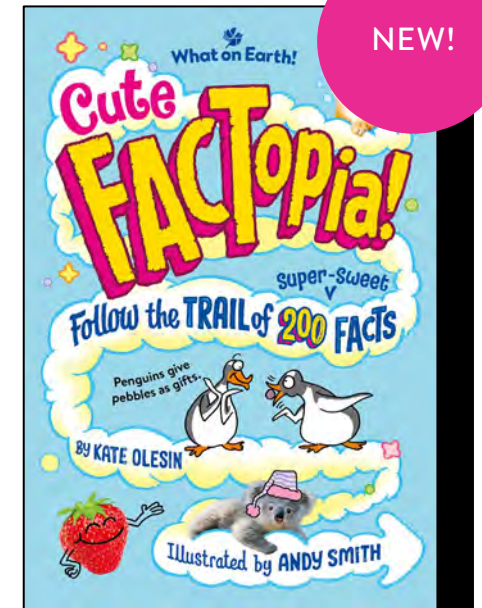
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Publication	8 October 2026
Price	£9.99
Format	Soft Book
Size book	100 x 100 mm
Size box	120 x 160 x 40 mm
Extent	8 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	0+
Features	Elastic strap with clip, embroidery, crinkly page, super-soft velvet, Velcro closure

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- These super-soft books with embroidery will stimulate the sensory development of babies and toddlers.
- The crinkly page will grab the attention of your little one.
- Includes an elastic strap to attach the book to a buggy.

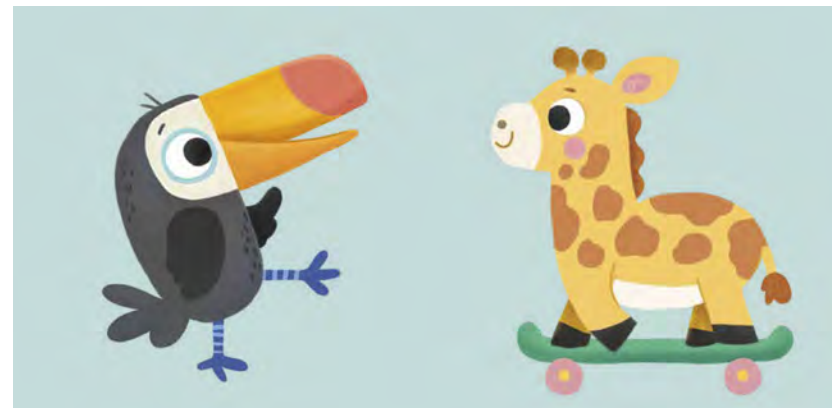
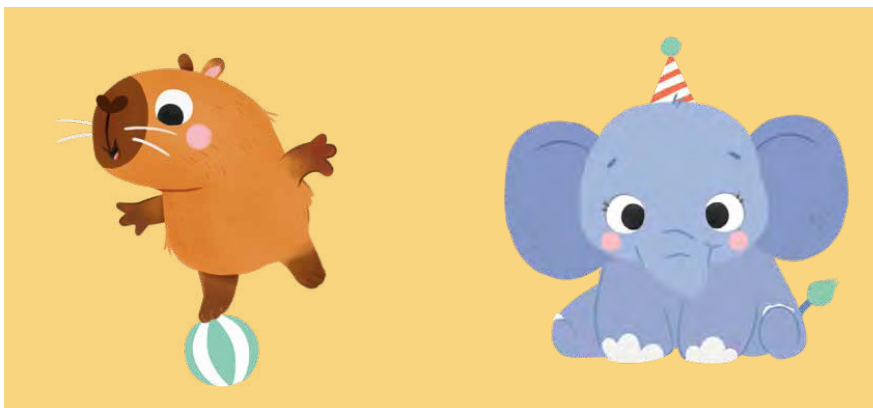
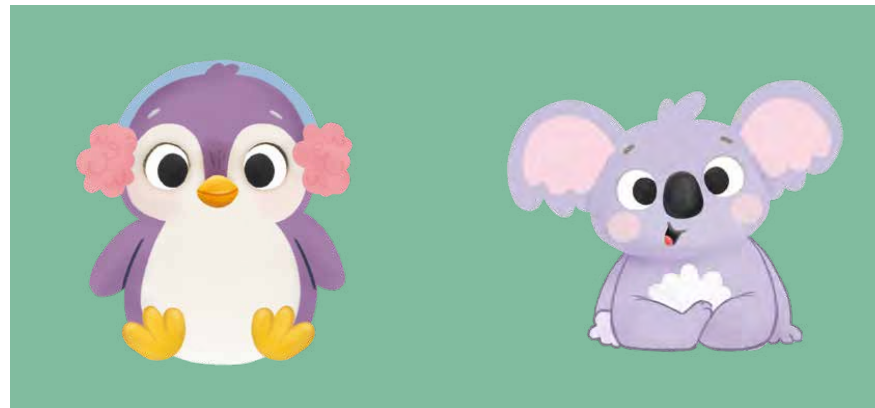
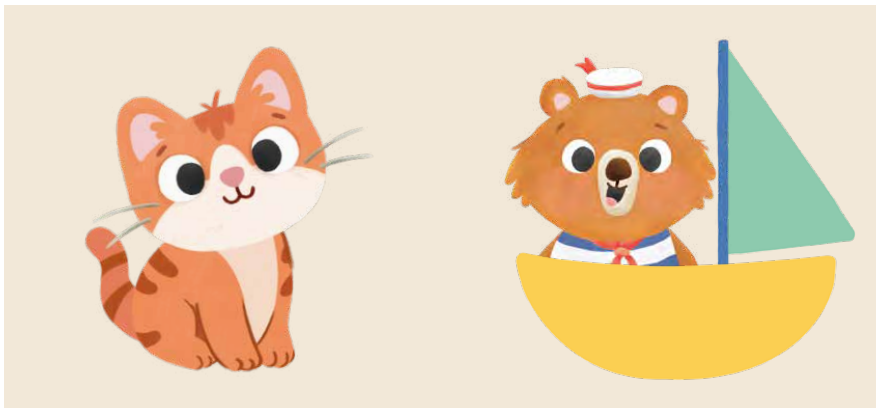
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Publication	08 October 2026
Price	£ 6.99
Format	Board Book
Size	120 x 120 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	1+
Features	One embroidered finger puppet attached, peeking through die-cuts

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Adorable and playful storybook for toddlers.
- A soft finger puppet peeks through every page.
- The perfect collection for an interactive reading moment this Christmas.

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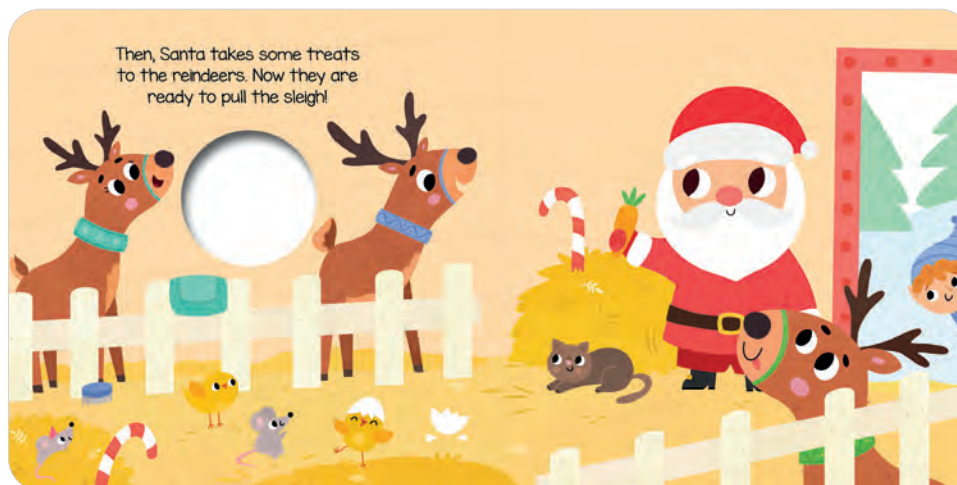
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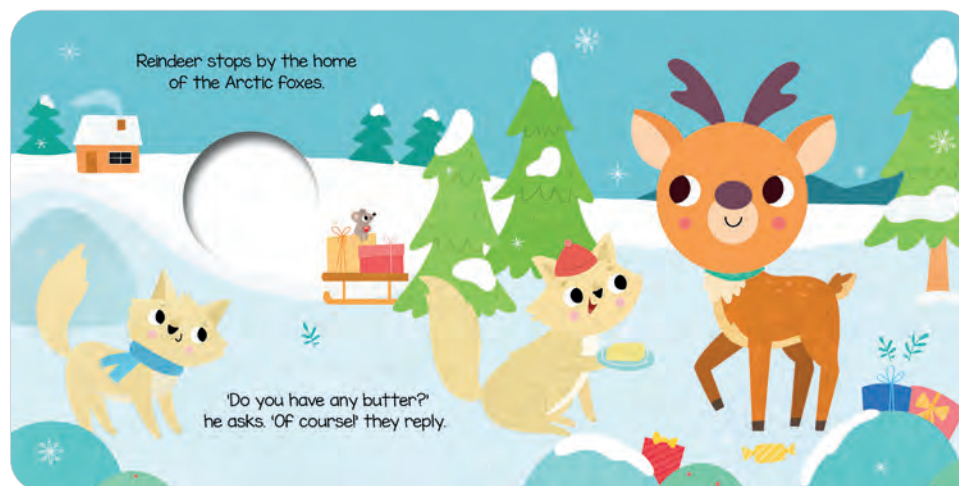
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Publication	08 October 2026
Price	£14.99
Format	Sound Book
Size	210 x 230 mm
Extent	10 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	10 music fragments and 50 flaps

KEY SELLING POINTS:

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Christmas :
An introduction
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Unfold your first book shaped like a Christmas tree to enjoy all the wonders of the most festive season. Discover amazing facts and playful rhymes along the way. Open up the book entirely and connect the ends with the Velcro to create a fun standing book.

Publication	08 October 2026
Price	£ 9.99
Format	Board Book
Size	120 x 265 mm
Extent	12 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	3+
Features	Cut-to-shape standing book with vecro ends.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Unfold your first book in the shape of a Christmas tree.
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Publication	08 October 2026
Price	£12.99
Format	Picture Book
Size	210 x 280 mm
Extent	40 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	6+
Features	6 fold-out pages and 1 tear-out poster

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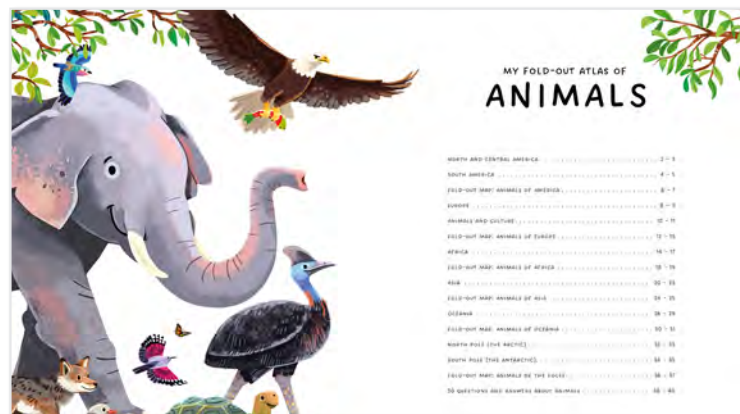
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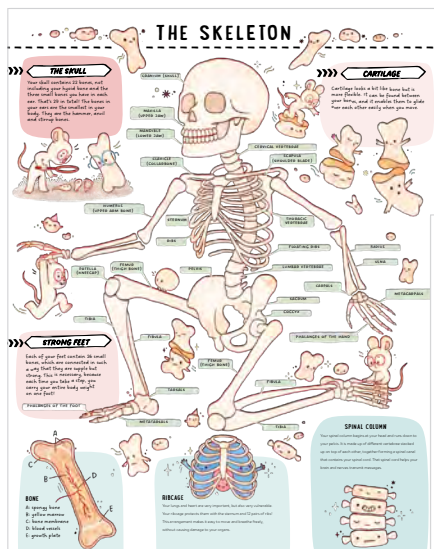
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VIKINGS

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Publication	08 October 2026
Price	£12.99
Format	Picture Book
Size	245 x 325 mm
Extent	22 pages
BIC code	YB
Age	6+
Features	Flaps to lift, fold-out pages, and one giant pop-up.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Countless historical facts, all beautifully illustrated.
- Interesting flaps and fold-out pages designed for children.
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WHO WAS WHO?

There were three main social classes in Norse society: the jarls, the karls and the thralls.

JARLS

The jarls were the nobles and landowners who made up the ruling class. They were responsible for maintaining order, defending their territory and managing the community's resources. They gained their wealth from agriculture, trade and Viking raids, in which they would lead their warriors into battle. The jarls were the most powerful and respected military warriors.



KARLS

The karls were farmers, shipbuilders, woodworkers, blacksmiths, weavers, merchants and other free men; many of whom also worked part-time as warriors. They earned their own money but had to abide by the laws of the jarls. It was possible for members of this class to move up or down the social pyramid through their actions or luck (whether good or bad).

THRALLS
The thralls were members of the lowest social class. They were people who were either born into slavery, captured as prisoners, or forced to work for others because of some kind of unpaid debt. Thralls were completely controlled by their masters, and they could be sold or exchanged like a form of money.



ROYALTY

In the later, slightly more peaceful, part of the Viking Age, a new class emerged above the jarls: the kings and queens chosen to rule over their settlements. The earliest Norse monarch was Haraldr Fairhair, the first King of Norway, who took the throne in 872 CE and reigned for almost 60 years. Another famous example is Cnut the Great, who ruled England from 1016, Denmark from 1018 and Norway from 1028, until his death in 1035.



WOMEN

Norse women had more rights than women in many other cultures at that time, and, in fact, for centuries after they could own property, choose their own husbands and divorce. But their social status still depended on their husbands.



On a day-to-day basis, women took care of the home and the children. But when the men left on an expedition, they would support the family. Some women had their own businesses too - selling wares in the cities, for example. There were also a few female warriors.

MASTERS OF THE SEA

The Vikings are famous for their iconic **LONGSHIPS** which could carry up to 60 warriors. But their talented shipbuilders built many powerful seafaring boats, including fishing boats, ferries and cargo vessels.

CLEVER CONSTRUCTION

A longship was equipped with an enormous sail and oars so that it could travel in all weathers. If the wind wasn't blowing in the right direction to use the sail, the warriors would row two men to an oar, reaching quite a speed. The ship was designed to float high in the water giving it access to very shallow waters. This helped them evade surprise attacks.



The prow (or front) of a battle ship often featured a carving of a formidable beast, such as a dragon or a snake, just to add to their menacing image.



A longship also had a central spine, along the bottom that ran from front to back, providing stability and making the vessel easy to steer.

This wooden ship was made of oak and was very strong.

EARLY EXPLORERS

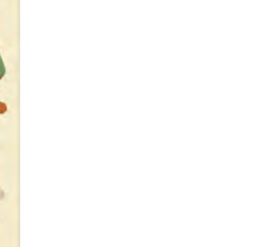
Norse sailors travelled far beyond the boundaries of Europe. They were greatly in demand for their knowledge and exploration that led them to venture further and further afield. The fact that they reached what is now Canada 500 years ago, in boats that were open to the elements, is proof of their engineering skills and strength of mind.

Vikings were experts in reading the movements of the sun and the stars.

NAVIGATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Norse sailors did not use maps. They found their way by tracking the position of the sun and the stars, and by noting how the waves were moving and the wind was blowing.

RELIGION, GODS & MYTHOLOGY



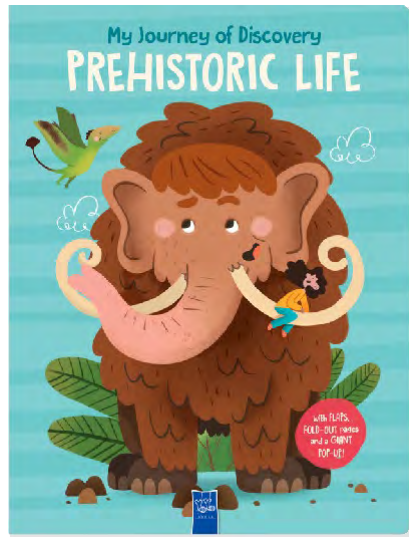
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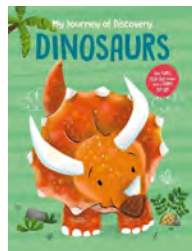
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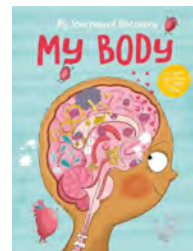
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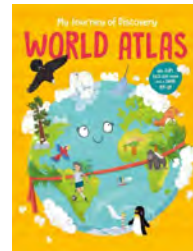
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Travel back to the past and find out what life looked like millions of years ago. Open flaps and fold out pages to discover the most fascinating facts. And to top it off, a woolly mammoth gets its own giant pop-up. Your journey awaits, so let's get exploring!

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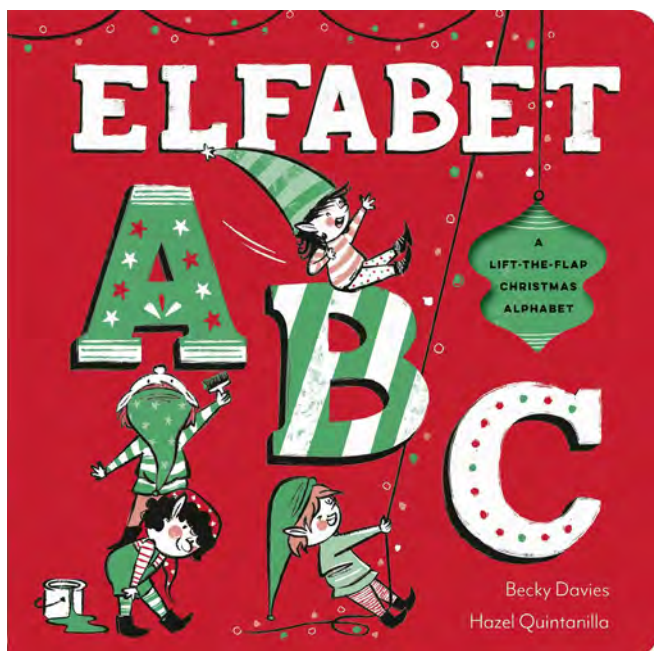
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Written by Becky Davies
Illustrated by Hazel Quintanilla

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Pub Date: October 2026
Price: £8.99
Format: CBB
Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 180 x 180mm
Extent: 20 pp.

Elfabet ABC

Lift the flaps in this bright and stylish alphabet board book.

Discover a cast of cheeky, funny elves, and all the things that make Christmas the most magical time of year.

Sales Points:

- The perfect festive gift, stocking filler, or present for Elf on the Shelf!
- The text rhymes, linking from one letter to the other, and has lots of humour and energy. Great fun for reading aloud.
- With a limited palette of bright Pantone colours for ultimate (sh)elf appeal!
- Extra die-cuts throughout which add texture and decorative interest to the pages.
- Suitable for young children learning their ABCs, but will appeal to a wide variety of age ranges who will want to read again and again.
- Coming next Halloween: *AlphaBOO ABC*

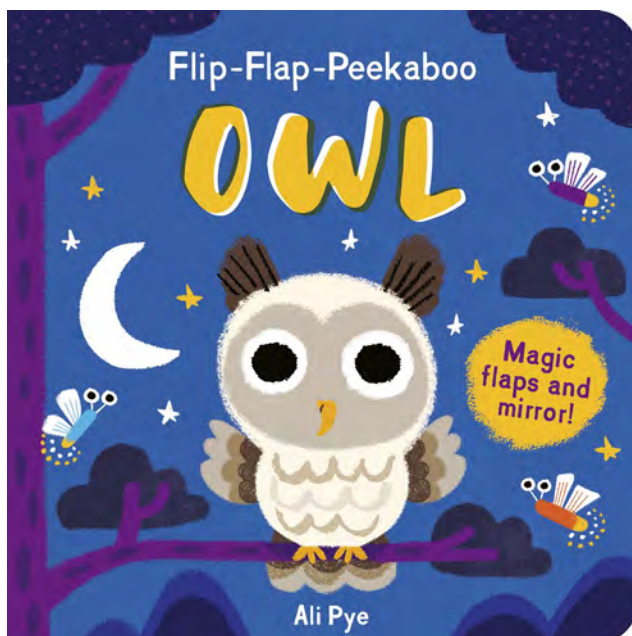
Becky Davies (Author) is a children's book editor, and sometimes author, from the South West of England. Her favourite things are animals, books about magic, and anything sparkly.

Hazel Quintanilla (Illustrator) has been drawing since she was a little girl, when she used to carry a pencil and a small notebook around in a cute furry bear face bag bought for her by her mum. She really loves dogs and illustrating with bold colours and cute shapes.

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Written by Dee Costello
Illustrated by Ali Pye

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Pub Date: 1 October 2026
Price: £8.99
Format: CBB
Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 190 x 190mm
Extent: 10 pp.

Flip-Flap-Pekaboo: Owl

Under moon and stars, a cast of adorable nocturnal creatures are quietly going about their business...or are they?!

This innovative lift-the-flap board book has flaps that can be opened TWO ways to reveal TWO very different outcomes with a surprise mirror ending! Nothing is quite as it seems!

Sales Points:

- Exciting, innovative new format featuring large flaps that open in two directions.
- Little ones will love anticipating the suspense - which way will they open the flaps and what will they find?
- Features an extra twist in the form of a surprise mirror hidden under one of the flaps at the end of the book. A peekaboo book with a difference!
- The beginning of a gorgeously illustrated new interactive series.
- Coming soon: *Flip-Flap-Pekaboo: Bunny*

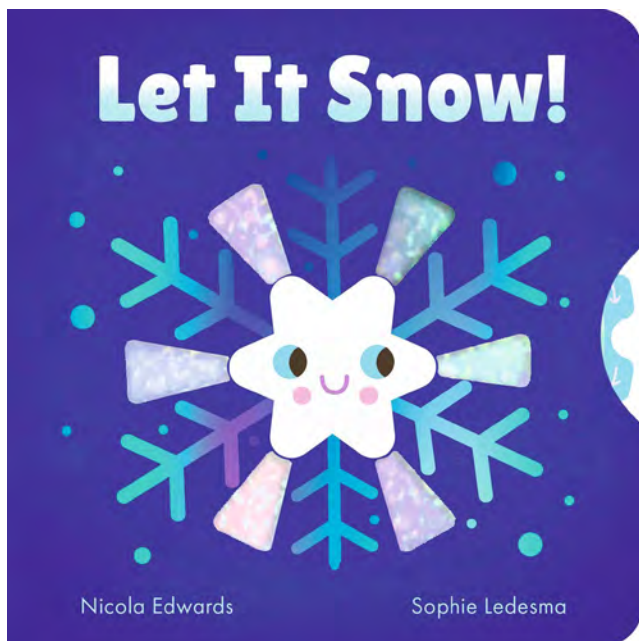
Dee Costello (Author) Costello is a children's book editor and writer who grew up in London, spent a happy chunk of her life in Boston, USA, and is now living by the big, beautiful sea in Worthing, UK.

Ali Pye (Illustrator) wanted to write and illustrate books since she was a very small child... but being a bit of a daydreamer it took her until she had her own children to finally get around to it! Ali has now written or illustrated nearly forty books, which have been published all over the world. She lives in London.

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Let It Snow!

Wrap up warm and join a friendly cast of forest animals as they play in snowy scenes full of surprises!

This sweet, sophisticated slider book features wheels and cut-outs, plus a cute cast of winter forest animals in snow-capped scenes. Help big bear to make a snow angel, peek underground into fox's cosy den, then slide the smiling snowman into place and see the snowflakes appear in this clever interactive celebration of the cold, cosy months of the year.

Featuring chunky pages for little hands and beautiful rhyming text, this heartwarming board book shares the wonders of winter and the delights of playing together in the snow.

Sales Points:

- A cute, classy, secular celebration of winter; perfect for learning about the seasons.
- Sophie Ledesma's pretty winter palette and adorable animals offer universal appeal.
- Includes interactive novelty elements such as sliders, wheels and die-cuts throughout to engage little readers.

Nicole Edwards (Author) now lives with her husband and children in North London and spends her days writing and editing children's books. She has been nominated for the UKLA and Blue Peter Book awards and is a two-time Parenting Product Awards winner.

Sophie Ledesma (Illustrator) is a graduate of l'ESAG Penninghen in Paris and currently works as an illustrator, creating children's books and games, greeting cards and posters. Her customers include Ikea, De la Martiniere Jeunesse, Nathan, Auzo, Djeco, Poppik, Papyrus and AM Greeting. She imagines fun and colourful worlds to brighten our daily lives.

Written by Nicole Edwards
Illustrated by Sophie Ledesma

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Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 170 x 170mm
Extent: 10 pp.

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**Shine and sparkle,
let it snow.**



**Mr. Snowman
says hello!**





Written and Illustrated by Wendy Kendall

ISBN: 9781801048989

Pub Date: 1 October 2026

Price: £10.99

Format: CB

Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 150 x 150mm

Extent: 8 pp.

My First Cloth Book: My Bedtime

With simple, graphic images, cloth pages with crinkle sounds and an attached teether strap, this lovely book will delight tiny hands, ears and eyes!

This charming cloth book features soft and tactile pages with crinkle sounds to delight tiny hands, ears and eyes. Babies will be fascinated by the graphic images and high-contrast colours as they're introduced to night-time animals! With an attached teether strap that also fastens to buggies, this adorable cloth book is perfect to share with your little one before naptime.

My Bedtime is part of a very first cloth book series for babies. Each title features bold, patterned artwork, crinkle-cloth pages and a teether strap for little readers to bite and chew.

Sales Points:

- Graphic images in high-contrast colours are sure to grab baby's attention.
- Soft and tactile cloth pages with crinkle sounds are perfect for little hands to grasp and explore.
- A charming first book to help parents introduce baby to simple words.
- With a useful teether strap to attach to the buggy for babies who like to bite and chew.
- Also available in the series: *My Little Farm*, *My Little Seaside*, and *My Little Forest*

Wendy Kendall (Author/Illustrator) Wendy lives in Stafford, England, with her four-year-old daughter Nancy and their two house cats.

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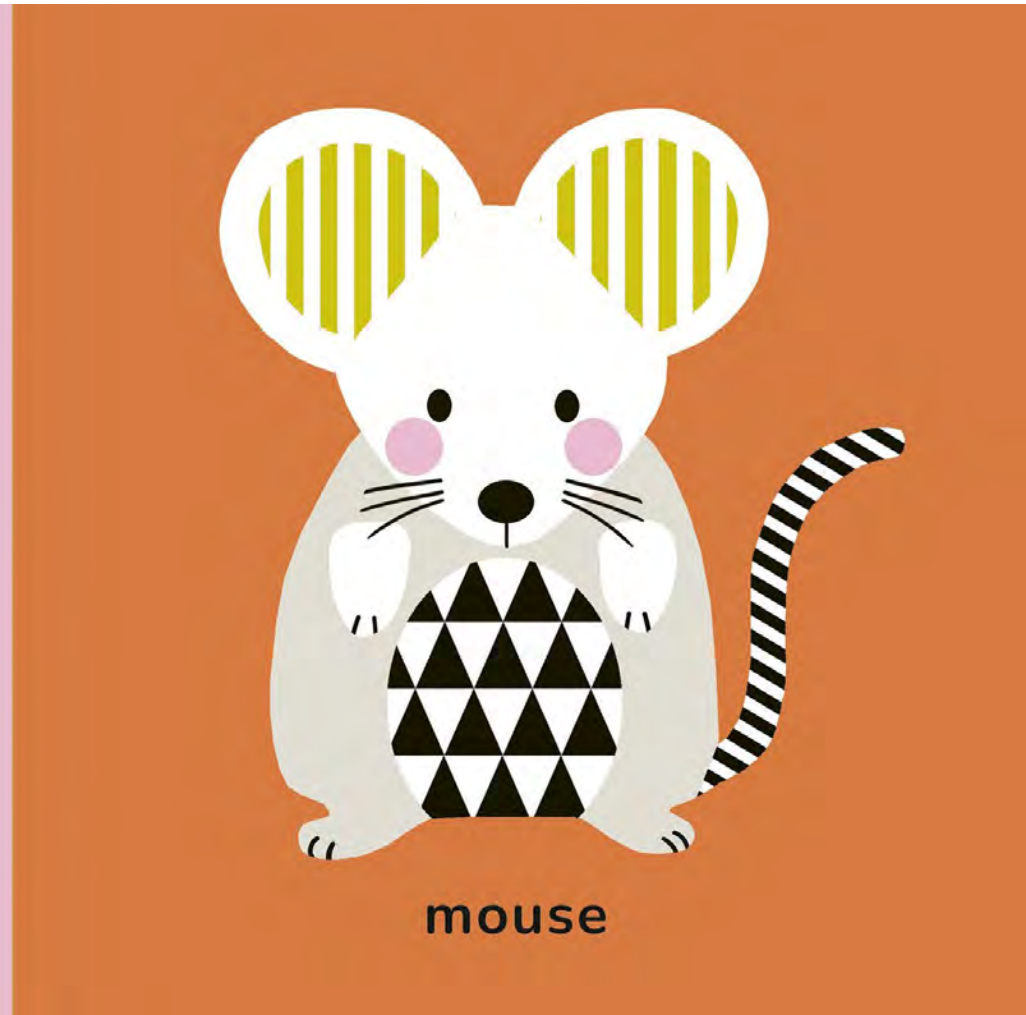
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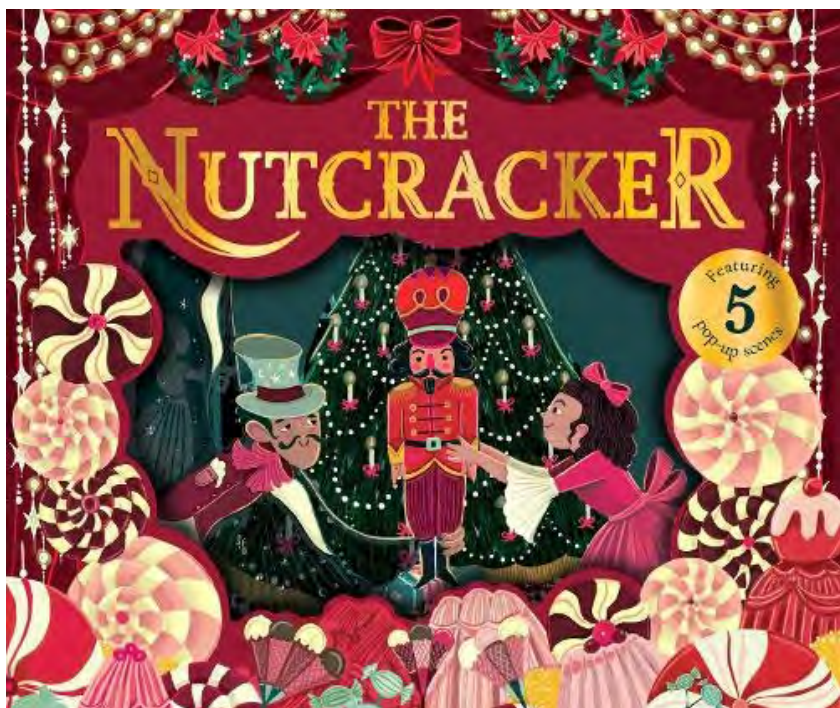
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nest



mouse



Written by Patricia Hegarty
Illustrated by Imogen Joy

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Price: £14.99
Format: CBB
Age: 0 to 5 years
Dims: 210 x 250 mm
Extent: 10 pp.

The Nutcracker

An enchanting Christmas classic packed full of pop-up magic.

The classic tale of *The Nutcracker* is retold in this stunning, layered pop-up book. The story takes us on an adventure as the nutcracker toy comes to life and takes Clara on a journey through pine forests, beautiful gardens and a Kingdom of Sweets. Children will love spotting all the characters from King Rat to the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Sales Points:

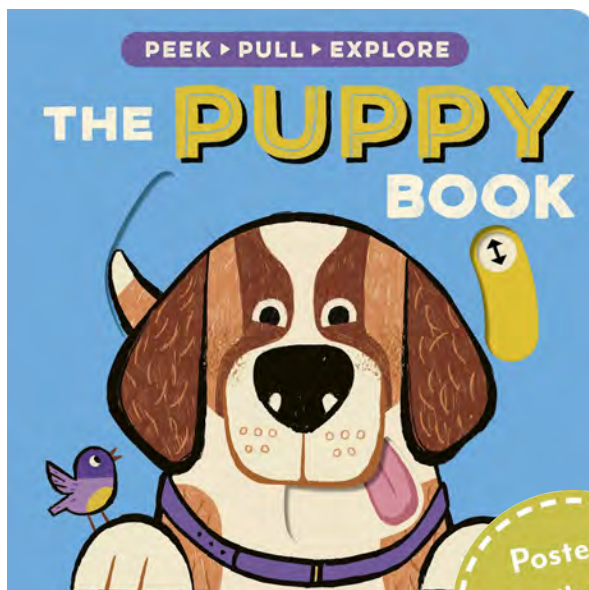
- Festive rhyming text telling the classic story of *The Nutcracker*.
- Die-cut layered pop-ups create a stunning diorama effect on every spread.
- A perfect Christmas gift for a loved one.

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

Imogen Joy (Illustrator) is an English illustrator living in Australia, with her beloved little family and two adorable cats. She studied fine arts in England, later completing a Masters of Drawing and Printmaking in Sydney, and was delighted to find her true voice through illustration years later.

The clock strikes midnight and the room fills with mice.
The nutcracker toy comes to life in a trice.
In swashbuckling style, he sees off his foe
And leads Clara away through a forest of snow.





Written by Becky Davies
Illustrated by Denis Angelov

ISBN: 9781801049030
Pub Date: 1 October 2026
Price: £8.99
Format: CBB
Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 190 x 190mm
Extent: 24 pp.

The Puppy Book

With different novelties on every page, bold illustrations and punchy rhyming text, this is **THE** book for puppy-mad little ones!

Introducing the third title in an innovative new board book series: a peeping, pulling, flipping, flapping, sliding, seeking, touch-and-feeling celebration of favourite topics as you've never seen them before.

Sales Points:

- Touch-and-feel, sliders, flaps and magic wheels combine for the ultimate puppy experience full of yappy, spotty, curly and burly puppies!
- With simple and funny rhyming text.
- Part of a new series of board books that offer hands-on introductions to a variety of bestselling toddler topics.
- Also available: *The Dino Book* and *The Bug Book*
- Coming soon: *The Car Book*

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.

Denis Angelov (Illustrator) is an illustrator who lives in Sofia, Bulgaria. He loves buying and testing out new art supplies which, sooner or later, end up in his books somehow.

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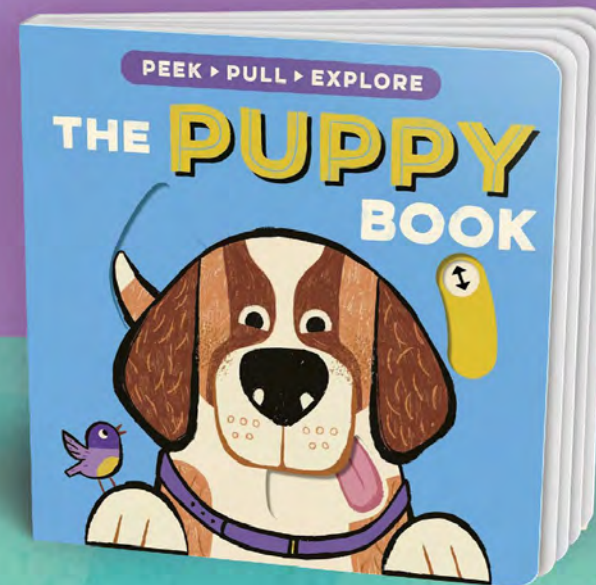
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Peek Pull Explore



The only books you need on your little one's favourite topics!





Written by Becky Davies
Illustrated by Mitch Miller

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Price: £9.99
Format: CBB
Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 195 x 175mm
Extent: 10 pp.

Santa Goes Ho Ho Ho!

Discover five favourite Christmas characters doing funny things, then press the page to listen to the sound they make!

Five favourite Christmas characters are waiting to make little ones giggle in this young and chunky sound book. Meet Santa, Reindeer, Elf, Polar Bear and Snowman! Discover each character doing funny things, then press the page to listen to the silly sound they make.

The second title in a humorous new sound book series for toddlers, with modern art and a text with a refrain that children will love to join in with. Collect them all!

Sales Points:

- A simple but funny festive book for the very young, with five different sounds!
- Press-page technology - no plastic buttons or sound modules - and a smaller trim size than is often seen for sound books.
- The start of a series with potential across seasonal and non-seasonal topics. Also available: *Ghost Goes Boo!*
- Coming soon: *Bunny Goes Boing!*

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.

Mitch Miller (Illustrator) is an illustrator and visual development artist based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The energy and storytelling of animation is something Mitch tries to bring into all of his work, marrying that with his unique shape-based style.

Also Available:



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Santa goes through
the naughty list.



Santa goes down
the chimney.



Santa goes
Ho Ho Ho

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You're My Little Nativity

Celebrate your little miracle as you follow the star of Bethlehem through the story of Jesus' birth.

Peek-through pages and raised board pieces add a fresh dimension to the well-loved Nativity story, while the heartwarming text offers a joyful message of love and hope in the signature series style. This sweet board book makes an ideal festive gift for little ones at Christmas.

Sales Points:

- Offers a sweet, accessible celebration of the Nativity story for young children.
- Affirms the unconditional love between parent and child.
- The latest in the multi-million-copy-selling *You're My Little* ... series, which has sold over 14 million copies worldwide.

Written by Nicole Edwards
Illustrated by Natalie Marshall

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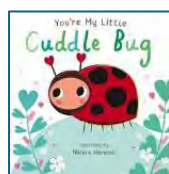
Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 190 x 190mm

Extent: 18 pp.

Nicole Edwards (Author) now lives with her husband and children in North London and spends her days writing and editing children's books. She has been nominated for the UKLA and Blue Peter Book awards and is a two-time Parenting Product Awards winner.

Natalie Marshall (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.



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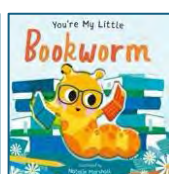
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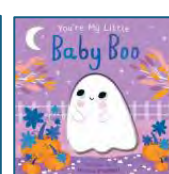
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Written by Maudie Powell-Tuck
Illustrated by Duncan Beedie

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Price: £12.99
Format: HB
Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 280 x 245mm
Extent: 32 pp.



Hank Goes Ho Ho Honk

Hank can't wait for Christmas! Seriously, he cannot wait...

He's already scoffed his advent calendar in one go, and skipped Halloween completely. Now he's flying to the North Pole because he wants to 'help' in Santa's workshop. What could possibly go wrong?

The bestselling *Hank* series gets festive, with typically obnoxious results! Full of snowy chaos, colour and of course, HONKING, this story is made for reading aloud and sharing together.

Sales Points:

- Kick off the holidays with your favourite loveable anti-hero, Hank!
- A trail of Christmas chaos, brought to life by multi-award-winning illustrator Duncan Beedie.
- Part of the ever-expanding 'World of Hank', which includes 4 picture books and 2 board books.

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.

Duncan Beedie (Illustrator) Duncan 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.



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You're **decorating**?
In the middle of **August**?



Ice skating? In **September**?

And can't we at least celebrate
Halloween first?



HOOONK!



Written by Stella J. Jones
Illustrated by Jane Massey

ISBN: 9781801048644

Pub Date: 1 October 2026

Price: £14.99

Format: HB

Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 275 x 225mm

Extent: 40 pp.

Christmas is in the Little Things

Big and Small LOVE Christmas a lot!

They love the big things - like picking the perfect tree or tucking into a scrumptious dinner. And they also love the special little moments that when put together, make Christmas MAGIC!

A celebration of all the little things that make Christmas magical.

Sales Points:

- A heartwarming, festive sequel to the bestselling *Love is in the Little Things*.
- With exquisite, heartfelt illustrations from Jane Massey and a lyrical text from Stella J Jones - this is a cosy Christmas hug in a book!
- Children will love joining in with the festive cheer and spotting their favourite things about Christmas.
- The perfect Christmas gift to spread the love.

Stella J. Jones (Author) lives in Yorkshire. She loves baked beans and chocolate (but not together) and building ramshackle bookcases for her far-too-big collection of picture books.

Jane Massey (Illustrator) studied graphic design at Kingston University. She worked for several design agencies in London and Hong Kong before concentrating on illustration. As well as producing numerous children's books, Jane has also created illustrations for advertising, greetings cards and packaging. Jane lives with her family by the sea in Hove.

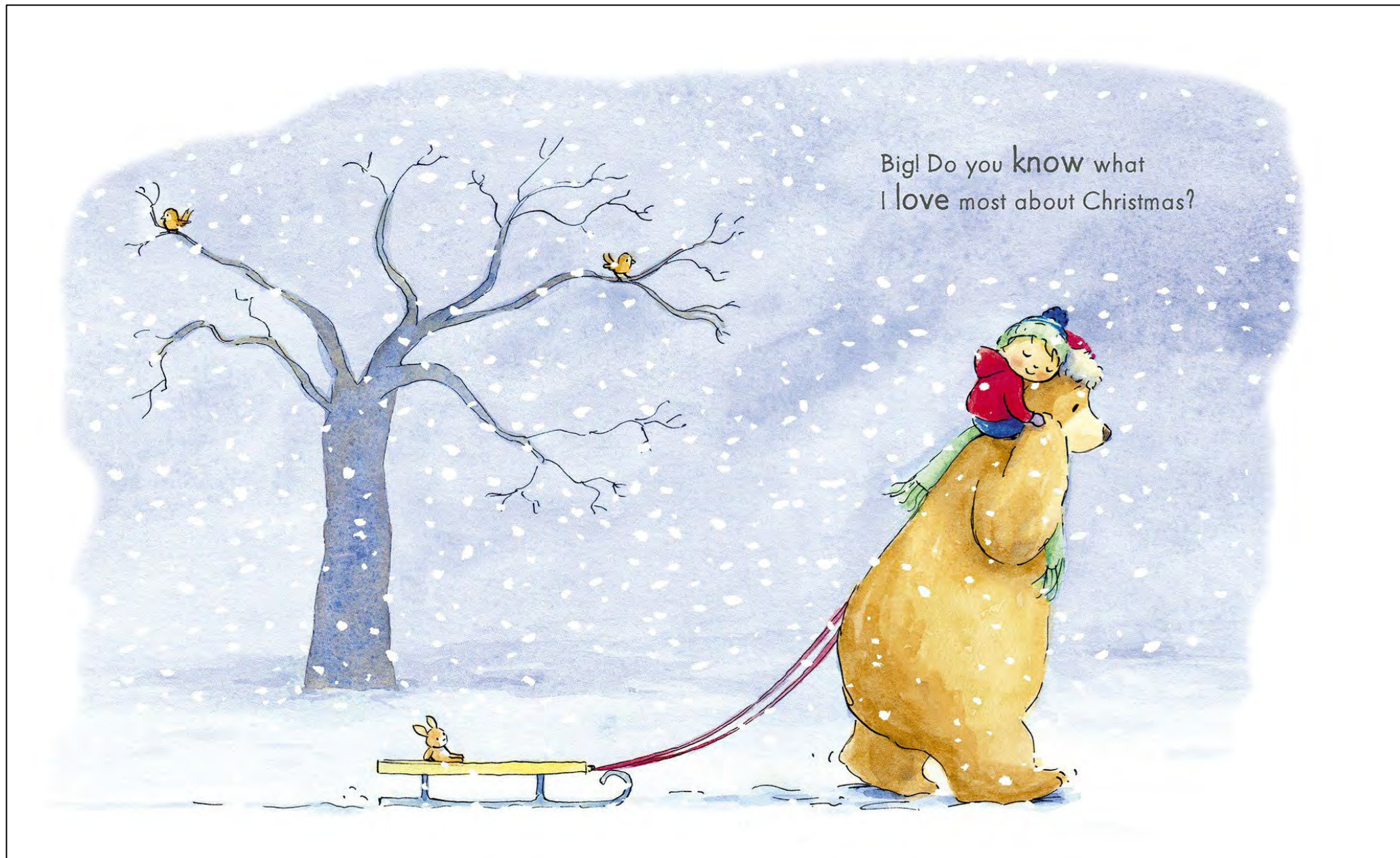
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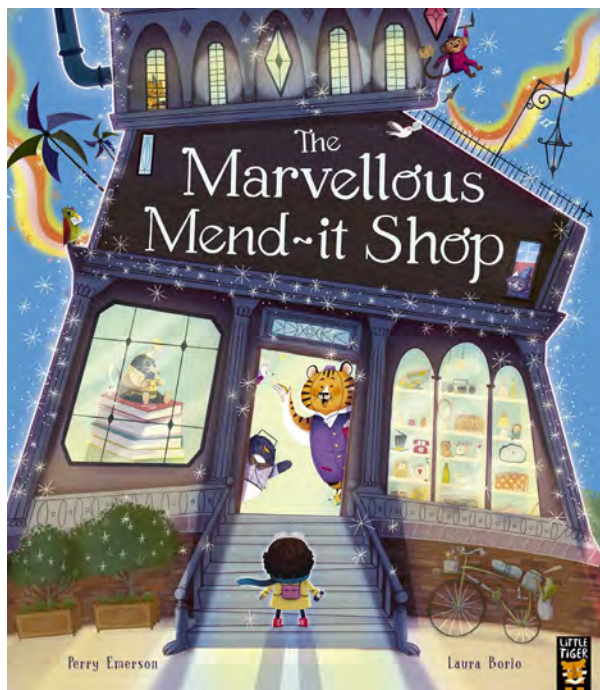
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Big! Do you know what
I love most about Christmas?



Written by Perry Emerson
Illustrated by Laura Borio

ISBN: 9781801048583

Pub Date: 1 October 2026

Price: £8.99

Format: PB

Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 280 x 245mm

Extent: 32 pp.

The Marvellous Mend-it Shop

Max's mum is a magical storyteller. She weaves wondrous worlds inspired by the intricate charms on her special bracelet.

One day, Max breaks the bracelet and is distraught. But Mum has the perfect solution . . . a magical story.

Written with warmth and gentle humour by Perry Emerson, and illustrated with rich and whimsical detail by Laura Borio, this enchanting picture book is a tender celebration of storytelling and how the right words can bring people together and mend almost anything

Sales Points:

- A lyrical text captures the magical and immersive power of storytelling. With a subtle message about repairing and caring for precious things.
- Illustrated by Laura Borio, illustrator of the bestselling *Griselda Snook's Spectacular Books*.

Perry Emerson (Author) is a writer and editor at Little Tiger Press, where he works mostly on picture books and sometimes on novelty books. When he's not making books, he spends his time playing music and discovering new restaurants. Perry lives in London.

Laura Borio (Illustrator) used to draw on the kitchen walls as a child, to the delight of her parents. Once she realised that she liked drawing on paper more, she decided to become a children's book illustrator, and now her days are filled with sketches, colours, cats and raspberry jam croissants.

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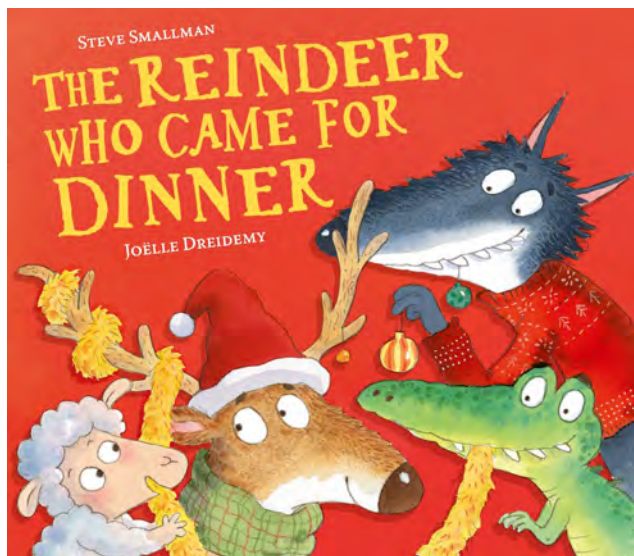


Mum's charm bracelet was
her most precious possession.
Almost as precious as Max.

Its gold chain glittered with locket,
animals and jewels.

"Every charm holds a story," Mum would say.
"A story whispered there for safekeeping."

Max loved hearing Mum's stories because
she always knew exactly which tale to tell . . .



Written by Steve Smallman
Illustrated by Joëlle Dreidemy

ISBN: 9781838918712

Pub Date: 1 October 2026

Price: £14.99

Format: HB

Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 230 x 265mm

Extent: 32 pp.

The Reindeer Who Came for Dinner

It's Christmas, and a reindeer called Treetop has arrived at the woods.

Wolf and Hotpot know ALL about reindeer! Reindeer have red noses. They love carrots. And reindeer LOVE snow. . .don't they? Could it be that not all reindeer are the same?

A festive story from Hotpot and her friends that celebrates the magic of Christmas, while reminding us not to believe every fact we hear!

Sales Points:

- The ninth title in the internationally bestselling *The Lamb Who Came for Dinner* series, which has sold over 1 million copies across 15 territories.
- A heartwarming story that emphasises that assumptions don't always turn out to be helpful - gently prompting young readers to always ask, rather than guess.
- Written by the inimitable Steve Smallman and illustrated with warmth by Joëlle Dreidemy.

Steve Smallman (Author) worked as a children's book illustrator for 20 years before he decided to 'have a go' at writing his own. Now, over 100 books later, he's still at it! He visits schools, libraries and festivals, and paints murals too! When he's not working, he enjoys holidays, watching TV, gardening and juggling grandchildren.

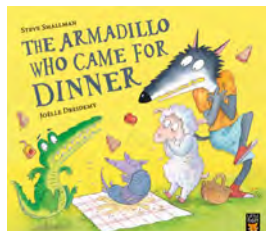
Joëlle Dreidemy (Illustrator) was born in Saint-Avold in France. She gained diplomas from in Strasbourg in 2002 and from the famous Emile Cohl School in Lyon in 2004. Joëlle lives and works in Montpellier, producing illustrations for magazines and children's books.



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Outside, Hotpot saw something magical.

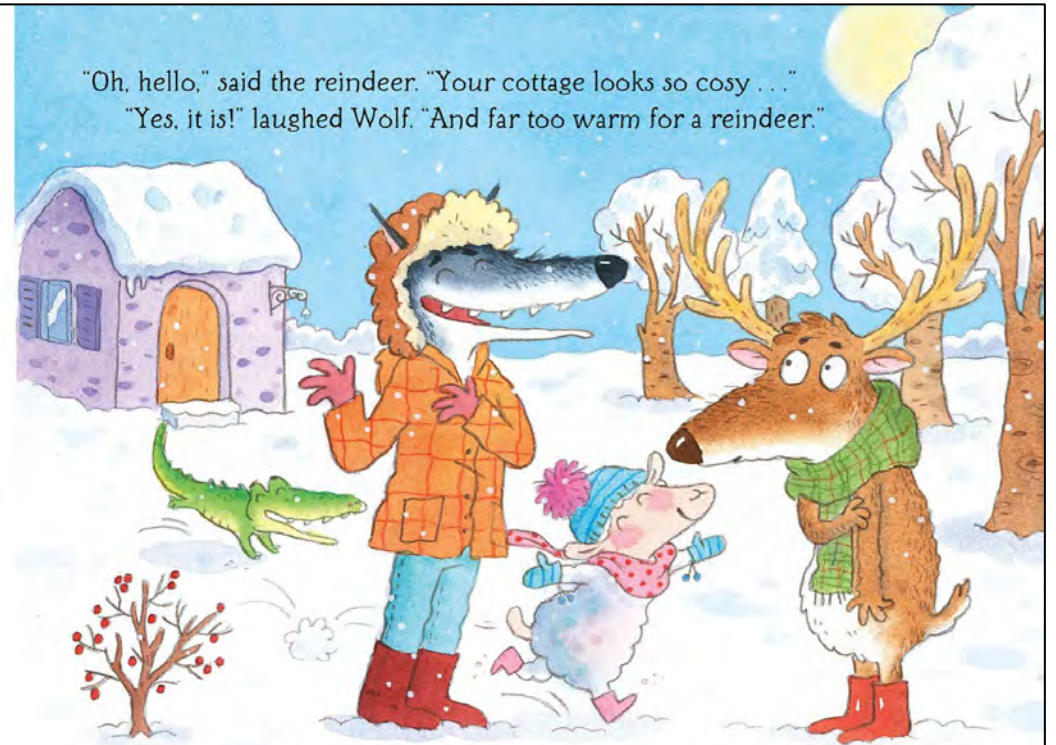


But it wasn't a tree ...

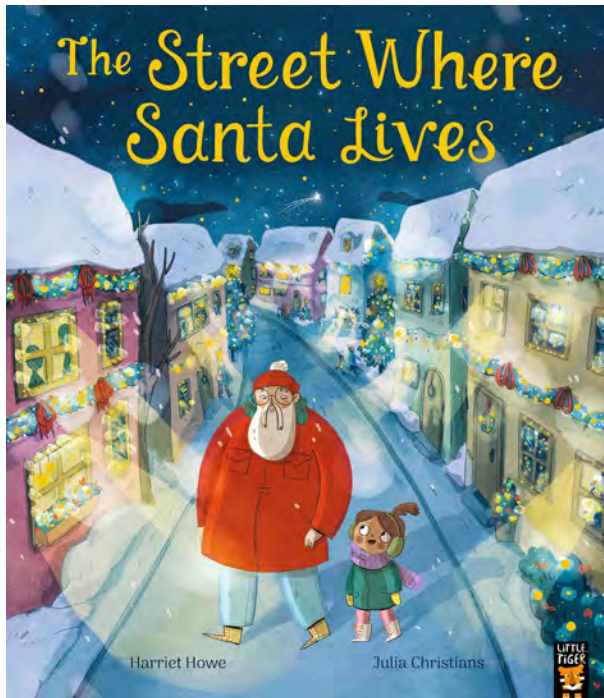


... it was a reindeer!

"Oh, hello," said the reindeer. "Your cottage looks so cosy ..."
"Yes, it is!" laughed Wolf. "And far too warm for a reindeer."



"Come play with us, Mr Treetop!" cheered Hotpot. "You'll love the snow!"
"Um, OK then," Treetop the reindeer sighed.



Written by Harriet Howe
Illustrated by Julia Christians

ISBN: 9781801048576

Pub Date: 1 October 2026

Price: £8.99

Format: PB

Age: 0 to 5

Dims: 280 x 245mm

Extent: 36 pp.

The Street Where Santa Lives

When an old man moves in next door, everyone is too busy to notice. Except for one little girl, who's absolutely sure he must be Santa Claus!

When the old man becomes unwell, the little girl hatches a plan to rally the whole street together to look after Santa. But will he be better in time for Christmas Eve ...

This playful, festive story celebrates the joy of community and gently explores the theme of looking out for the elderly, especially during the holiday season.

Sales Points:

- A playful, festive story celebrating the joy of community.
- Lightly touches on the theme of looking out for the elderly, especially in the holidays.
- Written by exciting new talent, Harriet Howe.
- With beautiful and playful illustrations by the hugely talented Julia Christians.
- Perfect for fans of *Pick a Pine Tree* by Patricia Toht and Jarvis, *Dasher* by Matt Tavares and *The Christmas Eve Tree* by Delia Huddy and Emily Sutton.

Harriet Howe (Author) works in television, when not writing. But she's happiest with a pencil in one hand, a cup of tea in the other, brewing up her next story.

Julia Christians (Illustrator) got her diploma in Communications Design at the University of Art in Brunswick in 2011. Since 2018 she has worked as a freelance illustrator. Julia lives in the deep, dark forest of the Harz Mountains, Germany.

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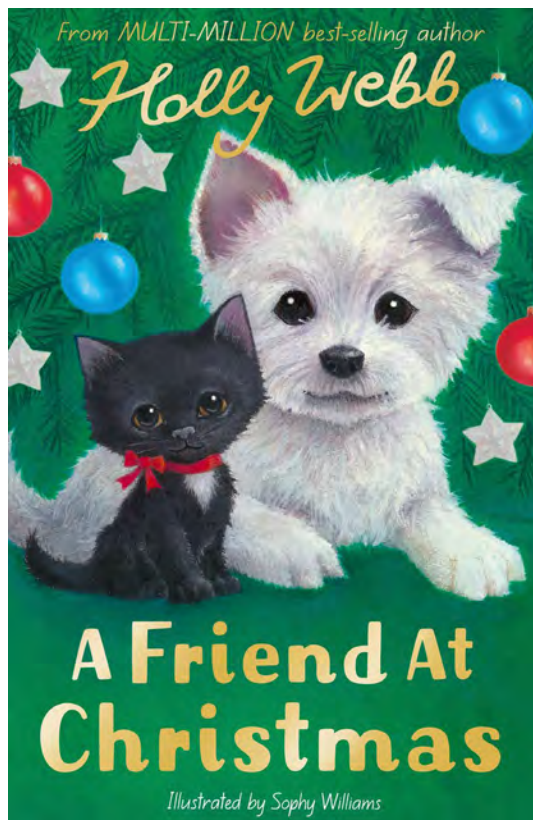


Ding ding!

Turns out, Santa
can fix anything!

“Must be all that practice with
the elves!” laughs Mum.

“Know anything about
motorbikes?” asks Dad.



Written by Holly Webb
Illustrated by Sophy Williams

ISBN: 9781788958011
Pub Date: 1 October 2026
Price: £6.99
Format: PB
Age: 5 to 7
Dims: 198 x 129mm
Extent: 128 pp.

A Friend at Christmas

When Rudy's elderly dog passes away just before Christmas, four-month-old puppy Boo is especially devastated.

Then the young pup discovers an abandoned kitten in the woods and falls in love with it. Can Rudy and her sister Clara convince their mum that the kitten would be the perfect addition to their family?

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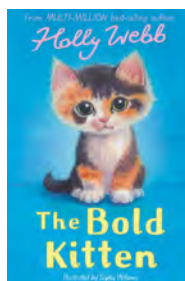
- Holly Webb's books have sold over 1.5 million UK trade copies.
- The first Animal Stories book centred around a kitten and a puppy.
- Animal-loving children will adore these gentle stories about special friendships between children and animals.
- A heart-warming read, perfect for fans of *Zoe's Rescue Zoo*, *Magic Animal Friends* and Michael Morpurgo.

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.

Sophy Williams (Illustrator) is an award-winning illustrator who has worked with many prestigious authors, including Philip Pullman, Geraldine McCaughrean and Adèle Geras. Sophy lives in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.



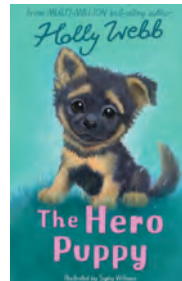
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Written by Guy Bass
Illustrated by Pete Williamson

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Pub Date: 1 October 2026
Price: £9.99
Format: PB
Age: 9 to 11
Dims: 210 x 146mm
Extent: 144 pp.

Stitch Head: The Ghost of Grotteskew Graphic Novel



The third book in the best-selling *Stitch Head* series is brought to almost-life again in this monstrously magnificent graphic novel edition.

Enter the darkly funny world of *Stitch Head*, as he steps out of the shadows into the adventure of an almost-lifetime...

The ghost of Mawley Crackbone, a villainous ne'er-do-well, is haunting the corridors of Castle Grotteskew, gunning for *Stitch Head*'s heart...and soul. Certain that his heart once belonged to the wicked rogue, *Stitch Head*'s world starts to crumble.

Will he surrender to the evil ghost and agree to do his bidding?

Sales Points:

- Graphic novelisation of the third book in this hugely popular six-book series.
- *Stitch Head* is now a major animated motion picture.
- Voted one of the UK's favourite 100 kids' books in Amazon's Kids Love Books campaign.
- Guy Bass is the king of comedy - in 2010 he won the Blue Peter Book Award.

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

Pete Williamson (Illustrator) is a self-taught artist and illustrator. He is best known for the much-loved *Stitch Head* series and the award-winning *The Raven Mysteries*. He has illustrated over 65 books written by authors including Francesca Simon, Steve Cole, Matt Haig and Charles Dickens. He lives in Kent with his family.



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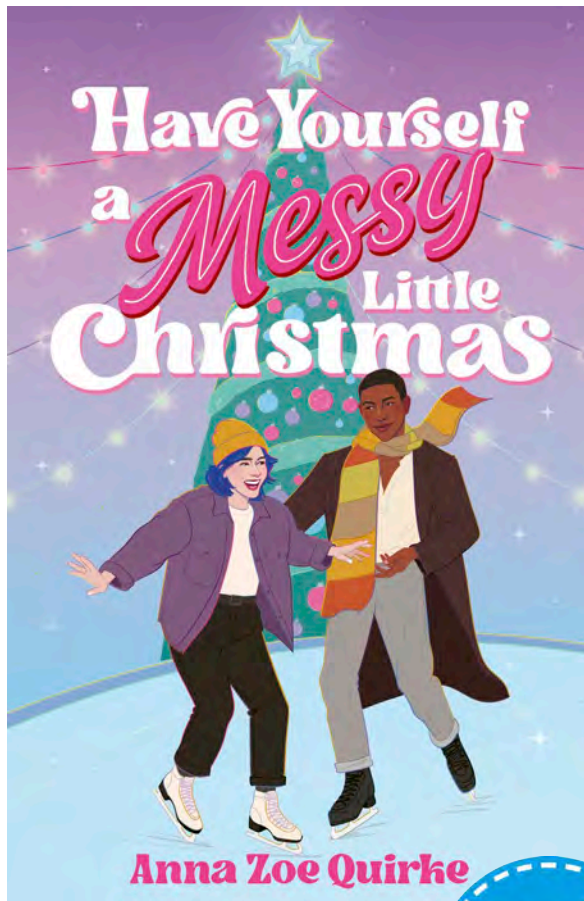
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Written by Anna Zoe Quirke

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Pub Date: 1 October 2026

Price: £9.99

Format: PB

Age: 12+

Dims: 198 x 129mm

Extent: TBC pp.



Have Yourself a Messy Little Christmas

When Theo Grey goes to stay with her estranged sister Juliet in the city, she is excited to reconnect, and to live her best bisexual life.

It's Christmas in the city, and Theo Grey has escaped her overbearing parents and her small village to stay with her older sister (who she hasn't heard from in five years and who doesn't know she's coming...). She's ready to go ever so slightly over the rails.

And while their reunion gets off to a tricky start, she and Juliet soon reconnect. Theo settles into her new life and makes friends, including Otis. Theo is ready to go out and kiss as many girls as she can - if only she could stop thinking about the ridiculous, beautiful man who gets her so completely...

Sales Points:

- A festive and funny romance from an exciting new writer, telling fun, inclusive and insightful stories.
- Perfect for fans of *Heartstopper* and Adam Silvera, it's the TikTok book to get readers talking.
- Featuring a diverse ensemble cast - including own-voices LGBTQ+ and neurodivergent representation - there's someone that all readers will relate to.
- Anna's debut novel, *Something to be Proud of*, was critically acclaimed and will be published in the US.

Anna Zoe Quirke (Author) is a queer and autistic author. They live in Manchester with their wife and very angry tortoise where they also work as a high school librarian and write about mental health, neurodivergence and everything LGBTQ+. Their debut novel *Something to be Proud of* was published with Little Tiger in June 2024 and nominated for the Carnegie Award in 2025. Their second novel, *Sad Girl Hours*, is out in bookshops now.

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Written by Cassie Cook
Illustrated by Lindsey Kim

ISBN: 9781801049092

Pub Date: 1 October 2026

Price: £8.99

Format: PB

Age: 4+

Dims: 275 x 225mm

Extent: 64 pp.

10-Minute K-Pop Activities

Embrace your inner popstar with the ultimate unofficial K-Pop activity book - complete with a pair of press-out sunglasses, a personalised door hanger, stencils and over 100 colourful stickers!

From practice in the training rooms to delivering dazzling performances on stage, explore all things K-Pop in the ultimate unofficial activity book - with boredom-busting activities like learning choreography, designing trendy stage outfits for K-Pop idols and crafting your own microphone!

Sales Points:

- Boredom-busting activities include drawing, colouring, crafting your own star-studded popstar items and more!
- Packed full of fun facts, young superfans can learn more about the world of K-Pop, and find the hidden hints to identify groups, songs and idols throughout the activities within.
- Written and illustrated by K-Pop fans for K-Pop fans, this jam-packed activity book features gorgeous illustrations by Lindsey Kim.
- Also contains a pair of press-out sunglasses, a personalised door hanger, stencils and over 100 colourful stickers to keep children entertained for hours!

Cassie Cook (Author) lives in London with her two sausage dogs, Ketchup and Mustard. When she's not busy writing books, Cassie is often sat dreaming of driving race cars and finding the world's greatest tiramisu!

Lindsey Kim (Illustrator) began her career in animation before leaping into children's books. She now spends her days illustrating, wandering museums, and practicing wobbly yoga poses. At home in Atlanta, she shares her studio with her dog, Bepo, who insists on being part of every sketch.

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AWESOME AUDITION

These trainees are working hard to be chosen to debut in the next group! Can you find six differences between the two pictures below? Circle them when you see them.

FUN FACT: Many groups are formed through 'survival shows' – shows where contestants compete for a place in the group. TWICE and ZEROBASEONE were both formed this way!



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BECOME A K-POP MASTER

Can you find these words in the puzzle below? The words can go down, across or diagonally.

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R	O	O	K	I	E	B	L	A	F

IDOL – a K-pop star, who sings, dances and talks to fans

TRAINEE – a person training to debut as a solo artist or in a group

DEBUT – the first music release by a group/artist

COMEBACK – a new music release by a group/artist

MERCH – items used to promote and support a K-pop group/artist

LIGHTSTICK – a glowing merch item that fans bring to their group's/artist's performances

ROOKIE – a new group or artist that has recently debuted

BIAS – your favourite member of a group

AEGYO – an ultra-cute, charming voice, gesture or act

FUN FACT: The first generation of K-pop began around 1992, and ended in 2003! It included artists such as Seo Taiji and Boys, H.O.T., Shinhwa, S.E.S. and many more.

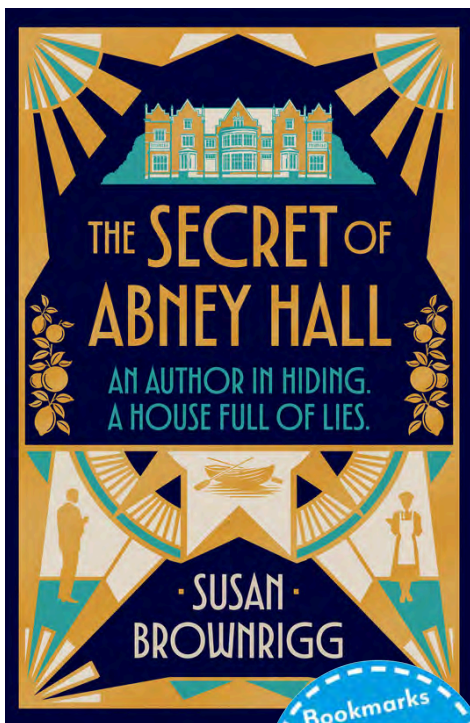


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THE SECRET OF ABNEY HALL

SUSAN BROWNRIGG

THE BOOK

In a house full of secrets, the world's most famous mystery writer is about to become a target.

Manchester, December 1926.

Agatha Christie has been found. After her sensational eleven-day disappearance, the world's most famous crime writer is whisked away to the snow-covered Abney Hall to recover. But for her private nurse, Jane Goodbetter, the retreat is anything but peaceful.

As a local theatre troupe arrives to rehearse a macabre new play, the atmosphere turns sinister. Secrets are leaking to the press, and Jane's own dark past at a wartime asylum threatens to surface. When a body is discovered in the freezing lake and a blizzard traps everyone inside, the line between stagecraft and real-life murder blurs.

In a house full of actors, doctors, and a cheating husband, Jane must unmask the killer before the final curtain falls, or she'll be the next one silenced.

THE AUTHOR

Susan is a Lancashire lass, she grew up in Wigan and now lives in Skelmersdale. She has very fond memories of daytrips and holidays in Blackpool as a child.

Susan has worked as a Library Information Assistant for three years, and has several children's books published, including the *Gracie Fairshaw* series. *The Secret of Abney Hall* is her debut adult fiction book.

KEY SALES POINTS

- **Agatha Christie Connection:** Appeals to the massive "Queen of Crime" fanbase
- **Golden Age Atmosphere with a Dark Edge**
- **Historical True Crime Hook:** Capitalises on the enduring fascination with Christie's real-life 1926 disappearance

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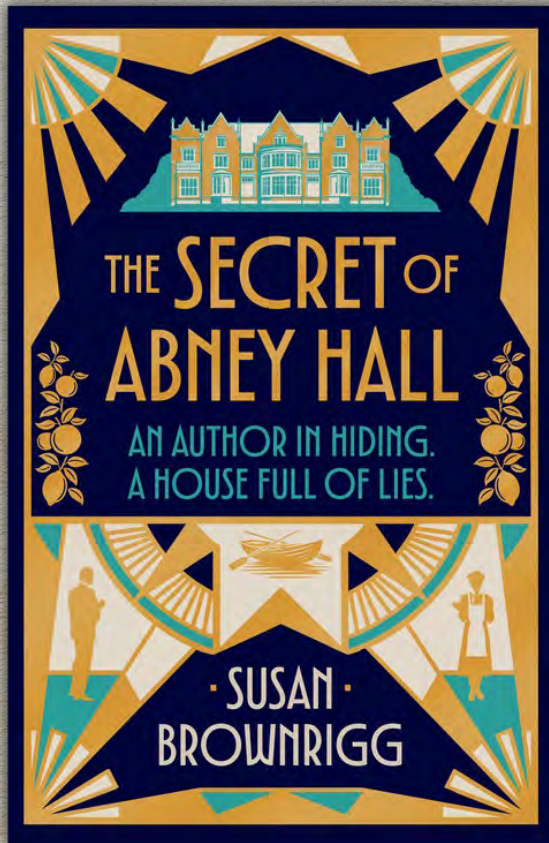
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Elemental Blackness by Cherise Morris

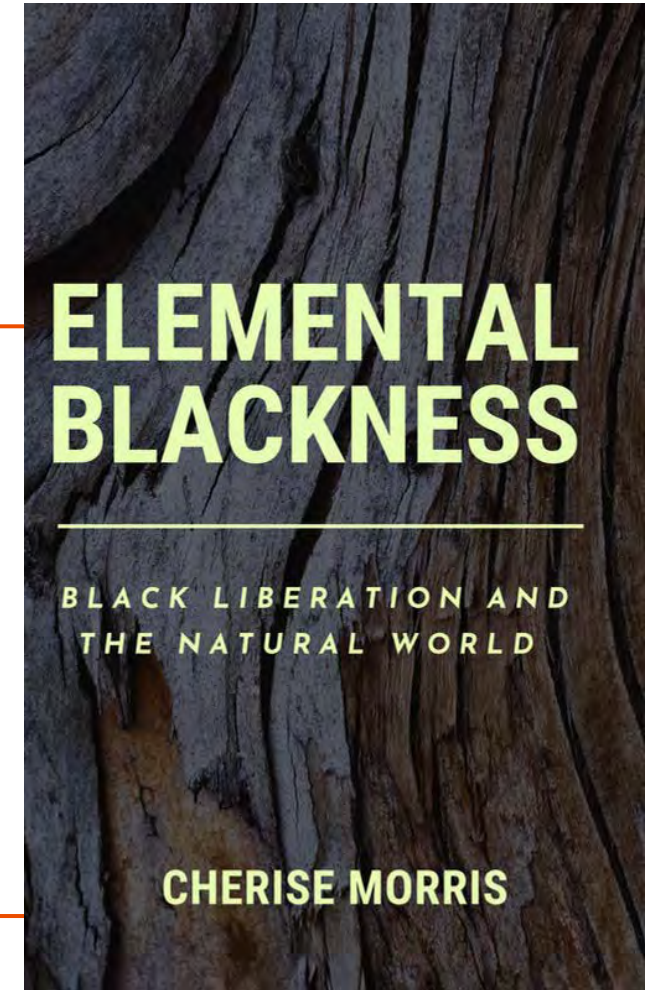
A bold, genre-defying work exploring Blackness, the natural world and the legacies of oppression.

Blending essays, poetry and ritual, Cherise Morris traces how Black life has been shaped by both environmental forces and systems of white supremacy. Moving from the Middle Passage to the present day, she weaves together history, culture and personal narrative to reimagine the relationship between Blackness and the natural world.

Key sales points:

- **Winner of the Global Black Women's Non-Fiction Manuscript Prize:** Chaired by Bernardine Evaristo.
- **A strikingly original form:** Blending essays, poetry and ritual into a powerful, genre-defying work.
- **Timely and urgent:** Exploring the intersections of race, environment and systemic injustice.
- **For readers of Claudia Rankine and Alexis Pauline Gumbs:** Lyrical, politically engaged writing that redefines contemporary non-fiction.

Cherise Morris is a writer based in Detroit. Her work has appeared in *The Iowa Review*, *Scalawag* and *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, and has been recognised in *The Best American Essays*.



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