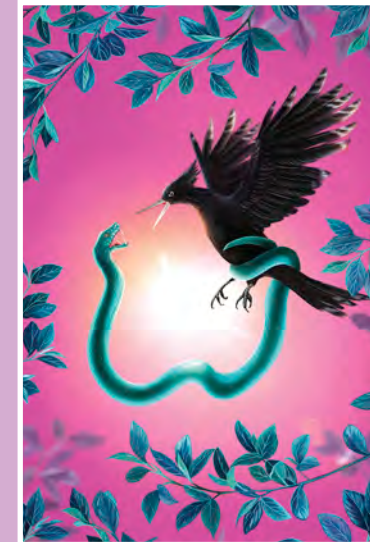
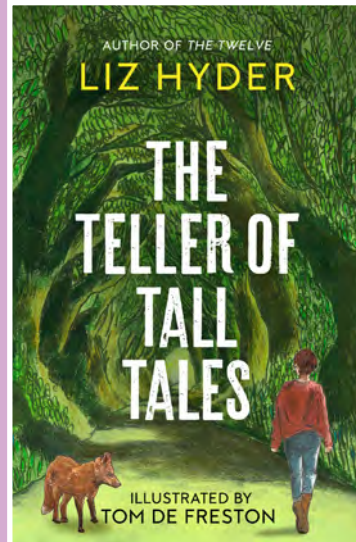
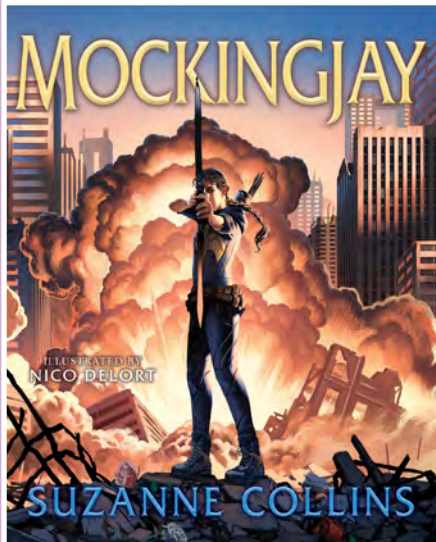
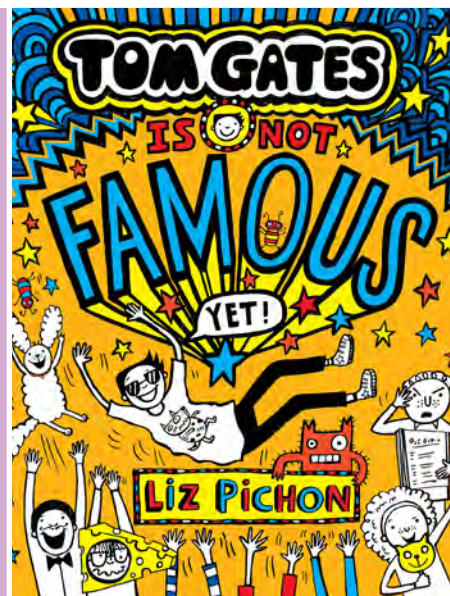
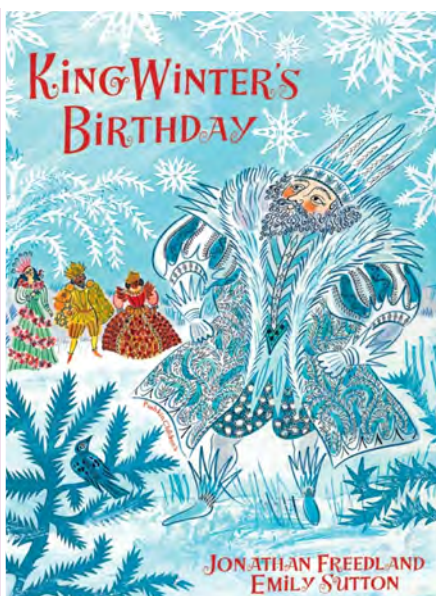




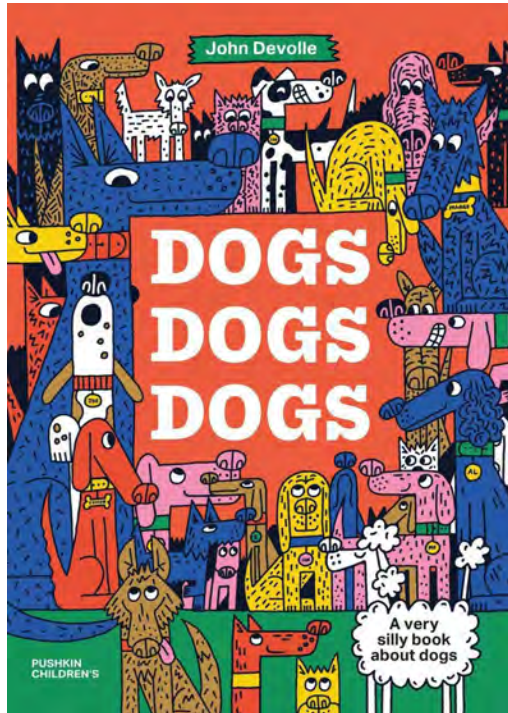
OCTOBER 2026 NEW TITLES

PUSHKIN & SCHOLASTIC



Dogs, Dogs, Dogs

John Devolle



ISBN: 9781782696049

Price: £12.99

Publication date: 08 October 2026

Binding: Hardback

Format: 282 x 200 mm

Extent: 32 pages

Reading Age: 5-7 years

A delightfully silly, rhyming picture book about dogs from the author of the *Big Science for Little Minds* series.

In this book there are all kinds of dogs. Tall, short, thin and fat. Dogs like this and dogs like that. Messy dogs, and dogs with fleas, and some that have ears down to their knees! So if you love dogs just as much as me, pick up this book and give it a read...

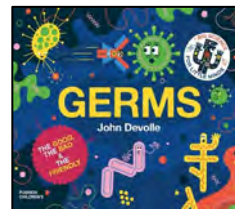
Sales Points:

- For readers of hilarious picture books, such as those by Julia Donaldson, Jon Klassen and Rob Biddulph
- Filled with distinctive illustrations of every kind of pup imaginable, this is the perfect book for dog lovers!

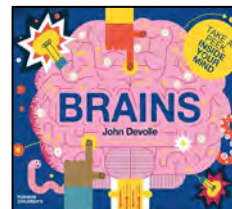
John Devolle studied Fine Art at the University of Westminster and has since run an art gallery in East London, been a graphic designer / art director, and, since 2010, worked as an illustrator on numerous children's books. John currently lives and works in Dublin.



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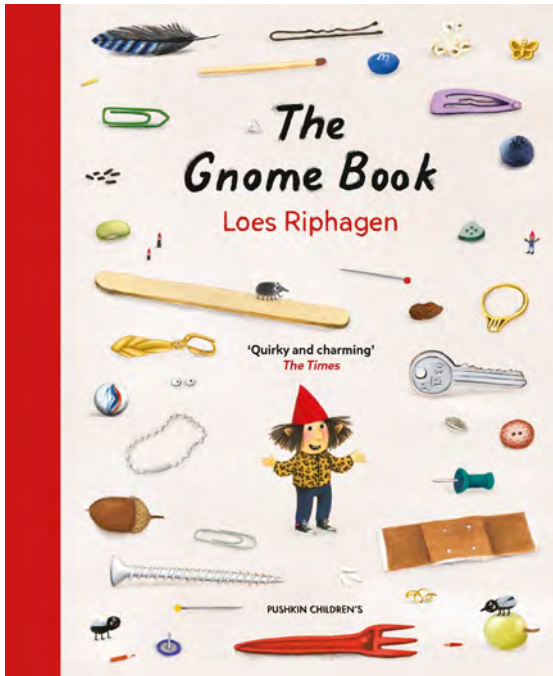
Dogs in cars, loving the ride,
whizzing through the countryside.



The Gnome Book

Loes Riphagen

Translated by Michele Hutchison



ISBN: 9781782695738

Price: £9.99

Publication date: 08 October 2026

Binding: Paperback

Format: 280 x 230 mm

Extent: 60 pages

Reading Age: 5-7 years

The essential guide for anyone curious about the gnomes' way of life: what they eat, how they have fun, what they learn at school and even what pets they have - you'll learn about all this and more as a friendly gnome Kick shows you around his world.

Each page of this richly illustrated picture book is crammed with fascinating gnome facts, jokes and advice for following the gnome lifestyle. Whether it's a step-by-step plan for making a pointy red gnome hat or a cross section of a gnome house, every spread is a feast for the eyes. After reading it, you'll be seeing signs of our gnome neighbours everywhere you look.

Sales Points:

- Large detailed search and find spreads on which readers can discover something new everytime they read the book
- A fantastical world in which children can lose themselves, full of crafting and activity ideas: i.e. making a gnome hat and repurposing found objects
- Perfect for fans of *Gnomes* by Wil Huygen, *A Natural History of Fairies* by Emily Hawkins and Jessica Roux and *The Magical Unicorn Society: Official Handbook*

Loes Riphagen is a Dutch picture book author and illustrator who made her debut in 2008 and whose work has since gone on to be published in twenty countries across the world. She grew up on a farm near a forest, and was always fascinated by the stories of the gnomes that her mother told her lived in the woods. *The Gnome Book* is the result!

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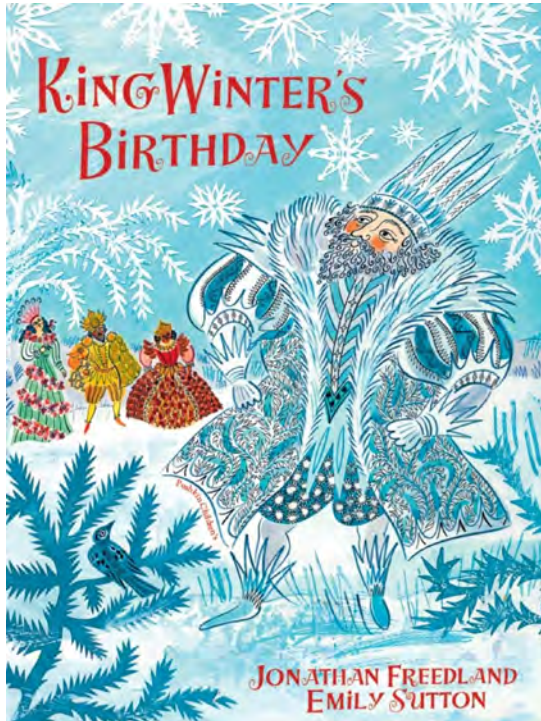
MY HOUSE



King Winter's Birthday

Jonathan Freedland

Illustrated By Emily Sutton



An achingly beautiful picture book by Jonathan Freedland inspired by a story from Ulrich Alexander Boschwitz, author of *The Passenger*.

It's King Winter's birthday, and he wants his party to be really special. He asks all of his brothers and sisters to be there: Queen Spring, King Summer and Queen Autumn.

But the wind and the trees whisper a warning, and as the four play magical games, something strange begins to happen outside.

Sales Points:

- A magical picture book with a poignant backstory - bestselling author Jonathan Freedland's story was inspired by an unpublished story written by Ulrich Alexander Boschwitz while he was interned on the Isle of Man during the Second World War
- Gorgeously illustrated by the acclaimed Emily Sutton
- A unique fairy tale about the four seasons

Jonathan Freedland is a *Guardian* columnist and the presenter of BBC Radio 4's contemporary history series, *The Long View* and host of the podcast *Unholy*. He is the author of twelve books, the latest being *The Escape Artist*.

Emily Sutton is an artist and illustrator based in York, England. She has worked on numerous picture books, including *The Christmas Eve Tree* by Delia Huddy, as well as *Tiny*, *Lots*, *Many* and *Grow* by author Nicola Davies.

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Price: £9.99

Publication date: 08 October 2026

Binding: Paperback

Format: 305 x 230 mm

Extent: 40 pages

Reading Age: 5-7 years

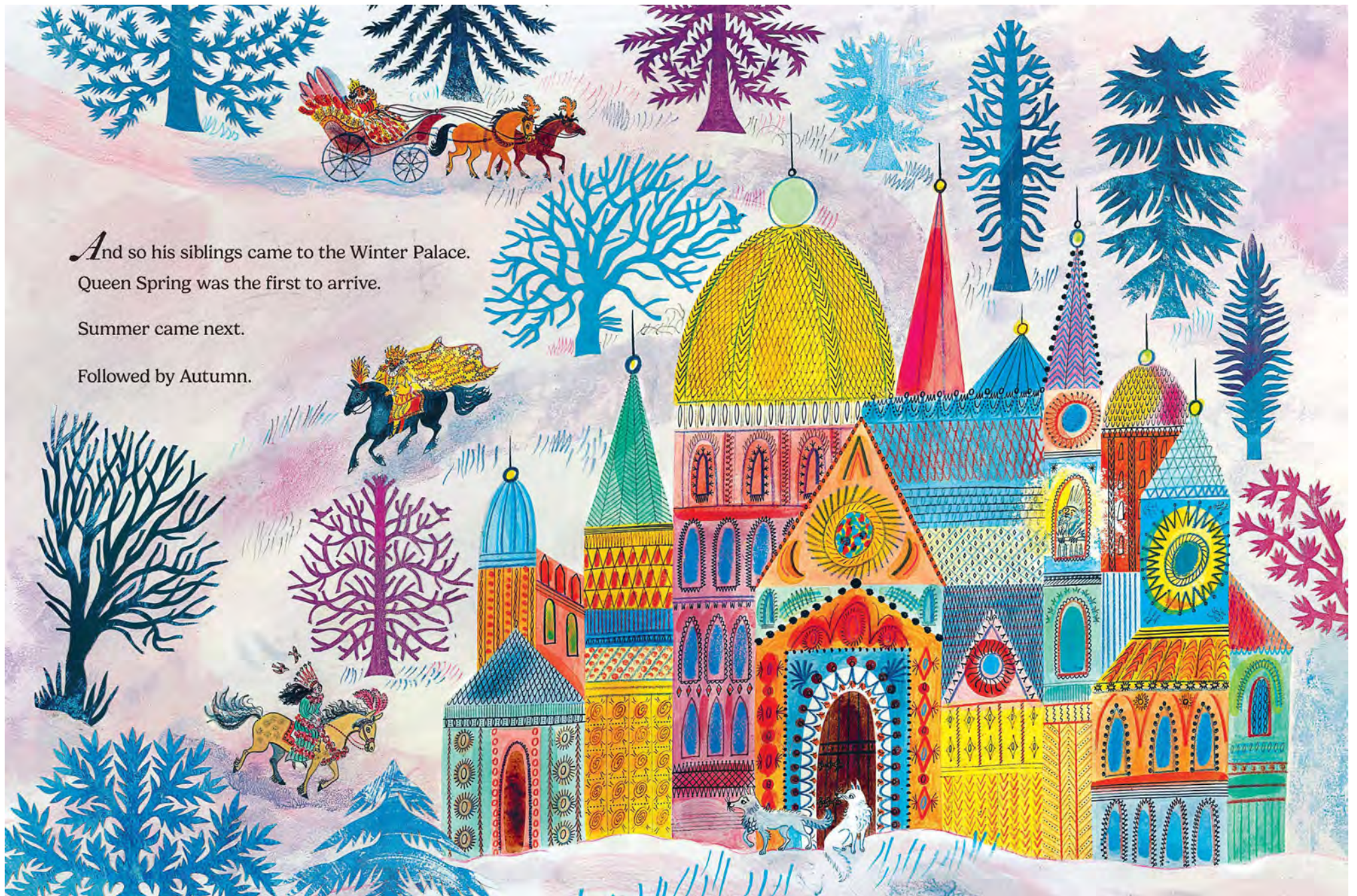
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*A*nd so his siblings came to the Winter Palace.
Queen Spring was the first to arrive.

Summer came next.

Followed by Autumn.



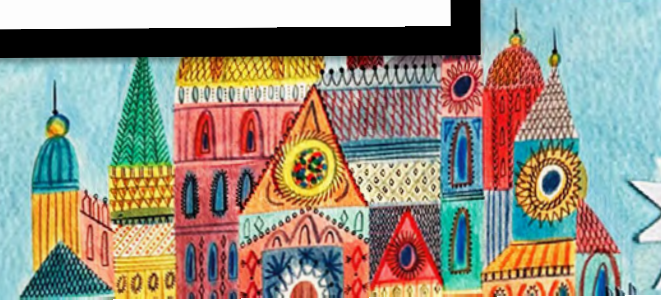
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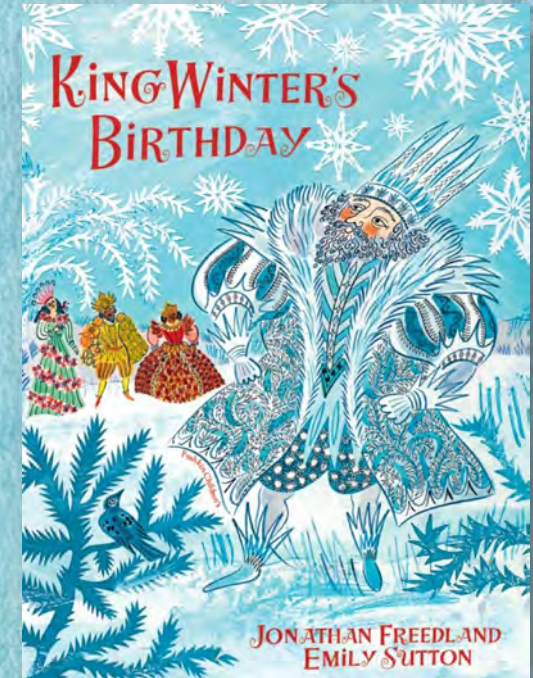
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KING WINTER'S BIRTHDAY

Marketing & Publicity

- **Ornate book trailer** will run as advertising on social media
- **Luxe parenting influencer mailout**
- POS includes a **bespoke Christmas card** and **A3 standee**
- Illustrator **Emily Sutton** is **very active on Instagram** (37.9k followers) and **open to collaboration** with retailer social channels, sharing her design process
- **Outreach** to the Book Trust, Books for Topics and School Reading List to feature the book in their Christmas Books lists
- A **Christmas signing with Jonathan** at a key London bookshop
- **Large mailing to broadsheets, kids' media** and **parenting press** for Christmas gift guides
- Jonathan to appear at a **winter literary festival** to promote the paperback



King Winter's Birthday
Jonathan Freedland and Emily Sutton
9781782695677 | PB | £9.99



Black Beauty

Anna Sewell



ISBN: 9781782695509

Price: £10.99

Publication date: 08 October 2026

Binding: Paperback

Format: 198 x 129 mm

Extent: 208 pages

Reading Age: 9-11 years

A gorgeous deluxe children's classics edition of one of the most famous animal stories ever written.

As a young colt Black Beauty is handsome and carefree and lives an idyllic life under the gentle guidance of his mother, Duchess. But when his owners are forced to sell him, Black Beauty goes from a life of comfort and kindness to one of hard labour and cruelty.

Moving from owner to owner, he meets fellow horses whose fates expose the terrible ways in which humans can treat animals. Despite enduring agonizing neglect and hardship, Beauty bravely works as hard as he can, for he has an unbreakable spirit and is determined to survive.

Sales Points:

- *Black Beauty* is one of the bestselling books of all time - estimated to have sold over 50 million copies in at least 50 different languages
- A luxurious deluxe paperback edition - complete with flaps, inside cover printing, and a beautiful, foil embellished cover design by Nathan Burton
- Part of the new Pushkin Children's Classics list: thrilling, magical and inspiring stories from around the world

Anna Sewell (1820-1878) was an English novelist who wrote the 1877 novel *Black Beauty*, her only published work. It is considered one of the best-selling children's novels of all time, although the author originally intended it for adults.

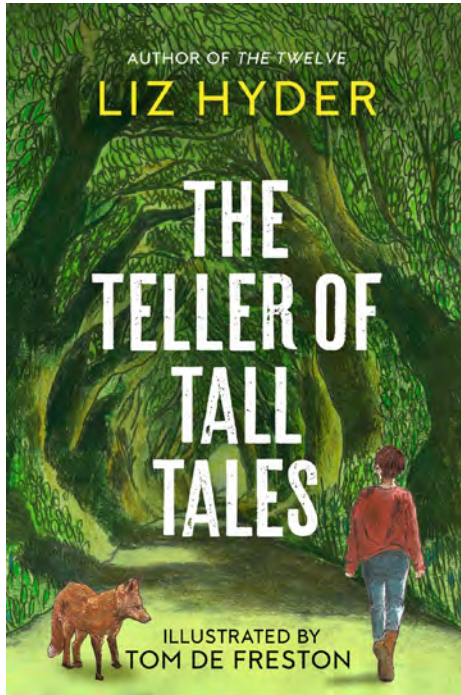
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The Teller of Tall Tales

Liz Hyder

Illustrated By Tom de Freston



ISBN: 9781782695790

Price: £14.99

Publication date: 22 October 2026

Binding: Hardback

Format: 198 x 129 mm

Extent: 256 pages

Reading Age: 12+

A breathtaking new graphic/novel hybrid from award-winning duo Liz Hyder and Tom de Freston, seamlessly weaving together a tapestry of exquisite folk tales.

You haven't seen Oma in years. Your mum and dad have kept her away, scared of something that happened when you were too young to remember. But then, they changed their minds. Once a month, they say, you can visit her once a month. And now, here she is: Oma. A stranger. Your grandmother. And she has a story to tell - are you ready?

Sales Points:

- A new highly illustrated novel from Liz Hyder and Tom de Freston, whose previous book *The Twelve* was the winner of the Nero Prize for Children's Fiction, the Tir Na N-Og award (English-language category), and was a Financial Times and Guardian Book of the Year
- A folklore-inspired graphic/novel hybrid
- Told in a mysterious second-person narrative that will sweep readers into the heart of the tale

Liz Hyder has been making up stories ever since she can remember. She has a BA in drama from the University of Bristol and, in early 2018, won the Bridge Award/Moniack Mhor's Emerging Writer Award. Her first novel, *Bearmouth*, won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Older Readers, the Branford Boase Award, and was The Times's Children's Book of The Year. Her most recent novel, *The Twelve*, won the Nero prize for children's books.

Tom De Freston is an artist based in Oxford with his wife, Kiran Millwood Hargrave. His practice is dedicated to the construction of multimedia worlds, combining paintings, film and performance into immersive visceral narratives.

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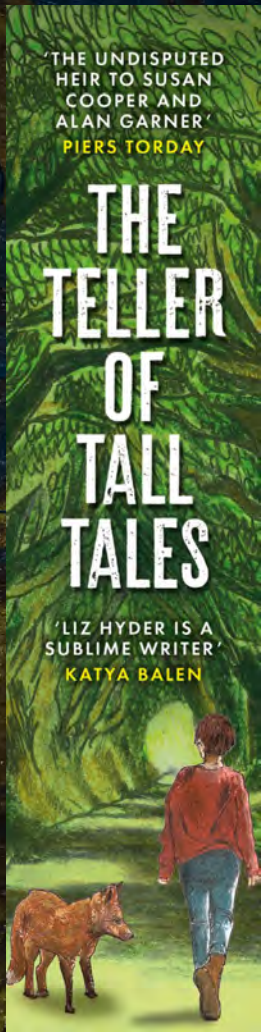
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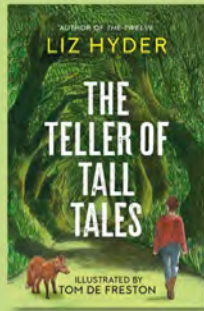


THE TELLER OF TALL TALES

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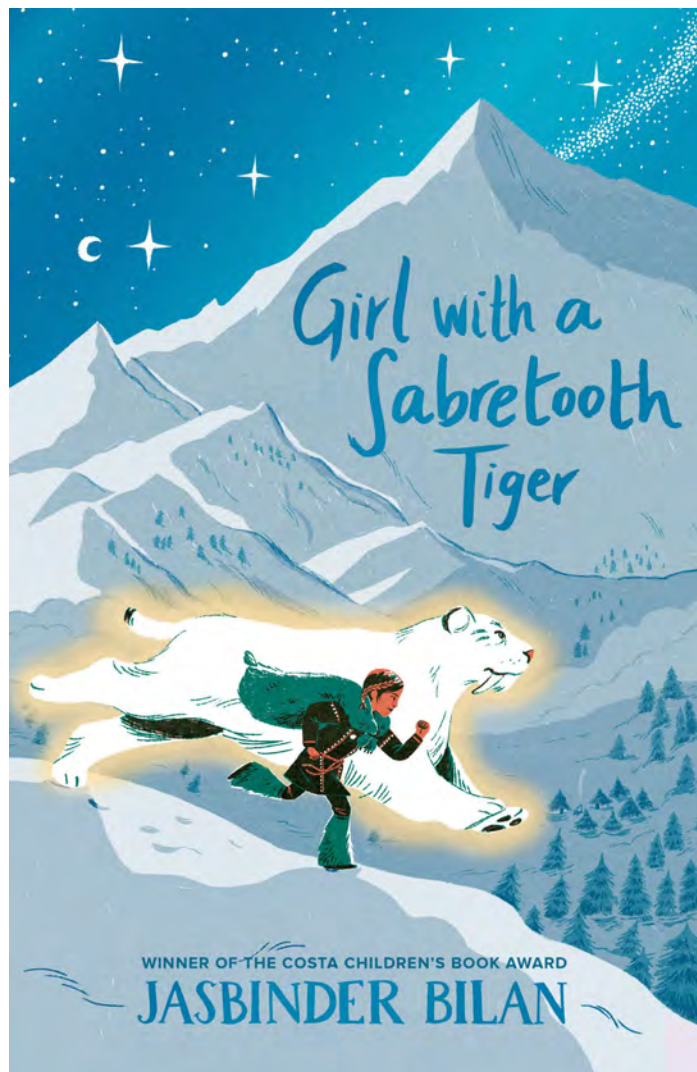


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- Cover and announcement trailer, plus a trade announcement in the spring
- **Signed print** by Tom de Freston as an exclusive retailer giveaway
- **Reading resources** for schools, libraries and bookshops
- A **gorgeous suite of digital assets** featuring reader reviews and endorser praise
- **Collaboration with book bloggers** on Instagram to record their reader reactions
- **Large proof mailing to broadsheets, librarians and teachers**, plus proofs sent to high profile teen and YA authors for pre-publication quotes
- Liz Hyder is perfect for **virtual or in-person school visits**
- **Festival, school and bookshop events** from late October onwards
- **London bookshop launch event** followed by Christmas signings with Liz and Tom

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Selling points:

- A gorgeous Christmas gift from the Costa Award-winning author of *Asha & the Spirit Bird*.
- Fully illustrated by the award-winning Sonia Albert.
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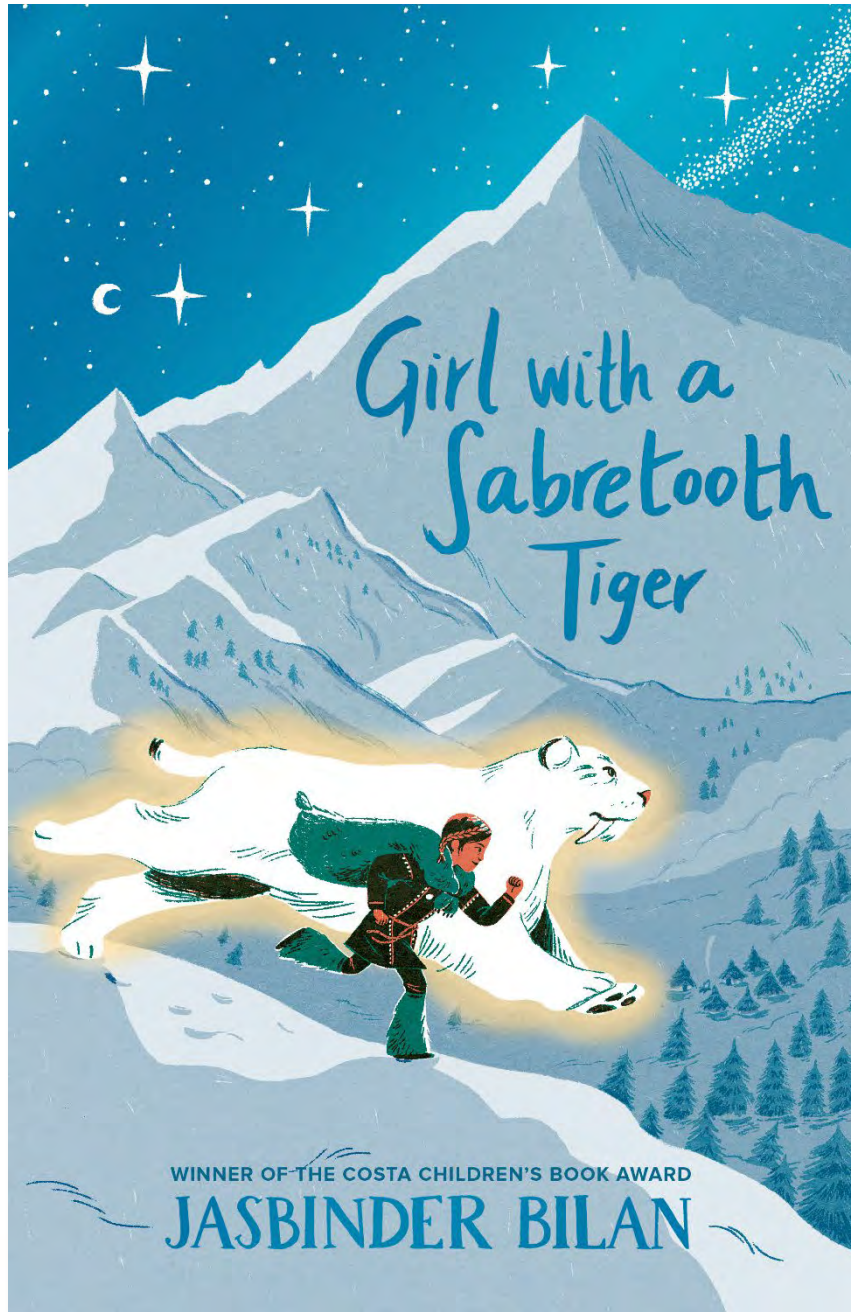
JASBINDER BILAN

Jasbinder was born in a stable in the foothills of the Himalayas. Her debut novel, *Asha & the Spirit Bird*, won the 2017 Times/Chicken House Competition and was inspired by the incredible bond Jasbinder shares with her grandmother. She lives in Bath with her husband and two teenage sons.

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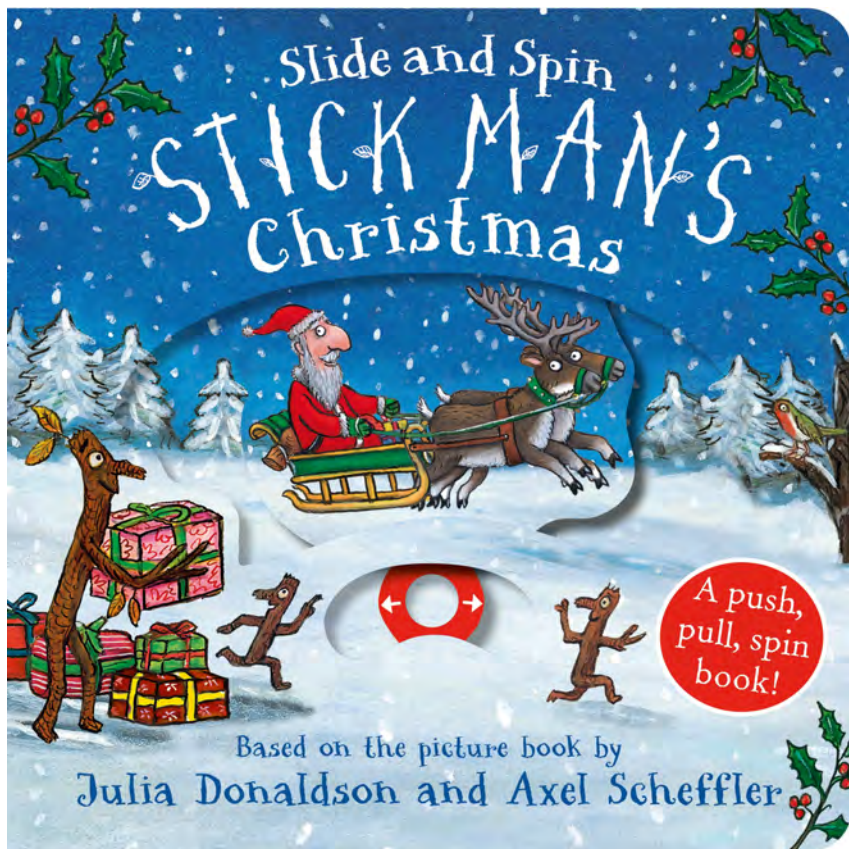


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Stick Man's Christmas - Slide and Spin

Julia Donaldson

Illustrated by Axel Scheffler

Push, pull, spin and slide with Stick Man and Santa in the new board book from bestselling picture book duo Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler!

Stick Man is going on a Christmas adventure! Push, pull and spin sliders to throw snowballs with the Stick children, deliver presents with Santa and fly through the sky on the sleigh! This chunky board book with a fun festive story will keep your toddler entertained whilst helping to increase hand-eye co-ordination.

Selling points:

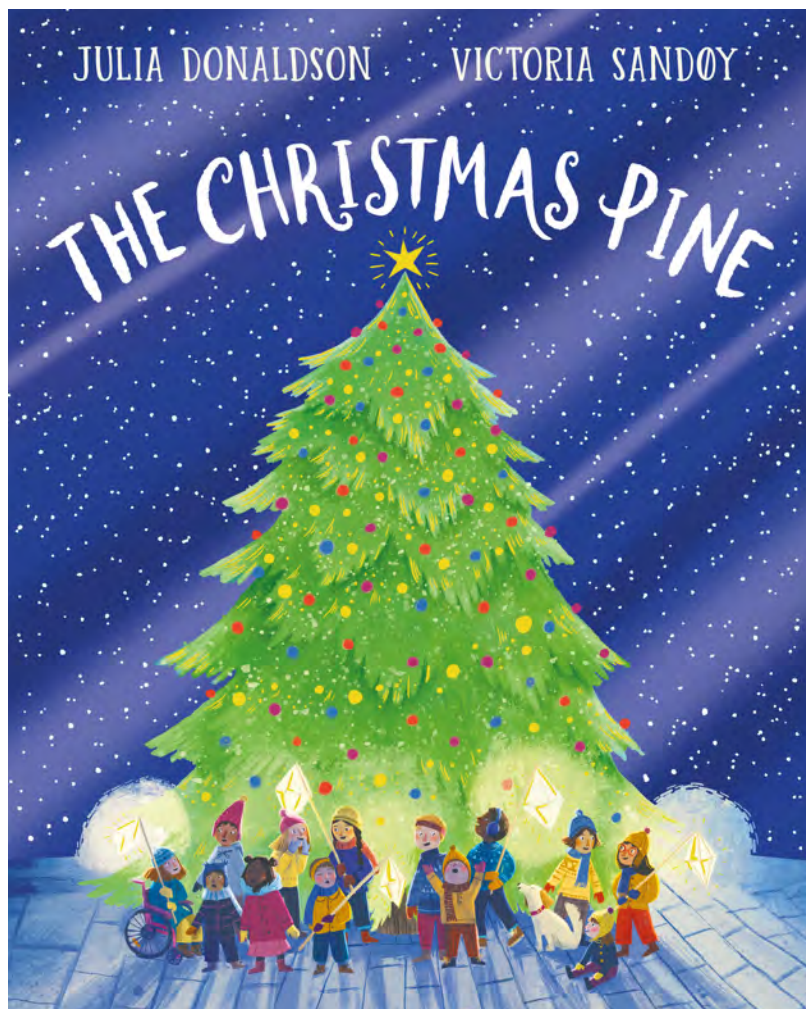
- *Stick Man* has sold over one million copies in the UK and has been adapted as a half-hour animated special for the BBC
- Julia Donaldson is the UK's #1 bestselling author - for 2013, 2014 and 2015 - and Axel Scheffler is the UK's bestselling children's illustrator
- *Stick Man* was the #1 bestselling backlist picture book in 2015; the animation was 2015's #4 most-viewed Christmas Day TV show

About the author: Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written and has attracted international acclaim with her original stories and irresistible rhymes. She lives in Sussex.

About the illustrator: Axel Scheffler is one of the most celebrated illustrators in the world. He has brought to life a huge variety of characters, from dragons to gruffalos. He lives in London.

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The Christmas Pine 5th Anniversary Edition (PB)

Julia Donaldson
 Illustrated by **Victoria Sandøy**

A stunning picture book for Christmas, written in Julia Donaldson's perfect, heartfelt rhyme.

Deep in a snowy wood stands a little pine tree with a special destiny: it's going to be the famous Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square! With gorgeous, atmospheric illustrations, this beautiful, moving story brims with festivity and hope.

Selling points:

- A beautiful, shiny foiled edition of the bestselling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandøy
- Perfect Christmas gift - and a classic for all time
- Stunningly illustrated, incredibly moving, and brimming with festivity and hope
- Julia's text was originally commissioned by The Poetry Society to decorate the 2020 Trafalgar Square Christmas tree
- The tree is an annual gift to the UK from Norway

About the author: Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written and has attracted international acclaim with her original stories and irresistible rhymes. She lives in Sussex.

About the illustrator: Victoria Sandøy is a Norwegian illustrator based in Oslo. She studied illustration in the UK, graduating with a first-class degree from Falmouth University. Her work is inspired by her Scandinavian roots and is influenced by nature and folklore.

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About the author: Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written. She has been awarded a CBE for services to literature, and was also a much-praised Children's Laureate.

www.juliadonaldson.co.uk

About the illustrator: Victoria Sandøy is a Norwegian illustrator based in Oslo, Norway. She studied illustration in the UK, graduating with a first-class degree. Victoria's work is inspired by her Scandinavian roots and is influenced by nature, folklore and her favourite children's books. Her stunning artwork has attracted international acclaim. www.victoriasandoy.com







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Farter Christmas (PB)

Sarah Reid

Illustrated by Mike Byrne

Father Christmas is making a stink! At every house he visits, he leaves more than just presents . . .

But when the sleigh breaks down and the reindeer revolt (it is quite smelly you know), he must find a way to deliver the remaining presents. Will he be able to save Christmas? (And earn himself a new nickname while he's at it . . . ?)

Selling points:

- With bouncy, laugh-out-loud text by the fantastic Sarah Reid.
- Mike Byrne's vibrant and hilarious illustrations will have the whole family laughing along.
- The shiny foiled cover and fun story make this the perfect Christmas gift.
- Perfect for fans of *The Twelve Bums of Christmas* and *Has Santa Been?*

About the author: Sarah Reid lives in Portsmouth. She has previously written the *Twelve Bums of Christmas* with Scholastic.

About the illustrator: Mike Byrne has illustrated *There's a Troll on my Toilet*, *Who Pooed in my Loo?* and *There is a Spider in this Book*. Mike grew up on the Wirral near Liverpool, moved to Wales to study illustration and now lives in the countryside with his wife and sons.

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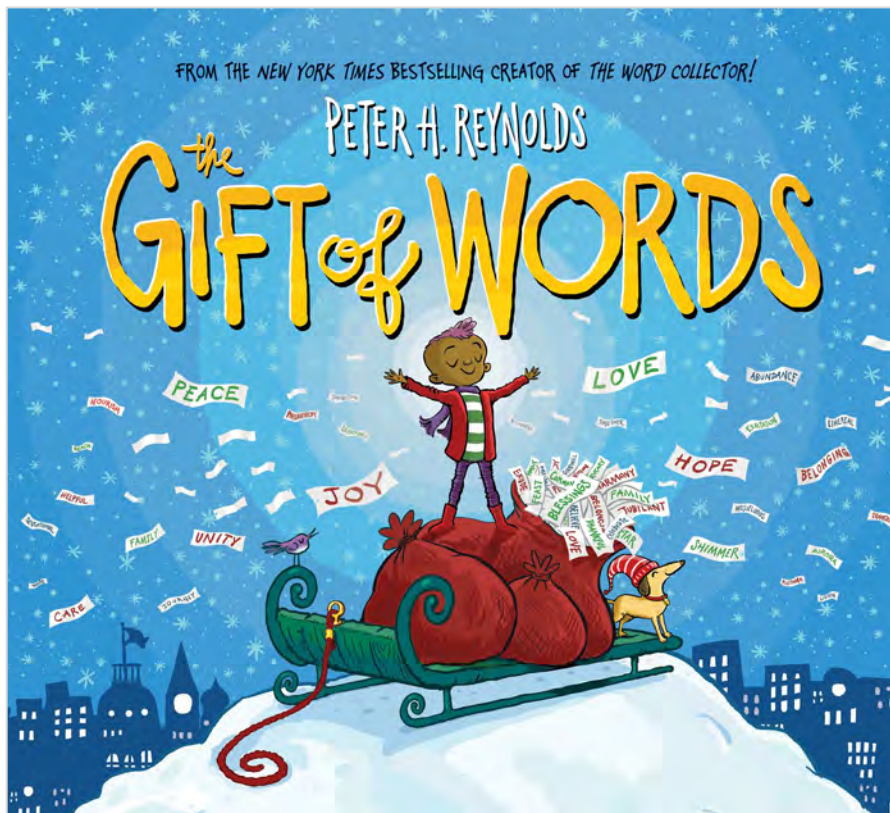


At one quiet house,
children slept like a log.
Until his loud farts
woke up their pet dog!

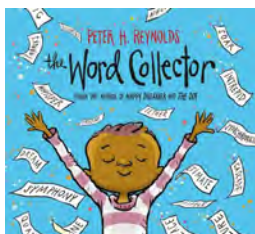
Oh no, this was *bad*.
He was supposed to be quiet.
But instead his farts were
causing quite the riot!

He **ran** to the door while his stomach still gurgled.
The dog barked and barked. "Are we being burgled?"

He dropped off the presents,
then had to leave fast.
So, he **farted** his way
up the chimney – **BLAST!**



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The Gift of Words (PB)

Peter H. Reynolds

Jerome loves collecting words. Especially positive ones. But when he looks around the street for new words to collect, none of them are inspiring or joyful.

He decides he will GIFT his community some words instead. Then, one person's gift inspires another person to give gifts too. Soon, the whole town are adding new positive and cheerful words to the word tree.

Selling points:

- From the beloved and bestselling Peter H. Reynolds comes an inspirational holiday story about the importance of sharing the gift of words
- With bright and animated illustrations depicting the joy of community and togetherness
- Peter H. Reynolds is the *New York Times* bestselling creator of *The Word Collector*, *Be You* and *The Dot*

About the author: Peter H. Reynolds is a *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of many books for children, including *The Dot*, *I Am Human*, *Happy Dreamer*, *The Word Collector* and *Say Something*. His books have been translated into over 25 languages around the globe and are celebrated worldwide. He lives in Dedham, Massachusetts, with his family.

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Millie Fleur's Worst Day Ever (HB)

Christy Mandin

It was time for the town's annual Butterbloom Fest! Everyone was ready for the most perfect day of the year. Everyone except Millie Fleur La Fae.

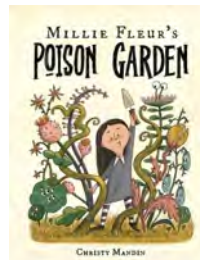
Poor Millie Fleur wakes up with a bad case of the morgenmuffels. Even worse, there's a humbug tangled in her hair! Will a little help from her friends be enough to turn this bad day around?

Selling points:

- Christy Mandin's whimsical and quirky illustrations bring the beloved world of Millie Fleur to life.
- A gentle reminder of the importance of relying on our friends when we're feeling blue.
- Other titles in the series: *Millie Fleur's Poison Garden*, *Millie Fleur Saves the Night* and the upcoming *Millie Fleur's Pumpkin Problem*.

About the author: Christy Mandin is the author and illustrator of multiple picture books. She's grown many interesting plants in her garden over the years but, so far, none with teeth or tentacles. She currently lives in Florida with her husband and four children.

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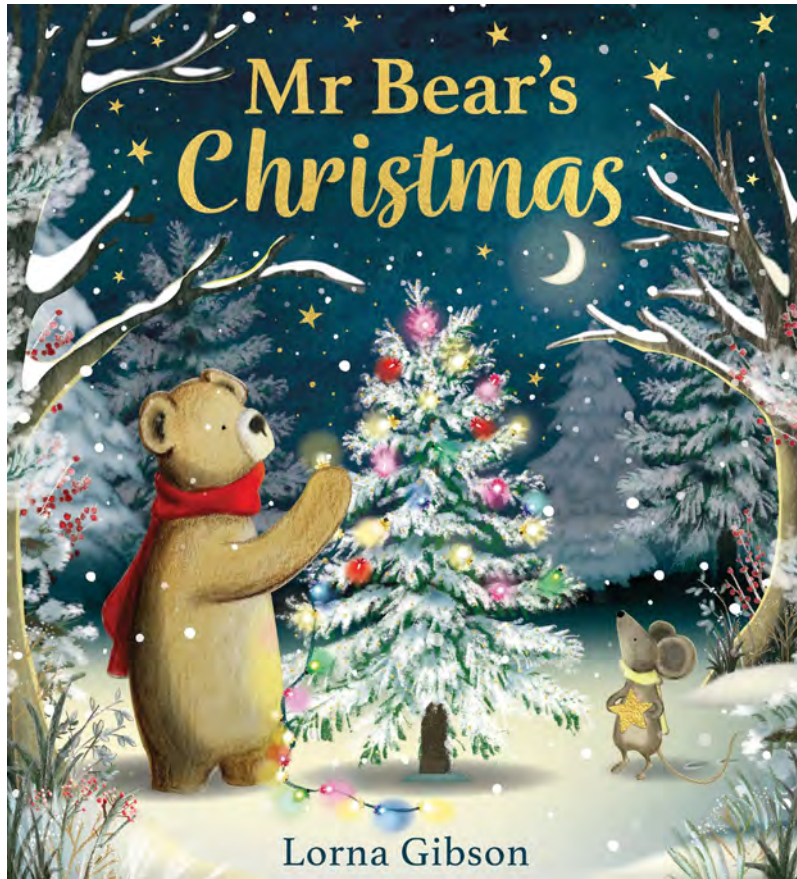
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Everyone except Millie Fleur La Fae.

It was her first Butterbloom Fest since moving to town. She didn't want to miss a single moment, so she'd stayed up too late reading about everything the fest had to offer.





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Mr Bear's Christmas

Lorna Gibson

Mr Bear and his best friend Mouse are planning a Christmas party for their friends.

But when the day finally arrives, Mouse gets lost gathering berries! Can Mr Bear and his forest friends find Mouse so they can have the Christmas they all dreamed of?

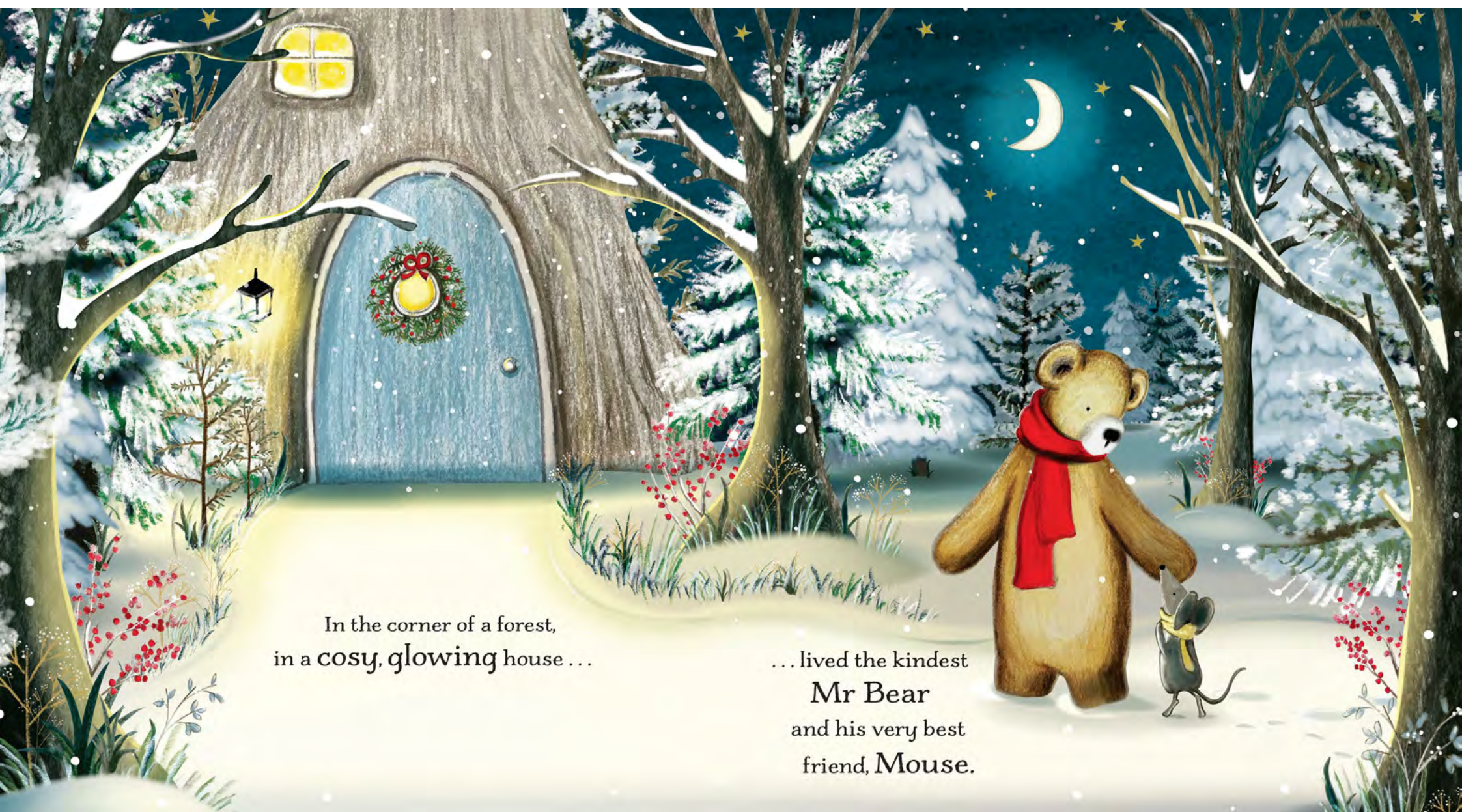
Selling points:

- Lorna Gibson is an author, illustrator and award-winning multimedia creator.
- Lorna's animated film of *Mr Bear's Christmas* is currently streaming on BBC iPlayer with the voice of Stephen Fry as the narrator.
- A special, cosy Christmas treat for fans of *Stick Man* and *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*.
- With beautiful foil highlights on the cover, making this the perfect Christmas gift.

About the author: Lorna Gibson is a self-taught author, illustrator and animator, creating stories which offer magic and comfort to all who need it. Her animated TV show *Mr Bear's Christmas* is narrated by Stephen Fry on the BBC.

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In the corner of a forest,
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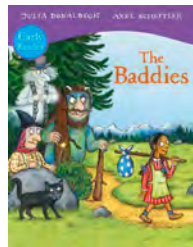
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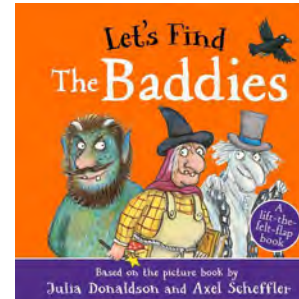
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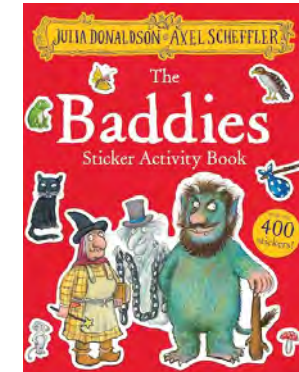
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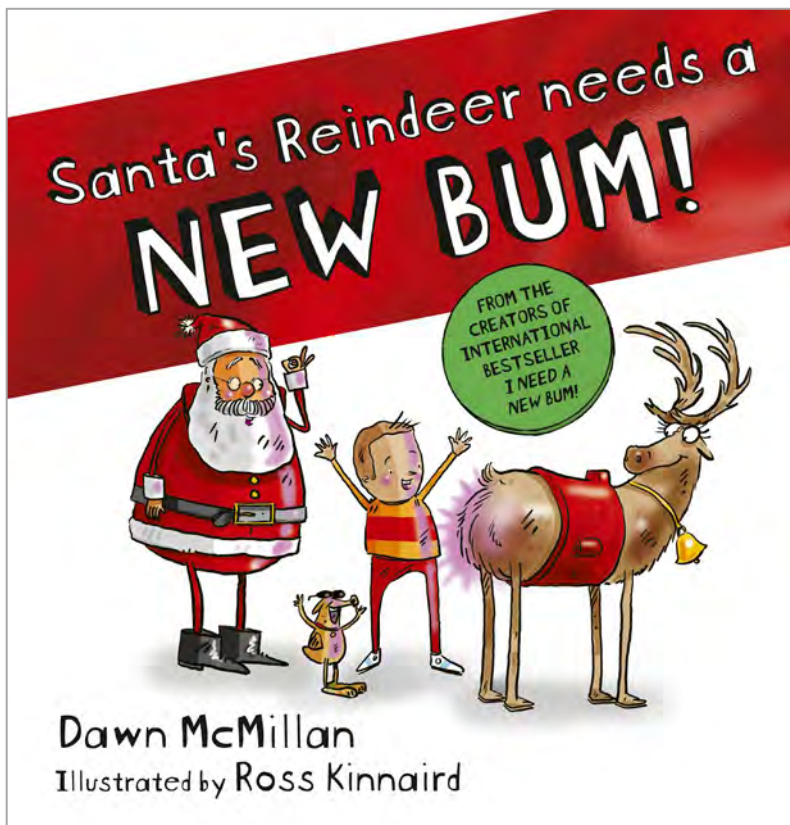
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The Baddies are coming to BBC One and BBC iPlayer this Christmas!

Previous adaptations include The Gruffalo, Zog and last year's The Scarecrows' Wedding which delighted 8.7 million viewers across the festive period (28-day BARB) and became Christmas week's most watched programme in the UK. The Scarecrows' Wedding also achieved Magic Light's highest-ever audience share at 48.2%



Voice cast from left: Sheridan Smith (Narrator), Rob Brydon (Ghost), Alison Steadman (Witch), Robyn Cara (Girl), Hammed Animashaun (Troll), Francesca Mills (Mouse)



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The New Bum Series!: Santa's Reindeer Needs a New Bum! (PB)

Dawn McMillan
Ross Kinnaird

The funniest Christmas picture book of the season!

Oh no! Santa has crash-landed on his way to deliver the presents. Dancer the reindeer has lost her bum-shine . . . how will the reindeers pull the sleigh without her? Will our hero think up a new reindeer bum in time to save Christmas?

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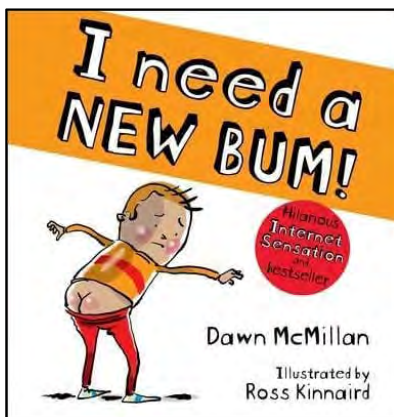
- Dawn McMillan's hilarious text will have the whole family roaring with laughter this festive season.
- With Ross Kinnaird's signature silly illustrations to bring even more humour.

About the author: Award-winning author Dawn McMillan lives in New Zealand. Dawn is an author with 20 years' experience. She visits schools regularly to share stories and encourage children to write.

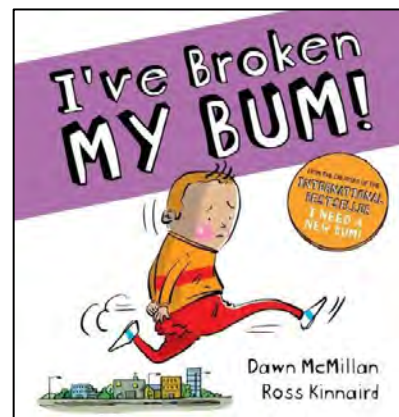
About the illustrator: Ross Kinnaird used to work in advertising and design. He is now an award-winning children's book illustrator, working from his home studio in Auckland, New Zealand. Ross has been illustrating books by Dawn McMillan for 15 years.

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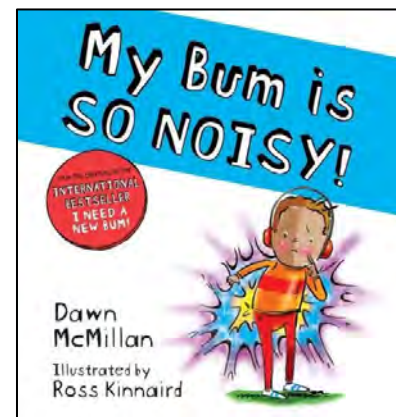
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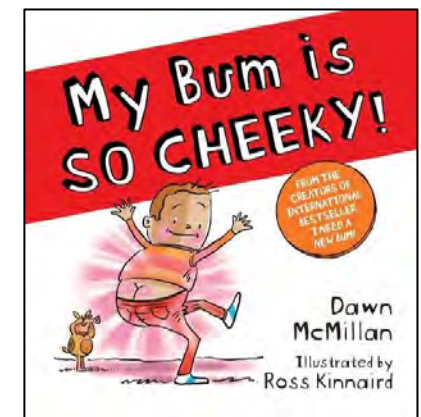
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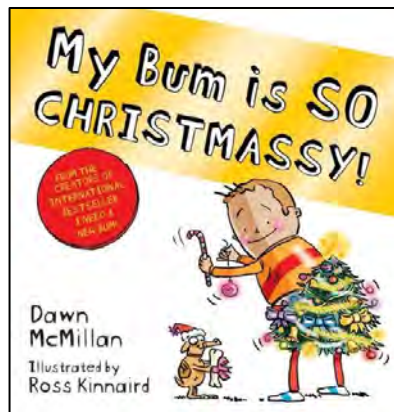
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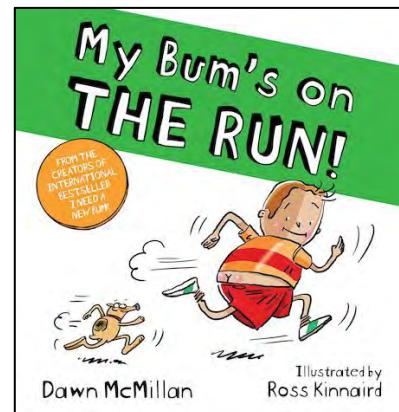
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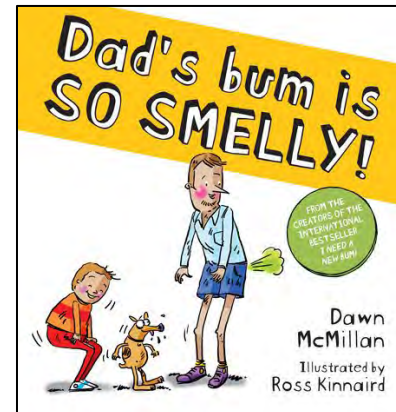
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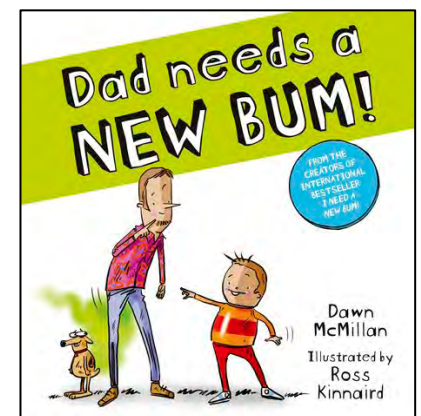


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Stick Man Christmas Special Edition (PB)

Julia Donaldson

Illustrated by Axel Scheffler

The heartwarming modern classic - now with a shiny foiled cover and Christmas crafts for little ones to make and do! It's dangerous being a Stick Man.

A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire! Will he ever get back to the family tree in time for Christmas? Perhaps Santa can help...

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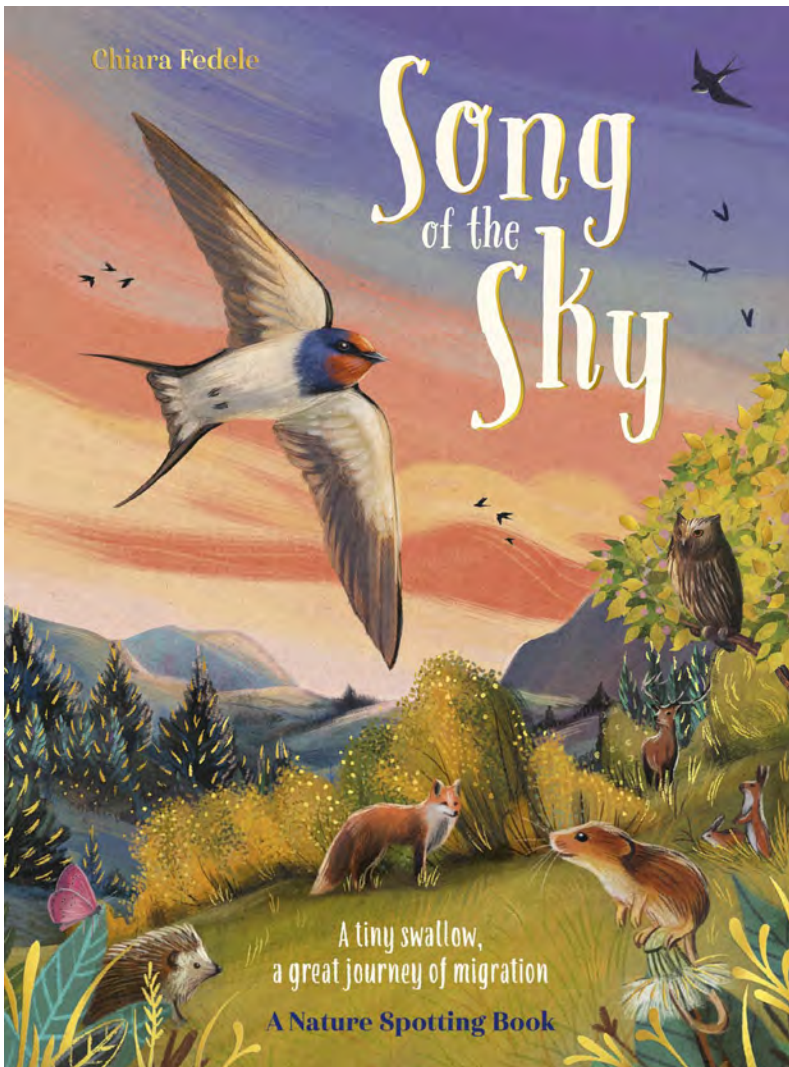
- The super shiny cover makes this a special gift for toddlers
- Includes fun festive activities at the front and back of the book
- *Stick Man* has sold over one million copies in the UK and has been adapted as a half-hour animated special for the BBC
- Julia Donaldson is the UK's #1 bestselling author - for 2013, 2014 and 2015 - and Axel Scheffler is the UK's bestselling children's illustrator
- *Stick Man* was the #1 bestselling backlist picture book in 2015; the animation was 2015's #4 most-viewed Christmas Day TV show

About the author: Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written and has attracted international acclaim with her original stories and irresistible rhymes. She lives in Sussex.

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Song of the Sky

Chiara Fedele

Follow a young fledgling swallow as she prepares to leave the nest, beginning a lifelong pattern of travel in a beautiful love letter to our planet from a swallow's eye.

From the summer skies of Europe, down to the wonderful lakes in the Pyrenees, swooping above the sweeping sands of the Sahara Desert, the swallow's journey is one of awe.

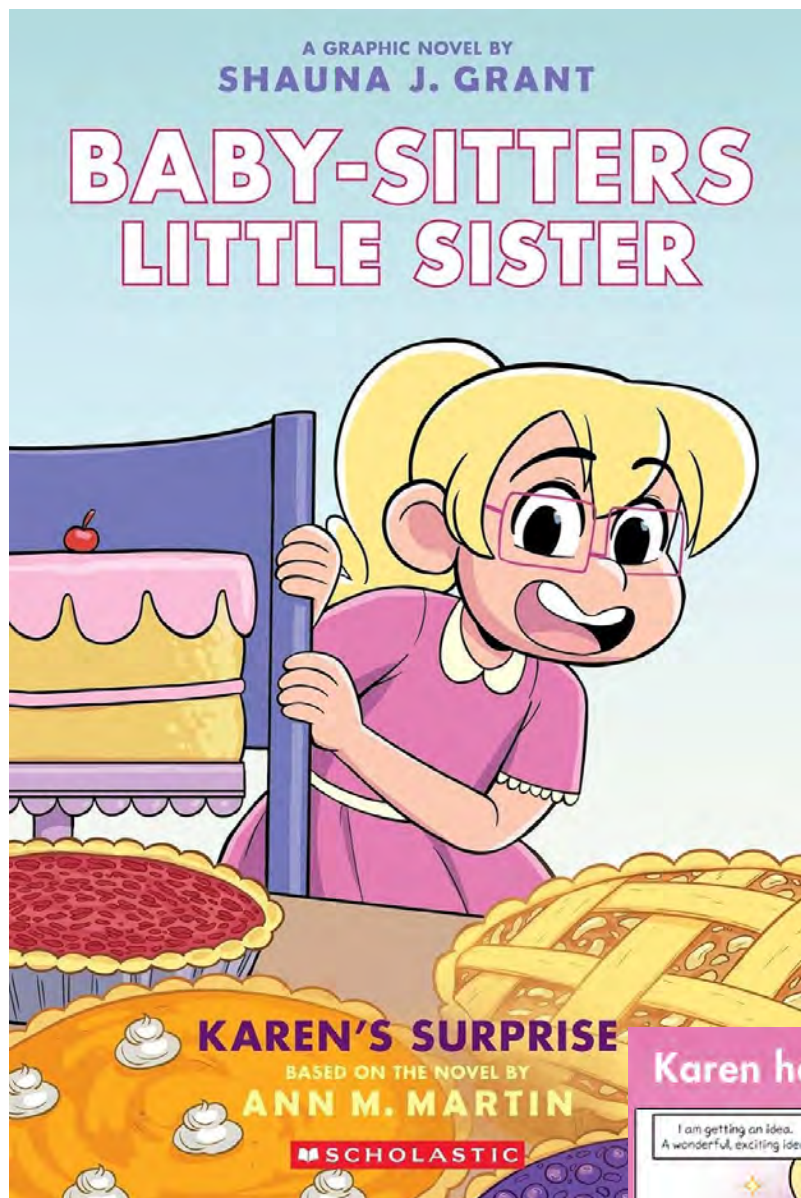
Selling points:

- A beautiful and lyrical story of a swallow's migration.
- Includes interesting facts on creatures that are seen throughout the book.
- Includes a map and an accessible locator key on each spread to help signpost the process of migration.
- Stunning full-colour illustrations by Chiara Fedele.

About the author/illustrator: Chiara Fedele is an illustrator based in Italy. She has worked as an illustrator since 2000, after graduating with a degree in Illustration at La Scuola del Fumetto in Milan. Chiara loves bright colours and contrasts - her artwork uses a combination of mixed traditional media and digital.

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Karen's Surprise: A Graphic Novel

Ann M. MARTIN Illustrated By SHAUNA J. Grant

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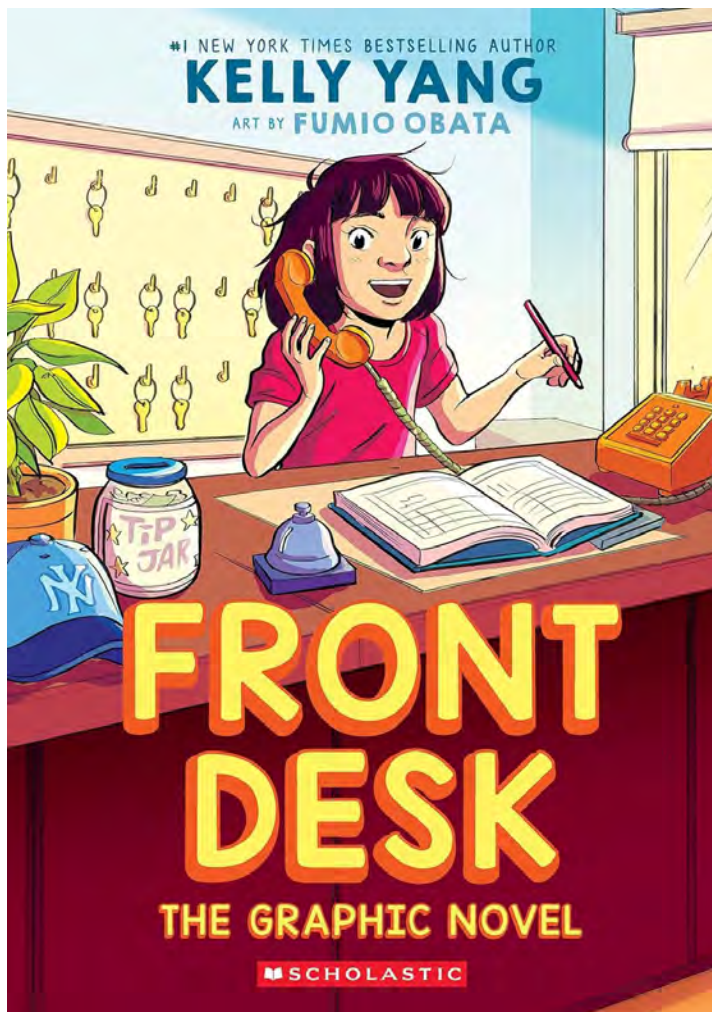
Another graphic novel in this fun series spin-off of The Baby-sitters Club, adapted and illustrated by bestselling author and Mimi series creator Shauna J. Grant!

Karen and her classmates are putting on a play about a grand Thanksgiving feast. She wants the starring role, of course, but she is given the worst part of all -- the Thanksgiving turkey! All she gets to do is walk across the stage in a big brown costume and say one or two lines.

Will everyone laugh at Karen the Turkey? Not when they see her big surprise!

Karen has a surprise for her Thanksgiving play . . . but will her classmates like it?





Front Desk: A Graphic Novel

Kelly Yang

Illustrated by Fumio Obata



The graphic novel adaptation of Kelly Yang's *New York Times* bestselling book *Front Desk*!

This beautifully illustrated modern classic highlighting Mia Tang's ever-relevant immigrant story is a must-have for every bookshelf and classroom.

Selling points:

- *Front Desk* is an inclusive, everyone's-welcome, hopeful, joyful and beautifully written story
- Fumio Obata's art is the perfect new partner in this gorgeous graphic novel edition
- The book has such important things to say about the immigrant experience in an accessible, entertaining way.

About the author: Kelly Yang is the #1 New York Times bestselling, award-winning author of the *Front Desk* series and the winner of the 2019 Asian Pacific American Award for Children's Literature.

About the illustrator: Fumio Obata is a comic book author whose work and inspiration come from cultural differences and social issues in his surroundings. He is also a visual artist in his own right. He studied BA Illustration at Glasgow School of Art and obtained a Master's degree in Communication Design from Royal College of Art in London. He lives in the UK.

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Dear sir/madam,

My name is Mia Tang. I am ten years old and like you, I also entered the Vermont Motel Giveaway Essay Contest. For the past year, I have been helping my parents manage a motel in Anaheim, California. We have made it our home, from the towels we carefully fold each and every day to the customers we call family.

But you see, the motel is not ours. It belongs to a man named Mr. Yao who is unkind and unjust and stubborn as a rock. My parents think that working for Mr. Yao is the only way, but I don't think so. At night, I dreamed of a better way. I dreamed of owning a motel one day that was ours. So I entered the Vermont Motel Giveaway Essay Contest.

Sadly, though, I did not win. What are the chances of actually owning a motel? But, still, it hurt, watching my hopes and dreams disappear. Well, maybe our hopes and dreams don't have to disappear. Mr. Yao is selling the motel! We're all chipping in to see if we can buy it from him and we're looking for investors. It wouldn't be a donation. You would be one of the owners and in the future, whenever a customer comes to stay at the Calivista, part of that money would go to you.

If we can't win a motel, together, let's buy one! No investment is too small. Even if all you have are some extra pennies and nickels lying around, we'll take them (you'd be amazed what some of them are worth). I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,
Mia Tang,
Manager

THE VERMONT ESSAY PEOPLE
SENT OUT MY LETTER AND
THE CHECKS CAME ROLLING IN!





Apocalypse Baby

Anna Penn

When teenage boys Max and Kiran find a baby crying alone during a zombie attack, they make a split-second decision: rescue her.

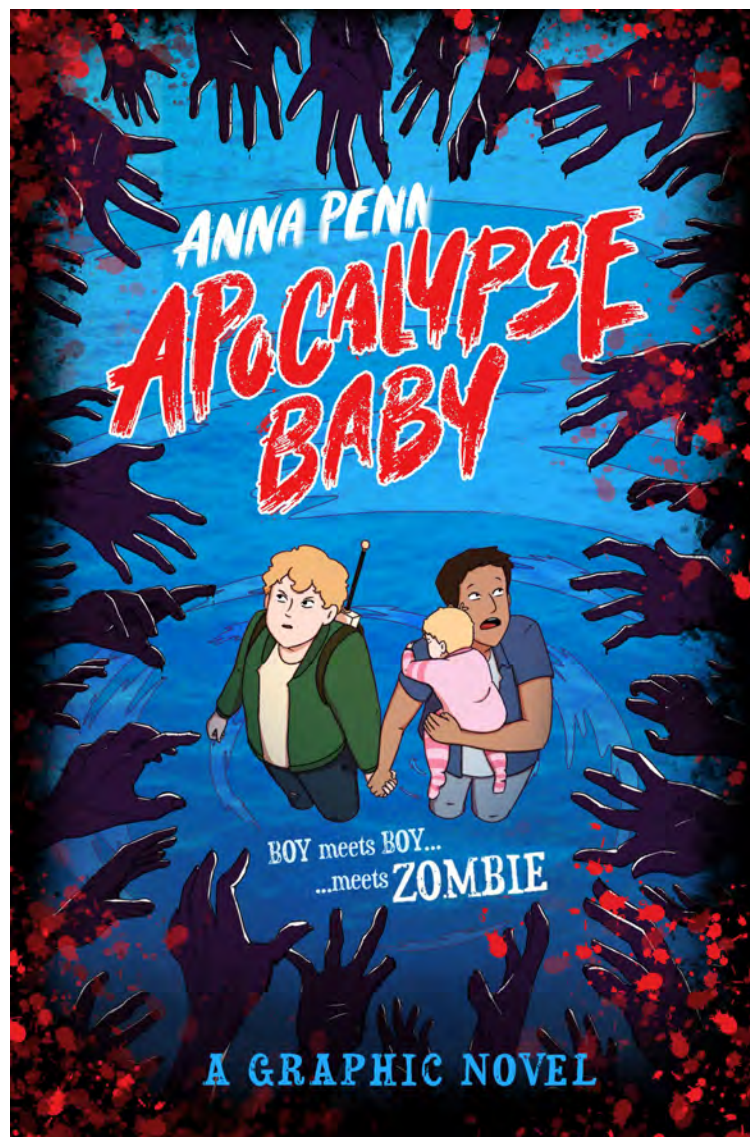
Max has been surviving the wasteland solo since the ferinavirus outbreak turned humans into ravenous monsters called ferals. Kiran has been safely hidden in a farming community - until ferals breach the walls. Now both of them are running.

Together, they trek across hostile territory toward a rumoured settlement, the baby strapped to their backs. But they're opposites in every way. As constant friction sparks into friendship, then something deeper, they're forced to navigate first love while keeping a helpless infant alive. And themselves. In a world designed to kill them all.

Selling points:

- A story about hope, found family and caring for others - all while dodging feral zombies.
- Both a pacey action-adventure story and a sweet romance, it has wide cross-genre appeal.
- The graphic novel features an autistic character written from the author's lived experience.
- *Heartstopper* meets *The Walking Dead*.

About the author/illustrator: Anna Penn works as a VFX (visual effects) Editor and has been long obsessed with zombie stories. For her, it's not about the horror or gore, but the way these stories force characters to work together to survive, overcome and build a new society from the ashes of the old one. Anna received her autism diagnosis while working on the story and discovering this aspect of her identity was a big influence on the characters and the plot.



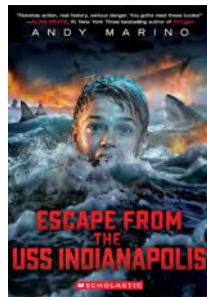
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Escape from Vietnam

Andy Marino

April 29, 1975 In the early morning hours, Malcolm and Violet are woken by their dad and told to pack up and be ready to leave in three minutes.

Their dad works for the United States Embassy in Vietnam and the North Vietnamese Army, alongside Viet Cong guerrilla fighters, have attacked. The Vietnam War isn't over.

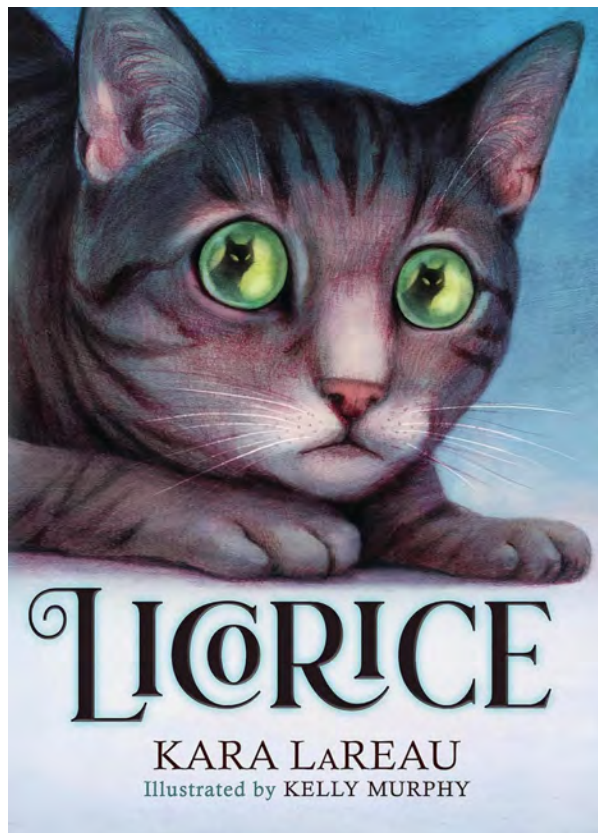
Selling points:

- From Andy Marino, author of *The Plot to Kill Hitler* series.
- A fast-paced historical thriller chronicling one family's desperate bid to escape from Vietnam.
- For readers aged 8+

About the author: Andy Marino was born and raised in upstate New York. He spent his childhood orchestrating LEGO pirate battles, drawing detailed maps of imaginary video games, and cheating death in *Choose Your Own Adventure* books.

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Licorice

Kara Lareau

Illustrated by Kelly Murphy

When a timid kitten called Kitty is chosen from the shelter and brought to her new home at 5 Manderley Lane, she hopes she's finally found safety - and love.

But this house carries echoes. Max, the boy who adopts her, is still grieving the loss of his beloved former pet, and the scent of Licorice - the cat who once ruled this home - lingers in every corner.

As warning voices follow Kitty from shelter cages to shadowed staircases, it becomes clear she may not be alone. Kitty must uncover the truth: is she living in the shadow of memory...or sharing her home with something that never truly left?

Selling points:

- A spine-tingling ghost story told through the eyes of a fragile, unforgettable kitten.
- Combines heartfelt grief, eerie suspense, and gentle horror - perfect for middle-grade readers
- A haunting mystery about loss, love, and learning to make space for something.

Kara LaReau is a former editor and award-winning author. She is also the author of the Geisel-award-winning chapter book series, *The Infamous Ratsos*, along with many other subversive, silly, and fun books for kids. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island with her husband, their kid, and a cat.

Kelly Murphy is a *New York Times*-bestselling author-illustrator and recipient of the E.B. White Award. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

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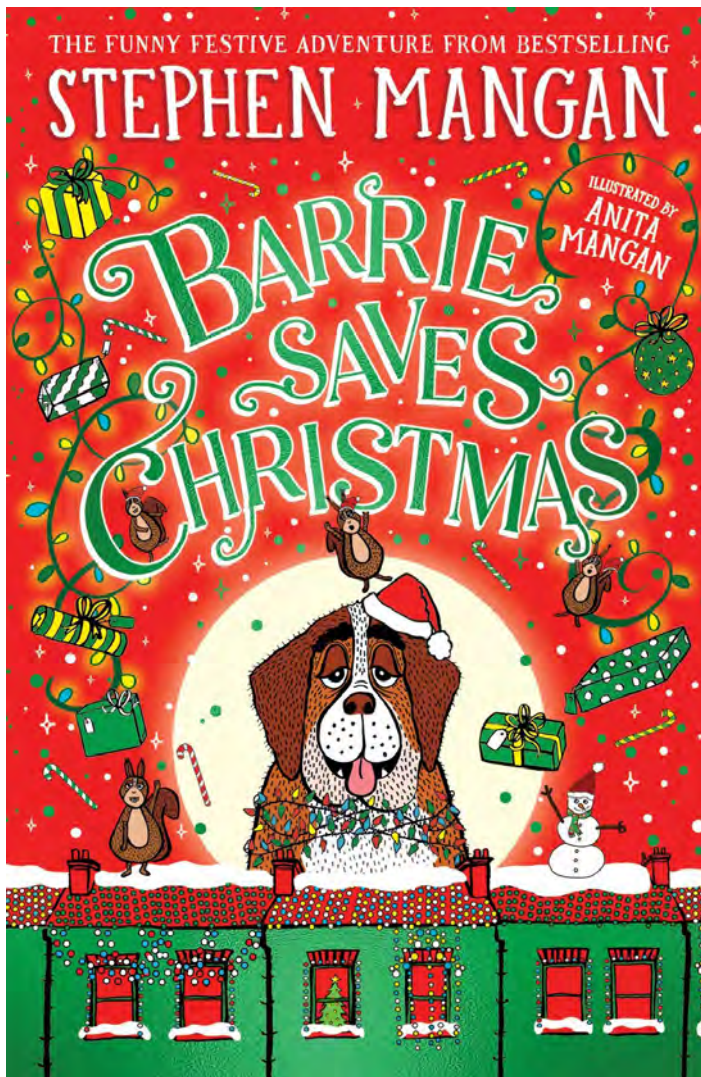
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Stephen Mangan

Illustrated by Anita Mangan

A high-energy, brilliantly silly and fully illustrated festive adventure.

Barrie is a St Bernard dog who much prefers snoozing and farting in front of a cosy fire than going on daring rescue missions through high winds, driving snow and avalanches.

On Christmas Eve, his humans Carrie and Laurence find Santa's top-secret network of underground tunnels accessed by climbing into postboxes, but when a mysterious elf seems set on sabotaging the tunnels, the kids and Barrie must stop him and SAVE CHRISTMAS!

Selling points:

- The duo's first book, *Escape The Rooms*, was one of the bestselling debuts of 2021 and their second book *The Fart That Changed The World* was a top ten bestseller and sold 50,000 copies in its first year.
- Sales of the Mangans' books are over 200,000 copies via TCM in just 4 years.

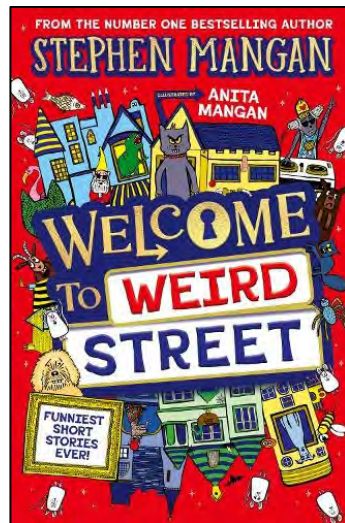
About the author: Stephen Mangan is a national treasure, author, script-writer and actor with huge range across TV, radio, film and theatre. He has been a member of the judging panels for the Costa Book of the Year prize and The Laugh-Out-Loud Awards (The Lollies).

About the illustrator: Anita Mangan is a celebrated graphic designer and illustrator who has designed over 60 books including for Leon Restaurants, Gizzi Erskine and Fearne Cotton. She illustrated the best-selling *Be a Unicorn* series.

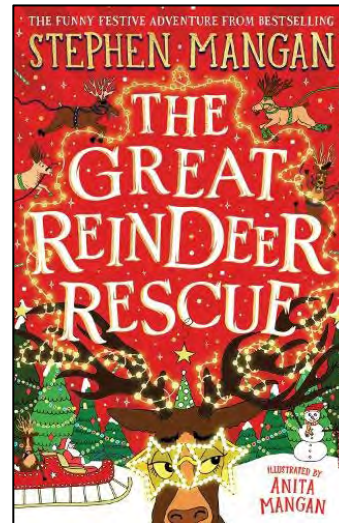
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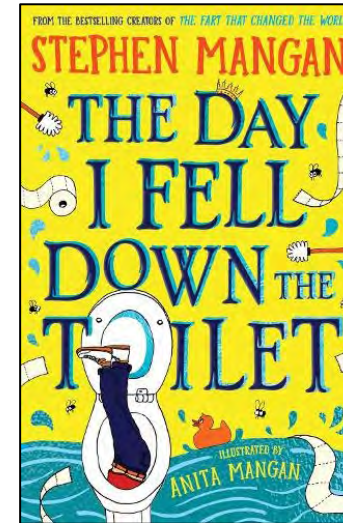
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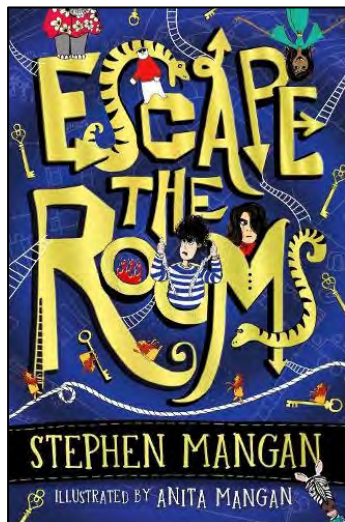
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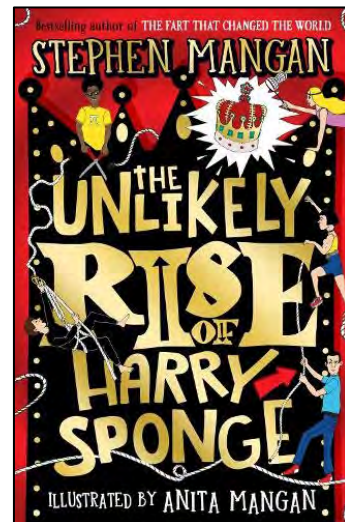
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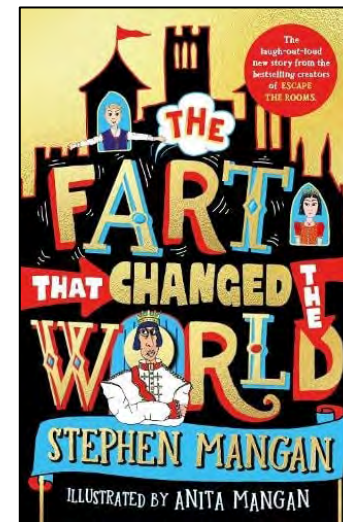
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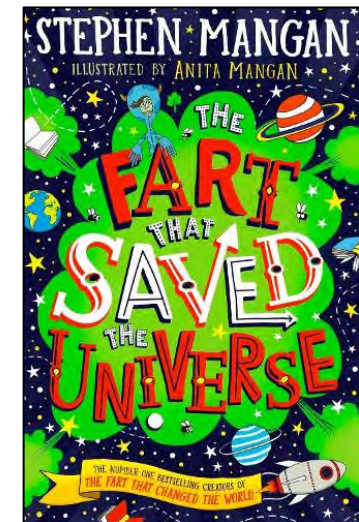
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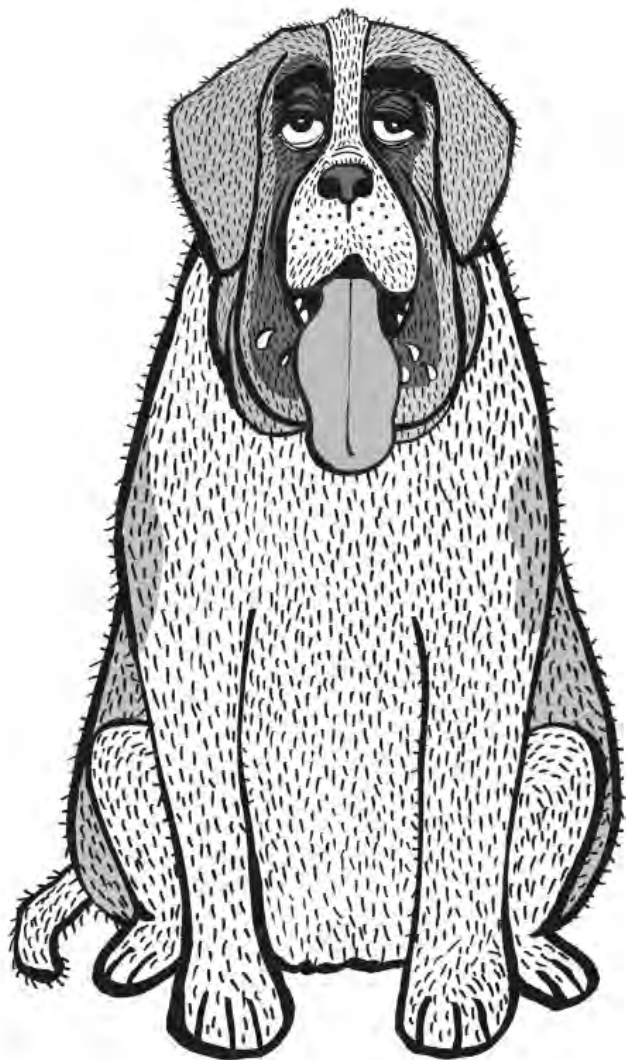
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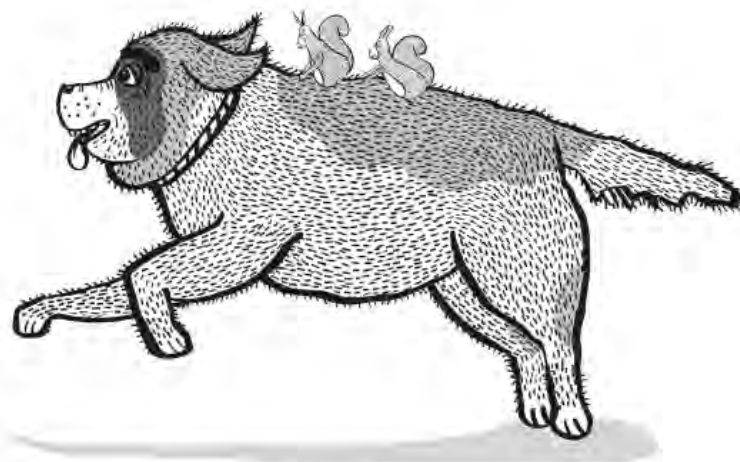


can mean lots of things, but it can indicate you're hiding your true feelings. So I kept that squirrel in my sights.

Anyway, after a few seconds of this, the two squirrels leapt on to Barrie's back and he headed off in the direction of the other squirrels. They rode off on him as if he was a horse and they were jockeys!

Laurence and I were now alone. We exchanged a look and shook our heads in amazement. We were both thinking the same thing: *We might as well follow everyone else.*

So we did.





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The Luckies: Rumour Has It

Sarah Mlynowski & Cristina Soontornvat

When a blended family brings together two very different girls - each with their own secrets, crushes, and schemes - drama ensues.

Annie couldn't be more excited. She's moving to an adorable small town where she'll find the perfect friend group and maybe even her first boyfriend. Her new house has a pool, and she's getting a stepsister her age named Leela...

Leela is NOT happy. She's leaving the bright lights of New York City to live in the middle of nowhere with an annoying stepsister AND two stepbrothers. Plus, kids at her new school seem gossipy and toxic. Leela wants out.

Will Annie and Leela find a way to get along, or is their luck about to run out?

Selling points:

- Features gorgeous illustrations by artist Madi Wong that bring the characters and setting to life.
- Co-authored by bestselling and award-winning authors Sarah Mlynowski and Christina Soontornvat.
- A NEXT book – an exciting new line of illustrated books with short, irresistible stories.

Sarah Mlynowski is the *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of over 50 books for kids, teens, and adults. Originally from Montreal, Sarah now lives in Los Angeles with her family.

Cristina Soontornvat is the *New York Times* bestselling author of books for children of all ages. She travels all over the world to speak to children, writers, and educators about her love of reading and storytelling. She currently lives in Tennessee.

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Rival High 1: Avery's Story

Candace Buford and Jamie Green

When two high schools merge, four friends help each other navigate the ensuing drama in this brand-new series by Candace Buford with art by Jamie Green.

Avery Jones is ready for a fresh start, and what better time than the first day at a new school? That's where she meets Madison (the influencer), Teresa (the genius), and Corinne (the athlete). Each one is so unique and cool, all Avery wants to do is impress them.

So when she sees an opportunity to twist the truth a little, she takes it. After all, a little white lie never hurt anyone...right?

Selling points:

- Perfect for reluctant readers, with a short, accessible story.
- An engaging and relatable school setting.
- The first NEXT book – an exciting new line of illustrated books with short, irresistible stories.

Candace Buford has been an avid reader since childhood - always looking for stories with strong and complex POCs. She graduated from Duke University with a degree in German Literature, which exposed her to the delightfully creepy side of storytelling by writers like Kafka and Brecht.

Jamie Green is an illustrator and maker based in Cleveland. They graduated from Ringling College of Art and Design in 2020 with a BFA in Illustration, and create both digital and traditional art.

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Tom Gates 25: Tom Gates Is Not Famous (Yet) (HB)

Liz Pichon

The brand-new Tom Gates bestseller by Liz Pichon!



It's SHOWTIME at Oakfield School and RUMOURS are FLYING around that the local theatre group 'DramaLamaDingDong' are coming to visit with a REAL LIFE celebrity. The whole school is buzzing with excitement. Whose play will IMPRESS the most? Could this be a LIFE-CHANGING moment for one of the kids?

Tom's written a comedy with roles for all his friends, but limelight-hogging Marcus is more annoying than ever. Will everyone realize that friendship is more important than being famous?

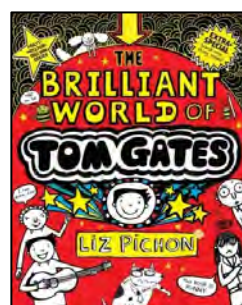
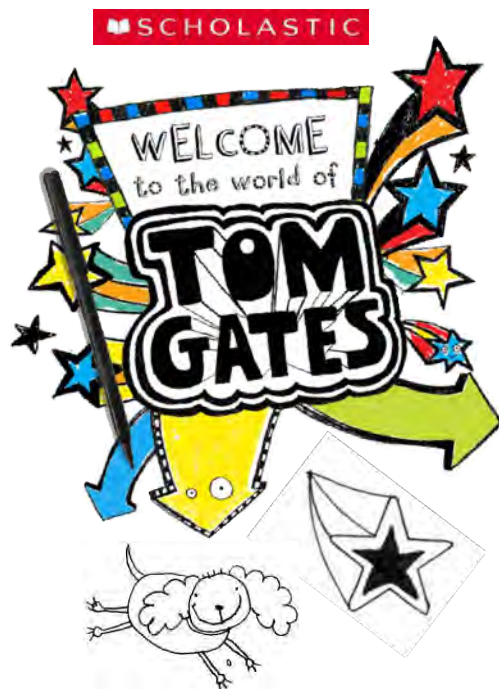
Selling points:

- Over 5 million copies of *Tom Gates* books have sold in the UK and the series has been translated into 46 languages.
- The Tom Gates Epic Stage Show is currently touring the country to huge acclaim.
- *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates* is a hit, Scottish BAFTA-winning TV show on Sky Kids.

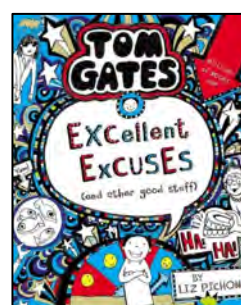
About the author: Liz's first book for 9+ readers, *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates* won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, The Best Book for Young Readers - Red House Book Award and the Best Fiction for 5-12 year olds category of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Liz is married with three children and lives in Brighton.

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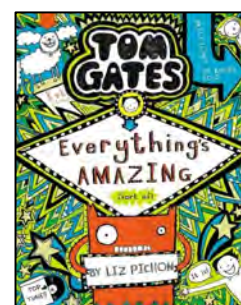
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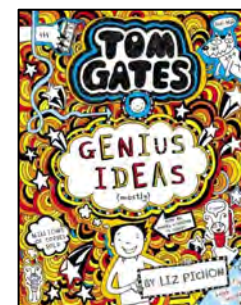
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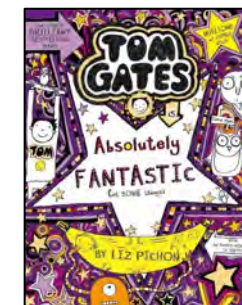
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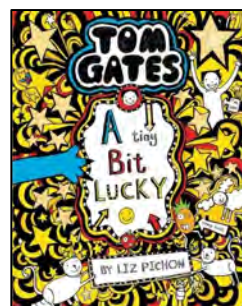
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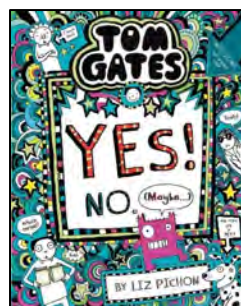
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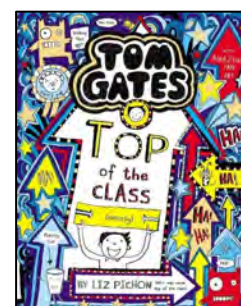
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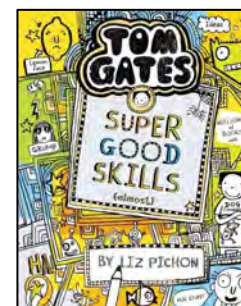
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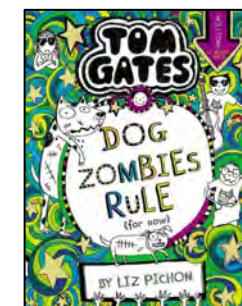
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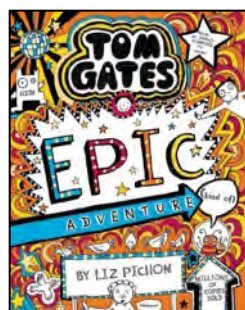
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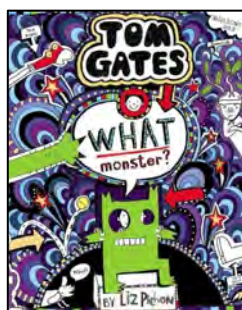
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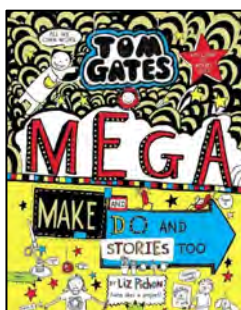
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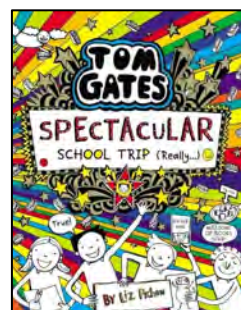
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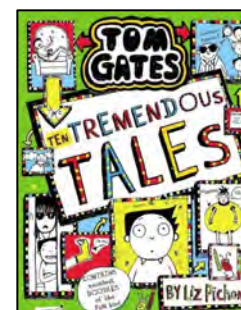
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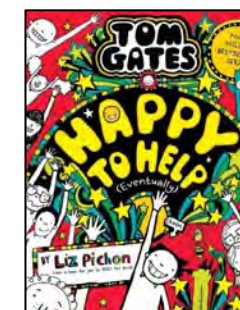
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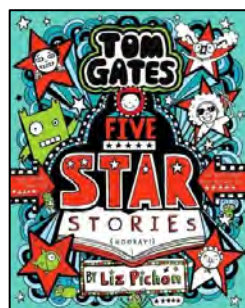
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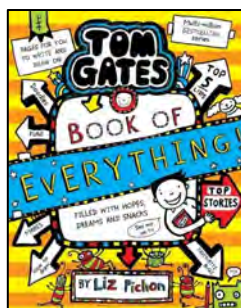
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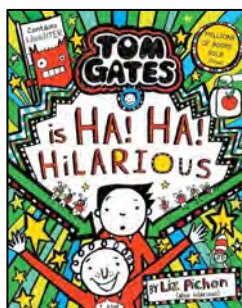
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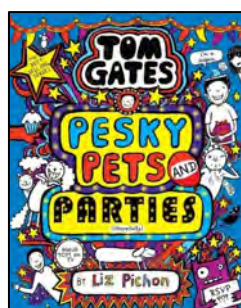
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THE ODD 1s OUT: ODD 1s OUT: THE ARTS AND COMICS COLLECTION

JAMES RALLISON

A collection of popular and never-before-seen comics, plus the origin story of everyone's favorite bubble boy.

James Rallison has been entertaining fans for years on his insanely popular YouTube channel, The Odd 1s Out.

But not everyone knows that he got his start making webcomics! In this comprehensive collection, fans will find some of their favorite comics from way back in the day, as well as new additions.

And for the uber fans, there's some behind-the-scenes stories of how the magic is made, including breakdowns of James's creative process, character creation, and more.

Selling points:

- Never-before-seen comics!
- Extensive collection of James Rallison's comics, both new and old.
- A behind-the-scenes look at James Rallison's creative process.

James Rallison is an American YouTuber, cartoonist, animator, author, and voice actor. He is best known for producing story-time animations on his YouTube channel. He is also the co-creator and executive producer of the Netflix animated series Oddballs (2022–2023). He lives in California.

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Sunrise on the Reaping, the fifth book in the series, revisits the world of Panem twenty-four years before the events of *The Hunger Games*.

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Selling points:

- A breathtaking collectible edition of the phenomenally bestselling *Sunrise on the Reaping*.
- Suzanne's books have now sold 5 million copies in the UK alone.
- *Sunrise on the Reaping* is the fastest-selling YA title of all time in the UK, the biggest-selling children's/YA title of 2025 and the third biggest selling book of 2025 across all sectors of the market.

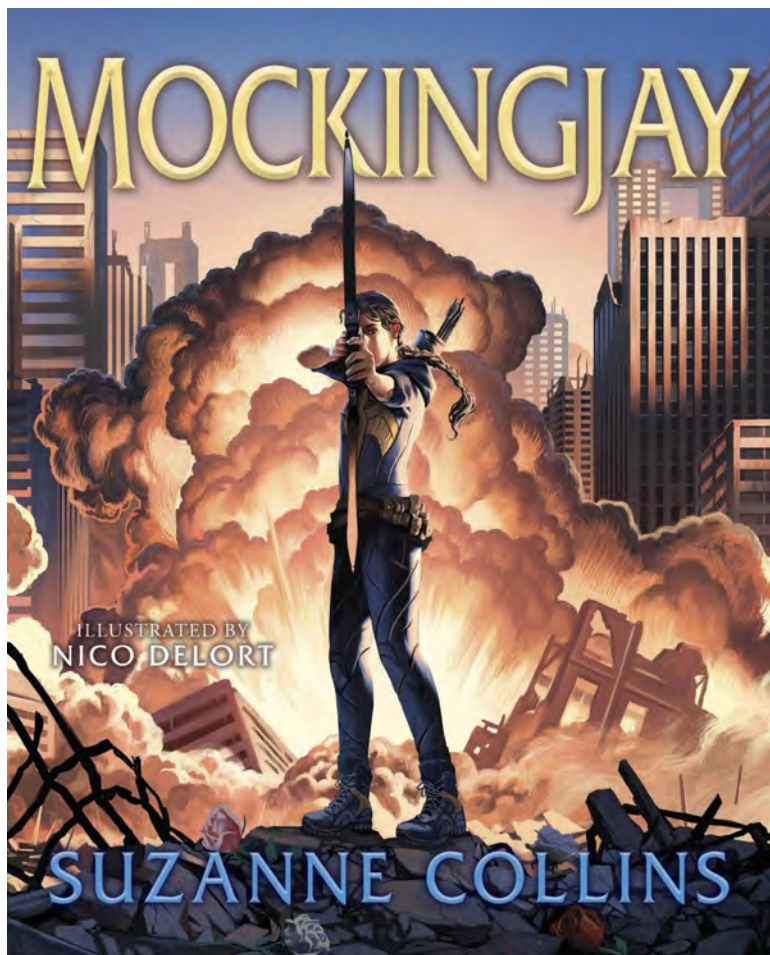
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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay (Illustrated Edition)

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The third iconic book in the number one global YA blockbuster *Hunger Games* series, now sumptuously illustrated by Nico Delort.

Katniss Everdeen must learn the terrifying scale of The Capitol's wrath, and the danger it spells for her family, friends, and the entire District 12 in the spellbinding third instalment in Collins's iconic series - now available in an illustrated hardback edition.

Selling points:

- Beautifully illustrated by Nico Delort.
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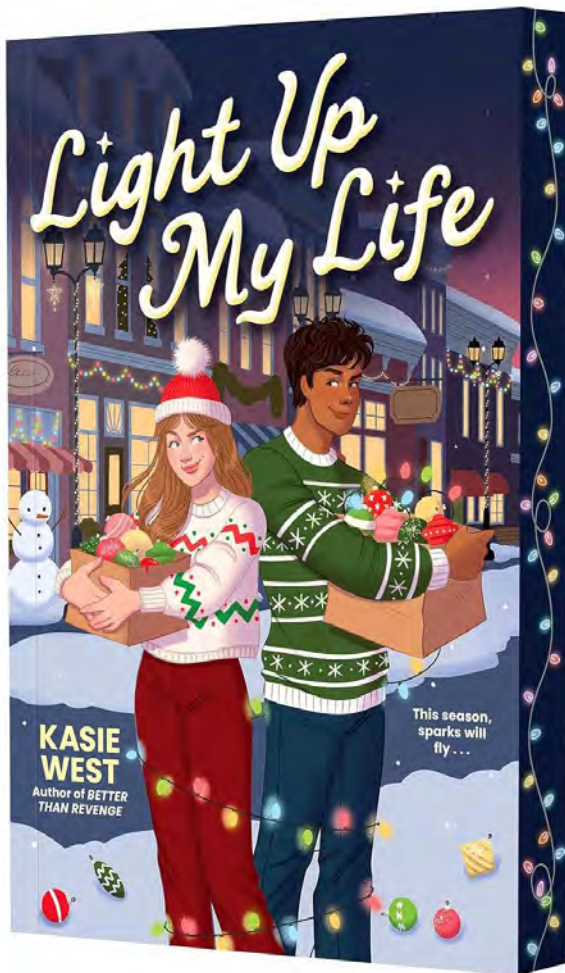
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Light Up My Life

Kasie West

This season, sparks will fly...

In this cozy, enemies-to-lovers Christmas rom-com, lifelong rivals Jasmine Costa and Ryan Moreno are determined to outshine each other when their town's Best Decorated House competition kicks off.

Winning isn't just about bragging rights—it's family honour. But when a holiday party throws these sworn enemies together, banned mistletoe chemistry ignites, and sneaking glances turn into a secret romance wrapped in tinsel.

Selling points:

- Beloved author Kasie West delivers a cozy Christmas rom-com. Enemies-to-lovers with forced proximity and undeniable chemistry.
- A small-town Christmas decoration rivalry that's festive, funny, and fierce.
- For fans of *Fake Skating* and *Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice*
- Special edition with Christmas-themed sprayed edges.

Kasie West was born and raised in California and developed a passion for writing at a young age. She pursued a degree in English Literature from Fresno State University, which helped shape her storytelling skills. She's authored more than 35 YA and Adult books. West currently resides in Central California.

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It's Only Dancing

Jasmine Guillory

New York Times bestselling author Jasmine Guillory makes her highly-anticipated young adult debut with a Dirty Dancing-inspired contemporary romcom!

Kat should be spending the summer before senior year planning for college and enjoying her freedom - but instead, she's stuck for a month at a family camp in the Southern California desert. Everything changes when she stumbles upon a late-night staff party and watches them dance with pure, reckless joy.

Kat hasn't danced like that since she was forced to give up ballet two years ago - and she's sworn to leave that part of herself behind. Then comes Jordan, the irresistible hip-hop instructor who pulls Kat onto the dance floor and into a risky, exhilarating secret.

As stolen nights and feelings heat up, Kat must decide how much she's willing to risk—family rules, her heart, and her carefully planned future—to reclaim the joy she lost and discover who she really wants to be.

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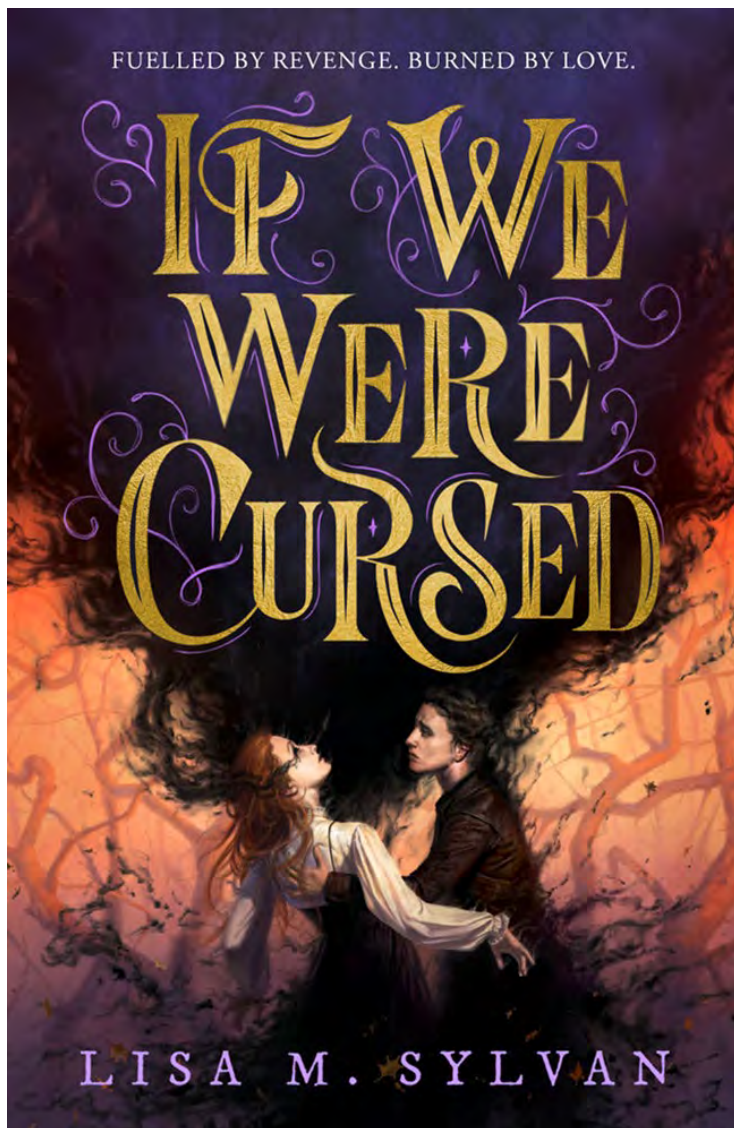
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Jasmine Guillory is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Wedding Date*, the Reese's Book Club selection *The Proposal*, and *Flirting Lessons*, among other novels. She lives in Oakland, California.

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Lisa M. Sylvan

Fuelled by revenge, burned by love.

Bellamy Fray is determined to expose the charming, infuriating Jules Everidge and his occultist family as frauds. Posing as someone cursed, she infiltrates their world - only to find herself haunted by strange sensations that make her doubt everything she thought she knew.

As Bellamy grows closer to Jules, torn between his dangerous pull and the steady comfort of her friend Archie, she's forced to confront grief, secrets and the possibility that the curse she invented might be all too real.

Selling points:

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- Perfect for fans of *Silvercloak* and *For She Is Wrath*, with the addictive romance of *The Dagger and the Flame*.

About the author: Lisa M. Sylvan has loved writing from a young age and was raised on a healthy diet of fantasy and fairytales. She has lived in the U.S., Iceland, Germany, and England. She currently resides in New England with her husband and their son, but spends as much time as she can in the U.K.

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- 60,000 copies of *Let's Split Up* and *Be Right Back* sold since October 2024.

About the author: Bill Wood is a former bookseller and popular online content creator, amassing a following of over 125,000 bookworms and ten million likes on his TikTok @billreads (@billreadslol on Instagram). He has a BA with honours in film and screenwriting from Birmingham City University. He currently lives with his family and Staffordshire bull terrier, Macey.

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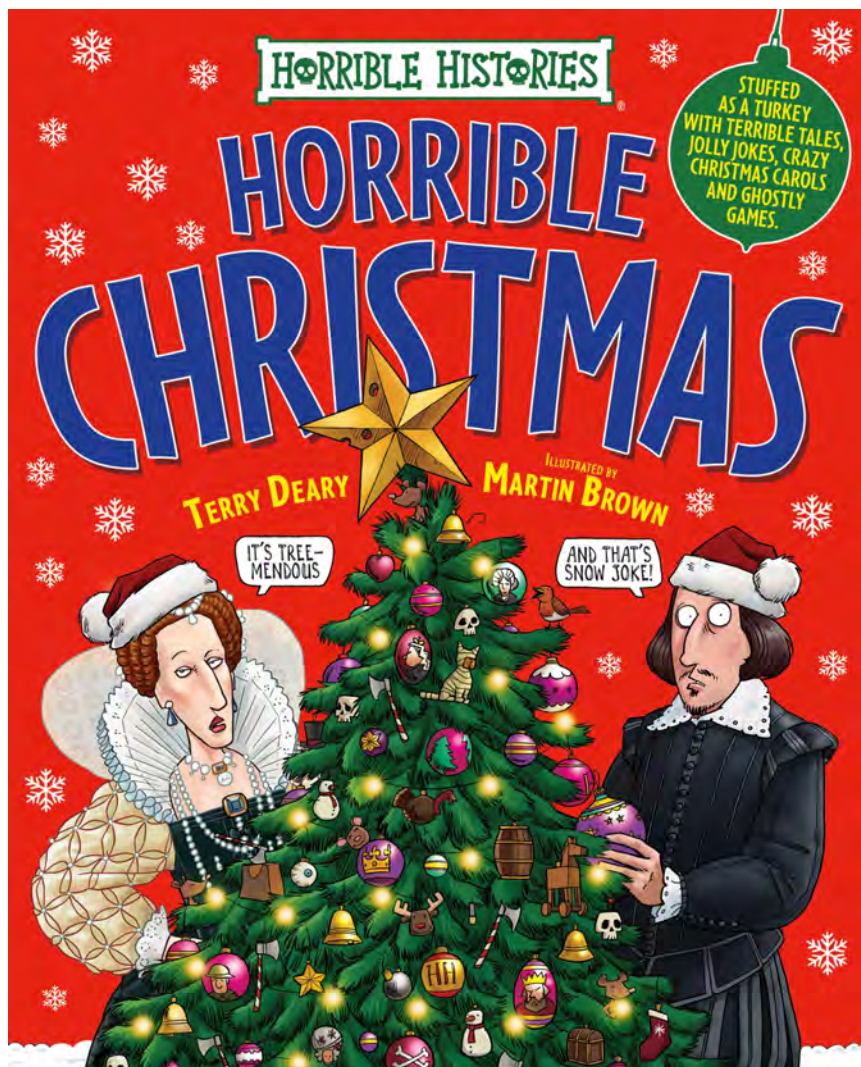
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Terry Deary

Illustrated by Martin Brown

Horrible Christmas is filled with all the festive facts any **Horrible Histories** reader wants to know but is too stuffed full of mince pies to ask!

The complete horrible history of Christmas tells tales from the dark days when the Puritans tried to abolish Christmas, to Christmas in the trenches when the British and Germans traded bullets for footballs. Plus dreadful jokes, rotten recipes and a Christmas quiz!

Selling points:

- The perfect Christmas gift for *Horrible Histories* fans.
- Over 30 million copies of *Horrible Histories* books in print internationally.
- Over 12 million copies in print across the *Horrible Histories* series (UK editions).
- The perfect book for children who like their history a little more gory.
- Filled with hilarious illustrations by Martin Brown.

About the author: Terry Deary has written fiction and popular non-fiction, including more than 60 *Horrible Histories* titles. He lives in County Durham.

About the illustrator: Martin Brown lives in Dorset. In 1993, he illustrated the first of the *Horrible Histories* books and has now contributed to more than 60 titles in the series.

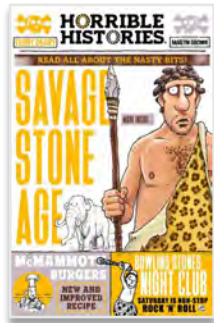
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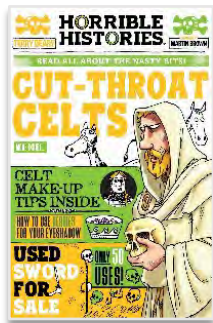
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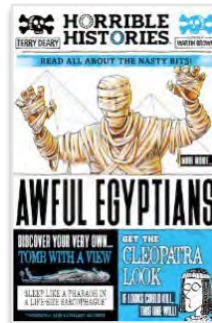
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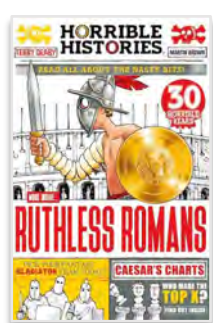
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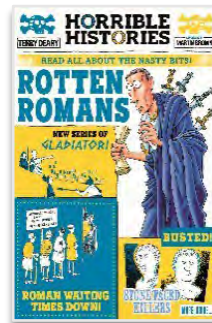
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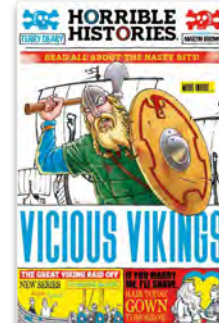
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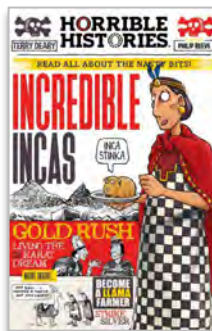
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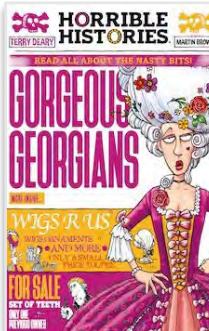
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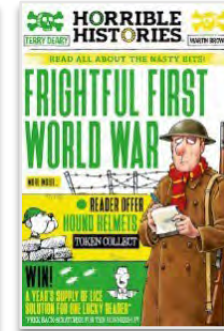
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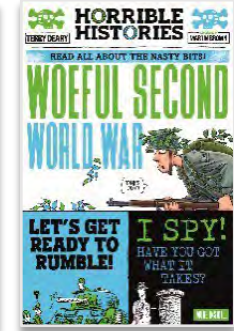
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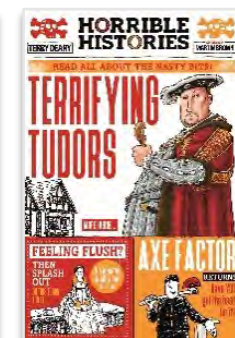
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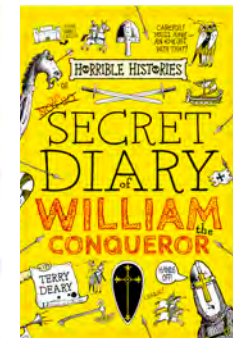
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Elf: The Official Sticker Book

Scholastic

Buddy the Elf, what's your favourite colour? Everyone's favourite Christmas Elf spreads joy in this holiday sticker book.

Complete with memorable quotes straight from Elf, adorable illustrations of your favourite characters, and festive icons throughout. Don't forget the four food groups too: sweets, candy canes, candy corns, and syrup!

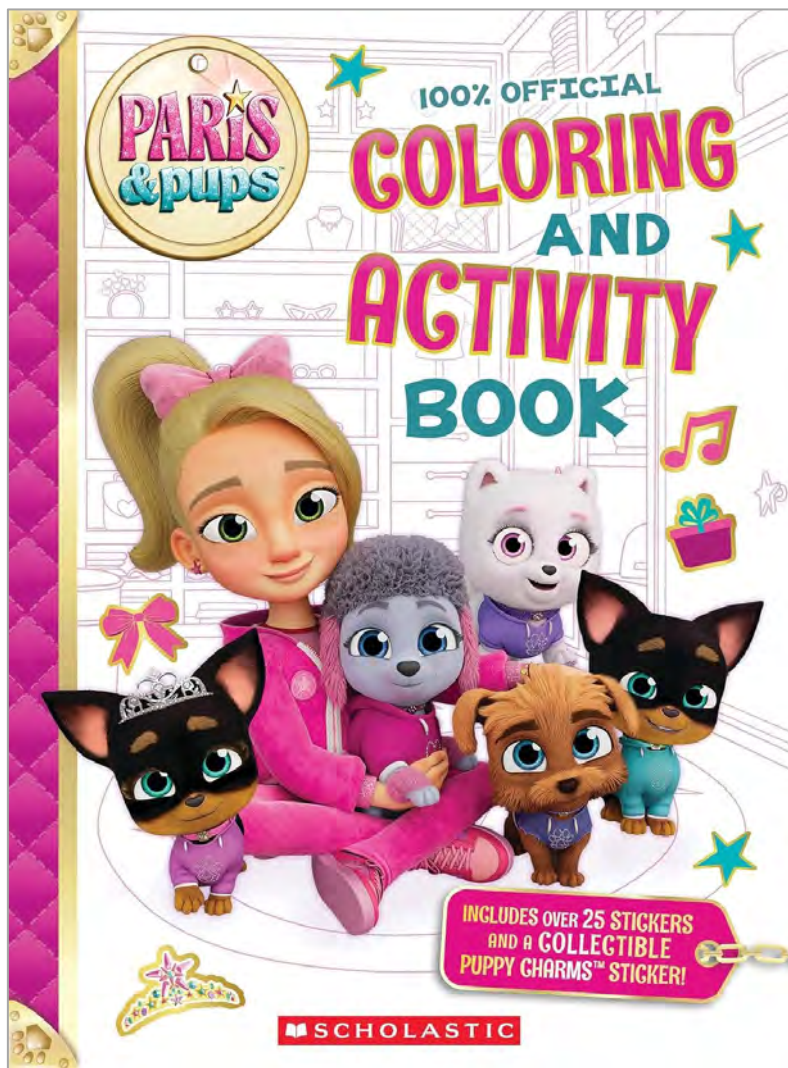
Selling points:

- Features iconic moments from the film.
- An ideal stocking filler for Christmas.
- Scrumptious illustrations to decorate.

About the movie: From the moment it burst into our cinemas in 2003, *Elf* has become a classic Christmas movie, rewatched time and time again. Referenced throughout Christmas media and starring Will Ferrell and Zoe Deschanel, its popularity won't be going anywhere, any time soon.

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Paris and Pups: Coloring and Activity Book

Scholastic

Colour in all of the adorable pups from the hit YouTube series *Paris and Pups* – the animated series inspired by super-star and fashion icon Paris Hilton's real-life pets.

Paris Star is here and ready to make a statement at the Glambassador Hotel! Join Star and her pups - Muggsy, Baby, Slivington, Diamond, and Bijou - in this glamtastic colouring and activity book.

From fabulous makeovers with Star to designing your own sparkly pup collar, there are so many fun pages to explore!

Selling points:

- Paris Hilton is an internationally recognised businesswoman, media mogul and DJ.
- *Paris and Pups* was an instant hit, with its first episode earning 10 million views on YouTube.
- Paris and Pups has been universally praised for its focus on spreading ADHD awareness to a wider audience.

About the author: Scholastic Inc. is a global publishing and education company whose mission is to encourage the intellectual and personal growth of all children, beginning with literacy.

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Cutie Colouring: K-pop Cuties World Tour Cosy Colouring Book

SCHOLASTIC Illustrated By **SUZANNE
WASHINGTON**

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Age: 08-20

Binding: Non Standard -
paperback

Extent: 96pp

Welcome to a little corner of colouring joy with Cutie Colouring: K-POP World Tour Cuties!

Perfect for fans of all ages, this book invites readers to relax, unwind and add their own splash of colour to the K-POP Cuties World Tour filled with music, friendship and charm.

Cuties fans can grab colouring pens or pencils and bring these lovable K-pop creatures to life – one cute concert at a time!

- The perfect gift for fans of K-pop
- Includes dynamic artwork inspired by K-pop and South Korean culture
- The highly-anticipated new BTS album and world tour is set for this year
- K-pop Demon Hunters is Netflix's most watched film ever!
- Stray Kids' 2025 world tour ranked among the highest-grossing tours of the year and topped Billboard's Top 10 Tours chart
- Illustrated on one side to help prevent bleed-through (don't forget to use a protective paper sheet if using markers!)

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



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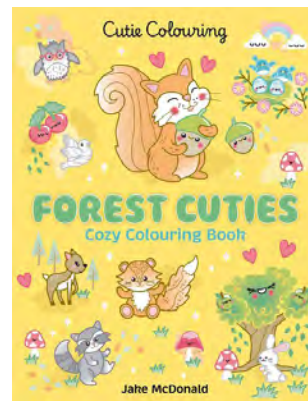
Welcome to a little corner of colouring joy! Discover the perfect way to relax with favourite cutie friends from far and wide. Each book contains over 45 pages to colour, with illustrations only on one side of the page, to prevent bleed through.



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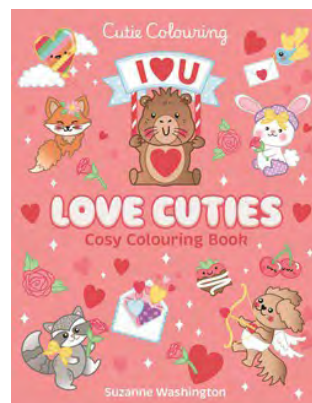
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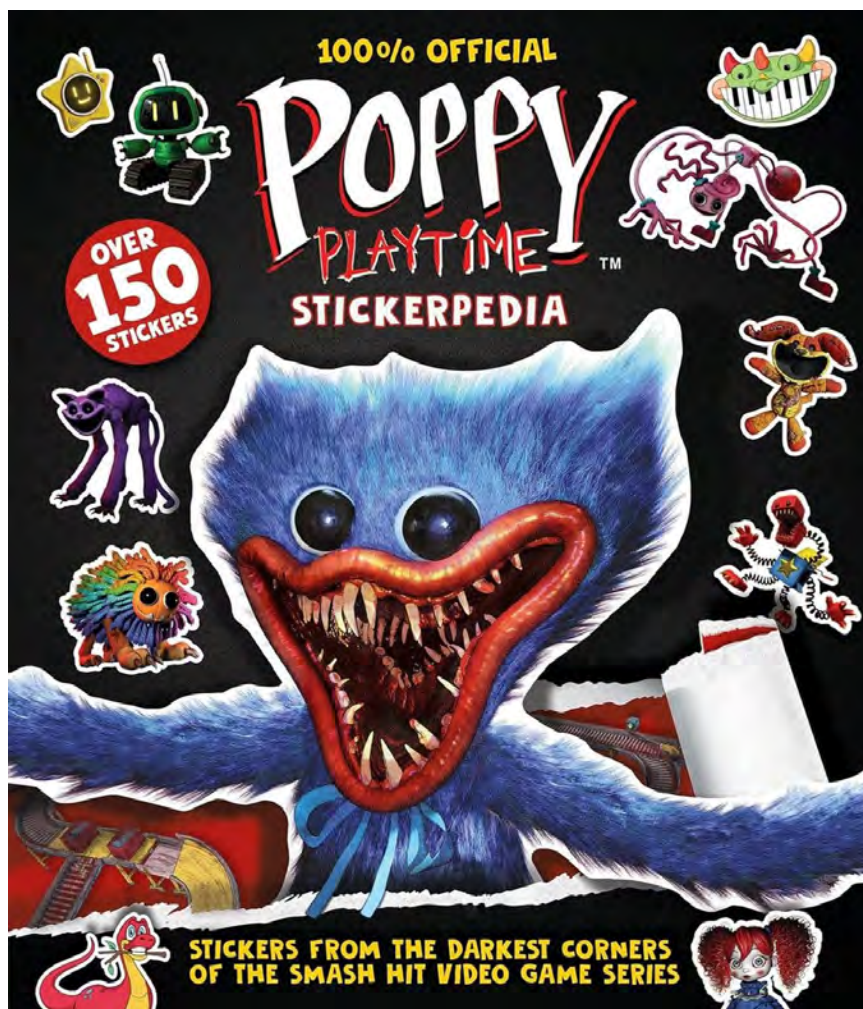
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Poppy Playtime Stickerpedia

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This official sticker book is bursting with all your favourite characters from Huggy Wuggy to Poppy herself!

Over 200 stickers from the hit horror game inside. Use the stickers to complete the collector's pages, and save the rest for your water bottle, laptop or notebook! The most horrifying toys, locations, and employee moments are all here in this dynamic sticker book. With over 200 stickers, fans of *Poppy Playtime* are sure to delight in these terrifying pages.

Selling points:

- The official guide to the bestselling video game series - set in a dark, Disney-esque 1930s cartoon world.
- Playthroughs of the series have amassed over 750+ million views on YouTube, from the same influencers who *support Five Nights at Freddy's*.

About the brand: *Poppy Playtime* is a popular horror and puzzle game created by Mob Entertainment. The game follows a former employee who returns to a toy factory. *Poppy Playtime* was released in 2021 and was well-received by gamer fans.

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Klutz: Make Your Own Dog Man Puffy Stickers

Editors of Klutz



Create 60 puffed-up, Dog Man-themed stickers with an easy-squeeze sticker press!

It's never been easier to make your own *Dog Man*-themed puffy stickers! This travel-friendly sticker-making kit has all your favourite *Dog Man* characters: Petey, Li'l Petey, Chief, Sarah Hatoff, 80-HD, and so many more!

Simply layer the pieces, line them up between the plastic plates and squeeze! The tool presses the layers of sticker backer, puffy pieces, and artwork together - just like a real puffy sticker.

Make 60 one-of-a-kind stickers. Then decorate your stuff (like water bottles and notebooks) or use the included comic-inspired pages to create your own *Dog Man* adventure!

Selling points:

- Perfectly sized to take on family trips or outings.
- Based on the hit book series.
- Provides tips and ideas to showcase your sticker creations, including a beautiful gallery.

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

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Klutz: Paws-itively Posh Pups

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Create many different looks for two pampered pups made out of non-tear paper!

Comes with everything needed to dress cut-out Chihuahuas and Yorkshire Terrier pups in 12 different outfits, including eight pages of punch-out clothes, gem stickers, a ready-made tutu and a handy carrier to keep everything safe.

Selling points:

- Dress and redress five of the most adorable paper pups ever.
- Unlike regular paper dolls outfits, these clothes stay securely in place and look great from the front and back.
- The perfect pets for any household - no fuss, no mess.
- Comes with everything you need, including five double-sided puppies with 30+ fashion accessories and five stands to show off your pups!
- Perfect gift for creative, hands-on children.

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Klutz: Mini Clay World Kitty Condo

Editors of Klutz

The next in Klutz's beloved line of tiny, adorable shops: these mini clay kitties are prepared to steal your heart!

Craft 10 mischievous cats, each with its own unique purr-sonality. Learn how to make a variety of kitty characters, such as a royal fairy cat and a sleeping unicorn kitty. Then make them a cat condo where your clay pets can play, take long naps, and plan world domination.

Use mixed media supplies to make accessories like a scratching post, litter box, and potted plant (for your cats to knock over). All you need is an oven to bake your polymer clay and a little imagination!

Selling points:

- Perfect for those who enjoy making adorable crafts
- Comes with all the materials needed to create tiny kitties.
- Includes an easy-to-understand instruction booklet.

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