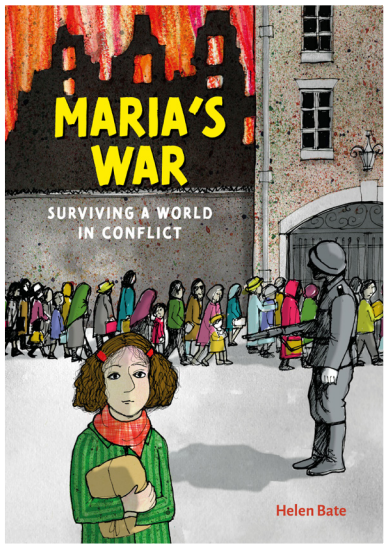
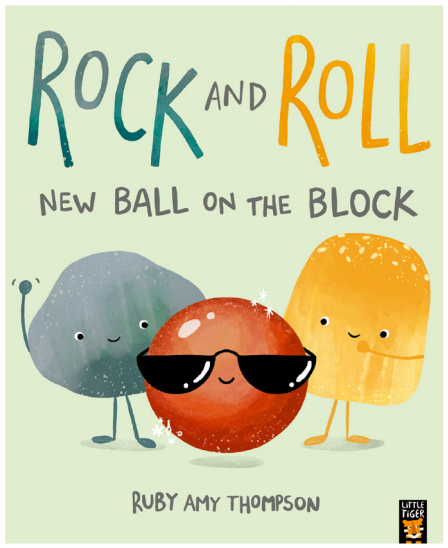
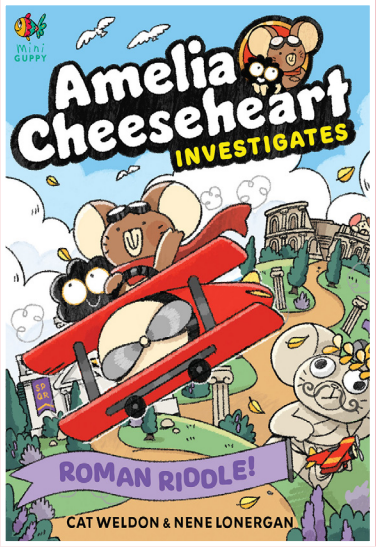
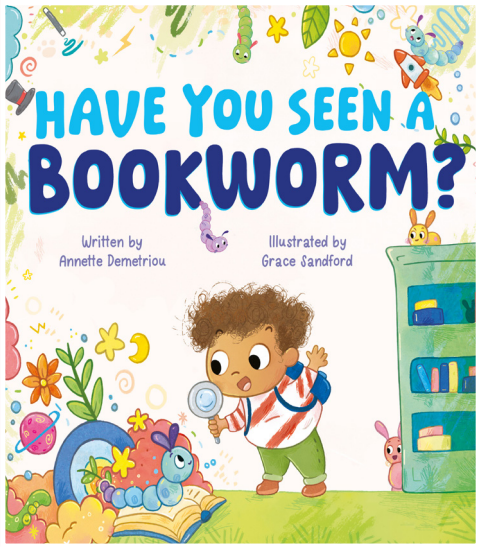




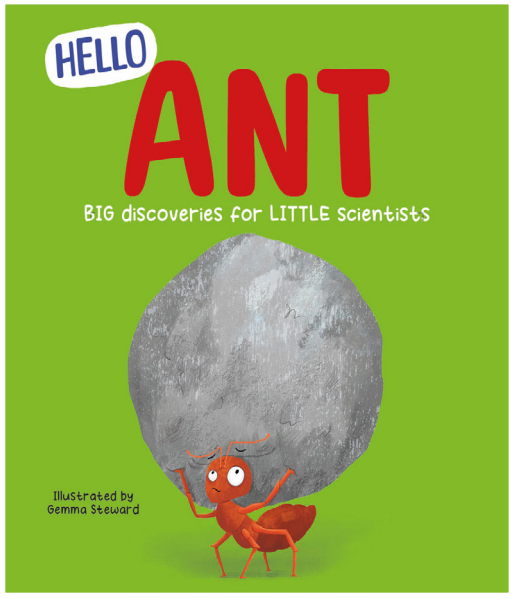


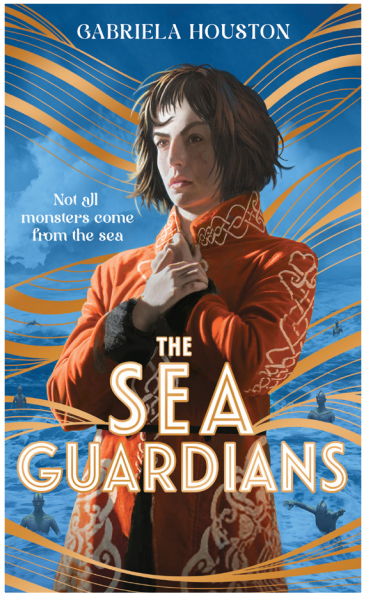


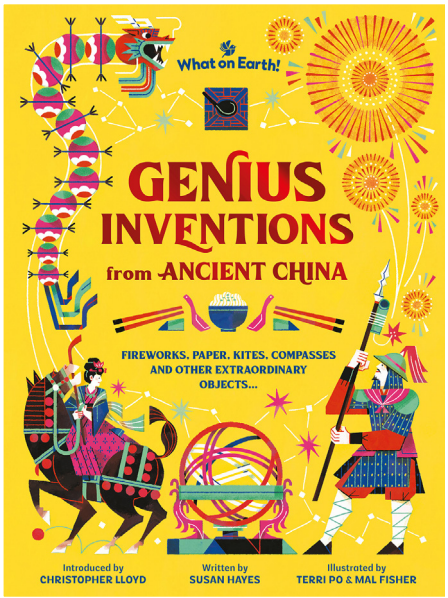


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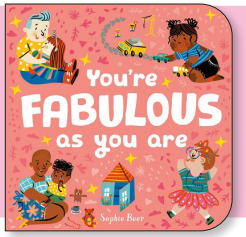
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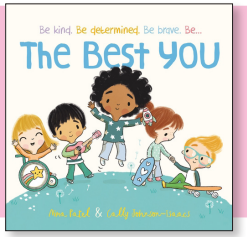
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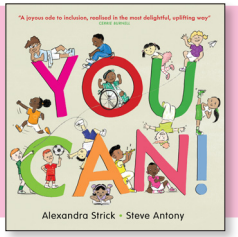




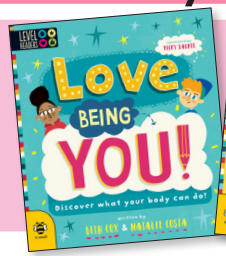
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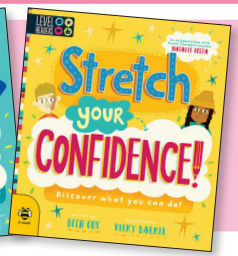
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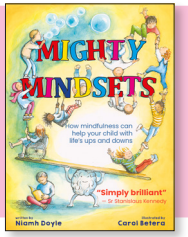
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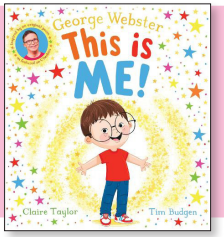
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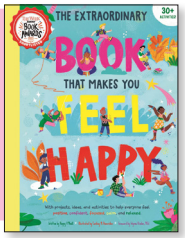
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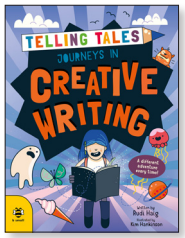
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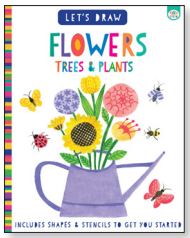
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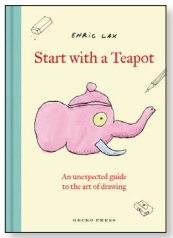


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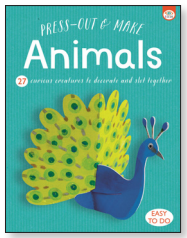


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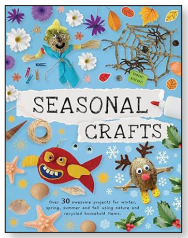


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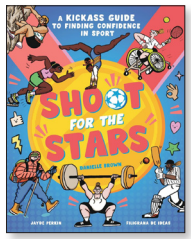


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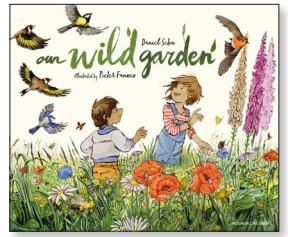


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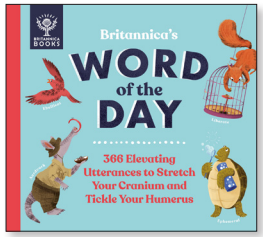


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Welcome to dinosaur world

The dinosaurs lived MILLIONS and MILLIONS of years ago. It was long before any humans were alive and our world looked very different then.

The word 'dinosaur' means 'terrible lizard'.

Dinosaurs were amazing reptiles that lived on land.

Dinosaurs had claws on their hands and feet.

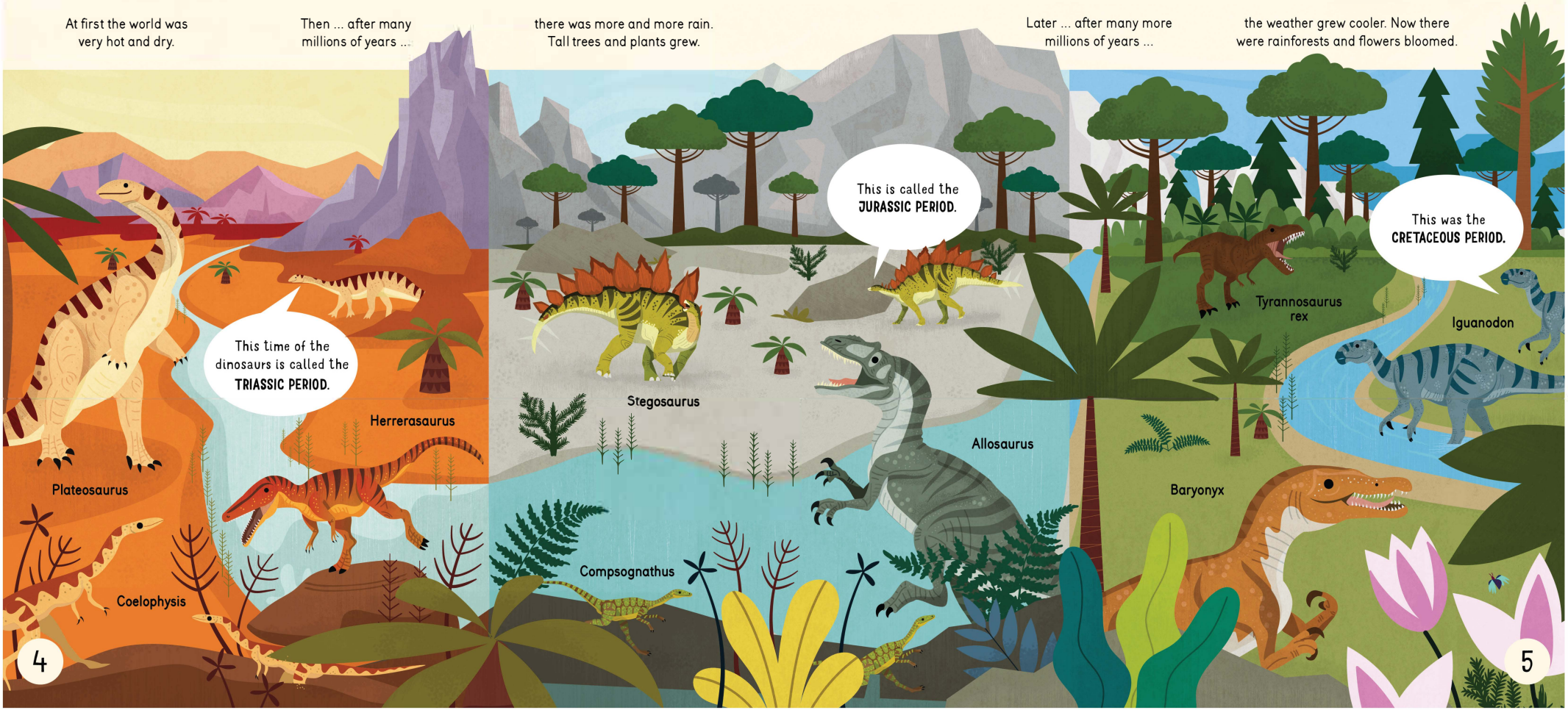
At first the world was very hot and dry.

Then ... after many millions of years ...

there was more and more rain. Tall trees and plants grew.

Later ... after many more millions of years ...

the weather grew cooler. Now there were rainforests and flowers bloomed.

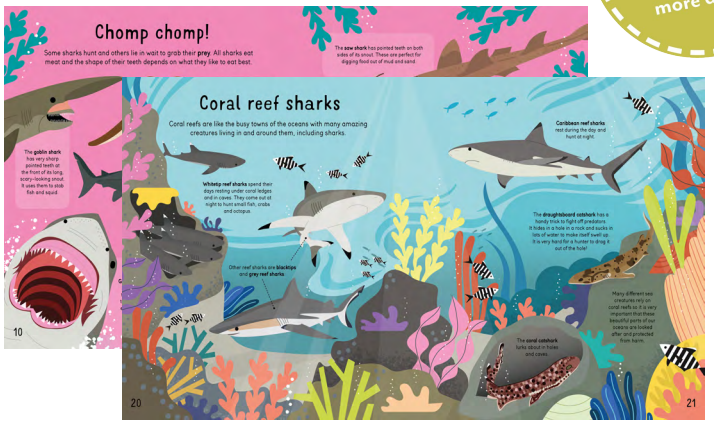


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Sharks! Sharks! Sharks!

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Glow-in-the-dark sharks

Sharks are such amazing creatures that some of them can survive in the deepest depths of the ocean where it is really dark and gloomy.

Lanternsharks have glowing spots on their bodies.

Blackbelly lanternsharks have glow-in-the-dark tummies. They swim in large groups, or **schools**, very deep in the ocean.

We need to see each other so we can stick together.

The **velvet belly lanternshark** has two spines which light up. These look just like light sabres!

Deep-sea sharks have very large eyes. They need them to take in as much light as possible in the dark water. This helps them to spot each other, catch food and avoid being dinner for **predators**.

Kitefin sharks are the biggest glow-in-the-dark sharks. They can be as long as a human man is tall.

The scary-looking **cookiecutter shark** uses its glowing tummy to get the attention of bigger fish or seals. Then it takes a big round bite out of them!

Bioluminescence is the word that describes the light made by living organisms.



Tapper Watson and the River of Fire

By Claire Fayers

New cover by Hugo Cueller

Keynote: Thrilling and funny interplanetary adventure packed with friendship, family feuds and fearsome new worlds...

Key Selling Points

- *Doctor Who* meets *Guardians of the Galaxy* for readers aged 9+
- A joyous, wildly imaginative mash-up of Greek myth and science fiction, full of extraordinary worlds and characters.

Main Description

Tapper and Fern are supposed to be living their best lives as interworld explorers on Colchis, but family stuff keeps getting in the way, and friendships are getting frayed. Then Tapper discovers an unimaginable new dimension - the River of Fire. But when their space sub, The Boldly Goes, braves the fiery new rivergate they find themselves somewhere strangely like the home they have all been missing. But nothing is quite as it seems. Can they get safely back again without being burnt to a crisp? Of course they can. Probably.



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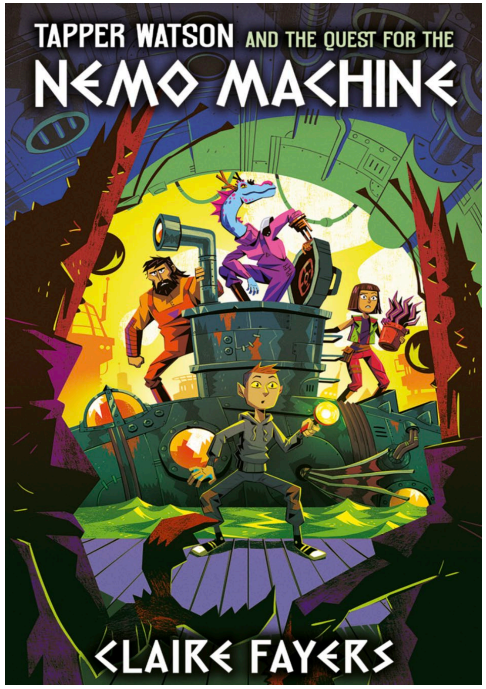
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Growing up in South-East Wales, Claire developed a lifelong obsession with myth and magic. Her books include *Tapper Watson and the Quest for the Nemo Machine* (Firefly 2023) *The Accidental Pirates* (Waterstones Book of the Month, shortlisted for the Children's Book Award), and *Storm Hound* (winner of the Tir na nOg award 2020).

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Marketing and PR plans

- Strong digital asset pack featuring illustrations from the book: book trailer, review graphics

- Wales bookshop tour – Claire available for events in and around south-Wales

- Big social media campaign promoting new covers

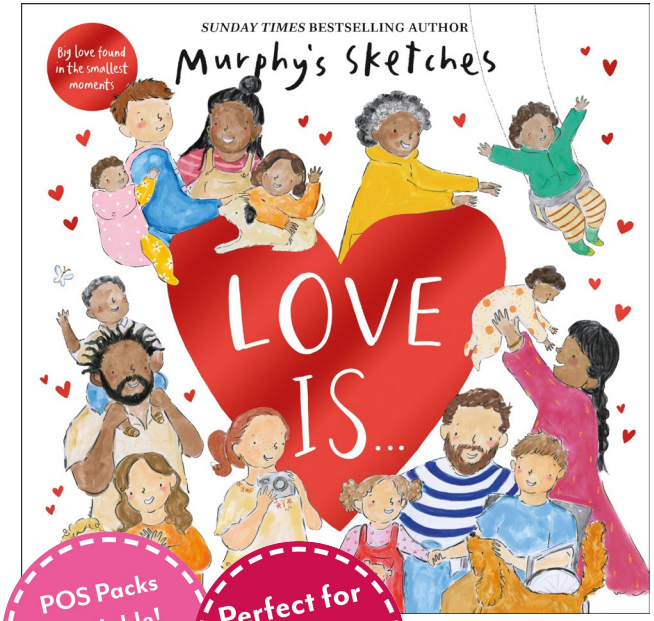
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LOVE IS

MURPHY'S SKETCHES

Top Pick

From the Sunday Times Bestselling author, Murphy's Sketches, comes a tender picture book that captures the quiet, profound moments of unconditional love.

Love isn't just found in grand gestures. It is woven into the very fabric of our daily routines. It lives in the early mornings, the sleepless nights, and the extra bedtime stories read when you are completely shattered. It is found in slowing down to live at a child's pace, stopping to feed the ducks, listen to the birds, and smell the flowers.

Featuring gentle text and evocative illustrations, Love Is reminds us that the smallest acts of patience and care are often the biggest expressions of the heart. From cutting off sandwich crusts and wiping away tears to holding hands and never being the first to let go, this book is a love letter to the beautiful, exhausting, and rewarding journey of growing up together.

KEY SALES POINTS

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- **Cross Sell-in Value:** Companion gift book, *Together*. Perfect for 'a book for me, and a book for you'.

THE AUTHOR

Kerri Cunningham , also known as Murphy's Sketches, is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author and artist from Preston, Lancashire. A lifelong lover of drawing and storytelling, Kerri studied Fine Art at the University of Lancashire before turning her creativity into a career. She is also the host of the podcast A Moment with Murphy, where she reflects on motherhood and everyday life with honesty and humour. Kerri now works full-time as an artist and writer, creating and selling her popular cards and prints.

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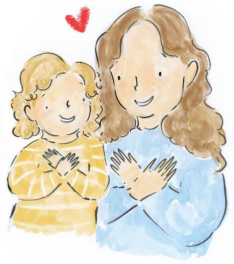
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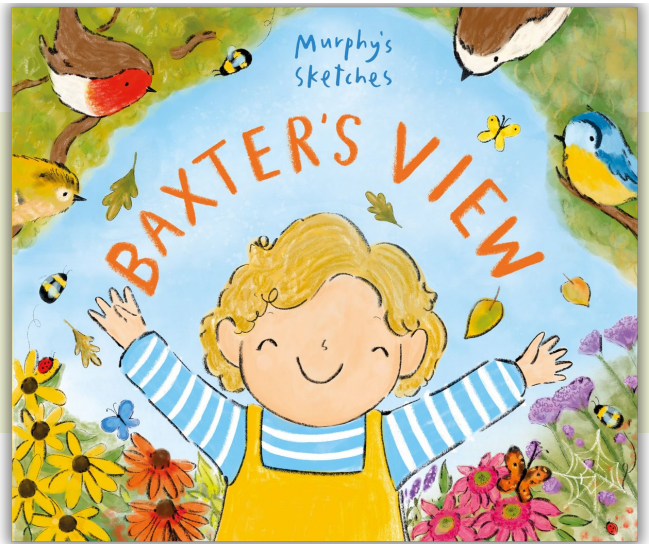
Picture books to share with your child

This heartwarming story champions slowing the pace of life and noticing all of the wonderful things around us.

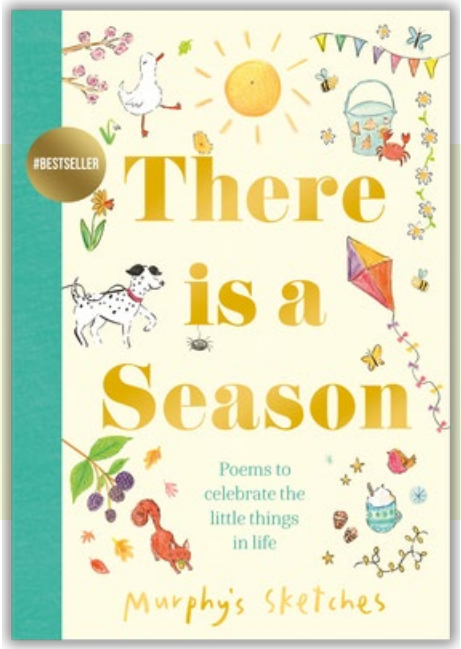
Baxter and Rory see the world differently. Rory often wants to race ahead, while Baxter likes to stop and experience the world around him. Join Baxter and Rory as they journey to the playground with Mum, and Rory learns to see things from Baxter's view.

Longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize 2026
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"A fantastic book about the beauty of neurodiversity. Beautiful, heartwarming and positive."
George Lewis



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Poetry | Age: 5+

"These poems offer a joyful and reflective guide through the year, and will delight children and adults alike."
Kate Wakeling

Perfect for teaching children about the seasons and the joy to be found in nature, whatever the season!

Kerri's debut collection of poems for children guides them through each season of the year. From April showers in spring, to the frosty mornings of winter, and everything wonderful in between.

Celebrating all that nature has to show us and the little things that we can enjoy together throughout the year, it encourages us to get outside, and look for and talk about the signs of spring, summer, autumn and winter.

Shortlisted for The Week Junior Awards 2025



TOGETHER

MURPHY'S SKETCHES

Top Pick

THE BOOK

A beautiful celebration of the invisible threads that connect us all.

From the creator of *All of My Days* comes a tender new collection of poetry and illustrations dedicated to the bonds that shape our lives. While our individual journeys are unique, we are never truly walking alone.

Together explores the full spectrum of human connection through heartwarming sketches and evocative verse. This collection honours the quiet comfort of lifelong friendships, the grounding strength of community, the unconditional warmth of family, and the transformative power of love.

Whether you are celebrating a lifelong partner, finding solace in community, or reflecting on the people who make the world feel a little safer, this book is a gentle reminder of the magic found in shared moments.

Perfect for gifting to a loved one or keeping close to your own heart, *Together* is a sanctuary of warmth, belonging, and love in all its beautiful forms.

THE AUTHOR

Kerri Cunningham, also known as Murphy's Sketches, is a Sunday Times bestselling author and artist from Preston, Lancashire. She lives in a small village with her husband and three children.

A lifelong lover of drawing and storytelling, Kerri studied Fine Art at the University of Lancashire before turning her creativity into a career. Through her much-loved platform, Murphy's Sketches, she shares heartfelt illustrations and writing that bring moments of warmth and joy to thousands each day.

She is also the host of the podcast A Moment with Murphy, where she reflects on motherhood and everyday life with honesty and humour. Kerri now works full-time as an artist and writer, creating and selling her popular cards and prints. She is the official illustrator of Book Shop Day 2026

KEY SALES POINTS:

- **High Giftability**: Drives seasonal and impulse sales for Valentine's Day, anniversaries, and birthdays.
- **Built-in Audience**: Capitalises on the existing fan base. 827k followers on insta.
- **Visual Counter Appeal**: Eyecatching sketches make it perfect for prominent front-of-store displays.
- **Broad Demographic**: Appeals to poetry lovers, art fans, and general gift buyers.
- **Cross Sell-in Value:** Companion picture book, ***Love Is***. Perfect for 'a book for me, and a book for you'.

Pub Date: 21st January 2027
Price: £14.99
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The Instant Sunday Times Bestseller

Kerri's poems have been shared far and wide across the globe as thousands of mothers find comfort and joy in her words. Now those poems and more are together in her debut poetry collection for adults.

Whether you're a new mum or your children are growing up fast, these poems will take you from those early days, to preparing for school and beyond.
Celebrating the magic in the everyday moments, both the good and the bad days, they seek to bring mums together and unite them in the beautiful experience that is being a mother.

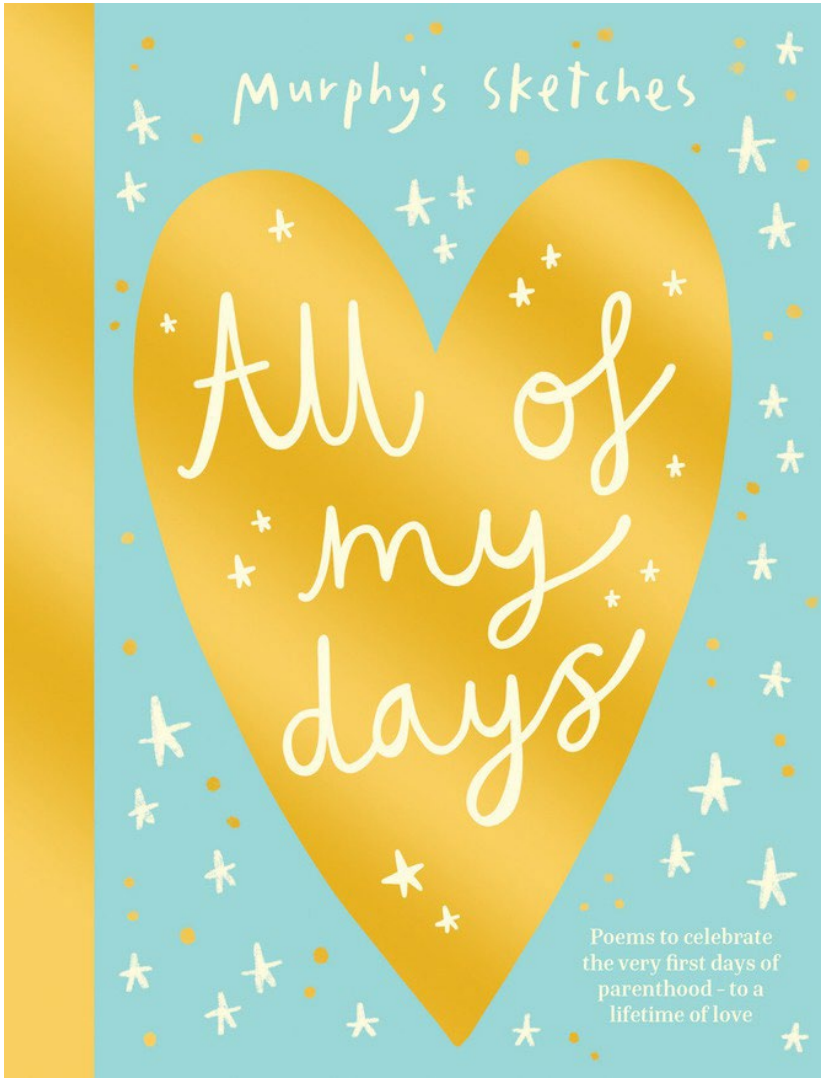
Sitting alongside beautiful full-colour illustrations by Kerri, the poems in *All of My Days* will make you smile and cry all on one page. You'll want to share it with every mum you know.







"A book to be treasured forever and passed down through the generations."
Jessica Urlichs



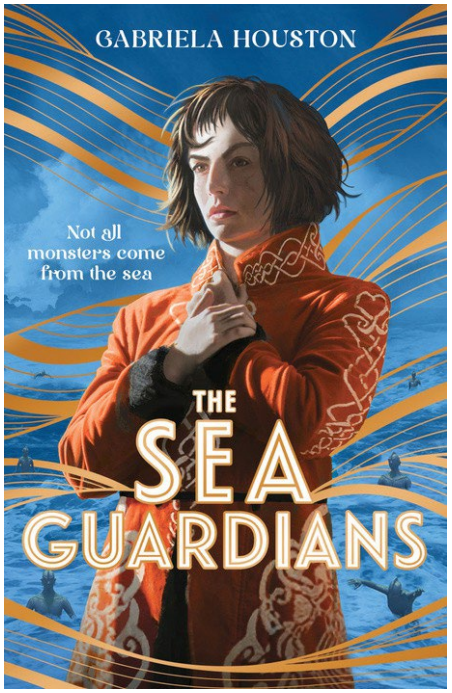
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Murphy's Sketches

PR & Marketing Plans

- **Window illustrations** across the Northwest to build profile
- **Bespoke windows for Valentine's Day** (nationwide)
- **POS packs** for instore displays and Valentine's Day
- **Influencer mailing campaign**
- **Indie preorder campaign**
- **Meta ads**
- **Interactive Print Stations** – attendees can pick a sketch template and add custom text or names on-site
- **Sketch & Sign Launch Events** – combining a poetry reading, Q&A session and interactive sketching workshop
- **Valentine's Day Workshop**
- **Instore signings**





THE SEA GUARDIANS

GABRIELA HOUSTON

Forced to live a lie. Fighting for her truth.

In the seaside town of Zamory, vengeful drowned spirits lure fish to shore with their haunting songs…but they also lure men to their deaths.

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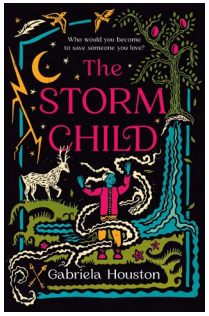
- **High-Stakes Slavic Folklore:** Features the Vodyanoi, terrifying drowned spirits from Slavic mythology with atmospheric coastal setting.
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- **Fast-Paced Survival Narrative:** Emrik must defy fate and break family ties in a high-adrenaline escape.

The Author

Gabriela Houston is a Polish artist and Writer. She came to the UK at 19 to follow her passion for literature and she completed her undergraduate and Masters degrees at Royal Holloway, University of London.

After her studies she worked in publishing for a few years. She now lives with her family in Harrow, where she pursues her life-long passion for making stuff up. She is the author of two Slavic-folklore-inspired novels for adults *The Second Bell* and *The Bone Roots* and of a Slavic-Inspired upper MG duology (ages 9+), *The Wind Child* and *The Storm Child* (Fox & Ink Books).

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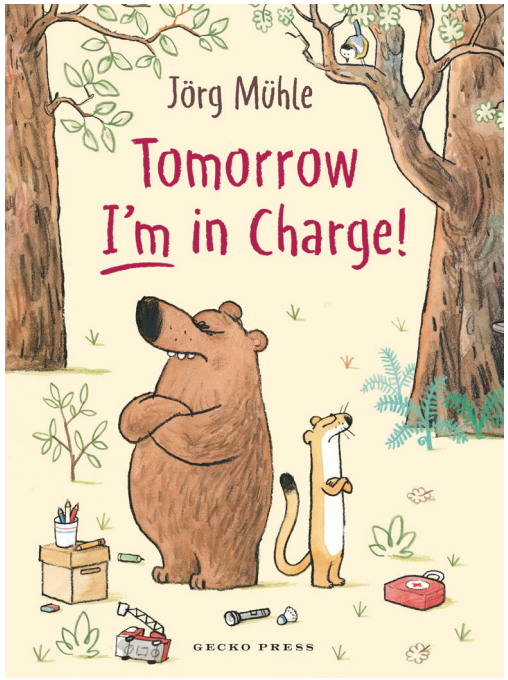
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Tomorrow, I'm in Charge!

Author and Illustrator **Jörg Mühle**

A comical picture book in which three forest friends debate vital childhood questions: who's allowed to play, what game, and who decides

ABOUT THE BOOK

When Weasel comes home, he can hardly believe his eyes: Bear and Badger are playing. But Badger is Weasel's friend! Badger suggests the three friends play together. But Bear and Weasel can't agree on anything: not football, not memory, not hide and seek. Weasel never follows the rules. Bear always wants to be in charge. Set in a charming outdoor forest house, this picture book is a brilliant battle of wills between friends. Readers will enjoy every twist and turn of this very funny argument about a very familiar problem.

SALES POINTS

- A funny book about negotiating friendships and play
- Appealing indoor/outdoor forest house with illustrated detail
- Revisits characters in *Two for Me, One for You*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Jörg Mühle studied illustration in Offenbach and Paris. He has written and illustrated many best-selling children's books for all ages, including picture books, junior fiction and board books. He lives in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

WHY I CHOSE THIS BOOK

"This laugh out loud argument about what game to play and who's in charge resonates with every child."

Rachel Lawson, Publisher

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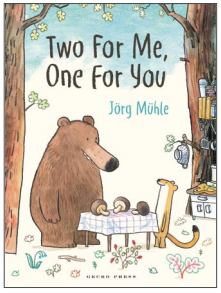
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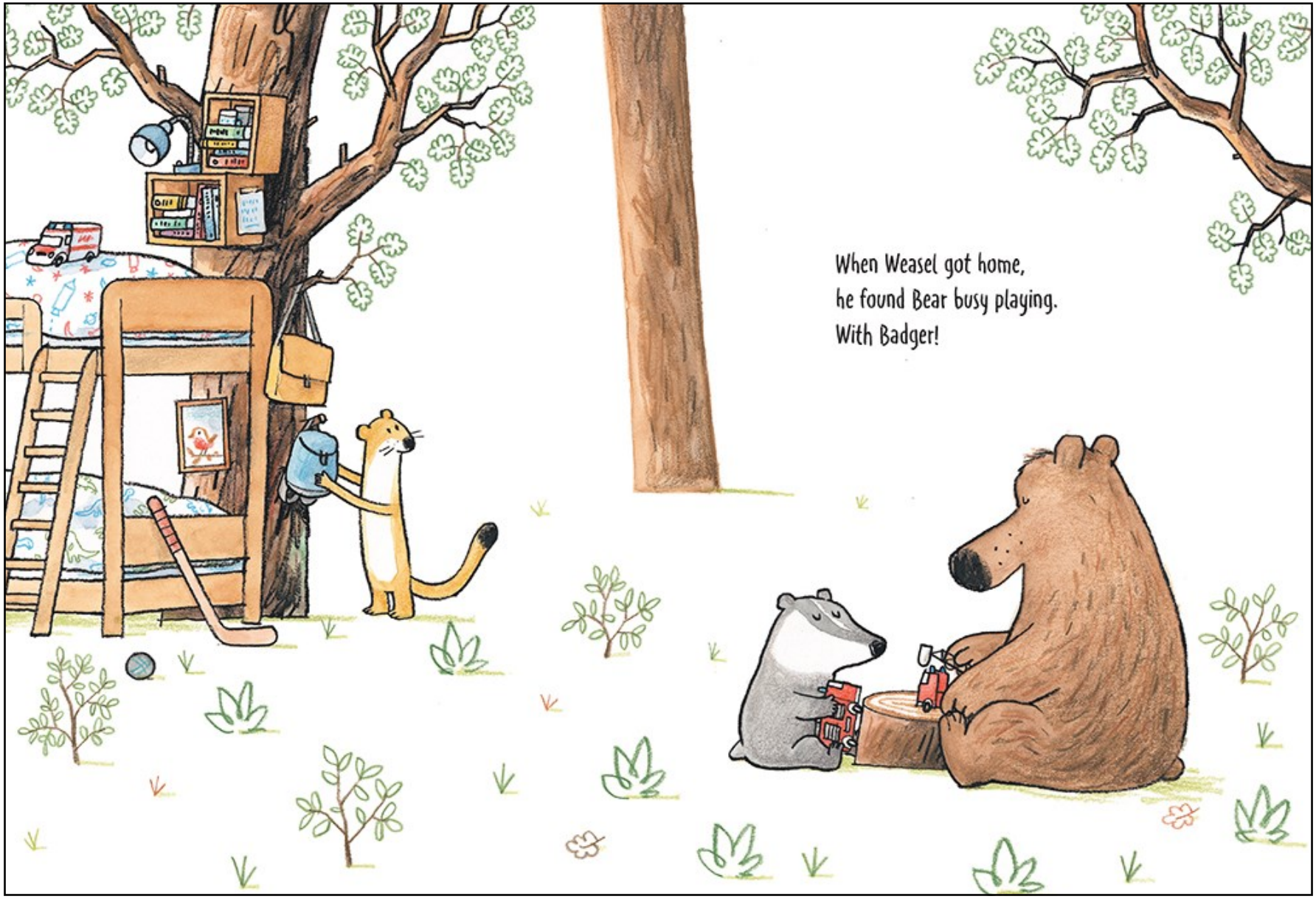
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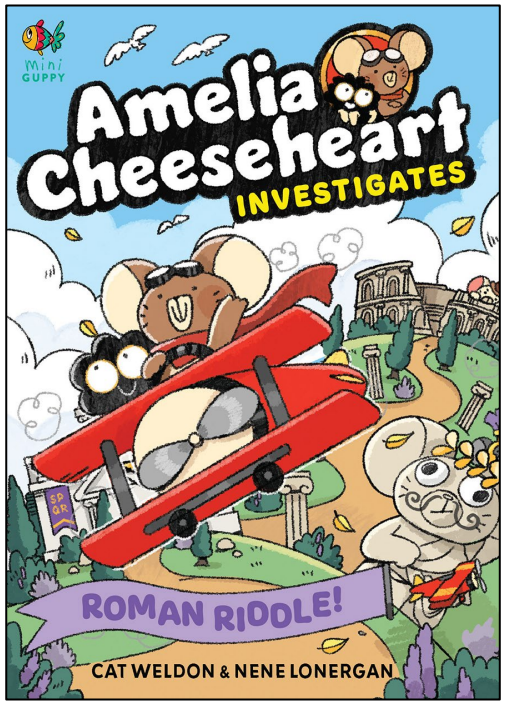
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Amelia Cheeseheart Investigates: Roman Riddle

Cat Weldon and Nene Lonergan

The fourth book in the comic-form mystery series for emerging readers starring sparky mouse aviator, Amelia Cheeseheart, and her best friend Webster, a banana-loving spider.

There's chaos in the usually calm and orderly Roman Room! Googly eyes and silly moustaches have appeared on all the statues of the emperor and he is NOT happy. It's time for Amelia Cheeseheart to investigate...

Sales Points:

- Perfect for young readers, with bright, full-colour illustrations, accessible text and short chapters.
- Fast-paced with plenty of humour, mischief and mystery!
- Incorporates core KS1 history curriculum.

Marketing and Publicity:

- Joint school events and solo events around World Book Day with Nene and Cat
- Pitch for all literary and school festivals where relevant
- Schools focus for unauthored and authored activity
- Target Irish media and gatekeepers for Nene
- Showcase series at all key conferences

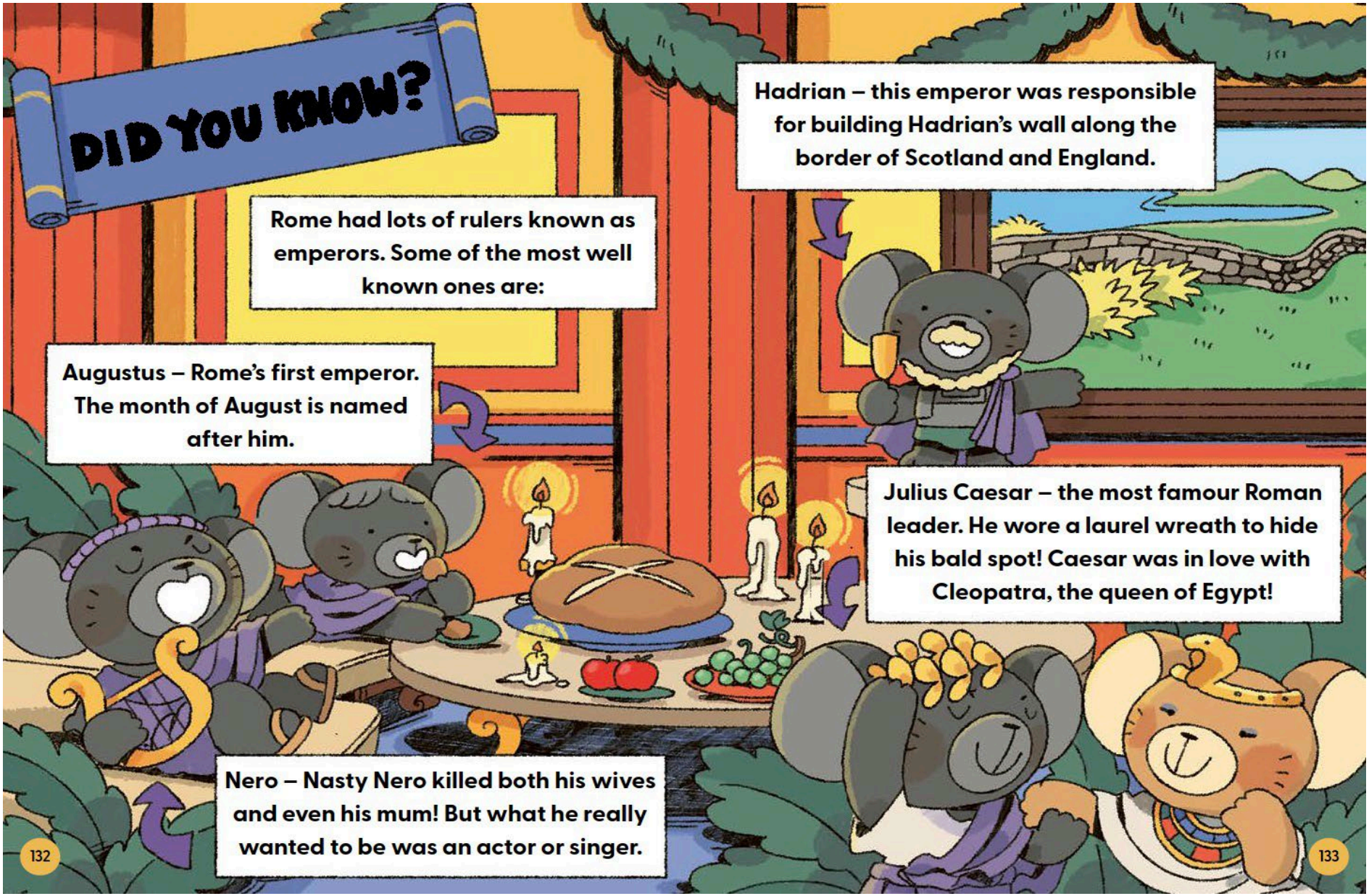
Cat Weldon is a children's author who writes funny stories and has a particular interest in history and world mythology. Her debut Viking trilogy, *How to be a Hero*, was published by Macmillan Children's Books.

Nene Lonergan is a Thai/Chinese artist based in Ireland. Her comic works have been published in the OPArts Anthology, the HOME Anthology and Inis Magazine, for which she has been nominated for the Eco de Literatura prize (2021), the Ignatz awards (2022) and the Le Blanc Literature prize (2022).

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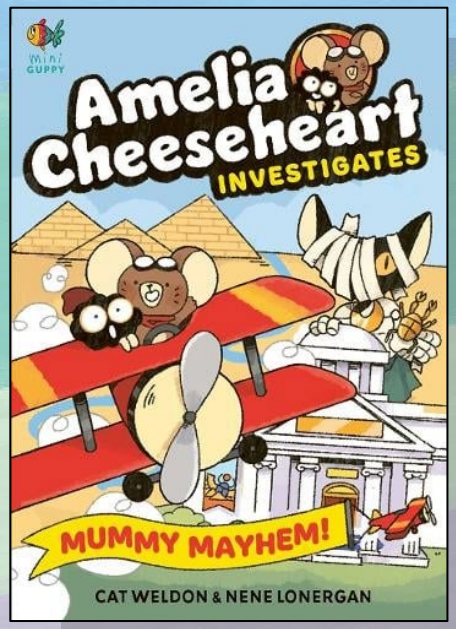
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DID YOU KNOW?
Rome had lots of rulers known as emperors. Some of the most well known ones are:
Augustus – Rome's first emperor. The month of August is named after him.
Nero – Nasty Nero killed both his wives and even his mum! But what he really wanted to be was an actor or singer.
Hadrian – this emperor was responsible for building Hadrian's wall along the border of Scotland and England.
Julius Caesar – the most famour Roman leader. He wore a laurel wreath to hide his bald spot! Caesar was in love with Cleopatra, the queen of Egypt!

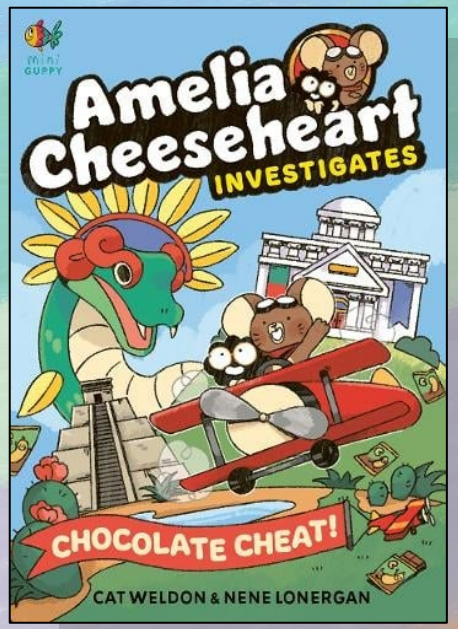
Amelia Cheeseheart INVESTIGATES

Join Amelia Cheeseheart as she and best pal Webster investigate the strange goings-on in a museum. Comic-style books which incorporate core KS1 curriculum history topics from the Romans to the Aztecs, with fun facts at the end of each story.

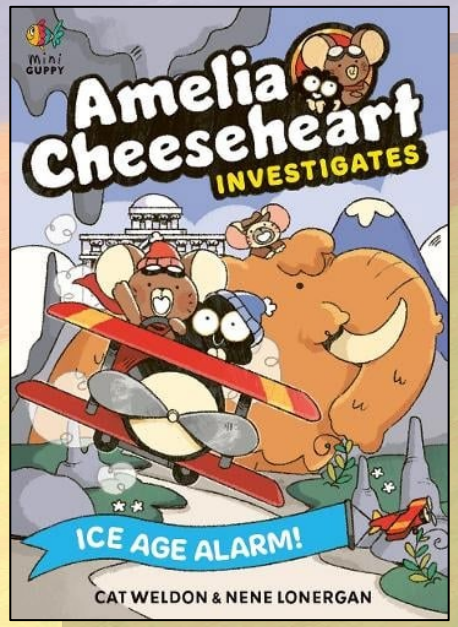




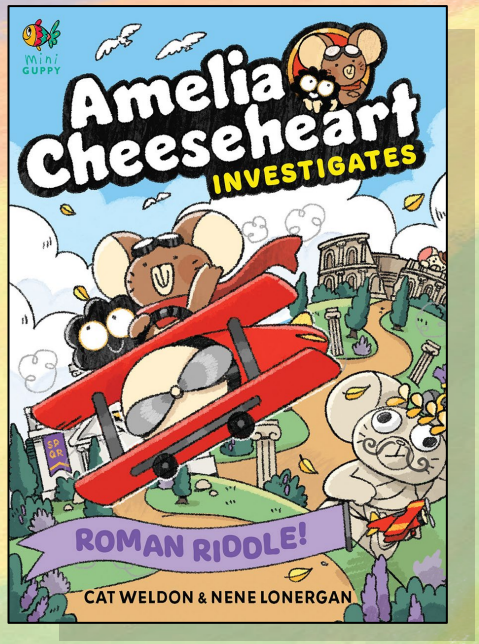
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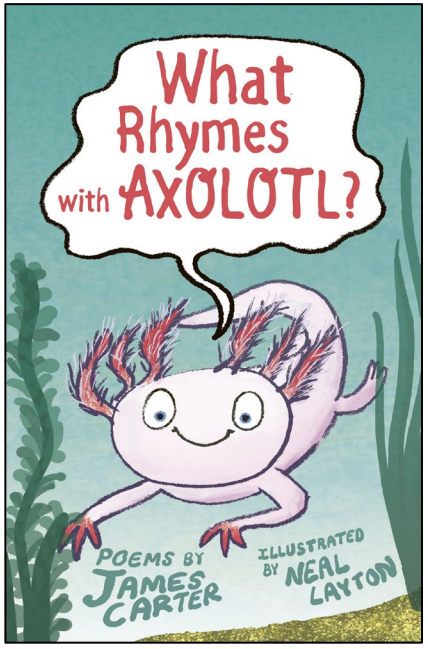
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What Rhymes with Axolotl?

James Carter and Neal Layton



From the top-selling combination of James Carter and Neal Layton – an irresistible new collection full of zest, humour, and surprises.

There are creatures aplenty, from axolotls to hairy frogfishes, but the range is much wider. Poems here also deal with lost socks, teachers, school visits, special moments, trees, rivers and much else. Many are visual, like 'How to Talk Exactly Like a GROWN UP'; some turn things inside-out: "Bananas are tasty, though only the skin". There are cinquains, tankas and haikus, even a poem entirely in code: 'WH1T 3F...'

Every page offers something different, opening doors for young minds into new zones of imagination.

Sales points:

- James Carter has a huge following of child and adult fans.
- Neal Layton's illustrations bring the poems to life.
- A welcome addition to the UK's leading children's poetry list.
- A master-showpiece of the verbal and visual variety of children's poetry.

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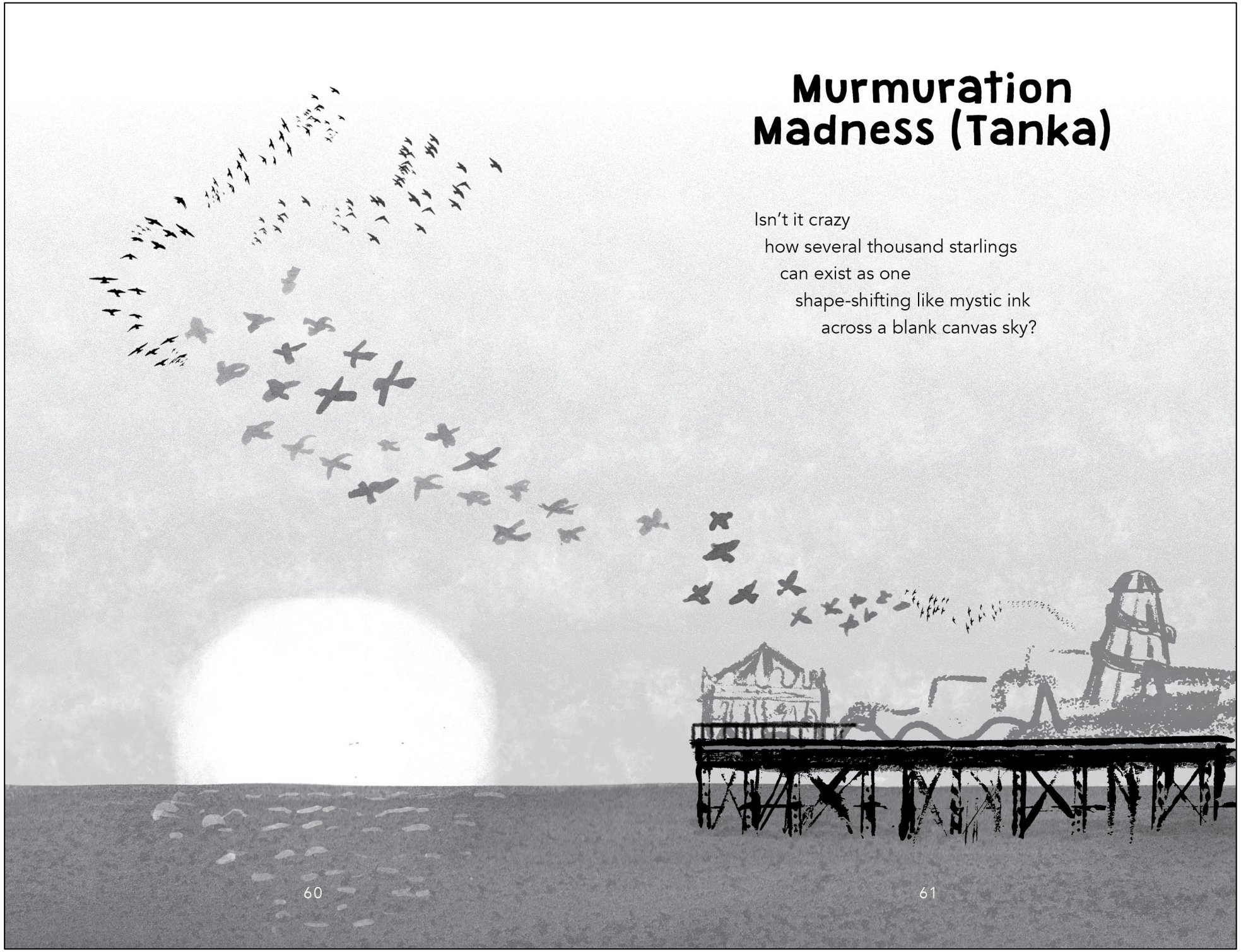
James Carter is a prize-winning poet, a non-fiction writer and a musician. He travels all over the UK and abroad, and also goes online to give lively and inspiring poetry/music performances and workshops. James has visited over 1500 primary schools in the past two decades, and has performed at many festivals, including Hay and Edinburgh. He is a former lecturer in Creative Writing/Children's Books at Reading University, and is a keen patron of of the ARCh reading charity in Oxfordshire, where he lives.

Neal Layton is an internationally acclaimed illustrator sand author, whose images are prized for their spontaneity and inventiveness. He has illustrated several of James Carter's poetry books. Born in Sussex, he graduated in Graphic Design at Newcastle and Illustration at Central St Martin's, London. He lives with his family on the Isle of Wight.

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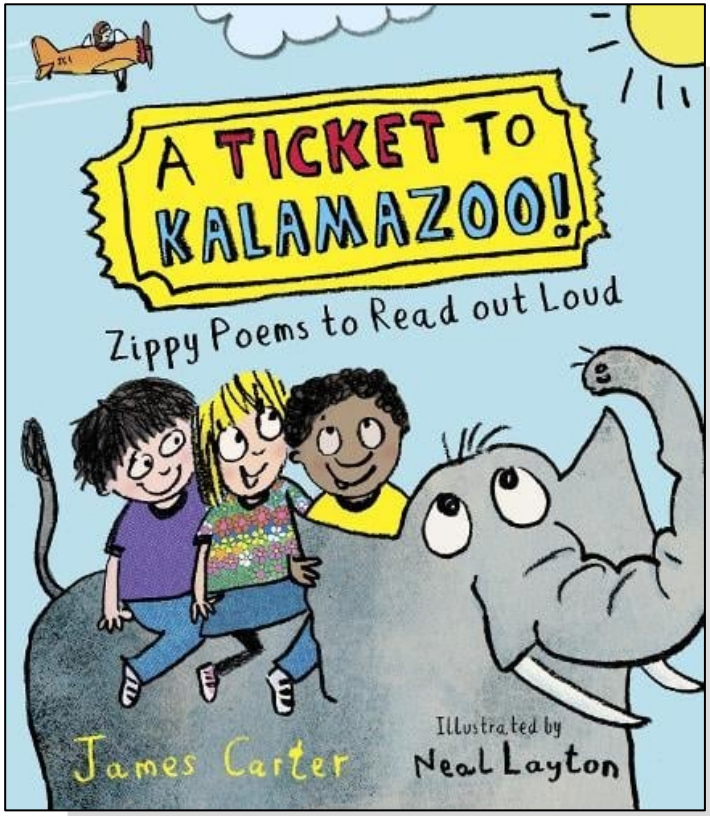
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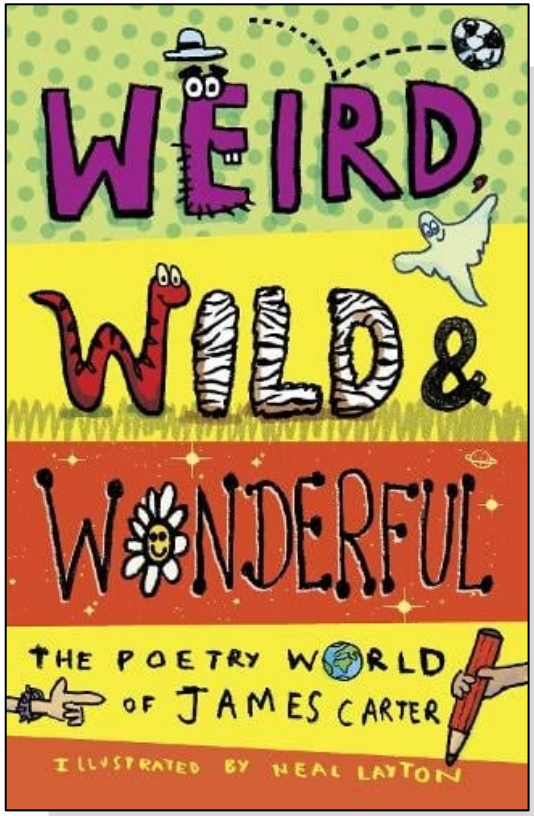
Murmuration Madness (Tanka)

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how several thousand starlings
can exist as one
shape-shifting like mystic ink
across a blank canvas sky?

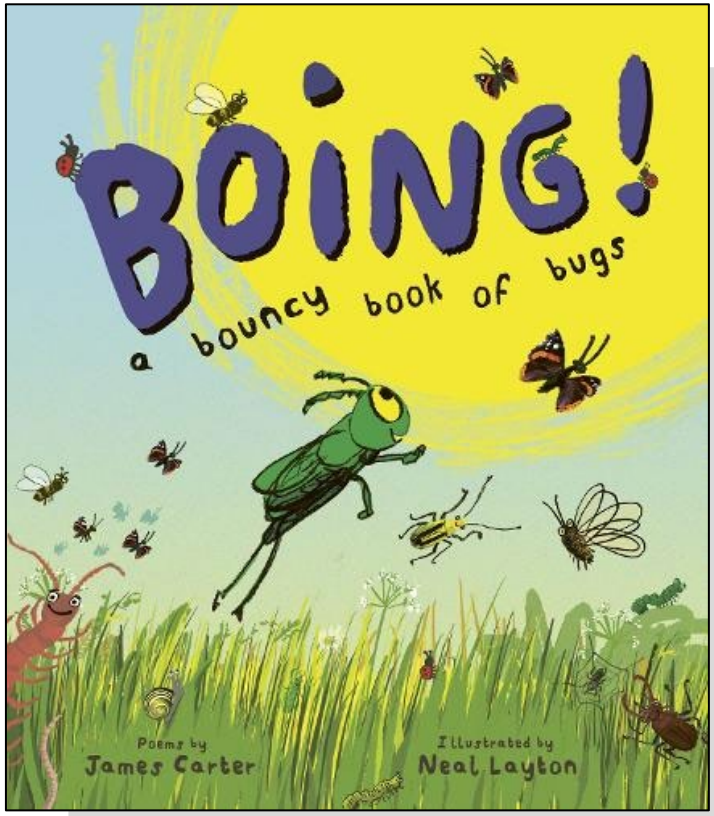
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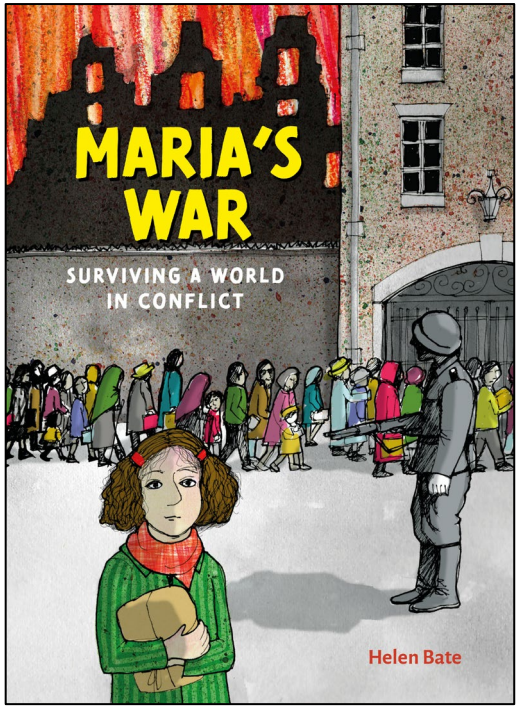
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Maria's War

Helen Bate



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Hardback
250 x 180 mm, 48 pages
Colour illustrations throughout
Interest age: From 9 years
BICs: YNH **RIGHTS:** WORLD

An inspirational graphic novel based on a true story from World War Two.

Maria lives happily with her Polish Catholic family in the mountains of Poland – until war comes, the Germans invade and soldiers arrive in Maria's town. Then her school closes, her Jewish friends disappear and Maria is sent to stay with her aunts in Warsaw, for safety.

But when Maria gets involved with the Polish Resistance helping Jewish families, she is arrested, imprisoned and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp….

This moving, inspirational true story of World War Two celebrates a young girl's courage and determination to survive in terrible times, experiencing great cruelty but also surprising kindness.

Sales points:

- Based on the letters and memoirs of Maria Bryl, who was 14 when the war began – fact pages and photographs of the real Maria included.
- Celebrates the bravery and determination of the Polish Resistance in WW2.
- Introduces the Jewish experience in the Warsaw Ghetto and Auschwitz concentration camp for a younger readership.
- Presented in an accessible graphic novel format.

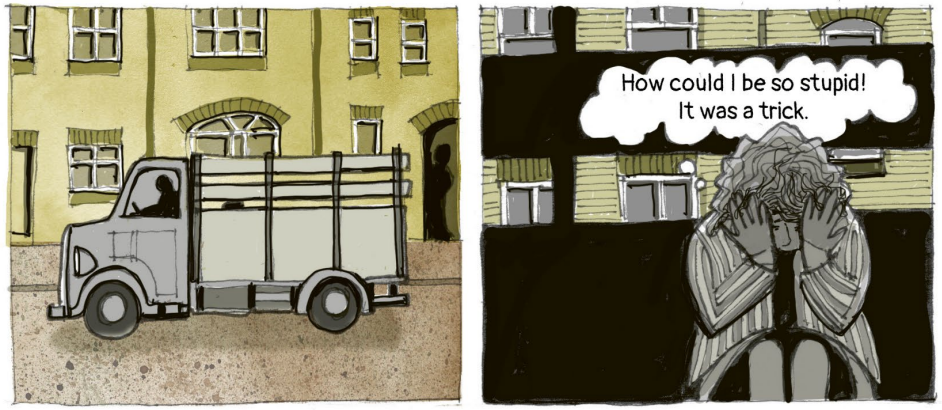
Helen Bate trained as an architect but has been writing and illustrating children's books since 2014. She has a particular interest in, and knowledge of, Eastern Europe, and her graphic novels *include Peter in Peril*, the story of a young Jewish boy in Budapest, and *The Lost Child of Chernobyl*, an imaginative story of loss and reunion in the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster.

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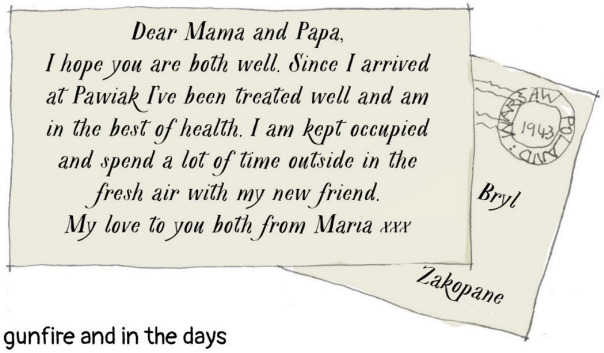
They arrested me for being in the Resistance. I was taken to Pawiak Women's Prison, which was inside the ghetto. I'd heard that they tortured and killed people there, so I was terrified.

When I arrived I was put in a cell with a girl called Danuta. Because we were the youngest, we were given special work.

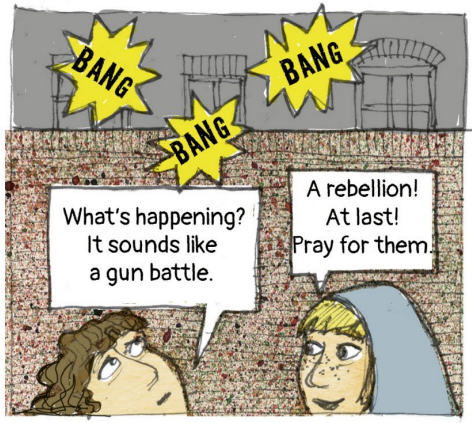




At least we could breathe the fresh air and see the sunshine. We were allowed to write home but the guards checked what we wrote so we had to pretend things were all right. We could hear the sounds of the ghetto all around us.

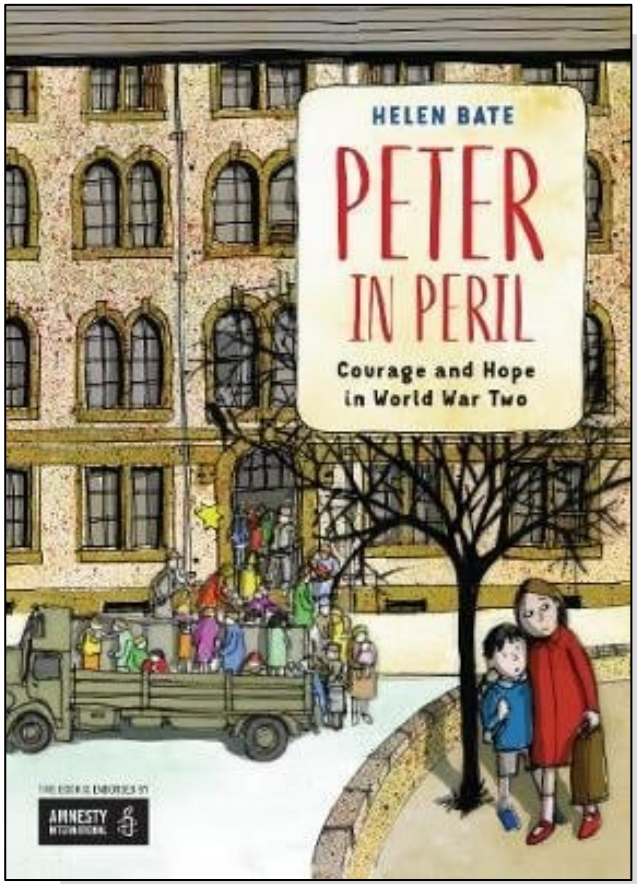


One day we heard the sound of gunfire and in the days afterwards the German soldiers set fire to the ghetto, and everything burned.

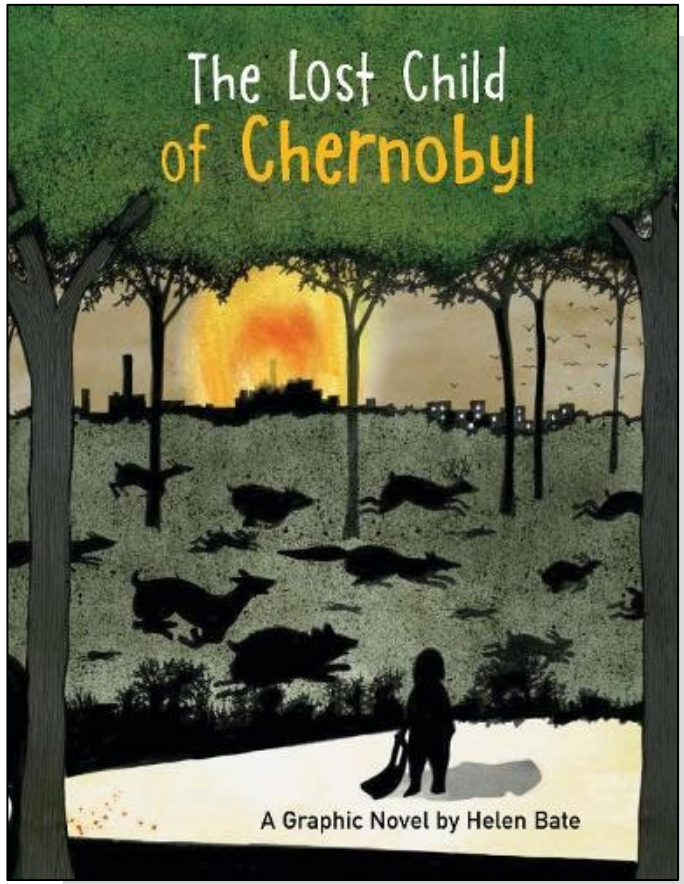




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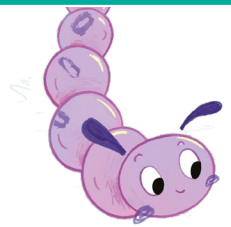
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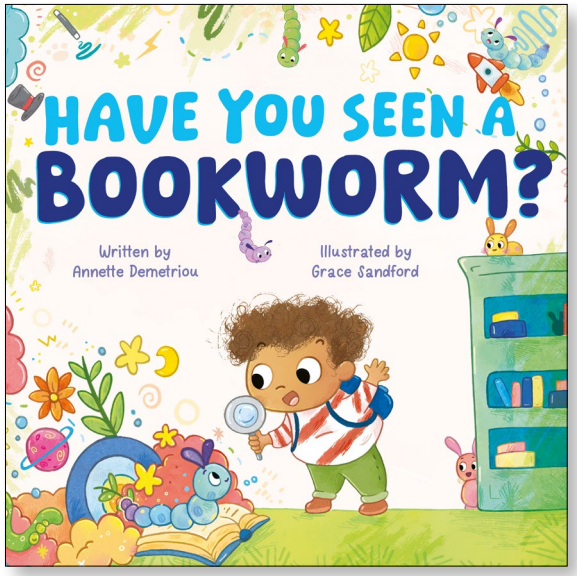


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Have You Seen a Bookworm?

By (author) ANNETTE DEMETRIOU
Illustrated by GRACE SANDFORD

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Keynote - A manifestation of the magic that comes from books and stories, showing how any obstacle to reading can be easily overcome.

Key Selling Points - Celebrates reading, bookshops, libraries, book clubs, social aspects of reading and how anyone in a family can come back to books. Positive portayal of 'bookworms'.

Main Description- A bookworm is a colourful companion that represents the incredible connection between a book and child's imagination. But what happens when a child, teenager or grown up falls out of love with reading? Their treasured friend vanishes, or even glitches! But this book gives children all the clues to get their brilliant bookworms back! Along the way, readers will find that a love of books can open doors to friendship, confidence, and wonderful new worlds.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Annette Demetriou
A mixed heritage author passionate about writing picture books that address the everyday issues our children face.
Contributor 1 Location: LONDON

Grace Sandford
Graduated with a degree in Illustration from The University of Lincoln in 2013 and has been working freelance in Publishing since then.
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Hello! I'm Theo. Have **you** seen a bookworm?
This . . . is my **mega magical, super swashbuckling** bookworm.

We **love** reading books about pirates and finding lost treasure!

He's called **Captain**!



We play outside and draw giant maps,
where 'X' marks the lost treasure spot,
just like in our stories!

And then the **more** we read,
the **bigger** and **shinier** Captain gets!

But, **Oh no. . .**





Grandad, have **you** seen a bookworm?

Do you know how to fix a **glitchy** one?
Or how to make a **frazzled** one feel better?
Or, how to **untangle** one that's tied up?

Oh no!

Grandad's bookworm, Gadget, has a **headache**.

Ahh! Ugg!
Ouch!

Grandad keeps tripping over
the words in his book.
Everything looks blurry.

What shall we do? **Where** shall we go?
Let's try...



The bookshop! Hello.

Do you know how to fix
a **glitchy** bookworm?
Or how to make a
frazzled one feel better?
Or how to **untangle** one that's tied up?
Or help one with a **headache**?

Oh look! Loads of cool, new
comics have arrived today!
Jay's bookworm, Jiggles, can
recharge while Jay looks at
all the new space adventures.

We finally fixed a glitchy bookworm!
But how do we make a
frazzled one feel better?

Let's try...



... time for a **bedtime** story.



Good night, little bookworms.

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ADVANCED INFORMATION SHEET



Ble mae BJÖRN i Fod





By Samuel Langley-Swain and Mirna Imamovic



A sensitive Christmas story of friendship and belonging, centered around the unbreakable bond between a boy and a bear - a classic in the making.

Due to his autism, Arctic-enthusiast Arthur does not like Christmas, the noise, the lights, and the crowds. He keeps his toy polar bear close, for security. After losing his precious bear and asking Father Christmas for a new one, he wakes up to find a REAL polar bear in his garden! Arthur names his new friend Björn and in spite of his best efforts to keep Björn cold and happy, realises that he needs to help his friend return to the Arctic, where he belongs. Time for some more Christmas magic . . .



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ARTWORK PREVIEW



Doedd Arthur ddim yn hoffi'r Nadolig: y sioeau ysgol swnllyd, y goleuadau llachar, a'r strydoedd prysur. Roedd popeth yn teimlo'n wahanol.

Felly byddai'n cario Bedwyr, ei arth wen fach, ble bynnag yr âi. Ond un diwrnod, wrth frysio adref gyda mam o'r dref brysur . . .



"Fe alwa' i ti'n Björn," dywedodd Arthur wrth iddyn nhw chwarae gyda'i gilydd.

"Mae hynny'n golygu 'arth' mewn gwledydd sy'n cael llawer o eira."

Yna, gwnaeth yn siŵr fod Björn yn ddiogel a'i throi hi am y tŷ i ddweud wrth Mam.





Wrth i'r wythnosau fynd heibio, dechreuodd Björn dyfu, felly symudon nhw'r arth i'r sied a bwydo gwledd o fysedd pysgod iddo!

Ond wrth i'r gaeaf droi'n wanwyn, cofiodd Arthur rywbeth pwysig . . . roedd â'n toddi yn broblem FAWR i eirth gwynion.



"Beth am y sŵ?" awgrymodd Mam.
"Dim dyna lle mae Björn i fod!" gwaeddodd Arthur.
"Ta beth, mae'n rhaid i mi gadw at fy ngair."

Wrth i'r tymhorau droi, gwyliodd Mam Arthur yn tyfu'n hapus ochr yn ochr â'i gyfaill newydd.



Yn y gwanwyn, cysgodd Björn ar wely o bys wedi rhewi.



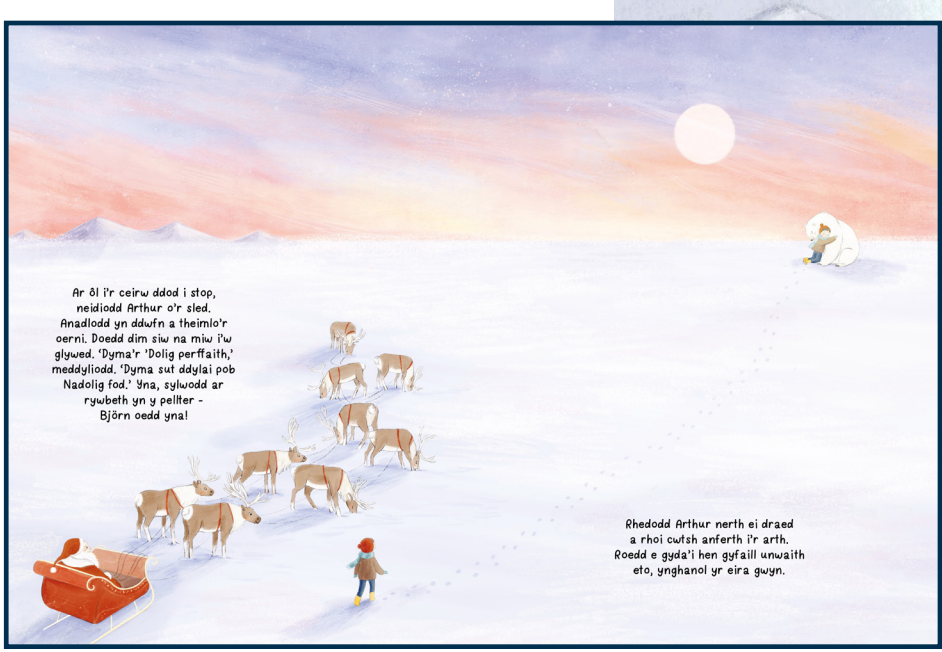
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Yn yr haf, llenwon nhw eu bath gyda iâ.



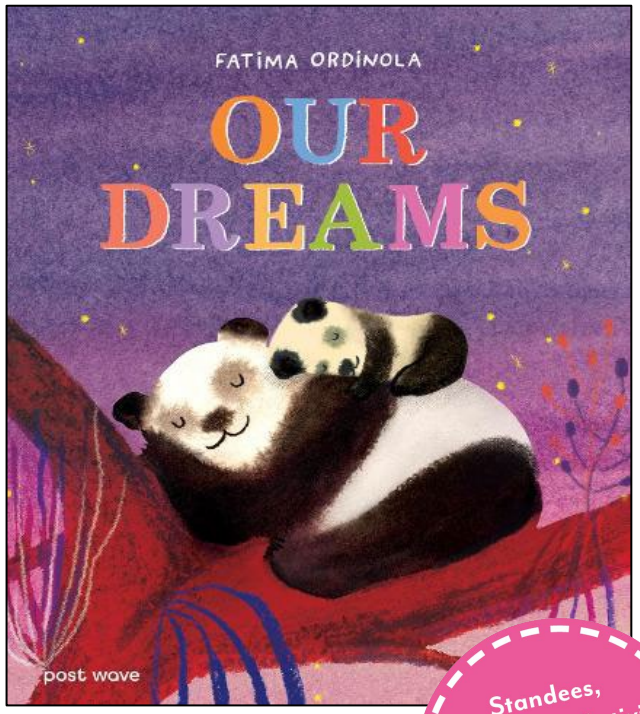
Ond erbyn i'r eira a'r Nadolig ddychwelyd . . .



Ar ôl i'r ceirw ddod i stop, neidiodd Arthur o'r sled. Anadlodd yn ddwfn a theimlo'r oerni. Doedd dim siw na miw i'w glywed. 'Dyma'r 'Dolig perffaith,' meddyliodd. 'Dyma sut ddylai pob Nadolig fod.' Yna, sylwodd ar rywbeth yn y pellter - Björn oedd yna!

Rhedodd Arthur nerth ei draed a rhoi cwtsh anferth i'r arth. Roedd e gyda'i hen gyfaill unwaith eto, ynghanol yr eira gwyn.

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Our Dreams

Fátima Ordinola

Top Pick

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Cosy up and drift into the magical world of dreams with this soothing picture book, by the exceptional illustrator Fátima Ordinola, author of *Our Love*.

Drift off into dreamland in this beautifully illustrated bedtime story. From cuddling pandas to snuggling polar bears, lazy tigers to soft, woolly sheep, *Our Dreams* gently captures the cosy, restful moments shared between parent and child through the lens of the animal kingdom, and explores the magic and joy of dreaming.

Sales points:

- A heartwarming follow-up to the cherished *Our Love*
- The perfect bedtime story to inspire sweet dreams, offering comfort and reassurance
- Features exquisitely soft watercolour illustrations
- Includes a beautiful double-page foldout surprise

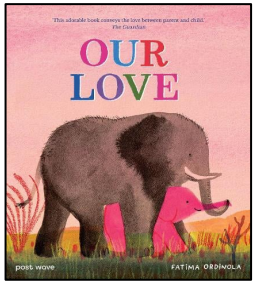
Marketing and publicity:

- Pitching for reviews, features, interviews and Q&As
- An ambitious programme of author activity, including window illustrations and events in store, in schools and at festivals
- Mailing to picture book and parenting content creators
- Social media content schedule including cover reveal, content teasers, collaborations and pre-order push
- Support for bookshops with POS, including standees, sticker sheets and activities

Fátima Ordinola is a graphic designer and illustrator born in Peru and currently residing in Cambridge, UK. In 2023, she graduated from the Cambridge School of Art with a distinction in the MA Children's Book Illustration programme. Her work has been recognised by the Bologna Children's Book Fair, The Batsford Prize, The Hamburger Bilderbuchpreis, and The Unpublished PictureBook Showcase.

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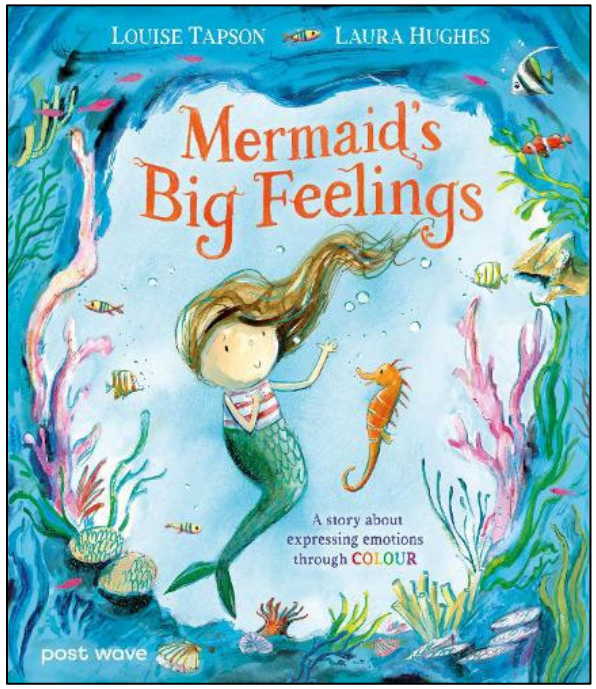
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We fall asleep trying to count them all.



Mermaid's Big Feelings

Louise Tapson and Laura Hughes

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Join one little mermaid and her seahorse companion as she learns how to express her feelings through a kaleidoscope of colour in this special picture book all about big feelings.

From sadness and fear to hope and happiness, together little mermaid and her friends discover that people are made of many different colours – sometimes dark and sometimes bright. Because when you can't find the words, all it takes is a friend who understands to be heard.

Sales points:

- Research has shown that colours can help little ones to identify and express feelings and learn to process emotions healthily.
- Evergreen topic presented in a reassuring story that offers a gentle hug for all children with big feelings.
- *Times* bestselling illustrator (over 850,000 TCM).

Marketing and publicity:

- Pitching for reviews, features, interviews and Q&As
- Louise and Laura will be available for joint events – both based in Sussex
- Laura is available for a window illustration for the right bookshop
- Social media content schedule including cover reveal, content teasers and pre-order push
- A beautiful suite of social media and downloadable assets, including quote cards and activities

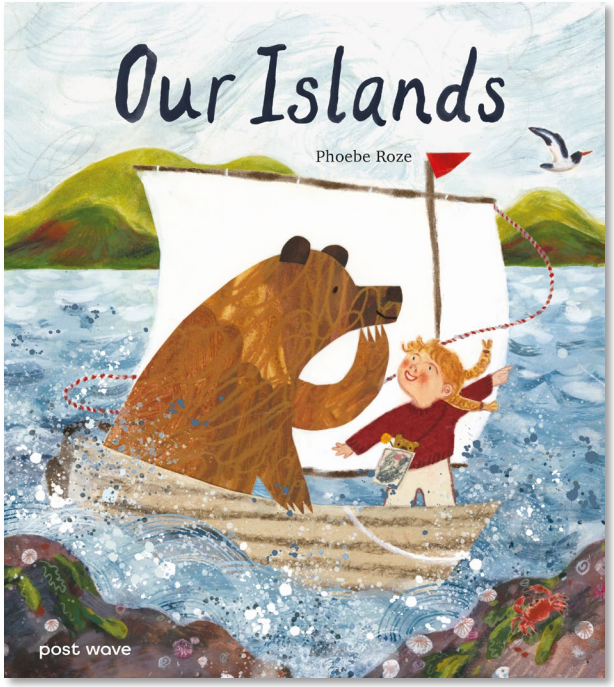
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Louise Tapson is an exciting new picture book author who has a selection of picture books publishing soon. She lives in Sussex with her children.

Laura Hughes is an award-winning, best-selling illustrator of picture books for children. She has illustrated many titles including *The Forgettery*, *Witch Cat* and *We're Going on an Egg Hunt*. *There's a Pig Up My Nose* was the winner of Oscar's Book Prize 2018. She lives in Sussex, UK.

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The mermaid couldn't find the words to explain, so she only replied, "The words are hurting my heart inside."
And she shouted at the storm some more.
"I feel RED, so very red!" she said.
"I feel like that color today."
"It's good to let your feelings out," the seahorse said.
"What color do you feel like today?"
The storm threw its rain like spears at the sea.
"The rain is harsh on your scales," said the seahorse.
"You need shelter, follow me!"



Our Islands

Written and illustrated by Phoebe Roze

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A tender story where friendship blossoms, warming the heart of a lonely bear who finds himself adrift beyond his island home.

Key Selling Points

- A picture book classic in the making – filled with warmth, wonder, and universal appeal for readers of all ages
- Bear's journey explores the balance between comfort and curiosity, resonating with young readers ready to embrace adventure while cherishing home
- A fresh new voice in picture books, using a blend of textures and mediums to craft a warm, cosy style inspired by Scottish and eastern European illustrators
- Work with Scottish booksellers to drive local sales harnessing local author

Main Description

Join Bear on this heart-warming adventure to discover if the path back home might bring the greatest of adventures and the truest of friendships.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Phoebe Roze is an illustrator from the Scottish Highlands, currently based in **Edinburgh.** Often looking towards the landscapes, nature and folklore of Scotland to inspire her, a sense of place and playfulness are important elements within her work.

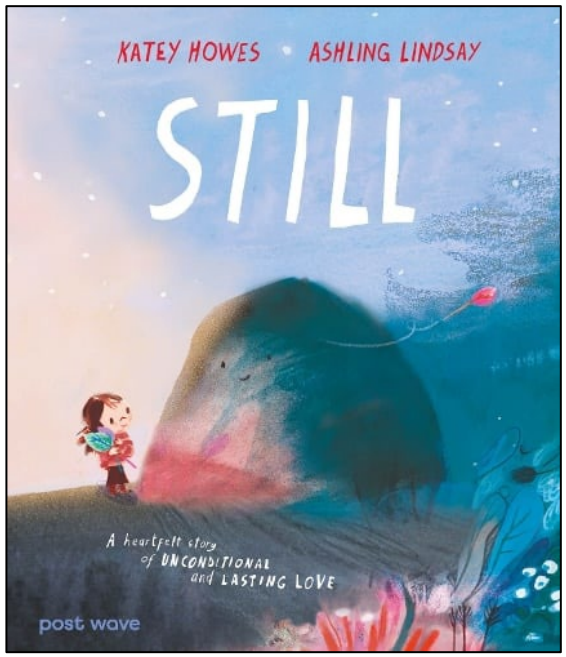
Since graduating with a first class honours in Illustration, Phoebe has worked with many interesting organisations, including The Folio Society, Glasgow Children's Hospital and Dundee City Council. When she isn't drawing, she can usually be found out cycling on her bike or with her nose in a good book. Our Islands is first author/illustrator book.

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This is where Bear lives,
and it is the only home he knows.



Still

Katey Howes and Ashling Lindsay

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A heartfelt story of unconditional love and knowing that you are always connected to the ones that you love come what may.

A beautiful picture book that teaches little ones to never fear life's ups and downs, and to know that there is always someone there for you, no matter how you are feeling. *Still* empowers children to be themselves and to understand that they are deserving of love just the way they are.

Sales points:

- A beautiful picture book that teaches little ones to never fear life's ups and downs
- A timeless classic that will be loved and passed down by the generations
- Evocative art with prize-winning potential
- Perfect for fans of *No Matter What* and *The Invisible String*

Marketing and publicity:

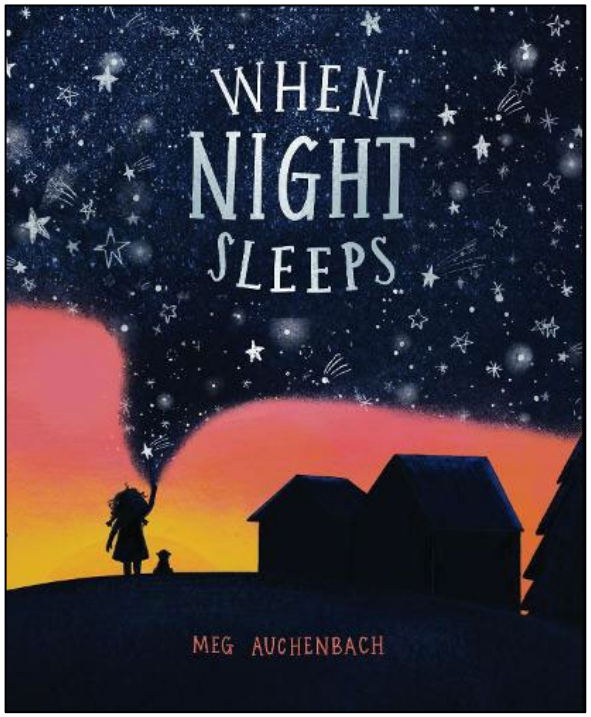
- Pitching for reviews, features, interviews and Q&As
- Ashling will be available in Ireland and potentially mainland UK for window illustrations and limited events
- Social media schedule including cover reveal, content teasers and pre-order push
- A beautiful suite of social media and downloadable assets, including quote cards A multi-touch trade awareness campaign, with illustrations in trade magazines, submission for BA catalogue and limited early copies available for booksellers on request

Ashling Lindsay is an Irish artist from Belfast. She has been making picture books for eight years and has been included on some of the most prestigious award lists in the world. Ashling teaches illustration at Belfast School of Art and is a fluent Irish speaker.

Katey Howes was an award-winning picture book author and poet based in the USA who, very sadly, passed away in 2024 aged 47. She was passionate about raising kids who love to read, and about helping kids recognise that they are makers, inventors, and creators.

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I am a rock.
My name is Still.



When Night Sleeps

Meg Auchenbach

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A fresh, imaginative take on a bedtime story, When Night Sleeps reveals where Night cuddles up during the day.

When Night sleeps, does she wrap herself in a blanket of stars and tiptoe around, looking for a cozy place to settle in? Does she need a warm bath and ask to be snuggled in tight? Does she dream of beautiful and unknowable things?

In gentle, lyrical prose, *When Night Sleeps* imagines what happens to Night when her job is done and it's time to rest.

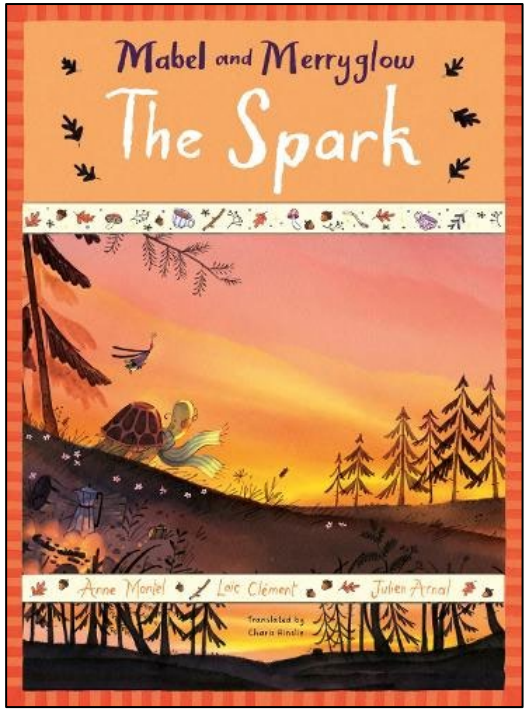
Sales points:

- A fresh approach to a classic bedtime tale - perfect for cozying up with before a restful night's sleep.
- A sweet and imaginative story that will help kids feel a little less afraid of the dark.
- Beautiful, comforting art perfectly captures the quiet mood of this bedtime story.

Meg Auchenbach has been writing and illustrating books since she was a little girl. Her author/illustrator debut, *If You Are an Artist*, is inspired by her former career as an elementary art teacher. Meg's hope is to create stories that inspire magical thoughts and cultivate a sense of wonder. She lives in Eastern PA.

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On a wintry day,
does Night
shiver and ask
for more blankets?



The Spark

Loïc Clément and Julien Arnal

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Meet Mabel, a tortoise who is terrified of the dark, and Merryglow, a kind-hearted firefly who brings friendship, warmth and a spark of hope when all seems lost in this heartwarming panelled picture book.

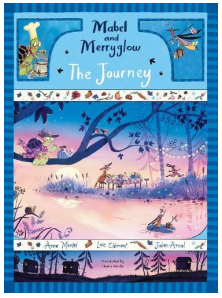
When darkness falls, Mabel the tortoise's fears come alive. She could hide in her shell like her family, but she's too afraid of the dark! With nowhere to hide, she spends her days fearing the night ahead. When she finally does fall asleep, she has terrible dreams of being locked in the darkness . . .

But when a kind-hearted firefly joins her for tea, he brings with him a spark of hope. He teaches her to be brave in the night, to embrace the darkness and safety of her shell and no longer be ashamed of her fears.

Sales points:

- Bridges the gap between picture books and middle grade.
- The perfect book to encourage reluctant readers.
- A great aid in helping children overcome their own fears and worries.
- Stunning, vibrant illustrations by Loïc Clément bring these characters to life.
- Perfect for fans of Carles Porta's series, *Tales from Hidden Valley*.

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Loïc Clement was born in 1981 in Bruges. He lives in Gironde. Writer of comics for adults and young people, and author of illustrated albums, Loïc is passionate about books.

Julien Arnal is an illustrator and 2D animator, born in the landscapes of the Central massif between mountains and plains. Through his illustrations and animations, he tends to pay homage to the poetry of these wild spaces.

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Sadly, the days were just as bad.
Every day rolled into the next, each no different from the last.

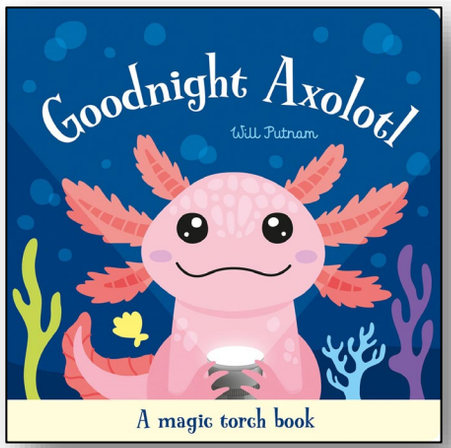

The light might change . . .
. . . the wind might blow . . .
. . . but each day would always end with a sunset, promising a long night ahead.

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Two Windmills

Magic Torch Books Say 'goodnight' with this magical torch book series!

- **Simple illustrations** and text are combined with a beautiful colour palette to create a perfect preschool look.
- **Interactive storytime** - perfect for reluctant readers!
- **Repetitive, rhyming text** to help young children learn rhythm and tone.
- **Clever windows throughout** reveal hidden animals when the torch is inserted.
- Includes **a handy ribbon** to keep the magic torch attached to the book.



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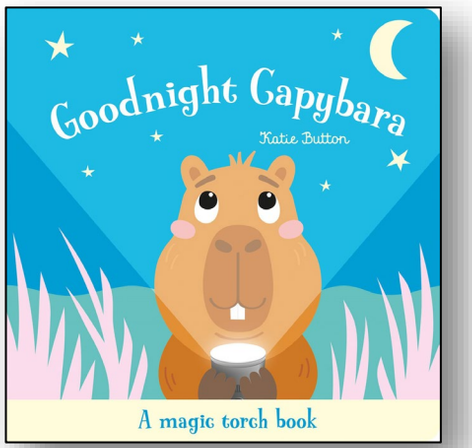
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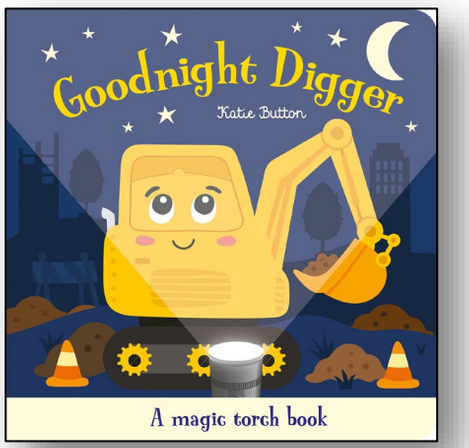
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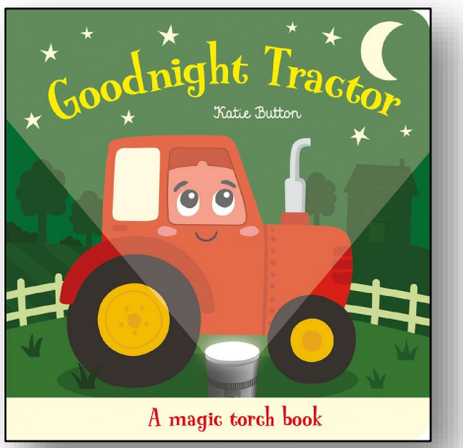
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CBMC Code: A3J79

Age range: 3 to 5



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Who is hiding,
Where the currents flow?
Goodnight, Turtle!
See you tomorrow!
Can you find Turtle?


Above the rainforest,
the stars shine bright.
Goodnight Jaguar!
Sleep well,
sleep tight!
Can you find Jaguar?


Goodnight, goodnight, sleepyheads.
Safe and warm in cosy beds.
All is quiet,
on the construction site.
Goodnight Digger!
Sleep well,
sleep tight!
Can you find Digger?


Goodnight, goodnight, sleepyheads.
Safe and warm in cosy beds.
The farmyard is quiet,
the moon is bright.
Goodnight Tractor!
Sleep well,
sleep tight!
Can you find Tractor?



Cute Pets

By Connie Isaacs

Illustrated by Bethany Carr

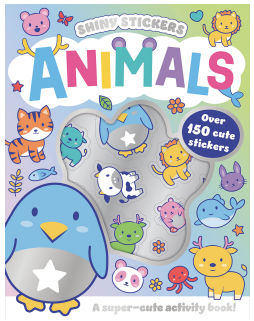
Discover a world of cute pets with this fun-filled sticker activity book for children aged 5+.

150 colourful stickers: Complete pet scenes, finish activities and personalise favourite belongings with colourful stickers, including special shiny foil stickers.

Perfect for travel: The slim, portable format slips easily into a backpack or handbag, making it ideal for holidays, car journeys, restaurants, waiting rooms and rainy days.

Inside, kids will find spot-the-difference challenges, mazes, word searches and more, all designed for hours of super-cute fun. Use the stickers to complete the activities or decorate your notebooks, folders and favourite things with extra cuteness.

COMP TITLES



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WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Connie Isaacs
Connie loved books from as early as she can remember. Focusing on creative subjects both through formal education and many, many hours spent on her own creative hobbies, she now does what she loves for a living! Connie is the author of a wide range of children's titles, with the emphasis on fun always to the fore.

Bethany Carr
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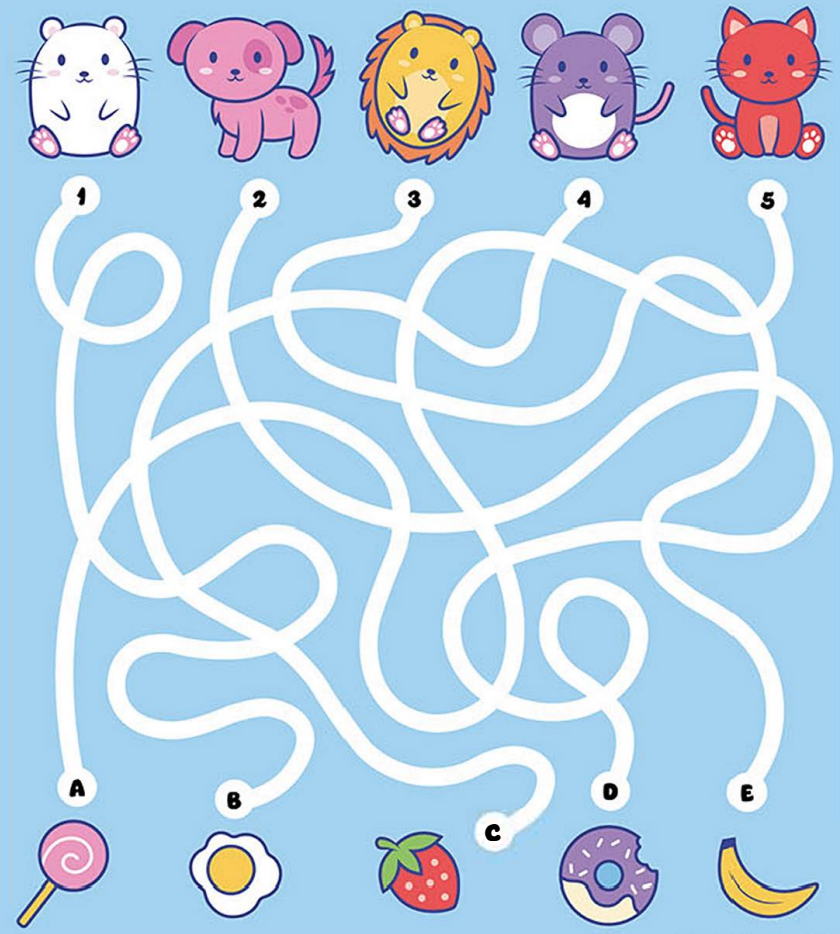
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Thema: YBGH
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Tasty Trails

Done it? Add a star sticker here!

Yummy, yummy in their tummies! Follow the trails to find out which cute pet gets which tasty treat.



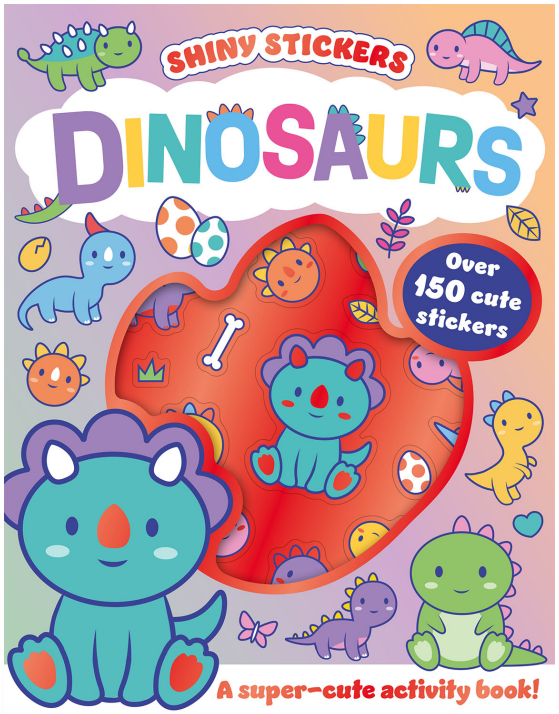
Answer: 1B, 2D, 3E, 4C, 5A.

Cute Coloring

Done it? Add a star sticker here!

This hamster is hungry! Use your markers or crayons to color this cute scene and help the hamster eat his dinner!





Dinosaurs

By Connie Isaacs

Illustrated by Bethany Carr

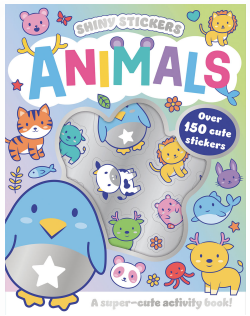
Discover a world of adorable dinosaurs with this fun-filled sticker activity book for children aged 5+.

150 colourful stickers: Complete dinosaur scenes, finish activities and personalise favourite belongings with colourful stickers, including special shiny foil stickers.

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Thema: YBGH
Series: Shiny Sticker Activity Books
Themes: Puzzle & Activity

Little Guests

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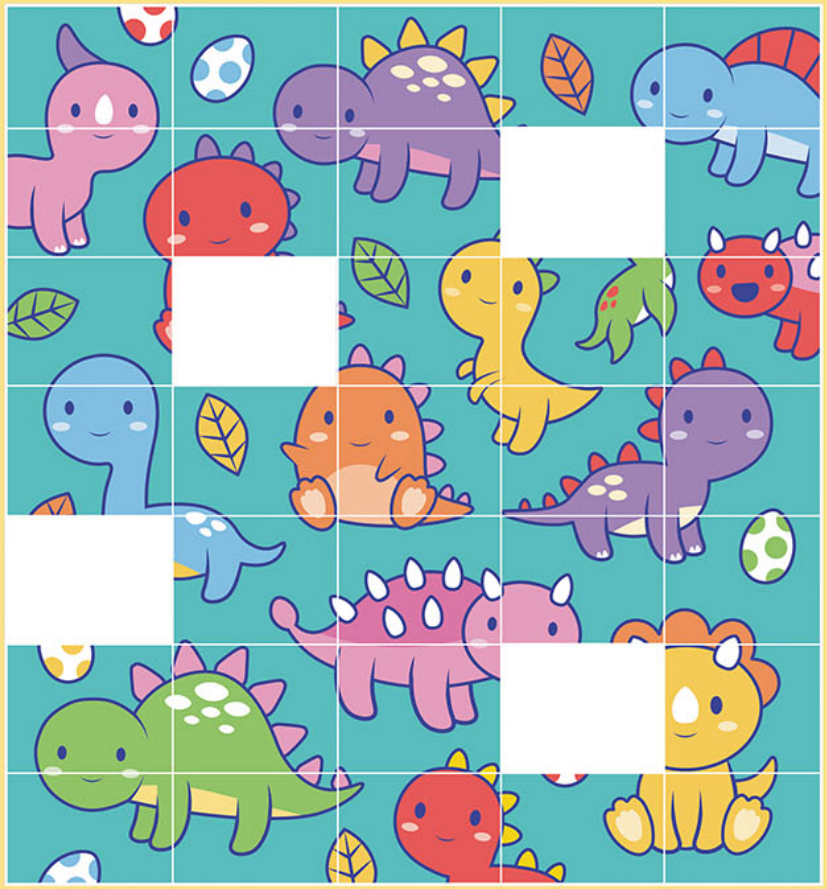
It's little Stegosaurus' birthday party, but three guests are missing. Find and place the sticker guests, then color the scene for party fun!



Jigsawrus

Done it? Add a star sticker here!

This prehistoric jigsaw puzzle is almost complete. Find the missing pieces on the sticker pages to finish the colorful picture.





We're Going on a Unicorn Hunt!

By Yasmin Bond
Illustrated by Vicky Lommatzsch

A giggle-making story full of read-aloud rhyming fun for unicorn believers everywhere!

Spot the unicorn on each page and help the children on their journey.

A giggle-making story full of read-aloud rhyming fun for unicorn believers everywhere!

Vicky Lommatzsch was nominated for the Nottingham Children's Book Award 2023 for her illustrations for the picture book 'Black & White'.

Join this magical adventure as three daring explorers go on a hunt to find a real unicorn. With a hiding unicorn picture to spot throughout, help the three children as they encounter obstacles along the way, from tip-toeing past roaring lions, dashing past stomping elephants and dealing with cheeky monkeys. Will they ever find a real unicorn?

COMP TITLES



9781801055871
Paperback | £7.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Yasmin Bond

Yasmin Bond studied art history at Cambridge University and the Courtauld Institute and combines working for a central London art gallery with her passions for writing and travel. Yasmin describes herself as a 'visual writer' and loves to work closely with illustrators to create perfect little worlds of picture book fiction for children to immerse themselves in.

Vicky Lommatzsch

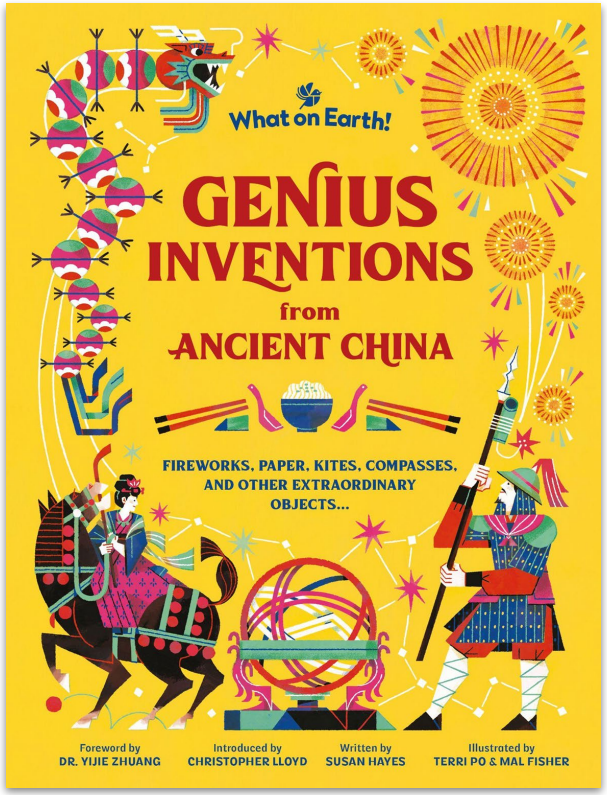
Vicky's first love was always the magical world of drawing. As a grown-up, she side-stepped this to do a Master's degree in Linguistics, then three years of illustration at the Ghent Academy of Arts. Now, after shaking off what she calls the monster of 'Routine' that was hiding in the business world, she has returned to what she loves most, showing the magic she saw as a child to others.

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Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781801058612
Extent: 32pp
Dimensions: 254 x 254 mm
Interest Age: 3 to 5
Thema: YBCS2
Series: Picture Storybooks
Themes: Friendship

3+

Two Windmills





Genius Inventions from Ancient China

By Christopher Lloyd, Susan Hayes & Dr Yijie Zhuang
Illustrated by Terri Po & Mal Fisher

Top Pick

What on Earth!

Journey into Ancient China and discover the inventions that have changed our world.

Key Selling Points

- Discover 40 incredible Ancient Chinese inventions while exploring the civilisation's fascinating history, from Neolithic times to the Qing Dynasty.
- Created in collaboration with expert Chinese consultants, who are featured at the end of each chapter.
- Perfect for inquisitive young minds and those with an interest in STEAM subjects and how things work.

Main Description

As you travel from neolithic times through the dynasties of imperial China, discover the origins of more than 40 genius inventions that still shape our world today. With vivid illustrations, as well as contemporary photographs, timelines, maps and even quizzes, this book celebrates the awe-inspiring ingenuity of Ancient China, which has transformed the world as we know it, and continues to be part of our lives today.

Perfect for Lunar New Year

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Susan Hayes is an award-winning, bestselling children's author, editor and publisher, and former primary school teacher who is inspired by children's imagination and curiosity.

Christopher Lloyd is an award-winning author and editor of bestselling children's non-fiction, whose books have sold over 1.5 million copies worldwide.

Dr Yijie Zhuang is a Professor of Chinese Archaeology and Geoarchaeology at University College London,

Terri Po is an acclaimed illustrator originally from Hong Kong who now lives and works in the Scottish Highlands, creating nature-inspired artwork for children's books and beyond.

Mal Fisher is an illustrator with two decades of design experience who creates digital artwork for children's books and magazines, covering topics from ancient inventions to space, alongside work for clients including UNICEF.

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RRP: £20.00
Format: Hardback
ISBN: 9781804662106
Extent: 192pp
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Interest Age: 8-12
Thema: YNTD, YNTG, YNHD, 1QBFC
Series: N/A
Themes:
History, Asia, Discovery

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INVENTED AROUND 3RD CENTURY BCE

COMPASS

A magnetic pointer that transformed navigation

The very first compasses looked nothing like today's circular pocket compass with its magnetic needle pointing north for navigation. Instead, these ingenious devices were used to make sure buildings, towns and tombs pointed in the best direction. But the compass made its greatest impact in the world of travel and trade.

The swivel of the compass to point south might look like magic, but it is science! It relies upon the invisible force of magnetism. All magnets have two ends: a North pole and a South pole. And surrounding every magnet is a magnetic field, which is an area of energy. Magnetic forces either attract or repel (force away) metals or other magnets. The swirling metal of Earth's outer core creates a magnetic field around our planet, looping between the North and South poles.

The very first compass was invented in the Warring States period (475–225 BCE). The spoon on the compass, made of magnetic lodestone, aligned itself with Earth's magnetic field and turned so that the handle always pointed South. Geomancers (people who practiced an ancient form of magic focused on the Earth) used the compasses to make sure building faced South, the most auspicious direction.

The Earth's Magnetic Field
The magnetic North and South poles and the geographic North and South poles are not exactly aligned. Earth's magnetic poles slightly shift due to the constant movement of the liquid iron in the planet's core. This slight difference between the geographic poles and the magnetic poles is called magnetic variation.

The lodestone compass
The first compass had a spoon-shaped pointer that was carved from lodestone. Its base was crafted from a non-magnetic material such as bronze. The smooth surface ensured that the spoon turned easily on its base and when the spoon settled, the handle always pointed south.

GENIUS INVENTIONS
from ANCIENT CHINA



Marketing & PR

- Free school resources and lessons plans.
- Wide review mailing to nationals, education and book bloggers.
- Chinese community outreach in the UK, including:
  - Language learning centres
  - UK Chinese Cultural Associations
- Animated book trailer.
- Influencer campaign to tie in with Chinese New Year in early February 2027.
- Article, advertising and email to What on Earth! Magazine (circulation approx 11k).
- “Guess the invention” carousel for Instagram.
- Short reels showing how ancient Chinese inventions are used in modern life.

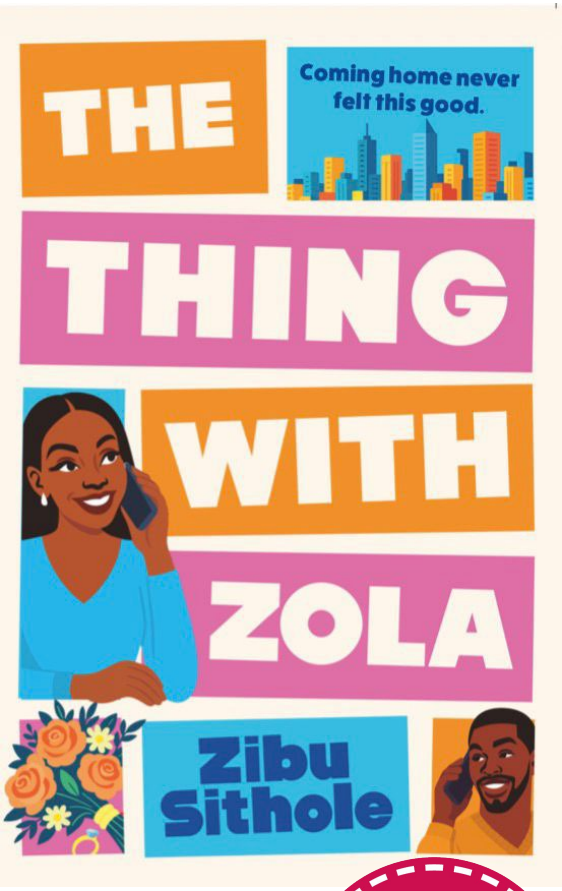
Sales materials

- Digital and printed blad (available).
- List of museums featuring similar inventions across UK (available).

BOUNCE

SALES & MARKETING

January 2027
Adult Books



Perfect for Valentine's Day

The Thing with Zola

Zibu Sithole

Keynote

A sharp, sexy Johannesburg-set romance about starting over when life, and love, don't go to plan.

Key Selling Points

- Warm, witty romance about love, career setbacks and second chances.
- A fresh Johannesburg setting with contemporary South African energy.
- Launch title for Ankara Press's new focus on commercial African fiction.

Main Description

After ten years in Germany, Zola is back in Johannesburg, heartbroken, unemployed and starting over. Romance is definitely not part of the plan, until irresistible Mbali walks into her life. But with his ex now Zola's new boss, falling for him could complicate everything.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Zibu Sithole is a journalist with more than ten years' experience across television, radio, print and digital media; she has also ghostwritten numerous romance novels. *The Thing with Zola* is the first novel published under her own name.

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

Pub Date: 21/01/2027
RRP: £10.99
Format: Paperback
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Extent: 264pp
Dimensions: 198 x 129
Interest Age: Adult
Thema: FRD
Series: Zola Romance Trilogy
Theme: Starting over, second chances

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COVER COMING SOON

Ankara Press

Perfect for Valentine's Day

Nigerians Are Not Normal About Love

Ope Adedeji, Daniel Orubo (editors)

Keynote

Real Nigerian love stories, reimagined by ten exciting writers into funny, messy and irresistible fiction.

Key Selling Points

- Inspired by real stories from Zikoko's cult-favourite *Love Life* series.
- Ten exciting Nigerian writers explore modern love in all its messy glory.
- Perfectly timed for Valentine's, with strong gifting and year-round appeal.

Main Description

Drawn from Zikoko's hugely popular Love Life interview series, ten Nigerian writers reimagine real stories of romance, longing, betrayal and devotion as fiction. From situationships and Detty December meet-cutes to marriage and long-distance love, this funny, tender collection captures modern love in all its messy glory.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Ope Adedeji is an award-winning editor, writer and Miles Morland Scholar whose fiction has appeared in *McSweeney's Quarterly* and *The Republic*. **Daniel Orubo** is Editor-in-Chief of *Zikoko* and an award-winning writer and editor of the queer Nigerian anthology *Feel Good*.

Location: London, UK & Nigeria

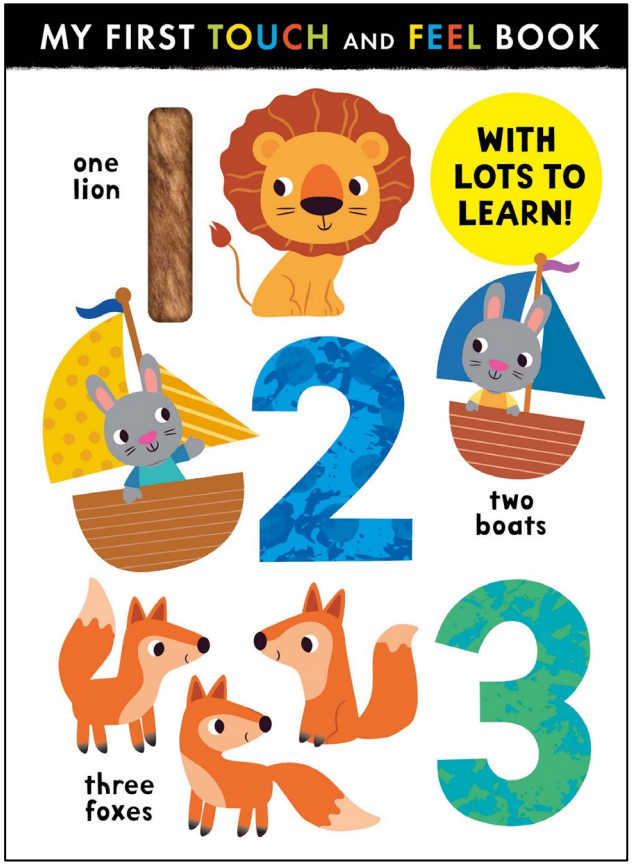
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SALES & MARKETING

January 2027
Little Tiger Press



My First Touch-and-Feel Book: 123

Learn numbers and first words in this vibrant book full of rhyming text, fun characters and exciting touch-and-feel elements throughout!

Babies and toddlers will love joining in with you to read the catchy rhymes as they point out and count all the colourful things they can see. Fun prompts will get your child thinking and talking, while easy-to-read labels encourage a strong early learning foundation as you and your little one sound out the numbers and words together.

And with irresistible touch-and-feel elements to engage the senses and encourage developing motor skills, little hands will be raring to flip through the sturdy pages themselves to find the next exciting texture!

Sales Points:

- A fun and accessible way to introduce numbers and first words to little ones and foster an early love of learning.
- Bright and bold graphics on every page alongside exciting tactile elements to capture young readers' attention and encourage learning through exploration and play.

Jonathan Litton has written numerous children's books in prose and verse. He loves using his science background to write about sea creatures, space and saving the planet but is also fond of penning stories about pirates, princesses and picnics.

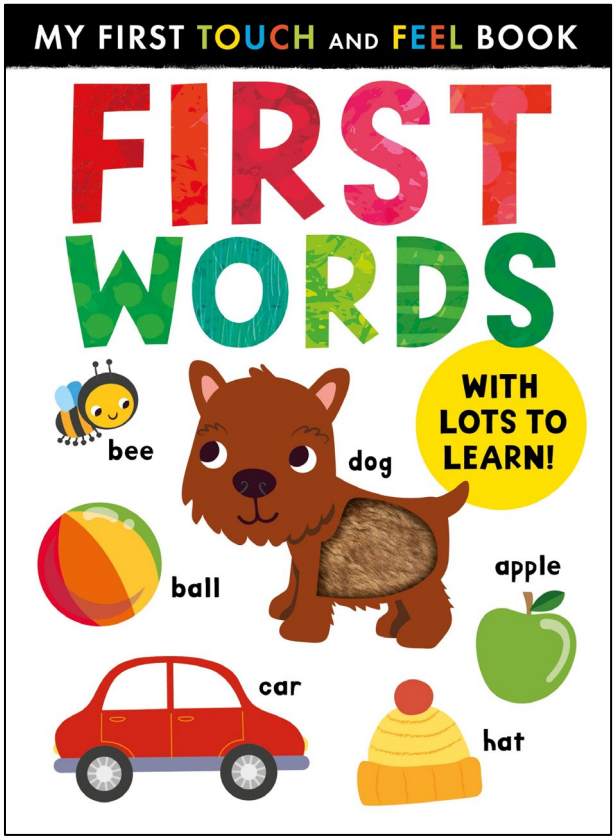
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Written by Jonathan Litton
Illustrated by Fhiona Galloway

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One bear, one pear,
one hungry mouse.
One dog, one frog,
one purple house.
ONE
one bear
one giraffe
one elephant
one house
one cheetah
one dog
one tractor
Can you find everything that's in the rhyme?
What else can you see?
one owl
one pear
one digger
one helicopter
one frog
one mouse
one worm



My First Touch-and-Feel Book: First Words

Discover and learn over 100 first words in this tactile board book, with playful rhyming text and touch-and-feel textures galore!

Brightly illustrated with bold, colourful graphics, each object is clearly labelled in an easy-to-read format to encourage a strong early language foundation as your little one sounds out the words with you. Irresistible touch-and-feel elements on every spread will help develop motor skills and co-ordination - especially as little hands will be eager to flip through the sturdy pages themselves to find the next exciting texture!

Sales Points:

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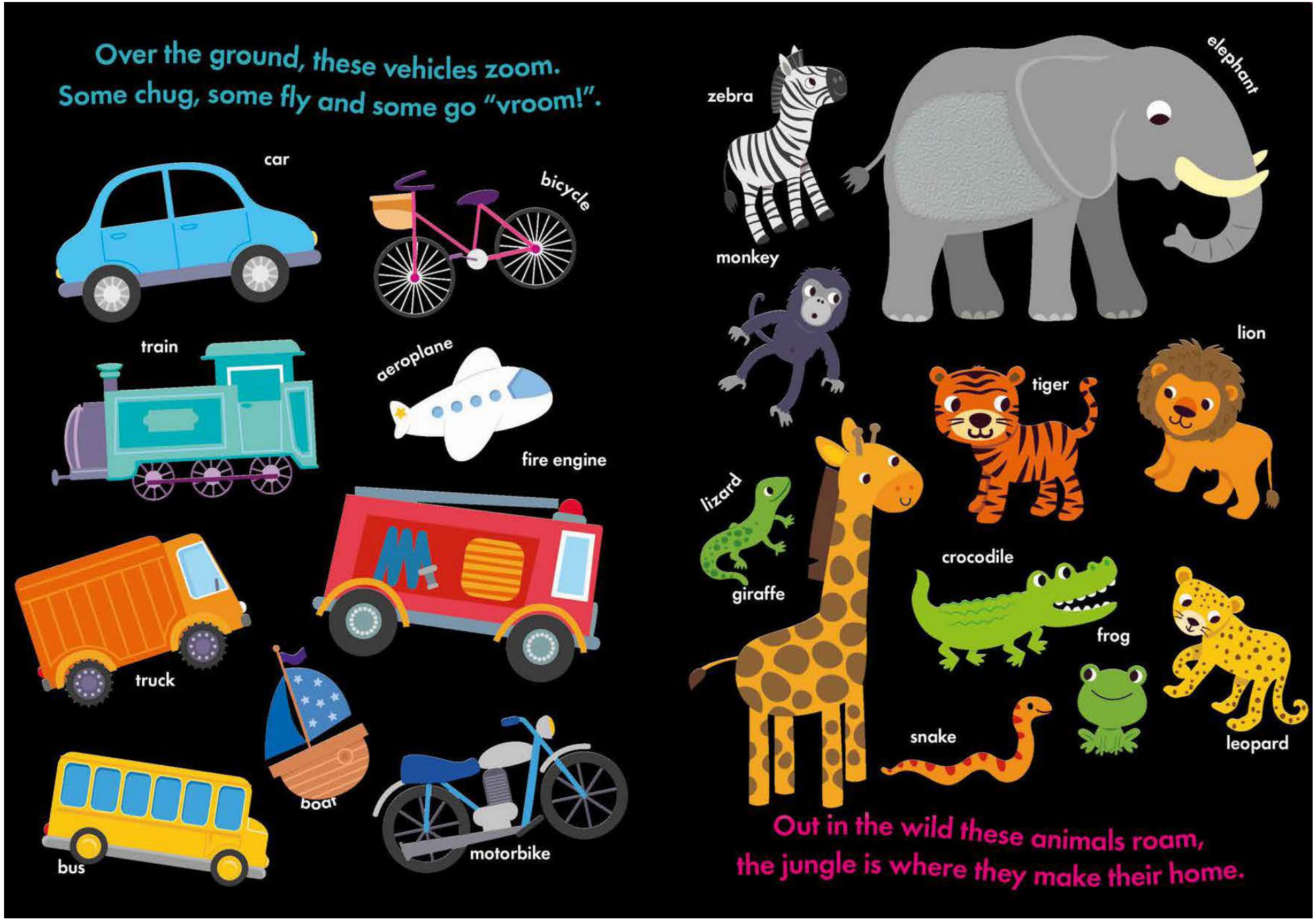
Libby Walden lives in Surrey, England with her husband and their pickle of a Westie dog. She is a children's book author and editor who has written over 50 books for children (and read many, many more!). Her picture book, *This is Owl*, won the BookTrust Storytime Prize in 2020.

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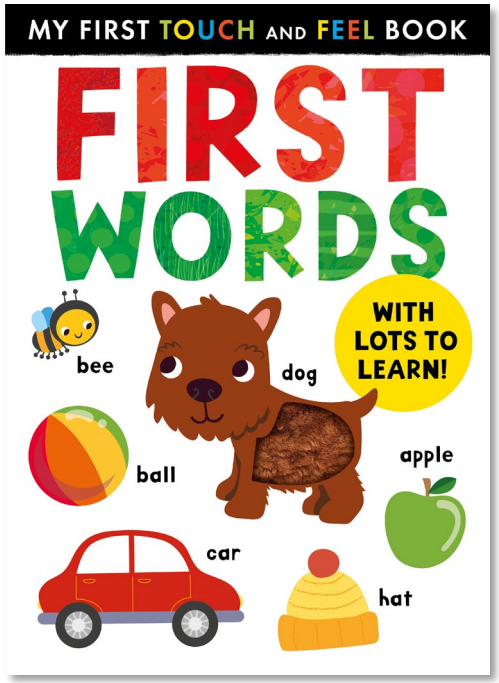
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Over the ground, these vehicles zoom.
Some chug, some fly and some go "vroom!".
car
bicycle
train
aeroplane
fire engine
truck
boat
bus
motorbike
zebra
elephant
monkey
lion
tiger
lizard
giraffe
crocodile
frog
snake
leopard
Out in the wild these animals roam,
the jungle is where they make their home.

My First Touch and Feel Book

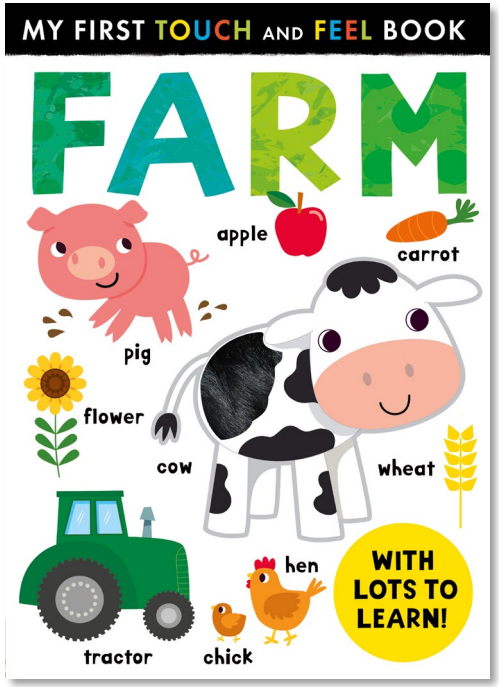
Make learning fun! With textures galore to spark the senses and playful rhyming text to read together, this interactive board book is the perfect introduction to your child's early learning journey.



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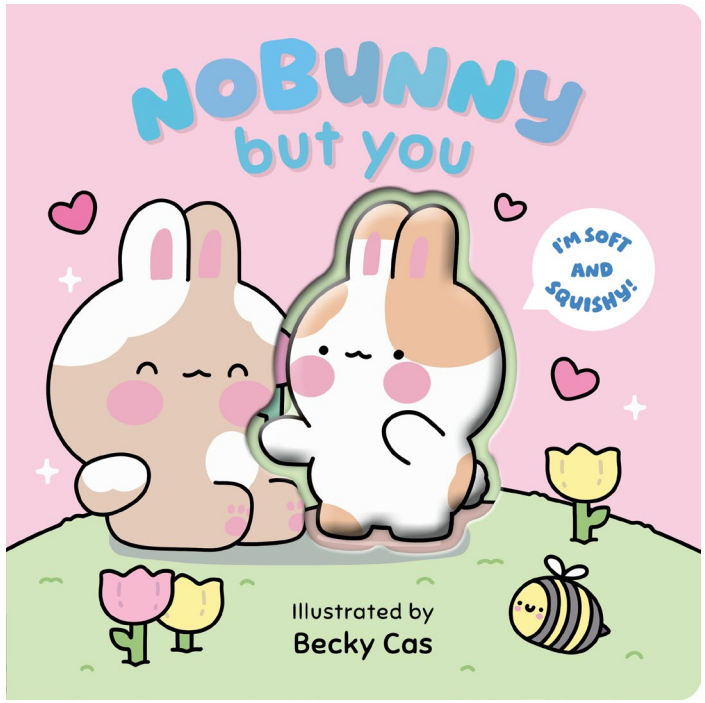


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Format: CBB
Age: 1 to 3
Dims: 210x150mm
Extent: 10pp.

Written by Libby Walden
Illustrated by Fhiona Galloway

LITTLE TIGER



NoBunny But You

Top Pick

A 'cosy' and squishy-cute springtime board book by Becky Cas!

Cosy up with squishy parent and child pairs as they share sweet and loving sentiments. Peep through the pages and squish the soft-foam puffy characters - from newly hatched chicks and sleepy sheep to friendly frogs and snuggly bunnies - while enjoying playful puns throughout.

Sales Points:

- Featuring springtime animals for seasonal-adjacent promotion at Easter.
- With chunky die-cut pages and five tactile puffy pieces that are perfectly soft and squishy.
- Hot on the tail of Cosy Corner and Squishmallows is this new touch-and-feel kawaii series for the very young.
- Two more books to come!

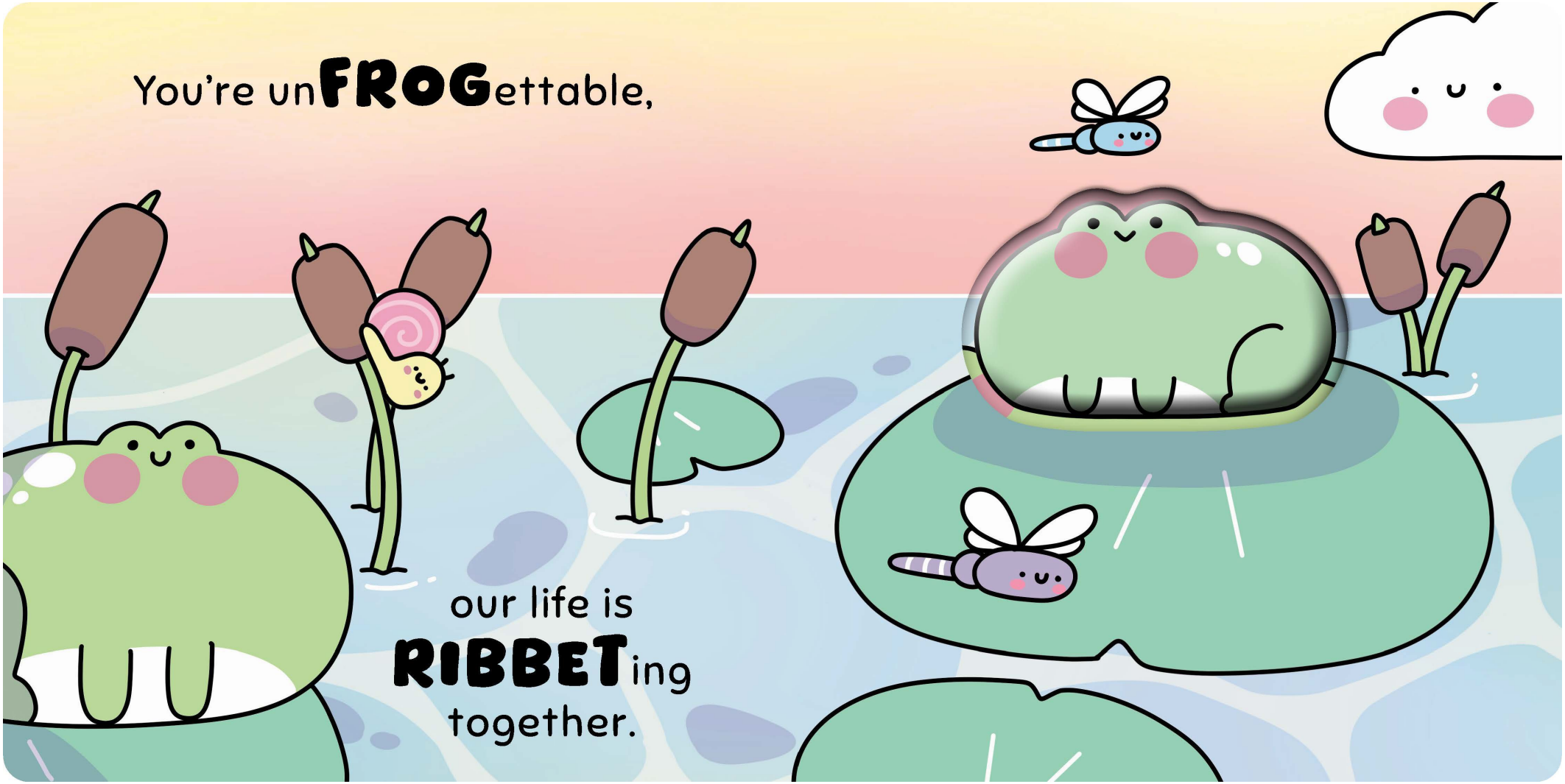
Dee Costello is a children's book editor and writer living by the big, beautiful sea in Worthing, UK. At every opportunity she will try to smell pine trees, cycle, surf, laugh, make arty 'creations' with her two children, and read . . . out loud!

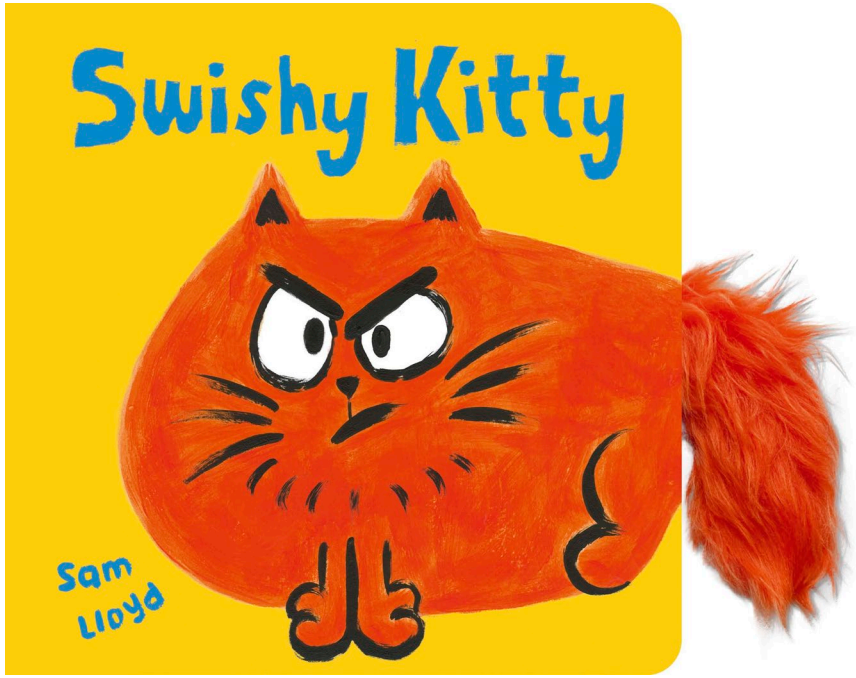
Becky Castañeda, also known as Becky Cas, is a children's book illustrator and author based in Switzerland. She started sharing her artwork online in 2018 and has since illustrated a number of children's books published around the world, bringing super cute characters to life with her love of kawaii styles and pastel colours. Becky has over 150,000 followers on social media.

Written by Dee Costello
Illustrated by Becky Cas

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Swishy Kitty

A playful read-aloud book, featuring a soft and noisy tail for little hands to grab and swish!

SWISH, SWISH goes Kitty's tail in this playful read-aloud book, packed full of feelings. Meet a kitty-cat who frowns when their whiskers get wet in the rain or when breakfast is late - but is cheered up by a sweet hug from a friend.

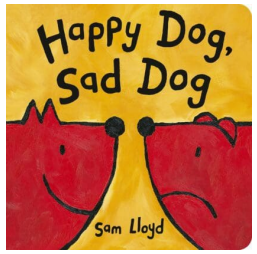
Sales Points:

- Includes a stuffed sensory tail with a texture and crinkly sound that matches the story's sentiment.
- Cleverly touches on emotions for little ones, as well as the importance of friendship.
- With a modern colour palette and black-line art by author-illustrator Sam Lloyd.

Sam Lloyd is a multi-award winning author and illustrator from Brighton. Her board and picture books respectively won the Sainsbury's Baby Book Award, the BookTrust Early Years Award for Best Pre-School Book, the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, and more. In 2008, she was Highly Commended in the Big Picture Campaign's Best New Illustrator Awards.

Written and illustrated by
Sam Lloyd

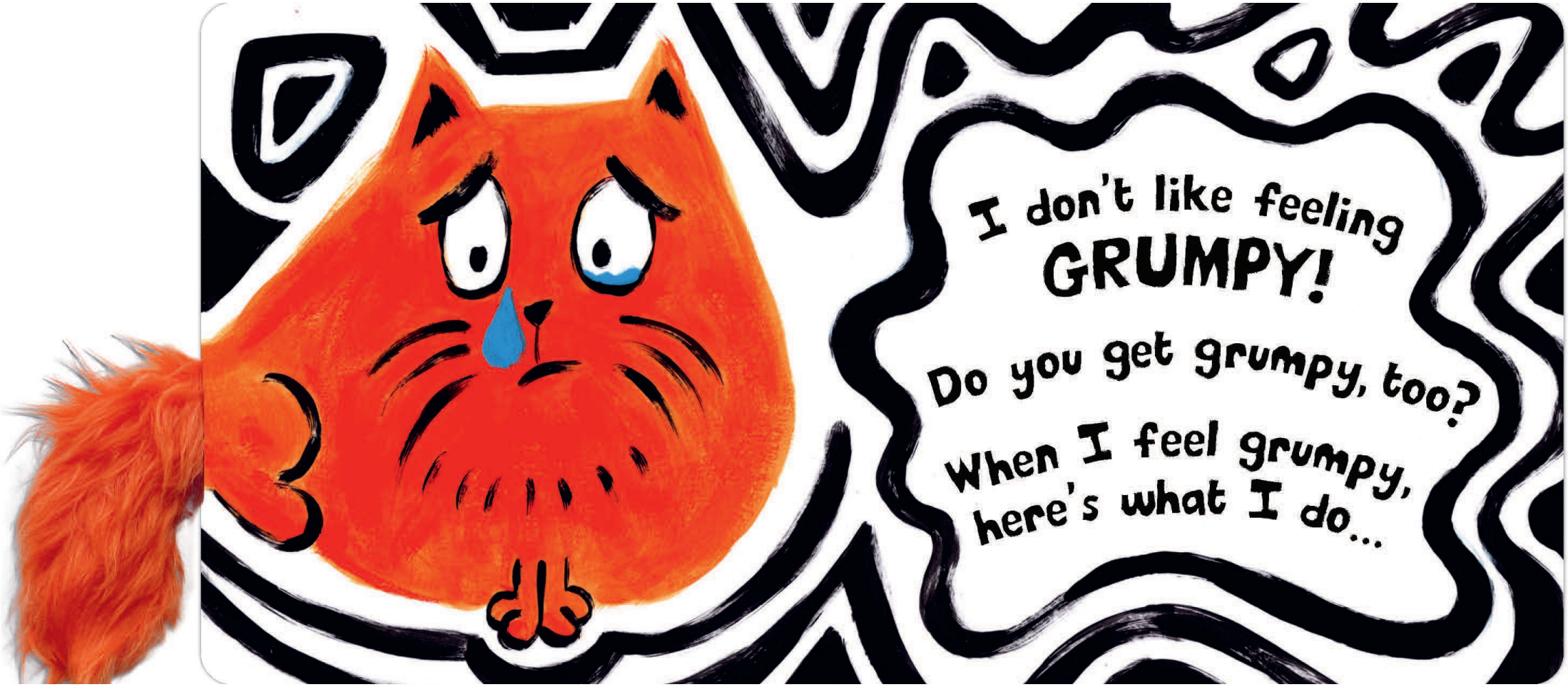
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LITTLE TIGER

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I don't like feeling
GRUMPY!
Do you get grumpy, too?
When I feel grumpy,
here's what I do...



My First Cloth Book: You're My Little Cuddle Bug

Top Pick

Join beloved Cuddle Bug from the best-selling board book, *You're My Little Cuddle Bug*, in this adorable and giftable cloth book and teether.

Snuggle up with your little cuddle bug with this adorable cloth book, featuring super soft crinkly pages, a teether and a mirror. Full of bright colours, adorable characters, and simple labels, little ones will love the soft cloth and crinkly pages that create a tactile experience and stimulate the senses. The silicone teether and soft pages are perfect for little hands and add interactive play that sharpen motor skills and keep little ones entertained at home or on the go.

Sales Points:

- Soft, crinkly pages and teether provide a range of sensory experiences for babies.
- The perfect new baby gift!
- Attaches easily to the buggy, keeping baby entertained on the go.
- Includes a mirror on the final page, which supports baby's self-awareness, visual tracking skills and their understanding of cause-and-effect.

Nicola Edwards 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 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.

Written by Nicola Edwards
Illustrated by Natalie Marshall

ISBN: 9781838916374
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Format: CB
Age: 0 to 5
Dims: 140 x 140mm
Extent: 6 pp.

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my sunny day


my shining moon



You're My Little Cuddle Bug Book and Toy Gift Set

Celebrate your little cuddle bug with this sweet and colourful rhyming board book and soft-toy set.

Meet Cuddle Bug, the adorable bug who is loved by children around the world. The first book in this bestselling series, *You're My Little Cuddle Bug,* pairs sweet illustrations by Natalie Marshall with gentle rhyming text by Nicola Edwards to capture the love between a parent and child.

The addition of a beautiful soft-toy Cuddle Bug makes this the perfect gift.

Sales Points:

- The *You're My Little* . . . brand continues to go from strength to strength with over 13 million books sold worldwide.
- Chunky pages, peek-through holes and an adorable Cuddle Bug soft-toy create an engaging and hands-on experience for young readers.
- Adorable art, cute characters, and gentle rhyming text celebrate the love between a parent and child and have universal appeal.
- The perfect gift for parents and children everywhere!

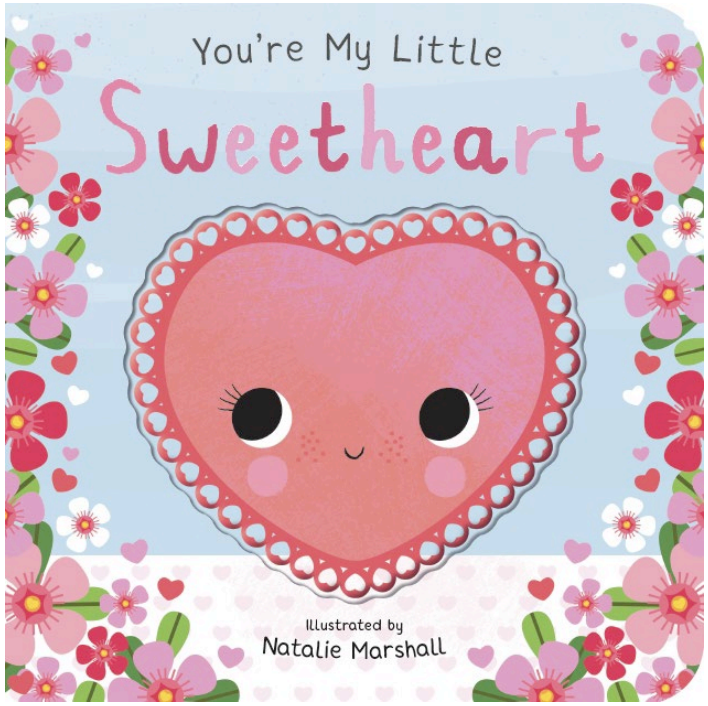
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Written by Nicola Edwards
Illustrated by Natalie Marshall

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Format: BB and plush toy
Dims: 70mm
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Age: 0 to 5 years

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You're My Little Sweetheart

Celebrate your little sweetheart with this adorable addition to the *You're My Little* . . . series!

Cuddle up with your little one to remind them how much you love them while you enjoy a cute cast of characters, from sugar cookies to teddy bears. With chunky pages for small hands, gentle rhyming text and die-cut parent and baby characters, this quick read is great for settling kids down to sleep, and a lovely reminder to caregivers to slow down and enjoy the precious moments with your little one.

Sales Points:

- The *You're My Little* . . . brand continues to go from strength to strength with over 13 million books sold worldwide.
- Chunky pages and peek-through holes create an engaging and accessible experience for young readers.
- This addition to the series has universal appeal with adorable art and sweet terms of endearment, celebrating love with its trademark rhyming text.

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Written by Nicola Edwards
Illustrated by Natalie Marshall

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Age: 0 to 5 years

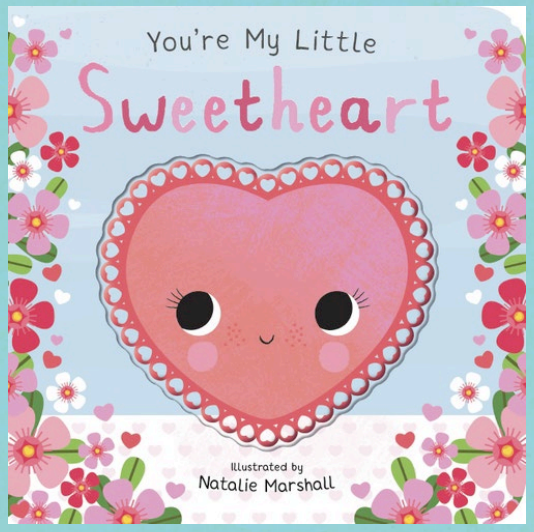
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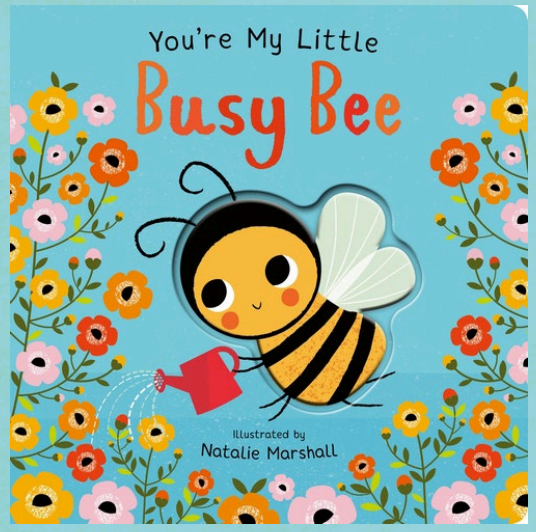

You're my
little flower.
I'm here to help
you grow.
So you can bloom and blossom.
You're more precious than you know.

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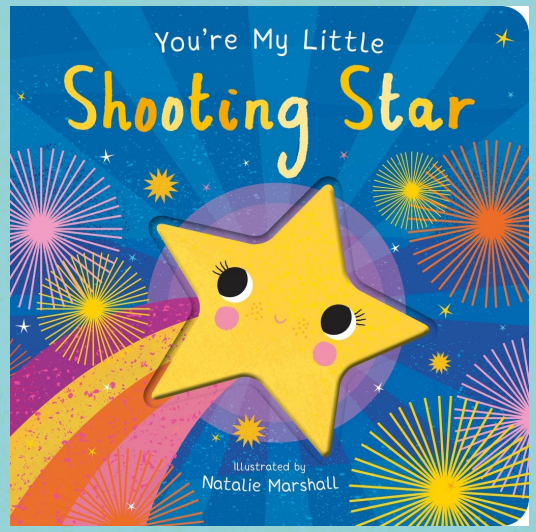
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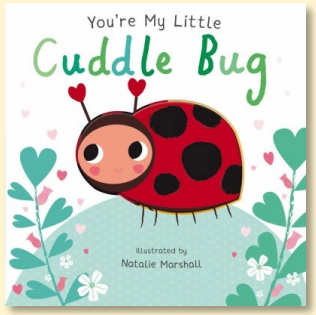
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You're My Little

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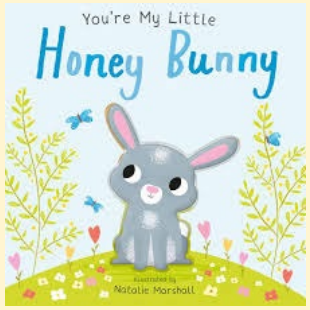
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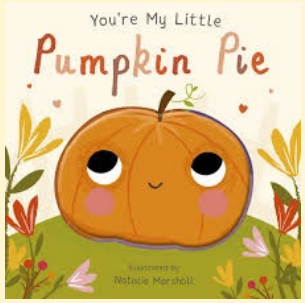
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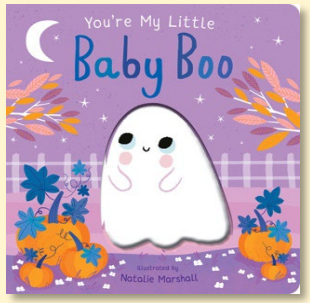
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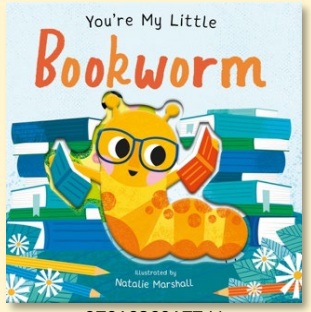
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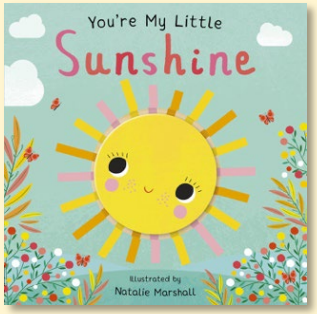
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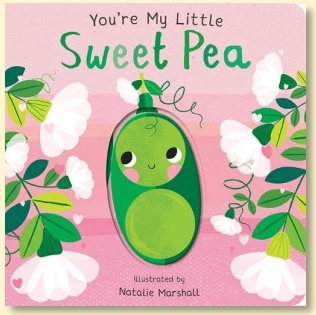
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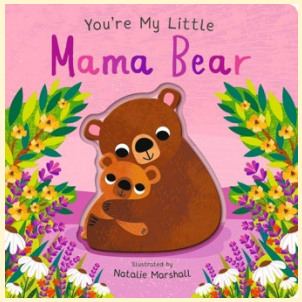
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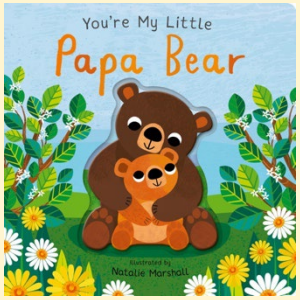
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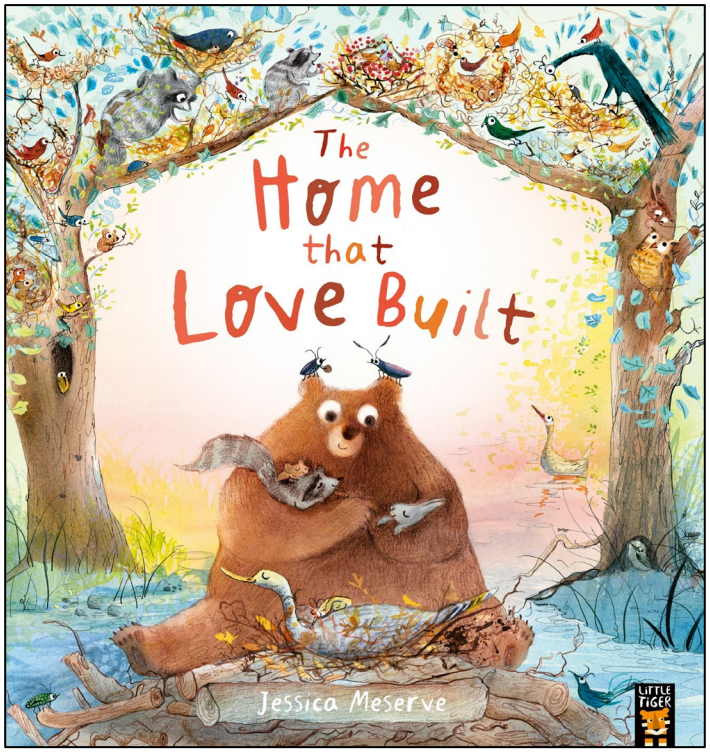
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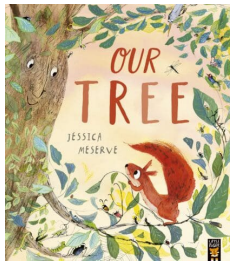
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Board Book with die-cuts & raised pieces • £7.99 • 190x190mm • 18pp



Written and illustrated by
Jessica Meserve

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Dims: 280 x 245mm
Extent: 32 pp.



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The Home That Love Built

A stunningly illustrated picture book where a community of forest animals comes together to rebuild after a storm and, in doing so, discovers the magic of belonging.

When a terrible storm tears through the forest, everything seems lost. Trees are toppled. Nests, nooks and burrows are destroyed. The animals are left with nothing but ruins. But then, a new home begins to grow - not an ordinary home, but one built from the efforts of every single animal in the forest. A home made not just of twigs and leaves, but of kindness, courage, and love.

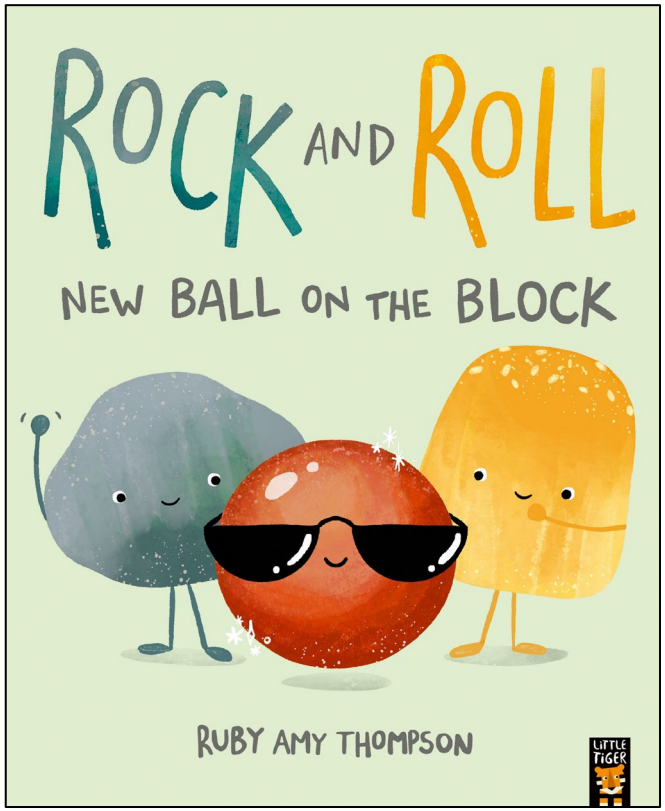
Sales Points:

- Exquisite, detailed illustrations from award-winning author-illustrator Jessica Meserve.
- Told with a lyrical, accumulative rhyming text, inspired by the rhyme, 'The House That Jack Built'.
- A poignant, hopeful look at how communities can come together after tragedy to rebuild.
- A child-friendly, all-too-timely portrait of a natural disaster, steeped in hope.

Jessica Meserve studied illustration at Edinburgh College of Art and worked in publishing as a children's book designer before pursuing a career as a children's author and illustrator. She lives with her family in England.

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This is the sky
once the
storm had ended.
And these are
the animals...
all soggy and sad.



New Ball on the Block

Rock and Roll are best friends - a dynamic duo, a perfect pair. But one day, life throws them a curveball: Ball, the dazzling new kid on the block.

So dazzling, in fact, that soon Rock and Roll are doing all they can to win Ball's attention. But can their friendship survive their games of one-upmanship?

Sales Points:

- The second book in the highly tipped *Rock and Roll* series.
- A story that grapples with the challenges of making new friends.
- Same visually impactful design.
- Full of joyful visual puns.

Marketing and Publicity:

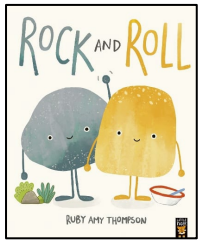
- Social Media campaign to play up the introduction of a new friend to this iconic duo
- Ruby available for events and window painting.
- Significant digital advertising.

Ruby Amy Thompson spent almost a decade working in entertainment and comedy television at the BBC, before going back to school to study illustration - the best decision she ever made! When she isn't drawing rocks (or rolls), you'll probably find her enthusiastically batch-cooking, playing video games, or perusing local coffee shops with her fiancé, Lisa.

Written and illustrated by
Ruby Amy Thompson

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Extent: 36 pp.

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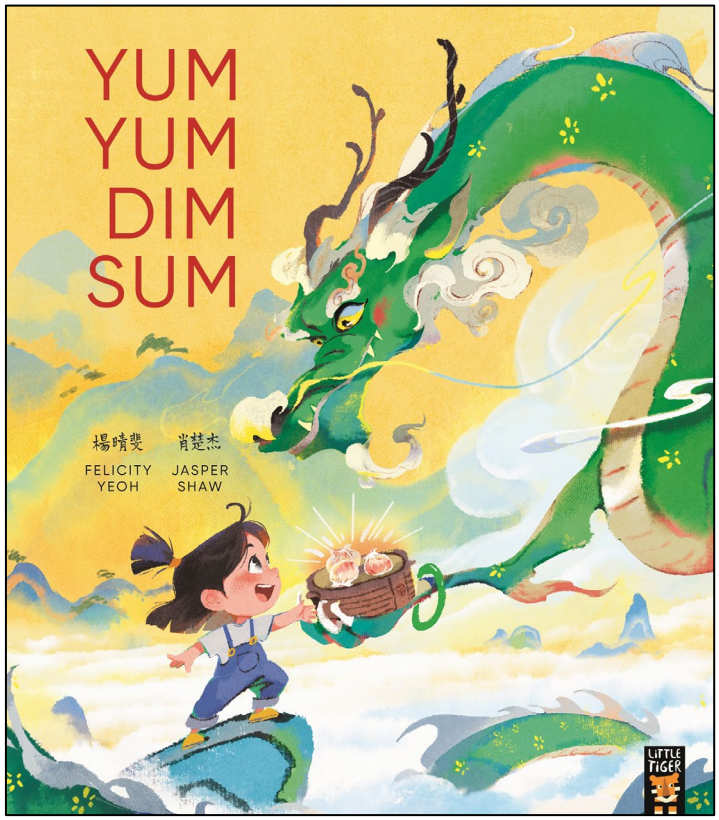
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Rock gives Ball a
big warm welcome.



While Roll tries to play it cool.





Yum Yum Dim Sum

Top Pick

A magical and inspiring celebration of family, belonging and Chinese culture.

When Little Shu arrives for a dim sum lunch with all her relatives, it's a bit overwhelming! How will she fit into her busy, bustling family? But when her aunt whisks her away on a fantastical adventure, Little Shu makes a host of new friends who help her find her place.

Sales Points:

- An energetic read-aloud text from debut author Felicity Yeoh!
- Breathtaking artwork that takes inspiration from traditional Chinese painting.
- Featuring every animal in the Chinese Zodiac, brilliantly brought to life.
- Includes two spreads of end-matter to explain each dish featured in the story.

Marketing and Publicity:

- Social media campaign to coincide with Lunar New Year.
- Programme of bookshop/school events through to World Book Day.
- Extensive pre-publication mailing to influencers and booksellers.
- Partnership with Dim Sum restaurant to offer activity placements for children (TBC)
- Standees of Little Shu and Dragon and stickers available.
- Significant digital and print advertising.

Felicity Yeoh loves reading out loud, singing and playing the piano and ukulele. She has acted in the Cambridge Footlights, volunteered as a classroom reader and been a Foyle Young Poet of the Year. Nowadays she works in the City.

Jasper Shaw is a freelance illustrator specialising in Chinese ink art and narrative-driven imagery. He has worked with major publishers and game companies for decades.

Written by Felicity Yeoh
Illustrated By Jasper Shaw

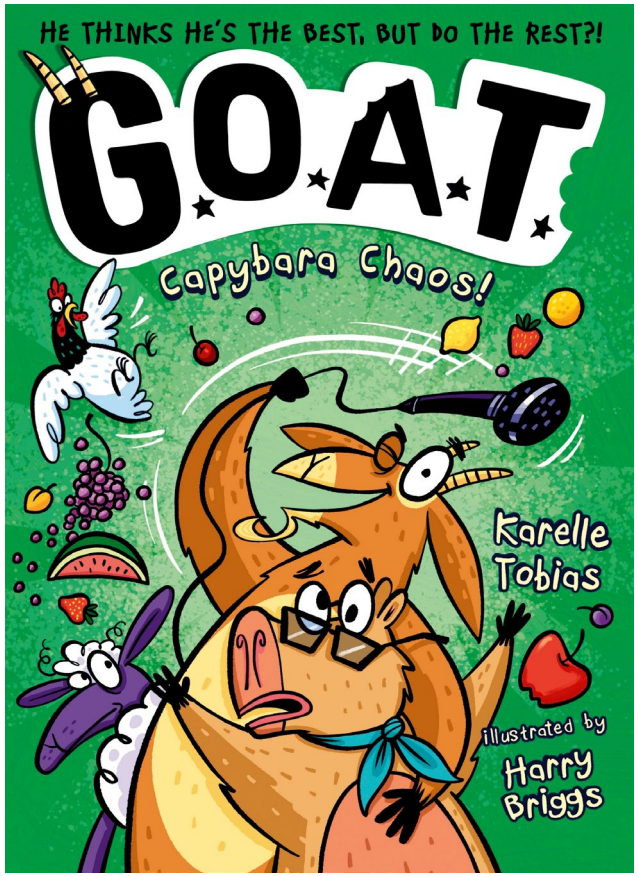
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TABLE 6
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Horsey gallops by our side.
She neighs and says, "come for a ride!"
I laugh, climb on, we race away.
Aargh! A snake! "Have *sssomething ssspicy?*
Chilli wontons should do nicely!"
"Crispy noodles? Don't say 'neigh'!"
Rat and Monkey jump on too.
"Banana fritters, just for you!"
"Moo!" says Cow, with kind brown eyes.
"These veggie ones are really nice."



G.O.A.T 2: Capybara Chaos

When Goat learns that the famous Caspian Capybara is looking for a new home and considering Harmony Farm, he tells the animals they'll need to put on an epic extravaganza.

From an epic banquet to a thrilling theatre experience, the animals have pulled out all the stops, but Caspian seems unimpressed by all the razzle dazzle. And things only get worse when the shiny new stage collapses. Goat and Rooster are convinced it is a work of sabotage - can they uncover the truth and convince Caspian that Harmony Farm is the G.O.A.T. farm?

Sales Points:

- A new graphic novel series for 6-9-year-olds transitioning from picture books, featuring a wide cast of characters and satisfyingly silly storylines.
- A series about not being afraid to try new things - even if you mess up along the way!
- Jam-packed with fun, colourful art from Harry Briggs.

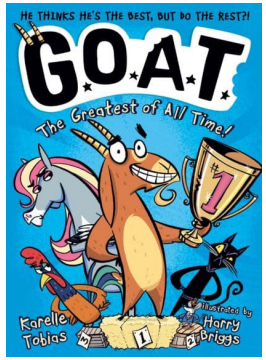
Karelle Tobias has always had an overactive imagination, so it's hardly a surprise that he's landed in the wonderful world of publishing. When he doesn't have his nose buried in a book, Karelle can be found obsessing over the latest horror flick. He was born and raised in West London.

Harry Briggs was raised in the California sunshine incessantly doodling. A graduate of Art Center College of Design, Harry has spent the better part of 30 years solving creative riddles for a spectrum of clients including American Greetings, Scholastic, McGraw-Hill, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, the LA Times, and the Washington Post. Harry doodles his days away in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Written by Karelle Tobias
Illustrated by Harry Briggs

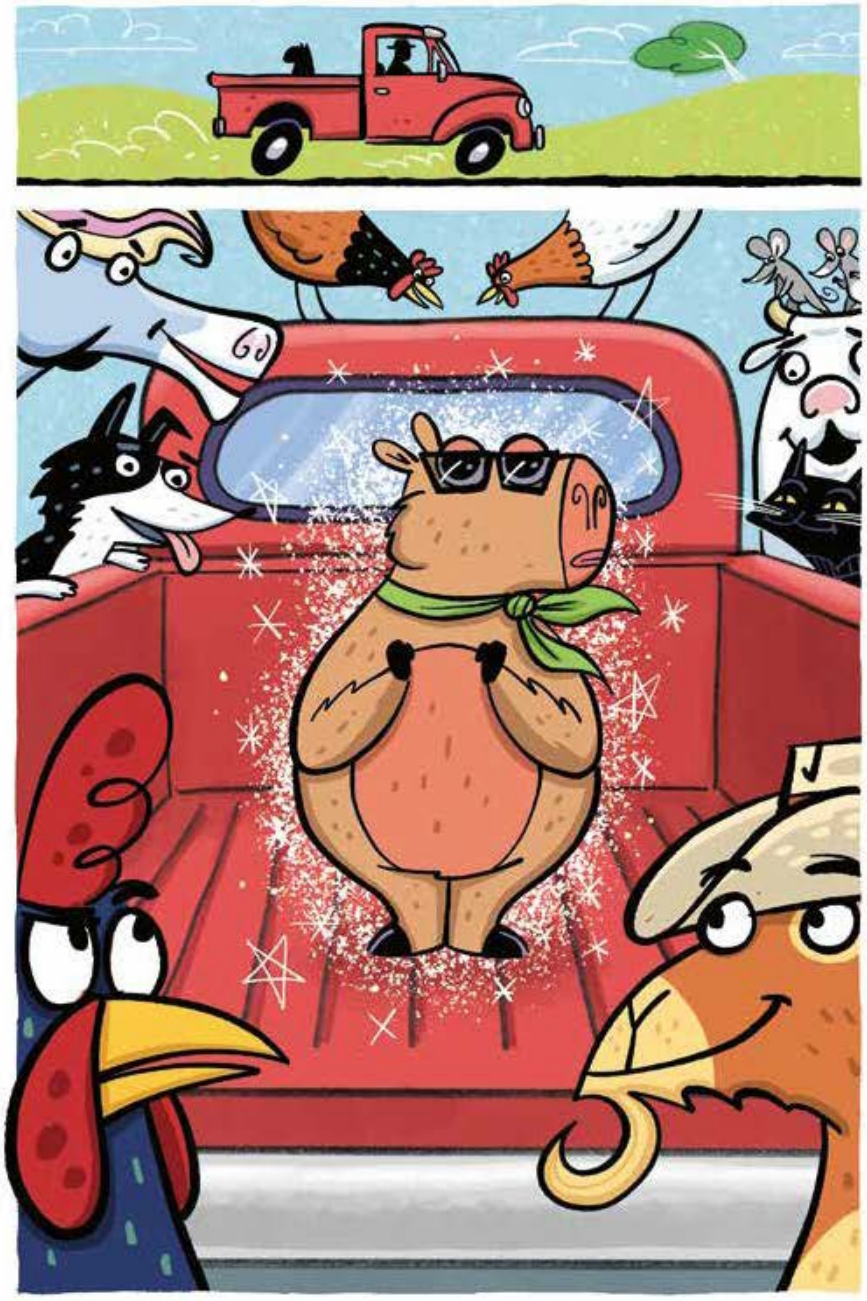
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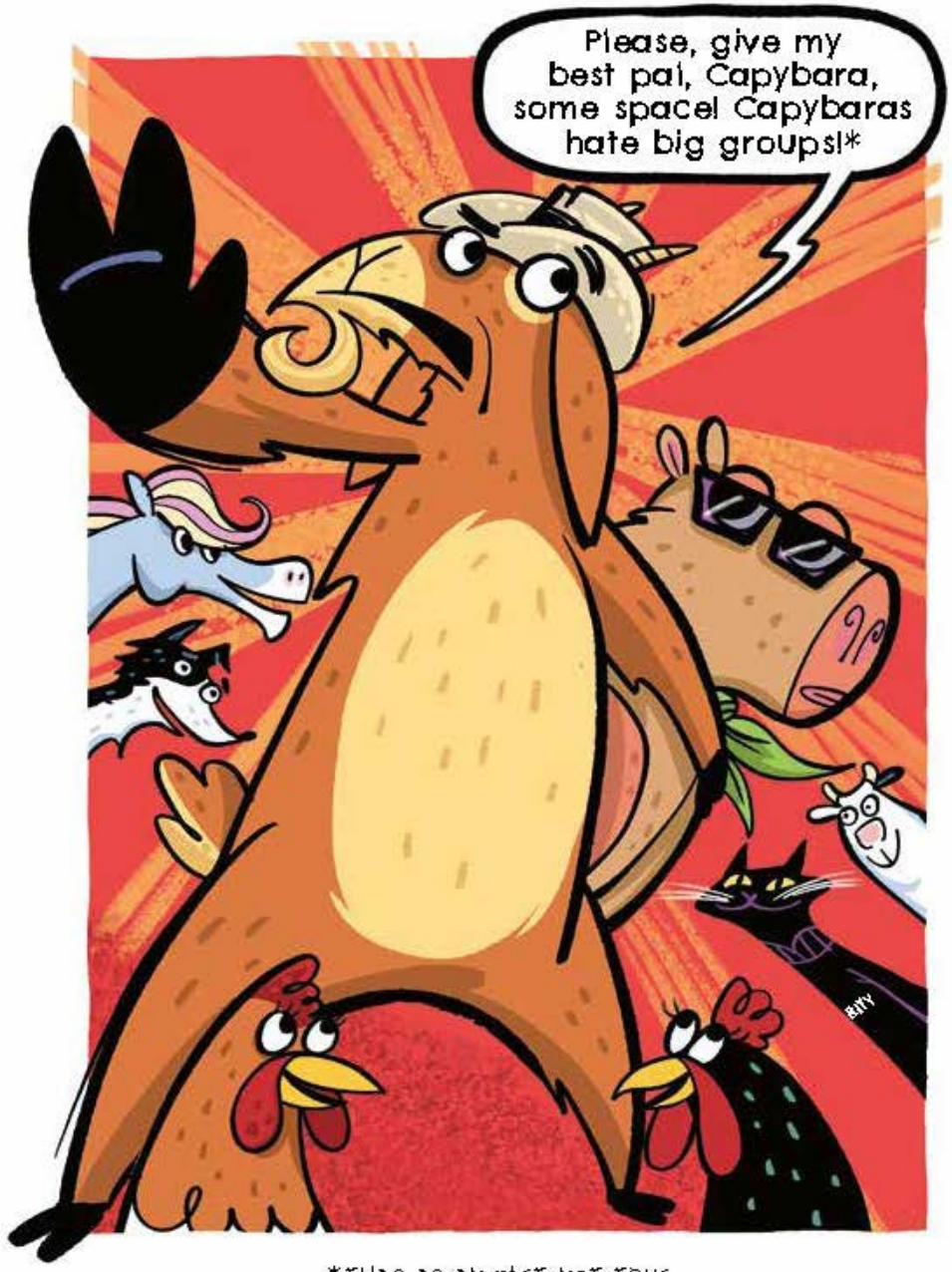
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*THIS IS IN FACT NOT TRUE.



Written by Linda Chapman
Illustrated by Kim Barnes

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Format: PB
Dims: 210 x 152mm
Extent: 160 pp.
Age: 7 to 9 years

Star Friends: Disguise Surprise

Maia's visions have warned that an old enemy is responsible for all the recent trouble in Westcombe - but who could it be and what do they have planned for the Star Friends this time?

The Star Friends are determined to uncover who is responsible for all the recent trouble in Westcombe, especially after Sita has an out-of-character outburst, and several residents become very argumentative. Then Maia has a vision warning that an old enemy is returning. Who could they be, what do they have planned and will the girls be able to stop them this time?

Sales Points:

- A series with magic and friendship at its heart.
- Perfect for animal lovers - what would your star animal be?
- Five appealing girls for readers to identify with, facing realistic friendship issues.
- Gorgeous illustrations from Kim Barnes.
- Linda Chapman is the author of the hugely popular *My Secret Unicorn* series and has written for *Rainbow Magic* and *Secret Kingdom*.

Linda Chapman is the best-selling author of over 200 books for 5 to 14-year-olds. She lives in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Visit lindachapmanauthor.co.uk

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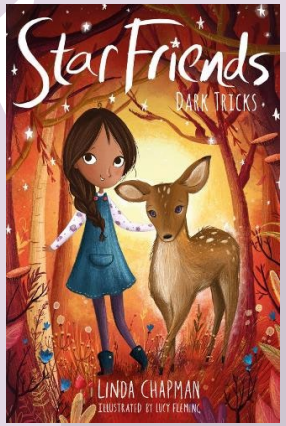
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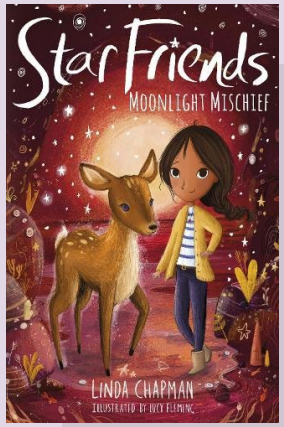
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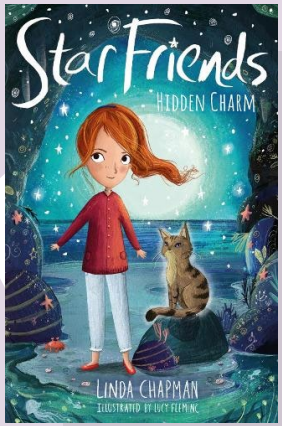
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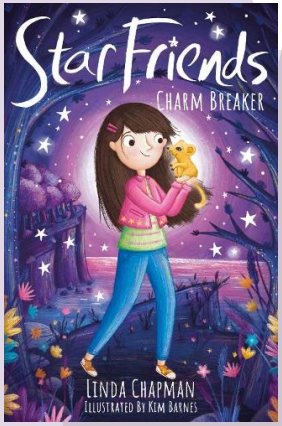
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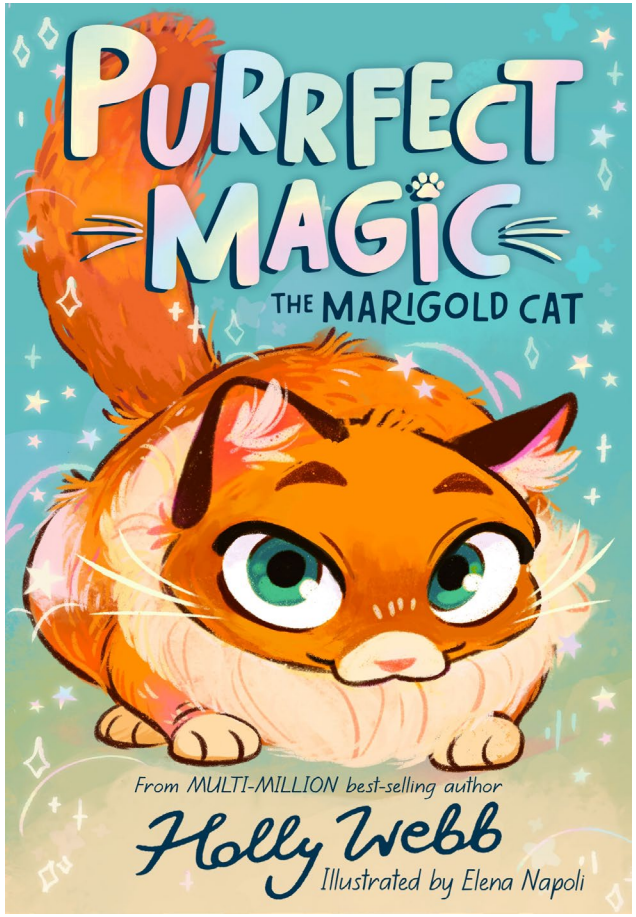
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Holly Webb is one of Britain's best-loved children's writers. She has written over a hundred books for children and her work has been translated into over thirty languages. Holly lives in Tilehurst, just outside of Reading, Berkshire. Visit www.holly-webb.com or @HollyKateWebb.

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It was soft and silky and tingly all at once. It made her want to pick him up and smother him with kisses – but at the same time she knew she'd never dare do such a thing. He was far too grand. This wasn't a cat you could cuddle – not without his own say-so.

Cats didn't usually smell of chocolate and honey and the sweetest flowers, Ella thought, carefully stroking the cat's velvety brown ears. "Is it you that smells so gorgeous?" she whispered. "Are you – are you a real cat?" She felt silly as soon as she'd said it, but there was something about the way he'd appeared out of the flowers. The smell. The sudden silence all around them. Ella couldn't help wondering if this was some sort of dream.

The cat put his head on one side and eyed her thoughtfully. His ears twitched slowly back and forth. He really did look as though he was thinking something through.

"Is that your cat?" someone whispered.

Ella looked up. Iris and Zoey were standing on the path, staring wide-eyed at the stripey marigold cat.



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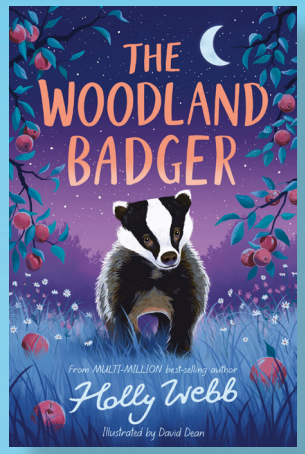
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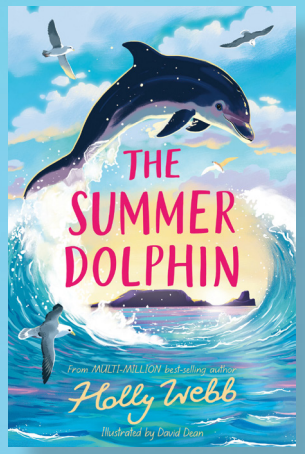
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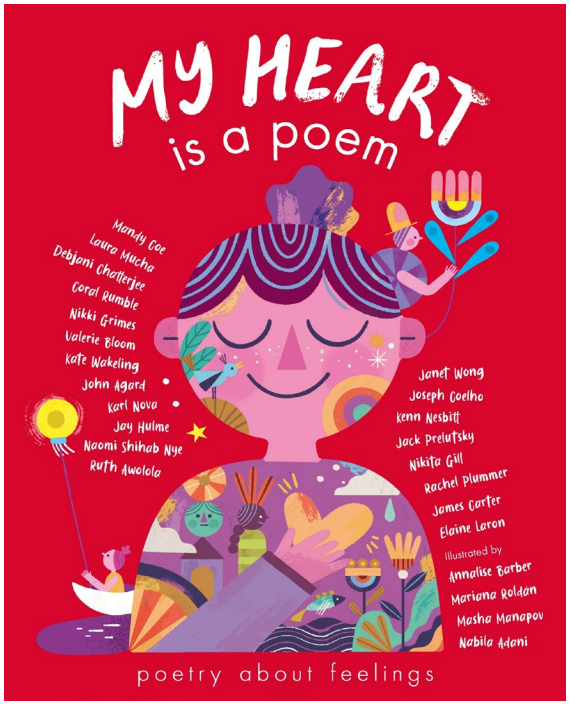
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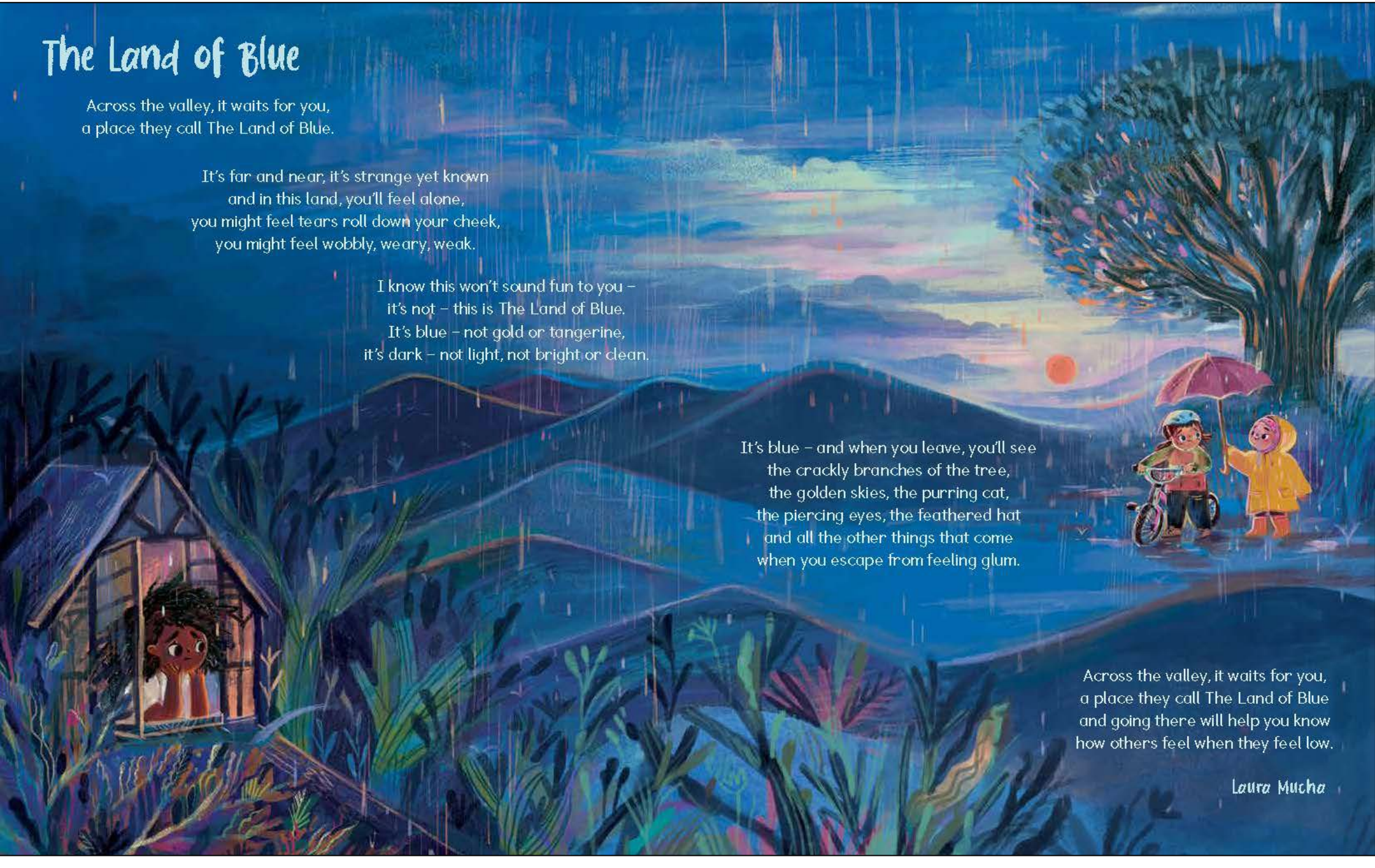
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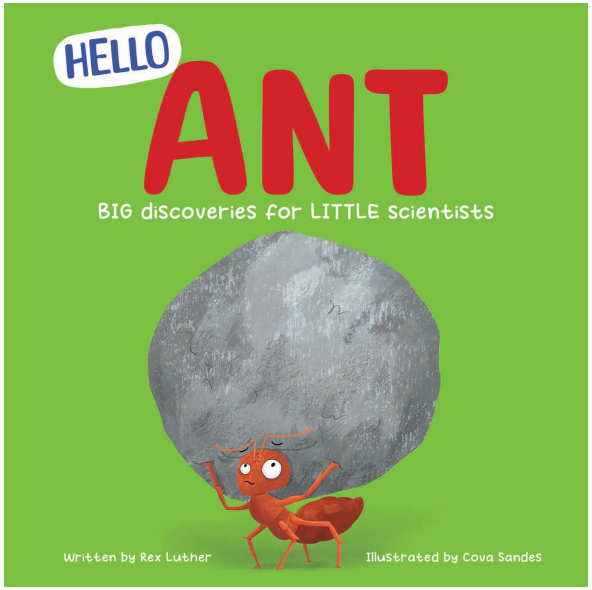
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Sales points:

- **Vibrant illustrations –** perfect at home or at school!
- **Engaging non-fiction narrative** makes **science accessible** and **relatable**.
- Introduces the **basics of robotics** and **engineering**.
- Explore the many **ways robots are used** in science, exploration and everyday life!
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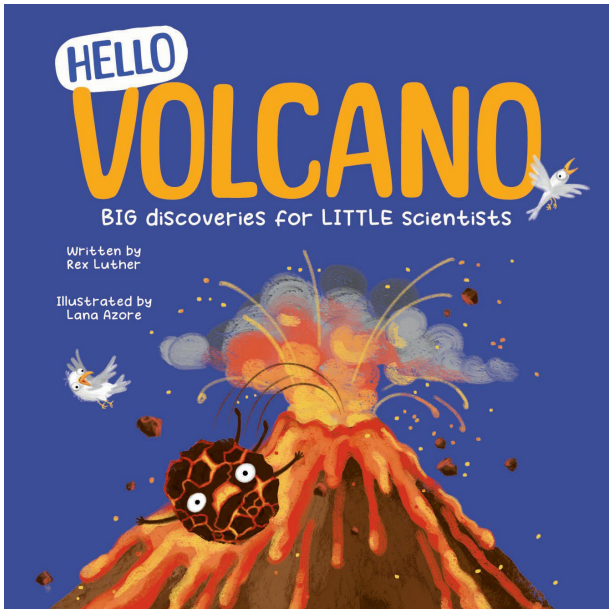
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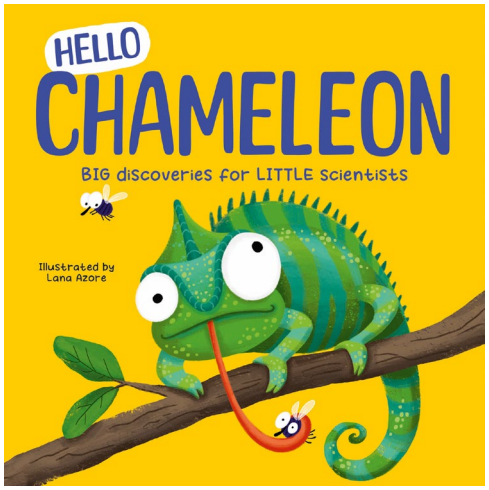
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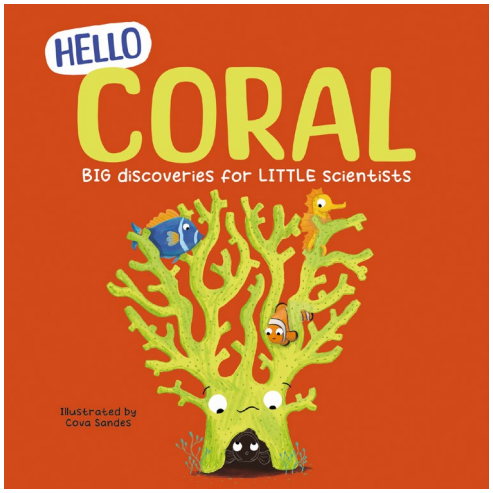
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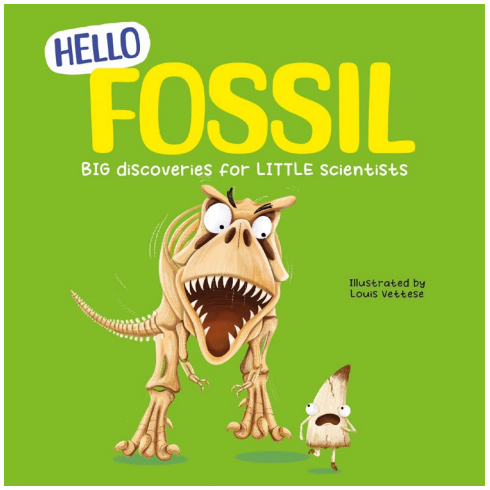
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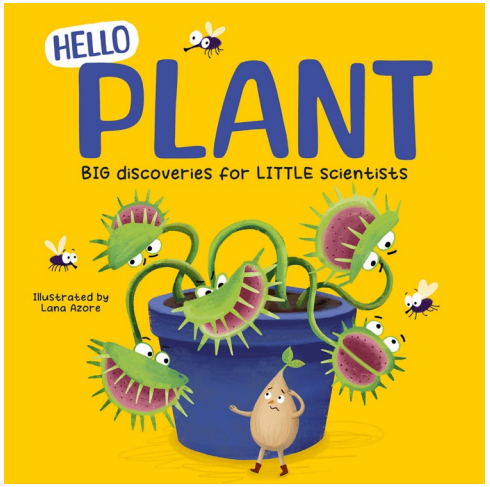
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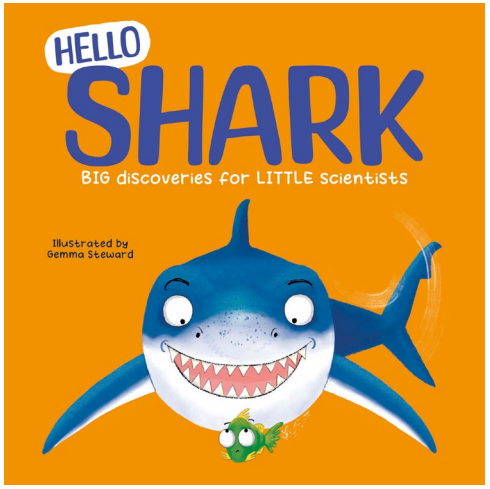
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