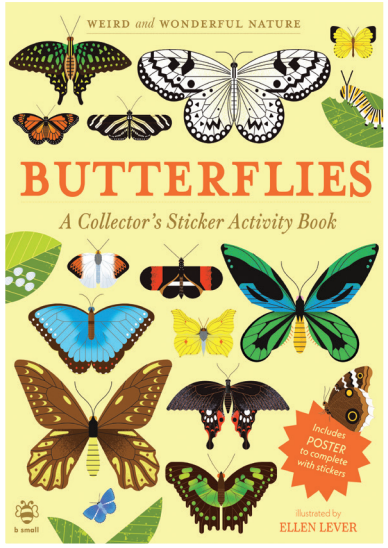
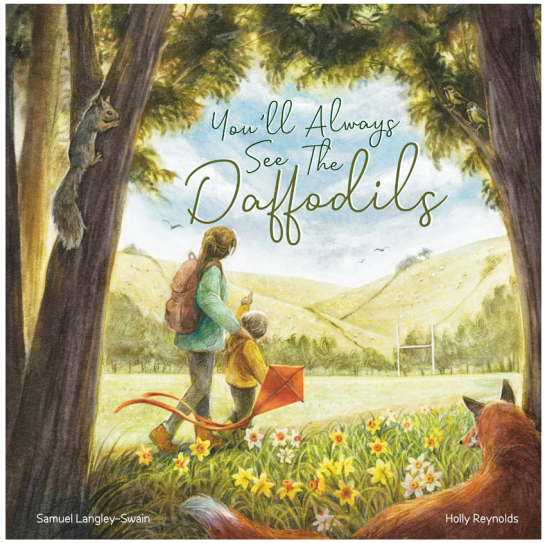
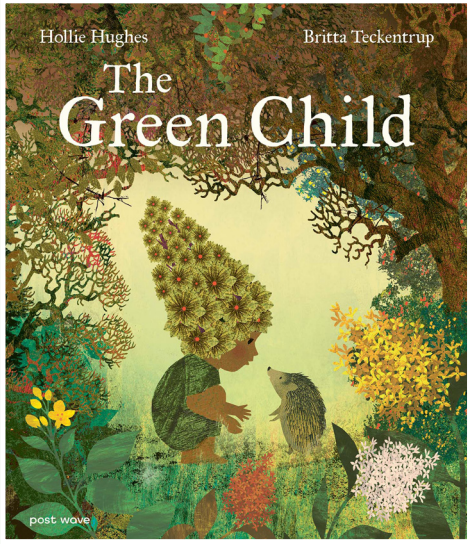
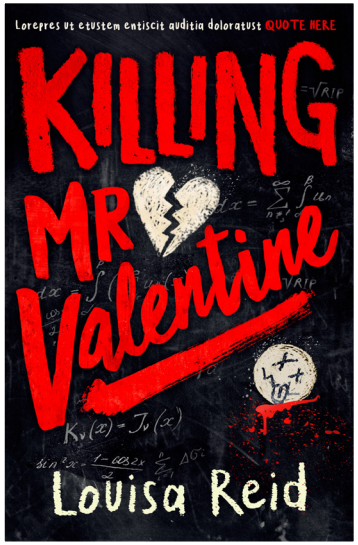




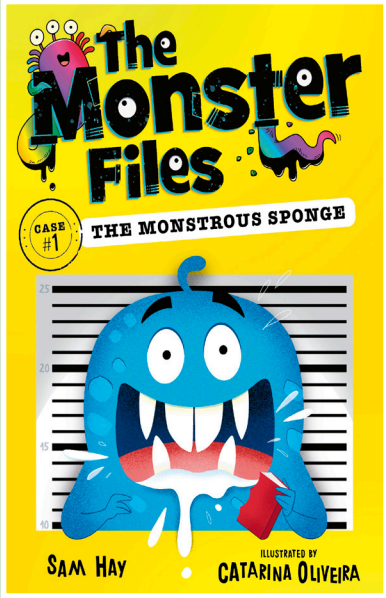


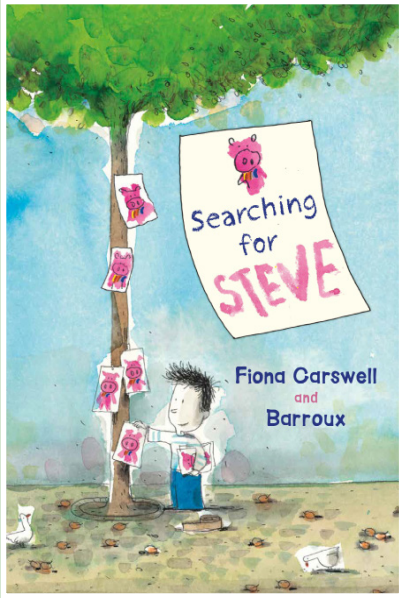


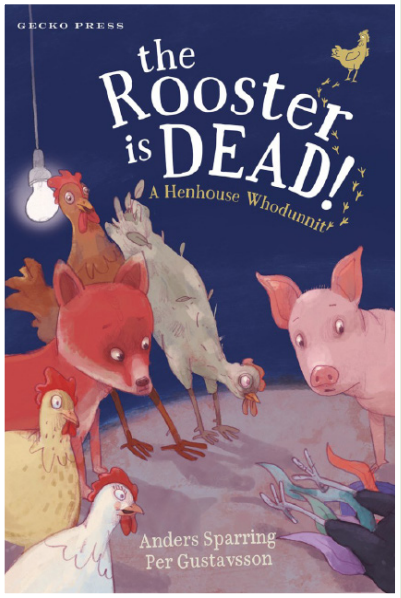


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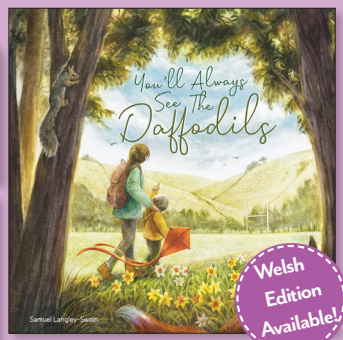
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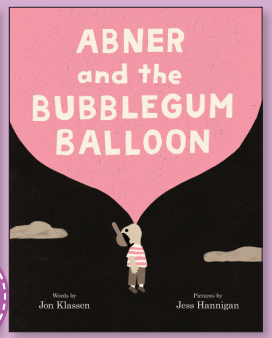
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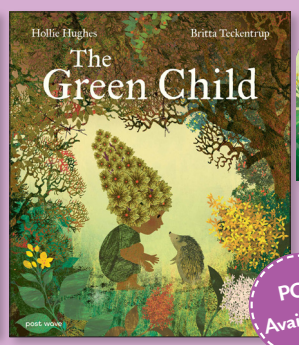


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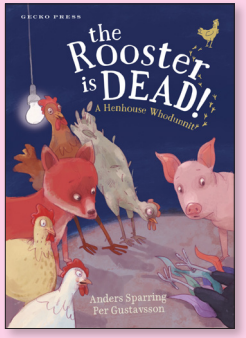
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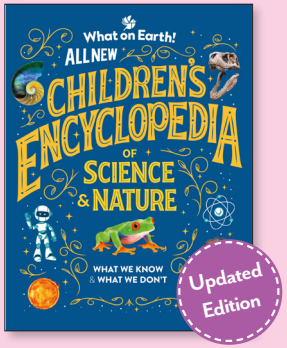


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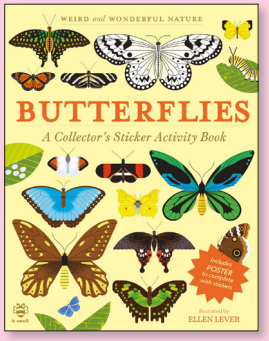
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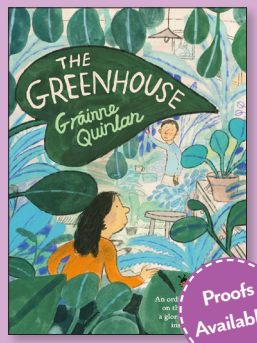


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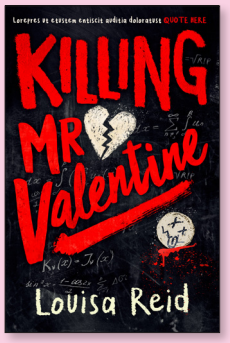
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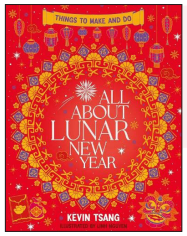
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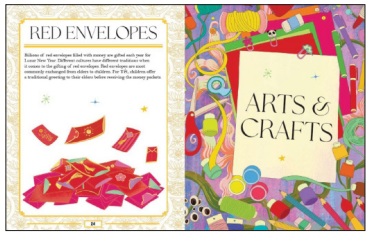
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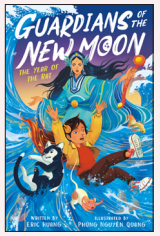
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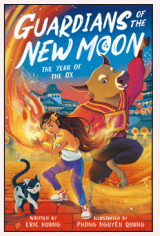
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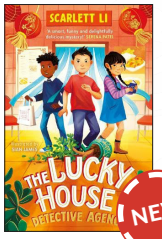
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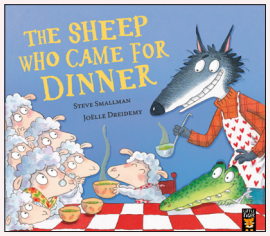
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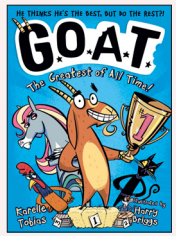


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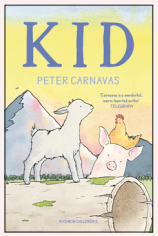


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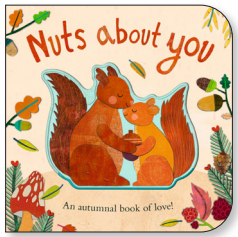
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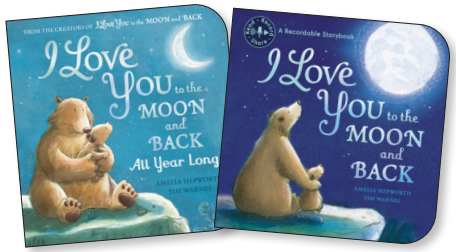
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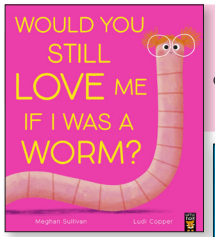


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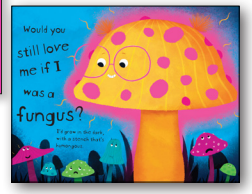
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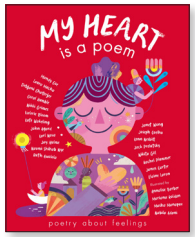
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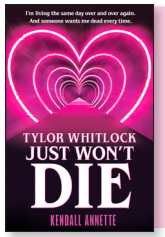


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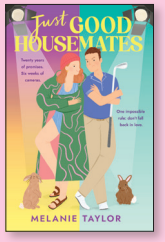


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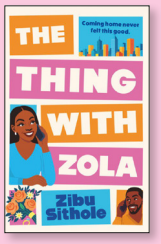
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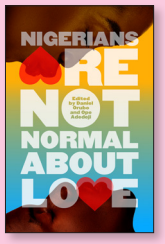
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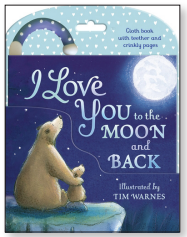
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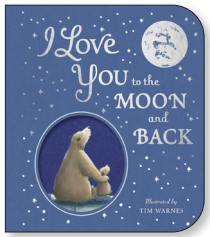
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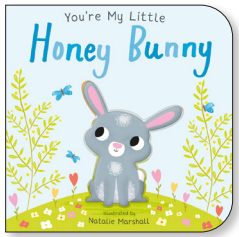
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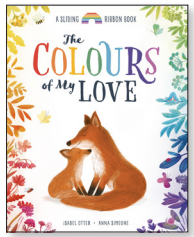
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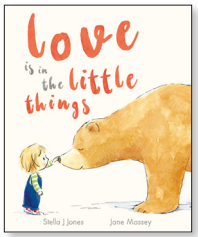
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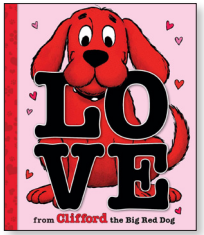
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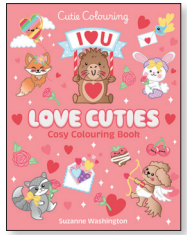
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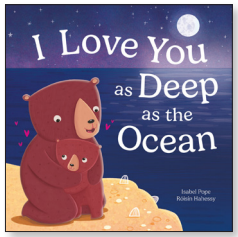
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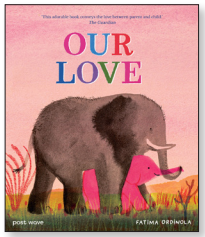
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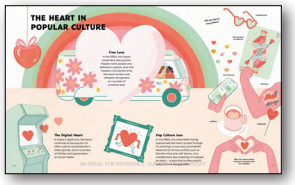
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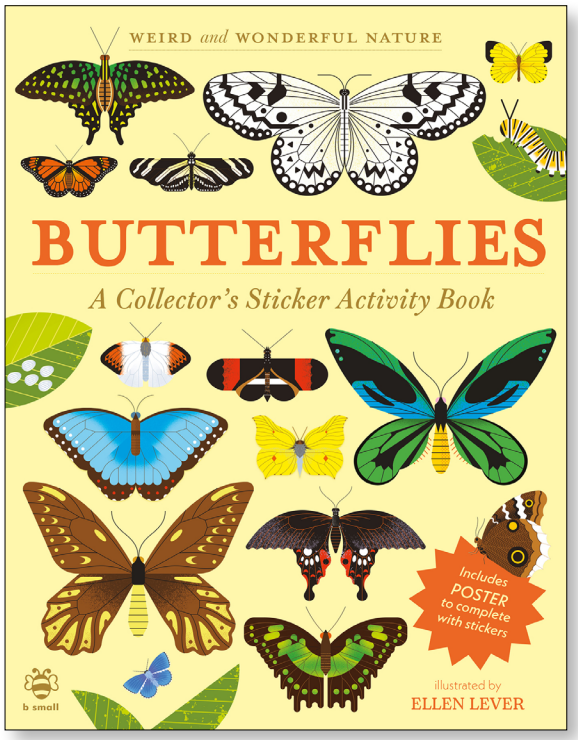
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Weird and Wonderful Nature: Butterflies

Top Pick

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By b small

Illustrated by Ellen Lever

Keynote

Beautifully illustrated activity book with fold-out wall poster to complete with stickers

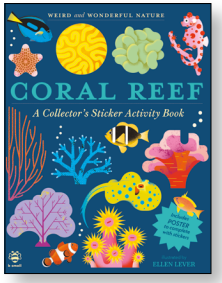
Key Selling Points

- Illustrated by a qualified medical illustrator, the artwork is bright, bold and detailed
- 8-page non-fiction section is a useful resource for years to come
- 5th colour on cover and interiors makes for a stunning gift

Main Description

Butterflies of all shapes and sizes with striking, colourful patterns! Read the facts, learn their scientific names then make your own stunning wall art with the stickers and pull-out poster provided. Perfect for children who love science and nature, and all the weird and wonderful creatures waiting to be discovered. Part of a growing series inspired by a love of nature. The poster is folded and tucked safely into a pocket on the inside cover.

COMP TITLES



9781918412147
PB | £9.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

For over 30 years, **b small** has been making books that celebrate a child's enthusiasm for discovering new things. From science to foreign languages, our award-winning non-fiction and activity books help all children discover the joy of learning
Location: Worthing, UK

Ellen Lever is an illustrator and qualified medical artist. She combines her scientific background with a colourful, bold and playful style to illustrate the life sciences.
Location: Hastings, UK

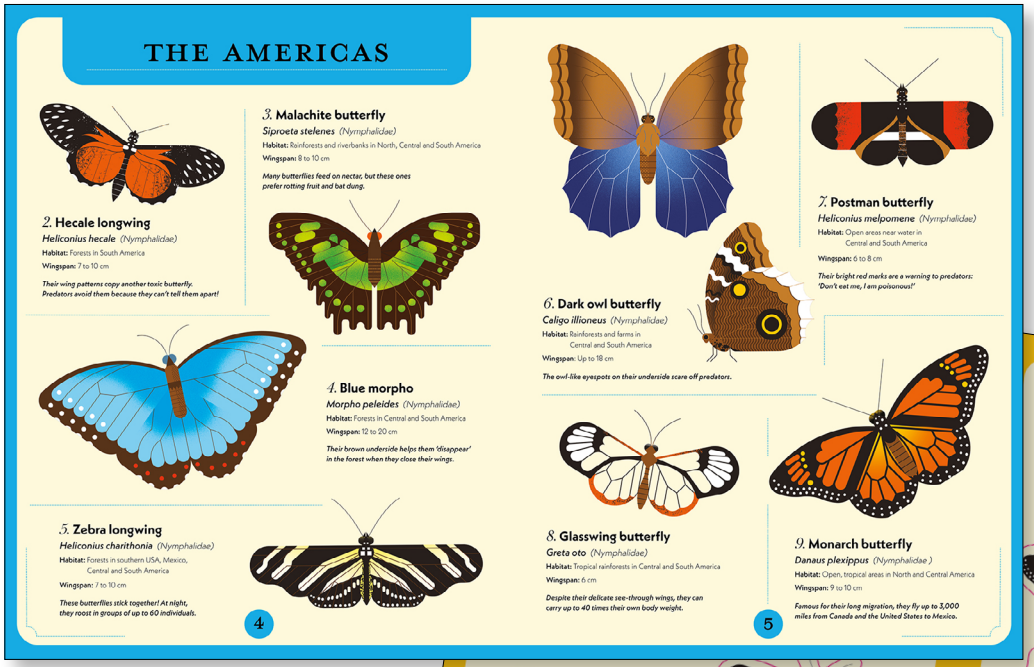
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RRP: £9.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781918412130
Extent: 16pp
Dimensions: 278 x 216 mm
Interest Age: 5+
Thema: YNNL YNGL YBGS
Series: Weird and Wonderful Nature
Themes: Conservation, life cycles, classification

Weird and Wonderful Nature: Butterflies

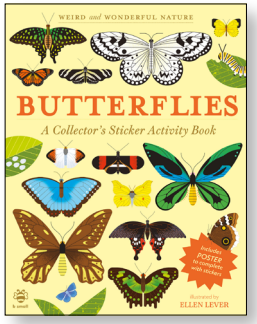
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My Very First Words Sticker Activity Book

By Vicky Barker
Illustrated by Vicky Barker

b small

Keynote

Bright, colourful sticker book with fun activities and over 400 stickers

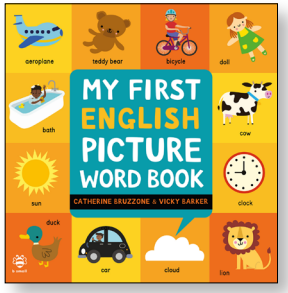
Key Selling Points

- Educational activities add value to the sticker book format
- Playful, fun activities improve fine-motor and critical thinking skills
- Growing series with more titles in the pipeline: Farm, Zoo, Things That Go

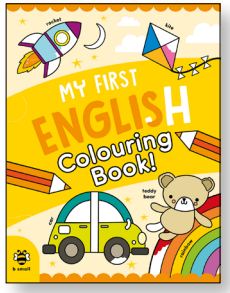
Main Description

Use super-fun stickers to introduce the youngest learners to their very first words. From numbers and colours to farm animals and getting ready for bed, fun activities bring essential first words to life through play. Activities include matching games, counting and sticker art, building clever thinking skills. There is also a word list at the back of the book that can be a helpful resource for years to come. With over 400 stickers!

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9781916851603
HB | £12.99



9781916851603
PB | £7.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Vicky Barker is b small publishing's creative director and a Blue Peter Book Award winning illustrator for *Real-life Mysteries*.

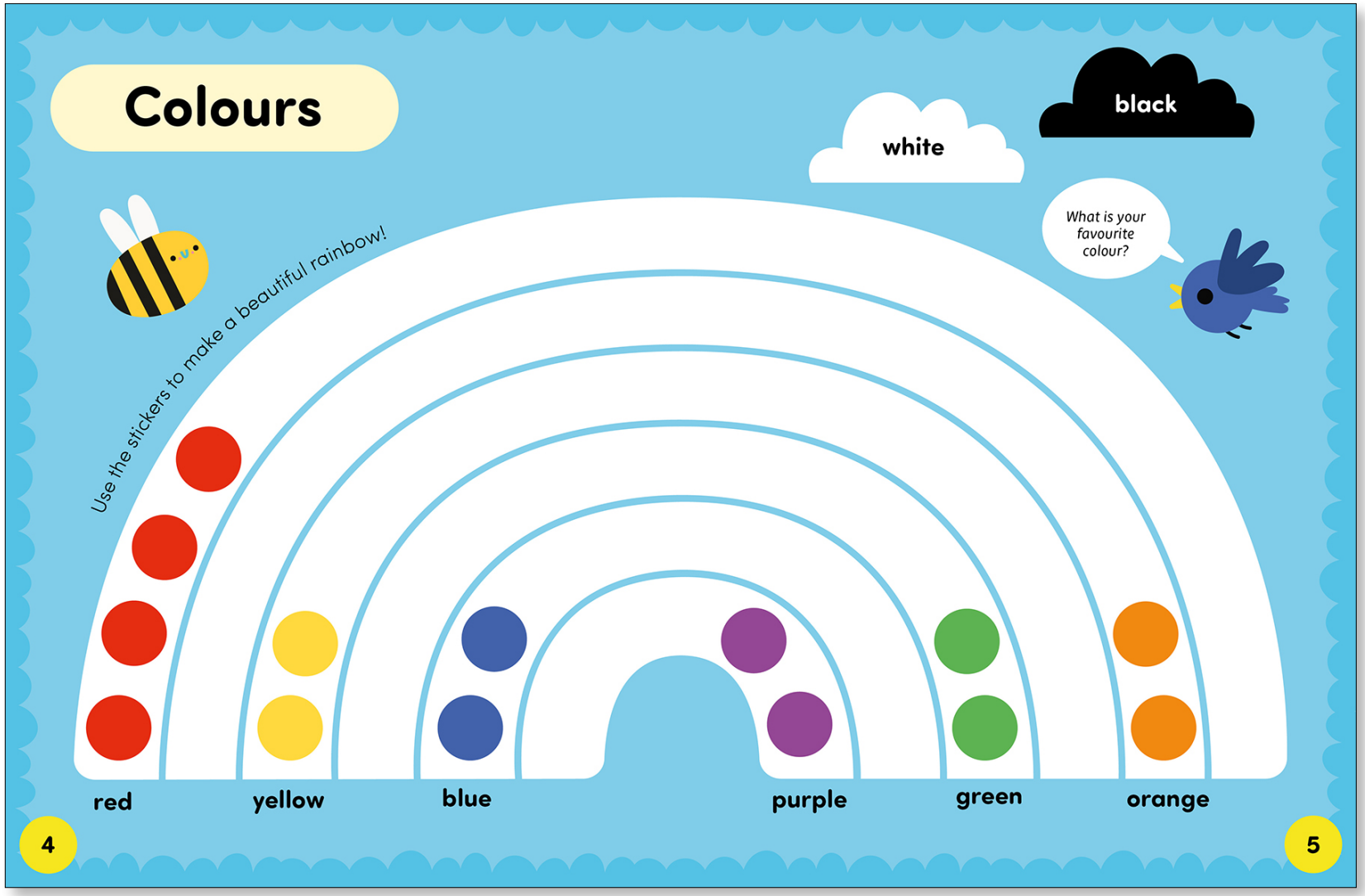
Location: Worthing, UK

Pub Date: 04/02/2027
RRP: £7.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781918412109
Extent: 48pp
Dimensions: 274 x 210 mm
Interest Age: 3+
Thema: YBLA YBGC YBLC
Series: My Very First
Themes: Colours, things that go, opposites, numbers, animals

My Very First Words Sticker Activity Book

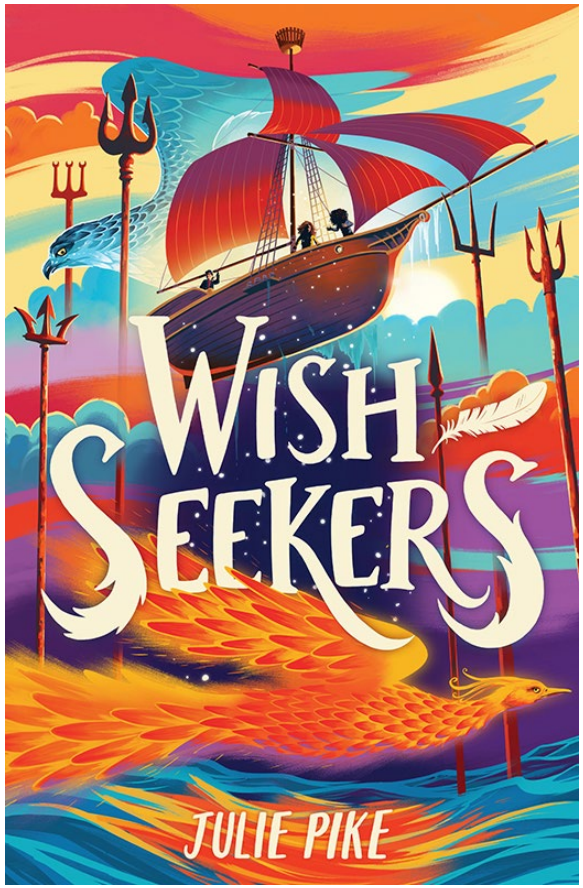
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The Wish Seekers

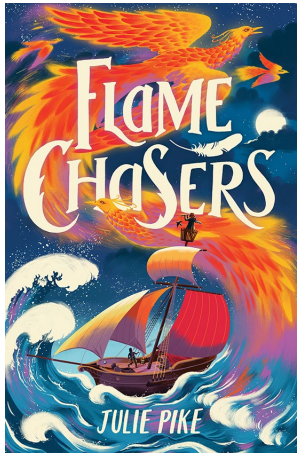
By Julie Pike
Cover by David Dean

Firefly

Keynote: The second in a stunning, magical middle-grade series of adventure, friendship, and finding your heart's desire

Key Selling Points
- Final novel in duology
- A rich and immersive fantasy world
- First in duology included in The Times '21 Best Children's Books of the Year' 2024

Main Description
Ember's home town of Bright Beacon is under threat. The peace magic protecting everyone has vanished and powerful King Morbius, hungry for wishes, is threatening them all. In a desperate bid to save their home and families, Ember and Stanley set sail for the west, searching for the golden flamebirds but threatened by deadly leftover magic!



9781915444554
PB | £7.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

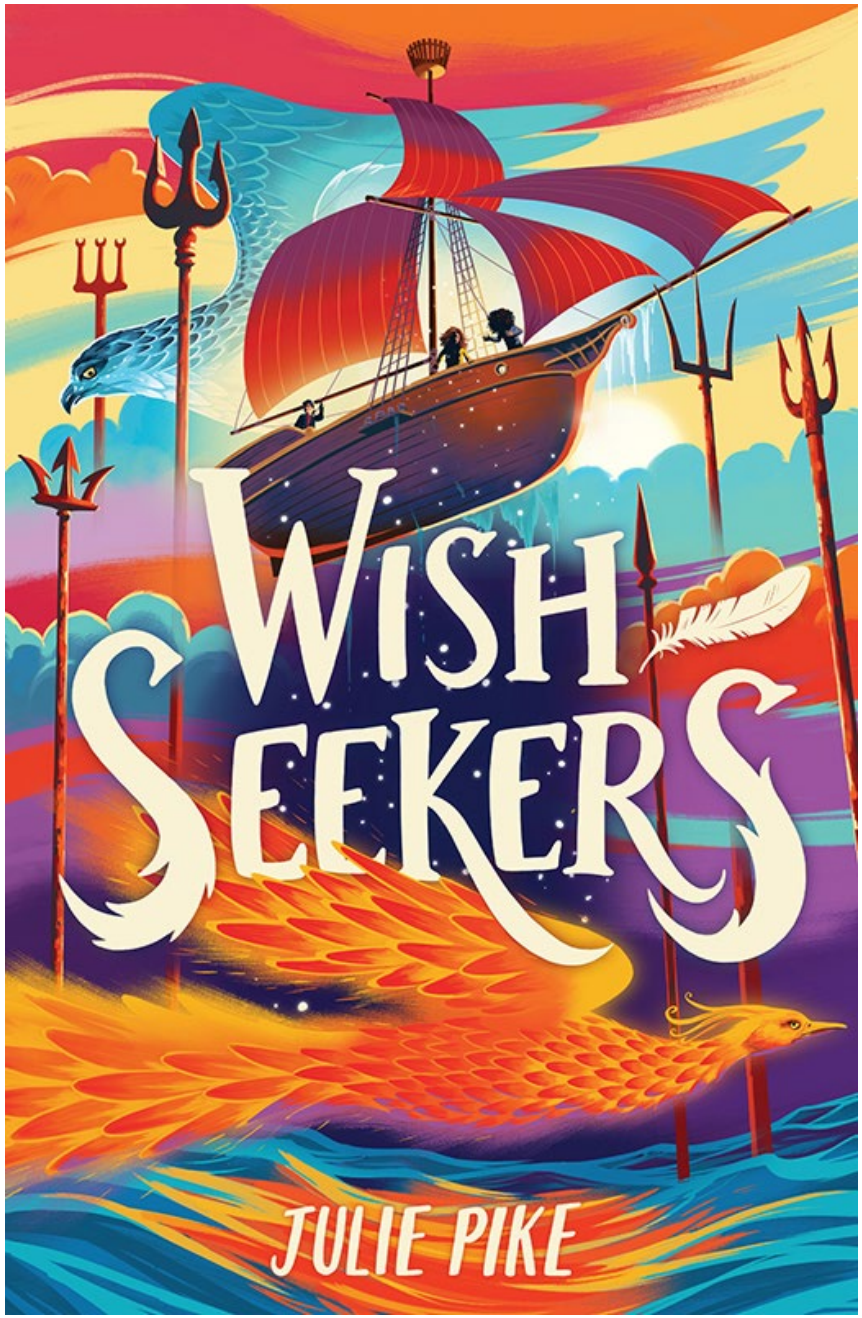
Julie Pike

Julie Pike grew up on a council estate in Neath, nestled in the Welsh valleys. This inspired her debut novel *The Last Spellbreather* (OUP, 2019) which was longlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book of the Year.

Location: Forest of Dean

Pub Date: 04/02/27
RRP: £7.99
Format: PB
ISBN: 9781917718325
Extent: 288
Dimensions: 129 x 198
Interest Age: 9-12
Thema: YFHD, YFC, YFN
Series: Flame Chasers
Themes: fantasy, family, adventure, wishes

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Wish Seekers

Marketing and PR plans

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

- Will be looking to secure coverage from The Times

- South-west/south-Wales bookshop tour – Julie available for events in and around south-Wales

- Proactive author with lots of links to libraries

- Promotions with SLA, YLG, FCBG

- Cover in Booktime and Bookseller Buyers Guide

- LR4K feature

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FINDING ZINI

by Catherine Bruton

Top Pick

Fox & Ink Books

Keynote

The story of one dog and his boy, determined to be reunited, against all the odds

Key Selling Points

- **Multi-Award-Winning Author:** Written by the critically acclaimed mind behind *No Ballet Shoes in Syria* (Carnegie Medal Nominated) and *Bird Boy* (Nero Book Awards Shortlist)
- **High-Stakes Reunion:** Driven by an emotional, unbreakable bond between a pet and his young owner, ensuring reader investment from the first page.
- ***War Horse* for a New Generation:** Blends the beloved animal-odyssey format with timely, sensitive, and age-appropriate exploration of modern geopolitics.
- **Empathy and Global Awareness:** Acts as both a "window and a mirror" to help children navigate real-world headlines and empathise with victims of global displacement.

Main Description

In Ukraine, Dani is forced to flee his home when war strikes, leaving his dad and his beloved dog Zini behind. Fiercely loyal, Zini sets off on an epic journey across the war-torn land, through burned-out villages, cities under siege, and crossing icy rivers, forests, and mountains. Facing perils and dangers at every turn, will he be able to find his boy?

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Catherine Bruton

Catherine Bruton studied English at Oxford University and has been juggling life as a teacher, children's author and mum for the past fifteen years. As an English teacher she sees first hand the impact stories can have on young readers - opening their eyes, expanding their horizons, making them ask questions and see the world differently. Her books tackle some of the big issues faced by young people today - terrorism, immigration, the cult of celebrity, the refugee crisis - in ways that are heart-breaking, often hilarious, but invariably hopeful.

Location: London

Pub Date: 04/02/2027
RRP: £7.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781917894395
Extent: 256pp
Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm
Interest Age: 9+
Thema: YFC (Children's / Teenage fiction: Action and adventure stories)
Themes: Ancient Greece, mythology, feminism

Marketing and Publicity

Following the incredible success No Ballet Shoes in Syria, this Middle Grade novel follows an extraordinary, epic journey of an indomitable dog across war-torn Ukraine to be reunited with his boy.

PUBLICITY

- Blanket review coverage across print and digital, inclusive of Guardian, Times, Sunday Times, Independent, Telegraph, Daily Mail, Sun
- Features and Author op pieces to extend coverage: Pitched to major newspapers and supplements
- Broadcast interviews: Pitched to Blue Peter, Sky News, BBC Breakfast etc.
- Pitch for all key festivals, including Manchester, Edinburgh, Hay, anc Bath

MARKETING

- “Track Zini’s Journey" Interactive Digital Campaign across social media including assets and animated trailer, influencer activity, and book landing page
- "Finding Zini" paw-print floor vinyl decals to lead kids to the middle-grade section.
- Collectible promotional items: Illustrated postcards, custom bookmarks and posters.

POS available to order

Mock-up designs, not final



Die-Cut A4 Standee



Double-sided postcards with illustrations (indies only)

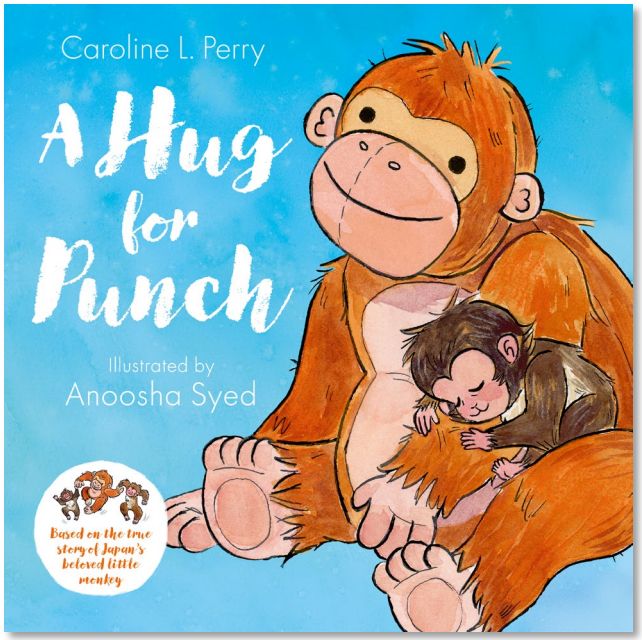


Double-sided A3 poster



Double-sided, die-cut bookmark

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A HUG FOR PUNCH

BY CAROLINE L. PERRY
ILLUSTRATED BY ANOOSHA SYED

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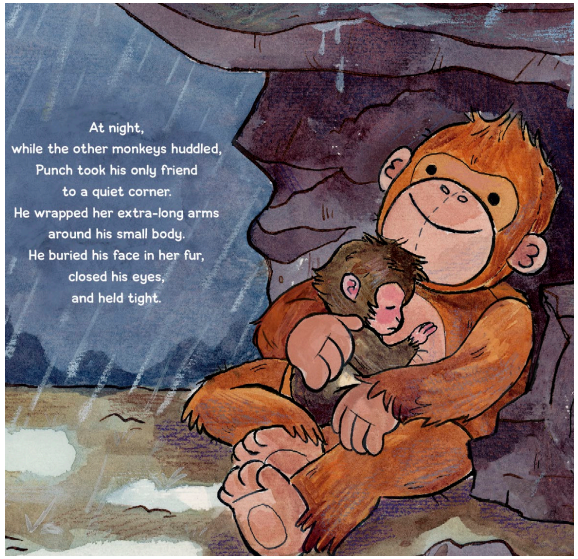
The inspiring true story of Punch, the tiny, orphaned monkey who captured the hearts of millions online.

Key Selling Points

- A GLOBAL VIRAL SOCIAL MEDIA STORY: Punch and his story have captivated the world.
- PUNCH IS EVERYWHERE!: With coverage from just about everyone: BBC, The Guardian, The Times, and Cosmopolitan to name a few.
- AWARD-WINNING ILLUSTRATOR WITH WIDE REACH: With 124K followers on Instagram, 79K subscribers on Youtube, and 65.5K followers on TikTok, star illustrator Anoosha Syed maintains a large network through which she shares content about her books.

Main Description

Raised by zookeepers and a cuddly toy, a brave baby macaque must face Monkey Mountain. Will Punch find the courage to leave his comfort zone and find a real-life friend?



WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Caroline L. Perry
Caroline is the author of The Corgi and the Queen, which was selected as one of VOGUE Magazine's Best Gifts For Kids. She has also written Messi's Magic, a Junior Library Guild Gold Medal pick; The Memory Cake; and I Am Not Happy! Caroline was born in the UK and lives with her family in Los Angeles, California.

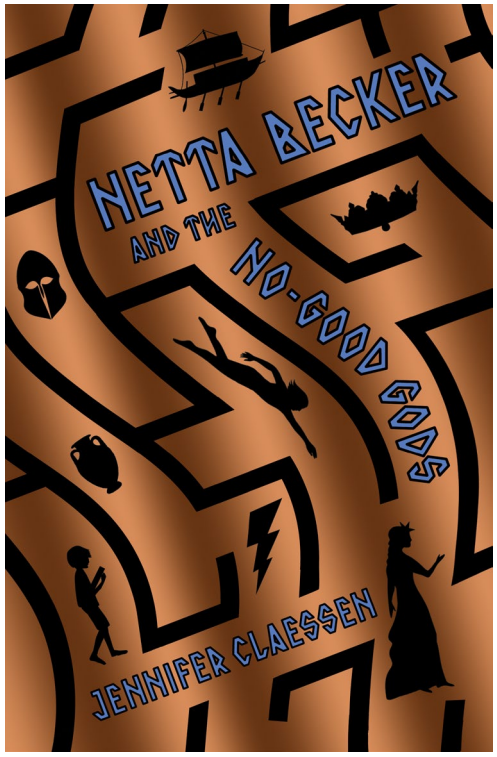
Anoosha Syed
Anoosha Syed is an illustrator, author, and character designer for animation. She is the creator of That's Not My Name!, Love in Every Language, The Salt Princess, and Lost Stick. She has also illustrated over forty books, including Bilal Cooks Daal by Aisha Saeed and Rani's Remarkable Day by Saadia Faruqi. You can visit Anoosha Syed at AnooshaSyed.com or follow her on Instagram and TikTok @AnooshaDraws. She lives in Dalla, Texas.

Pub Date: 25/02/2027
RRP: £7.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781917894463
Extent: 32pp
Dimensions: 240 x 240 mm
Interest Age: 3+
Thema: YBCS (Picture storybooks)
Themes: resilience, nurture, friendship, bravery

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Sniff.
Tap.
Tug.
And then . . .
Pat.
Poke.
Pluck.



NETTA BECKER AND THE NO-GOOD GODS

by Jennifer Claessen

Fox & Ink Books

Keynote

The Netta Becker Trilogy ends here!

Key Selling Points

- **Proven, Highly Marketable Author:** Jennifer Claessen is an established name in Middle Grade fiction.
- **Curriculum Links:** Seamlessly integrates with Key Stage 2 / primary school teaching units on Ancient Greece.
- **Discussion Starter:** The themes of hidden histories, female representation, and personal perseverance offer brilliant prompts for classroom reading groups.

Main Description

When ancient enemies target the Titan sisters in Athens, the future falls into jeopardy. Now, stuck in a fracturing timeline, siblings Netta and Remy face their ultimate test: a dangerous descent into Hell to battle rogue gods.

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Paperback | £7.99



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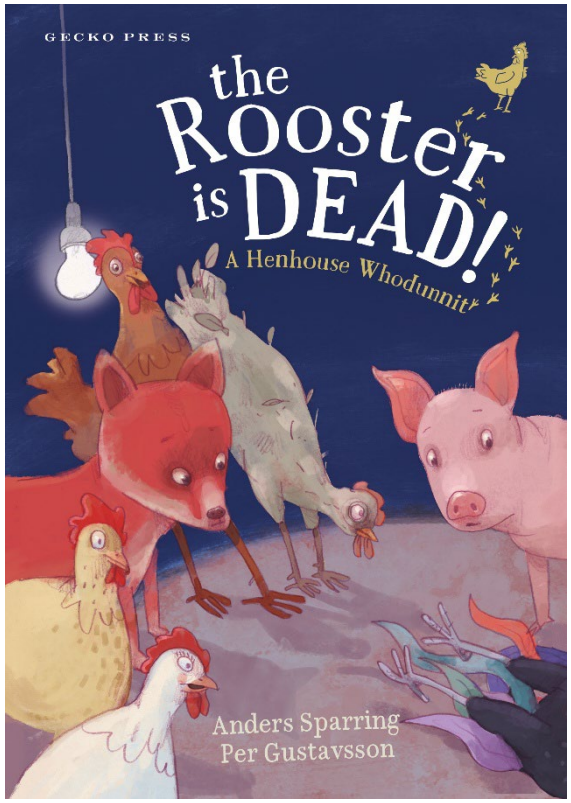
Jennifer Claessen
Jennifer was born in Reading so, of course, grew up a book worm. She is the author of the Month of Magic series. She studied literature and theatre at at least five universities. As teacher and theatre-maker, Jennifer loves stories and leads interactive drama-based workshops. She is currently Writer in Residence at Abney Park, a cemetery in North East London, where she works with Year 5 students on telling their own stories.

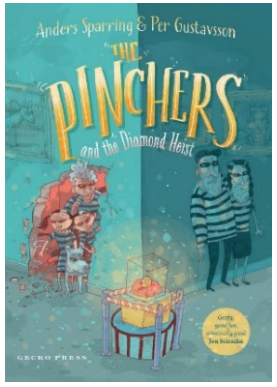
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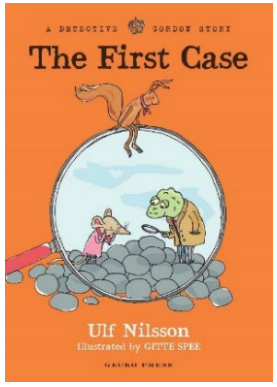
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PB | £8.99



9781776572526
PB | £7.99

The Rooster Is Dead!

By Anders Sparring
Illustrated by Per Gustavsson

Top Pick

GECKO PRESS

A humorous illustrated murder mystery in which the prime suspect—Pip, the clever fox cub—helps her adopted farmyard family investigate who killed their rooster

Key Selling Points

- Cosy crime for early readers
- Comedy, energy and a comforting end
- A characterful animal cast
- *Fantastic Mr. Fox* meets *Charlotte's Web*
- Cover with gold foil, emboss and ultra gloss!

Marketing Points:

- Author/Illustrator Q&A
- Author/Illustrator Video
- Pitching for Imagine Festival London

Main Description

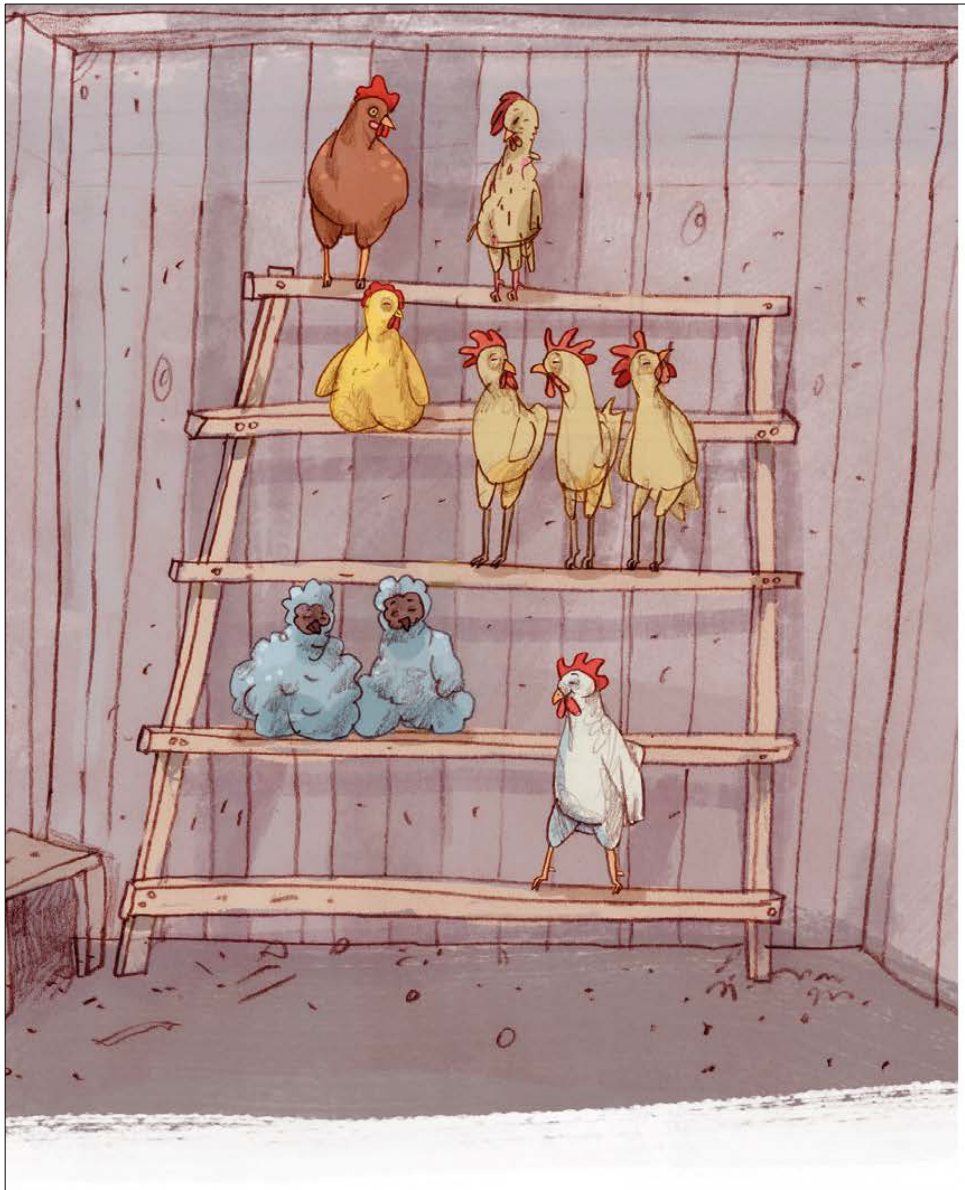
One stormy night, the sweet lost fox cub Pip finds herself in the henhouse, where she is taken under the wing of a clucky mother hen. Jonny-Crow the rooster is not happy—foxes are murder machines! When Jonny-Crow is found dead on the floor one morning, the chicken sisters are determined to uncover whodunnit.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Anders Sparring writes children's books and is a screenwriter for many popular television shows. He is also a stand-up comedian. *Stockholm, Sweden*

Per Gustavsson is an illustrator and author living in Stockholm, Sweden. His bestselling books are translated to several languages. *Stockholm, Sweden*

Pub Date: 2 February 2027
RRP: £8.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9798348058999
Extent: 156
Dimensions: 204 x 144mm **Interest Age:** 6–10
Thema: YBD, YFCF, YFQ, YFZT, 5AG **Series:**
Themes: cosy crime, farmyard mystery, fox and chickens



One perch up from Blossom sat Henrietta and Feathers. And on the one above them were the three skinny troublemakers, Ina, Nina and Penny. They kept mostly to themselves out in the chicken run, and cackled "Shut your beak!" at one another. They could quarrel about anything. Did sunflower seeds taste better than corn, for example. Ina liked corn. Nina preferred sunflower seeds. Penny thought both tasted good and that only idiots could think that one was better than the other. They'd carry on and on like this till Becky told them to shut their beaks. Then they did shut their beaks, all three.

Becky was top hen. The sisters always did as she told them.

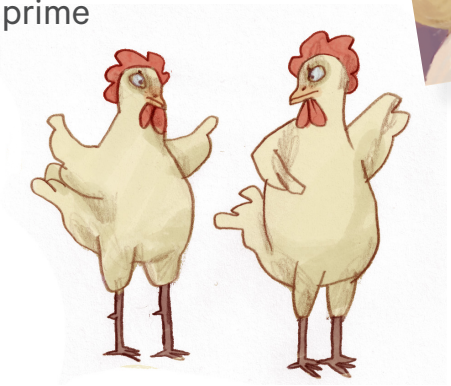
On the perch below Becky, Goldie was snoring. Goldie claimed that humans liked eating the sisters' eggs. Becky thought Goldie was bonkers if she believed something so disgusting. Once Goldie told them she'd heard that cute little chicks came from eggs.

When she said that, the sisters sighed with longing. Cute little chicks, imagine! Every one of them dreamed of chicks. Becky included. But Goldie must be wrong. What did chicks have to do with eggs? How could they even get in?

Laugh-out-loud crime with a big warm heart!



A humorous illustrated murder mystery in which the prime suspect—Pip, the clever fox cub—helps her adopted farmyard family investigate who killed their rooster.



The Rooster Is Dead!
A Henhouse Whodunnit

PB 9798348058999 **UK** 8.99

The Pinchers are a proud family of villains, going back three generations. Theo loves his family, but he just doesn't fit in. He cannot lie or cheat to save his life . . . but could he to save his family?

The Pinchers and the Diamond Heist

PB 9781776575671 **UK** 8.99

The Pinchers and the Dog Chase

PB 9781776575886 **UK** 8.99

The Pinchers and the Curse of the Egyptian Cat

PB 9798765670132 **UK** 8.99



Anders Sparring writes children's books and is a screenwriter for many popular television shows. He is also a stand-up comedian. He lives in Sweden.

Per Gustavsson is an illustrator and author living in Stockholm, Sweden. His bestselling books are translated to several languages.

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The Greenhouse

By Gráinne Quinlan

Top Pick

GUPPY BOOKS

Keynote

Allie's mum doesn't leave their plant-filled house – will Allie have the strength and courage to make her own way in the world?

Key Selling Points

- Debut novel from talented Irish author, a new voice to watch
- Big Irish media campaign planned around publication, leading to paperback campaign in 2028
- Beautifully-written, page-turning, another potential award-winner from the Guppy pool, following the success of Janeen Hayat – dealing with sometimes tough subjects in a new way.

Main Description

From the outside, Allie's house is unremarkable, but inside, it's a jungle. Greenery crowds every room, lines every shelf, sprouts from every corner. Homeschooled, and with no friends her own age, every day is the same for Allie – just her and Mum and the plants. Until she meets a boy called Joe and stumbles across a rare sky-blue orchid. Suddenly Allie's small, quiet, green world opens up into something much wider, wilder and brighter, but can she embrace it all without leaving her mum behind?

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Gráinne grew up in Wicklow, in a home where a book was always to hand. She trained in animation and worked for years in children's television, while also exploring her own ideas in writing and illustration. **She is currently working on her second book for Guppy – an m-g horror adventure called *The Portrait.***

Location: Blackrock, County Dublin

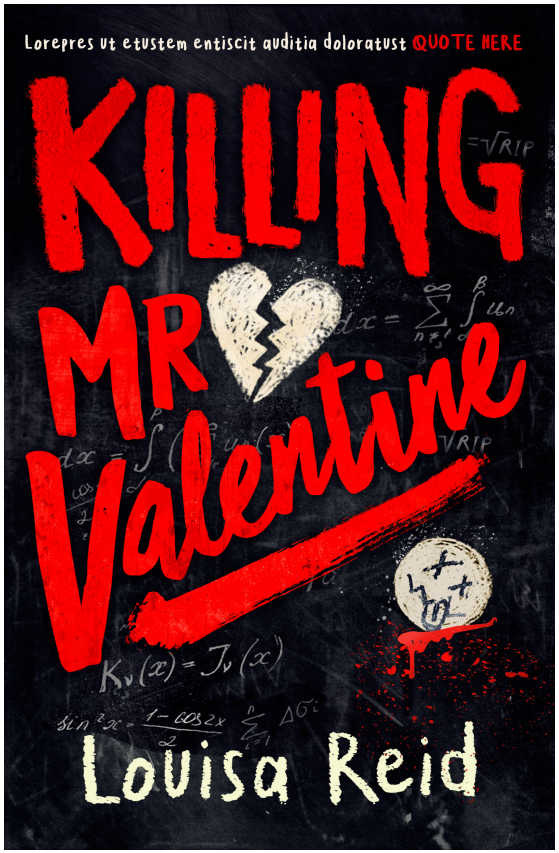
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Marketing and PR Plans



- Proof available Autumn 2026 CBI/YLG conferences and will be mailed to gatekeepers prior to publication to build momentum
- Target key peers for quotes/ endorsement support prior to publication
- Target blanket review coverage across all children's book media
- Target all debut author slots for interview
- Target all award facilitators throughout promotional period
- Explore event opportunities with author

GUPPY BOOKS



Killing Mr Valentine

By Louisa Reid

Top Pick

GUPPY BOOKS

Keynote

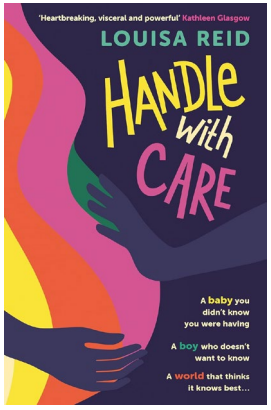
An explosive YA thriller set in a sixth-form college, told in verse and prose, from critically acclaimed writer Louisa Reid.

Key Selling Points

- Louisa Reid's verse novels have all been critically acclaimed award-winners, every one has been nominated for the Carnegie Medal, *Handle With Care* longlisted in 2026.
- An incredibly talented author, and a favourite of librarians
- Her most commercial novel yet, page-turning, powerful and emotional with a twist

Main Description

There are some boundaries that should never be crossed . . .
Vita Hope has a reputation. She's done some bad things. But Year Twelve is a new beginning, a chance to start again.
That is until she suspects that everybody's favourite teacher, Mr Valentine, isn't all he seems. When a D of E expedition turns to tragedy, the finger pointing begins. Was Mr V's death an accident? Or was there something else going on? With rumours swirling, this story is a nail-biting page-turning race to the finish to find out what happened before it's too late for Vita…



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WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

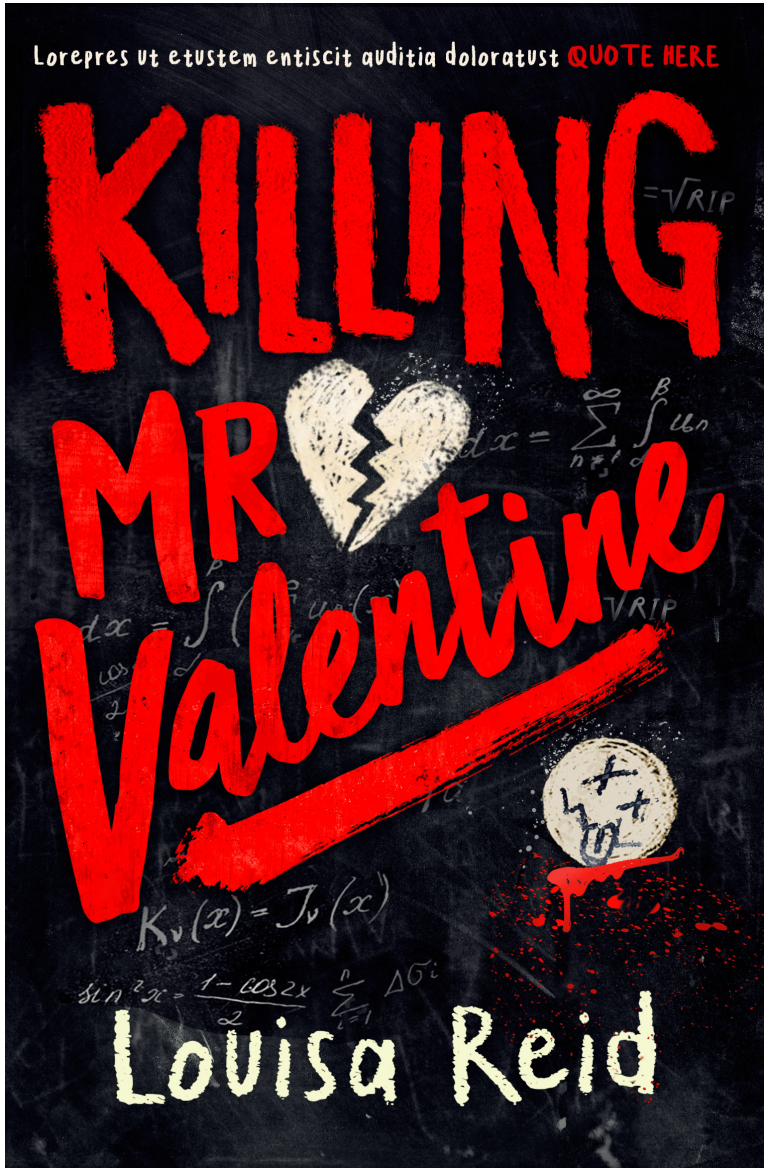
Louisa Reid has spent most of her life reading. And when she's not doing that she's writing stories, or imagining writing them at least. An English teacher, her favourite part of the job is sharing her love of reading and writing with her pupils.

Location: Altrincham, Greater Manchester

Pub Date: 04/02/2027
RRP: £9.99
Format: PB
ISBN:9781916558915
Extent: **312**
Dimensions: 198 x 129
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YFV; YFCB; YFS
Series: **n/a**
Themes: pupil/teacher relationships; murder mystery; Duke of Edinburgh expedition; bullying

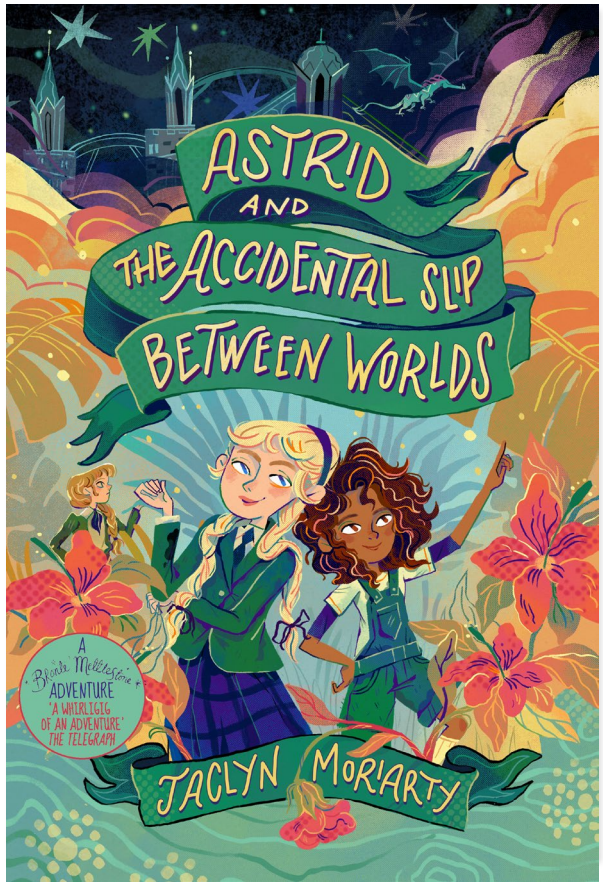
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Marketing and PR Plans



- Secure early endorsements – positioning Killing Mr Valentine alongside thriller / dark academia writers
- Pre-awareness activity for title at YALC 2026
- Consider a YA thriller northern roadshow with fellow authors such as Cynthia Murphy and Melissa Welliver
- Organise a flagship alternative Valentines Day YA event with a key bookshop
- Aim for blanket coverage with librarian audiences who are already huge Louisa fans – early engagement with SLA / The School Librarian
- Key title/ author for all conference slots
- Key focus for YALC 2027, for an event/ workshop and signing

GUPPY BOOKS



Astrid and the Accidental Slip Between Worlds

By Jaclyn Moriarty

GUPPY BOOKS

Keynote

A magical, funny, fast-paced Bronte Mettlestone adventure, based in the world of Kingdoms and Empires and the sixth in the series.

Key Selling Points

- Critically acclaimed and much-loved series from a superstar Australian author
- Jaclyn's adult book with Harper Collins, *Time Travel for Beginners* is garnering huge interest, which should lift her profile
- Guppy are in process of acquiring her YA backlist titles, including the acclaimed *Feeling Sorry for Celia*
- For young fans of *Pages and Co* and *Harry Potter*, looking for a fabulous magical world to fall into

Main Description

Astrid, one of the Mettlestone sisters, has a special talent to recognize when people are telling the truth. When this gets her magically sent away (by accident, it's true, but still . . .) to *our* world, with no way to get back to her own, meeting friend Echo brings her a new family but also a new set of curious coincidences. When Astrid's world and Echo's world *both* begin to unravel, all the friends and family must work together to make a bridge of magic to bring Astrid home, and to save them all.

OTHER TITLES



9781913101053
PB | £8.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Jaclyn Moriarty is the best-selling author of many novels for children, young adults and adults. She has been the recipient of the NSW Premier's Literary Award, the Queensland Literary Award, and the Aurealis Award for Fantasy. Her books have been named Boston Globe Honor Books, White Raven selections and Best Books for Young Adults by the American Library Association.

Location: Australia.

Pub Date: 04/02/2027
RRP: £9.99
Format: PB
ISBN:9781916558892
Extent: 440
Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm
Interest Age: **9+**
Thema: YFHD;
Series: Bronte Mettlestone
Themes: parallel worlds; friendship, courage; magical abilities; keeping secrets; solving puzzles; blended families

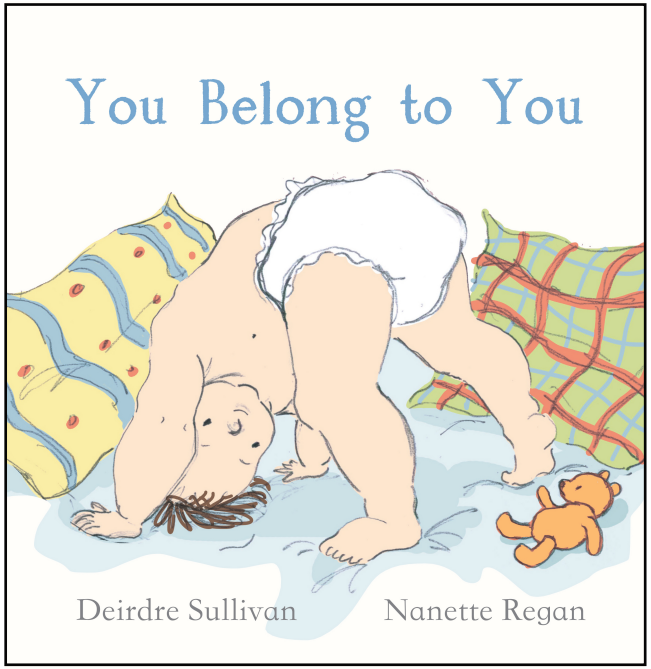
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Marketing and PR Plans

- Targeted mailing to all key reviewers, peers and gatekeepers with series info
- Showcase series at all key conferences
- Digital advertising opportunities
- Explore media profile opportunities around Jaclyn's adult book PR and planned reissues

GUPPY BOOKS



You Belong to You

By (author) Deirdre Sullivan
Illustrated by Nanette Regan

Little Island
Books create waves

A beautiful love letter from a parent to their baby wrapped up in a beautiful picture book.

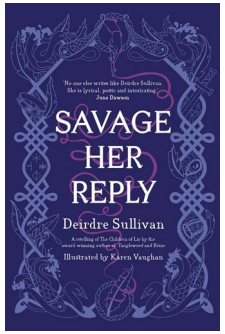
Key Selling Points

- Follows the author's successful first picture book *Little Passenger* (Walker, 2025) - which sold 5,000+ copies in hardback
- A baby book with an instant classic feel, reminiscent of *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*
- A cute rhyming story that makes a gentle read for bumps, babies and toddlers
- Art direction by award-winning illustrator Lauren O'Hara

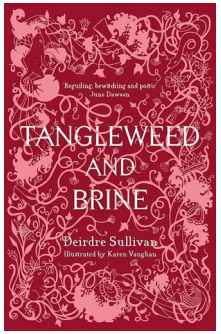
Main Description

A gentle, rhyming celebration of love and bodily autonomy, reminding little ones that every part of them is wonderful and belongs only to them.

OTHER TITLES



9781912417568
Paperback | £9.99



9781912417117
Paperback | £8.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Deirdre Sullivan has written many acclaimed books for children, young adults and adults, including Tangleweed and Brine and Savage Her Reply, which both won at the Irish Book Awards and the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year. Originally from Galway, Deirdre works as a primary school teacher.

Location: Dublin, Ireland

Nanette Regan is a freelance illustrator based in Jersey, a tiny island between England and France. She loves making joyful, messy, character-driven work that celebrates the chaotic magic of the everyday.

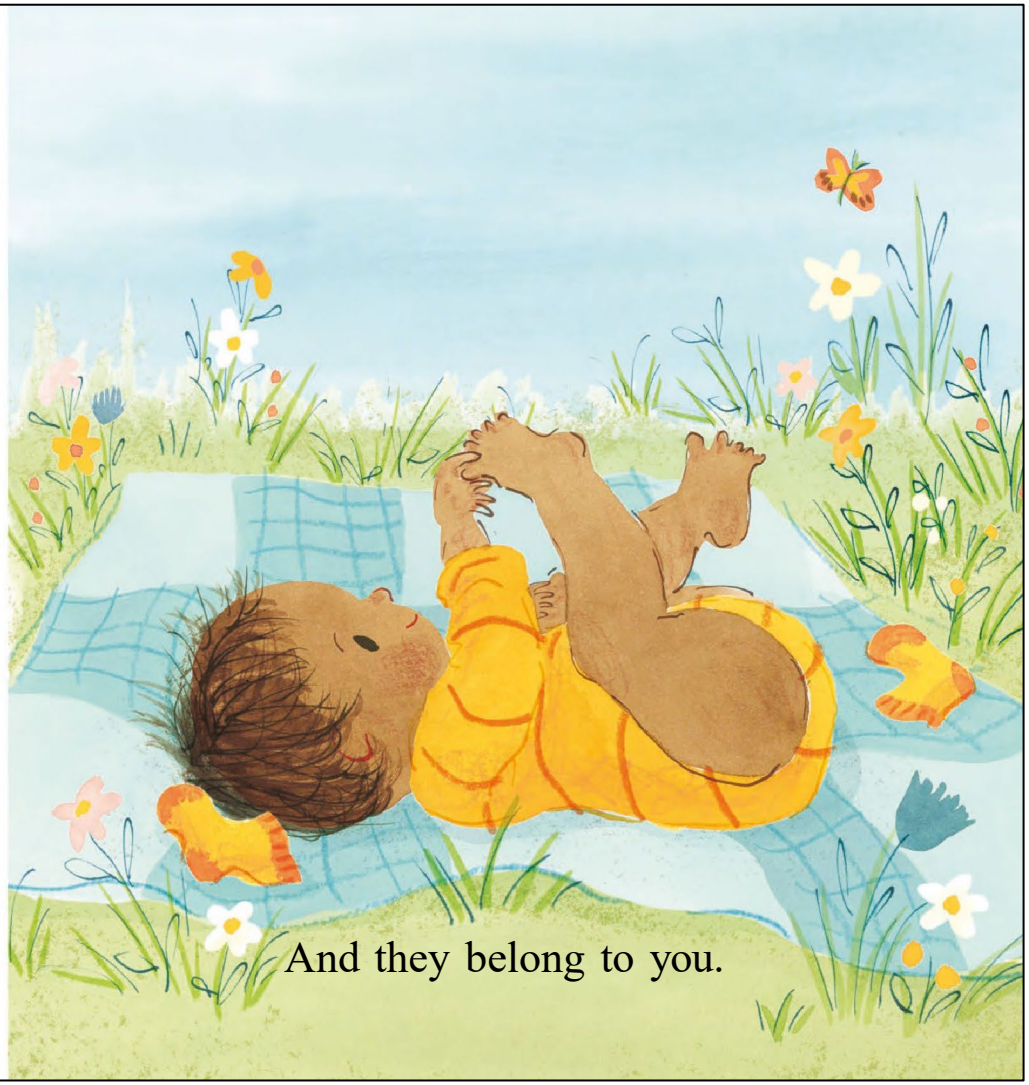
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Series: N/A
Themes: Family; Concepts

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These are your toes
Your own small toes





And they belong to you.



New Cover Coming Soon

Mr Spicebag

By (author) Freddie Alexander
Illustrated by Helen O'Higgins

Little Island
Books create waves

A new Little Island edition of a hilarious, Irish Book Award shortlisted debut.

Key Selling Points

- Funny illustrated adventure story with strong appeal to boy and girl readers
- Shortlisted for Children's Book of the Year (Senior) at the An Post Irish Book Awards
- First published by HarperCollins in 2021, this new Little Island edition comes with a fresh new cover

Main Description

A wildly funny adventure about 10-year-old George, a mysterious chipper, a greasy villain, a talking mouse – and the legendary Spice Bag at the centre of it all.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Freddie Alexander lives in Dublin with his wife, his son, his daughter and a large family of mice. Freddie rarely eats spice bags these days, although the same assurances cannot be given for the mice, who come and go as they please. *Mr Spicebag* is his first book.
Location: Dublin, Ireland

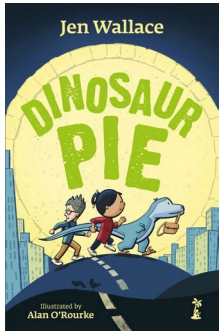
Helen O'Higgins is an Irish illustrator and printmaker based in Dublin.
Location: Dublin, Ireland

Pub Date: 04/02/2027
RRP: £8.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781918353556
Extent: 240pp (TBC)
Dimensions: 198 x 129 mm
Interest Age: 8+
Thema: YFC;
YFQ **Series:** N/A
Themes: Humour; Adventure

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'Well, in for a penny, in for a pound. Now George, your father just told me that you had to work at Mr Spicebag's. If I had known, well, naturally . . .' He chuckled awkwardly. 'Come on, I'll cycle you over. Quickly now.'

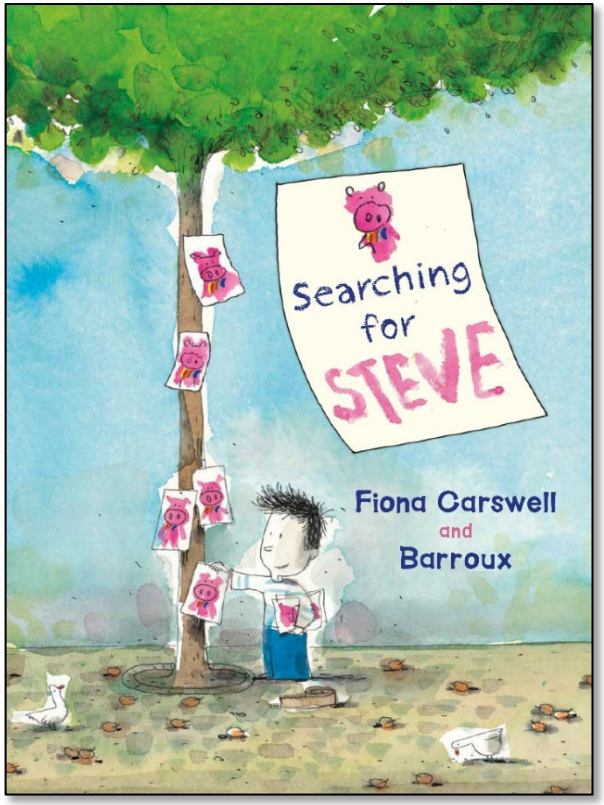
And so off they set, Mr Benson cycling down the road in his flowing wedding dress, high heels and stockings, with George mounted on the handlebars holding his bouquet for him. As the two arrived at the familiar red fluorescent lights, the rain beat down hard and fast. George jumped off the bike and approached the door nervously.

'Put in a good word for me, George,' Mr Benson said. 'Grab a Spice Bag or twenty for me, there's a good lad!'

As George approached the chipper, the place looked calm, but when he heaved through that heavy door, it was like a ZOO . . .

It could not have been more different from that night he had been there alone. People wedged and crushed to get to the front. Short people. Tall people. Fat people. Skinny people. Old people. Young people. Everyone looked tired with great, big greasy bags under their eyes. All greedy, unhealthy people with pasty faces and





Searching for Steve

By Fiona Carswell

Illustrated by Barroux

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Beautiful picture book about the loss of a favourite toy, with a surprise ending.

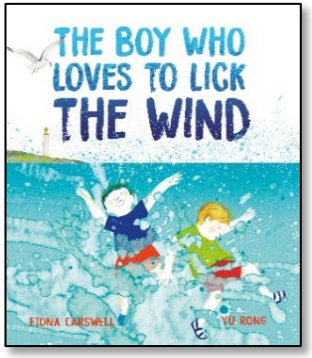
Key Selling Points:

- A perfectly pitched story of loss and renewal, perfect for sharing
- Deceptively simple picture book encouraging empathy and understanding
- Inspired by a true event in the author's family
- Illustrated with warmth and quirky humour by internationally acclaimed illustrator, Barroux

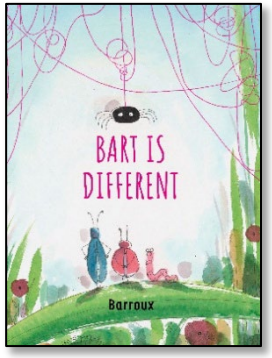
Main description:

Cammy loved Steve more than any boy had ever loved any pig. Steve goes EVERYWHERE with Cammy. So when, one fateful day, Steve is lost in the park, Cammy is desolate. He makes posters showing Steve and EVERYONE helps to look for him, but Steve can't be found ANYWHERE. Without Steve, Cammy feels lost, but then something amazing happens….

COMP TITLES



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HB £12.99



9781915659637
HB £12.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Fiona Carswell is the mother of two boys – one autistic and the other neurotypical – and lives in **East Lothian, Scotland**. For Otter-Barry Books she has written T*he Boy Who Loves to Lick the Wind*, illustrated by Yu Rong.

Barroux was born in Paris and grew up in North Africa. He is winner of many international honours including the Prix Enfantasie (2005) and the PEN Award and Prix Médecins Sans Frontières (2015). For Otter-Barry Books he has written and illustrated the international best-seller *I Love You, Blue*, *Free as a Bird* and *Bart is Different.* He lives in **Paris**.

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Thema: Picture Storybooks (YBCS)

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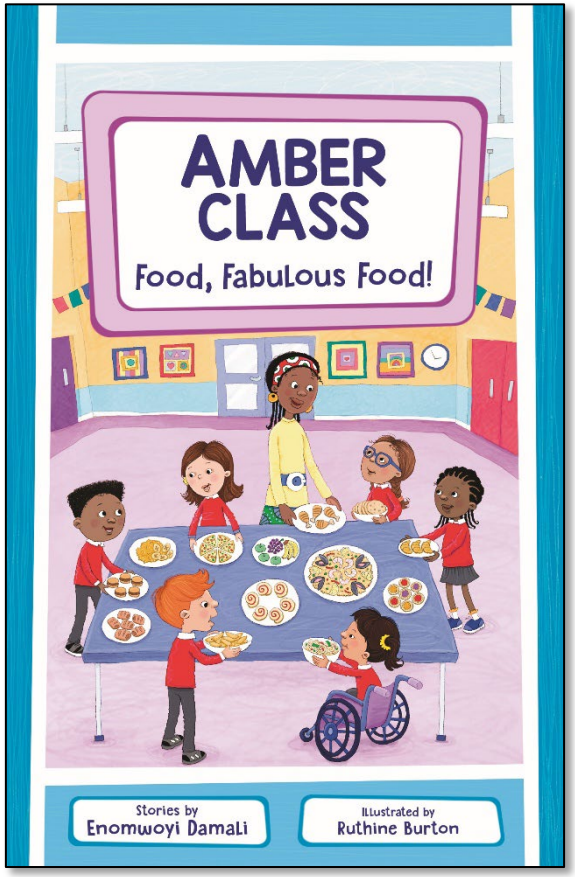


Cammy's mum explained that sometimes
when somebody is missing,
people make posters to show
who they're hunting for.

Cammy got out some paper and a pot of pens.

"**Pink!**" he said. "I'll need lots of pink!
And **black** for Steve's eyes and snout.
And all the colours of the rainbow for his collar!"

Cammy began drawing Steve
just how he remembered him.



Food Fabulous Food: Amber Class

By Enomwoyi Damali

Illustrated by Ruthine Burton

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Keynote:

Nzingha, Stacey, Rebecca, Andrew, Xaolin and Kayden are back for three more adventures with Amber Class and their lovely teacher Mrs Adisa...

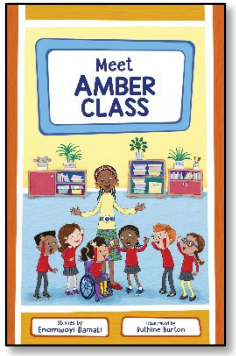
Key Selling Points:

- Enomwoyi is an educational psychologist and a natural performer and is very popular at school and library events
- Young readers can relate to the now-familiar characters
- Displays diversity and inclusivity as aspects of eveyday life
- Perfect for encouraging confidence, kindness and understanding
- "Celebrates the magic of a primary school classroom, and young readers will love its familiar feel." *Books for Keeps* on the series

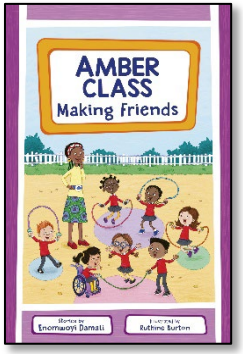
Main Description:

Three gently humorous stories in which Amber Class share what they did in the holidays, get ready for a spelling test and learn all about festivals around the world

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PB £8.99



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PB £8.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Enomwoyi Damali was born in Trinidad. She works as a primary teacher and educational psychologist. Her aim is to help children be the best they can be, with their own talents, skills and interests; and to treat themselves and others with empathy and understanding. Enomwoyi lives in South East London.

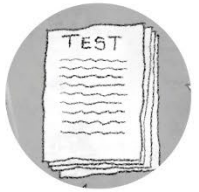
Ruthine Burton's parents came to the UK from Dominica and French Guyana. She has been a pavement artist, and in the games industry and is now an established children's book illustrator. Ruthine illustrated the first two Amber Class books, and also *Spin!*, a poetry anthology edited by Joseph Coelho. Ruthine lives in South West London.

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Thema: Children's/Teenage fiction: School stories (YFS)
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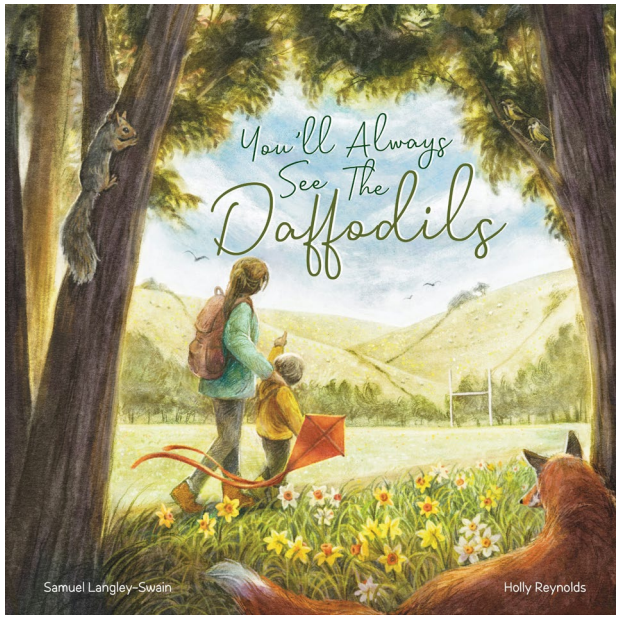


It was Thursday morning and for the children in Amber Class that meant getting ready for a spelling test the next morning.

Mrs Adisa wanted to help the children.

"Good morning, Amber Class," said Mrs Adisa.

"Good morning, Mrs Adisa. Good morning, everyone," said the children.



You'll Always See the Daffodils

By (author) SAMUEL LANGLEY-SWAIN
Illustrated by HOLLY REYNOLDS

Top Pick

Owlet Press

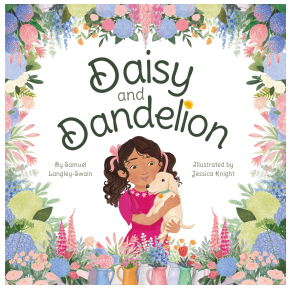
Keynote A story of hope that is designed for children and adults alike (particularly those dealing with tihng dementia) that reminds us that no matter how cold or dark a winter may be, spring is always around the corner, and as seasons change, you'll see the flowers bloom.

Key Selling Points

Poetry focus - unique, sophisticated illustration style - appeals to children and adults alike - subtle Welsh illustrative focus - can be used with children and older people in care settings.

Main Description - An open and honest poem, expressing one's struggles with mental health, written as words of encouragement, to carry on and to believe that lighter times will lie ahead. Inspired by Wordsworth's famous daffodil poem, this book is a gift to children, but also to older people, for them to look for moments of joy and hope, as even after the harshest winters, spring will always follow.

COMP TITLES



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WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Sam Langley-Swain

Established picture book author who writes from all aspects of his lived experiences as an LGBT adoptive parent who comes from a working class background.

Contributor 1 Location: South Wales

Holly Reynolds

A freelance artist and illustrator from Birmingham, now based in South Wales, producing hand painted works with atmosphere and texture.

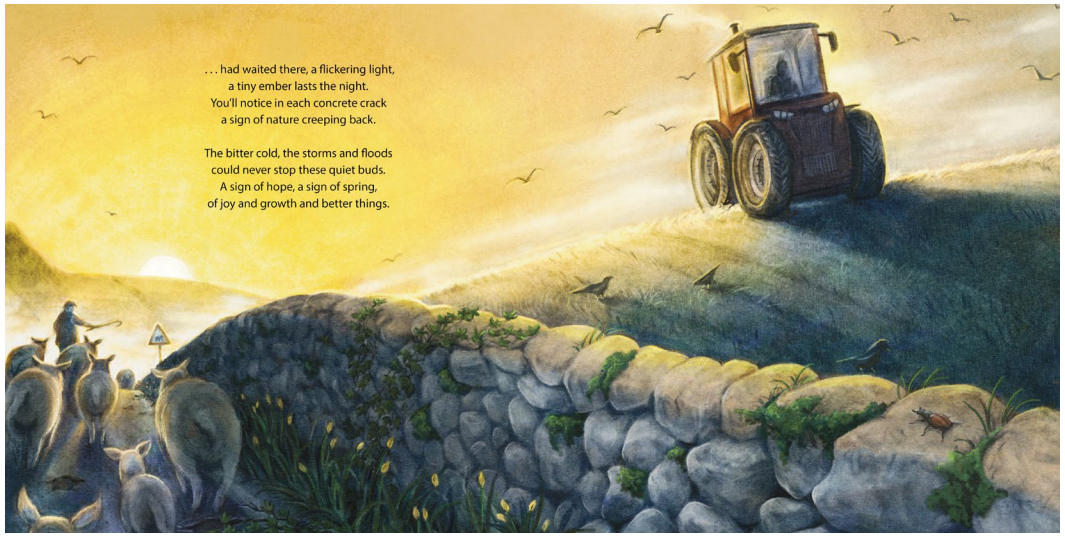
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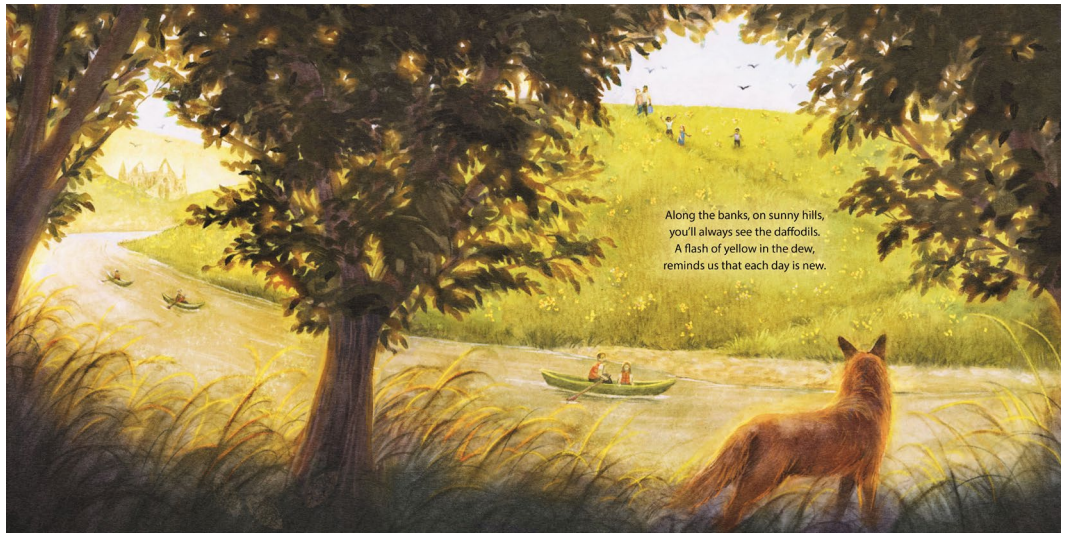
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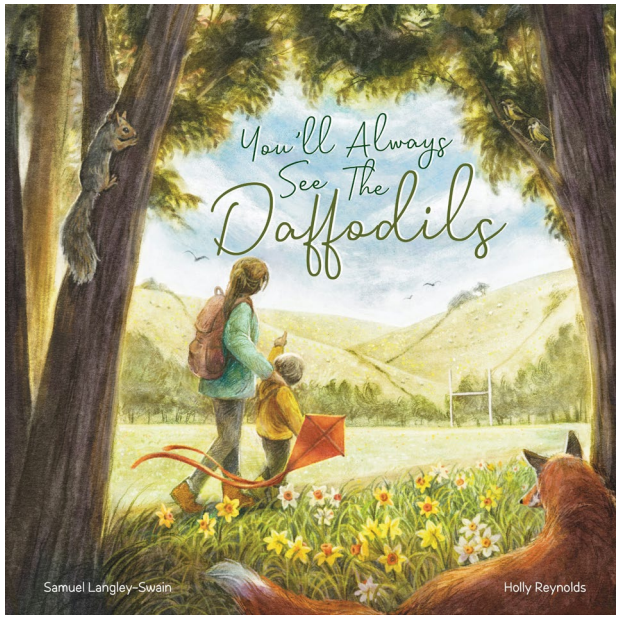

The star-filled sky shines as you rest
and count the ways that you feel blessed.
You're wrapped up warm and tucked in tight,
to welcome back the gentle night.
The moon keeps watch from up above
to fill your dreams with hope and love.


Some creatures sleep, while most birds go
to flee the frozen falling snow.
And every night grows cold and dark
when trees are only branch and bark.
And even when the snow is still,
you can't shake off the stubborn chill.


. . . had waited there, a flickering light,
a tiny ember lasts the night.
You'll notice in each concrete crack
a sign of nature creeping back.

The bitter cold, the storms and floods
could never stop these quiet buds.
A sign of hope, a sign of spring,
of joy and growth and better things.


Along the banks, on sunny hills,
you'll always see the daffodils.
A flash of yellow in the dew,
reminds us that each day is new.



Cei Weld y Cennin Pedr

By (author) SAMUEL LANGLEY-SWAIN

Illustrated by HOLLY REYNOLDS

Welsh Language Edition

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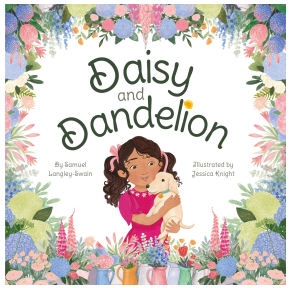
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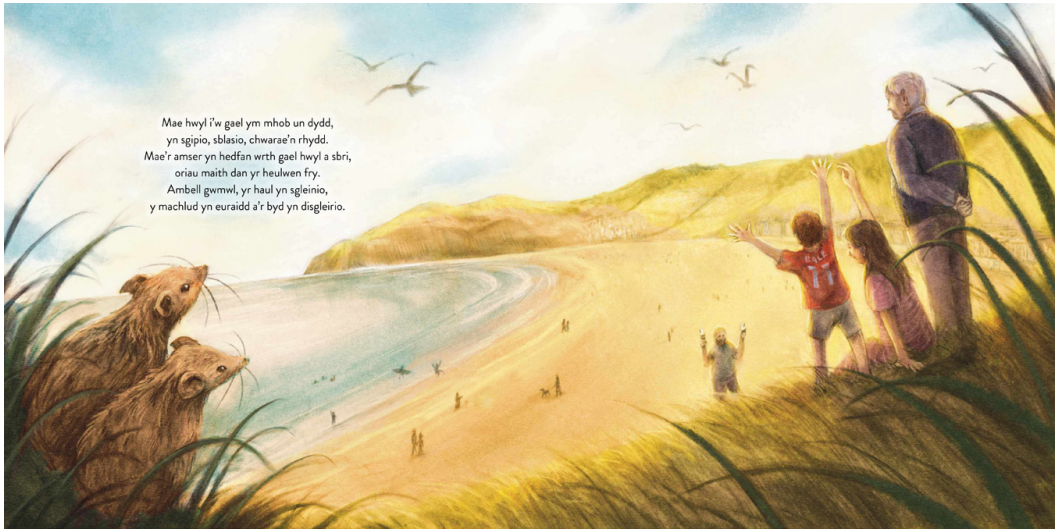
Contributor 1 Location: South Wales

Holly Reynolds

A freelance artist and illustrator from Birmingham, now based in South Wales, producing hand painted works with atmosphere and texture.

Contributor 2 Location: South Wales

Pub Date: 18.02.2027
RRP: £7.99
Format: PB
ISBN: 9781913339807
Extent: 32pp
Dimensions: 245 x 245 mm
Interest Age: 4-7
Thema: 5HRA, YXE, JUV039140
Themes: Hope, Optimism, Seasons, Spring, Wales Mental Health, Nature


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oriau maith dan yr heulwen fry.
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y machlud yn euraidd a'r byd yn disgleirio.


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a'r canghennau gwyrdd yn siglo'n dawel.



My Little Sweetheart

By (author) VICKIE INGRAM
Illustrated by FRANKIE NORMAN

Owlet Press

Keynote Words of love to help little hearts grow strong, brave, and bright, this book uniquely celebrates single mums who, with their support networks, help children to thrive.

Key Selling Points - Written by a single mum, one of the only books in the market that celebrates the love and devotion from single mums and their support networks - from the parent's point of view (rather than My Mummy is a Superhero).

Main Description

A gentle and loving book framed around shared storytime, full of hopes, wishes, and affirmations that a loved one holds for their child. It reminds every little one that they are special, strong, and loved just as they are. A keepsake to enjoy again and again — a loving reminder that every child's story is precious, powerful, and full of promise

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Vickie Ingram
A devoted single mum, this is Vickie's debut picture book, written for her daughters.
Contributor 1 Location: Australia

Frankie Normal
An illustrator and country bumpkin using pencils and paint to create soft and whimsical scenes, heavily inspired by life in the English countryside.
Contributor 2 Location: Wiltshire

Pub Date:04.02.2027
RRP: £7.99
Format: PB
ISBN: 9781913339760
Extent: 32 pp
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Themes: Love, motherhood, single mum, growing up, love, parental relationships.

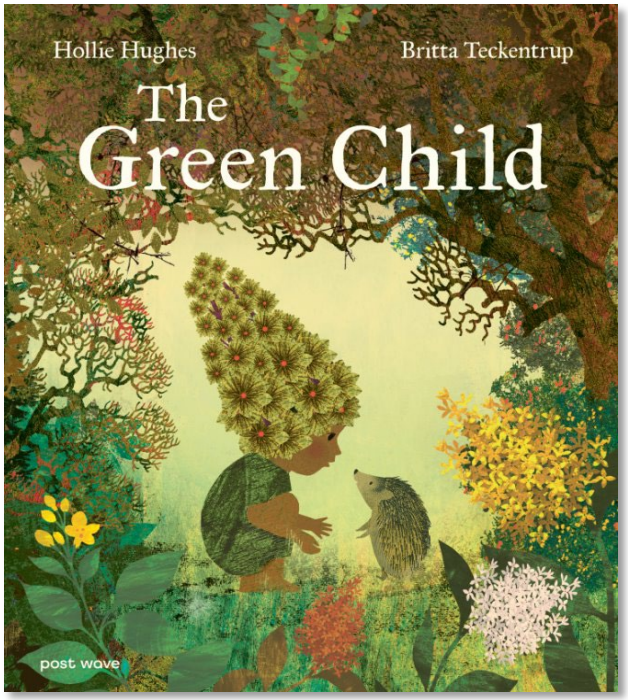
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To my little sweetheart . . .
as you grow and find your story,
these are my hopes for you.


Be curious.
Ask questions, and the world will bloom around you.


Listen to your body.
Take time to slow down and rest.
It will help you to feel
strong, happy and calm.


You are already a precious wonder,
and your story is only just beginning.
I will be here for you,
cheering you on . . .



The Green Child

By Hollie Hughes
Illustrated by Britta Teckentrup

Top Pick

post wave
children's books

A heartfelt, hopeful story about how small changes can make a big difference to our planet

Key Selling Points

- A magical modern fable, blending timeless storytelling to a timely environmental message
- Celebrates the beauty and importance of nature's changing seasons
- Encourages children to protect our planet and live in harmony with nature
- Pairs Britta's atmospheric, collage-style artwork to gentle, rhythmic text

Main Description

Told in lyrical rhyme, this timeless modern classic celebrates the cycle of the seasons, sparking curiosity about the natural world and inspiring a new generation of environmental heroes. Perfect for eco-conscious families and young nature lovers, this is a gentle reminder to respect and live in harmony with our planet.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Hollie Hughes is the author of many much-loved picture books, including the bestselling, award-winning The Girl and the Dinosaur. She runs writing workshops for children and adults and regularly takes part in literary festivals and events.

Britta Teckentrup is an award-winning illustrator and author based in **Berlin**. She's published over 80 children's books in over 20 different countries. She uses both handmade and digital techniques to create beautiful collages.

Pub Date: 25/02/2027
RRP: £8.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781836271505
Extent: 32pp
Dimensions: 285 x 245mm
Interest Age: 3-5
Thema: YBC, YXZG, YNN, YNNB4
Series: N/A
Themes:
Environment,
Nature,
Sustainability,
Empathy



She's slept all through the autumn,
on a bed of fallen leaves,

and now that winter shifts to spring,
there's rippling on the breeze.

Marketing and Publicity

The paperback outing of our Autumn 2026 super-lead title

Publicity

- Programme events with Hollie around World Book Day with schools and libraries
- Pitching for festival slots throughout the year
- Exploring options for Britta to be in the UK for window illustrations

Marketing

- Social media content schedule including content from Hollie and Britta
- An extensive range of POS available, including standees, window display cut-outs, sticker sheets, activities and teacher resources
- A fully updated suite of assets, for social media and online retail use







The Green Child

Hollie Hughes and Britta Teckentrup



Sticker Sheet



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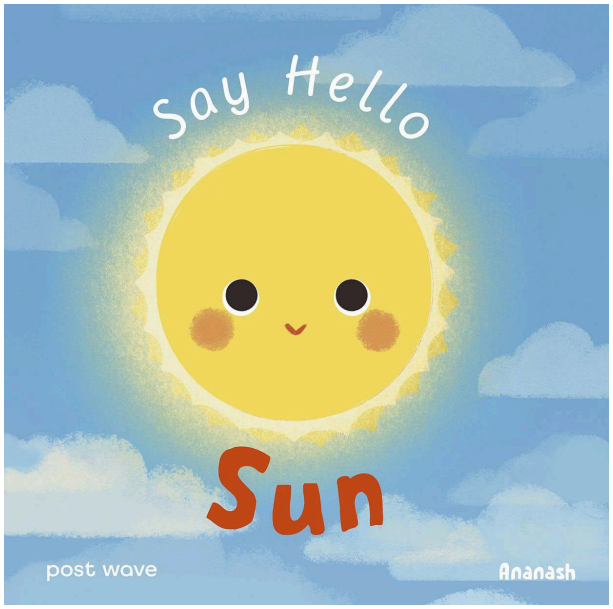


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Post Wave
PB | £8.99
25th February 2027
9781836271505







Say Hello: Sun and Moon

By Anaïs Ananash

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children's books

Blast off into the sky and discover the secrets of the Sun and Moon in this very first introduction to our solar system.

Key Selling Points

- Bright, colourful, accessible art - similar to Nicola Davies and Heidi McKinnon
- A perfect introduction to our universe for the very young
- An adorable, STEM-focused board book

Main Description

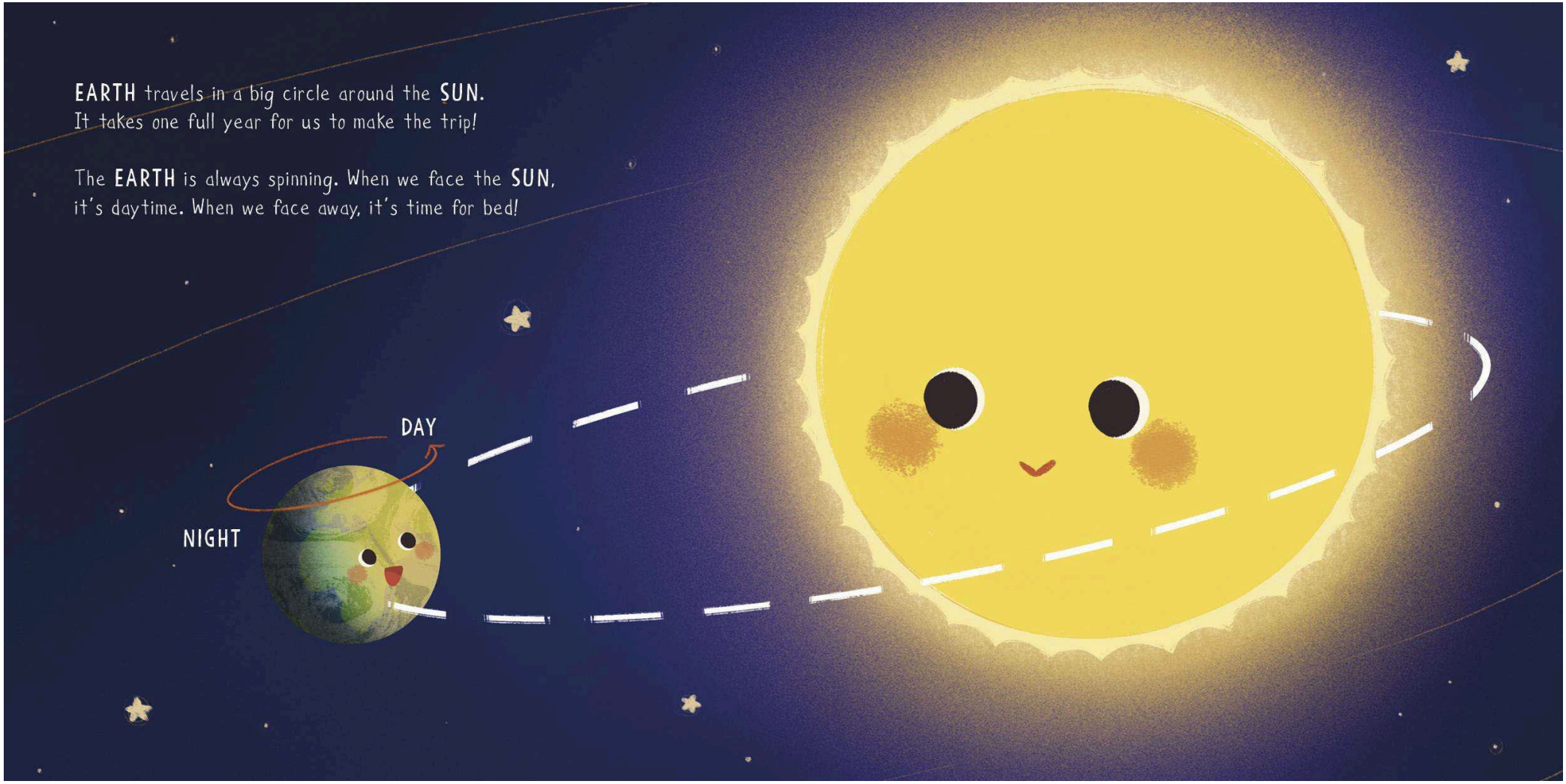
These sweet board books offer little astronomers a first foray into the world of stars and planets, starting with the brightest in our solar system and our closest celestial neighbour: the Sun and Moon. Perfect for curious minds, this is a must-have introduction to the basics of astronomy and an ideal addition to any child's young STEM library.

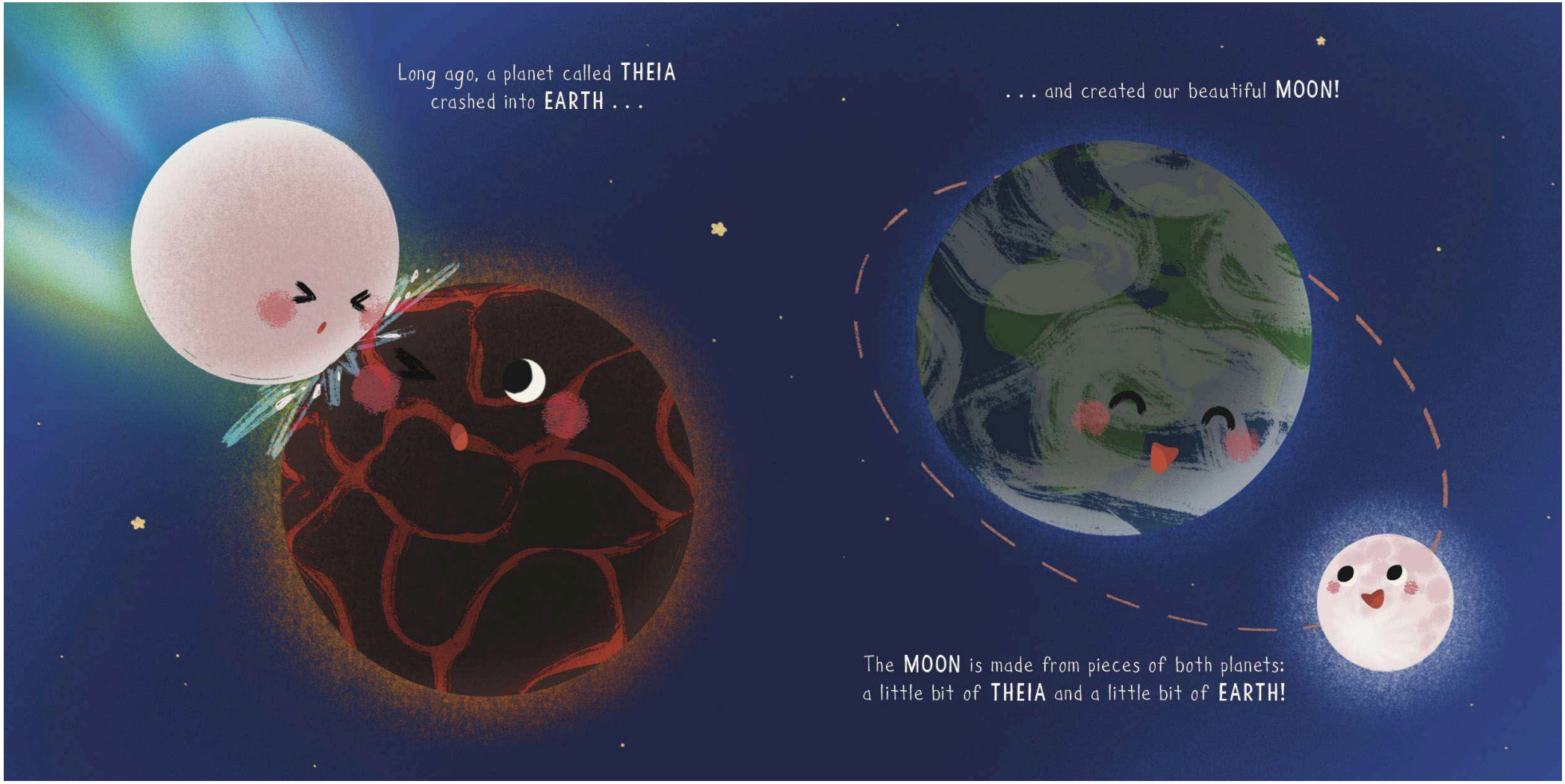
WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Anaïs Ananash is a French illustrator based in **Lyon**, specialising in children's illustration. She works primarily on books, magazines, games, and activities for children, collaborating with publishers such as Auzou and Millepages.

Pub Date: 04/02/2027
RRP: £7.99
Format: Board book
Say Hello - Sun: 9781836272250
Say Hello - Moon: 9781836272267
Extent: 16pp
Dimensions: 210 x 210mm
Interest Age: 0-3
Thema: YNT, YBCB, YBL, PG
Series: Little Astronomers
Themes: Preschool, Astronomy, First Concepts

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EARTH travels in a big circle around the SUN.
It takes one full year for us to make the trip!
The EARTH is always spinning. When we face the SUN,
it's daytime. When we face away, it's time for bed!
DAY
NIGHT


Long ago, a planet called THEIA
crashed into EARTH . . .
. . . and created our beautiful MOON!
The MOON is made from pieces of both planets:
a little bit of THEIA and a little bit of EARTH!



Little Bunny Had an Egg

post wave
children's books

By Mini Cecil
Illustrated by Alice Marrollo

Sing along to the tune of Old MacDonald Had a Farm and lift the flaps to help Little Bunny hatch eggs and discover new friends - the perfect Easter gift!

Key Selling Points

- Based on the popular nursery rhyme Old MacDonald had a Farm, but with a fun Easter theme
- With flaps to lift throughout, little ones will have fun predicting who is hiding in the egg
- Featuring chicks, penguins and even dragons!
- Lots of eggs to count!

Main Description

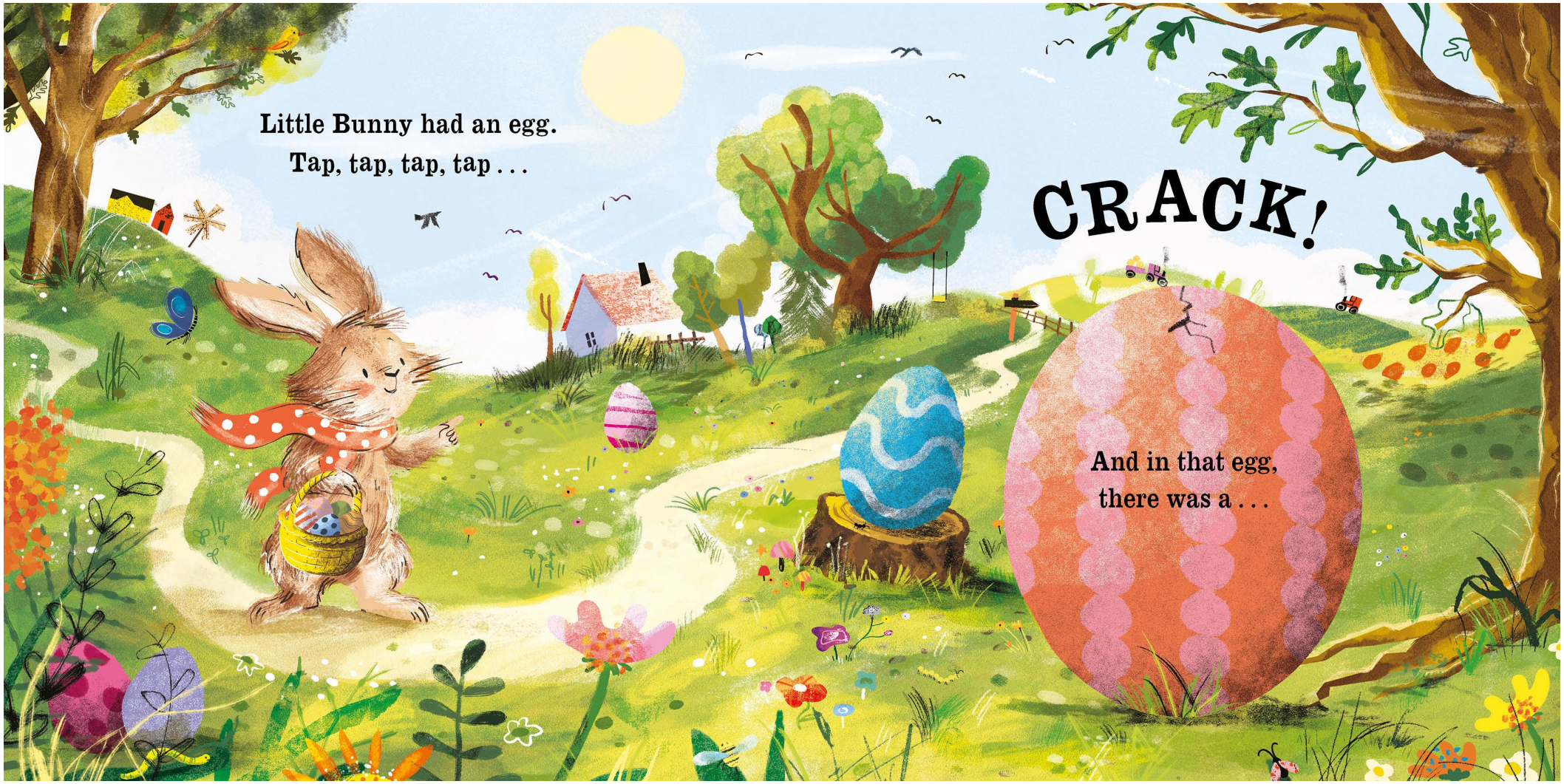
Little ones will love singing along to the tune of the much-loved nursery rhyme Old Macdonald Had a Farm as they lift the flaps to discover who is in the egg, from tiny chicks to dragons, this is the perfect gift for Easter.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

ALICE MARROLO is a self-taught Italian illustrator. Some of her earliest memories are of reading picture books in bed with her mother and memorising every word. Drawing, books and child-centred creativity are at the heart of her work. Her style is a delightful and charming symphony between traditional media and Photoshop. Alice cares deeply about the environment and enjoys collaborating with people and brands that share her commitment to sustainability. She lives in **Cape Town, South Africa** with her family.

MINI CECIL is passionate about children's books and likes nothing more than writing interactive stories that children want to return to again and again. She was brought up in a family where a love of reading and books was part of everyday life and she spent much of her formative years in the local library where her mother was the librarian. She enjoys knitting, interior design and yoga.

Pub Date: 11/02/2027
RRP: £7.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781836272410
Extent: 24pp
Dimensions: 247 x 247mm
Interest Age: 3-5
Thema: YBC, YNNJ31, YZG
Series: N/A
Themes: Easter, Animals, Humour, Sing-a-long


Little Bunny had an egg.
Tap, tap, tap, tap . . .
CRACK!
And in that egg,
there was a . . .

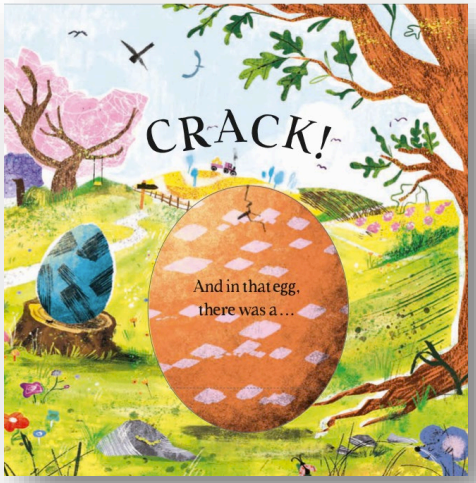
Marketing and Publicity



A new spring break-out title to crack the Easter gift market

Publicity

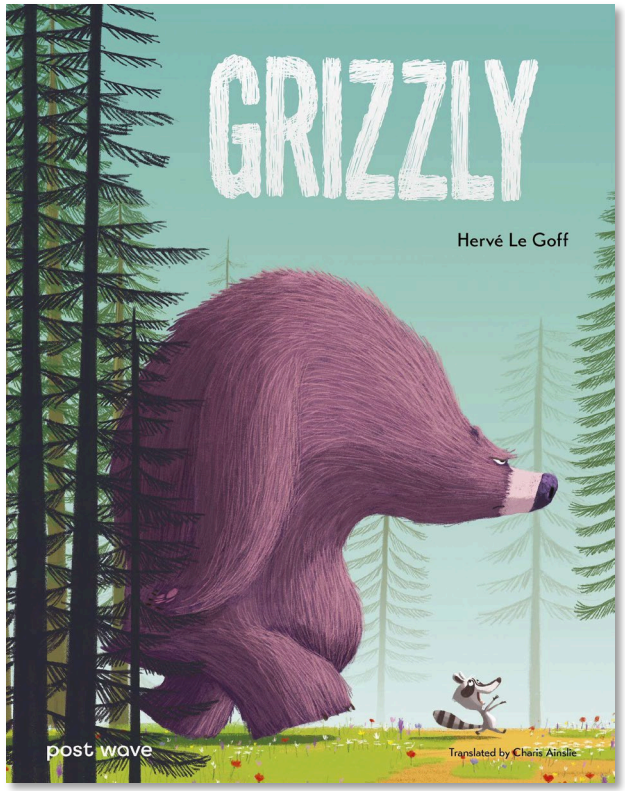
- Pitching for reviews as well as Spring and Easter gifting roundups
- Mailing to picture book and parenting content creators



Marketing

- A suite of highly commercial, eye-catching lifestyle photography and social media assets, including Easter activities
- Social media content schedule including cover reveal, content teasers and giveaways
- Pitching to family destinations and brands for Easter-related giveaway prizes
- Fully optimised for online retail, including additional images of internal spreads and digital advertising





Grizzly

Written and illustrated by Hervé Le Goff

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children's books

A humorous celebration of friendship that will make even the grizzliest grumbles smile!

Key Selling Points

- The perfect picture book for cranky little ones, prone to grumbles and stomps
- Expressive artwork and a comedic duo, reminiscent of Steve Smalls' I'm Sticking with You

Main Description

It's the perfect day for a stroll, thinks Raccoon, but this morning, his best friend Grizzly doesn't feellike doing anything . . . well, grrr, except for grumbling! Join one exuberant racoon and his grumblybest friend as they spend a day in nature, going swimming, eating berries, napping in the shade and,best of all, complaining! Grizzly loves to growl and grumble at everything Raccoon suggests but, inthe end, there's nothing he loves more than spending time with his best friend. Packed with humour,this relatable tale of grumpiness is sure to put a smile on even the grouchiest little ones.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Hervé Le Goff was born in Saint-Brieuc, **France**. A graduate of the Beaux-Arts, he spent three years at the Beaux-Arts, in both Quimper and Caen, where he obtained a Diplôme National d'Arts Plastiques. He is the creator of the successful Mamie Poule series and the Entre dans le conte series, as well as the illustrator of Boucle d'or et autres contes en musique and Le Manteau Rouge, and the illustrator of dozens of children's books.

Pub Date: 04/02/2027
RRP: £8.99
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781836272335
Extent: 32pp
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Interest Age: 3-5
Thema: YFP, YFMF, YNNJ23
Series: N/A
Themes: Friendship, Humour, Adventure

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Ahhhh!



Hurray for a New Day!

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children's books

By Ruth Doyle
Illustrated by Carolyn Gavin

From birdsong at dawn to leaves rustling in the breeze, experience the joy of a new Spring day in this vibrant book, bursting with colour and life.

Key Selling Points

- A sensory celebration of nature that encourages young children to notice the world around them
- Gentle, rhyming text makes it a perfect read-aloud choice for families to share together
- Uplifting theme of joy, renewal and new beginnings
- Beautiful watercolour artwork makes this the perfect gift
- For fans of A Year of Nature Poems by Joseph Coelho and When Spring Comes by Ekaterina Trukhan

Main Description

Wake up with the world in Hurray For A New Day!, a riotous journey through nature's morning symphony. With gentle rhyming text and vivid artwork, this enchanting picture book introduces little ones to the wonders of the natural world – awakening their senses and sparking joy with every page. This is a delightful ode to the beauty of beginnings.

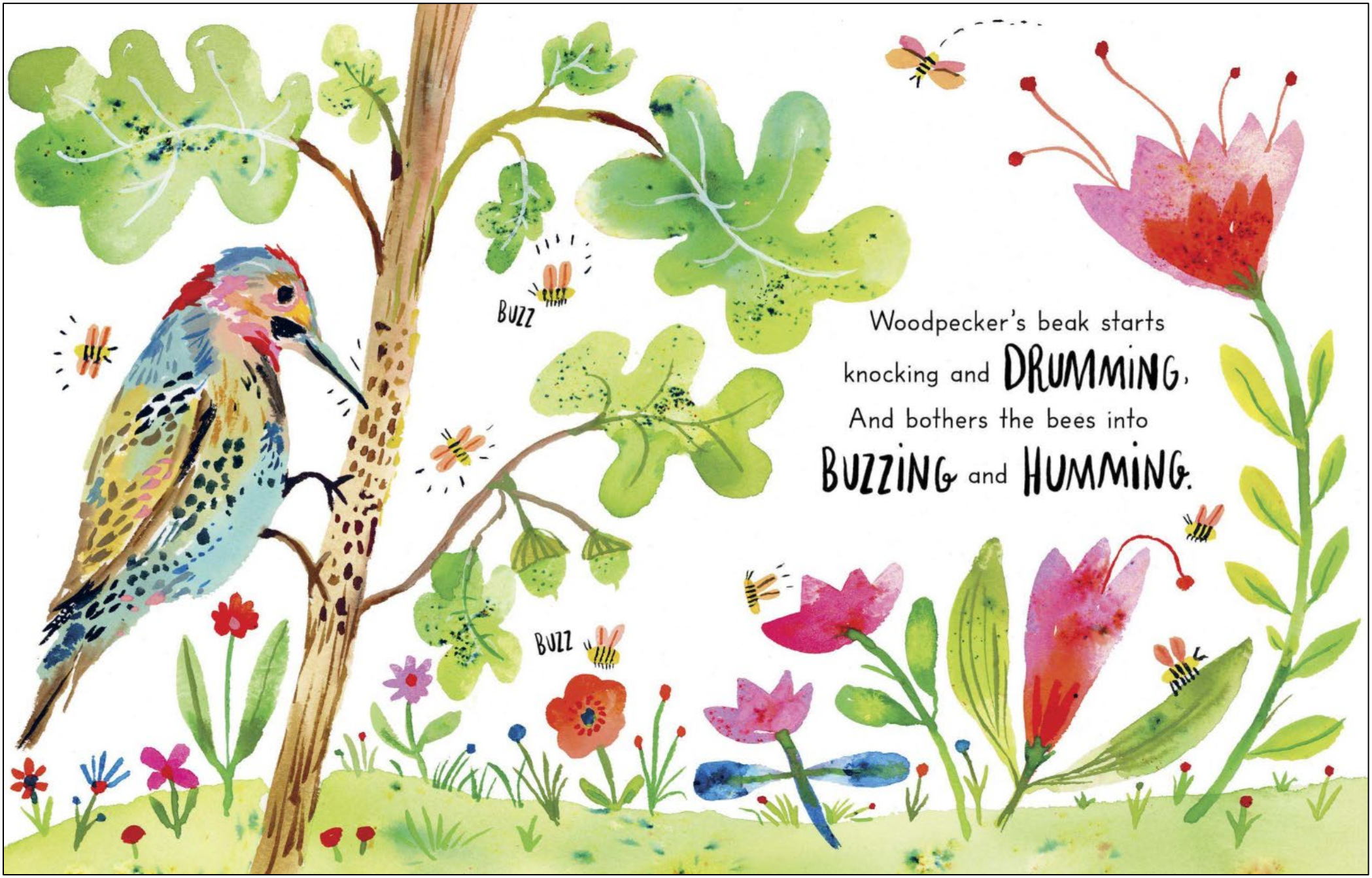
WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Ruth Doyle is a British children's author celebrated for her lyrical picture books that explore themes of empathy, mindfulness,and the natural world. Her notable works include Dreams for Our Daughters, Songs for Our Sons, A Horse Called Now, and The Special Gift. Before pursuing writing, Ruth trained as a nurse and studied social care to deepen her understanding of people from all walks of life. She resides on a micro-farm in **Kent**, **England**.

Carolyn Gavin is a **Toronto**-based painter, illustrator and designer, known for her vibrant, expressive artwork inspired by nature, travel and everyday beauty. As principal designer for Ecojot (an eco-friendly paper brand), she also licenses her work for textiles, packaging, homeware and books. Originally from South Africa, Carolyn now lives in **Canada**, where she teaches online and runs sought-after painting retreats around the world.

Pub Date: 25/02/2027
RRP: £12.99
Format: Hardback
ISBN: 9781836271437
Extent: 32pp
Dimensions: 300 x 235mm
Interest Age: 3-5
Thema: YDP, YNN, YNNB, YNNT
Series: N/A
Themes:
Nature,
Poetry,
Animals

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BUZZ
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Woodpecker's beak starts
knocking and DRUMMING,
And bothers the bees into
BUZZING and HUMMING.



Queenie Takes a Chance

By Flynn Mayan Gaisie

Scallywag Press

A feisty street cat finds a loving home in this bold, theatrical debut

Key Selling Points

- Feelings: suspense (hope and fear), learning to trust, love, empathy, kindness
- Humorous: who ends up being the pet of whom?
- Empowering: Queenie is her own boss
- Theatrical, bold art: blocky and bright with action spilling off the pages
- Textured lamination and embossing on this stand-out cover

Main Description

Queenie has no owner – she is a feisty and independent street cat. But one day she is chased by the neighbourhood dogs, and cannot get away. So she takes her chance when Mr Domingo opens his door – and she ends up with both a safe home and a loving owner – or does Mr Domingo become her pet?

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

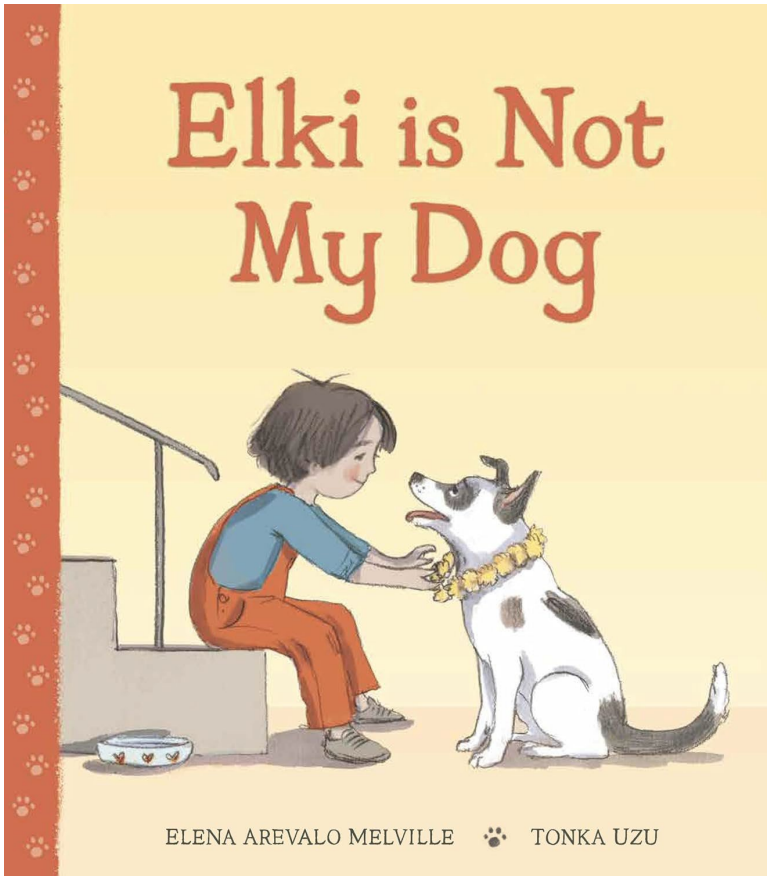
FLYNN MAYAN GAISIE
is originally from Cape Town, South Africa. Flynn completed his BA (Hons) in Graphics and Illustration at Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts in 2024, winning the New Designer's award 2024. *Queenie Takes a Chance* is his debut picture book.

Author/Illustrator Location: Cambridge

Pub Date: 4 Feb 2027
RRP: £12.99
Format: HB
ISBN: 978-1-83630-063-2
Extent: 32pp
Dimensions: 216 x 279mm
Interest Age: 3-6
Thema: YBCS,YNNH2, YXJH,YXEY,YXEL
Themes: Empathy, Relationships, independence, Homelessness

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She knows what it's like to be chased . . .
'Woof!' up one street, 'Yap!' down the next.



Elki is Not My Dog

By Elena Arevalo Melville and Tonka Uzu

Scallywag Press

When a small group of children befriend a stray dog, the entire community is inspired to become involved.

Key Selling Points

- **Empathy in action**: teaches children that one act of kindness can change the attitude of other people!
- **Empowering**: the children use their agency to change the status quo.
- **Good citizenship**: shows that caring is everyone's responsibility.
- **Award-nominated:** shortlisted and highly commended for TEY Award 2024, Read for Empathy Collection 2025 and Carnegie Medal for Illustration 2025

Main Description

Elki does not have a home – she is a stray dog who finds kindness in the company of a little group of children. They play together during the day, but Elki must stay alone outside every night because dogs are not allowed in their block of flats. One day Elki disappears and is found injured. Who will look after her and how?

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

ELENA AREVALO MELVILLE is originally from Guatemala and now lives in Cambridge. Elena is the author and illustrator of the prize-winning picture book *Umbrella*.

TONKA UZU was born and raised in Sofia, Bulgaria and lives in Cambridge. Her book *Olga and Olaf in Spiaggia* was a finalist in the Nati per Leggere Award 2020.

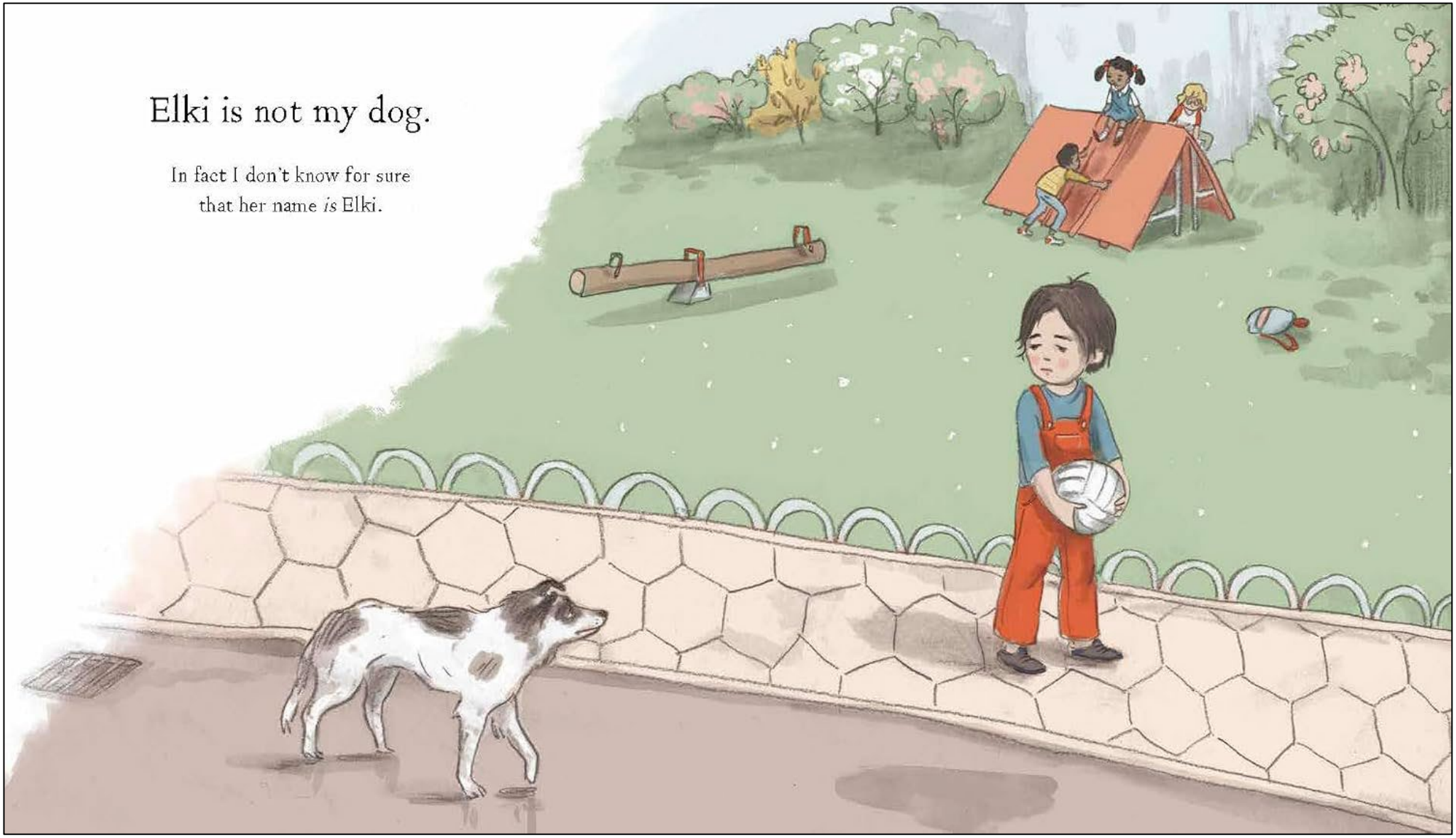
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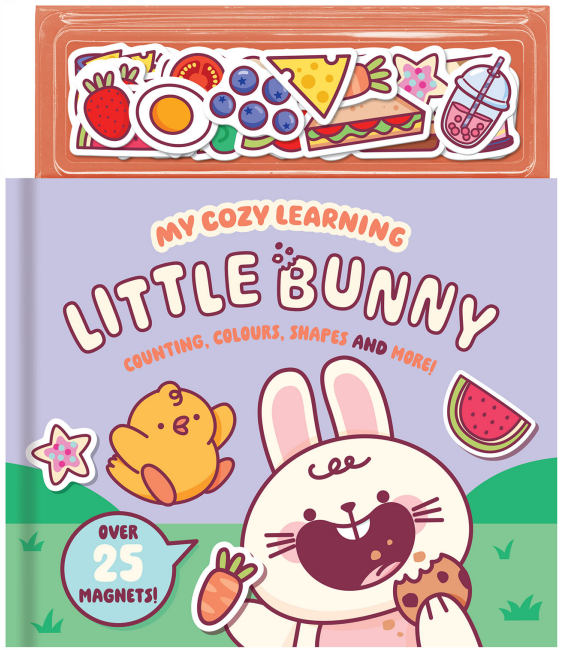
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Elki is not my dog.

In fact I don't know for sure
that her name *is* Elki.





My Cozy Learning: Little Bunny

By Robyn Gale

Illustrated by Aimi Akari

Hop into a world of magnetic learning fun!

Children can explore, count, match colours and spot shapes while placing magnets, turning early learning into playful discovery.

30 magnetic pieces keep little hands busy, develop fine motor skills, and encourage independent, creative play.

Discover a world of learning and creativity with this interactive magnetic book. Young readers can explore, count, match colours, identify shapes and follow simple instructions while placing magnets to complete each page. Designed for little hands, it encourages imagination, early learning skills and independent play with calm, cosy storytelling.

COMP TITLES



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Board Book | £7.99



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Board Book | £7.99

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Robyn Gale
After living in Australia for most of her early years, Robyn Gale trained to become a primary school teacher and spent five years teaching down under before making the move to the UK. Her approach is simple - if content is engaging and visually stimulating, its educational worth and ability to inspire increases!

Aimi Akari
Aimi Akari specialises in illustrating children's activity books full of immersive worlds and the engaging animal characters that inhabit them. Her illustrations have a charming simplicity which is strongly underpinned by her depth of thought and consideration for how young readers will interact with the content on every page. In her own 'real' life, Aimi is a collector of retro toys which fill her home.

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RRP: £7.99
Format: Board Book
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Extent: 10pp
Dimensions: 240 x 206 mm
Interest Age: 3 to 5
Thema: YBLA
Series: Magnetic Play & Learn
Themes: Early Learning

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Little Bunny loves sweet treats at the ice cream shop.



Add a treat with yellow, blue and pink ice cream.
Which colours does Puppy have? Which colours does Panda have?

Add pink jelly beans, a red cherry and a brown wafer to Little Bunny's ice cream sundae.



Which treat would you choose?

My Cozy Learning: Little Panda

By Robyn Gale

Illustrated by Aimi Akari



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The **animal friends** play with **toys** in the **toy shop.**

Add **2 pink** bunnies for Mouse and Panda to play with.
Add **1 blue** bunny and **1 green** frog on the shelf.

Fill Little Panda's **arms** with more super-soft **cuddly toys.**



Get Dressed, Cat! - Dressing Up for Super Sports

By Robyn Gale
Illustrated by Holly Giblin

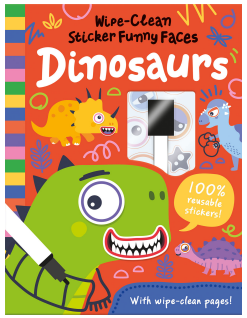
Sticker dressing up and colouring is excellent for developing hand-eye co-ordination and fine motor skills in children age 3 and up.

Features 12 sports scenes to complete by dressing up Cat in each one.

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Help Cat to dress up for super sports with stickers and colouring for children age 3 and up. Use the big stickers to dress Cat in outfits including a runner, a footballer, a swimmer, a skateboarder, a boxer, a tennis player, a basketball player and more. The colouring pictures include outfits to complete by matching the colour guide on each page.

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Cat wants to be an **American footballer**. Can you find the stickers and help Cat dress up?



Find 1 strong helmet.



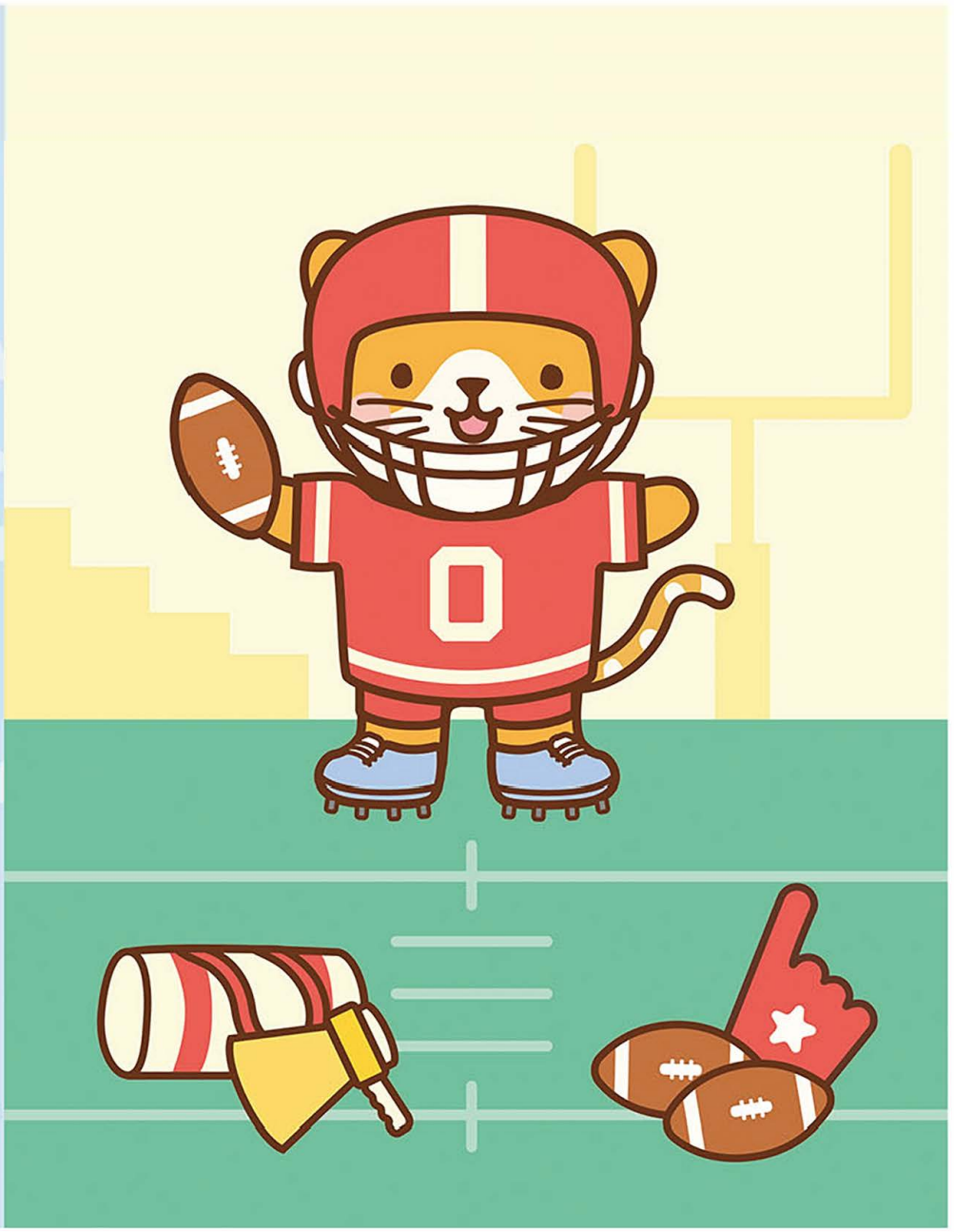
Find 1 padded top with shorts.



Find 2 blue football shoes.

Find 1 American football.







Get Dressed, Dog! - Dressing Up for Make-Believe

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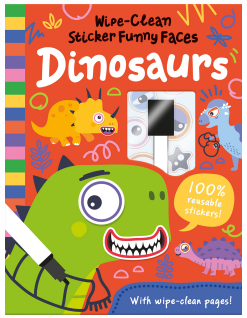
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Features 12 make-believe scenes to complete by dressing up Dog in each one.

Includes 11 pictures with outfits to colour in following the helpful little colour guide for colour-matching.

Help Dog to dress up for make-believe with stickers and colouring for children age 3 and up. Use the big stickers to dress Dog in outfits including a pirate, a dinosaur, a dancer, a wizard, a king, a detective, a cowboy, a rock star and more. The colouring pictures include outfits to complete by matching the colour guide on each page.

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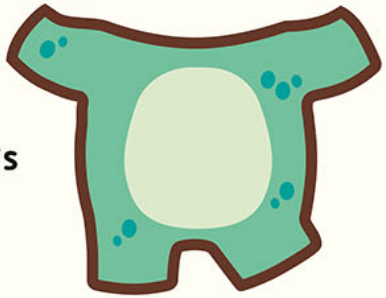
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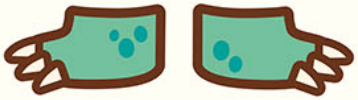
Dog wants to be a **dinosaur**. Can you find the stickers and help Dog dress up?



Find 1 dinosaur's head.



Find 1 dinosaur's body.



Find 2 dinosaur's feet.

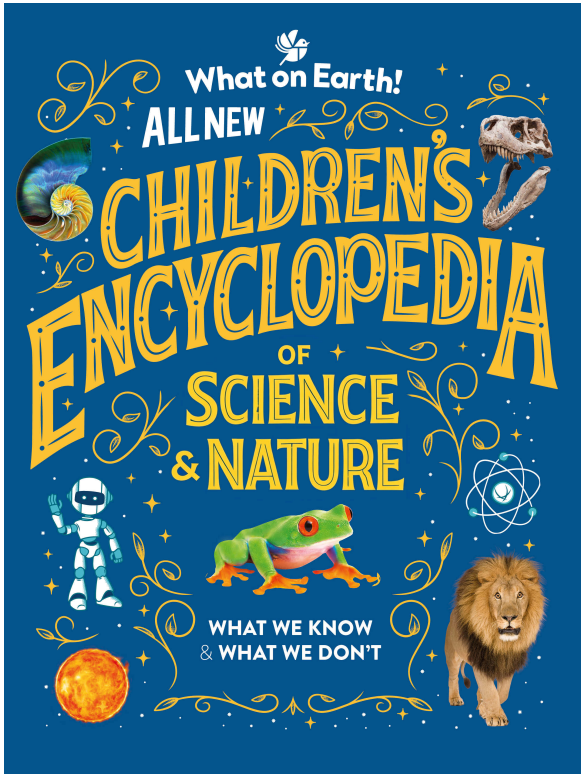


Find 2 bones for dinner.









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THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAM

Shortly after 600, the Prophet Muhammad preached a new faith, Islam, in Arabia. After Muhammad's death in 632, Islam spread both west and east, from Spain to India, with Muslims growing massively in numbers. The most important Muslim dynasty was the Abbasid dynasty, lasting from 750 to 1258. Known as the Golden Age of Islam, this period saw major advances and innovations in mathematics, philosophy, the sciences, medicine and literature.



The world of Islam

In 750, the Islamic world stretched from Spain to Persia. The Abbasids' capital, the great new city of Baghdad, became a centre of learning. People of all faiths, languages and backgrounds went there and fashioned a new culture. Baghdad was the cultural centre of Islam until its destruction by the Mongols in 1258.



Mechanical mastery

The Muslim inventor al-Jazari wrote *The Book of Knowledge of Ingenious Mechanical Devices* in the 1200s. He is known for creating fantastical machines. One of the most detailed was an elephant clock. A mahout (keeper) rides an elephant that supports a tower containing a scribe, a dragon and a falconer. Every half hour a mechanism inside the elephant – driven by water – sets different parts in motion.

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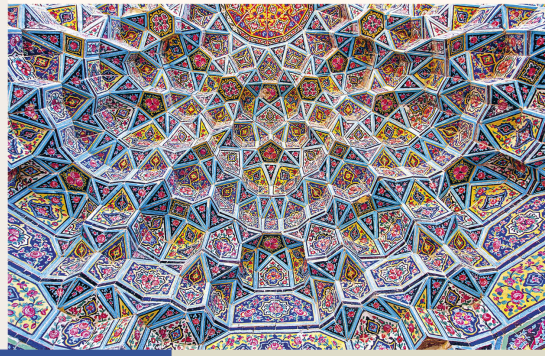


Islamic books

The Qur'ān is the sacred text of Islam. Above are two pages from a Qur'ān from the 800s. During this period, Abbasid patronage of the 'House of Wisdom' in Baghdad brought many Greek, Persian and other texts into Arabic and led to the development of sciences under Islam. Arabic became the main language from Spain eastwards to Iraq.

Beautiful patterns

Islamic art is not allowed to show the faces of living beings. Islam avoids representations of the human form. Because of this, buildings such as mosques are decorated with intricate patterns. They reflect plants and flowers, or have geometric designs inspired by the mathematical discoveries of the Golden Age.



Innovators of the Muslim Golden Age

LISTIFIED.

Many of the greatest scholars of the Islamic Golden Age are now considered founding fathers of entire fields of study.

1. Jabir ibn Hayyan (about 721–815) Many scientific works, especially in chemistry, are attached to this figure.

2. Al-Khwarizmi (about 780–850) This astronomer and mathematician from Baghdad invented algebra. The English word algebra comes from his name.

3. Al-Kindi (about 800–870) Hailed as the 'philosopher of the Arabs', he wrote around 250 works. He also helped introduce Indian numerals to the Middle East, from where they spread to Europe.

4. Al-Sufi (903–986) Al-Sufi recorded the first sighting of the Andromeda Galaxy. In about 964 CE, he published a key book on astronomy called *The Book of Fixed Stars*.

5. Ibn al-Haytham (about 965–1040) Known in the West as Alhazen, he wrote more than 100 works on science, mathematics and philosophy. His *Book of Optics* explained how we see things using light.

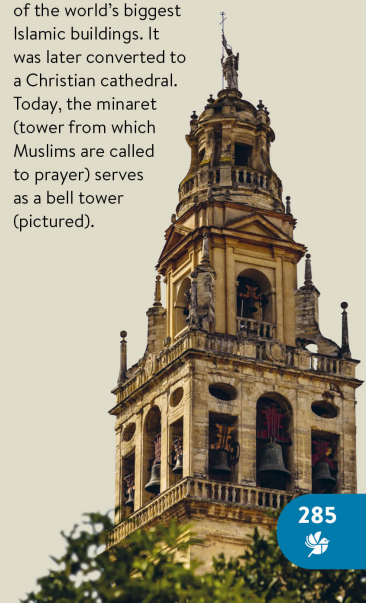
6. Ibn Sina (about 980–1037) Known in the West as Avicenna, he was the most influential Islamic scientist-philosopher. He wrote a medical textbook that was translated into Latin and studied for centuries.



Illustration from al-Sufi's *The Book of Fixed Stars* showing Argo Navis, a constellation shown as a ship

Al-Andalus

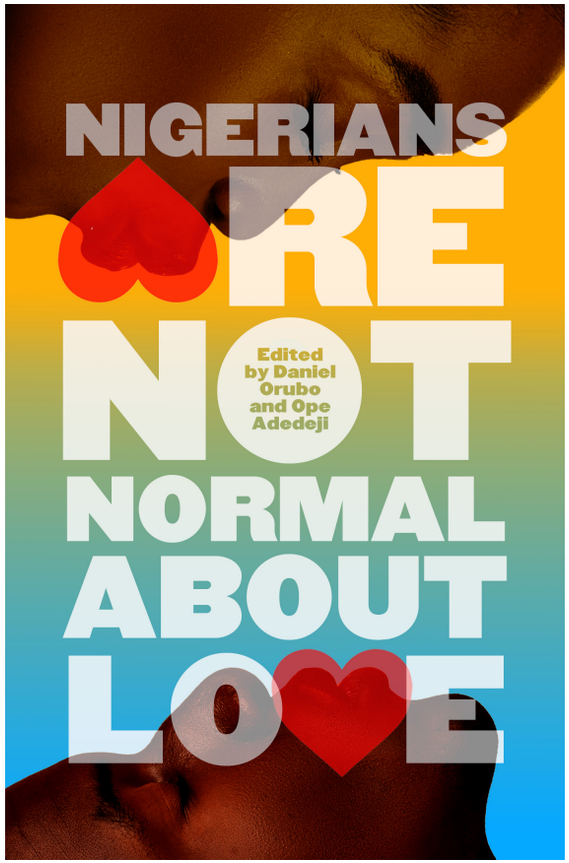
From 711 until the 1200s, much of Spain was under Islamic rule. In 756, the Muslim ruler Abd al-Rahman made Córdoba his capital. As the centre of a powerful state, it became well known for its trade and culture. Its Great Mosque was one of the world's biggest Islamic buildings. It was later converted to a Christian cathedral. Today, the minaret (tower from which Muslims are called to prayer) serves as a bell tower (pictured).



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Nigerians Are Not Normal About Love

By Ope Adedeji and Daniel Orubo

Eleven Nigerian love stories. Nobody gets out unscathed.

Key Selling Points

- An original anthology based on real love stories from Zikoko's cult-favourite *Love Life* series
- Reimagined by ten of Nigeria's most exciting contemporary writers
- Explores romance, heartbreak, marriage, situationships and family expectations
- Perfect for readers of Bolu Babalola's *Love in Colour*

Main Description

For years, Zikoko's hugely popular *Love Life* series has asked Nigerians to tell the truth about their relationships. Now, some of Nigeria's most exciting contemporary writers transform those real-life stories into fiction, going beyond the interviews to explore what it actually feels like to fall in love, fall apart and begin again. Unapologetically Nigerian and universally relatable, this is a collection about what love costs us, and why we keep choosing it anyway.

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

Ope Adedeji is a Nigerian editor and writer whose work spans publishing, media and technology. A 2022 Miles Morland Scholar and recipient of the 2021 UEA Booker Prize Scholarship, her fiction has been recognised by the Brittle Paper Prize for Fiction and the U.S. National Magazine Awards.

Daniel Orubo is a Nigerian editor, writer and content strategist. He is Editor-in-Chief at Zikoko and has previously led editorial teams at PiggyVest and Konbini Nigeria. He edited Feel Good, an anthology celebrating queer Nigerian joy, and directed the award-winning animated short *Hanky Panky*. His work has been recognised by the Webby Awards and The Future Awards Africa.

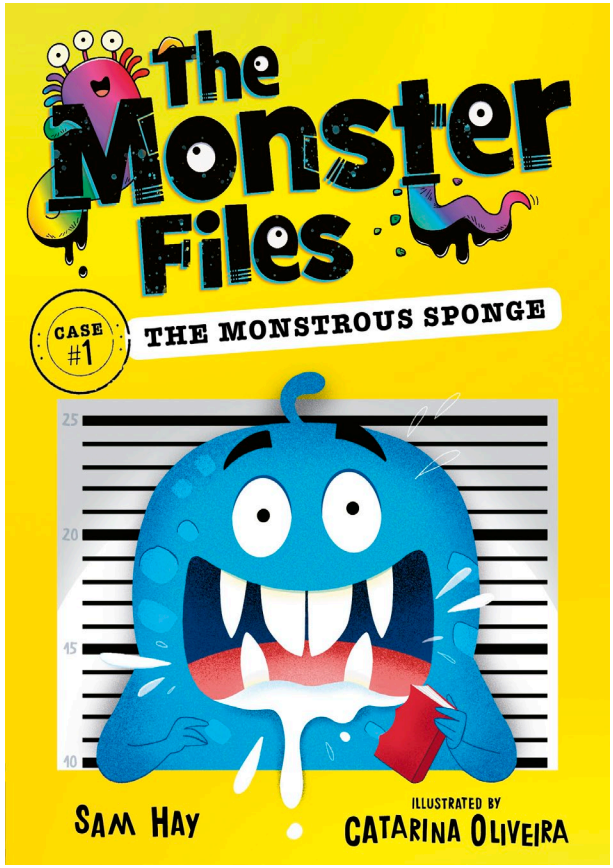
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The Monster Files: The Monstrous Sponge

Top Pick

X-Files meets Ghostbusters with a splash of Captain Underpants in a hilarious new illustrated series from Sam Hay.

Monsters in the school toilets?! Uh-oh!

When Mia, Noah and Lucas follow a trail of puddles from the school toilets and discover a soggy sponge creature in the library, they're certain it's an extra-terrestrial. Their headteacher, Ms Dangle, wants to keep the alien visitor a secret - can the trio catch it and flush it away before anyone finds out?

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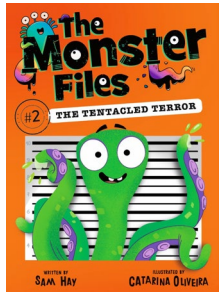
- Perfect for children ready to begin reading independently!
- With simple language and comic two-colour illustrations – ideal for reluctant readers.
- Hilarious chapter book certain to get children laughing!

Marketing and PR:

- Significant digital advertising to launch.
- Early finished copies for key influencers and booksellers.
- Extensive mailings to YLG, SLA and FCBG.
- POS to include posters and bookmarks.

Sam Hay grew up in Scotland. A former journalist, she has written several children's books including *Billy Angel* and *Bumble the Brave Kitten*.

Catarina Oliveira is a professional illustrator and graphic designer. She loves working on Children's books, but also illustrates gift products.



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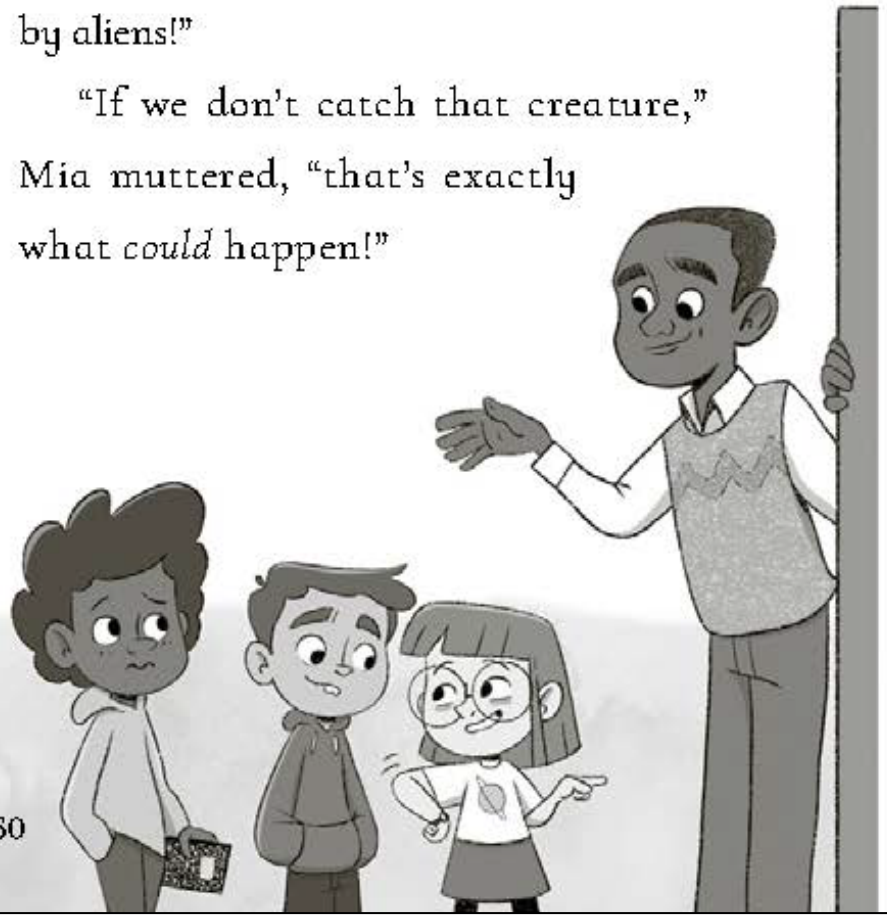
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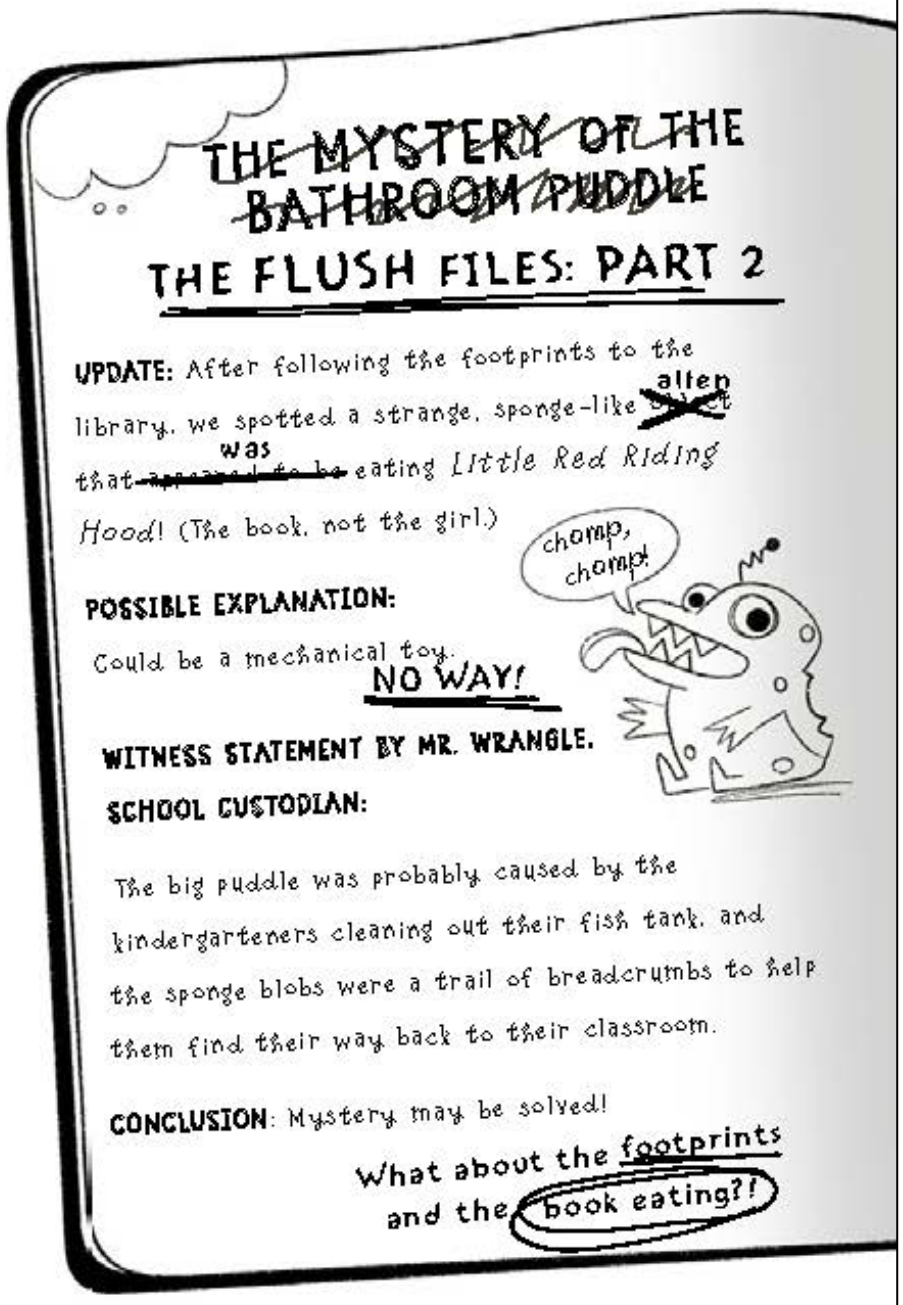
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Before Noah could answer, the door to their classroom opened and—

"There you are!" said Mr. Sharp. "I was beginning to think you'd been abducted by aliens!"

"If we don't catch that creature," Mia muttered, "that's exactly what *could* happen!"







Bunny Goes Boing!

Bunny goes looking for a snack.
Bunny goes underground.
Bunny goes BOING!

Five baby animals are waiting to make little ones giggle in this young and chunky board book.

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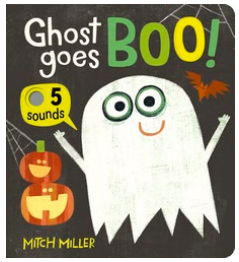
- A springtime book for the very young, with **five different sounds**, **membrane (press-age) technology and lower price point** than is often seen for sound books.
- The third book in **a humorous series** that can work across seasonal and non-seasonal topics.
- **Quirky art**, **text** and **noises**.

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

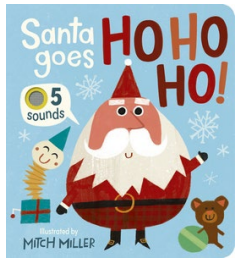
Mitch Miller is is an illustrator and visual development artist based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The energy and storytelling of animation is something Mitch tries to bring into all of his work, marrying that with his unique shape-based style.

Written by Becky Davies
Illustrated by Mitch Miller

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Caterpillar goes into a cocoon . . .



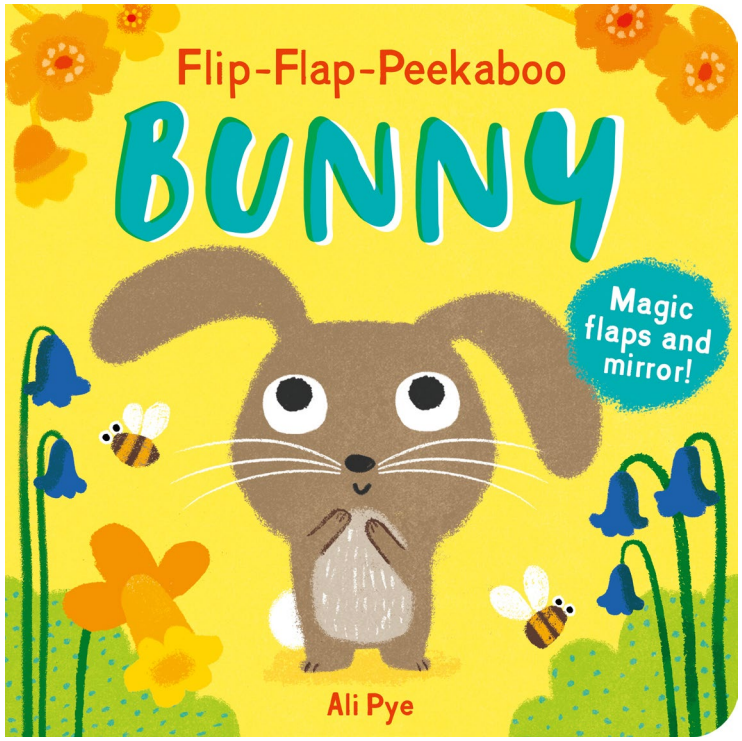
and comes out as Butterfly!



Butterfly goes from flower to flower.

Butterfly goes Flutter, Flutter!





Flip-Flap-Peekaboo: Bunny

Meet some adorable springtime animals in this peek-a-boo flap book where nothing is quite as it seems . . .

Each flap can be opened TWO ways to reveal TWO very different outcomes!

Sales points:

- Exciting, innovative new format featuring large flaps that open in two directions. Little ones will love the suspense - which way will they open the flaps and what will they find?
- Features an extra twist in the form of a surprise mirror hidden under one of the flaps at the end of the book.
- Beginning of a new interactive series with plans for a third book underway (topic TBC) ad countless themes to build on.

Illustrated by Ali Pye

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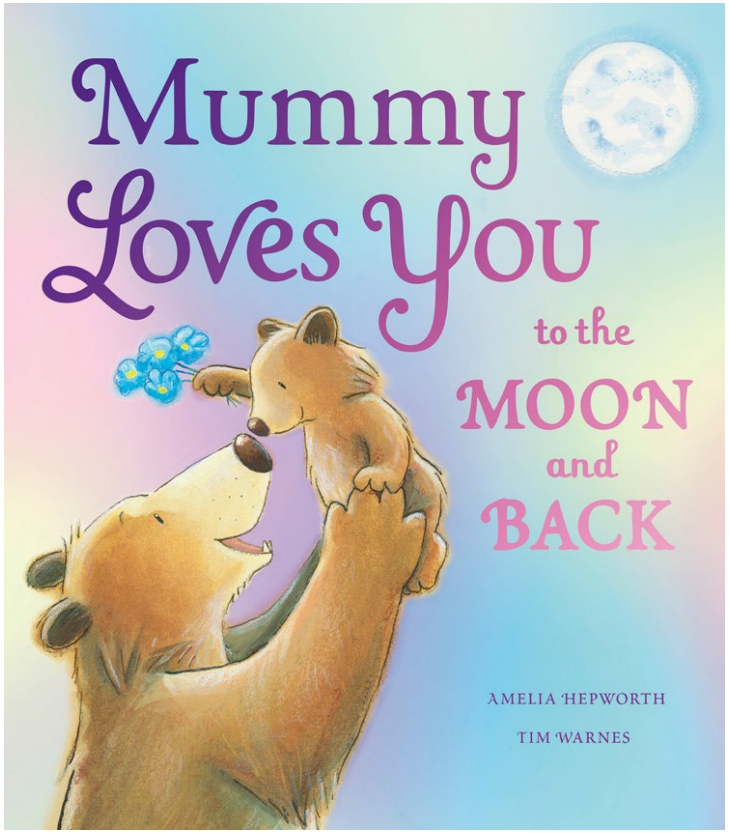
Ali Pye studied at Central St Martins and later took an MA in Illustration at Kingston University. The first picture book Ali illustrated was *Where is Fred?* by Edward Hardy. She lives in South-West London with her husband and two children.



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Down in the
snug, snug
burrow...
Bunny
is sheltering
cosily.



Mummy Loves You to the Moon and Back

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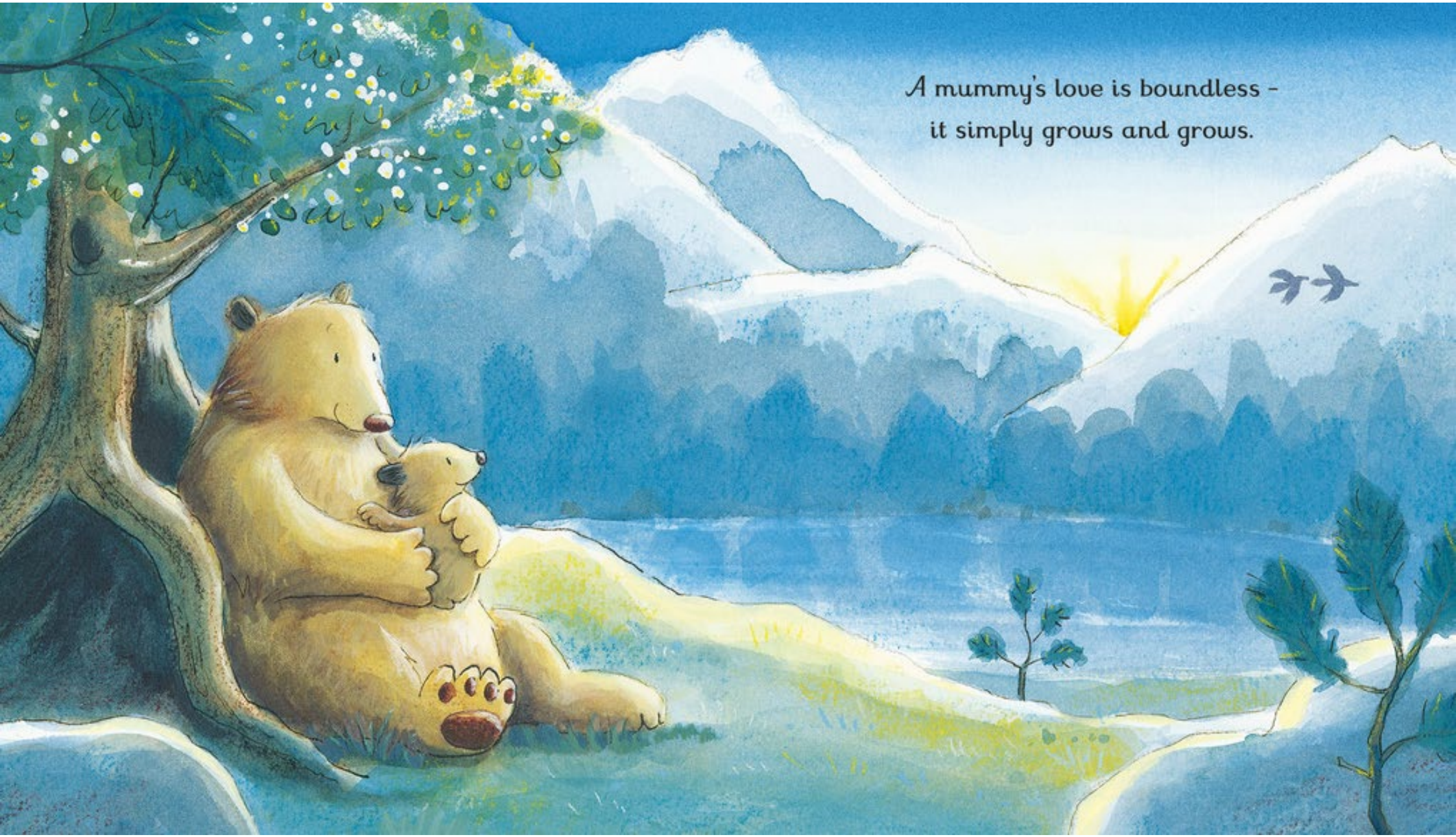
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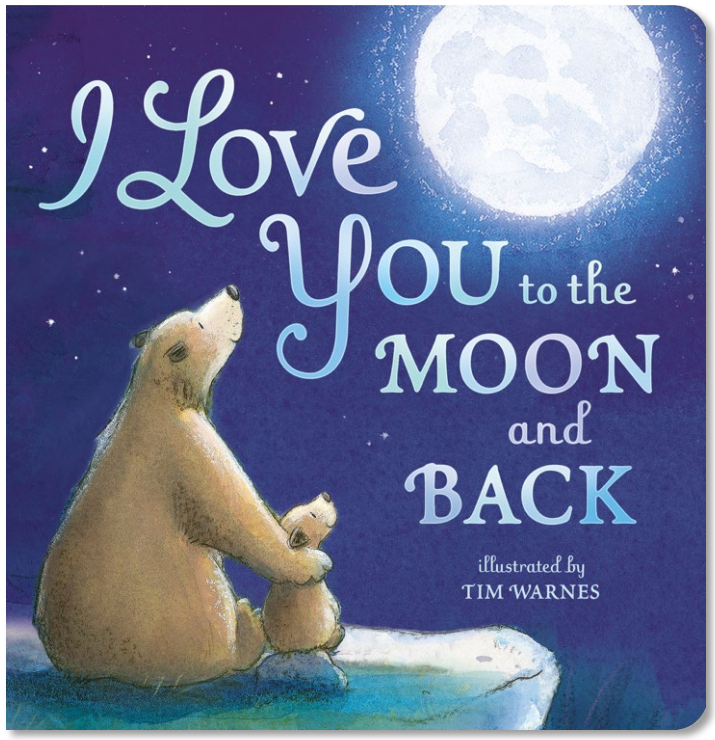
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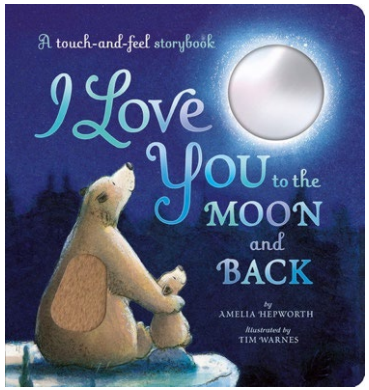
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A mummy's love is boundless –
it simply grows and grows.

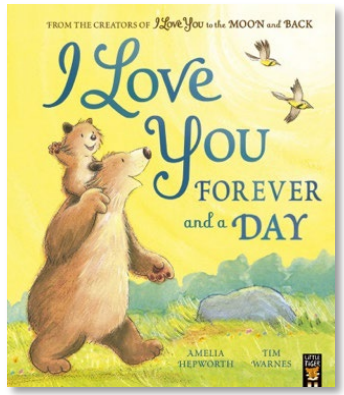
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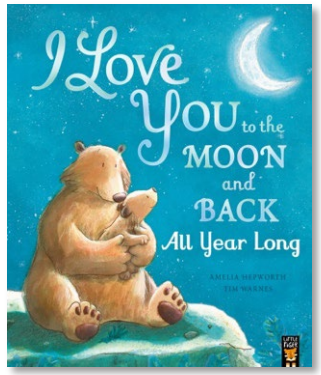
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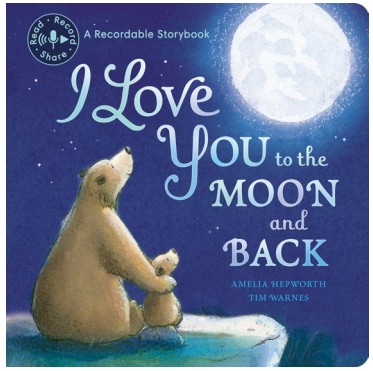
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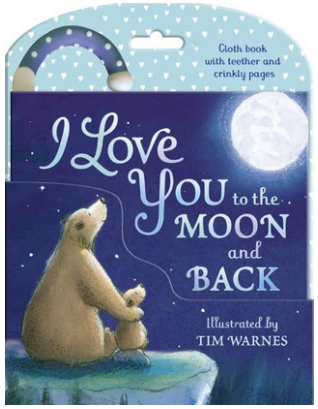
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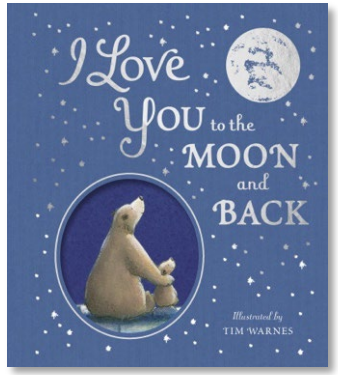
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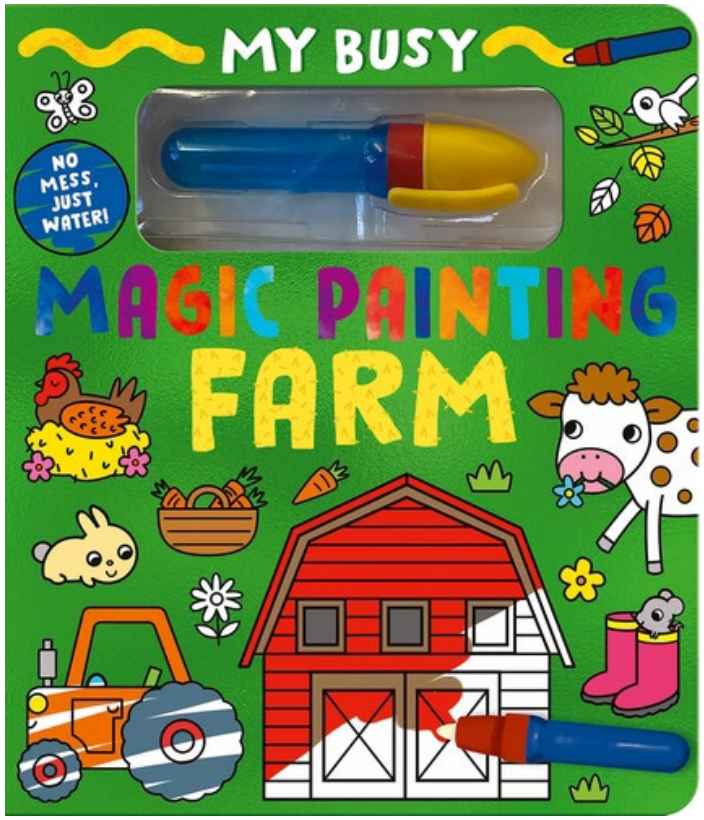


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Lifetime sales of legacy brand ***I Love You To The Moon And Back*** exceed **200k** units in the UK, worth over **£800k**, across all formats. Worldwide sales are over 7 million.

In the US, over **3.8 million** copies have been sold to date — with Walmart and Target accounting for nearly **1 million copies**, representing **25% of total sales**.

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My Busy Magic Painting: Farm

Magic painting is mess-free painting in this chunky board book! Use the refillable chunky water pen to draw over the black and white images to magically TRANSFORM them into full colour.

It's a beautiful day on the farm! The farmer drives the noisy tractor, off to see the cows munching happily in the field. Reveal the familiar farmyard characters by only adding water!

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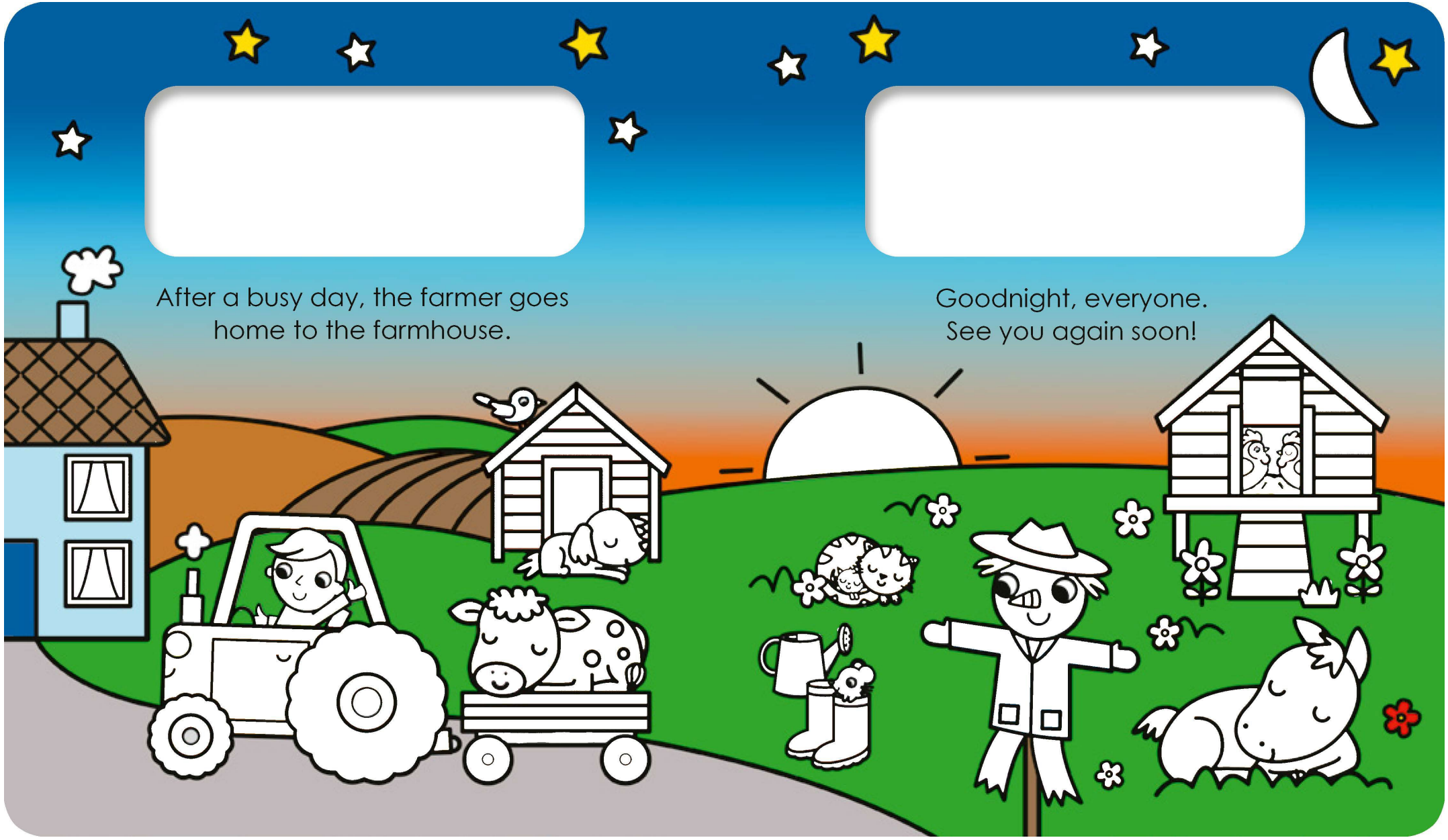
- Mess free painting that children - and their parents - will love.
- Black and white farm scenes magically come to life in full colour by simply adding water with the refillable chunky pen for hours of creative fun.
- Featuring Cathy Hughes' bold illustrations, this chunky board book is perfect for little hands.
- Once the page dries, the colour disappears, so the book can re-used again and again.

Cathy Hughes has written a variety of books primarily aimed at young readers and early learners. Her works include educational and activity books. These books are designed to engage children in learning through interactive activities, coloring, and exploration.

By Cathy Hughes

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After a busy day, the farmer goes home to the farmhouse.
Goodnight, everyone. See you again soon!



Written by Patricia Hegarty
Illustrated by Katie Wood

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Pub Date:	4 February 2027
Price:	£14.99
Format:	CBB
Age:	3 to 6
Dims:	250 x 210mm
Extent:	10 pp.

Easter Journey

We're all going on an Easter egg hunt!

Turn the pages of this beautiful layered book to discover a range of Easter scenes and join the search for the Easter eggs hidden on each spread.

Lyrical, rhyming text by Patricia Hegarty is paired with beautiful illustrations by Katie Wood to capture the magic of Easter, while intricately layered pop-ups create whimsical and atmospheric spring scenes. Hidden Easter eggs add to the fun, whilst also encouraging children's development and independent engagement.

Sales points:

- Die-cut layered pop-ups create a stunning diorama effect on every spread.
- Joyful rhyming text evokes traditional Easter themes.
- Bright, appealing artwork.

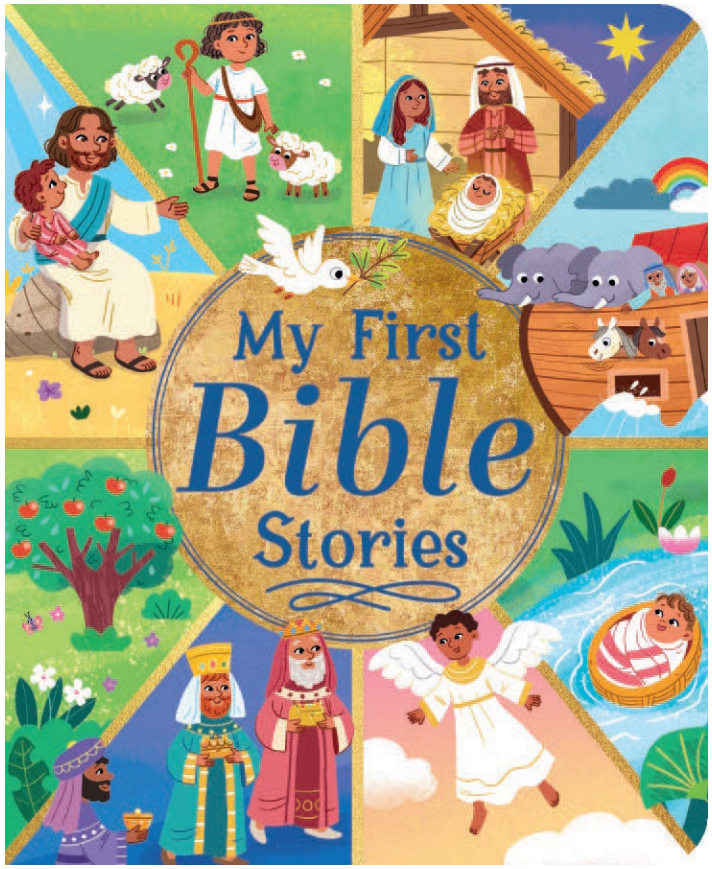
Patricia Hegarty is currently the Editorial Director of Caterpillar Books and has written about all kinds of things from trees and bees to ABCs (and she loves to rhyme).

Katie Wood graduated from Loughborough University School of Art and Design and has been living her dream working as a freelance illustrator. She creates illustrations for books, magazines and greetings cards all over the world.

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High on the hillside, lambs frolic around –
And here there are more eggs to be found!
Trees are in blossom, skies are blue,
The whole world looks wonderfully fresh and new.





My First Bible Stories

A beautiful introduction to the Christian faith.

With read-aloud texts and colourful illustrations that bring the message of God's love to life for young children. Perfect to snuggle up and share with little ones.

Sales points:

- The perfect introduction to classic Christian stories for young children.
- Featuring simple, read-aloud text to share between parent and child, and bright, colourful images by Christian illustrator Susana Gurrea.
- A cased book board format that makes for easy page-turning by curious little hands.

Illustrated by Susana Gurrea

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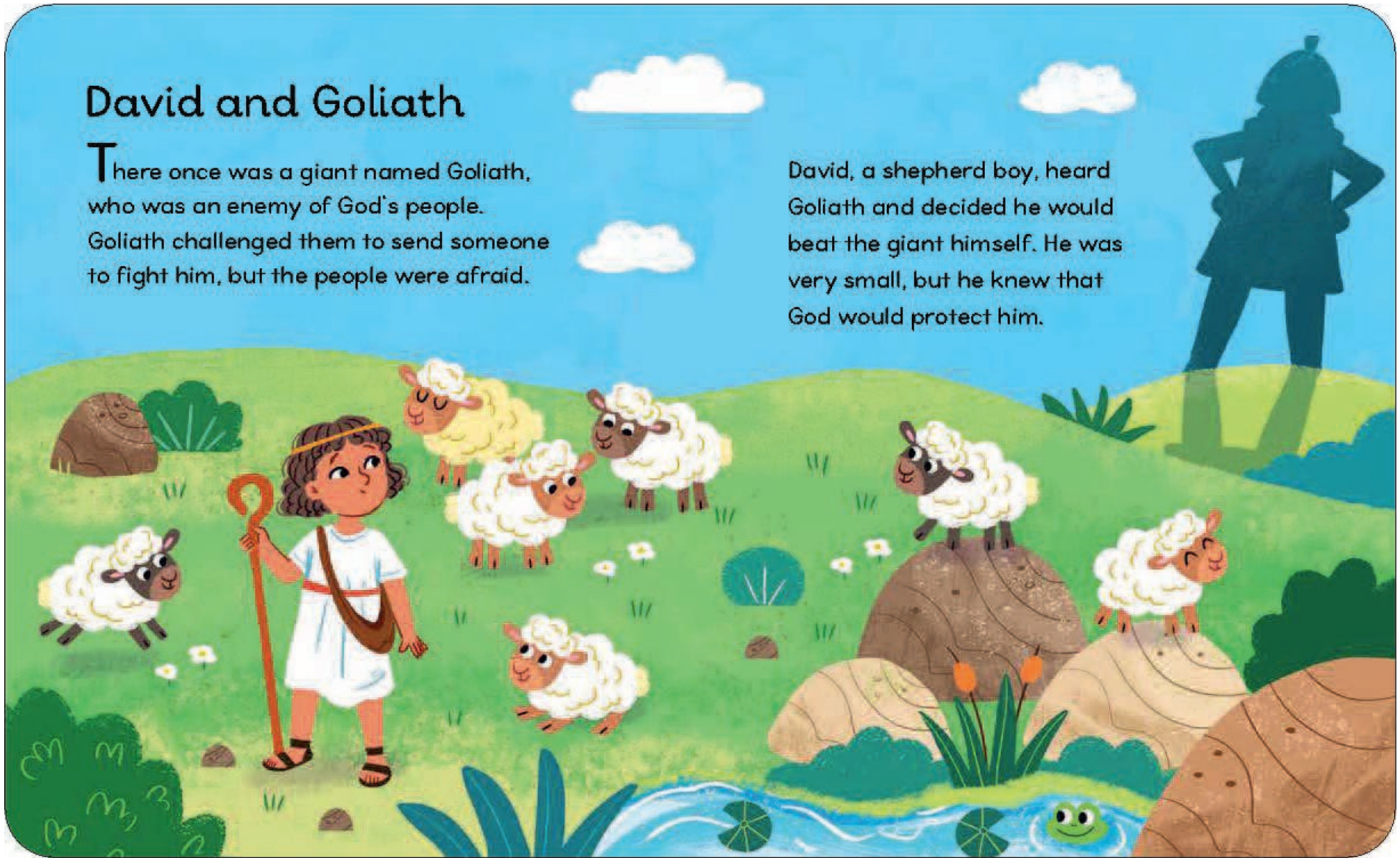
Susana Gurreais an illustrator from Barcelona, Spain. She studied illustration and comics, later receiving a postgraduate degree for Children's Publications from the Eina University School of Design in Barcelona. Her work has appeared in early reader books, educational manuals, children's magazines and non-fiction books.

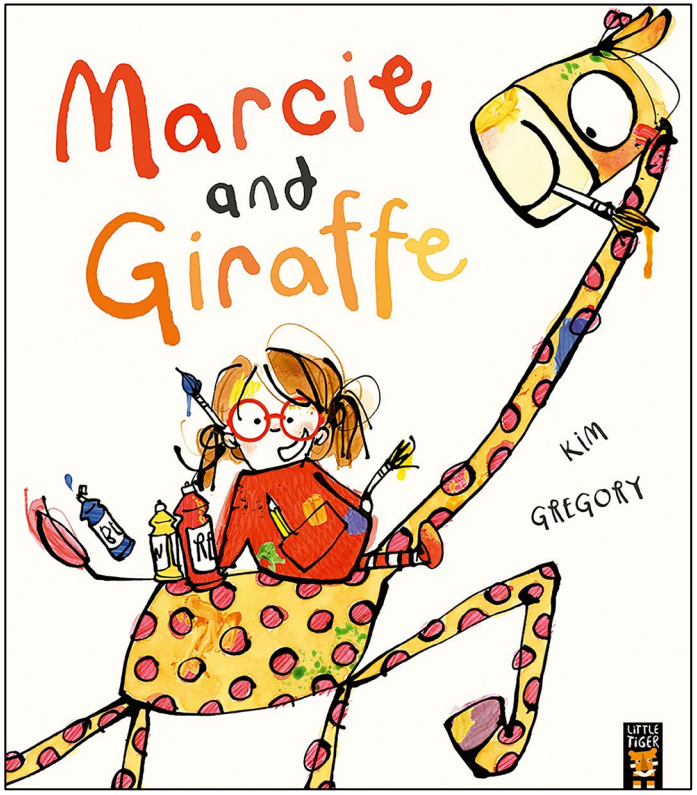
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David and Goliath

There once was a giant named Goliath, who was an enemy of God's people. Goliath challenged them to send someone to fight him, but the people were afraid.

David, a shepherd boy, heard Goliath and decided he would beat the giant himself. He was very small, but he knew that God would protect him.





By Kim Gregory

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Age:	3 to 6
Dims:	280 x 245mm
Extent:	36pp.

Marcie & Giraffe

In this joyful debut, Kim Gregory boldly explores what it feels like to compare yourself to others.

Marcie has painted a picture of Giraffe. At first, she loves it! But when Giraffe paints a picture of Marcie, she's not so sure. "Your art is better than mine. . ." she sighs, before making a series of FIERCE and SCRIBBLY pictures that capture her inner turmoil. Can Marcie and Giraffe find a way to make art together?

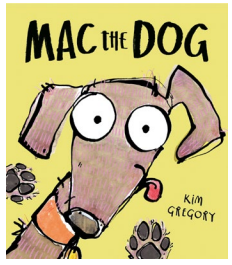
Full of warmth and personality, this hilarious duo will inspire you to embrace mistakes, express ideas with confidence and discover the messy magic of making art with friends.

Sales points:

- A hilarious duo from brand new picture book talent, Kim Gregory.
- With strong, engaging characters and a bold, fresh artwork style.
- Celebrates creativity and self-expression.
- Now available in paperback.

Kim Gregory works as a designer, photographer and musician in Portsmouth, UK. She is proud to say that she is also a maker of picture books.

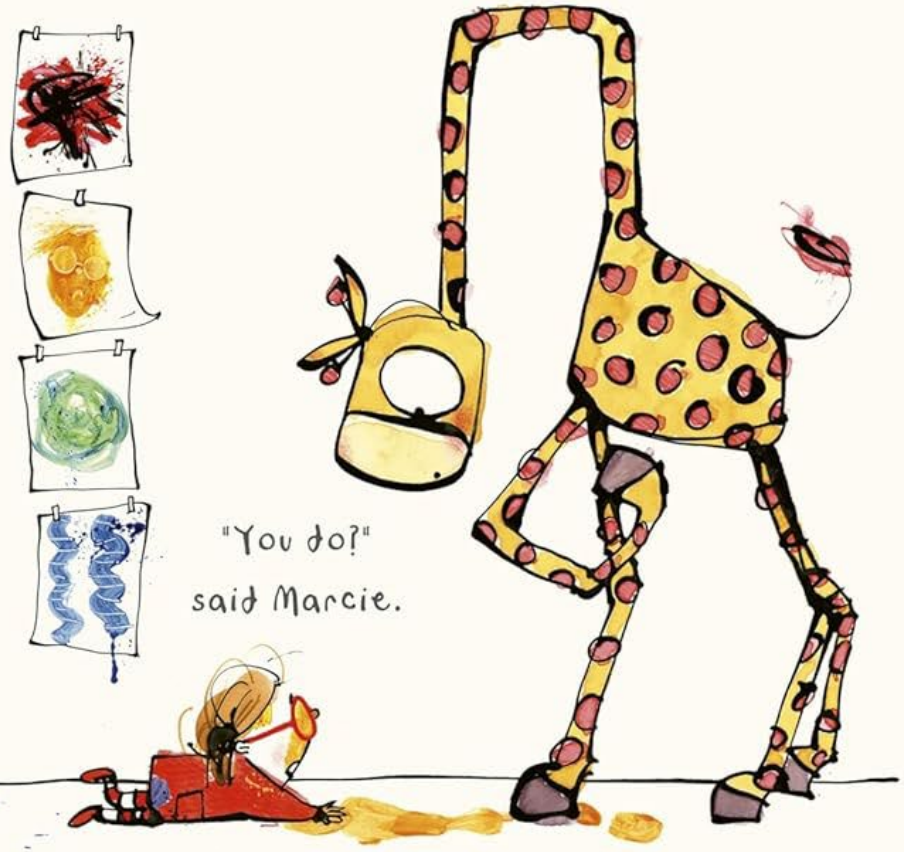
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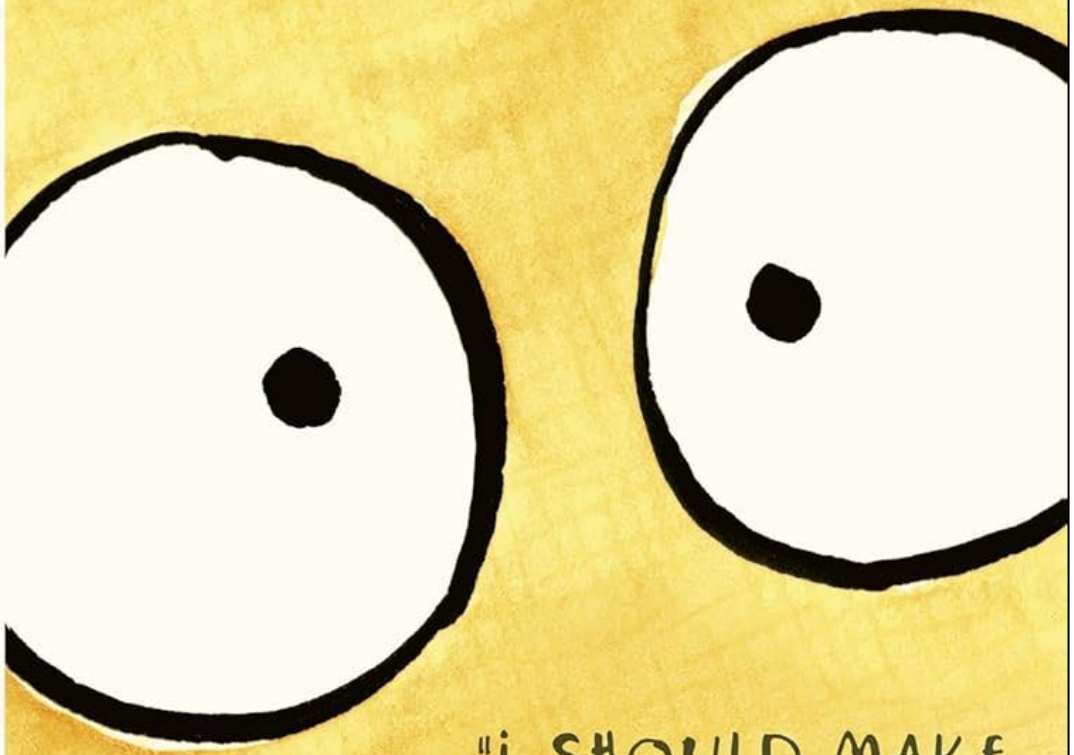
"You normally don't look like that,
but I see what you mean."



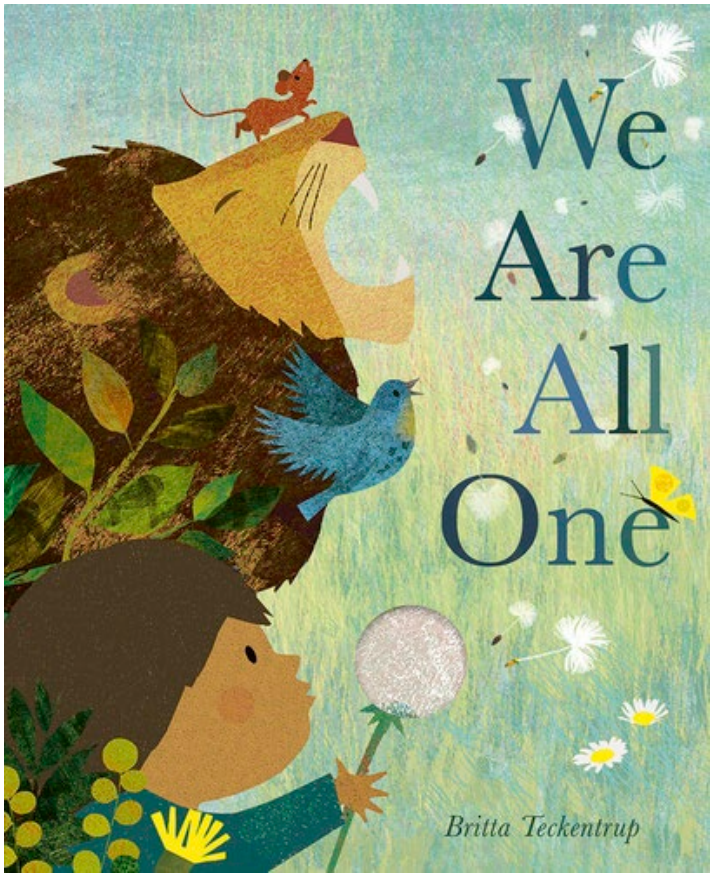
"You do?"
said Marcie.

"I DO . . ." said Giraffe.

In fact, the more Giraffe looked at
Marcie's art, the more **he LOVED it.**



"I SHOULD MAKE
ART LIKE YOURS!"
he said.



We Are All One

This mesmerising die-cut picture book, written and illustrated by the award-winning Britta Teckentrup, shows how we are all connected to nature and to each other.

Lyrical rhyming text evokes the beauty of our world, while clever die-cuts link the images from page to page to underline the close relationships that make life possible in all its varied wonder.

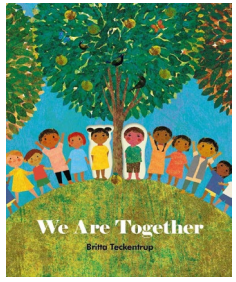
Sales points:

- A beautiful introduction to the natural world which helps children to understand the interconnectedness of our environment.
- Clever die-cuts encourage curious minds to delight in the connections between different elements of nature.
- Lyrical rhyming text and stunning illustrations by award-winning artist Britta Teckentrup.

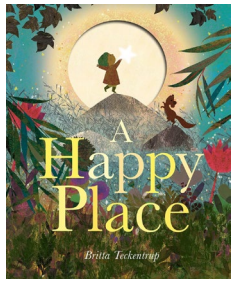
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Britta Teckentrup is an award-winning illustrator and author, having written and illustrated over 80 children's picture books that have been published in over 20 different countries. After 17 years in the UK, Britta now lives and works in Berlin.



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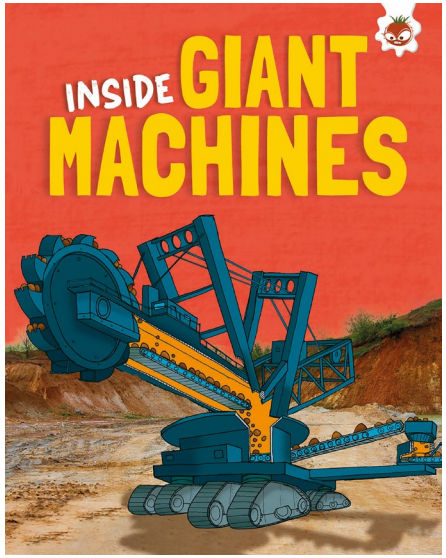
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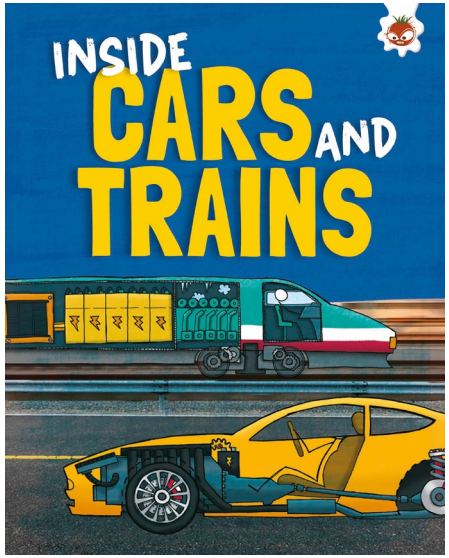
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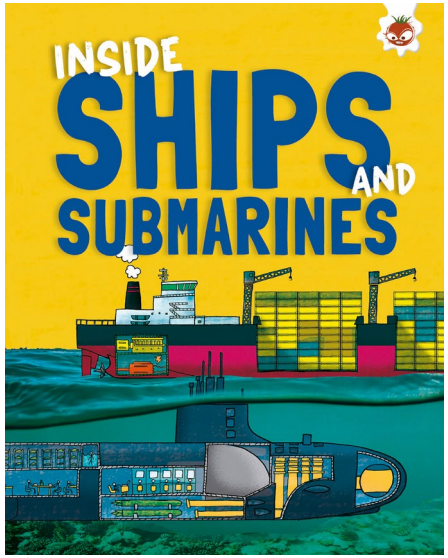
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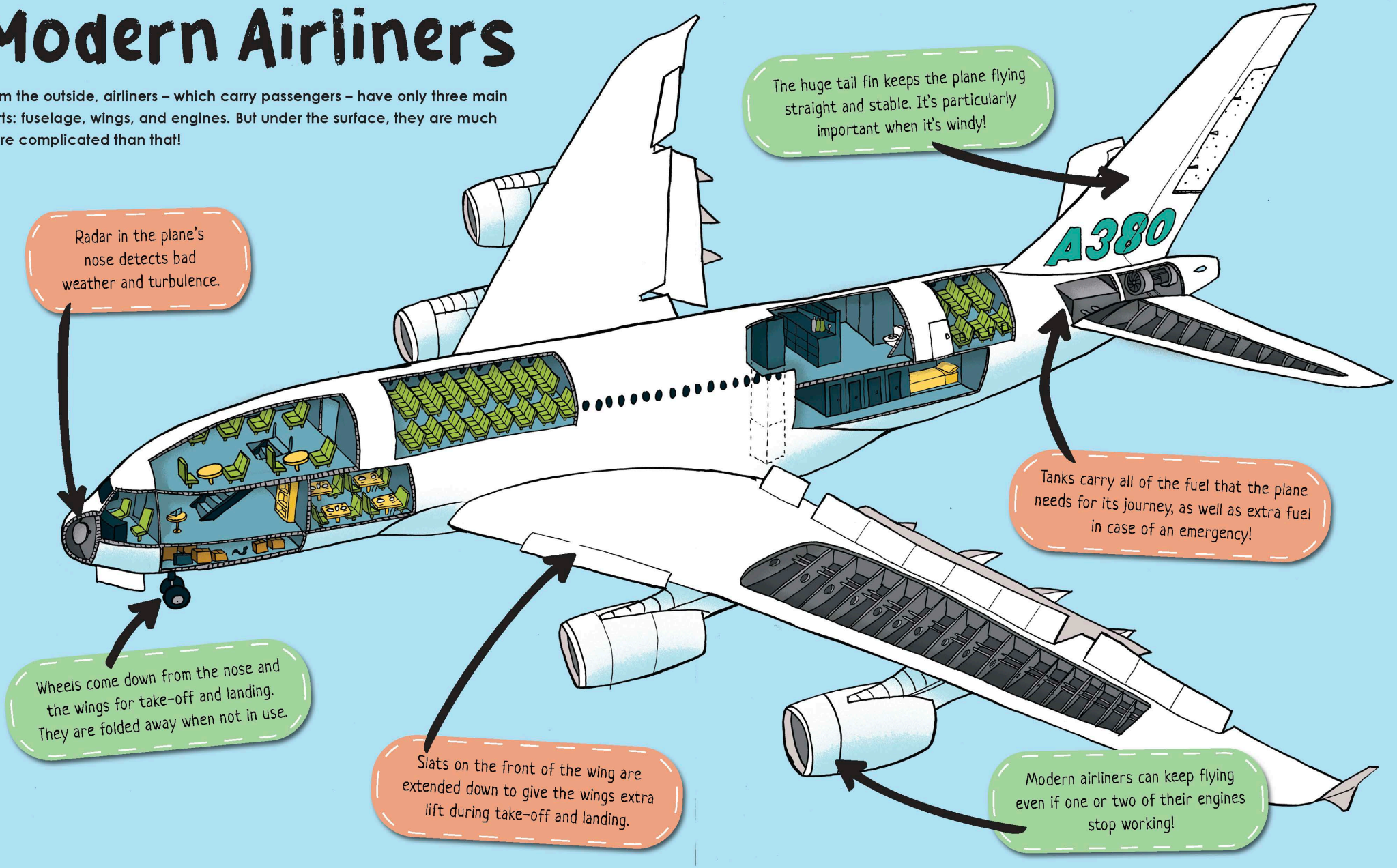
WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

John Farndon is a Royal Literary Fellow at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, UK, and the author of a huge number of books for adults and children on science, history, technology and nature, including such international bestsellers as *Do Not Open* and *Do You Think You're Clever?*

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Modern Airliners

From the outside, airliners – which carry passengers – have only three main parts: fuselage, wings, and engines. But under the surface, they are much more complicated than that!



Radar in the plane's nose detects bad weather and turbulence.

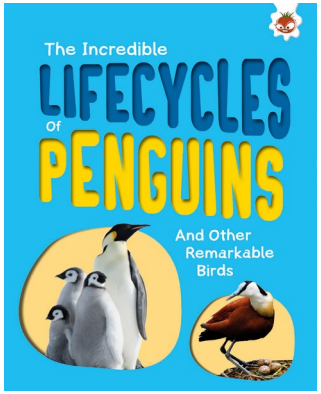
The huge tail fin keeps the plane flying straight and stable. It's particularly important when it's windy!

Tanks carry all of the fuel that the plane needs for its journey, as well as extra fuel in case of an emergency!

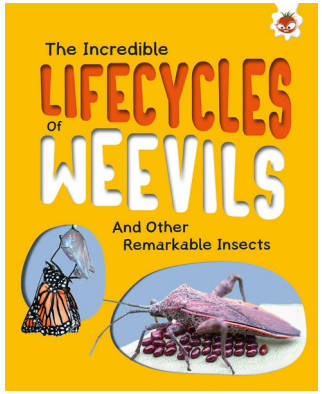
Wheels come down from the nose and the wings for take-off and landing. They are folded away when not in use.

Slats on the front of the wing are extended down to give the wings extra lift during take-off and landing.

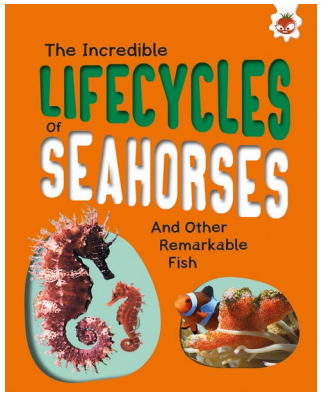
Modern airliners can keep flying even if one or two of their engines stop working!



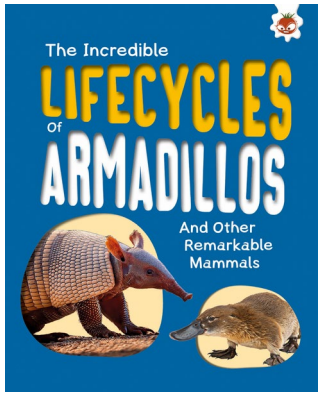
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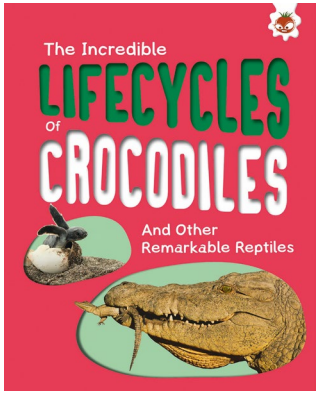
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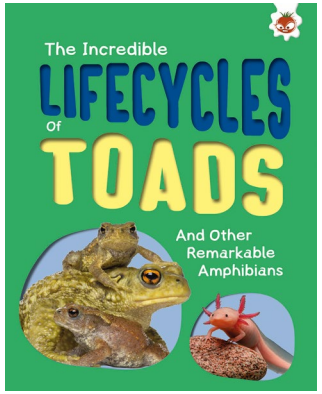
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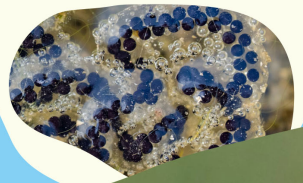
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THE LIFE CYCLE OF A TOAD

Amphibians don't stay the same for long—they change as they grow! This journey is called a life cycle. Take a look at the toad's life cycle to see how it works.

1. Eggs

A female toad lays long strings of tiny, jelly-like eggs in water. Each black blob is an egg that grow into a toad!



2. Tadpole

The eggs hatch into tadpoles. They live in water, have long tails, and breathe using **gills**.



3. Tadpole (with 2 legs)

The tadpole begins to grow back legs, but still swims like a fish.



4. Tadpole (with 4 legs)

The tadpole's back legs keep growing and front leg appear too. The tail finally starts to shrink.



5. Froglet

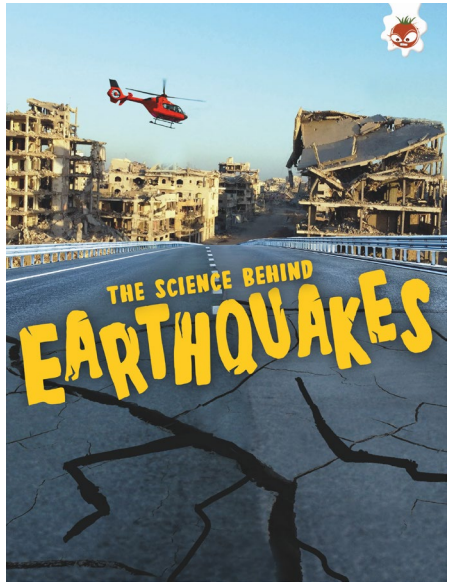
The animal now looks more like a tiny toad with its four legs and small tail. It can leave the water and hop about on land!



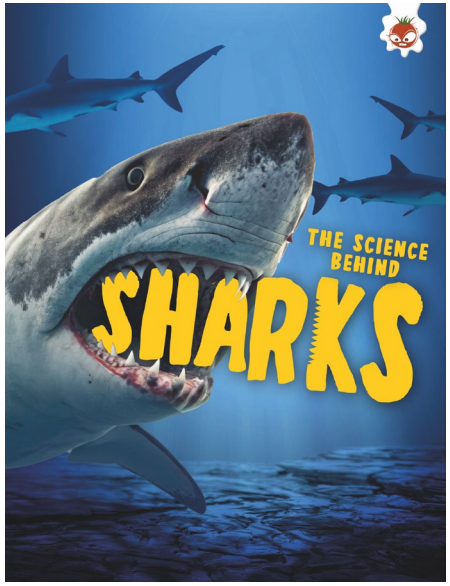
6. Toad

At last, the tail disappears completely. The adult toad lives on land and returns to water to lay its own eggs.





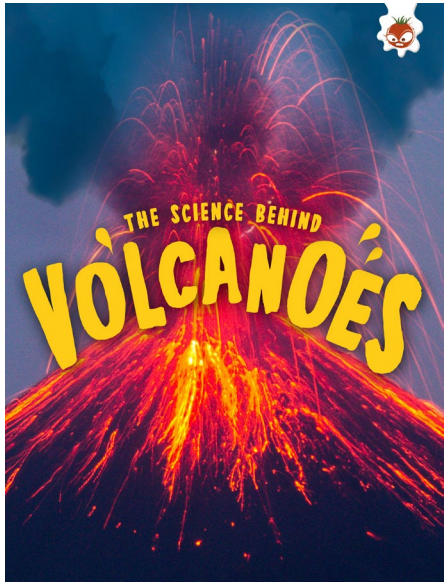
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The Science Behind

By Olivia Watson

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- Real world examples of technologies including GPS, satellites, and AI
- Striking full-colour photos
- Builds critical thinking through data interpretation, investigations, and real-world case studies

WHO'S BEHIND THE BOOK?

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

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WHAT COMES OUT OF A VOLCANO?

A volcanic eruption can be one of the most powerful events on Earth. During these events, materials like lava, ash, and gases erupt out of the crater with amazing strength and speed.

1. ASH AND GASES

The biggest eruptions can blast ash and gas more than 18.6 miles (30 km) into the atmosphere! These materials can also flow down volcanoes like an avalanche with rock fragments, in something called a pyroclastic flow.





2. ROCKS AND VOLCANIC BOMBS

Volcanoes can also throw out rock of all different sizes. Some are tiny, while others can be as big as houses! Volcanic bombs were molten lava when they were shot from the volcano, but cooled quickly as they flew, hardening into a rounded, streamlined shape.

3. LAVA

Not all lava is the same. Some is runny and can race downhill faster than 60 miles per hour (100 km/h) on steep slopes. It can cover huge distances before cooling. Thick, sticky lava moves much slower and doesn't travel as far.



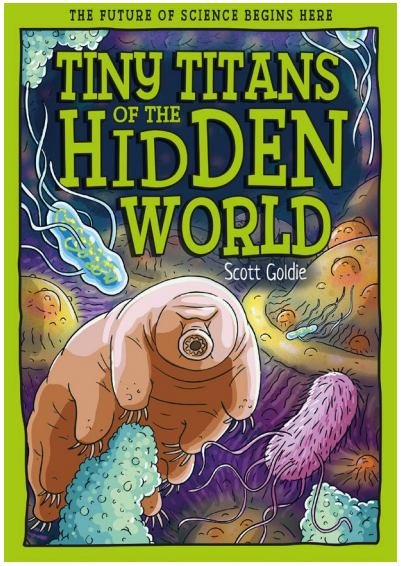
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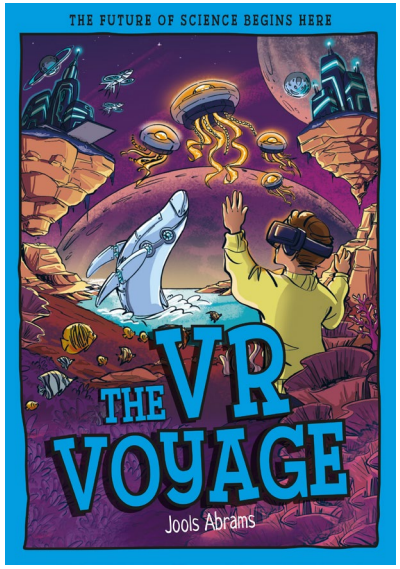
Volcanologists monitor erupting volcanoes to help protect people and property. They track surface temperatures, lava flow, and measure gases using thermal instruments attached to helicopters or drones to observe from a safe distance, as well as data from satellites.



FACT FILE

1. Explosive eruptions can be heard hundreds of kilometres away
2. Lava from a volcano can reach 1,250°C
3. The tallest volcanic ash cloud ever recorded was 35 miles (57 km) tall!









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