

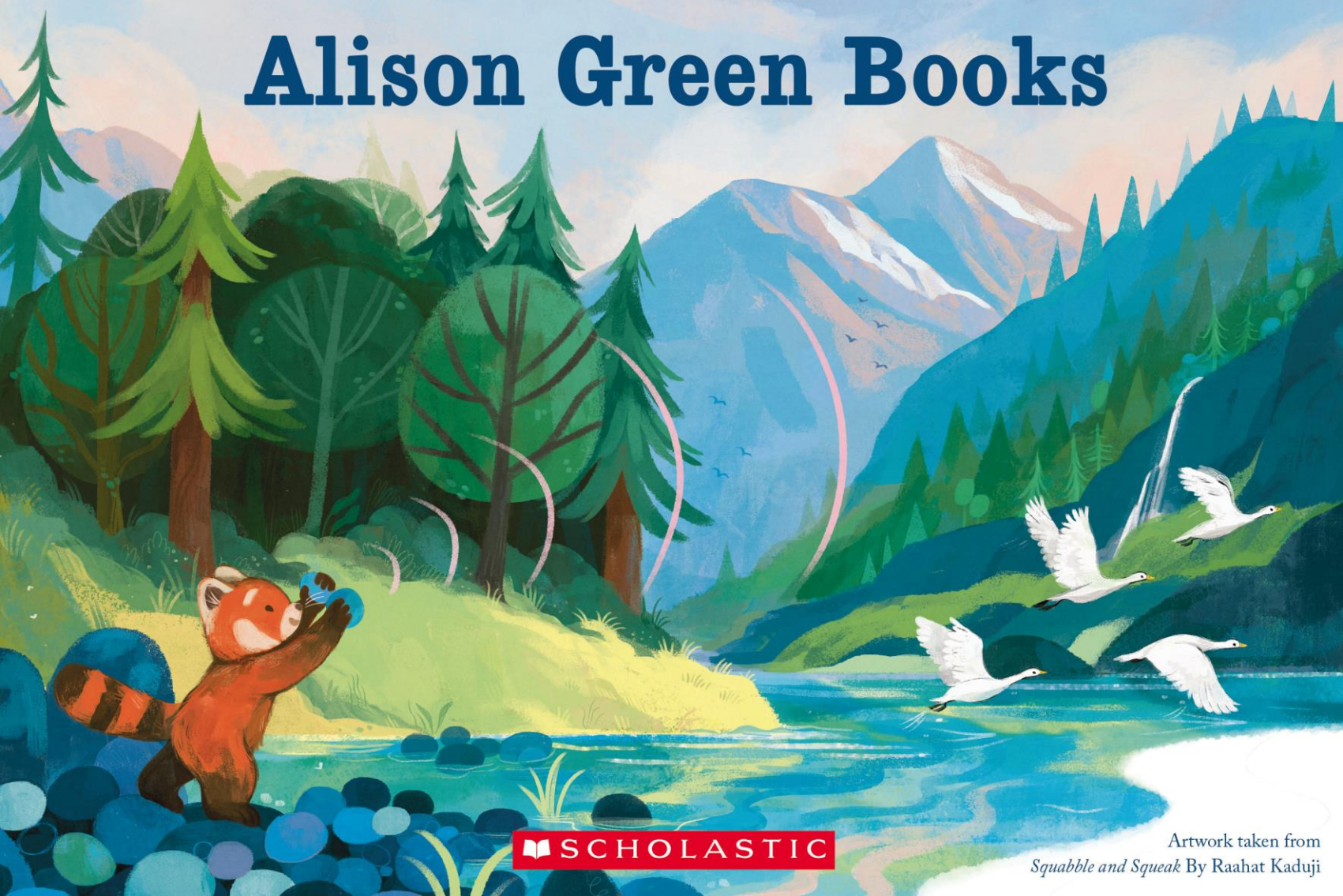


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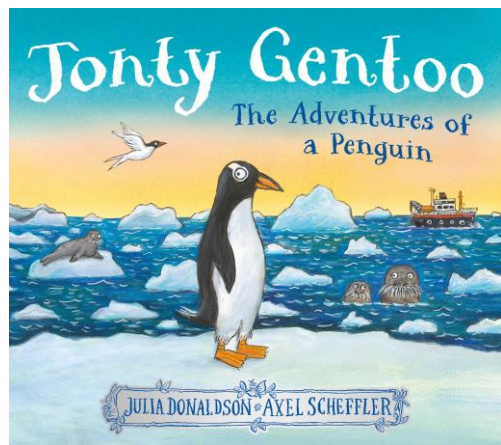


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*Squabble and Squeak* By Raahat Kaduji

# JONTY GENTOO: THE ADVENTURES OF A PENGUIN

By Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



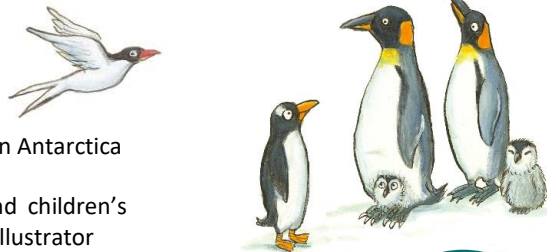
## Key Selling Points

- An intrepid little penguin sets off from the zoo, to find his true home in Antarctica
- A wonderfully rich, funny story, full of courage, heart and friendship
- Julia Donaldson is the UK's number one author across all adult and children's books. Axel Scheffler is the number one pre-school and picture-book illustrator
- Jonty Gentoo has sold into 24 territories and over 150,000 hardbacks have sold in the UK alone (TCM)
- Jonty Gentoo was the UK's number one bestselling picture book of 2024.
- Their last book, *The Baddies*, has over 420,000 copies printed worldwide

Join a plucky little penguin on the journey of a lifetime.

Jonty is a young gentoo penguin who longs to find his true home at the South Pole. One night, he sneaks out of the zoo and sets off on an amazing adventure, all the way to Antarctica (with an accidental detour via the North Pole!)

It's an incredible journey, full of drama, excitement, new friends and spectacular landscapes. Children will love cheering Jonty on his way in this captivating story of bravery, friendship, and finding your place in the world.



From the  
bestselling  
picture book  
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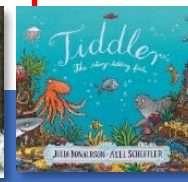
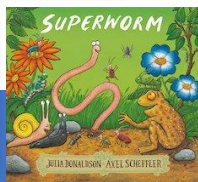
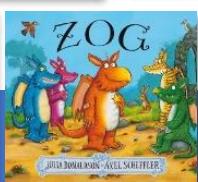
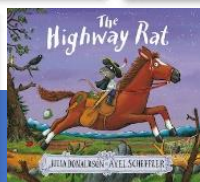
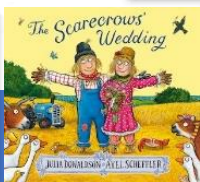
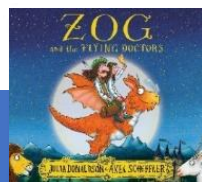
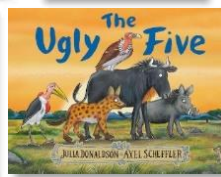
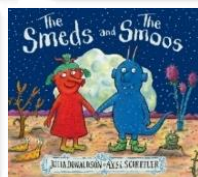
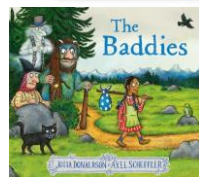
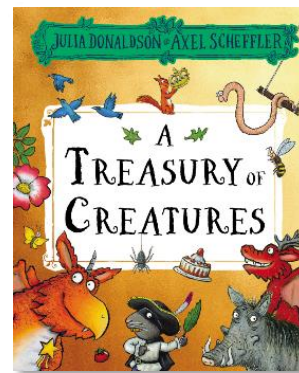
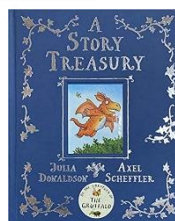
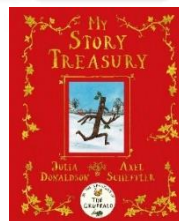
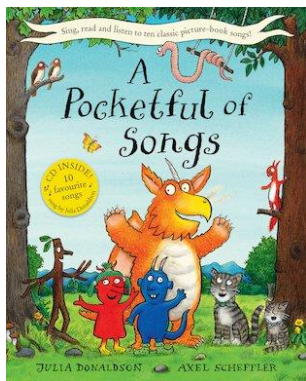
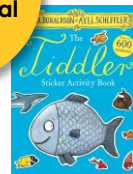
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Working with  
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# JULIA DONALDSON AXEL SCHEFFLER



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## Lift-the-flap books with felt flaps



## Lift-the-flap books with card flaps

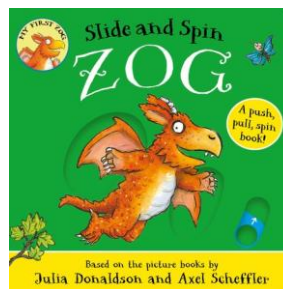


## NOVELTY

New All  
About Stick  
Man coming  
May 25!

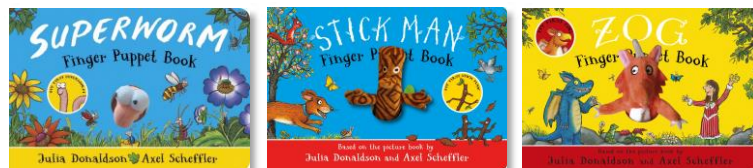


## Shaped board books!



**Slide & Spin:** With sliders to push and pull, plus a wheel to spin, this board book is so much fun for little readers.

## Finger puppet board books



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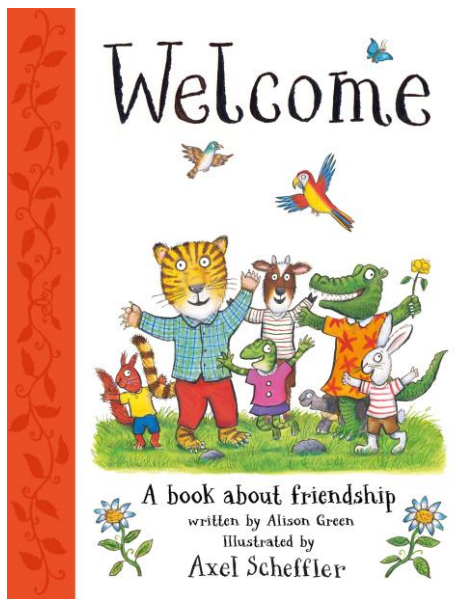
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# WELCOME

Written by Alison Green and Illustrated by Axel Scheffler



**A joyful picture book about friendship and togetherness, from international bestselling illustrator, Axel Scheffler!**

Would you like to come inside this book? You're very welcome. In fact, *everyone* is welcome here, whether you're big or small, flappy or jumpy, noisy or quiet.

With its simple text and endearing animal characters, *Welcome* shows how everyone can be a good friend, and how we can all help others to feel welcome.

## Key Selling Points

- Axel Scheffler's fabulous, funny animals are the perfect ambassadors to show us all about friendship: how to laugh together, play together – and, most importantly, how to make friends again after a quarrel!
- *Kind* has enjoyed huge international success, and is translated into 22 languages
- A donation from every copy of *Welcome* sold goes to Three Peas, a charity which supports refugees who have had to flee their homes



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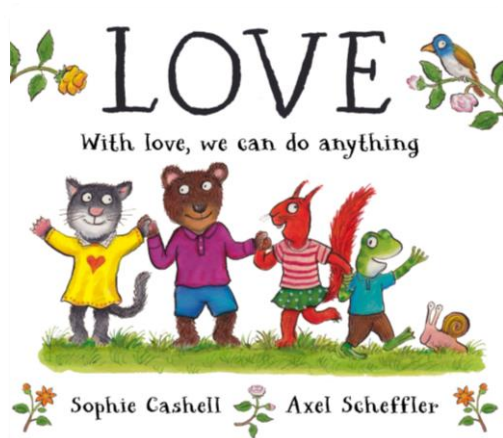
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**Alison Green** is the publisher of Alison Green Books. She has edited Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's acclaimed picture books for over 20 years, and is the author of picture books including *The Fox in the Dark* and *Kind*. **Axel Scheffler** is one of the most celebrated illustrators in the world. He has brought to life a huge variety of characters, from dragons to gruffalos.



# LOVE

Written by Sophie Cashell and Illustrated by Axel Scheffler



Sample Artwork

## Key Selling Points

- Axel Scheffler's gorgeous animals are the perfect vehicle to show us that love really *does* make the world go round
- A donation from every copy of Love sold goes to Three Peas, a charity which supports refugees who have had to flee their homes
- Love follows Axel's picture books *Kind* and *Welcome* which have enjoyed huge critical and international success

**Sophie Cashell** is the Editorial Director for Scholastic Picture Books. As well as publishing a wide range of fabulously talented authors and illustrators, she has worked on Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's titles for over ten years, building a spin-off programme around their incredible picture books.

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

***With love, we can do anything!***

This joyful board book is the perfect celebration of love and kindness from international bestselling illustrator, Axel Scheffler

*Love is a feeling  
That wraps you up tight  
Like a hug when you're lonely  
Or a light in the night.  
Love is a feeling  
That comes from the heart.  
It's easy to share it,  
Come on – let's start!*



With its warm text and playful animal characters, *Love* shows us that spreading love is easy and fun – and makes our world a better place.

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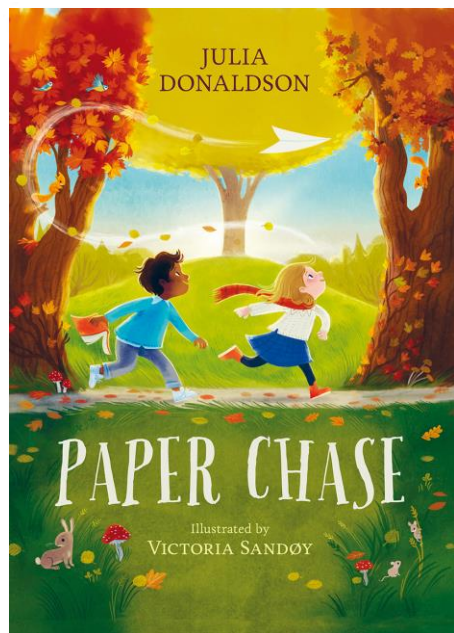
**Specifications:**

- 166 x 184mm
- 24pp
- Board book



# PAPER CHASE

By Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandøy



Brand new title  
from the  
Children's  
Number One  
Picture Book  
author Julia  
Donaldson

*Two friends, a special tree . . . and the extraordinary story of how paper is made*

A boy and a girl meet under a beautiful, tall tree. James has a book. Ginger has a paper plane. They play together for one perfect day, but then they're parted – perhaps for ever?

Meanwhile, their beautiful tree goes on a remarkable journey of its own. It's turned into paper, and becomes all sorts of things that we use: bags and boxes, letters and cards . . . and a paper plane for James. Can this new paper plane lead him back to his long-lost friend?

## Key Selling Points

- The amazing story of paper, and the moving story of the children's friendship combine to create a totally unique book
- A brilliantly original new book from internationally bestselling author Julia Donaldson
- Over 200,000 copies of the Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandøy's books have sold in the UK (TCM)
- Stunningly beautiful, with exquisite illustrations by Victoria Sandøy, acclaimed illustrator of *The Christmas Pine* and *The Oak Tree*.

Alison Green Books

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## Specifications:

- 270 x 216mm,
- 32pp plus ends
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination, Spot UV, Foil



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

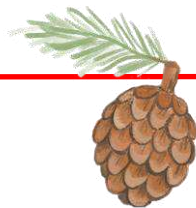


# SQUABBLE AND SQUEAK

By Raahat Kaduji



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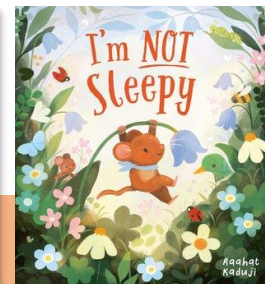
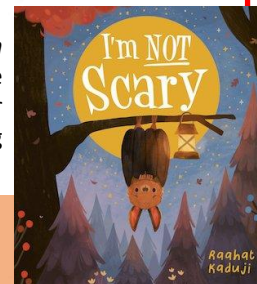
## *From noisy neighbours . . . to the best of friends!*

Rana, the little red panda, has a very noisy problem: a parakeet has moved into her tree, and he won't stop screeching! Rana decides that two can play at that game, and she stomps off into the forest to collect all the noisiest objects she can find.

But something very big and very quiet is padding behind her . . . a tiger! Can Rana and Parakeet work together, to scare that tiger away?

### Key Selling Points

- A fabulously warm, funny story about making friends and learning to understand one another
- Children will love joining in with all the noisy noises throughout the story
- Raahat Kaduji's previous books, *I'm Not Scary* and *I'm Not Sleepy*, have been widely acclaimed for their rich, colourful and endearing illustrations



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2026

**Specifications:**

- 275 x 250mm,
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**Raahat Kaduji** creates gorgeous, atmospheric scenes and characters, inspired by nature and wildlife. She has her own highly successful *Etsy* shop, selling prints and merchandise featuring her work. *Scholastic* are proud to be the publishers of her first picture books.

# A LITTLE BIT BRAVER

By Nicola Kinnear



**The long-awaited sequel to Nicola Kinnear's bestselling picture book, *A Little Bit Brave*, which has sold in over 26 languages**

Logan used to be a stay-at-home bunny. His friend, Luna, was the daring one. But these days Logan loves exploring, and the two friends are always setting off on new adventures.

Then one evening Luna makes an amazing admission: she's scared of the dark! Logan is astonished. He loves the night, and can't wait to show Luna how wonderful it is, with starlight and fireflies, and all the night-time creatures.

But as the drama unfolds, things don't quite go the way Logan planned. Both friends will need to show courage in this beautifully illustrated sequel to the bestselling *A Little Bit Brave*.

## Key Selling Points

- Full of warmth and humour, and with great messages about courage, friendship and the wonders of nature
- Nicola Kinnear has gained an international reputation for her inspiring stories and superbly characterful illustration
- Nicola's picture books have travelled into 30 languages

Sample Artwork



**Rights:** World

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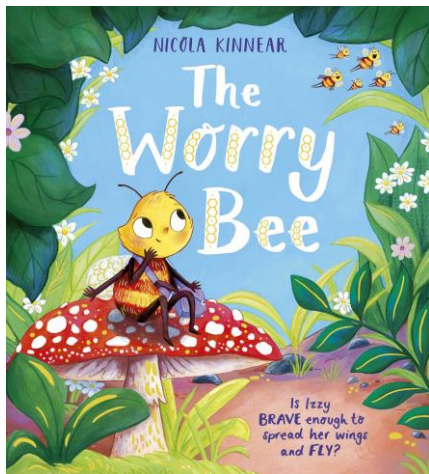
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**Nicola Kinnear** has an amazing talent for creating warm, expressive characters which has won her admirers all around the world. As well as creating her own books, Nicola has also illustrated sequels to Beatrix Potter's classic, *Peter Rabbit*.



# THE WORRY BEE

By Nicola Kinnear



Nicola Kinnear's picture books have been translated into 30 languages!

**Izzy longs to fly . . . but she's far too scared.**

When the other bees whizz off to find flowers, Izzy is desperate to follow them – but she's far too worried. What if she falls? Or gets lost? What if her wings aren't strong enough?

Every day, Izzy trudges after her friends on foot – until a chance encounter shows her that she really *can* fly, if she'll just pluck up the courage to try!



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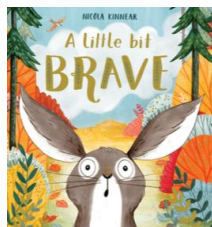
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## Key Selling Points

- A warm and reassuring story about overcoming fears and finding the courage to spread your wings
- Richly colourful illustrations – children will love exploring this minibeast world!
- Nicola Kinnear is the bestselling creator of *A Little Bit Brave* and *Dragons Don't Share*



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# THE BOOK OF LOST CREATURES

By Thiago de Moraes



Sample Artwork

## Step back in time and discover a host of extraordinary animals

*The Book of Lost Creatures* is a spotter's guide to life on Earth over millions of years. Explore eight astonishing worlds, from ancient pre-history to recent times. Which creatures will you spot, lumbering through those unfamiliar landscapes? Who swoops through the skies or lurks in the depths of the oceans?

The history of life on Earth is sometimes weird and always wonderful, from teeny microbes to gigantic dinosaurs, early humans, mammoths, dodos and more. Thiago de Moraes, creator of the spectacular *Myth Atlas* and *History Atlas*, is the perfect guide on this incredible journey. With meticulously researched facts, breathtaking illustrations and Thiago's trademark humour and fun, this is a safari like no other.

## Key Selling Points

- A superb, large-format gift book – perfect for the whole family to explore together
- An awe-inspiring guide to life on Earth, covering half-a-billion fascinating years
- Packed with incredible creatures, stunning illustrations and entertaining facts
- Thiago's Atlas books have sold in 21 languages worldwide

**Rights:** World

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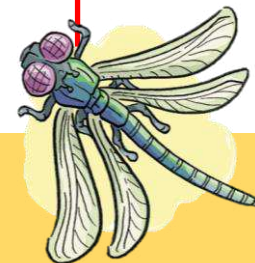
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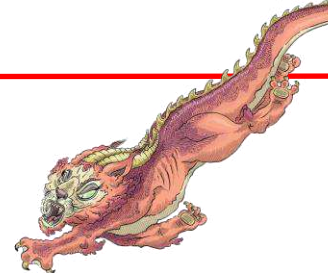
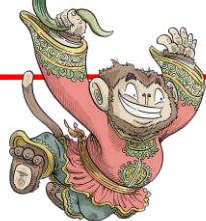
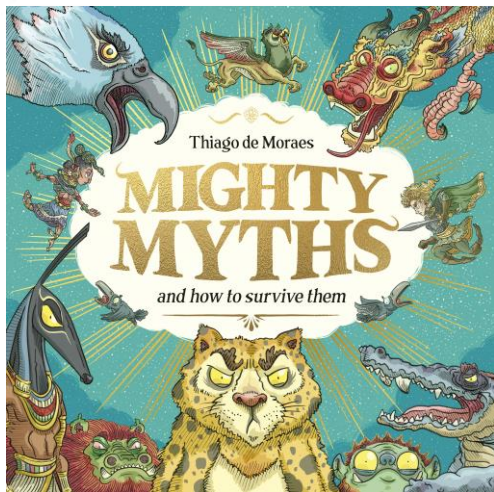


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# MIGHTY MYTHS

By Thiago de Moraes



**Myths are magical. Myths can be monstrous.  
But with Thiago de Moraes, myths are always mighty good fun!**

*Mighty Myths* is a spectacular gift book featuring a fabulous pick-and-mix of mythology from all around the world.

Superbly illustrated throughout in Thiago's inimitable, witty style, this rich and wonderful book is packed full of stories, jokes, facts and hilarity. Guaranteed to be mightily entertaining, *Mighty Myths* will captivate children and adults alike.

## Key Selling Points

- Funny, fact-packed and brilliantly illustrated – myths and legends have never been so entertaining
- Meet extraordinary characters from myths and legends from all around the world
  - A gorgeous hardback gift book – guaranteed to captivate children and adults alike!
  - *Myth Atlas* has sold into 21 languages and *History Atlas* has sold into 14 languages



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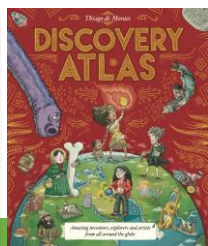
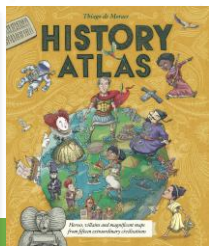
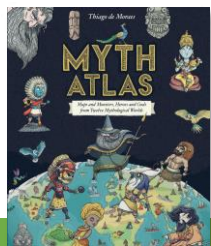
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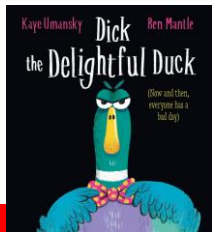
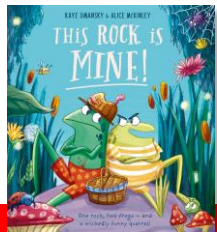
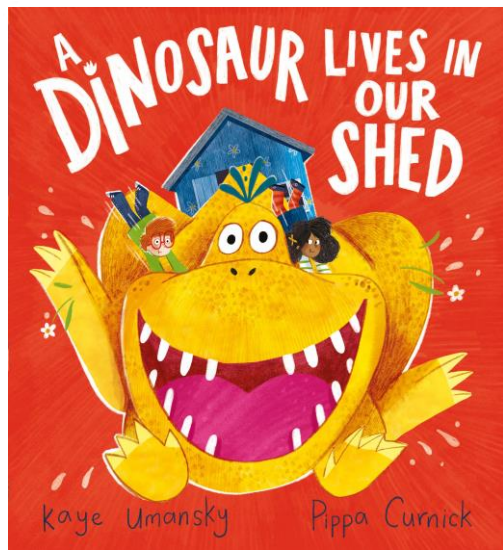
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# A DINOSAUR LIVES IN OUR SHED

By Kaye Umansky and Pippa Curnick



**What would you do if a little lost dinosaur followed you home from the park?**

You'd look after him, wouldn't you? You'd make him a cosy home in the shed. You'd give him lots of tickles and cuddles, and read him stories for hours.

But, as the two children in this fabulous, heartfelt story find out, you can't keep a dinosaur forever. However much they love him, this dino is missing his mum. Very sadly, the children realise that it's time to let him go . . .

## Key Selling Points

- Another wonderfully original story by the author of *Dick the Delightful Duck* and *This Rock is Mine*
- Gorgeous, richly colourful illustrations by internationally acclaimed illustrator, Pippa Curnick
- A story about love and caring, told with bags of warmth, fun and humour

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and Spot UV



**Kaye Umansky** is one of the UK's best-loved children's authors. She is a brilliant comic writer, and the award-winning creator of the bestselling *Pongwiffy* fiction series. Kaye lives in London.

**Pippa Curnick** has received worldwide acclaim for her warm and witty picture-book characters. Pippa has also written and illustrated the award-winning *Indigo Wilde* series.



# DYLAN

By Guy Parker-Rees



## Meet Dylan - the irresistible stripy dog who just loves to play

Dylan is a stripy dog who lives in a stripy kennel. He is full of energy, fun and imagination – and seems to have a limitless supply of toys and dressing-up outfits under his bed.

Every day, he jumps out of bed, ready to play a new game. But what will Dylan be today? A doctor? Or a shopkeeper? Whatever he plays, it's going to be a lot of fun.

### Key Selling Points

- Created by bestselling illustrator Guy Parker-Rees, the Dylan stories help toddlers explore and understand their world
- Join in with the story, with Dylan's friend, Dotty Bug! Dylan uses play-acting to help young children to learn about new experiences
- Guy Parker-Rees's books have sold over 2 million copies worldwide, been translated into 15 languages and won numerous awards
- Soon broadcasting as a preschool series in the UK, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Israel, South Korea, Singapore and South Africa



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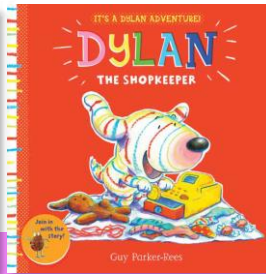
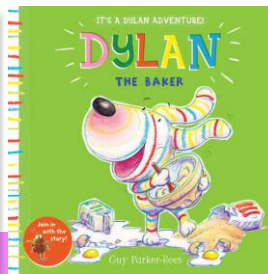
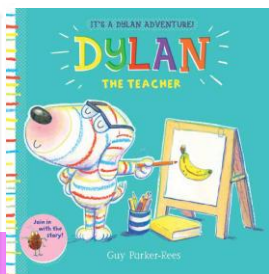
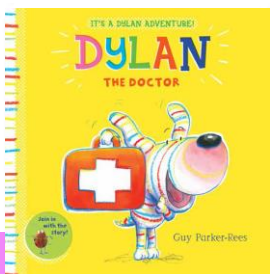
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9 Story

**Pub Date:** August  
2016 - January  
2018

### Specifications:

- 250 x 250mm
- 32pp plus ends

Now an  
animated  
preschool  
series in 9  
territories



**Guy Parker-Rees** is one of the most successful and best-loved illustrators in the world. He creates gloriously colourful characters who are bursting with energy and humour. Guy's many books have been translated into over 15 languages, and he has won numerous awards for his illustration, including several that were voted for by children.



# Picture Books and Pre-School Novelty

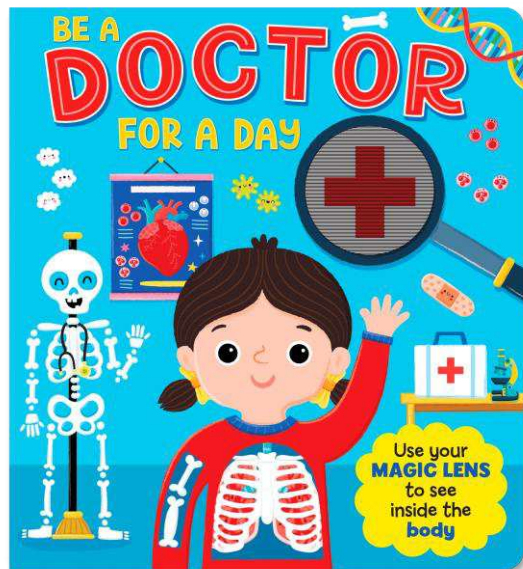
Artwork taken from *Little Ladybird, Who Can You Spot?*

Illustrated by Jenny Miriam



# BE A DOCTOR FOR A DAY

Illustrated by Liv Wan



This playful, interactive novelty title features a magnificent moiré device, whereby readers can reveal hidden pictures concealed within each scene, as if by magic.

Learn about the human body as never before!

Use the MAGIC LENS in this book to scan x-rays, see inside the body, find out what happens to the food you eat, help the patients and earn your marvellous DOCTOR FOR A DAY badge.



## Key Selling Points

- Learn about bones, organs, where food goes, the five senses and much more
- Perfect for pre-schoolers and for children who love playing doctors
- Encourages and enhances motor skills
- A fantastic first look at human anatomy
- Encourages imaginative play
- The start of an exciting new novelty series



**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:**  
Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** August 2026

**Age:** 4+

**Specifications:**

- 16pp
- Novelty element on each spread

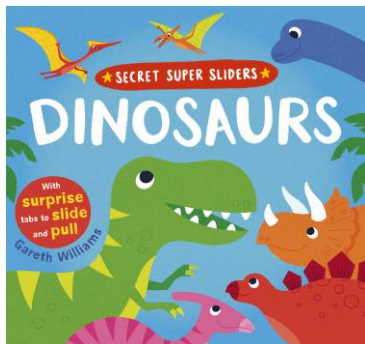


**Liv Wan** creates everything from prints and postcards, to mugs, stickers, jigsaws and books. Liv works digitally and her style is fun and colourful. In her free time, she loves travelling and eating local food. She lives with her photographer husband, tennis-playing daughter and her cat, Tiny, who loves everyone.



# SECRET SUPER SLIDERS

By Gareth Williams



**Gareth Williams** was born in West London but ventured (when he was two) to the green valleys of South Wales. At an early age he loved to draw. He quickly realised that his dream of becoming the first Welsh astronaut would be sidelined by his creative abilities and talents (but he still secretly wishes he could have rocketed into space).



**Reveal surprise sliding tabs within sliding tabs in this innovative, interactive novelty series for toddlers!**

With six scenes to explore in each book – from colossal dinosaurs and prehistoric beasts to extraordinary planets and zooming rocket ships – little ones will love sliding and pulling the pages to reveal new surprises and characters while practising their fine motor skills.

## Key Selling Points

- A bold, innovative and collectable novelty series with double sliding mechanisms on each spread
- *Super Sliders: Dinosaurs* features all your favourite dinosaurs and prehistoric beasts
- *Super Sliders: Space* features astronauts, asteroids, planets, rockets, space stations, satellites, stars and beyond...
- Vivid artwork, perfect for pre-schoolers
- Enhances motor skills, pincer grip and visual recognition

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:**  
Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** April 2025

**Age:** 18 months +

## Specifications:

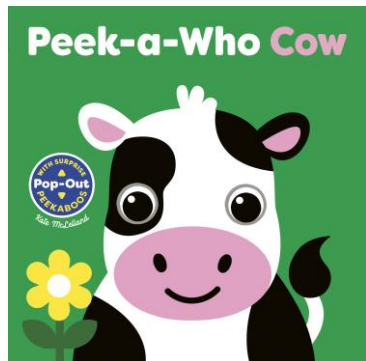
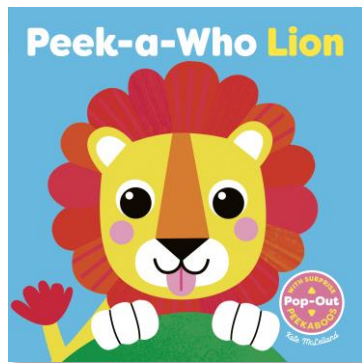
- Full-colour
- 185 x 185mm
- 12pp





# PEEK-A-WHO LION & PEEK-A-WHO COW

By Kate McLelland



Who's that **ROARING** in the jungle?  
Who's that **CHOMPING** in the trees?  
Use the simple clues on each page to  
guess which of your favourite animals  
is hiding.

Then, simply pull the tab to reveal a  
surprise pop-out peekaboo! With six  
creatures to meet in each book, this  
novelty series is sure to keep little ones  
entertained and can be cherished by  
parent and child alike.

## Key Selling Points

- An entertaining, collectable novelty series with fun dual pop-out mechanisms throughout
- Bright and bold illustrations from talented illustrator, Kate McLelland
- Enhances motor skills, pincer grip and visual recognition
- Encourages early speech and language



A pop-out  
surprise on  
every spread

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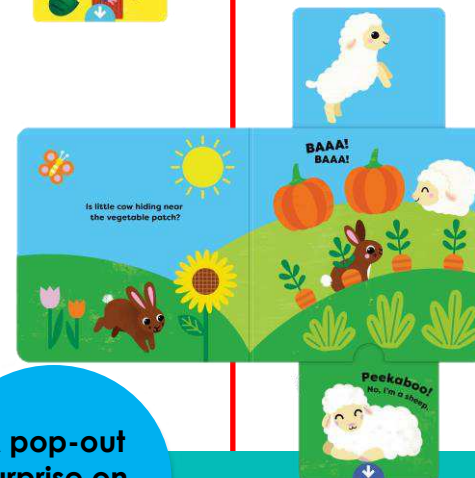
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Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:**  
May 2025

**Age:** 1+

**Specifications:**

- 12pp
- Full-colour
- 185 x 185mm

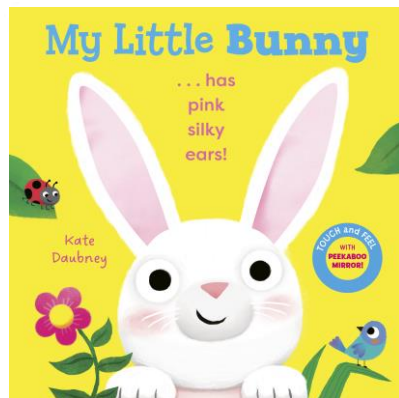
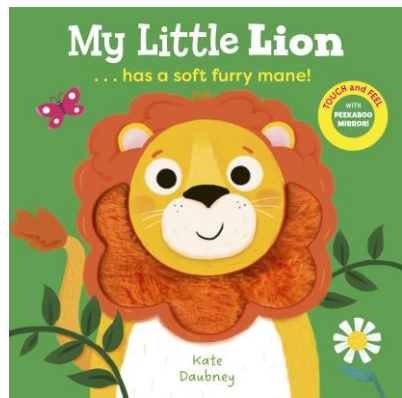


**Kate McLelland** is a bestselling illustrator, author and designer. She is deeply passionate about children's welfare and education and loves to visit schools, doing author events and running art projects.



# MY LITTLE BUNNY & MY LITTLE LION

By Kate Daubney



Includes  
touch-and-feel  
elements and a  
peekaboo mirror



**This new touch-and-feel series features friendly characters with soft and textured patches to explore that are perfect for babies and toddlers.**

Each book ends with a bright felt flap and peekaboo mirror. The artwork around the mirror will transform your baby into a little bunny or lion by giving them long ears and whiskers, or a big orange mane!

## Key Selling Points

- With a variety of touch-and-feel patches throughout, perfect for sensory play
- Each book ends with a bright felt flap to lift and a mirror finale
- Babies love peekaboo and these transformative mirrors will turn them into your very own little bunny and lion
- Kate Daubney's cheeky characters bring these playful books to life

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Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** August 2025

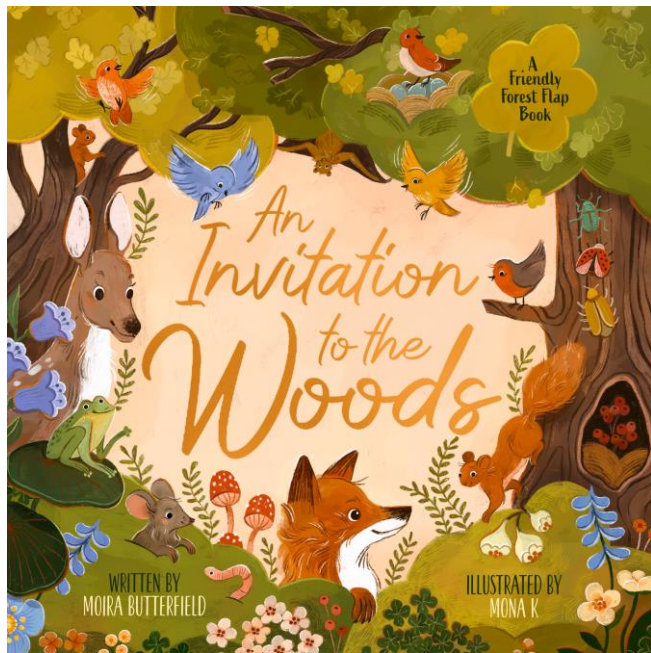
## Specifications:

- 185 x 185mm
- 10pp
- Touch & Feel element on cover & interiors, plus felt flap and mirror on last spread

**Kate Daubney** studied Illustration at Falmouth College of Arts in Cornwall, England. Straight after graduating she gained her first picture book commission. Since then, she's continued to work on an array of projects and has been published in the UK, America, Australia, Europe and Japan. She loves creating colourful, quirky, digital illustrations for the children's book market. She currently lives in North Devon, on the south-west coast of England with her partner Roger, daughter Grace and her seagull chasing terrier, Taz.

# AN INVITATION TO THE WOODS

By Moira Butterfield and Mona K



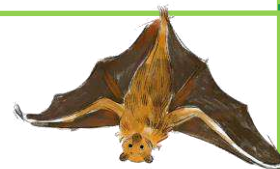
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Meet the animals of the forest as they welcome you into their home in this charming lift-the-flap book picture book.

With more than 30 flaps to lift, Invitation to the Woods will take readers on a wonderful journey through underground burrows to the very tops of the trees. You'll meet all sorts of creatures and families along the way, including squirrels as they search for nuts, bush-dwelling birds as they sing and hide from bigger beasts, burrowing foxes and rabbits, hopping frogs and much more...

## Key Selling Points

- Children will love lifting the flaps to reveal gentle non-fiction facts on every spread
- A beautiful gift for parent and child to cherish
- Perfect for fans of Sylvanian Families
- Sure to provide hours of enjoyment, along with an appreciation of the natural world
- Plenty of adorable creatures to find and spot, and each spread is full of charming moments to discover



**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** Anne Clark Literary Agency

**Pub Date:** May 2026

## Specifications:

- 250 x 250mm
- 24pp + 50 flaps



**Moira Butterfield** is an internationally-published children's author. Her many successful books include non-fiction and fiction. She lives in Bath, UK, with her family.

# LITTLE LADYBIRD, WHO CAN YOU SPOT?

Illustrated by Jenny Miriam



Sample Artwork

Follow a little ladybird on her search for her family in this colourful picture book, with gatefold flaps to lift and die-cuts to peek through.

*Uh-oh! Ladybird has lost her friend, can you help find them?  
Luckily, there are lots of colourful creatures on hand to help  
Ladybird, but they don't always point her in the right direction . . .*

*Bird thinks he's seen something red but . . .*

*Uh-oh! That's a red squirrel!*

*Squirrel thinks they know where her spotty friend might be but . . .*

*Uh-oh! Nope, that's a yellow cheetah!*

**Can you help Ladybird to journey through the woodland, into the rainforest and across the ocean to find her friend?**

## Key Selling Points

- With seven gatefold flaps to lift and die-cut holes to peek through
- Bright, colourful illustrations and environments to explore
- With a gentle, funny story to follow and lots to spot on every spread, this picture book is perfect for young animal enthusiasts
- Includes a spread of facts at the end, with extra animals to spot in the book

**Jenny Miriam** grew up in Cornwall, where she drew inspiration for her art from the nature that surrounded her. She worked as a digital and print designer for 18 years, before becoming an illustrator. In her free time, she enjoys drinking tea and peering into rock pools alongside her family.  
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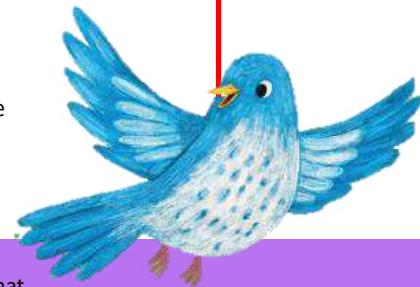
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**Film Rights:**  
Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** May 2026

## **Specifications:**

- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp + diecuts & gatefolds
- Cover finishes:  
Matt lamination  
and Spot UV





# Forest Friends

Illustrated by Amy Adele

All the forest friends are busy building, cooking and crafting to make sure they have the best festive feast ever. Find and lift the different flaps to help little squirrel and his friends!

Sample Artwork

There's a chilly breeze in the air – it's the end of autumn in the forest and it's time to get ready for winter! In this sweet lift-the-flap book, follow one little squirrel as he goes through the forest, visiting all his forest friends and gathering everything needed for their celebration.

## Key Selling Points

- 25 flaps of different shapes and sizes to explore and discover
- Filled with gorgeous illustrations by Amy Adele
- Children will love lifting the flaps to reveal gentle non-fiction facts on every spread
- With adorable things to spot on every page throughout this festive woodland walk
- Perfect for fans of *Sylvanian Families*

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:**  
Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:**  
September 2026

**Age:** 5+

**Specifications:**

- 16pp + 25 flaps
- 235 x 235mm

**Amy Adele** studied Illustration at Falmouth University in Cornwall, UK. Her work is inspired by nature and imagining the secret lives of woodland animals while going on walks with her children. Amy works primarily in watercolour and gouache, with some digital elements.

# MR BEAR'S CHRISTMAS

By Lorna Gibson



Sample Artwork



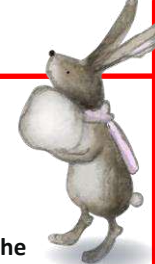
**A heartwarming, festive tale of friendship and love, set in the forest.**

A gorgeous, festive tale set in the corner of the forest, where Mr Bear and his best friend Mouse excitedly share their joy of Christmas by planning a party for their friends. But when the day finally arrives, Mouse gets lost gathering berries in the forest. Can Mr Bear and his forest friends find Mouse so they can have the Christmas they all dreamed of?

**A Christmas Classic for a new generation**

## Key Selling Points

- A Christmas gift-book with a classic feel
- Lorna Gibson is an author, illustrator and award-winning multimedia creator. *Mr Bear's Christmas* is her debut picture book
- Lorna's animated film of *Mr Bear's Christmas* is currently streaming on BBC Iplayer with the voice of Stephen Fry as the narrator.



**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** Lorna Gibson with Bell Lomax Moreton

**Pub Date:** October 2026

## Specifications:

- 250 x 275mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV



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



# ROBBER RABBIT

By Lucy Rowland and Alessandro Montagnana



Sample Artwork

**A hilarious, heart-warming picture book about one rabbit who simply WON'T share! Perfect for fans of *The Leaf Thief*.**

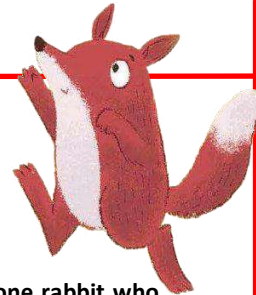
When all the forest food gets blown next to Rabbit's tree, he takes it all for himself and protects it at all costs. After all, it fell by **his** tree! He even builds a tall wall to protect it.

But then the other animals start to go hungry, and Rabbit begins to wonder if he did the right thing.

**After all, if you're able... you don't build tall walls, but a much longer table.**

## Key Selling Points

- Includes a fabulous fold-out finale
- With a brilliantly energetic text by award-winning author Lucy Rowland, perfect to read aloud with little ones
- Alessandro Montagnana's stunning illustrations bring Rabbit and the woodland creatures to life in glorious colour



**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:**  
Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:**  
September 2026

## Specifications:

- 250 x 275mm
- 32pp + gatefold
- Cover finishes:  
Matt lamination  
and Spot UV



**Lucy Rowland** loved reading and listening to poetry. As a children's book author, Lucy likes to create stories with quirky characters, laugh-out-loud moments and irresistible rhymes. @lucymayrowland **Alessandro Montagnana** lives in Italy and cultivated his passion for painting, drawing and poetry from a young age. After graduating with a degree in naval engineering, he decided to pursue a career in children's books to fulfil his dream of being an author and illustrator.



# THE HOUSE THAT BEAVER BUILT

By Christine Pym

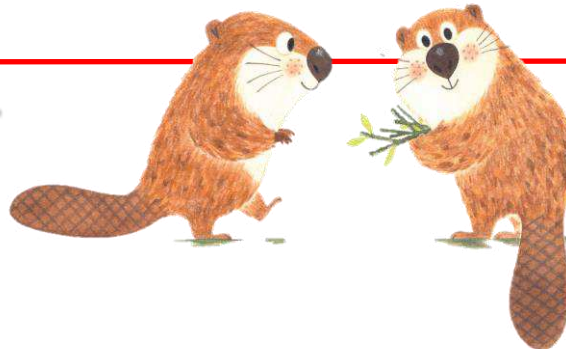


Sample Artwork

## Key Selling Points

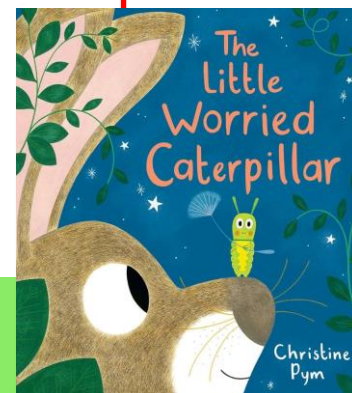
- Includes a non-fiction spread at the back of the book explaining that beavers are a keystone species, and their dams create vital habitats for many animals. Once built, other animals move into the dam, just like the story!
- For fans of *The Squirrels Who Squabbled* and *Bears Don't Share*

**Christine Pym** graduated in 2006 from the North-East Wales School of Art and Design after studying Illustration for Children's Publishing and has been penciling and painting professionally ever since. Chris lives in Staffordshire and photographs wildlife in her free time.  
[christinepym.com](http://christinepym.com) @christinepym



**With themes of learning to accept others and overcoming difference, this is the perfect story for little ones learning to share.**

When Beaver builds a new home, it's perfect. It's calm, quiet, and best of all . . . ALL hers. She doesn't have to share a thing! But soon a chatty Frog decides Beaver's dam is the perfect home for HIM, too . . . and then an otter, and some geese. As more and more animals join the dam, can Beaver find a way to welcome them, or will she and the dam finally . . . BURST?



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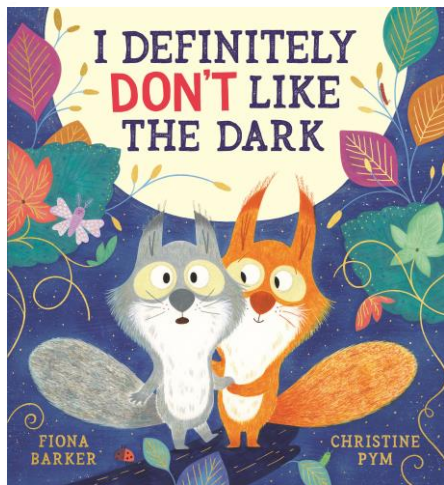
**Pub Date:** May 2026

**Specifications:**

- 250 x 275mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes:  
 Matt lamination & Spot UV

# I DEFINITELY DON'T LIKE THE DARK

By Fiona Barker and Christine Pym



*I Definitely Don't Like Winter* has sold into 13 languages!



**A heartwarming picture book about two best friends who help each other overcome their fears.**

Hank and Hoog are best friends – they do EVERYTHING together. Until one evening when Hank confesses that he's scared of the dark . . . Hoog can't understand – there's nothing to be scared of! But Hank can't stop thinking about the shadows, and what's making those nighttime noises? They may not agree on the dark, but there's something they both *definitely* like: *each other*. And with a good friend, there will always be light in the darkness . . .

## Key Selling Points

- Children will love following the antics of two squabbling squirrels as they learn to help overcome challenges together
- With a laugh-out-loud story bursting with personality and beautiful illustrations full of heart, *I Definitely Don't Like the Dark* is an instant picture book classic.
- Enjoy more of Hank and Hoog's adventures through *I Definitely Don't Like Winter*, with themes of friendship, disagreement, compromise and honesty.



**Rights:** World (ex. Canada (French Canada), France, Finland, Italy, Portugal & The Netherlands)

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**Film Rights:** Alice Williams Literary Agency & Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** September 2025

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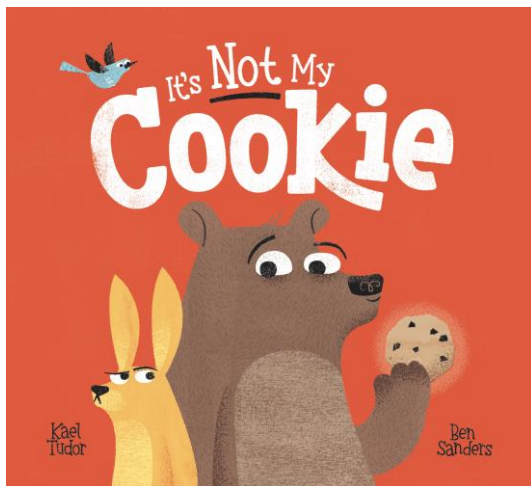
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & gold foil

**Fiona Barker** is positively potty about picture books! She loves reading them, writing them and talking about them. She loves anything funny to read aloud. Fiona is a member of the *Marine Conservation Society* and *The Wildlife Trusts* and loves writing about animal characters. **Christine Pym** is an illustrator based in Longnor, Staffordshire. She graduated in 2006 from the *North East Wales School of Art and Design* and has been pencilling and painting professionally ever since.



# IT'S (NOT) MY COOKIE

By Kael Tudor and Ben Sanders



**A hilariously tempting picture book treat, perfect for fans of Jon Klassen**

*I found a cookie.  
It's just sitting there, all alone.  
I wonder who it belongs to?  
I'm sure they'll be along to  
get it any second now.*

*Poor cookie.  
Poor lonely cookie.  
Poor lonely yummy cookie.*

When a bear finds a cookie just **sitting there**, all alone, what is he to do? Should he pass up this tasty treat, or **will he give in to temptation**? Or is there **someone else** who wants the cookie even more?!

## Key Selling Points

- Perfect for any readers who have ever wrestled with temptation . . .
- *Oh No, George!* by Chris Haughton meets Steve Antony's *Please Mr Panda* in this fabulous treat of a story by Kael Tudor
- Ben Sanders is the wonderfully talented illustrator behind *Agent Harrier*, *Bad Apple*, and *Clive Penguin*

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** United Agents and Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** January 2026

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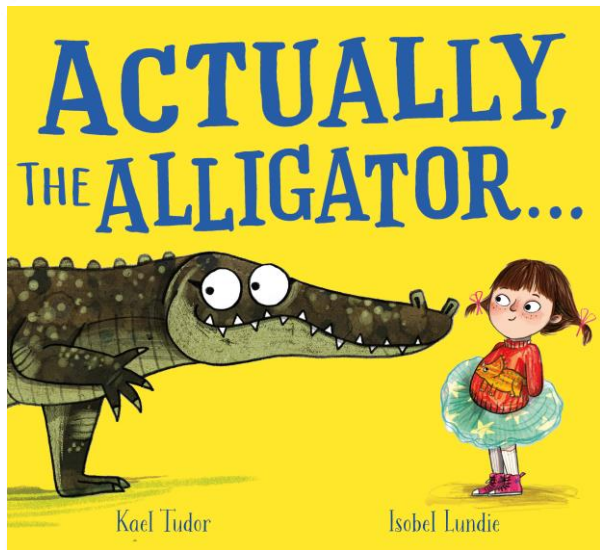
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV



**Kael Tudor** began writing his own stories at a young age, often inspired by the books that he bought at school fairs and jumble sales. When he's not writing picture books, Kael loves reading, drinking at least 15 cups of tea a day, and exploring the Welsh countryside with his family. Award-winning illustrator **Ben Sanders** has never stopped drawing since he was a child. He used to live in Bolivia, but is now based in Australia, where he continues to write and illustrate fantastic books for children, including *I've an Uncle Ivan* and his *Lento & Fox* books. Ben has recently published the first volume in his debut graphic novel series, *Agent Harrier*. He has a strong dislike for beetroot!

# ACTUALLY, THE ALLIGATOR...

By Kael Tudor and Isobel Lundie



Cover Not Final

**A fabulously funny tale . . . with a hint of BITE!**

*Mabel's parents loved their daughter very much. But they also knew that Mabel was the kind of child who did things. You know . . . THINGS.*

*But every time Mabel's parents asked, "Why did you do this?!" Mabel would reply, "Actually, the ALLIGATOR did it."*

Join Mabel's parents as they try to uncover the truth. Is Mabel the culprit, or is she hiding a SNAPPY secret in her bedroom . . .

## Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of Jon Klassen's *This Is Not My Hat* and Peter Bentley and Sara Ogilvie's *Meet the Parents*
- Kael Tudor is the author of a whole host of hilarious books including *One Goose, Two Moose* and *It's (NOT) My Cookie*
- Isobel Lundie is the illustrator of *Waterstones Book of the Month* author Louie Stowell's first picture book, *A Midsummer Night's Drama*

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** United Agents and Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** May 2026

## Specifications:

- 280 x 250mm plus ends
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV



**Kael Tudor** began writing his own stories at a young age, often inspired by the books that he bought at school fairs and jumble sales. When he's not writing picture books, Kael loves reading, drinking at least 15 cups of tea a day, and exploring the Welsh countryside with his family.

**Isobel Lundie** is based in Worthing and has a degree in Illustration and Animation from Kingston University. She especially loves projects that let her imagination run wild! Isobel is the illustrator of bestselling author Louie Stowell's debut picture book, *A Midsummer Night's Drama*. When not illustrating, she loves spending time with her dog.

# TEN TINY SQUIRRELS

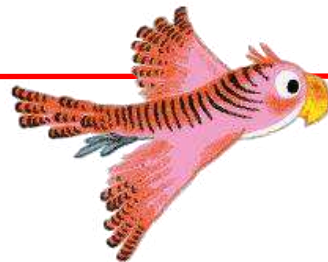
By Kael Tudor and Marc Boutavant



Sample artwork

## Key Selling Points

- A hilariously chaotic counting story from author Kael Tudor
- Fabulously realised illustrations by Marc Boutavant, illustrator of *Never Tickle A Tiger* and *Mouk*
- Perfect for fans of *OI FROG!* and *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*
- With a super silly counting element!



A laugh-out-loud counting tale . . . with a twist!

*Ten tiny squirrels, sitting in a line.  
One ran away and then there were . . .  
WAIT! Where are you all going?!*

Join one bear on a hilarious quest to track down 10 mischievous squirrels . . . with a little help from 9 budgies, 8 geese, 7 polar bears, 6 chameleons, 5 mice, 4 ducks, 3 tortoises, 2 budgies . . .

Hang on, I thought there were 9 budgies, not 2?!

And let's not forget the tiger . . .

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**Film Rights:** United Agents & Heart Artists' Agents

**Pub Date:** February 2026

## Specifications:

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- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV

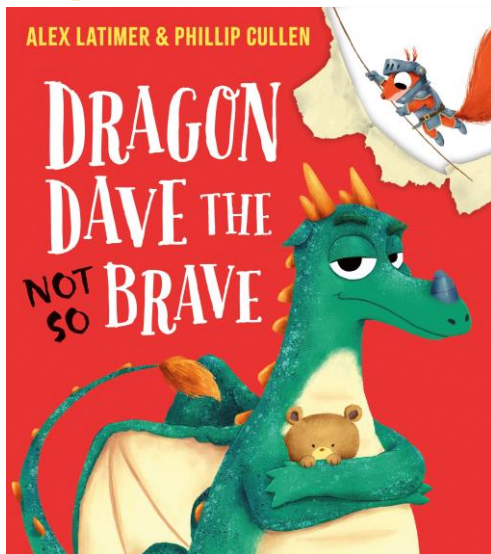


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# DRAGON DAVE THE (NOT-SO) BRAVE

By Alex Latimer and Phillip Cullen



**Have you ever wanted to change how a story ends?  
Then this is the picture book for you!**

**Help!** Dragon Dave has been stuck in this book **FOREVER**.

He really wants to get out. The story always has a very **sticky ending** . . .

But when Prince George shows Dave that words can be re-written, will Dave be **brave** enough to change his story?

## Key Selling Points

- This innovative picture book celebrates friendship, daring to be different, and having the courage to write your own story
- Features important messages, woven into a child-friendly story, with bags of fun
- With artwork full of character and humour by exciting debut picture book illustrator, Phillip Cullen
- Written by master storyteller Alex Latimer, author of many picture books, including *Pip and Egg* which sold into 15 languages

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Scholastic UK

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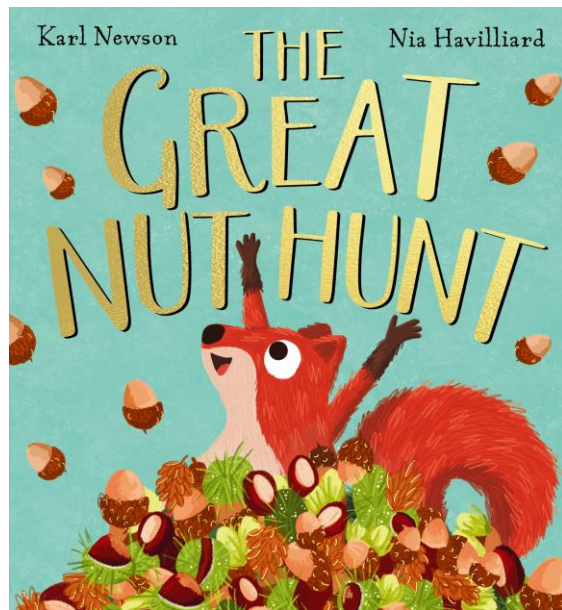
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- 32pp plus ends
- Cover finishes:  
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**Alex Latimer** is an award-winning South African writer and illustrator living in Cape Town. He has a degree in English and Philosophy and has written and illustrated for many major brands across the globe. Alex's picture books are quirky and fun and full of humour that appeals to both children and adults. **Phillip Cullen** is an exciting new children's illustrator. *Dragon Dave the (Not-So) Brave* is his debut picture book. He grew up in Dublin and studied Classical Animation at Ballyfermot College.

# THE GREAT NUT HUNT

By Karl Newson and Nia Havilliard



**A brilliantly funny story, perfect for fans of *The Leaf Thief***

*Up and down, high and low.  
Over and under and into I go . . .  
When I'm hunting for nuts!*

Squirrel LOVES nuts. He loves them so much that he collects AS MANY AS HE CAN! There's just one problem: with so many nuts hidden around the woods, Squirrel just can't remember where they all are. Oh, nuts!

## Key Selling Points

- Full of energy and fun, this gorgeous seasonal picture book brings together bestseller Karl Newson and rising star Nia Havilliard for the very first time
- With a bouncy text and illustrations full of colour and detail, *The Great Nut Hunt* is perfect for autumn – and all year round!
- Ideal for fans of *The Squirrels Who Squabbled* and *The Leaf Thief*
- The perfect book for autumnal bookshop window displays



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September 2025

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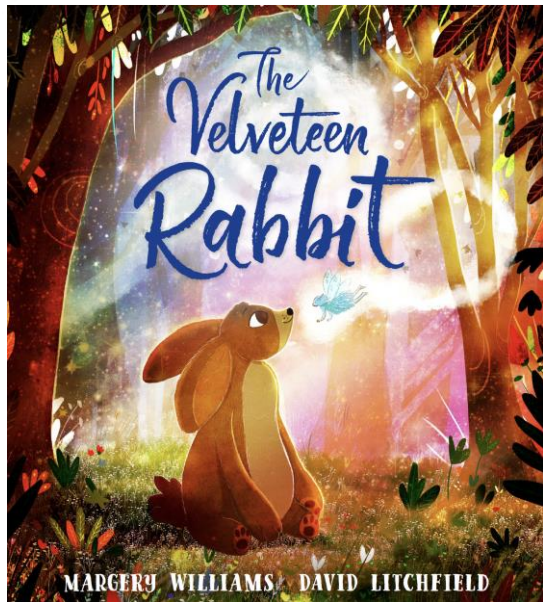
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**Karl Newson** is the author of multi-award winning picture book *I Am a Tiger*, the best-selling *I Really Longmoor Need a Wee*, *The Same But Different Too*, plus many, many more! His stories have been translated into 30 languages around the world. **Nia Havilliard** is a *Carnegie Medal* and *Klaus Flugge* long listed children's illustrator living and working along the Welsh coast in South Wales, UK. Nia enjoys exploring different illustration styles and creating illustrations that are full of texture and filled with small details, capturing the fun and energy of everyday life and nature in her work as well as depicting heartfelt and intricate family scenes.

# THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

By Margery Williams and Illustrated by David Litchfield



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- David Litchfield is the author-illustrator of *The Bear and the Piano*, winner of the 2016 *Waterstones Children's Book Prize*
- Stunning artwork brings the classic story to new heights, perfect for sharing with the little ones in your life



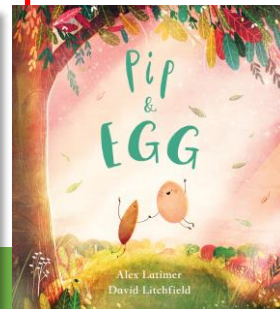
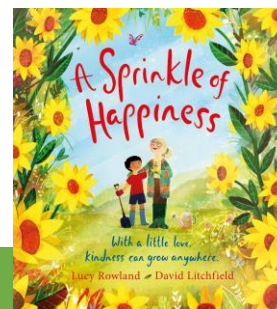
The much-loved children's classic by Margery Williams, now reimagined by David Litchfield as a gorgeous picture book for the youngest readers

The Velveteen Rabbit is the perfect stuffed toy – soft, snuggly and brand new. But he longs to be played with, so he can become Real. After his Boy takes him to bed one night, the pair become inseparable. Rabbit thinks his heart will burst from happiness. This is what being Real must feel like . . .

But when the pair are separated, a magical fairy grants the wish of Rabbit's heart. Finally transformed into a REAL Rabbit, he finds a new family, but never forgets his special friend – after all, he was **always** real to the boy.

## Key Selling Points

- Share the magic of *The Velveteen Rabbit* with incredible full-colour illustrations by one of Britain's leading illustrators



**Rights:** World

## Rights optioned:

World (ex. Croatia, Portugal & Romania)

**Film Rights:** The Bright Agency

**Pub Date:** February 2026

## Specifications:

- 250 x 275mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV

**David Litchfield** is the multi-award-winning author-illustrator behind the *Bear And The Piano* series. He also wrote and illustrated *Lights On Cotton Rock* and *Grandad's Secret Giant*. His first picture book with Scholastic UK, *Pip and Egg*, has been translated into 15 languages.





- Another laugh-out loud Squirrel and Bird story by Alice Hemming, celebrating the changing seasons
- Brilliant illustrations by Nicola Slater that are full of expression and humour
- With a non-fiction spread at the back of the book packed full of facts



**Rights:** World

**Rights optioned:**

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**Film Rights:**

Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:**

September 2026

**Specifications:**

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- 32pp
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**Alice Hemming** worked as a librarian, a website editor and an outreach manager for a university before she became a children's book author. Her first book was published in 2013 and since then she's never looked back, writing picture books such as the bestselling *Leaf Thief* series, middle grade and the bestselling *Dark Unicorn* series. In 2022, *The Leaf Thief* became a New York Times bestseller! Alice lives with her family in Hertfordshire, England. @AliceHemming1 **Nicola Slater** is well-known for her distinctive artwork and has illustrated children's books for over 20 years. She has illustrated *Leaping Lemmings!*, *Hello, Zoo* and *A Skunk in My Bunk* as well as many, many others. Nicola lives with her family in Manchester, England. @nicolaslater

# the LEAF THIEF

## NOVELTY PUBLISHING

By Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater

From the New York  
Times bestselling  
brand *The Leaf  
Thief*

Told with *The Leaf Thief's* signature style and humour, these gorgeous board books with a lift-the-flap element are perfect for curious minds



**SLIDE  
AND SPIN**  
Coming 2026

### Key Selling Points

- Little ones will love discovering *The Leaf Thief* in these chunky board book formats with bright coloured felt or card flaps, perfect for little hands
- *The Leaf Thief* has been a NYT bestseller and has been published into 24 territories
- Other novelty books in the series include *The Leaf Thief - Colours* and *The Leaf Thief - Numbers*, two chunky board books with card flaps

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**Rights Optioned:** China, Hungary, Israel (Arabic & Hebrew), Korea, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Taiwan, Thailand & Ukraine

**Film Rights:** Scholastic

**Pub Date:** March 2024 – March 2025

### **Specifications:**

- 10pp
- 185 x 185mm

**Alice Hemming** worked as a librarian, a website editor and an outreach manager for a university before she became a children's book author. Her first book was published in 2013 and since then she's never looked back, writing picture books, middle grade and the bestselling *Midnight Unicorn* series. **Nicola Slater** is well-known for her distinctive artwork. She has illustrated *Leaping Lemmings*, *Hello Zoo* and *A Skunk in my Bunk* as well as many, many others. Nicola lives with her family in Manchester, England.

# BETSY BUGLOVE AND THE LUCKY LADYBIRDS

By Catherine Jacob and Lucy Fleming



Sample artwork

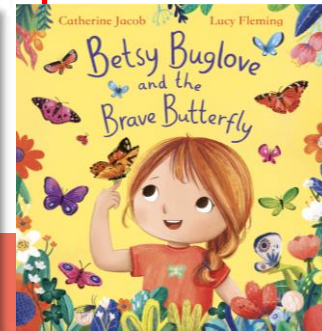
## Key Selling Points

- The third book in the Betsy Buglove series
- Wonderful illustrations bring the natural world to life by Lucy Fleming, illustrator of *Home Bird Hoot* and *Stop That Squirrel*
- Perfect for little bug-lovers, this book encourages children to get outdoors and appreciate the nature around them
- The first Betsy Buglove book has sold into 11 territories



An exciting new adventure for Betsy Buglove who is back to save the day!

Bug-lover Betsy is always keeping watch over her insect friends. When a cold day forces the ladybirds inside, she uses her magic magnifying glass to listen to their problem! Can Betsy and her best friend Stan find a way to help the ladybirds?



**Rights:** World

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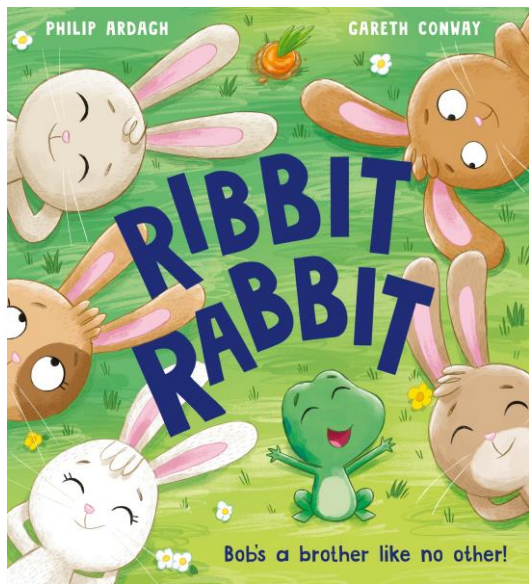
- 275 x 250mm
- 32 pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV

**Catherine Jacob** is a writer, award-winning television correspondent, filmmaker and mum to three small children. She writes books for adults *and* children and particularly enjoys writing rhyming picture books. **Lucy Fleming** has been an avid doodler and bookworm since early childhood. She lives and works in a small town in England, and when she's not at her desk she prefers nothing more than to be outdoors in the sunshine with a hot cup of tea and her little cat playing close by.



# RIBBIT RABBIT

By Philip Ardagh and Gareth Conway



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**A funny, heart-warming tale about family, love and acceptance.**

*Bob doesn't much look like his sisters and brothers.*

*He's handsome, indeed, but he's not like the others.*

Bob the frog does things a little differently to the rest of his rabbit family ...

He looks a bit different than them, he eats different foods, and his family can't keep up with his swimming! But it doesn't matter what Bob looks like or does – his family love him just the way he is!

## Key Selling Points

- A celebration of family and embracing the things that make you different
- Written by award-winning author, Philip Ardagh
- Gareth Conway brings Bob and his bouncy siblings to life with his warm, funny illustrations

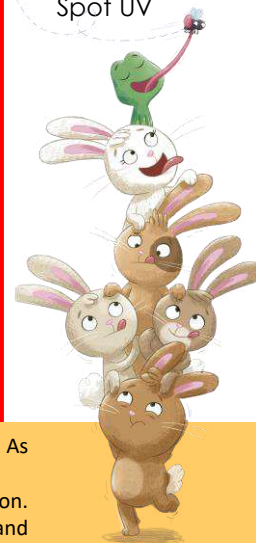
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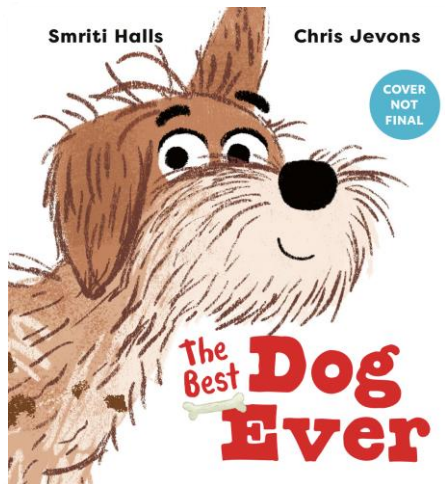


Roald Dahl Funny Prize winner **Philip Ardagh**, has written over 100 books for children, including *Grubtown Tales*, *Eddie Dickens* and *The Grunts* series. As a children's book reviewer for *The Guardian*, he can almost always be found writing in one way or another. @philipardagh

**Gareth Conway** graduated The Surrey Institute of Art and Design with a degree in animation and spent years working on children's animated television. He now works on animation and illustrates children's books, including the iconic *Greg the Sausage Roll* series. He lives in Devon with his wife and daughter who are his biggest inspiration and harshest critics in equal measure. @thegarethconway

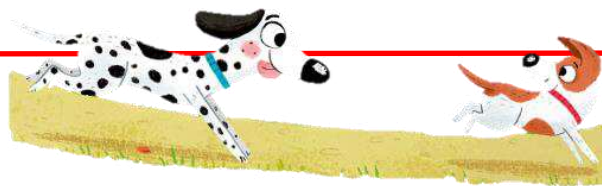
# THE BEST DOG EVER

By Smriti Halls and Chris Jevons



## Key Selling Points

- Smriti Hall's bouncing rhyming story about a perfectly imperfect pooch is great fun to read aloud!
- Chris Jevons' bright and bold illustrations of Max and all his furry friends bring the text to life with colour and humour
- A gentle introduction to ideas of self-confidence and embracing our differences
- If you like this, why not try *Bun On The Run*, also by Smriti Halls and Chris Jevons!



**A charming picture book about accepting differences and loving what makes us unique – filled with super cute dogs!**

*I wish I were a DIFFERENT dog,  
the quick and clever sort.  
Perhaps a spotty, dotty dog  
with hair all trim and short.*

Max wishes he was A DIFFERENT DOG. His fur isn't FLUFFY enough to win Best In Show. His bark isn't LOUD enough to scare away danger. He doesn't sit . . . or heel . . . or fetch . . . or come back when you call, either.

But Max's owner thinks he's PERFECT! Can Max learn that he's perfect, too?

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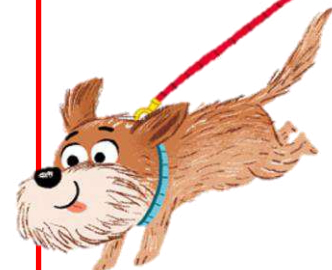
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Agents & The Bright  
Agency

**Pub Date:** March  
2026

## Specifications:

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- 32pp
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Matt lamination  
and Spot UV



**Smriti Halls** is the award-winning and internationally bestselling author of books such as *Rain Before Rainbows*, *The Ways Of The Wolf* and *Welcome To Your World*. Smriti worked for the BBC and across children's publishing as a writer and editor for 12 years. She began writing her own books in 2012 and is now published in more than 30 languages worldwide. Smriti lives in London with her husband and three sons. **@SmritiPH Chris Jevons** is a children's picture book illustrator with a passion for character design and storytelling. He began his career studying art and design at College. Now creating picture book and fiction illustrations for a living, Chris has illustrated books including *Rhinos Don't Cry*, *We Wish You a Smelly Christmas*, *Goldilocks in Space* and *Superpoop*. Chris lives and works in Harrogate, UK.

# LET'S GET READY

By Gemma Atkinson and Lisa Hunt



## READY, STEADY ... GO!

This practical, humorous guide to getting school ready features all of the nifty hints and tips required for brushing teeth, getting dressed, washing hands and much more.

Wakey, wakey! It's time to get up and go to school, but where to begin?

Even Freddie the Squirrel is in a muddle. But, with the magical coat trick, the toothbrushing song, shoe stickers and the get-dressed-jiggle, children will never be late for school again.

### Key Selling Points

- A practical guide to getting ready for school, featuring toothbrushing, hand washing, getting dressed, eating breakfast, going to the toilet and much more.
- Includes tried-and-tested methods, tips and tricks used in nurseries, such as The Coat Trick and Shoe Stickers
- Step-by-step guide for The Coat Trick at the back of the book



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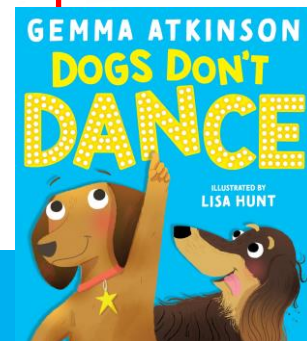
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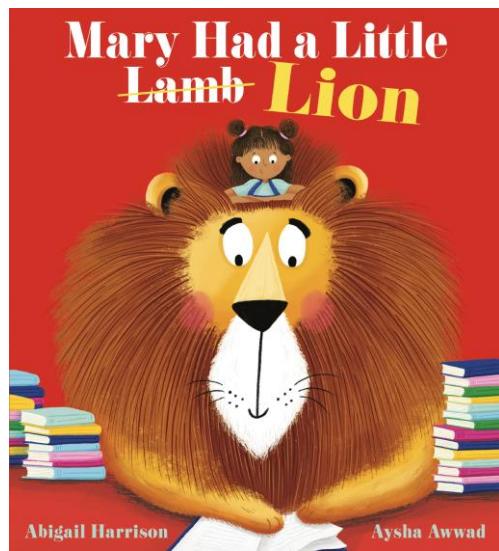


**Gemma Atkinson** is a CBeebies Baby and Toddler Club Presenter, an actress best-known for her regular appearances in *Hollyoaks*, *Casualty* and *Emmerdale*, a brand ambassador, radio host and dancer of *Strictly* fame. She's also a well-known dog lover and owner of adorable spaniels Norman and Ollie. **Lisa Hunt** has worked as an illustrator for over 15 years. She has created illustrations for products, greetings cards, apps, and books.



# MARY HAD A LITTLE LION

By Abigail Harrison and Aysha Awwad



*Mary had a little ~~lamb~~ LION!  
Its roar was loud and strong.  
And everywhere that Mary went  
The lion would come along...*

Mary brings her pet lion EVERYWHERE. But when she smuggles him into school, Mary's teacher isn't exactly pleased! She banishes him from school immediately. But before he leaves, he discovers the school library and curls up to listen to the children read. When two thieves sneak into the library to steal the books, can Mary's lion save the day and earn his place in school?

For fans of *How to Hide a Lion* and *The Detective Dog*, this spin on *Mary Had a Little Lamb* is a future classic in the making.



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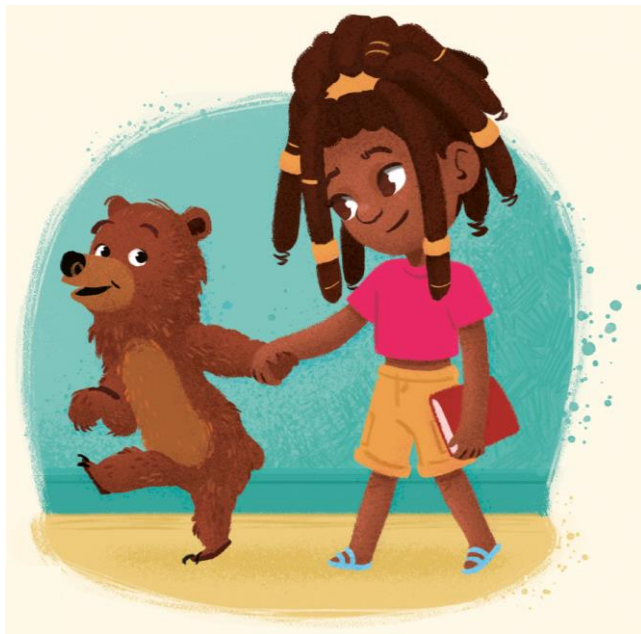
- An exciting twist on a classic nursery rhyme, with a fabulously feisty heroine
- Abigail Harrison's playful rhyming text makes this the perfect story to read aloud
- Aysha Awwad is the illustrator of *Worry Boots*, and *Whose Dog is This?* which was shortlisted for the 2024 *Waterstones Children's Book Prize*

**Abigail Harrison** is originally from Dublin, Ireland and now lives in London with her husband and two children. *Mary Had a Little Lion* is her first picture book. **Aysha Awwad** studied graphic design at University of the Arts London and is now an illustrator and graphic designer. She's passionate about storytelling through both words and pictures, and loves creating new characters and the little worlds they live in. When she's not writing, drawing or designing you can find Aysha knitting a jumper, whittling up a spoon or researching new crafts she can try her hand at.



# GOLDILOCS

By Ella McLeod and Rochelle Falconer



Sample Artwork



*There are just three things that a girl can be . . .*

A Witch should brew potions, but Goldilocs would rather make porridge. Plus, an Evil Queen doesn't build her own throne. As for a Princess waiting for a prince . . . that just sounds BORING!

When Goldilocs tries to be the things she's told a girl should be, she finds that none of them quite fit.

But with help from some unexpected friends, Goldilocs learns that being herself is what matters most.

## Key Selling Points

- Retold with rhythm and rhyme, Ella McLeod's retelling breathes new life into the classic story
- Rochelle Falconer's cheeky illustrations will both empower and delight little readers

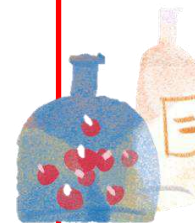
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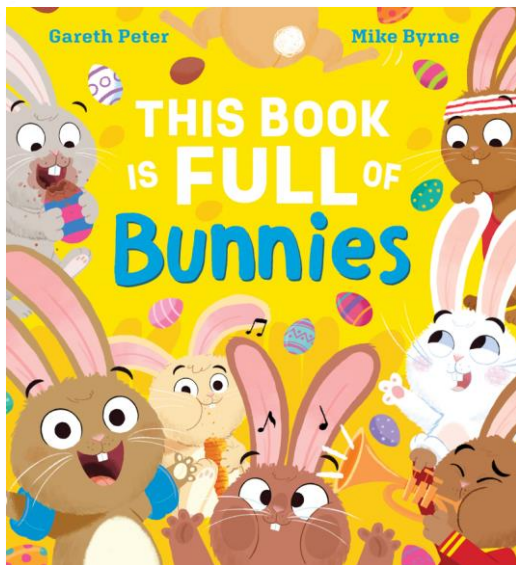
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**Ella McLeod** is a writer/performer and graduate of Warwick University, where she was awarded a 1st class BA in English Literature with Theatre and Performance Studies. She has worked as a spoken word poet and actress, notably in Bible John. Ella has worked as a podcast producer and researcher for *Somethin' Else*. @mcleodmouth. **Rochelle Falconer** is an illustrator and graphic designer. She loves picture books and the magic and mayhem that can be found within them, and spends her time dreaming up characters she would want to see represented. Rochelle is the illustrator of *The Best Me!* and *The Council of Good Friends*. @rochellefalconer

# THIS BOOK IS FULL OF BUNNIES

By Gareth Peter and Mike Byrne



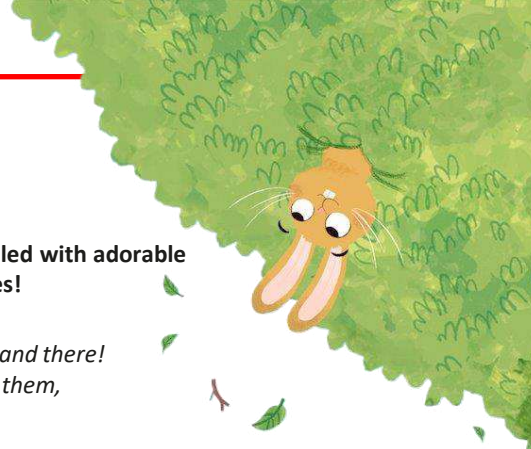
**A super-fun picture book filled with adorable bunnies on crazy adventures!**

*This book is full of BUNNIES  
Bouncing here... and there...and there!  
The grown-ups never notice them,  
But we are all aware.*

Jump into this picture book filled with bouncing bunnies and their wild adventures. Join them as they cause chaos in the toy store, zoom along at the skate park and even jet off on holiday!

## Key Selling Points

- A brilliantly fun rhyming text from picture book superstar Gareth Peter jam-packed with humour
- Filled with hilarious illustrations from Mike Byrne of bunnies in the most unexpected of places
- If you liked these, check out *This Book Is Full Of Unicorns*, *This Book Is Full Of Elves*, and *This Book Is Full Of Poop*



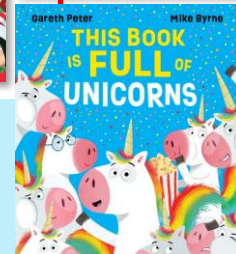
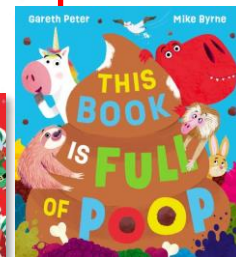
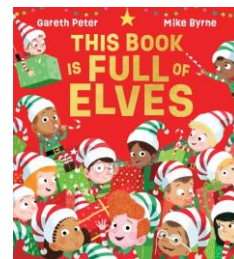
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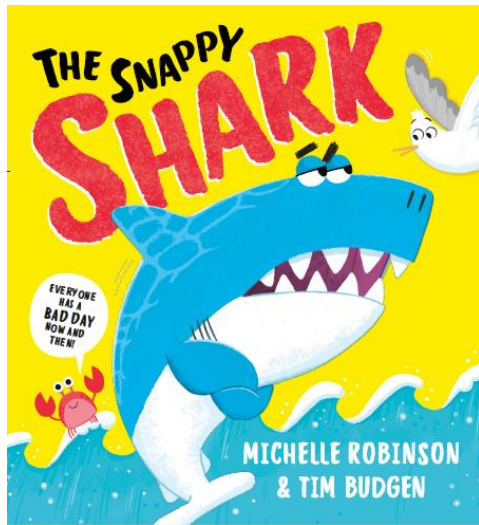


**Gareth Peter** is an author and stay-at-home dad, living in Nottingham with his partner, two huskies and their two adopted children. In 2018 Gareth was selected as one of ten exceptional finalists onto the Penguin Random House WriteNow mentoring scheme, seeking new voices from under-represented communities. **Mike Byrne** has illustrated *There's A Troll On My Toilet*, *Who Pooed In My Loo* and *There Is A Spider In This Book*. Mike grew up on the Wirral near Liverpool, moved to Wales to study illustration and now lives in the countryside with his wife and sons. @TheMikeByrne



# THE SNAPPY SHARK

By Michelle Robinson and Tim Budgen



## Key Selling Points

- Bouncy, rhyming picture book text by Michelle Robinson, bestselling author of *The Pumpkin Who Was Afraid of the Dark* and *When Jelly Had a Wobble*
- Tim Budgen's bright and bold snappy shark is full of character and relatability
- The perfect picture book to help children to navigate their big emotions
- Reassures children that we all have wobbles sometimes and that's OK!

**A brand-new snappy series from award-winning duo Michelle Robinson and Tim Budgen!**

*Mark the shark's a brand-new fish.  
He's learned to take it easy.  
Any stress? He takes a breath,  
And soon, he's bright and breezy!*



SNAP! Look out, here's Mark the shark. He loves to play games with his friends! But when things don't go to plan, Mark starts to feel a bit wobbly until he . . . SNAAAAPS!

Mark doesn't like to lose his temper, and he really doesn't like upsetting his friends.

But when there's a commotion in the ocean and his friends are in danger, can Mark channel his big emotions and use his snap to save the day?



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- 32pp
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- Matt lamination & Spot UV

**Michelle Robinson** worked in advertising before turning her creative talents to writing children's books. She is the author of many bestselling titles including *Ten Fat Sausages*, *The Goodnight series*, *There's A Lion In My Cornflakes* and *How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth*. @michrobinson **Tim Budgen** is a freelance illustrator and art teacher. For much of his life he has been scribbling down ideas and can usually be found with a pencil in one hand and a sketchbook in the other! He lives by the sea on Hayling Island with his wife Julia.

# A VERY HAPPY RAMADAN

By A. M. Dassu and Abeeha Tariq



Sample Artwork

## Key Selling Points

- A gentle introduction to the idea of fasting, perfect for little ones who aren't quite ready yet but want to join in
- Award-winning author A.M. Dassu's heartfelt story is full of humour and celebration, making this a wonderful gift
- Abeeha Tariq's gorgeous illustrations bring the story to life with vibrant colour and warmth
- Featuring a non-fiction spread with a description of Ramadan and a delicious iftar spread!

**A celebratory story of a little boy's first Ramadan!**

*"Porridge? EWWW, no thank you!"*

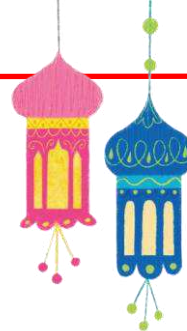
When Rayhan wakes up and his dad says there's porridge for breakfast, he's NOT PLEASED.

But it's Ramadan, so Rayhan decides to FAST. Hooray!

But fasting is harder than it looks, and soon Rayhan's tummy is rumbling REALLY LOUD.

Can Rayhan make it until sunset for Iftar? Or will he learn that he doesn't need to do EVERYTHING that grown-ups do?

*"Being with you all is my favourite part of Ramadan."*



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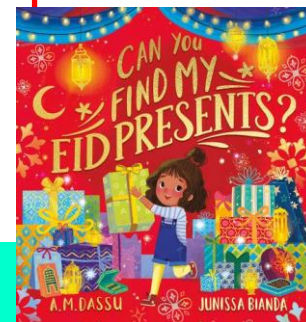
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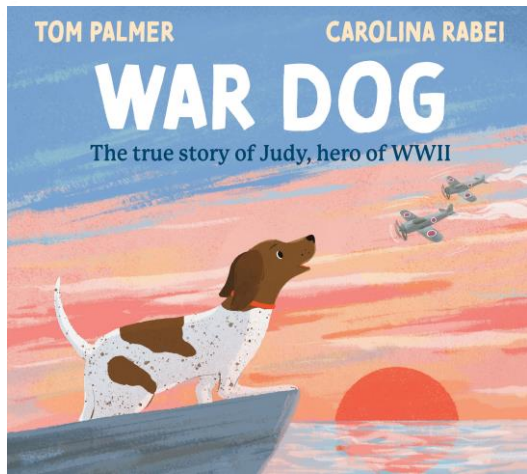
**Also by A.M. Dassu:**



**A.M. Dassu** is the internationally acclaimed author of *Boy, Everywhere* and *Fight Back*, which have collectively been listed for forty-six awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Carnegie Medal, The Little Rebels Award for Radical Fiction, the American Library Association Notable Book List and Jane Addams Peace Book Award. **Abeeha Tariq** is a Pakistani-Irish freelance illustrator, currently based in the UK. She has been drawing since she could hold a crayon, and in 2020 she was shortlisted for the FAB Prize in illustration. A teacher by day, Abeeha loves glitter, biryani and all things pop culture. @AbeehaTariqArt

# WAR DOG

By Tom Palmer and Carolina Rabei



**A captivating, emotional look at one dog's bravery during the war**

*Judy is a dog who lives on a ship called HMS Grasshopper.*

*As the ship's mascot, Judy has many duties. She catches rats, watches out for soldiers who may fall overboard, and she listens out for danger.*

Judy loves her crew, and they love her. But when her soldiers are taken prisoner and she is separated from her beloved Frank, she must find the strength to keep going. She is their only hope.



## Key Selling Points

- This beautiful picture book is a testament to the love and loyalty of dogs and the importance of animal companions
- Based on a true story, Tom Palmer's debut picture book is a tribute to a remarkable hero of WWII – Judy the dog
- Judy is magnificently brought to life with Carolina Rabei's mesmerising illustrations
- Includes a non-fiction spread at the end of the book so that readers can learn more about the role of animals who have been involved in conflict

**Tom Palmer** is the award-winning author of over sixty books for children. Notably, he has written many titles to support children with dyslexia at *Barrington Stoke*. He credits football articles for getting him into reading when he was younger, and went on to work in bookshops and libraries. When not writing, he loves watching live sports, walking his dog Finn, and fell running, all of which he has written books about! *War Dog* is his first picture book. **Carolina Rabei** was born in Moldova but now lives in the UK, where she graduated with a distinction in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art. Her debut picture book, *Snow*, a poem written by Walter de la Mare, was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal. Carolina went on to illustrate the rest of de la Mare's picture books.



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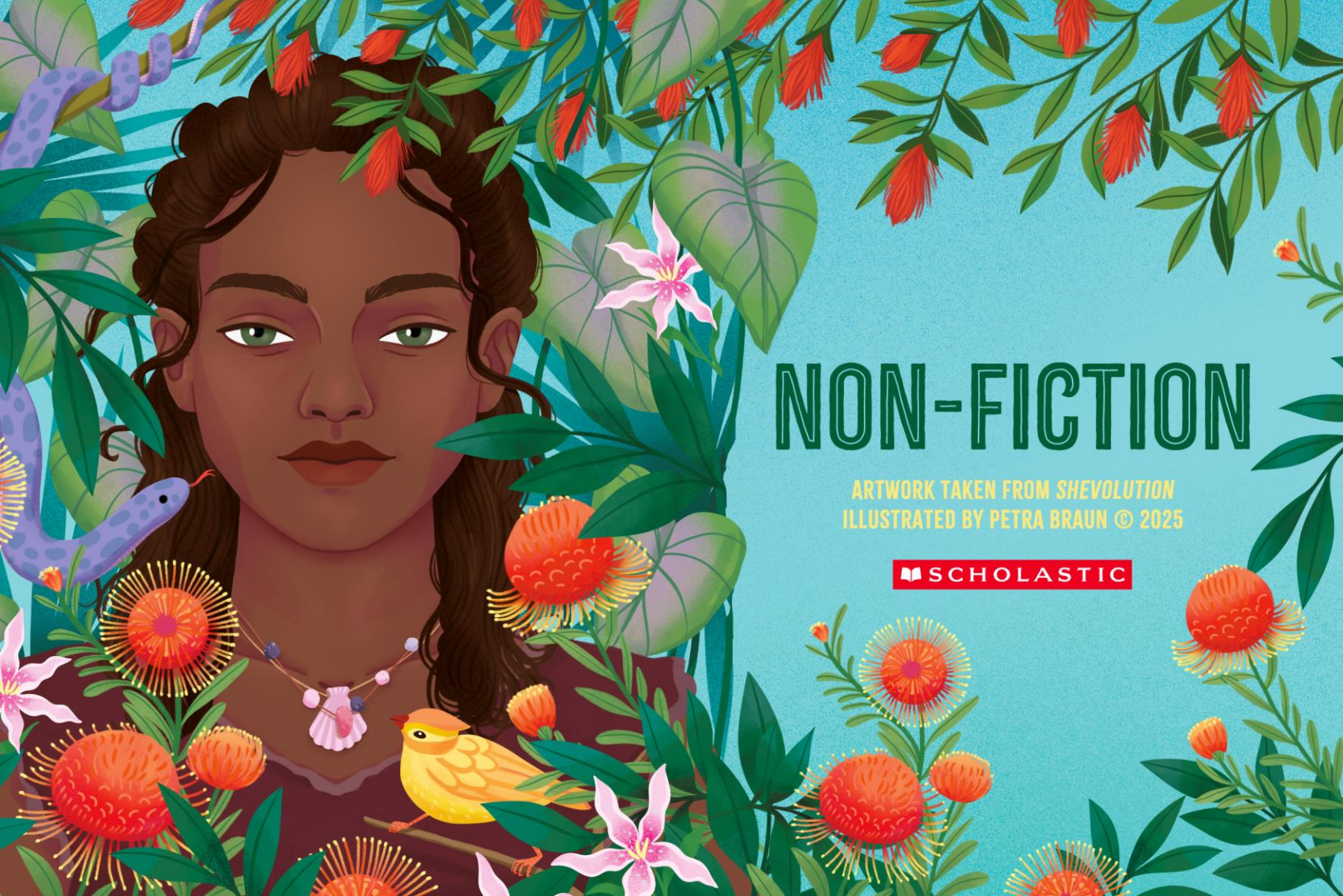
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**Pub Date:** September 2025

## Specifications:

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- 250 x 280mm
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV





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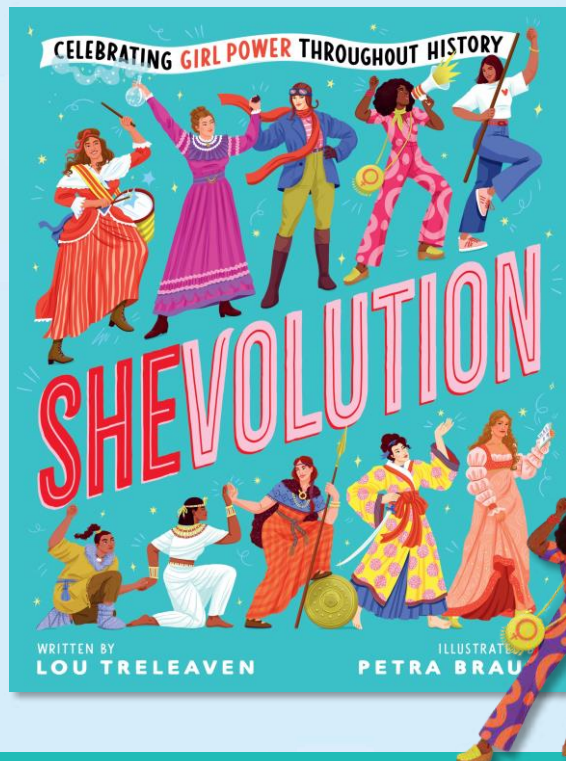
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# SHEVOLUTION

By Lou Treleaven

Illustrated by Petra Braun



## CELEBRATING GIRL POWER THROUGHOUT HISTORY

A joyful exploration of women's history

Everyone alive today can trace their ancestry back to just one woman. But what would her life have been like and what has happened since for her billions of descendants?

In an all-encompassing whistlestop tour through prehistory, history, and on to the future, *Shevolution* spans an extraordinary 150,000 years, tracing the life of the woman scientists call 'Mitochondrial Eve' and following the journeys of the female pioneers who have shaped us all.

### Key Selling Points

- Tells the story of female history from ancient times to the present day
- An important read for all children who want to learn about the Shevolution of society
- Stunning and vibrant art throughout
- Perfect for fans of *Good Night Stories For Rebel Girls* and *Fantastically Great Women Who've Changed The World*



**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:**  
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**Pub Date:** May 2025

**Age:** 9+

### Specifications:

- Full-colour throughout
- 275 x 225 mm
- 96pp
- Hardback

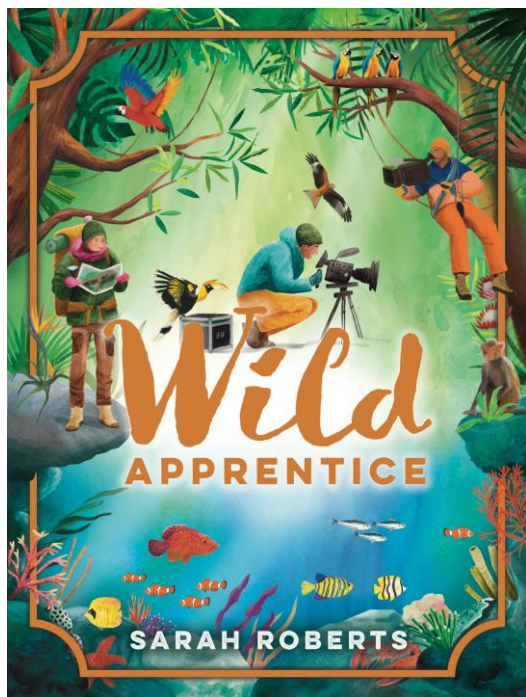
**Lou Treleaven** lives in Bedfordshire in the UK with her family and two rescue cats, Maple and Bluebell. She has been writing little books of stories ever since she can remember and now has more than 30 published books. She splits her time between writing books and helping authors.

**Petra Braun** is a freelance illustrator based in Austria. She specializes in digital illustration and emphasizes women's empowerment and love of nature with a modern, feminine, bright, and playful style. She is highly inspired by strong women, the female body, animals, and plants and likes to evoke feelings, a special mood and atmosphere, as well as an uplifting message.



# WILD APPRENTICE

By Sarah Roberts and Illustrated by Marianne Van der Walle



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Learn all about the **WILDEST JOBS** in the entire world.

Does the thought of working in a dingy office fill you with dread? Are you undeterred by mud, swamps, creepy crawlies and wild animals? Do you know what clothes and supplies to pack when called into action at a moment's notice? Then this is the book for you.

From big-wave surfers and marine biologists to palaeontologists, explorers, sailors and wilderness medics, you'll learn which super skills are required, read words of wisdom from bona fide experts, and encounter fascinating facts, astonishing animals, top tips and much more!

## Key Selling Points

- Written by wildlife expert and eco-journalist Sarah Roberts, this epic guide to the many fascinating, adventurous careers that exist in the world will inspire nature enthusiasts worldwide!
- Filled with astounding facts and jaw-dropping stories from real-life experts
- Full of top tips for kids intent on working in the great outdoors
- Includes sections about climate change and how to look after the planet



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**Pub Date:** March 2026

**Age:** 9+

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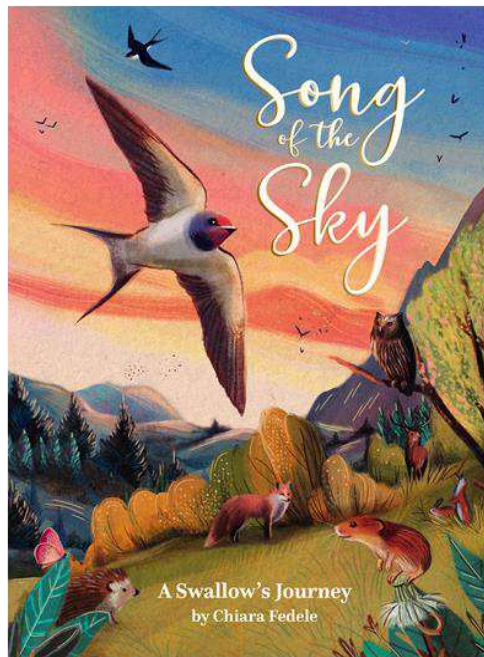
- Colour insides
- 293 x 216mm
- 32pp
- Hardback
- Cover: Spot UV and matt lamination

**Sarah Roberts** works alongside world experts at the frontline of nature conservation. She has witnessed some of the most astonishing wildlife species around the world. Sarah loves adventure and is passionate about protecting the future of wild places and their inhabitants. **Marianne Van Der Walle** is a freelance illustrator from the Netherlands. She spent every free minute as a child drawing, but opted to pursue a career in education for ten years before pursuing illustration professionally. She works both traditionally in gouache and digitally, layering images with light and shadow.



# SONG OF THE SKY: A SWALLOW'S JOURNEY

By Chiara Fedele



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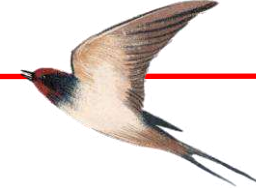
Follow a young fledgling swallow as she prepares to leave the nest, beginning a lifelong pattern of travel – the beautiful and incredible journey of migration from Europe to South Africa and back.

From the summer skies of Europe, down to the wonderful lakes in the Pyrenees and back up again, swooping above the sweeping sands of the Sahara Desert, the swallows' journey is one of awe.

Part of a beautiful new series featuring migration journeys, Song of the Sky has stunning full-colour illustrations and includes lovely things to spot with factual content throughout, all from the swallow's eye as a love letter to our planet.

## Key Selling Points

- Stunning full-colour illustrations
- Perfect to read with little ones
- Features one of the wonderful migratory species of the world, the swallow
- Adds a lyrical twist to traditional nature books
- Includes factual content throughout with additional facts at the back



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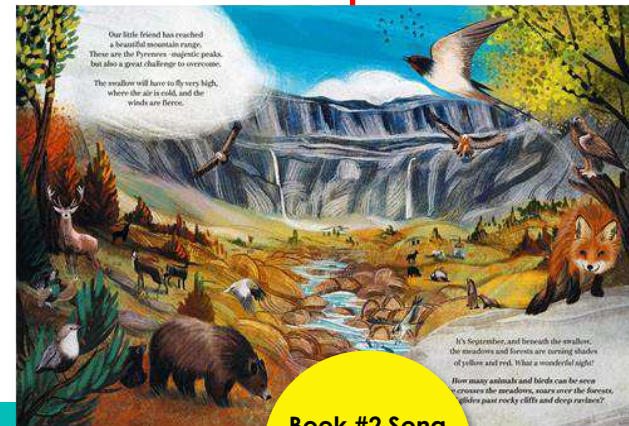
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September 2026

**Age:** 6+

**Specifications:**

- 293x216mm
- 32pp
- Full colour



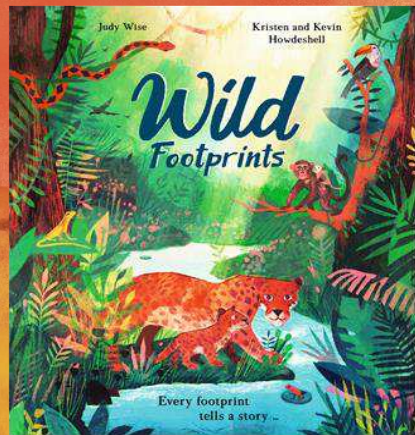
**Book #2 Song of the River coming 2026!**

Chiara Fedele was born in Milan, Italy and now lives in a little town called Tromello with her family and her pets. She has a degree in Illustration at La Scuola del Fumetto in Milan. Chiara loves to work with bright colours and contrast and uses a combination of mixed traditional media and digital.

# WILD FOOTPRINTS

By Judy Wise

Illustrated by Kevin & Kristen Howdeshell



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*Each unique creature leaves a special trail.  
And each and every one tells an extraordinary tale...*

**Follow in the footprints of some of Earth's most majestic creatures and minibeasts. Along the way, you'll learn that some footprints are more harmful than others ...**

Though humans have damaged many ecosystems, we too have the power to change our ways. This celebrational and lyrical text culminates in an uplifting and empowering finale with a powerful and prevailing message of hope.

## Key Selling Points

- Lyrical text with snippets of factual content so readers can learn about creatures on every page
- Combines ideas of conservation and ecology with inclusivity, diversity and empowerment – perfect for young, inquisitive readers
- Includes a search-and-find activity and a top tips section for children interested in learning how to help the planet and its inhabitants

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** Bell  
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**Pub Date:** April 2026

## **Specifications:**

- Full-colour throughout
- 250 x 270mm
- Hard back
- 32pp

**Age:** 4+

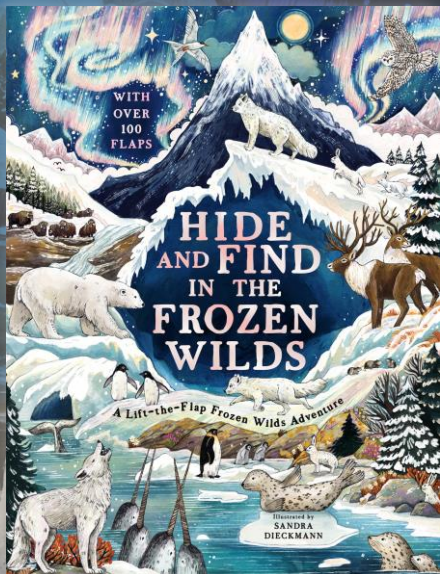
**Judy Wise** hopes her vibrant, life-filled story will inspire young minds. Whether it's exploring beaches with her own three little wild-things, chasing her cheeky guinea pigs around the garden, or finding calm from chronic illness in leafy woodlands, **Judy** is constantly reminded of how important the natural world is for us all.

**Kevin and Kristen Howdeshell** are a husband-wife team based in Kansas City. They're the parents to four children, their newest born in 2023. Together, they have been illustrating for over 15 years and run The Brave Union studio, specializing in children's book illustration, editorial illustration, poster work, animation development, and educational material.



# HIDE AND FIND IN THE FROZEN WILDS

A stunning lift-the-flap book,  
with over 100 flaps.



Take a journey across the frozen wilds of nature, observing and discovering all the wildlife that thrive in the cold. From the chilly Arctic coast and the windy mountains, to a frosty forest and then to Antarctica in the frozen south.

Beautifully illustrated by Sandra Dieckmann, there are plenty of incredible things to spot and learn more about.

## Key Selling Points

- A beautiful walk-through nature finding interesting facts along the way
- Over 100 flaps of different shapes and sizes to explore and discover
  - With facts and dozens of things to spot on every page
  - Beautifully illustrated by Sandra Dieckmann
  - Also available: *Hide and Find in the Forest*

**Sandra Dieckmann** is an illustrator, author and maker. Her work is inspired by the weird and the wonderful in the natural world. She is best known for her colourful and patterned – often intricate – renderings but works in a multitude of media from pencil and paint to digital and sometimes clay.

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Italy & The Netherlands

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**Pub Date:** February 2026

**Age:** 6+

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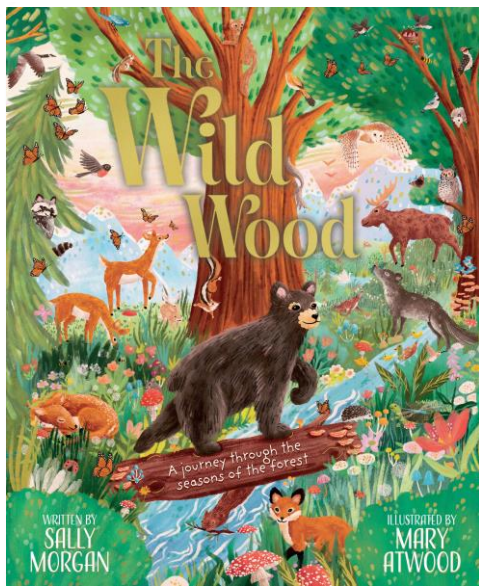
- Full-colour
- 304mm x 237mm
- 16pp
- Matt lam & foil on cover





# THE WILD WOOD: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEASONS OF THE FOREST

By Sally Morgan, illustrated by Mary Atwood



Join Bud the bear, as he embarks on a magnificent journey through the seasons of the wild forests.

Along the way, he'll see flowers bloom, birds migrate, snow fall in soft flurries, spiders weaving webs, tadpoles transforming into frogs, caterpillars becoming colourful butterflies and much more. Spotters checklists appear at the end of every season, so little adventurers can discover and tick off many magnificent spectacles in spring, summer, autumn and winter, including animal footprints, nests, beetles, birds and beyond!

## Key Selling Points

- Readers can learn all about the life cycle of frogs, how bees make honey, how the forests of the world are changing, how beavers make dams and much more
- Special spotters checklists at the end of each chapter encourage readers to interact with nature. For the eagle-eyed there are rare woodland creatures to find hidden in the pages.
- With rich, detailed artwork by Mary Atwood, this is the ultimate, immersive guide to our planet's woodlands and wildlife

**Sally Morgan** is an experienced children's author and editor. Sally writes children's fiction and non-fiction and is the author of several titles in the bestselling *Great British* series. She lives in Minneapolis in the USA.



**Rights:** World (ex. Italy)

**Film Rights:**  
Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:**  
September 2025

**Age:** 6+

## Specifications:

- Full-colour
- 275 x 225mm
- 64pp + ends
- Foil, matt-lamination and spot UV on the cover

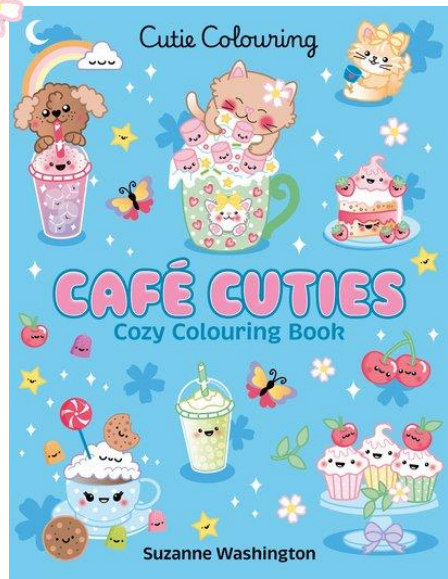
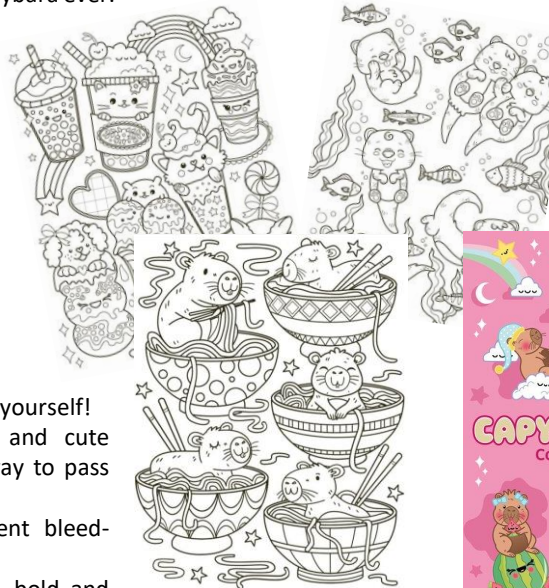


# CUTIE COLOURING

## CAPYBARA CUTIES, FOREST CUTIES, CAFE CUTIES

Welcome to a little corner of colouring joy with Cutie Colouring

Discover the perfect way to relax with favourite cafe treats from around the world, forest friends from far and wide and cutest capybara ever.



### Key Selling Points

- The perfect gift for friends and family or yourself!
- Sweet and simple themes for calm and cute colouring fun. A gentle and peaceful way to pass the time.
- Illustrated on one side to help prevent bleed-through
- Get cosy with more than 45 adorable, bold and simple pictures to colour and complete.

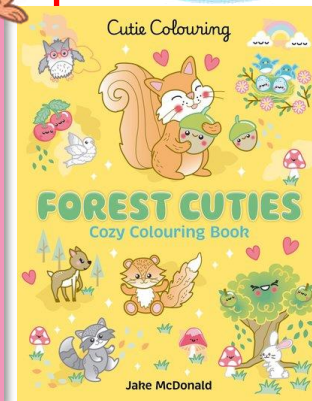
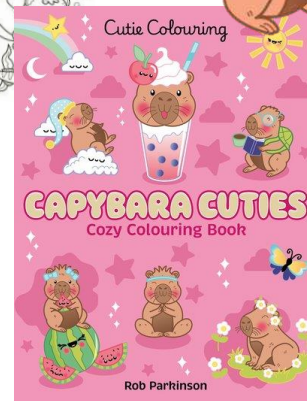
**Rights:** World

**Pub Date:** March 2025

**Age:** 5+

**Specifications:**

- 246mm x 189mm
- 96pp



# INCREDIBLE THINGS YOUR BODY CAN DO

By Dr Emily MacDonagh and illustrated by Jennie Bradley



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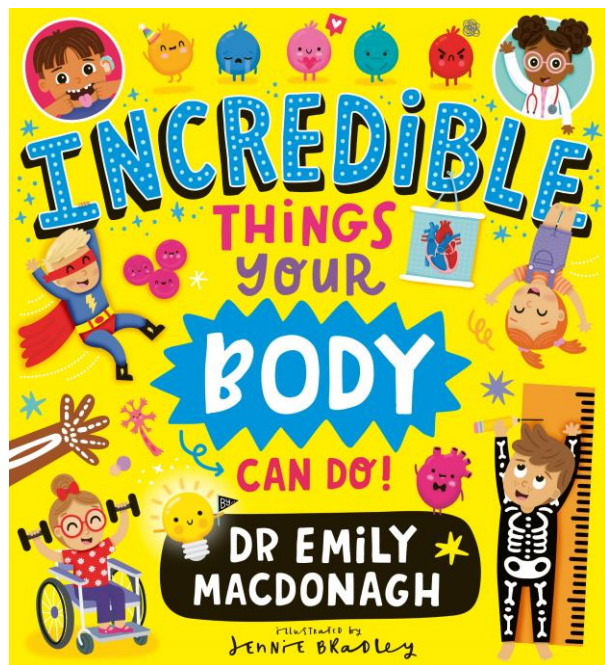
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**Pub Date:** August  
2025

**Age:** 3+

**Specifications:**

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- 275 x 250mm

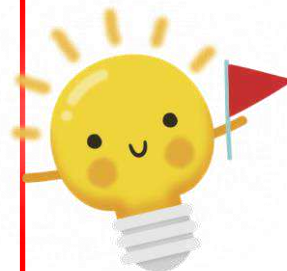


**Your body is amazing, learn all about what it can do!**

Readers will love discovering incredible facts about their body, did you know we have over 200 bones and over 600 muscles? Can you feel your heart beating? It does that around 6,000 times an hour, which is about 52 million times a year! With clear and engaging illustrations, children will love looking inside the human body at all its amazing abilities. From pumping blood to the journey your food goes on, this is a fantastic first look at human anatomy.

## Key Selling Points

- The fourth book from Dr Emily MacDonagh, a practising NHS doctor
- Colourful and clear illustrations from Jennie Bradley
- A perfect first body book for children aged 3+
- Covers the human anatomy from head to toe, explaining all the amazing things your body can do in a clear and engaging tone

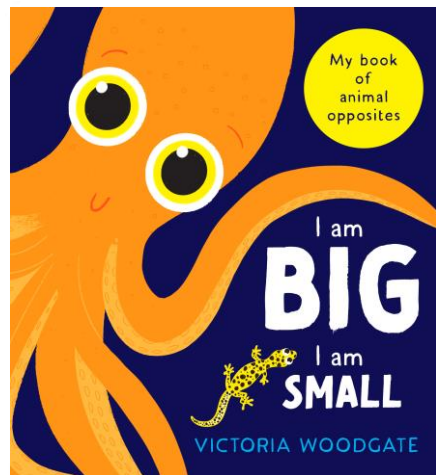


**Dr Emily MacDonagh** lives with her husband Peter Andre and children in Surrey. She is a practising NHS doctor who worked throughout the pandemic. She speaks regularly in the media about physical and mental health matters, particularly those affecting young people. Dr Emily is the popular Health and Parenting Columnist for OK! magazine where she shares warm and honest advice and opinions each week.  
@dr\_emily\_official




# I AM BIG, I AM SMALL

By Vicky Woodgate



## Key Selling Points

- With fascinating and rarely heard facts on animal opposites
  - A visual feast for both young and old
  - Bold, beautiful art covering the extremes of the animal world
  - An extra spotting element throughout
  - Full colour non-fiction picture book for ages 4+
  - Vicky's book *The Magic of Sleep* was long-listed for the Blue Peter Book Awards in 2022 and shortlisted in The Junior Design Awards 2021 for Best Book age 6+
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**Learn about incredible animal opposites in this bright and colourful picture book!**

Meet a **GIANT** squid, and a teeny tiny seahorse. Did you know that a cheetah can run faster than a sports car, but a slow loris's top speed is 1 mile per hour? Have you heard about the binturong bearcat who smells like hot buttery popcorn, a lot nicer than the anteater who sends out VERY stinky smells when they get scared!

This hilarious and colourful picture book will entertain readers as they learn incredible and lesser-known facts about animal opposites in the wild. PLUS, an extra spotting element throughout the book, to find the extra fast or slow, stinky or not, and all the other opposite animals hiding on each page.



**Vicky Woodgate** has been drawing since she was a toddler! This passion for scribbling has sent her all over the world on fun interesting projects in TV, film and theme parks, where she painted huge murals, backdrops and sets. She then moved into the world of children's publishing.

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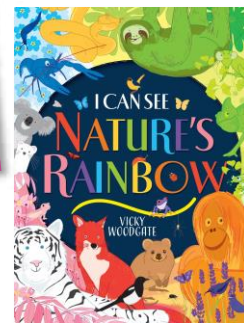
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**Pub Date:**  
September 2025

Age: 4+

**Specifications:**

- 32pp



# ULTIMATE FOOTBALL 2026



Categorized by player position, this book is crammed full of stats, graphics and photographs of your favourite players and managers.

Who are the GREATEST players in the world today? Who has scored the most goals or saved the most shots? Who can run the fastest? Who has won the most silverware and awards? Who would make the cut in your definitive dream team?

See how superstars of the modern game stack up against past legends and select your ultimate squad at the back of the book.

- Featuring 100 players and 12 managers from the modern game, including players from men's and women's leagues
- Full-colour photography throughout makes this the perfect gift-book for any football fanatic
- Children can build their ultimate dream team at the back of the book
- Full of fascinating facts and infographics



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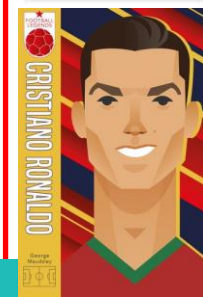
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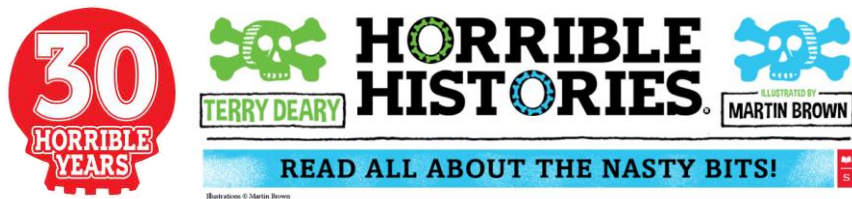
**Age:** 9+

**Specifications:**

- 275 x 225mm
- 112pp
- Paperback

**Also available:**





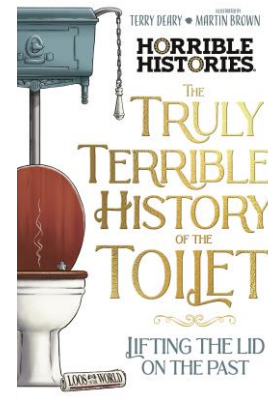
The bestselling book series, written by Terry Deary and illustrated by Martin Brown, is a global brand with over 30 million books sold worldwide, and has been translated into over 30 languages throughout its lifetime. The series has re-launched in the UK with a fresh take on the classic *Horrible Histories* style, perfect for fans old and new.

A brand-new modern look with new insides, perfect for fans new and old



### Key Selling Points

- *Horrible Histories* BAFTA award-winning TV series returns with an eleventh series currently airing in the UK
- The perfect book for children who like their history a little more gory
- Features black-and-white illustrations throughout
- *Horrible Histories: The Movie – Rotten Romans* was released in the cinemas in July 2019



*The Truly Terrible History of the Toilet* is full of horrible facts about the loo. Read all about how the ancient Romans used sponges on sticks to wipe each other down, and who invented the first flushing toilet. This book is the bog-standard guide to loos, flush with facts! (UK Pub: October 2024)

Also available...  
**Horrible Histories: Secret Diaries**



Rights: World (ex. Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine & Vietnam)  
Film Rights: Scholastic UK

Pub Date: Various  
Age: 8+  
Specifications:  
• 144 – 192pp  
• 15,000 – 22,000 words



# Fiction



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Nora Nightsky by Rebecca Lewis-Oakes  
Illustrated by Becca Moor

MARILIZE LOXTON

# AWISH SO DEADLY

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# AWISH SO DEADLY

Perfect for fans of *Powerless*, this is a gripping tale of the battle to survive a deadly tournament to win the wish your heart most desires.

When Talia unwittingly steals cursed jewels from a powerful Soulreaper, she pays the ultimate price: the Soulreaper, takes her sister's soul. Desperate to save her sister, Talia strikes a deal. She will enter a deadly, magical tournament and if she survives, she will claim the prize of a wish - the only payment the Soulreaper will accept in exchange for the return of her sister. But the tournament can only be won in pairs and Talia is paired with Taron who wants nothing to do with her. But they must find a way to work together if they are going to make it through the deadly trials alive. And as Talia's feelings for Taron grow, the stakes get even higher and the ultimate price might be her heart....

Key Selling Points

- This is a heart-pounding YA romantasy about a girl who is willing to sacrifice everything to bring her sister back from the dead
- Prepare for swoon like no other, with #EnemiesToLovers tension throughout
- Perfect for fans of *Powerless*

Born and raised in South Africa, **Marilize Loxton** now lives in Hampshire, England, where she can usually be found walking her beloved Cocker Spaniel.

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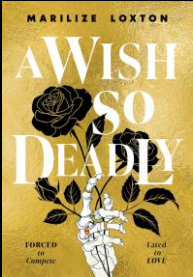
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**Age:** 14+

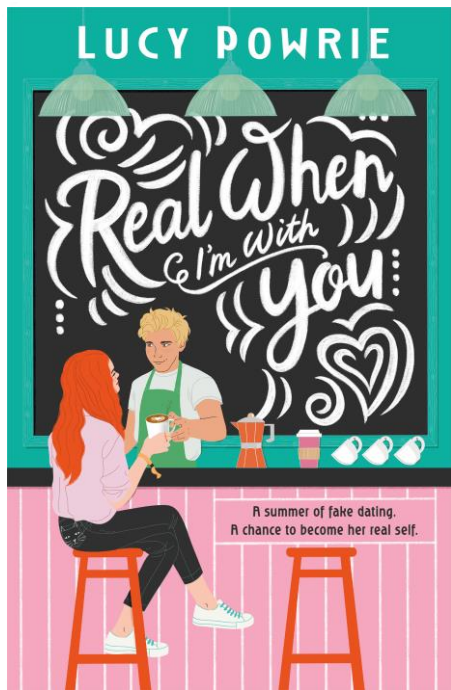
**Specifications:**  
• 416pp





# REAL WHEN I'M WITH YOU

By Lucy Powrie



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**Perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Elle McNicoll, this is a hot-chocolate hug of a clean teen/YA romance.**

Sixteen-year-old Effie is fed up of playing third-wheel. She can often be found hanging out at the local coffee shop "Love You A Latte" while her so-called friend Chelsea and her boyfriend kiss in front of her. One day, following a snide remark from Chelsea about never having a boyfriend, Effie declares she can absolutely get a date if she just asks for one, so she strides over to the counter and asks the irresistibly cute barista Aiden to pretend to put his number in her phone. Of course, he obliges with a grin – what ensues is a whirlwind of fake dates. But when their fake dates are exposed, will they be able to convince their friends that they want to date ... this time ... for real?

## Key Selling Points

- A cosy, clean teen/YA romance about being true to yourself
- An autistic heroine and an ADHD love interest, with a supporting cast of neurodivergent characters
- A charming fake-dating romance, with chemistry that'll have readers invested until the very end.

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** Bell Lomax Moreton

**Pub Date:**  
July 2025

**Age:** 13+

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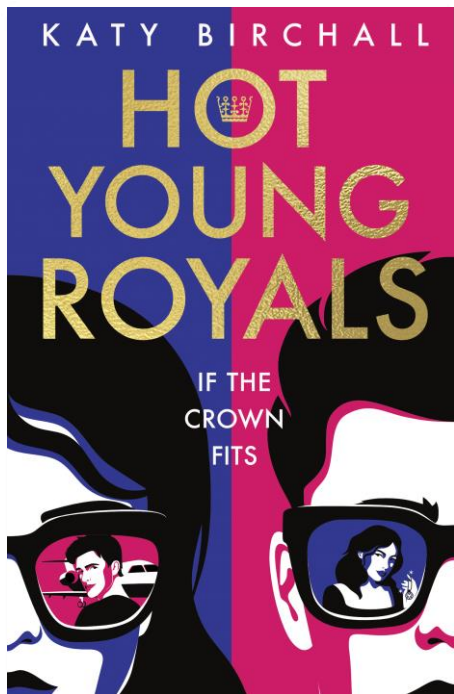
- 288pp
- 80,000 words

**Lucy Powrie** is the author of *The Paper & Hearts Society* series. Lucy is also known for her YouTube channel, *lucythereader*, where she discusses her favourite books. To date, she has over 40,000 subscribers, and in 2020 founded the #ClassicsCommunity. She lives in the South West of England.



# HOT YOUNG ROYALS

By Katy Birchall



**The most glamorous and swoony YA romance of the year, where girl meets boy with a royal twist.**

After the death of her Mother, Ruby is thrust from the quiet countryside into the glittering world of London's upper-class. At Clairmont Hall, the corridors are ruled by the Elites – a group made up not only of London's richest but actual royalty – including Princess Caroline, who is rumoured to be promised to the dazzling duke, Xavier. But Ruby can't help wondering if this is what he truly wants...

Ruby realizes infiltrating the Elites might be the key to finding out who her father is. Ruby must balance her new life, new crush and – after her Father is revealed to be the King of England – her new role as Princess.

## Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *Red, White and Royal Blue* and *Gossip Girl*
- Filled with swoony #FakeDating tension. A glitzy tale of family, identity and romance amidst the glamorous backdrop of London's high society.
- Aspirational and accessible for a generation who have grown up accessing the lives of the rich and famous on social media.

**Rights:** World (ex. Brazil, France, Germany, Portugal)

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**Age:** 14+

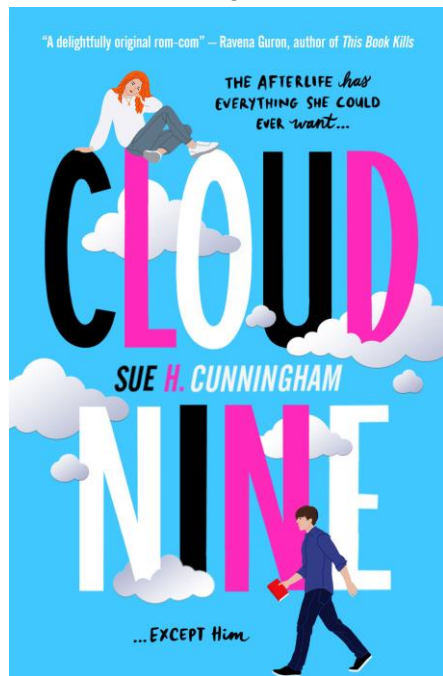
## **Specifications:**

- 432pp
- 104,000 words

**Katy Birchall** is the author of several commercial women's fiction books such as *The Secret Bridesmaid* and *The Wedding Season*. She is the co-author of the middle grade *Lightning Girl* and *Luna Wolf* series plus tween books *Star Switch* and *Girls Rule* with Alesha Dixon. She has also written a non-fiction book, *How to be a Princess: Real-Life Fairy Tales for Modern Heroines*. *Hot Young Royals* is her first book for a YA audience.

# CLOUD NINE

By Sue H. Cunningham



**A hilarious, heartfelt YA romcom in which a would-be guardian angel falls in love with a living boy – perfect for fans of *The Good Place*, *Afterlove* and *The Dead Romantics*.**

Sixteen-year-old Evangeline has been dead for decades. Her accidentally heroic demise secured her a spot in Cloud Nine, the luxurious top tier of the Afterlife – but it turns out that even paradise can get boring. After a century of terminal niceness, Evvy volunteers as a celestial guide. Now it's her job to watch over people during their final hours on Earth, ensuring they don't screw up their chances of a decent Afterlife. Evvy isn't averse to bending the rules, that is until she makes the fatal mistake of falling for a living boy. Why can Tom see Evvy when he's not scheduled to depart yet? And how can she make this work when he's alive, she's dead, and fraternizing with Beforelifers is absolutely forbidden? Suddenly, Evvy is facing the biggest challenge of her Afterlife...

## Key Selling Points

- A fresh, original and funny novel from the author of *Totally Deceased* – like *You've Reached Sam* or *Afterlove*, but with the humour of *The Good Place* and the *Barbie* movie
- Ideal for fans of Gabrielle Zevin's *Elsewhere* and *The Love of My Afterlife* by Kirsty Greenwood
- A heartfelt romance spanning life and death, with a relatable contemporary world, an imagined afterlife and an unforgettable cast of characters from across history.

**Sue H. Cunningham** writes YA with humour and a hint of magic. Her debut YA murder mystery *Totally Deceased* was published by Scholastic UK in October 2023. She won the WriteMentor Children's Novel Award 2020, was featured in the 2022 SCBWI Undiscovered Voices Anthology and has short/longlisted for other awards including Northern Writers and the Bath Children's Novel Award..

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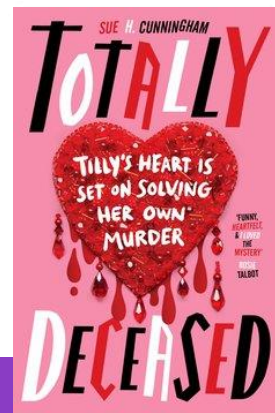
**Film Rights:** The Blair Partnership LLP

**Pub Date:**  
February 2025

**Age:** 13+

**Specifications:**

- 416pp
- 80,000 words



# WISH YOU DEAD

By Rebecca Westcott



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***Mean Girls* meets manifestation and murder... A contemporary teen thriller with a sapphic romance, perfect for fans of *Heathers* and Holly Jackson.**

Sixteen-year-old Morgana Merrick is all about control. She's the most feared, powerful and popular girl at Avalon Academy, while her half-brother, Art, is known for throwing legendary beach parties. At one such party, an ugly encounter with one of Art's friends leaves Morgana shaken. She retrieves the box under her bed filled with crystals, charm bags and her Book of Shadows, and asks the universe for justice to be served... As frenemy after frenemy wrongs or irritates her, Morgana manifests revenge upon them – and, to her surprise, it works. She feels invincible. Until someone ends up dead. Is the universe bending to Morgana's will? Or is someone else behind the attacks? And can she find out who it is, before anyone else meets a deadly end...?

## Key Selling Points

- Tapping into the "baby witch" TikTok world of Gen Z, who are interested in crystals, manifestation and spirituality
- Places the typical villain of the story – the most popular girl in school – as the complex antihero, full of female rage
- A teen-friendly sapphic romance between Morgana and her mysterious new friend Celeste.

**Rights:** World

**Rights Optioned:**  
Portugal

**Film Rights:** A.M  
Heath Company

**Pub Date:**  
June 2025

**Age:** 12+

**Specifications:**

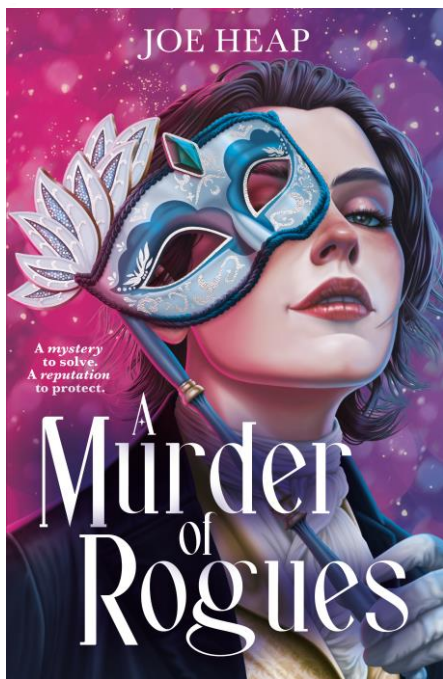
- 368pp
- 70,000 words

**Rebecca Westcott** is an author and a teacher who has worked with children and teenagers with profound learning difficulties and SEMH (social, emotional and mental health) needs. She co-authored the bestselling novels *Can You See Me?*, *Ways to Be Me*, *Do You Know Me?* and *All the Pieces of Me* with Libby Scott, as well as writing her own novels, *Dandelion Clocks*, *Violent Ink*, *Five Things They Never Told Me* and *Like a Girl*.



# A MURDER OF ROGUES

By Joe Heap



**A compulsive YA murder mystery full of intrigue and queer romance, in a historical Regency setting.**

In Regency England, Cascabel Gray disguises herself as a man to attend Oxford University to study medicine. Her plans are upended, however, when she receives a letter from Charles Lafleur, a member of the secret society the Rogues Club, blackmailing her to keep her deception secret... But when Lafleur is found dead, the plot thickens – and Cascabel becomes a prime murder suspect.

Cascabel joins the Rogues Club to conduct an investigation of her own, and is quickly swept into a life of gambling and vandalism... To survive in Oxford's high society, she must switch between her male and female personas, attracting the attentions of fellow student William Grenville and a chambermaid known as Mouse – even attending a ball with an Austrian prince. Can she find a way to balance her double life and clear her name, before she loses everything?

## Key Selling Points

- Combines the genius ingredients of cosy crime, queer romance and dark academia, all wrapped up in a fast-paced, entertaining plot
- Cascabel Gray is a fierce, determined and irresistible protagonist who slips fluidly between two identities as she navigates Oxford university, disguising herself as a boy
- All the period-drama appeal of a historical Regency setting, combining a vibrant, modern sensibility with a sensitive handling of prejudice.

**Rights:** World (ex. France)

**Film Rights:** United Agents

**Pub Date:** August 2025

**Age:** 14+

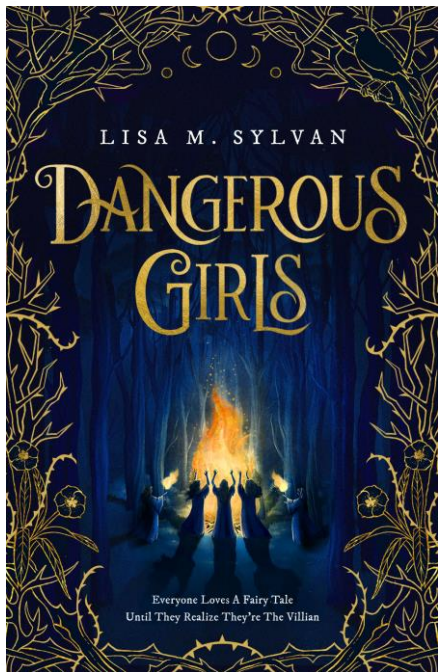
## **Specifications:**

- 400pp
- 80,000 words

**Joe Heap** (he/they) grew up in Bradford, the son of two teachers. In 2004 he won the Foyle Young Poet award, and his poetry has been published in several periodicals. Joe's first novel, *The Rules of Seeing*, won the *Romantic Novelist Association's Debut Novel Award*. He is now a full-time writer, but previously worked as an editor of books for kids and young adults. He has also been a subtitler for BBC News, a face painter at a safari park and a removal man for a dental convention. He lives in London with his girlfriend and two sons.

# DANGEROUS GIRLS

By Lisa M. Sylvan



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**Imogen Brine is undeniably strange. Some would even say dangerous...**

She can make poisonous flowers grow from her fingertips and the "gift" is becoming harder to control. So, when she is taken to a secret island to be with other girls like her – girls with dangerous gifts of their own – it feels like the chance to finally be herself. However, not long after her arrival, a deer is found dead with poisonous flowers growing from its corpse. And all eyes are on Imogen.

With the help of Jack, the handsome son of the island's head of security, Imogen tries to unravel the mystery. As strange occurrences continue to rock the island, and things begin to turn deadly, Imogen starts to realize there is more to this island than she first thought. And that not all dangerous girls want to be friends...

## Key Selling Points

- Part dark and addictive fantasy, part murder mystery: this tale features a compelling cast of girls with unique gifts and chilling secrets – like Netflix's *Wednesday* for a YA audience
- Atmospheric and beautifully written, it's filled with gorgeous, slow-burn romantic tension
- Perfect for commercial fantasy/dark academia fans of *Ninth House*, *The Power* and *Wilder Girls*.

**Rights:** World (ex. Poland)

**Film Rights:** Lisa M. Sylvan

**Pub Date:**  
September 2025

**Age:** 13+

## **Specifications:**

- 320pp
- 77,000 words

**Lisa M. Sylvan** has loved writing from a young age and was raised on a healthy diet of fantasy and fairytales. She has lived in the US, Iceland, Germany and England. She currently resides in New England with her husband and their son, but spends as much time as she can in the UK. When she isn't writing or reading, she loves to garden and work on their 200-year-old farmhouse.

# BE RIGHT BACK

By Bill Wood

"An unmissable love letter to the spooks of *Scream* and *Scooby Doo*. Deeply atmospheric, tense, and propulsive" – Lucy Rose, author of *The Lamb*

Instant bestseller  
from BookTok  
star Bill Wood



## Do You Dare Step Out Alone? *Scream* meets *Scooby Doo*.

Join Buffy, Jonesy, Amber and Cam as they investigate a chilling string of murders in their local town. A year has passed since the events in *Sanera* left the town reeling. Buffy, Jonesy, Amber and Cam unmasked the killer of 2001, but now a new horror stirs.

Back for the inaugural Hallowed Fall Fest where tourists wander the streets in masks and costumes, the bodies start piling up. With each new death, the gang is left a cryptic clue, leading them deeper into a horrifying mystery. An online forum is filled with speculation about local legends, and there is a clue buried within it. If the gang can work it out, they will be able to stop the killer in their tracks ... but it's possible the killer is one step ahead. It all leads to a grand finale back at the manor where it all began. If they can make it there alive.

## Key Selling Points

- *Let's Split Up* was an instant top ten bestseller on publication week, the Number One YA debut that week and the bestselling YA debut of 2024.
- Over 33,000 copies of *Let's Split Up* sold in the UK since publication.
- Cosy characters and found family meets a twisty page-turner full of tension.
- From BookTokker Bill Wood comes *Scooby Doo* meets *Scream*. Perfect for the YA BookTok generation.

**Rights:** World (ex. Germany & Italy)

**Right Optioned:** Czech Republic, Hungary & Portugal

**Film Rights:** Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** October 2025

**Age:** 14+

## Specifications:

- 320pp
- 60,000 words

Bestselling  
YA debut of  
2024



**Bill Wood** is a previous Waterstones bookseller with a growing online platform. In less than three years, he has amassed a following of over 120,000 bookworms and 10 million likes on his TikTok. Bill has a BA with honours in Film and Screenwriting from Birmingham City University. *Let's Split Up* is his debut YA.



# WE THREE WITCHES

By Rosie Talbot



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A sapphic YA romance murder mystery from BookTok sensation and queen of gothic fantasy, Rosie Talbot.

1930s haunted York. Viola Samphire was part of a coven of four powerful witches, but only three survive after a devastating fire. When Viola discovers that Edie was murdered, she hunts for clues, but something has changed within her – she can see ghosts wherever she goes, including the ghost of Edie, the witch who died in the fire, and her unrequited love. Armed with the help of her two best friend witches, and the beloved bones she throws to show her fate, Viola knows she will discover who killed Edie. But if she can work out the mystery of the fire, she will also uncover the underground network of spirits at play in York who all have their own secrets. And admitting her love for Edie could change the course of their future ... could it even bring Edie back from the dead?

### Key Selling Points

- Rosie is a dedicated BookTok content creator with over 138,000 followers (@merrowchild) and 4.7M views. As a bookseller she has a truly authentic and impactful reach to her audience.
- Over 13,000 copies of *Sixteen Souls* sold in the UK
- Perfect for fans of Adalyn Grace, *The Crimson Moth* and V E Schwab
- *Sixteen Souls* was an instant YA bestseller, dubbed by BookTok as “Heartstopper with Ghosts”.

**Rosie Talbot** lives in Sussex, England, where she works as a bookseller. A lover of the spooky and macabre, Rosie writes stories that are like her hair: dark, twisted, and certainly not straight. When not writing, she can be found obsessing about books on BookTok, or curled up with tea and cats reading through her endless TBR. *Sixteen Souls* – her first novel – was an instant bestseller.

#SIXTEENSOULS  
has over 1.5M  
views on TikTok

**Rights:** World

**Rights Optioned:**  
Germany, Poland,  
Hungary, Czech  
Republic & USA

**Film Rights:** Scholastic

**Pub Date:** October  
2025

**Age:** 13+

**Specifications:**  
• 432pp  
• 90,000 words

“Heartstopper with ghosts”

The comparison being made all across BookTok!



### Praise for *Sixteen Souls*

“Delivers fun and frights in equal measure. A fantastically spooky, thrilling adventure!” – *Kat Ellis*

“Flawless twists, this book immediately pulled me in” – *H.M Long*

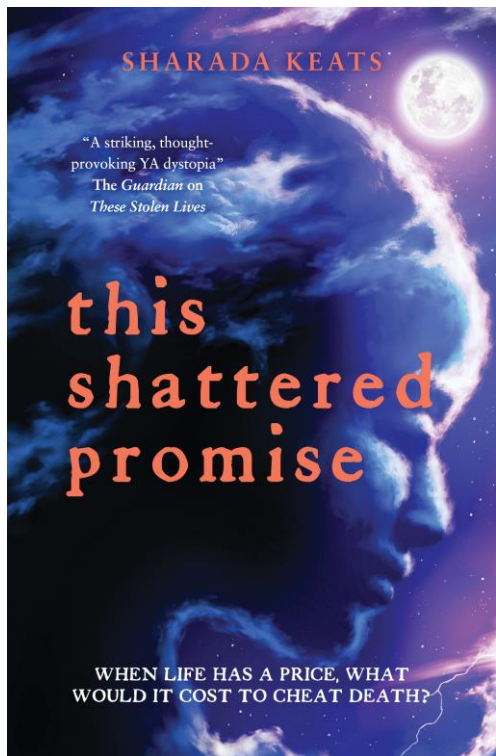
“A captivating take of loss, friendship and love that had me gripped from first to last” – *Menna van Praag*

“Deliciously dark” – *Cynthia Murphy*



# THIS SHATTERED PROMISE

By Sharada Keats



**"A striking, thought-provoking YA dystopia, layered with meaningful questions about worth and productivity." – *The Guardian* on *These Stolen Lives***

This sequel to *These Stolen Lives* is a thrilling and beautifully written dystopian fantasy, full of tension, romance and godly powers.

Seventeen-year-old Mora survived the Skøl invasion seven years ago, but it left her indebted to the government as an indentured "repayer". After her secret involvement in a rebellion, she has now been separated from her friend Kit, just as they realized their feelings for each other. Targeted for her rare memory skills, she has been dragged to help unscrupulous Sciencemaster General, Sacrifice Sting, deliver a breakthrough for the High Governor: the key to immortality. Can the Skøl conquer death itself? And at what price?

The secret may lie in ancient Xan wisdom that Kit's native people, sequestered in their last enclave in the Badlands, have long guarded. In the wrong hands, these powers would be utterly devastating. Can Kit and Mora manage to find each other again – and save their future?

## Key Selling Points

- A gripping, moving, stunningly written dystopian YA
- Ideal for fans of Tahereh Mafi's *Shatter Me* and the modern classic *Noughts and Crosses*
- A #FriendsToLovers romance full of tension and longing
- "Fabulously detailed world-building" – award-winning YA author Patrice Lawrence.

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** The Good Literary Agency

**Pub Date:** August 2025

**Age:** 14+

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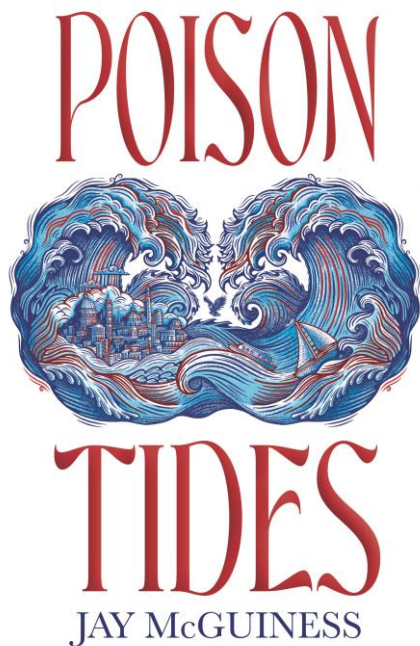
- 400pp
- 80,000 words



**Sharada Keats** writes stories for young people. Her mother is Guyanese and her father is from Yorkshire, and she has had a vibrant upbringing, growing up in both Australia and Canada before moving to the UK, where she now lives with her partner and sons in London. Sharada feels strongly that young people need a wider variety of stories – stories that resonate with them, reflect them, and are told by a wider variety of storytellers.

# POISON TIDES

By Jay McGuinness



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The next immersive instalment in the explosive fantasy duology, perfect for fans of *The Hunger Games*, *The Atlas Six* and Leigh Bardugo.

Bear has lived in Calleston his entire life, closed in by the walls that surround the queendom, but now he has the chance for freedom as he traverses the great wildernesses on a small black narrowboat, accompanied by three powerful witches. Bear discovers that his best friend, Felix, is being hunted for being a Fennex, and he must do everything in his power to save him, even if it means leaving everything he has known behind him for good.

Behind Calleston walls sits a new ruler, the High Lady Meya, who is ready to set right the wrongs of her cruel father. Distracted, she is haunted by premonitions of Bear's death. Though she cannot save Bear in her visions, she sees herself sitting by his side. But how can Bear and Meya be reunited with vast distances between them? And if the premonitions are real, how will Bear survive?

A story of love, witchcraft, betrayal and murder!

## Key Selling Points

- A story of love, witchcraft, betrayal and murder with an iconic new YA hero. In book two, Bear realizes the true meaning of the witch powers he possesses.
- *Blood Flowers* was the biggest-selling YA debut in the market on its first week of release
- A powerful plot, sweeping, heartfelt romance and an iconic YA hero in Bear
- "Slow burn romance, gripping horror and an inventive magical system" – Amy McCaw, author of *Mina and the Undead*.

**Jay McGuinness** is a British singer-songwriter and actor best known as a vocalist with boy band *The Wanted*. He won the 13th series of BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*. In recent years, McGuinness has forged a career in musical theatre. *Blood Flowers* is his explosive debut YA novel.

**Rights:** World

**Rights Optioned:**  
Italy & Romania

**Film Rights:** Electric  
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**Pub Date:** July 2025

**Age:** 13+

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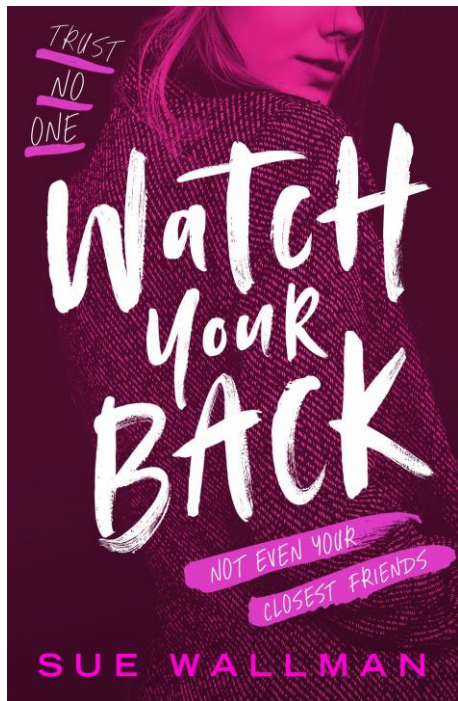
- 432pp
- 90,000 words





# WATCH YOUR BACK

By Sue Wallman



**Award-winning thriller author Sue Wallman is back with a nail-biting story of toxic friendship.**

Keep your friends close. Keep your enemies closer.

Kara has started a new school year without her best friend by her side. Eden has a new boyfriend and doesn't have time for her. Instead, Kara finds herself drawn to a friendship with Romilly, a girl from her year with no friends. The trouble is, the more Kara hangs around with Romilly, the more unsettling things start to happen. There's the break in to her locker... the silent cold calls... and more. But can Kara be sure it's Romilly who is derailing her life?

One thing is for sure. Someone is targeting Kara, and if she doesn't work out why, who knows what they will do next ...

## Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of Karen McManus, Holly Jackson, and *We Were Liars*
- A nail-biting thriller about toxic friendships and trust
- One of the UK's top teen thriller writers, Sue Wallman is the award-winning author of *Such a Good Liar*, *Lying About Last Summer* and *Dead Popular*.

**Rights:** World

**Rights Optioned:**  
Poland & USA

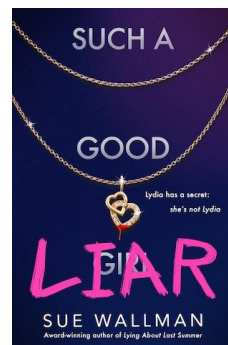
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**Pub Date:** March  
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**Age:** 13+

**Specifications:**

- 352pp
- 76,000 words

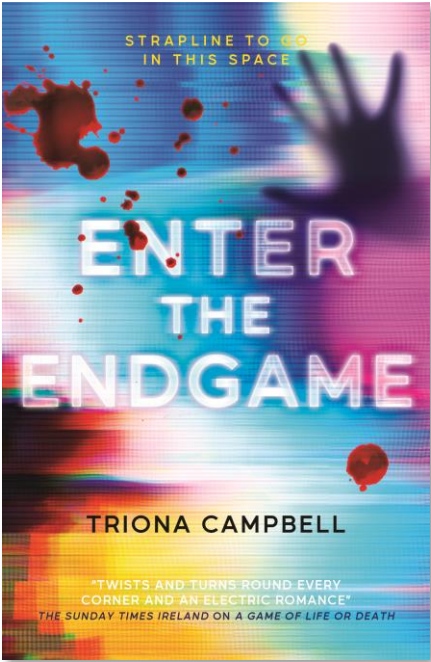


**Sue Wallman** is a journalist who lives in London and has three teenage daughters. In 2013 she won the Bailey's Women's Prize first chapter award judged by Rachel Joyce and Kate Mosse. She is the author of *Such a Good Liar*, *Every Word a Lie*, *I Know You Did it*, *Dead Popular*, *Your Turn to Die*, *Lying About Last Summer* and *See How They Lie*.

# ENTER THE ENDGAME

By Triona Campbell

“Tightly plotted, tense and utterly fascinating” –  
*Cynthia Murphy*



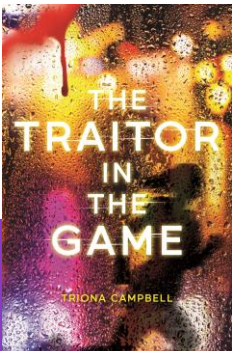
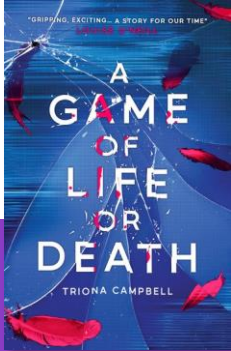
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**A twisty murder mystery, a pulse-pounding thriller, a contemporary setting with a breath-taking speculative twist: this is YA fiction at its absolute finest.**

At the end of book two, Asha Kennedy (Lisbeth Salander for a new generation) uncovered the dark secret at the heart of Virtual Reality game "Shackle" – you don't play the game; it plays you – and was drawn deep into a dangerous world of corruption and greed: discovering the puppet master Lydia Rock and being betrayed by her mentor Jones in the most brutal way. Now on the run with her love, Dark, Asha knows she's entering the endgame: the stakes have never been higher and she's playing to win. Because to lose would mean the end of everything...

### Key Selling Points

- Part murder mystery, part pulse-pounding cat-and-mouse thriller, with the fiendishly imaginative world-building of *The Hunger Games*, and scorching enemies-to-lovers romance: this series has something for every reader of YA and multi-TikTok-category appeal
- Asha is Lisbeth Salander for a new generation: brave, resilient, super smart and troubled
- An epic contemporary thriller with a compelling speculative twist: big, bold, ambitious YA/crossover storytelling.



**Rights:** World

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**Film Rights:**  
Marianne Gunn  
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2023 - August 2025

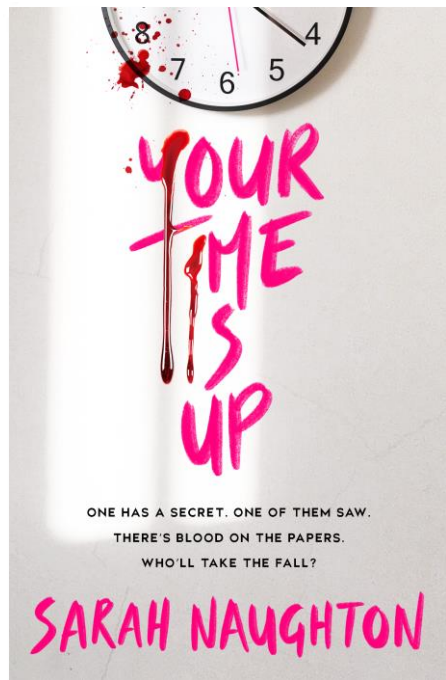
**Age:** 13+

**Specifications:**  
• 400 pp  
• 75,000 words

**Triona Campbell** is a three-time Emmy nominated producer of numerous Children's Transmedia, Film and TV projects. Creator of Ireland's first TV series on videogames *Gamer Mode* and EMMY-nominated Producer of the ground-breaking and iconic UK teen drama *Sofia's Diary*.

# YOUR TIME IS UP

By Sarah Naughton



**One has a secret. One of them saw. There's blood on the papers. Who'll take the fall?**

Zaina never meant to get involved. The plan was always to focus on her exams – make her dad proud. But this morning isn't what she'd planned for. Chanelle left the house that morning and never made it to the exam; Nero's convinced he saw something last night and Ysla can't stop crying. As Zaina starts to scratch the surface of secrets which desperately want to stay hidden, she begins to wonder ... how far will they go to keep her from the truth?

## Key Selling Points

- A highly-commercial thriller set in real time over the course of an exam
- Pacy, gritty and full of twists, which one of these students will take the fall?
- Perfect for fans of *A Good Girl's Guide To Murder*, *One Of Us Is Lying*, *Riverdale* and *Win Lose Kill Die*
- Contains Young Adult content.

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:**  
Eve White Agency

**Pub Date:** May 2024

**Age:** 14+

## **Specifications:**

- 336pp
- 50,000 words

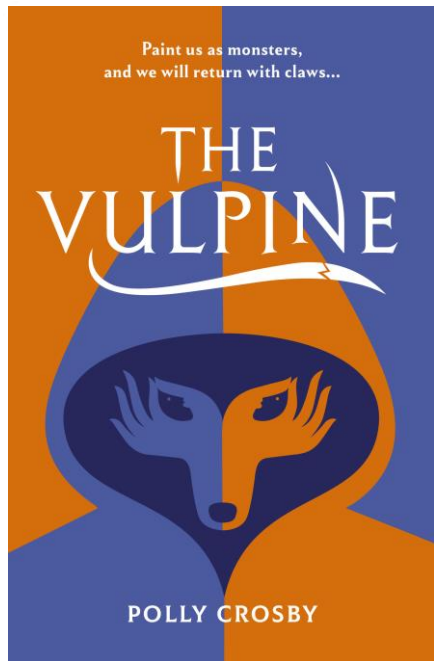


**Sarah Naughton** worked as an advertising copywriter for ten years before her first book was published in 2013. A supernatural thriller for teens, *The Hanged Man Rises* was shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards. She also writes psychological thrillers for adults. She lives in London with her family.



# THE VULPINE

By Polly Crosby



**A darkly dystopian world full of eerie folklore, in which illness and difference have been prohibited. But from deep beneath the earth, a rebellion is rising...**

Ora knows that disability and illness have no place in her world. You must be genetically "perfect", just like her best friend Casta and his family. She has always been fascinated by fairy stories of the Vulpine – the mythical, fox-like monsters who live below ground, emerging at night to snatch "imperfect" babies and children.

Then Casta's baby sister disappears. And Ora's mother reveals a secret: Ora herself has a genetic illness that affects her lungs. Ora decides to do the unthinkable and seek out the fabled Vulpine. Below the earth, she discovers a hidden world that turns everything she has been taught upside-down...

## Key Selling Points

- The dystopian feel of adult modern classics like *Never Let Me Go*, *A Handmaid's Tale* and *The Power*, for fans of contemporary YA fantasy.
- This book celebrates and centres characters with disability in a fantasy setting in a revolutionary way. The author is writing from an authentic-voices perspective as she lives with chronic illness and was the first baby in the world to be diagnosed with cystic fibrosis via the heel-prick test.
- A stunning cover by Noma Bar, illustrator of Margaret Atwood's *The Testaments*.

**Praise for *This Tale is Forbidden*: "A clever, feminist novel about the power of story, family and friendship, that will make you look at the fairy tales you know in a completely different way" - Bryony Pearce**

**Polly Crosby** grew up on the Suffolk coast, and now lives in the heart of Norfolk with her husband and son, and her very loud and much-loved rescue Oriental cat, Dali. She is passionate about nature, and her writing is very much inspired by the local landscape.

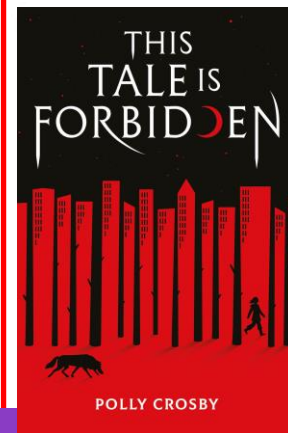
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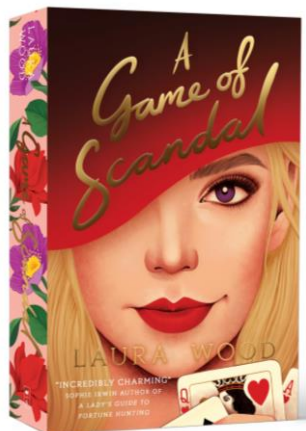
**Age:** 13+

**Specifications:**  
• 368pp  
• 70,000 words



# A GAME OF SCANDAL

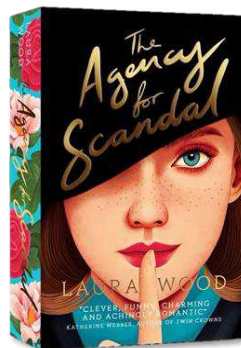
By Laura Wood



The third book in the gorgeous, charming, swoony mystery romance series series that's *Enola Holmes* meets *Bridgerton*.

Felicity Vane is a talented mathematician with a fondness for pirate stories, but she is also the sister of a Duke. Her family may be planning for her first social season, but Felicity has other ideas: she wants to go to university.

Determined to make her own mark on the world, Felicity hits on a scheme to pay her own way through school: she will simply win the funds at a notorious London gambling den – after all, what is a game of cards but a mathematical problem waiting to be solved? But as she is drawn into a dangerous night-time world, there are mysteries to be solved, too...



**Rights:** World (ex. Netherlands & Germany)

**Rights Optioned:** France, Hungary, Italy, Spain & Ukraine

**Film Rights:** Luigi Bonomi Associates Ltd

**Pub Date:** February 2025

**Age:** 12+

**Specifications:**

- 528pp
- 80,000 words

"The Agency for Scandal is glorious! Clever, funny, charming, and achingly romantic, it is a delight from start to finish. Laura Wood always writes about love and friendship with a deft hand, and this is her best work yet" – Katherine Webber, author of *Twin Crowns*

## Key Selling Points

- An all-female detective agency righting wrongs at the end of the nineteenth century; infiltrating a scandalous upper-class world straight out of *Bridgerton* and using their wit and bravery to unmask a villain.
- A smart, charming, brilliantly plotted and swooningly romantic story about a collective of bold women changing their world.

**Laura Wood** loves Georgette Heyer novels, Fred Astaire films, travelling to far flung places, recipe books, Jilly Cooper, poetry, new stationery, sensation fiction, salted caramel and feminism. Scholastic has published the following by Laura Wood in addition to the *Agency for Scandal* trilogy: *A Sky Painted Gold*, *Under a Dancing Star* and *A Single Thread of Moonlight*.

# PHANTOM HEARTS

Authored by Rosie Talbot and illustrated by Sarah Maxwell



Brand New  
Graphic Novel  
from  
BookToker Rosie  
Talbot

***A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* meets *Heartstopper* – from the bestselling author of *Sixteen Souls* comes a thrilling graphic novel with a supernatural murder mystery twist, illustrated by Sarah Maxwell.**

Malia is popular, pretty and smart, but she's struggling with anxiety. When a school bus crashes killing some of her fellow students, Malia is thrown into an emotional spiral as she remembers the students; rebel and dropout Shepherd; volatile track star Russ; brainy Emil; and mysterious new-girl Carolina.

When Malia meets Keezy, the cute daughter of the local mechanic, the two begin to question the motive for the crash. As together they start to uncover secrets, Malia starts to see ghosts of her fellow students wherever she goes ... what secrets are the restless spirits keeping? And will Malia ever find the courage to tell Keezy how she feels?

## Key Selling Points

- A supernatural story featuring LGBTQ+ characters
- Malia's thrilling world is brought to life by illustrator Sarah Maxwell's incredible artwork
- Rosie is a dedicated BookTok content creator with over 138,000 followers (@merrowchild) and five million views. Her stunning YA duology, *Sixteen Souls*, has sold into 8 languages.



**Rights:** World

**Rights Optioned:**  
Poland,  
Hungary, Czech  
Republic & Ukraine

**Film Rights:**  
Madeleine Milburn  
Ltd

**Pub Date:**  
October 2024

**Age:** 13+

**Specifications:**

- 288pp
- 30,000 words

**Rosie Talbot** lives in Sussex, England, where she works as a bookseller. A lover of the spooky and macabre, Rosie writes stories that are like her hair: dark, twisted, and certainly not straight. When not writing, she can be found obsessing about books on BookTok, or curled up with tea and cats reading through her endless TBR. *Sixteen Souls* – her first novel – was an instant bestseller.



# FOX GOES NORTH

JEREMY STRONG



*Winnie-the-Pooh* meets *Charlotte's Web* in this charming, moving and beautifully illustrated fable about a life's journey from award-winning author Jeremy Strong. A future classic.

An extraordinary house on wheels is being towed along a forest track by doleful Moose. On board the house are philosophical Fox; distinguished Bear; theatrical Toucan, with his magnetic beak that always points north; argumentative Little Owl, and loving, excitable Young Llama. With nothing but her little blue suitcase, Fox has left home to join the animals' expedition to see the Northern Lights. They encounter many ups and downs on their travels - and their journey's end will require the most courage of all...

By turns funny, thoughtful and brave, this is a timeless winter's tale about friendship, love and the journey of a lifetime.

## Key Selling Points

- With notes of *The Jungle Book* and ideal for fans of Sara Pennypacker's *Pax*
- Themes of life and loss are handled with a lightness of touch, gentle humour and heart-warming hope and empathy
- Highly illustrated in black and blue colour printing and launched in a beautiful, covetable hardback.



Jeremy Strong's career began as a teacher and over a stunning career that spanned more than 100 books, he will be remembered as a best-selling author whose writing, full of humour, wit and warmth, engaged millions of children.

**Rights:** World  
(ex. China, Greece,  
Italy, Netherlands, &  
Ukraine)

**Film Rights:**  
David Higham  
Associates

**Pub Date:** October  
2025

**Age:** 9+

**Specifications:**  
256pp  
24,000 words



BY JOHN CHALMERS AND SANDRA MARRS

# WILOMINA

## THE LAND OF DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES



*Studio Ghibli* meets *Wednesday* in this action-packed, fantastical full-colour graphic novel, full of wild imagination, enchanting characters and hair-raising adventure.

On their way to visit Mum in hospital, Wilomina, her father and baby brother get stuck in the middle of nowhere. Desperate, Wilomina leaps aboard a mysterious train where she meets Mephisto, a talking cat - and this is only the beginning of the absurd... Soon, Wilomina is separated from her family, tumbling into Nocturna - a parallel land where dreams and nightmares come from. But something eerie is happening: the nightmares are taking over.

With Mephisto's help, Wilomina must find her family and seek the gate that will lead them home. On their journey, they meet dragons and spider-witches, crossing monster-infested waters and facing impossible puzzles. But worst of all: Nocturna is slowly transforming Wilomina into a ferocious 'werepire'. Can she fight the monster within... and find the way home?

### Key Selling Points

- A magical adventure with a spooky, gothic slant, an aspirational heroine and vibrant, dynamic artwork.
- Perfect for readers moving on from younger graphic novels but who may not yet be ready for traditional, more dense fantasy novels.
- Reminiscent of classic, beloved children's films like *Spirited Away*, *My Neighbour Totoro*, *The NeverEnding Story* and *Labyrinth*.

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** United Agents

**Pub Date:**  
September 2026

**Age:** 8+

**Specifications:**

- 15,000 words
- 272pp
- Full-colour graphic novel



John Chalmers and Sandra Marrs (aka Metaphrog) are an award-winning author and illustrator duo who create children's graphic novels and love to spread the word about comics. They have appeared at many international festivals and have delivered 700+ author visits in schools and libraries, from Finland to New York. They live in Glasgow, Scotland.



# MEDUSA GORGON'S BAD HAIR DAY

By Bethany Walker

Illustrated by Katie Abey



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A hilarious and highly illustrated diary of Medusa Gorgon – a twelve-year-old-girl who's actually from ancient Greece. She's angered Athena, goddess of war, which means a very bad day indeed. A book inspired by Greek mythology and great for fans of *Lottie Brooks*.

Twelve-year-old Meddy Gordon has serious anger issues. She writes a diary about her life, describing her experiences at home and in Year 7 at Shadewell Academy in the twenty-first century. So far, so normal, right? You see, the thing is, Meddy Gordon is not actually from the twenty-first century. She is, in fact, a human from ancient Greece and she has made a powerful enemy.

Meddy G is MEDUSA, and she just happens to have angered Athena, the goddess of war. And what happens when the goddess of war is on the warpath? You get a bad day. A very bad day indeed.

## Key Selling Points

- A hilarious and highly illustrated diary format book
- Great for less confident and reluctant readers and those who want something similar to other diary-format books in the market
- Draws on characters from Greek mythology, that readers will be learning about in school, in a funny and engaging way.

**Rights:** World

## Film Rights:

Anthony  
Harwood Ltd

## Pub Date:

August 2025

**Age:** 9+

## Specifications:

- 288pp
- 41,000 words
- Black and white illustrations

**Bethany Walker** is an award-winning author of funny books for children, including *Olly Brown*, *God of Hamsters* and *How to Steal the Mona Lisa*, and the picture book *Do Lions Hate Haircuts?* Before she became a writer, she was a teacher and then an educator in museums and galleries. She has two children and lives in Lincolnshire.



# NORA NIGHTSKY



Sample Artwork

by REBECCA LEWIS-OAKES  
Illustrated by Becca Moor

A funny, black-and-white young fiction series about a star who comes to earth as a girl to cause trouble... Ideal for readers aged 6-9, the perfect next step for *Isadora Moon* fans or readers of Laura Ellen Anderson.

Nora Nightsky is a star – literally. Her glamorous mum is the North Star, and their dazzling family works hard, sprinkling magic down to earth to grant human wishes. But Nora is nowhere near as shiny as her perfect brother and sister. She prefers a cosy black hole! She doesn't think much of wish-granting either. Why can't humans solve their own problems!?

Then one day, a girl wishes on Nora for the first time, asking for a pet. Rebelling against the rules, Nora sneaks down to Earth with her best friend Leap, a cute hare constellation, to give this "Olivia" a piece of her mind! Nora agrees to help Olivia get a pet – through determination, a cunning plan and PLENTY of mischief. But can she do it before she runs out of stardust and is trapped on Earth for ever...?

## Key Selling Points

- Nora is a cool, relatable, appealing main character with a rebellious, cheeky edge, ideal for fans of *Wednesday* - and her adorable sparkly hare sidekick, Leap, balances her perfectly
- Gently introduces facts and mythology about astronomy and the night sky's constellations, in a very playful and accessible way
- Lots of humour, mischief and antics on the page, with a beautiful friendship at the heart

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:**  
Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:**  
September 2025

**Age:** 7+

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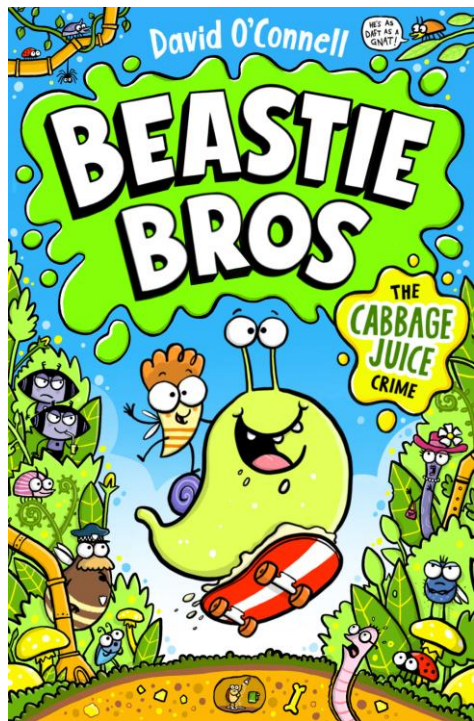
- 208pp
- 20,000 words
- Black and white illustrations throughout

**Book #2  
publishing  
March 2026!**

**Rebecca Lewis-Oakes** is a children's author living in London. She grew up in Oxford, Belfast and Cheshire, returning to Oxford for university where she studied Classics. Having worked as an editor in publishing for over ten years, Rebecca has written a host of books, including co-writing the award-winning *The Naughtiest Unicorn* series as one half of 'Pip Bird' with Liz Banks.

# BEASTIE BROS

By David O'Connell



**A brand-new highly illustrated, accessible young fiction series with a winning blend of chaos, wacky humour and adventure. Perfect for fans of *Bunny vs Monkey* and *Investigators*.**

Dash is a little firefly. One of his wings is shorter than the other so he flies more slowly than everyone else, but that doesn't stop him getting where he wants to go. When he's happy, his bottom lights up! And he's happiest when he's eating custard and hanging out with his adoptive brother, Dribble the snail. Dribble is never in a hurry. He likes to invent things - and eat cabbage. He keeps all kinds of useful objects hidden inside his shell. They help to keep him out of trouble, which is never far away...

Join our minibeast heroes on their first adventure as they foil a master criminal plot involving a crystal worm, ancient custard, a stolen Roboslug and some dastardly dung beetles...

## Key Selling Points

- A charming, funny, author-illustrated project from David O'Connell, the illustrator behind Tom Vaughan's *Hercules*, Pip Bird's *The Naughtiest Unicorn*, and many more.
- Perfect for readers aged 6+ and fans of *Jamie Smart*, *Toto the Ninja Cat* and *Dave Pigeon*.
- A witty, laugh-out-loud tale packed with hilarious characters like Flattened Dominic the slug and Mr Truffle the ball of dung.

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:**  
United Agents

**Pub Date:**  
February 2025

**Age:** 6+

**Specifications:**

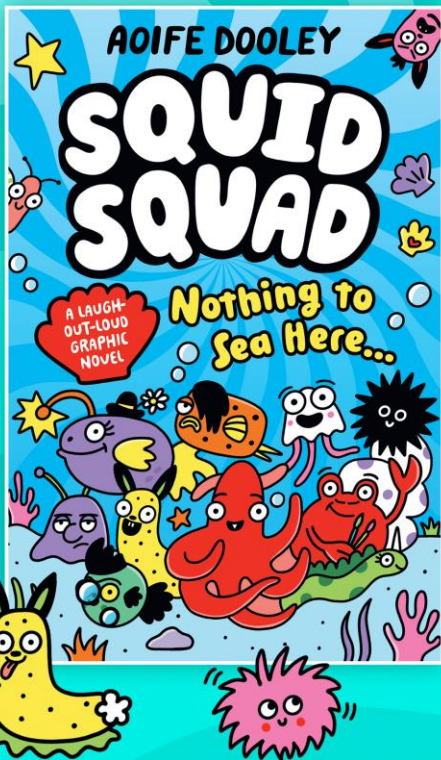
- 160pp
- Black & white illustrations throughout

**Book #2  
publishing  
August 2025!**

**David O'Connell** is a writer and illustrator living in England. He is the illustrator of the *Naughtiest Unicorn* series, Tom Vaughan's *Hercules: The Diary of a Sort of Hero*, non-fiction by Dr Ranj including *The Sunday Times* best-selling *How to Grow Up and Feel Amazing*, and many other picture books, children's fiction and non-fiction. David loves comics, TV shows about space, and sitting in his garden talking to all the bugs that live there. Sometimes they talk back, or so he thinks... He is also a doctor (of science, not medicine) and loves learning all about the natural world.

# SQUID SQUAD

By Aoife Dooley

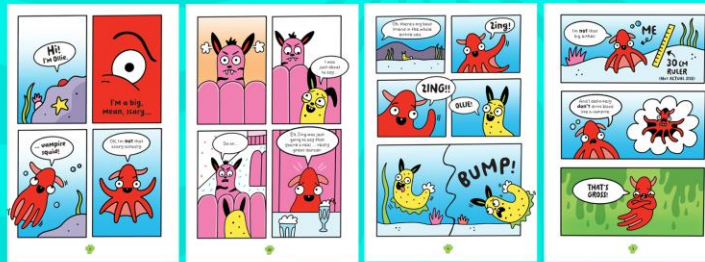


*Spongebob Squarepants* meets *Bunny Versus Monkey* in this Zany, action-packed full-colour graphic novel for readers aged 5-8. Join naughty best friends Ollie the vampire squid and Zing the toxin-squirting sea bunny as they cause chaos in the deep sea!

Set in a town called Nowhere, deep under the sea – a place that's home to the wackiest and weirdest creatures of the ocean, like the stinky Blob, crafty Hypno-snail, and the mysterious Snakey Unicorn Thing... these books contain four hilarious mini episodes each, including plenty of mystery, mischief and mayhem.

## Key Selling Points

- High energy, visual, episodic storytelling is perfect for low attention spans
- Aoife's wonderfully silly humour really appeals to kids, and her bold, graphic artwork is perfect for this younger area of the market.
- Aoife brings her neurodivergent perspective to the story, highlighting and celebrating unique characters.
- Some characters, including Ollie and Zing, are based on real unusual creatures found in the deep sea, which offers an educational moment.



Aoife Dooley is an Irish writer, award-winning illustrator, comedian and graphic designer. Aoife openly shares her experiences of being diagnosed as autistic at the age of 27, neurodiversity and how a diagnosis helped her to truly understand herself. She won Illustrated Children's Book of the Year at the inaugural The Week Junior Book Awards with her debut graphic novel *Frankie's World*.

Book #2  
publishing April  
2026!



Scholastic Fiction

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:  
Israel, Italy, Polish,  
Spain (Spanish and  
Catalan) & Wales

Film Rights: The Lisa  
Richards Agency

Pub Date: May  
2025

Age: 7+

Specifications:  
• 224pp  
• 7000 words





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FOLLOWERS!

# NINA PEANUT

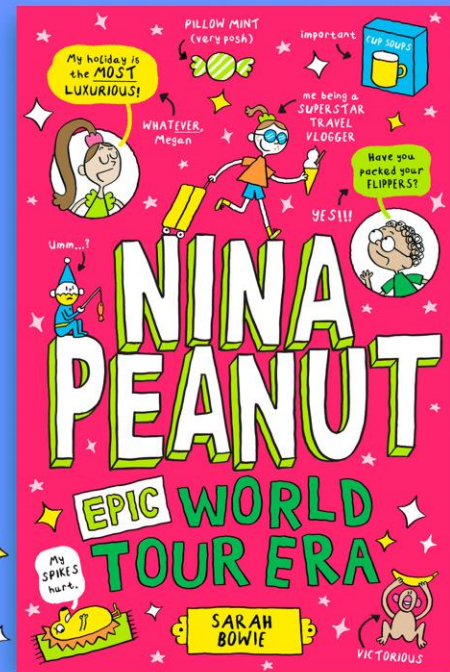
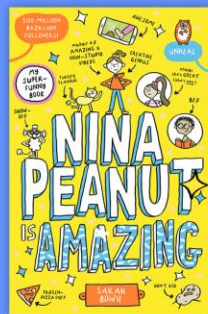


The third laugh-out-loud full colour story starring Nina Peanut - The funniest new friend for all kids, everywhere.

Nina is the new best friend for all kids, everywhere. Nina Peanut is in her world tour era - ok, so she's actually just going on an all-inclusive family holiday to a rundown seaside resort, but STILL. And who's that she's just spotted on the next sun lounger over? Only enemy Megan Dunne, who had told everyone at school she was off to the Maldives to work on her tan...

## Key Selling Points

- Hilariously funny, with relatable themes, of friendship/frenemies, big dreams and brilliant pets. Hours and hours of reading fun guaranteed for kids
- Warm, offbeat wit and gorgeous, bright full colour art throughout
- Perfect for fans of Wimpy Kid, Dork Diaries and Lottie Brooks
- Sold into 13 languages



Sarah Bowie is a writer and illustrator from Ireland. She is also an arts educator and runs workshops in schools on comic-making, visual storytelling and doodling for wellbeing. She is co-founder of *The Comics Lab* and of Ireland's first Graphic Short Story Prize in partnership with the *Irish Times*. *Nina Peanut* is her debut middle grade series.

## Rights:

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Film Rights: Darley Anderson

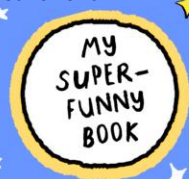
## Pub Date:

- Book #1: March 2024
- Book #2: Sept 2024
- Book #3: April 2025

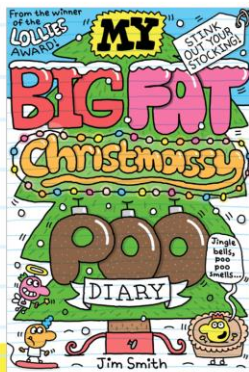
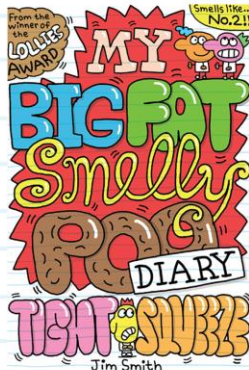
Age: 9+

## Specifications:

- 272pp
- Full colour interior illustrations

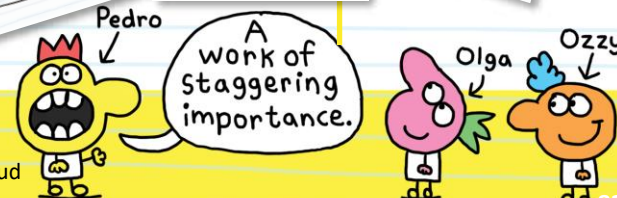
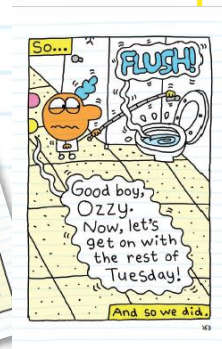


Jim Smith



Join best friends Pedro, Olga and Ozzy - otherwise known as the Poopies - on a series of fun adventure stories... help them to navigate their LOO roll business venture, a GRANNY showdown at the supermarket, and storm PEDRO which is blowing a STINK in the town.

- From the bestselling creator of *Barry Loser* comes Book Two in the graphic novel series
- Hilarious bite-sized episodic stories perfect for fans of *Bunny Vs Monkey*, *Dog Man* and *InvestiGators*
- Striking full-colour art in Jim Smith's trademark style



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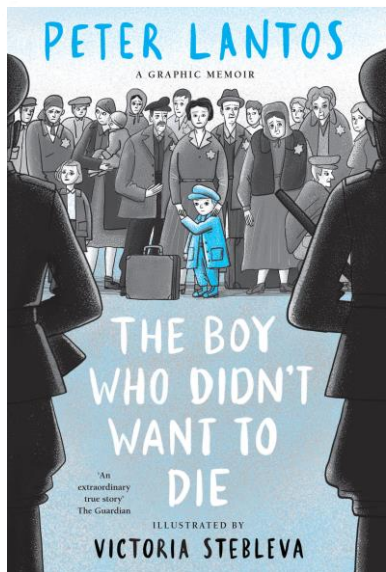
- Full colour interior illustrations
- 224pp



# THE BOY WHO DIDN'T WANT TO DIE: A GRAPHIC MEMOIR

By Peter Lantos

Illustrated by Victoria Stebleva



This is a story of survival, of love between mother and son and of enduring hope in the face of unspeakable hardship. Now available in graphic novel format.

On an extraordinary journey, made by a boy of five through war-torn Europe in 1944 and 1945, Peter travels with his parents from a small Hungarian town, through Austria and then Germany. Along the journey, Peter realises that the adventure is really a nightmare: sleeping in a tent and then under the sky, catching butterflies in the meadows, watching bombs falling from the blue sky outside Vienna, learning maths from his mother in Belsen. All this is drawn against a background of terror, starvation, infection and his father's and grandmother's deaths, stunningly illustrated in black and cyan used to great effect.

## Key Selling Points

- Written by one of the last survivors of the Holocaust
- A first-hand account of the journey to Bergen-Belsen
- Written by a recipient of the *British Empire Medal* in 2020 for services to Holocaust education and awareness}
- Peter has given testimony to the *Holocaust Memorial Foundation*
- **Nominated for *The British Book Awards Children's Non-Fiction Book of the Year for 2024***
- **Winner: UKLA Best Information Book 2024**



**Rights:** World (ex. Canada (French Canadian) & France)

**Rights Optioned:** Spain

**Film Rights:** Scholastic UK

**Pub Date:** January 2025

**Age:** 8+

## Specifications:

- 229 x 153mm
- 2 colour throughout
- 144pp

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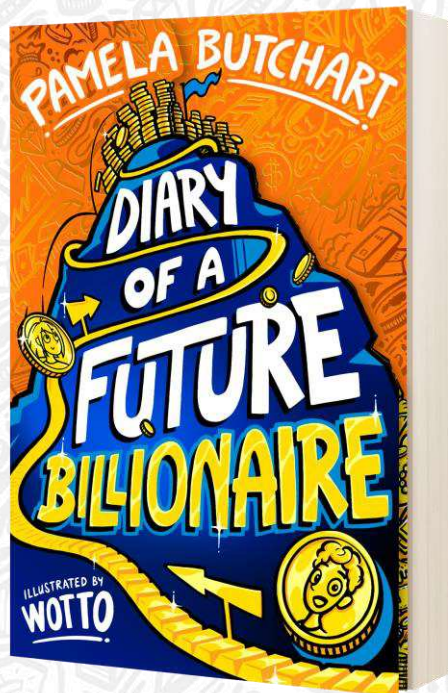
**Professor Peter Lantos** is a Fellow of the *Academy of Medical Sciences* and in his previous life was an internationally renowned clinical neuroscientist. Peter was awarded the *British Empire Medal* in 2020 for 'services to Holocaust education and awareness'. He is one of the last of the generation of survivors and his books will serve as a testimony to his experience. Peter lives in London.



# DIARY OF A FUTURE BILLIONAIRE

By Pamela Butchart

Illustrated by Wotto



The first book in a hilarious, high-energy new middle-grade series from million-copy-bestselling author Pamela Butchart. Just how far will one boy go to become a fully-fledged billionaire?

*So, here's the thing about me. I'm a billionaire. An actual REAL-LIFE billionaire! And you know how some people who get rich say stuff like, 'I can't believe it!' and 'I never thought it would happen to me!' Well ... I CAN believe it. And I KNEW it would happen to me. Because I PLANNED IT. I PLANNED to become the world's RICHEST ten-year-old. And you know what? It WORKED.*

## Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *Tom Gates* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
- Voice-led fiction told in engaging diary format with black and white illustrations by new illustrator WOTTO throughout
- Selected as *The Telegraph's Children's Book of the Week*
- Pamela Butchart's books have sold into 26 languages worldwide
- A three-book-series with a second book publishing February 2026
- Pamela says: "I'm hugely excited to share Ben's billionaire diary with the world! I love the characters and I love writing about kids who grew up like I did..."

**Rights:** World (ex. Brazil, Portugal, Netherlands & China)

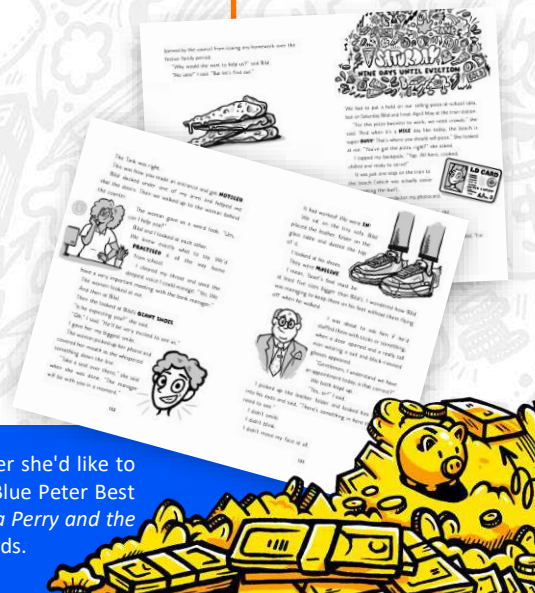
**Film Rights:**  
Lindsay Literary Agency

**Pub Date:** February 2025

**Age:** 9+

## Specifications:

- 224pp
- 31,000 words



**Pamela Butchart** lives in Dundee with her son and their awesome cat. If she wasn't working as a writer and a teacher she'd like to open a luxury hotel for stray cats. Her top selling stories include *The Spy Who Loved School Dinners* which won the Blue Peter Best Story Award and *My Head Teacher is a Vampire Rat* which won The Children's Book Award. Two of her books, *Petunia Perry* and *the Curse of the Ugly Pigeon* and *There's a Werewolf in My Tent*, were shortlisted for the Lollies – the Laugh Out Loud Awards.



# ELLA JONES vs the SUN STEALER

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ELLA JONES  
vs the  
GOD of  
NOISE

12-year-old Ella Jones has been blind for two years and is navigating her new world with the help of her guide dog Maisie, her sister Poppy and her best friend Finn. One day, on a visit to central London with her family, a light in the world is suddenly extinguished, causing panic and chaos as people are plunged into pitch black. A pagan god of light, Lugh, has been released from his millennium-old-prison by a shadowy villain and, out for revenge on humans, has brought darkness down on the world.

But Ella is the hero the world needs: she is used to living her life in darkness every day, and is able to keep calm and work out a plan to defeat Lugh and return light to the world.

## Key Selling Points

- An edge-of-your-seat, wonderfully twisty adventure mystery for fans of *Percy Jackson* and *Skandar*.
- An empowering, empathetic story starring a blind main character, showing young people that disabilities do not have to hold them back.

**Lucy Edwards** is a blind broadcaster, content creator and disability activist who is usually accompanied by her cute guide dog Molly. At only 17, Lucy lost her eyesight due to a rare condition called Incontinentia Pigmenti, but her motto in life is that she is 'blind, not broken'. She took to YouTube and TikTok and started to upload her experiences, becoming the first British blind person to pave the way for change across the platforms. Several years later, Lucy is now the first-ever blind content creator to become an Ambassador for Pantene, featuring in their TV adverts. Lucy continues to campaign for inclusivity, within the beauty industry and beyond.

# LUCY EDWARDS



A game-changing new middle grade fantasy adventure from disability campaigner and TikTok star, Lucy Edwards, writing with Katy Birchall.

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** Sunrise Entertainment Ltd

**Pub Date:** February 2025

**Age:** 9+

**Specifications:**

- 320pp
- 60,000 words



# HERCULES

HERO TO ZERO



TOM VAUGHAN

ILLUSTRATED BY  
DAVID O'CONNELL

The third book in the brilliantly funny, contemporary diary-style series, where Hercules is determined to find fortune as well as glory...

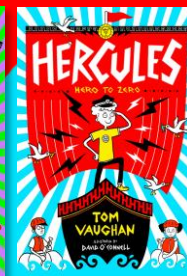
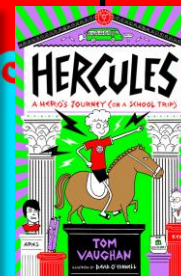
It's the school holidays and Herc has so many plans ... like touring the world and slaying monsters. But Mum tells him they're struggling to make ends meet, and the best she can manage is to send him to Young Explorers camp with his friend Pav. DISASTER!

How can Herc make money? Invent something amazing? Win the lottery? He's on the case with Pav, Hatty and Natthew. But their schemes take them to some unexpected places ... Soon, Herc is facing the pranks of trickster god Hermes, rafting down a treacherous river, and dressing up as a donkey... Can he get his hands on the fortune he craves, or will he find that true riches lie in unexpected places?

## Key Selling Points

- A hilarious, accessible package brilliantly illustrated by David O'Connell. Ideal for fans of Louie Stowell's *Loki*, *Maz Evans*, Marvel's Thor films and Disney's *Hercules*.
- Hercules Braver's adventures in this book are loosely based on the next three "Labours of Hercules", ideal for all young fans of Greek mythology!
- A heartfelt exploration of friendship, secret struggles and discovering your strengths and talents, even if they're unexpected.

**Tom Vaughan** is a journalist, television producer, author and all-round good guy. Despite modest success in those four fields, he'd most like to be remembered as the man who unsuccessfully tried to invent a meal between supper and breakfast, called "supfast". He lives in London with his wife and two small unemployed people, also known as his children.



**Rights:** World (ex. Brazil, The Netherlands)

**Film Rights:** Madeleine Milburn

**Pub Date:** April 2025

**Age:** 9+

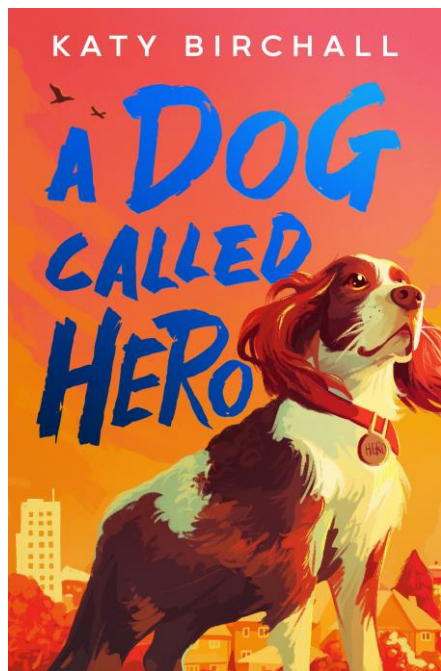
## Specifications:

- 304pp
- 35,000 words
- Black and white illustrations



# A DOG CALLED HERO

By Katy Birchall



**A cosy crime mystery perfect for young animal lovers and fans of *The Last Bear*.**

Hayley has withdrawn from the world and retreated into her shell ever since her police officer dad was killed in the line of duty a year ago. Hero is a young police dog who has been retired early – his handler was injured in the line of duty and he cannot seem to bond with anyone else. But when Hayley and Hero meet, two lost souls find one another.

As they settle into their new lives, they quickly learn that old habits die hard when Hero is instantly onto a clue when the Whittaker Diamond is stolen. And Hayley is furious when DI Doyle, a former rival of her dad's, is assigned the case and immediately accuses ex-offender Dylan – an employee of her mum's catering business which offers second chances and rehabilitation. Can Hero and Hayley overcome their pasts and crack the case?

## Key Selling Points

- Filled with heartfelt emotion and thrilling twists, this is a brilliant cosy crime story with a gorgeous bond between girl and dog at its core
- A tale of friendship and mystery for readers aged 9-12
- Perfect for young animal lovers and fans of *The Mountain Rescue Dog* and *The Last Bear*.

**Rights:** World

**Film Rights:** Bell Lomax Moreton Agency

**Pub Date:** September 2025

## Specifications:

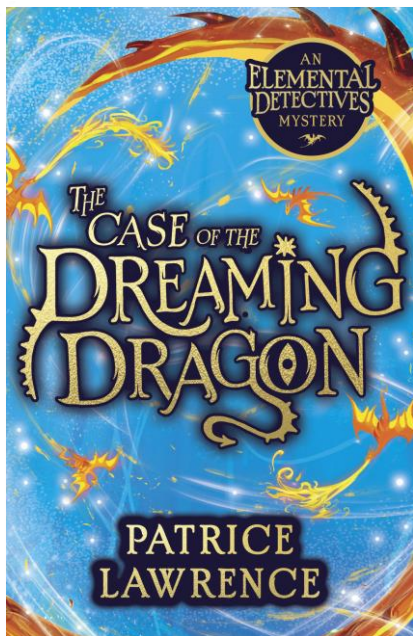
- 320pp
- 62,000 words

**Katy Birchall** is the author of several young adult and teen novels, including *The It Girl* series, the *Hotel Royale* series and *Morgan Charmley: Teen Witch*. She is the co-author of the middle grade *Lightning Girl* series and *Star Switch* and *Girls Rule* with Alesha Dixon, plus a retelling of Jane Austen's *Emma* for the *Awesomely Austen* series and *Sex Education: The Road Trip*.

# THE CASE OF THE DREAMING DRAGON: AN ELEMENTAL DETECTIVES MYSTERY

By Patrice Lawrence

*“A fantastic adventure, packed with rich world building and stunning elemental magic” – Peter Bunzl, author of Cogheart*



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Step into a city lit up by the Elemental spirits: the fiery Dragons, the airy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earthbound Magogs.

Marisee and Robert – the Elemental Detectives – are back to solve a third mystery. A dragon is dreaming of a time when plague blighted the city, when a mysterious cauldron was used for wicked magic and what this would mean if it fell into the wrong hands now...

On a mission from the shores of the Thames, to the ghost-filled gardens of Hyde Park and the forbidding Tower of London, Marisee and Robert must use every ounce of ingenuity they possess to defeat the most villainous foe yet ... and find out some secrets about their own families.

## Key Selling Points

- The third book in a critically acclaimed, groundbreaking new middle-grade series
- An exciting, page-turning mystery full of clues to crack, action-packed scenes and fantastic monsters
- Remarkable writing, gloriously imaginative and wonderfully inclusive: this is big, bold, future classic storytelling at its absolute finest.

The third book  
in a  
captivating  
adventure  
series

**Rights:** World

**Rights Optioned:**  
France

**Film Rights:**  
Caroline Sheldon  
Literary Agency

**Pub Date:**  
Book #1: September 2022  
Book #2: September 2023  
Book #3: October 2025

**Age:** 9+

**Specifications:**

- 432pp
- 80,000 words

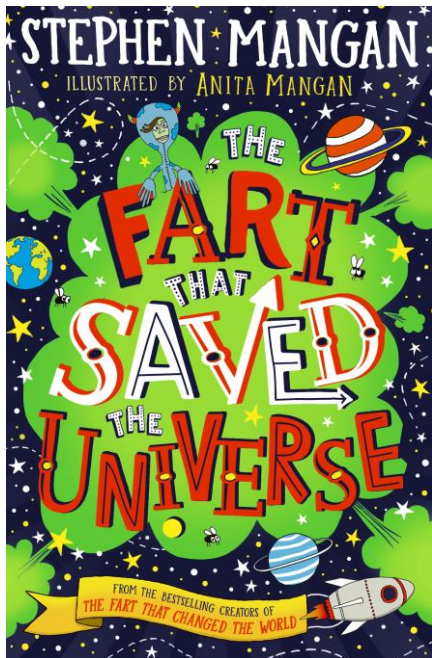


**Patrice Lawrence** was born in Brighton and brought up in an Italian-Trinidadian household in Sussex. Her first novel *Orangeboy* was one of the most talked-about YA books of 2016 and won the *Waterstones Children's Book Prize* for Older Fiction and the *Bookseller YA Book Prize* that year.

# THE FART THAT SAVED THE UNIVERSE

By Stephen Mangan

Illustrated by Anita Mangan



*The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* for young readers who love brilliantly silly stories.

When Saskia is captured by aliens who plan to turn her into a human fart-machine, Perks, Jezza and Leslie blast off on a mission to bring her back down to Earth. Things get even more complicated when they discover the spaceship holds some top-secret cargo ... a gadget that the most dangerous, double-crossing villains in the galaxy are in hot pursuit of... Throw in a pitstop at the universe's worst restaurant, a visit to the Milky Way Museum of Oddities and a deeply strange encounter with a praying mantis wearing a big bouffant wig and sparkly platform booties, and it's truly an OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD adventure for our heroes. But when the mysterious gadget falls into the wrong hands, the kids must be the heroes the universe needs ... and could the day be saved by one teeny, tiny FART?

## Key Selling Points

- In 2025, *The Fart that Broke World Book Day* was a prestigious World Book Day book and became a UK No.1 Fiction Bestseller
- *Escape the Rooms* was one of the bestselling debuts of 2021
- *The Fart that Changed the World* was a top ten bestseller and has sold over 80,000 copies in the UK
- Stephen Mangan's total TCM to date is over 200,000 copies
- Stephen Mangan is a famous comedy actor and Anita Mangan is a highly regarded artist who has designed over 90 books.

**Stephen Mangan** is an author, script-writer and actor with huge range across TV, radio, film and theatre. He has been a member of the judging panels for the Costa Book of the Year prize and The Laugh-Out-Loud Awards (The Lollies). His children's books, *Escape the Rooms* and *The Fart that Changed the World* have been huge bestsellers.

**Anita Mangan** is a celebrated graphic designer and illustrator who has designed over 60 books including the best-selling *Be a Unicorn* series.

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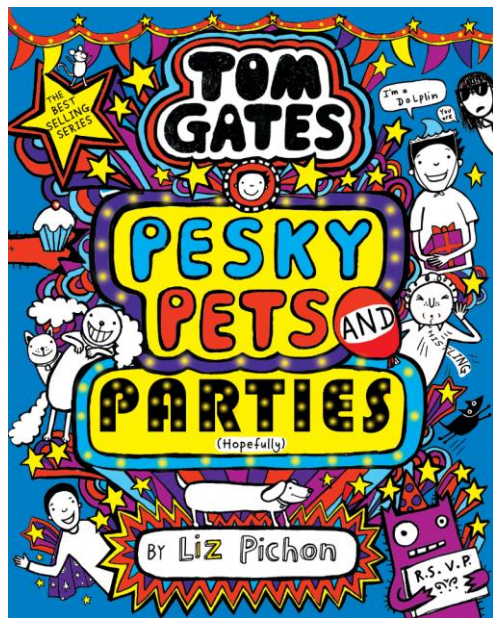
- 352pp
- 35,000 words
- Includes black & white illustrations





# TOM GATES #24: PESKY PETS AND PARTIES (HOPEFULLY)

By Liz Pichon



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The brand-new Tom Gates bestseller from multi-million selling writer and illustrator Liz Pichon.

*PESKY PETS AND PARTIES (HOPEFULLY)* sees the return of Tom's band DogZombies, badly behaved pets causing chaos at parties and Tom dressed up as dolphin.

## Key Selling Points

- Over 16.5 million copies of Tom Gates books have sold worldwide and the *Tom Gates* series has been translated into 45 languages across 49 territories.
- The books have hit the UK #1 bestseller slot 22 times.
- *Tom Gates* has inspired a Scottish BAFTA-winning TV series (currently in its 3rd season), catchy songs and a range of innovative products. Liz co-wrote the scripts and the songs for the TV show. In 2025, the brand-new touring stage-show will delight audiences across the UK.

Tom Gates is published in 45 languages across 49 territories!

**Rights:** World

**Rights Options:** Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Bosnia, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Israel, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (Spanish & Catalan), Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, USA & Wales)

**Film Rights:**

David Higham Associates

**Pub Date:** October 2025

**Age:** 9+

**Specifications:**

- 240pp
- Black & white interior illustrations



# FIGHTING FANTASY

By Steve Jackson and Sir Ian Livingstone



## PART STORY, PART GAME – PURE ADVENTURE!

These thrilling game books have heart-stopping action, terrifying monsters ... and YOU are the hero!

### Key Selling Points

- A truly global phenomenon with 20 million copies sold worldwide in 32 languages
- Our new package will appeal to the original fans AND a whole new generation of children – eye-catching, collectible and perfect for reluctant readers and gaming fans
- In 2022 Scholastic celebrated 40 years of *Fighting Fantasy*.

**Sir Ian Livingstone** is one of the founding fathers of the UK games industry. He co-founded iconic games company Games Workshop in 1975 with Steve Jackson, launching *Dungeons & Dragons* and *Warhammer* in Europe. Earlier this year, Sir Ian Livingstone became the first person to be knighted for “services to gaming”.

**Steve Jackson** was co-founder (with Ian Livingstone) of the Games Workshop chain, publishers of *Warhammer*. He wrote the first ever telephone adventure game *FIST*. For two years he wrote a Games & Puzzles page for the *London Daily Telegraph*. In 1993 he was awarded the title of European Board Games champion.

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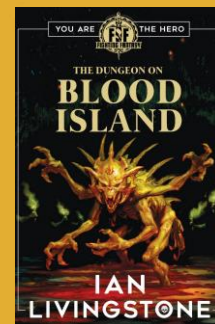
**Pub Dates:** August 2017  
– September 2024

**Age:** 9+

### Specifications:

- 272pp
- 40,000 words
- Black & white interior illustrations

### Latest Title:





# MORTAL ENGINES

By Philip Reeve

**Key Selling Points**

- The Mortal Engines series has sold over half a million copies in the UK alone via Nielsen Bookscan. Its epic appeal crosses all age ranges
- Reeve’s novels have won the Guardian Children’s Award, Blue Peter Award, Smarties Gold Prize and the Carnegie Medal.
- *Mortal Engines* is now a feature film produced by Lord of the Rings director, Peter Jackson

*Mortal Engines* launched Philip Reeve's brilliantly-imagined creation, the world of the Traction Era, where mobile cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future. 20 years on from it's first publication, it is hailed as a modern classic.

In a dangerous future, huge motorized cities hunt, attack and fight each other for survival. As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down.

*"Reeve has managed to marry the hugeness of his imagination with an utterly compelling and child-friendly storyline"* - Anthony Horowitz

Newest Title:

**Rights:** World (ex. USA)

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**Pub Dates:** September 2024

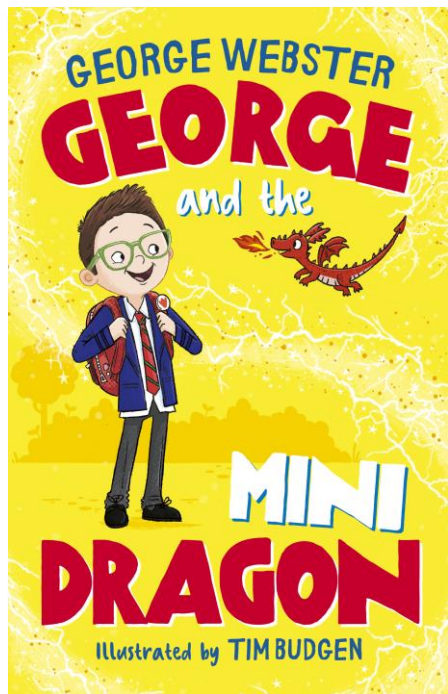
**Age:** 9+





# GEORGE AND THE MINI DRAGON

By George Webster



The start of a fun adventure series with plenty of mayhem from actor and picture book author, George Webster.

Most of George's classmates have cats and dogs, but George's parents are *not* pet lovers and despite George's pleading, they refuse to get him a pet. On George's birthday, he decides to wish for a pet dog, but at the last minute he changes his mind ... a pet dragon would surely be more fun?! When George finds a dragon at the end of the garden, he realizes his wish has come true. But Lava the dragon has a mind of her own, and it's going to be hard to conceal her antics at school and from George's parents. Can George and his friends keep Lava a secret together?

## Key Selling Points

- Full of fun and adventure, this series is perfect for early readers.
- George Webster is an actor and BAFTA-winning presenter. George was the first ever CBeebies presenter to have Down syndrome.
- Continuing George's partnership with Tim Budgen who illustrated George's picture books *This is Me!* and *Why Not?* Tim is also the illustrator of bestselling books such as *Twenty Dinosaurs at Bedtime*, *Twenty Unicorns at Bedtime* and *The Magic Pet Shop* series.
- Tim's black and white illustrations are gorgeous and engaging – perfect for children.

**Rights:** World

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## **Pub Date:**

Book #1:  
February 2025  
Book #2:  
January 2026

**Age:** 5+

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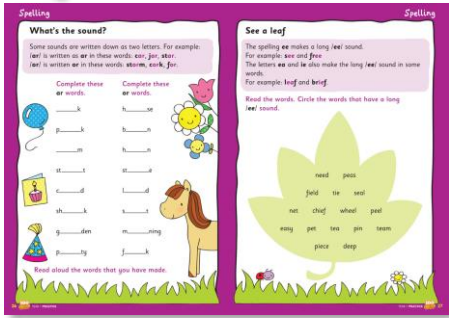
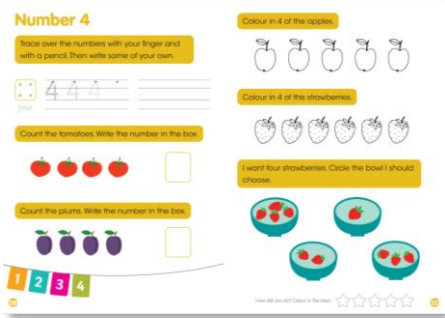
- 160pp
- 16,000 words

**Book #2  
publishing  
January 2026!**

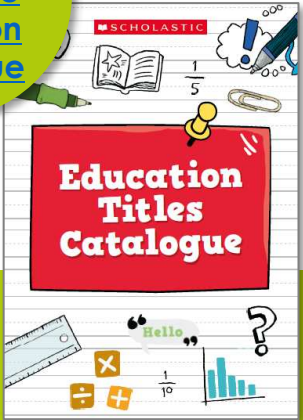
**George Webster** is an actor, BAFTA-winning TV presenter and Ambassador for Mencap, who was catapulted into the public eye when he spoke about Down syndrome in his myth-busting video for BBC Bitesize. He is now a presenter on CBeebies. George's picture books are also published by Scholastic.

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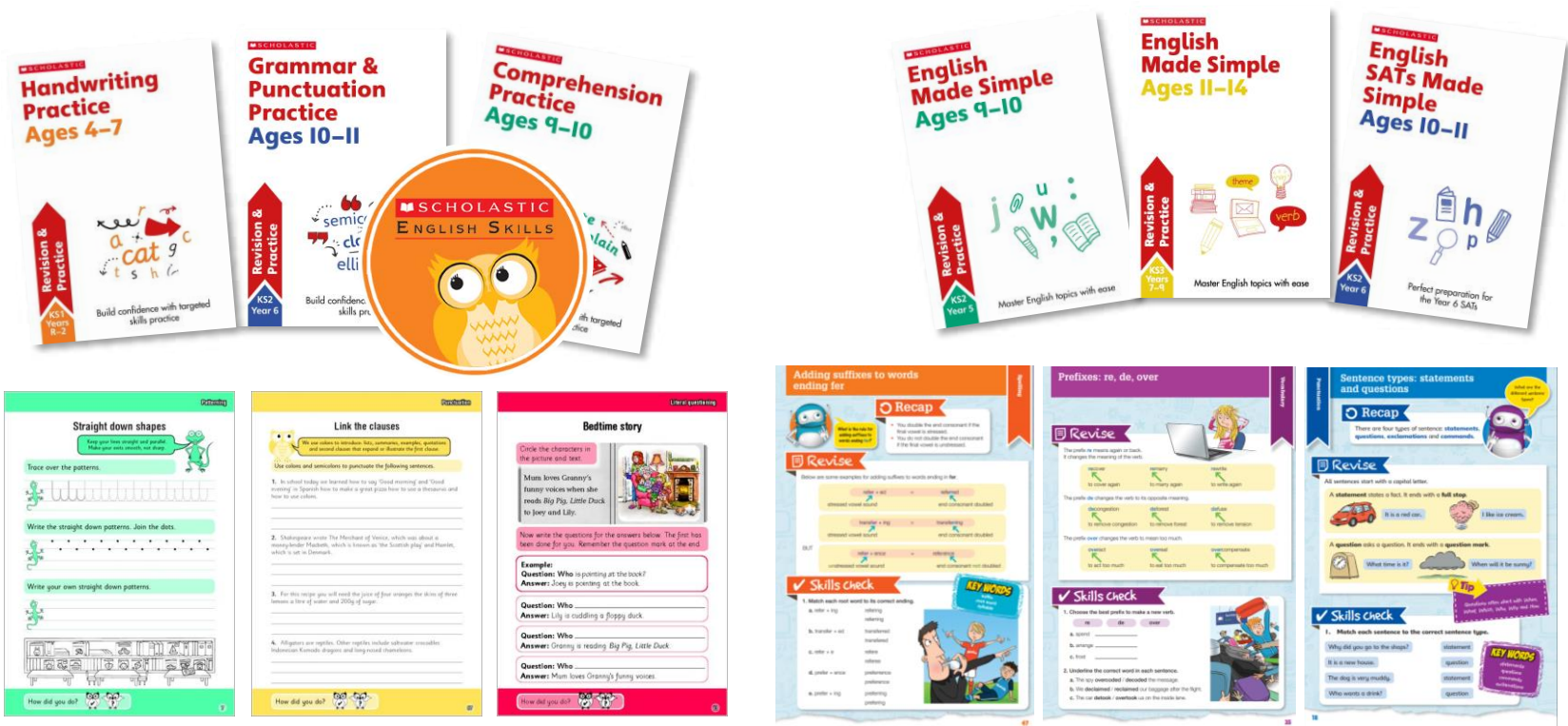


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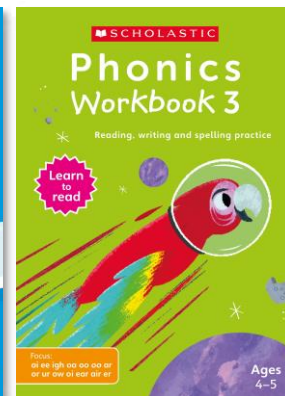
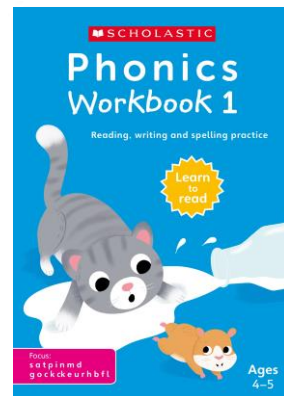
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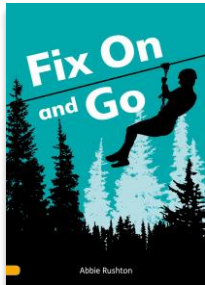
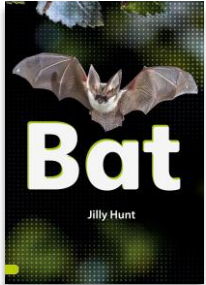
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**g o e u b**

Here are some of the words in the book that use the sounds above:

**bat big get mum pup**

This book uses these common tricky words:

**is as the**

#### Before reading

- Read the title and look at the cover. Discuss what the book might be about.

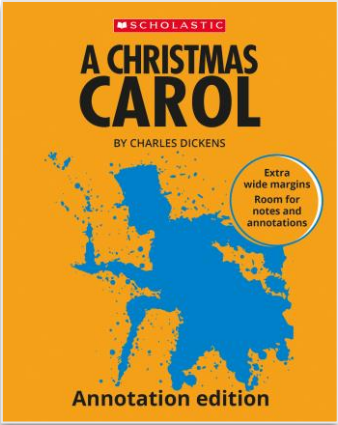
#### During reading

- If necessary, sound out and then blend the sounds to read the word: b-a-ck, back.
- Pause every so often to talk about the information.

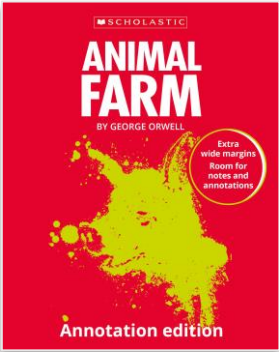
#### After reading

- Talk about what has been read. Look at page 16 and discuss the images shown.

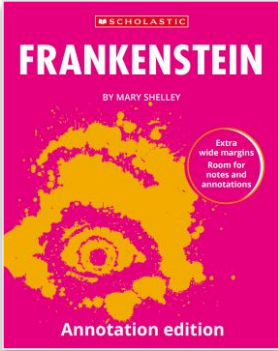
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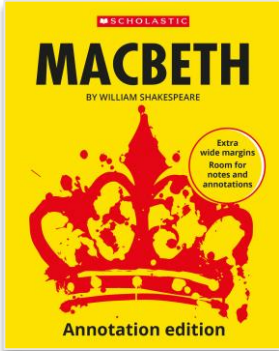
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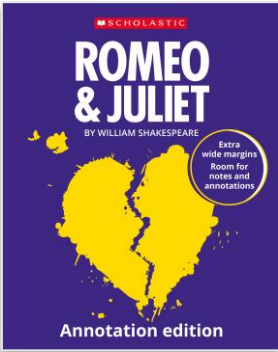
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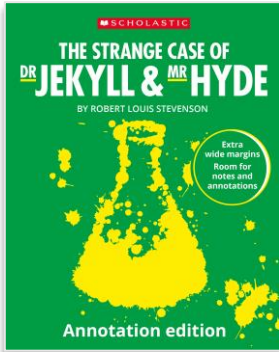
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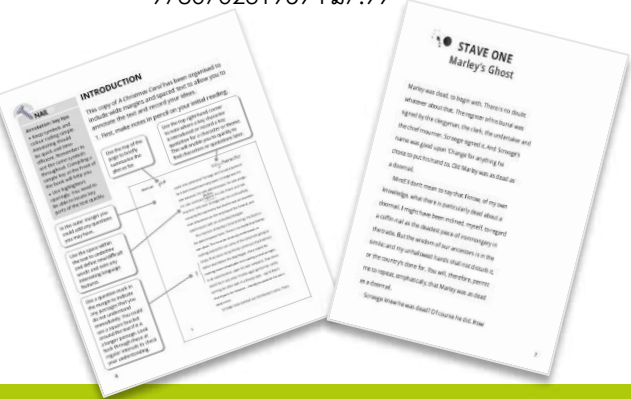
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