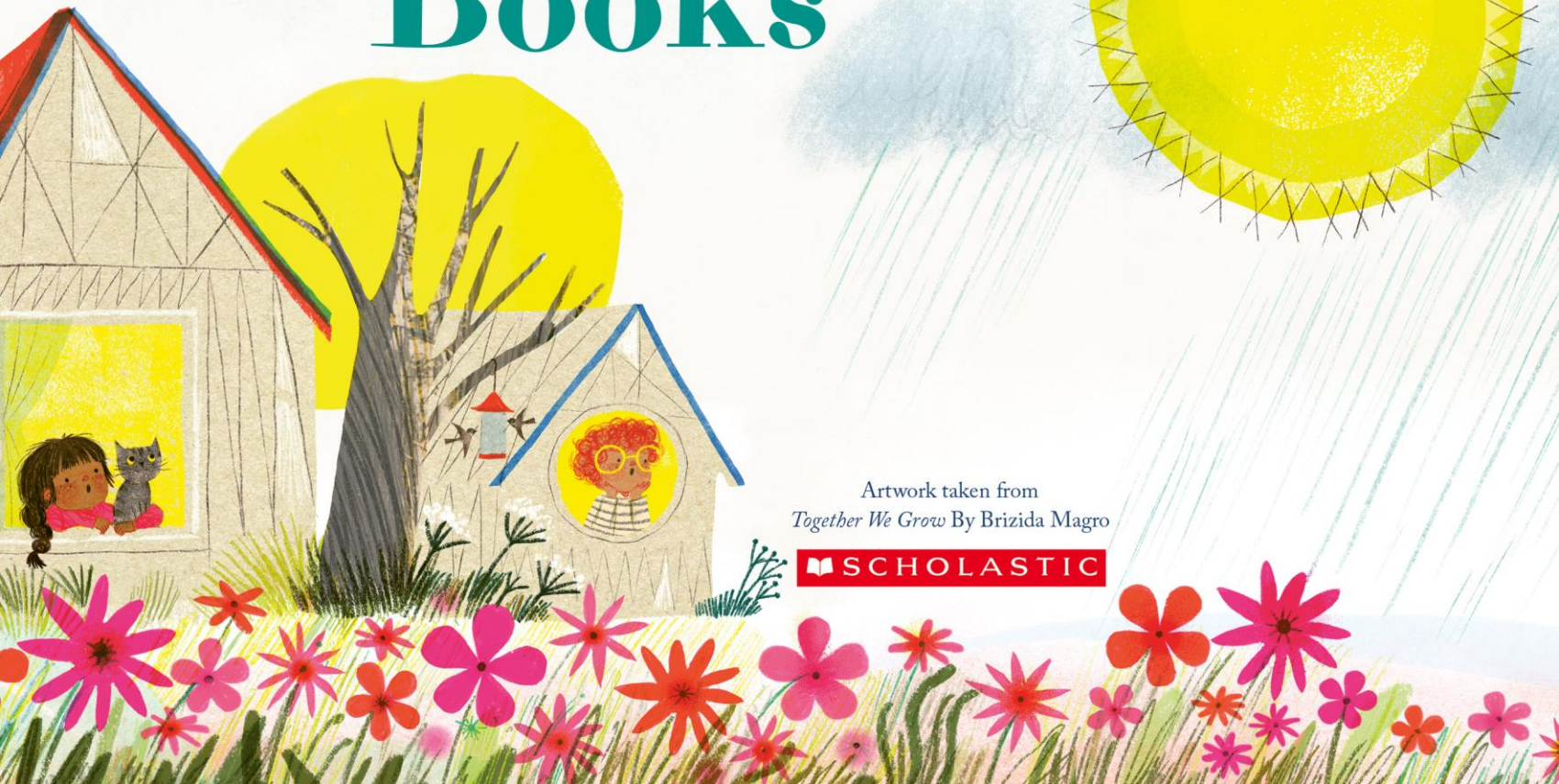




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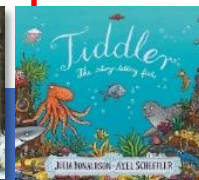
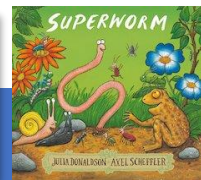
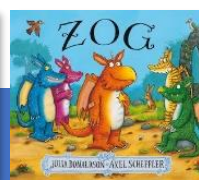
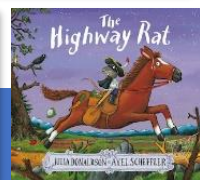
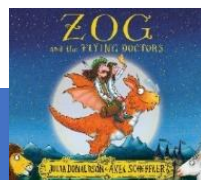
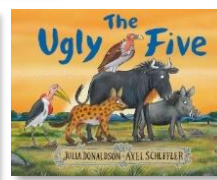
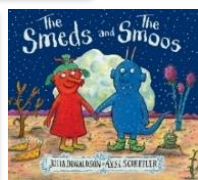
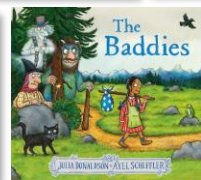
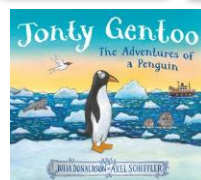
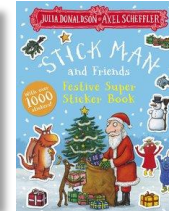
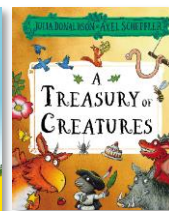
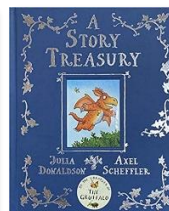
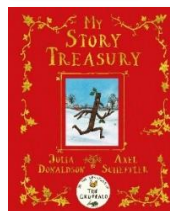
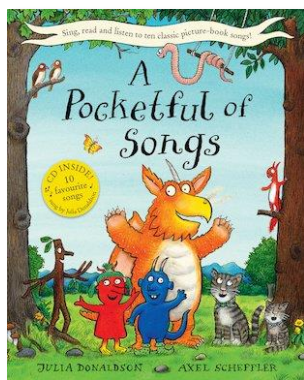
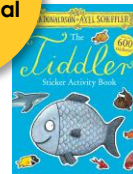
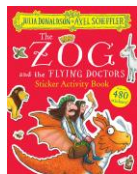


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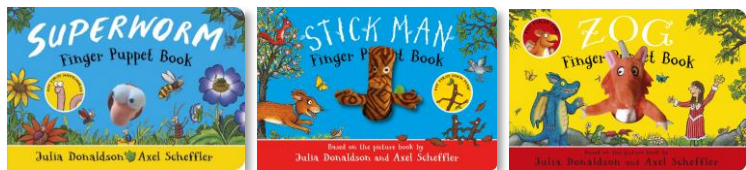
Lift-the-flap books with felt flaps



Lift-the-flap books with card flaps



Finger puppet board books

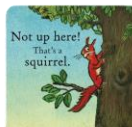


NOVELTY

Shaped board books!



Slide & Spin: With sliders to push and pull, plus a wheel to spin, these board books are so much fun for little readers.

NEW!
ZOG SLIDE AND SEEK

Zog's playing hide and seek!
Can you help him find his friends, Goldabout and Pearl?

Are they in the forest?

New novelty formats coming in 2026!

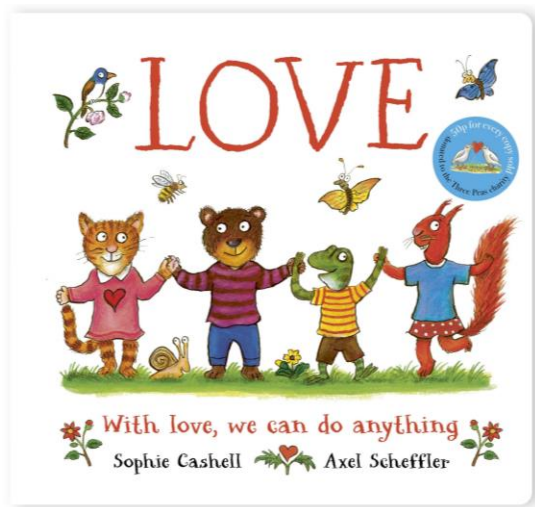
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Film Rights: RCW & Scholastic UK

Pub Date: December 2021 – April 2026

LOVE

Written by Sophie Cashell and Illustrated by Axel Scheffler



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 *Friends* 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 programme of supporting titles 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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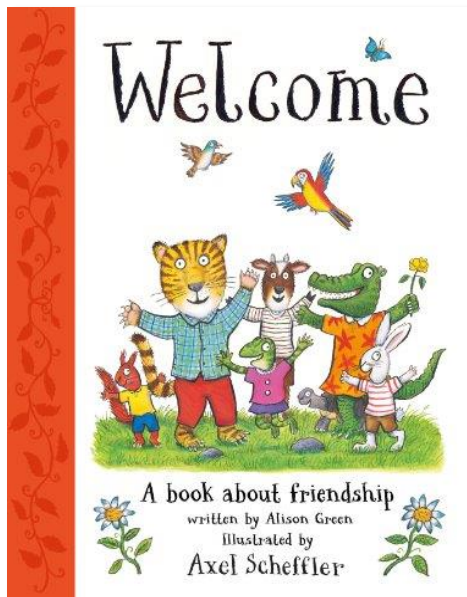
Pub Date: January 2026

Specifications:

- 166 x 184mm
- 24pp
- Board book

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, *Friends* 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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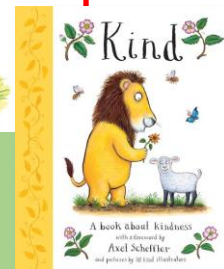
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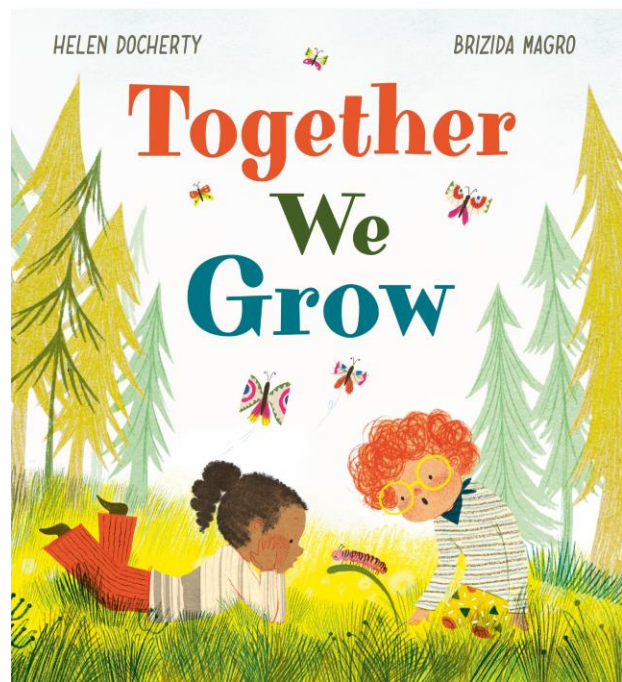
- 280 x 224mm,
- 32pp plus ends
- Cover finishes: Matt lam + spot UV

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.



TOGETHER WE GROW

By Helen Docherty and Brizida Magro



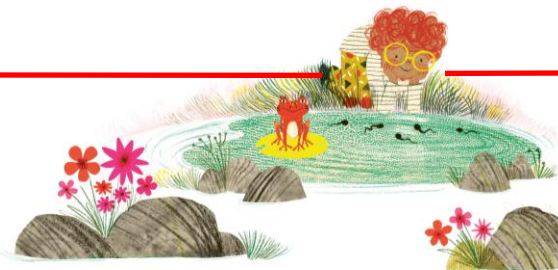
A beautiful picture book about all the exciting ways we grow and change together.

It's amazing growing up. Just look at all the things you can do now, that you couldn't do when you were tiny. And it's not just you that's changing: tadpoles grow into frogs; kittens grow into cats; tiny seeds rise up into a forest!

All this change can be joyful and fun – but it can be challenging, too, especially if things change when we don't want them to. But however we change and grow, one thing never changes . . . our love for each other is for ever!

Key Selling Points

- Helen Docherty's heartfelt, lyrical text is full of positive, encouraging messages which will help children navigate all sorts of changes as they grow up.
- Brizida Magro's glowing illustrations are a delight, combining stylish design with great warmth and sensitivity.
- A wonderfully reassuring book that will resonate with children and parents alike.



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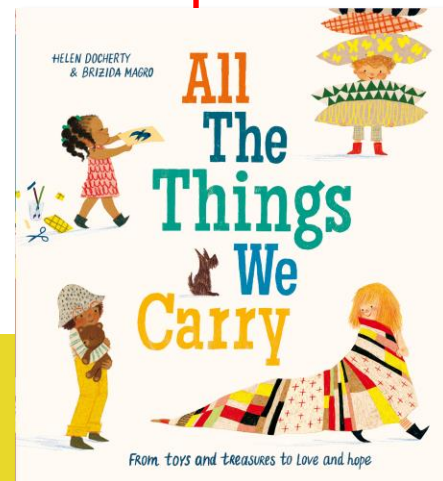
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Film Rights:
Caroline Sheldon
Literary Agency

Pub Date: August
2026

Specifications:

- 275 x 250mm,
- 32pp plus ends
- Cover finishes:
Matt lam + spot
UV



Helen Docherty is the acclaimed author of *The Snatchabook* and *The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight*. Helen lives in Swansea with her husband, illustrator Thomas Docherty, and their two daughters. Instagram: @helendochertyauthor Twitter: docherty_helen **Brizida Magro** is an award-winning illustrator with a wonderful talent for creating stylish, brilliantly coloured images and endearing characters. Originally from Portugal, Brizida now lives in Boulder, Colorado in the USA. @sweetbeyond

FRIENDS OF CHESTNUT WOOD

By Lana Tihonovich



Sample artwork

Key Selling Points

- For her stunning picture book début, Lana Tihonovich has created an exquisite woodland world full of tiny details.
- The fabulously detailed illustrations and adorable woodland characters have a warm, nostalgic appeal.
- The gentle, witty story is a grand celebration of nature, and will encourage children to explore the natural world around them
- With strong themes of friendship, resourcefulness and how to reconcile after a quarrel, the story will strike a chord with parents and children alike.

With its woodland scenes and endearing characters, *Friends of Chestnut Wood* offers children a wonderfully reassuring world, and a warm, nostalgic celebration of friendship and nature.

What's going on in Chestnut Wood? Mouse and Squirrel, Frog and Mole are usually such good friends. They love helping each other out, gathering nuts and berries; fixing each other's woodland houses, and even digging each other out of the snow.

But today Mouse has found a strange object in the wood and it's started a quarrel. What is the object for? Which of them should have it? And is it really worth arguing over? Happily, when spring comes, the friends realise that the strange object (which is really just a coffee cup!) might make the perfect nest for some little birds . . .

Rights: World

Pub Date: March 2027

Specifications:

- 275 x 250mm,
- 32pp plus ends

Lana Tihonovich is a self-taught children's book illustrator based in the picturesque city of Gdańsk, Poland. Her work is inspired by nature and the charm of everyday moments, and she loves to create pictures full of cosy nostalgia, vibrant colours and joyful imagination.

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*.

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Film Rights: Scholastic UK

Pub Date: May 2026

Specifications:

- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp plus ends
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & Foil

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 territories.

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 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 into 21 languages worldwide.

Rights: World

Rights Options:

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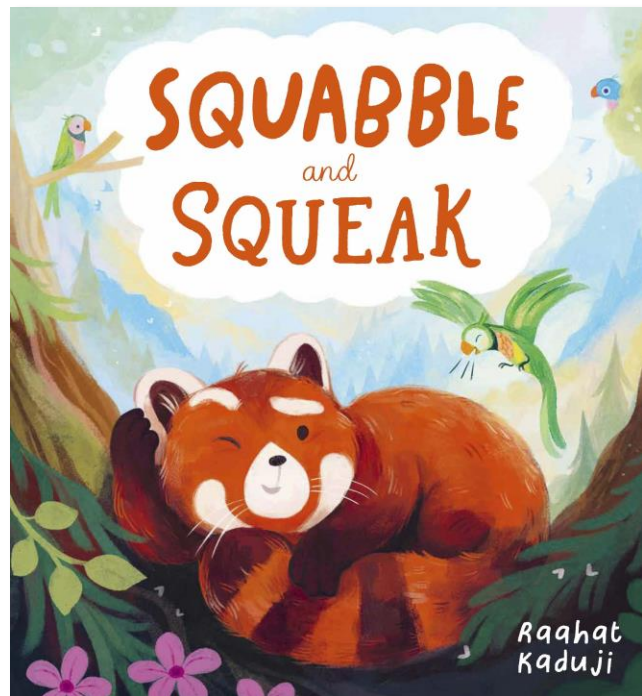
- 290 x 250mm
- 64pp
- Cover Finishes: Matt lamination, Spot UV, Foil

Thiago de Moraes: When he's not reading about and drawing historical characters and ancient gods, Thiago also writes and illustrates picture books and young fiction. He has won many awards for his editorial and commercial illustration work. Originally from Brazil, Thiago now lives in the UK.



SQUABBLE AND SQUEAK

By Raahat Kaduji



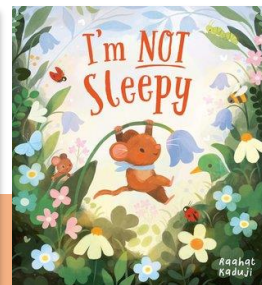
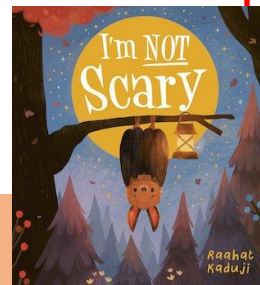
From noisy neighbours . . . to the best of friends!

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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Literary Agency

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- 275 x 250mm,
- 32pp plus ends
- Cover finishes: Matt lam + spot UV

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 whimsical winter night scene. On the left, a brown bear wearing a red scarf stands next to a snow-covered Christmas tree, reaching up to hang a light. The tree is decorated with colorful lights and ornaments. To the right of the tree, a small grey mouse wearing a yellow scarf with a star on it stands looking up at the bear. The background is a dark blue night sky with a crescent moon, stars, and falling snow. Snow-covered branches and trees frame the scene.

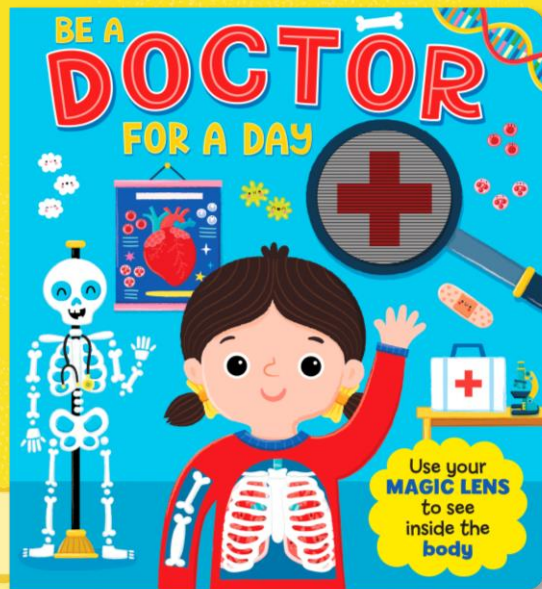
Picture Books and Pre-School Novelty

Artwork taken from *Mr Bear's Christmas*
by Lorna Gibson

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BE A DOCTOR FOR A DAY

Illustrated by Liv Wan



This playful, interactive novelty title features a moiré device that readers can use to reveal 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 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.
- Consultancy by Dr Annie Fields.
- A fantastic first look at human anatomy.
- Encourages imaginative play.
- The start of an exciting new novelty series.



NEW!
A see-inside
surprise on
every page

Scholastic Non-Fiction

Rights: World

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Scholastic UK

Pub Date: August
2026

Age: 4+



Specifications:

- 16pp
- Novelty moiré 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.



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!

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.

Sample Artwork

Forest
Friends
Springtime
Publishing
March 2027



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Pub Date: September 2026

Age: 5+

Specifications:

- 16pp + 25 flaps
- 235 x 235mm

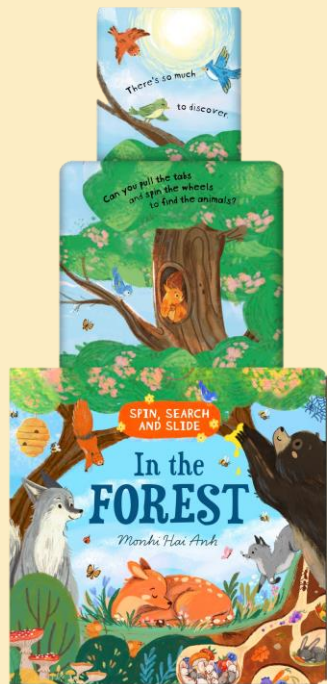
Key Selling Points

- 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*.

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.

SPIN, SEARCH AND SLIDE

By Monhi Hai Anh



Cover Not Final

A brand-new novelty series featuring sliders to pull, wheels to spin and animals to find.

Venture deep into the forest to see fox cubs stirring in their dens, baby bears clambering up trees, squirrels leaping, salmon swimming, owls and bats swooping, wolf pups playing and much more. Can you find the **hidden creatures** and **tiny treasures** in this adorable book for inquisitive children?

Key Selling Points

- Bite-size facts on every page.
- Exciting combination of novelty and search-and-find elements will keep little ones entertained.
- Telescopic pull tabs and tactile wheels provide even more surprises.
- Includes a spotting element on every page.
- Improves pincer grip and fine motor skills.
- Also publishing: *Spin, Search and Slide: The Farm*.



Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: March 2027

Age: 18 months+

Specifications:

- 185 x 185mm
- Full-colour
- 10pp
- Novelty element on every spread, plus telescopic slider on cover

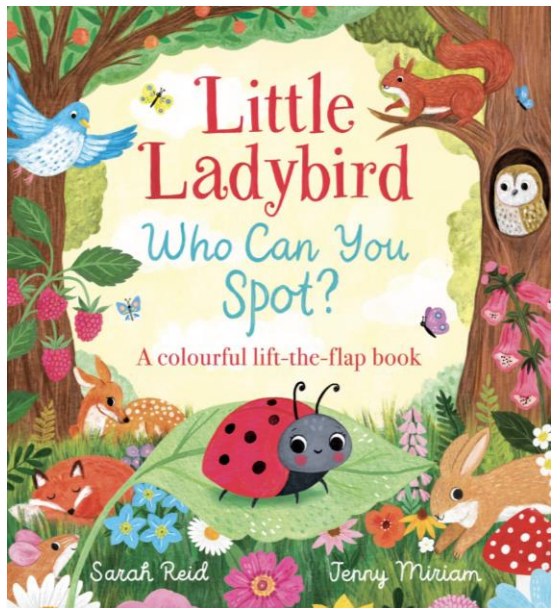


Monhi Hai Anh is a freelance illustrator.
She loves dreaming up worlds and drawing cute animal characters.



LITTLE LADYBIRD, WHO CAN YOU SPOT?

By Sarah Reid and Jenny Miriam



Cover Not Final

Lift the BIG flaps to explore a world of colour in this interactive picture book!

Little Ladybird has lost her friend. Luckily, there are lots of colourful creatures on hand to help, but they don't always point Little Ladybird in the right direction . . .

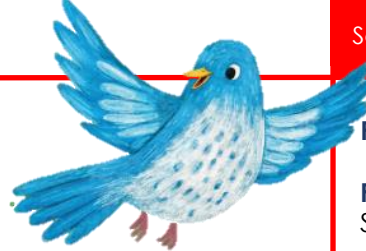
Bird thinks he's seen something red but . . . Uh-oh! That's a red squirrel!

Squirrel thinks he's seen Ladybird's spotty friend but . . . Uh-oh! Nope, that's a yellow cheetah!

Can you help find Little Ladybird's friend?

Key Selling Points

- With seven large gatefold flaps to lift.
- Bright illustrations and different environments to explore.
- With a gentle 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.



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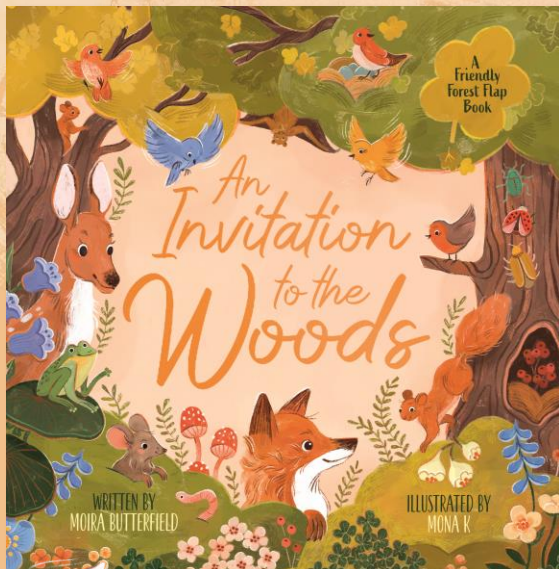
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp + gatefold flaps
- Cover finishes:
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and Spot UV



Sarah Reid is originally from Edinburgh, Scotland and now lives by the seaside in Portsmouth. **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. @jennymiriamillustration

AN INVITATION TO THE WOODS

By Moira Butterfield and Mona K



Publishing 2027

An
Invitation
to the
Ocean

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

With more than **20 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.
- 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.

Moira Butterfield is an internationally published children's author. In 2025, she was shortlisted for the Children's Wainwright Prize. She lives in Bath, UK, with her family.

Mona K (aka ghostpuff) is an illustrator with a passion for all things quaint, cute and whimsical. She loves to dabble in mixed media, traditional crafts, and occasionally, digital illustration.



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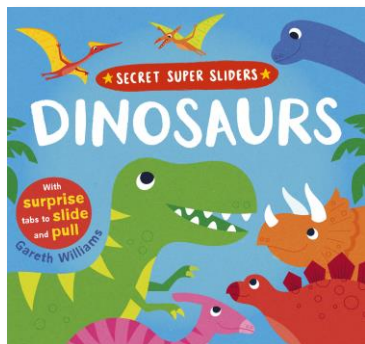
Specifications:

- 250 x 250mm
- 24pp + 24 flaps
- Foil on front cover



SECRET SUPER SLIDERS

By Gareth Williams



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.

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 realized 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).

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: April
2025

Age: 18 months +

Specifications:

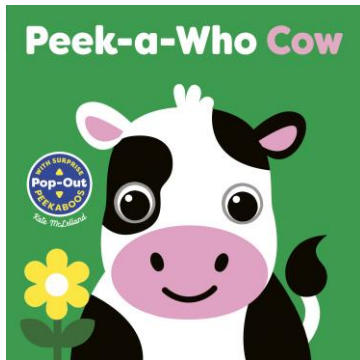
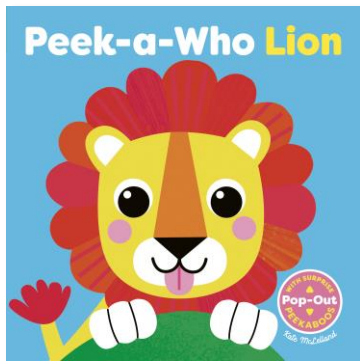
- Full-colour
- 185 x 185mm
- 12pp





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.



Rights: World (ex. Portugal)

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date:
May 2025

Age: 1+

Specifications:

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

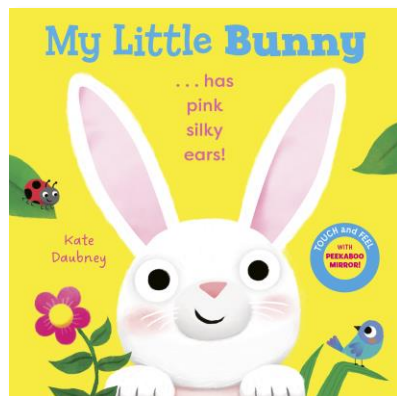
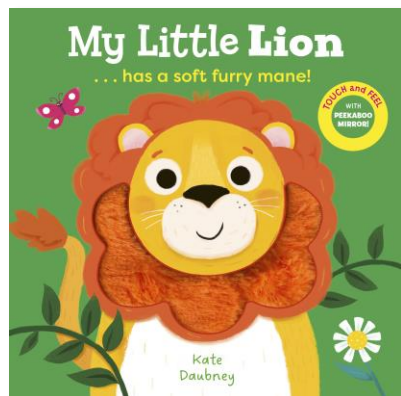
Kate McLelland is a bestselling illustrator, author and designer. She is deeply passionate about children's welfare and education and loves to visit schools, doing author events and running art projects.



A pop-out
surprise on
every spread

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.

Rights: World (ex. Canada)

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: My Little Bunny Feb 2026 / My Little Lion Sept 2026

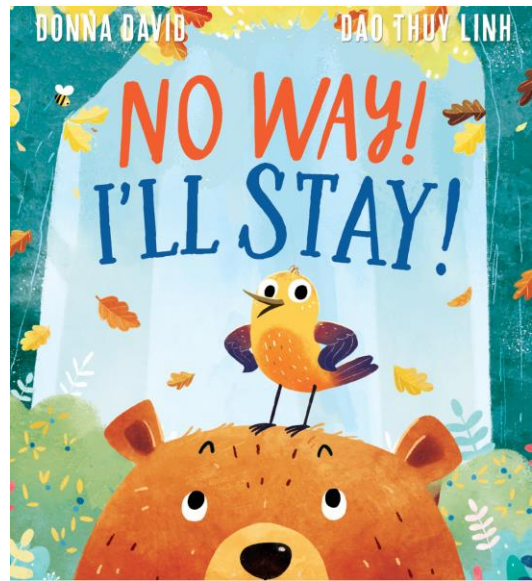
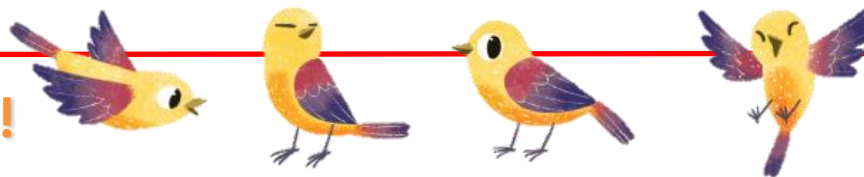
Specifications:

- 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.

NO WAY, I'LL STAY!

By Donna David and Dao Linh



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A brilliantly funny picture book about a stubborn bird who doesn't want to migrate!

When the trees of Farley Forest turn red and golden, the animals know that it's time to prepare for the colder months. Fox grows a longer, thicker coat. Bear eats lots of food to be ready for his big, winter sleep. And Bird gets ready to leave.

"Sorry? What did you say? No way!" says Bird. "I will do no such thing. I'll stay right here!"

Bird is quite stuck in his ways and so needs a bit of convincing to leave his home . . . Can Bear show Bird that he should embrace the change that the new season brings?

Key Selling Points

- Donna David's text is full of cheeky character and humour.
- Brought to life by debut-picture book illustrator, Linh Dao.
- With a message about embracing change and stepping outside your comfort zone.
- Includes a spread of facts about migration at the end of the book.

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK &
Lindsay Literary
Agency

Pub Date: September
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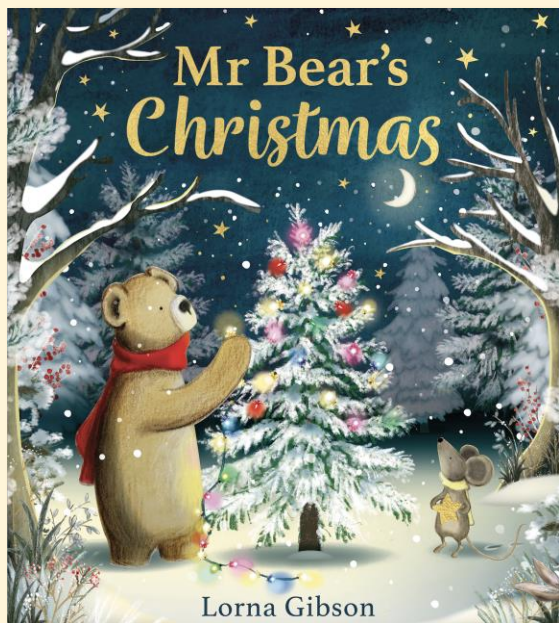
Specifications:

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

Donna David is a children's author and English coach. She especially loves writing funny stories! When not writing, you can find her running, playing netball or snacking on some chocolate. @donnadavidauthor Originally from Vietnam, **Linh Dao** draws inspiration for her art from her childhood full of tropical plants and colourful bugs. She is now based in Czech Republic. When not illustrating or animating, she loves to travel, so she can often be found drinking tea in new places. @daottlinh

MR BEAR'S CHRISTMAS

By Lorna Gibson



A heartwarming, festive tale of friendship and love, set in the forest. A Christmas classic for a new generation.

A gorgeous, festive tale set in a magical 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?

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 (ex. France)

Film Rights: Lorna Gibson with Bell Lomax Moreton

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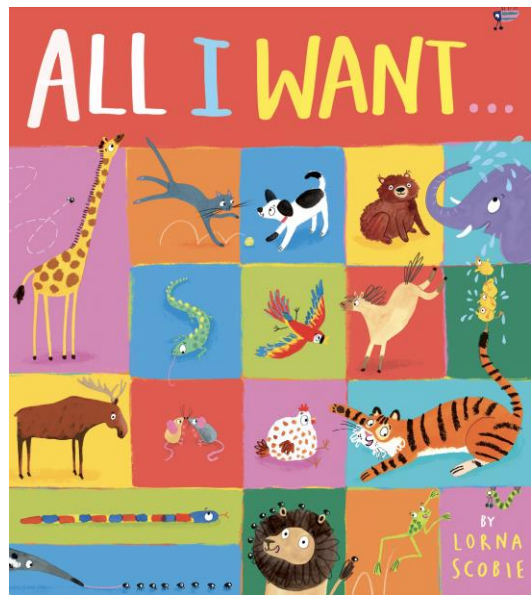
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination, Spot UV, Foil



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

ALL I WANT

By Lorna Scobie



A laugh-out-loud picture book with a twist!

*"All I want is a puppy.
Well actually, all I want is a puppy and a parrot.
I suppose all I want is a puppy, a parrot and a caterpillar . . ."*

Dear Zoo meets You Choose in this fabulous cumulative tale perfect for every child (and adult!) who dreams of having a pet

Key Selling Points

- Lorna Scobie, author-illustrator extraordinaire, is back with another hilarious and quirky picture book.
- The cumulative text makes this so much fun to read aloud and the choosing spreads are perfect to keep kids entertained for hours.
- With gorgeously textured illustrations showcasing every animal you can think of.



Rights: World

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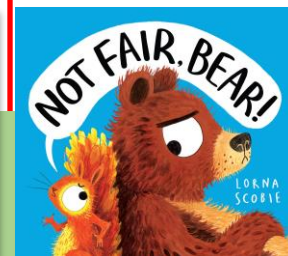
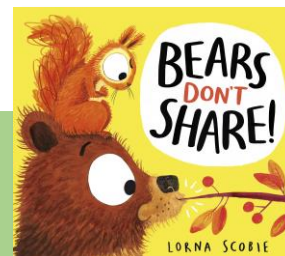
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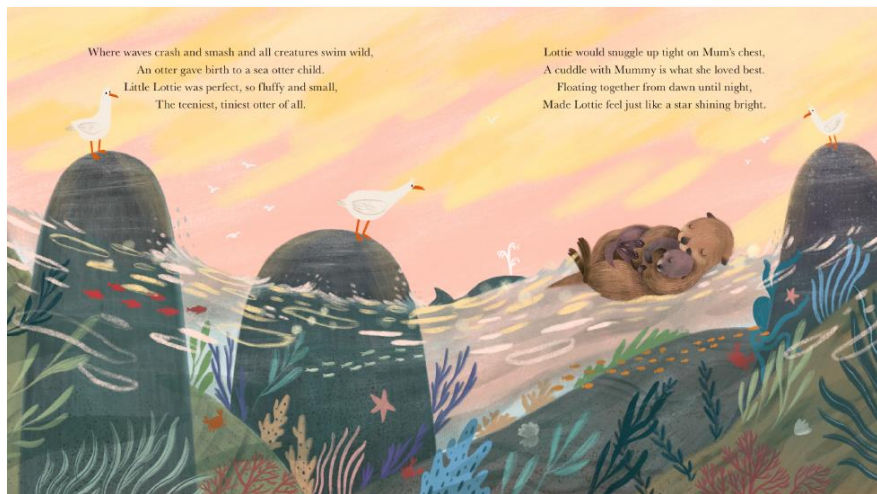
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV



Lorna Scobie is an illustrator and printmaker based in London. She is the creator of the bestselling *365 Days of Art* series and is the author/illustrator of a number of beloved picture books including *Collecting Cats* and *Bears Don't Share!*.

THE LITTLEST OTTER

By Arden Jones & Nora Brech



Key Selling Points

- A heartfelt story about an adorable otter learning that we all have what it takes to be brave.
- Arden Jones' debut picture book is a stunning story of courage and love
- Nora Brech's gorgeous illustrations fill the pages with warmth.
- With a warming parent and child relationship at its heart and a gentle rhyming story, this book is perfect to be read aloud together.

A touching story of love, bravery, and learning to swim.

*Where waves crash and smash and all creatures swim wild,
An otter gave birth to a sea otter child.*

There's nothing Lottie the otter loves more than swimming hand in hand with her mum. Sometimes she wishes she could join her friends as they splash about in the waves, but she's not sure she's brave enough to join them.

When a big wave comes and separates her from her mum, can Lottie find her 'brave' and swim out to rescue her?

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK/United Agents

Pub Date: March 2027

Specifications:

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

Arden Jones is a working-class writer from Essex. She loves to write children's picture books, chapter books, and young adult fiction, and can't resist the challenge of creating a short story. **Nora Brech** is an awarded and acclaimed picture book author and illustrator. Her books are published in 15 territories. In 2025 she was awarded the Brage Prize, Norway's national book award for *Billie and Bo and the Phenomenal Christmas*.

A PERFECT BED FOR BUNNY

By Lucy Rowland and Lucy Fleming

A beautifully illustrated picture book about finding the perfect home

"I need to find the perfect bed," said Bunny, with a yawn.

"It's time for me to snuggle up and close my eyes till dawn."

The sun is setting and Bunny needs to find a place to sleep. But when he tries out the other animals' beds, he finds them too scratchy, too tickly or even too dark!

Will Bunny ever find his perfect bed? Or will he realize that maybe finding the perfect place to sleep isn't about the place . . . but who he's with?



Sample Artwork

Key Selling Points

- With gentle, comforting text by award-winning author Lucy Rowland (*BookTrust Storytime Prize 2025*).
- A non-fiction spread at the back gives lots of information on where woodland animals find and build their homes.
- Lucy Fleming's gorgeous illustrations bring Bunny and his friends to life
- Children will love learning about all the different animal homes.
- For more woodland stories with heart, check out Lucy Fleming's *Home Bird Hoot* and *Stop That Squirrel!*

Rights: World

Film Rights:

Scholastic UK/Bright Agency

Pub Date: April 2027

Specifications:

- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- 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 **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.

NOW YOU'RE HERE

By Lucy Rowland and Chio Guerra



Welcome a new baby to the world with this heart-warming picture book!

*Now you're here, the stars shine brighter,
The days are sunnier, with you here!
With you close, we feel much lighter.
Life is funnier with you near!*



Sample Artwork

Key Selling Points

- Chio's beautiful illustrations perfectly capture all the warmth and humour of those early years.
- With bright, inclusive artwork, this picture book is a real celebration of all babies and their families.
- The perfect new-baby gift book for fans of *All The Wonderful Things You Will Be*.
- Gorgeous, lyrical and celebratory text by Lucy Rowland.
- Artwork by debut illustrator Chio Guerra, originally from Mexico and now based in Finland.



Rights: World

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Scholastic UK

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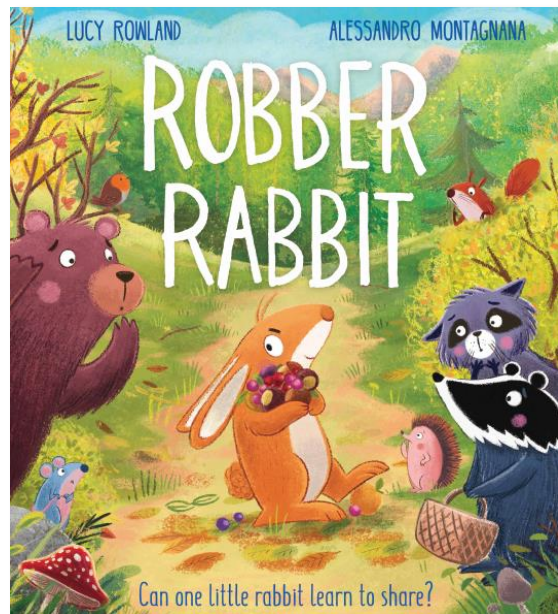
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From a young age, **Lucy Rowland** loved reading and listening to poetry. As a children's book author, Lucy likes to create stories with quirky characters, laugh-out-loud moments and irresistible rhymes. @lucymayrowland **Chio Guerra** is originally from Mexico and now lives in Finland with her partner. Her work as a teacher inspired her to become an illustrator as she created drawings for her classroom. @chio_illustration

ROBBER RABBIT

By Lucy Rowland and Alessandro Montagnana



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. 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.

Rights: World (ex. Finland & Italy)

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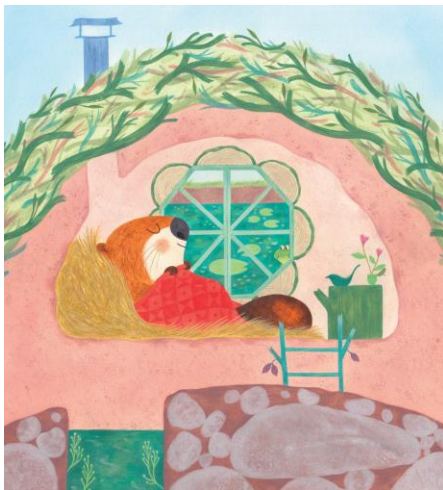
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp + gatefold
- Cover finishes:
Matt lamination
and Spot UV



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 HOME 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!
- With stunning illustrations by award-winning author/illustrator Christine Pym
- 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 @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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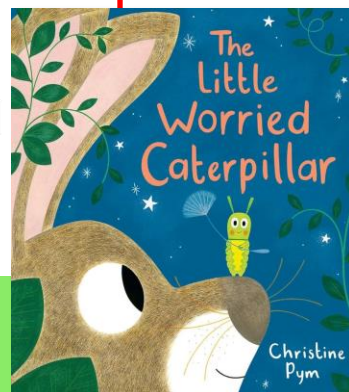
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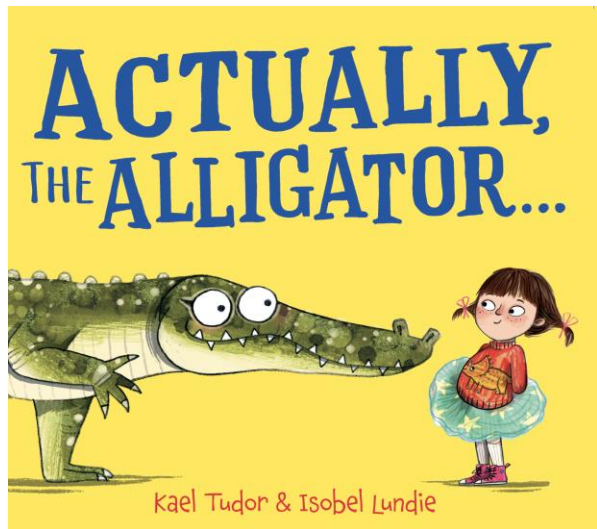
Specifications:

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



ACTUALLY, THE ALLIGATOR...

By Kael Tudor and Isobel Lundie



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*.

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Pub Date: May 2026

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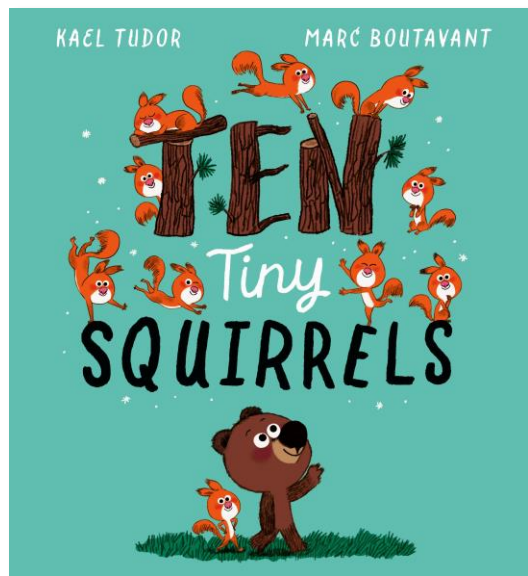


Kael Tudor began writing his own stories at a young age, often inspired by the books that he bought at school fairs and jumble sales. When he's not writing picture books, Kael loves reading and exploring the Welsh countryside.

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. When not illustrating, she loves spending time with her dog.

TEN TINY SQUIRRELS

By Kael Tudor and Marc Boutavant



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?!*

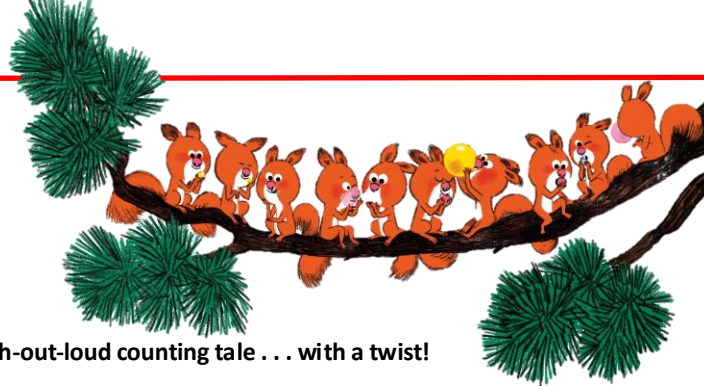
Join one bear on a hilarious quest to track down 10 mischievous squirrels . . . with a little help from 9 budgies, 8 geese, 7 polar bears, 6 chameleons, 5 mice, 4 ducks, 3 tortoises, 2 budgies . . .

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

And let's not forget the tiger . . .

Key Selling Points

- A hilariously chaotic counting story from author Kael Tudor.
- Fabulously realized 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!



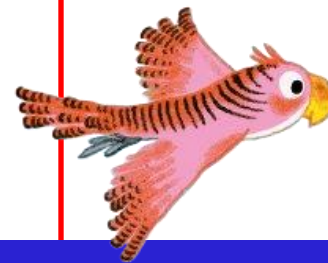
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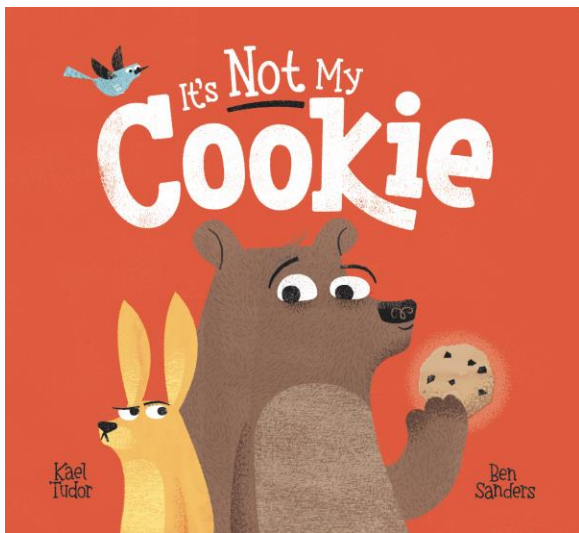
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
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Kael Tudor began writing his own stories at a young age, often inspired by the books that he bought at school fairs and jumble sales. When he's not writing picture books, Kael loves reading, drinking at least 15 cups of tea a day, and exploring the Welsh countryside with his family. **Marc Boutavant** lives in Paris, France and is best known for his creation *Mouk*. *Mouk's* adventures have been animated into a TV show and have been featured on various children's products. Marc's creativity has rewarded him with a varied career from creating children's toys and puzzles to advertising campaigns for Vodafone, and campaigns for the children's charity NSPCC.

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*.

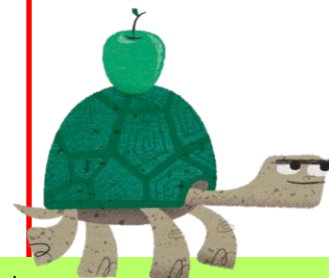
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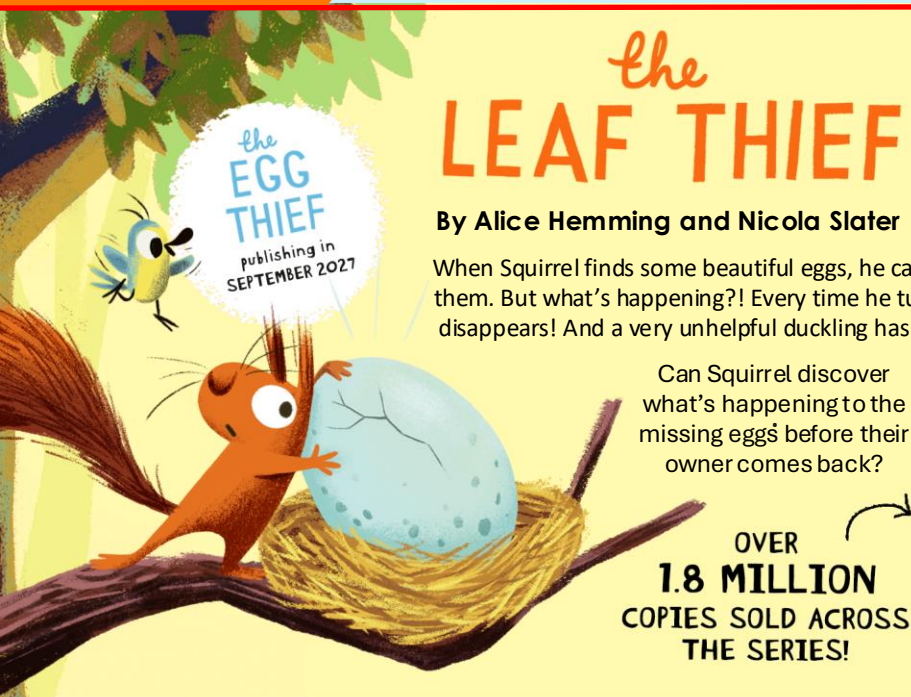
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- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV



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!



A New York Times
international bestselling
brand sold into 27
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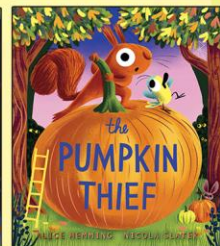
By Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater

When Squirrel finds some beautiful eggs, he can't help but admire them. But what's happening?! Every time he turns around, an egg disappears! And a very unhelpful duckling has appeared instead.

Can Squirrel discover
what's happening to the
missing eggs before their
owner comes back?

OVER
1.8 MILLION
COPIES SOLD ACROSS
THE SERIES!

- 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:

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

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

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

the LEAF THIEF

NOVELTY PUBLISHING

By Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater

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



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 27 languages.

Rights: World (ex. Canada (French Canadian), Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain (Spanish, Catalan & Galician), The Netherlands & USA)

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

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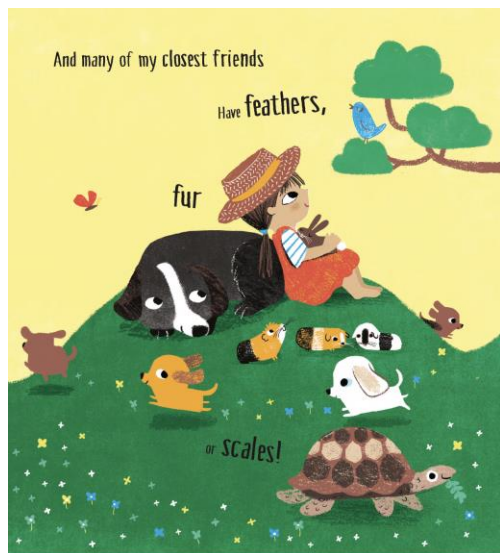
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- 185 x 185mm

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.

I AM A SUPER GIRL

By Caryl Hart and Ali Pye



Sample Artwork

A wonderfully empowering picture book for EVERY girl!

*"Let's close our eyes and say
When things are tough, you don't give up
You're SUPER GIRLS, HOORAY!"*

This super girl loves numbers. This super girl keeps trying. This super girl cares for her animals. This super girl speaks up when something is wrong.

Super girls can change the world . . . and so can **YOU!** Because you're a super girl **too**.

Key Selling Points

- Caryl Hart's brilliant energetic text is perfect to read aloud in classrooms or at home.
- Ali Pye's bright and bold illustrations are a celebration of all girls.
- The perfect gift for the super girls in your life
- From the duo of *Girls Can Do Anything* which sold into 12 languages and *Together We Can*.



Rights: World

Rights Options:

China, Greece, Poland, South Africa (Afrikaans), Spain, USA & Wales

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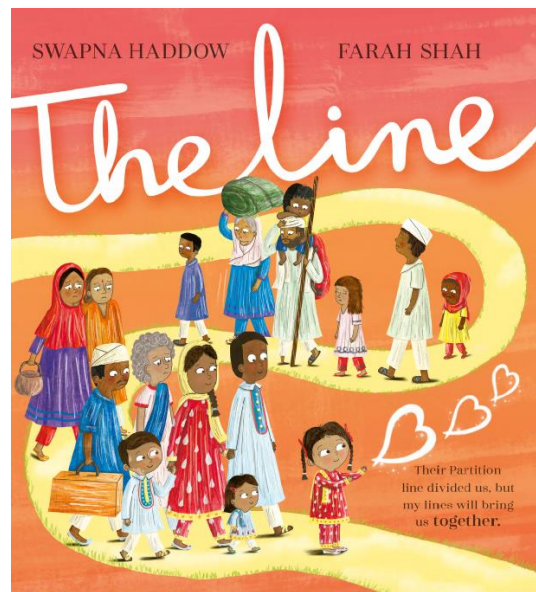
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination and Spot UV



Caryl Hart has written over 30 books for children including the international bestseller *Girls Can Do Anything* and *The Princess and the Peas*. Caryl also runs creative workshops for schools, libraries and festivals. She lives in Sheffield. www.carylhart.com @carylhart1. **Ali Pye** is an award-winning illustrator of more than 20 picture books including *Girls Can Do Anything* and *You Can Never Run Out Of Love*. She studied at Central St Martins and Kingston University and lives in London. @alipyeillo

THE LINE

By Swapna Haddow and Farah Shah



A powerful story about Partition, with a hopeful message at its heart.

"I would draw lines that would lasso us to our neighbours and keep us close for all time. I would draw lines that made us feel safe together."

When a line divides the country of India, a little girl and her family are forced to leave their home. On her journey, the girl thinks about what *she* would do differently if she was in charge of a line with so much power.

She would draw lines that brought people together, despite their differences. Her lines would make people friends. Her lines would make the world a better place.

Key Selling Points

- Bringing together award-winning Indian author, Swapna Haddow, with British-Pakistani illustrator, Farah Shah, who was longlisted for the *Klaus Flugge* prize.
- The hopeful message of the story and warmth of the illustrations handle the subject matter with care, suitable for a young audience.
- Based around a historic event, but with important themes that are still very relevant today.
- Includes a spread at the back of the book with facts about the Partition of India.

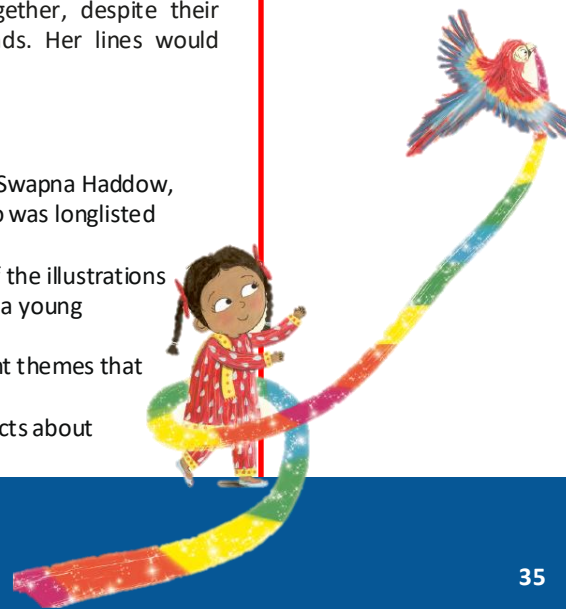
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Film Rights: RCW & Scholastic UK

Pub Date: July 2026

Specifications:

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



Swapna Haddow won the Greenhouse Funny Prize for *Dave Pigeon*. **Farah Shah** was longlisted for the 2025 Klaus Flugge Prize for her debut picture book, *The Christmas Tree Mouse*. Swapna Haddow is of Indian heritage, while illustrator Farah Shah is British-Pakistani, representing both sides of the Partition.

BETSY BUGLOVE AND THE LUCKY LADYBIRDS

By Catherine Jacob and Lucy Fleming

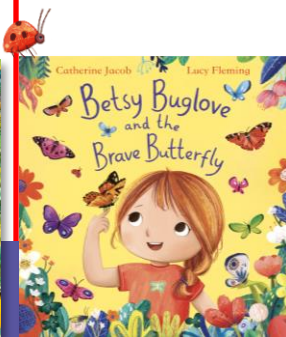


An exciting new adventure for Betsy Buglove who is back to save the day!

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?

Key Selling Points

- The third book in the *Betsy Buglove* series.
- Wonderful illustrations bring the natural world to life by Lucy Fleming.
- 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 12 territories.
- With engaging endpapers at the back, including fun facts about ladybirds . . . Did you know that not all ladybirds are red?



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

Rights Optioned: China, Croatia, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia, The Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine & Wales

Pub Date: March 2026

Film Rights:
Darley Anderson Ltd & The Bright Agency

Specifications:

- 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.

WE'RE GOING TO PICK A PUMPKIN

By Sarah Reid and Agnes Saccani



Sample Artwork

A spookily fun Halloween picture book counting down from ten pumpkins to one pumpkin!

*"We're going to pick a pumpkin,
and we'll have a lot of fun!
There's so many to choose from . . .
But I want the BIGGEST one!"*

Is the perfect pumpkin in the garden? Or maybe in the haunted house? Or is it filled with tasty treats? Join two children on their search to find the BIGGEST pumpkin EVER!

Key Selling Points

- Sarah Reid's bouncy rhyming text brings all the Halloween fun.
- With bold and vibrant illustrations by Agnes Saccani.
- Children will love exploring different locations in the hunt for the best pumpkin.
- The counting element makes this a perfect bedtime read.
- If you like this, check out *The Pumpkin Who Stole Halloween* and *The Pumpkin Who Was Afraid of the Dark*.

Rights: World

Film Rights:
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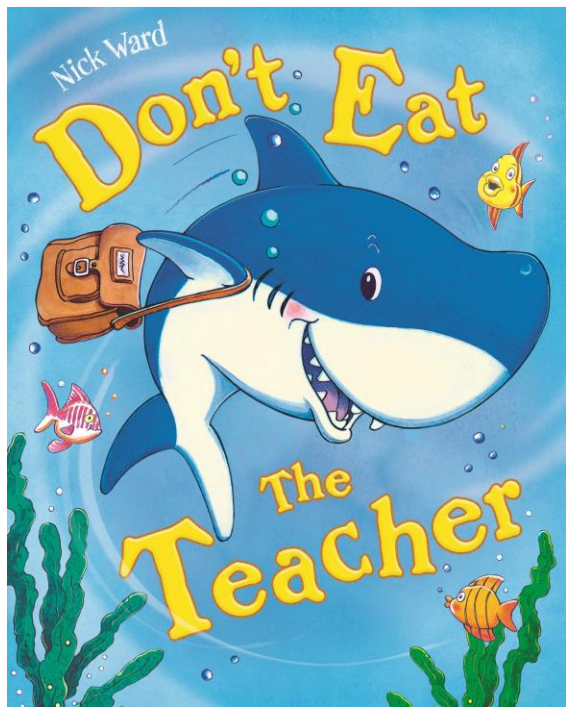
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes:
Matt
lamination, Spot
UV and pantone



Sarah Reid is originally from Edinburgh, Scotland and now lives by the seaside in Portsmouth. **Agnes Saccani** is originally from Hungary and now lives in Italy. She draws inspiration for her illustrations from childhood memories, cartoons and nature. When not drawing, she loves walking her dog with her husband and watching animated movies. @agnessaccani

DON'T EAT THE TEACHER

By Nick Ward



A bright and fun picture book that's perfect for little ones about to start school!

It's Sammy the shark's first day at school and he's so excited! But when Sammy gets excited, he can't help but . . . CRUNCH! So his most important lesson is . . .

"Don't eat the teacher!"

This funny, warm story takes a familiar situation – starting school – and gives it a brilliantly snappy twist!

Key Selling Points

- A new edition of the family favourite from celebrated author-illustrator Nick Ward.
- A perfect first-day-of-school story with friendly and colourful illustrations, that's great for little ones who love to laugh!
- Sammy's enthusiasm for school makes learning really exciting
- The interactive story is great for reading aloud.
- If you like this, you'll love *The Snappy Shark* by Michelle Robinson and Tim Budgen.

Rights: World (ex. US)

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: August
2026

Specifications:

- 280 x 224mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes:
Matt lamination
and Spot UV +
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bite on top corner
throughout book

Nick Ward studied graphic design at university and on leaving college he became a freelance designer. He began writing and illustrating his own picture books in the late 1970s. He is the author of *Don't Eat the Teacher!* and *How to Be a Practically Perfect Pig*. He lives in Buckinghamshire with his wife and family.

NOT ANOTHER DINOSAUR BOOK

By Laura Baker and Chris Jevons



Sample Artwork

A funny picture book about your new favourite dinosaur!

*Ugh! Not another dinosaur book about the terrible T. rex.
I am SO tired of stories making us out to be big, bad villains.*

Poor T. rex is a peaceful gal really. She doesn't know why the other dinosaurs always run away from her. Well, this time she's going to be the one to run away!

Can she run out of the book? Jump?
Eat her way through the pages?!

One thing's for sure: it will be a whole lot of fun to watch this dinosaur try to get out of yet another dinosaur book . . .

Key Selling Points

- Laugh-out-loud story by Laura Baker, featuring a dinosaur with a very rumby tummy!
- Brilliantly bright illustrations by Chris Jevons, with lots of detail for children to spot.
- Children will love this fun twist on a dinosaur book, with interactive elements.

Laura Baker is a children's book author and editor who has written a number of popular picture books, such as *The Colour of Happy*, *All the Wonderful Ways to Read*, *My Friend Sleep* and *Monsters in Trucks*. Laura was born in Canada and now lives in Wales, UK, with her husband, two sons and their big basset hound. **Chris Jevons** is a children's picture book illustrator with a passion for character design and storytelling. 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.

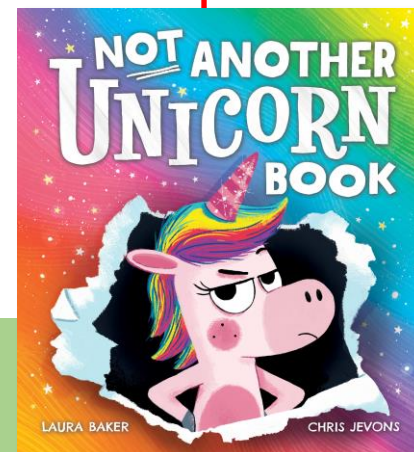
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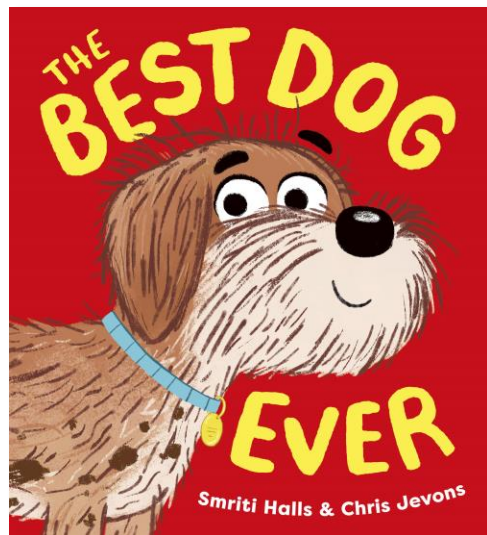
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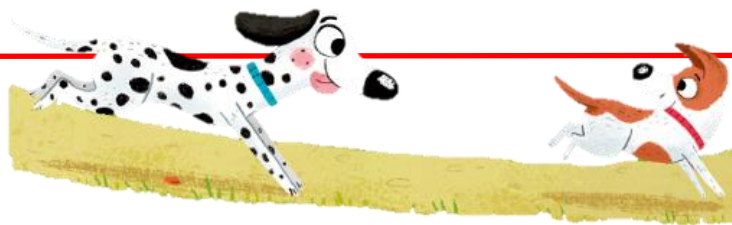
THE BEST DOG EVER

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, dotted 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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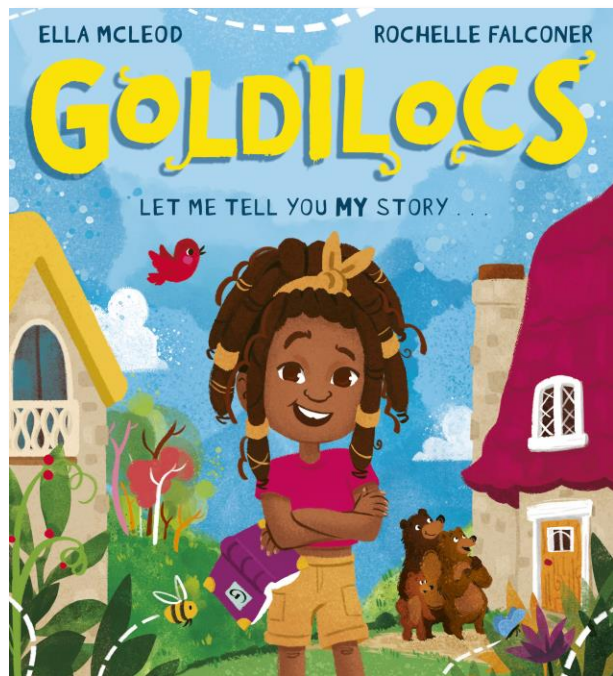
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Smriti Halls is the award-winning and internationally bestselling author of books such as *Rain Before Rainbows*, *The Ways Of The Wolf* and *Welcome To Your World*. Smriti worked for the BBC and across children's publishing as a writer and editor for 12 years. She began writing her own books in 2012 and is now published in more than 30 languages worldwide. **Chris Jevons** is a children's picture book illustrator with a passion for character design and storytelling. 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*.

GOLDILOCS

By Ella McLeod and Rochelle Falconer



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

- Ella McLeod's retelling breathes new life into the classic story.
- Rochelle Falconer's cheeky illustrations will both empower and delight little readers.
- A classic fairy tale with a great new twist.

Rights: World

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Pub Date: January 2026

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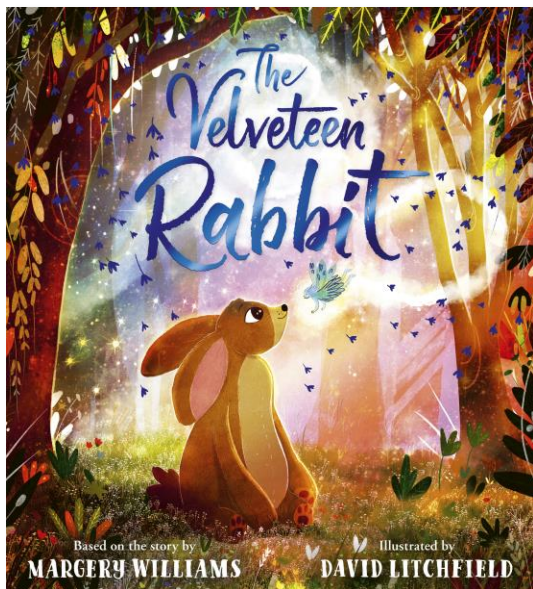
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- 32pp
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Ella McLeod is a writer/performer and graduate of Warwick University, where she was awarded a 1st class BA in English Literature with Theatre and Performance Studies. She has worked as a spoken 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

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

By Margery Williams and Illustrated by David Litchfield



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.
- 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.



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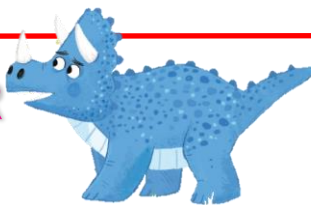
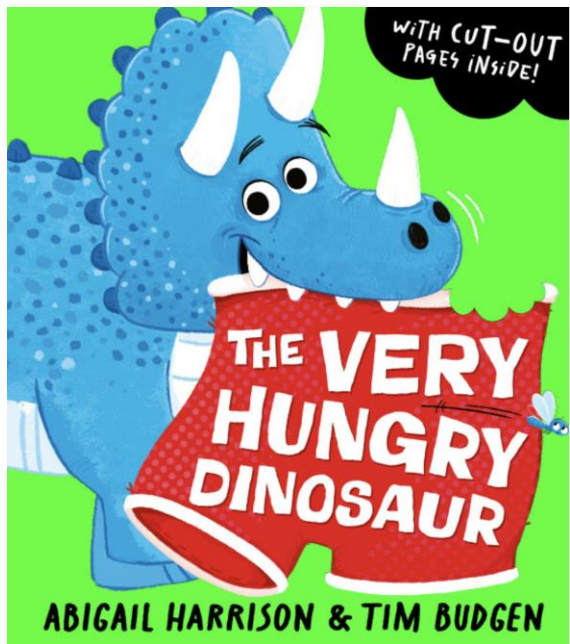
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- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination, Spot UV + Foil

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.

THE VERY HUNGRY DINOSAUR

By Abigail Harrison and Tim Budgen



A laugh-out-loud adventure with fabulous cut-out surprises!

Dinosaur Dave has a problem – he’s very, very HUNGRY. Join Dave as he tries to find the perfect bite to eat – a pear, a plum... a T-Rex’s bum?! Uh-oh, perhaps Dave has bitten off more than he can chew...

Key Selling Points

- With exciting die-cut reveals throughout the story.
- Perfect for dinosaur-lovers everywhere.
- Tim Budgen is the bestselling illustrator of *The Magic Pet Shop* series.

With Cut-Out pages inside

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Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

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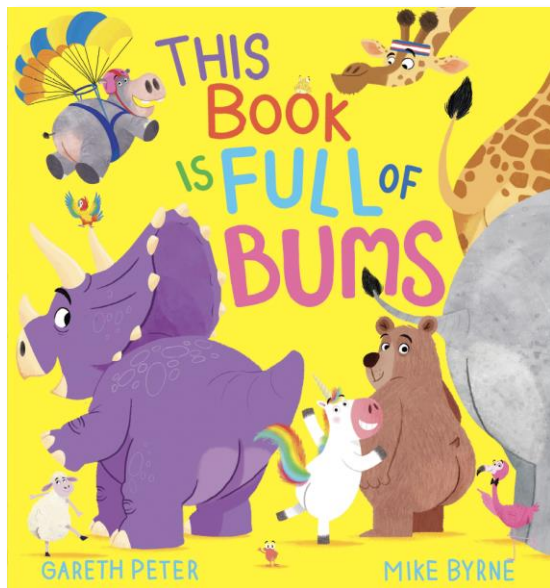
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Abigail Harrison is originally from Dublin, Ireland and now lives in London with her husband and two children. *Mary Had a Little Lion* is her first picture book. **Tim Budgen** is a freelance illustrator and art teacher. For much of his life he has 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.

THIS BOOK IS FULL OF BUMS

By Gareth Peter and Mike Byrne



A laugh-out-loud picture book jam-packed with animal butts!

*This book is full of bums, bums, BUMS!
You heard me – LOTS OF BOTTS.
So come along and sneak a peek . . .
(there's even some with spots.)*

Head out on a bottom-spotting adventure to find bottoms of all shapes and sizes. From dinosaurs splashing in muddy puddles, disco-dancing sheep, and unicorns in running races, there's so much fun for bums to have!

Key Selling Points

- Superstar picture book duo Gareth Peter and Mike Byrne return for another hilarious story.
- The super-silly rhyming story will have you and your little one giggling as you read along.
- Packed with bright and bold illustrations from Mike Byrne, there's so much to spot on every page.
- If you liked this, you'll love *This Book is Full of Poop*.

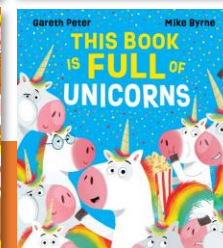
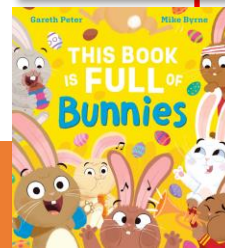
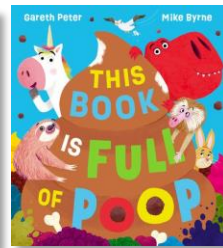
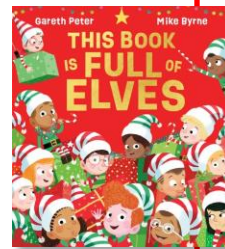
Rights: World

Film Rights: Miles Scott Children's Literary Agency

Pub Date: February 2026

Specifications:

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



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

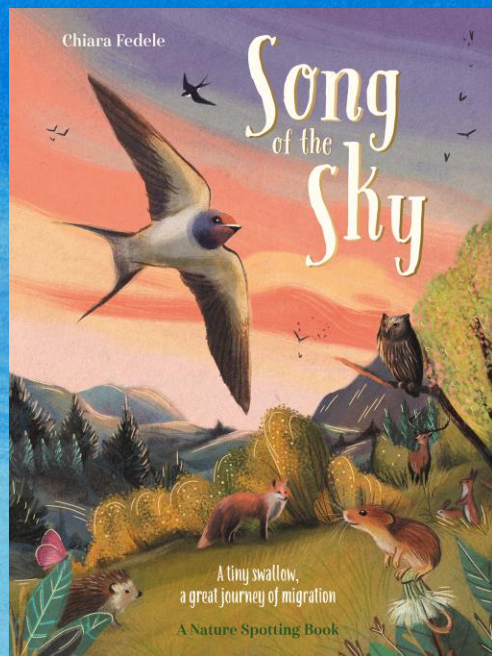


NON-FICTION

Artwork taken from *Is It Sunny on Saturn?*
Illustrated by Martin Stanev

SONG OF THE SKY

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.

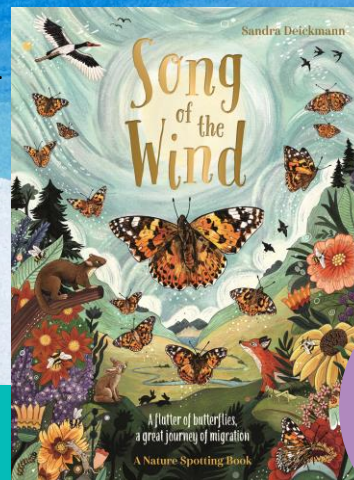
From the summer skies of Europe, down to the wonderful lakes in the Pyrenees and back up again, swooping above the sweeping sands of the Sahara Desert, the swallows' journey is one of awe.

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.

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Key Selling Points

- The start of a new series, with book #2 by Sandra Deickmann publishing 2027.
- 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.



Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date:
September 2026

Age: 6+

Specifications:

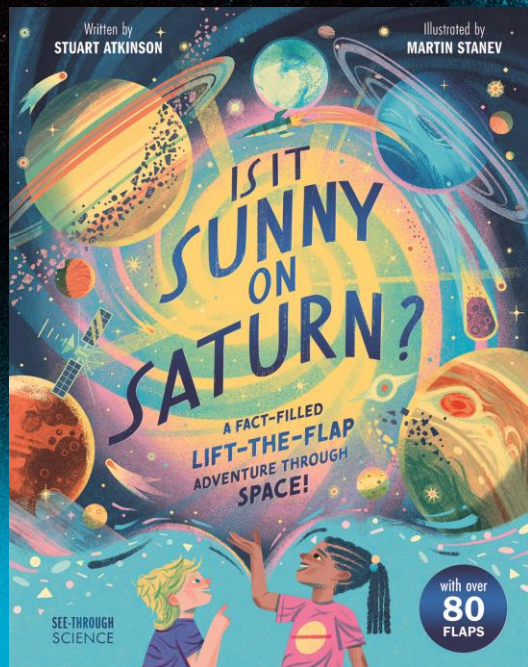
- Full Colour
- Hardback
- 293x216mm
- 32pp
- Approx. 2,000 words

**Song of the
Wind by
Sandra
Dieckmann
coming
2027**

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.

IS IT SUNNY ON SATURN?

By Stuart Atkinson and Martin Stanev



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Stuart Atkinson is a lifelong amateur astronomer and an author of popular astronomy books. **Martin Stanev's** work draws inspiration from vintage illustrated books, historical periods, the natural world and childhood nostalgia.

SEE-THROUGH
SCIENCE

With more than 80 flaps to lift, readers can embark on an epic fact-filled space odyssey.

Journey from the astronaut academy to the ISS, the Moon to Mars, and the far reaches of the solar system to distant stars and galaxies. Find out how astronauts sleep in zero gravity, how they use the toilet, what they eat and what it takes to become the ultimate space explorer. Which planet is the most hostile? Which moon is covered in active volcanoes? Where in the solar system can we find winds that gust faster than a fighter jet can fly? With bite-sized facts and accessible answers to BIG questions, this book is the ultimate guide for little space enthusiasts.

Key Selling Points

- Lift-the-flap novelty with intriguing questions on every tab.
- Stunning illustrations by Martin Stanev.
- Bite-sized facts and accessible answers to BIG questions
- The first book in the exciting *See-through Science* series.



Rights: World

Film Rights:
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Pub Date: April
2027

Age: 6+

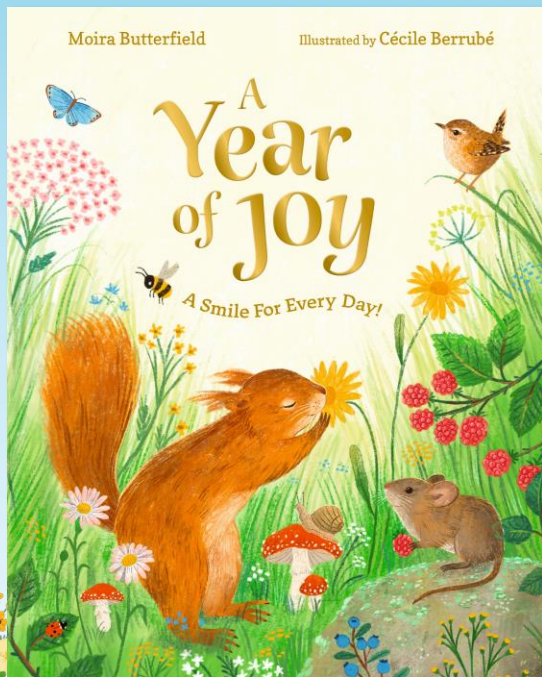
Specifications:

- Full-colour
- 304 x 237mm
- 16pp
- Cased board book
- 80+ flaps
- Matt lam and foil on cover

A YEAR OF JOY

By Moira Butterfield

Illustrated by Cécile Berrubé



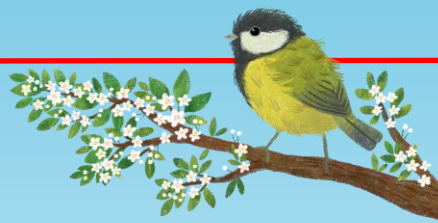
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This fully illustrated compendium of all things CUTE will have readers smiling from ear to ear throughout the year.

Find out why otters hold hands, why macaques cuddle up, why spiders like to fly on parachute webs, and why smiling and laughing can lift our mood. With more than 365 tiny tales from nature, this beautiful book focusses on our flora and fauna's most jubilant facts and morsels of information, season by season.

Key Selling Points

- More than 365 facts to make your child smile.
- A beautiful gift-book format for children to treasure.
- Embark on a year-long reading journey as you follow the seasons, one smile at a time.
- Adorable illustrations by Cécile Berrubé.



Rights: World

Film Rights: Anne Clark Literary Agency

Pub Date:
September 2027

Age: 5+

Specifications:

- Full-colour throughout
- Hardback
- 80pp
- 254mm x 203mm
- Foil on cover

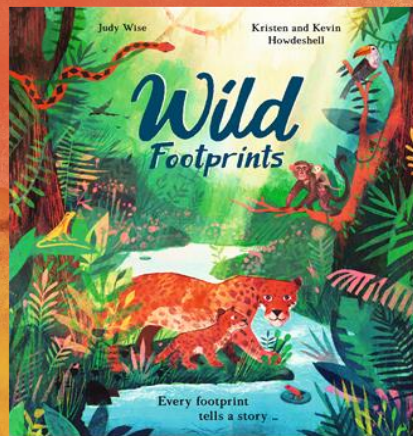


Moira Butterfield is an internationally published children's author of non-fiction and fiction. In 2025, she was shortlisted for the Children's Wainwright Prize. **Cécile Berrubé** draws inspiration from nature, animals and cosy little homes. When she is not making art, she enjoys going on small adventures to observe the natural world around her: birds collecting sticks, little snail on its journey, pigeons doing all sorts of goofy things. Through her art, Cécile aspires to share these gentle and funny stories.

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 celebratory 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 (ex. Netherlands)

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Pub Date: April 2026

Specifications:

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

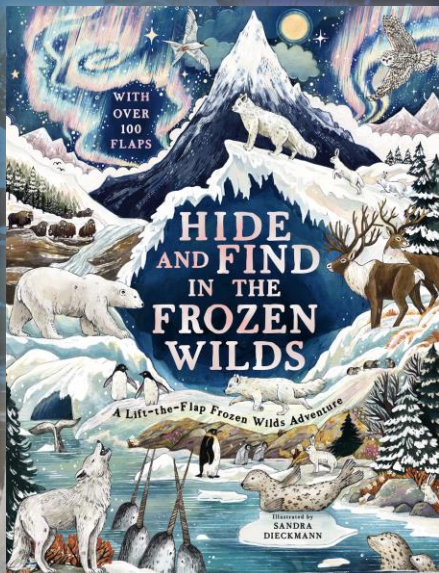
Age: 4+

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.

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:
Italy & The Netherlands

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date:
February 2026

Age: 6+

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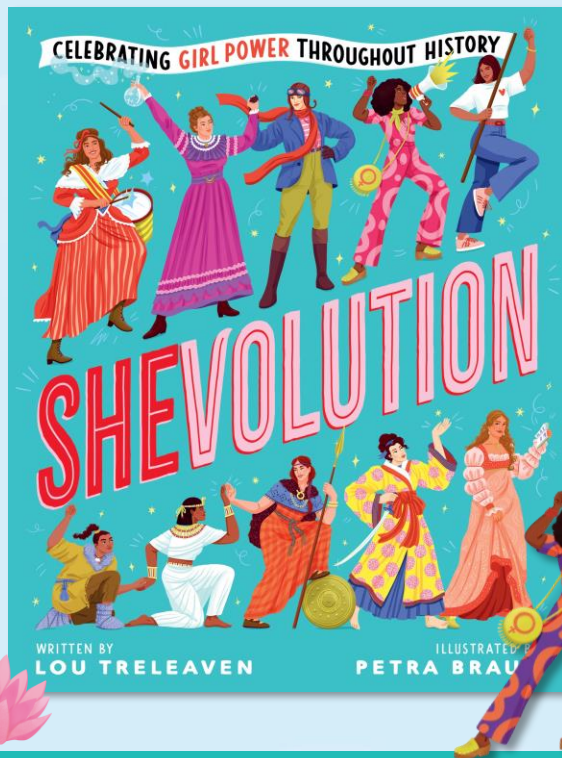
- Full-colour
- 304mm x 237mm
- 16pp
- Matt lam & foil on cover



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:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: May 2025

Age: 9+

Specifications:

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

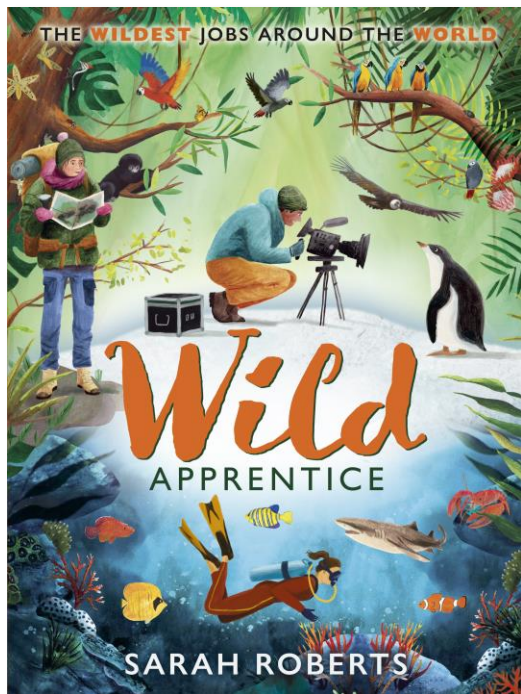


Lou Treleaven lives in Bedfordshire in the UK with her family and two rescue cats, Maple and Bluebell. She has been writing little books of stories ever since she can remember and now has more than 30 published books. She splits her time between writing books and helping authors.

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 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



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

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** 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 adventurous careers that exist 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.



Rights: World

Film Rights: United Agents LLP

Pub Date: March 2026

Age: 9+

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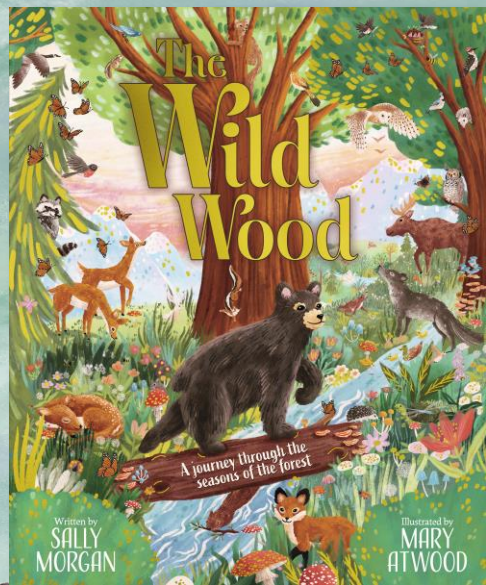
- Full-colour throughout
- 293 x 216 mm
- 32pp
- Hardback
- Cover: spot UV and matt lamination

Sarah Roberts works alongside world experts at the frontline of nature conservation. She has worked with some of the most astonishing wildlife species around the world 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 pursued a career in education before becoming an illustrator. She works both traditionally in gouache and digitally.

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

By Sally Morgan and 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.

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

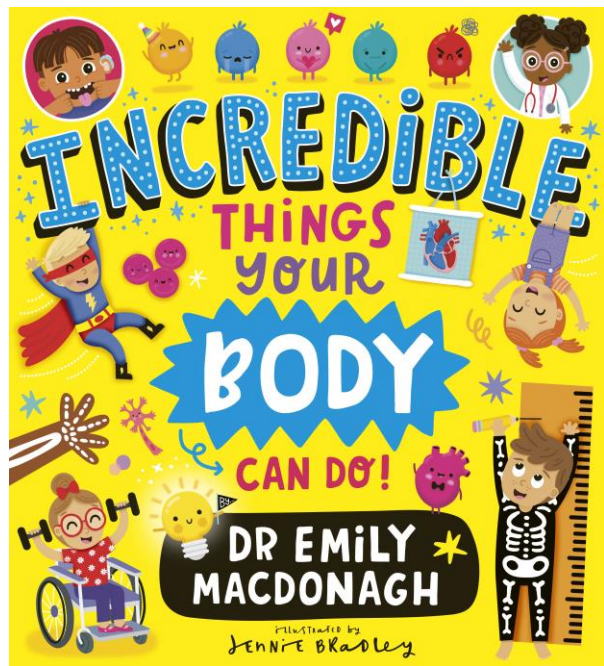


Sally Morgan writes children's fiction and non-fiction and is the author of several titles in the bestselling *Great British* series. She lives in Minneapolis in the USA.

Mary Atwood (艾予馨) is an illustrator and designer. She enjoys exploring colour and texture, drawing inspiration from folklore, nature, travel memories, and her Taiwanese-American heritage.

INCREDIBLE THINGS YOUR BODY CAN DO

By Dr Emily MacDonagh and illustrated by Jennie Bradley



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.



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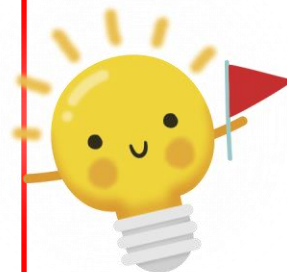
Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: August
2025

Age: 3+

Specifications:

- 32pp
- 275 x 250mm



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

CUTIE COLOURING, CUTIE STICKERING, BEST FRIENDS STICKER BOOK: CAPYBARA AND AXOLOTL, WHERE'S THE CAPYBARA?

*Puzzle Cuties
and Crafty Cuties*
publishing
May 2026

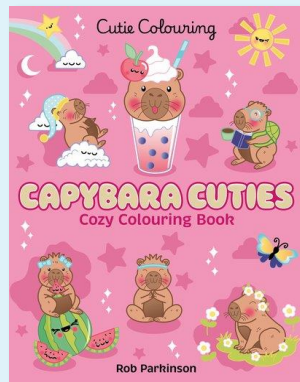
Rights: World

Pub Date:
March 2025

Age: 5+

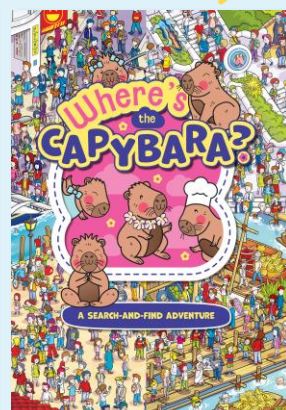
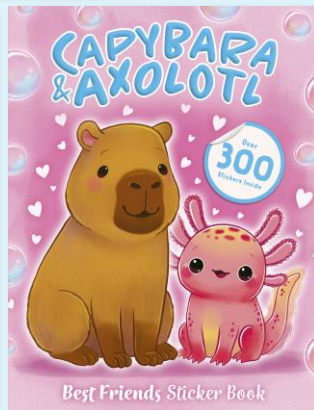
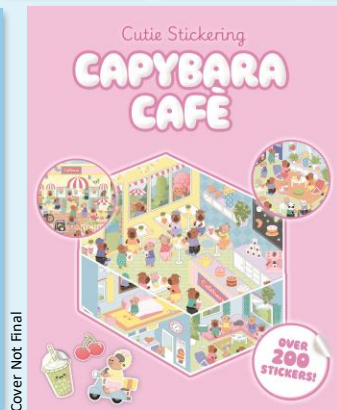
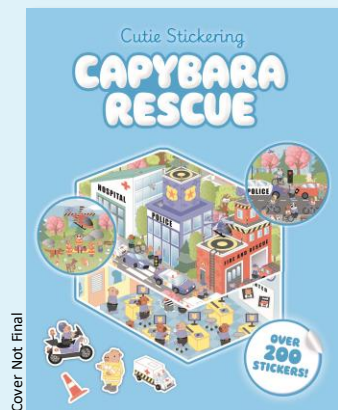
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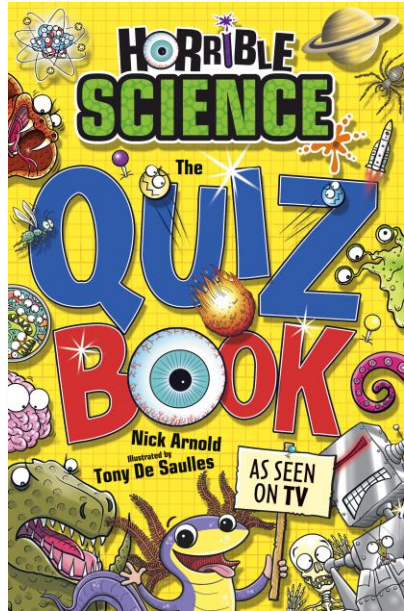
- 246mm x 189mm
- 96pp



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.





HORRIBLE SCIENCE: THE QUIZ BOOK

By Nick Arnold and Tony de Saulles

Science with the squishy bits left in!

What would make the worst stink bomb ever?

Can you eat until your stomach bursts?

Which animal pees standing on its head?

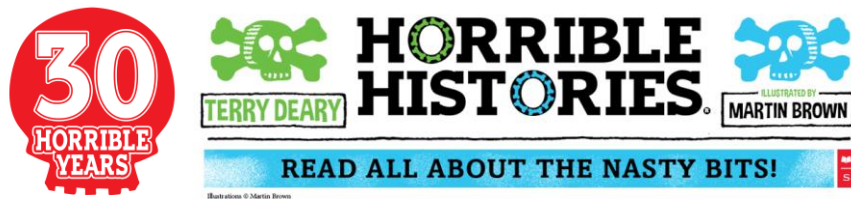
The answers to these queasy questions and more are all in *Horrible Science: The Quiz Book*.

Key Selling Points

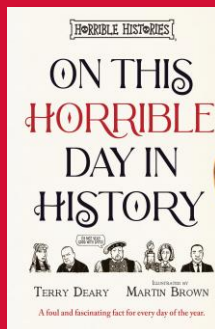
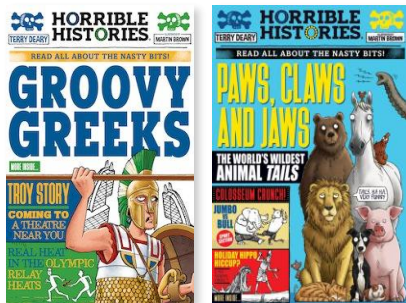
- The award-winning *Horrible Science* series has over 5 million copies in print.
- *Horrible Science* has been translated into over 20 different languages.
- The official CBBC *Horrible Science* series one is out now – all episodes available on iPlayer!



Nick Arnold has always written books and stories with an eye for the gruesome details. He has been working with Scholastic for nearly 20 years and is the author of the bestselling and award-winning series *Horrible Science*. Nick lives in Devon. **Tony De Saulles** has been illustrating the award-winning *Horrible Science* series for the past 20 years. Tony lives in West Sussex and runs drawing workshops at schools, libraries and book festivals around the country. @TonyDeSaulles



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



Jam-packed with Horrible facts for every single day of the year, this hilariously Horrible book is the perfect gift for fans of history and fans of the horrible, ancient or not-so ancient.

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.



Terrible Traitors is a horrible compendium of the worst traitors in history.

The master of making history fun, Terry Deary, turns his attention to 50 brutal backstabbers across history. Fully illustrated throughout and packed with horrible stories – with all the horribly hilarious bits included with a fresh take on the classic *Horrible Histories* style, perfect for fans old and new the perfect series for anyone looking for a fun and informative read.

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.

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

Also available...

Horrible Histories: Secret Diaries



ULTIMATE FOOTBALL 2027



Cover Not Final

Key Selling Points

- 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 for any football fan.
- Readers can build their ultimate dream team at the back of the book.
- Full of fascinating facts and infographics.
- Future publishing includes: **Football Legends #14: Declan Rice** (January 2026), **Football Legends #15: Mo Salah** (January 2026), **Football Legends Quiz Book** (January 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.



*Stats, players and facts updated every year

Rights: World (ex. Denmark)

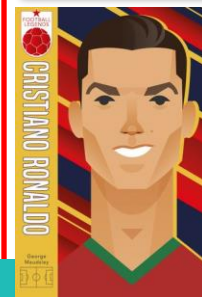
Pub Date:
August 2026

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 275 x 225mm
- 112pp
- Paperback

Also available:



ULTIMATE SUPERCARS



Sample pages

Key Selling Points

- Featuring 100 iconic cars.
- Full colour photography throughout.
- Build your ultimate garage at the back of the book.
- Full of fascinating facts and infographics.

Which car is the fastest? Which is the most expensive? Which is the rarest? Which has the most horsepower? Which car would you choose in a must-win race?

Categorised by car type, this book is crammed full of stats, graphics and photographs of the most iconic cars ever made. Which world-famous supercar has a gold-plated engine? Which car broke the 300mph record? And which car can reach 0-60mph in less than two seconds?

Featuring 100 cars, stats, facts and photographs, this is the must-have book for fans of motor racing and marvellous machines. Includes a world map of car manufacturers and a Dream Garage for you to stock with your top-5 cars at the back of the book.

Rights: World

Pub Date:
August 2026

Age: 7+

Specifications:

- 253 x 203mm
- 96pp
- Paperback



FICTION

Artwork taken from **BONE HEAD:**
Guardian of the Underworld
by Jamie Gregory

 **SCHOLASTIC**

ARE YOU STILL WATCHING?

By Kelechi Okafor



A highly unique, darkly atmospheric dystopian thriller perfect for fans of *Black Mirror*

The year is 2032. Dorcas works as an intern at an advertising company, counting down the days until she can start university. Each evening, like everyone else, she uploads her memories into a digital diary via a headset that connects to the implanted chip in her brain.

But one day a girl from another planet appears in the surface of a mirror. Xalia girl informs Dorcas that her life is being broadcast for entertainment across the planet Orunmila010. They are considering cancelling the show due to the dull events of Dorcas's life. If they do, she will disappear. She has until her eighteenth birthday to make her life more exciting.

Dorcas has to start living, but who is her life really for?

Key Selling Points

- A gripping YA thriller dealing with topical issues around social media and technology that feels more relevant than ever.
- The much-anticipated YA novel by actress, director and adult author Kelechi Okafor.
- Kelechi says: "I want this book to be a story that explores our interconnectedness within the cosmos. It raises the question of: in the technological age of social media and reality television, who do we actually exist for?"

Rights: World

Film Rights:
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Pub Date:
September 2026

Age: 13+

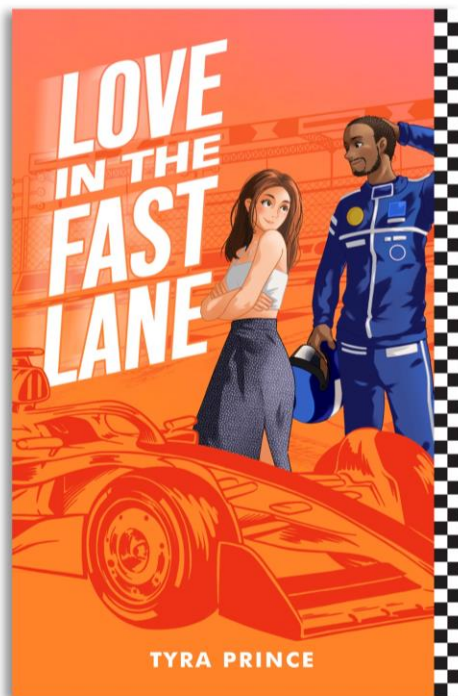
Specifications:

- 400pp
- 65,000 words approx.

Kelechi Okafor is a Nigerian-born, London-based lover of words, whether that's crafting works of fiction, articles, stage plays or screenplays – from directing others on stage to expressing her thoughts on society on her award-winning podcast *Say Your Mind*. Known online as @Kelechnekoff, Kelechi also affectionately known as "just a Baby Girl" by her followers, listeners and community. *Edge of Here* was her debut story collection. Her adult fiction debut, *Awakened*, published with Trapeze in June 25.

LOVE IN THE FAST LANE

By Tyra Prince



A motor racing romance revving with tension on and off the track!

Cody has her life all planned out with boyfriend Rob: attend university together and find her dream job on a motor racing racing team. But on results day, a top motor racing team headhunt her and they need Cody ready for the upcoming season! Rob isn't pleased that the plan has fallen apart, and Cody arrives in Melbourne heartbroken and single, ready for the first race. Cody is introduced to drivers nepo baby Carl, whose dad was a racing prodigy, and Austin, who grew up riding dirt bikes and has an astonishing natural aptitude for racing. Behind the tracks they are fierce rivals, made only worse when they both start falling for Cody. There's also Leo, the lead driver of their main rival team, who seems set on winning the season no matter what...

Who will ultimately win the race for Cody's heart?

Key Selling Points

- Sports romances like Icebreaker have been massive and here's one that's true YA, with sizzle but no steam!
- Perfect for BookTok and Bookstagram, it's a swoony love triangle against the adrenaline-fuelled backdrop of motor racing.
- Perfect for young adult fans of motor racing and drivers like Lando Norris!

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date:
February 2026

Age: 13+

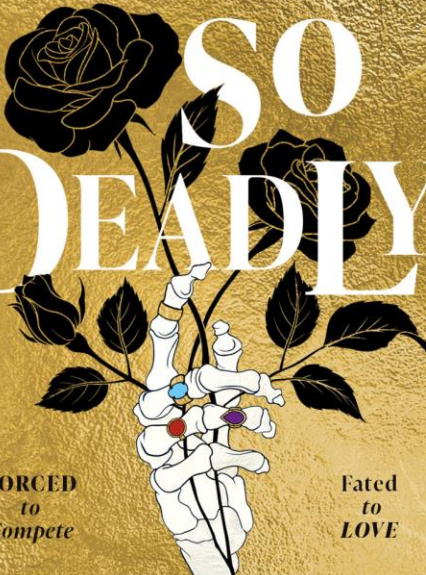
Specifications:

- 384pp
- 60,000 words approx.

Tyra Prince is the pseudonym for an author of several young adult and adult romance novels, published globally. Under Gracie Page, she is the author of *The Wildest Dreams Bookshop* and also writes adult romance novels as Jenny Gladwell. Tyra lives in Glasgow with her family and loves Formula 1.

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 Soulweaver, she pays the ultimate price: the Soulweaver 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 Soulweaver 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 slow-burn #EnemiesToLovers tension throughout.
- Perfect for fans of *Powerless* and *Fourth Wing*.

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

Scholastic Fiction

Rights: World (ex. Brazil)

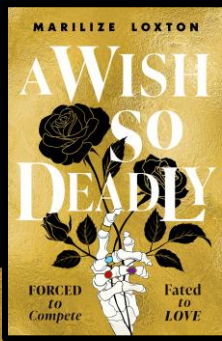
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Pub Date: March 2026

Age: 14+

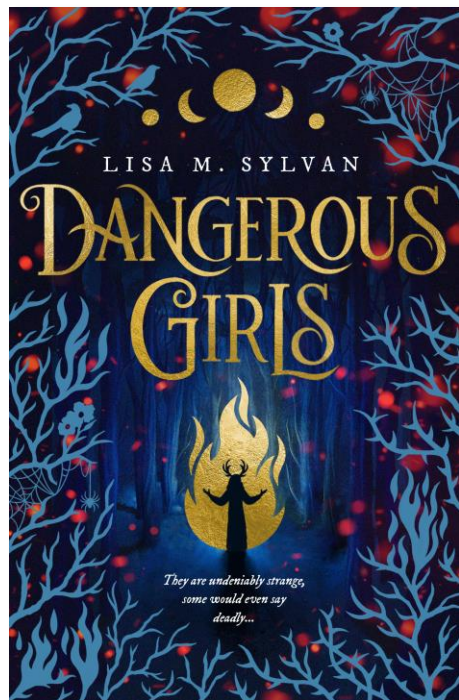
Specifications:

- 85,000 words
- 390pp



DANGEROUS GIRLS

By Lisa M. Sylvan



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: PFD
Literary agency

Pub Date:
September 2025

Age: 13+

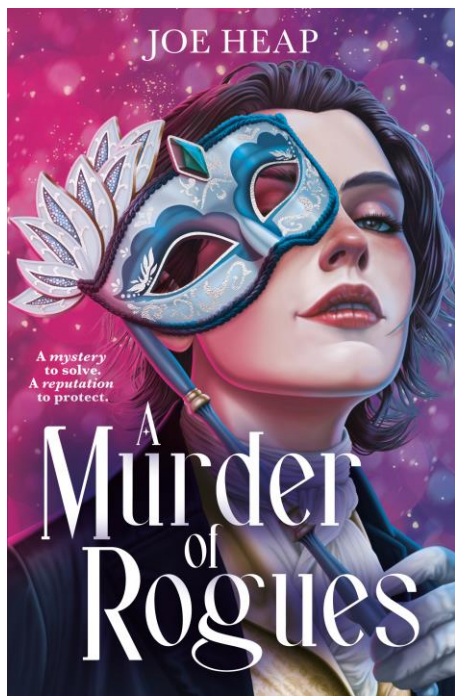
Specifications:

- 368pp
- 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.

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.

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 40,000 copies of *Let's Split Up* sold in the UK since publication.
- Cozy characters and found family meets a twisty page-turner full of tension.

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* was his debut YA.

WE THREE WITCHES

By Rosie Talbot



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

1930s haunted York. Viola Sampire was part of a coven of four powerful witches, but only three survive 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. These include 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 sets out to 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. 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 Options: Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, & USA

Film Rights: Scholastic

Pub Date: October 2025

Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 384pp
- 86,000 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 tale of loss, friendship and love that had me gripped from first to last” – *Menna van Praag*

“Deliciously dark” – *Cynthia Murphy*



WISH YOU DEAD

By Rebecca Westcott



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+

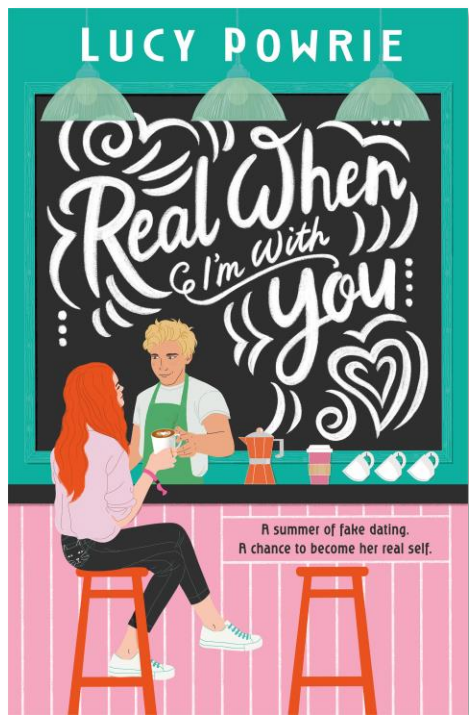
Specifications:

- 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*.

REAL WHEN I'M WITH YOU

By Lucy Powrie



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

Sixteen-year-old Effie is fed up playing third-wheel to her best friend, Chelsea. 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.
- **"This book is an absolute gem, deserving of all the stars it can get... Powrie's talent for crafting authentic characters shines through once again, creating a friendship circle that feels incredibly real and desirable."** – NetGalley reviewer

Rights: World

Film Rights: Bell Lomax Moreton

Pub Date:
July 2025

Age: 13+

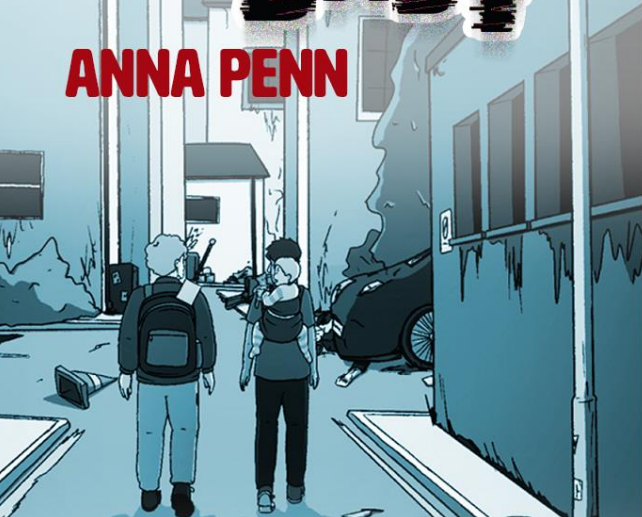
Specifications:

- 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.

APOCALYPSE BABY

ANNA PENN

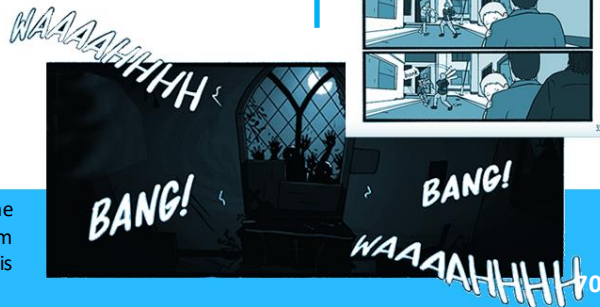


Heartstopper meets *The Walking Dead*.

When teenage boys Max and Kiran discover a crying baby all alone in the middle of a zombie attack, they decide to rescue her. While Max has been surviving on the outside alone since the outbreak of ferinavirus, a disease which turns humans into ravenous monsters known as ferals, Kiran has been hidden safely away in a small farming community – until now. The boys make their way across the wasteland to another settlement, however, Kiran and Max could not be more different. As friction develops into friendship and then into something more, they must grapple with new romantic feelings, all while trying to keep the baby alive and not get killed themselves...

Key Selling Points

- A story about hope, found family and caring for others – all while dodging feral zombies.
- *Apocalypse Baby* will appeal to fans of *Heartstopper* and *The Walking Dead*.
- The graphic novel also features an autistic character. The creator, Anna Penn, is autistic, and through Max's character she explores someone like herself coping with seemingly impossible situations.



Rights: World

Film Rights: Peters Fraser & Dunlop Limited

Pub Date:
October 2026

Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 224pp
- 20,000 words
- Black and white



Anna Penn works as a VFX editor and has been long obsessed with zombie stories. For her, it's not about the horror but the way these stories force characters to work together to overcome and build a new society from the ashes of the old one. Anna received her autism diagnosis while working on the story and discovering this aspect of her identity was a big influence on the way she developed the characters and plot.

Highly Illustrated / Middle-
Grade 9-12



神禅 KAMIZEN

~FORTRESS OF LOST MEMORIES~

By William Yamaguchi Dobson
Illustrated by Sawa

Enter a secret wonderland in the sky where Japanese legends come to life. An enchanting Ghibli-esque fantasy adventure with more than a dash of the impossible.

Twelve-year-old Jonty desperately wants an adventure, but he's stuck at home for the summer. Then he meets a talking bonobo who invites him to enter a magical world behind a Japanese memory gate. There, he will collect wild memories from the time his gramps was a famous primatologist ... and so, his adventure begins. Behind the gate lies a world filled with mischievous Japanese beings called yōkai, and Jonty must battle a series of hair-raising trials. Plus, there is an evil sky pirate crew who are hellbent on destroying the memories for good ... and they have bows and arrows.

Can Jonty battle the pirate crew before the wadokei watch-clock strikes?

Key Selling Points

- A middle-grade fantasy with a future classic feel, that focuses on Japanese folklore. An outstanding and original new voice in children's fiction.
- A stunning package - with beautiful inside illustrations by Sawa.
- Perfect for fans of *Studio Ghibli*, prepare for the impossible...

Scholastic Fiction

Rights: World

Film Rights: PFD
Literary Agency

Pub Date: April 2026

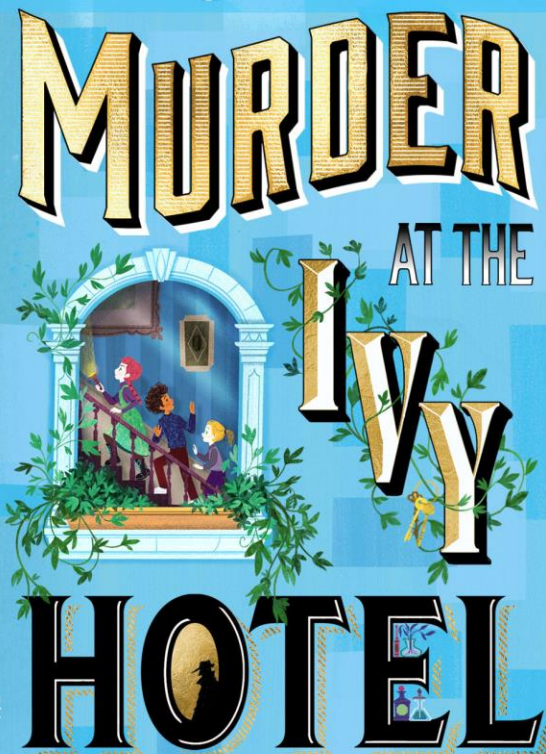
Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 384pp
- 50,000 words



William Yamaguchi Dobson was born in Japan, where he developed a love of stories through manga and spent school holidays on his grandparents apple farm nestled in the alpine valleys of Nagano prefecture. He is an alumnus of *The London Library's Emerging Writers Programme* and was shortlisted for *The Bath Children's Novel Award*. **Sawa** is an illustrator based in Iwate, Japan and has previously worked on illustrations for music videos.



MURDER AT THE IVY HOTEL

Two girls who live in a hotel are drawn into a murder mystery in this charming, classic-feeling cosy-crime children's debut from bestselling Irish author Emily Hourican - perfect for fans of *Murder Most Unladylike*, *The Swifts* and Enid Blyton.

The Ivy Hotel is old, beautiful and beloved, with a tight-knit staff that feel like family, and they get to call it home. The girls love spying on fancy events, sneaky treats from the restaurant and knowing all the secret stairs and corridors that guests never see, where the staff move around invisibly, making sure everything runs like clockwork... This is going to come in handy. Because within the cosy walls of the Ivy Hotel, there is also danger, intrigue and threat. Just as the hotel's new owners arrive, ready to sniff out any excuse to make cuts and fire staff, the girls are faced with their biggest task yet: a murder to solve.

Key Selling Points

- A welcoming and super-cosy hotel setting with a loveable cast of characters and a dash of danger, perfect for mystery fans age 9-12.
- Alternating perspectives from two brilliant sisters – responsible and emotional Meredith and fierce, logical Macy.
- Full of suspense, sleuthing and twisting discoveries as the kids take the lead, working to cleverly uncover the identity of a mysterious guest and his even more mysterious death...

Rights: World

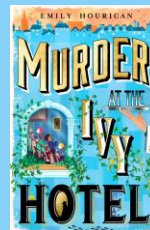
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Associates Limited

Pub Date: February
2026

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 256pp
- 50,000 words




EMILY HOURICAN

Emily Hourican is the author of several Irish bestselling novels for adults. Several of Emily's novels have been short-listed for the Best Popular Fiction Award at the Irish Book Awards, and her fourth novel, *The Outsider*, is being developed as a six-part TV series. Emily was born in Belfast and grew up in Brussels, later studying English and History and earning a Masters in English Literature in Dublin. She has been an award-winning editor and journalist with the *Sunday Independent*, Ireland's biggest-selling newspaper, for over 20 years. She lives in Dublin with her husband and three children.

By Helen Rutter

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Welcome to Camp Challenger – an exciting summer residential where you will make new friends, build resilience, test your limits and maybe even Beat the Game! You will be put into a team of five with strangers – no screens, no shortcuts. Everyone starts from scratch and has to make friends and find a way to the finish line together. Joni is a loner at school so she is packed off to Game Camp by her mother to be forced to make friends. There, she joins a group of kids with very different personalities – one is super-confident but too much of a risk-taker, one is unable to make a decision unless they have worked out every possible way it might play out, one is spoilt and can't be bothered to take part, and one has a mean streak which masks a deeper insecurity. Five players who need to make decisions together – and Joni (and therefore the reader) is always the one with the casting vote. Will you lead the team to victory, or into chaos?

- An ingeniously plotted branching narrative story with a simple, effective and always entertaining message about actions and consequences.
- The story becomes richer the more different routes you follow the kids down, and provides a safe space for kids to wonder what might have happened if they'd made a different decision.
- Highlights why it matters to be kind and true to yourself and the importance of team work – and it's hugely satisfying, funny and fun.
- The perfect book for parents keen to keep their kids away from screens, but still entertained!
- Over 50,000 copies of Helen Rutter's books have been sold in 2.5 years.

Madeleine Milburn
Ltd

Age: 8+

Specifications:

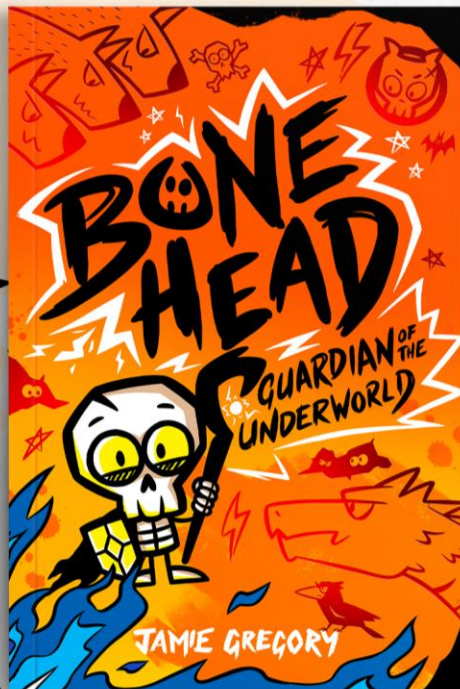
- 304pp
- 30,000 words

Choose Your Own Adventure!

Helen Rutter lives just outside Sheffield and has worked as an actress for many years. Her debut, *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh*, was a breakout bestseller in 2021 and was chosen as a Waterstone's Children's Book of the Month. It was shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award, the Blue Peter Book Award and the Branford Boase.

BONE HEAD

BY JAMIE GREGORY



The chaos and anarchy of *Bunny vs Monkey* meets the diary format of *Loki* in this two-colour, highly illustrated, laugh-out-loud debut!

The underworld is a dangerous place. It's all fiery and there's marauding dragons and all sorts of critters you wouldn't want to run into. Demise, aka Bone Head, isn't bothered about any of this. Why? Because he's a skeleton guardian of the underworld - and not just any guardian. He thinks he's the BEST and is determined to prove it... with catastrophic results... Demise wants to impress his Big Boss, Hades, god of the underworld. Problem is, Hades barely knows he exists. After an attempt to get attention backfires horribly, Demise and his supervisor Mort are demoted to dog-sitting duty for Hades' three headed hellhound, Cerberus. What could possibly go wrong with two creatures made out of bones trying to keep a dog under control?

Key Selling Points

- Funny and anarchic diary format storytelling - with a twist! Demise's diary is defaced with asides by his annoying supervisor, Mort.
- Enjoyable mayhem and two-colour illustrations on every page.
- The start of a brilliant new series.
- For fans of *Bunny vs Monkey* and *Loki*.

Jamie Gregory is a designer of books by day and a huge fan of doodling, gaming and good food in his spare time. He lives with his wife and two daughters just outside London. *Bone Head: Guardian of the Underworld* is his debut children's book.

Rights: World (ex. US)

Film Rights:
Madeleine Milburn Agency

Pub Date: June 2026

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 198mm x 129mm
- Two-colour illustrations

DOOH! Nice cover, shame that stupid sack of bones is on it.



MEDUSA GORGON'S BAD HAIR DAY

By Bethany Walker

Illustrated by Katie Abey



A hilarious and highly illustrated diary of Medusa Gorgon – a twelve-year-old girl who's actually from ancient Greece. 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.
- **Over 10,000 copies sold since publication.**

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.

Rights: World

Film Rights:

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Harwood Ltd

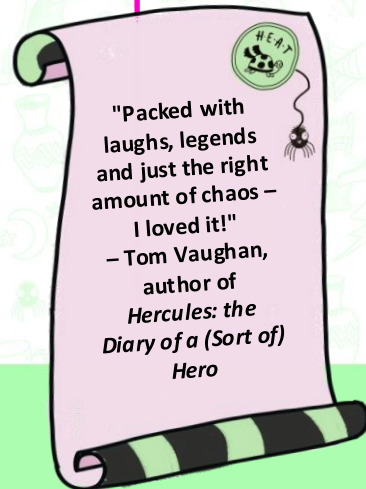
Pub Date:

August 2025

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 363pp
- 41,000 words
- Black and white illustrations





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?

- 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*.



Film Rights:
Madeleine Milburn
Ltd

Pub Date:
September 2026

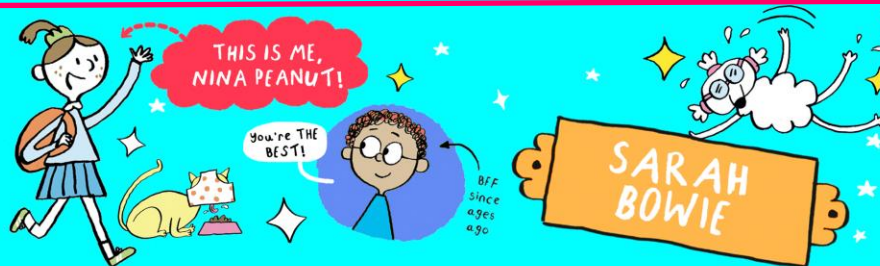
Age: 8+

Specifications:
210mm x 140mm

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.

100 MILLION
BAZILLION
FOLLOWERS!

NINA PEANUT

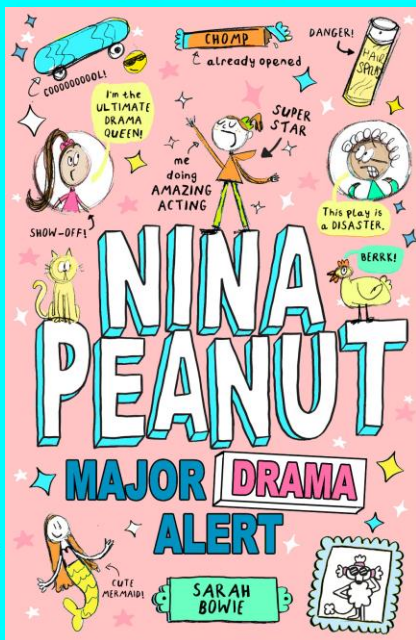


The fourth book in the funny, full-colour, character-led series, the biggest graphic novel debut of 2024: Nina is the new best friend for all kids, everywhere.

I CANNOT believe Mum is making me show the new boy at school around town. Ethan shoved an ice cream in my face when we were four years old - annoying! But wait... he's older now and... quite cool. Wears a leather jacket. Into skating. The best looking boy who-is-not-in-a-boyband I've ever seen. Why have I gone bright red? We're putting on some random play - Romeo and Juliet? I don't expect you've heard of it - at the end of term and I want the starring role opposite Ethan. But of course my arch-enemy Megan BUMFACE is also set on the part: the race to be the ultimate drama queen is ON!

Key Selling Points

- The first Nina Peanut book was the **biggest-selling middle grade graphic novel launch in 2024** and the fourth bestselling all-market middle grade debut.
- Perfect for fans of *Wimpy Kid*, *Dork Diaries* and *Lottie Brooks*.
- Sold into 14 languages and over 75,000 copies sold in the UK across the series



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:

World (ex. China, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Poland, Slovakia, Serbia, Spain (Spanish & Catalan), The Netherlands, Turkey, Taiwan & USA)

Film Rights: Darley Anderson

Pub Date:

• March 2024 – May 2026

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 272pp
- Full colour interior illustrations



NORA NIGHTSKY

Illustrated by Becka 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.

REBECCA LEWIS-OAKES

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.

Rights: World (ex. Netherlands)

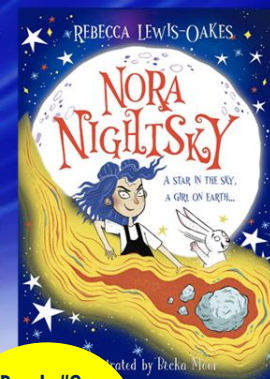
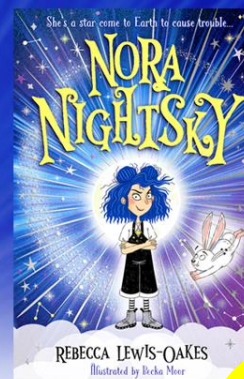
Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date:
September 2025

Age: 7+

Specifications:

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



Book #2
publishing
March 2026!

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JAMES LANCETT

GALAXY RUNNERS



Kiki's Delivery Service meets *Guardians of the Galaxy* in this funny, action-packed adventure combining black-and-white highly illustrated text with comic-strip panels.

• If you need something delivered in space with no questions asked, the Galaxy Runners are for you! Working against greedy Warp Co., siblings Cas and Fig run their plucky business (with the help of Skipper the bossy artificial assistant and Mags the volcanic hired security!) and spend their time adventuring across the galaxy, escaping perilous dangers and making a quick space-buck along the way... Then, one day, they agree to transport a mysterious cannister across the galaxy. They soon discover it contains Jello – an adorable, gooey, shape-shifting alien being ... with unexpected, *life-changing* powers.

Can the Galaxy Runners escape the clutches of Warp Co.?
And where exactly will Jello and his super-poop end up...?

Key Selling Points

- Short, accessible, highly illustrated chapters interspersed with comic panels are perfect for young or less confident readers.
- Featuring a cute, silly Jello front and centre, and a story packed with humour, creative characters and universe-saving action.
- James Lancett is brilliantly placed to author-illustrate hybrid fiction, given his extensive work in storyboarding and TV animation plus a strong track record as a commercial children's illustrator, with titles including *Vetman*, *Adam Breaks the Internet*, *The New Famous Five* and many more.



Rights: World*

Film Rights: The Bright Agency

Pub Date: July 2026

Age: 7+

Specifications:

- 256pp
- 15,000 words
- Black-and-white illustrations

James Lancett is a bestselling and award-winning illustrator, animation director, storyboard artist and yellow sock lover! As a child growing up in Cardiff, he was obsessed with cartoons, video games and all things fantasy. He now works in both the illustration and animation industries, and has worked on TV shows like Cartoon Network's *Goat Girl*, Netflix's *Deadendia* and more.



Scholastic Fiction

SQUIRREL SHADY

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY
NICK EAST



Forget heroes, meet Shady the sneaky squirrel thief and his relentless rivals! A hilarious, highly illustrated, black-and-white fiction launch for readers of 6+ by Nick East, illustrator of *Toto the Ninja Cat*.

While normal squirrels are out stashing nuts for winter, Shady loves collecting treasure. The shiny kind. The kind that belongs to someone else. Yes, Shady is a shameless crook, and that's exactly how he's landed back in Badun Island Prison. There's only one way out ... escape!

Unfortunately, tortoise crime-boss Naughty Tortie wants Shady for her latest job: stealing the Golden Acorn of Destiny from Big City Bank. And Shady can't refuse. Reunited with his old partner in crime, Roxy 'the Paws' the raccoon – and a series of criminal critters who may be heroes or rivals – Shady is off on the mega-heist of his career... But will he actually get his paws on the loot?

Key Selling Points

- A winning formula of unexpected traits: a cute squirrel as a supervillain and a hilarious cast of unexpected animal crime lords!
- Perfect for fans of *Toto the Ninja Cat*, *Bad Guys*, *The Terrible Trio* and *Grimwood*, with appeal for fans of the anarchic energy of *Dog Man* and *Bunny vs Monkey*.
- Nick East's style has brilliant stretch that feels commercial but also sophisticated.



Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date:

Book #1: Aug 26

Book #2: Feb 27

Age: 6+

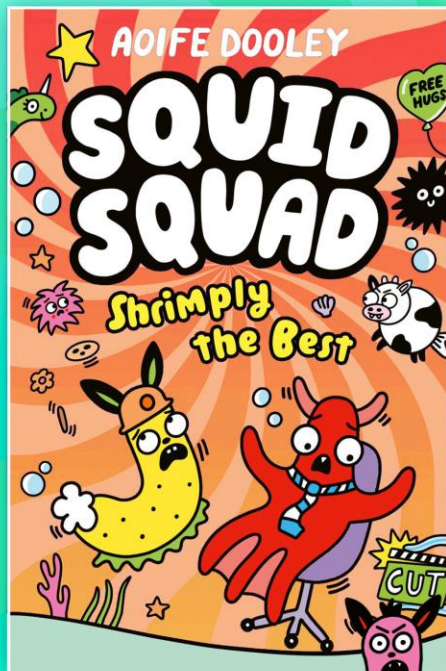
Specifications:

- 204pp
- 15,000 words

Nick East is the illustrator of the bestselling *TOTO THE NINJA CAT* series written by Dermot O'Leary, Waterstones Children's Book of the Month *SHIPWRECKED* by Jenny Pearson and Michelle Robinson's popular *GOODNIGHT...* picture book series. He's been shortlisted for the numerous awards and longlisted for the Evening Standard's Oscar's First Book Prize. He has always been a storyteller. Nick is based near York.

SQUID SQUAD

By Aoife Dooley

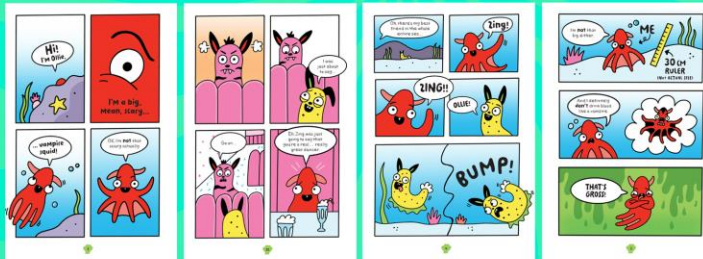


Spongebob Squarepants meets *Bunny Versus Monkey* in this Zany, action-packed full-colour graphic novel for readers aged 5-8. Join naughty best friends Ollie the vampire squid and Zing the toxin-squirting sea bunny as they cause chaos in the deep sea!

Set in a town called Nowhere, deep under the sea – 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, 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*.

Rights: World

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

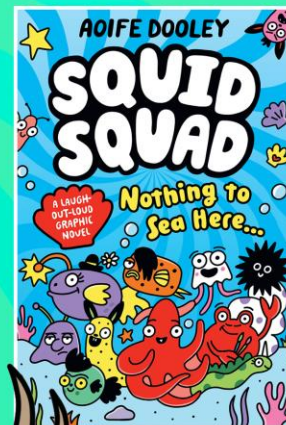
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Pub Date: May 2025

Age: 7+

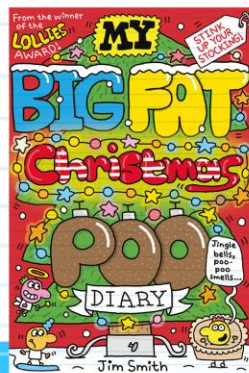
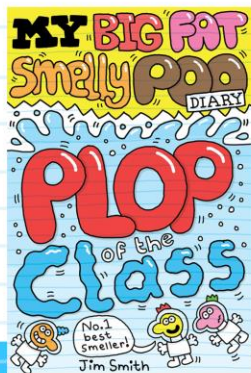
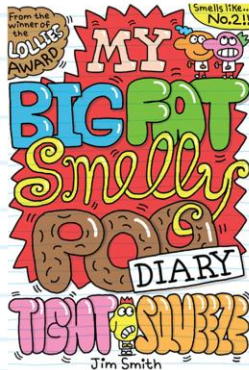
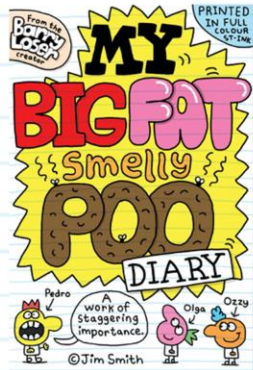
Specifications:

- 224pp
- 7000 words



MY BIG FAT Smelly POO DIARY

Jim Smith



From the bestselling creator of Barry Loser comes the second in Jim Smith's brand new full-colour graphic novel series for readers of 7+. *My Big Fat Smelly Poo Diary: TIGHT SQUEEZE* is packed full of friendship, fun and toilet jokes galore!

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.

Key Selling Points

- 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.
- Over 90,000 copies sold to date across the series.



Rights: World (ex. Portugal)

Film Rights:
Caroline Sheldon
Literary Agency

Pub Date:
February 2025

Age: 7+

Specifications:

- Full colour interior illustrations
- 224pp

Jim Smith is the author of the much-loved *Barry Loser* series, which has sold over 800,000 copies and has been translated into 17 languages. Winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Laugh-Out-Loud Award for 6-8 years, Jim Smith has a celebrated gift for making kids laugh.

JEREMY STRONG FOX goes NORTH

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.

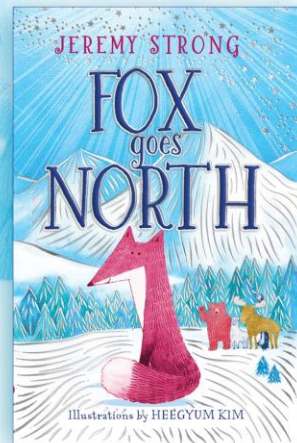
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Film Rights:
David Higham
Associates

Pub Date: October 2024
– Paperback 2025

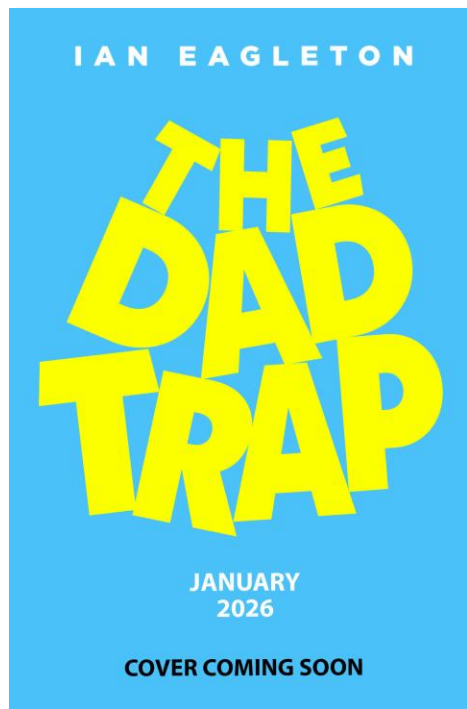
Age: 9+

Specifications:
256pp
24,000 words



THE DAD TRAP

By Ian Eagleton



A fun, heartfelt and celebratory children's book from the author of *Glitter Boy*.

A boy and a girl who are instant enemies are horrified to find out their dads are dating each other – and are forced to work together to try to split them up!

This fun, fizzy, celebratory adventure filled with pranks and antics is a modern, inclusive twist on *The Parent Trap* for readers of Jacqueline Wilson, Elle McNicoll and Benjamin Dean.

Key Selling Points

- Fun, energetic and commercial, with the celebratory attitude of *Glitter Boy*, which received a shoutout from Mariah Carey.
- A super appealing and humorous instant-enemies-to-friends (or siblings) arc via forced proximity.
- Sensitive talking points e.g. solo adoption/parenting, divorce, homophobia, mental health and blended families, with an uplifting message and valuable representation of same-sex parent figures in middle grade.



Rights: World

Film Rights:
Spring Literary

Pub Date:
January 2026

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 60,000 words
- 384pp

Ian Eagleton is the director of The Reading Realm. He is also a content creator and resource writer for various educational organizations, including The Literacy Shed and Authorfy. Ian has taught in primary schools for 13 years and during this time has been a member of the senior management team, a phase leader and literacy co-ordinator. He especially enjoys sharing picture books, poetry and creative writing activities with the children he teaches. He won the Polari Prize with James Mayhew for their picture book *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman*, and *Glitter Boy* was his middle-grade debut.

BRIDGE OF STORMS

By Philip Reeve



An epic, thrilling, action-packed city-eat-city adventure!

Brave fighter Tamzin Pook and her oddball gang of mercenaries are caught up in the squall of another adventure across the Hunting Grounds. When they visit the city of Museion, they find themselves unexpectedly chased by a gang of bloodthirsty raiders intent on their capture. Their epic attempt to escape leads to a showdown on a majestic bridge during a ferocious ice storm – can Tamzin and her friends lead Museion out of danger?

Key Selling Points

- *The Mortal Engines* series is perfect for teen boy readers: cinematic storytelling with the action and fast pace of a video game.
- "Reeve has managed to marry the hugeness of his imagination with an utterly compelling and child-friendly storyline" – Anthony Horowitz.
- "My favourite contemporary children's author is Philip Reeve" – Charlie Higson
- The series has sold half a million copies in the UK.
- This is big, bold, wide-horizon adventure fantasy from a master storyteller: perfect for fans of *Skandar* and *Percy Jackson*, and *Bridge of Storms* has the pace and energy of the movie *Mad Max: Fury Road*.

Rights: World (ex. USA)

Rights optioned: Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Mongolia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbian, Slovakia, Sweden, Spain & Ukraine

Film Rights:

The Soho Agency Ltd

Pub Dates: February 2026

Age: 10+

Praise for *The Mortal Engines*



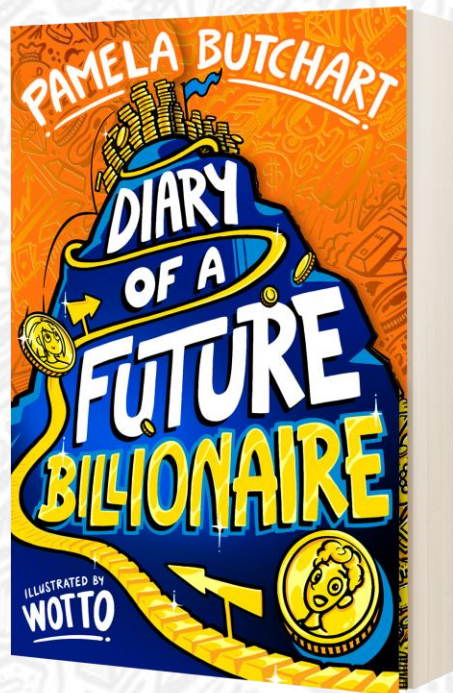
"No 11-to-16-year-old should miss the superbly imagined debut novel from Philip Reeve" – *The Times*

"This big, brave, brilliant book combines a thrilling adventure story with endless moral conundrums" – *Guardian*

DIARY OF A FUTURE BILLIONAIRE

By Pamela Butchart

Illustrated by Wotto



Book #2
publishing
September
2026

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 an engaging diary format with black-and-white illustrations throughout by new illustrator WOTTO.
- 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 September 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. China (Simplified Chinese), Brazil, Germany, Israel, Portugal, Slovakia & the Netherlands)

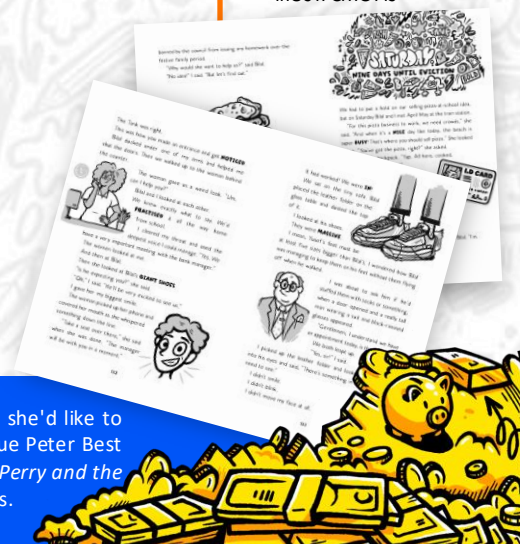
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Pub Date: February 2025

Age: 9+

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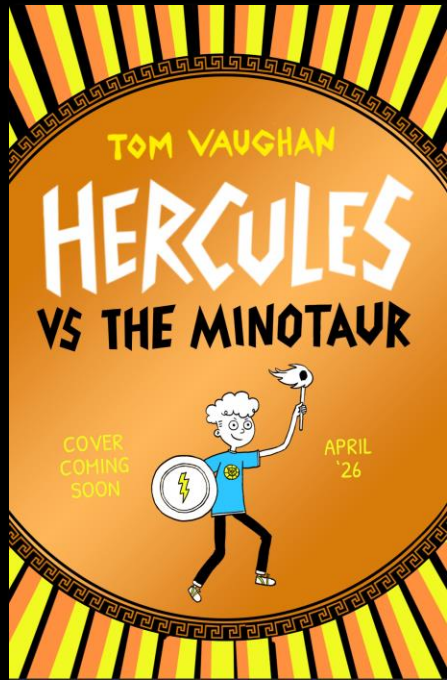
- 224pp
- 31,000 words
- Black-and-white illustrations



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.

HERCULES VS THE MINOTAUR

By Tom Vaughan



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Hercules Braver, modern-day son of Zeus, is about to face his BIGGEST challenge yet... The epic, hilarious, highly illustrated fourth book in the HERCULES series.

Hercules is ready to start a new school year when, to his surprise, his cousin Theseus suddenly comes to stay! The son of Poseidon, Theo is a young demigod just like Hercules. But right as Herc was (finally) preparing to be a heroically good role model, infuriating Theo causes TROUBLE at every turn. But soon the boys are forced to work together – because Zeus has been so focused on writing a book that he's lost control of the cosmos – and now the universe is in jeopardy. One of the most terrifying monsters in Greek mythology, the Minotaur, has hatched an escape from the underworld! It's now up to Herc and Theseus to save the day. Will the boys become monster-slaying heroes like their namesakes? Or will they learn that the old myths might not have the full story...?

Key Selling Points

- The epic, funny fourth book in the series following the bestselling *Waterstones Book of the Month* title.
- The story features the Minotaur, one of the most recognisable characters in Greek mythology for schoolchildren, along with three-headed dog Cerberus and lots of Greek gods!
- Breaks out of the series mould by introducing a brand-new boy demigod character and a perilous monster twist.

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

Rights Options: Brazil, & The Netherlands

Film Rights: Madeleine Milburn

Pub Date: April 2026

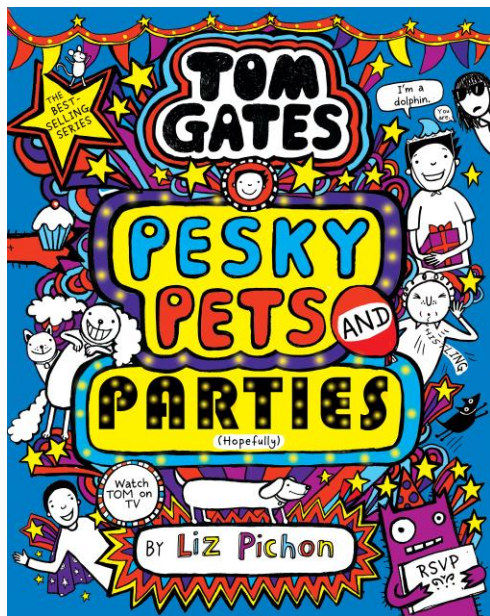
Age: 9+

Specifications:

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

TOM GATES #24: PESKY PETS AND PARTIES

By Liz Pichon



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

Pesky Pets and Parties sees the return of Tom's band DogZombies, badly behaved pets causing chaos and Tom dressing up as a dolphin at a surprise party.

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 an award-winning TV series, 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.
- 2026 is the 15th anniversary of *Tom Gates* – the anniversary moment will be celebrated across trade, families and schools in spring and throughout the year.

Tom Gates is published in 45 languages across 49 territories!

Rights: World (ex. Germany)

Rights Options: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Bosnia, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, 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-and-white 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.

Rights: World (ex. Bulgaria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, Portugal & Spain)

Film Rights:
Sir Ian Livingstone & Steve Jackson

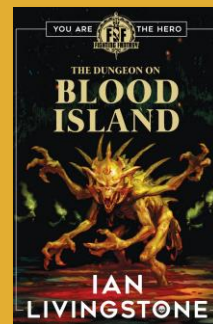
Pub Dates: August 2017 – September 2024

Age: 9+

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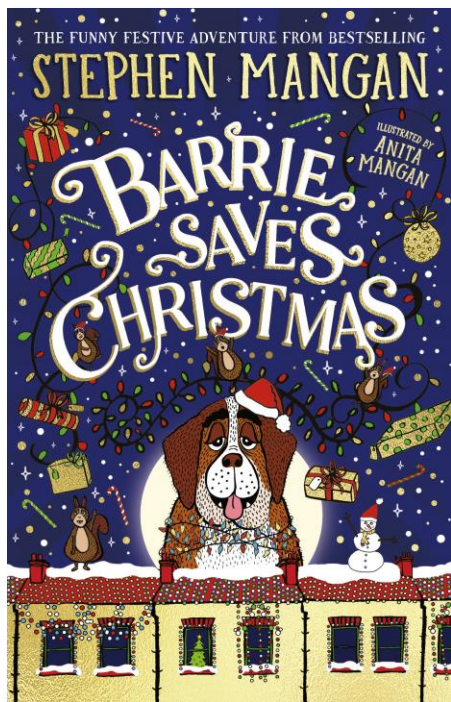
- 272pp
- 40,000 words
- Black-and-white

Latest Title:



BARRIE SAVES CHRISTMAS

By Stephen Mangan, illustrated by Anita Mangan

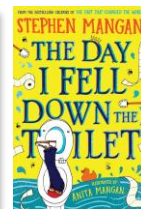


A high-energy, brilliantly silly, fully illustrated festive adventure story by much-loved actor Stephen Mangan and talented artist Anita Mangan.

Barrie is a St Bernard dog who much prefers snoozing and farting in front of a cosy fire than going on daring rescue missions. On Christmas Eve, his humans, Carrie and Laurence, find a top-secret network of underground tunnels accessed by climbing into postboxes – and there's an extra special twist! The tunnels are designed for squirrels to transport presents from Father Christmas' workshop in the North Pole to all the children of the world. When a mysterious elf seems set on sabotaging the tunnels, the kids and Barrie must stop him and SAVE CHRISTMAS!

Key Selling Points

- Stephen and Anita Mangan are one of the UK's breakout children's books success stories of recent years.
- Their sales stand at over 200,000 copies via TCM in just 4 years.
- This new story is guaranteed to become a Christmas classic: it's a festive *Secret Life of Pets* and totally feel-good, warm-hearted and laugh-out-loud funny – perfect for all the family.



Rights: World

Rights Options:
Turkey

Film Rights:
Independent Talent Group

Pub Date: October 2025

Specifications:

- 304pp
- 25,000 words
- Black-and-white illustrations

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.

ELLA JONES *vs the* BATTLE NOISE

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

Ella Jones must face the god Homados, who is hunting Hercules' famous shield. His plan is to throw the world into chaos by increasing battle-noise until it's unbearable for man – the only thing that helps drown out the noise? Their own rage. Their fury. Their hate.

People will begin to fight until the world descends into war and Homados grows more powerful. Ella, blind for two years and used to filtering out noise around her to calmly navigate her surroundings, is the hero the world needs. Her quest – alongside her guide dog Maisie, her best friend Finn, sister Poppy and a mysterious new kid at school, River – will see her journey to a remote island and encounter villains new and old...

Key Selling Points

- An edge-of-your-seat, wonderfully twisty adventure mystery for fans of *Percy Jackson* and *Skandar*.
- An empowering, empathetic story showing young people that disabilities do not have to hold them back, from a high-profile, much-loved disability campaigner with a huge online platform: 1.8 million followers on TikTok and 200,000 followers on Instagram.

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.

Rights: World

Film Rights: Sunrise Entertainment Ltd

Pub Date: February 2025

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 336pp
- 60,000 words



GOAL SQUAD: WIN THE CUP!

By Scott Allen



Sample Artwork

A new fully illustrated and accessible fiction series perfect for all young football fans.

Eight-year-old Leo dreams of playing Premier League football. As TIGERS' star striker, he's got the skills — but not the luck. When their season opener against the EAGLES goes wrong, everything falls apart. A devastating ankle injury sidelines Leo just when his team needs him most. His rival Max steps up as substitute, leveling the score but leaving TIGERS dangling in the relegation zone. With only three matches left to save their season and a knockout cup within reach, time is running out. Can Leo recover before it's too late? Will TIGERS avoid the drop? And is that a talent scout watching from the stands...

Key Selling Points

- A young football series (6-8) to launch in time for the FIFA World Cup 2026.
- The next huge, must-read series for football fans that's packed with football action, fully illustrated and accessible.
- Each book will be from a different team member's POV told in different positions. Book one: striker, book two: defender etc. Expect drama, teamwork, confidence building and football strategy...

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic

Pub Date: May 2026

Age: 6+

Specifications:

- 176pp
- 10,000 words
- Highly Illustrated
- Black-and-white illustrations

After discovering he was too tall and heavy to be a jockey, **Scott Allen** turned his attention to football. At sixteen he became a professional sports writer, editor and digital-content specialist. He is a West Ham supporter, but we don't hold that against him. Scott lives in Yorkshire with his wife, two children and cat. His published books include middle-grade LLAMA UNITED and the sequel, LLAMAS GO LARGE, and children's non-fiction ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GOLD!

BELLA BROOMSTICK

By Lou Kuenzler



This delightful series, full of doodle illustrations and themes of friendship and fitting in, will have young readers bewitched from the very first page!

Bella Broomstick is a hopeless witch. So hopeless that nasty Aunt Hemlock is sending her to live in Person World – with the warning that she must never do magic again!

But when Bella finds a kitten in trouble, a spell is the only way to rescue it. What is Bella to do? For where there is magic, trouble is never far away!

Key Selling Points

- The first book in a series about the magical world of young witch Bella Broomstick with a brand-new jacket!
- By the author of *Princess Disgrace* and *Shrinking Violet*
- A delightful tale of friendship and fitting in.

Lou Kuenzler was brought up on Dartmoor and moved to Northern Ireland to study theatre. She went on to work as a theatre director, drama lecturer and workshop leader. Lou now lives in London with her husband and their two children. @LouKuenzler www.loukuenzler.com

Rights: World (ex. Czech Republic, Turkey, & USA)

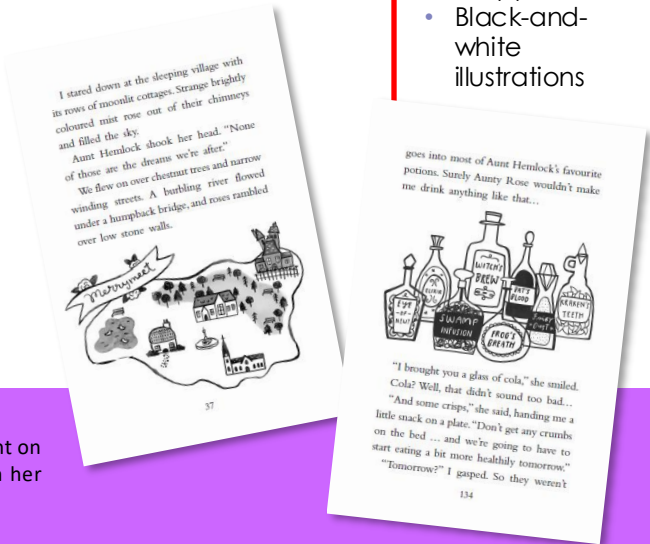
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Pub Date: August 2025

Age: 7-9

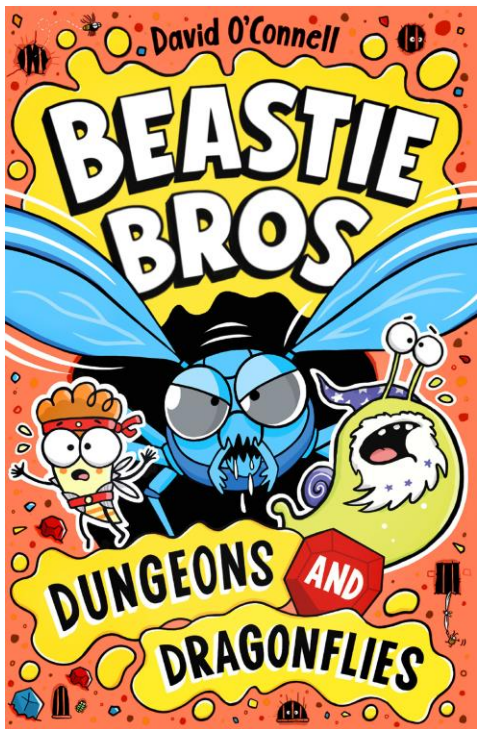
Specifications:

- 208pp
- Black-and-white illustrations



BEASTIE BROS: DUNGEONS AND DRAGONFLIES

By David O'Connell



An accessible, funny young fiction series from David O'Connell, starring a hilarious firefly and snail duo, highly illustrated in black and white. Perfect for readers aged 6–9 and fans of Jamie Smart, *Toto the Ninja Cat* and *Dave Pigeon*.

Adoptive brothers Dribble the snail and Dash the firefly are on a tour of the local ant's nest to see the queen's crown jewels when the dastardly dung beetles strike again and swipe the priceless Gumdrop of Destiny! Even worse... In the chaos, Dribble and Dash get trapped in the mysterious underground tunnels – some of which may lead to long-hidden kingdoms... And, down there, some strange dragonflies have evolved into monster-like beasts! Can the duo beat the "dragons" and unravel the mystery of WHO this stolen treasure truly belongs to ... and get it back?

Key Selling Points

- The second instalment in the witty, brilliantly author-illustrated series from David O'Connell, the illustrator behind Tom Vaughan's *Hercules*, Pip Bird's *The Naughtiest Unicorn* and many more.
- The wacky humour and comic-style art of *Bunny vs Monkey* and *Investigators*, with a more traditional, wittily written narrative – a perfect all-rounder.
- A laugh-out-loud tale packed with hilarious characters and teeming with doodles – **with a super-fun choose-your-own-adventure chapter!**

Rights: World

Film Rights:
United Agents

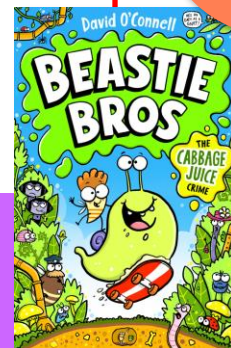
Pub Date:
August 2025

Age: 7+

Specifications:

- 128pp
- Black-and-white illustrations

Book #3
publishing
February 2026!



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* bestselling *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.

CHAPTER BOOKS

CAPYBARA KINGDOM: CARA THE SHIMMER WINGS

This is the first story in the wonderfully magical new Capybara Kingdom series by Emma Young, for ages 5-7

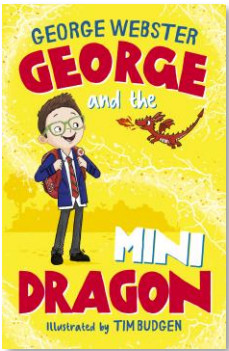


When Cara the Capybara falls down a hole and lands in Capybara Kingdom - a magical place filled with all sorts of creatures - the adventure is only just beginning. Cara has grown fairy wings! Can she help new friend Ava have the best Capybirthday ever in the kingdom?

Key Selling Points

- Perfect for young readers who are just starting to read independently.
- Accessible and filled with engaging black and white illustrations.
- Short chapters, perfect for reluctant readers.

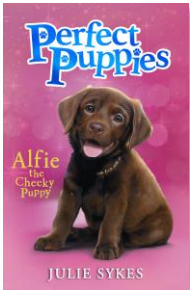
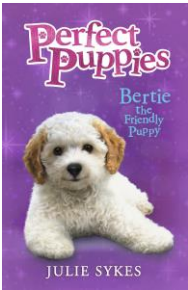
GEORGE AND THE MINI DRAGON



The start of an adorable and funny new series for 6+ by CBeebies star George Webster. Full of adventure and mayhem with engaging illustrations by Tim Budgen.

George and the Mini Dragon #2: Lava Goes Wild publishing in February 2026.

PERFECT PUPPIES SERIES



A gorgeous, cosy puppy series for readers ages 5-7 Perfect for animal-loving children and fans of Holly Webb By Julie Sykes, award-winning author of over one hundred books for children.

Perfect Puppies #3: Charlie the Lost Puppy publishing in January 2026. Perfect Puppies #4 publishing in August 2026.

Rights: World

Film Rights: Scholastic

Pub Date: January 2025 – January 2026

Age: 5+

Specifications:

- Black-and-white illustrations

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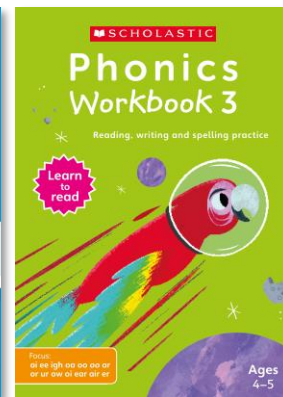
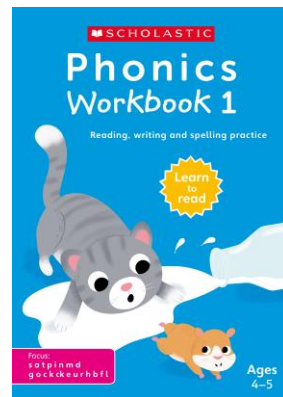


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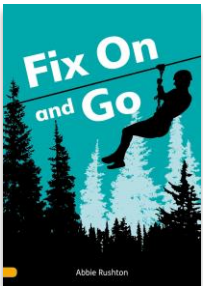
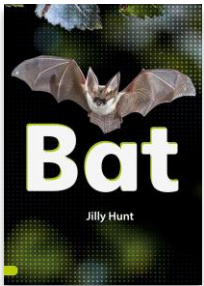
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Before reading

- 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.

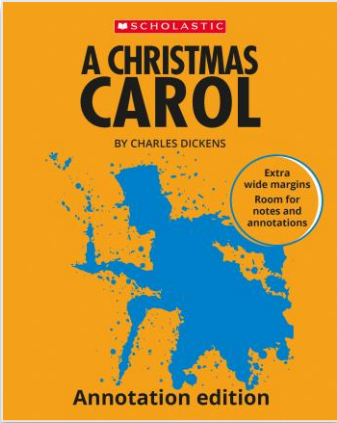
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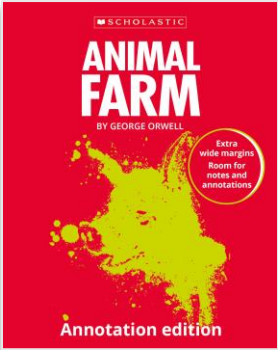


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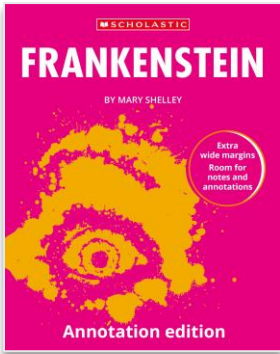
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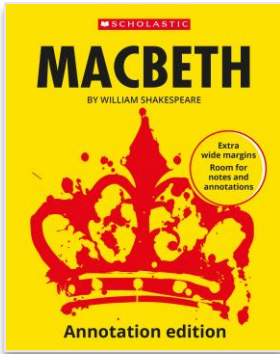
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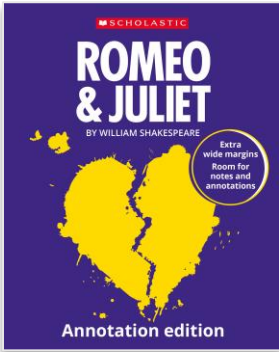
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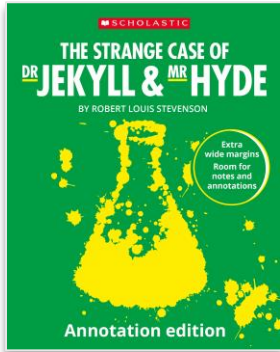
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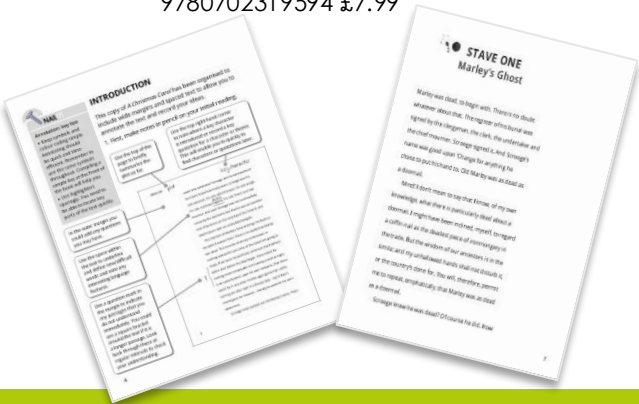
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