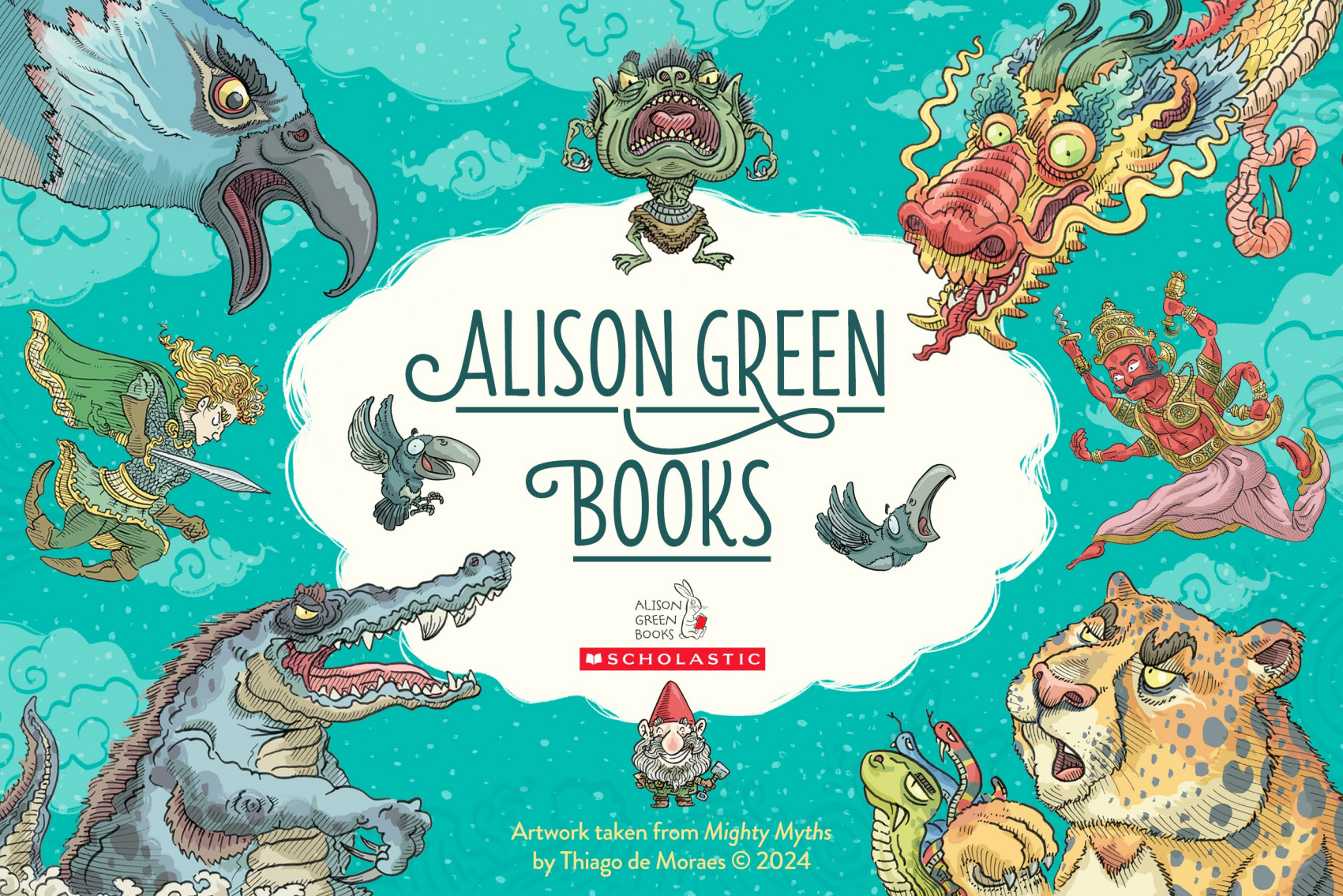




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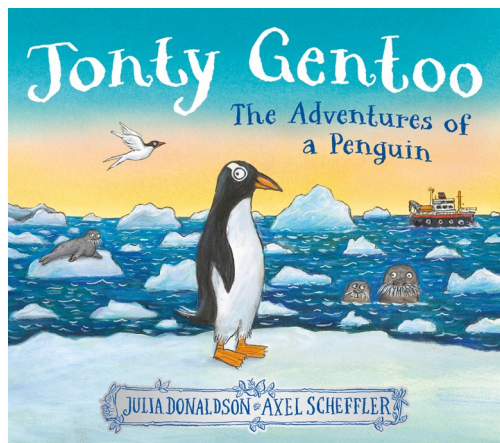
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Artwork taken from *Mighty Myths*
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JONTY GENTOO: THE ADVENTURES OF A PENGUIN

By Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Key Selling Points

- An intrepid little penguin sets off from the zoo, to find his true home in Antarctica
- A wonderfully rich, funny story, full of courage, heart and friendship
- Julia Donaldson is the UK's number one author across all adult and children's books. Axel Scheffler is the number one pre-school and picture-book illustrator
- 18 territories on the first run of *Jonty Gentoo* with a total co-edition print run of 146,000 copies
- Their last book, *The Baddies*, has over 420,000 copies printed worldwide

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

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Sold into 21
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Join a plucky little penguin on the journey of a lifetime.

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

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



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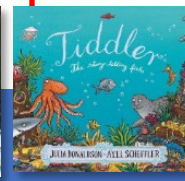
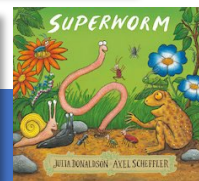
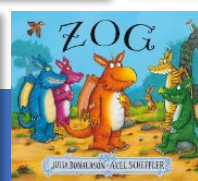
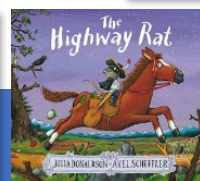
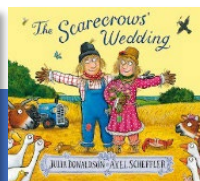
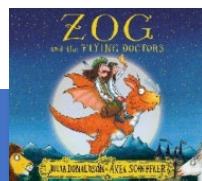
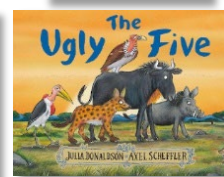
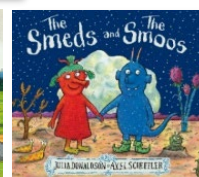
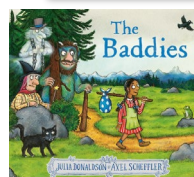
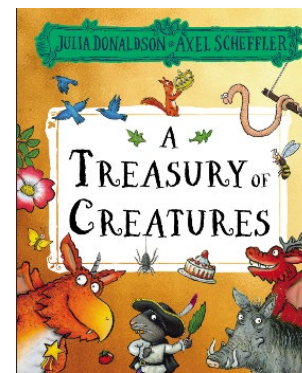
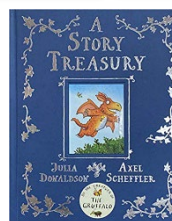
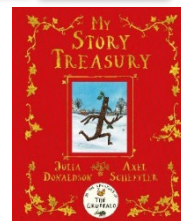
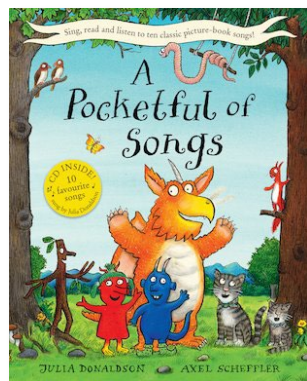
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JULIA DONALDSON * AXEL SCHEFFLER

Working with
over 40
international
partners

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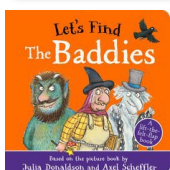
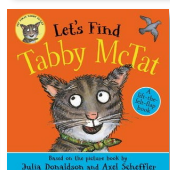
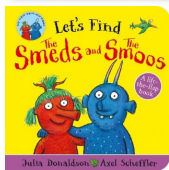
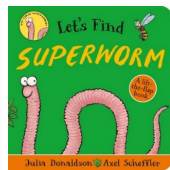
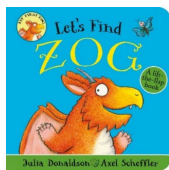
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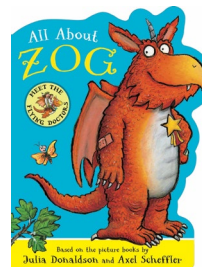
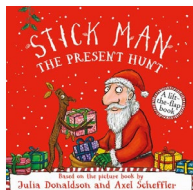
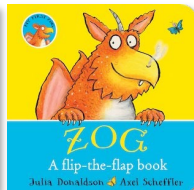
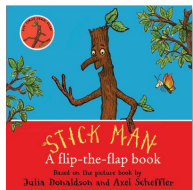
JULIA DONALDSON & AXEL SCHEFFLER NOVELTY

By Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

Lift the colourful felt flaps in these fun chunky board books, perfect for small hands, until you find your favourite characters!

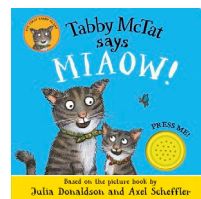


Lift the colourful, chunky card flaps in these fun board books which will help increase hand-eye co-ordination, develop speech and aid learning through repetition



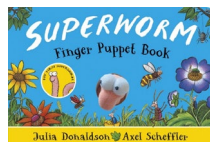
New All About Stick Man coming Feb 25!

Get to know Zog and his friends in this fun board book in the shape of Zog. Perfect for kids of all age!



Push the button to make Tabby McTat say miaow in this beautiful board book

Young children will love meeting Superworm, Stick Man and Zog in these fabulous puppet board books



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Pub Date: December 2021 – October 2024

Specifications:

- 142mm x 210mm
- LET'S FIND... with felt flaps throughout
- ZOG FINGER PUPPET... with a soft finger puppet that appears throughout the book

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

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WELCOME

Illustrated by Axel Scheffler



Key Selling Points

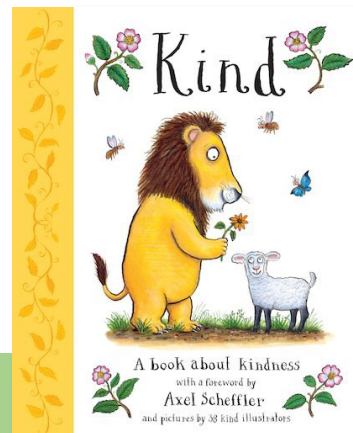
- Axel Scheffler's fabulous, funny animals are the perfect ambassadors to show us all about friendship: how to laugh together, play together – and, most importantly, how to make friends again after a quarrel!
- *Kind* has enjoyed huge international success, and is translated into 22 languages
- Royalties from *WELCOME* will go to Three Peas, a charity which gives vital practical support to people who have had to flee their homes.

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.

A brand new book about friendship, from international bestselling illustrator, Axel Scheffler

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

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



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THE FAIRY OF LOST THINGS

By Victoria Sandøy



Do you ever lose things? Then maybe the Fairy of Lost Things will find them for you.

Every night the fairy finds things children have lost, then secretly takes them back to their owners. But one night she finds a little bracelet, and it's so pretty, she can't bear to give it back . . .



Key Selling Points

- *The Fairy of Lost Things* is a magical picture-book that will strike a chord with children everywhere
- Spectacular, glowing illustrations and a captivating, atmospheric story – guaranteed to become a bedtime favourite
- Children will identify with the fairy's dilemma, and how she desperately wants to keep something that isn't hers – but also how important it is to do what's right
- Important themes of kindness, caring, friendship and honesty
- Victoria Sandøy has won universal praise for her stunning illustrations for Julia Donaldson's *The Christmas Pine* and *The Oak Tree*.

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Victoria Sandøy has a rare talent for creating stunningly atmospheric scenes and endearing characters. She has received widespread acclaim for her illustrations for *The Christmas Pine* and *The Oak Tree* by Julia Donaldson. *The Fairy of Lost Things* is her first self-authored picture book. Victoria lives in Oslo, Norway. www.victoriasandoy.com Instagram: @victoriasand

THE WORRY BEE

By Nicola Kinnear



Sample Artwork

Key Selling Points

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

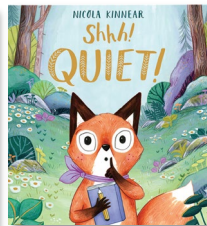


Nicola Kinnear's picture books have been translated into 30 languages!

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

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

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



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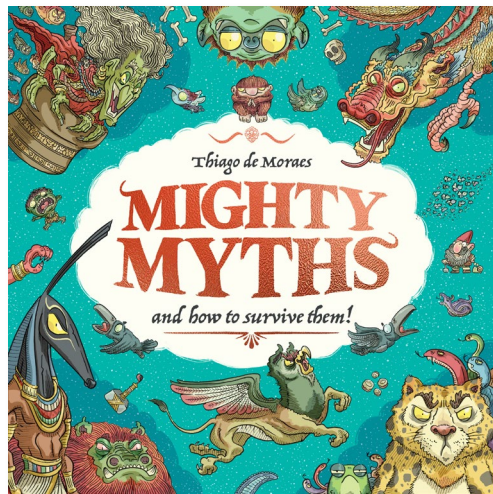
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Nicola Kinnear has an amazing talent for creating warm, expressive characters which has won her admirers all around the world. As well as creating her own books, Nicola has also illustrated sequels to Beatrix Potter's classic, *Peter Rabbit*.

MIGHTY MYTHS

By Thiago de Moraes



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

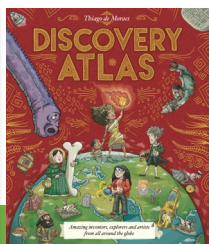
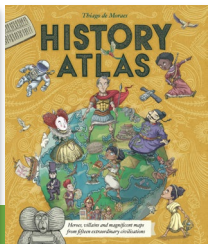
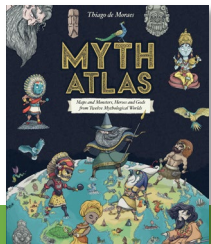
Mighty Myths is a spectacular gift book featuring a fabulous pick-and-mix of mythology from all around the world.

Superbly illustrated throughout in Thiago's inimitable, witty style, this rich and wonderful book is packed full of stories, jokes, facts and hilarity.

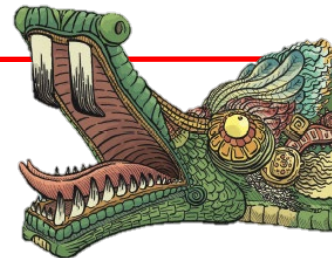
Guaranteed to be mightily entertaining, *Mighty Myths* will captivate children and adults alike.

Key Selling Points

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



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.



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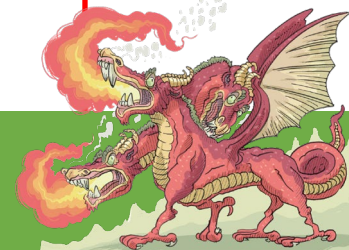
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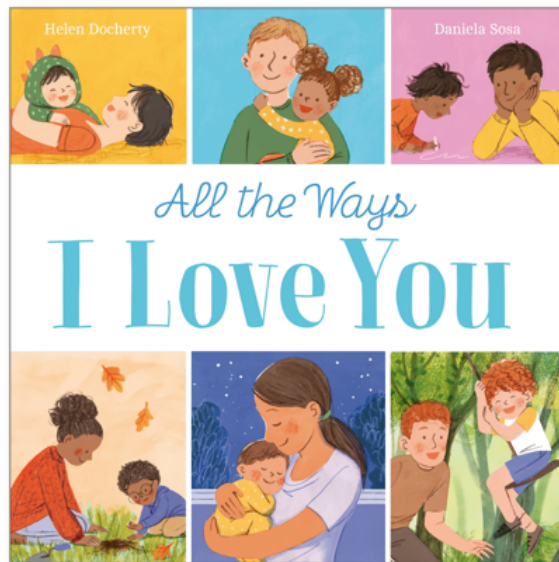
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ALL THE WAYS I LOVE YOU

By Helen Docherty and Daniela Sosa



*If you were a rainbow, I would be the sky.
I'd feed you lots of sun and rain, to keep you shining high.*

This warm and loving text by star author Helen Docherty is a fabulous, comforting, snuggle-up book to share with a toddler. It would also make a wonderful gift to welcome a new baby. Daniela Sosa's stylish, richly colourful illustrations provide the perfect accompaniment, full of endearing characters and imaginative scenes for children to explore.

Key Selling Points

- A magical book for toddlers, full of love and reassurance
- A perfect book to welcome a new baby
- The lyrical text is perfectly matched by Daniela Sosa's warm, stylish illustrations
- Helen Docherty is the internationally acclaimed author of *The Snatchabook* and *The Screen Thief*

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Helen Docherty lives in Wales where, in between writing books, she is busy learning Welsh. Before becoming an author, Helen taught French and Spanish, and spent time living in France, Spain, Cuba and Mexico.

Daniela Sosa is widely admired for her gorgeously colourful illustrations, which combine stylish design with great warmth and sensitive characterisation. Originally from Romania, Daniela currently lives in the UK.

A DINOSAUR LIVES IN OUR SHED

By Kaye Umansky and Pippa Curnick



Sample Artwork

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

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

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

Key Selling Points

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

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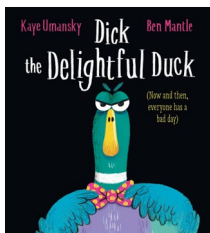
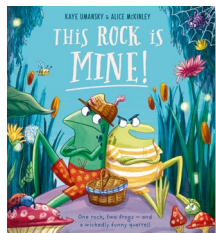
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Kaye Umansky is one of the UK's best-loved children's authors. She is a brilliant comic writer, and the award-winning creator of the bestselling *Pongwiffy* fiction series. Kaye lives in London.

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

ALL THE THINGS WE CARRY

By Helen Docherty and Brizida Magro



*Could you carry a pebble, warm in your hand?
It carries a memory of sea and of sand...*

This lyrical, uplifting picture book celebrates all the treasures we can carry, from pebbles on a beach to love in our hearts. Full of warmth and reassurance, it invites children to think about all the positive things they can do in the world, and how we can support each other.

Helen Docherty's poetic text is brought perfectly to life by Brizida Magro's fabulously colourful and expressive illustrations.

Key Selling Points

- A warm and comforting book that speaks perfectly to its young audience, encouraging children to think about all the positive things they can do
- Helen Docherty is the internationally acclaimed author of *The Snatchabook* and *The Screen Thief*
- Brizida Magro is an award-winning illustrator with a wonderful talent for creating stylish, brilliantly coloured images and endearing characters

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Pub Date: July 2024

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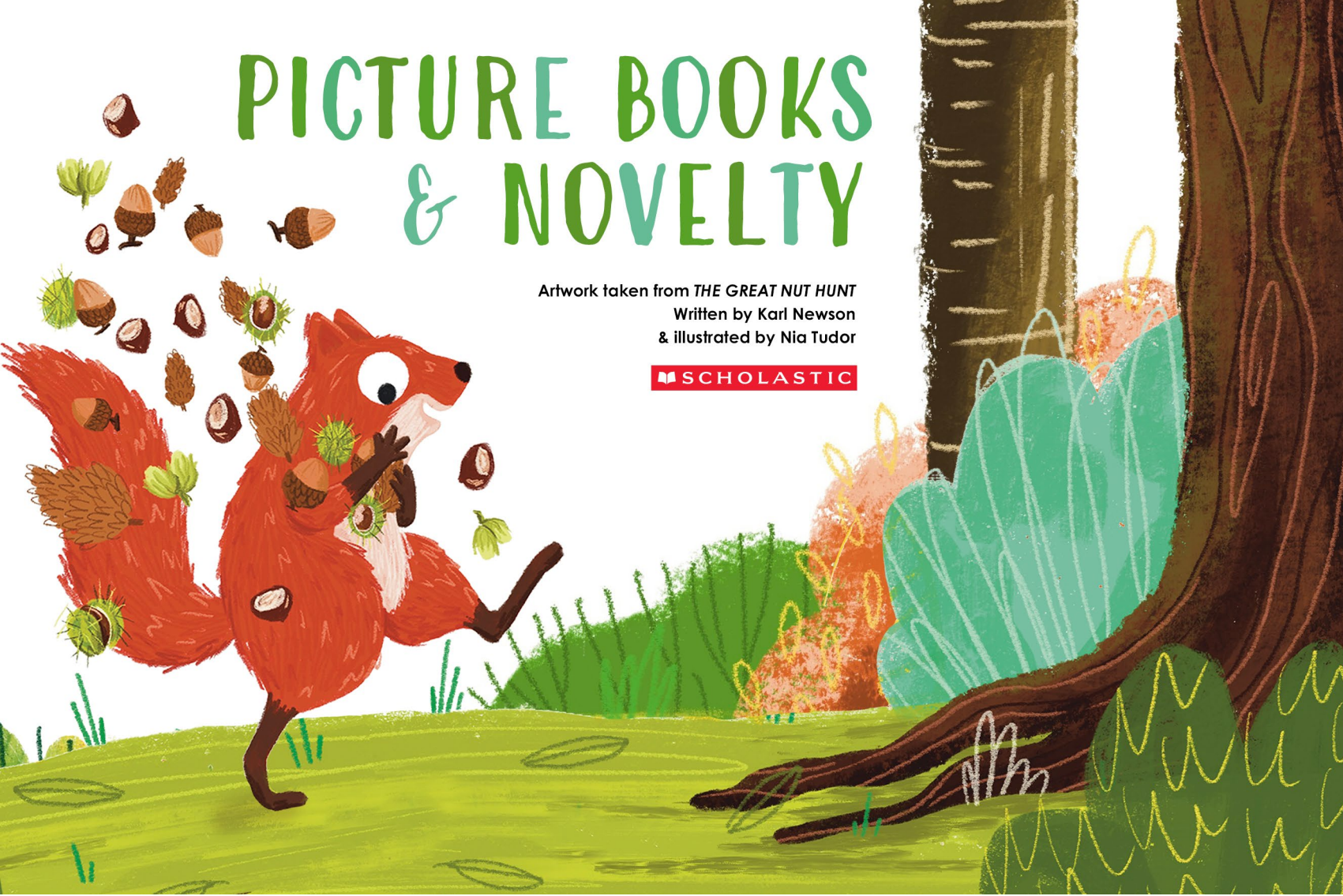
Brizida Magro grew up in Portugal, and now lives in Colorado, USA. She's passionate about cats, rock climbing – and bringing stories to life. Her work is greatly influenced by her childhood, and blends vintage children's illustration with the naiveté of folk art.

PICTURE BOOKS & NOVELTY

Artwork taken from *THE GREAT NUT HUNT*

Written by Karl Newson
& illustrated by Nia Tudor

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THIS LITTLE BUNNY & THIS LITTLE LION

By Kate Daubney

Includes
touch-and-feel
elements and a
mirror ending
surprise



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

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



Key Selling Points

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

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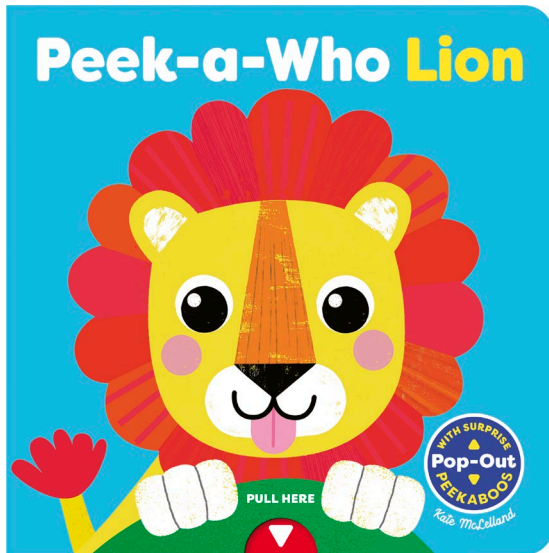
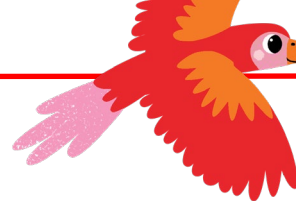
- 185 x 185mm
- 10pp
- Touch & Feel element on cover & interiors, plus felt flap and mirror on last spread

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 U.K, 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.



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

By Kate McLelland



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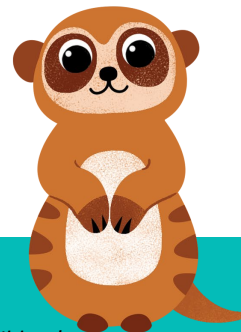
Who's that hiding in the jungle? Who's that swinging from the trees? Use the simple clues on each page to guess which of your favourite animals is hiding.

Then, simply pull the tab to reveal a surprise pop-out peekaboo! With six creatures to meet, this novelty book 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-up mechanisms throughout
- Bright and bold illustrations from talented illustrator, Kate McLelland
- Enhances motor skills, pincer grip and visual recognition
- Encourages early speech and language
- Also available: *Peek-A-Who Cow*

A pop-out surprise on every page!



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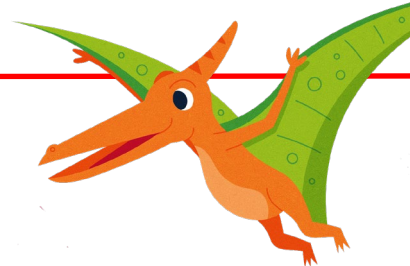
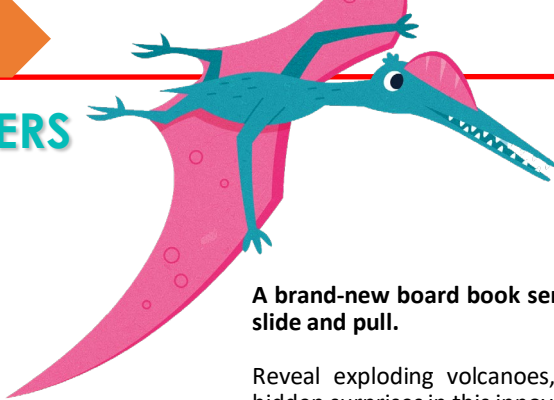
- 12pp
- Full-colour
- 185 x 185mm

About the illustrator

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.

SUPER SLIDERS

By Gareth Williams



A brand-new board book series, featuring surprise tabs for little ones to slide and pull.

Reveal exploding volcanoes, ENORMOUS dinosaurs, flying reptiles and hidden surprises in this innovative, interactive board book for toddlers.

With six scenes to explore and amazing dinosaurs to meet, 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 fun sliding mechanisms on each page
- Featuring all of your favourite dinosaurs and prehistoric beasts
- Vivid artwork, perfect for pre-schoolers
- Enhances motor skills, pincer grip and visual recognition
- Also available: *Super Sliders: Space*

Rights: World

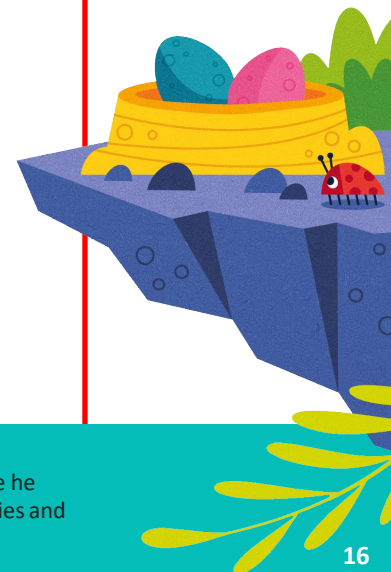
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Pub Date: April
2025

Age: 1+

Specifications:

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



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

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languages

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By Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater

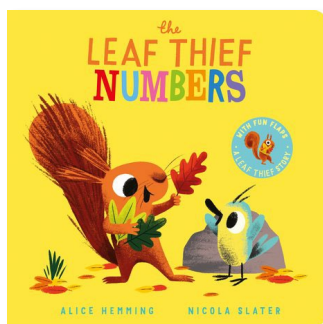


NEW title in the
international
bestselling brand!
Coming March 2025
Where's The Leaf Thief

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



Felt flaps – Cover not final



Card flaps



Card flaps

Key Selling Points

- The **New York Times** bestselling creators of *The Leaf Thief* join forces once again with these three chunky cased board books
- *The Leaf Thief Numbers & Colours* are the perfect introduction to early concepts
- Fun story and eye-catching illustrations to keep even the youngest children engaged
- Promotes learning by repetition, and aids hand-eye co-ordination and fine motor skills



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Film Rights: Scholastic

Pub Date: March 2024
– March 2025

Specifications:

- 185 x 185mm
- 10pp cased board book with integrated card flaps
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & spot UV

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.

the LEAF THIEF

By Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater

A New York Times
international
bestselling brand
sold into 24
languages

- An international bestselling series sold into 24 territories worldwide
- *The Leaf Thief* is a New York Times bestseller
- Children will love following Squirrel and Bird's brilliantly fun antics all whilst they learn about nature and the changing seasons

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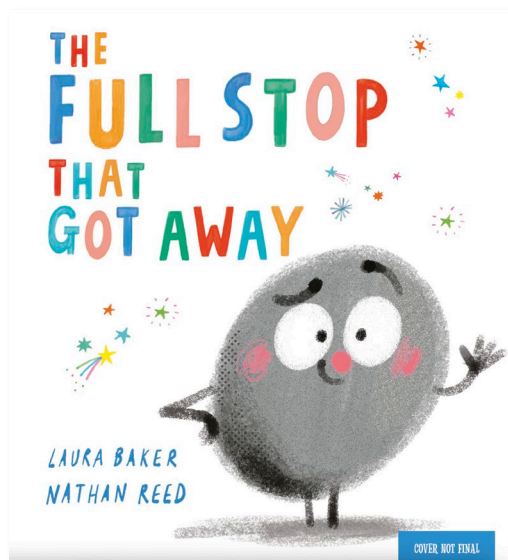
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp, self-ends
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination, spot UV & foil



Alice Hemming's 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.

THE FULL STOP THAT GOT AWAY

By Laura Baker and Nathan Reed



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Full of fun and silliness, *The Full Stop That Got Away* brings together Laura Baker and Nathan Reed for the very first time - and the results are hilarious!

This is Frank.

Frank is a full stop, and he acts exactly like a full stop should.

He splits up sentences that get too long . . .

"It's true. I do."

He never shouts . . .

"Ouch. Ouch. Help."

And he never asks questions.

"That's right."

But what if Frank decides to stop acting like a full stop?
How will the story ever end...

Key Selling Points

- A laugh-out-loud adventure filled with dragons!
- Not just a fun story, *The Full Stop That Got Away* is also a perfect introduction to punctuation for children
- Ideal for fans of *The Day the Crayons Quit*

Rights: World

Film Rights: Scholastic UK & Holroyde Cartey Limited

Pub Date: February 2025

Specifications:

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



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* 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. **Nathan Reed** has been a professional illustrator since graduating from Falmouth College of Arts in 2000, mainly working in the children's book industry. His books include *Incredible You*, *Achoo!*, *Think BIG* and *PLEASE!*

DRAGON DAVE IS (NOT SO) BRAVE

By Alex Latimer and Philip Cullen



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

For as long as he can remember, Dave the dragon has been stuck in this book. He really wants to get out. And he *really* doesn't like the ending where the villagers try to turn him into dragon soup for dinner!

But what if Dave had the power to change how his story ends? What if all he really needs is to stop doing what's expected of a dragon and start doing what he really wants? Well, if Dave can do that, he can do anything!

Key Selling Points

- This innovative picture book celebrates friendship, daring to be different, and having the courage to write your own story
- Features important messages, woven into a child-friendly story, with bags of humour and fun
- Encourages children to be brave, question often, and to embrace change when it feels right
- Written by master storyteller Alex Latimer, author of many picture books, including *Pip and Egg* which sold into 15 languages

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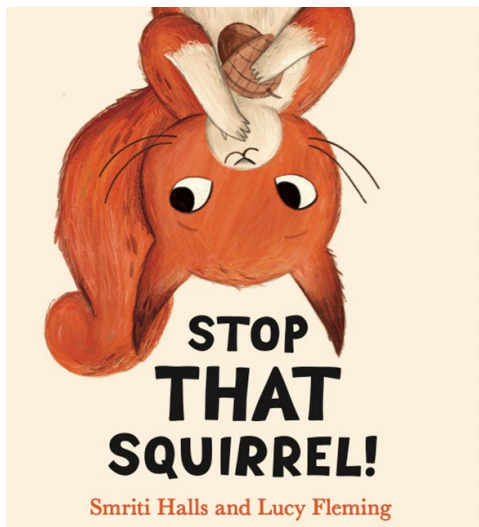
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp plus ends
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & spot UV



Alex Latimer is an award-winning South African writer and illustrator living in Cape Town. He has a degree in English and Philosophy and has written and illustrated for many major brands across the globe. Alex's picture books are quirky and fun and full of humour that appeals to both children and adults. **Phillip Cullen** is an exciting new children's illustrator. He grew up in Dublin and studied classical animation at Ballyfermot College.

STOP THAT SQUIRREL!

By Smriti Halls and Lucy Fleming



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A heart-warming story about an adventurous Squirrel who learns that everything tastes better when shared.

Scout the Squirrel is the best at finding nuts – she's squirreling them all away ready for winter. She's going to have so much food to eat! But why don't her friends seem happy?

Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *The Squirrels That Squabbled* and *The Leaf Thief*
- Smriti Halls is the author of a multitude of much-loved children's books
- Lucy Fleming's stunningly atmospheric illustrations bring the woodland to life in all its autumnal glory
- With an important message at its heart



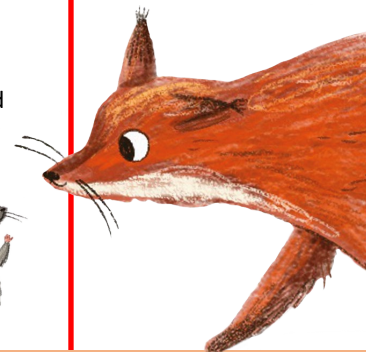
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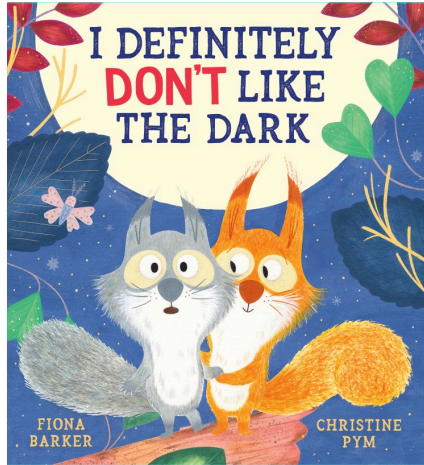
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & spot UV



Smriti Halls is an award-winning, critically acclaimed children's author. Since publication of her first picture book in 2012, she has had a US number one bestseller, won numerous awards and been published in more than 30 languages. **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.

I DEFINITELY DON'T LIKE THE DARK

By Fiona Barker and Christine Pym



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I Definitely Don't Like Winter has sold into 12 languages!

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

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

Key Selling Points

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



Rights: World

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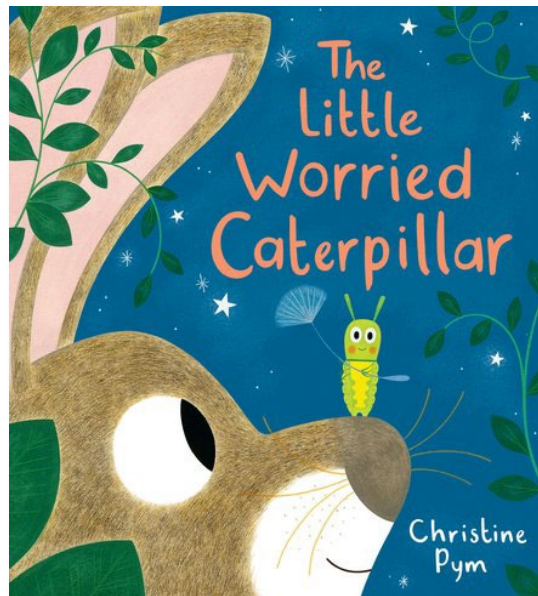
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Fiona Barker is positively potty about picture books! She loves reading them, writing them and talking about them. She loves anything funny to read aloud. Fiona is a member of the *Marine Conservation Society* and *The Wildlife Trusts* and loves writing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

THE LITTLE WORRIED CATERPILLAR

By Christine Pym



From the
illustrator of
***I Definitely Don't
Like Winter***

From standout illustrator Christine Pym comes a beautifully realised picture book about finding courage and embracing change.

Little Green knows she's about to make a big change by transforming from a caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly.

Everyone is VERY EXCITED! But Little Green isn't. In fact, Little Green is VERY WORRIED. She *likes* being a caterpillar! And what if being a butterfly isn't as brilliant as everyone says? Join Little Green as she finds her own path . . . with just a little help from her friends.

Key Selling Points

- The incredible author-illustrated debut from rising picture book star, Christine Pym, illustrator of *Fox's Favourite Autumn* and *I Definitely Don't Like Winter* which has sold into 12 languages.
- Comforting and reassuring story for children
- Gorgeously detailed illustrations filled with warmth and emotion
- Perfect for helping grown-ups talk to children about their emotions and guide them through change

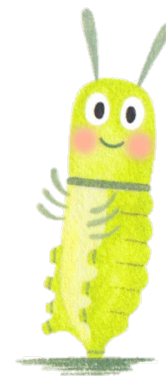
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- 32pp
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Christine Pym is an illustrator based in Longnor, Staffordshire. She graduated in 2006 from the *North East Wales School of Art and Design* after studying Illustration for Children's Publishing and has been pencilling and painting professionally ever since. Some of Christine's wonderful books include *Little Mouse's Big Breakfast* and *Goat's Coat*.

THE GREAT NUT HUNT

By Karl Newson and Nia Tudor



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

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

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

Key Selling Points

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



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Pub Date: September 2025

Specifications:

- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp + ends
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Karl Newson is the author of multi-award winning picture book *I Am a Tiger*, the best-selling *I Really Longmoor Need a Wee*, *The Same But Different Too*, plus many, many more! His stories have been translated into 30 languages around the world. **Nia Tudor** is a Carnegie Medal and Klaus Flugge long listed children's illustrator living and working along the Welsh coast in South Wales, UK. Nia enjoys exploring different illustration styles and creating illustrations that are full of texture and filled with small details, capturing the fun and energy of everyday life and nature in her work as well as depicting heartfelt and intricate family scenes.

ONE GOOSE, TWO MOOSE, THREE RACCOON, FOUR BABOON

By Kael Tudor and Nicola Slater

This brilliantly funny picture book perfectly captures the chaos of queueing up, and features a fun counting element too.

Goose and Moose are back! This time, there are even more animals out of place. Will Goose and Moose ever be able to sort everyone into the correct lines?

With super-fun counting elements, a riotous read-aloud text from Kael Tudor and Nicola Slater's signature illustrations packed with humour, this book will have little ones everywhere in fits of giggles!



Key Selling Points

- A witty and original brand-new series from debut author Kael Tudor, perfect for fans of Kes Gray & Jim Field
- Laugh-out-loud characters by Nicola Slater, illustrator of the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Leaf Thief* which has sold into 23 languages
- An engaging story and bright, fun illustrations make this picture book perfect for fans of *Oi Frog* and *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*
- With a super silly counting element!

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. **Nicola Slater** is a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator and is well-known for her distinctive artwork which has been translated into over 21 languages.

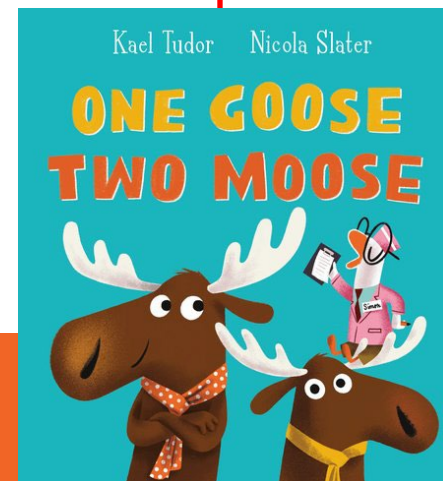
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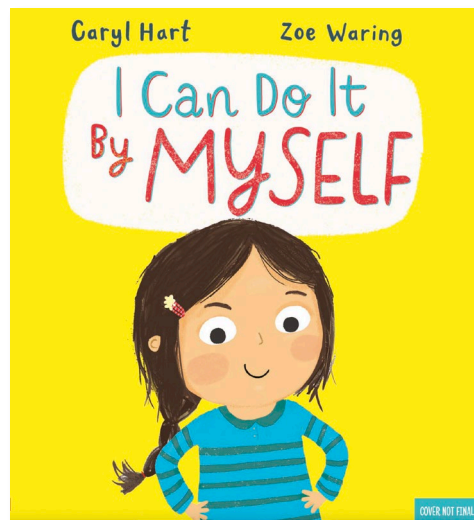
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- 32pp
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I CAN DO IT BY MYSELF!

By Caryl Hart and Zoe Waring



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A brilliantly funny celebration of learning how to do things by yourself for the first time, whether it's getting dressed, or learning to write, or sitting still...

*I can do it by myself
I can show you how
I know I'll do it properly
I WANT to do it NOW!*

Key Selling Points

- For all those children who KNOW they can do it all by themselves...and the adults who try to help them!
- Caryl Hart is the author of over fifty picture books for children, including *Girls Can Do Anything* which has sold into 11 languages
- Brilliantly brought to life by Zoe Waring, illustrator for *I Am Brave!*



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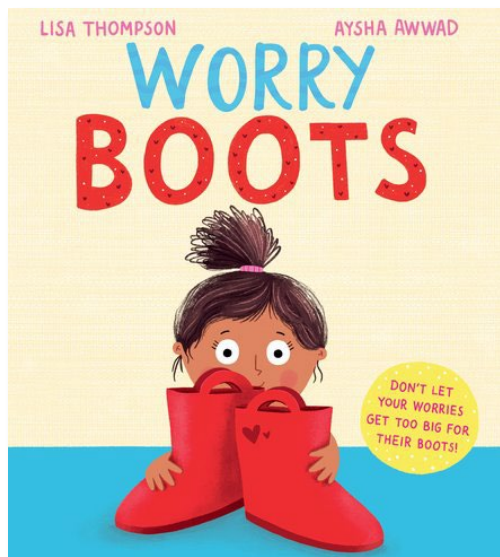
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Caryl Hart has written over 30 books for children including the international bestseller *Girls Can Do Anything*. Caryl also runs creative workshops for schools, libraries and festivals. **Zoe Waring** is the illustrator behind *SuperDaisy* and *Bunny With the Big Heart*. Her work is published in 12 languages and she loves to illustrate books full of heart and humour. When Zoe's not squirrelling away in her studio, she's chasing adventures with her husband, daughter and cheeky four-legged friend, Frodo.

WORRY BOOTS

By Lisa Thompson and Aysha Awwad



A first-day-at-school picture book like no other, by award-winning author Lisa Thompson and illustrator Aysha Awwad

Connie slipped her feet into her new shiny boots. They felt hard and awkward and very, very different. "Let's get going," said Connie's mum. "It's an exciting day today – your first day at school!"

As Connie and Mum make their way to the bus stop, they realise that their journey to school going to be very unusual.

Why? Because there is something surprising in Connie's boots! She can't possibly go to school until she's sorted it out...

Key Selling Points

- Debut picture book from bestselling children's book author, Lisa Thompson, beautifully tackling the subject of facing your fears
- Gorgeously illustrated by Aysha Awwad
- The perfect first-day-at-school picture book



Rights: World

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Pub Date: July 2024

Specifications:

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

Lisa Thompson is a children's novelist born in Essex, UK. Her debut novel, *The Goldfish Boy*, was published in the UK and North America in 2017 and went on to become a bestseller. **Aysha Awwad** studied graphic design at *University of the Arts London* and is now an illustrator and graphic designer. She's passionate about storytelling through both words and pictures, and loves creating new characters and the little worlds they live in. When she's not writing, drawing or designing you can find Aysha knitting a jumper, whittling up a spoon or researching new crafts she can try her hand at.

UNICORN BABIES

By Lucy Rowland and Tilia Rand-Bell



A vibrant and reassuring unicorn-filled picture book encouraging children to overcome their fears and celebrate the power of friendship.

*The Unicorn Babies were the very best of friends
They lived beside the river where the magic rainbow ends.
There was Pinky. There was Inky. There was one called Little Bea.
And they all played in the meadow by the sleepy willow tree.*

When one little unicorn gets separated from her friends, she needs to face her fears in order to find her way back home. Can she be brave and strike out on her own?

Key Selling Points

- *Owl Babies* meets *Ten Minutes to Bed* Little Unicorn in a joyful celebration of friendship and unicorns!
- With bright and colourful illustrations from Tilia Rand-Bell
- A wonderful way to explore the classic themes of overcoming your fears and the power of friendship



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Pub Date: January 2025

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- 32pp
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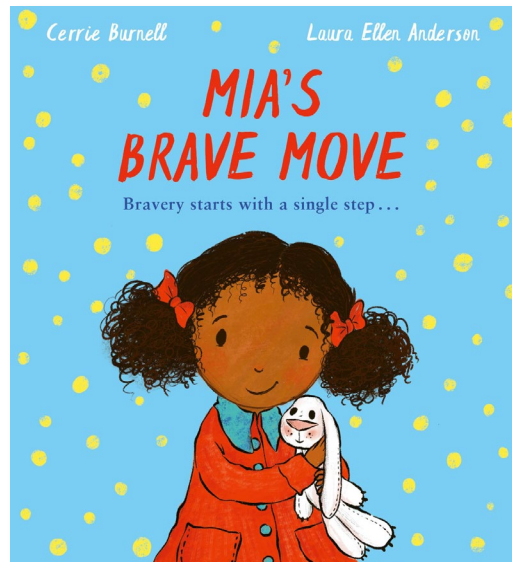
Lucy Rowland loves to create stories with quirky characters, laugh-out-loud moments and irresistible rhymes.

Lucy's books include the *There's No Such Thing As* series and *All The Things You Will Do*.

Tilia Rand-Bell is an illustrator from Bristol working on many colourful books all over the world. She has several years' experience creating and producing a range of unique and vibrant illustrations for children's books. Tilia has a huge passion for the environment and equality which comes across in her work.

MIA'S BRAVE MOVE

By Cerrie Burnell and Laura Ellen Anderson



A beautiful story about new beginnings and making friends.

Mia has come to live with her Grandma in a land of forests and snow. It isn't at all like her old life in the city, and at first she feels very different from the new children she sees. But when she watches the snow falling around her one night, Mia realises that she is just like one of the snowflakes - unique and perfect in her own way.

Key Selling Points

- Beautiful, lyrical and moving story about a new environment and making friends
- Atmospheric illustrations by hugely talented Laura Ellen Anderson
- '[Mia's Brave Move is] so lovingly and thoughtfully written, has important messages about new beginnings, friendship, family love and shared experience, all offset by Anderson's charming and characterful illustrations. A warm and reassuring story to read and enjoy before that last, bedtime hug...' --*Lancashire Evening Post*

Rights: World

Film Rights: RCW

Pub Date: October 2024

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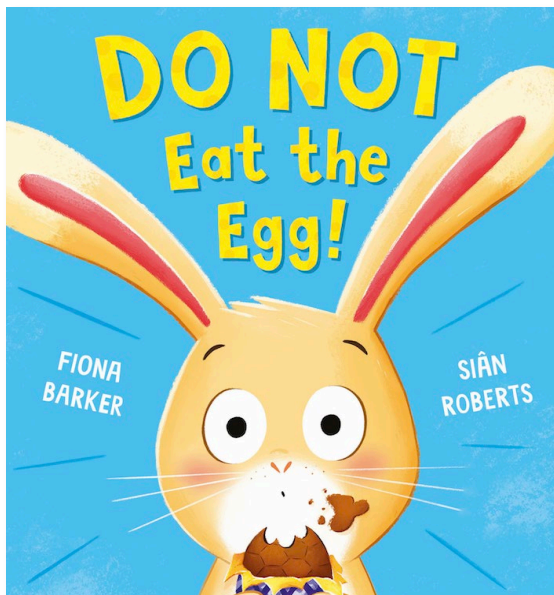


Cerrie Burnell is a well-loved *Cbeebies* presenter who was named in the Observer's top ten children's presenters and also featured in *The Guardian's* 2011 list of 100 most inspirational women. Cerrie's original play *Winged* about a fairy with one wing was performed at the Tristan Bates Theatre in London. *Mia's Brave Move* is her first picture book.

Laura Ellen Anderson has graduated from University College Falmouth. She has illustrated a couple of children's readers for OUP and Pearson and *Mia's Brave Move* was her first picture book.

DO NOT EAT THE EGG

By Fiona Barker and Siân Roberts



The perfect picture-book treat for every small child (and adult) who has tried to resist temptation.. and failed!

When Small Rabbit discovers a gorgeously-wrapped chocolate egg in the cupboard he can't WAIT to eat it. But the label says *Do NOT eat the egg!*

Can Small Rabbit do the right thing ... or will it turn into a gloriously gooey chocolate disaster?

Key Selling Points

- A wonderfully fun story that every child can relate to
- Chocolatey perfection for fans of Chris Haughton and Jon Klassen
- With brilliantly bold illustrations from Siân Roberts
- Watch out for Fiona's other titles, *I Definitely Don't Like Winter* and *Fox's Favourite Autumn*
- The perfect title for any seasonal bookshop window displays



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Alice Williams Literary & Scholastic UK

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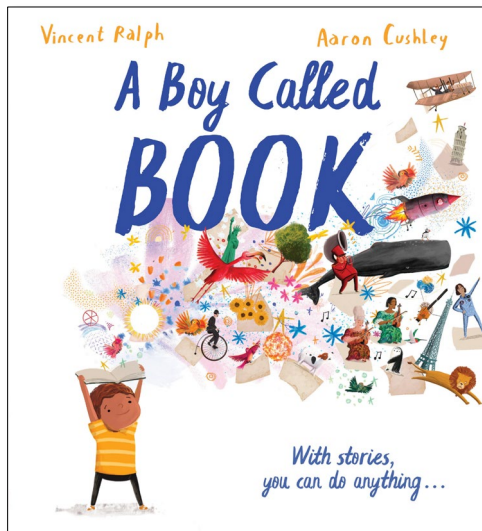
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Fiona Barker is positively potty about picture books! She loves reading them, writing them and talking about them. She loves anything funny to read aloud. Fiona is a member of the Marine Conservation Society and The Wildlife Trusts and loves writing about animal characters. **Siân Roberts** is a children's book illustrator based in the South East of England. Her debut picture book was published in 2021, and she has since worked on numerous projects, with stories ranging from pirate princesses to sparkling unicorns, dancing dinosaurs to creepy crawlies.

A BOY CALLED BOOK

By Vincent Ralph and Aaron Cushley



A profound celebration of books, proving that stories make us who we are.

When a young boy asks his mother why she named him Book, she says, "Because your life is a story. You can write it however you want."

As he grows older, Book lives out different kinds of stories: an adventure book as he climbs the tallest tree, a joke book when he's with a friend, and an encyclopedia when he fills his head with facts. He also learns to turn to stories for comfort when something awful happens. And as his mum said, it's up to him to write the next chapters...

Key Selling Points

- Introduces children to the idea that there are lots of different kinds of books – and people
- The ideal gift for booklovers of any age
- Author Vincent Ralph is a *New-York-Times*-bestselling author of teen fiction. This is his picture book debut
- Illustrator Aaron Cushley is a rising star based in Northern Ireland



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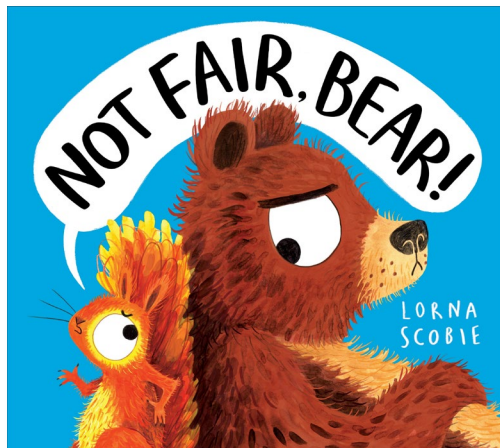
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Vincent Ralph is the bestselling author of YA thrillers *14 Ways to Die* and *Lock the Doors*. Both novels are *New York Times* bestsellers and *Lock the Doors* is also a *USA Today* bestseller and the winner of the *Southern Schools Book Award*. **Aaron Cushley** studied Illustration and Graphic design at the *University Of Ulster Belfast School Of Art & Design*. Aaron's work stems from his inner child and the innocence and creativity that emerges when he takes a pencil in his hand.

NOT FAIR, BEAR!

By Lorna Scobie



Key Selling Points

- Children and parents alike will love following Bear and her funny antics with Squirrel
- With bags of personality and an important message at its heart
- A gentle reminder that being a good friend means thinking of others alongside doing what feels right for us
- Perfect for fans of Jon Klassen and Chris Haughton
- Includes a non-fiction spread at the end of each book

Lorna Scobie is an illustrator and printmaker based in London. Whilst she has illustrated a number of picture and activity books focused on the animal kingdom, *Collecting Cats* was her debut picture book as both author and illustrator, this is her latest laugh-out-loud picture book featuring a whole host of exciting animals.



Bears Don't Share
has sold into
12 territories

Squirrel and Bear do everything together, which means they ALWAYS get along, right? Erm, **WRONG!** Because, even though Squirrel and Bear are best friends, they are also very different.

Squirrel loves hide-and-seek, but Bear is so big that she can never find a good hiding place. Bear loves digging, but Squirrel can never keep up - it's exhausting. Will these two friends find a way to have fun together? (Spoiler alert, you bet they will!)

Rights: World (ex. France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal and Taiwan)

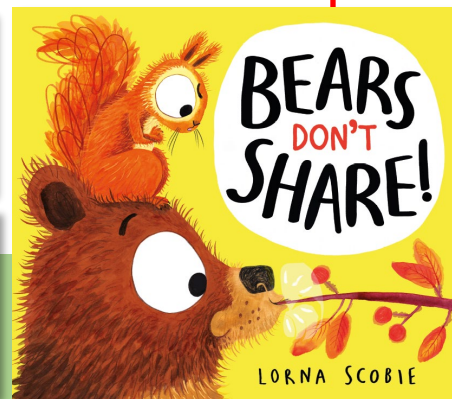
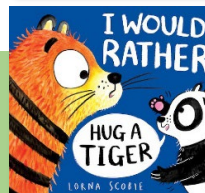
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Pub Date: August 2024

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- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & spot UV



THE DINOSAUR WHO CAME TO DINNER

By Rachel Davis and Mike Byrne

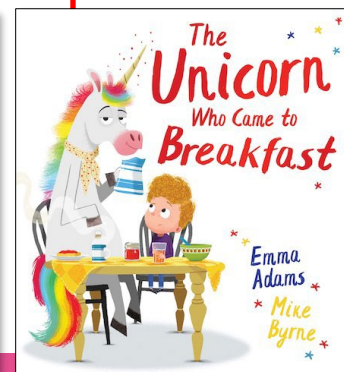
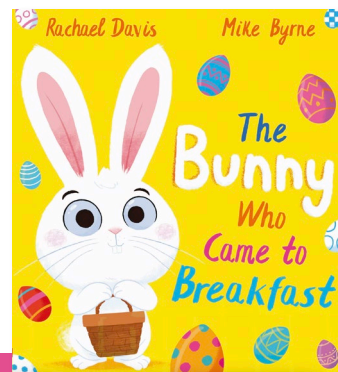


Full of chaos and silliness, this brilliantly fun picture book is perfect for children who love to laugh.

When a dinosaur comes to visit on a bright and sunny day, a little girl and her mother cannot believe their eyes. A DINOSAUR, AT THEIR DOOR! So, what do dinosaurs do for FUN? Well, this one loves to EAT!

Key Selling Points

- Also available: *The Unicorn Who Came to Breakfast* and *The Bunny who Came to Breakfast*
- Bright and bold illustrations by Mike Byrne, bestselling illustrator of *Who Pooed in my Loo* and *Unicorns Don't Love Rainbows*
- Rachael Davis was shortlisted for a *Waterstones Book Prize* in 2023
- Ideal for fans of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*



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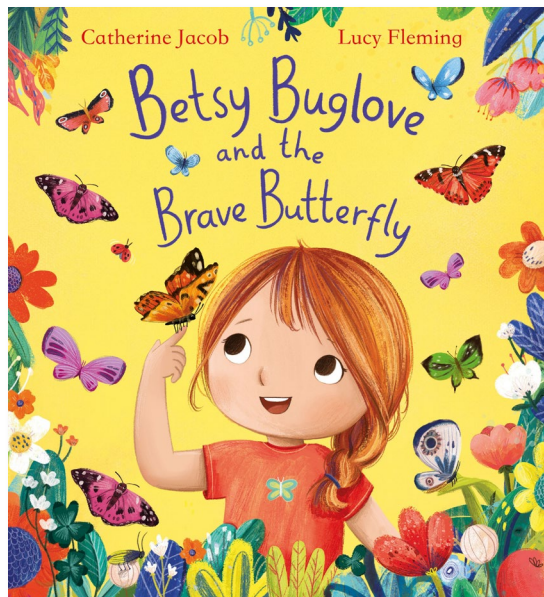
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- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- Cover finishes: Gloss lamination

Rachael Davis writes across picture books, fiction and non-fiction and is passionate about showcasing diversity and mental wellness in children's books. Her debut picture book *I Am Not a Prince* was shortlisted for a *Waterstones Children's Book Prize* in 2023. Rachael lives in Hampshire with her husband and two young daughters. **Mike Byrne** has illustrated *Who Pooed In My Loo*, *Unicorns Don't Love Rainbows*, and many more. 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.

BETSY BUGLOVE AND THE BRAVE BUTTERFLY

By Catherine Jacob and Lucy Fleming



Nature-loving Betsy Buglove is back!

After their brilliantly buzzy (and bestselling) bee-saving adventure, Betsy and Stan are determined to keep a close eye on their insect friends, and it's not long before the butterflies need their help.

Key Selling Points

- The second book from the powerhouse duo behind *Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees*
- With a focus on conservation and the environment – plus two pages of wildlife facts at the back of the book
- The first *Betsy Buglove* book has sold into 11 territories
- This book encourages children to appreciate the great outdoors, and is the perfect addition to all bookshelves in spring and summer
- Book #3 in the series publishing in 2025



Rights: World (ex. China, Italy, France, Netherlands, & Poland)

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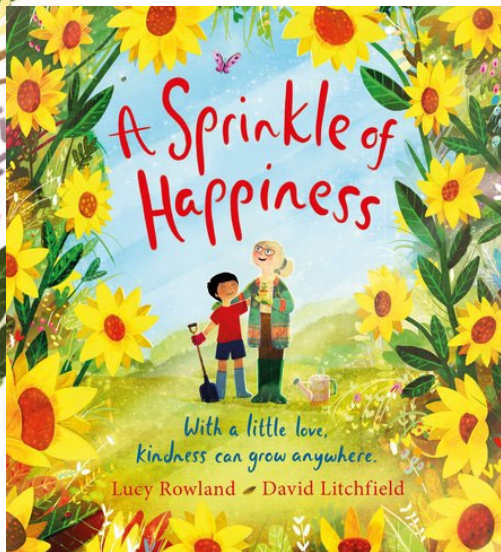
- 275 x 250mm
- 32 pp
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & spot UV



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.

A SPRINKLE OF HAPPINESS

By Lucy Rowland and David Litchfield



An uplifting, heart-warming tale about how joy can grow from the smallest of seeds.

"A sprinkle of happiness . . . that's all you need!"

When a boy and his grandma find a tiny sunflower seed and plant it together, their love and care transforms it into a towering sunflower that spreads joy through their community. But when the sunflower blows down in a storm, will it all have been for nothing? Or will the seeds the pair have sown grow into something even more special . . .

Key Selling Points

- Lucy Rowland's evocative, joyful text beautifully demonstrates how small actions can make a mighty impact
- With breath-taking illustrations by David Litchfield, the creator of *The Bear and the Piano* and illustrator of *Pip and Egg*, this is a true classic in the making
- Perfect for fans of *Grandad's Island* and *The Lion Inside*
- Emphasises the importance of community and the enjoyment that can come from being together

Rights: World (ex. Croatia)

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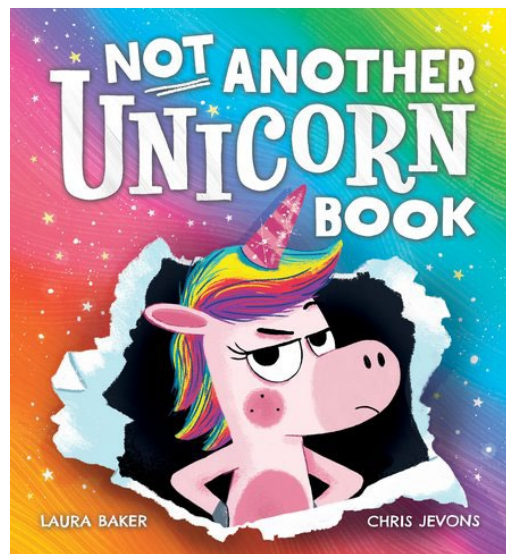
Specifications:

- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp with self ends
- Matt lamination & spot UV

Lucy Rowland loves to create stories with quirky characters, laugh-out-loud moments and irresistible rhymes. Lucy's books include the *There's No Such Thing As* series and *All The Things You Will Do*. **David Litchfield** is the bestselling, 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*.

NOT ANOTHER UNICORN BOOK

By Laura Baker and Chris Jevons



A laugh-out-loud story featuring a very funny, moody unicorn! With lots of detail for children to spot, children will love this fun twist on the traditional unicorn book.

Gah! Not another unicorn book. They're everywhere! When a unicorn who hates unicorn books realises that he is, in fact, IN A UNICORN BOOK himself, he does everything he can to get out. Can he run out of the book? Jump? Eat his way through the pages?! One thing's for sure: it will be a whole lot of fun to watch this unicorn try to get out of yet another unicorn book...

Key Selling Points

- Laura Baker is the author of *All the Wonderful Ways to Read* and *Monsters in Trucks*
- Chris Jevons is the illustrator of *Rhinos Don't Cry* and the bestselling *101 Bums* series
- Perfect for fans of *There's No Such Thing as Unicorns* and *Grumpycorn*

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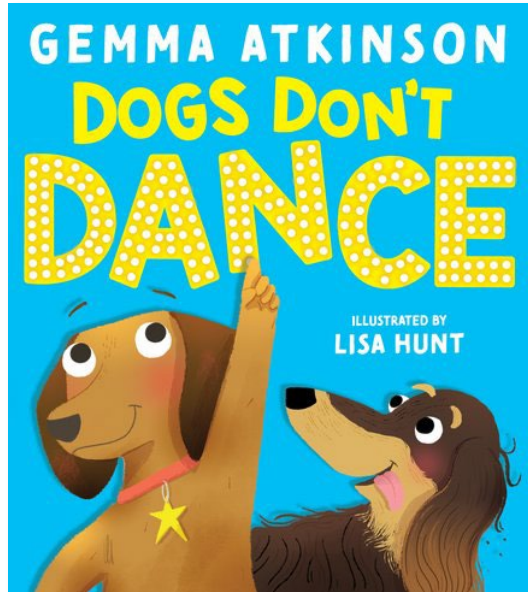


Laura Baker is a children's book author and editor who has written a number of popular picture books, such as *The Colour of Happy*, *All the Wonderful Ways to Read* and *Monsters in Trucks*. Laura was born in Canada and now lives in Wales, UK, with her husband, two sons and their big basset hound.

Chris Jevons is a children's picture book illustrator with a passion for character design and storytelling. He began his career studying art and design at College, and 3d animation at University. After graduating, he worked briefly as a graphic designer, 2d animator and illustrator. Chris has illustrated books including *We Wish You a Smelly Christmas*, *Goldilocks in Space* and *Superpoop*. Chris lives and works in Harrogate, UK.

DOGS DON'T DANCE

By Gemma Atkinson and Lisa Hunt



Gemma Atkinson has more than 1.8M followers on *Instagram*. She's a *CBeebies* Baby and Toddler Club Presenter, a brand ambassador, radio host and dancer of *Strictly Come Dancing* fame. She's also a well-known dog lover and owner of adorable spaniels Norman and Ollie.

This confidence-building picture book by Gemma Atkinson is all about trying new things, embracing difference, encouraging our friends and defying stereotypes.

Dave the dog wants to dance, but the wise pooches at the park bark in shock. They tell him to stick to digging holes, chasing cats and fetching sticks. Will Dave let their words deter him? ... No he won't!

Key Selling Points

- A humorous and bold picture book. You'll be rooting for Dave as he follows his dreams
- Dynamic and vibrant illustrations by Lisa Hunt
- Gemma Atkinson has more than 1.9M followers on *Instagram*. She's a *CBeebies* Baby and Toddler Club Presenter, a brand ambassador, radio host and dancer of *Strictly Come Dancing* fame
- Includes a section at the back of the book where little readers can learn some of Dave's favourite dance moves



Rights: World

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Pub Date: February 2024

Age: 3+

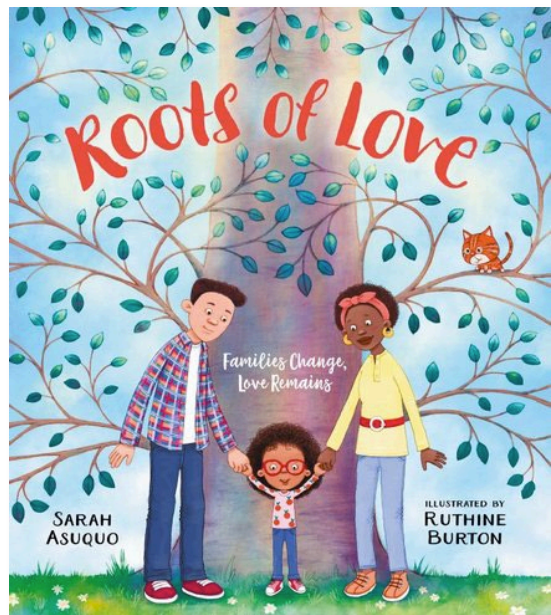
Specifications:

- Full-colour throughout
- 275 x 275mm
- 32pp
- Matt lam & spot UV on cover



ROOTS OF LOVE: FAMILIES CHANGE, LOVE REMAINS

By Sarah Asuquo and Nadia Fisher



A reassuring journey through a child's worries about her family changing.

Tia has had the best day ever, until her parents tell her that they are separating. To top it off, she has to present a project at school all about her family. With the help of her school friends, can Tia learn that there are many different types of family, and that each one can be full of love and happiness?

Key Selling Points

- A reassuring journey through a child's worries about her family changing
- With questions at the back for families to discuss together to relieve anxieties and combat feelings of sadness
- Beautifully illustrated, the book deals with issues of divorce, family structure and love
- Sarah's first book, *Shine*, has been taken into over 40 UK primary schools to be included in the curriculum and libraries

Rights: World

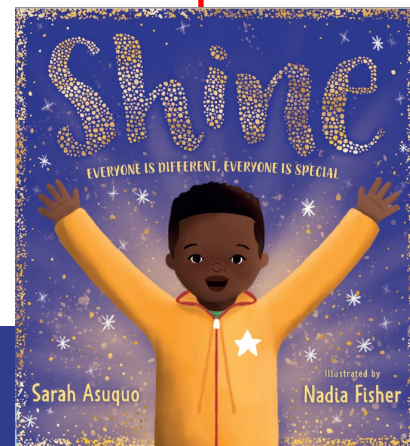
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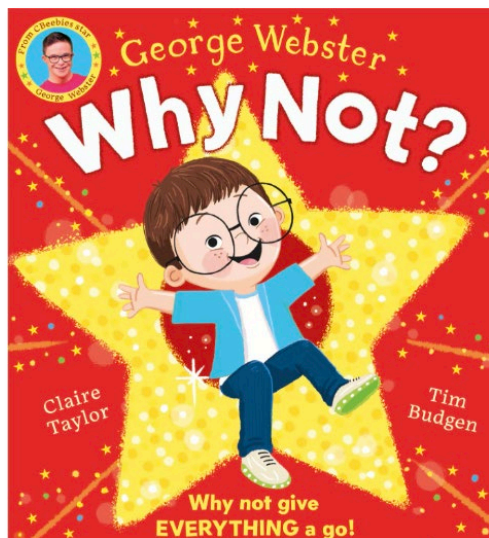
- 275mm x 250mm
- 32 pp
- Cover finishes: Gold foil



Sarah Asuquo originally wrote and self-published *Shine* in 2020, and it garnered a massive response in the number of sales on social media. Born and raised in the vibrant East End of London in a Nigerian household, Sarah thrives on culture and diversity. Her writing venture is influenced by her experiences with the children she has encountered, and she aims to write books that reflect the multicultural society of today in an accurate, relatable, inspiring and positive manner.

WHY NOT?

By George Webster, Claire Taylor and Tim Budgen



A hugely uplifting and inspiring picture book by *CBeebies* sensation George Webster, collaborator Claire Taylor and bestselling illustrator Tim Budgen.

Perfect for every child and every family, *Why Not?* is an energetic, heartfelt and positive story, with bright illustrations that are guaranteed to make you smile. It's sure to inspire everyone to give things a try - after all, why not?!

Key Selling Points

- This celebration of Down Syndrome is joyous and uplifting and a welcome reminder of all that's good in the world
- With a heartwarming story and a whole host of children alongside the main character, this powerful picture book is the perfect way to show children that they can reach for the stars
- Published March 2024, in time for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Rights: World

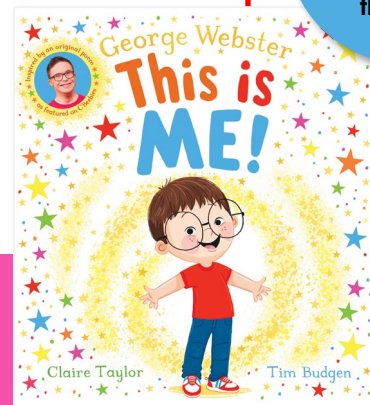
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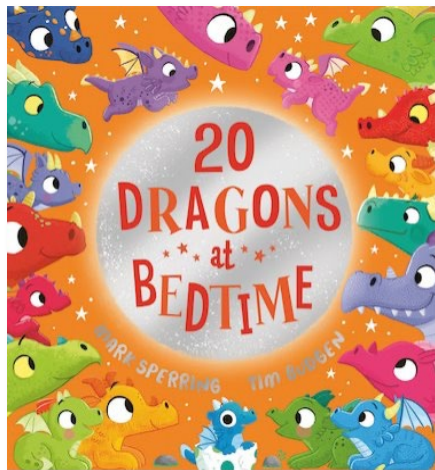
**Shortlisted
for The British Book
Awards' Children's
Illustrated Book of
the Year**



George Webster is an actor, presenter and Ambassador for Mencap, George was catapulted into the public eye when he spoke about Down syndrome in his myth-busting video for *BBC Bitesize* and was later asked to be a presenter on *CBeebies*. George was the first ever *CBeebies* presenter to have Down syndrome. George lives in Leeds. **Tim Budgen** is the outstanding illustrator of bestselling books such as *Twenty Dinosaurs at Bedtime*, *Twenty Unicorns at Bedtime* and *The Magic Pet Shop* series. Tim's illustrations are bright, engaging and perfect for children! Tim lives by the sea on Hayling Island.

TWENTY DRAGONS AT BEDTIME

By Mark Sperring and Tim Budgen

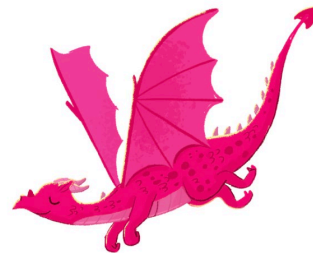


What's the best way to help little ones fall asleep? Introduce them to super sweet dragons, of course!

And with cute, fierce and fire-breathing dragons on every page, and a fun story showing children how to count from one to twenty, this book is set to become every child's new favourite bedtime read.

Key Selling Points

- Gentle calming story that's perfect for bedtime, by bestselling author Mark Sperring
- Gorgeously cute artwork by smash-hit illustrator Tim Budgen
- Children will love learning to count with the help of super cute characters including fluffy bunnies, bright unicorns, friendly dinosaurs, cheeky elves, and now adorable dragons!



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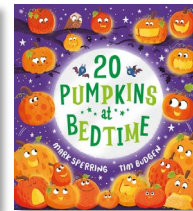
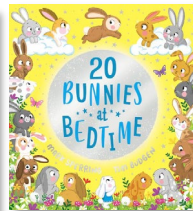
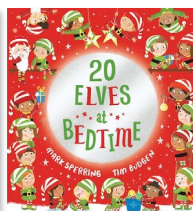
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Pub Date: February 2025

Specifications:

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



Mark Sperring studied at Bath Academy of Art and Camberwell College of Art before working as a printer and a bookseller, and later becoming a children's book author. Mark lives in Bristol. About the illustrator: **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

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS FAIRIES

By Lucy Rowland and Katy Halford

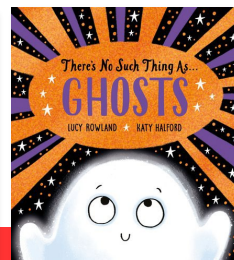
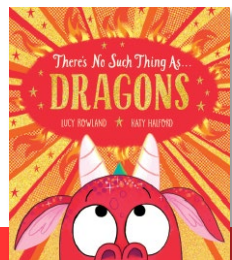
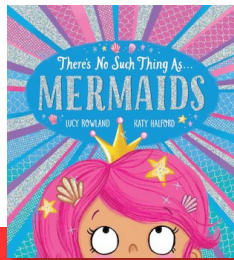
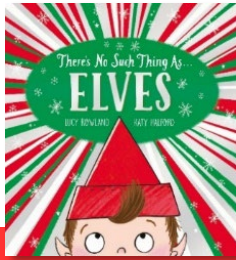


Can YOU find the fairies in this fabulously fun search-and-find picture book?

When a little girl is told there's no such thing as fairies, she doesn't believe it for a second. Fairies must be real! After all, they're always in books and films. But if she has got any chance of proving that fairies are real, this kid needs proof! And do fairies exist? You'll have to wait and see.

Key Selling Points

- Each book has a search-and-find element
- Detailed and colourful illustrations by Katy Halford, illustrator of the bestselling *Unicorn and the Rainbow Poop* series
- Super bright and shiny foiled cover makes this book the perfect gift
- Over 250,000 copies of *There's No Such Thing as Unicorns* in print worldwide



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. **Katy Halford** grew up in Leicestershire, went to *Loughborough University* to study Illustration, and now lives in Melton Mowbray, in a lovely house with a beautiful garden and two bunnies.

Rights: World

Rights Options:

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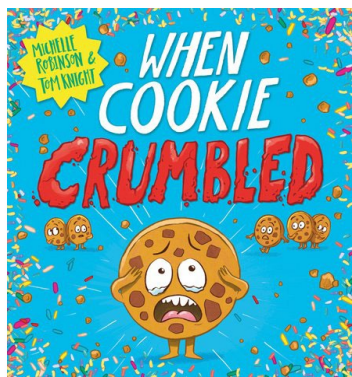
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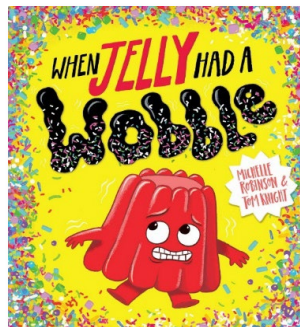
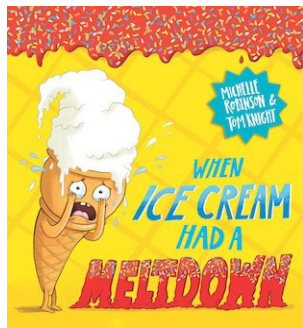
WHEN COOKIE CRUMBLER

By Michelle Robinson and Tom Knight



A humorously heartfelt picture book series to help children feel their feelings.

This series is a wonderful celebration of being true to yourself, and not having to be like everyone else. Each book touches on themes of friendship, understanding and acceptance.



Rights: World (ex. China)

Film Rights: The Catchpole Agency

Pub Date: August 2023

Specifications:

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

Michelle Robinson worked in advertising before turning her creative talents to writing children's books. She is the author of many bestselling titles, including *Ten Fat Sausages* and *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*. Michelle lives in Frome, Somerset. **Tom Knight** is the talented illustrator behind *The Day the Banana Went Bad* and *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bogey*. Tom lives on the east coast of England with his wife Tabby and his two boys Archie and Seth.

INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

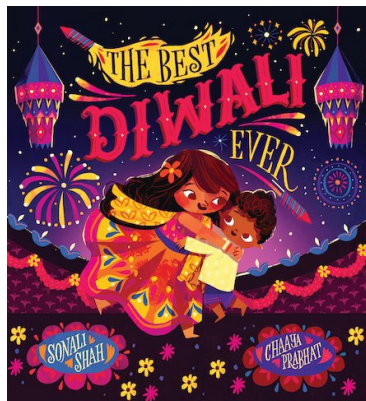
By Ivor Baddiel & Kathryn Selbert | Sonali Shah & Chaaya Prabhat
A.M Dassu & Junissa Bianda | Eva Wong Nava & Xin Li

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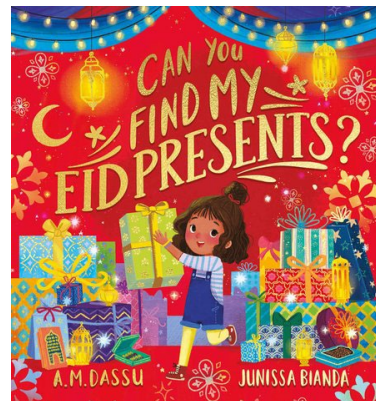
The Night Before Holi
coming February 2025



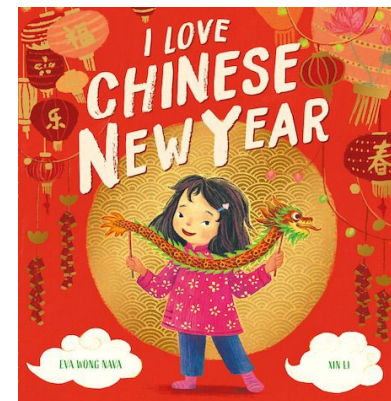
Leora and her family as they come together to put the finishing touches on their Hanukkah preparations and get ready to celebrate. For Leora, her main wish this year is that she will be allowed to light the candles. Leora hopes her family see that she is ready for such a big responsibility . . . If they do, she feels sure it really will be the happiest Hanukkah!



This year, Ariana has plans to make Diwali an extra special celebration, with yummy sweets, divas around the house, pretty clothes, fireworks and ... the rangoli competition, of course! Everything would go perfectly to plan if it weren't for Rafi, her little brother, who's always up to mischief, ruining things... Will he ruin Diwali too?



Hana is helping her mum prepare for Eid. Hana loves the colourful decorations they've arranged around the house! But there is still much to do, so when Hana's mum asks her to get the Eid presents ready to take to Nani's house the next day, Hana is at the ready to help! There's just one problem: where are the Eid presents?



Chinese New Year is right around the corner and Mai-Anne is so exciting to celebrate with her Grandmother, Nai Nia. Together they retell the story behind the Great Race. A beautifully illustrated introduction to the true meaning of Chinese New Year and family traditions for little ones.


Rights: World | **Film Rights:** Various | **Pub Date:** September 2021 – October 2024 | **Specifications:** 250 x 240mm, 32pp

Fiction

Artwork taken from *These Stolen Lives*

Written by Sharada Keats

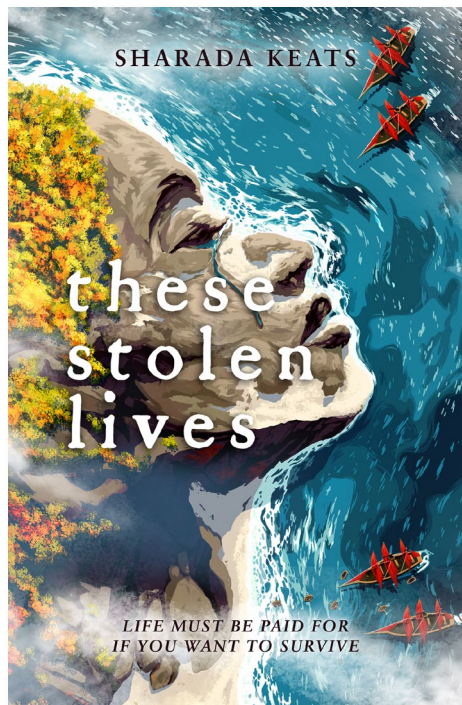
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THESE STOLEN LIVES

By Sharada Keats



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trailer

A suspenseful, deeply moving debut YA dystopia that asks, what is a life truly worth?

In a world where life must be paid for, what are we worth to each other?

Under Skøl rule, not even your life is your own: you must pay the government for the right to live. As part of an oppressed underclass, seventeen-year-old Mora faces a life of endless servitude, repaying the 'debt' of the years she lived before the Skøl takeover.

But then she finds out that twelve-year-old Zako, the closest thing she has to a brother, is to be put to death by the dangerous new governor. Finding the courage to fight back, Mora and a fellow re-payer – the handsome and elusive Kit – conspire to smuggle the boy to safety. But their plan draws them into a dark mystery, a mounting rebellion – and to a heart-pounding mission at the heart of the regime...

Key Selling Points

- A gripping, moving dystopian YA with a rescue mission, a rebellion plot and cunning revenge
- Ideal for fans of Tahereh Mafi's *Shatter Me* and Namina Forna's *The Gilded Ones*
- A #SlowBurn, #FriendsToLovers romance that crackles with tension

Rights: World

Film Rights: The Good Literary Agency

Pub Date: April 2024

Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 465pp
- 85,000 words

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

THE VIRTUE SEASON

By L.M. Nathan



Are you ready for dystopian *Bridgerton*?

The world didn't end all at once but drip by drip... Manon Pawlak has just turned eighteen – a debutant at the start of The Virtue Season: a process which will result in a match with a suitable genetic mate. Her best friend, Agatha, has been decommissioned. Her seizures mean that she has been branded with a scar on the crest of her cheek which will forever sit at the corner of her vision, colouring the world in shades of mauve. This is the story of their ritual year. And the Council is watching...

Key Selling Points

- *Bridgerton* meets *The Hunger Games* with shades of *The Handmaid's Tale*. As romantic as it is sinister and completely unputdownable
- Featuring the ever-popular BookTok tropes of #forbiddenromance, #friendstolovers and #forcedproximity
- Featuring topical themes, including a woman's right to choose, a woman's right to her own body, totalitarianism and how true love endures in even the darkest of places
- Contains mature themes

Rights: World

Film Rights: Curtis Brown Literary and Talent Agency

Pub Date: July 2024

Age: 16+

Specifications:

- 336pp
- 71,000 words

L.M. Nathan grew up in the East Midlands, flitting from there to Bristol where she studied English and Drama and then to Malta where she completed an MA in Literature. She also has an MA in Journalism which she studied for in Manchester. She now lives in rural Lancashire in the shadow of Pendle Hill.

OFFICIALLY LOSING IT

By Rebecca Anderson



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A frank, relatable and outrageously funny YA novel full of heart, friendship and the utter chaos of first relationships.

When Rose decides to lose her virginity to her gorgeous, sweet boyfriend, Joel, the scene is set for a major milestone. Except, when it comes to it, they can't seem to make it ... *happen*.

Rose's 'epic sex fail' freaks her out. Isn't everyone else having an easy, fun, painless time?! After seeing initially dismissive doctors, Rose uncovers a health issue meaning she's facing super awkward therapies – and even a daunting operation - if she's to have a 'normal' sex life. To make matters worse, her relationship with Joel grows strained under the pressure. But it turns out sex is not always straightforward for Rose's friends (or strangers on the internet) either, and she soon becomes the accidental confidante of cringe. Maybe bodies and relationships are as weird and individual as we are?

Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *Sex Education*, Holly Bourne, Ciara Smyth and Alice Oseman
- An empowering take on friendships, teen relationships and personal growth.
- With her counselling background, debut author Rebecca Anderson embraces vulnerability and opens honest shame-busting conversations about our relationship with our bodies, healthy relationships, and awkward or challenging first (and future!) times
- Contains mature themes

Rights: World

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Age: 16+

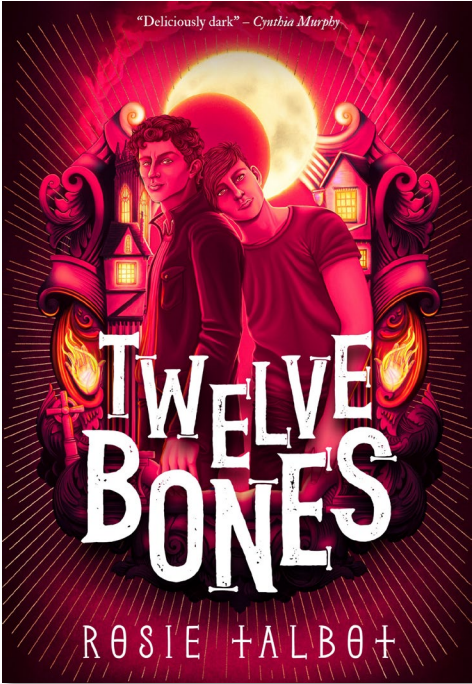
Specifications:

- 400pp
- 80,000 words

Rebecca Anderson is a graphic designer and practising counsellor, with too many creative hobbies to list. Her writing explores sex and mental health with both honesty and humour, and she hopes to empower and validate readers. She has been longlisted in the Times Chicken House competition and was selected for the WriteMentor Summer Mentoring Programme 2022. Another one of her pitches was chosen as a reader's favourite for the WriteMentor Novel-In-Development Award.

TWELVE BONES

By Rosie Talbot



A spectacular YA romantasy duology, with intricate plotting, a compelling mystery and a diverse cast of characters from BookTok star @Morrowchild.

Charlie Frith and his new love, Sam, have just saved the dead from the living. Now it's time to focus on being a normal couple – if such a thing exists? But when a new threat lurks in the shadows, this time to the living, and all who Charlie and Sam hold dear, they must put everything on the line – including their lives – to work out who is behind it. And even then, it may not be enough.

Key Selling Points

- Rosie is a dedicated BookTok content creator with over 135,000 followers (@merrowchild) and 4.7 M views
- Perfect for fans of Cemetery Boys, Becky Albertalli and V. E. Schwab, this is the perfect romantasy read for BookTok
- Rosie is a bookseller and a hugely engaged member of the online YA community – she has a truly authentic and impactful reach to her audience
- Over 17,000 copies sold in the UK across the series

Rosie Talbot belongs to the leafy wilds of 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* was her first novel.

#SIXTEENSOULS
has over 2M
views on TikTok

Rights: World (ex. Germany)

Rights Optioned:
Poland, Italy, Hungary, Spain, Czech Republic, Ukraine & USA

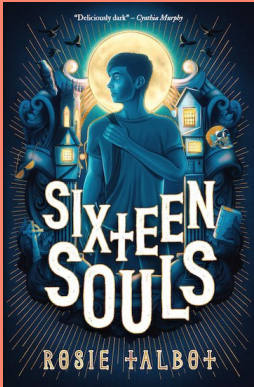
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Pub Date: October 2023

Age: 13+

Specifications:
• 432pp
• 100,000 words

*“Heartstopper with ghosts”
– The comparison being made all across BookTok!*



Praise for Sixteen Souls

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

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

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

“Deliciously dark” – Cynthia Murphy

LET'S SPLIT UP

By Bill Wood



From
BookTok star
Bill Wood

Can a group of friends crack the murder case in time, or will one of them become the next target? A perfectly formed horror thriller with bite from BookTok star @billreads

When hot 'it-couple' Brad and Shelley are brutally murdered in a Victorian mansion, a group of teen friends investigate.

Set in a small town where rumour spreads fast, the theory is the old ghoul who haunts the house after his own murder hundreds of years ago has finally taken revenge. As Cam, Jonesy, Amber and new-girl Buffy investigate, the rumour feels closer to the truth than they ever dared think possible, and as they enter the mansion themselves, the idea of splitting up to find evidence will prove to be either the best ... or worst decision of all...

Key Selling Points

- A nail-biting thriller for the YA BookTok generation. This is *Scooby Doo* meets *Win Lose Kill Die*
- A guaranteed page turner full of tension and twists you won't see coming!
- Posting as @billreads, Bill has received 10 million likes on the book-obsessed platform where he champions, reviews and discusses the books he reads

Rights: World

Film Rights:
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Pub Date: October 2024

Age: 13+

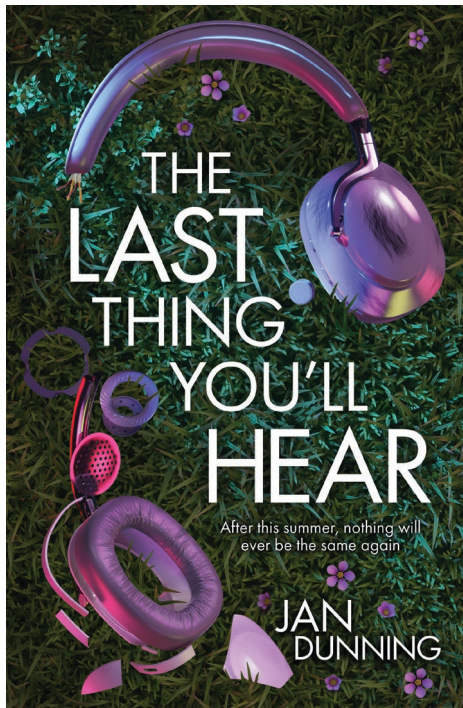
Specifications:

- 320pp
- 64,000 words

Bill Wood is a 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. Bill previously self-published a YA fantasy novel.

THE LAST THING YOU'LL HEAR

By Jan Dunning



Cover not final

Have you ever been so obsessed with someone that you start to lose yourself? A pulse-racing thriller that explores themes of cult mentality and toxic masculinity.

Wren and Lark are rivals first and sisters second, so when music producer, Adam, and his DJ prodigy come to their small town, the game is on to impress.

Lark is soon taken under Adam's wing and as she's pulled deeper into his web, distancing herself from friends and family, Wren starts to suspect Adam isn't who he says he is. Then when the sisters get a chance to perform at the most talked-about event of the summer, suddenly there is a lot to lose ... but can Wren separate her dreams from the one thing she loves more than anything ... her sister? One thing's for sure: after this summer, nothing will ever be the same again.

Key Selling Points

- With themes of celebrity fandom and sisterhood, this is a rich and clever novel about finding your own authentic voice no matter the consequences
- Features a #FriendsToLovers romance between Wren and her best friend Danny, who is deaf
- Perfect for fans of Cynthia Murphy and *Daisy Jones and the Six*

Rights: World

Film Rights:

Anne Clark Literary Agency

Pub Date: June 2024

Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 416pp
- 80,000 words



Jan Dunning's debut was *Mirror Me*, a YA thriller that reimagined the tale of Snow White, set in the high-fashion world. A former fashion model, she lives in Bath with her family, and in addition to her writing and art photography, works as an art teacher.

THE VULPINE

By Polly Crosby



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

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

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

Key Selling Points

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

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

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

Rights: World

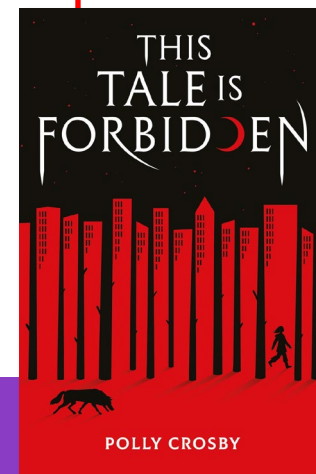
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Age: 13+

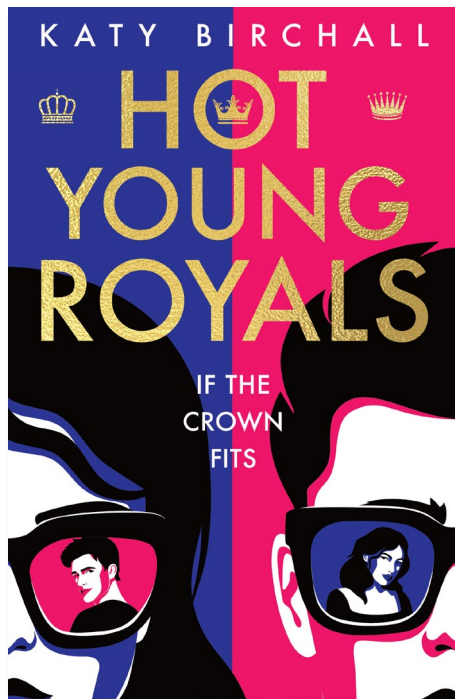
Specifications:

- 320pp
- 70,000 words



HOT YOUNG ROYALS

By Katy Birchall



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

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

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

Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *Red, White and Royal Blue* and *Gossip Girl*
- Aspirational and accessible for a generation who have grown up accessing the lives of the rich and famous on social media

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:
Germany

Film Rights: Bell
Lomax Moreton
Agency

Pub Date: May 2025

Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 320pp
- 76,000 words

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

BLOOD FLOWERS

By Jay McGuinness



Click [HERE](#)
to view the
trailer

A powerful dystopian debut full of dark witchcraft, murder, betrayal and a sweeping slow-burn romance to die for...

Seventeen-year-old Bear lives in the walled town of Calleston, a place of stark divide between the rich and poor. When the town's annual Field Day harvest shows Bear to have unprecedented abilities, he's hurtled into the upper echelons of society, and everything he's ever wanted is within his grasp. But as he finds himself wandering amongst uncaring, callous people and becomes entangled with the Overlord's beautiful but spiteful daughter, Bear is forced to make decisions which may jeopardize everything he's dreamed of – or risk the lives of the people he once lived amongst.

Key Selling Points

- The biggest-selling YA debut in the market on its first week of release
- The debut novel from award-winning, globally acclaimed member of boyband *The Wanted*, Jay McGuinness
- Based on where Jay grew-up, *Blood Flowers* focuses on themes of poverty and class divide
- A powerful plot, sweeping, heartfelt romance and an iconic new YA hero
- “A highly imagined world with slow-burning romance, gripping horror and an inventive magical system” - Amy McCaw, author of *Mina and the Undead*

Rights: World (ex. Italy)

Film Rights: Electric Live

Pub Date: February 2024

Age: 13+

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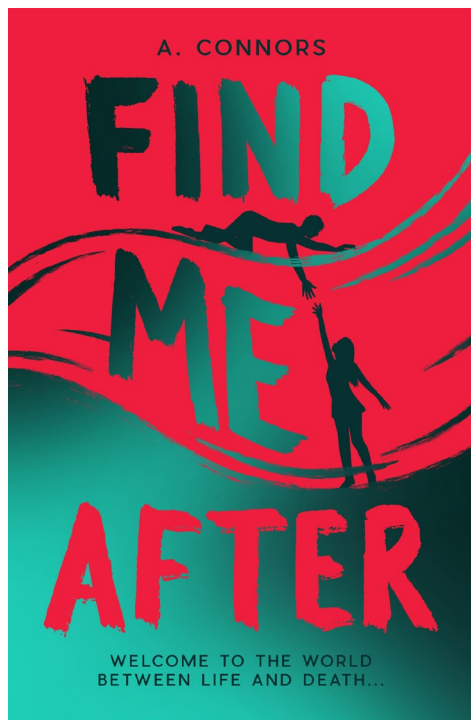
- 432pp
- 90,000 words

“A heart-racing tale of friendship, rebellion, and love, whose characters and vividly-drawn world stay with you for long after you close the final page.” - Esmie Jikiemi-Pearson, author of *The Principle Moments*

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

FIND ME AFTER

By A. Connors



Where do you go when you're not quite gone?

In one of his epileptic fits, Kyle realizes that he has the ability to travel to The Stillness – an eerie dimension populated by those who are between life and death.

There he meets his real-world crush, Farah, who, they work out, is in a coma back home. But the way back to life is dark and dangerous, and time is running out...

Key Selling Points

- A. Connors was inspired to write this novel based on his own experience with epilepsy
- A slow-burn romance at the centre of the story that is perfect for anyone who loves BookTok tropes #ForcedProximity and #FriendsToLovers
- The world Adam creates (called The Stillness) is wildly imaginative and will appeal to fans of Erik J. Brown, Patrick Ness and Netflix's *Stranger Things*
- *The Girl Who Broke the Sea*, a deep-sea thriller, was nominated for the 2024 Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing

Rights: World

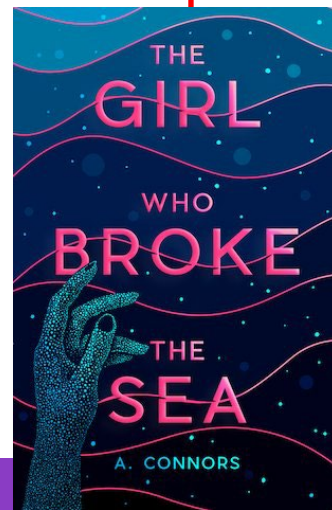
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Pub Date: July 2024

Age: 13+

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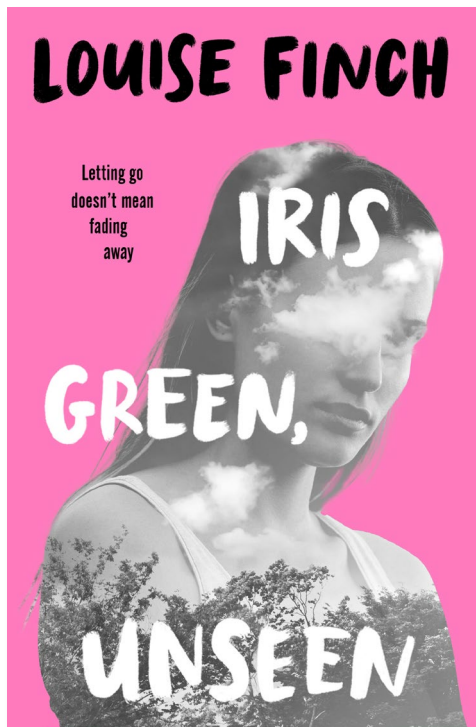
- 38400
- 75,000 words



A. Connors has a PHD in physics and an MA in creative writing and was one of the *Undiscovered Voices* of 2020. He works for a large tech company and lives just outside London with his wife and two sons, with whom he enjoys making science projects. *The Girl Who Broke the Sea*, a mind-expanding thriller that takes place at the bottom of the sea, was his debut novel.

IRIS GREEN, UNSEEN

By Louise Finch



A sensational heartbreak romance with a friends-to-lovers twist from the highly-acclaimed author of *The Eternal Return of Clara Hart*.

When Iris Green discovers that her boyfriend is cheating on her with one of her best friends, she doesn't just *feel* invisible – she actually *becomes* invisible. And the less she can be seen herself, the more she sees about the people around her, discovering uncomfortable truths about them ... and herself.

Can she find her way back to being fully present in her own life, before it's too late and she disappears altogether?

Key Selling Points

- A powerful novel about self-discovery in the wake of a traumatic event
- *The Eternal Return of Clara Hart* was shortlisted for the Bookseller YA book prize in 2023, the 2023 Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing and the Branford Boase Award
- Perfect for fans of Laura Nowlin's *If He Had Been With Me* and Dustin Thao's *You've Reached Sam*

Praise for *The Eternal Return of Clara Hart*:

- "Compulsively readable" – *Guardian*
- "What a voice" – Sue Wallman, author of *I Know You Did It*

Rights: World

Film Rights: Lindsay Literary Agency

Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 14+

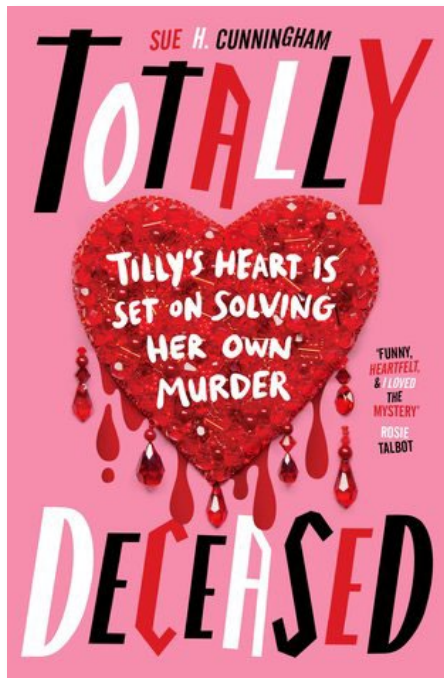
Specifications:

- 320pp
- 75,000 words

Louise Finch is an autistic author based in the South-East of England. She grew up in a small town in the Midlands and graduated from Lancaster University with a degree in Art History. She now lives on the Surrey/Hampshire border with her partner and two dogs surrounded by vintage furniture and too many houseplants.

TOTALLY DECEASED

By Sue H. Cunningham



A one-of-a-kind, hilarious, high-stakes murder mystery!

Seventeen-year-old Jess wakes from an emergency heart transplant to discover she's being haunted by the disgruntled ghost of her donor – teenage socialite, Tilly. And she won't leave Jess in peace until they unravel the mystery surrounding her death.

Their investigations take them deep into Tilly's luxurious heiress life – from private schools to Swiss banks and high-end hotels. But the clues lead somewhere darker than either of the girls could have imagined. And if Jess can't solve the murder in time, her own life may be at risk...

Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *Holly Jackson* and Netflix's *Inventing Anna*
- A tightly-plotted, laugh-out-loud read that will keep you on the edge of your seat, for fans of *Only Murders in the Building* and classic 1990s film *Ghost*
- Perfect for BookTok and Bookstagram, readers will love this unique YA offering
- "Funny, heartfelt and I loved the mystery" - *Rosie Talbot, author of Sixteen Souls*
- "A truly fresh take on a YA thriller with a wonderful friendship at its core" - *Tess James-Mackey, author of Someone is Watching You*

Rights: World (ex. Italy)

Film Rights: The Blair Partnership LLP

Pub Date: October 2023

Age: 13+

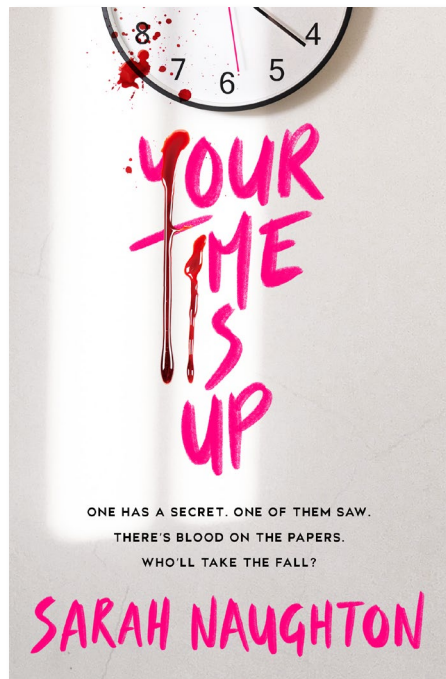
Specifications:

- 320pp
- 65,000 words

Sue H. Cunningham lives in Manchester with her husband, two sons and a female cockapoo. Sue has won the Write Mentor Children's Novel Award 2020 and was longlisted in the Bath Children's Novel Award 2020. She's also won competitions run by *Writers' Forum* and Darley Anderson/Orion. She's sold more than 50 short stories to magazines in the UK, Australia, Sweden, Finland and South Africa.

YOUR TIME IS UP

By Sarah Naughton



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

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

Key Selling Points

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

Rights: World

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Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 14+

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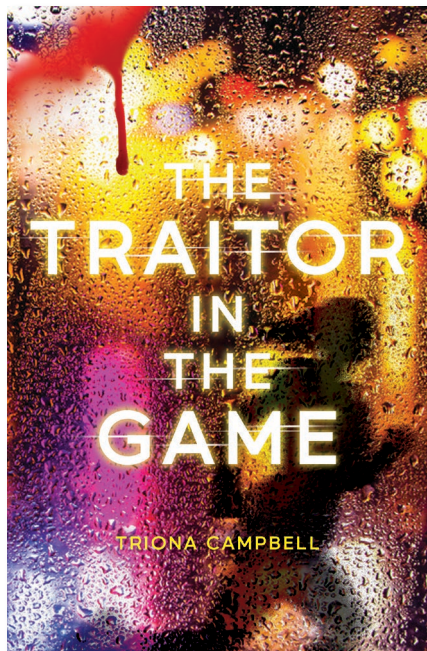
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Sarah Naughton worked as an advertising copywriter for ten years before her first book was published in 2013. A supernatural thriller for teens, *The Hanged Man Rises* was shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards. She also writes psychological thrillers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

THE TRAITOR IN THE GAME

By Triona Campbell



"Tightly plotted,
tense and utterly
fascinating" –
Cynthia Murphy

An epic YA thriller with a gripping romantic edge. Perfect for fans of *Mr Robot*, *Black Mirror*, *Ready Player One* and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

The sequel to explosive YA thriller *A Game of Life or Death*. At the end of book one, Asha Kennedy uncovered the dark secret at the heart of virtual reality game "Shackle" – you don't play the game, it plays you – and must now go deeper into a dangerous world of corruption and greed.

Set in New York, this is a whiplash-paced, twisty mystery and scorching romance where Asha's enemies may be closer than she could ever imagine...

Key Selling Points

- Part murder mystery, part pulse-pounding cat-and-mouse thriller, with the fiendishly imaginative world-building of *The Hunger Games*, and scorching enemies-to-lovers romance, this series has something for every reader of YA and multi-*TikTok*-category appeal
- Asha is Lisbeth Salander for a new generation: brave, resilient, super-smart and troubled
- Book #1 published with a stand-out marketing campaign where readers could hack into the enigmatic *Zu Tech* corporation website to unlock sneak peeks and exclusive content

Rights: World

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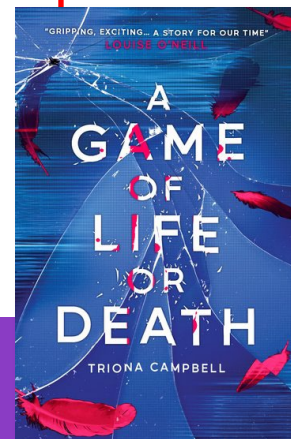
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Age: 13+

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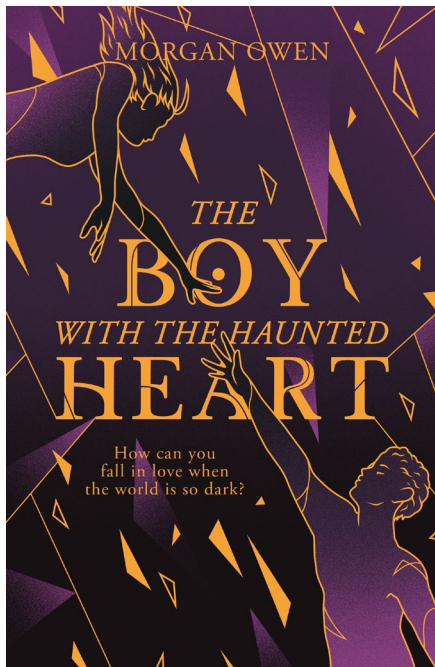
- 400pp
- 80,000 words



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

THE BOY WITH THE HAUNTED HEART

By Morgan Owen



Ruby and Oliver return in the sensational sequel to romantasy *The Girl With No Soul*.

How can you love when your heart is haunted?

Ruby Renato is watching her one true love descend into darkness. The more Oliver practises dangerous strands of shadow magic, the further he sacrifices his soul to gain power. As the city brinks on revolution, and the divide between the lovers grows bigger, Ruby must hunt for a newly discovered sixth element of the soul, if she is to hold on to what she loves.

Key Selling Points

- A captivating YA romantasy duology
- Praise for *The Girl With No Soul*: “Full of adventure, mystery and secrets, with twisty turns and tender moments. This is young adult fantasy at its very best” – *C&B News*
- Combining a fabulous concept, a swooning love story and intoxicating world building, all in a glorious package
- Perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo’s *Six of Crows*

#TheGirlWithNoSoul
has over 195,000
views on TikTok

Rights: World (ex. France, Italy & Spain)

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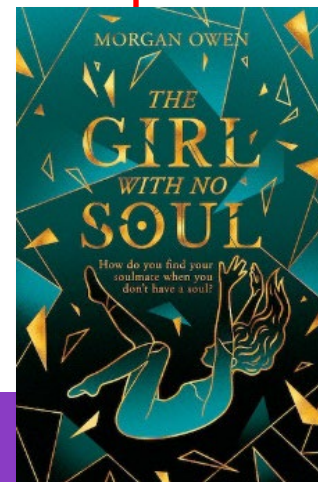
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Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 400pp
- 80,000 words



Morgan Owen is a former bookseller who lives in Birmingham with two magical black cats. She was taught to read by her mother, but it was her late grandmother who taught her how to tell stories. In her spare time, she enjoys stargazing, doodling, visiting ancient ruins and collecting curious objects.

A GAME OF SCANDAL

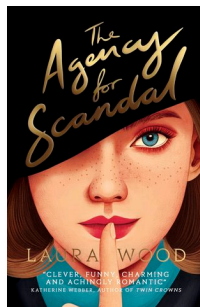
By Laura Wood



The third book in the irresistible YA series that's *Enola Holmes* meets *Bridgerton*.

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

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



Key Selling Points

- A gorgeous new coming-of-age mystery romance series from Laura Wood
- A smart, charming, brilliantly plotted and swooningly romantic story about a collective of bold women changing their world

Laura Wood loves Georgette Heyer novels, Fred Astaire films, travelling to far flung places, recipe books, Jilly Cooper, poetry, new stationery, sensation fiction, salted caramel and feminism.

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:
France, Germany,
Hungary & Spain

Film Rights:
Luigi Bonomi
Associates Ltd

Pub Date: January
2025

Age: 12+

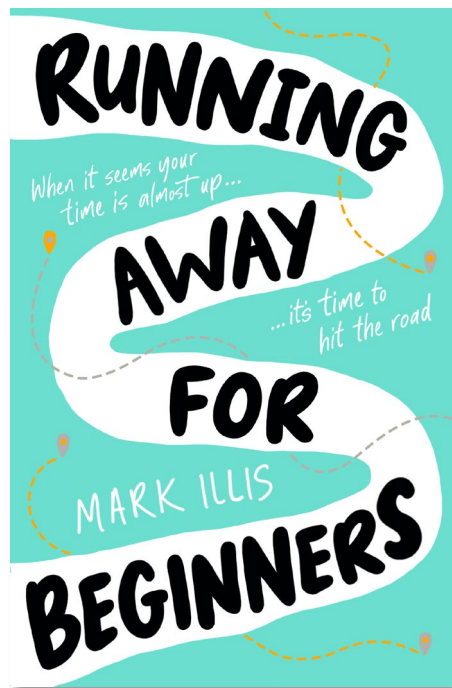
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- 80,000 words,
512pp

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

RUNNING AWAY FOR BEGINNERS

By Mark Illis



You can't run from bad news. Or can you? A heartfelt journey of a book, perfect for fans of John Green and Nicola Yoon.

Jasper was just diagnosed with cancer. Treatment starts in a week, and his parents want him to carry on as normal. But Jasper knows that's impossible, and his friends help organize a weekend trip to the seaside to get away from everything. It'll be like running away for beginners, they joke. But as the journey goes on, things don't go as planned and everyone's secrets come out. All, that is, except Jasper's own secret: that when it's time to go back home, he won't be going with them.

Key Selling Points

- A funny, heartfelt journey of a book, with vivid friendship dynamics and an unforgettable protagonist and narrator
- This story was inspired by Mark Illis's own experiences as a teen diagnosed with cancer
- Brilliant writing that balances intense subject matter with humour

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Holroyde Cartey
Limited

Pub Date: March 2024

Age: 12+

Specifications:

- 320pp
- 65,000 words

Mark Illis is an author who has written novels, short stories, radio plays and TV drama. He was diagnosed with cancer when he had just turned 18, and he underwent chemotherapy and eventually a life-saving leg amputation – experiences that inspired this novel. “Mark is a born storyteller. His dialogues crackle with truth, his characters rub against each other in an honest and brilliant way.” – Phil Earle

PHANTOM HEARTS

By Rosie Talbot and Illustrated by Sarah Maxwell

Brand New
Graphic Novel
from
BookTokker Rosie
Talbot



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From the bestselling author of *Sixteen Souls* comes a thrilling graphic novel with a supernatural murder mystery twist

Sixteen-year-old Malia is popular, pretty and smart, but underneath her carefully crafted facade she's struggling with anxiety. When a school bus crashes killing some of her fellow students, Malia is thrown into a further emotional spiral as she remembers the students; rebel and dropout Shepherd; volatile track star Russ; and brainy Emil. When Malia meets Keezy, the cute daughter of the local mechanic, the two begin to question the motive for the crash.

As Malia and Keezy start to uncover secrets, Malia starts to see ghosts wherever she goes. How will Malia find time to flirt with Keezy when pursued by restless spirits ... what don't the dead classmates want her to discover?

And will Malia ever find the courage to tell Keezy how she feels?

Key Selling Points

- *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* meets *Heartstopper* with a supernatural murder mystery twist, told in the form of a graphic novel
- A supernatural story featuring LGBTQ+ characters
- Malia's thrilling world is brought to life by illustrator Sarah Maxwell's incredible artwork
- Rosie is a dedicated BookTok content creator with over 138,000 followers (@merrowchild) and five million views
- Her stunning YA duology, *Sixteen Souls*, has sold into 8 languages

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:

Poland, Italy, Hungary, Spain, Czech Republic, Ukraine & USA

Film Rights:

Madeleine Milburn Ltd

Pub Date:

September 2024

Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 288pp
- 30,000 words

Rosie Talbot belongs to the leafy wilds of 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.

MY BIG FAT SMELLY POO DIARY

By Jim Smith

Full-colour graphic novel from bestselling author Jim Smith

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Caroline Sheldon
Literary Agency

Pub Date:
August 2024

Age: 7+

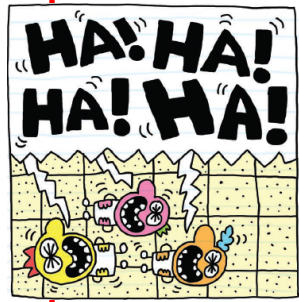
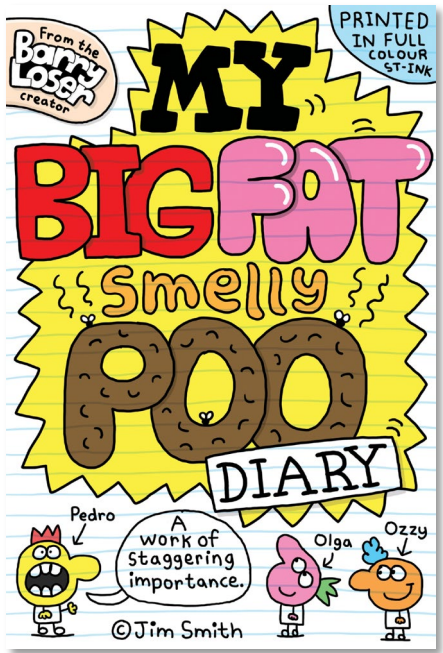
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- Full colour interior illustrations
 - 224pp

A hilarious brand new full-colour graphic novel series from bestselling creator Jim Smith. *My Big Fat Smelly Poo Diary* 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 and help them solve mysteries of the most unexpected kind... such as the case of the UNFLUSHED POOS.

Key Selling Points

- From the bestselling creator of *Barry Loser* comes a brand-new 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



Book #2
publishing
February 2025

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.

SQUID SQUAD

By Aoife Dooley



Sample Artwork

***Spongebob Squarepants* meets *Bunny Versus Monkey* in a hilarious, zany, full-colour graphic novel for younger readers.**

Naughty best friends Ollie the vampire squid and Zing the toxin-squirting sea bunny live in the Middle of Nowhere, a town in the deep sea that's home to the wackiest and weirdest creatures of the ocean – like stinky Blob, crafty Hypno-snail, and the mysterious Snakey Unicorn Thing...

Ollie and Zing's naughty antics with their colourful neighbours always keep things lively – especially when they get the better of dastardly old Thornelius the thorn-shooting sea snail! This book contains four hilarious mini episodes, featuring a stolen pet sea anemone (who makes a dashing wig) and a magical toilet...

Key Selling Points

- Full of action-packed mystery and mischief
- High energy, visual, episodic storytelling is perfect for low attention spans
- Aoife has a wonderfully zany, silly humour that will appeal to kids and her bold, bright artwork is perfect for this graphic, fun, colourful younger area of the market
- Aoife brings her unique neurodivergent perspective to the story and highlights and celebrates her odd and quirky characters, basing many of them on the very real unusual creatures found in the deep sea

Rights: World

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

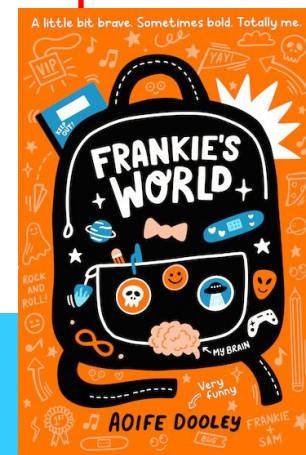
Film Rights: The Lisa Richards Agency

Pub Date: May 2025

Age: 7+

Specifications:

- 224pp
- 7000 words



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*.

NINA PEANUT: MEGA MYSTERY SOLVER

By Sarah Bowie



Click [HERE](#) to view the trailer

Sold into 8 languages



The second book in the most charming and funny new character launch of 2024.

Nina is the new best friend for all kids, everywhere. Nina Peanut is in the running to be class captain, and of course her main rival is mean girl Megan Dunne, who is taking every chance to sabotage Nina. Plus, Nina and Brian have turned ghost hunters and detectives extraordinaire as they investigate the mystery of a haunted shoe in a series of vlogs.

Key Selling Points

- Hilariously funny, with relatable themes, of friendship/frenemies, big dreams and brilliant pets. Hours and hours of reading fun guaranteed for kids
- Warm, offbeat wit and gorgeous, bright full colour art throughout
- Perfect for fans of *Wimpy Kid*, *Dork Diaries* and *Lottie Brooks*
- Sold into 8 languages, and under offer in 2 languages pre-UK publication



Scholastic Fiction

Rights: World (ex. Greece, Israel, Slovakia, Spain (Spanish & Catalan), The Netherlands, Turkey & USA)

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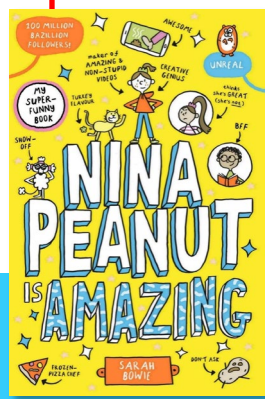
Pub Date:

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

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 272pp
- Full colour interior illustrations

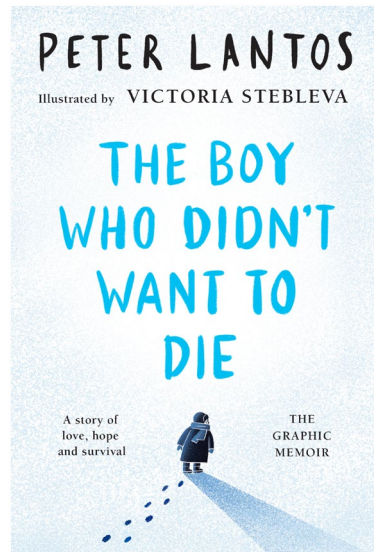


Sarah Bowie is a writer and illustrator from Ireland. She is also an arts educator and runs workshops in schools on comic-making, visual storytelling and doodling for wellbeing. She is co-founder of *The Comics Lab* and of Ireland's first Graphic Short Story Prize in partnership with the *Irish Times*.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

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

By Peter Lantos

Illustrated by Victoria Stebleva



Cover not final

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

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

Key Selling Points

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



Rights: World

Rights Options:

Italy, Hungary & Spain

Film Rights:

Scholastic UK

Pub Date: January 2025

Age: 8+

Specifications:

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch the trailer

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

FOX GOES NORTH

By Jeremy Strong

Illustrated by Heegyum Kim

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse meets *Winnie-the-Pooh* in this charming, deeply moving and beautifully illustrated fable about a life's journey, full of friendship and hope.

An extraordinary house on wheels is being towed along a forest track by doleful Moose. On board the house are philosophical Fox; distinguished Bear; impatient Toucan, with his magnetic beak that always points north; argumentative Little Owl, and excitable Young Llama. Together they are travelling to the Snowlands to see the Northern Lights – but meeting several problems on the way. The Lights are magical, but it is also there that they meet heartfelt tragedy...

Key Selling Points

- A whimsical, charming and emotionally moving tale with shades of classics like *Winnie-the-Pooh*, *Charlotte's Web* and *The Jungle Book* in a beautiful, gifty package with international appeal
- A heart-tugging message about saying goodbye introduces the difficult topic of death to young people in a gentle way, with warmth and wit
- Jeremy Strong is a widely admired and respected children's author with a long history of involvement in the book world

Jeremy Strong is a former head teacher and multi-award-winning children's author, a fact recognized by 10 Downing Street when Jeremy was invited to speak to the Prime Minister as a reading ambassador. He launched the popular Read for My School campaign with *Book Trust*.

Rights: World

Film Rights:
David Higham Associates

Pub Date: October 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 256pp
- 24,000 words



DIARY OF A FUTURE BILLIONAIRE

By Pamela Butchart



Sample Artwork

The start of a hilarious new middle-grade series from beloved award-winning, 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

- The start of a hilarious, high-energy middle-grade series, perfect for fans of *Tom Gates* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
- Written by bestselling, award-winning author, Pamela Butchart. This takes Pamela in an exciting new direction with a cast of characters who are sure to become household favourites
- Voice-led fiction at its finest told in engaging diary format with engaging black and white illustrations throughout

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Lindsay Literary
Agency

Pub Date: February
2025

Age: 9+

Specifications:
• 224pp

Pamela Butchart lives in Dundee with her son and their two awesome cats, Bear and Carlos. 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.

MORTAL ENGINES: THUNDER CITY

By Philip Reeve



The perfect story to delight the series' thousands of fans and introduce a whole new generation to the international bestselling fantasy series, *Mortal Engines*.

An epic, thrilling, action-packed city-eat-city adventure starring brave fighter Tamzin Pook, who must travel from the spectator-sport combat arena in Margate to the Thunder City, where a chilling villain has seized power. She will face Revenants – animal/machine hybrids with ferocious appetites – dangerous mercenaries and must learn to trust a group of oddballs whose eccentricities mask their huge hearts and steadfast courage.

Key Selling Points

- Page-turning, witty, astonishingly imaginative storytelling from a writer at the top of his game
- This is big, bold, wide-horizon adventure fantasy from a master storyteller: perfect for fans of *Skandar* and *Percy Jackson*
- A standalone title in the modern classic bestselling fantasy adventure series, *Mortal Engines*
- *Mortal Engines* has sold 500,000 copies in the UK alone

Rights: World

Rights optioned: Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Mongolia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbian, Slovakia, Sweden, Spain, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine & Yugoslavia

Film Rights:

The Soho Agency Ltd

Pub Dates: September 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 368pp

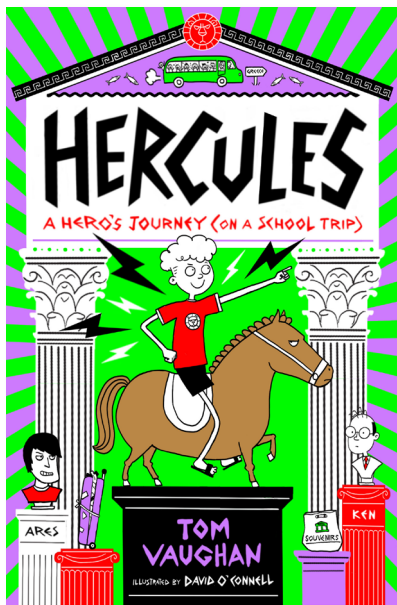
Philip Reeve is best known as the author of modern classic bestselling fantasy series *Mortal Engines*, but has written many other works, including *Railhead*, *Here Lies Arthur*, and a series of popular books for younger readers with the illustrator Sarah McIntyre. He lives in Dartmoor with his wife and son.

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

HERCULES: A HERO'S JOURNEY (ON A SCHOOL TRIP)

By Tom Vaughan

Illustrated by David O'Connell



The second book in Tom Vaughan's hilarious, highly illustrated series. Hercules Braver has a secret: he's a real-life demigod! So, why does he seem so ... ordinary?

Most children of Zeus have some kind of superskill – like bravery, warrior skills or healing powers. Well, thanks to a wild boar (long story), Herc and his friends are off on a school trip to Greece. He's bound to discover his gift there – and even meet more of the gods! But after ending up neck-deep in horse poo, almost falling down a mountain and facing a fierce flock of ravens, this trip feels more like an epic voyage... What's really going on with the mysterious gods, Athena, Apollo and Ares? And will Hercules discover what makes him special?

Key Selling Points

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

Waterstones
Children's Book of
the Month for
March 2024



Rights: World

Film Rights: Madeleine Milburn

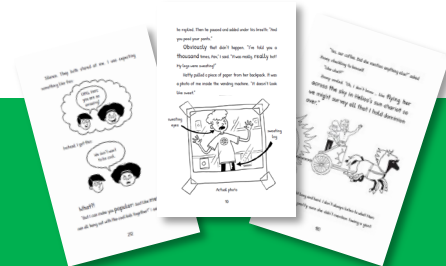
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Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 288pp
- 35,000 words
- Black and white illustrations

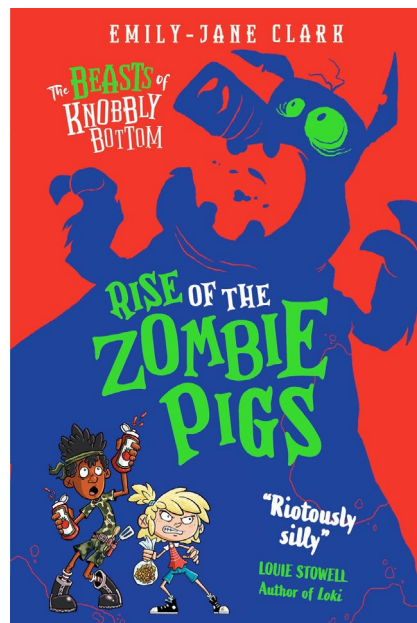
Tom Vaughan is a journalist, television producer, author and all-round good guy. Despite modest success in those four fields, he'd most like to be remembered as the man who unsuccessfully tried to invent a meal between supper and breakfast, called "supfast". He lives in London with his wife and two small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



THE BEASTS OF KNOBBLY BOTTOM: RISE OF THE ZOMBIE PIGS

By Emily-Jane Clark

Illustrated by Jeff Crowther



A laugh-out-loud, brilliantly wacky, highly illustrated beast-busting adventure – perfect for fans of Pamela Butchart and *Grimwood*.

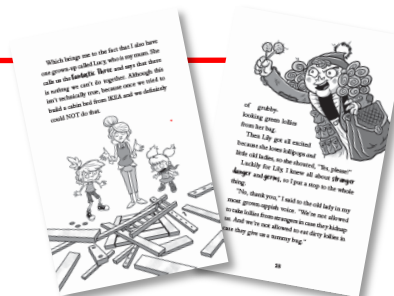
Someone or something in the village of Knobbly Bottom is eating up EVERYTHING. When a chocolate cake goes missing, nine-year-old Maggie gets the blame. But when entire vegetable plots are devoured overnight, huge bite marks are found in garden furniture and even her friend Fred's granddad's disgusting courgettes are gobbled up, she kicks off an investigation.

However, when the ravenous local pigs start turning green and doubling in size, Maggie and Fred wonder whether they have bitten off more than they can chew. How can they fend off the rise of the ZOMBIE PIGS?

Key Selling Points

- A highly illustrated commercial package with a pacy, child-friendly and accessible story bursting with laugh-out-loud humour and instantly relatable characters
- Perfect for fans of Aardman Animations, and the ideal next step for fans of Pamela Butchart and *Grimwood*

**Shortlisted
for the
Waterstones
Children's Book
Prize 2024**



Rights: World

Film Rights: Anne Clark Literary Agency

Pub Dates:

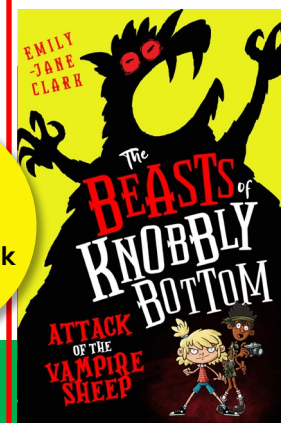
Book #1: September 2023

Book #2: January 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

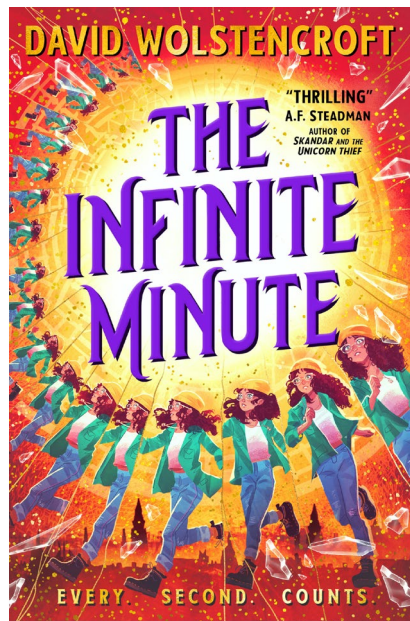
- 256pp
- 30,000 words
- Black & white interior illustrations



Emily-Jane Clark is an award-winning TV comedy writer whose most popular sketch for *The Mash Report* has been shared 200 million times. Her TV comedy writing credits also include *Mock the Week* and *The Jonathan Ross Show*. She is also the author of the 2017 parenting book *Sleep Is For the Weak* and the creator of the Facebook page of the same name.

THE INFINITE MINUTE

By David Wolstencroft



The second book in the magical adventure duology where EVERY SECOND COUNTS. What would you do if you were stuck in a timeloop?

The Brollachan monster is at large and it's causing chaos. Time is worse than ever before. Mornings are evenings and all clocks read different times of the day. Nobody knows where they are supposed to be.

Ailsa must bravely enter the immortal world, Middlemarket, and find a way to lure the Brollachan back to where it belongs. But as the days keep repeating themselves, Ailsa is stuck in a time loop like no other, and THE TERRIBLE THING soon becomes THE TERRIBLE THINGS – the monster is hiding, days are getting shorter, and somehow Ailsa must fix TIME before it stops forever. Can Ailsa get out of the time loop and break the curse of the INFINITE MINUTE?

Key Selling Points

- A duology with a unique hook and exploration of time, this middle-grade magical adventure is a distinct offering for readers and retail
- Brilliantly written from an author with credibility within the film industry. David Wolstencroft is the celebrated and award-winning screenwriter and producer of *Spooks* and *Versailles*
- "I really couldn't put *The Magic Hour* down. The concept is genius, the characters are unforgettable, and the adventure is thrilling. A book I'll be recommending to everyone!" - A. F. Steadman

David Wolstencroft is a multi-award-winning screenwriter and author. After winning the RTS Best Newcomer Award for his first script, *Psychos* (Channel 4) he went on to create and write iconic BAFTA-winning spy drama *Spooks*, which ran for ten seasons on BBC One. David is also the author of two bestselling adult thrillers, both of which are currently in development as feature films. *The Magic Hour* is his debut children's novel.

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Curtis Brown Group Limited

Pub Date: August 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 416pp
- 70,000 words



THE BOY WHO CRIED GHOST

By Ian Eagleton



From the author of *Glitter Boy*, it's a ghost story that will chill your heart... before melting it again.

There's a ghost in Richard's wardrobe. Every day he carries out a series of rituals which he believes will keep the ghost trapped inside. He tries to tell his friends and family, but they dismiss his worries and concerns as being part of his anxiety. But then one day, the wardrobe door is opened...

And that's when the hauntings begin.

Key Selling Points

- With his highly-acclaimed debut *Glitter Boy*, Ian Eagleton is a rising star in middle-grade fiction
- Richard's struggles with anxiety were inspired by the author's lifelong struggle with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- An unsettling ghost story perfect for fans of Jennifer Killick, S.J. Wills and Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book*
- Praise for *Glitter Boy*: "A nuanced, heart-warming and character led story of finding joy and love" - *Elle McNicoll*

Rights: World

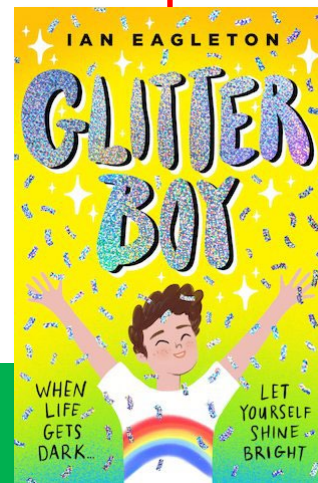
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Spring Literary

Pub Date: August 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 320pp
- 60,000 words

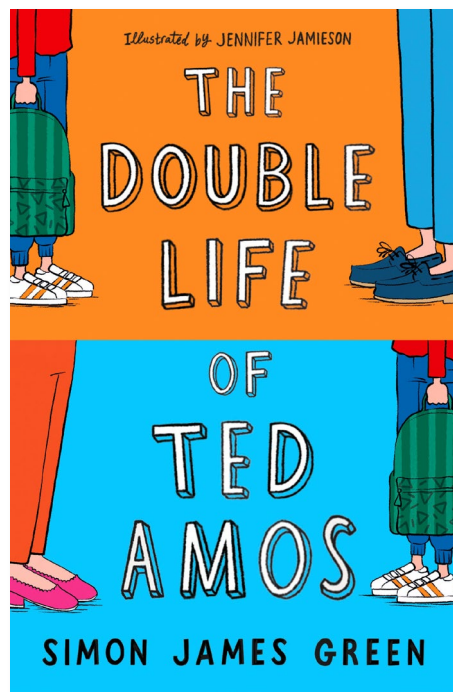


Ian Eagleton is the author of *Glitter Boy*, *Nen And The Lonely Fisherman* and *Violet's Tempest*. He is an education consultant and primary school teacher. He is also a resource developer who writes schemes of work, book guides and plans. He has a passion for motivating children to read and write and becoming reflective authors with an individual voice. Ian is specialized in KS2 and Year 6 and is especially interested in how to develop all children's enthusiasm for creativity, and their ability to craft and construct engaging pieces of text.

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF TED AMOS

By Simon James Green

Illustrated by Jennifer Jamieson



A wonderfully heart-warming and hilarious novel – from award-winning author, Simon James Green – about a boy dealing with his parents splitting up.

Ted has always wanted to be a popular kid, but due to an embarrassing incident that will not be named, he finds it harder than ever to fit in. But when Ted's parents split up, his whole life changes. Although leaving his best friend Archie behind sucks, Ted is about to discover that staying with his dad might have its perks. Because with a new start, is the chance to re-invent yourself... Ted has the opportunity to choose his new identity and it's going to be FRESH. But can Ted keep up with the cool-kid charade or will the lies catch up with him?

Key Selling Points

- An approachable take on the experience of children navigating what it means to have two homes on weekends
- Simon James Green is the award-winning author of books like *Sleepover Takeover* and *The Life of Riley: Beginner's Luck*, which was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Prize
- Illustrated with glorious illustrations by Jennifer Jamieson
- Perfect for fans of Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Helen Rutter and Ben Bailey Smith

Rights: World

Rights Options:

China, Brazil, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Turkey & USA

Film Rights:

Scholastic UK

Pub Date: June 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 320pp
- 45,000 words
- Black & white interior illustrations

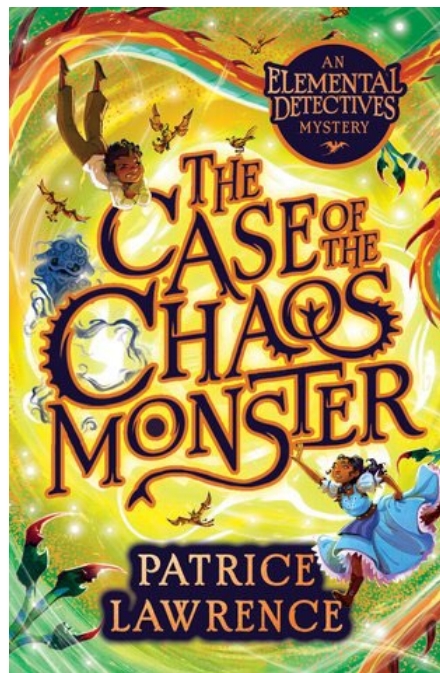


Simon James Green is an author whose middle-grade books include *Life of Riley: Beginner's Luck* (shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award) and *Sleepover Takeover*. His YA novels include *Noah Can't Even*, *Alex in Wonderland* (nominated for the Carnegie medal); *Heartbreak Boys*, *You're the One That I Want* (shortlisted for the YA Book Prize and winner of the Bristol Teen Book Award), *Gay Club!* And *Boy Like Me*.

THE CASE OF THE CHAOS MONSTER

AN ELEMENTAL DETECTIVES ADVENTURE

By Patrice Lawrence



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

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

A terrifying creature stirring beneath the waves... An exploding orchestra and sudden silence... A riddling dragon, raven spies and a ferocious windmill...

Marisee and Robert – with the help of the Mozart siblings – must solve the mystery of the chaos monster before it tramples London underfoot. Only these brave, bright Elemental Detectives have the power to save the city.

Key Selling Points

- “Bristling with magic. I loved it!” – Cressida Cowell, internationally bestselling author of *How to Train Your Dragon*
- An exciting, page-turning mystery full of clues to crack, action-packed scenes and fantastic monsters
- Remarkable writing, gloriously imaginative and wonderfully inclusive: this is big, bold, future classic storytelling at its absolute finest

The second book in a captivating adventure series

Rights: World (ex. France)

Film Rights:
Caroline Sheldon
Literary Agency

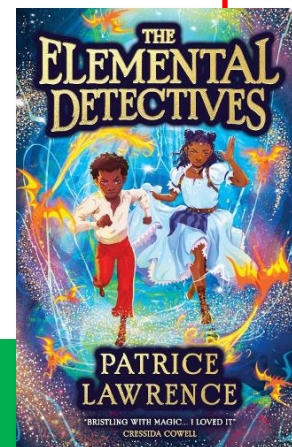
Pub Date:

Book #1: September 2022
Book #2: September 2023
Book #3: September 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 432pp
- 80,000 words

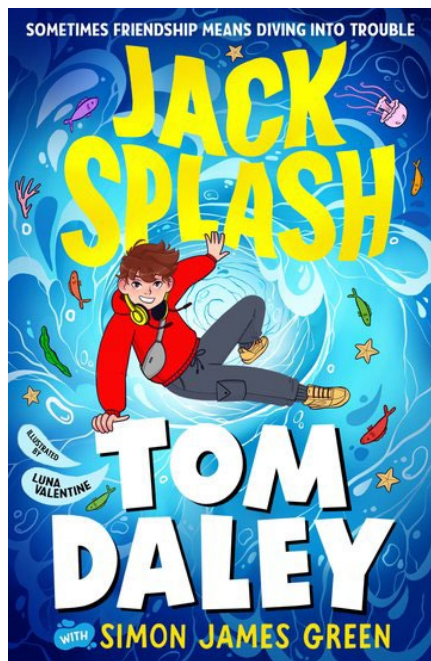


Patrice Lawrence was born in Brighton and brought up in an Italian-Trinidadian household in Sussex. Her first novel *Orangeboy* was one of the most talked-about YA books of 2016 and won the Waterstones Children’s Book Prize for Older Fiction and the Bookseller YA Book Prize that year.

JACK SPLASH

By Tom Daley & Simon James Green

Illustrated by Luna Valentine



A hilarious, action-packed adventure from Olympic diving gold medalist Tom Daley... Sometimes friendship means diving into trouble!

Jack really wants to impress his diving coach dad ... there's just one problem. Jack is the worst diver in the worst diving team in Damp Bottom, England. But when a new kid starts at school with magic swimming skills and an eagerness to share tips, Jack's luck might be about to change.

But when Jack's new friend gets into trouble – and the fate of a secret world hangs in the balance – it's up to Jack and the rest of his diving crew to save the day. Sometimes it's not about winning, it's about helping your friends when they need it the most, it's about teamwork!

Key Selling Points

- A hilarious adventure that celebrates difference with gorgeous illustrations by Luna Valentine
- Tom Daley is an international celebrity known for his gold-medal-winning diving career, his media appearances, and his activism for LGBTQ+ rights, especially in sports
- Written in collaboration with Simon James Green who is an award-winning author of many books for children and teens, including *Finn Jones Was Here* and *Sleepover Takeover*

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

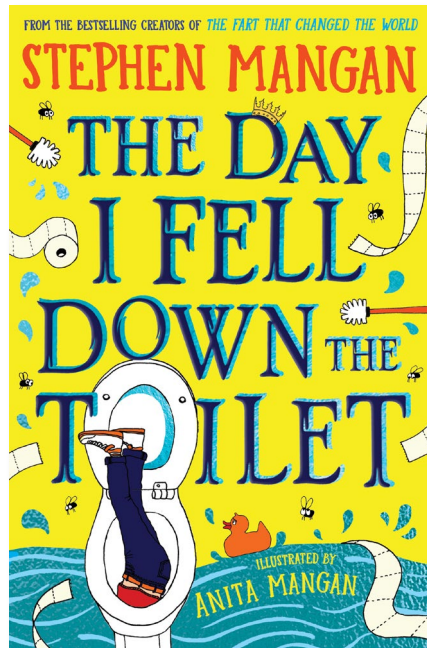
- 320pp
- 45,000 words
- Black & white interior illustrations

Tom Daley became one of the youngest British Olympians when he competed in the Beijing Olympics at just 14 years old. He's competed and won medals at numerous championships over the years – including a bronze medal in the 2012 Olympic Games. Tom is married to screenwriter and producer, Dustin Lance Black. They have two sons together, Robbie and Phoenix. **Simon James Green** is an author whose middle-grade books include *Life of Riley: Beginner's Luck* and *Sleepover Takeover*. His YA novels include *Noah Can't Even*, *Alex in Wonderland*, *Heartbreak Boys*, *You're the One That I Want*, *Gay Club!* and *Boy Like Me*.

THE DAY I FELL DOWN THE TOILET

By Stephen Mangan

Illustrated by Anita Mangan



The laugh-out-loud, brilliantly silly new book from bestselling Stephen Mangan!

A delightfully funny, surreal story full of larger-than-life characters, sparkling dialogue and just-the-right-amount-of-anarchy.

Disaster! The Queen of Dunny, the land where jokes come from, has lost her sense of humour and banned fun of any kind. Her subjects have one final shot at making her laugh otherwise NO NEW JOKES will be created EVER AGAIN! Enter the hero the world needs. Timothy Trench: straight-talking, uber-decisive child genius. oh, wait. In an unfortunate case of mistaken identity, the wrong Timothy – a boy who finds it impossible to make decisions – is fetched to make the queen laugh. He is faced with outlandish puns, silly limericks, dancing ogres and more dad jokes than you could possibly imagine. Can he work out what will tickle Her Majesty's funny bone and save the day?

Key Selling Points

- Stephen Mangan is a well-known comedy actor
- Anita Mangan is a highly regarded artist who has designed over 60 books
- Their first book, *Escape the Rooms*, was one of the bestselling debuts of 2021 and second book *The Fart that Changed the World* was a top ten bestseller and has sold 60,000 copies in two years.
- Stephen Mangan's total TCM to date is over 120,000 copies in just 2.5 years

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:

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Film Rights:

Independent Talent Group

Pub Date: April 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

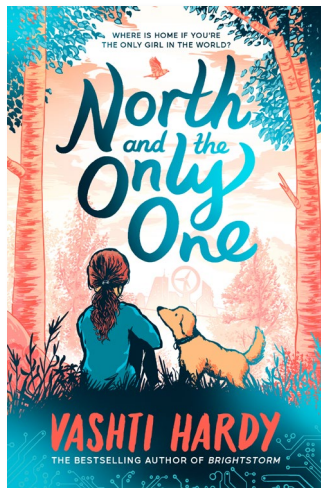
- 304pp
- Includes black & white illustrations



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.

NORTH AND THE ONLY ONE

By Vashti Hardy

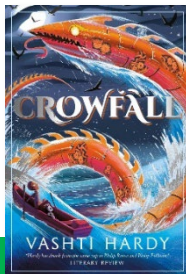
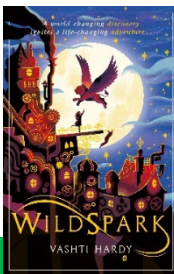
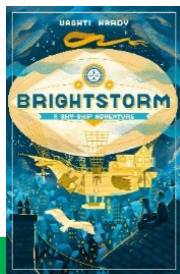


A heart-and-mind expanding adventure from the author of *The Brightstorm Chronicles*, perfect for fans of Piers Torday and Ross Welford.

Twelve-year-old Rose can't remember anything before last week. She woke up, not knowing her own name, not recognizing her house or her dog or even Mother. But Mother patiently explained everything ... well, not *everything*. Not the real-feeling dreams Rose has. Or why she can't go outside the garden, out into Luminelle, the vast city all around them. Mother is kind and helpful, but Rose can't shake the feeling that something's not right. *Or maybe it's everything that's not right?*

Key Selling Points

- Vashti Hardy's debut *Brightstorm* was selected as the first Booksellers' Association Children's Book of the Season, won The West Sussex Children's Story Book Award and was shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag Awards and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize
- A stunningly original novel that will expand readers' minds – and their hearts
- Award-winning author Vashti Hardy tackles big questions (What does it mean to be human? To be a family?) in an action-packed adventure filled with warmth and humour



Rights: World

Film Rights:
The Shaw Agency
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Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

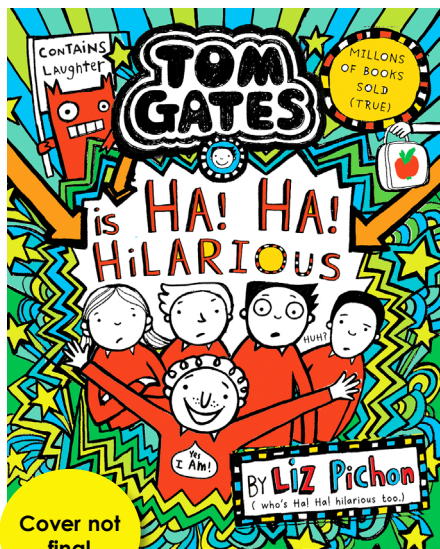
- 416pp
- 75,000 words

Vashti Hardy was a primary school teacher for several years, and has a special interest in children's writing, especially free-writing and the use of journals and creating fantasy worlds. She has a first-class honours teaching degree with English specialism and an MA in Creative Writing from the University of Chichester. Vashti is an alumni member and writing buddy of the Golden Egg Academy.

TOM GATES #23: TOM GATES IS HA! HA! HILARIOUS

By Liz Pichon

Tom Gates is published in 45 languages across 49 territories!



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

Tom Gates loves making everyone LAUGH! At school, at home, and anywhere he can. Marcus Meldrew *wants* to be funny and tries very hard ... but is everyone laughing at him rather than with him? Marcus is writing a secret diary and leaves it in the classroom one day. Will Tom and his friends read it? Has Marcus been writing about THEM? Add in Mr Keen on a unicycle, a hilarious new supply teacher and the return of DogZombies, and it's a classic laugh-out-loud, completely relatable, wonderfully imaginative Tom Gates story!

Key Selling Points

- Over 16 million copies of Tom Gates books have sold worldwide and the *Tom Gates* series has been translated into 45 languages across 49 territories.
- The books have hit the UK #1 bestseller slot 22 times.
- *Tom Gates* has inspired a Scottish BAFTA-winning TV series (currently in its 3rd season), catchy songs, a stage-show and a range of innovative products. Liz co-wrote the scripts and the songs for the TV show.



Rights: World

Rights Options: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Bosnia, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, 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: September 2025

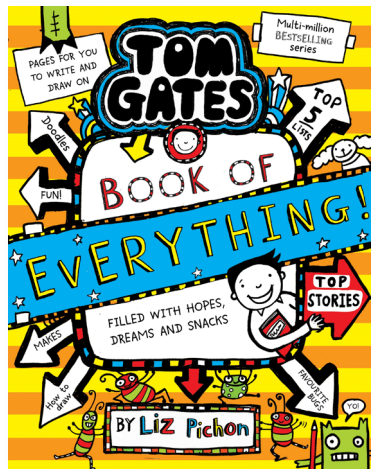
Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 224pp
- Black & white interior illustrations

TOM GATES #22: BOOK OF EVERYTHING

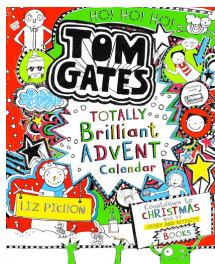
By Liz Pichon



Also in the
Brilliant world
of *Tom Gates*

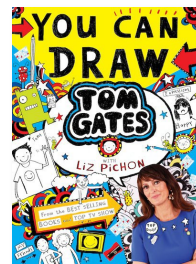
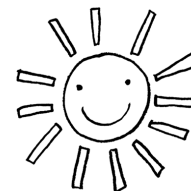
The ultimate book for *Tom Gates* fans to read and fill-in all year round!

Packed with brand new activities, makes and stories and including pages for recording words that make you laugh, sticking photos of your friends pulling funny faces, making a Christmas decoration, summer reading lists and much, much more!



Totally Brilliant Advent Calendar

Have a top-of-the-class count down to Christmas with this advent calendar collection of twenty-four mini activity and story books. Enjoy a book every day packed with how-to-doodles, mega make-and-do activities and stories to share.



You Can Draw Tom Gates

The must-have art activity book for fans of *Tom Gates*: a celebration of imagination and creativity, packed with how-to-doodles, pictures to colour-in and things to make and do.

Rights:

Tom Gates Advent Calendar: World
You Can Draw Tom Gates: World (excl. Germany & Netherlands)

Film Rights:

David Higham Associates

Pub Dates: March – October 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

You Can Draw Tom Gates: 64pp, 297 x 210mm

Tom Gates Totally Brilliant Advent Calendar: 24 books at 24pp each, exterior packaging size: 370 x 310mm

Tom Gates: Book of Everything: 191 x 152mm, 224pp



FIGHTING FANTASY

By Steve Jackson and Sir Ian Livingstone

Brand new
title coming
September
2024!



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 and 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.

Scholastic Fiction

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

Film Rights:
Sir Ian Livingstone & Steve Jackson

Pub Dates: August 2017
– September 2022

Age: 9+

Specifications:

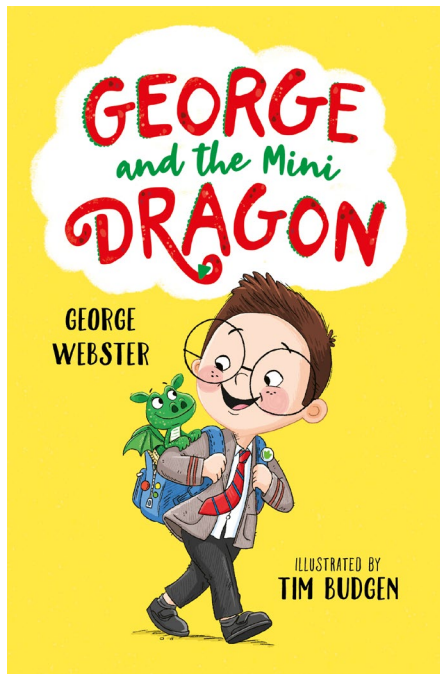
- 272pp
- 40,000 words
- Black & white interior illustrations

Newest titles in the series:



GEORGE AND THE MINI DRAGON

By George Webster



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

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

Key Selling Points

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

Rights: World

Film Rights:
Alex Priestly
Talent

Pub Date:
February 2025

Age: 7+

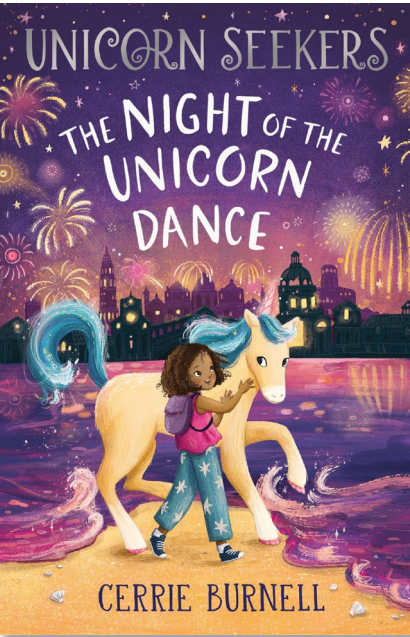
Specifications:

- 144pp
- 10-12k words

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

UNICORN SEEKERS: THE NIGHT OF THE UNICORN DANCE

By Cerrie Burnell



The final book in the magical *Unicorn Seekers* series. Elodie and the Unicorn Seekers must race through the winding canals of Venice to save Delphi from a terrible fate.

Elodie Lightfoot and her friends live in the most magical place in South London, where unicorns from all over the world come in search of The Secret Unicorn Society's help. When shell shaped hoof-prints start appearing in the sand near the local volleyball court, they suspect another unicorn is in trouble. This time a Surf Dancer has come to warn them: a unicorn in her glory is in grave danger! Elodie and the Unicorn Seekers must rush through Venice to rescue Delphi.

Key Selling Points

- A wonderfully told adventure story with magic, excitement and, of course, unicorns!
- All wrapped up in a gorgeous package
- Cerrie Burnell is the author of the *Harper* series, which has sold over 60,000 copies in the UK and has been translated into 11 languages
- Cerrie Burnell is BBC disability ambassador
- Includes black and white interior illustrations throughout

The final book
in a beautifully
illustrated
trilogy

Rights: World
(ex. Greece &
Slovakia)

Rights Optioned: Italy
& Czech Republic

Film Rights:
Rogers, Coleridge &
White Ltd

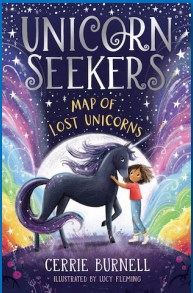
Pub Dates:
June 2022 – June
2024

Age: 7+

Specifications:

- Black & white
interior illustrations
- 192pp

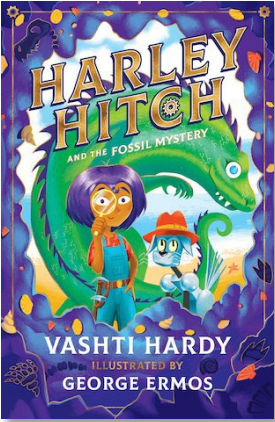
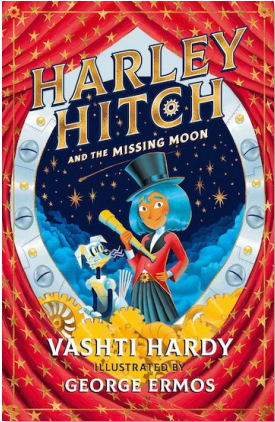
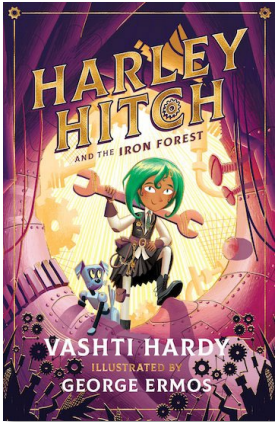
Other titles in the series:



Cerrie Burnell is an actress, singer, playwright, children's author and well-loved former *CBeebies* presenter who was named in the *Observer's* top 10 children's presenters, and also featured in the *Guardian's* 2011 list of 100 most inspirational women. Cerrie lives in Kent.

HARLEY HITCH

By Vashti Hardy
Illustrated by George Ermos



Over 22,000
copies sold
across the
Harley Hitch
series in the UK

Scholastic Fiction

Rights: World

Film Rights:
The Shaw Agency
Ltd

Pub Dates: April
2022 – Jan 2023

Age: 7+

Specifications:

- 240pp
- 24,000 words
- Black & white
interior
illustrations

Perfect for fans of *Amelia Fang* and *Isadora Moon*, this is a rollicking adventure that celebrates STEM learning!

Join Harley, her robot dog Sprocket and best friend Cosmo for problem-solving adventures and mysteries in Inventia, a world where science rules and technology grows in the forest; and where exploding science projects, giant slugs and runaway robots are all part of a normal school day.

Key Selling Points

- Vashti Hardy’s immersive world-building, cool science and tech, weird and wonderful inventions, warm and funny characters – all perfectly pitched for younger readers
- A modern-day *Inspector Gadget* meets *The Worst Witch* with a STEM twist
- Vashti’s novel *Wildspark* was the winner of the Blue Peter Book Award for Best Story 2020

Vashti Hardy was a primary school teacher for several years, and has a special interest in children’s writing, especially free-writing and the use of journals and creating fantasy worlds. She has a first-class honours teaching degree with English specialism and an MA in Creative Writing from the University of Chichester. Vashti is an alumni member and writing buddy of the Golden Egg Academy.



NON-FICTION

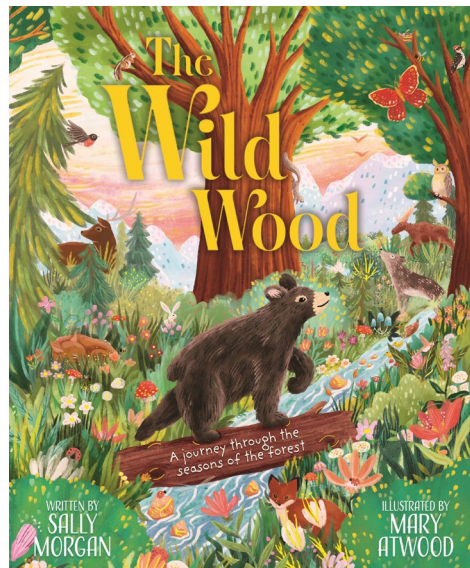
Artwork taken from *The Wild Wood*
Illustrated by Mary Atwood

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

By Sally Morgan, illustrated by Mary Atwood



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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. I-spy 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 I-spy checklists at the end of each chapter encourage readers to interact with nature. For the eagle-eyed there are ten rare woodland creatures to find hidden in the pages.
- The ultimate, immersive guide to our planet's woodlands and wildlife
- Rich, detailed artwork by Mary Atwood

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



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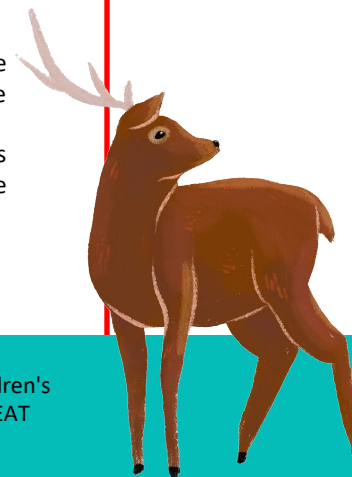
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Age: 6+

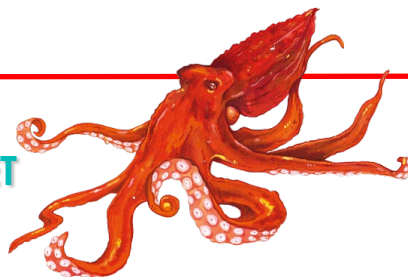
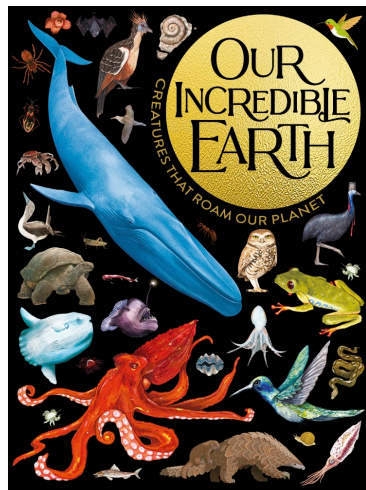
Specifications:

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



OUR INCREDIBLE EARTH SERIES: CREATURES THAT ROAM OUR PLANET

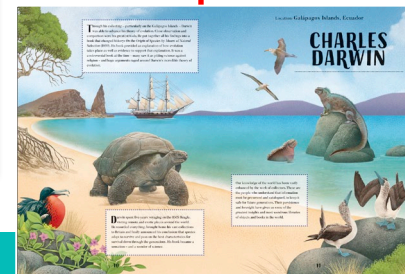
By Rachel Pierce



Also
available:
**Discoveries
that Shaped
our World**

A fascinating new non-fiction series that's perfect for curious minds.

Our incredible Earth is full of unbelievable things. This new series is a breath-taking journey through the most incredible creatures, facts, discoveries and stories on our planet. In book one, learn about the creatures that roam our planet, from evolution, dinosaurs and fossils, all the way up to the smallest snail (0.6mm) and the biggest ant colony (over 6,000 km long). Book two will cover the discoveries that shaped our world, from the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs and sent Earth into darkness for months, to the invention of telescopes and a space rover designed to find life on Mars.



Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: January
2025

Age: 7+

Specifications:

- Full-colour throughout
- 293 x 216mm
- 32pp, plus ends

Key Selling Points

- Perfect for fans of *Animalium*, *Myth Atlas*, *Maps* and more
- A breath-taking journey through prehistory, history and culture, life in the ancient world, space and astronomy, transportation, archaeology, the sciences, art, music and literature, geography and the natural world
- A beautifully illustrated and delightful read for all ages

Rachel Pierce is an editor and writer based in Drogheda, on Ireland's east coast. As a children's author, she has written the *Ghost Detectives* books and with Scholastic has published two beautiful gift books: *Ireland: the people, the places, the stories* and *Bedtime Stories: incredible Irish tales from the past*.

HIDE AND FIND IN THE FROZEN WILDS: A LIFT-THE-FLAP ADVENTURE

By Sandra Dieckmann



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

Children will 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, all the way to a frosty forest and then to Antarctica in the frozen south, follow a fluffy Arctic fox, a migrating tern, and an adorable baby penguin as they scamper, soar and waddle.

How many eggs can be found in the nest of an Arctic tern? How many beavers can be seen by a rushing river? What colourful bird is hiding inside a hole in the tree? Beautifully illustrated by Sandra Dieckmann, there are plenty of incredible things to spot and learn more about.



Key Selling Points

- Takes children on a beautiful walk-through nature whilst finding interesting facts along the way
- There are over 100 flaps of different shapes and sizes to explore and discover
- With facts and dozens of things to spot on every page
- Beautiful and colourful illustrations 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.

Over 100
flaps of
different sizes
to discover

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:

Italy & The
Netherlands

Film Rights:

Scholastic UK

Pub Date: September
2025

Age: 6+

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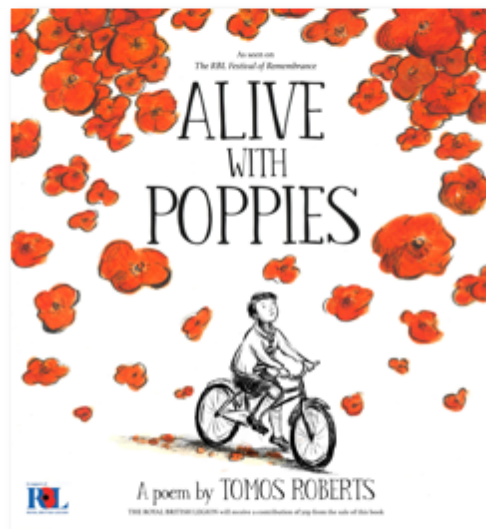
- Full-colour throughout
- 304mm x 237mm
- 16pp
- Matt lam & foil on cover



ALIVE WITH POPPIES

By Tomos Roberts

Illustrated by Sharon Rentta



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The perfect introduction for young readers wondering how the poppy came to be such an important symbol.

In his poem, first performed at the Festival of Remembrance in London's Royal Albert Hall in 2021, Tomos Roberts - who performs as Tomfoolery - explains the history and the importance of the poppy symbol from the First World War to the present day.

Key Selling Points

- A perfect and accessible way to communicate the importance of remembrance with children
- Tomos Roberts (Tomfoolery on YouTube) first performed *Alive with Poppies* at the 2021 Festival of Remembrance
- His poem, *The Great Realization*, has garnered over 65 million views
- Stunningly brought to life by Sharon Rentta



Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date: October 2024

Age: 6+

Specifications:

- Full-colour, limited palette
- 275 x 250mm
- 32pp
- paperback

In the early months of 2020, Tomfoolery (Tomos Roberts) started his online YouTube account striking a careful balance between spoken word poetry and storytelling with a calming, big-brotherly demeanour. It proved a successful formula; his poem, 2020's 'The Great Realisation', attracted over 100 million views and was shared by names such as Jake Gyllenhaal, Jennifer Anniston & Khloe Kardashian. The poem went on to underscore Ashley Banjo and Diversity's Britain's Got Talent dance, which won the BAFTA Award for Must-See Moment 2021, as well as the national midnight moment of London's 2020/2021 NYE firework display. Tomos went on to perform *Alive with Poppies* at 2021's Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance.



STORIES FROM THE WILD

By Emily Hibbs

Illustrated by Jenny Miriam, Kay Wolfersperger and Kristina Rodriguez



The lyrical stories and accompanying facts collected in this anthology celebrate the majesty of nature found across our planet.

This anthology of stories will whisk you away on an unforgettable journey through the wild places of our world, from the deepest oceans and vast tropical rainforests to the snowy peaks of the highest mountain and mighty desert plains.

Key Selling Points

- This book looks at 37 awe-inspiring habitats from around the world and the wildlife found there. Each habitat has an original story written in lyrical prose with a follow-on spread that features facts about each habitat
- This collection of beautiful nature stories from each continent showcases and celebrates the variety of wildlife found in our world
- A wonderful gift to treasure and explore, this fascinating book will encourage young readers to connect with nature and the world around them

Pub Date: October 2025 | **Age:** 7+ | **Specifications:** Full-colour throughout | 246 x 189mm | 160pp | Matt lam & spot UV on cover | **Rights:** World | **Film Rights:** Scholastic UK

Emily Hibbs grew up in the West Midlands, studied English Literature with Creative Writing at the *University of East Anglia*, then spent several years working in-house at various children's book publishers before starting her career as a writer.

THE SECRET OCEAN

By Amy Grimes



The Secret Forest
has sold into 13
languages!

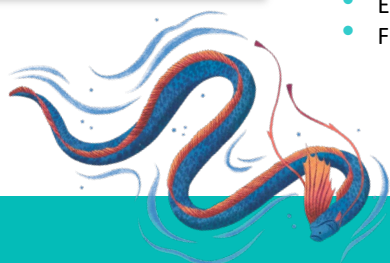
A stunning nature search book, perfect for sharing with little ones.

The Secret Ocean will explore the five wondrous oceans of the world and the seas that make them up – from the Arctic Ocean, which is centred approximately on the North pole, to the Indian Ocean and its warmer waters.

Children will be introduced to the creatures that live in and around the oceans, from the Arctic fox, polar bear and walrus living above the Arctic Ocean, to the marine life that lives deeper in the waters, like the narwhal and orca.

Key Selling Points

- The fourth book in a series of search books set in the natural world
- Each title showcases a different author-illustrator
- Explores oceans across the world
- Full of charming moments and details to discover



Rights: World

Rights Options:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Finland, France (French and French Canadian) Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland & Slovakia

Film Rights:

Scholastic UK

Pub Date:

September 2024

Age: 4+

Specifications:

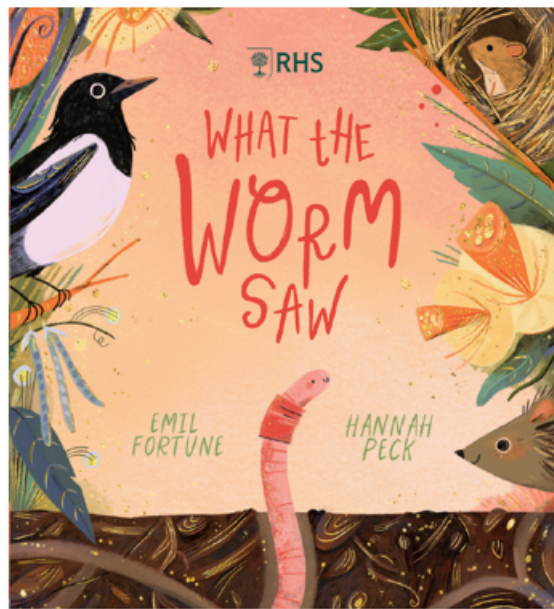
- Full-colour throughout
- 293 x 216mm
- 32pp, plus ends
- Foiled cover
- 500 – 600 words



Amy Grimes is a Bristol-based illustrator who graduated from *Camberwell College of Art* in 2014. Particularly inspired by nature and the natural patterns found there, Amy's bright and bold illustrations feature botanical motifs and leafy landscapes.

RHS: WHAT THE WORM SAW

By Emil Fortune and Hannah Peck



Meet Earthworm – pink, wriggly and busy helping everyone's gardens grow.

In collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the UK's leading gardening charity, comes a charming tale with a powerful message for little green minds: join one very special worm to discover the important role earthworms play in nature and how they help our wildlife thrive. This informative tale features delightful illustrations by Hannah Peck and includes additional factual content young readers will love.

Key Selling Points

- A powerful message about the important role earthworms play in nature and how they help plants and wildlife thrive
- Our collection of RHS titles are the perfect introduction to the world of flowers, trees and wildlife, ready to inspire a whole new generation
- The RHS has a growing audience with over 500,000 UK members and more than 2.1 million people visit RHS Gardens in the UK every year

Rights: World

Rights Options:
Bosnia, Serbia & Turkey

Pub Date: January 2024

Age: 3+

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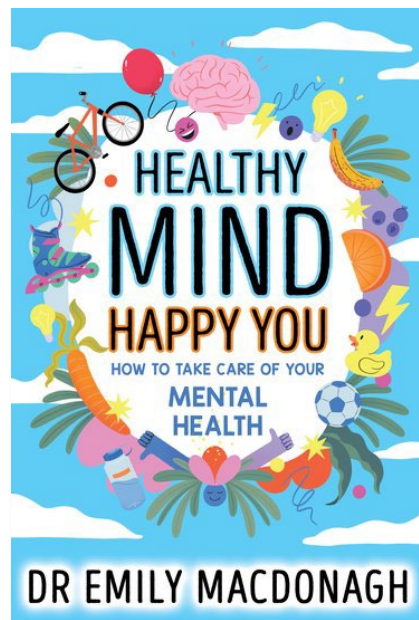
- Full-colour throughout
- 250 x 280mm
- 32pp

About the brand: produced in collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the UK's leading gardening charity, this extraordinarily beautiful collection of illustrated children's books is the perfect introduction to the world of flowers, trees and wildlife, ready to inspire a whole new generation.



HEALTHY MIND HAPPY YOU: HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

By Dr Emily MacDonagh



Healthy mind, happy you!

This reassuring, fact-packed book for girls and boys is all about how to maintain good mental health while growing up.

Dr Emily MacDonagh, a practising NHS doctor talks about anxiety and mental health in a simple and friendly way.

Key Selling Points

- A reassuring, fact-packed book for girls and boys on how to maintain good mental health while growing up
- Dr Emily is a practising NHS doctor
- Talks about anxiety and mental health in a simple and friendly way
- Published to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week
- With colourful illustrations and useful diagrams
- Written in collaboration with a Child Psychologist

Dr Emily 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.

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:
Turkey

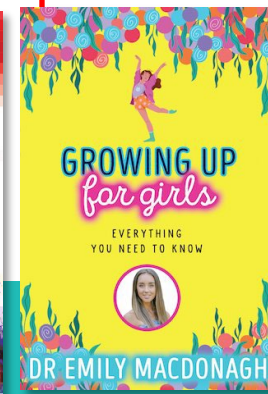
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Pub Date: January
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Age: 9+

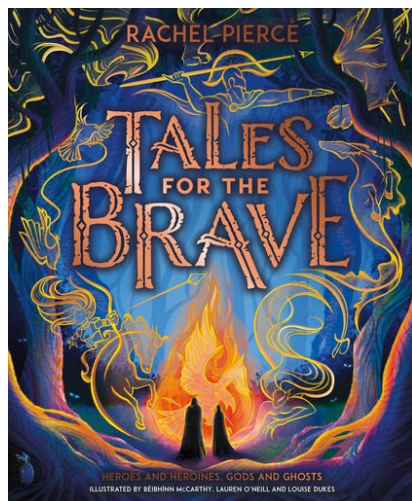
Specifications:

- Full-colour throughout
- 210 x 140mm
- 96pp



TALES FOR THE BRAVE

By Rachel Pierce



A beautifully illustrated collection of folktales, myths and legends.

On the most eerie and magical night of the year, a poet and druidess set off on a gruelling trudge to the top of a hill. As they light a blazing campfire, who knows what otherworldly spirits will be drawn in, like moths to a flame, to tell their astounding tales.

Key Selling Points

- Incredible writing, creating an immersive, atmospheric reading experience
- Full of magic, danger, intrigue, sorrow and suspense – not to mention monsters, kings, queens, witches, wizards and GIANTS.
- Each story intertwines an important moral lesson
- Beautifully illustrated by three talented Irish artists
- The perfect gift for children who love spooky, exhilarating stories



Rights: World

Film Rights:
Scholastic UK

Pub Date:
September 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

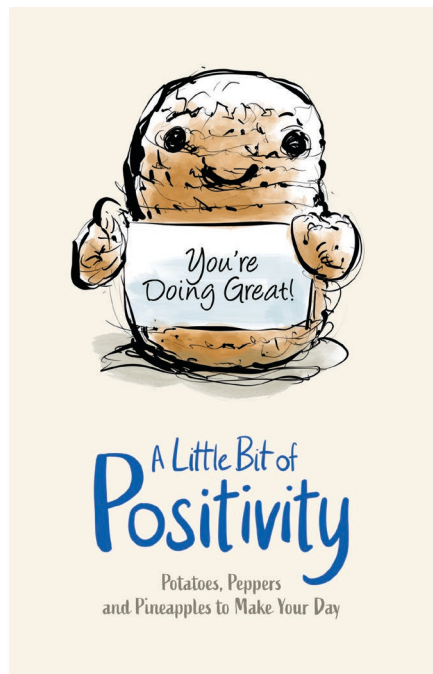
- Full-colour throughout
- 275 x 225mm
- 96pp
- Foil, matt lamination & spot UV on cover



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A LITTLE BIT OF POSITIVITY: POTATOES, PEPPERS AND PINEAPPLES TO MAKE YOUR DAY

Illustrated by Jason Cox



Full of cuteness and optimism, *A Little Bit of Positivity* is the perfect gift for children and adults alike.

You deserve happiness and love. Nothing can stand in your way. You are strong and full of courage. Filled with adorable fruit and vegetables with positive affirmations, this book is full of encouraging words and colourful artwork to help cheer readers on.



Sample illustrations

Key Selling Points

- Filled with adorable crocheted kawaii fruit and vegetable illustrations
- Research has shown that positive affirmations help to reduce stress and increase wellbeing
- The perfect gift and stocking-filler for both children and adults
- Handicrafts like crocheted fruit, vegetables and animals are loved on social media

Rights: World

Pub Date:
September 2024

Age: 8+

Specifications:

- Full-colour throughout
- 186 x 119mm
- 96pp
- Hardback gift book

About the trend: there has been a rise of adorable crocheted vegetables, fruit and even animals! Combined with positive affirmations, they add a little bit of cuteness and positivity into your day!

MR BEAST: THE ULTIMATE FAN BOOK

By Claire Sipi



Discover everything you need to know about your favourite YouTube megastar *MrBeast* in this awesome book.

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Rights: World (ex. USA) **Pub Date:** August 2024 | **Age:** 8+ |
Specifications: | 229 x 178mm | 64pp | Full-colour

THE SIDEMEN: THE ULTIMATE FAN BOOK

By Claire Sipi



A full-colour guide to *The Sidemen* and their journey to become some of the biggest influencers on the planet.

With over 20 million followers and counting, their funny challenges, skits, charity work, video game commentaries, business ventures, boxing matches and beyond have catapulted them into super stardom. This brilliant book chronicles their highlights, including fun facts, stories, stats, quality photographs and more.

The Sidemen:

KSI, Miniminter, Zerkaa, TBJZL, Behzinga, Vikkstar123 and W2S



Rights: World | **Pub Date:** January 2025 | **Age:** 8+ |
Specifications: | 229 x 178mm | 64pp | Full-colour



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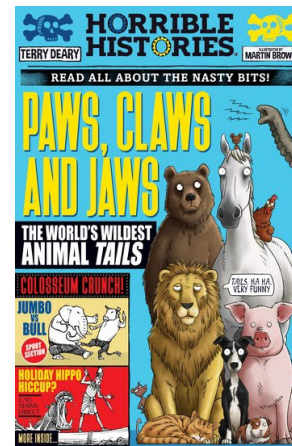


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The bestselling book series, written by Terry Deary and illustrated by Martin Brown, is a global brand with over 30 million books sold worldwide, and has been translated into over 30 languages throughout its lifetime. The series has re-launched in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

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



Discover all about barmy beasts and cagey creatures across history in *Horrible Histories Animals*. From gory stories of stone age sacrifices, Roman murderous games, a clever Victorian baboon given the job of a railway signal man to the bat-inspired invention of sonar. A brand new classic *Horrible Histories* book, perfect for fans old and new. (UK Pub: March 2024)

Key Selling Points

- *Horrible Histories* BAFTA award-winning TV series returns with a ninth 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

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Horrible Histories: Secret Diaries



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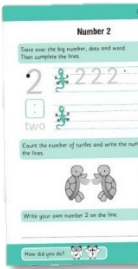
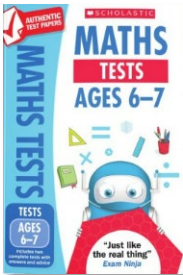
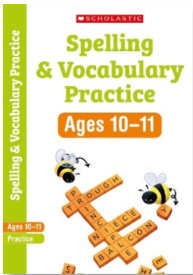
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• 144 – 192pp

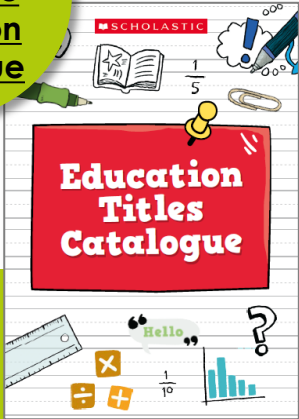
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