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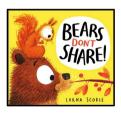




## **HIGHLIGHTS** JULY - DECEMBER 2023

**JULY 2023** 





Scarecrows Wedding 10th **Anniversary** 



**OCTOBER 2023** 





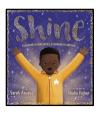




Totally Deceased Rosie Frost and the Falcon Queen

Horrible **Christmas**  **AUGUST 2023** 







**NOVEMBER 2023** 

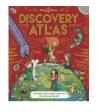


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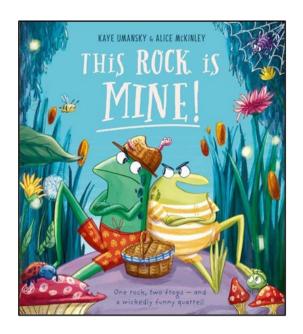
The Baddies

PB

**DECEMBER 2023** 

## THIS ROCK IS MINE (PB)

KAYE UMANSKY Illustrated by ALICE MCKINLEY



### Friendship wins the day in this fabulously funny quarrel!

Two frogs sit on a rock – and both of them think it's theirs. They fight and squabble furiously over it. But when a hungry heron swoops down, both frogs realise it's time to find another rock . . . together!

Kaye Umansky's brilliantly simple rhyming story shows how two grumpy frogs go from fighting . . . to friendship (with lots of laughter along the way.) Alice McKinley's superb illustrations bring to life every twist and turn of this wickedly witty little drama.

## Key selling points

- THIS ROCK IS MINE! is a superb rhyming picture book that already feels like a classic
- Friendship wins the day in this hilarious rhyming story by the bestselling author of Pongwiffy (Simon & Schuster)
- A very funny lesson in how to resolve a quarrel a great message for our times!
- Kaye Umansky perfect rhyming text is a joy to read aloud
- Alice McKinley's sparkling illustrations are packed with clever details to spot

**About the author:** 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.

**About the illustrator:** Alice McKinley creates wonderfully funny characters that are full of warmth and humour. Her first book, Nine Lives Newton, has been widely acclaimed. Alice lives in Leamington Spa.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

**Pub Date:** 6th July 2023 **ISBN:** 9780702307768

RRP: £7.99

**Age:** 02-06

**Binding:** Paperback

Extent: 32pp

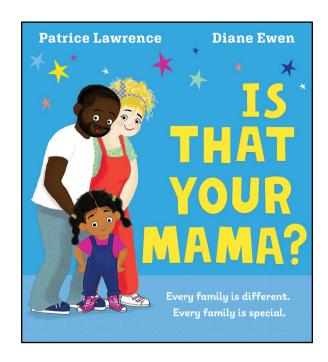
**TPS:** 275mm x 250mm

CBMC code: A3N79

**Illustrations:** Colour

## IS THAT YOUR MAMA? (PB)

PATRICE LAWRENCE Illustrated by DIANE EWEN



### Every family is different. Every family is special.

Josie loves her family. Her mum, dad, brothers and sister - they're all the best and they all look different

But people always seem to ask Josie "Is that YOUR mama?", and soon she starts to wonder if her family are actually supposed to look the same.

When Josie shares her worries with her family, they find a way to help her see what truly matters.

## Key selling points

- A beautiful, moving celebration of what it truly means to be family
- Heartfelt and empowering words written by the inimitable Patrice Lawrence
- Bright, gorgeous artwork from award-winning author-illustrator, Diane Ewen

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 6th July 2023

ISBN: 9780702314971

**RRP:** £7.99

Age: 03-06

**Binding:** Paperback

Extent: 32pp

**TPS:** 275mm x 250mm

CBMC code: A3M79

**Illustrations:** Colour

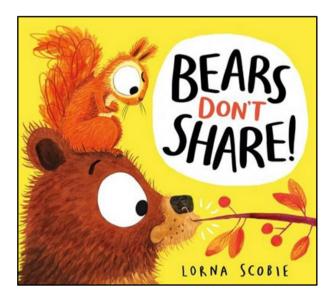
**Rights:** World Rights

**About the author:** Patrice Lawrence was born in Brighton and brought up in an Italian-Trinidadian household in Sussex. She is the multi-award-winning author of *Orangeboy*, which won the 2017 Waterstone's Book Prize, the 2017 YA Book Prize and was shortlisted for the 2017 Costa Book Awards and the Carnegie Award. In 2021, Patrice was awarded an MBE for services to literature in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

**About the illustrator:** Diane Ewen was born in Walsall, in the Midlands. Her love for art saw her graduate from the University of Wolverhampton with a BA Honours degree in illustration. In 2021, Diane won the inaugural Jericho Prize for Black-British writers, and was named Illustrator of the Fair at London Book Fair 2022.

### **BEARS DON'T SHARE!**

**LORNA SCOBIE** 



## A fun-filled adventure from the author-illustrator behind I WOULD RATHER HUG A TIGER!

Squirrel found berries. 'Ooh!' said Squirrel.

Then Bear found berries, 'Oooooh!' said Bear.

'Save some for me please' begged Squirrel. 'Sharing is carina, you know!'

But... BEARS DON'T SHARE!

Bear and Squirrel are on the hunt for some food before Winter comes, but there's just one small problem... Bears don't share!

Will Bear learn that you can't always have your cake and eat it too?

Join Bear and Squirrel on their adventure in the forest to find out!

### **Key selling points**

- Written and illustrated in Lorna Scobie's wonderfully witty and warm style, perfect for fans of Chris Haughton, Jim Field and Jon Klassen
- Children and parents alike will love following Bear and Squirrel around the forest as Bear gobbles up everything he can before winter!
- Look out for Lorna's other books: Collecting Cats, Rabbit, Rabbit, Rabbit!, Duck, Duck Dad? and I Would Rather Hug a Tiger

**About the author-illustrator:** 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.

#### **■**SCHOLASTIC

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Age: 03-06

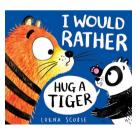
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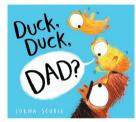
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CBMC code: A3M79

Illustrations: Colour



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ISBN: 9781407192505

## **BEARS DON'T SHARE!**

LORNA SCOBIE



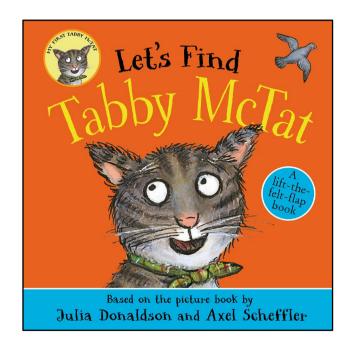
## **BEARS DON'T SHARE!**

LORNA SCOBIE



### LET'S FIND TABBY MCTAT

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



Julia Donaldson's favourite characters are now available as gorgeous board books with soft felt flaps for toddlers to lift and find.

Where has Tabby McTat gone? Can you find him?

Lift the colourful felt flaps in this fun chunky board book, perfect for small hands, until you find Tabby McTat!

### **Key selling points**

- From the award-winning superstars of the children's book world, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- Based on the bestselling picture book Tabby McTat
- Easy-to-flip felt flaps, perfect and gentle for little hands
- While little ones are grabbing and exploring textures, this board book will also help increase hand-eye coordination, develop speech and aid learning through repetition

**About the author** Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written. She has been awarded an MBE for services to literature, and was also a much-praised Children's Laureate. <a href="https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk">www.juliadonaldson.co.uk</a>

**About the illustrator** 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. Axel lives in London.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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**RRP:** £7.99

Age: 00-03

Binding: Non Standard -

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Extent: 10pp

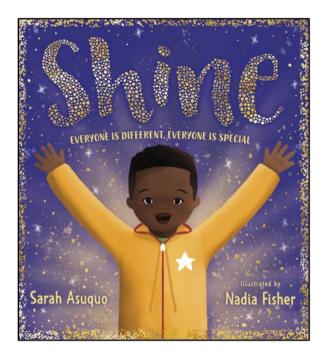
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CBMC code: A3K79

**Illustrations:** Colour

### **SHINE**

### SARAH ASUQUO Illustrated by NADIA FISHER



## A reassuring journey through a child's worries and insecurities about being different.

When Kai is bullied for being too tall and having a unique scar under his eye, he begins to wish he was the same as everybody else. With the help of his parents, can Kai learn that the things that make him different are the things that make him special, and let his own light shine through?

### Key selling points

- A touching and heart-warming journey through a child's worries and insecurities about being different
- With mindfulness activities for families to do together to build confidence and combat feelings of unworthiness
- Shine has been taken into over 40 UK primary schools to be included in the curriculum and libraries
- Shine has been read on Channel 5's 'Milkshake!' in November 2022
- Beautifully illustrated, *Shine* deals with issues of bullying, low self-esteem and forgiveness

Sarah Asuquo originally wrote and self-published *Shine* in 2020, and it garnered a massive response in the number of sales, on social media, and was even taken into 40 primary schools across the UK to be included in the curriculum and libraries.

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.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 3rd August 2023

ISBN: 9780702324871

**RRP:** £7.99

**Age:** 03-06

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 32pp

**TPS:** 275mm x 250mm

CBMC code: A5N79

**Illustrations:** Colour

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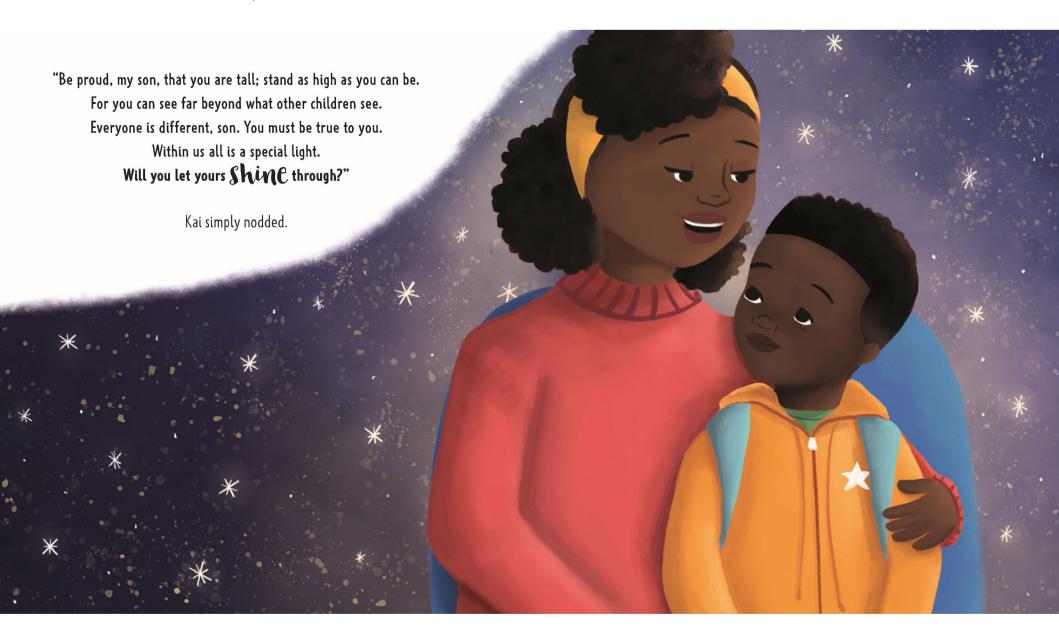
**SHINE** 

SARAH ASUQUO Illustrated by NADIA FISHER



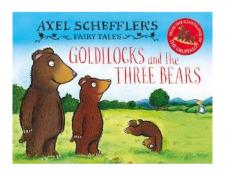
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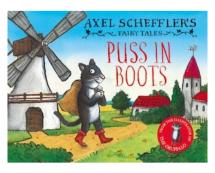
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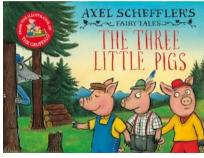


### **AXEL SCHEFFLER'S FAIRY TALES: THE THREE WISHES**

**AXEL SCHEFFLER** 









As a husband and wife sit down to eat, they realise they have no food! They are so very hungry, and tired of the humble lives they live... If only their lives could be different.

One day they are granted THREE WISHES by a fairy, and their lives will change forever.

What will the couple wish for? And how will their story unfold?

Tuck into this new fairy tale classic, illustrated by the one and only award-winning Axel Scheffler.

### **Key selling points**

- A well-known children's fairy tale story illustrated by the one and only award-winning superstar, Axel Scheffler
- Part of a new series of fairy tale stories illustrated by Axel Scheffler, published by Scholastic
- A guaranteed classic, to sit on children's bookshelves and be cherished for years to come

**₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 14th September

2023

ISBN: 9780702307836

RRP: £6.99

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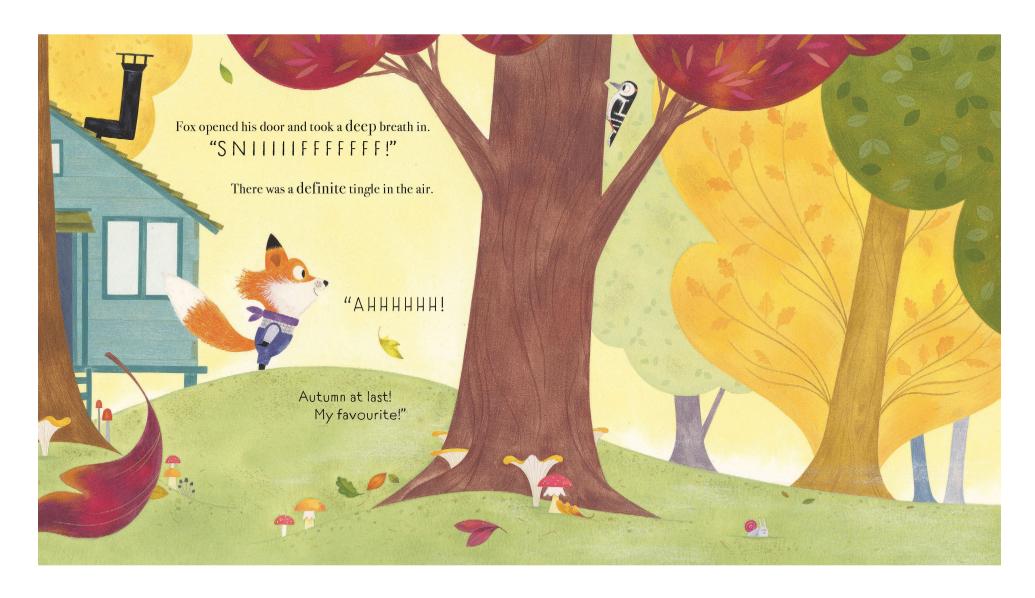
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**Rights:** World Rights

**About the illustrator** Axel Scheffler is an award-winning, internationally-acclaimed illustrator of some of the most well-loved children's books. He has brought to life a huge variety of characters, from dragons to gruffalos. Axel lives in London. <a href="https://www.axelscheffler.com">www.axelscheffler.com</a>

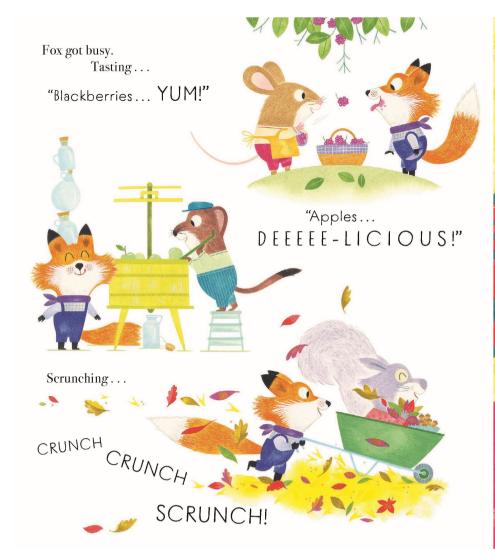
## **FOX'S FAVOURITE AUTUMN (PB)**

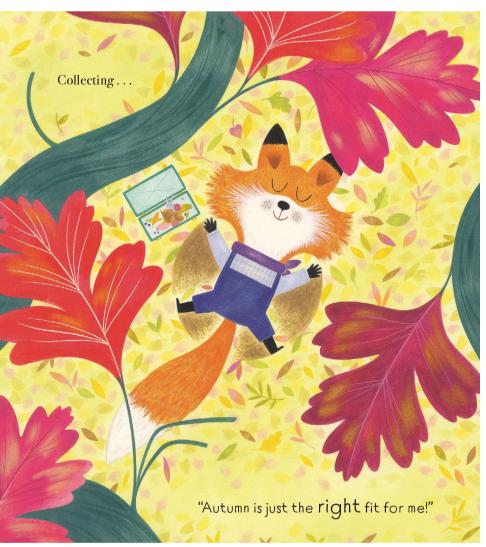
FIONA BARKER Illustrated by CHRISTINE PYM



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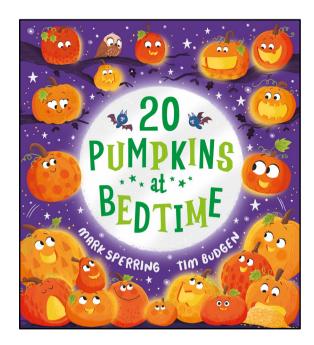
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## TWENTY PUMPKINS AT BEDTIME (PB)

MARK SPERRING Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN



# A spookily sweet count-to-twenty picture book filled with super cute pumpkins!

Once upon a starry night...

What's the best way to help little ones fall asleep? By counting pumpkins, of course!

And with cute, cheeky and a-little-bit-spooky pumpkins 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.

## **Key selling points**

- Count from one to twenty with the help of these super cute pumpkins!
- This brilliant bedtime counting series brings together bestselling author-illustrator duo Mark Sperring and Tim Budgen for the the fifth time!
- With beautifully engaging illustrations and a super sweet story, join twenty pumpkins as they help a little child fall fast asleep
- Following on from the successful TWENTY DINOSAURS AT BEDTIME, TWENTY UNICORNS AT BEDTIME and TWENTY ELVES AT BEDTIME

**₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 14th September

2023

ISBN: 9780702324680

**RRP:** £6.99

**Age:** 02-06

**Binding:** Paperback

Extent: 32pp

**TPS:** 275mm x 250mm

CBMC code: A3M79

**Illustrations:** Colour

**Rights:** World Rights

**About the author:** 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.

## TWENTY PUMPKINS AT BEDTIME (PB)

MARK SPERRING Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN



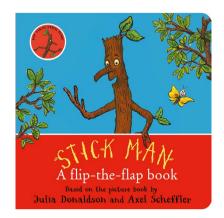
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MARK SPERRING Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN



### STICK MAN: A FLIP-THE-FLAP BOOK

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



Join Stick Man on a flip-the-flap adventure!

Lift the colourful, chunky card flaps in this fun board book, perfect for small hands. With a gentle opposites theme, this board book will also help increase hand-eye co-ordination, develop speech and aid learning through repetition.

### **Key selling points**

- A novelty book series from the award-winning superstars of the children's book world. Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- Easy-to-flip chunky card flaps, perfect and gentle for little hands
- Based on the bestselling picture book Stick Man, with a gentle opposites theme
- Fabulous fun, this board book will also help increase hand-eye coordination, develop speech and aid learning through repetition
- Zog: A flip-the-flap book is also available

**About the author** Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written. She has been awarded an MBE for services to literature, and was also a much-praised Children's Laureate. www.iuliadonaldson.co.uk

**About the illustrator** 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. Axel lives in London.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 14th September 2023

ISBN: 9780702319280

**RRP**: £7.99

Age: 02-06

Binding: Non Standard - board

Extent: 10pp

**TPS:** 185mm x 185mm

CBMC code: A3K79

**Illustrations:** 

## **FICTION**

# SCHOLASTIC CLASSICS: NORSE FOLKTALES, MYTHS AND LEGENDS



Part of the Scholastic Classics collection, this is a beautiful edition of twenty Scandinavian stories re-told for children - including legends from Norse mythology and folktales from Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Inside, young readers can expect to find legends of the Norse gods Loki and Thor, along with popular Nordic fairy tales like Little Thumbelina and The Three Billy Goats Gruff plus a host of charming lesser-known stories from Scandinavian lore.

## **Key selling points**

- Beautiful new edition of retellings bringing together 20 Norse and Scandinavian folktales, myths and legends in a perfect, child-friendly package.
- With Norse myths as well as Nordic fairy tales, this book contains familiar characters seen in Marvel films including Thor and Loki
- Scholastic Classics: introducing generations of book lovers to timeless stories, repackaged especially for young readers. To be included in teacher-focused social media and email newsletters through the Scholastic Teacher channels.

Anika Hussain was born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden, but currently lives and writes in Bath, Somerset. She frequently returns to Sweden where she has made TV and radio appearances, speaking about the impact writing has had on her life, the importance of representation, and her work with The Ministry of Storytelling. Anika is also a graduate of the Bath Spa MA Writing for Young People. She has had many short stories and opinion pieces published, with her debut YA novel launching February 2023. When not writing, you can find Anika yelling at the TV about inconsistencies or listening to true-crime podcasts. She also loves corgis with a scary passion.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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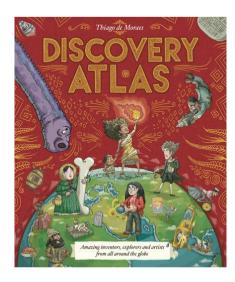
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CBMC code: D3N79

**Illustrations:** Black/white line

#### DISCOVERY ATLAS HB

#### THIAGO DE MORAES



Prepare to set off on a grand voyage of discovery. You might want to take a map . . .

But the maps in DISCOVERY ATLAS are special. They're fabulous, imaginative scenes, packed with incredible inventions and dramatic discoveries.

Travel through thousands of years of human creativity, and find out how we invented writing, medicine, cars, chocolate – and everything else in between. Packed with fascinating characters and astonishing illustrations, this is a spectacular feast of a book.

### **Key selling points**

- DISCOVERY ATLAS is the dazzling new gift book from the creator of MYTH ATLAS and HISTORY ATLAS
- Fascinating characters and astonishing illustrations a spectacular feast of a book
- Twelve witty, fact-packed chapters show how humans discovered everything from Technology and Medicine to Food, Sport and Space
- Meet amazing inventors, explorers, artists and astronauts from all around the globe
- Magnificent, large-format hardback, gorgeously illustrated in full colour a perfect Christmas gift
- Guaranteed to captivate children and adults alike
- MYTH ATLAS is an international hit, translated into twenty languages
- Rave consumer reviews include: 'Perfect present for all ages...It's brilliant. Everyone who picks it up becomes addicted immediately' and 'Truly stunning. My 9-year-old son loves this book ... As soon as he started reading it, he turned into a walking encyclopedia'.

#### About the author/illustrator:

When he's not reading about and drawing ancient gods and historical figures, Thiago also writes and illustrates witty, middle-grade fiction. His novels include A Mummy Ate My Homework and A Gladiator Stole my Lunchbox. He has also won many awards for his editorial and commercial illustration work. Thiago lives in South London with his family.

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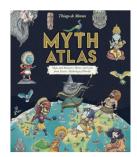
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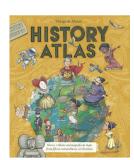
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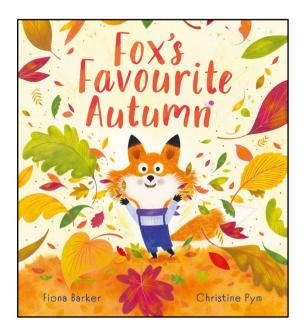
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## **FOX'S FAVOURITE AUTUMN (PB)**

FIONA BARKER Illustrated by CHRISTINE PYM



As soon as Fox opened his door, he could tell. "Autumn at last! There's so much to do!"

Autumn is Fox's favourite time of the year. He loves tasting blackberries, scrunchina and collectina leaves!

But as the days pass, Autumn starts to reach its end. Winter is coming ... and Fox DEFINITELY cannot let that happen!

Join Fox as he tries to do everything to stop Autumn from slipping by and eventually learns that each season has its magic.

### **Key selling points**

- A funny, autumn-packed story about the beauty of changing seasons
- Fabulous text by Fiona Barker, full of humour and heart

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 14th September

2023

ISBN: 9780702313929

**RRP:** £7.99

Age: 03-06

**Binding:** Paperback

Extent: 32pp

**TPS:** 275mm x 250mm

CBMC code: A3M79

Illustrations:

**Rights:** World Rights



ISBN: 9781407191447

**About the author:** 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. This is her first book with Scholastic. https://fionabarker.co.uk

### THE FIREFLY'S LIGHT: THE SECRET INVENTORS OF OUR NATURAL WORLD

**SARAH HORNE** 



Ever wonder how fireflies light up the sky? And why those sticky plant seeds are so hard to get off your clothes?

The Firefly's Light is a mind-boggling non-fiction book about biomimicry - how humans have been inspired by observing the amazing innovations of the natural world.

With gorgeous illustrations and incredible stories, explore and celebrate how designers, engineers and scientists have looked to nature and found solutions to everyday problems.

### **Key selling points**

- Readers can explore how famous inventions came to be, such as velcro, LED lights, aeroplanes, the Bullet Train and more!
- Perfect for fans of Great Women Who Changed The World, Absolutely Everything, Rosie Revere Engineer, Myth Atlas and more.
- A fascinating non-fiction gift book that's perfect for curious minds.
- A beautifully illustrated and delightful read for all ages.

**₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 12th October 2023

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**RRP:** £8.99

**Age:** 08-12

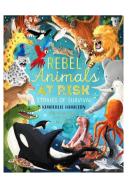
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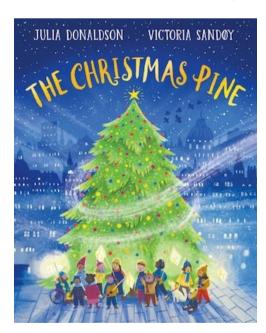
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**About the author-illustrator:** Sarah grew up in sub-zero Derbyshire. UK. She graduated with a degree in Illustration from Falmouth College of Arts in 2001, followed by a Masters degree in 2004. Sarah loves colour, line, characters, humour, detail, nature, irony, much slapstick and many cups of tea. She also paints. She now lives in London, and works/drinks tea from Happiness At Work Studios in the ever sunny Wapping. *The Firefly's Light* is Sarah's first book with Scholastic.

### THE CHRISTMAS PINE CBB

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by VICTORIA SANDøY



A magical book for Christmas, written in perfect, heartfelt rhyme by Julia Donaldson, bestselling creator of *The Gruffalo* and *Stick Man* - now as a chunky board book.

Deep in a snowy wood stands a little pine tree with a special destiny: when it grows up, it's going to be the **famous Christmas tree** in London's Trafalgar Square!

This is the perfect book to snuggle up with and share at Christmas. Gorgeous, atmospheric illustrations whisk you from snowy forests to the sparkling city square in this beautiful, moving story of festivity and hope.

### Key selling points

- A beautiful, festive board book edition of the bestselling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandøy
- Perfect Christmas gift and a classic for all time
- Stunningly illustrated, incredibly moving, and brimming with festivity and hope
- Julia's text was originally commissioned by The Poetry Society to decorate the 2020 Trafalgar Square Christmas tree
- Gorgeous illustrations by exciting young Norwegian artist Victoria Sandøy
  - the tree is an annual gift to the UK from Norway
- Award-winning animated films of Julia's books with Axel Scheffler traditionally premiere on BBC One on Christmas Day. The Smeds and The Smoos will be the BBC animated film for Christmas 2022

**About the author:** 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. <a href="https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk">www.juliadonaldson.co.uk</a>

**About the illustrator:** Victoria Sandøy is a Norwegian illustrator based in Oslo. She studied illustration in the UK, graduating with a first-class degree from Falmouth University. Her work is inspired by her Scandinavian roots and is influenced by nature and folklore. www.victoriasandoy.com Instagram: @victoriasand

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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**RRP:** £7.99

Age: 00-04

**Binding:** Hardback

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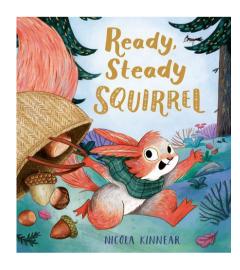
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CBMC code: A3K79

Illustrations: Colour

## **READY, STEADY SQUIRREL (PB)**

#### NICOLA KINNEAR



A gorgeous, snuggle-up picture book, from the bestselling creator of A Little Bit Brave.

Evie is a very determined little squirrel. It's time to gather food for the winter, and she's going to do it all by herself. She's ready. She's steady. She's going squirrelling!

But it's a very big task. Can Evie really do it all on her own? Or is it time to ask her friends for help? Nicola Kinnear's fabulous illustrations are her best ever, in this cosy, inspiring story of courage and friendship.

### **Key selling points**

- READY, STEADY SQUIRREL is the irresistible new picture book from the bestselling creator of A LITTLE BIT BRAVE and DRAGONS DON'T SHARE
- Evie is a very determined little squirrel who wants to do everything all by herself will strike a chord with parents and children everywhere
- Gorgeously illustrated an inspiring, snuggle-up story, full of courage, fun and friendship
- Nicola Kinnear's superbly illustrated books are full of fabulous characters, and wonderful messages about sharing, friendship, courage and kindness
- Nicola's debut picture book, A LITTLE BIT BRAVE, has been translated into over 20 languages. She has also illustrated the sequels to Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit (Puffin)
- Praise for A LITTLE BIT BRAVE: 'a new talent to look out for' Bookseller; 'funny and reassuring' Parents in Touch; 'stunningly illustrated' BookLoverJo; 'an utter delight' WeAreTheMotherside

**About the author/illustrator:**Nicola has established herself as one of the brightest stars of children's illustration. Her bestselling debut picture book, A LITTLE BIT BRAVE, was an international hit. As well as creating her own books, Nicola has illustrated sequels to *Peter Rabbit*.
Nicola lives in South London.

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#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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ISBN: 9780702310188

**RRP:** £7.99

**Age:** 02-06

**Binding:** Paperback

Extent: 32pp

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**Illustrations:** Colour



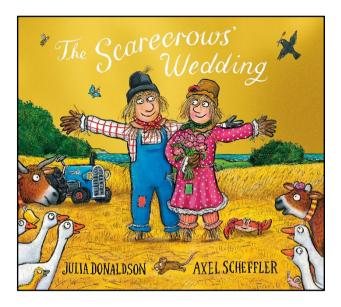




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#### THE SCARECROWS' WEDDING 10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



Celebrate ten years of this joyful and heartwarming picture book from the creators of *The Gruffalo*, *Stick Man* and *Zog*.

Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay know just what they need for the perfect wedding day: a goose-feather dress; two wedding rings and lots of pink flowers! But as they search the farm to find everything on their list, things don't quite go to plan and the scarecrows' special day is *almost* ruined by wicked scarecrow, Reginald Rake.

### **Key selling points**

- Celebrating ten years of Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay!
- A special anniversary edition of the bestselling picture book, THE SCARECROWS' WEDDING, by superstar duo Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- THE SCARECROWS' WEDDING has sold over 500,000 copies in the UK since publication in July 2014
- A fabulous love story, full of drama, humour and originality
- From the creators of THE GRUFFALO, STICK MAN and ZOG

**About the author**: Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written and has attracted international acclaim with her original stories and irresistible rhymes. She lives in Sussex. Her website is <a href="www.juliadonaldson.co.uk">www.juliadonaldson.co.uk</a>.

**About the illustrator**: 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. He lives in London.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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ISBN: 9780702319327

**RRP:** £7.99

**Age:** 02-06

**Binding:** Paperback

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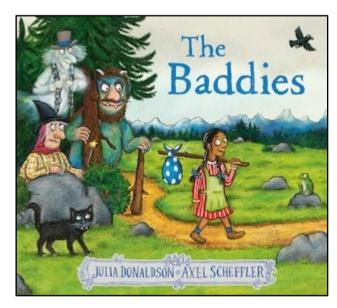
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## THE BADDIES (PB)

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



HARDBACK COVER

The Baddies are the meanest, nastiest ghost, witch and troll in the land.

They just adore being bad, and fight over who is the worst. When a little girl moves into a nearby cottage, the Baddies can't wait to scare her out of her wits. But the little girl quickly shows them that you don't have to be big to be brave, and baddies don't always win.

## **Key selling points**

- THE BADDIES are the irresistibly nasty stars of this brand-new picture book by bestselling GRUFFALO creators, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- A fabulously silly story in which a troll, a witch and a ghost vie with one another to see who's nastiest
- The Baddies meet their comeuppance in the form of a little girl, who shows that you don't have to be big to be brave, and baddies don't always win
- The perfect gift for both Hallowe'en and Christmas
- Guaranteed to be a huge bestseller supported by a nationwide publicity and marketing campaign
- Julia and Axel are the award-winning picture-book superstars that created favourites including STICK MAN, ZOG and THE HIGHWAY RAT, all of which have been made into animated films premiering on BBC1 on Christmas Day.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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2023

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**RRP:** £7.99

**Age:** 02-06

Binding: Non

Standard - hardback

Extent: 32pp

**TPS:** 250mm x 280mm

CBMC code: A3M79

**Illustrations:** Colour

**Rights:** World Rights

**About the author:** Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written. She has been awarded an MBE for services to literature, and was also a much-praised Children's Laureate. <a href="https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk">www.juliadonaldson.co.uk</a>

**About the illustrator:** 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. Axel lives in London. www.axelscheffler.com

## **FICTION**

### **ROSIE FROST AND THE FALCON QUEEN**

GFRI HALLIWFIL-HORNER



#### It's time to find your power.

Suddenly orphaned and alone, Rosie Frost is sent to the mysterious Bloodstone Island--home not only to a school for extraordinary teens, but also a sanctuary for endangered species. There, Rosie confronts a menacing deputy headmaster, a group of mean girls bent on destroying her, and shocking family secrets she wishes had stayed hidden. When forces start threatening the island, Rosie knows she must enter and win the Falcon Queen Games to save the animals she loves. But Rosie can't do it alone. She finds that believing in herself, and her friends, is the first step to finding the power she never knew she had.

### **Key selling points**

- A sweeping adventure filled with a hidden island, family secrets, shocking betrayals, amazing music, and girl power, by iconic Spice Girl, songwriter and author Geri Halliwell-Horner.
- Geri Halliwell-Horner is an accomplished singer, writer, producer and actress who is widely recognised for her iconic place in British pop culture as an original member of the record-breaking girl group The Spice Girls

As 'Ginger Spice', **Geri** played a formative role in the band as they became one of the biggest-selling girl groups of all time. She is the successful author of the Ugenia Lavender book series and continues to work with the Royal Commonwealth to promote prospects through literacy to Commonwealth citizens. She is to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters at Sheffield Hallam University this Autumn. She is an outspoken supporter of animals and an ambassador of London Zoo.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 12th October 2023

ISBN: 9780702328695

**RRP:** £7.99

**Age:** 10-20

Binding: B format - paperback

Extent: 320pp

**TPS:** 198mm x 129mm

CBMC code: D3N79

**Illustrations:** 

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## HORRIBLE HISTORIES: HORRIBLE HISTORY OF THE WORLD (NEWSPAPER EDITION)

TERRY DEARY Illustrated by MARTIN BROWN



Discover all the blood-curdling stories with history's most hideous headlines: The Horrible History of the World edition.

The master of making history fun, Terry Deary, turns his attention to the foul but fascinating story of humans, from brain-nibbling Neanderthals to terrified teenage soldiers in the twentieth century. A brand new classic Horrible Histories book, perfect for fans old and new.

### **Key selling points**

- A brand new HORRIBLE HISTORIES series look
- From the team that brought you everything from Awful Egyptians to the Woeful Second World War
- Horrible Histories: The Movie Rotten Romans was released in the cinemas in July 2019
- Horrible Histories BAFTA award-winning TV series returned for season 9 in spring 2021
- Horrible Histories is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2023
- Over 30 million copies of Horrible Histories books in print internationally
- The perfect book for children who like their history a little more gory

**About the author:** Terry Deary has written fiction and popular non-fiction, including more than 60 HORRIBLE HISTORIES titles. He lives in County Durham.

**About the illustrator:** Martin Brown was born in Australia but currently lives in Dorset. In 1993 he illustrated the first of the HORRIBLE HISTORIES, and has now contributed to more than 60 titles in the series.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 14th September 2023

ISBN: 9780702326530

**RRP:** £9.99

**Age:** 08-12

Binding: Non Standard -

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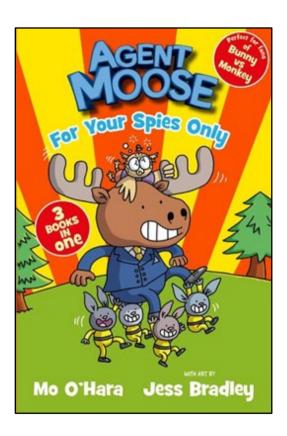
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**Illustrations:** Colour

## **FICTION**

## AGENT MOOSE: AGENT MOOSE: FOR YOUR SPIES ONLY (3 BOOK BIND-UP)

MO O'HARA Illustrated by JESS BRADLEY



Agent Moose, the best (worst) secret agent in the Big Forest, and his slightly- more-intelligent sidekick Owlfred are on the case in this full colour graphic novel containing three stories featuring a missing turtle, thefts to solve and mysterious flash floods in the Big Forest.

Lauah out loud and brilliantly silly.

### **Key selling points**

- A moose secret agent and his owl sidekick solve mysteries in this laugh- out-loud graphic novel series, perfect for fans of DOG MAN, CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS and BUNNY VS MONKEY
- Very funny, very accessible does for spies what DOG MAN does for superheroes.
- Writer Mo O'Hara is the author of the MY BIG FAT ZOMBIE GOLDFISH series. Illustrator Jess Bradley won the Non-Fiction Blue Peter Book Award 2021 for A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A POO, GNU AND YOU.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

Pub Date: 6th July 2023

ISBN: 9780702325397

RRP: £8.99

**Age:** 07-12

**Binding:** Paperback

Extent: 384pp

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**Illustrations:** 

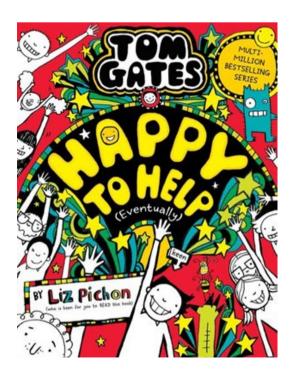
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**About the author:** Writer Mo O'Hara is the author of the MY BIG FAT ZOMBIE GOLDFISH series. Illustrator Jess Bradley won the Non-Fiction Blue Peter Book Award 2021 for A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A POO, GNU AND YOU.

## **FICTION**

## TOM GATES: TOM GATES 20: HAPPY TO HELP (EVENTUALLY) PB

LIZ PICHON



The 20th Tom Gates bestseller from multi-million selling writer and illustrator Liz Pichon. A hilarious, happy, helpful story packed with drawings and laughs on every page.

It's TIDY UP Saturday but Tom is VERY busy relaxing and not helping out much. Until he spots the art box of his dreams in a shop window and everything changes. He's suddenly focused on earning extra pocket money and helping with EVERYTHING. But nothing quite goes to plan. Washing and shrinking Delia's clothes isn't a good start. And the hours spent carefully cleaning cars with Derek are ruined overnight when a storm hits Oakfield Town, causing even MORE chaos.

At this rate it's going to take a MILLION years for Tom to get the art box of his dreams... or will it?

### **Key selling points**

- Over 5 million copies of Tom Gates books have sold in the UK and the Tom Gates series has been translated into 46 languages.
- TOM GATES has come to the stage, in a production by The Birmingham Stage company which toured the UK in 2019, and is a hit, Scottish BAFTA- winning TV show on Sky Kids. Liz is the bestselling 'homegrown' author/ illustrator in the UK.

**About the author:** Liz Pichon studied graphic design and has worked as an art director in the music industry. Her freelance design work has appeared on a range of products and she has written and illustrated a number of picture books. Liz's first book for 9+ readers, 'THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES' won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize,

The Best Book for Young Readers - Red House Book Award and the Best Fiction for 5-12 year olds category of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Liz is married with three children and lives in Brighton. <a href="https://www.lizpichon.co.uk">www.lizpichon.co.uk</a> tomgatesworld.blogspot.com/ @LizPichon

#### **#**SCHOLASTIC

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**RRP:** £7.99

**Age:** 09-12

Binding: Non Standard -

paperback

Extent: 256pp

TPS: 191mm x 152mm

CBMC code: D3N79

**Illustrations:** Black/white line

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**Rights** 

## **HORRIBLE HISTORIES: HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS (2023)**

TERRY DEARY Illustrated by MARTIN BROWN



Horrible Christmas is filled with all the festive facts any Horrible Histories reader wants to know, but is too stuffed full of mince pies to ask!

The complete horrible history of Christmas tells tales from the dark days when the Puritans tried to abolish Christmas, to Christmas in the trenches when the British and Germans traded bullets for footballs. Plus dreadful jokes, rotten recipes and a Christmas quiz!

### **Key selling points**

- Stuffed with foul festive facts and dreadful jokes, Horrible Christmas is the perfect Christmas gift for Horrible Histories fans
- 2018 was Horrible Histories' 25th anniversary
- Horrible Histories, the Movie: Rotten Romans the first official Horrible Histories film released 26 July 2019!
- The perfect book for children who like their history a little more gory
- Filled with hilarious illustrations by Martin Brown
- Horrible Histories is a BAFTA award-winning TV series and an international sellout stage show
- Over 12 million copies in print across the Horrible Histories series (UK editions)

**About the author:** Terry Deary has written fiction and popular non fiction, including more than 60 HORRIBLE HISTORIES titles. He lives in County Durham. www.terry-deary.com

**About the illustrator:** Martin Brown was born in Australia but currently lives in Dorset. In 1993, he illustrated the first of the HORRIBLE HISTORIES, and has now contributed to more than 60 titles in the series.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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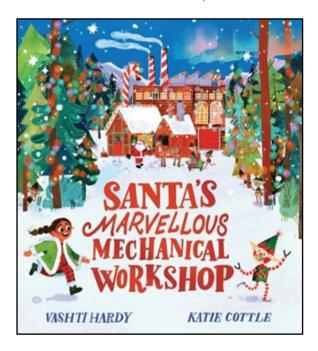
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**Illustrations:** Colour

**Rights:** 

## SANTA'S MARVELLOUS MECHANICAL WORKSHOP (PB)

**VASHTI HARDY** Illustrated by **KATIE COTTLE** 



# A magical Christmas story perfect for young engineers!

Lily's family has moved to a new house, and she worries that it will never feel like home – especially at Christmastime. But when Lily is whisked away to the North Pole to help Santa's elfbots make inventive new toys from discarded old ones, Lily comes to learn that with a new perspective and a dash of imagination, anything is possible.

## **Key selling points**

- This is the picture-book debut of Vashti Hardy, the Blue-Peter-Book-Award-winning author of children's novels known for their distinctive fusion of imagination and invention
- Illustrator and rising star Katie Cottle was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.
- Perfect for fans of The Polar Express and Rosie Revere, Engineer

**Vashti Hardy** is the award-winning author of fantasy adventures such as the Brightstorm world books and the Harley Hitch young fiction series. Her stories feature a unique blend of adventure, imagination and underlying inspirational STEM content for young readers. She divides her time between Sussex and Lancashire in the UK.

**Katie Cottle** is a freelance illustrator and picture-book creator living in Bristol, UK. Her many accolades include being shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2021, for The Blue Giant.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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**RRP:** £7.99

**Age:** 03-06

**Binding:** Paperback

Extent: 32pp

**TPS:** 275mm x 250mm

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**Illustrations:** 

## **FICTION**

#### TOTALLY DECEASED

SUF H. CUNNINGHAM



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

Seventeen-year-old Jess is recovering from an emergency heart transplant only to realise she is being haunted by the disgruntled ghost of her donor, Tilly. Tilly is determined there is more to her death than meets the eye, and insists that she won't stop haunting Jess until she helps solve her own murder.

Their investigations take them via a Swiss bank, several five-star hotels, glitzy parties and some seriously high-end fashion boutiques... But where do the clues lead, and will they solve the mystery of Tilly's death? More importantly, will Tilly rest and leave Jess alone if they do?

## **Key selling points**

- Perfect for fans of Holly Jackson, Benjamin Dean and Netflix's Inventing Anna.
- An ambitious, tightly-plotted, laugh-out-loud read that will keep you
  ont he edge of your seat. This charming friendship will remind readers
  of Only Murders in the Building and 90s Ghost.
- Perfect for BookTook and Bookstagram. Retailers and readers will love this unique YA offering.

**₩**SCHOLASTIC

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RRP: £8.99

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**Binding:** Paperback

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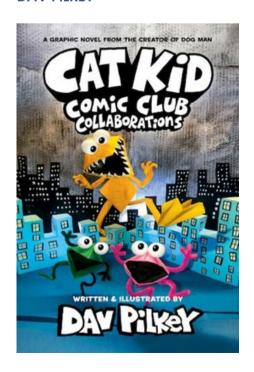
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**About the Author:** Sue lives in Manchester with her husband, two sons and a female cockapoo (a last-ditch attempt to even up the sexes). When she's not writing or tripping over electric guitar cables, she works for the NHS. Sue has won the Write 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 fifty short stories to magazines in the UK, Australia, Sweden, Finland and South Africa.

## **FICTION**

# CAT KID COMIC CLUB: CAT KID COMIC CLUB 4: COLLABORATIONS: FROM THE CREATOR OF DOG MAN

**DAV PILKEY** 



Brand-new, full colour, bestseller from the author/illustrator sensation behind DOG MAN!

Excitement and imagination run wild as Naomi, Melvin, Poppy, Gilbert, Curly, and their siblings get back to making comics with originality and laughter.

They present even more amazing mini-comics: a thrilling ride in "Chubbs McSpiderbutt," an action-packed romp in "Frogzilla," reflective haikus in "In the Autumn Pond," a candy-coated mystery in "Mallo Cop," and much, much, more. By working together, the baby frogs discover that small things can have a huge impact.

The variety of art styles, paired with Pilkey's trademark storytelling and humour, inspires imagination and innovation for readers of all ages.

### **Key selling points**

- A series that empowers readers to be creative and appreciate different ways of thinking and approaching art
- Includes an exciting range of multiple visual elements such as photographs, paintings and film animation techniques
- DOG MAN has swiftly become one of the major children's books brands in the UK: 1 million copies sold in five years.

**About the Author:** Dav Pilkey is the author and illustrator of the Captain Underpants series, which has been published in more than 25 languages worldwide and sold more than two million copies in the UK alone. He is also the creator of Dog Man, one of the bestselling series in the UK. His books are funny; accessible; full of genuine child appeal.

#### **₩**SCHOLASTIC

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**RRP:** £10.99 **Age:** 07-12

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Extent: 224pp

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