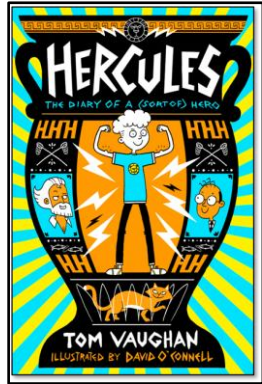




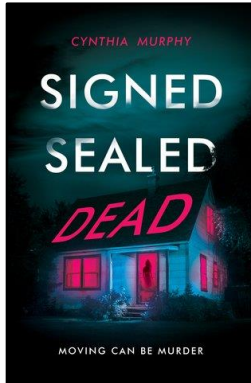
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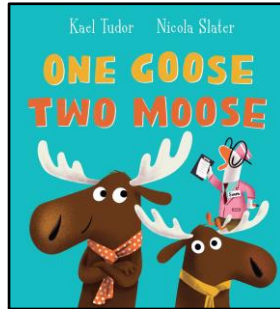
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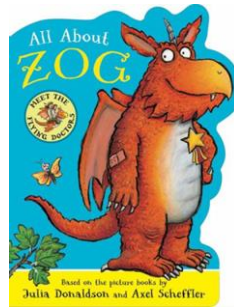
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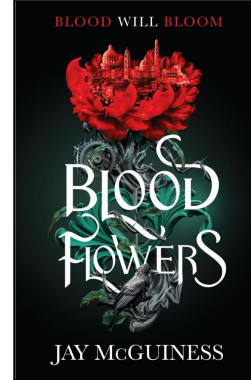
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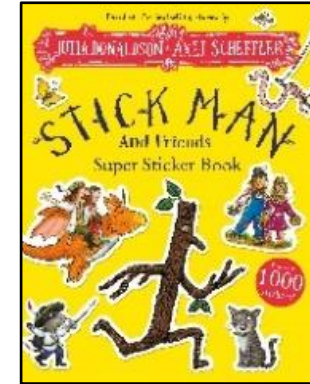
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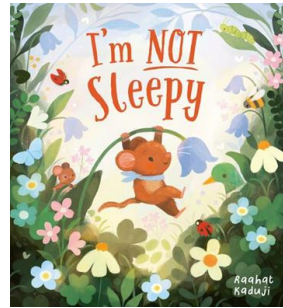
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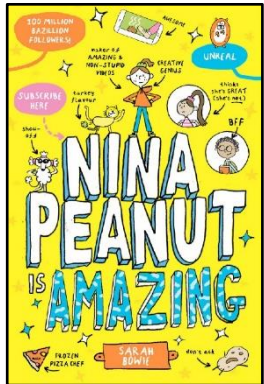
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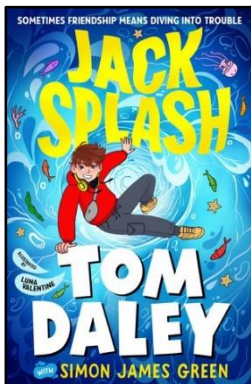
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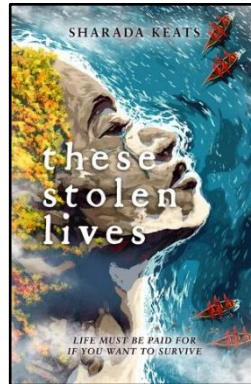
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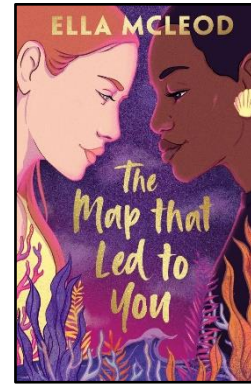
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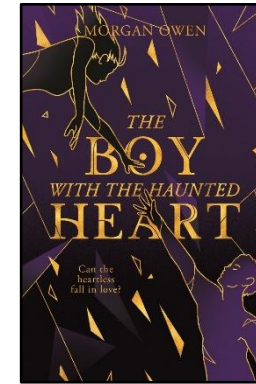
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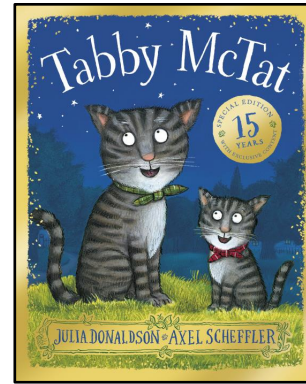
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HERCULES: THE DIARY OF A (SORT OF) HERO

By Tom Vaughan
Illustrated by David O'Connell



A hilarious, heart-warming, diary-format story inspired by Greek mythology, highly illustrated by David O'Connell and perfect for readers of 8+ and fans of *Loki*.

Hercules Braver is determined to live up to his name! But as he starts secondary school, his bid for popularity ends up saddling him with a set of impossible tasks... like cleaning out the monster-filled school pond, facing up to the school bully and finding the headmaster's missing cat. However, when Herc's charming, impressive birth dad turns up after years living in Greece, Hercules thinks his problems are solved. With God-like strength and awe-inspiring powers, could his dad even be the real Zeus? And will Hercules learn what it truly means to be a hero?

Key Selling Points

- A brilliantly illustrated, humorous and accessible package even for less confident readers, with touching and affirming representation of blended families and alternate father figures
- Hercules Braver's "trials" are loosely based on the first three Labours of Hercules, and Greek mythology captivates the interest of so many children
- Hercules and Zeus are characters in Marvel's *Thor* franchise and the classic Disney film, which has a live action adaptation on the way

ISBN: 9780702324635

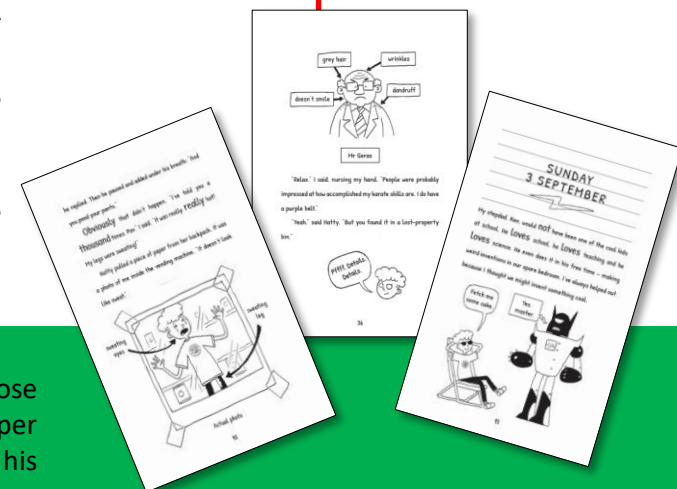
Rights: World

Pub Date: January 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 288pp
- Black and white illustrations

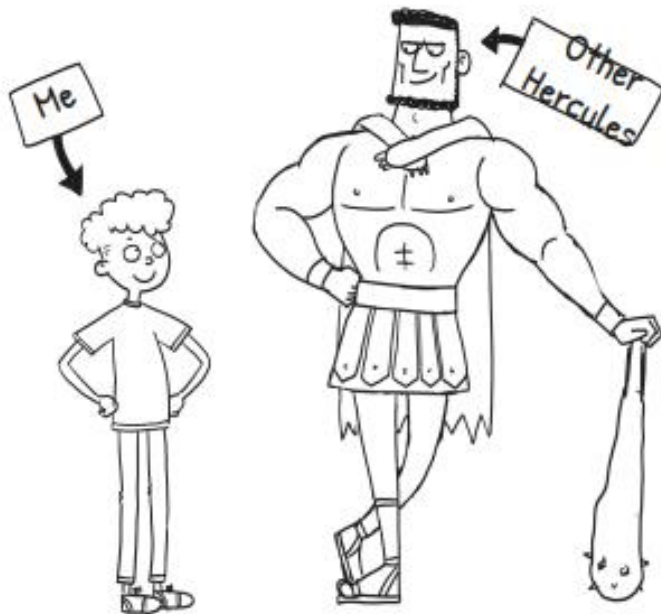


Tom Vaughan is a journalist, television producer, author and all-round good guy. Despite modest success in those four fields, he'd most like to be remembered as the man who unsuccessfully tried to invent a meal between supper and breakfast, called *supfast*. He lives in London with his wife and two small,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

FICTION

HERCULES

TOM VAUGHAN Illustrated by DAVID O'CONNELL



TUESDAY
19 SEPTEMBER



I woke up this morning, leapt out of bed and karate-chopped the air.

I have a god as a father!

Last night, I frantically googled everything I possibly could about Zeus. I wish I'd been listening more when Pav went on and on about him. I learnt that:

He rules the universe from Mount Olympus, which **isn't** a nightclub and **is** an awesome mountain in Greece where he and the other eleven Greek gods, called the Olympians, hang out – and they are all part of his (our!) family.

And he instructed his brother Prometheus to make all of humankind! How awesome is that? That's sooooo much more impressive than a coin-sorting machine. I also started

HERCULES

TOM VAUGHAN Illustrated by DAVID O'CONNELL

"Just *what* was that about?"

I felt my shoulders slump. I knew it was a long shot, but I still felt crushed that it hadn't worked.

"I was trying to make you fall out of love with Zooney and come back home," I mumbled.

Mum's face was torn between sympathy and exasperation.

"I *told* you, Herc. You need to accept that I'm with Zooney now."

Beside me, I could feel the anger **radiating** off Zooney.

"How **dare** you try to undo the will of the gods!"

Thunder rumbled, and grey clouds poured in through the doors, hugging the ceiling like smoke. I'd **really** made him cross this time.



"Zooney, darling, please calm down," said Mum. "You have *such* a temper."

"I am **sick** and **tired** of this boy's insolence!" he shouted.

More thunder. I felt my knees shaking. But I was also

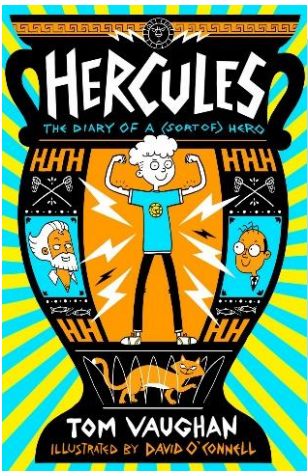


angry.

I was **angry** at Zooney for pretending that he wanted to hang out with me.

I was **angry** at him for having Eros shoot Mum with a love arrow.

I was **angry** at him for wanting to take Mum back to



Tom Vaughan is back with another hilarious title inspired by Greek mythology, perfect for fans of *Loki*

Broad and engaged middle grade and teacher audience

Powerful media appeal
reaching over 1 million
inc.



PR:

- Interactive school tour and festival appearances through 2024

Marketing:

- Engaging digital assets including character cards & digital quiz
- Partnerships with Greek mythology organizations

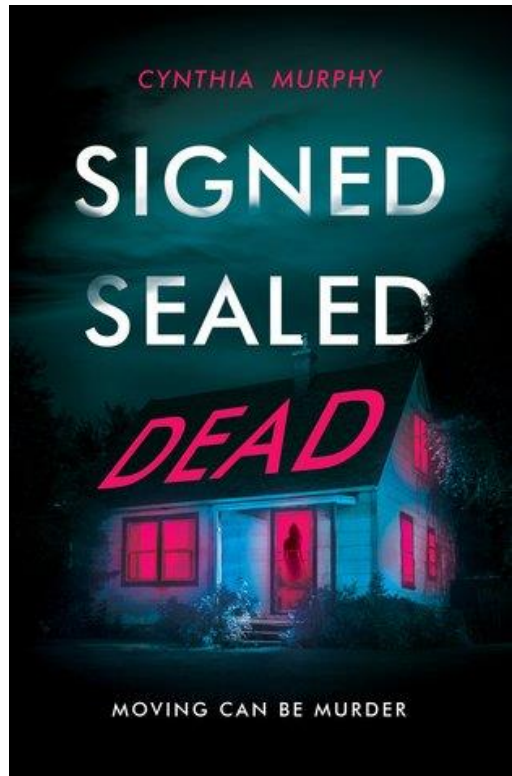


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SIGNED, SEALED, DEAD

By Cynthia Murphy



"The CEO of Plot Twists" – BookTok

From best-loved YA thriller author, Cynthia Murphy, comes an explosive new standalone mystery.

True-Crime obsessed Paige and her family move across the Atlantic to her father’s eerie hometown, and it’s not long before she uncovers the town’s dark history – a string of unsolved murders and disappearances in the 90s. And then notes start appearing at their dilapidated old home, about the secrets the house is keeping. The clues lead Paige to a diary concealed in the walls that belonged to one of the missing girls. Could this be the key to solving a quarter-of-a-century mystery, or will this make Paige the next target?

Key Selling Points

- Irresistible whodunit storytelling from Cynthia Murphy, author of nail-biting and explosive YA
- “Dark and unnerving” – *Good Housekeeping*
- Cynthia is one of the most-watched YA authors writing in the YA thriller space. *Win Lose Kill Die* has earned a coveted TIKTOK MADE ME BUY IT strapline after going viral on TikTok
- Thrilling YA standalone fiction that is perfect for fans of Karen McManus and Holly Jackson

#CynthiaMurphy
has 2.9M views on
TikTok.
#WinLoseKillDie
has 5.9m views

ISBN: 9780702318528

Rights: World

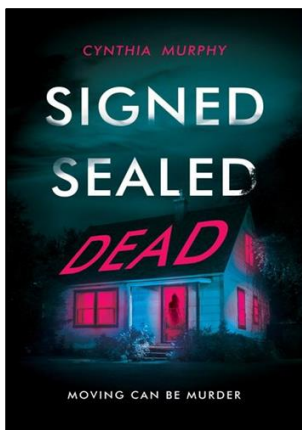
Pub Date: January 2024

Age: 15+

- Specifications:
- 368pp
 - 75,000 words

Cynthia Murphy is a YA writer from the North-West of England who is inspired by her long-standing love affair with all things scary, reading *Point Horrors* at primary school before graduating to Stephen King in her teens. Horror movies would be her specialist subject at a pub quiz and as an art history graduate, she has a love for all things pretty, old and very often dead.





Multi-award-winning Cynthia Murphy returns with another ode to Point Horror for Gen Z!

Cynthia's 2nd book became **a TikTok sensation**

Broad and engaged YA and cross-over adult audience.

Powerful media appeal
reaching over 3 million
inc.

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**The
Guardian**

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Sun**

**BBC
WOMAN'S
HOUR**

Red

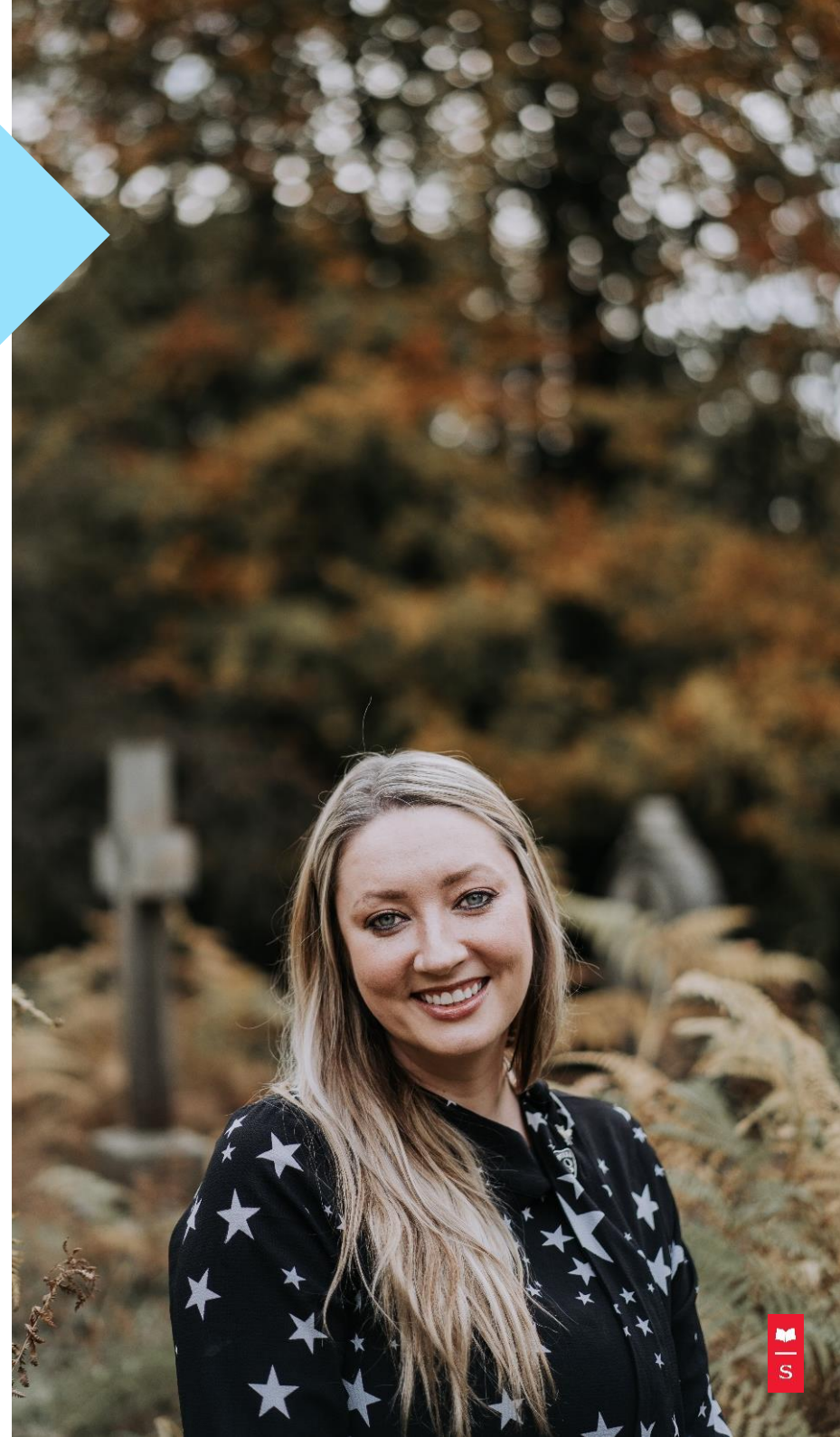
PR & Marketing:

- Kicking off activity with a cover reveal led by Cynthia on TikTok & other social channels
- Exploring targeting cross-over audiences through ads on True Crime podcasts
- Working closely with Scholastic's BookTok ambassadors to create content for Signed Sealed Dead

- Reaching thousands of YA readers with beautiful social media content on Scholastic channels (47k Facebook, 52k Twitter, 15k Instagram), including a full suite of digital assets & paid social advertising
- Generating excitement with an early mailing for cherry-picked influencers from TikTok including key items from the story



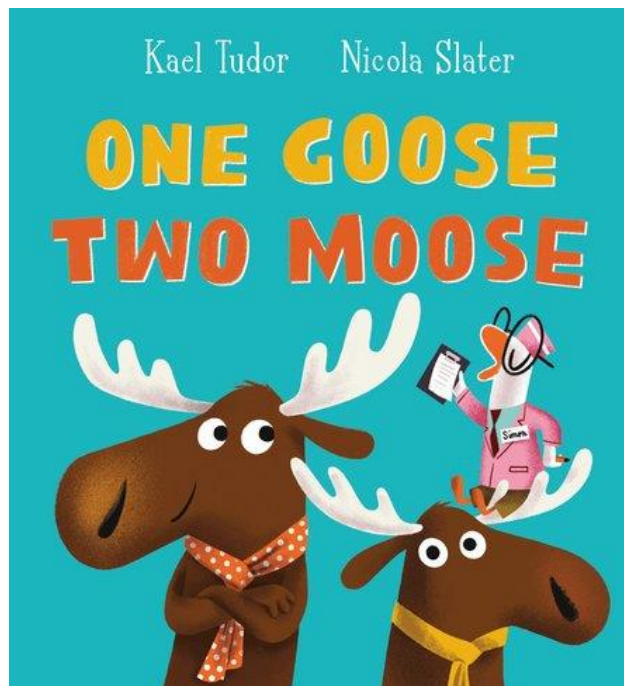
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Book #2
publishing
July 2025

ONE GOOSE, TWO MOOSE

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.

OK, everyone, line up!

One goose, two moose, three goose, four.

Five goose, six moose, seven goose, more.

WAIT!

Welcome to the ice cream shop, where there's a goose line, a moose line and a slightly bossy goose who wants everyone to be **IN THE RIGHT LINE, PLEASE**. Sounds easy enough, doesn't it?

Key Selling Points

- Witty and original first book in a brand-new series from debut author Kael Tudor
- Laugh-out-loud characters by Nicola Slater, illustrator of the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Leaf Thief* which has sold into 22 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!

ISBN 9780702307676

Rights: World

Pub Date: February 2024

Specifications:

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



Kael Tudor began writing his own stories at a young age, often inspired by the books that he bought at school fairs and jumble sales. When he's not writing picture books, Kael loves reading, drinking at least 15 cups of tea a day, and exploring the Welsh countryside with his family. **Nicola Slater** is a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator and is well-known for her distinctive artwork which has been translated into over 20 languages. Nicola lives with her family in Manchester, England.

PICTURE & NOVELTY

ONE GOOSE, TWO MOOSE (PB)

KAEL TUDOR Illustrated by NICOLA SLATER

Something's not right.

One goose...

two goose...

three goose...

four.

Five goose...

What are you?

I'm a moose.



PICTURE & NOVELTY

ONE GOOSE, TWO MOOSE (PB)

KAEL TUDOR Illustrated by NICOLA SLATER

Let's try again.

One goose,

two goose,

three moose,

four.

Five moose,

six goose,

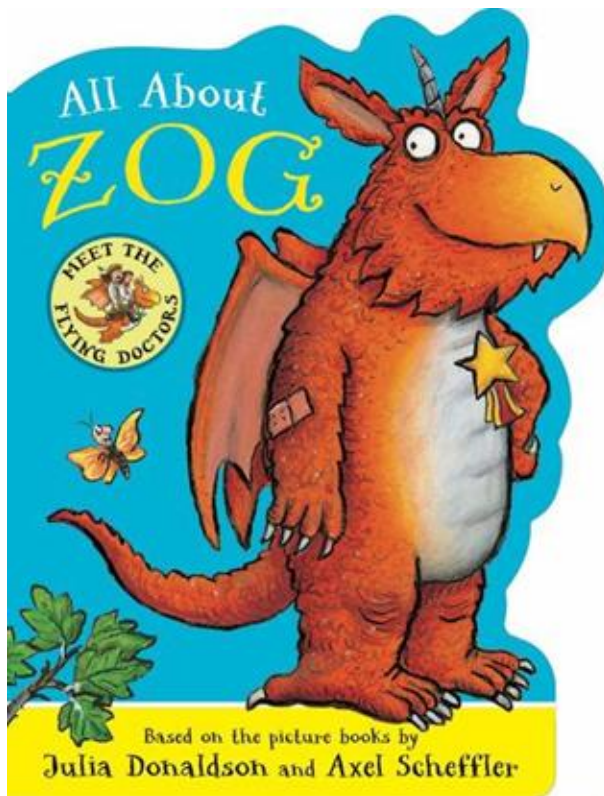
seven moose.

WHAT?!



ALL ABOUT ZOG

By Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

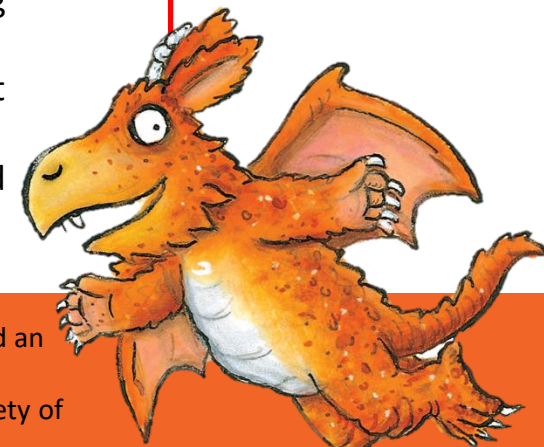


Get to know Zog and his friends in this fun board book in the shape of Zog by the bestselling creators of The Gruffalo and Stick Man.

Perfect for kids of all ages with sturdy card pages and brightly coloured illustrations. The bouncy text introduces readers to the much-loved characters from the classic story.

Key Selling Points

- A new shaped board book from the award-winning superstars of the children's book world, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- Based on the bestselling picture books Zog and Zog and The Flying Doctors
- With sturdy, card pages, this is a perfect introduction to Zog and his friends for little ones
- The ZOG brand has printed over 180k translated copies in Germany alone!



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.juliadonaldson.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. www.axelscheffler.com

ISBN 9780702332968

Rights: World

Pub Date: February 2024

ALISON GREEN BOOKS

ALL ABOUT ZOG

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



Zog's not
very good
at landing...



But he always gets the
team where they need to go.



If someone's
feeling poorly,



the doctors
know just
what to do.



BLOOD FLOWERS

By Jay McGuinness



An explosive new YA dystopian romantasy, perfect for fans of *The Hunger Games*, *The Atlas Six* and Leigh Bardugo. A story of love, witchcraft, betrayal and murder.

Seventeen-year-old Bear lives in the walled town of Calleston – a place of stark divide between the rich and poor. Living down in Cobblestone, Bear is painfully conscious of the inequalities between him and residents of Roofsides. When the town's annual Field Day – an event during which those who've recently come of age test their sinsen growing capacities – 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 he soon realizes that it's not all he expected it to be. He finds himself existing amidst an uncaring, callous people, concerned only with themselves, living in a society in which corruption is rife.

Finding himself unwillingly 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 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, class divide and addiction
- A romantasy that is perfect for BookTok and Bookstagram. A new YA star is born! Since the announcement we have received an overwhelmingly positive response from the TikTok community

ISBN 9780702328770

Rights: World

Pub Date: February 2024

Age: 13+


Specifications:


- 400pp
- 90,000 words


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.


BLOOD FLOWERS *early fan reactions and Evening Standard coverage*







 polillyt I am already hooked Jay and can't wait till I get my hands on the book to read what happens next. Hope to catch you on Tik Tok tomr ❤️👍

 btwcarolis Just read the 1st chapter and I loved it, it definitely made me curious about the characters and what's going to happen! Can it be February 2024 already, please? btw I'm so proud of you, bb! ❤️

 shellydawn1968 I'm hooked already, 'Oh Lord, he's clearly falling in love' - what a way to leave us wanting more ! So proud of you, everything you do, I told your Mum on Saturday night that you are an inspiration and you have my support in everything you do. Love you very much James - you bloody superstar x Love The Elvin Family xxx

 littlemiss_booklover I've read it and love it. Can't wait to read the rest 🤩 congrats again Jay ❤️

 alisha_brawley crying real tears bird, can't wait to read the rest
16h Reply ...



 **sivaofficial** Beyond happy for you Bird  Congrats 
12h 19 likes Reply

  @a_m_a_n_d_a____ · 18h
it's so pretty!!! [#BloodFlowers](#)

 **carolis**  @luvcarolis · 16h
ok I'm anxious to know who is (was) Elsbeth and who's the woman that is lying and why is she lying... I want it to be February 2024 already 🙄

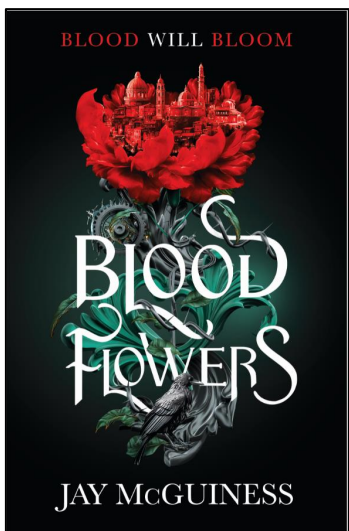
 **Jane Colfer** @JaneColfer · 17h
Soooo proud jay it sounds amazing already buzzing to read the rest when the books out 🍷🍷🍷

Jane    @Jane01010 · 18h
Crikey Jay... what happens next?
I want to know who Elsbeth is ... was. I want to know more about Watchman Aber.
Luckily, I have the book on order.
BTW. love the front cover 

 **liz**  |wembley N4 + N6 @intothewiild · 18h
This book is so up my street, I can't wait.

Joanne 🧡🦋 @Joannelouisex · 13h
The first chapter ❤️ is so good. 🙌 excited to read the whole book.

...  **leire** @leireisonfire · 18h
about to make this book my whole personality



The debut YA fantasy novel by singer-songwriter Jay McGuinness

An explosive new dystopian romantasy YA, perfect for fans of The Hunger Games, The Atlas Six and Leigh Bardugo.

Guaranteed national TV,
radio, print & podcast
reach 6 million
+ online

Sunday
Brunch

Lorraine
the
one
show

The
Guardian

BBC
RADIO

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RADIO

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THE TIMES



PR and Marketing:

- Major features, interviews and reviews
- Announced to huge excitement in summer 2023 alongside confirmation that Jay will be at YALC 2023
- Building upon Jay McGuinness's love for reading and recommending fantasy books for his fans
- Early seeding with the release of a sample chapter, digital cover reveal and advance proofs in autumn 2023
- Must-see events throughout 2024
- Supported with a stylish social media campaign across BookTok and Bookstagram reaching fans of the fantasy genre and "crossover media audiences"

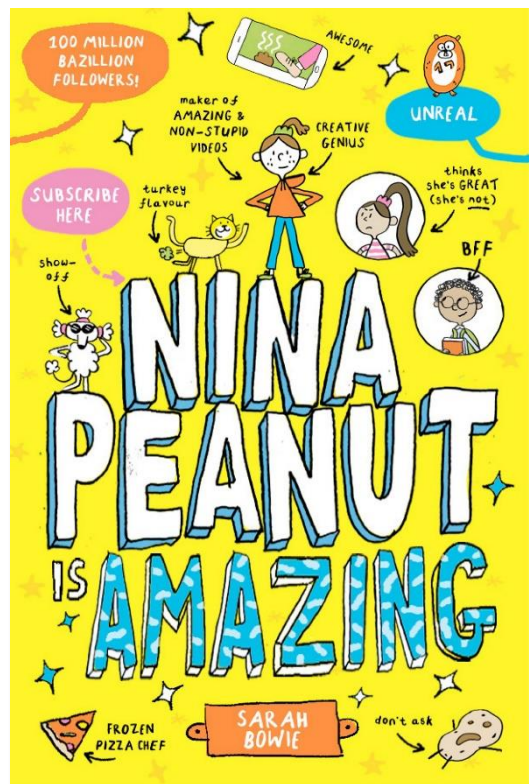


1 million+ author reach
100k+ Scholastic



NINA PEANUT IS AMAZING

By Sarah Bowie

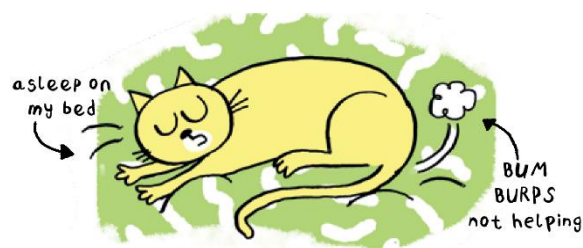


A hilariously funny new middle-grade series, guaranteed to delight kids across the world, perfect for fans of *Dork Diaries* and *Wimpy Kid*.

Nina Peanut loves making videos – even if it is only her grandma and best friend Brian who watch them. School “friend” Megan Dunne films popular videos of her dog Princess Trixie-Belle – but becomes truly internet famous when Nina’s smelly cat Les wanders into one of her videos by accident. Suddenly Nina and her cat become online celebrities – but is the fame game as amazing as it seems?

Key Selling Points

- Hilariously funny, with relatable themes, of friendship/frenemies, big dreams and brilliant pets
- Warm, offbeat wit and gorgeous, bright full-colour art throughout. Standout creative talent Sarah Bowie writes and illustrates *Nina Peanut*
- Acquired by Scholastic in a major pre-empt



Scholastic Fiction

ISBN 9780702329876

Rights: World (ex. USA & Canada)

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.

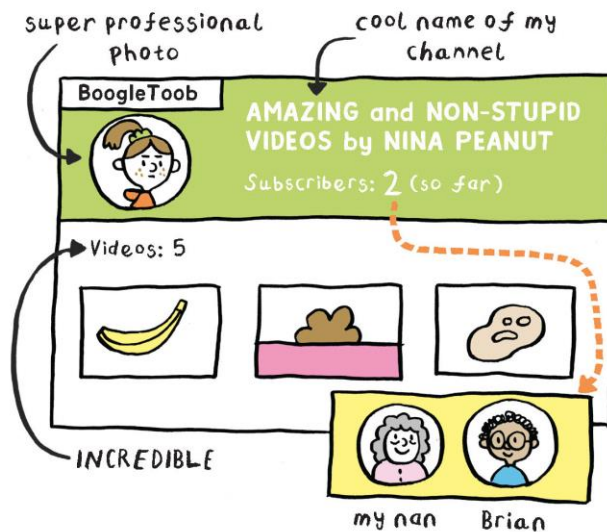
FICTION

NINA PEANUT

SARAH BOWIE



Anyway, as I was saying ... you've probably seen
my channel: it's **HUGE**.



Someday I will have a **MILLION**
- no, actually, more like a

GAZILLION

followers.



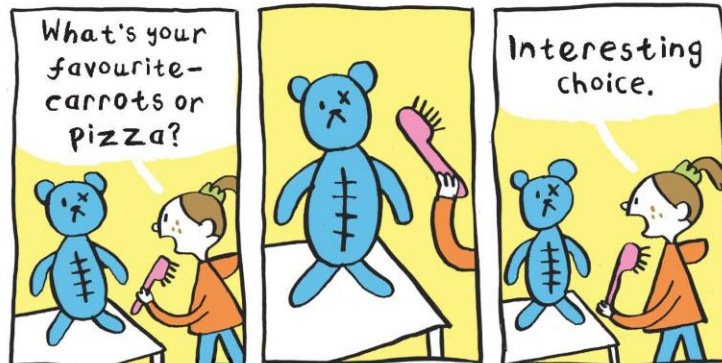
I'm about to say "Nina", which is technically the last
thing he said (before he said "Repeat the last
thing I just said") when the bell goes. Phew.



FICTION

NINA PEANUT

SARAH BOWIE

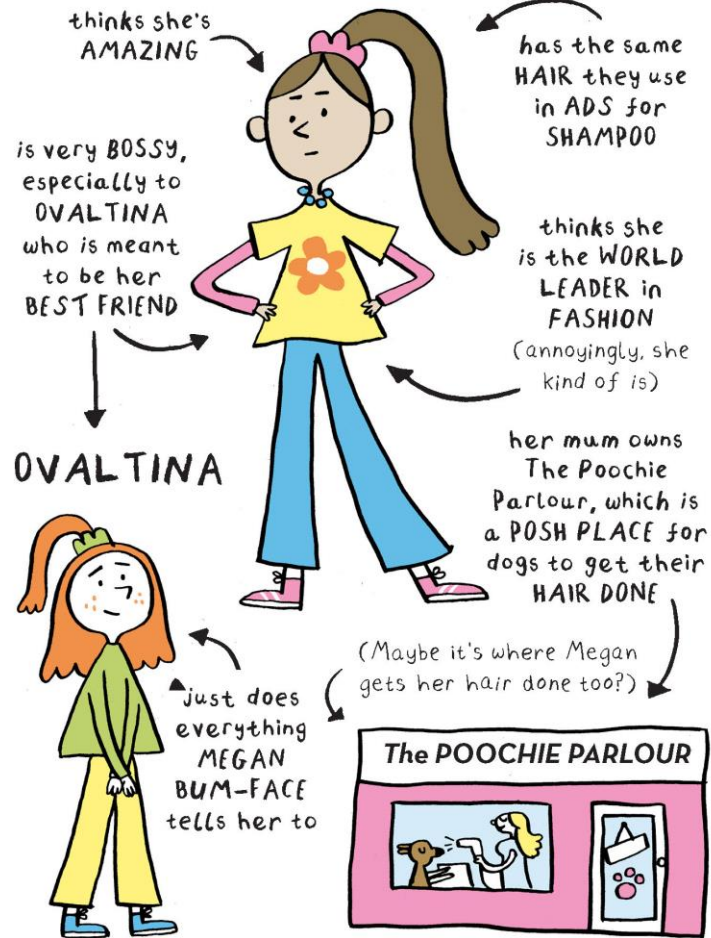


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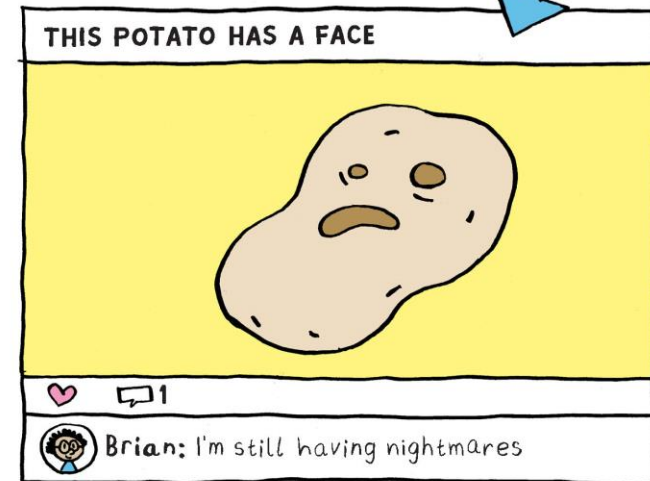
NINA PEANUT

SARAH BOWIE

Ugh, I suppose I'd better introduce you to
MEGAN DUNNE.



"Will this video be as good as your **LAST ONE?**"
Megan says.
She's talking about...



It's actually one of my more
GENIUS IDEAS.



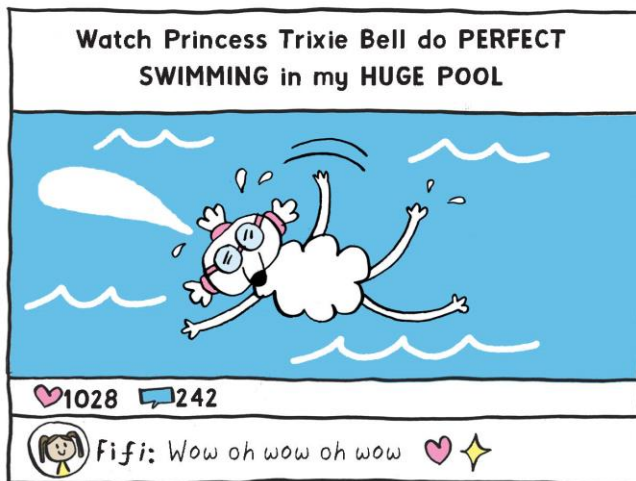
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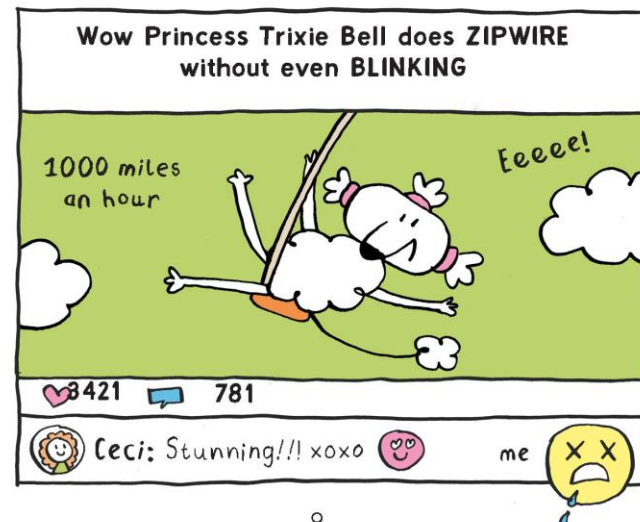
Unfortunately, there's no way for your **EYEBALLS** to avoid seeing one of Megan Dunne's **TOTALLY DULL DOG VIDEOS** if you go to Dozyville Primary School.



Grunt!
SPLASH!



...even though they are **SUPER BORING**.

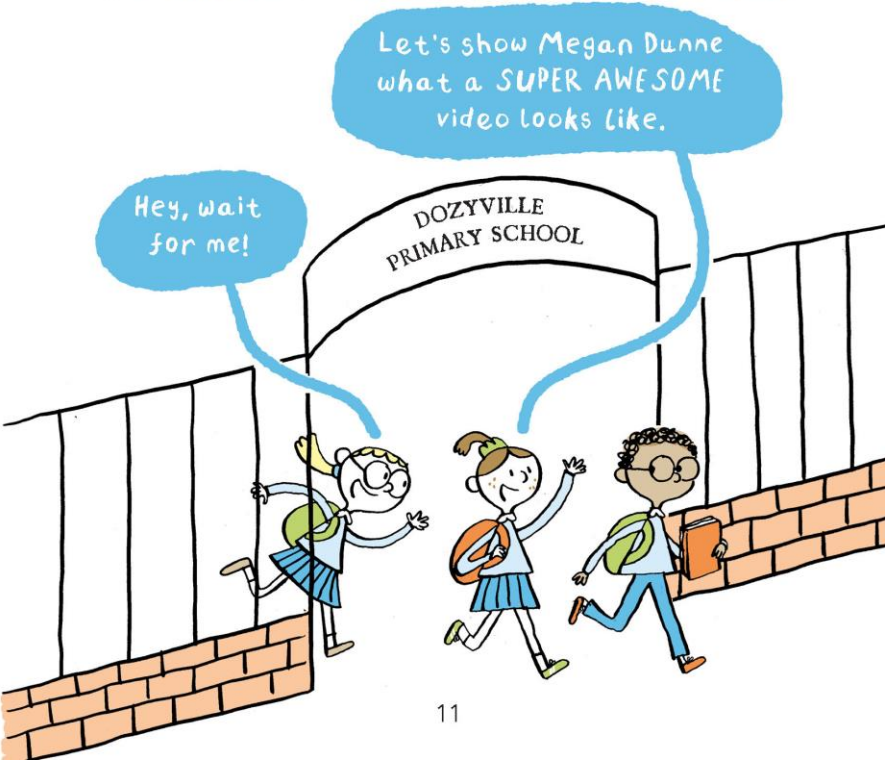
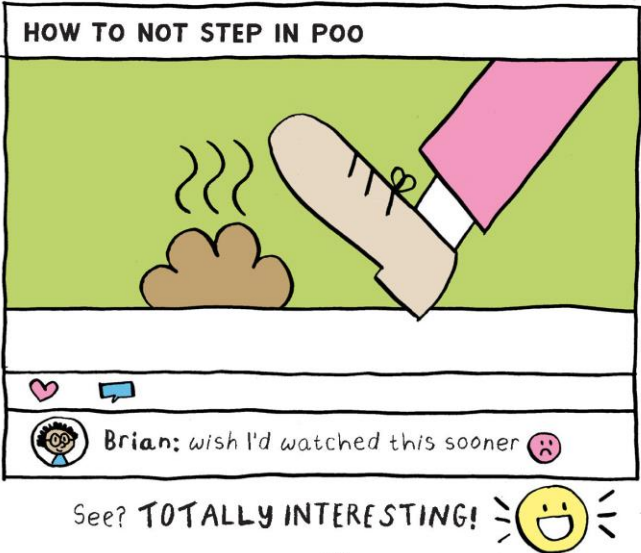
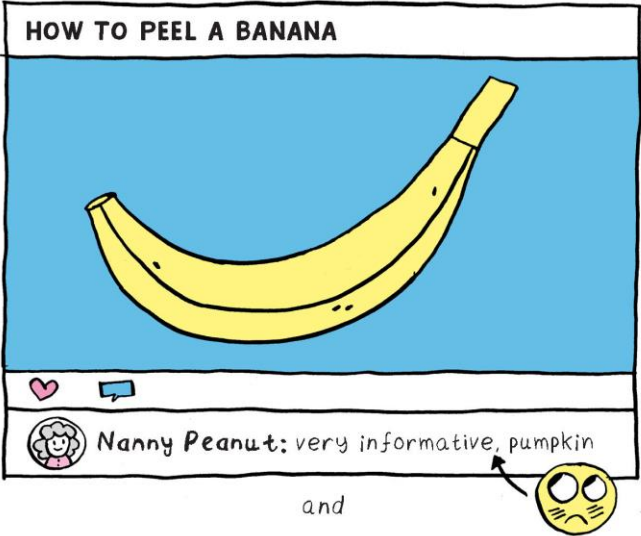


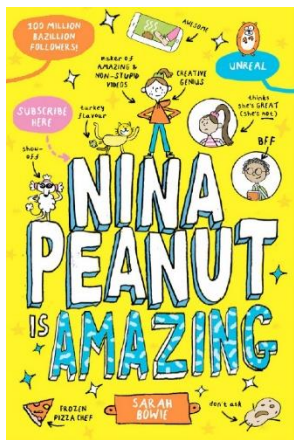
FICTION

NINA PEANUT

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I only make **AMAZING** videos about
SERIOUS things like:





Sarah Bowie is an Irish writer and illustrator and a co-founder of The Comics Lab and of Ireland's first Graphic Short Story Prize. Nina Peanut is her debut middle grade.

Nina Peanut will be the most charming and funny new character launch of the year.

Powerful media appeal
reaching over



Ireland:
am

THE IRISH TIMES

THE WEEK
Junior

PR:

- Multi-channel media campaign across the UK and Ireland Key targets to include: Ireland AM, BBC Breakfast, Irish Times, Guardian, The Week Junior, Daily Mail)
- Far-reaching schools tour introducing Nina Peanut to thousands of children.
- Look out for lots of Nina Peanut events at festivals throughout 2024.

Marketing:

- Powerful, kids-focused digital advertising reaching 500k+
- Short-form video content on YouTube Kids and in YouTube pre-roll advertising
- Sampler campaign
- Early reader reviews

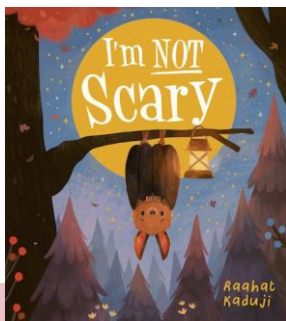
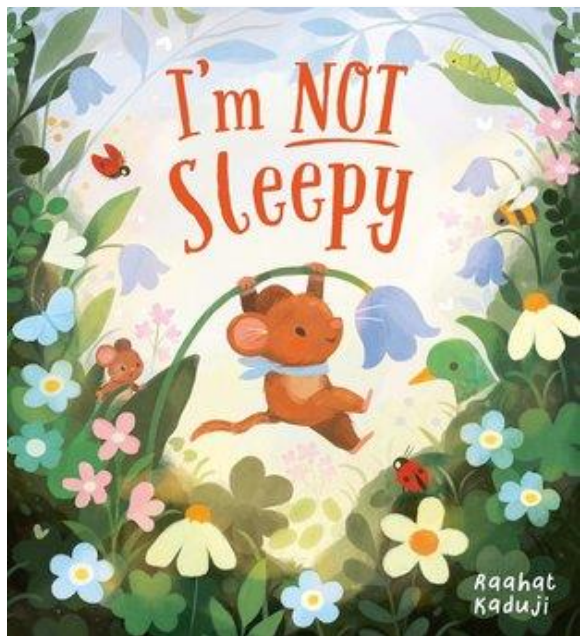


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I'M NOT SLEEPY

By Raahat Kaduji



Flora the smallest dormouse is desperate to go exploring – but the other dormice just want to eat and sleep! So Flora sets out alone on a grand adventure.

She's thrilled to discover the world around her, from tadpoles wriggling in a pond to birds building nests and spiders spinning webs. Then winter comes and even Flora needs to sleep.

She curls up in a cosy burrow – and doesn't realise she's fallen asleep on the tail of a fox! Will the other dormice dare to come to Flora's rescue?

Key Selling Points

- Full of warmth, fun and drama, this is an exquisitely illustrated celebration of nature through the seasons
- Children will love discovering the natural world with Flora
- The final spread presents extra facts about the creatures Flora finds, and encourages children to look out for the wildlife around them
- Raahat Kaduji has attracted great acclaim for her stunning debut picture book, *I'm Not Scary*, which has sold into seven territories to date

ISBN 9780702318504

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:
Canada (French Canadian), Estonia, Poland, Taiwan & USA

Pub Date: March 2024

Specifications:

- 275 x 250mm
- 40pp self-ends
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & spot UV



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

I'M NOT SLEEPY

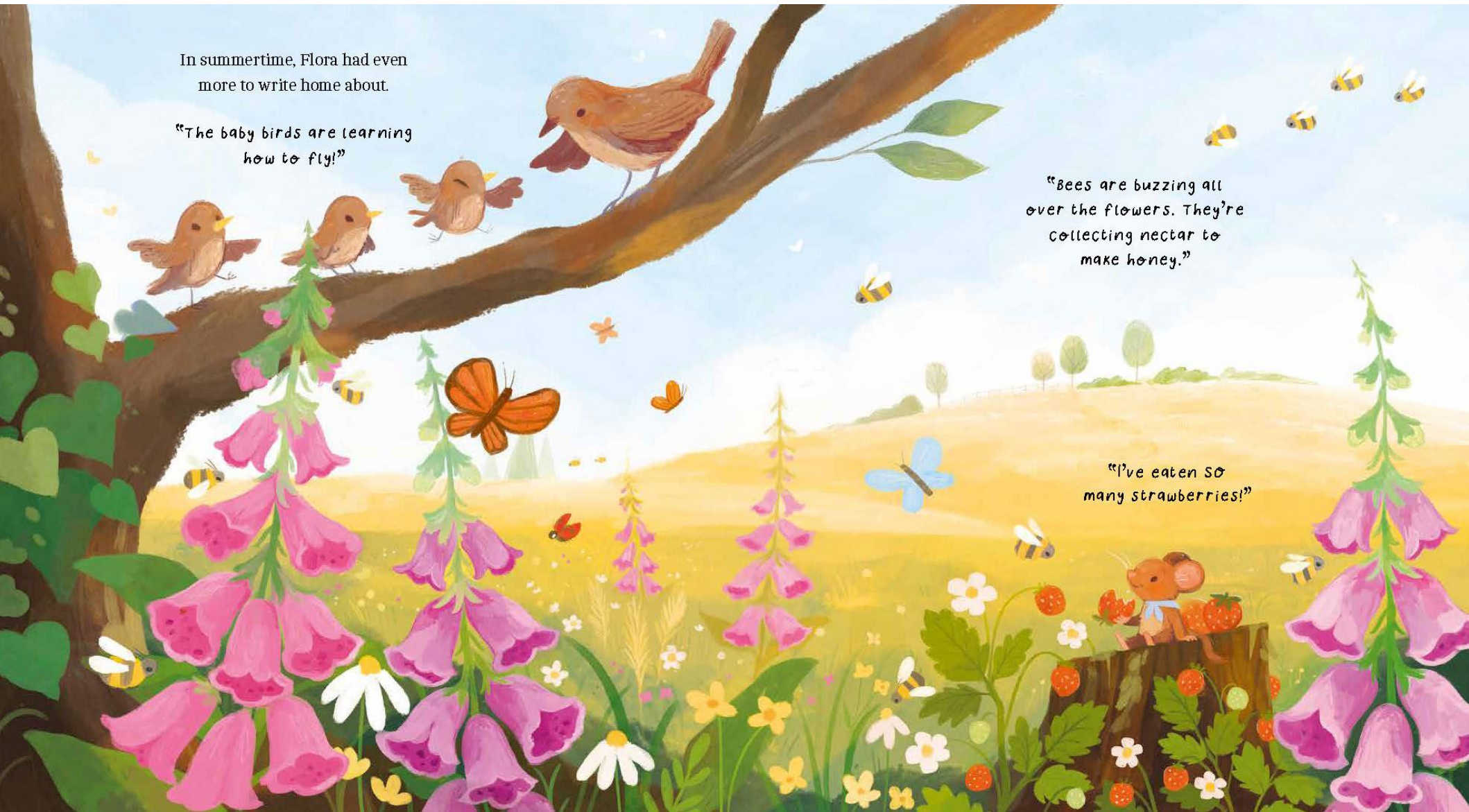
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In summertime, Flora had even more to write home about.

"The baby birds are learning how to fly!"

"Bees are buzzing all over the flowers. They're collecting nectar to make honey."

"I've eaten so many strawberries!"



I'M NOT SLEEPY

By Raahat Kaduji

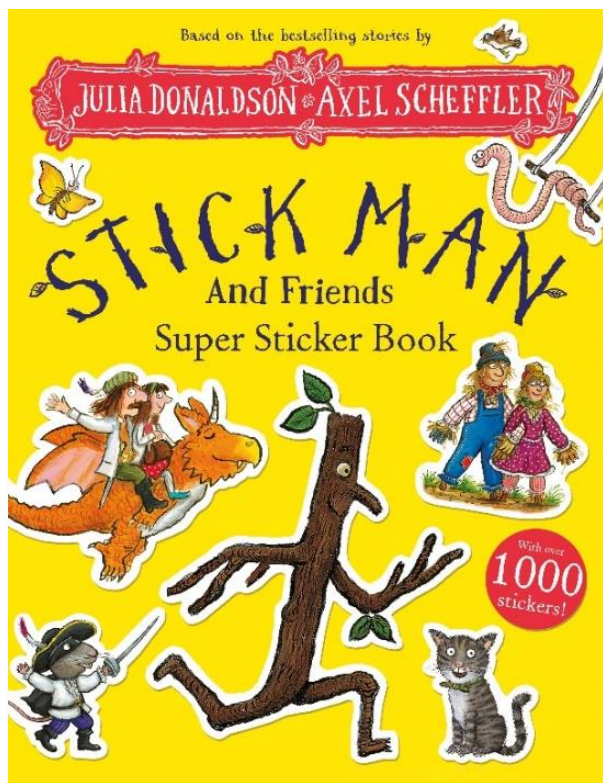
... and the duck flew them home to safety.

Flora's friends stared wide-eyed as they soared across the fields. So this was the amazing world she had talked about in her postcards!



STICK MAN AND FRIENDS SUPER STICKER BOOK

By Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



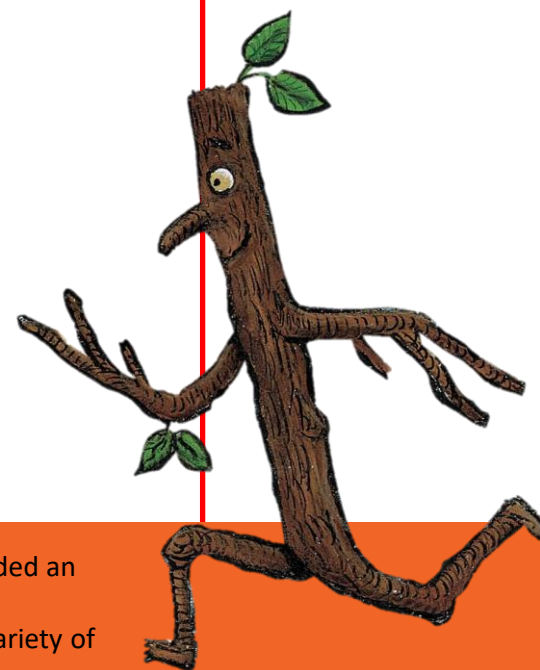
Join Stick Man and some of your other favourite Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler characters in this bumper sticker activity book!

Packed with over 1000 stickers and 55 activities, including colouring-in activities, dot-to-dots, puzzles, spot the difference activities, mazes and simple word searches, there's plenty to keep children busy for hours!

This is a brilliant companion activity book for fans of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Key Selling Points

- Perfect for entertaining children on long journeys and during school holidays
- With a spring theme running throughout it's a great gift for Easter!
- Includes a variety of activities to do with all the family
- Featuring characters from Stick Man, Superworm, The Highway Rat, Scarecrows' Wedding and Zog and the Flying Docors



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.juliadonaldson.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. www.axelscheffler.com

ISBN 9780702331237

Rights: World

Pub Date: February 2024

ALISON GREEN BOOKS

STICK MAN AND FRIENDS SUPER STICKER BOOK

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



The Hungry Highway Rat

The Highway Rat can't find his way to the cake shop.
Help him follow the trail by filling in the missing
stickers from the back of the book.



Springing to Life

In the spring, beautiful flowers bloom. Can you colour in the image of Stick
Man and his flower? You can fill the page with your favourite flowers and
stickers from the sticker section, too.



HYO THE HELLMAKER

By Mina Ikemoto Ghosh



A breath-taking Japanese inspired YA fantasy, highly illustrated with stunning Manga art, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo, Xiran Jay Zhao and R. F. Kuang.

Meet the Hakai Family Hellmakers: Purveyors of artisan hells and unlucky days to influct upon your enemies. They'll make it personal... But for a price!

Hyo Hakai is a hellmaker. But when a curse destroys her village, she and her brother are forced to flee to the Island of Onogoro - a place where Gods live among humans.

Hyo expects the bodies when they show up, but as she invetigates she is drawn into a tangled web of ens, death, conspiracy and secrets.

Key Selling Points

- There is nothing in the market like this
- HYO is a unique YA offering that would be speak to YA, TikTok, Manga and crossover fans
- There are currently 90+ million manga fans in the world and this will be heavily illustrated by Mina who has won awards for her Manga style art
- This is an insatiable, must-have, own-voices thriller with a Japanese setting that is perfect for the YA readership

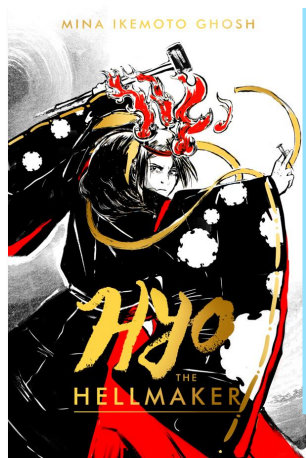
ISBN 9780702328954

Rights: World

Pub Date: March 2024

Age: 13+

Mina Ikemoto Ghosh is a British-Japanese writer who was raised on a diet of Japanese murder- mysteries and British fantasy novels. Her own writing often ends up in the shadowy zone between the two. After studying STEM with a BA in Natural Sciences, she entertained family by embarking on misadventures in writing, illustration and freelance translation. She has an MSc in Japanese Studies from the University of Oxford, with focuses on classical Japanese literature and contemporary anthropology, and uses these as sources of inspiration for her stories. She was shortlisted the two times she entered the UK Manga Jiman in 2019 and 2021. Hyo The Hellmaker is her debut novel.



A breath-taking Japanese inspired YA fantasy, highly illustrated with stunning Manga art, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo, Xiran Jay Zhao and R. F. Kuang

Written and illustrated by Mina Ikemoto Ghosh, twice shortlisted for the UK Manga Jiman

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PR:

- TBC

Marketing:

- Early seeding at YALC with YA fans
- Extensive BookTok campaign, including influencer partnerships in the BookTok and manga space
- A bespoke mailing to key influencers
- A highly illustrated suite of digital graphics

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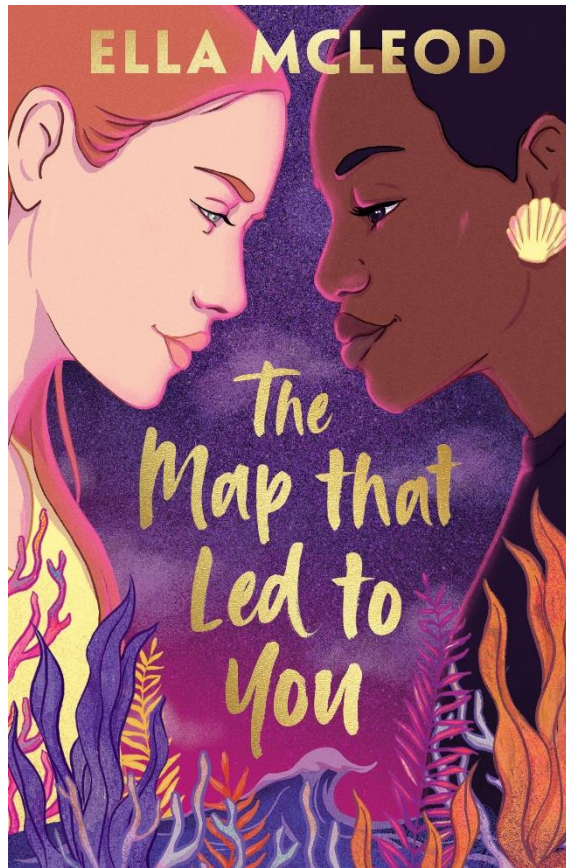


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THE MAP THAT LED TO YOU

By Ella McLeod



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A long time ago, a witch burst into flames. A pirate and a mermaid fell in love. A map was marked with a glowing X. And a Republic was born.

In the present day, two girls are given a history assignment: to try and piece together the rise and fall of the famous and corrupt pirate Republic, which once formed their island home. As Reggie and Maeve sift fact from fiction, they realize that everything they've been told about the Republic is wrong. That the problem with history being told by the victors is that a lot gets left out. That ancient legend might be uncomfortably close to home. As their tentative friendship deepens into something more, they realize that a magical world could be on their very doorstep – if only they could find the map...

Key Selling Points

- A genre-defying, intoxicatingly rich tale of myth and magic
- Blending high-seas swashbuckling adventure, lyrical poetry and contemporary romance
- Ella McLeod merges poetry and prose in a stunningly lyrical, heart-piercingly honest exploration of a teenager coming into their gender, identity and race
- Perfect for fans of Elizabeth Acevedo, Dean Atta and Kalynn Bayron

ISBN 9780702313851

Rights: World

Rights Optioned: USA

Pub Date: April 2024

Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 400pp
- 80,000 words



Ella McLeod is a writer/performer and graduate of *Warwick University*, where she was awarded a 1st class BA in English Literature with Theatre and Performance Studies. She has worked as a spoken word poet and actress and has also worked as a podcast producer and researcher for *Somethin' Else*. Her Instagram is @mcleodmouth.

The Map That Led to You

Blending high-seas swashbuckling adventure, lyrical poetry and contemporary romance, this is another genre-defying, intoxicatingly rich tale of myth and magic from RAPUNZELLA author Ella McLeod

Ella has massive BookTok appeal and is an influencer favourite

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PR:

- TBC

Marketing:

- Early seeding at YALC with YA fans
- Extensive BookTok campaign, including influencer collaborations, exclusive mailing and regular content
- Running a poetry competition with Ella, with children's poetry partners



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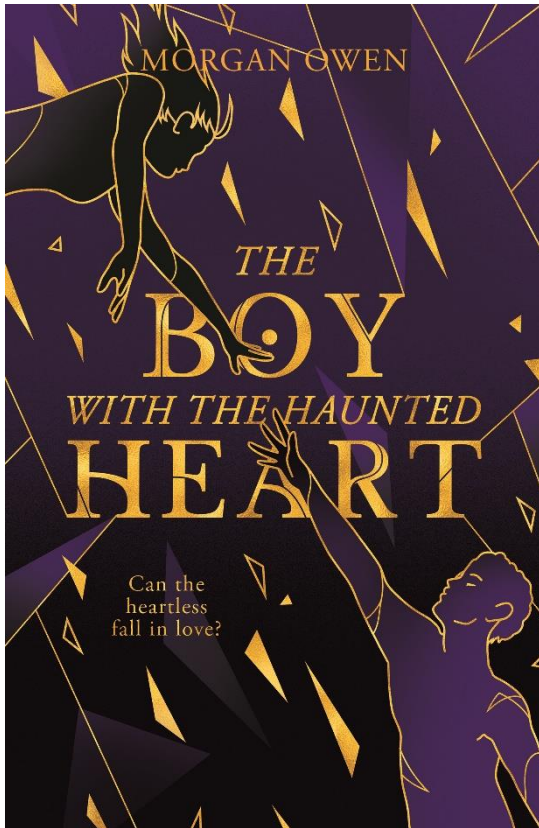


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THE BOY WITH THE HAUNTED HEART

By Morgan Owen



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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

ISBN 9780702314629

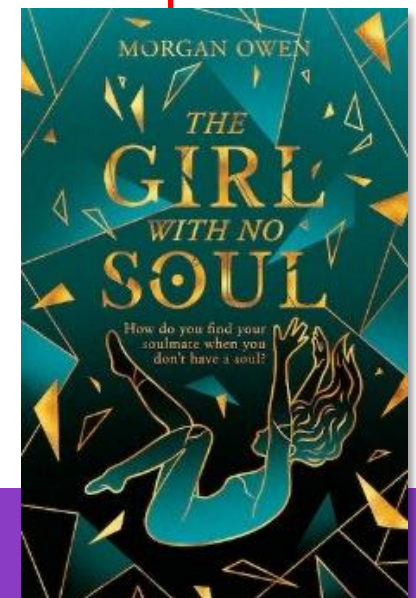
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Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 15+

Specifications:

- 400pp
- 80,000 words

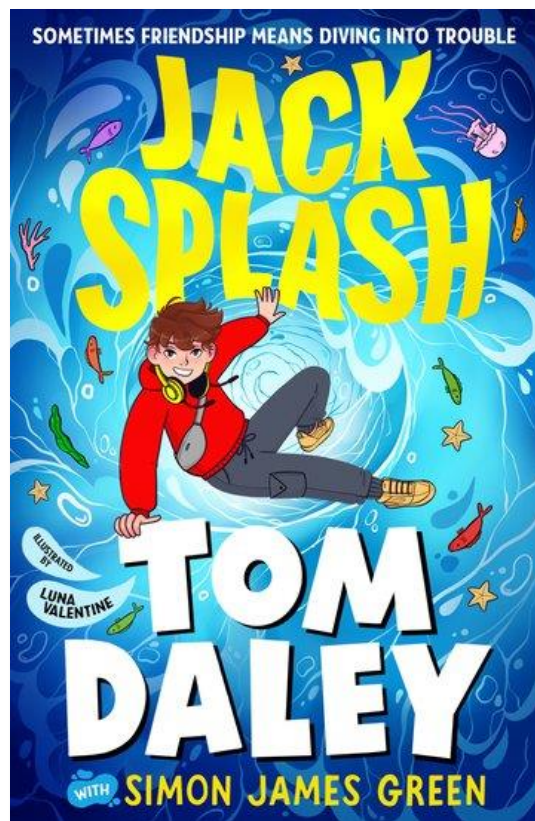


Morgan Owen is a former bookseller who lives in Birmingham with two magical black cats. She was taught to read by her mother, but it was her late grandmother who taught her how to tell stories. In her spare time, she enjoys stargazing, doodling, visiting ancient ruins and collecting curious objects.

JACK SPLASH

By Tom Daley & Simon James Green

Illustrated by Luna Valentine



Sometimes friendship means diving into trouble!

Jack only wants to impress his diving coach dad – but as the worst diver in the worst diving team in England, there's little chance of it. Until a brush with magic and the arrival of a new, mysterious friend, Billy, that is. Billy is really strange, but Jack believes Billy's unusual abilities are just the thing to finally turn the team's fortunes around! When Billy finds himself in deep trouble – and the fate of his world hangs in the balance – it's up to Jack and the rest of the team to make a big splash and save the day.

A hilarious adventure that celebrates difference!

Key Selling Points

- A hilarious adventure that celebrates difference
- 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
- Simon James Green is an award-winning author of many books for children and teens, including *Finn Jones Was Here* and *Sleepover Takeover*

ISBN 9780702330049

Rights: World

Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 9+

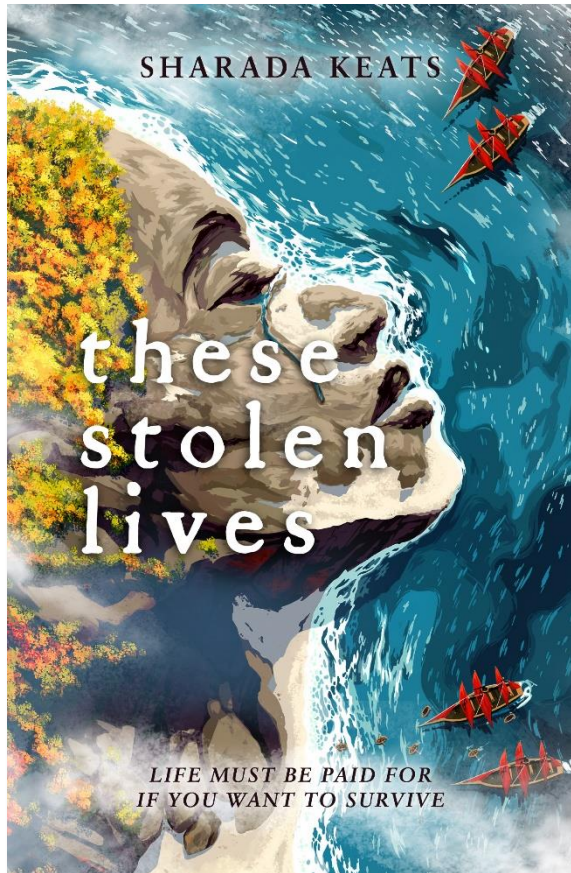
Specifications:

- 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*.

THESE STOLEN LIVES

By Sharada Keats



A powerful dystopian thriller from a stunning new voice in YA, set in a world divided by race where life itself must be paid for if you want to survive...

Six years ago, seventeen-year-old Mora survived the terrifying Skøl invasion. They stole her land. They took her family. And now not even her life is her own. Skøl culture revolves around one motto: *Life is Golden*. You must pay the government for the right to survive – or be culled. Records of every citizen are held at the highly secured Life Registry, which tracks who lives and who dies, who pays and who fails.

Colonized survivors face endless servitude, repaying the ‘debt’ of their years lived before the invasion. But when Mora finds out that twelve-year-old Zako is to be put to death by the dangerous new Skøl Governor, she and her handsome, elusive friend Kit decide to fight back. But their plan draws them into a dark mystery – and a heart-pounding mission at the Life Registry itself. They must ask themselves: what are we worth to each other?

Key Selling Points

- The first book in a stunning new duology filled with suspense and a gorgeous friends-to-lovers romance that crackles with tension, ideal for fans of *Noughts & Crosses*, *The Hunger Games*, *The Gilded Ones* and *Shatter Me*
- Explores hope, connection, and important topics like colonialism, racism and societal structures that demand productivity and disenfranchise the poor
- The richly imagined alternate world – reminiscent of 18th-19th century imperialism with fantasy twists – feels globally relevant

ISBN 9780702325120

Rights: World

Pub Date: April 2024

Age: 13+

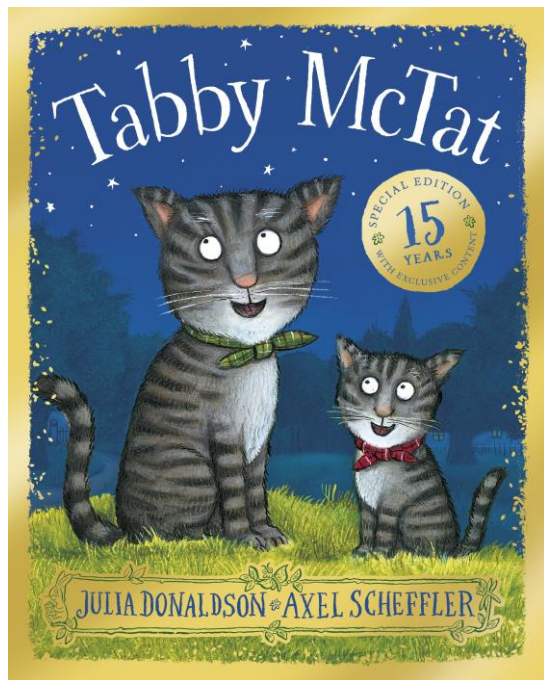
Specifications:

- 400pp
- 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.

TABBY MCTAT 15TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

JULIA DONALDSON Illustrated by AXEL SCHEFFLER



Tabby McTat loves singing along with Fred the busker, as people throw coins in their hat.

But when Fred has an accident, the two are separated. Will they ever find each other again?

A heartwarming picture book about unlikely friendship and loyalty by superstar duo Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Key selling points

- A gorgeous, shiny foiled cover edition of the bestselling picture book, TABBY MCTAT, by superstar duo Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- A heartwarming story of friendship, loyalty - and kittens!
- STICK MAN, ZOG and SUPERWORM have all been made into animated films shown on BBC1 at Christmas and Tabby McTat will be on screen at Christmas 2023
- "A pleasure to read out loud" – *Financial Times*
- "Absolutely purr-fect stuff." – *The Times*

Pub Date: 9th May

2024 **ISBN:**

9780702330261 **RRP:**

£7.99

Age: 03-07

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 32pp

TPS: 280mm x 224mm

CBMC code: A3M79

Illustrations: Colour

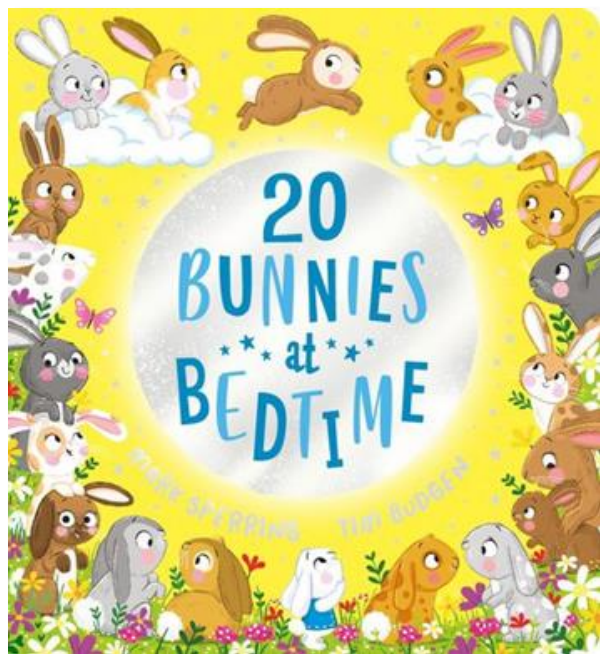
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About the author: Julia Donaldson is the author of many of the best-loved picture books ever written. She was awarded an MBE for services to literature, and appointed Children's Laureate in June 2011. Julia lives in Glasgow. www.juliadonaldson.co.uk

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. www.axelscheffler.com

TWENTY AT BEDTIME: TWENTY BUNNIES AT BEDTIME (CBB)

MARK SPERRING Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN



A super sweet count-to-twenty board book filled with cute and cuddly bunnies – perfect for little hands!

Once upon a bouncy bed . . .

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

With hopping, jumping and leaping bunnies on every page, and a fun story showing children how to count from one to twenty, this cute and cuddly counting board book is set to become every child's new favourite.

Key selling points

- TWENTY BUNNIES AT BEDTIME - now available in a gorgeous, chunky board book edition for little hands
- Count from one to twenty with the help of these super fluffy bunnies!
- A brilliant bedtime counting series from bestselling author-illustrator duo Mark Sperring and Tim Budgen
- With beautifully engaging illustrations and a heartfelt story, join twenty bunnies as they help a little girl fall fast asleep
- Following on from the successful TWENTY DINOSAURS AT BEDTIME, TWENTY UNICORNS AT BEDTIME and TWENTY ELVES AT BEDTIME

Pub Date: 4th January 2024

ISBN: 9780702328930

RRP: £7.99

Age: 00-03

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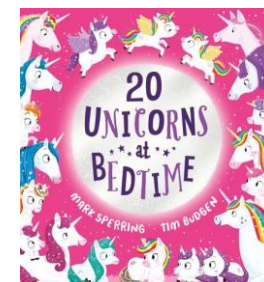
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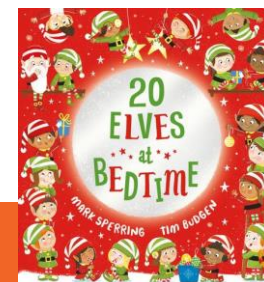
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Illustrations: Colour

Rights: World Rights



ISBN: 9780702324192



ISBN: 9780702328947

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 BUNNIES AT BEDTIME PB

By MARK SPERRING

Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN

FLOP-EARED BUNNIES!

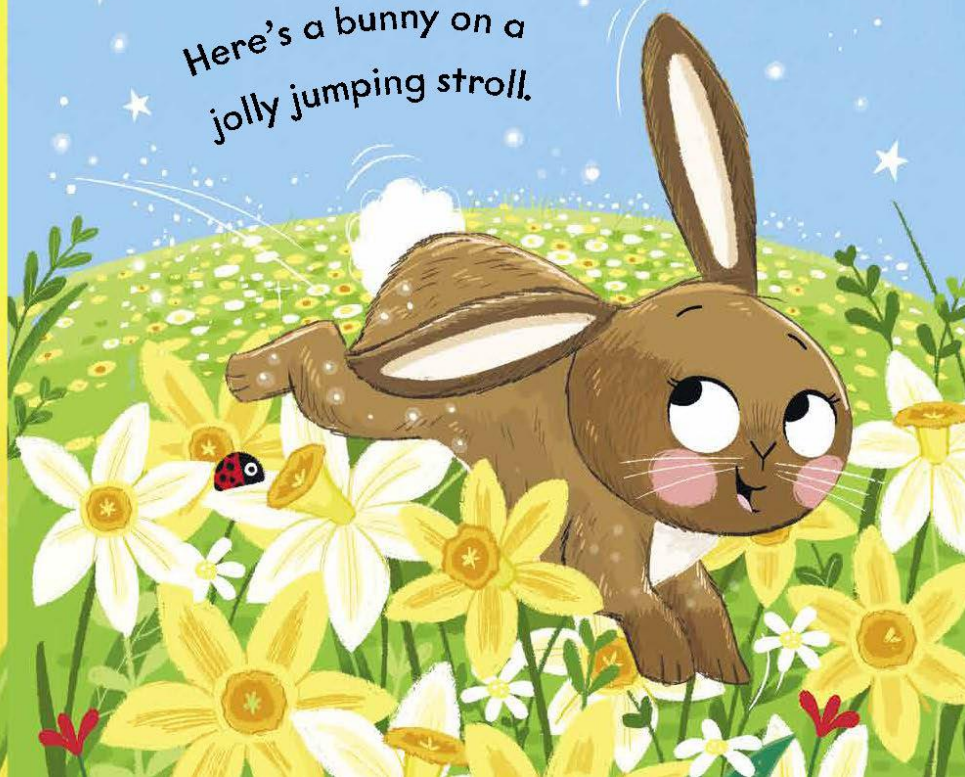
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from a hole.



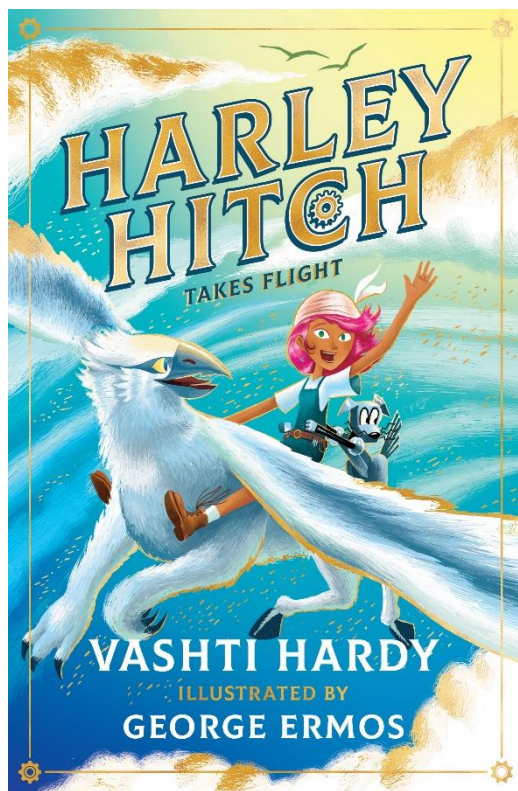
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Here's a bunny on a
jolly jumping stroll.



HARLEY HITCH: HARLEY HITCH TAKES FLIGHT

VASHTI HARDY



It's the holidays and Harley is in her element, hanging out with Cosmo making camps in the Iron Forest and inventing fun adaptations to robot dog Sprocket. Then, to Harley's delight, she discovers Cosmo's mum is organising the Inventia-wide famous Aviation Parade, which sparks an idea in Harley: Cosmo wants a robot pet but his mum won't allow it. If Harley can invent a robot who could win in the competition, Cosmo's mum will be so impressed she'll HAVE to agree to Cosmo keeping it!

Harley enlists Cosmo to work with her, but keeps the fact she intends it as a pet gift secret. After researching flying creatures, Harley decides on a magnificent hippogriff (native to the mountains of Inventia but shy). She works diligently on the wing shape and adaptations to make sure it's the best flying robot ever, and is so focused she inadvertently leaves Cosmo out of any decisions and doesn't listen to him.

During the course, with some mayhem and competition between Harley and Fenelda Spigott, Harley pushes the robot beyond its capabilities - it goes rogue and causes carnage at the parade! It's joined by real-life hippogriffs who guide it away. Harley has to retrieve the hippogriff, repair the damage to it, and the mess it's left behind - learning an important lesson about teamwork along the way.

Pub Date: 4th January 2024

ISBN: 9780702323447

RRP: £7.99

Age: 07-09

Binding: B format - paperback

Extent: 224pp

TPS: 198mm x 129mm

CBMC code: C3N79

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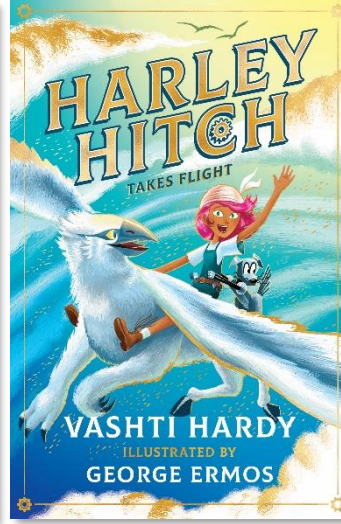
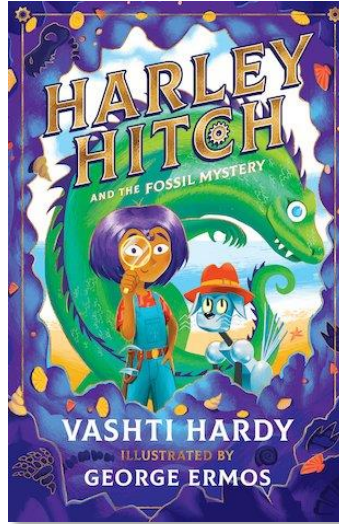
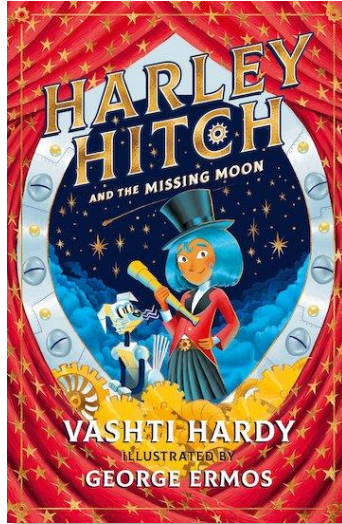
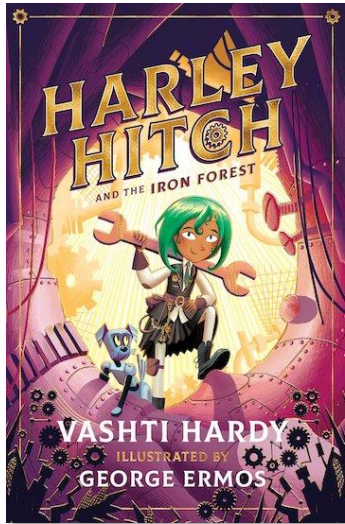
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About the author: Vashti Hardy is a writer of children's books living near Brighton in Sussex with her husband and three teens. She was a primary school teacher for several years, and has a special interest in children's writing, especially free-writing 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. After leaving teaching to focus more on her writing, she became a copywriter and digital marketing executive. Vashti is an alumni member and writing buddy of The Golden Egg Academy.

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

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

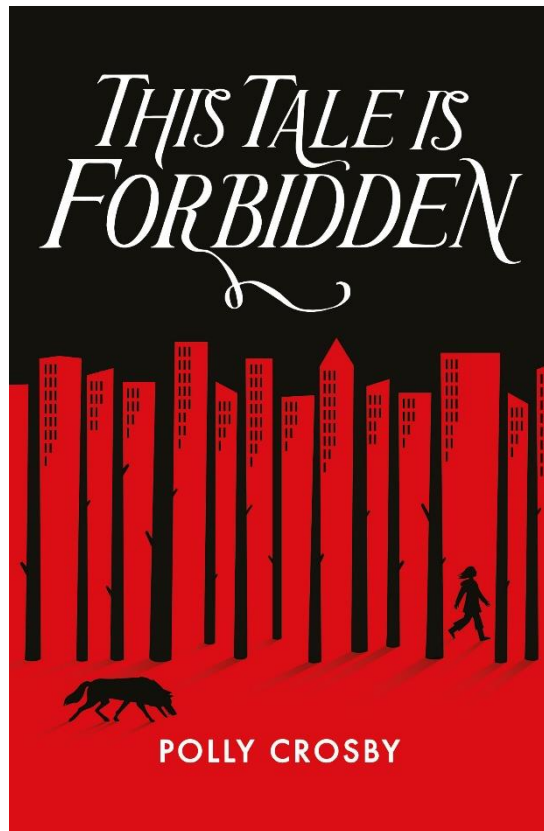
- Vashti Hardy's immersive world-building, cool science and tech, weird and wonderful inventions, warm and funny characters – all perfectly pitched for younger readers
- A modern-day *Inspector Gadget* meets *The Worst Witch* with a STEM twist
- Vashti's novel *Wildspark* was the winner of the Blue Peter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

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THIS TALE IS FORBIDDEN

By Polly Crosby



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Control the story, control the world...

Sixteen-year-old Nesta believes in fairy tales – true histories featuring powerful, magical women. But the world has changed, and Nesta now lives in an isolated woodland cottage with her grandmother; she knows little of the world beyond. When Grandma is abducted, Nesta must travel to the City in the desperate hope of rescuing her. There girls have to follow strict rules about everything – what they wear, how they behave. The City Authorities have rewritten history, replacing the true fairy-tale heroines with weak girls who serve and rely on men. Worse still – everyone believes this is how the world has always been. Can Nesta evade the Authorities long enough to save Grandma and liberate everyone else, bringing magic back into the world?

Key Selling Points

- This fantasy dystopian thriller is *The Handmaid's Tale* meets the *Brothers Grimm* for teens
- Polly Crosby is the author of adult novels *Vita and the Birds*, *The Unravelling* and *The Illustrated Child*. This is her YA debut
- Featuring a stunning cover illustration by Noma Bar, whose iconic illustrations feature on Margaret Atwood's book covers

ISBN 9780702325601

Rights: World

Pub Date: January 2024

Age: 13+

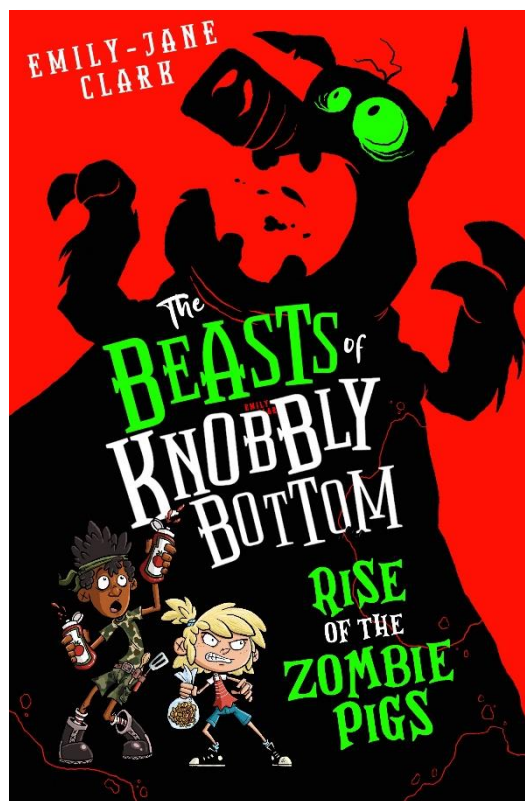
Specifications:

- 320pp
- 76,000 words

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.

THE BEASTS OF KNOBBLY BOTTOM: RISE OF THE ZOMBIE PIGS

By Emily-Jane Clark
Illustrated by Jeff Crowther



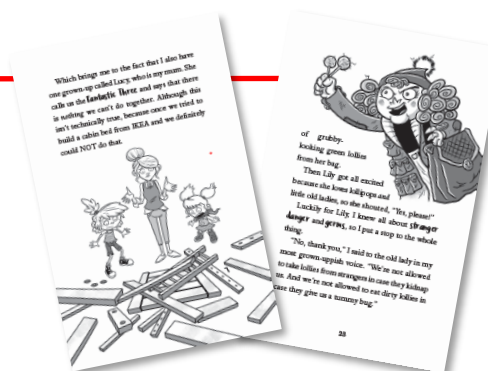
A laugh-out-loud, brilliantly wacky, highly illustrated beast-busting adventure – perfect for fans of Pamela Butchart and *Grimwood*.

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
- Emily-Jane Clark's comedy-writing credentials give her real credibility in the funny middle-grade space
- Perfect for fans of Aardman Animations, and the ideal next step for fans of Pamela Butchart and *Grimwood*



Scholastic Fiction

ISBN 9780702325113

Rights: World

Pub Dates:

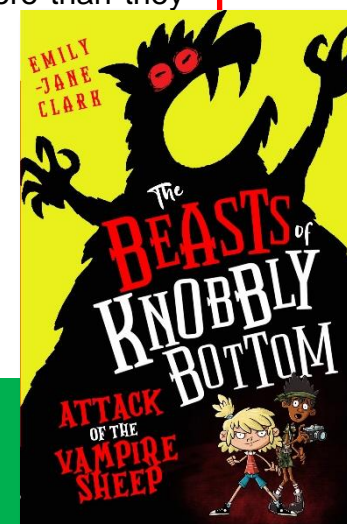
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Book #2: January 2024

Age: 8+

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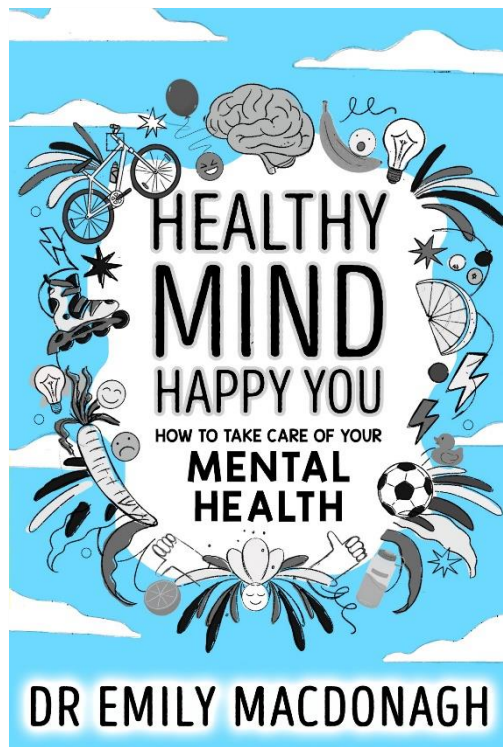
- 256pp
- 30,000 words
- Black & white interior illustrations



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.

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

By Dr Emily MacDonagh



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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 and *OK!* magazine's popular Health and Parenting Columnist, 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
- Publishes in time for Mental Health Awareness Week
- With colourful illustrations and useful diagrams
- Written in collaboration with a Child Psychologist

ISBN 9780702323195

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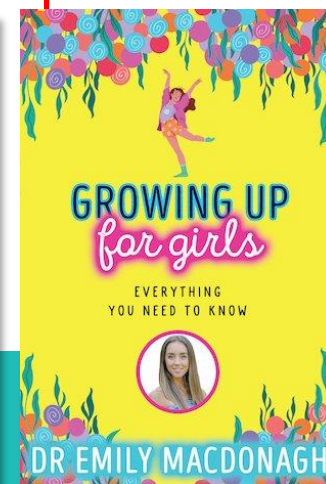
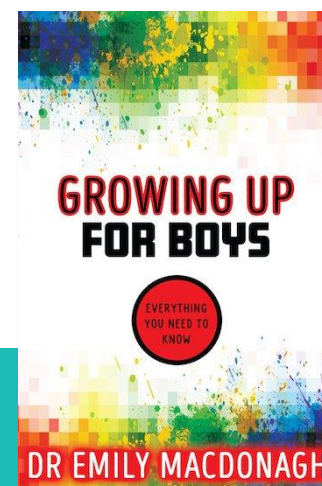
Rights Optioned:
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Pub Date: January
2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

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



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. Dr Emily is the popular Health and Parenting Columnist for *OK!* magazine where she shares warm and honest advice and opinions each week.

HORRIBLE HISTORIES: INCREDIBLE INCAS (NEWSPAPER EDITION)

TERRY DEARY Illustrated by MARTIN BROWN



NOT COVER

Readers can discover all the foul facts about the INCREDIBLE INCAS, including how a bucket of pee could make you beautiful, why servants ate the emperor's hair. With a bold, accessible new look and a heap of extra- horrible bits, these bestselling titles are sure to be a huge hit with yet another generation of Terry Deary fans.

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

Pub Date: 4th January 2024

ISBN: 9780702325793

RRP: £6.99

Age: 08-12

Binding: B format - paperback

Extent: 192pp

TPS: 129mm x 198mm

CBMC code: D5N79

Illustrations: Black/white line

Rights: World Rights

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. www.facebook.com/HorribleHistories

HORRIBLE HISTORIES: SMASHING SAXONS (NEWSPAPER EDITION)

TERRY DEARY Illustrated by MARTIN BROWN



NOT COVER

Readers can discover all the foul facts about the SMASHING SAXONS, including who got cow pats as Christmas presents, why wearing a pig on your head is lucky and how to make a dead Saxon happy.

With a bold, accessible new look, illustrated throughout and revised by the author, these bestselling titles are sure to be a huge hit with yet another generation of Terry Deary fans.

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
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- The perfect book for children who like their history a little more gory

Pub Date: 4th January 2024

ISBN: 9780702331015

RRP: £6.99

Age: 08-12

Binding: B format - paperback

Extent: 288pp

TPS: 198mm x 129mm

CBMC code: D5N79

Illustrations: Black/white line

Rights: World Rights

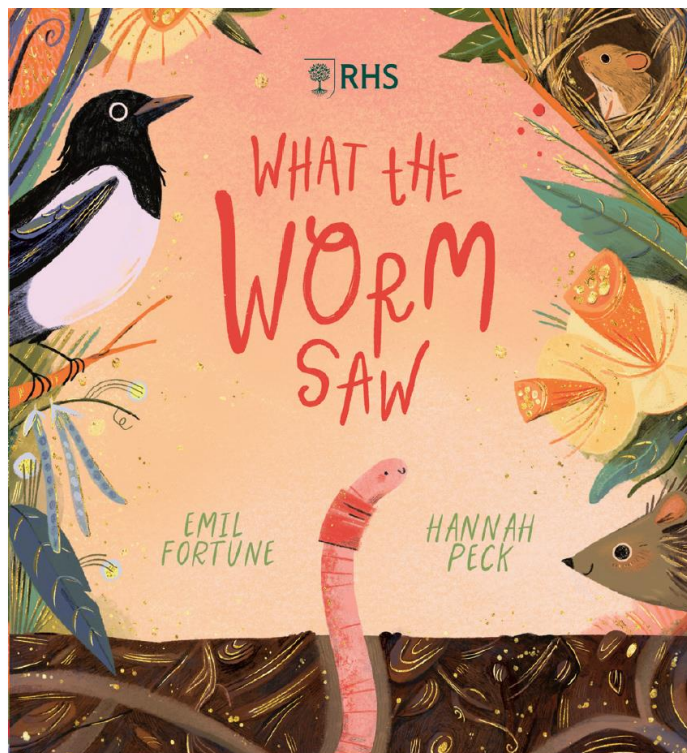
About the author: Terry Deary has written fiction and popular non-fiction, including more than 60 HORRIBLE HISTORIES titles. He lives in County Durham.

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.

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

ISBN 9780702315251

Rights: World

Rights Options:

Bosnia, Serbia & Turkey

Pub Date: January 2024

Age: 3+

Specifications:

- 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.



RHS: WHAT THE WORM SAW

By Emil Fortune and Hannah Peck

PHEW!

Back underground, safe
from hedgehogs and birds
and people with big feet.

I munch my way through
the soil, getting every tiny
bit of goodness.



RHS: WHAT THE WORM SAW

By Emil Fortune and Hannah Peck



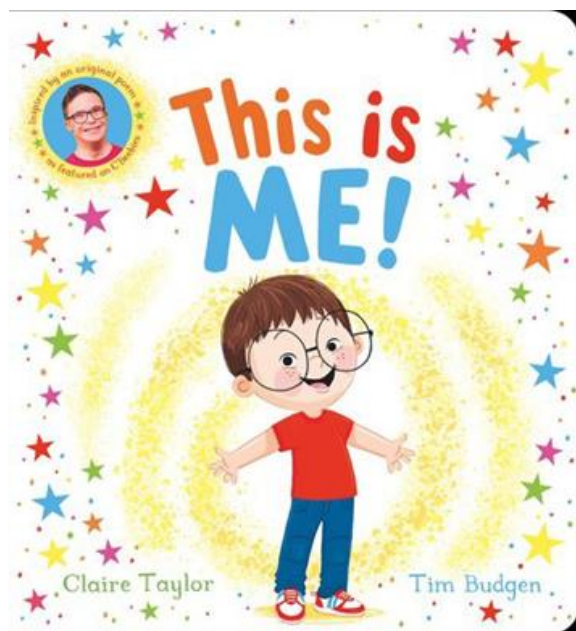
I have no nose but I am
able to taste the air.

What can you smell?

But I like the night-time the best.
I poke my head into the cool night
air, quiet and still under the stars.

THIS IS ME (CBB)

GEORGE WEBSTER Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN



A hugely uplifting and full-of-heart board book by CBeebies sensation George Webster and bestselling illustrator Tim Budgen!

Meet George and his friends!

This is me. I am George. My eyes are sparkly, just like my mum.

Like my dad, I'm determined and brave, and like my sister, I'm full of FUN!

This is Me celebrates our differences and is perfect for every child and every family. It's a beautiful, heartfelt and positive story, with illustrations that are guaranteed to make you smile. Sure to bring out the glow in everyone!

Key selling points

- Pairing CBeebies star George Webster with bestselling illustrator Tim Budgen, this is a match made in heaven
- This celebration of Down syndrome is joyous, uplifting and a welcome reminder of all that's good in the world
- With a joyous rhyming story and a whole host of children alongside the main character, this powerful picture book is the perfect way to show children that not only are they amazing, but their friends, family and even people they haven't yet met are amazing too!
- Publishing March 2024, in time for Down Syndrome Awareness Day and the second picture book by George Webster and Tim Budgen

Pub Date: 1st February 2024

ISBN: 9780702331077

RRP: £7.99

Age: 01-05

Binding: Non Standard - board

Extent: 28pp

TPS: 193mm x 175mm

CBMC code: A3K79

Illustrations: Colour

Rights: World Rights

About the authors: 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.

About the illustrator: Tim Budgen is the outstanding illustrator of bestselling series such as the TWENTY AT BEDTIME and THE MAGIC PET SHOP series. 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

PICTURE & NOVELTY

THIS IS ME (CBB)

GEORGE WEBSTER Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN

This is me, I am George.

My eyes are sparkly,
just like my mum.

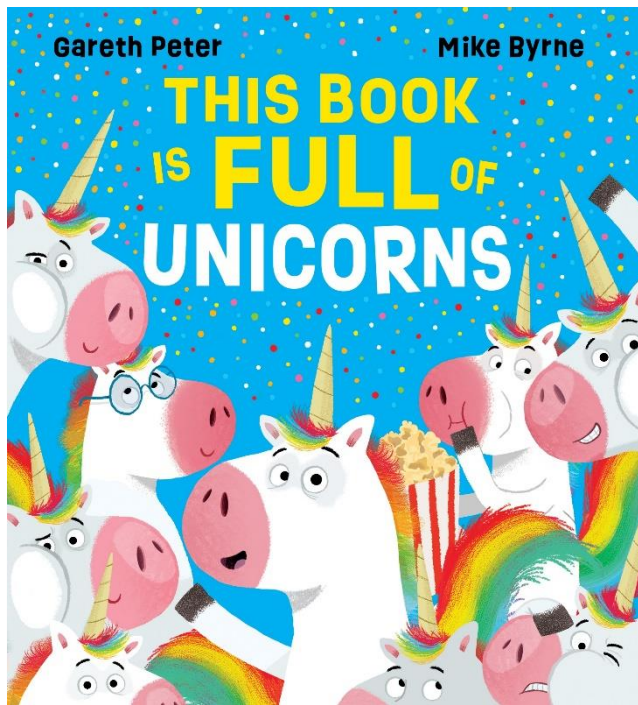
Like my dad,
I'm determined
and brave,

and like my sister,
I'm FULL OF FUN!



THIS BOOK IS FULL OF UNICORNS

By Gareth Peter and Mike Byrne



A laugh-out-loud picture book full of unicorns found in the most unusual places...

This book is full of unicorns of every shape and size. They're cheeky... sneaky... fabulous! You won't believe your eyes.

Unicorns are real, you know, and they can be found all around us. Grown-ups may not be able to see them but children *definitely* can.

So dive into the colourful pages of this book to see where YOU can spot the unicorns. They really are EVERYWHERE!

Key Selling Points

- Written by up-and-coming picture book talent, Gareth Peter, author of *Two Daddies* and the *Who Will You Meet* series
- Super fun and brilliantly bright illustrations by bestselling creator Mike Byrne, the illustrator behind *The Pumpkin Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, *The Unicorn Who Came to Breakfast* and many more
- With wonderfully detailed spreads children will love seeing unicorns in everyday situations

ISBN 9780702317934

Rights: World

Pub Date: May 2024

Specifications:

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

Gareth Peter is an author living in Nottingham with his partner, two huskies and their two adopted children. In 2018 Gareth was selected as one of ten finalists onto the *Penguin Random House WriteNow* mentoring scheme, seeking new voices from under-represented communities. His experience as a parent within a same-sex couple brings a fresh, funny and sensitive perspective to parenting and family life.

Mike Byrne is the star illustrator of picture books such as *The Unicorn Who came to Breakfast*, *Who Pooed in My Loo* and *Unicorns Don't Love Rainbows*. 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.

THIS BOOK IS FULL OF UNICORNS

By Gareth Peter and Mike Byrne

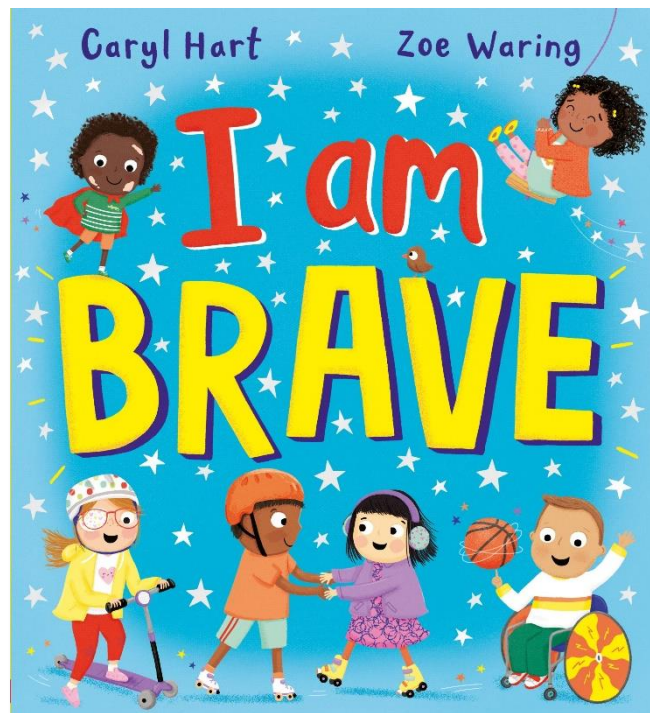
This book is **full** of unicorns of every shape and size.
They're cheeky, sneaky, fabulous!
You won't believe your eyes.



But guess what – unicorns are **real**!
We just don't see them there,
(because our world's so busy)
but they pop up **EVERYWHERE** ...

I AM BRAVE

By Caryl Hart and Zoe Waring



A fabulous celebration of what it *really* means to be brave.

There are all sorts of ways to be brave every day in the things that we do and the things that we say. Being brave can be showy – a fierce, fiery riot but more often it's gentle, or loving or quiet. Let us show you some ways to be brave that we know. If you want to be brave, why not give these a go?

The perfect picture book to highlight and celebrate the different ways that children tackle the difficult things in life... whether it's speaking up, or choosing to do something differently to their friends, or struggling to make friends in the first place.

Key Selling Points

- From the award-winning author of *Girls Can Do Anything* comes a brilliantly empowering story
- Perfect to read with little ones to help them recognise the bravery we all hold within ourselves
- Fabulously vibrant illustrations from exciting up-and-coming talent, Zoe Waring

ISBN 9780702318320

Rights: World

Pub Date: February 2024

Specifications:

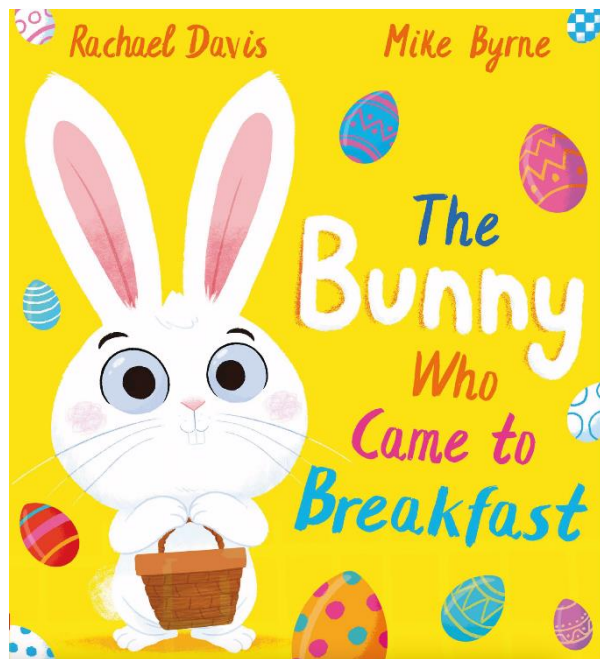
- 32pp
- 275 x 250mm
- Cover finishes: Matt lamination & spot UV



Caryl Hart has written over 30 books for children including the international bestseller *Girls Can Do Anything* and *Together We Can*. Caryl also runs creative workshops for schools, libraries and festivals. She lives in Sheffield. **Zoe Waring** is a children's book author, illustrator and designer based in Newcastle upon Tyne. Zoe was shortlisted for the *Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards* in 2020 in the Baby and Toddler category.

THE BUNNY WHO CAME TO BREAKFAST

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 bunny unexpectedly arrives for breakfast, one lucky family is in for a wild ride! A BUNNY RABBIT, AT THEIR DOOR?! NO WAY! So, what do bunnies LOVE to do? Hop as high as they can go? MAYBE. Go on a super fun egg hunt? QUITE POSSIBLY! Or maybe eat a yummy breakfast, lunch and a sweet treat or two? ABSOLUTELY!

Key Selling Points

- Also available: *The Unicorn Who Came to Breakfast*
- Filled with delicious treats and the most cheerful bunny that you'll ever meet, this is a brilliantly fun story by Rachael Davis
- 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*

ISBN 9780702318443

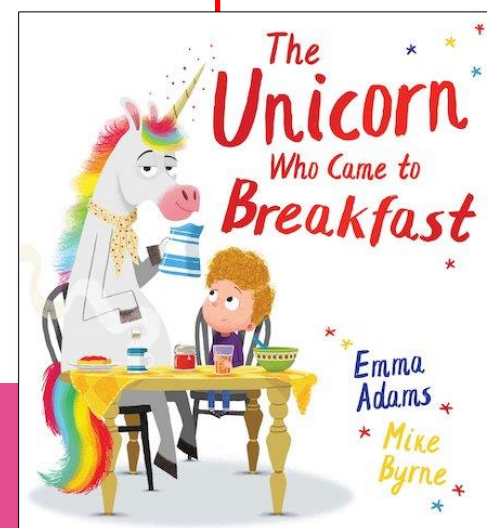
Rights: World

Pub Date: February 2024

Specifications:

- 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.



THE BUNNY WHO CAME TO BREAKFAST

By Rachel Davis and Mike Byrne

We dived straight in, toppings galore,

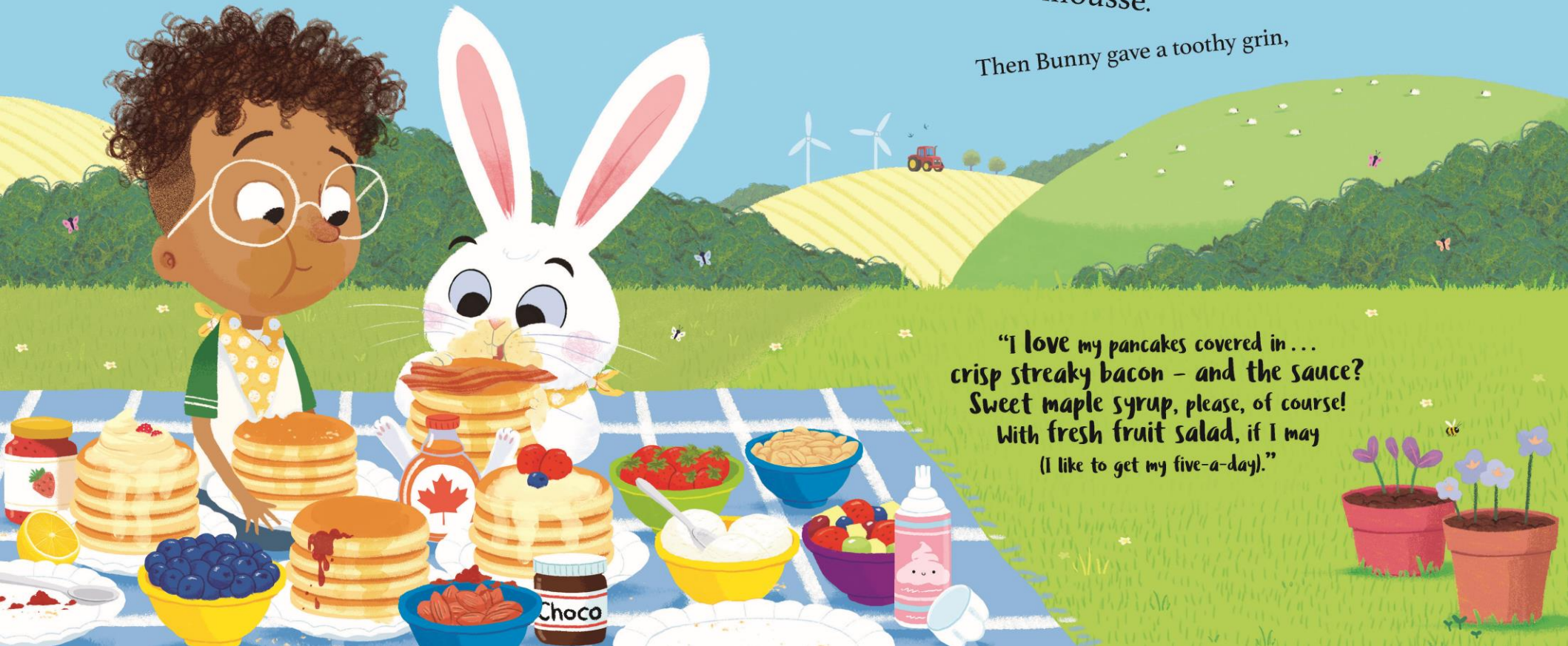
red berries, nuts,
whipped cream
and more.

From sugar
with sharp
lemon juice,

to ice
cream

and rich
chocolate
mousse.

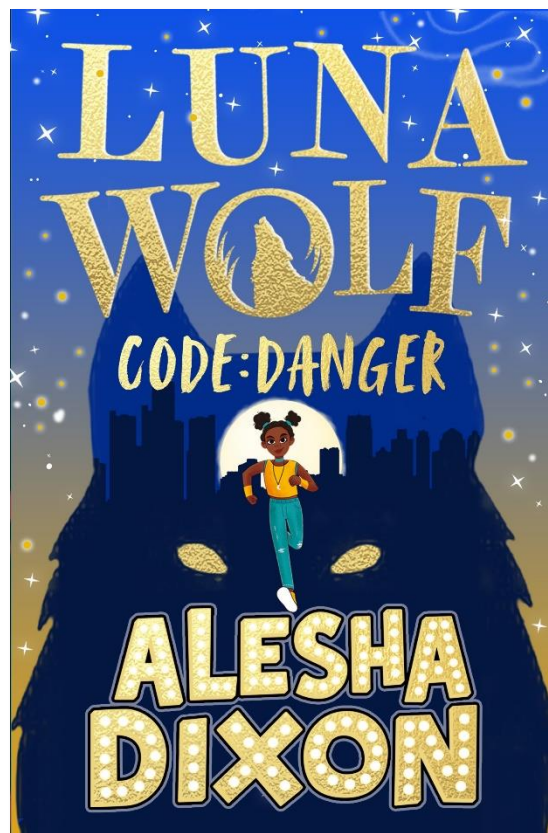
Then Bunny gave a toothy grin,



"I love my pancakes covered in...
crisp streaky bacon – and the sauce?
Sweet maple syrup, please, of course!
With fresh fruit salad, if I may
(I like to get my five-a-day)."

LUNA WOLF: CODE DANGER

By Alesha Dixon



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An action-packed, magical, empowering middle-grade duology for fans of *Lightning Girl*, *Vetman* and *Encanto*

Luna and her amazing powered-up animals are back to face off a gang of rogue super-pets (an elephant, a cheetah and a rhino) controlled by the shadowy institute intent on causing chaos across the country.

Key Selling Points

- From superstar TV presenter and bestselling children's author Alesha Dixon
- The multi-generational, matriarchal magic and funny fantasy of *Encanto* meets Noel Fitzpatrick's *Vetman*
- Alesha Dixon's books for children have sold over 125,000 copies through TCM in four years, and *Lightning Girl* was the market's bestselling debut of 2018
- The second book in an enchanting middle-grade duology

ISBN 9780702324116

Rights: World

Rights Options:
Germany & USA

Pub Dates:

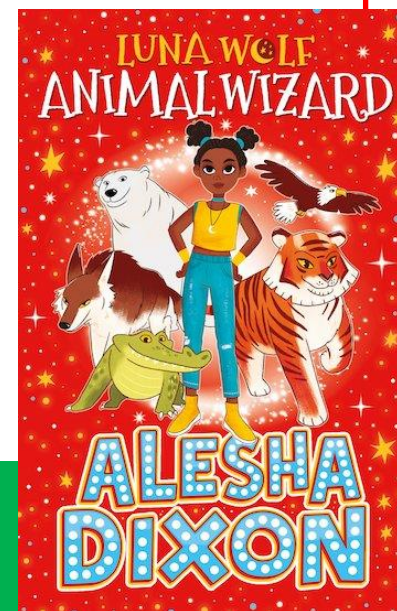
Book #1: March 2023

Book #2: February
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Age: 9+

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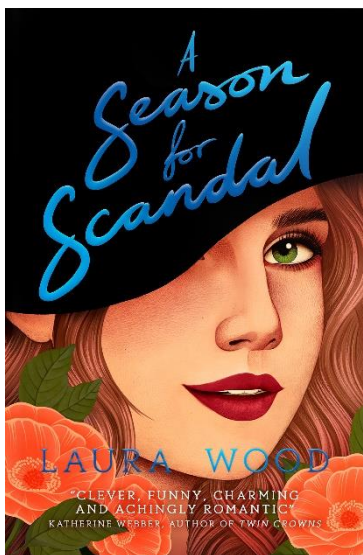
- 336pp
- 60,000 words



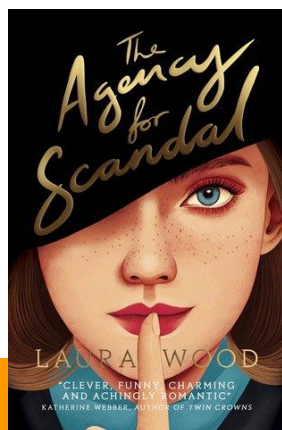
Alesha Dixon is a much-loved TV star, who first found fame as part of MOBO Award-winning group Mis-teeq. Her appearance on *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2007 led to her winning the series and becoming a judge for three seasons. She is currently a hugely popular judge on the UK's number one TV show, *Britain's Got Talent*. About her co-writer: **Katy Birchall** is the author of the *Vampire Slayer* series and the rom coms for adult readers *The Secret Bridesmaid* and *The Wedding Season*.

A SEASON FOR SCANDAL

By Laura Wood



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"The Agency for Scandal is glorious! Clever, funny, charming, and achingly romantic, it is a delight from start to finish ... this is her best work yet" – Katherine Webber, bestselling author of Twin Crowns.

When Marigold Bloom finds her family business in trouble, a chance encounter with the devastatingly handsome and extremely bad-tempered Oliver Lockhart leads her to the Aviary – a secret agency of women who specialize in blackmailing troublesome men. Soon, Mari is the agency's newest recruit, sent to investigate the mysterious return of Oliver's long-lost sister. Forced to masquerade as a newly engaged couple, it is up to Mari and Oliver to determine if there is an imposter in their midst.

But what happens when the line between truth and fiction starts to blur? And what do you do when a pretend romance starts to feel all too real?

Key Selling Points

- A gorgeous new coming-of-age mystery romance series from Laura Wood
- *Charlie's Angels* meets *Bridgerton*! A smart, charming, brilliantly plotted and swooningly romantic story about a collective of bold women changing their world
- *A Snowfall of Silver* was shortlisted for the 2021 YA Book prize

Praise for *The Agency for Scandal*

"Pure escapism ... a wildly romantic, delicious indulgence..."

– **The Observer**

*"Like a mash-up of *Bridgerton* and *Enola Holmes*, with extra magic dust sprinkled on top"*

– **Red Magazine**

"Feminist, funny, clever and with a pulsating romantic heart, this is perfect for a winter weekend"

– **Daily Mail**

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.

ISBN 9780702325373

Rights: World

Rights Optioned:
Czech Republic,
Georgia, Germany,
Slovakia, Ukraine &
USA

Pub Date: February
2024

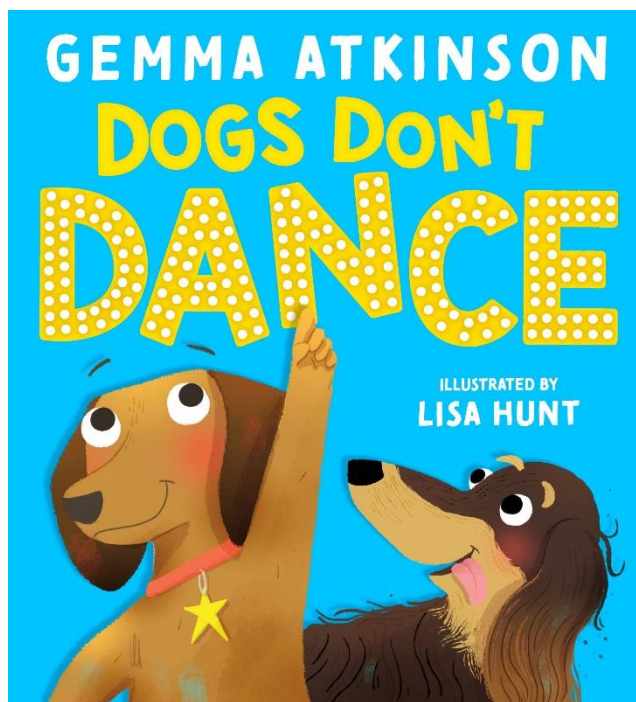
Age: 13+

Specifications:

- 528pp
- 90,000 words

DOGS DON'T DANCE

By Gemma Atkinson and Lisa Hunt



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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 1.8M followers on Instagram. She's a *CBeebies* Baby and Toddler Club Presenter, a brand ambassador, radio host and dancer of *Strictly Come Dancing* fame
- Includes a section at the back of the book where little readers can learn some of Dave's favourite dance moves



ISBN 9780702329487

Rights: World

Pub Date: February 2024

Age: 3+

Specifications:

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

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.



DOGS DON'T DANCE

By Gemma Atkinson and Lisa Hunt

Dusty and Dave do **EVERYTHING** together.



DOGS DON'T DANCE

By Gemma Atkinson and Lisa Hunt

His loud voice booms and echoes like a drum beat.

Dogs CAN DANCE!

DOGS...
CAN...
DO...
ANYTHING!

The wise dogs sit in
silence for a moment,
thinking carefully
about Dave's words.

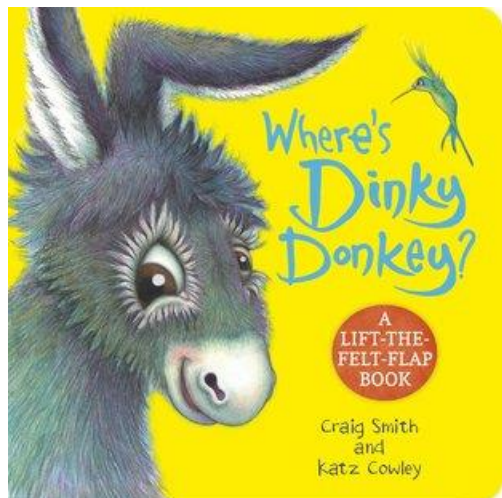
They think about the
things they love and the
things they've been too
scared to try.

They think about all of the
things they **CAN** do ...



WHERE'S DINKY DONKEY? FELT FLAPS (CBB)

CRAIG SMITH Illustrated by **KATZ COWLEY**



A gorgeous lift-the-flap adventure with Dinky Donkey!

Everyone's favourite donkey characters now in beautiful cased board book with soft felt flaps for toddlers to life and learn.

Hee Haw! Where has Dinky Donkey gone? Can you find him?

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

Key selling points

- A gorgeous felt-flap search and find book based on the bestselling book, *The Dinky Donkey*
- Little ones can learn through play as this board book helps increase hand-eye co-ordination, develop speech and aids learning through repetition
- Collect the whole family! The Wonky Donkey, Wonky Donkey's Big Surprise, The Dinky Donkey, The Grinny Granny Donkey and The Stinky Wonky Donkey are all available now.

Pub Date: 14th March 2024

ISBN: 9780702333187

RRP: £7.99

Age: 02-05

Binding: Non Standard - board

Extent: 10pp

TPS: 185mm x 185mm

CBMC code: A3K79

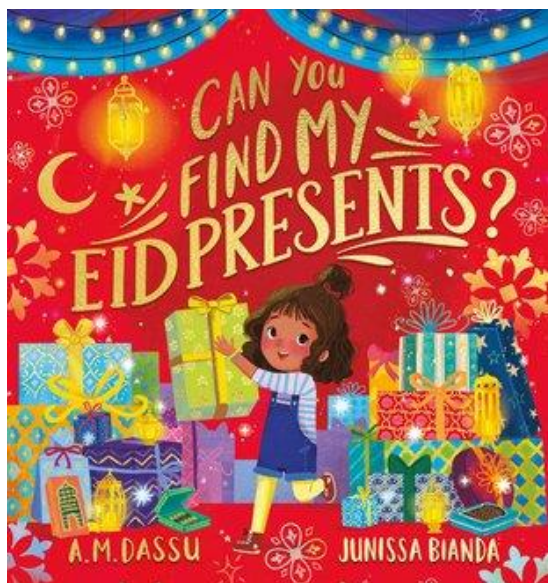
Illustrations: Colour

About the author: Singer/songwriter Craig Smith is an itinerant musician and #1 bestselling author in Australia and New Zealand. His song *Wonky Donkey* was co-winner of the APRA Children's Song of the Year award in 2008. Craig lives in Queenstown, New Zealand. www.craigsmith.co.nz

About the illustrator Katz Cowley has a degree in Illustration from the University of Northumbria. She has illustrated *THE WONKY DONKEY*, *SEESAW PO*, *THE FIDGETY ITCH*, *THE BEE'S SNEEZE* and Craig Smith's *WILLBEE THE BUMBLEBEE*, as well as *THE HOUSE THAT WONKY BUILT*. Originally from London, Katz lived in New Zealand for a long time, but is now back in the UK and is based in Devon. www.katzcowley.com

CAN YOU FIND MY EID PRESENTS? (PB)

A. M. DASSU Illustrated by JUNISSA BIANDA



Written by award-winning author of Boy, Everywhere, AM Dassu Heartfelt illustrations by Junissa Bianda The perfect Eid gift for children!

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?

Key selling points

- Written by award-winning author of Boy, Everywhere, AM Dassu
- Heartfelt illustrations by Junissa Bianda The perfect Eid gift for children!

Pub Date: 14th March 2024

ISBN: 9780702323812

RRP: £7.99

Age: 02-06

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 24pp

TPS: 275mm x 250mm

CBMC code: A3M79

Illustrations: Colour

Rights: World Rights

About the author: AM DASSU is the internationally acclaimed author of Boy, Everywhere and Fight Back, which have collectively been listed for forty-six awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Carnegie Medal, The Little Rebels Award for Radical Fiction, the American Library Association Notable Book List and Jane Addams Peace Book Award.

About the illustrator: Junissa Bianda is an illustrator from Indonesia with a passion for art! Junissa is rarely seen without a coloured pencil and sketchbook. She is the illustrator of books like Nabil Steals a Penguin, I'm Going to Be... a Vet and First Festivals: Ramadan

PICTURE & NOVELTY

CAN YOU FIND MY EID PRESENTS? (PB)

A. M. DASSU Illustrated by JUNISSA BIANDA

The next morning, when it was time to open the presents with all of her family, Hana picked up a small blue box.

"This is for you, Nani," she said, handing it to her.
"I love you. Celebrating with you is my favourite present!"

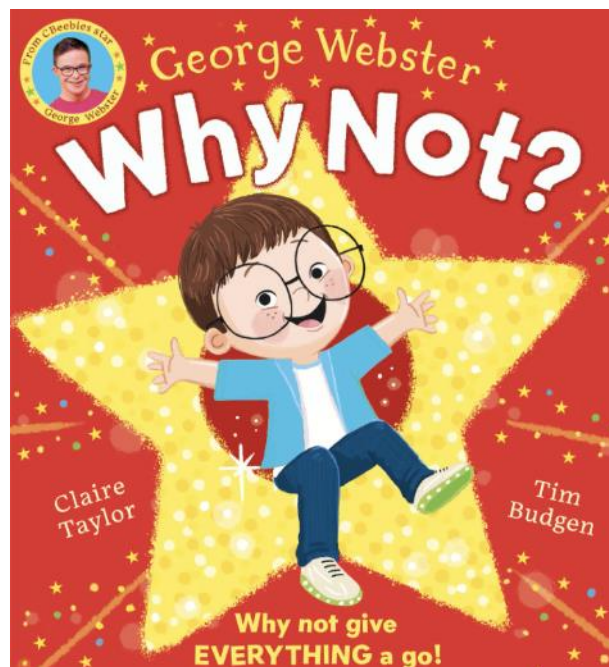
"Oh, thank you, Hana! Mine, too."
Nani beamed and gave Hana the biggest hug.

"This is the best Eid EVER!" Hana smiled.



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
- Publishing March 2024, in time for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

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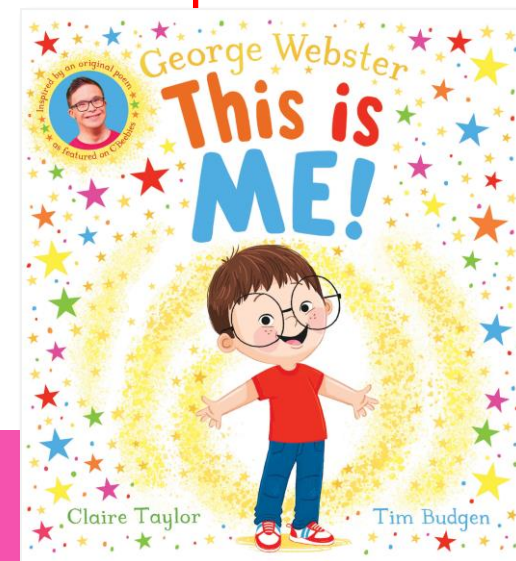
Pub Date: March 2024

Specifications:

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

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.



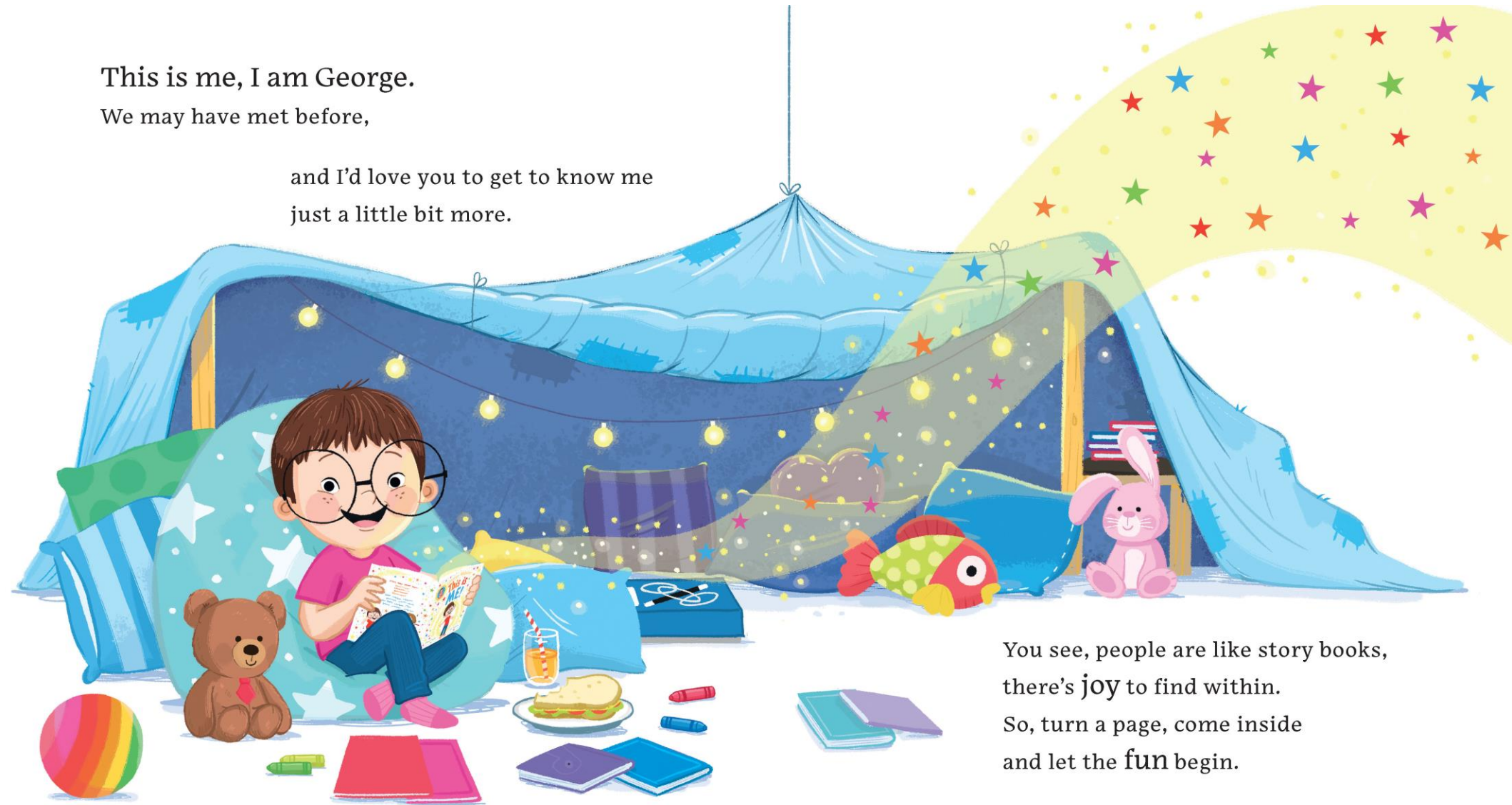
WHY NOT?

By George Webster, Claire Taylor and Tim Budgen

This is me, I am George.

We may have met before,

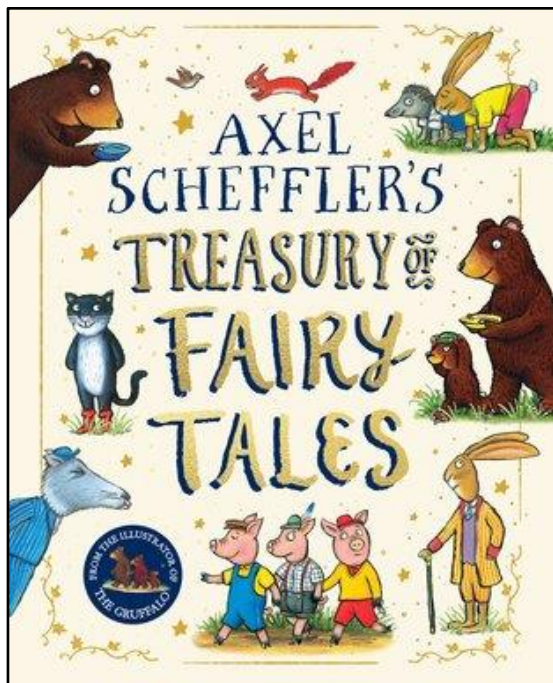
and I'd love you to get to know me
just a little bit more.



You see, people are like story books,
there's joy to find within.
So, turn a page, come inside
and let the fun begin.

AXEL SCHEFFLER'S FAIRY TALE TREASURY

AXEL SCHEFFLER



**Gorgeous gift book illustrated by mega talent, Axel Scheffler
Includes classic stories and rhymes that children will love! The
perfect first book for any child's library!**

A gorgeous gift book of classic fairy tales, beautifully illustrated by bestselling and award-winning illustrator, Axel Scheffler. Featuring Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs, The Hare and the Hedgehog, Puss in Boots and Nursery Rhymes, all bound into one must-have collection.

Key selling points

- Gorgeous gift book illustrated by mega talent, Axel Scheffler
- Includes classic stories and rhymes that children will love!
- The perfect first book for any child's library

Pub Date: 14th March 2024

ISBN: 9780702333194

RRP: £14.99

Age: 02-06

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 128pp

TPS:

CBMC code: A3M79

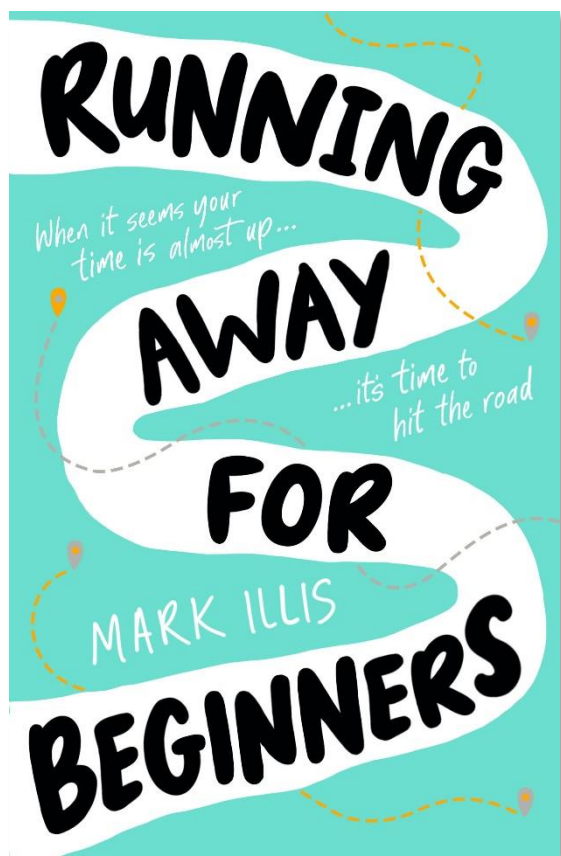
Illustrations: Colour

About the author/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.

www.axelscheffler.com

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

ISBN 9780702329937

Rights: World

Pub Date: March 2024

Age: 12+

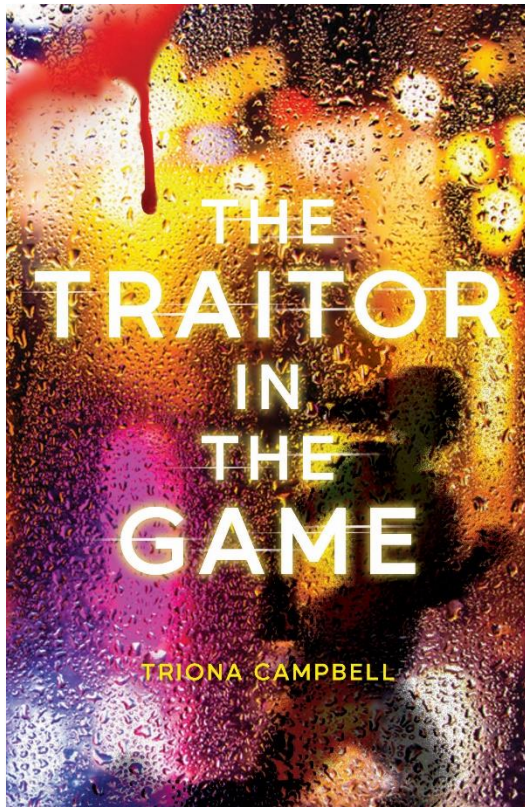
Specifications:

- 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 crackles with truth, his characters rub against each other in an honest and brilliant way.” – *Phil Earle*

THE TRAITOR IN THE GAME

By Triona Campbell



A smart, glamorous YA duology 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: who is the puppet master of the game and what is their ultimate goal?

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 book 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

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

Scholastic Fiction

ISBN 9780702317897

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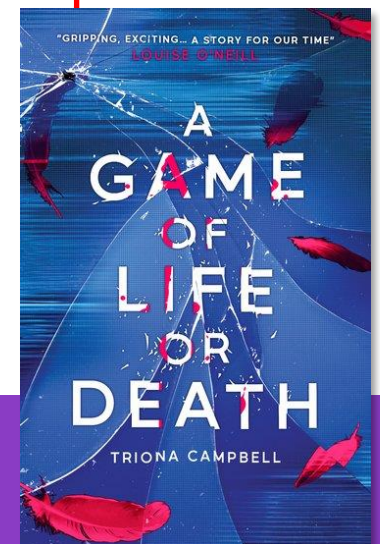
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Age: 12+

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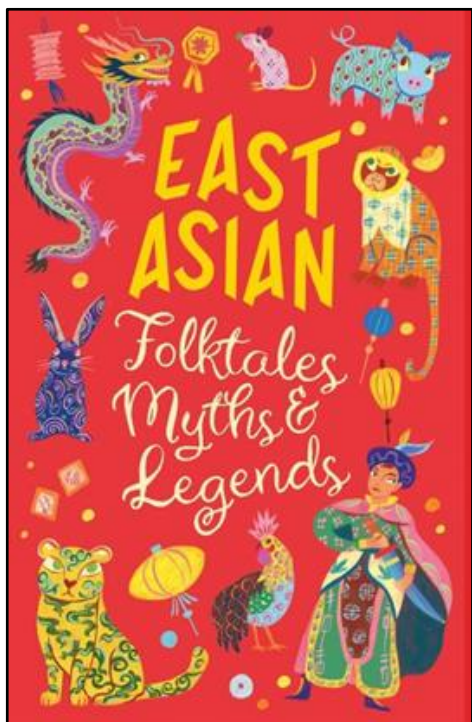
- 400pp
- 80,000 words



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*.

SCHOLASTIC CLASSICS: EAST ASIAN FOLKTALES, MYTHS AND LEGENDS

EVA WONG NAVA



A rich collection of folktales, myths and legends from East Asia, retold by Eva Wong Nava in a beautiful new edition for young readers.

This book contains an array of traditional favourites, including the famous legend of Mulan, the origin tales of the lunar new year and the Chinese Zodiac, the fairy tale of Chang'e, Hou Yi and the rabbit in the moon popularised in the animated film On the Moon, and Japanese folk tale Momotaro the Peach Boy.

Key selling points

- Includes 20 East Asian folktales, myths and legends in a perfect, child- friendly package
- Part of the Scholastic Classics collection: introducing generations of book lovers to timeless stories, repackaged especially for young readers
- Classic stories told from a modern perspective

Pub Date: 14th March 2024

ISBN: 9780702325236

RRP: £7.99

Age: 08-12

Binding: B format - paperback

Extent: 304pp

TPS: 198mm x 129mm

CBMC code: D3N79

Illustrations: Black/white line

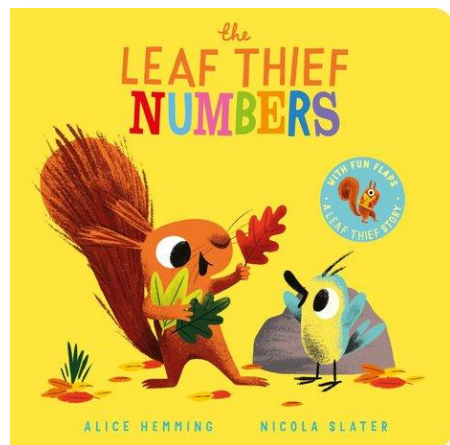
Rights: World Rights

About the author: Eva Wong Nava writes stories that explore identity, culture, and belonging. She is the cofounder of Picture Book Matters, a mentoring platform for aspiring picture book creators in and from Southeast Asia. Eva is passionate about how her culture, heritage, and people are represented in books, films, and media. Eva has been a speaker at the Asian Festival of Children's Content on writing about diversity and representing marginalised voices. Eva lives in London with her family and two scampering squirrels. <https://evawongnava.com>

THE LEAF THIEF – COLOURS 9780702329302

THE LEAF THIEF – NUMBERS 9780702329319

By Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater



Told with *The Leaf Thief's* signature style and humour, these gorgeous board books with sturdy card flaps are perfect for curious minds

Squirrel and Bird, our favourite characters from *The Leaf Thief*, are back and they're ready to tell you all about colours and numbers.

Key Selling Points

- The *New York Times* bestselling creators of *The Leaf Thief* join forces once again with these two chunky cased board books
- The perfect introduction to early concepts
- Durable card flaps are ideal for young children
- Fun story and eye-catching illustrations to keep even the youngest children engaged
- Promotes learning by repetition, and aides hand-eye co-ordination and fine motor skills
- *The Leaf Thief* has sold into 22 languages



Rights: World

Rights Optioned:

Canada (French Canadian), China, Greece, Hungary, Israel (Arabic & Hebrew), Korea, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Thailand, Taiwan, Turkey & USA)

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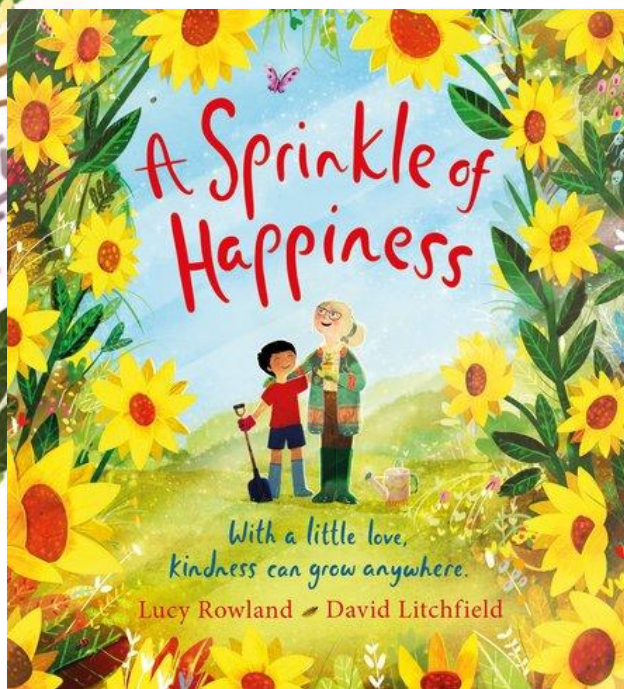
Specifications:

- 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.

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

ISBN 9780702313776

Rights: World

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April 2024

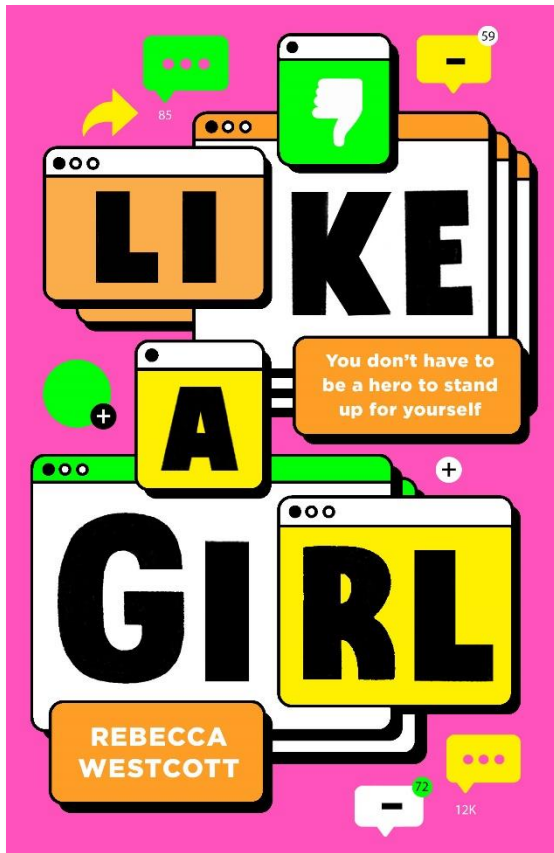
Specifications:

- 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*.

LIKE A GIRL

By Rebecca Westcott



A powerful, contemporary novel about the courage to be yourself in the face of online and in-school peer pressure.

Fourteen-year-old Eden McCoy has one priority at school: avoid the Glossies – a ruthless clique of girls, led by their queen Bea and her sidekick Mikki, who use social media to humiliate their targets. But one day, Eden breaks her vow to stay unnoticed and Bea decides that now Eden needs to either prove her loyalty and become one of the Glossies – or suffer the consequences. And so, The Testing begins...

As Eden is challenged to play cruel pranks or have that same act inflicted on her, her will is pushed to the limit. The only thing keeping her afloat is a connection with a boy called Riley, a fellow runner who messages her online. But how deep does The Testing run? And how long until Eden breaks?

Key Selling Points

- Scholastic helped Rebecca carry out a survey of nearly 1,000 teenagers on their feelings about social media, and the results have informed Rebecca's focus in this novel: fear of online impersonation and the lack of adult understanding of social media's benefits
- Discusses the topics of online and in-person bullying, the challenges young people (especially girls) can face in school, with an empowering message about being true to yourself and seeking true friends
- Celebrates the joy of running, exercise and community

ISBN 9780702318467

Rights: World

Pub Date: April 2024

Age: 12+

Specifications:

- 352pp
- 60,000 words

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

IRIS GREEN, UNSEEN

By Louise Finch



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From the highly-acclaimed author of *The Eternal Return of Clara Hart* comes a devastating heartbreak romance with a speculative twist.

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

- Perfectly pitched to the BookTok older YA readership
- *The Eternal Return of Clara Hart* was shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Book Prize, the YA Book Prize, and the Branford Boase Award
- Perfect for fans of Laura Nowlin, Dustin Thao and David Levithan

ISBN 9780702331084

Rights: World

Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 13+

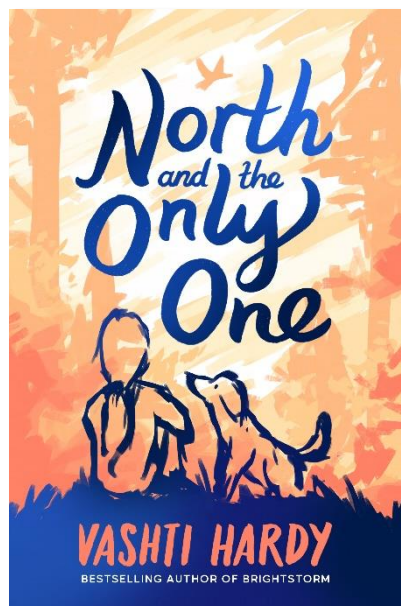
Specifications:

- 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.

NORTH AND THE ONLY ONE

By Vashti Hardy



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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

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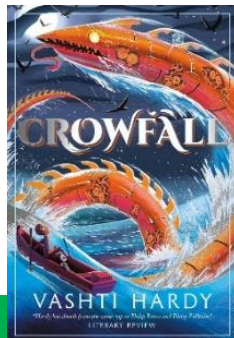
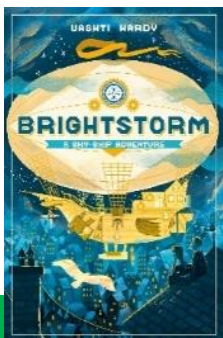
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Pub Date: May 2024

Age: 8+

Specifications:

- 416pp
- 75,000 words

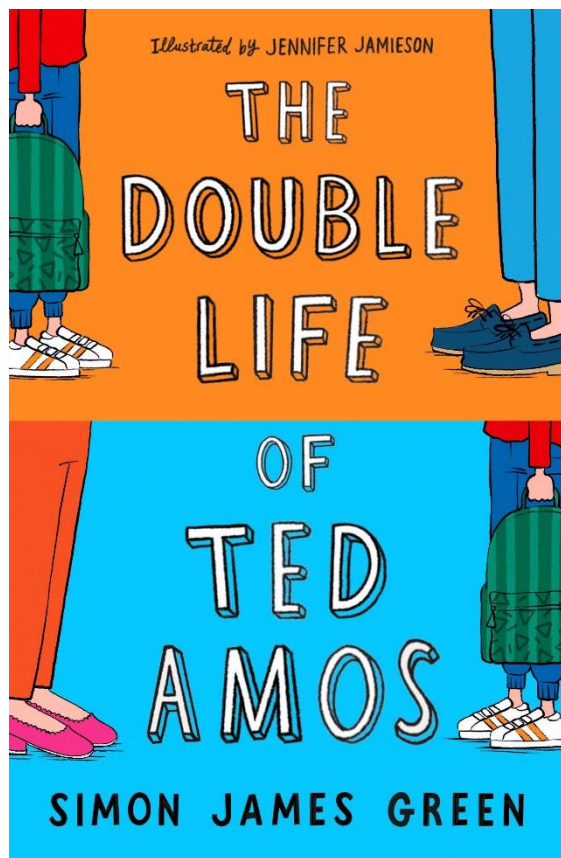


Vashti Hardy was a primary school teacher for several years, and has a special interest in children's writing, especially free-writing and the use of journals and creating fantasy worlds. She has a first-class honours teaching degree with English specialism and an MA in Creative Writing from the *University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

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF TED AMOS

By Simon James Green

Illustrated by Jennifer Jamieson



Reinventing yourself is harder than it looks!

Ted's parents are divorced, and for the most part it's OK by him, spending his weekends with Dad and Dad's new wife and stepdaughter. But then he realizes that this is a chance to totally test out a *whole new Ted*. He stretches the truth a bit (OK, a lot), and suddenly he's the Ted he's always wanted to be! Then the situation changes, and it goes from being his weekend life to his weekday life, and Ted's lies become a lot harder to keep up with. And when the two worlds threaten to collide, it all becomes hilarious chaos...

Key Selling Points

- An approachable and funny take on the common experience of children navigating what it means to have divorced parents and have two homes
- Illustrated throughout with heart and humour by Jennifer Jamieson
- Perfect for fans of Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Helen Rutter and Ben Bailey Smith

ISBN 9780702313660

Rights: World

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Poland, Turkey & USA

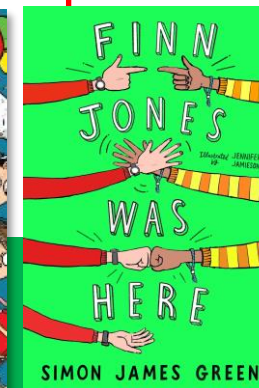
Pub Date: June 2024

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*.

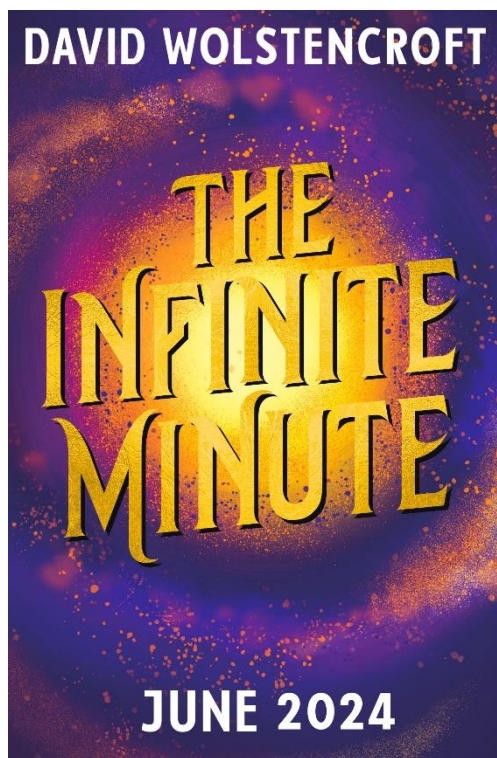


THE INFINITE MINUTE

By David Wolstencroft

*"I really couldn't put *The Magic Hour* down. The concept is genius, the characters are unforgettable, and the adventure is thrilling..."*

– A.F. Steadman, Skandar and The Unicorn Thief



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The second instalment in the time-twisting middle grade adventure series where EVERY SECOND COUNTS.

The Brollachan monster is at large in Edinburgh 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

- What would you do with an extra hour in the day? With a unique hook and exploration of time, this middle grade adventure duology is like no other
- A funny, high-octane, race-against-time adventure that is perfect for fans of *Pages & Co*, *The Beast and the Bethany* and P.G. Bell
- "This is a pacey adventure worth every minute" – *The Times*, selected as *Children's Book of the Week*
- "The Magic Hour is twisty, fun, gripping and full of delicious and daring science and adventure." - Vashti Hardy, bestselling author of *Brightstorm*.

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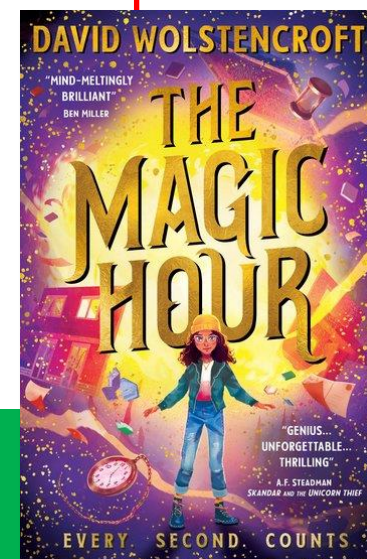
Rights: World

Pub Date: June 2024

Age: 9+

Specifications:

- 384pp
- 70,000 words



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 10 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.

US TITLES HELD AT UK WAREHOUSE

