



*Macmillan Children's Books
Rights Guide Autumn 2022*

Here comes

Winnie-the-Pooh

Dear friends

Welcome to our Autumn Rights Guide. We are always excited to share our new acquisitions and publishing with you and in this catalogue we have a book to suit everyone: magical fiction and charming picture book stories, innovative formats of old favourites, fun licensing brands, and engaging non-fiction. It's all here.

At Macmillan Children's Books we are proud to publish both award-winning and bestselling authors and illustrators, as well as exciting new debut voices. We can't quite believe that in 2023 it will be 30 years since the publication of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's first picture book together, *A Squash and a Squeeze*. We have big celebrations planned and are launching a fantastic gift book about their working partnership and incredible global success in *The Amazing World of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler*. Alongside this title, we all have the chance to learn officially how to draw our favourite characters in *How to Draw The Gruffalo and Friends*.

The opportunity for MCB to publish new story gift books inspired by A.A. Milne's classic children's poetry has, without doubt, been a career highlight for many of us in our team. We are delighted to be working with both the A.A. Milne and E.H. Shepard Estate Trustees and thank them for entrusting us with this prestigious new publishing. *Winnie-the-Pooh and Me* is just the first of four gift books, with more to publish in 2023 and 2024.

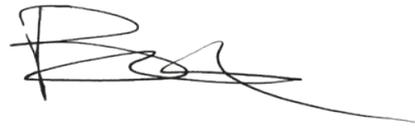
Earlier this year, a very special manuscript for middle grade readers arrived on our desks. As publishers, the story struck us as being immediately fresh and innovative. As readers, we were instantly transported to a world of magic unlike anything we'd read before. Alongside young Daisy Thistle-down, we discovered a land of radiant singing flowers, creeping blood brambles, malevolent hydra plants and a mysterious ghost orchid - and at the heart of it

all, an extraordinary association of magic-weaving Botanists. The compulsive adventure kept us reading: Daisy discovers these wonders through a hidden gate in our world, and the battles that unfold in the Greenwild will change not only her life, but the fate of both worlds too. We knew that we had to publish this extraordinary novel by debut author, Pari Thompson, and we acquired it in a swift pre-empt. We are delighted that Macmillan is now the global publisher for *Greenwild*. We can't wait to talk to more of you about this brilliant novel and the publishing moment that we are building around it. We would love you to be part of it.

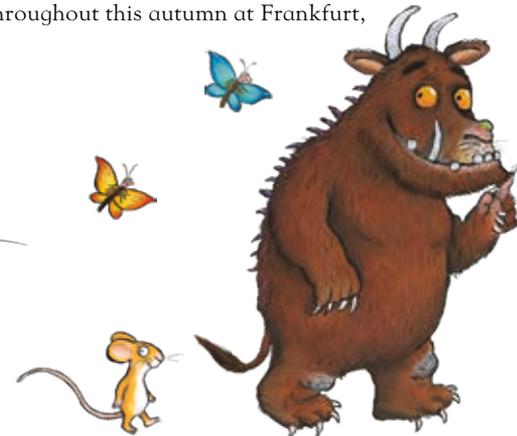
In our Bologna Rights Guide earlier this year, I told you about the Marcus Rashford Book Club and the work that we are doing at MCB, alongside literacy charities, to donate books to the children and young people who do not have access to books and need support with their reading journeys. This year, I am very pleased to tell you that we have donated over 235,000 books with more to come. It is important to us that we reach all children with our publishing and help them to become readers for life.

Thank you for being such great publishing partners, helping books and stories to reach children around the world. We are really looking forward to talking to you more about our publishing throughout this autumn at Frankfurt, on our sale trips and online.

With all best wishes



Belinda Ioni Rasmussen





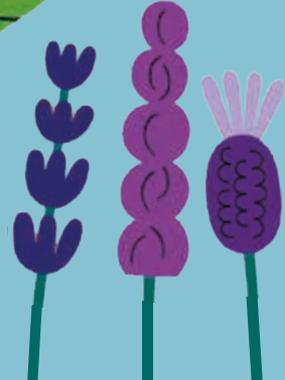
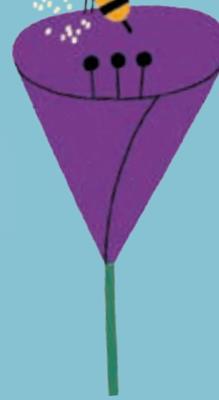
Busy babies need books that help them with their development and books that are a delight to read and play with. Our new series, Babies Laugh, is developed with a baby laughter scientist, and perfect for joyful bonding. A soft learning experience through fun engagement continues with Peekaboo, where older babies can pull the sturdy pages to play the game. Discover more about planet Earth, the body, and learn to tell the time with our range of Campbell titles that make the perfect library for all young children.



Big, bright and engaging stories are what our Preschool list is known for and we are now launching *Flip, Flap, Build* by Ben Newman where imagination leads the way and every story can be different. We have fun stories with unicorns, dinosaurs, vehicles, and animals and there really is something for every young reader.

Positive affirmations are increasingly important and Marvyn Harrison's second title *The Best Me*, illustrated by Rochelle Falconer, offers more support to guide children through their days.

We are also pleased to welcome bestselling author Pippa Goodhart with her book *Colours of Things*. Full of information and sorting, it is illustrated by Emily Rand and will satisfy the most curious young minds for hours at a time.

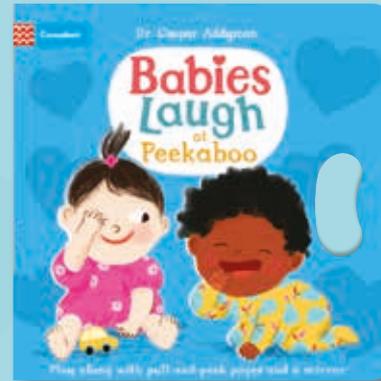
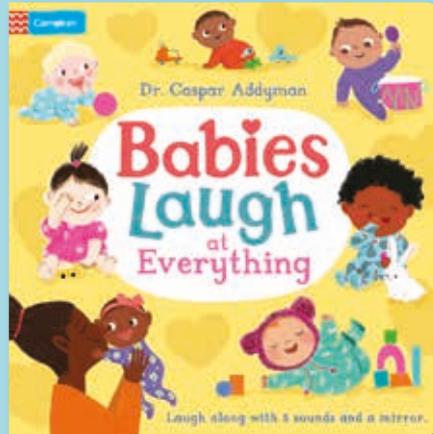


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Babies Laugh

Best for babies

Written by Dr. Caspar Addyman
Illustrated by Ania Simeone



- A ground-breaking new series, scientifically developed to make babies laugh
- Written by developmental psychologist and baby expert, Dr. Caspar Addyman
- *Babies Laugh at Everything* has five sound buttons designed to make babies giggle plus a mirror
- *Babies Laugh at Peekaboo* brings the funniest baby game to life with pull-open pages and a mirror

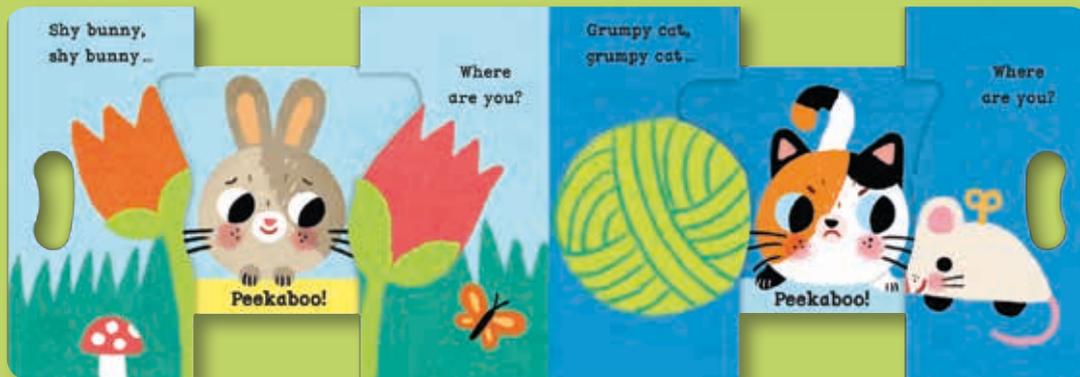
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PEEK A BOO!

Illustrated by Grace Habib

Best for babies



- Play a game of peekaboo with grab-and-pull pages and adorable animal characters
- Develops early social skills and lays the foundations for language learning
- Engages baby senses with a handle to hold, friendly faces and a mirror

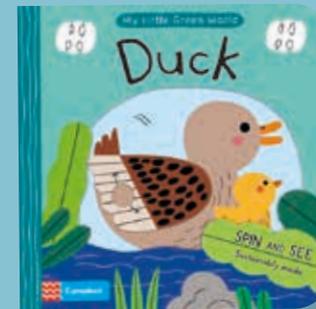
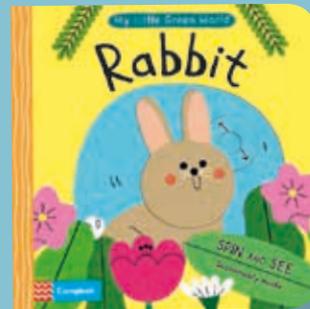
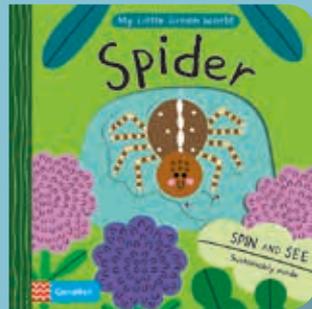
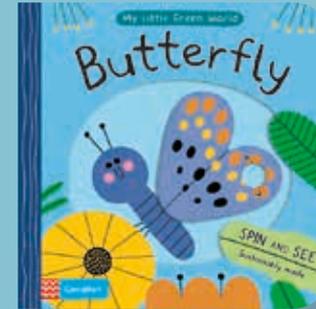
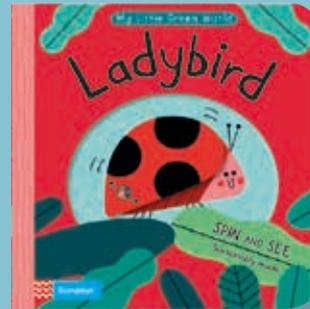
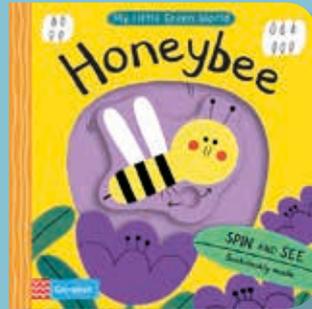


My Little Green World

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Illustrated by Teresa Bellón

Best for preschool



- Sustainably made series about why animals are important to the environment
- A fun rhyme with simple facts and spin-and-see mechanisms
- Activities parents or carers can do with their preschoolers to help the animals

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PICK-A-

Illustrated by Nia Gould

Best for toddlers



- A new seasonal gift series with bouncy rhyming stories full of humour
- With a carry-me handle for little hands and a surprise pop-up ending
- A countdown element and a number line from 1-10 both provide additional soft learning

COMING
SOON
PICK-A-
WITCH





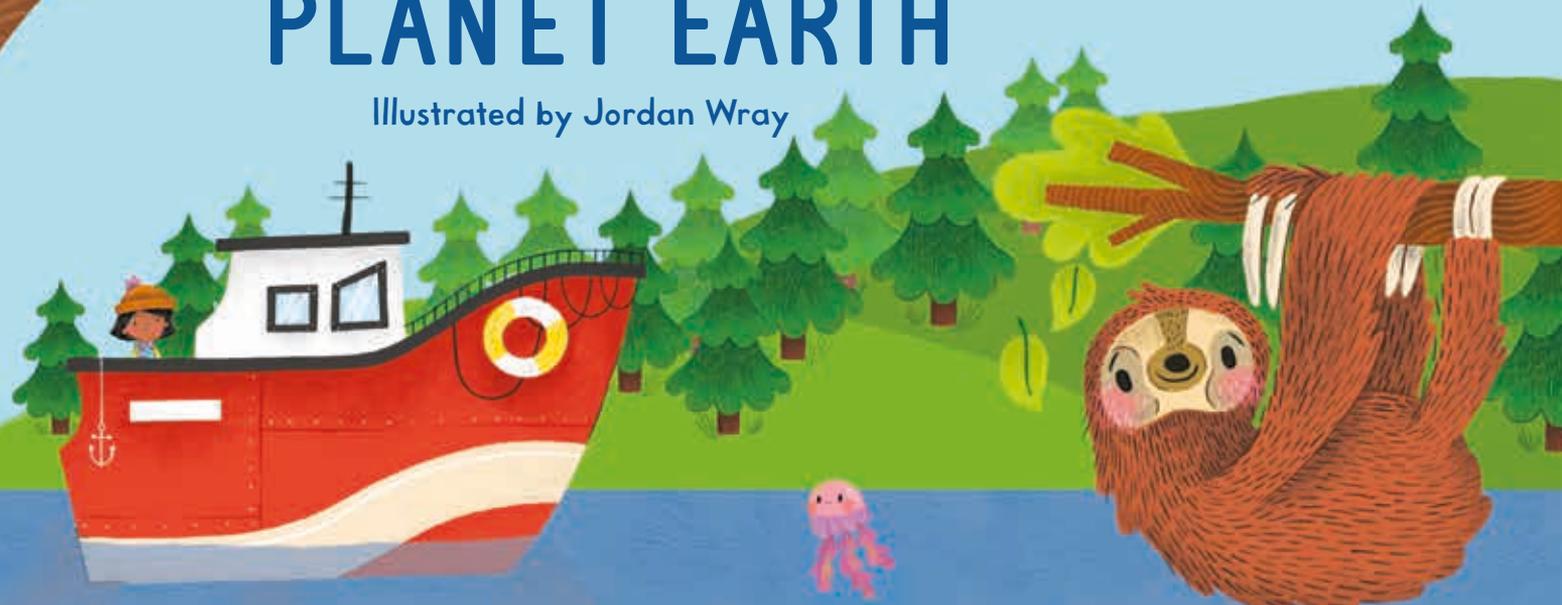
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My First

Best for early years

PLANET EARTH

Illustrated by Jordan Wray



- A lively introduction to planet Earth, with flaps and giant scenic fold-out pages
- Peep through the holes to discover mountains, oceans, deserts and much more
- Supports early S.T.E.A.M learning with facts to discover and a spread of eco-friendly activities at the back of the book

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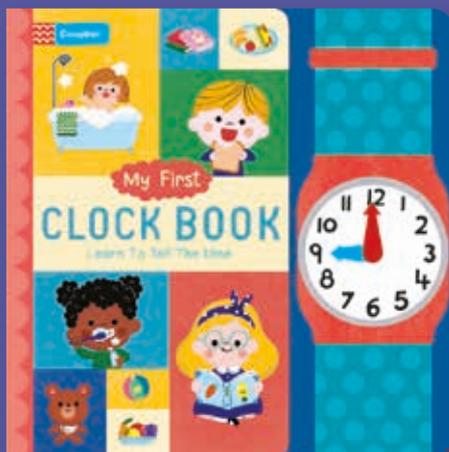


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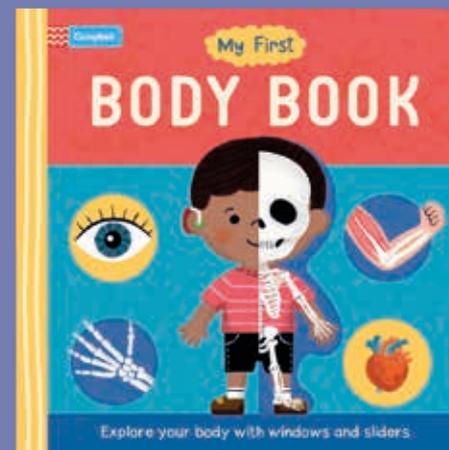
Illustrated by Yujin Shin



Best for early years



- Teaches preschoolers the concept of time and how to use an analogue clock
- With extra activities at the end for more time-telling fun

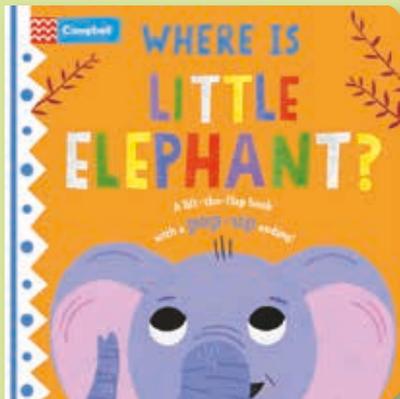


- Flip-flap acetate windows and pull tabs show little ones what is inside their body
- Children will learn about their bones, organs, senses, and how to keep healthy

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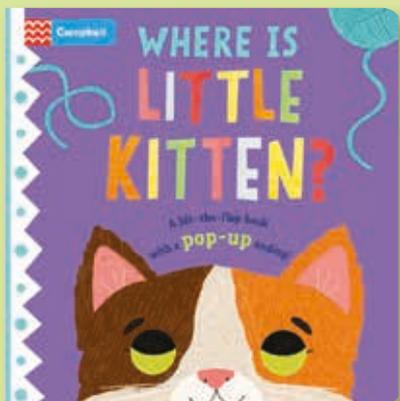
WHERE IS...

Best for toddlers



Illustrated by Jean Claude

- New first non-fiction series introducing toddlers to animals in their natural environments
- Fun guessing game helps to build vocabulary and working memory
- Large sturdy flaps and peep-through clues, perfect for little fingers
- Satisfying surprise pop-up ending with labelled animals



Also available

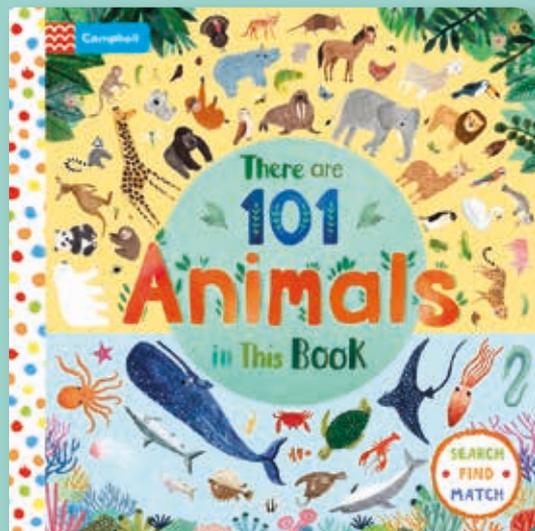


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There are 101

Best for preschool

Illustrated by Rebecca Jones and Darcie Olley



COMING
SOON
Minibeasts



- Discover 101 incredible things through wonderfully illustrated detailed scenes
- Includes panels with labelled objects for little ones to name, search and find
- Packed with early learning activities including matching, colours and counting

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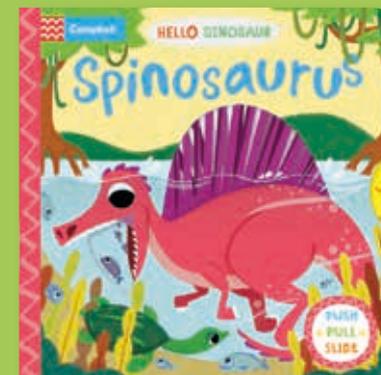
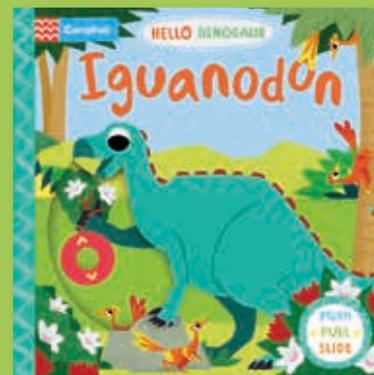
HELLO DINOSAUR

Best for toddlers

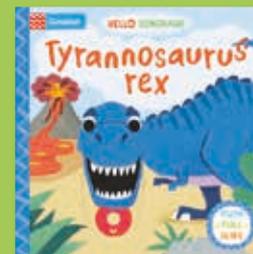
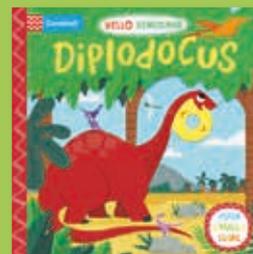
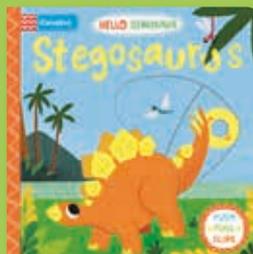
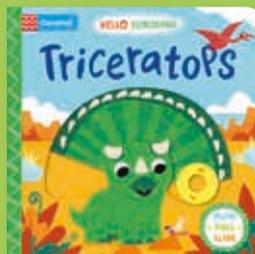
Illustrated by David Partington



- Entertaining series introducing perennially popular individual dinosaurs
- Push, pull and slide mechanisms to develop fine motor skills
- Gentle learning and fun first facts
- Perfect for dinosaur-mad toddlers



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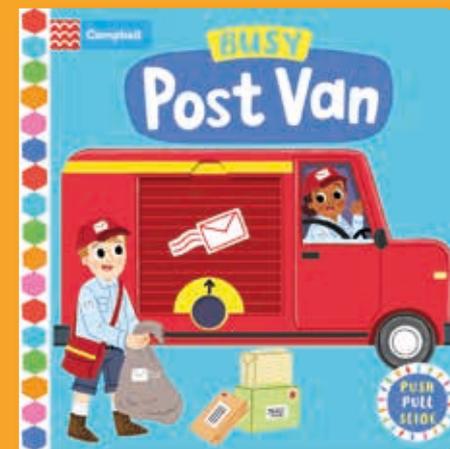
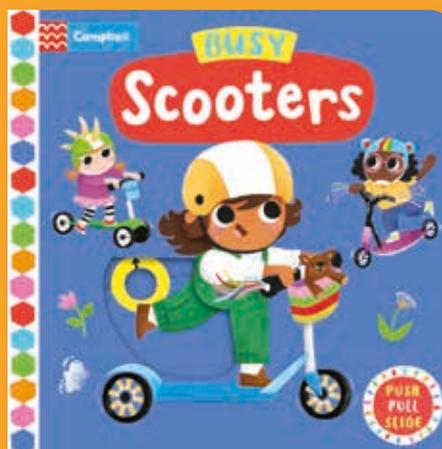
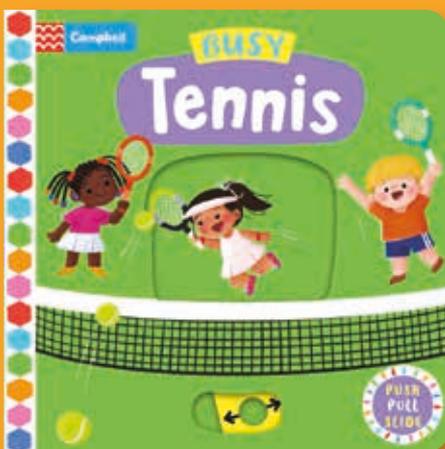


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BUSY Books

Best for toddlers

Illustrated by Jayri Gómez, Jana Curll and Louise Forshaw



- New titles in bestselling push, pull and slide series, introducing toddlers to familiar key topics, locations and scenarios
- Over 4 million copies sold worldwide in 27 languages
- Large backlist with 56 titles available



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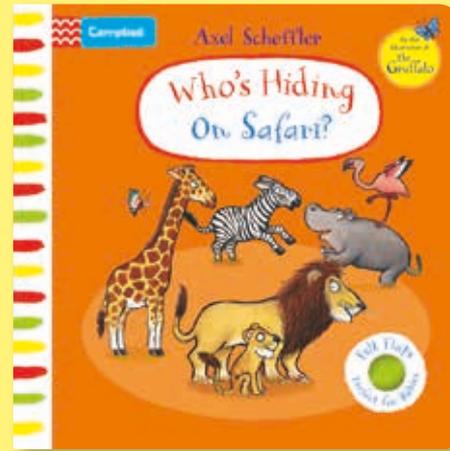
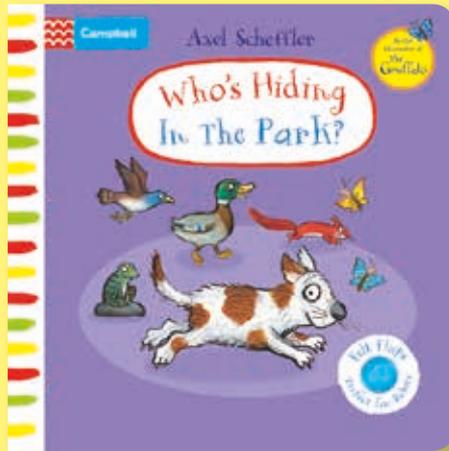


Axel Scheffler

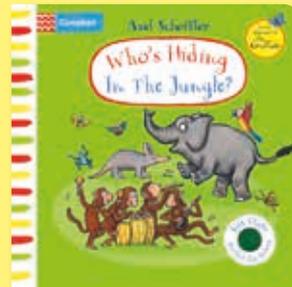
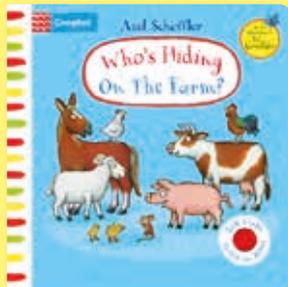


Best for babies

FELT-FLAPS



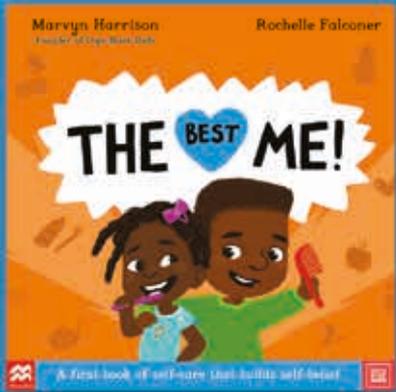
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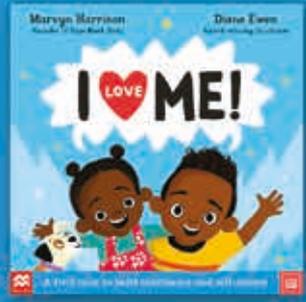
- Chunky cased board books with soft felt flaps to stimulate the senses
- Learn about first animals in a hide-and-seek story
- By the award-winning illustrator of *The Gruffalo*

Marvyn Harrison & Rochelle Falconer

Also available:



DRAFT COVER



THE BEST ME!

An empowering book of affirmations that introduces preschoolers to self-care, from personal hygiene to mindfulness.

- The second book from Marvyn Harrison, founder of Dope Black Dads and winner of Influencer of the Year at the Black British Business Awards 2021
- Packed with early learning, with a giant fold-out spread of self-care actions to try at home!
- Includes parenting tips on how to use affirmations



BEN NEWMAN

FLIP FLAP BUILD



A fantastic new series of flip-flap storybooks that get children building incredible machines.

- Perfect for supporting early S.T.E.A.M learning, with lots of hands-on fun
- With more than 50 machines to build in each book, little ones can enjoy this book again and again
- With illustrations from the wonderful Ben Newman, illustrator of Professor Astro Cat (Flying Eye)



BEN NEWMAN



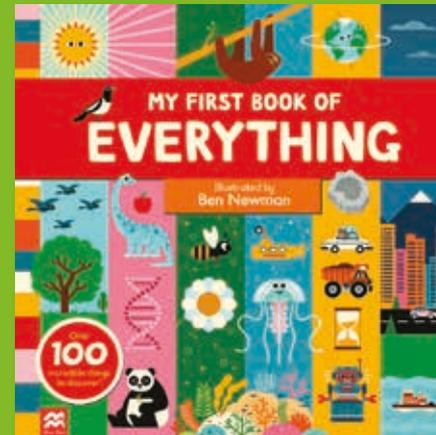
MY FIRST BOOK OF EVERYTHING:

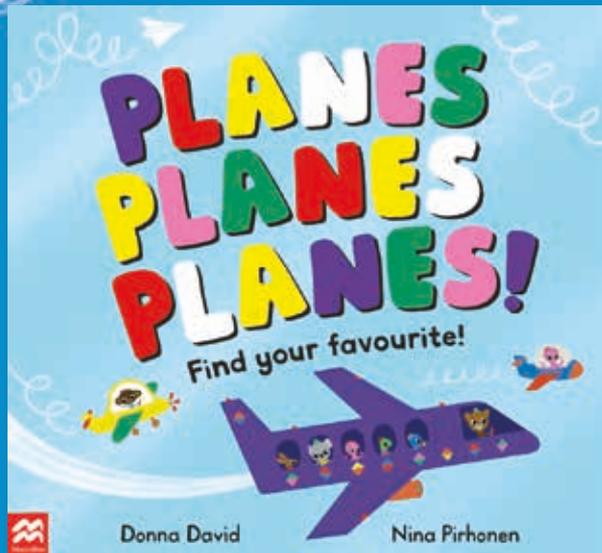
ANIMALS

A stylish preschool non-fiction book that introduces amazing, weird and wonderful animals to little ones!

- The second in a series, following 2022's *My First Book of Everything*
- Strengthens vocabulary and encourages word recognition, with big flaps to lift and lots of early-learning features and benefits
- A super-stylish grid layout and striking, colourful illustrations give preschoolers an amazing intro to over 100 incredible creatures from around the world

Also available:

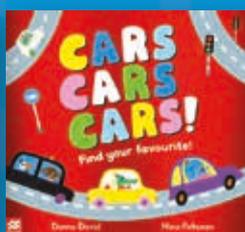
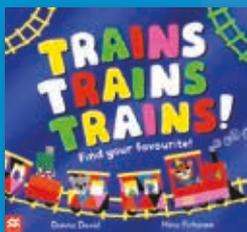




PLANES PLANES PLANES!

Up, up and away! Fly off on a fantastic preschool rhyming adventure, with 50 colourful planes to count.

Also available:



- Busy, bright and colourful illustrations are packed with things to spot, plus a special fold-out page at the end with all 50 planes!
- Specially developed to aid pre-reading skills, and perfect for reading together
- With reading tips at the back for grown-ups, plus a search-and-find spread

COLOURS OF THINGS!

The first in a new pair of stylish preschool picture books focusing on choosing, categorizing and spotting.

- Takes the reader through objects of all the colours of the rainbow, finding different things on every page
- With read-aloud rhyming text and a stunning gatefold ending
- From the author of the million-copy series *You Choose!* and award-winning illustrator Emily Rand
- First in a pair – *Shapes of Things!* coming in 2025

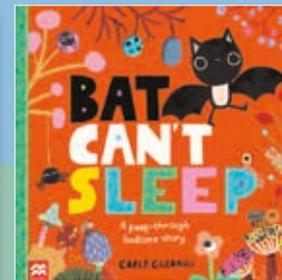
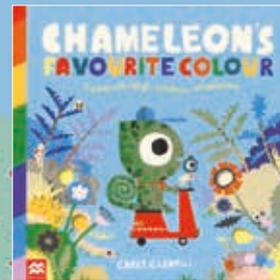
WIP ARTWORK

WHAT CAN BIRD SEE?

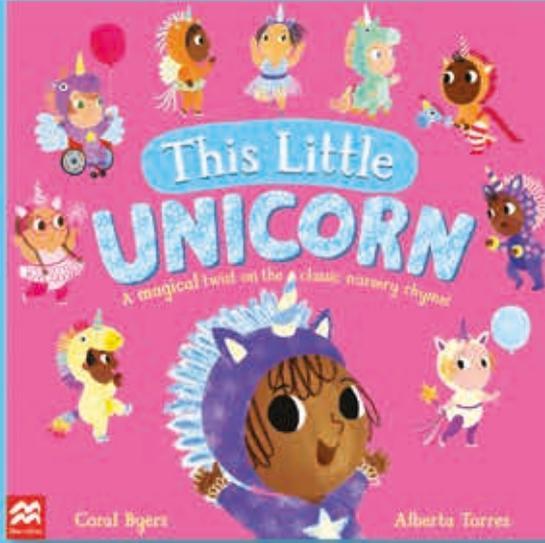
A colourful counting adventure following a little bird trying to find her friend.

- An engaging preschool counting story, building in number recognition and search-and-find
- Find Bird's friend hiding on every spread, with die-cut pages and a dazzling starry gatefold ending
- With beautiful artwork from picture book star Carly Gledhill, creator of *Bat Can't Sleep*

Also available:



Coral Byers & Alberta Torres

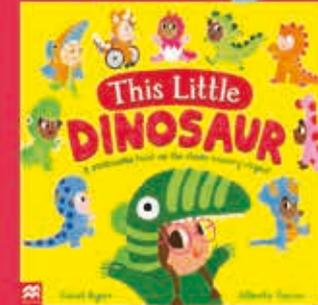


It's party time! Count and explore with ten little unicorns on a birthday adventure!

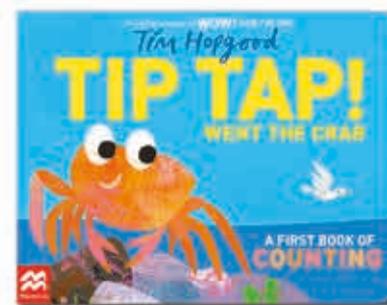
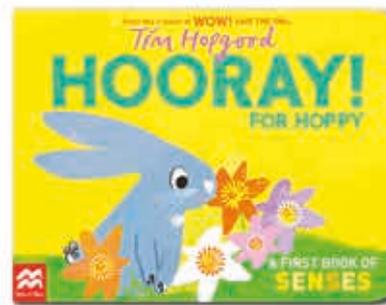
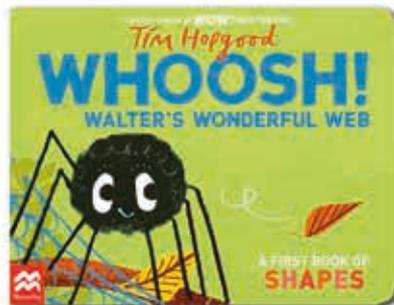
- Ten children dress up as unicorns for a magical birthday party full of sparkles, rainbows and cake!
- Bright, engaging illustrations support a bouncy rhyming narrative, with a gatefold surprise at the end, simple search-and-find elements, and reading tips
- The third title in an exciting, engaging new preschool series based on the hugely popular, widely-known nursery rhyme *This Little Piggy*



Also available:



More than
1.2 million
books sold
worldwide!



Refreshed covers for these charming preschool classics
by bestselling author-illustrator Tim Hopgood.

- Children can join in with the HOORAYS, WHOOSHES and TIP TAPS in these fun read-along stories



- Introduce little ones to counting, senses and shapes
- Simple activities at the back of each book provide more opportunity for early learning



Brands and Classics

Our licensed publishing is growing rapidly and we are building a stable of successful brands working with international production and broadcasting partners. We are very pleased to be launching publishing from top brands such as the long awaited sequel to *Chicken Run*; *Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget*, a sensational new vegetable and dinosaur combination in *Vegesaur*s, and *Odo*, the story of a little owl with very big ideas, as well as adding exciting new titles to our established LEGO® and Moomin ranges.

We are also building classics for the future with new gift format picture books inspired by the poetry of A. A. Milne and featuring Winnie-the-Pooh and Christopher Robin, complete with charming illustrations in the style of E. H. Shepard. Following on from our previously published gift collections of fairy tales, myths and legends based on treasures from the Macmillan archive, we have a beautiful new title, *The Macmillan Collection of Greek Myths*.

We are also excited to be sharing new Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler publishing with you, guaranteed to help everyone celebrate 30 years of their amazing partnership and their bestselling, award-winning and well-loved stories.

Together the titles on our brands and classics list are both fun to enjoy and books to treasure.





ODO

**An exciting new preschool
picture book series following
a little owl with big ideas!**

- Sold in over 150 territories and based on the popular preschool TV series broadcasting on Milkshake in the UK
- The number one rated show every day in its slot among all UK commercial children's channels
- Strong themes of building self-confidence and empathy, tackling the rise in anxiety and depression among preschoolers
- Picture books adapt top-performing episodes, and include reading tips for parents and carers



**Books 3+4
coming
Autumn
2023**

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A new preschool comedy series about the juiciest and crunchiest creatures ever to rule the planet – the mighty ...

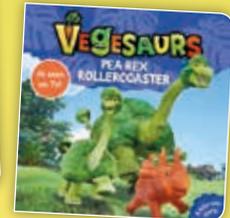
VEGESAURS



- TV series sold to France, Sweden, Finland, Australia and Hungary, with more international broadcasters and brand partnerships to be confirmed
- Relatable themes of mealtimes, sharing, friendship and play
- Picture books, board books, novelty and activity all based on episodes from the fun and hilarious series



*DRAFT COVERS



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Picture books: Format: 250mm x 250mm • Extent: 32pp • Pub Date: March 2023 • UK Retail Price: £11.99 HB / £6.99 PB

Board books: Format: 180mm x 180mm • Extent: 18pp • Pub Date: May 2023 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

Sticker book: Format: 297mm x 210mm • Extent: 24pp • Pub Date: July 2023 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

Push, Pull and Slide: Format: 180mm x 180mm • Extent: 10pp • Pub Date: September 2023 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

★ AARDMAN

NETFLIX

CHICKEN RUN

DAWN OF THE NUGGET

The eagerly anticipated sequel to the highest-grossing stop-motion film of all time.

- ★ Ginger, Rocky and the gang are back in an incredible new action adventure for all the family!
- ★ A picture book retelling, junior novelisation and sticker activity book will all feature the instantly recognisable characters and style of *Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget*
- ★ Titles publishing alongside the global release of the film on Netflix in Autumn 2023
- ★ Netflix have over 200 million members and 475 million viewers across 190 countries

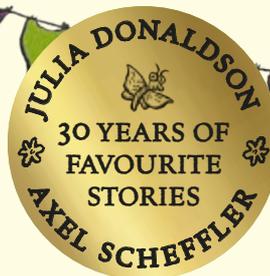
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Junior Novelisation: Format: B Format • Extent: 112pp • Pub Date: October 2023 • UK Retail Price: £7.99
Handbook Format: 240mm x 190mm • Extent: 96pp • Pub Date: October 2023 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

JULIA DONALDSON * AXEL SCHEFFLER

Celebrating **30 years** of the bestselling picture book partnership, with over **75 million** books sold worldwide!

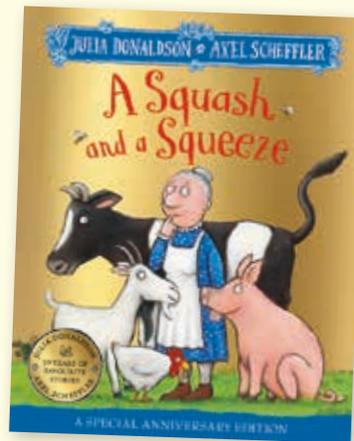


The Amazing World of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

- Everything you ever wanted to know about the much-loved picture book creators and their bestselling stories
- A comprehensive non-fiction gift book created in collaboration with Alison Green Books, an imprint of Scholastic
- Full of fun facts, photos and never-before-seen illustrations
- Richly illustrated, highly decorative and in full colour throughout – the perfect gift

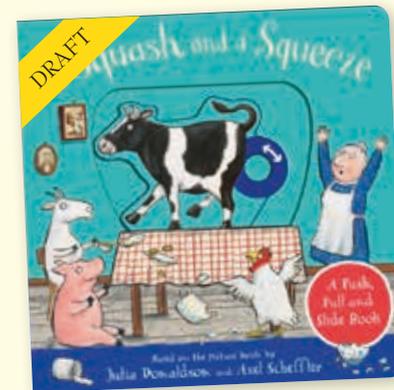
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ALISON GREEN BOOKS & SCHOLASTIC



A Squash and a Squeeze 30th Anniversary Edition

- A special anniversary edition of the first ever book by the unparalleled creative partnership
- With a fully-foiled cover, a letter from the author and peek inside the illustrator's sketchbook
- Over 1.8 million books sold worldwide in 28 languages



A Squash and a Squeeze: A Push, Pull and Slide Book

- A fun, interactive novelty book based on the bestselling picture book
- With push, pull and slide mechanisms on every spread: perfect for younger readers

Anniversary Edition: Format: 280mm x 224mm • Extent: 32pp • Pub Date: January 2023 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

Push, Pull and Slide: Format: 180mm x 180mm • Extent: 10pp • Pub Date: March 2023 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

Amazing World: Format: 280mm x 224mm • Extent: 176pp • Pub Date: October 2023 • UK Retail Price: £25

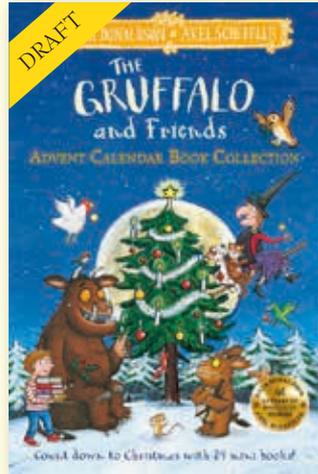
Over 18 million
Gruffalo books sold
in 105 languages

JULIA DONALDSON * AXEL SCHEFFLER

JULIA DONALDSON
30 YEARS OF
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AXEL SCHEFFLER

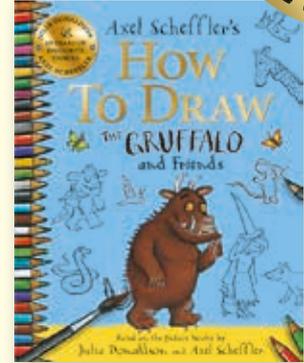
The Gruffalo and Friends Advent Calendar Book Collection

- Count down to Christmas with 24 mini activity and song books, presented in a beautiful hardback gift case with tie ribbon
- This bestselling format includes activity books based on eight favourite picture books, plus songs and rhymes to enjoy together



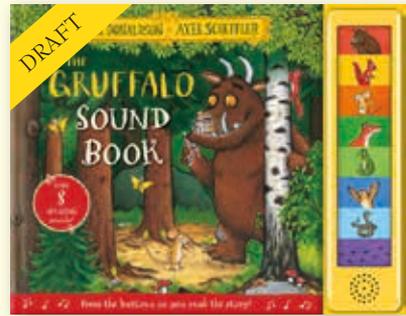
How to Draw the Gruffalo and Friends

- Learn how to draw ten of your favourite characters from the bestselling picture books by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- With never-before-seen character sketches and step-by-step guides, plus top tips from Axel Scheffler – perfect for any budding artist!



Have You Seen the Gruffalo?

- A chunky peep-inside novelty book with diecut holes, flaps to lift and a surprise gatefold ending
- With a simple text based on the bestselling picture book, *The Gruffalo* – the perfect introduction to the deep dark wood



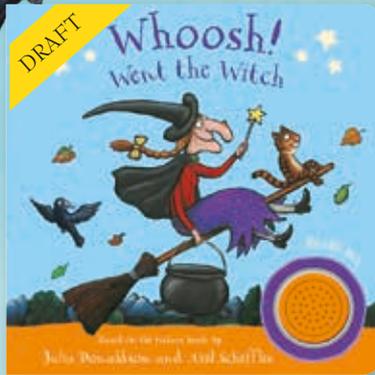
The Gruffalo Sound Book

- An interactive sound book that is the ideal gift for fans of the picture book
- Includes the full story, brought to life with eight amazing sounds

Have you Seen the Gruffalo: Format: 190mm x 160mm • Extent: 14pp • Pub Date: October 2023 • UK Retail Price: £7.99
How to Draw: Format: 265mm x 210mm • Extent: 96pp • Pub Date: May 2023 • UK Retail Price: £9.99
Sound Book: Format: 270mm x 306mm • Extent: 32pp • Pub Date: October 2023 • UK Retail Price: £14.99
Advent Calendar: Format: 580mm x 355mm • Extent: 384pp • Pub Date: August 2023 • UK Retail Price: £21.99

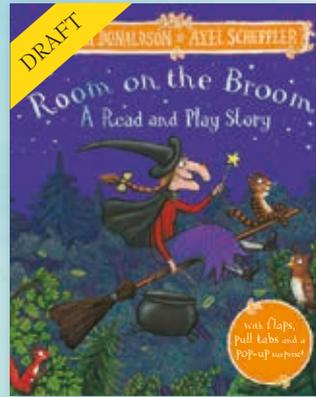
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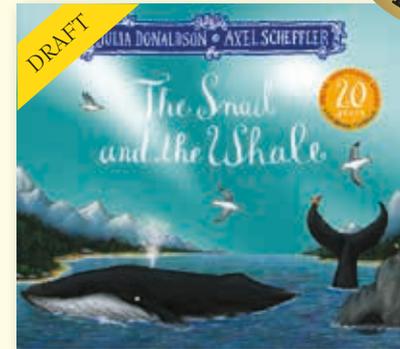
Whoosh! Went the Witch

- ★ A chunky, single sound board book based on the bestselling picture book – the perfect introduction to the story for younger children
- ★ Includes a satisfying sound button with whoosh! sound effect



Room on the Broom: A Read and Play Story

- ★ The full, original story of *Room on the Broom* by the bestselling partnership of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, in a fun multi-novelty gift edition
- ★ Told over six spreads with flaps, pop-ups and other interactive elements on every page



The Snail and the Whale 20th Anniversary Edition

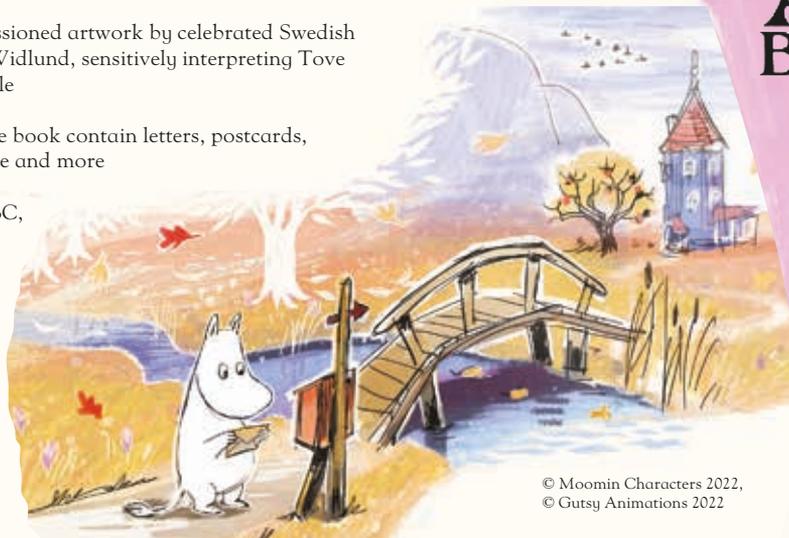
- ★ Over 5 million copies of *The Snail and the Whale* sold worldwide
- ★ Celebrate 20 years with this special anniversary edition of the bestselling picture book
- ★ With a fully-foiled cover and extra content, including a letter from the author and a sneak peek inside the illustrator's sketchbook

MOOMIN



A beautiful Moomin novelty book with real envelopes and letters to open

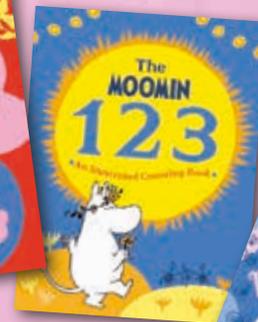
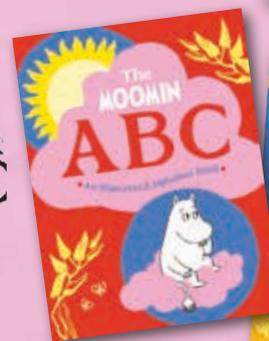
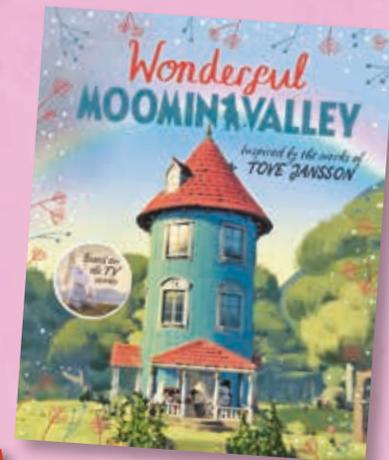
- Brand new Moomin storyline in an exciting gift format
- With newly-commissioned artwork by celebrated Swedish illustrator Filippa Widlund, sensitively interpreting Tove Jansson's classic style
- Five envelopes in the book contain letters, postcards, a mini book to make and more
- Part of Moomin ABC, a new long-running global initiative from Moomin Characters to promote literacy and love of language



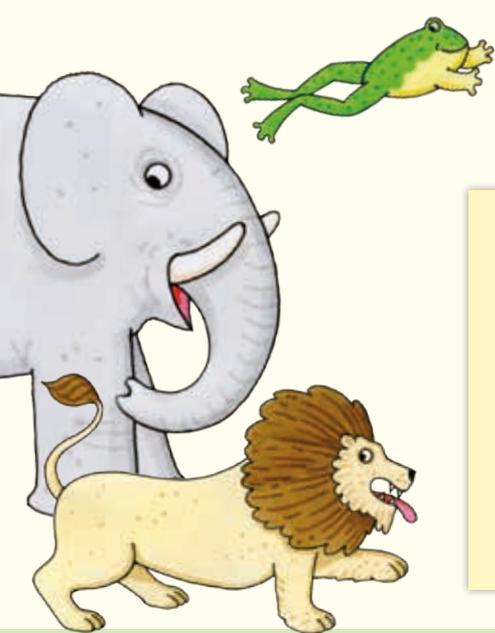
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Wonderful MOOMINVALLEY

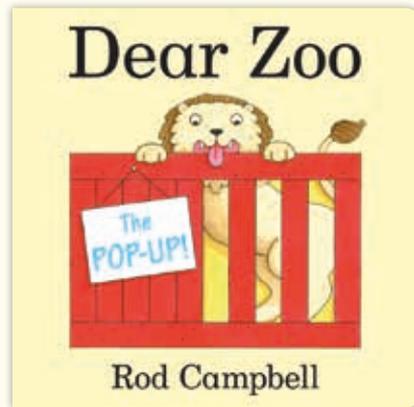
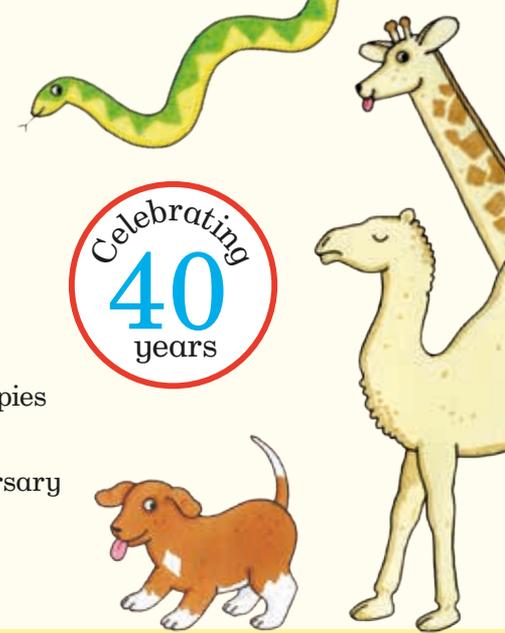
- Book 4 of the collectable and hugely successful *Adventures in Moominvalley* series
- Gift hardback with special cover finishes, introducing new episodes and characters from season 3 of the animated series *Moominvalley*



- Stunning alphabet, counting and quote gift books with strong crossover appeal
- Using Tove Jansson's classic artwork along with specially-created lettering from the Moomin design studio, all presented in hardback with special cover finishes

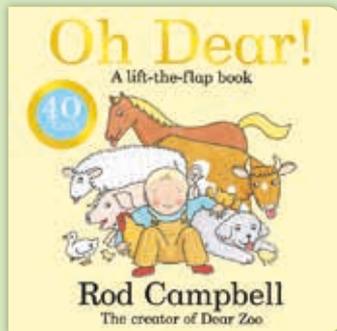


Rod Campbell



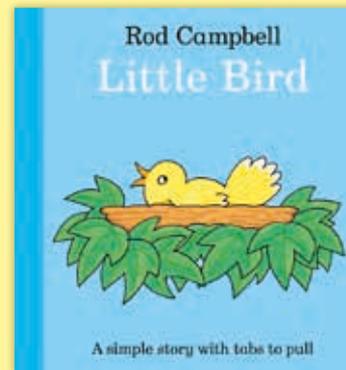
THE POP-UP DEAR ZOO

- A pop-up edition of the lift-the-flap preschool classic, loved by children across the world
- *Dear Zoo* has sold over 13 million copies worldwide in 33 languages
- *Dear Zoo* celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2022



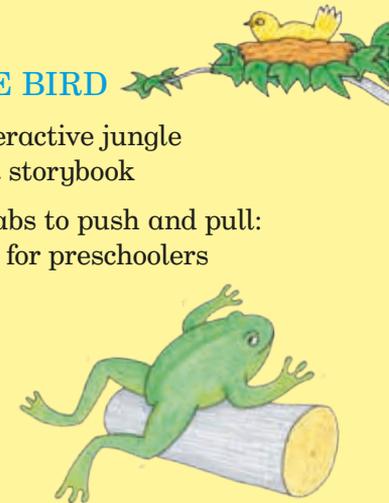
OH DEAR!

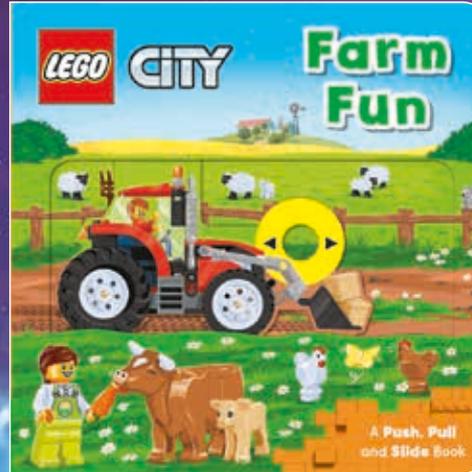
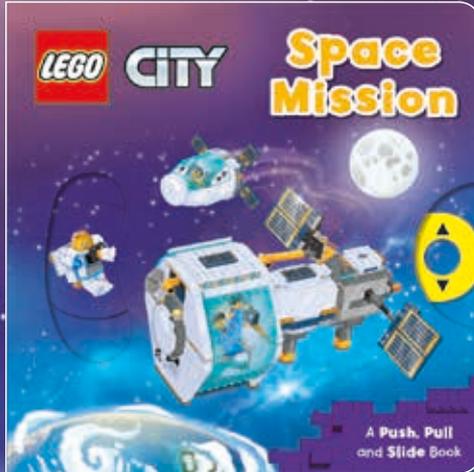
- A lift-the-flap farm story with bold, bright artwork and a repeating text that is perfect for joining in
- Over 1 million copies sold worldwide
- *Oh Dear!* celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2023



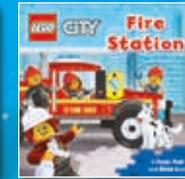
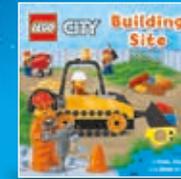
LITTLE BIRD

- An interactive jungle animal storybook
- With tabs to push and pull: perfect for preschoolers





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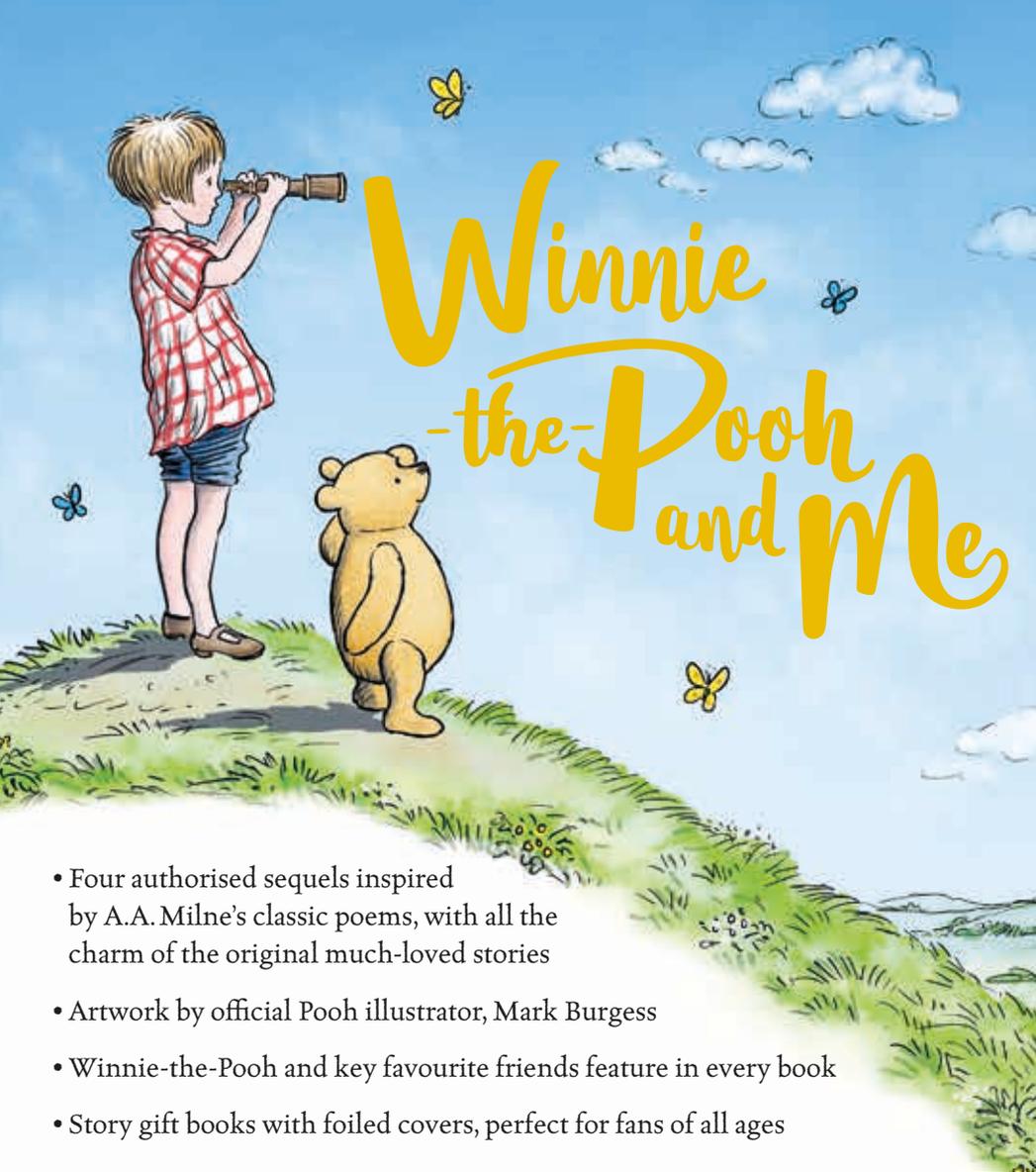


- Two new titles in partnership with AMEET Publishing
- Based on real LEGO® City building sets!
- With fun, rhyming text and mechanisms to push, pull and slide on every spread – perfect for the youngest fans
- The LEGO City. *Push, Pull and Slide* Books have sold in 13 languages



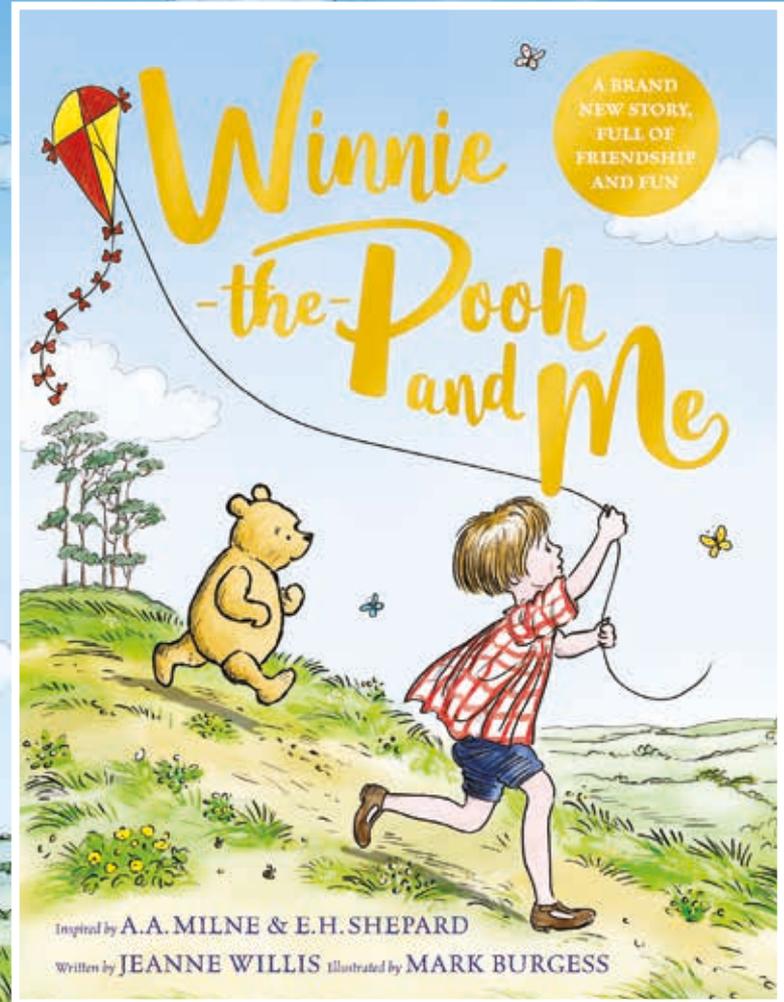
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Winnie -the-Pooh and Me

- Four authorised sequels inspired by A.A. Milne's classic poems, with all the charm of the original much-loved stories
- Artwork by official Pooh illustrator, Mark Burgess
- Winnie-the-Pooh and key favourite friends feature in every book
- Story gift books with foiled covers, perfect for fans of all ages



THE LITTLE PRINCE

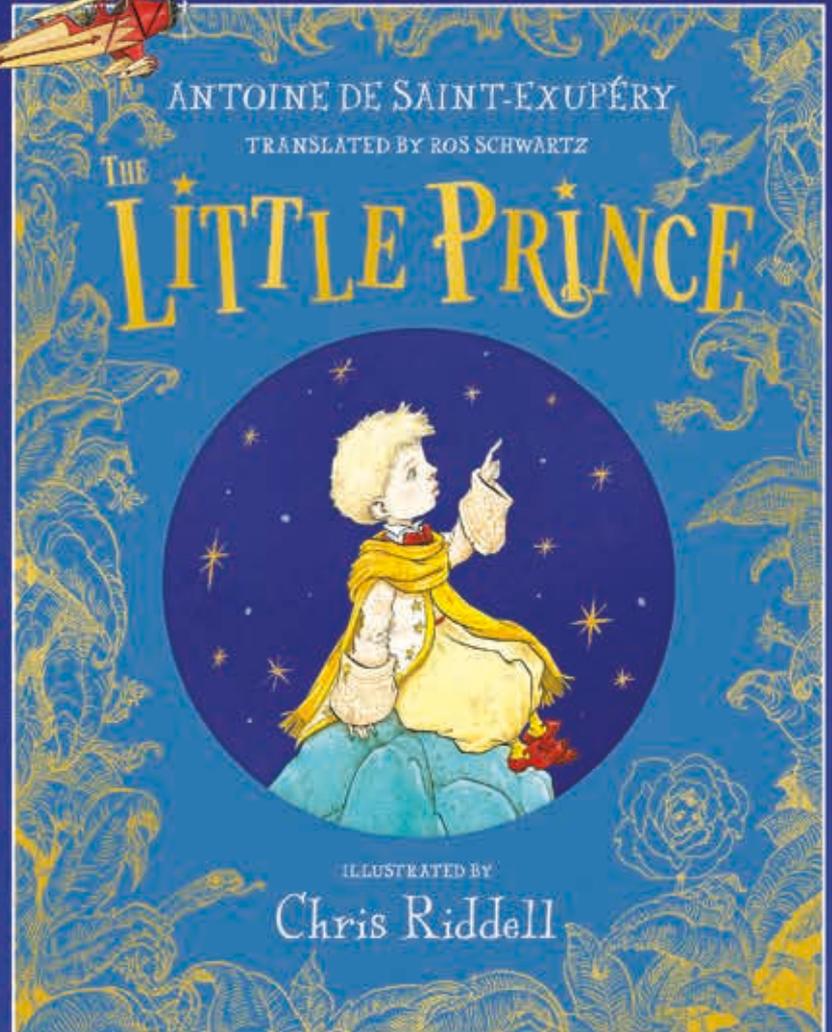
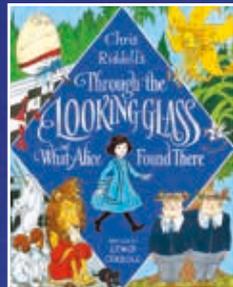
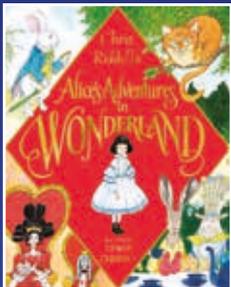


Celebrating 80 years in 2023, this beloved story is reimaged by Chris Riddell, a modern icon of illustration

- Must-have heirloom gift edition – contains the complete text, fully illustrated throughout, with a foiled jacket, die-cut cover and ribbon marker
- Over 140 million copies of *The Little Prince* sold across 300 languages and dialects
- Chris Riddell OBE has won multiple awards, including three Kate Greenaway Medals



ALSO AVAILABLE:



THE MACMILLAN COLLECTION OF GREEK MYTHS

- A beautifully produced gift treasury, with stories and illustrations from Macmillan's rich historical archive
- Contains a wide selection of Greek myths, including *Orpheus and Eurydice*, *The Golden Fleece*, *Persephone* and *Theseus and the Minotaur*
- Fully illustrated, with colour and line-work from iconic artists, such as Arthur Rackham and Walter Crane
- Hardback format, with a foiled die-cut cover, foiled edges, ribbon marker, and head and tail bands

ALSO AVAILABLE



THE GRUMPUS

AND HIS
DASTARDLY, DREADFUL
CHRISTMAS PLAN

Alex T. Smith



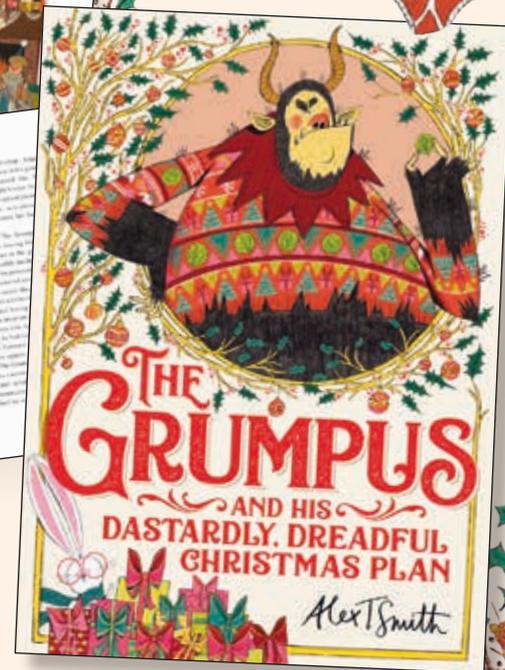
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE GRUMPUS? AND HIS DASTARDLY, DREADFUL CHRISTMAS PLAN?

No, I don't suppose you have, until now, because there is only one Grumpus in the whole world.

The Grumpus is a big, grumbly, huffy-puffy, grumpy grump of a creature who doesn't like anybody. Or anything. AT ALL.

And the one thing he REALLY doesn't like, above all else, is Christmas.

So let me tell you about The Grumpus' wicked plan, and how his adventure to the North Pole didn't turn out to be at all as he planned . . .



- *The Grumpus* is a new festive adventure about friendship, family and the true meaning of Christmas

- Alex T. Smith is the bestselling author of the Claude and Mr Penguin series, and is fast establishing himself as one of the most exciting festive children's authors around



Picture Books



Our picture books this season are a broad range of stories from real life to the fantastic and funny, and here are some of our highlights.

We are proud to be publishing a stunning gift collection of new stories and poems by Sir Michael Morpurgo, about trees and their importance to us and the planet. Beautifully illustrated by Yuval Zommer, this is absolutely a book for our times.



The nature theme continues with Pam Ayres' story about Oliver the Otter, illustrated by Nicola O'Byrne, which combines a charming tale with facts about otters in their real habitats. Julia Donaldson and Catherine Rayner's *The Bowerbird*, is based on the behaviour of real-life birds, and is the witty and enchanting story of Bert - a little bird with a big heart. Catherine's illustrations bring it all brilliantly to life on the page.



Julia Donaldson's second title in this guide is *A Book of Names*, imaginatively illustrated by Nila Aye. This is a clever rhyming story inspired by and including many of the children's names that Julia has encountered during her book signings over the years.

Baroness Floella Benjamin and Diane Ewen are back with a new book together after their first picture book, *Coming to England*. *Keep Smiling* is a celebration of positivity and the power of a smile to connect with those around you. It is a great message for us all, whatever our age.

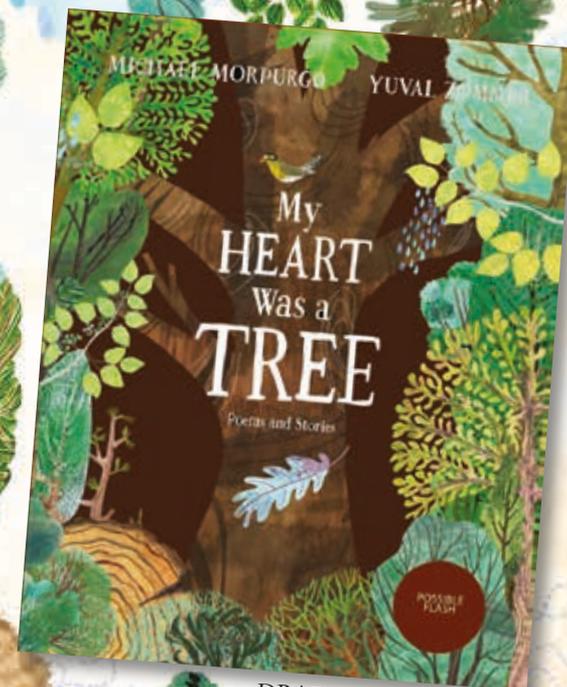


Future
Classic

MICHAEL MORPURGO YUVAL ZOMMER

A glorious celebration of the wonder of trees, in a beautiful large format gift book

- Stories and poems from Sir Michael Morpurgo, one of the world's best-loved authors, with sales of over 35 million worldwide
- Illustrated by award-winning artist Yuval Zommer, whose books have sold in over 25 languages
- Drawing on Morpurgo and Zommer's love of nature, this very special book will inspire readers to appreciate trees and the essential role they play in the life of our planet



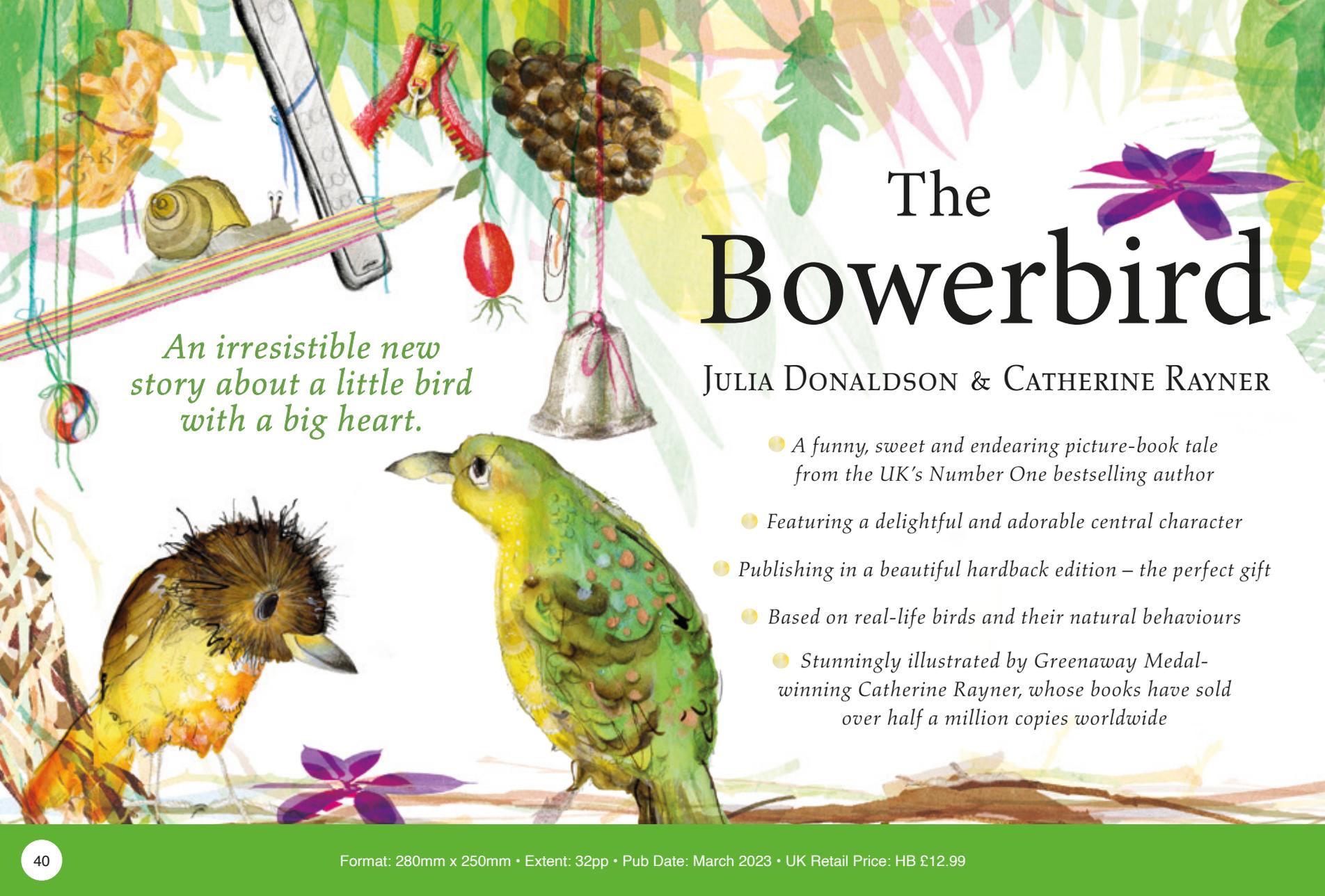
DRAFT COVER

PAM AYRES & NICOLA O'BYRNE

I am Oliver the Otter

*A Tale from our Wild and
Wonderful Riverbanks*

- The first in a four book series, each featuring a different wild animal in its natural habitat
- A charming story about a little otter and his search for a companion, written by bestselling poet, Pam Ayres OBE
- Illustrations by award-winning artist Nicola O'Byrne, whose books have sold in 20 languages
- Contains a non-fiction spread about otters, with fun facts and environmental tips



The Bowerbird

JULIA DONALDSON & CATHERINE RAYNER

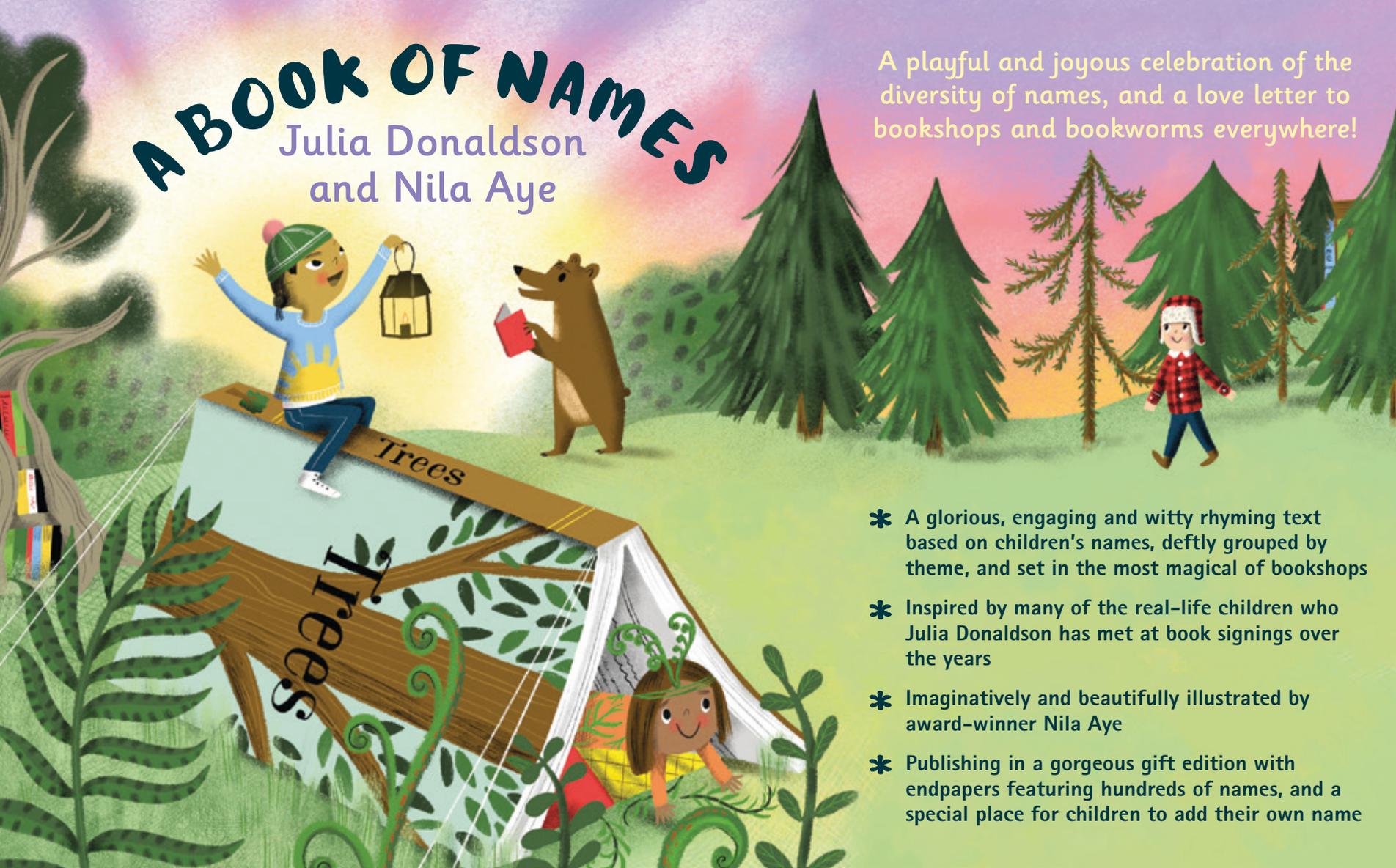
*An irresistible new
story about a little bird
with a big heart.*

- *A funny, sweet and endearing picture-book tale from the UK's Number One bestselling author*
- *Featuring a delightful and adorable central character*
- *Publishing in a beautiful hardback edition – the perfect gift*
- *Based on real-life birds and their natural behaviours*
- *Stunningly illustrated by Greenaway Medal-winning Catherine Rayner, whose books have sold over half a million copies worldwide*

A BOOK OF NAMES

Julia Donaldson
and Nila Aye

A playful and joyous celebration of the diversity of names, and a love letter to bookshops and bookworms everywhere!



- * A glorious, engaging and witty rhyming text based on children's names, deftly grouped by theme, and set in the most magical of bookshops
- * Inspired by many of the real-life children who Julia Donaldson has met at book signings over the years
- * Imaginatively and beautifully illustrated by award-winner Nila Aye
- * Publishing in a gorgeous gift edition with endpapers featuring hundreds of names, and a special place for children to add their own name

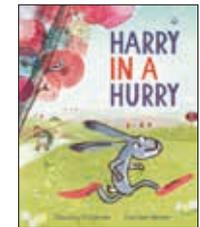
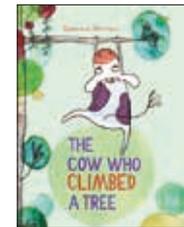
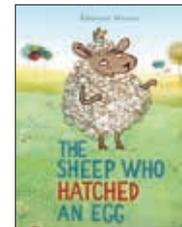
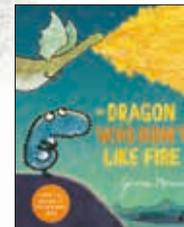
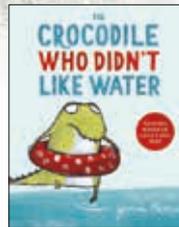
Gemma Merino

THE DUCK WITH NO LUCK

- A humorous and uplifting tale about taking a more positive look at life
- Helps young children to build emotional intelligence and resilience
- Engaging text and beautiful illustrations
- From the award-winning author/illustrator of *The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water*



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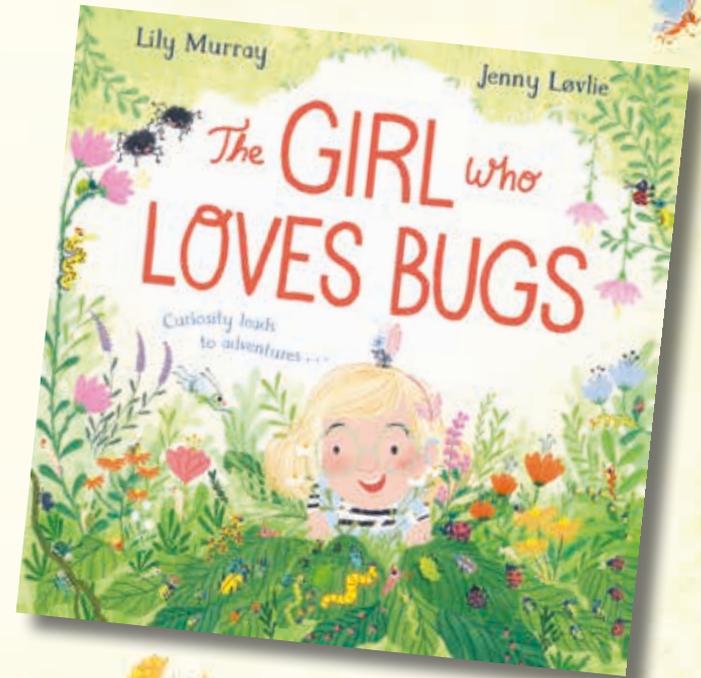


Lily Murray

Jenny Løvlie

Curiosity leads to adventures . . .

- Funny, feminist and inclusive – empowering young children to follow their dreams
- From the Waterstones Prize-winning illustrator Jenny Løvlie and bestselling author Lily Murray
- Inspired by the real-life story of Evelyn Cheesman: a trailblazing adventurer and scientist
- With non-fiction tips at the back of the book



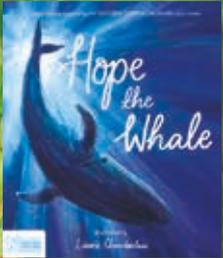
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Dippy the Diplodocus

Illustrated by *Laura Chamberlain*

A picture book inspired by
the true story of one of the
greatest dinosaur discoveries
of all time, told through the
eyes of a little girl

Also available:



- Atmospheric artwork from a new illustration talent
- Includes a double gatefold spread with information about the real story and diplodocus facts
- Created in consultation with the Natural History Museum in London

Floella Benjamin

Keep Smiling

Illustrated by
Diane Ewen



A self-esteem-
boosting picture book
celebrating positivity,
empathy and the
power of a
SMILE!

- ★ From the bestselling creators of *Coming To England*
- ★ Diane Ewen is an award-winning illustrator (the Queens Knickers Award and the Children's Illustrated Book of the Year at the BBA)
- ★ Encourages resilience and empathy - with an inspirational message from the author

Cindy Wume

The Gardening Dog



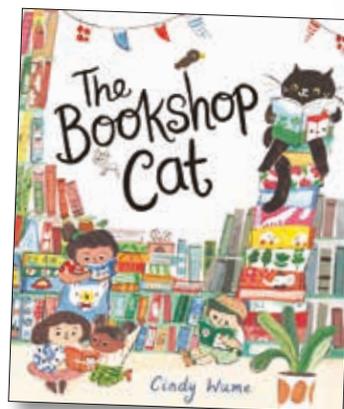
 An inspiring story about acceptance, friendship and following your passions

 A delightful and timeless story combined with bright, contemporary artwork

 Companion title to *The Bookshop Cat*, already translated into seven languages

 Cindy Wume is a rising talent, longlisted for the Klaus Flugge prize

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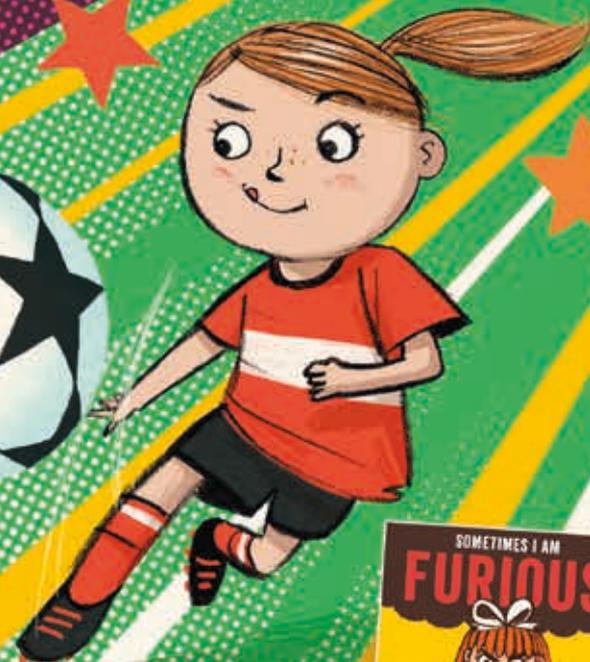


SAMMY STRIKER

and the Football Cup

Catherine Emmett
Illustrated by Joe Berger

- The picture book for the 2023 Women's World Cup – an inspiring, girl-power-infused football story
- From Oscars Prize-shortlisted Catherine Emmett, and bestselling illustrator Joe Berger
- A book about following your dreams, and shooting for the stars!



*It's what
makes you*
DIFFERENT
*that helps you
succeed...*



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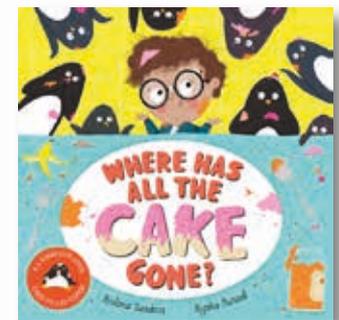


Whose DOG is this?

Andy Sanders & Aysha Awwad

- The follow-up to Andrew Sanders and Aysha Awwad's hotly-anticipated debut picture book, *Where Has All the Cake Gone?*
- Perfect for children with lively imaginations - and their long-suffering parents!
- An action packed and laugh-out-loud picture book, featuring an evil goose, a canine secret agent, and a hot-air balloon chase!

Also available:



THERE'S NOTHING FASTER THAN A CHEETAH

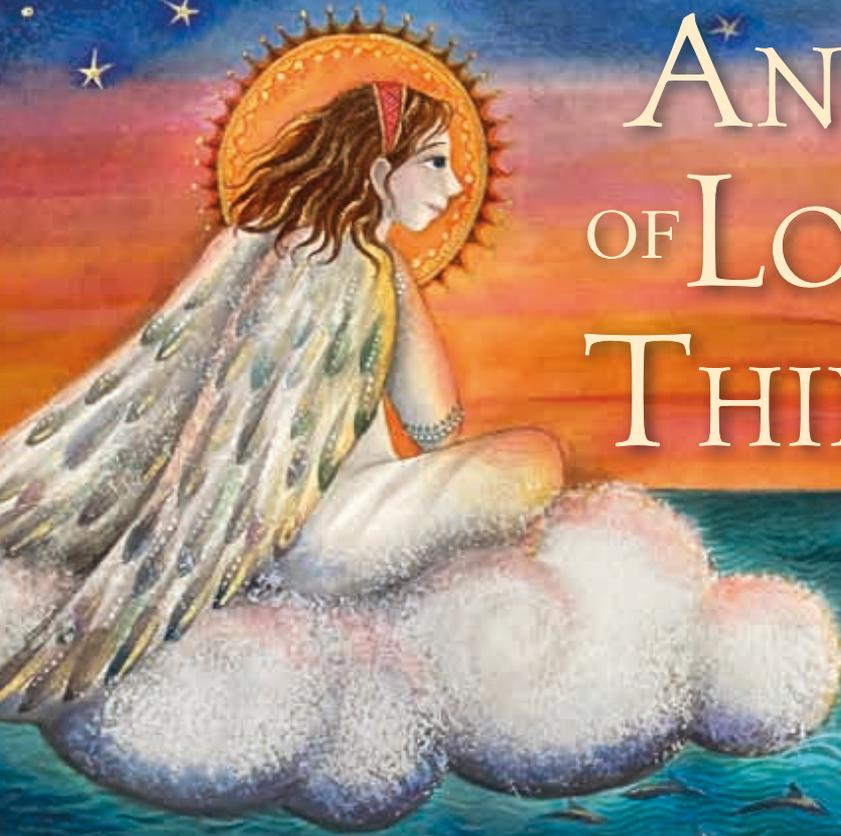
- A hilarious picture book featuring animals and vehicles – a winning combination!
- An action-packed text, perfect for reading aloud, from an exciting debut picture book author
- Ross Collins is a CILIP Amnesty Award-winning illustrator, with rights sold in over 25 languages
- Perfect for fans of *I Am a Tiger*, with rights sold in 9 languages to date



LUCINDA RILEY, HARRY WHITTAKER AND JANE RAY

ALFIE AND THE ANGEL OF LOST THINGS

- ★ The fourth book in the Guardian Angels series, by international bestseller Lucinda Riley and her son, Harry Whittaker, illustrated by the award-winning Jane Ray
- ★ A reassuring story about losing (and finding!) something special, with the help of a Guardian Angel
- ★ A beautiful gift-edition hardback featuring a stunning angel-shaped ribbon marker



Because somewhere, an angel is listening...



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LANGUAGES
SOLD



TWO HOOTS

Two Hoots is having a great year. We were proud to have not one, but two of our favourite books shortlisted for the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal, and have continued to make exciting acquisitions, some of which you will see in these pages. Our ambition is to publish books that are fun, engaging, and just a little bit different, working with the most talented book creators.

We are delighted to be welcoming Madhvi Ramani and Anuska Allepuz to our list with their energetic, joyful picture book, *Whisper, Shout, Let It Out!* which encourages children to find and use their voice.



Cara Rooney won the Macmillan Prize for Illustration in 2021, and we are very pleased to be publishing her debut book about the secret life of ants. Her striking illustrations, delicious colour palette and cleverly shaped flaps offer a light-hearted but fact-filled introduction to these fascinating creatures.

A new title from New York Times bestselling Bethan Woollvin is always an event. Strong female characters are key to her stories and in *Luna and the Sky Dragon* she takes her readers to Ancient Greece, where myth and science come together.

Emily Gravett stole our hearts with her picture book *10 Cats* and now brings us the gorgeous *10 Dogs*. With a dog breed to suit every taste, plus ten juicy sausages, this joyous book demonstrates some simple maths concepts (including counting both forwards and backwards) with all the wit and charm we have come to expect from Emily.

Alongside these, you will find books from David Roberts, Morag Hood and Kate Read as we prepare for another year of exceptional, international award-winning publishing.



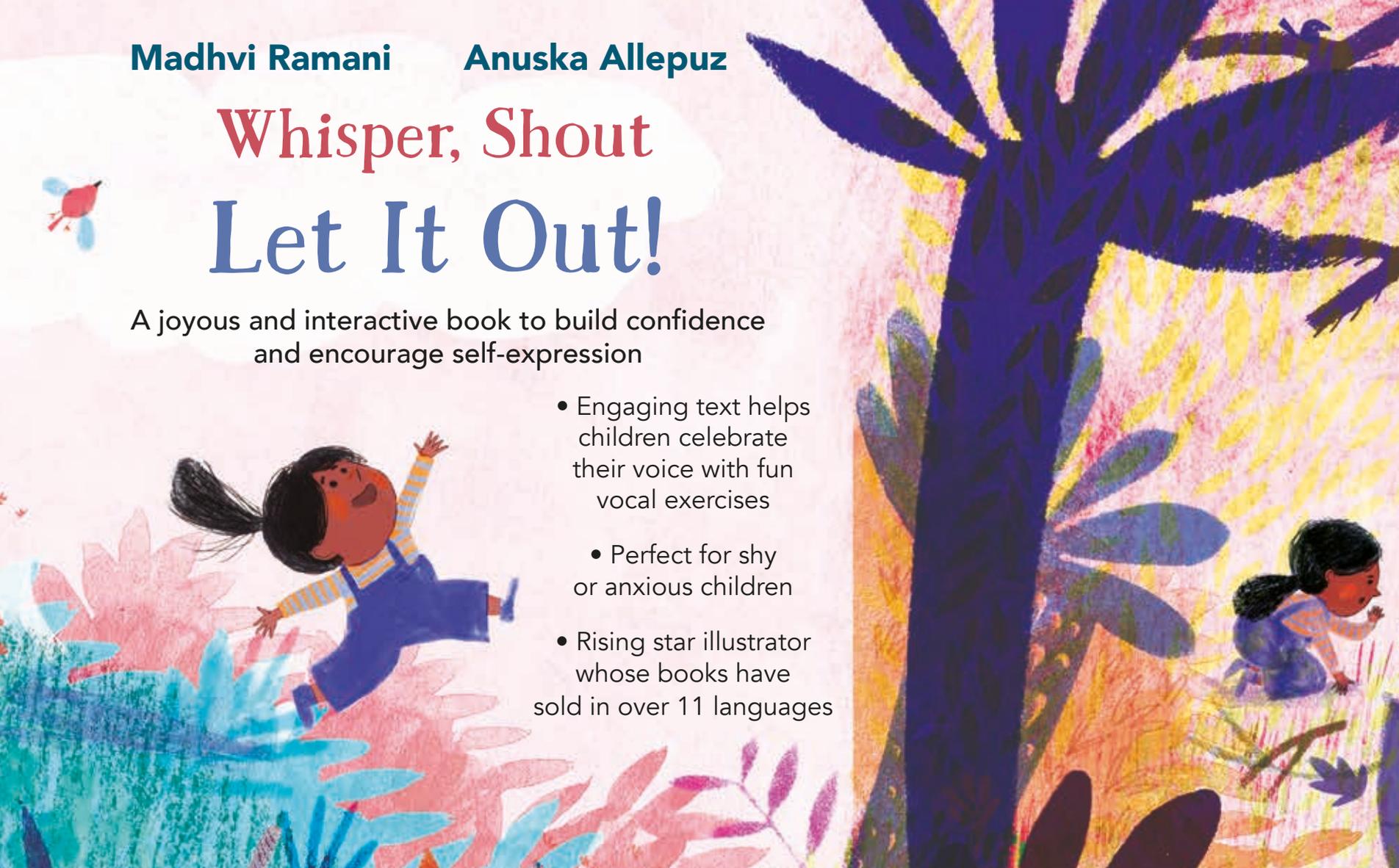
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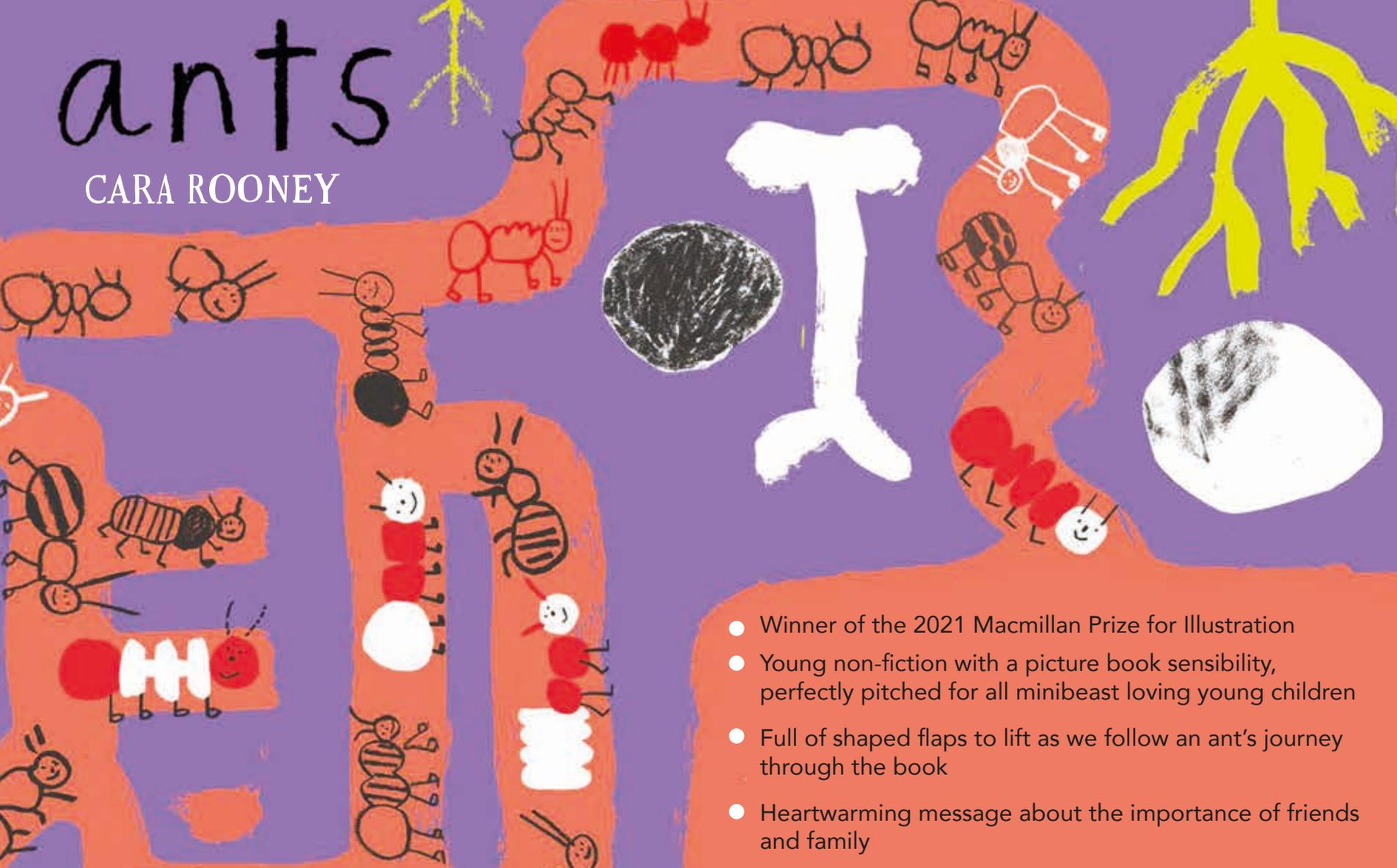
A joyous and interactive book to build confidence
and encourage self-expression

- Engaging text helps children celebrate their voice with fun vocal exercises
- Perfect for shy or anxious children
- Rising star illustrator whose books have sold in over 11 languages



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CARA ROONEY

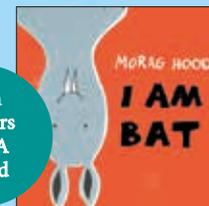
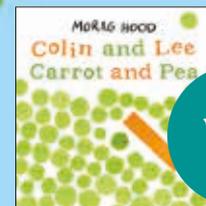
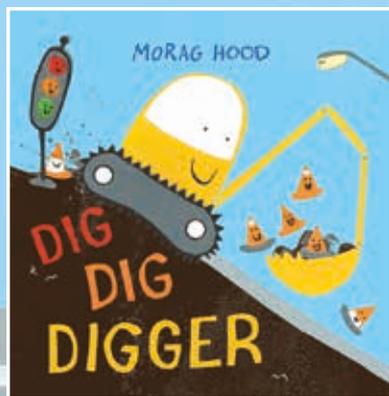


- Winner of the 2021 Macmillan Prize for Illustration
- Young non-fiction with a picture book sensibility, perfectly pitched for all minibeast loving young children
- Full of shaped flaps to lift as we follow an ant's journey through the book
- Heartwarming message about the importance of friends and family

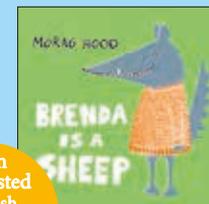
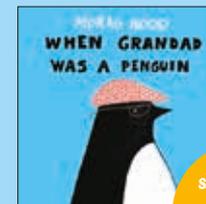
MORAG HOOD

DIG DIG DIGGER

- Perfect for all those many children who love construction sites and machines
- This sweet and funny story follows a little digger on a big adventure in a tale of determination, following your dreams and the importance of friends and home
- Multi-award-winning author/illustrator

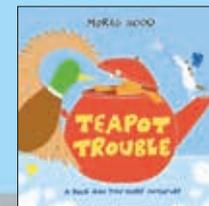
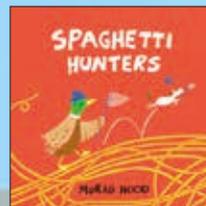
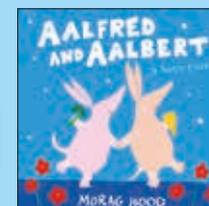
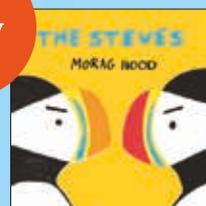


Both winners UKLA Award



Both shortlisted Scottish Booktrust Bookbug Prize

Listed Empathy Day

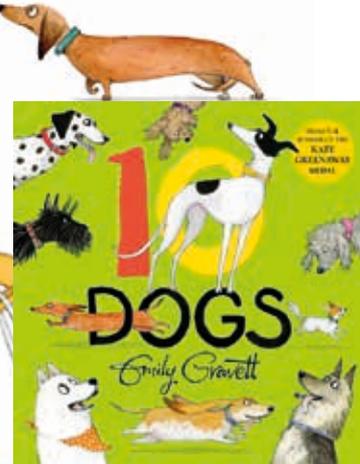
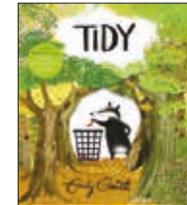
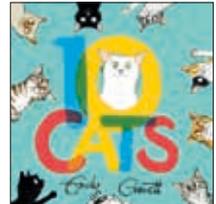


10 Dogs

Emily Gravett



- Gloriously funny book of numbers, dogs and sausages including some very simple mathematical ideas to encourage discussion
- Perfect for dog lovers everywhere, as ten beautiful breeds play together through the pages
- From the multi-award-winning, international bestselling Emily Gravett



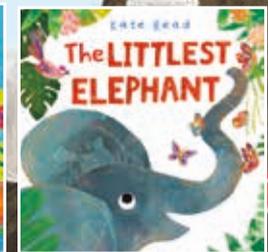
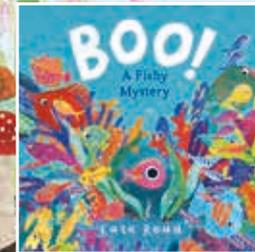
EMILY
GRAVETT'S
AWARDS &
ACCOLADES

- Twice winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal
- Booktrust Storytime Award
- IBW Award

Kate Read

The BIG BAD BUG

- Get down low for a bug's eye view of the world in this gloriously rich minibeast mini-drama
- With themes of bullying, kindness and empathy to encourage discussion . . . and a lot of laughs!
- From a multi-award-winning author/illustrator



ONE FOX'S AWARDS & ACCOLADES

US: won Ezra Jack Keats Honor Award and Mathical Book Prize, a finalist in the Cybil Awards, USBBY Outstanding International Books list, highly commended for Charlotte Zolotow Award
Netherlands: won Leespluim Award

Shortlisted
The Queen's
Knickers
Award

Shortlisted
Klaus Flugge
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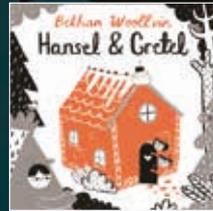
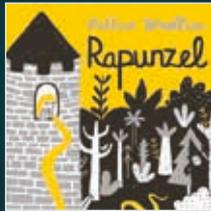
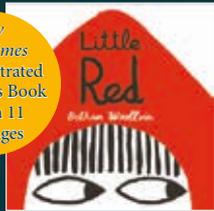
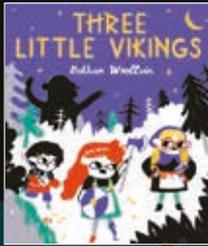
Shortlisted
Waterstones
Children's Book
Prize

Sold
in 14
languages

Bethan Woollvin

LUNA and the SKY DRAGON

- From the *New York Times*-bestselling, award-winning Bethan Woollvin
- A STEM-friendly, feminist picture book featuring a stargazing heroine and a favourite mythical beast in an Ancient Greek setting
- All about the power of myth, the love of science and how to achieve harmony between the two



New
York Times
Best Illustrated
Children's Book
Sold in 11
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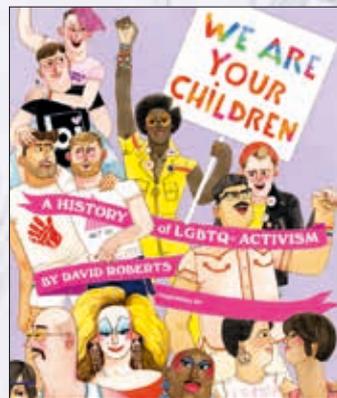


David Roberts

We Are Your Children

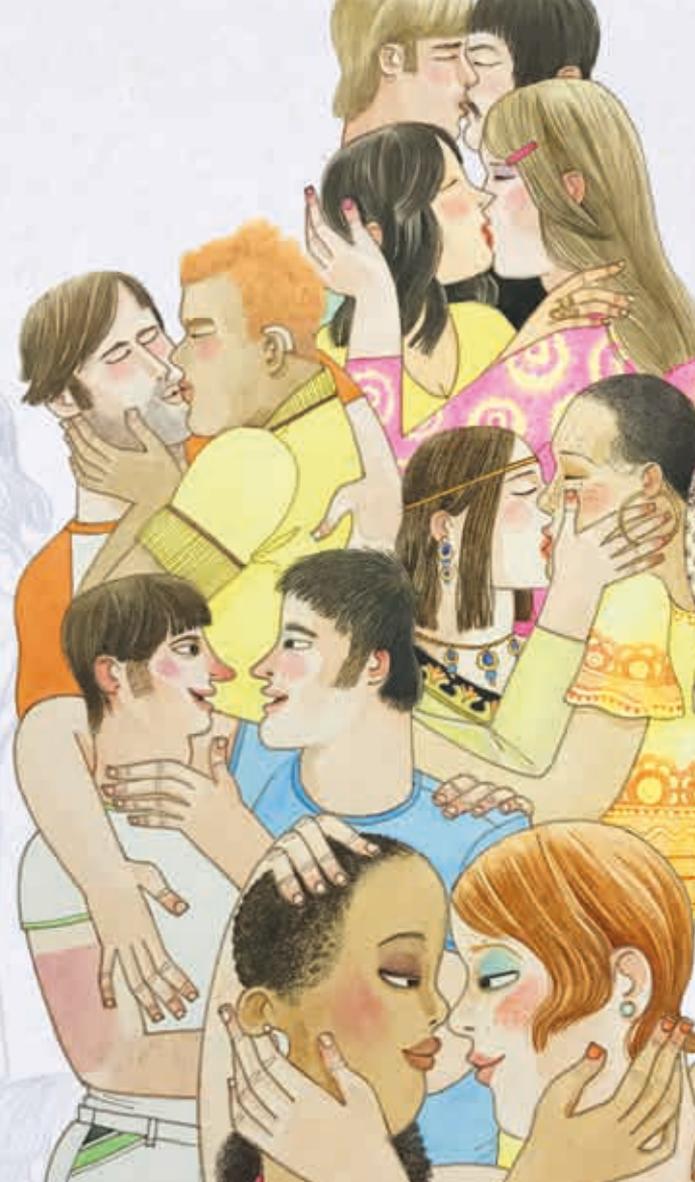
A History of LGBTQ+ Activism

- An extraordinarily rich and detailed look at key personalities and events involved in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights, focussing on the second half of the twentieth century in the UK and USA
- Featuring all the best known stories of the movement, as well as shining a light on some less well-known figures
- Radical, beautiful, fascinating, moving and thought-provoking, with all the same passion, energy and attention to detail of the award-winning *Suffragette: The Battle for Equality*



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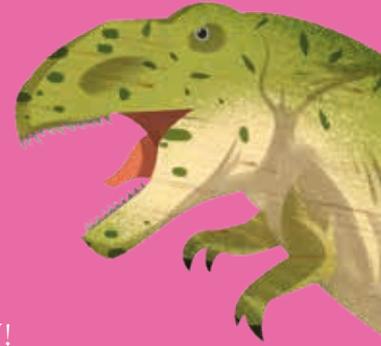
Our specialist non-fiction list is vibrant, illustrated, wide-ranging and engaging. You might say that this is summed up by two of our longest-running series: WOW! and I Wonder Why, both of which have new titles and new formats in this guide.

Our book topics include insights into conservation with *Saving H'Non* by Trang Nguyen and Jeet Zdung, the follow up to the award-winning *Saving Sorya* and this time looking at endangered elephants. Information on the environment and the challenges that the world is facing are visually brought to life by illustrator Kendra Binney in *A Coral Reef Story* and *An Arctic Story*.

Everyday STEM shows how science is relevant to all areas of our lives and *The Spectacular Science of Space* is the first book in a multi-title series to help us all understand our world – and beyond!

We help our young readers to understand the world around them, develop empathy and to connect with each other in meaningful ways with titles such as *Celebrate with Us*, by Valerie Wilding and illustrated by Asa Gilland, which takes children around the world to find out more about festivals and customs and the rich diversity of our world.

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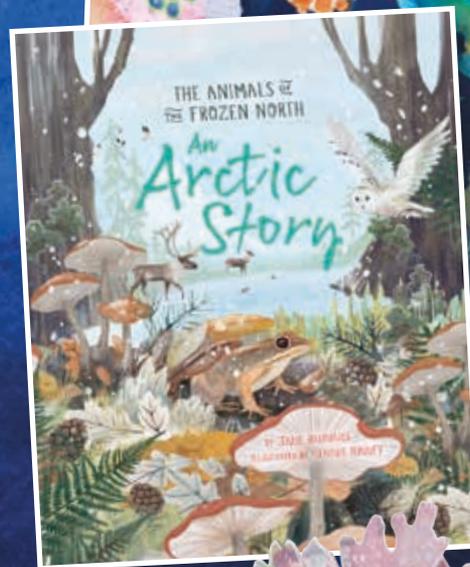
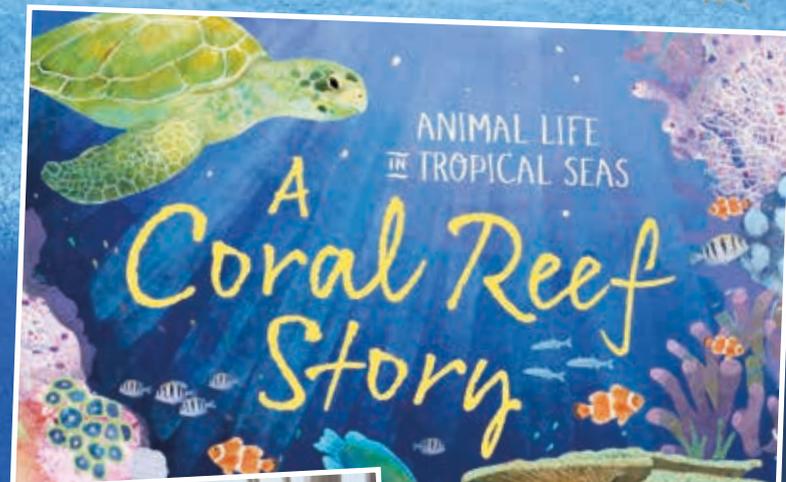


A Coral Reef Story

Jane Burnard

Illustrated by Kendra Binney

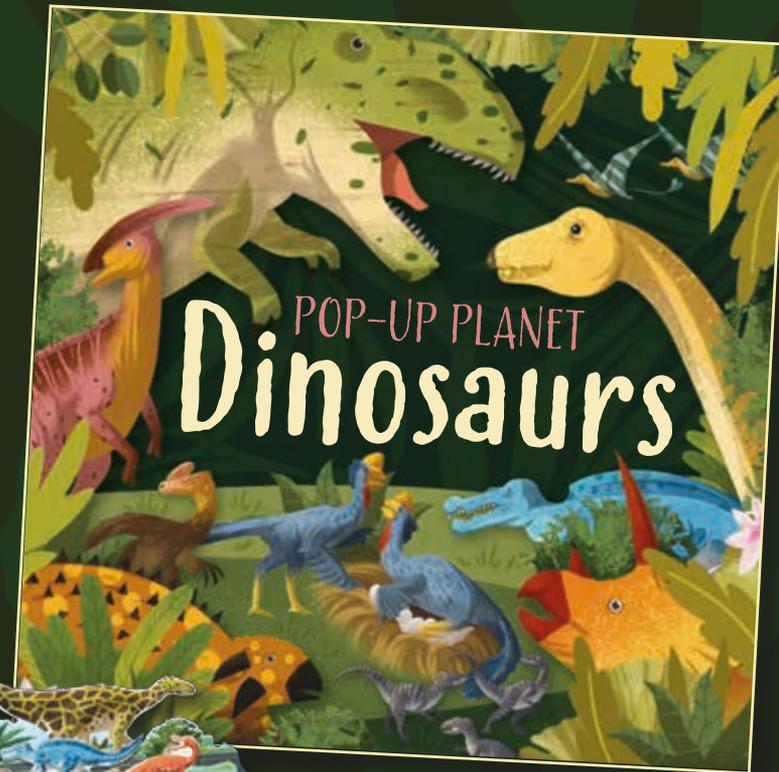
- The second title in a timely new environmental series that will build to 6-8 titles
- A fascinating exploration of the coral reef through the seasons, introducing the unique sea creatures that call it home
- Lyrical text and gorgeous illustrations showcase this fragile ecosystem, highlighting the effects of climate change and inspiring young readers to become nature lovers
- A stunningly packaged picture book-style home reference title that appeals to children, parents, schools and libraries alike



POP-UP PLANET Dinosaurs

Illustrated by Dragan Kordic

- A lavish new gift series, with 5 pop-up diorama scenes in each book
- Each pop-up is accompanied by a spotter's guide and a follow-up spread containing further information
- High-interest topics and eye-catching pop-ups are perfect for reluctant readers



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- POP UP PLANET OCEANS
- POP UP PLANET WILD ANIMALS

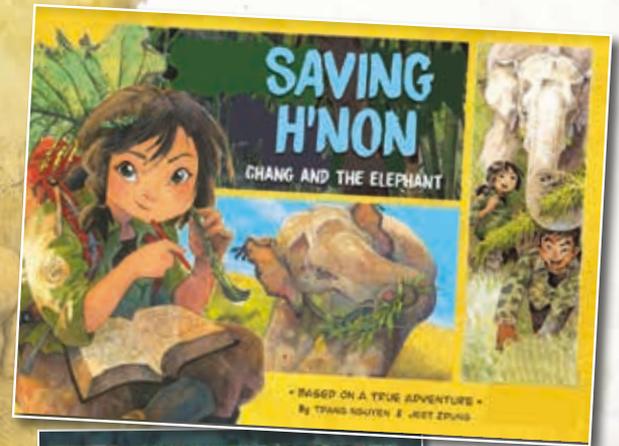


SAVING H'NON

CHANG AND THE ELEPHANT

WRITTEN BY TRANG NGUYEN
ILLUSTRATED BY JEET ZDUNG

- A moving and inspirational graphic-novel style picture book about a young environmental activist's quest to rescue an elephant from a lifetime in captivity
- The follow-up to the award-winning and highly praised *Saving Sorya – Chang and the Sun Bear*, which won one of the top 2 awards at Vietnam's 2021 National Book Awards, and has also been nominated for an Eisner Award 2022, for the Kirkus Reviews' Best Books of 2021 list, the School Library Journal's Best Books of 2021 list, and the National Science Teaching Association's 2022 Outstanding Science Trade Books list
- A story not only of environmental activism, but of female empowerment
- Strong crossover potential – will appeal not only to children aged 7+, but also teenagers and adults



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INTO SEVEN
LANGUAGES



THE STORIES AND SECRETS OF COLOUR



WRITTEN BY
Susie Brooks

ILLUSTRATED BY
Sirjana Kaur

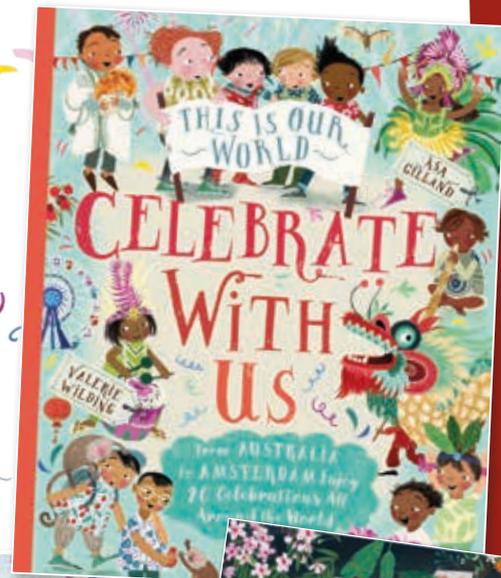
- ◆ Unlock the mysteries of one of life's most beautiful phenomena – colour – in this vibrantly illustrated and captivating book from award-winning author Susie Brooks
- ◆ From a very young age, children are fascinated by colour and the role it plays in our world
- ◆ Both a beautiful gift book and an essential reference resource for home and school
- ◆ The first title in a lavish new gift series



THIS IS OUR WORLD: CELEBRATE WITH US!

By Valerie Wilding, Illustrated by Asa Gilland

- A vibrant and colourful celebration of our planet's cultural diversity, bringing the unique people, customs and religions of twenty places from around the world vividly to life
- Journeying around the globe, children will explore celebrations such as Eid al-Fitr in the UK, the Hanami cherry blossom festival in Japan, Jewish New Year in America and the Day of the Dead in Mexico through warm, evocative illustrations and richly detailed text
- Instantly relatable – our guide to each festival is a child character who talks about their festival's history, customs, food and costume with humour and warmth



Sold in 12 languages



The Encyclopedia of **WOW!**

Author: Jacqueline McCann and Camilla de la Bedoyere
Illustrator: Marc Aspinall & Ste Johnson

- A colourfully illustrated visual encyclopedia bursting with thousands of incredible facts
- Intriguing artwork “clues” lead readers through the book, linking information and promoting discussion
- Humorous, first-person text snippets directly engage reluctant readers



Includes:

Animals, Dinosaurs,
Vehicles, Oceans, Birds,
Bugs, Forests, Your
Body, Robots, Space

THE SPECTACULAR SCIENCE OF SPACE

Rob Colson

Illustrated by Moreno Chiacchiera

- The first title in a highly accessible, fully illustrated, multi-title series for children (and parents!) who want to understand how our planet, the solar system and even the Universe works!
- An essential reference resource that makes science truly exciting and at the same time provides an authoritative grounding in fundamental STEM principles - equipping and inspiring children to begin considering a future career in STEM
- Will provide the answers to all those tricky science questions that children ask about the world around them - and that parents often struggle to answer



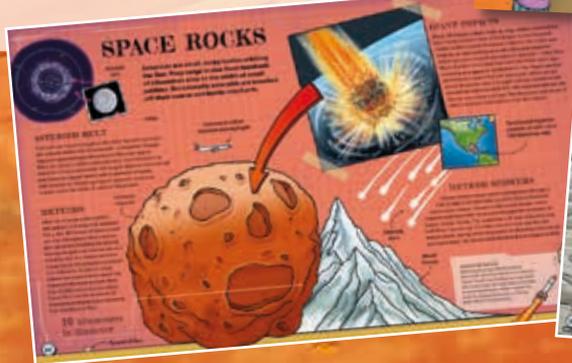
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The Living World





GEOLOGY • PHYSICS MACHINES • ENERGY • MATHS CIVIL ENGINEERING • SPACE

Written by Emily Dodd, Dr Shini Somara, Jenny Jacoby, Lou Abercrombie, Izzie Clarke
Illustrated by Robbie Cathro, Luna Valentine, Lilia Micelia, James Lancett



- A new STEM series that makes science relevant to tweens, showing how we use science, technology, engineering, and maths in our everyday lives
- Easy-to-understand text, fun call-outs, and lots of colourful art, photos, and diagrams, plus at-home experiments to try
- Topics that sound high-level and complex are made age-appropriate and accessible

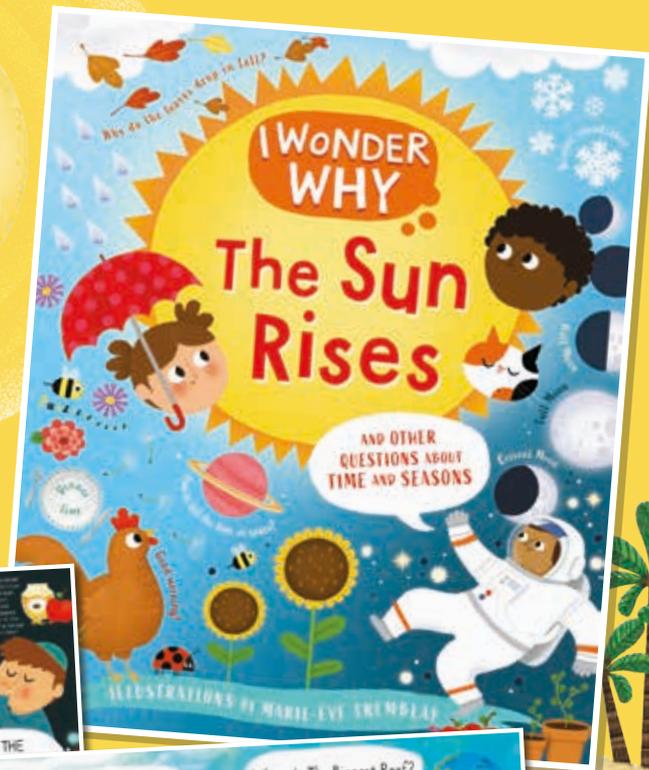
Coming soon:
Biology, Chemical
Engineering,
Chemistry



I WONDER WHY

Illustrated by Marie-Eve Tremblay and Gareth Lucas

- A brand-new look and feel for this timeless non-fiction question-and-answer series, complete with colourful, engaging illustrations and fully updated text
- Children can explore the many questions they have about the world around them and find the answers they are looking for in an informative, approachable and child-friendly format
- Series covers an expansive range of perennial non-fiction topics such as the human body, space, planet Earth, the natural world, science and technology and much more



Coming soon:

The Sun Rises, The Sea is Salty,
Camels Have Humps, Triceratops
Had Horns, Stars Twinkle,
The Wind Blows

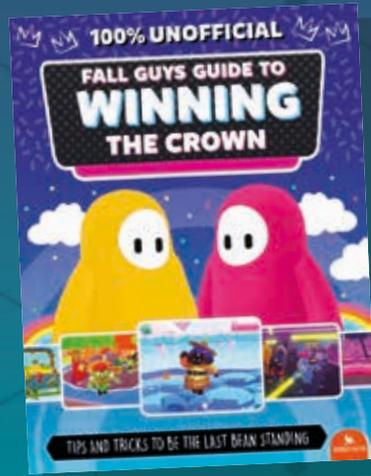
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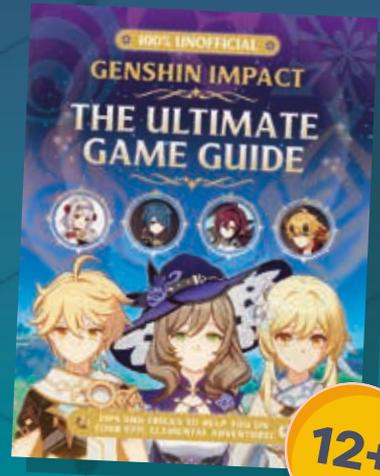
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Fiction and Non-Fiction

We are delighted to welcome you to *Greenwild*: a powerful and exciting new middle grade fantasy by talented debut author, Pari Thomson. This is a land of green magic, full of extraordinary fantastical plants and magic-weaving Botanists. When Daisy Thistledown stumbles through a mysterious gate and arrives in this strange world, everything is changed forever.

Funny stories are core to our list. From Marcus Rashford and Alex Falase-Koya's *The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Beast Beyond the Fence*, to *An Alien Stole my Planet*, the latest hilarious story from Pooja Puri, brilliantly illustrated by Allen Fatimaharan, these novels are guaranteed to make younger readers laugh.

We are publishing a new Adventures on Trains mystery by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman, and Chris Riddell returns to his Cloud Horse Chronicles with plenty of new fairytale-like characters to meet, all illustrated in his inimitable style. Rob Biddulph takes his brilliant heroine Peanut Jones on a new colourful adventure with her friends, and Lenny Henry is back with another fantastic magical story.

Frances Hardinge's new novel, *Unraveller*, is receiving great reviews and is a Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week in the UK. Frances immerses her readers in new worlds, each with a gothic and magical edge. In her new compelling story, anyone in Raddith can cast a curse, but only one person can unravel them – as long as his own curse doesn't get to him first.



Greenwild

Written by
Pari Thomson

The magic of *Nevermoor* meets the eco message of *The Last Bear* in this stunning debut fantasy adventure.

Young Daisy Thistledown is thrown into a magical botanical adventure when trying to get to the bottom of her mother's sudden disappearance. Following a cat through a door in Kew Gardens, Daisy ends up in a fantasy world full of incredible magical plants: from deadly dangerous flowers to the mythical-sounding ghost orchid. In this world Daisy will meet new friends and learn of an old magic, and hear murmurs of a conspiracy reaching across the globe that threatens not only Daisy and her family, but the fate of the Greenwild too . . .

- Pari Thomson's debut is a stunning fantasy adventure with immersive world-building and characters to fall in love with, cementing her as a classic in the making
- Breathes new life into comforting children's fantasy tropes: boarding school, hidden doorways, magical lands and a distinctive gang of magical friends
- Includes interior black-and-white illustrations and an eye-catching package indicative of the rich fantastical world within
- Major global launch in June 2023 with simultaneous German and US publication by our sister companies



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Lenny Henry

THE BOOK OF LEGENDS

What if all the stories were real?

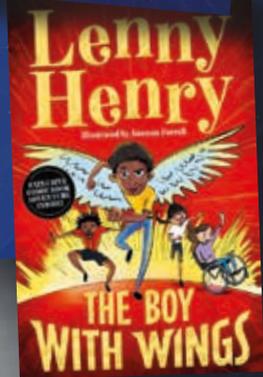
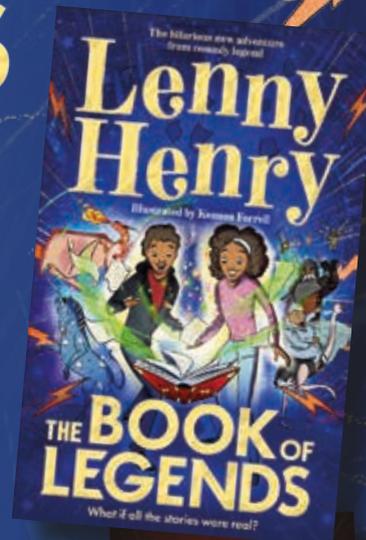
From comedy legend **Lenny Henry** comes his brilliant new middle grade novel, *The Book of Legends*, perfect for fans of outrageous adventures and illustrated throughout in black and white by the incredibly talented Keenon Ferrell.

TWO ORDINARY KIDS ARE ABOUT TO GO ON ONE EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE!

Bran and Fran love living with their mum, who is the storyteller at the *Once Upon a Wow* bookstore in their small Midlands town. But when mum goes missing and her stories turn out to be a portal to another world, they're going to have a huge, magical adventure on their hands.

Luckily, they have Wilma, the Wizard's Wife, and Zack, the wisecracking Zebracorn, to help them on their journey. And they're going to need help because there are evil princes, mud monsters and Viking armies all standing in their way...

- Sir Lenny Henry has risen from being a star on children's television to becoming one of Britain's best known comedians, as well as a writer, philanthropist and award-winning actor. He is co-founder of Comic Relief a major charity based in the UK with a vision of a just world, free from poverty. Lenny is a strong advocate for diversity and co-wrote the book *Access All Areas: The Diversity Manifesto for TV and Beyond*
- Keenon Ferrell is an illustrator and animator based in NYC. He makes artwork inspired by music, fashion and sports. He also has a love for storytelling, fantasy and history which can be seen throughout his work. Keenon's clients include Netflix, Capital One, StoryCorps, Sony Music Entertainment, to name a few
- *The Boy With Wings* was the #2 hardback children's debut of 2021 in the UK; kids love Lenny's writing!



Aziza's Secret Fairy Door

Written by Lola Morayo
Illustrated by Cory Reid



Stardust, fun and adventure for everyone . . .

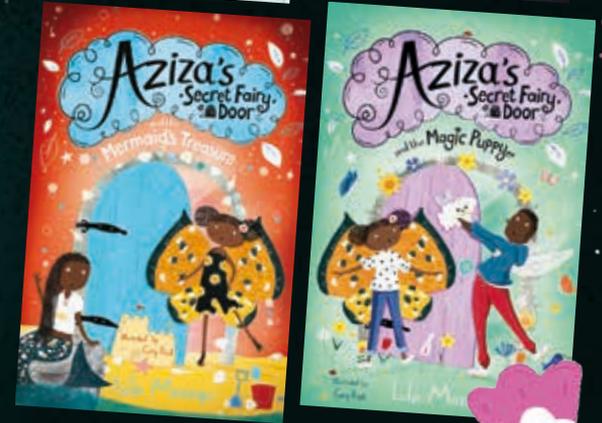
Aziza's Secret Fairy Door is a magical adventure series inspired by world mythology from Lola Morayo and illustrated by Cory Reid. Perfect for young readers of 6-8

Aziza's Secret Fairy Door and the Magic Puppy is the fifth title of this fun, inclusive commercial series

- Perfect for fans of Isadora Moon
- Fully illustrated with 50 black-and-white illustrations throughout

Lola Morayo is the pseudonym for the creative partnership of writers Tóla Okogwu and Jasmine Richards. Tóla is a journalist and author of the *Daddy Do My Hair* series. Jasmine is the founder of an inclusive fiction studio called Storymix and has written over 15 books for children. Both are passionate about telling stories that are inclusive and joyful

Cory Reid lives in Kettering and is an illustrator and designer who has worked in the creative industry for over 15 years with clients including, Usborne Publishing, Owlet Press and Card Factory



MARCUS RASHFORD

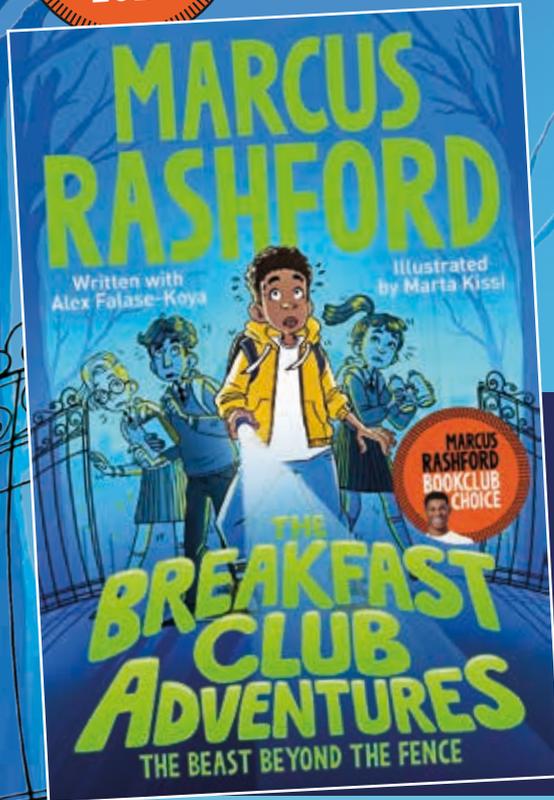
Written with
Alex Falase-Koya

Illustrated
by Marta Kissi

THE BREAKFAST CLUB ADVENTURES

THE BEAST BEYOND THE FENCE

NEW BOOK
COMING IN
SPRING
2023



There's something fishy going on at school . . .

When twelve-year-old Marcus kicks his favourite football over the school fence, he knows he's never getting it back. *Nothing* that goes over that wall ever comes back.

But when Marcus gets a mysterious note inviting him to join the Breakfast Club Investigators, he is soon pulled into an exciting adventure with his new friends to solve the mystery and get his football back!

- Over 50k copies sold through UK TCM in just three months of sales
- Marcus' inspirational children's book *You Are a Champion* has sold over 250k copies through UK TCM since its publication in May 2021
- Inspired by Marcus's own experiences growing up, he is an authentic voice looking to inspire real and positive change in children through books
- Dynamic setting and illustrations to make the book as visually engaging as possible - perfect for reluctant readers



POOJA
PURI

AN ALIEN STOLE MY PLANET

THE LAUGH-OUT-LOUD, WACKY ADVENTURE
BY POOJA PURI BRILLIANTLY ILLUSTRATED BY ALLEN FATIMAHARAN,
THE THIRD IN THE A DINOSAUR ATE MY SISTER SERIES

BEFORE YOU START READING, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

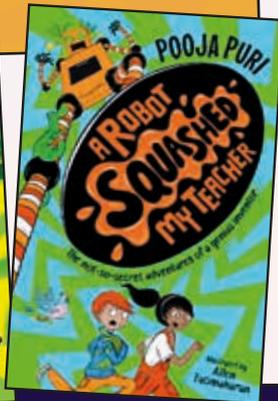
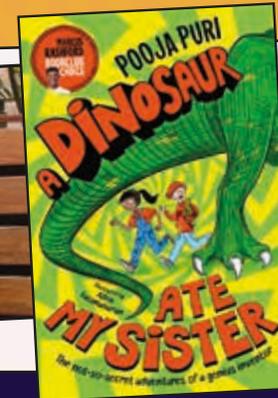
1. I, Esha Verma, am a genius inventor extraordinaire
2. I like lists
3. I did not mean to open up an inter-galactic portal.
Some things just can't be helped

When Esha invents the Invis-Whiz, a device designed to make the user invisible, she does not expect it to open a portal to outer space. Esha, her snotty apprentice Broccoli and his secretly cunning pet tortoise are immediately kidnapped by an alien called Xenon who wants to present the planet Earth as a golden wedding anniversary gift to his parents.

Esha, Broccoli and Archibald have to race back to Earth before Xenon can steal planet earth, and stop his evil plan once and for all!



- The highly anticipated, laugh-out-loud, wacky follow-up to *A Robot Squashed My Teacher*
- The first book in the series, *A Dinosaur Ate My Sister*, was one of the launch titles for the Marcus Rashford Book Club, with 50,000 books being donated to children all across the UK
- The perfect book to inspire readers - and their parents and teachers - who are looking for a STEM angle



Peanut Jones and the Twelve Portals

Superstar, author and illustrator **ROB BIDDULPH** dazzles in *Peanut Jones and the Twelve Portals*, the second magical adventure for boys and girls of 8+, in the series that began with *Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City*.

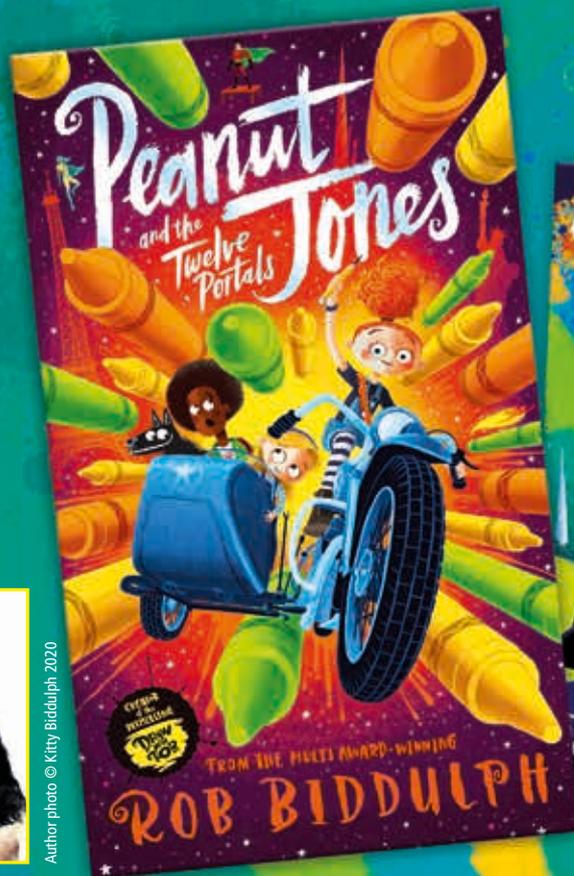
Famous works of art are being stolen all over the world. One moment they are there, the next, they have crumbled to dust. Peanut Jones and her friends suspect they know who might be responsible, but first they must catch him. It's time to head back to the Illustrated City and help the resistance fight wicked Mr White's plot to wipe out creativity everywhere.

- The eagerly anticipated second instalment in Rob Biddulph's fiction series: an irresistible combination of laugh-out-loud adventure, creativity, magic and friendship.
- Highly illustrated two-colour gift hardback
- 15 languages sold

Rob Biddulph is a bestselling author and illustrator of many highly acclaimed award-winning picture books. He was the official World Book Day illustrator for 2019, 2020 and 2021. In March 2020 he started #DrawWithRob, a series of twice-weekly draw-along videos, which became an internet sensation across the globe (3m views/35m impressions). In May 2020 he broke the Guinness World Record for the largest ever online art class when 45,611 people tuned in to his live #DrawWithRob class. He lives in London with his wife and three daughters.



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Some legends are born,
others are drawn...





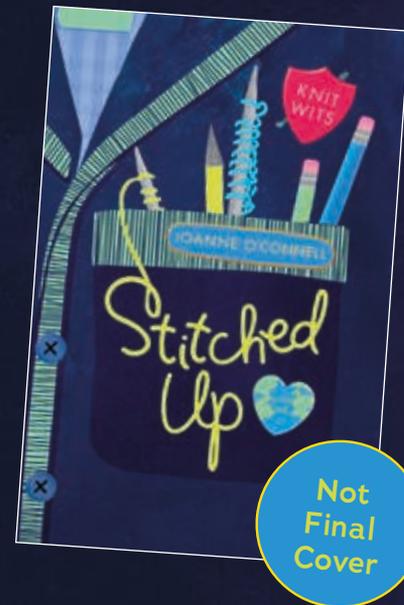
A novel of family,
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Cassie has always had a passion for fashion - but when she makes friends with label-obsessed Azra, she quickly realises that her love of historical gowns isn't something to shout about. Drafted in to redesign the school uniform, Cassie finds herself caught between her real love of fashion and keeping up appearances.

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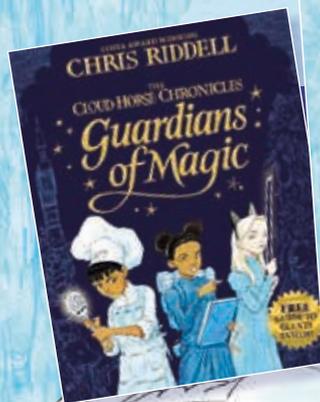


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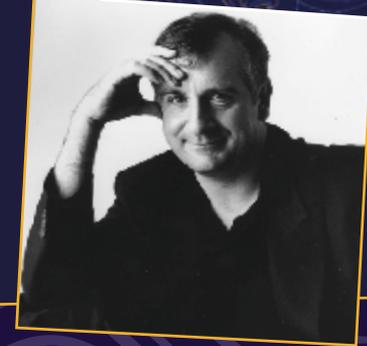
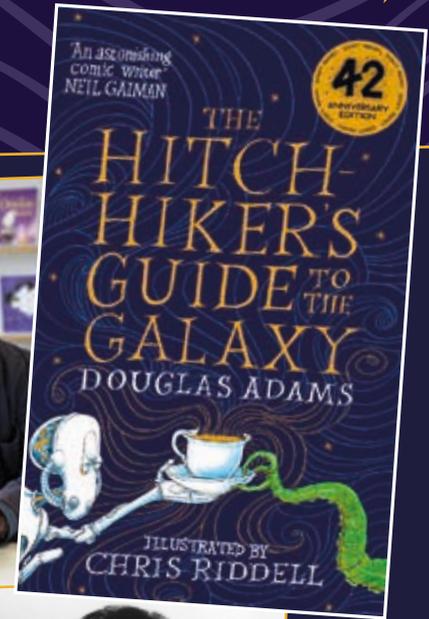
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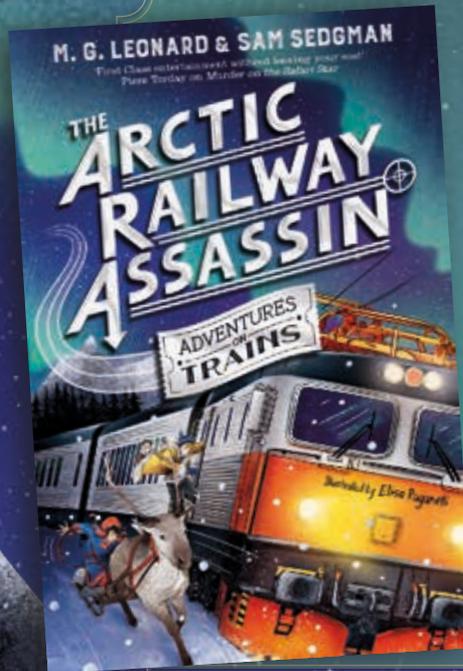
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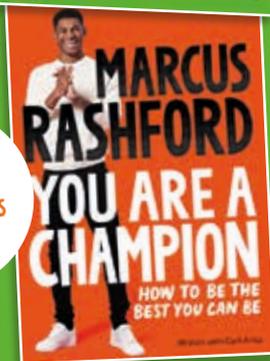
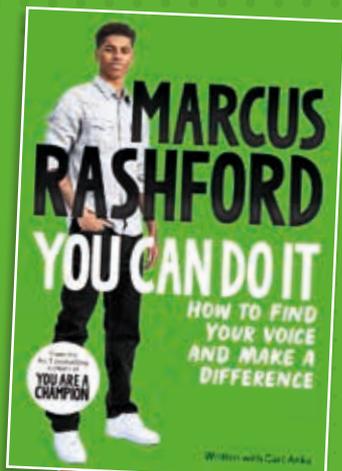
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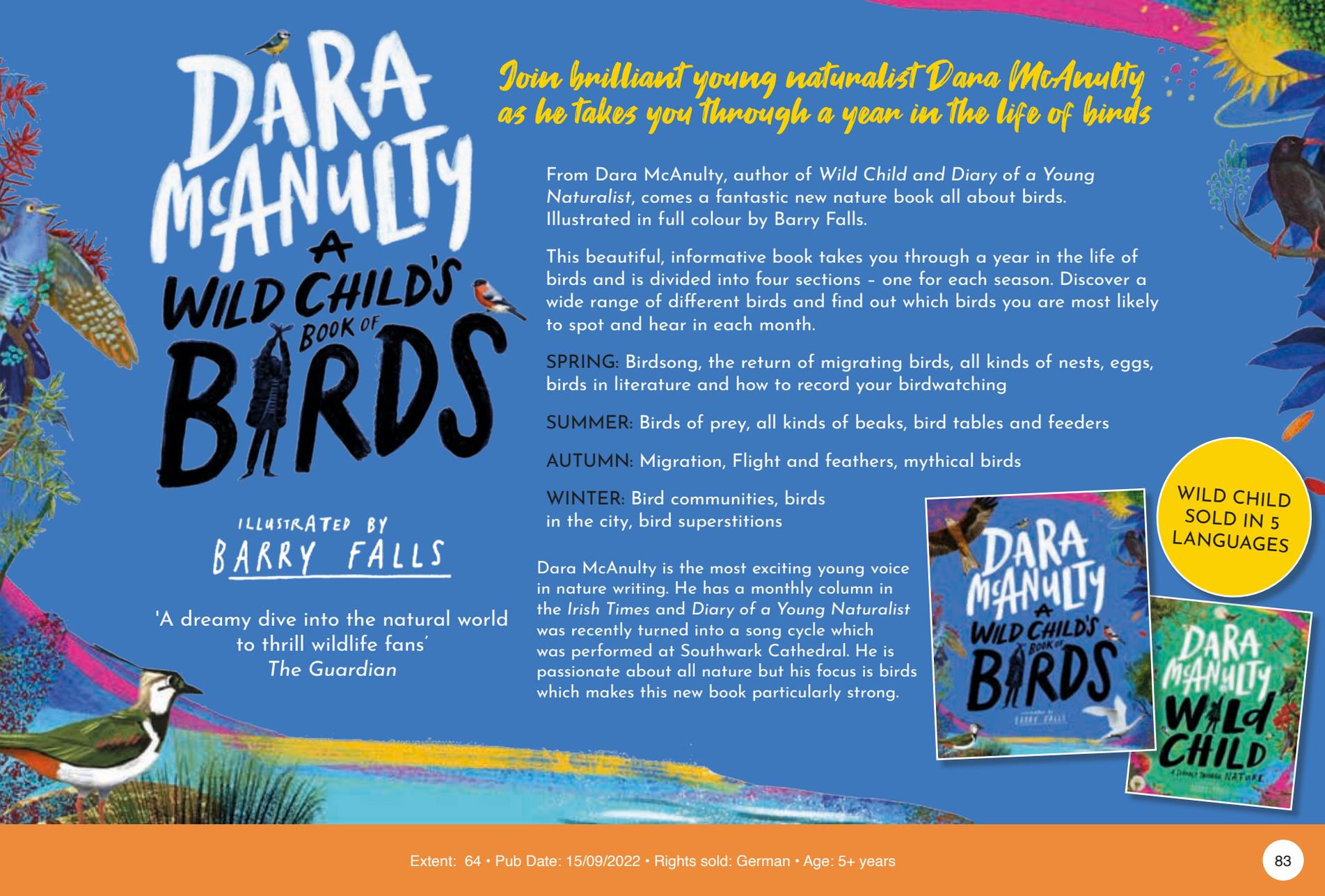
Marcus Rashford uses the power of his voice to shine a light on the injustices that he cares about in this positive and inspiring guide for life. Marcus shows you that your voice really does matter and that you can do anything you put your mind to.

Packed with inspiring stories from Marcus' own life, brilliant advice, and top-tips from social justice educator Shannon Weber.

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Dara McAnulty is the most exciting young voice in nature writing. He has a monthly column in the *Irish Times* and *Diary of a Young Naturalist* was recently turned into a song cycle which was performed at Southwark Cathedral. He is passionate about all nature but his focus is birds which makes this new book particularly strong.



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