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NON-FICTION RIGHTS GUIDE  
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Dear Publishers,

As the new Managing Director of Macmillan Children's Books, I am proud to introduce you to our new non-fiction Rights Guide, which features a vibrant and varied portfolio of exceptional children's books for all ages. I know that you will enjoy discovering the books here and then finding out more from our Rights Team. I am looking forward to meeting with many of you in the coming months, as well as at the Frankfurt Book Fair.

This autumn, we have taken a new approach to our guides. Our non-fiction offering has expanded within all our imprints, and so we have collected all the titles here in this one catalogue to help you to discover them more easily. Do look out for our two other guides that feature the MCB list overall, and also Priddy Books.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some highlights. We are delighted to welcome award-winning Pan Macmillan author Kate Mosse to our MCB list. In *Feminist History for Every Day of the Year*, Kate presents 366 great women from throughout history and across the world, showcasing their individual stories and their fight for women to have their place.

*Epic Cities* by Sam Sedgman and illustrated by Daniel Long is a key Kingfisher title, following the success of *Epic Adventures*, which has sold in 14 languages to date. Join Sam on a tour of some of the world's most complex cities where he investigates the unique infrastructure that is necessary to support the people who live there.

Our Let's Meet! series that began with the phenomenon that is Taylor Swift, now features Lionel Messi, Zendaya, Harry Styles and Caitlin

Clark. These books inspire young readers to hold onto their dreams and show how kindness plays a big part in success.

On our Two Hoots list, *We Are Your Children*, written and illustrated by David Roberts, vividly tells the story of the fight for LGBTQ+ rights across the world. Like his previous ground-breaking title, *Suffragette*, this is a book for all ages to discover.

Nature remains a key theme and *Secrets of the Stars* by Alicia Klepeis is the perfect new collection of short bedtime stories, guaranteed to satisfy children who are interested in animals and nature at night time.

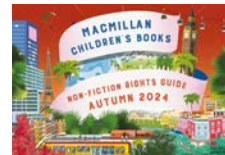
Across our lists we create engaging books on topics that are relevant for our young readers in today's world. Our books are created by experts and we are passionate about inspiring a new generation.

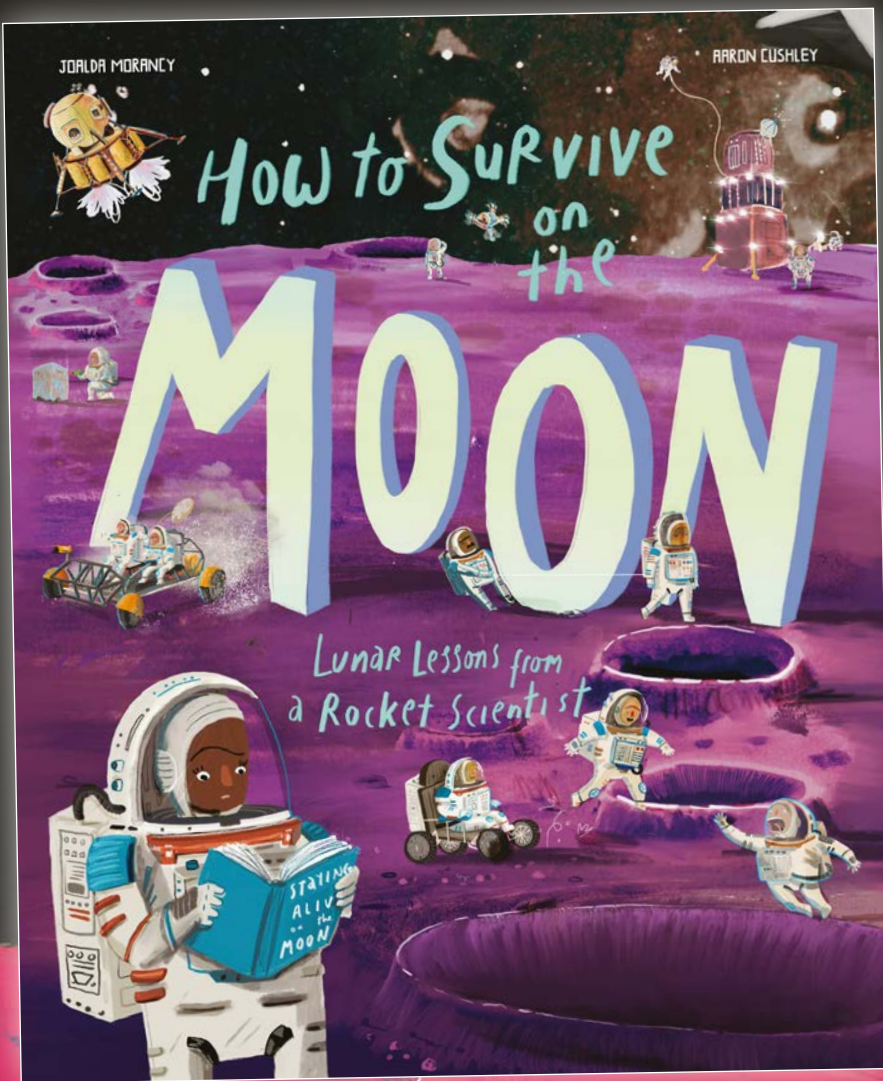
With all best wishes,



Alison Ruane

MD of Macmillan Children's Books





# How to Survive on the MOON

WRITTEN BY JOALDA MORANCY • ILLUSTRATED BY AARON CUSHLEY

A guide to lunar survival from rocket scientist Joalda Morancy – for kids excited by the upcoming NASA Artemis Moon missions!

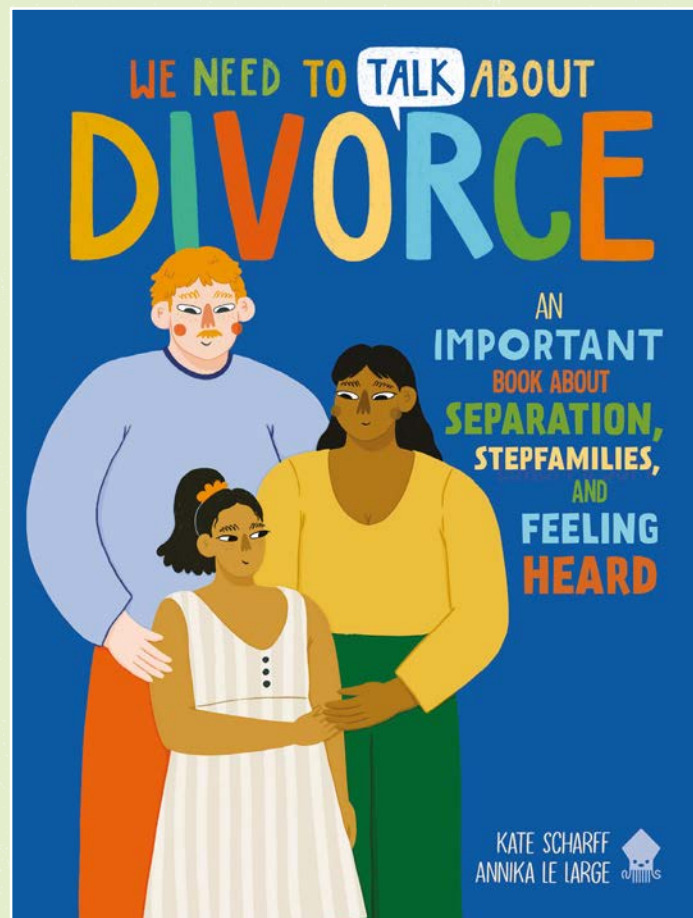
- Future astronauts will learn how to dodge deadly radiation, escape choking clouds of Moon dust, and grow the food they'll need to survive on the Moon
- Lifts the lid on some of the coolest developments in lunar science – including the possibility of building underground cities in lava tubes and the giant catapult that could be used to get stuff back to Earth
- Author Joalda Morancy is building the lunar lander the Artemis missions will use to take astronauts – including the first woman and first person of colour – to the surface!

# WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT DIVORCE

WRITTEN BY KATE SCHARFF • ILLUSTRATED BY ANNIKA LE LARGE

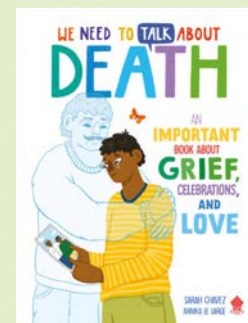
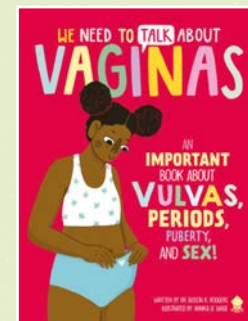
A kid-centric guide for the children of parents going through a divorce or separation.

- Written by internationally renowned divorce therapist Kate Scharff
- Deals with common concerns kids have, from living in two homes to getting caught in the middle of arguments
- Includes lots of tips for how kids can talk to their parents – even in the trickiest circumstances
- Fills the gap in the market for books about divorce for kids aged 10–14



Part of a  
CRITICALLY  
ACCLAIMED SERIES  
tackling tricky  
topics for kids

ALSO IN  
THE SERIES



# Secrets of the Stars

WRITTEN BY ALICIA KLEPEIS • ILLUSTRATED BY JENNIFER FALKNER

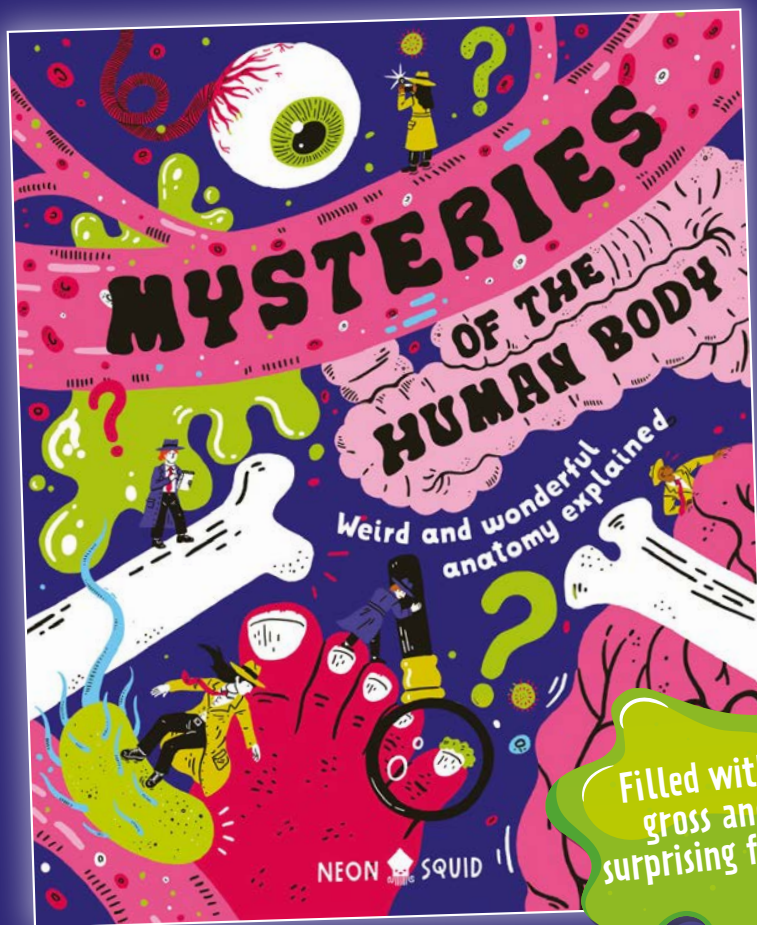


Written by  
former teacher  
**ALICIA KLEPEIS**

## A charming anthology of 5-minute bedtime stories about nocturnal animals

- Spend the night with a stargazing dung beetle, a pineapplefish with a torch in its mouth, and a cute wolf cub looking for its pack
- Each story is based on the real biology and behaviour of these amazing wild animals
- At the end of each tale readers will find out more about the science that inspired the story





Filled with  
gross and  
surprising facts!

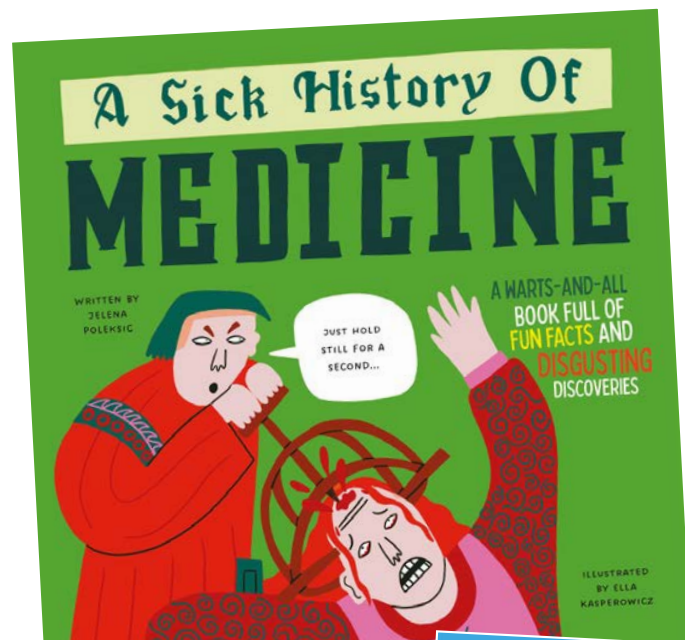
# MYSTERIES OF THE HUMAN BODY

WRITTEN BY DR AZMAIN CHOWDHURY

• ILLUSTRATED BY DANIEL NELSON

A human body book with a twist – discover the science behind the weird stuff our bodies can do.

- Answers all the burning medical questions you've been wondering about: how long can you actually stay awake without dying? What happened to the man who couldn't stop hiccuping? Can your heart actually break?
- Sure to thrill young readers with the more unusual aspects of human body science
- Dr Azmain Chowdhury is a doctor who explains the human body to hundreds of thousands of followers on social media



# A Sick History Of MEDICINE

WRITTEN BY JELENA POLEKSIC • ILLUSTRATED BY ELLA KASPEROWICZ

**A revolting history of medicine through the ages full of blood, guts, and gore!**

- In this hilarious history book kids will be whisked around the world to meet the medical innovators who pushed the boundaries of what was possible, with sometimes disastrous effects
- They'll learn about the use of leeches, maggot-therapy, dancing plagues, public dissections, grave robbers, electric eel treatments, exploding teeth, and much more!
- Written by a doctor, everything in this book has been scrupulously researched and readers will learn about the development of some of our greatest inventions, from vaccines to X-rays



**WARNING:  
NOT FOR  
THE FAINT-  
HEARTED!**

# THE TREE OF Life

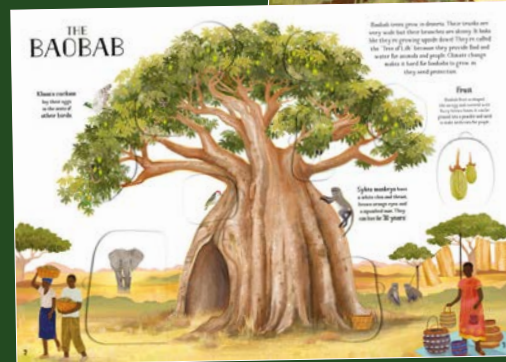
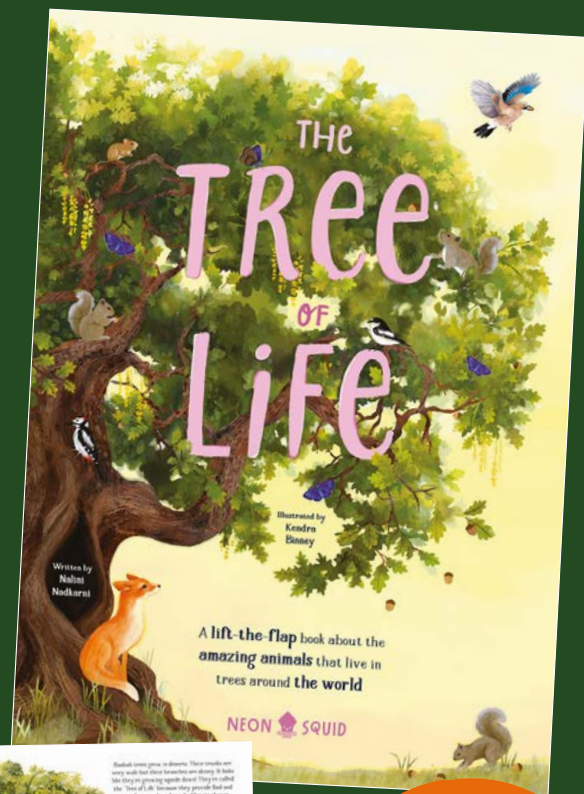
WRITTEN BY NALINI NADKARNI • ILLUSTRATED BY KENDRA BINNEY

A lift-the-flap book about the amazing animals that live in trees around the world

- Features different trees from around the world – from the dragon-blood tree of Yemen, which look like upside-down umbrellas, to the baobabs of Africa, which store water that is later drunk by thirsty elephants

- Beautiful illustrations by Kendra Binney hint at the animals that live in each tree, which are revealed once readers lift the flaps

- Written by acclaimed ecologist and tree expert Nalini Nadkarni



A  
PERFECT GIFT  
for young  
animal lovers



Series sold  
in more than  
**10**  
LANGUAGES

# DRAGONS

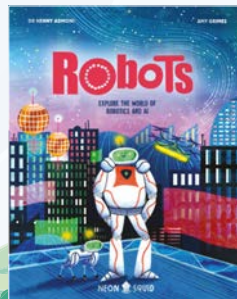
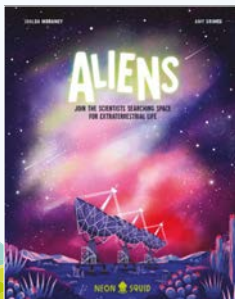
WRITTEN BY DR CAIT STEVENSON  
• ILLUSTRATED BY CINTHYA ALVAREZ



Explore the history and mythology  
of everyone's favourite monster

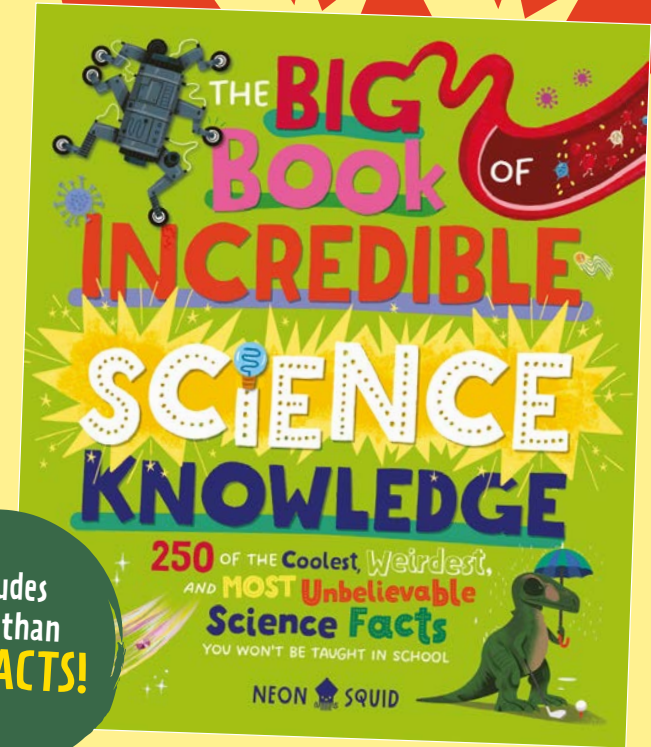
- A look at some of the most enduring dragon myths and the history behind them, from Norse sagas to ancient Chinese tales
- Includes lesser-known stories, including St George in Ethiopia and Eastern European dragon-slaying traditions
- Stories are thoroughly researched by medieval historian Dr Cait Stevenson, and brought to life by illustrator Cinthya Alvarez

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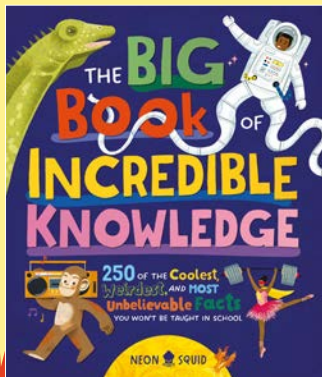
# THE **BIG Book** OF **INCREDIBLE SCIENCE** **KNOWLEDGE**

- In this compendium of obscure science facts readers will be treated to baffling knowledge they would never learn at school
- Readers will find out why astronauts bring teddy bears to space, read about the poisonous tree in the Amazon rainforest that grows exploding fruit, and discover that manatees control their buoyancy with farts
- Written by a team of experts including science teacher/rapper Matt Green, geologist Saad Bhatti, and engineer Erin Winick Anthony who worked at NASA



Includes  
more than  
**250 FACTS!**

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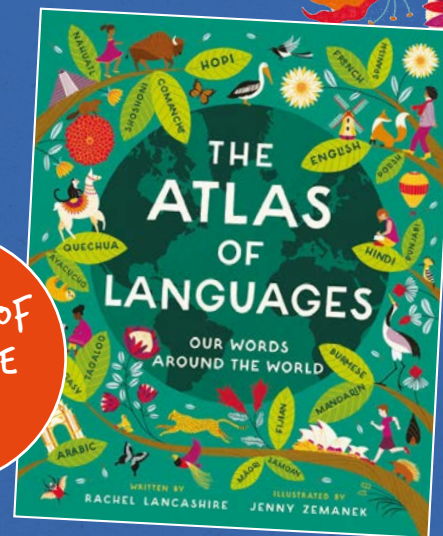
# THE ATLAS OF LANGUAGES

Written by RACHEL LANCASHIRE-VERMEULEN • Illustrated by JENNY ZEMANEK

## AN EXCITING JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD OF WORDS

- Learn about languages from all over the world – the familiar, the lesser-known, the endangered and the extinct
  - Divided by continent, each section opens with a beautifully illustrated map revealing the languages spoken in that part of the world
  - Language families are shown in engaging ‘family trees’ illustrating the connection between language and culture
  - Intriguing nuggets of information are scattered throughout the book and readers can learn how to say lots of different phrases

HUNDREDS OF  
LANGUAGE  
FACTS





# CURIOUS FEATURES OF EXTRAORDINARY CREATURES NATURE'S CLEAN-UP CREW

Fiona Fogg

UNUSUAL  
CREATURES  
FROM ALL OVER  
THE WORLD!



## A FACT-PACKED EXTRAVAGANZA OF SPECTACULAR CREATURES THAT HELP CLEAN UP OUR WORLD

- Kids are fascinated by weird and wonderful animals, and the Curious Features of Extraordinary Creatures series brings their unusual behaviour to life
- Innovative blend of graphic-novel style layout and naturalistic illustration
- High-spec package and eye-catching artwork makes this a wonderful gift purchase for the home, as well as an invaluable resource for schools and libraries
- Highly visual, with short, easily digestible text — perfect for both reluctant readers and non-fiction fact hounds



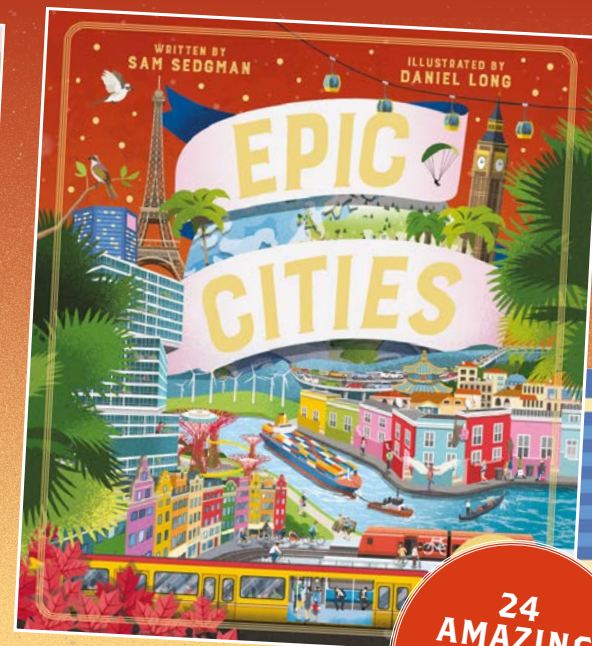
ALSO IN THE SERIES

# EPIC CITIES

Written by **SAM SEDGMAN**  
Illustrated by **DANIEL LONG**

## AN EXCITING TOUR OF SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST IMPRESSIVE AND FASCINATING CITIES

- Go cycling in Copenhagen; catch the metro in Seoul; punt the canals in Venice
- Each destination has something to tell us about the clever, hidden ways our world works
- Each city will reveal amazing facts about the place – the history, geography, people, sights, traditions and culture
- Many of the locations explored in *Epic Cities* have an exciting railway journey that has been detailed in *Epic Adventures* – Sam Sedgman's first non-fiction book



24  
AMAZING  
CITIES  
ACROSS 6  
CONTINENTS!



ALSO IN THE SERIES



# A Treasury of Habitat Stories



- Arctic Story • Coral Reef Story
- Rainforest Story • Savannah Story

WRITTEN BY JANE BURNARD • ILLUSTRATED BY KENDRA BINNEY

A COLLECTION OF FOUR STUNNING STORIES ABOUT  
WONDERFUL ANIMALS AND WHERE THEY LIVE

- The stories showcase a year in a habitat and how its animals deal with the changing of the seasons
- A gift book to be read together and stimulate discussion between parent and child about conservation and the environment
- Stunning picture-book artwork by Kendra Binney includes all of children's favourite animals

4 AMAZING  
HABITATS TO  
DISCOVER

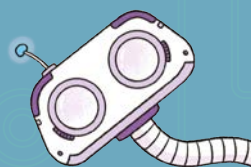


# SO THAT'S HOW IT WORKS ROBOTS AND AI

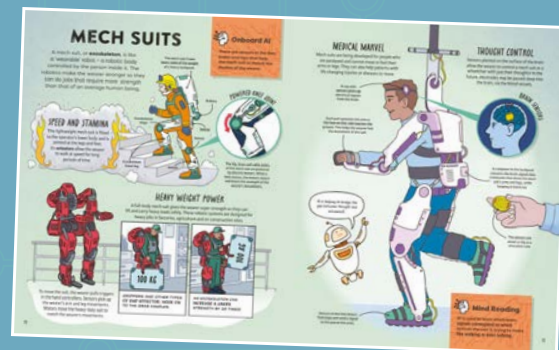
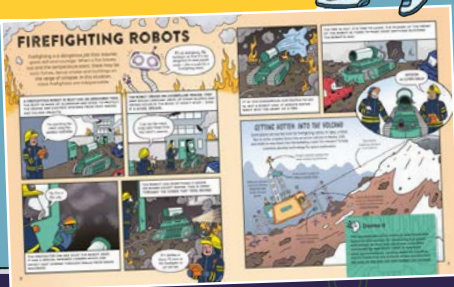
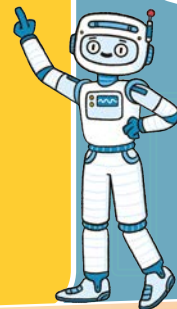
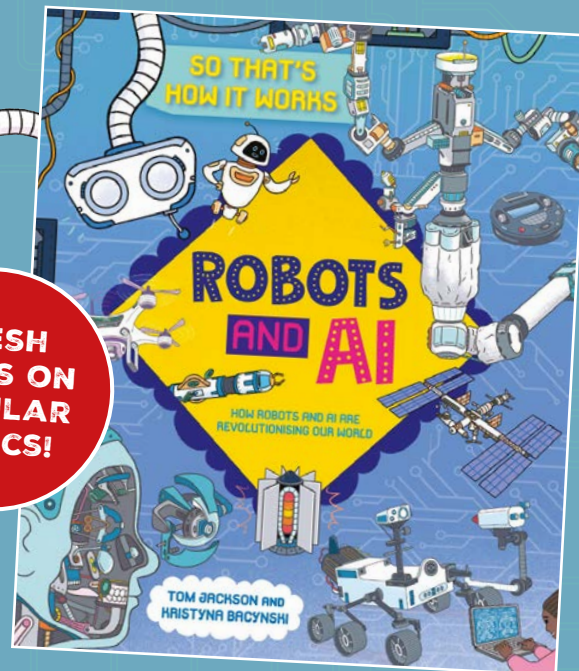
WRITTEN BY TOM JACKSON  
ILLUSTRATED BY KRISTYNA BACZYNSKI

**PACKED WITH FASCINATING INSIGHT FOR  
BUDDING SCIENTISTS AND CURIOUS READERS**

- Take a look at the foundational technologies that blazed a trail, meeting some of the inspirational scientists and engineers who shaped our world along the way
- Superbly detailed full-spread illustrations that will let young readers discover how all kinds of inventions work



**FRESH  
TAKES ON  
POPULAR  
TOPICS!**



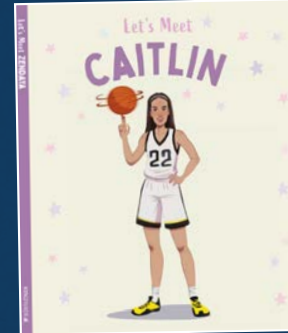
# Let's Meet...

## IT'S TIME TO MEET YOUR FAVOURITE SUPERSTARS!

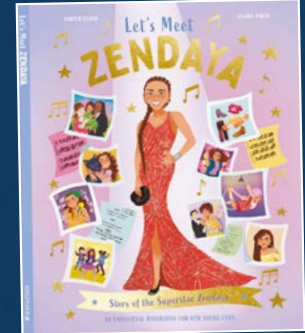
- ★ Amazing, unofficial biographies of incredible megastars, that fans will love
- ★ Readers can test their knowledge by looking for the celebrity-themed “Easter eggs” throughout the book
- ★ Each beautifully illustrated story shows the life of a different superstar, from chart-topping musicians to sporting sensations
- ★ Every title has an inspiring message and happy tone, encouraging readers to follow their dreams



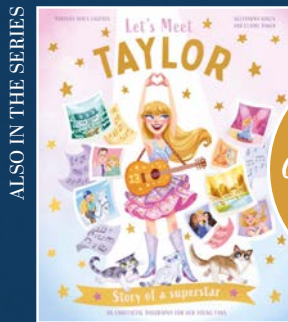
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Illustrated by Geraldine Rodriguez



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Illustrated by Eva Morales



Written by Claire Baker  
Illustrated by Sawyer Cloud



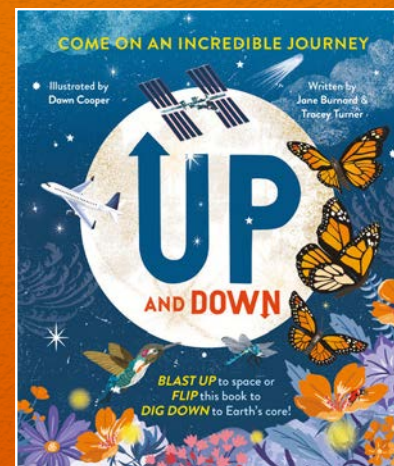
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Written by Claire Baker  
Illustrated by Mariana Avila Lagunes

# NIGHT AND DAY

Written by  
Tracey Turner  
Illustrated by  
Dawn Cooper



Two books in one, absolutely packed with information about our planet

- The second book in a high-end illustrated series with a twist
- Covers a wide range of topics: animals and nature, geology, astronomy, things that go and much more
- One high-interest topic per spread make this a brilliant series for reluctant readers



Read the  
book one way.  
Then, flip it  
and read the  
other side!



# OUR FAVOURITE FOOD

## AN EXCITING CULINARY JOURNEY ACROSS THE WORLD

- Title 4 in the vibrant and successful This Is Our World series
- Discover traditional meals and feasts from 20 countries around the world, and how families celebrate their culture
- Each location is introduced by a child character who shares why their food is unique and important
- Beautiful picture-book style artwork by Swedish illustrator Asa Gilland details foods from every corner of the world

Written by

VALERIE  
WILDING

Illustrated by

ASA  
GILLAND



ALSO IN THE SERIES



# KATE READ

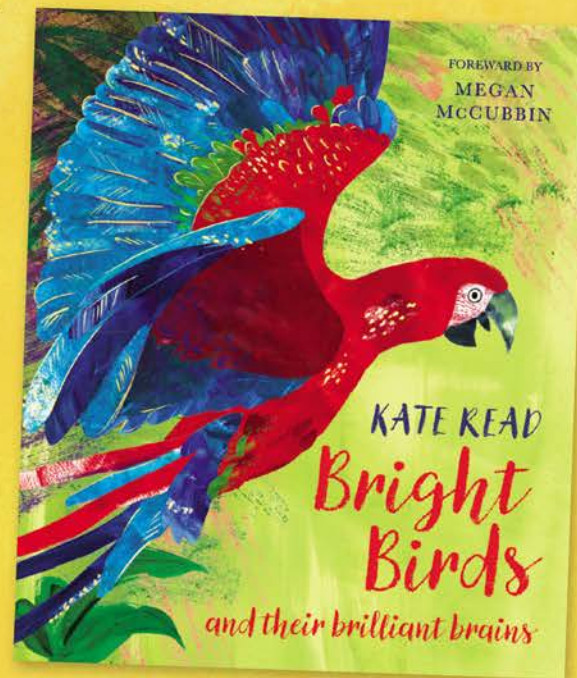
## Bright Birds

*and their brilliant brains*



A glorious non-fiction gift book for animal lovers.

- Full of extraordinary facts about the cleverness of birds including migration, nest building, tool use, memory, communication and much more
- Foreword from BBC presenter and zoologist Megan McCubbin
- Expert consultant: Dr Phil Atkinson, Head of International Research, British Trust for Ornithology
- Features birds from around the globe



From the author of  
*One Fox and  
Boo: A Fishy Mystery!*

Ezra Jack  
Keats Honor  
Award

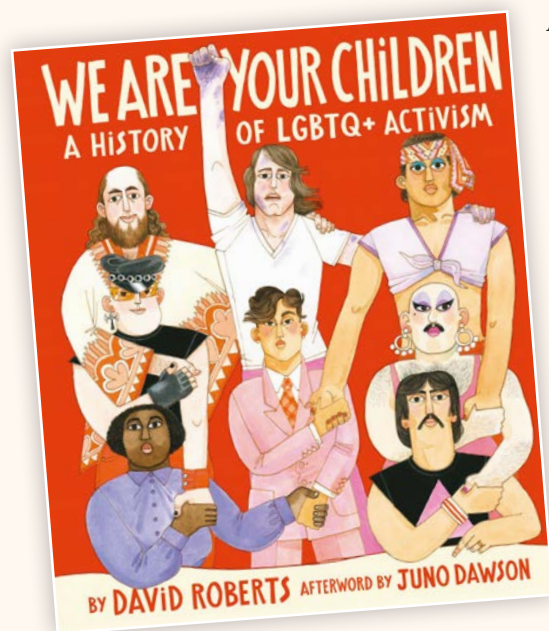
Teach Early  
Years Award  
WINNER



BY DAVID ROBERTS AFTERWORD BY JUNO DAWSON

# WE ARE YOUR CHILDREN

## A HISTORY OF LGBTQ+ ACTIVISM



A beautifully illustrated journey through LGBTQ+ history

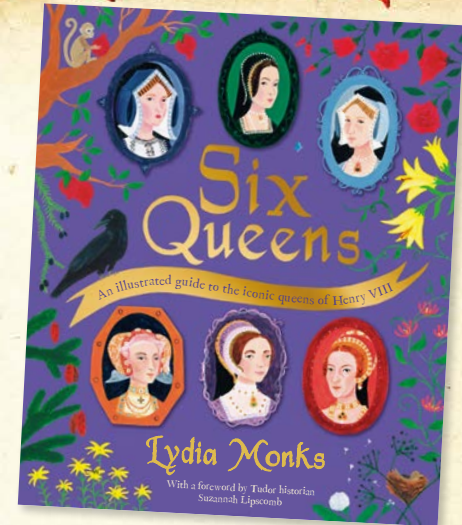
- A fascinating history of the fight for LGBTQ+ rights across the world, focusing on the UK and US in the 20th century
- Written and fully colour illustrated by David Roberts, the creator of the groundbreaking *Suffragette* and the illustrator of *Ada Twist, Scientist*
- Thoroughly researched, warmly accessible, showcasing the rich diversity of the movement
- With afterword by bestselling author Juno Dawson



# Six Queens

Lydia Monks

A fully-illustrated non-fiction guide to the iconic six queens of King Henry VIII, and how they changed British history...



You probably know the rhyme: divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived. Now it's time to delve into the lives of the women behind it. From loyal and devout Katherine of Aragon to the infamous Anne Boleyn, through to the scholar and survivor Catherine Parr, learn all about the six fascinating Tudor queens with one thing in common: a troublesome husband.

- Created by bestselling illustrator Lydia Monks: over 6 million books sold in the UK, translated into 34 languages
- With an introduction from renowned Tudor historian, author and broadcaster Suzannah Lipscomb
- Perfect for Tudor enthusiasts aged 8-12, or anyone fascinated by this tumultuous period in the British monarchy

# KATE MOSSE

# FEMINIST

# HISTORY

# EVERY DAY

# OF THE YEAR

**Feminist History for Every Day of the Year** by No. 1 bestselling author and feminist champion Kate Mosse tells the story of women's history, sweeping across the world and through the ages.

From Simone de Bouvoir to the Spice Girls, Ruth Bader Ginsberg to Pharaoh Hatshepsut, Malala Yousafzai, Rosalía, Michelle Yeoh and beyond . . . Discover the stories of 366 incredible women throughout history. Within these pages you'll find well known figures and unsung heroes, key cultural moments and forgotten stories, spanning from ancient times to the modern day.

With a piece of history for every day of the year, this is the perfect book to dip into time and time again. Full of quotes, poems, illustrations and pictures, *Feminist History for Every Day of the Year* is for all ages, celebrating and championing an inspiring history that is relevant to us all.

## WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER TODAY?

- Written by number one bestselling author Kate Mosse, for a YA / adult crossover audience
- Kate's books have sold over 3 million copies through UK TCM, and have been translated into 38 languages
- International and inclusive, sweeping across the world and through the ages
- The perennially popular 'Every Day of the Year' format is the perfect way to bring history to life, in an accessible and easily digestible way

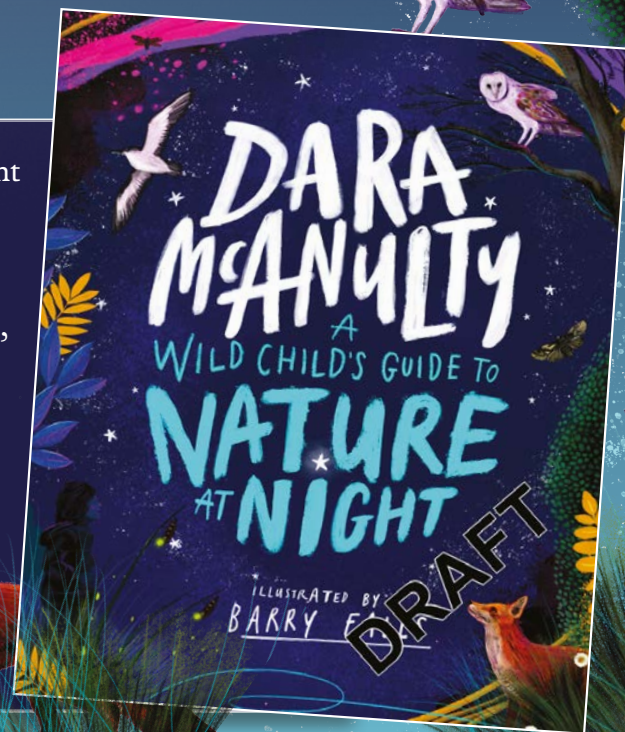
# DARA McANULTY

A  
WILD CHILD'S GUIDE TO  
NATURE  
AT NIGHT

Join brilliant young naturalist Dara McAnulty – winner of the 2020 Wainwright Prize for his book *Diary of a Young Naturalist* and author of *Wild Child* and *A Wild Child's Book of Birds* – on a journey through nature at night. This fantastic new book is illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls.

This beautiful, informative book takes you through nature at night in five different habitats in Europe - meet hedgehogs and moths in the garden; bats, owls, foxes and badgers in the woodland; glow worms on the coast; Manx Shearwater in the sky and corncrakes, dormice and woodcock on the farm. Learn about circadian rhythms, hibernation, echolocation, biofluorescence, murmurations, the dawn chorus and how to use the stars for orientation.

- Dara is a young naturalist with a big international following on social media. He is only 20 and has published 4 books, all of which have been shortlisted for major prizes for nature writing
- This book is very timely, with the current focus on protecting the environment and reconnecting with nature
- Illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls



# WANTED: DETECTIVE TO SOLVE A CURIOUS CASE

## CAN YOU WORK OUT CLUEDUNNIT?

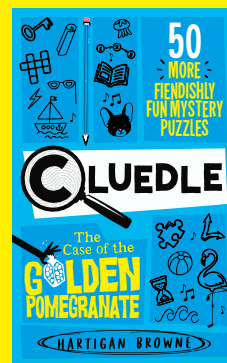
CLUEDLE IS A BESTSELLING SERIES OF FUNNY INTERACTIVE MYSTERIES

PACKED WITH BRILLIANT BRAIN-BUSTING PUZZLES FOR CODE-CRACKING FAMILIES AND SKILFUL YOUNG SUPER SLEUTHS. THEY ARE PERFECT FOR FANS OF COSY CRIME.

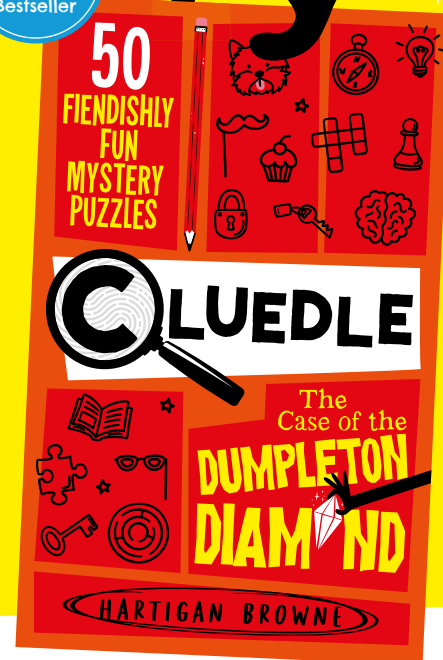
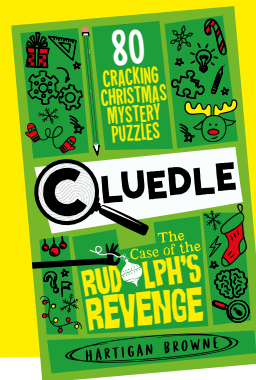
- The Case of the **DUMPLETON DIAMOND** - HARTIGAN BROWNE recruits you to solve 50 puzzles to find out who pup-napped Dave the dog and what that has to do with the missing Dimpleton Diamond
- The Case of the **GOLDEN POMEGRANATE** - Join opera singer, Alotta Vibrato on her yacht sailing around the Greek islands and solve 50 summery puzzles to find the Pegasus scroll
- The Case of **RUDOLPH'S REVENGE** - Hartigan sends you to Mistlehurst Hall to solve 80 cracking Christmas puzzles, complete the festive treasure hunt and find a priceless family heirloom

PACKED FULL OF CODES TO CRACK, EVIDENCE TO EVALUATE, CLUES TO UNRAVEL AND MAPS TO NAVIGATE, CLUEDLE IS PUZZLING FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

HARTIGAN BROWNE



Top TEN  
UK Children's  
Non-Fiction  
Bestseller



# RACING LEGENDS

## MAURICE HAMILTON

**RACE THROUGH FUN FACTS, STATS AND STORIES ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE DRIVERS WITH F1 EXPERT, MAURICE HAMILTON, ILLUSTRATED THROUGHOUT BY CAT SIMS.**

Discover how your favourite drivers became racing legends in these fun, illustrated, fact-filled books! Read about their career highs and lows and uncover the story behind famous racing teams and tracks.

Each book focuses on a world famous driver and tells their story in exciting bite-sized facts including spotlight features looking at popular circuits, the history of the Grand Prix and the cars themselves. Children will love these fact-filled books which are presented in an accessible, collectible format.

- ☆ Cars and racing are perennially popular topics for this age group, but there is a gap in the market for a series on F1 drivers
- ☆ With six books published and more to come the Racing Legends series is great for collectors or those wanting to find out more about F1



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