



RIGHTS GUIDE AUTUMN 2024

MACMILLAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS

INTRODUCING
THE **SLEEPLESS**
BY JEN WILLIAMS
HER TOUCH IS POISON TO EVERYONE BUT HIM

From **FIRST INK**

Dear Publishers,

As the new Managing Director of Macmillan Children's Books, I am proud to introduce you to our new Autumn Rights Guide, which features a vibrant and varied portfolio of exceptional children's books for all ages.

We have taken a new approach to our guides this autumn. Our non-fiction offering has expanded across all our imprints, so these books now feature in their own stand-alone Non-Fiction guide. Please look out for this, as well as the guide for Priddy Books too.

Our new imprint, First Ink, is an audience-first list that will publish the best in YA and crossover fiction. It is the place to discover coming-of-age stories for any age, including *The Sleepless* by Jen Williams: an epic gods-and-monsters romantasy, and *Love, Gods and Sinners* by Camille Chong: a fast-paced Sapphic urban fantasy.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce has been appointed as the new UK Children's Laureate and we are proud to support him on his mission to improve children's lives. His new novel *Blockbusters!*, illustrated by Steven Lenton, is a great page-turner, with themes of celebrity and friendship. We are very pleased to be launching M. G. Leonard's Time Keys series with *Hunt for the Golden Scarab*; a trademark brilliant adventure with added exciting time travel. For younger readers, a highlight is the very funny graphic novel *Tiny Hercules* by Nich Angell and Jon Lock. Meet the world's smallest, yet mightiest new hero.

Our Macmillan Prize for Illustration gives non-professional illustrators an opportunity to be discovered and we welcome recent winner Becky Colvin with her picture book *The Great Green Island*. Illustration also leads the way on our Two Hoots list with Mirror Magic board books created by Sharon King-Chai, and an irresistible new heroine, Liliana,

is introduced in *Liliana the Strong*, a picture book written by Quentin Blake and illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark. I am also very pleased we are presenting a new story by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Sara Ogilvie. *Gozzle* is the heart-warming story of a gosling who might just think she is a bear and is a classic in the making.

Our Early Years publishing is packed with novelty features that develop imagination, curiosity and motor skills. Camilla Reid introduces us to her fun character, DOT, who loves hide-and-seek and offers young readers surprises throughout her books. *Ready Steady Race* is fully interactive with easy-to-move counters for fun racing games. On our Campbell list, *The Big Book of Robots* introduces robots and AI, while *Matty & Mo* is a new character-led series based on real-life everyday pre-school experiences.

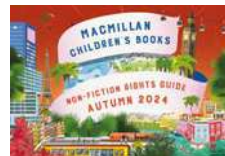
I know that you will enjoy discovering the books here and finding out more from our Rights Team. I am looking forward to meeting with many of you in the coming months, as well as at the Frankfurt Book Fair.

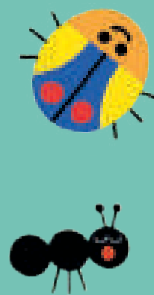
With all best wishes,



Alison Ruane

MD of Macmillan Children's Books



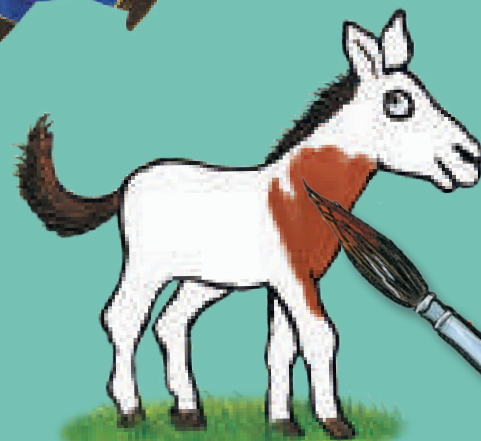


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PRESCHOOL



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Best for babies

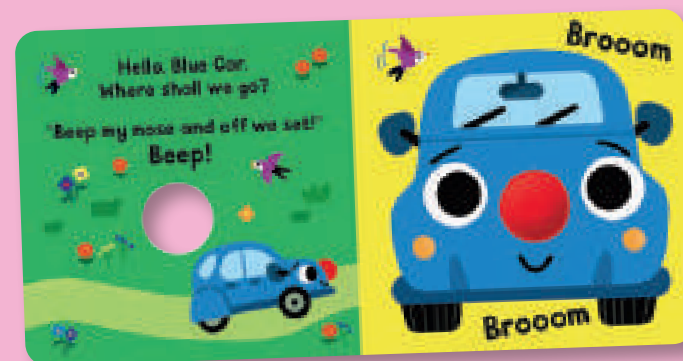
Squeak my Nose and Beep my Nose



Illustrated by Marion Billet

A brand-new novelty format for babies, perfect for laughing and bonding together

- Bright, friendly faces with a soft squeaker on each spread
- Funny mirror ending, with a squeaker in the middle, so little ones can 'squeak' their own nose
- Marion Billet is published in more than 10 languages, with UK sales of over 5 million copies



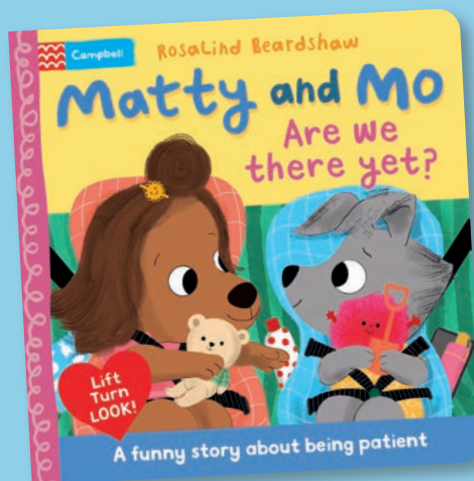
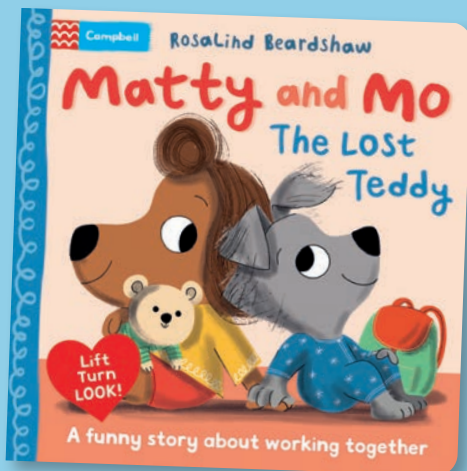
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Matty and Mo

Best for toddlers

Illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw

Giggle along with Matty and Mo in this funny character-led novelty series



Coming Soon
The Wrong Shoes
and
The Party

- Stories inspired by real family-life experiences
- With flaps, a wheel and an adorable fold-out heart ending
- Builds emotional intelligence – themes include being patient, helping and taking turns
- Illustrated by the award-winning Rosalind Beardshaw

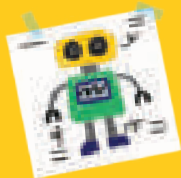


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The Big Book of ROBOTS

Illustrated by Yujin Shin

Best for early years



Are you ready to meet the robots? A very first introduction to robots and AI with multiple novelties!

- STEAM learning through play
- Get involved with build-your-own-robot sliders, pull-tabs, flaps and a transform wheel
- Discover incredible robots, from squishy octobots to AI-powered space robots
- Packed with expert-checked facts



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Axel Scheffler

Best for preschool

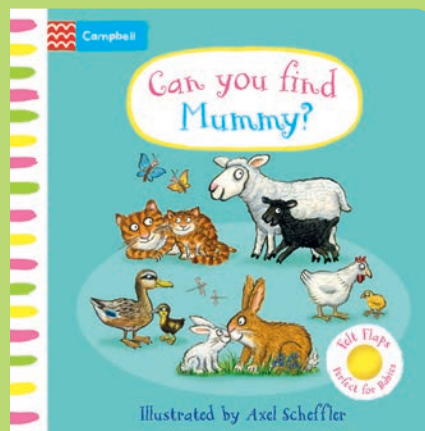
Best for babies



A brand-new activity format and a new Felt Flaps title in the Axel Scheffler range



- Transform black and white into colour by painting water onto pictures
- Use again and again for hours of fun!
- Coming next: Christmas, Safari



- Large, soft, pull-down flaps – develops hand-eye coordination
- 8th title in the series
- By the award-winning illustrator of *The Gruffalo*

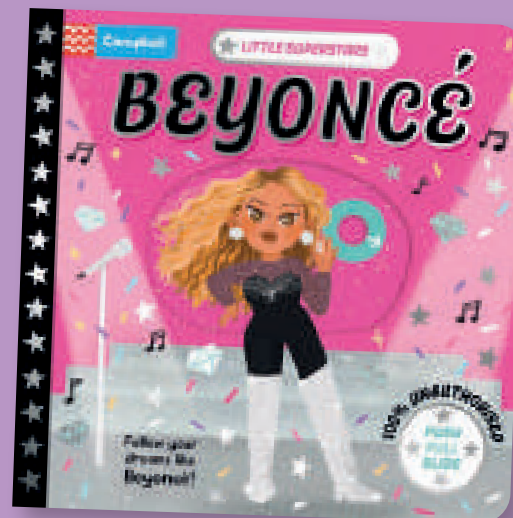
More formats available:

- Search and Find with Tabs
- Lift the Flap
- Push Pull Slide
- Press the Page Sound



Coming
Spring 2026
Playbook

Illustrated by Mariana Avila Lagunes and Jayri Gómez



Inspire little dreamers with the incredible life stories of Taylor Swift and Beyoncé!

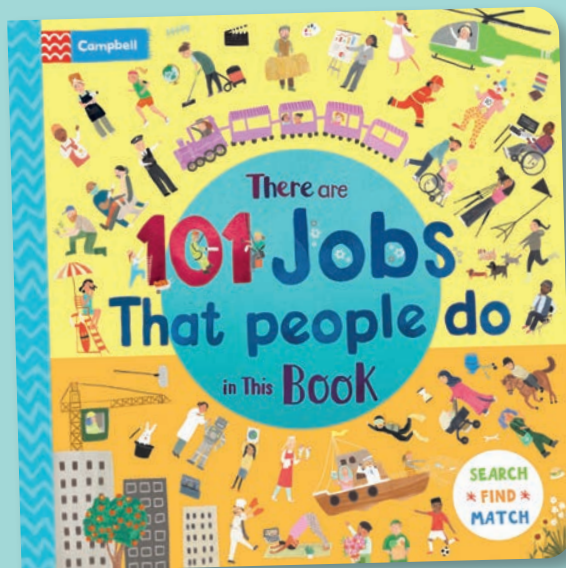
- An interactive introduction to well-known superstars
- Sweet, rhyming text with an empowering message
- Best-selling push, pull, slide format for children to play along as they read
- Bright illustrations featuring plenty of hidden “easter eggs” for fans to spot



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There are 101 Jobs That people do

Best for preschool

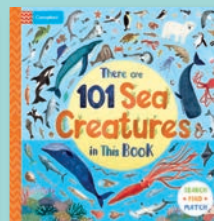
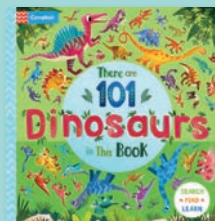
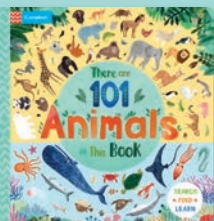


Illustrated by Darcie Olley

Discover 101 different jobs in this
fun-packed search and find book

- Detailed scenes with 101 people to find, including scientists, doctors, artists and more!
- The perfect book to fuel children's curiosity about the world and inspire them to dream big
- Extra activities, including colours and counting
- Robust board book format, perfect for exploring time and again

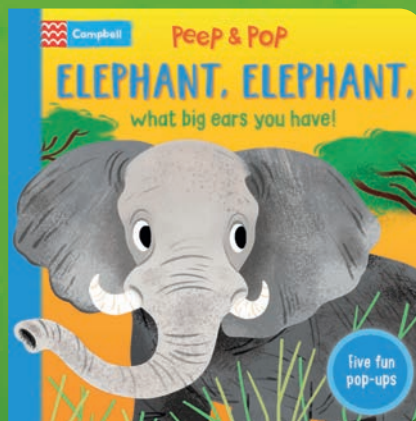
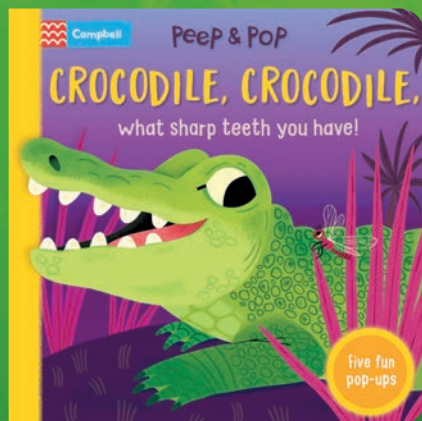
Also available:



Peep & Pop

Best for preschool

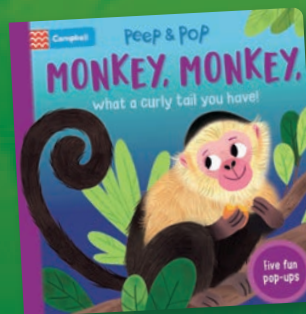
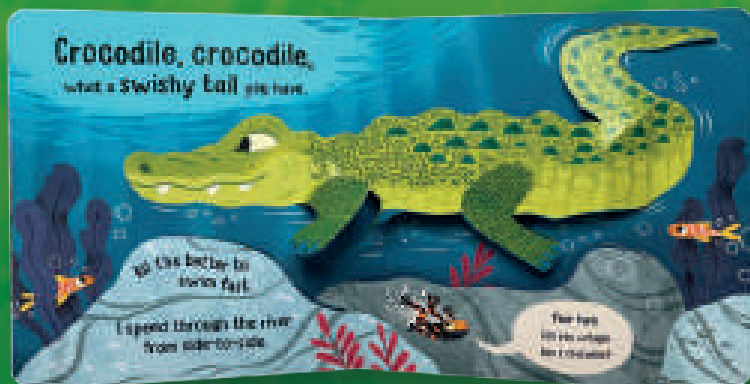
Illustrated by Malgorzata Detner



Learn about your favourite animals with this immersive new series of fun non-fiction pop-up books

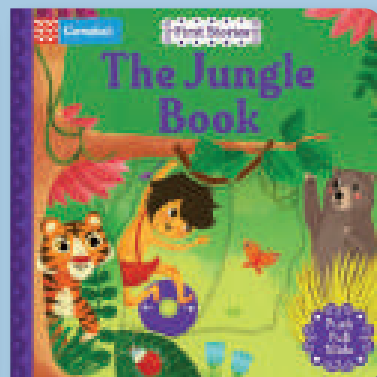
- Discover key animal characteristics and first facts
- Sturdy pop-ups on every page
- Perfect for pretend play and building thinking skills
- Rhythmic narrative text to read aloud

Also available:



Illustrated by Dan Taylor, Miriam Bos and Nadia Gunawan

New
Series
Branding



First introductions to classic stories and fairy tales
with push, pull and slide mechanisms

- Refreshed titles with new cover designs and branding
- 3.5 million copies sold worldwide in 22 languages
- Large backlist available, with over 30 titles in the series

COMING SOON
*Jack and the
Beanstalk*
*The Three
Little Pigs*



Ready, Steady, Race!

Illustrated by
Teresa Bellón

Best for
9m+

Get ready to race with this fun
and innovative new slider series!

- ✿ Tilt the book to make the colourful
counters race across the page,
with different possible outcomes
- ✿ Books 1 and 2 feature bugs and vehicles,
with bright, bold and stylish illustrations
from preschool favourite Teresa Bellón
- ✿ New to market format with a different
interactive novelty on each spread,
perfect for playing together

Book 2:
VEHICLES



Best for
9m+

Camilla Reid

Illustrated by Carly Gledhill



is
DOT
in the house?

&

is
DOT
in the tree?

The first two titles in this
engaging hide-and-seek novelty
series from Camilla Reid

- Introducing Dot, an exciting new character!
- Eight satisfying sliding mechanisms and a mirror
- Striking illustrations by Carly Gledhill, with eye-catching neon details throughout



Coming soon:
Is Dot in the Hay? (2026)
Is Dot in the Van? (2026)





Camilla Reid
Illustrated by Nila Aye

Soft Flaps

A delightful novelty series from bestselling early years author, Camilla Reid

- ♥ Stylish and engaging, putting the child reader at the heart of the book
- ♥ With five big felt flaps and a surprise mirror ending
- ♥ Charming illustrations from Nila Aye, packed with playful detail
- ♥ New titles for 2025: *Who's Lovely?*, *Who's Funny?* and *Who's Spooky?*

Sold in
15 languages!

Best for
6m+





Camilla Reid

Illustrated by Jill Howarth

Slide and Count

Irresistible counting books
series created by Camilla Reid

Best for
3+

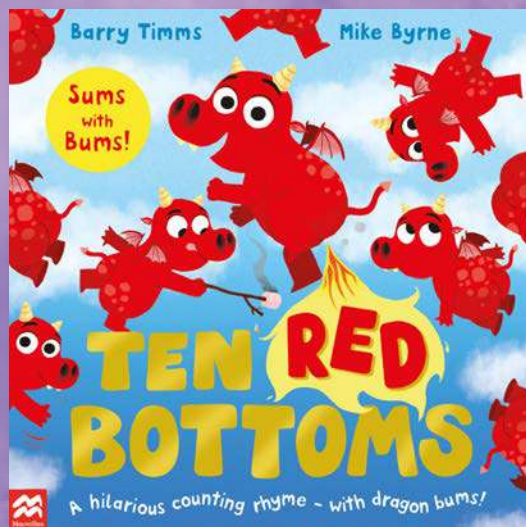
Sold in
13 languages!



- ✦ Huge play value: 25 sliding counters, perfect for small fingers
- ✦ Based on popular nursery rhymes that encourage counting skills
- ✦ Six richly detailed scenes from illustrator Jill Howarth
- ✦ *Old MacDonald had a Zoo* joins the series in Spring 2025



Barry Timms & Mike Byrne



TEN RED BOTTOMS

*A hilarious twist on number learning
- do your sums with bums!*

Best for
3+



- Second title in growing laugh-out-loud rhyming storybook series that develops essential number skills including counting and adding up
- A funny rhyme to read aloud with a satisfying surprise gatefold ending
- Scenes packed full of silly humour that preschoolers love, featuring an adorable cast of dragon characters - lots to spot and return to

Also available:



Coming OCT 2025
TEN CHRISTMAS BOTTOMS





Brands and Classics



Sylvanian Families®

A wide-reaching publishing programme celebrating this iconic and internationally-beloved toy brand.

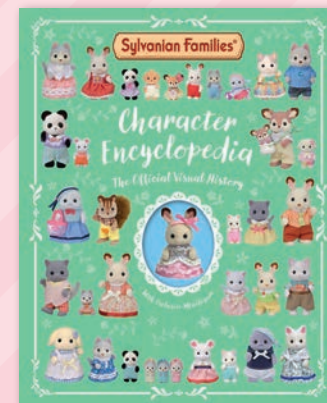
- Launched in Japan in 1985, Sylvanian Families spans more than 35 years and has sold over 230 million toys worldwide
- Beautifully designed picture books, search-and-find books, sticker activity and gift titles that tie into the Sylvanian Families ethos of Nature, Family and Love
- True cross-generational appeal – instantly recognizable and perennially popular



Sylvanian Families Character Encyclopedia: The Official Visual History

A complete guide to all the characters from the world of Sylvanian Families, with images, character profiles, fun facts and more!

Includes a mini-figure of Crème the Chocolate Rabbit baby with a special exclusive outfit



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Freya's Perfect Party: A Lift-the-Flap Story

A preschool novelty book shaped like the Chocolate Rabbit Family's house, with die-cut windows on the cover and flaps to lift on every page

Join the Chocolate Rabbits as they have a party and invite all their friends – with things to spot on every page and a brand new story to read



* Draft cover

Also available:



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Character Encyclopedia: Format: 280mm x 224mm HB • Extent: 224pp • Pub Date: October 2025 • UK Retail Price: £25.00

Lift-the-Flap Shaped: Format: 300mm x 140mm BB • Extent: 10pp • Pub Date: July 2025 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

Freya's Perfect Party: Format: 250mm x 250mm HB • Extent: 32pp • Pub Date: April 2025 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

Freya's Spring Picnic Sticker Activity Book: Format: 305mm x 238mm PB • Extent: 24pp • Pub Date: February 2025 • UK Retail Price: £7.99



A Year in the MOOMINHOUSE



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- Showing seasons across a year in Moominvalley, from Snufkin returning for spring to the family preparing for winter hibernation
- With brand-new illustrations interpreting Tove Jansson's classic and beloved artwork



A Carousel Book of the Seasons

A stunning carousel gift book opening out to show six intricate layered scenes of the Moominhouse



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- Book 6 of the collectable and hugely successful Adventures in Moominvalley series
- Gift hardback with special cover finishes, introducing new episodes and characters from season 4 of the animated series Moominvalley

MOOMIN

In the ... OBSERVATORY

Join Moomintroll as he explores the Observatory. Who will he meet and what will he find along the way?

- Based on a classic Moomin comic strip and set in the Observatory, this beautiful book introduces the Moomins to the very young
- The third in a series of shaped board books, with a brand new story and flaps to lift on every page
- Newly illustrated by Riina and Sami Kaarla, bringing to life the warmth and humour of Tove Jansson's irresistible Moomin world



Also Available:



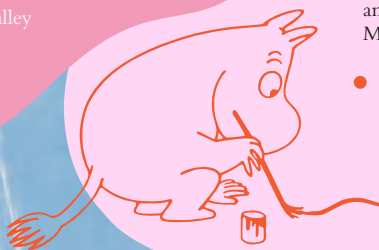
MOOMIN1VALLEY



What is a MOOMIN?

A colourful visual exploration of the world and history of Moominvalley told through 100 objects.

- Includes 100 iconic objects, from the family's lighthouse lamp to Snufkin's trusty backpack, and from the Hobgoblin's magical hat to Moominpappa's inky fountain pen
- With character introductions, a visual timeline and never-before-seen archive material, this is a unique introduction for all ages
- Beautiful gift hardback with special cover finishes



© Moomin Characters™

A Year in the Moominhouse: Format: 300mm x 240mm HB • Extent: 14pp • Pub Date: September 2025 • UK Retail Price: £19.99
 What is a Moomin?: Format: 270mm x 216mm HB • Extent: 224pp • Pub Date: July 2025 • UK Retail Price: £25.00
 Extraordinary Moominvalley: Format: 270mm x 216mm HB • Extent: 96pp • Pub Date: July 2025 • UK Retail Price: £14.99
 In the Observatory: Format: 300mm x 140mm BB • Extent: 14pp • Pub Date: May 2025 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

JULIA DONALDSON * AXEL SCHEFFLER

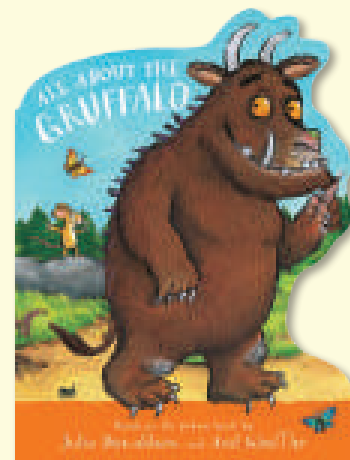
The Gruffalo Pop-Up

- An amazing, interactive pop-up edition of the bestselling picture book
- Enjoy the full story told over eight spreads
- With 3D scenes, moving mechanisms, gatefold flaps and lots of pop-ups – including a giant Gruffalo!

THE GRUFFALO

The Gruffalo Magic Painting

- Brush water over the pages to colour in all your favourite characters and scenes from the deep dark wood
- A reusable magic painting book for mess-free fun, time and time again!
- A chunky board activity book with carry handle, perfect for little paws



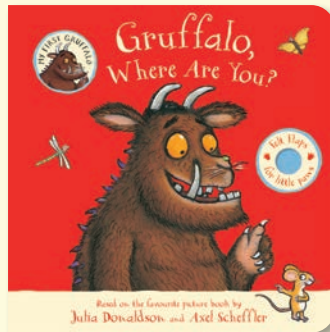
All About The Gruffalo

- A large-format board book in the shape of the Gruffalo himself
- Learn all about the Gruffalo and all the other creatures from the deep dark wood
- Simple text and colourful illustrations introduce little ones to the world of *The Gruffalo*



Gruffalo, Where Are You?

- A chunky board book with soft felt flaps to open on every spread, specially designed for small children
- Reissued with a new, bright cover and super soft felt flaps



Gruffalo Crumble

- Cook 24 delicious recipes from the deep dark wood, including dishes inspired by scrambled snake and owl ice cream
- This fun and varied cookbook is reissued in a new, lay-flat hardback format

The Gruffalo and Friends Advent Calendar Book Collection

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



Gruffalo Where Are You?: Format: 180mm x 180mm BB • Extent: 10pp • Pub Date: January 2025 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

Gruffalo Crumble: Format: 275mm x 220mm HB • Extent: 64pp • Pub Date: August 2025 • UK Retail Price: £12.99

The Gruffalo Advent Calendar: Format: 420mm x 310mm HB • Extent: 384pp • Pub Date: August 2025 • UK Retail Price: £25.00

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Room on the Broom

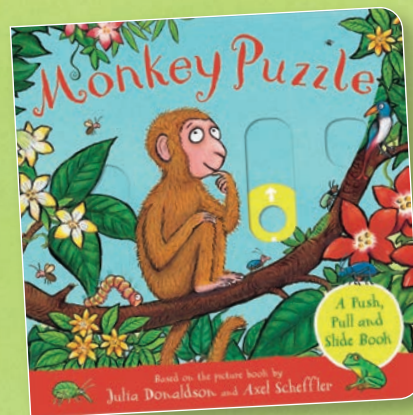
A Pop-Up Flap Book



- A fun interactive book for young fans of the bestselling *Room on the Broom*
- With big flaps to lift and a surprise pop-up ending!
- Over 7 million *Room on the Broom* books sold worldwide

Monkey Puzzle

A Push, Pull and Slide Book



- Based on the bestselling picture book *Monkey Puzzle*, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2025
- Packed full of favourite jungle animals
- Push, pull and slide mechanisms on every spread – a bestselling, interactive format



JULIA DONALDSON  AXEL SCHEFFLER

Coming
in April
2025



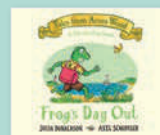
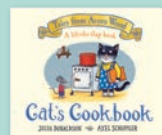
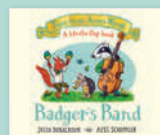
Tales from Acorn Wood: A First Sticker Book

- With fun, easy sticker activities that are just right for children aged 3 and up
- Over 250 big, easy-to-use stickers – perfect for small hands

Hare's New Dress

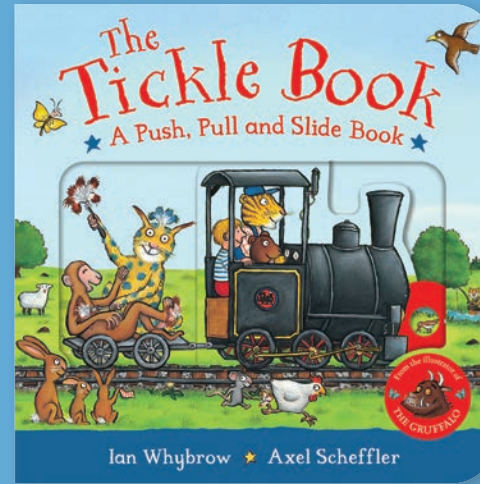
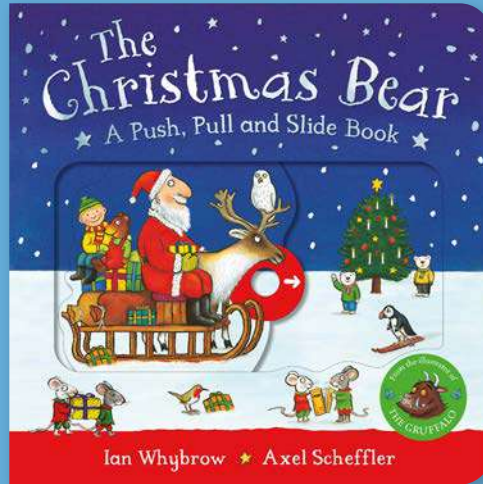
- A brand new story in the bestselling Tales from Acorn Wood series – close to 10 million copies sold worldwide
- A fun rhyming story that is a joy to read aloud, with warm and witty illustrations and a flap to lift on every spread
- By Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, the creators of *The Gruffalo*

Also available:



Ian Whybrow ★ Axel Scheffler

★ Push, Pull and Slide Books ★



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- ★ Enjoy these much-loved interactive stories, with over half a million copies sold worldwide, now available in a new and exciting format
- ★ Bestselling push, pull and slide format with novelty mechanisms on every spread – perfect for little hands
- ★ A winning combination of Ian Whybrow's funny, rhyming text and witty illustrations by Axel Scheffler, illustrator of *The Gruffalo*



The
Bedtime
Bear



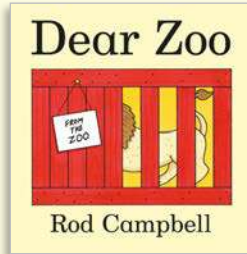
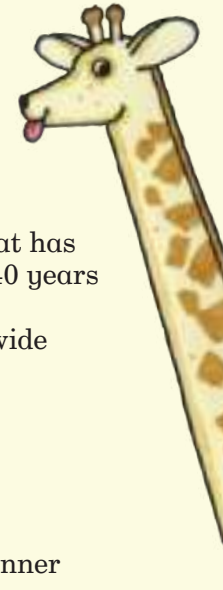
JULIA DONALDSON LYDIA MONKS

What the Ladybird Heard

Over
5 million
books sold
worldwide

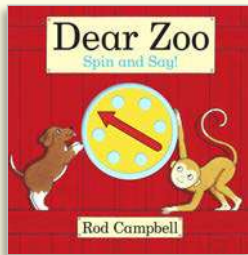
- ★ Five fantastically funny picture-book adventures from the bestselling partnership of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks
- ★ New series look with bright, playful cover designs
- ★ With brand new cover artwork from Lydia Monks

Rod Campbell



DEAR ZOO

- A lift-the-flap preschool classic that has been delighting children for over 40 years
- Over 13 million copies sold worldwide



DEAR ZOO: SPIN AND SAY

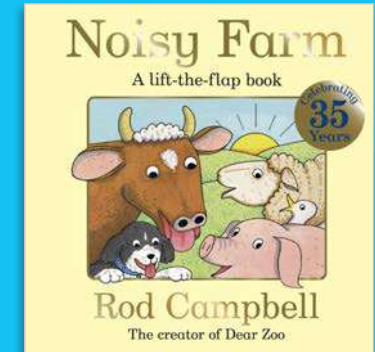
- A fun early-learning board book with spinner on every page
- Spin the wheel and say what you see – from favourite animals, colours, counting and more!



DEAR ZOO: BOOK AND LIFT-THE-FLAP JIGSAW

- Read the classic book, then retell the story by completing the lift-the-flap puzzle
- Packaged together in a sturdy gift box with magnet closure

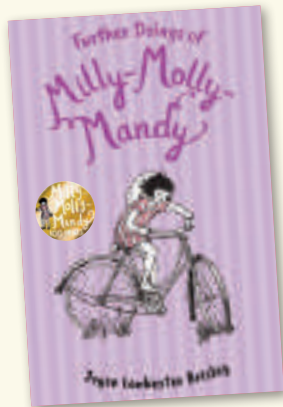
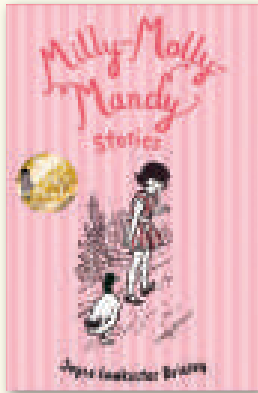
NOISY FARM 35TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION



- Join Sam the farm dog for a day on the farm and meet all your favourite farm animals
- With sturdy card flaps to lift on every spread – perfect for preschoolers



Milly-Molly-Mandy



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- New editions of the original classic chapter books in a gorgeous gift format with special finishes to celebrate the centenary of Milly-Molly-Mandy in 2025
- Includes a brand-new introduction to mark the anniversary year
- First phase of revitalizing this beloved brand, with new publishing and an audio programme to come



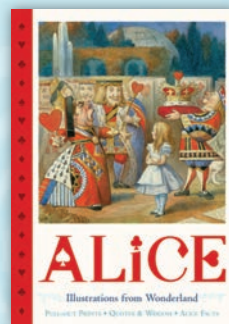
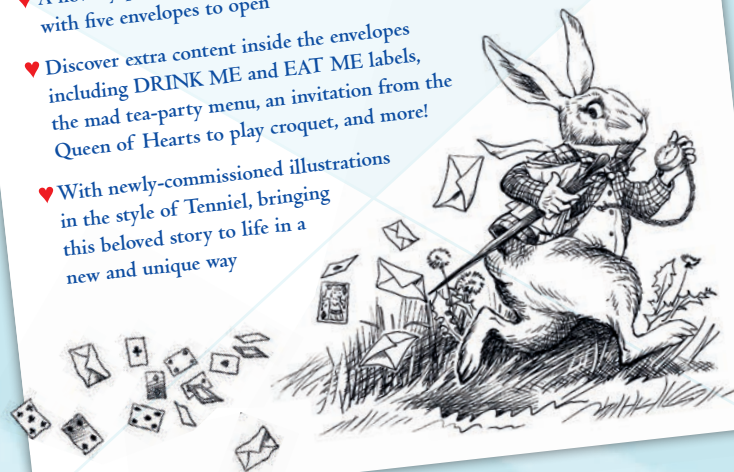
A celebratory publishing programme
for the 160th anniversary of
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland,
one of the bestselling and most
iconic books of all time

ALICE



LETTERS FROM WONDERLAND: AN INTERACTIVE ALICE ADVENTURE

- ♥ A novelty picture book retelling of the classic story, with five envelopes to open
- ♥ Discover extra content inside the envelopes including DRINK ME and EAT ME labels, the mad tea-party menu, an invitation from the Queen of Hearts to play croquet, and more!
- ♥ With newly-commissioned illustrations in the style of Tenniel, bringing this beloved story to life in a new and unique way



ALICE PULL-OUT PRINTS: ILLUSTRATIONS FROM WONDERLAND

- ♥ A collection of pull-out posters, featuring original images from Tenniel and other classic illustrators
- ♥ Over 20 beautiful images that can be removed and framed, presented in a beautiful gift book with special finishes
- ♥ With quotes and excerpts from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* plus facts about these beloved illustrations and their fascinating publishing history



THE NURSERY ALICE

- ♥ Lewis Carroll's own retelling of *Alice* for younger readers, with colour illustrations by Sir John Tenniel
- ♥ A stunning facsimile of the original 1890 edition, with the iconic cover illustration by acclaimed Victorian artist E. Gertrude Thomson

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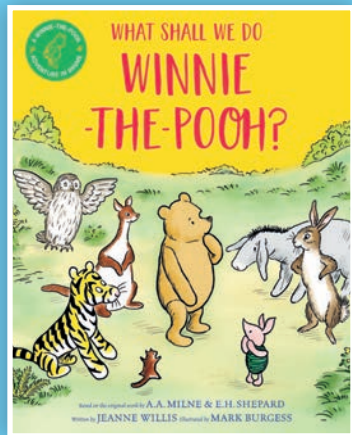
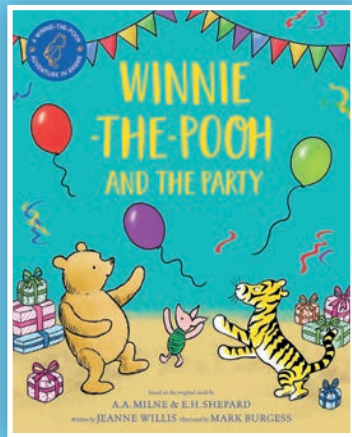
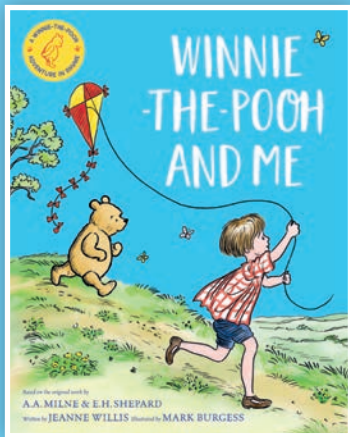
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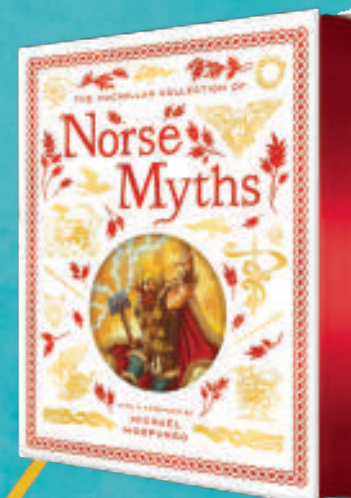


Featuring Pooh, Piglet, Tigger and all your favourite characters from the Hundred Acre Wood – perfect for fans of all ages



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Beautifully presented, luxury gift editions of classic stories



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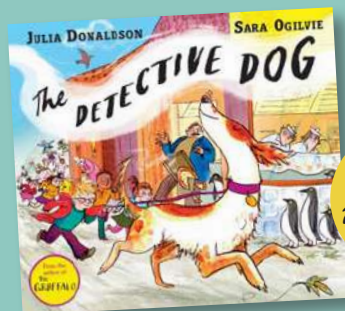
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Picture Books



- An unsuspecting bear finds himself the father of a rather determined little gosling in this laugh-out-loud, joyful book about the true meaning of home and family
- From the award-winning, bestselling creators of *The Detective Dog* and *The Hospital Dog*, which have sold over a million copies worldwide



Sold in
24 languages

GOZZLE

JULIA DONALDSON • SARA OGILVIE

Meet Gozzle — an incredibly sweet baby goose who is convinced she is a bear . . .

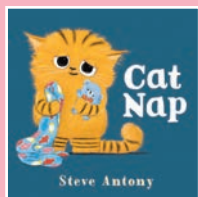




Hands up if you're hungry!

- A joyful look at first foods and colours!
- Third title in this stand-out, character-led series for young children
- From the award-winning creator of *Please Mr Panda* – over 1 million copies sold!
- A fresh, funny and relatable look at key childhood moments, emotions and milestones

Already available!



Chick Pea

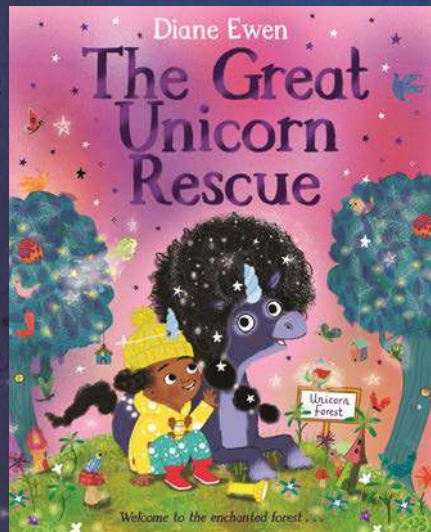


Steve Antony

Diane Ewen

The Great Unicorn Rescue

An enchanting tale about fighting your fears,
from the award-winning, bestselling Diane Ewen



- ★ The debut authored picture book from the winner of the Jericho Prize, the Queen's Knickers award, and a National Book Award
- ★ A helpful, confidence-boosting story for children who are afraid of the dark
- ★ Watch out for the second book in the Unicorn Forest series — coming out in 2026



Lily Murray & Jenny Løvlie

THE DRESS WITH 100 POCKETS

- Brand-new story from bestselling partnership: a fun, feminist story about the joy of pockets and the adventures they unlock
- From Waterstones Prize-winning illustrator Jenny Løvlie and bestselling author Lily Murray
- Jenny Løvlie's books have been published in over 25 languages worldwide

What could be better than a dress with pockets?
A dress with 100 pockets!



Also available:





BECKY COLVIN

The Great Green Island

Step onto a small island with a big secret.
A magical secret in the shape of
a Great Green Crocodile . . .

- Outstanding picture book debut from the winner of the Macmillan Prize for Illustration 2023
- A tale of mystery, magic and adventure
- A funny, atmospheric and imaginative modern fable, reminding us to stop and experience the wonders of nature

PENGUIN
and
PUP!

Hazel Gardner and Nikki Dyson

THE PERFECT EGG

Meet Penguin and Pup! Best friends . . .
VERY different personalities!

Second in a four-book series focusing on key
seasonal moments and milestones

Illustrated by award-winning, bestselling illustrator
Nikki Dyson (*You're Called What?* 10 languages sold)

Laugh out loud as Penguin and Pup
try to work out what makes the
perfect Easter egg . . .



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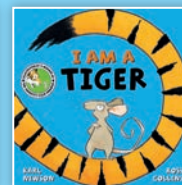
ROSS COLLINS

NO SWIMMING!



A foolhardy Rabbit can't wait to go for a swim! Especially now he's made a **MYSTERIOUS** new underwater friend . . .

- A second not-so-cautionary tale about an unstoppable rabbit and his escapades
- Packed full of humour, a zany voice and a pantomime-like hook: will have children and adults alike roaring with laughter!
- Ross Collins' books have sold in 27 languages and counting



The Night Before Christmas In NEVERLAND

*'Twas the night before Christmas, a dark starry night . . .
But this is NO ordinary Christmas Eve!*

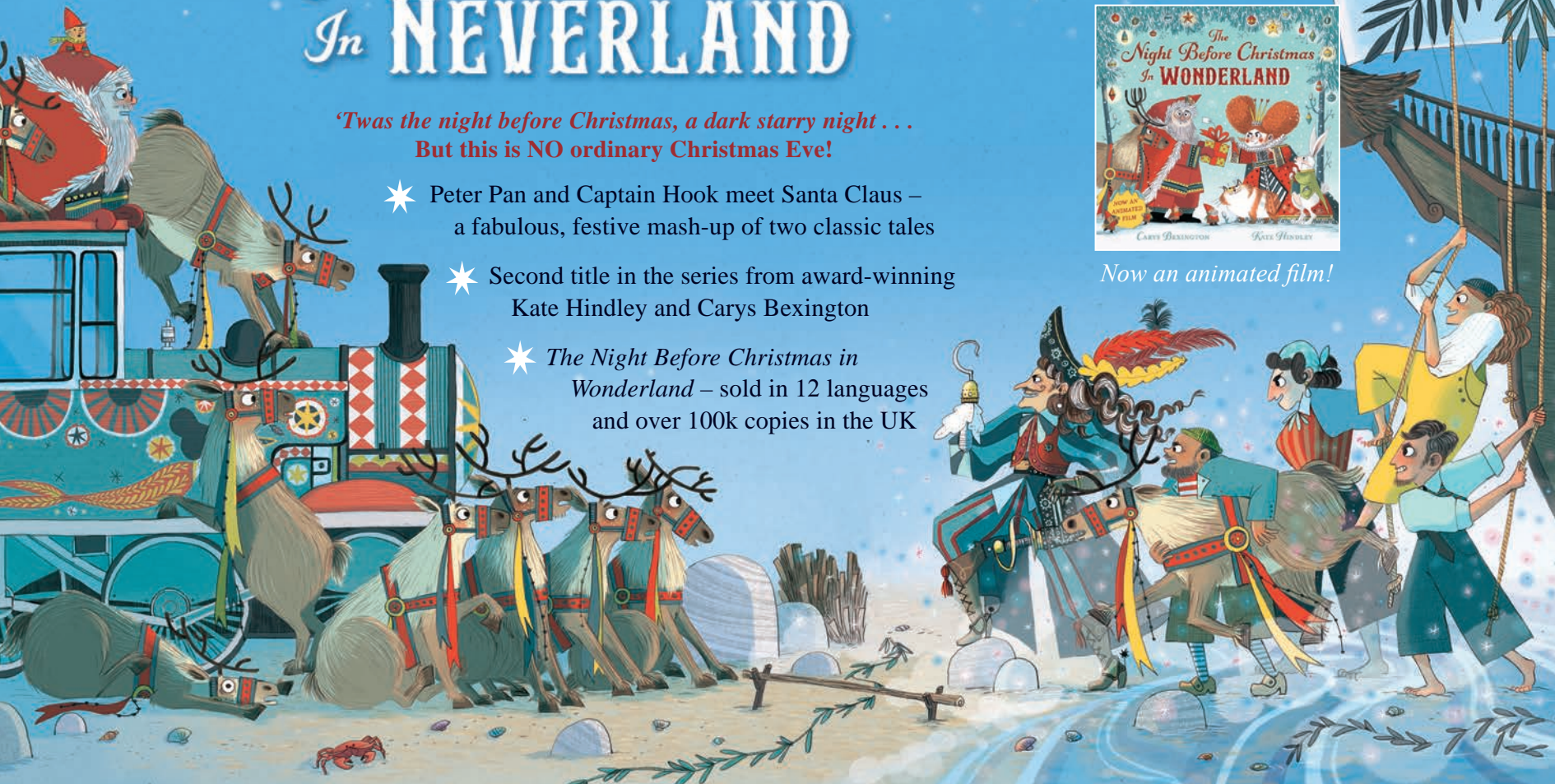
- ★ Peter Pan and Captain Hook meet Santa Claus – a fabulous, festive mash-up of two classic tales
- ★ Second title in the series from award-winning Kate Hindley and Carys Bexington
- ★ *The Night Before Christmas in Wonderland* – sold in 12 languages and over 100k copies in the UK

CARYS BEXINGTON

KATE HINDLEY



Now an animated film!



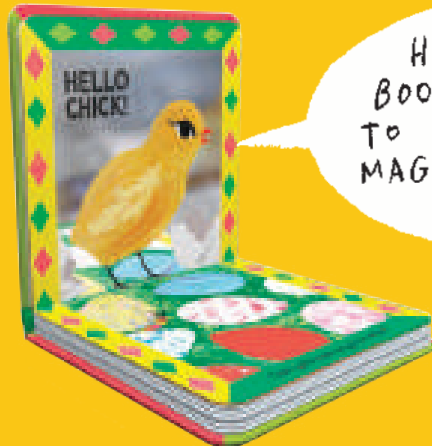


TWO HOOTS



MIRROR MAGIC

A gorgeous new mirror search-and-find for babies and toddlers



HOLD THE
BOOK UPRIGHT
TO CREATE A
MAGICAL MIRROR
WORLD.

- From the award-winning illustrator of Julia Donaldson's *Animalphabet* and *Counting Creatures*
- Vibrant illustrations and shiny mirror throughout, with things to spot and first words to learn
- Ten books covering the most popular topics for little ones including: bugs, animals, dinosaurs, vehicles, seaside and Christmas

Sharon King-Chai



BY THE
WINNER of the
KATE GREENAWAY
SHADOWER'S CHOICE
AWARD.

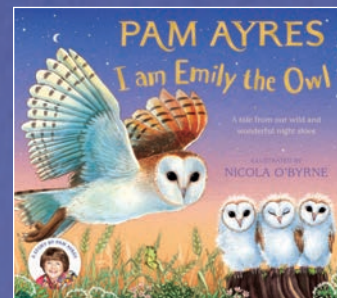


PAM AYRES & NICOLA O'BYRNE

I am Emily the Owl

A wild and wonderful story full of nature facts

- Previous books in bestselling series, *I Am Oliver the Otter* (Amazon Bestseller) and *I Am Hattie the Hare*
- Written by beloved poet Pam Ayres, and illustrated by award-winning artist Nicola O'Byrne
- A charming, easy-read story full of natural history information, with two fact pages





QUENTIN BLAKE • EMMA CHICHESTER CLARK

LILIANA THE STRONG

A classic picture book from two superstar creators

- A fresh and utterly joyful new story with an irresistible little girl at its heart, written by the legendary Sir Quentin Blake, illustrated by bestselling illustrator and author Emma Chichester Clark
- From the powerhouse duo behind the Three Little Monkeys picture book series and the illustrator of the Blue Kangaroo series
- A story of strength, resilience, empathy and kindness



Wiggling Words

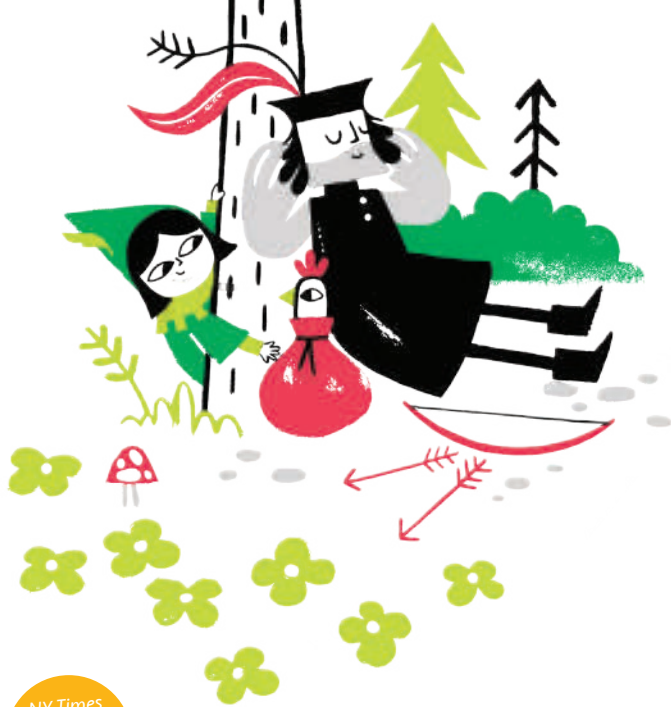
Kate Rolfe

A creative neurodivergent child explores
a world of letters, words and stories

- An astonishingly talented new voice in children's literature
- A playful and sensitive book about dyslexia and neurodivergence, informed by the author's personal experience
- Dyslexia-friendly font, and cream pages to help those who find reading difficult



Waterstones
Children's
Book Prize
Shortlist



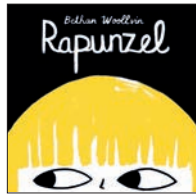
ROBIN HOOD

Bethan Woolvin

- ◆ A gender-flipped folktale for little rebels from the creator of a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book, *Little Red*
- ◆ Perfect for fans of the 1973 classic Disney film
- ◆ Bethan's books have sold in 12 languages

NY Times
Best
Illustrated
Book

Macmillan
Prize for
Illustration
WINNER



A funny and fierce adventure story about standing up for what's right

THE GREAT BEAR

ANNIE BOOKER

*A moving story of humanity's
impact on the natural world,
with the feel of a timeless myth.*

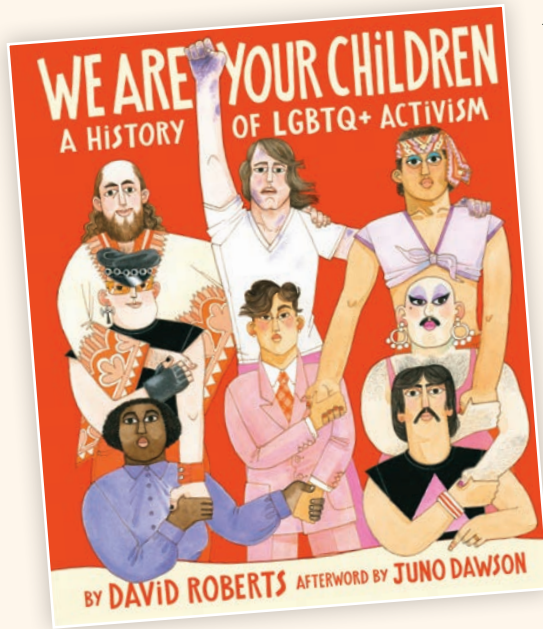
- A stunningly beautiful eco-folktale from a hugely talented debut artist and author
- Winner of the Batsford Prize for Illustration, People's Choice Award 2022
- A tribute to the balance of nature, with a hopeful ending and a non-fiction spread



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





Firefly Stars

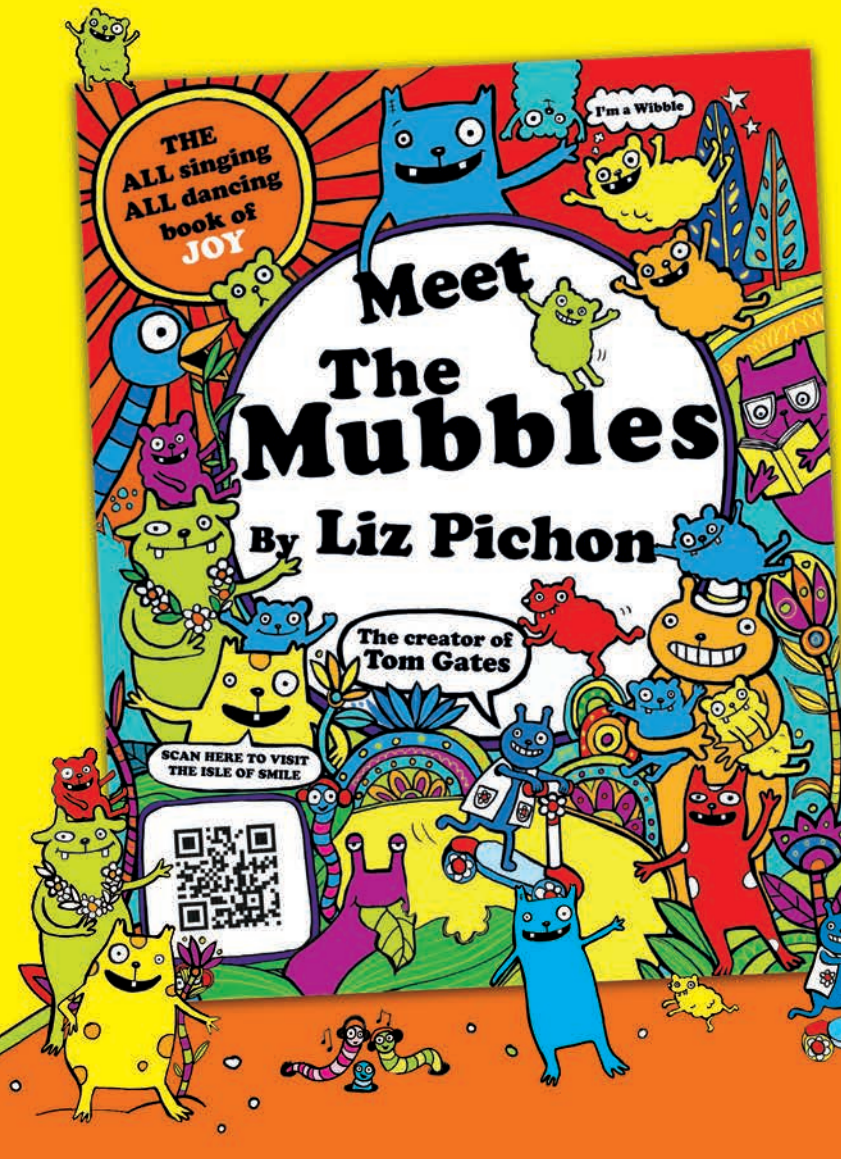
Jessica Wilson & Oxana Lim

*An exploration of family, love and
moving from one country to another*

- Debut author and illustrator pair, both with Jamaican roots
- A celebration of Jamaican life and nature, capturing the emotions of moving far from home to create a new one
- Poetic, lyrical text with detailed and evocative artwork from a fine-art trained illustrator

FICTION





The Mubbles

By
Liz Pichon

From Liz Pichon, the creator of the multimillion copy global bestseller **Tom Gates**, comes a hilarious new, full colour graphic novel series.

Welcome to the Isle of Smile, home of **The Mubbles**, where the beautiful island runs on **SUN, WIND** and **FLOWER POWER**. Everyone on the Isle of Smile, including the Wibbles of Wobble Mountain, the Earworms and the one-eyed Drib Drabs, lives in perfect harmony – most of the time. But when the Clouds of Joy **BUMP** together making a wonky rainbow it can only mean one thing . . . someone or something is coming to **VISIT**. Time spent with **The Mubbles** on the Isle of Smile makes everything better – you'll see.

- **The Mubbles** will be launching in print in Spring 2025 but the YouTube channel, featuring original music videos, songs and activities, has started building a fanbase from summer 2024
- **Tom Gates** series has sold over 16 million copies in 47 languages/territories across the world



★ DANTE ★ N. FERNO

IS A LOSER

NOT

BRIAN GORDON

- FULLY ILLUSTRATED THROUGHOUT IN BLACK AND WHITE BY THE AUTHOR
- CLEAR, COMMERCIAL CONCEPT AND FUNNY, ACCESSIBLE WRITING PAIR WITH THE ILLUSTRATIONS TO MAKE THIS THE PERFECT SERIES FOR RELUCTANT READERS
- LAUNCH OF A NEW SERIES, WITH BOOKS 2 AND 3 FOLLOWING IN SIX MONTH INTERVALS, TO GAIN THE MOMENTUM THAT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THIS AGE GROUP

LOKI MEETS WIMPY KID, BY WAY OF GOOD OMENS, IN THIS HILARIOUS NEW HIGHLY-ILLUSTRATED SERIES FOR READERS AGED 7+!

Dante N. Ferno is winning . . . at being a LOSER.

My Completely and 100% Foolproof Plan to Become the Coolest Person Ever.

1. Completely reinvent myself.
2. Make a ton of new friends and humbly accept my nomination as their leader.
3. Become good at sports stuff and win all the game things.
4. Rub my newfound popularity in the face of all the haters.



Jon Lock & Nich Angell

tiny HERCULES



The mad-cap humour of Dog Man meets the accessible, high-concept hook of Loki, based on the beloved myths and legends that have helped turn Percy Jackson into a bestseller.

HE'S BRAVE!
HE'S STRONG!
HE'S THE SIZE OF A JAM JAR!

He's Tiny Hercules, the world's tiniest, mightiest hero – and he's winning his way back to Tiny Olympus, one legendary deed at a time! Tiny Hercules won't let anything stop him, not even a suspiciously Zeus-like swan . . .

- Full of wacky antics and laugh-out-loud humour, Tiny Hercules is a full-colour graphic novel series, perfect for boys and girls aged 6+
- Tiny Hercules's main adventure is 173 pages with an optional short story and bonus content to bring it up to 208 pp
- The first in a new series: four books have been acquired with the second title due to publish in September 2026



ADVENTURES UNLIMITED

ANDY GRIFFITHS

Illustrated by Bill Hope

From the author behind the multi-million bestselling Treehouse series comes the second book in this brand-new exciting adventure series – where YOU'RE the main character!

Remember when we found that really deep hole and you jumped in and I had to jump in to rescue you and at the bottom of the hole we found the cave of the legendary peanut-butter beast? What? You don't remember? But that was one of our deepest – and most dangerous – adventures ever! Let me remind you how it all went down . . . and down and down and down!

- From the bestselling creator of the Treehouse series, Andy Griffiths, with worldwide sales at over 12 million and translated into 37 languages
- Hilarious, action packed, highly-illustrated new offering that will have readers racing to the very end



A MERMAID'S DIARY



Chris Riddell

For fans of Ottoline and Goth Girl, award-winning Chris Riddell invites you to read mermaid Atalanta Scrimshaw's diary, giving details of life with her friends in Sleepy Cove.

Atalanta Scrimshaw is a mermaid who collects messages in bottles, rides seahorses and enjoys the hobby of 'walking' on the beach and visiting her friends. She lives in the quiet backwater of Sleepy Cove. When Atalanta learns of plans by Bristle & Splinter to develop Sleepy Cove into a luxury seaside golf resort, threatening her home, she enlists the help of her friends, old and new, to stop them.

- This illustrated diary format is the perfect summer read, with Chris's trademark wit and invention 7–9 year-old readers
- Beautiful hardback package, with fully integrated black-and-white illustrations by Chris Riddell throughout

LAND OF THE LAST WILDCAT

A CHARMING MAGICAL ADVENTURE DEBUT NOVEL ABOUT FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP,
AND THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR NATURAL WORLD.

Puffin Lau has two problems: her beloved scientist mum barely speaks to her and a mythical wildcat called the kuri is depending on her for its survival.

Luckily, Puffin grew up on stories of the kuri and its magical powers, and she will stop at nothing to return it to its rightful home.



But standing in her way is the ominous Professor Smoult, a money-hungry scientist who wants to capture the kuri and steal its healing powers. Faced with a mammoth journey to the faraway Linger Island, Puffin and her best friend Lance must find out what her mum is hiding, evade the professor and save the last wildcat before it's too late . . .

- Katherine Rundell's *The Explorer* meets *E.T.*
- *Land of the Last Wildcat* blends the importance of conservation with exciting action adventure featuring a magical creature which will appeal to all genders
- This begins an exciting new gently fantastical adventure series from a debut author Lui Sit, winner of the 2022 FAB Prize

HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN SCARAB



M. G. LEONARD

Illustrated by Manuel Sumnerac

Blockbusting adventure meets the mystery of time travel in the first title in this contemporary new action-packed, adventure series by the bestselling, award-winning author of *Beetle Boy*, *Twitch* and *Adventures on Trains* M. G. Leonard

Sim and his mum never live anywhere long. When dangerous strangers appear one night, Sim discovers why. His mum has been keeping secrets: she has the power to open doors in time.

Running for their lives, Sim and his friends are determined to outwit the sinister Council of Keys and be the first to find a powerful door to Ancient Egypt that will take them to Nefertiti's lost tomb. They must piece together long-hidden clues if they are to solve the mystery of her golden heart scarab. Can they find it before the Council finds them?

- The first title in a 4-book time travelling, mystery series for boys and girls of 8–12
- Illustrated in black and white throughout; publishing two titles per year in paperback launching in January 2025
- The settings for the first four are:
 1. Ancient Egypt
 2. Viking Norway
 3. Roman gladiators
 4. Medieval England in the Middle Ages



THE BLOCKBUSTERS!

A funny and heart-warming adventure giving a peep behind the scenes of a Hollywood movie by UK Children's Laureate and bestseller Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

When new boy Rafa and his school friends accidentally stray onto the set of a major Hollywood blockbuster, the last thing they expect is to become extras.

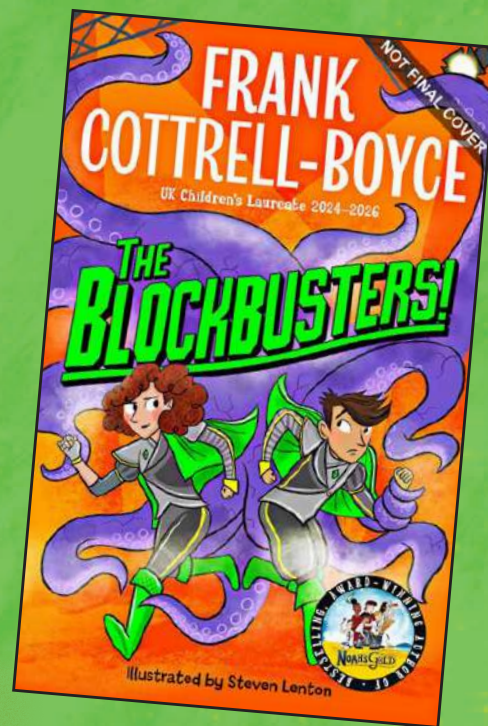
Rafa's likeness to the famous child movie star, BB, gives him VIP access to all areas, including the banquet of catering doughnuts!

While Rafa is getting a glimpse into the glamorous world of celebrity, his big brother has gone on the run – and is becoming famous for the wrong reasons. Luckily, the film crew's next location might just bring the two boys closer. It's up to Rafa to keep acting the part so that they can get back together – and home.

- Funny, authentic adventure revealing the chaos of life behind the scenes on a blockbuster movie set by award-winning screenwriter and movie industry insider Frank Cottrell-Boyce
- Gorgeous hardback illustrated in black and white throughout by Steven Lenton
- Perfect blend of prize potential and child-appeal from a multi-award-winning author

FRANK
COTTRELL-BOYCE

Illustrated by Steven Lenton



WANTED: DETECTIVE TO SOLVE A CURIOUS CASE

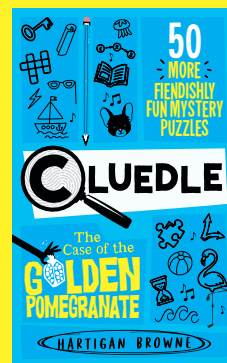
CAN YOU WORK OUT CLUEDUNNIT?

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.

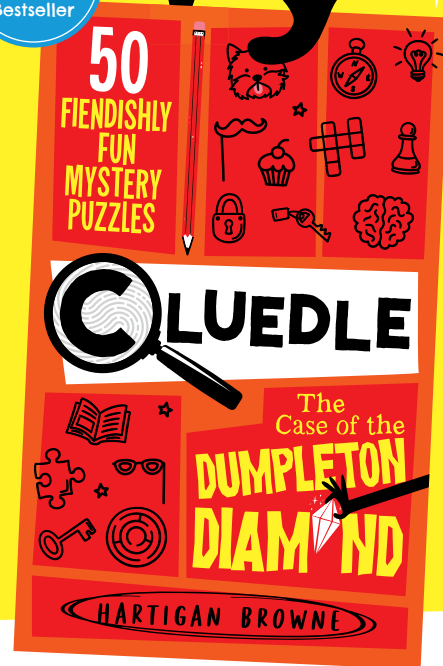
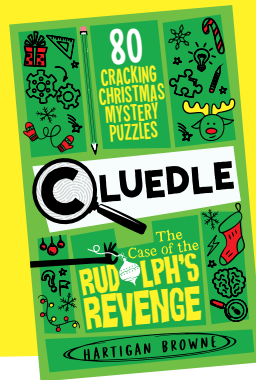
- The Case of the **DUMPLETON DIAMOND** - HARTIGAN BROWNE recruits you to solve 50 puzzles to find out who pup-napped Dave the dog and what that has to do with the missing Dumpleton Diamond
- The Case of the **GOLDEN POMEGRANATE** - Join opera singer, Alotta Vibrato on her yacht sailing around the Greek 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



**FIRST
INK**



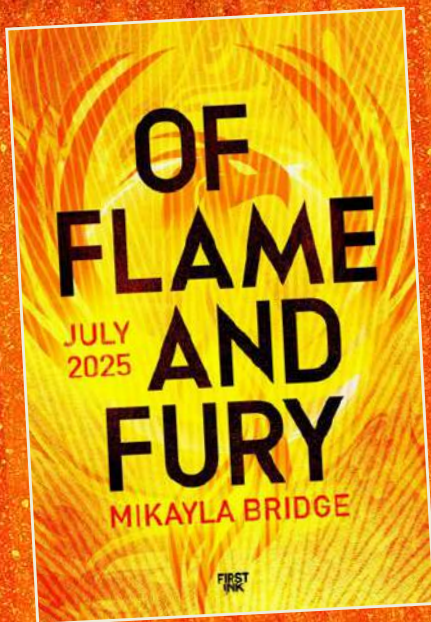
THE SLEEPLESS

Godkiller meets Powerless in this epic gods-and-monsters romantasy from British Fantasy Award-winning author Jen Williams.

Elver was saved by the Queen of Serpents when she was just a child. **Artair** spends his nights shut up in a tower because of the dangerous spirit that overtakes his body when he sleeps. When Artair is sent on a mission to steal a monster cub that is under Elver's protection, he – and **Lucian**, the other spirit inhabiting his body – are set on a collision course with the monster girl that will challenge everything they think they know about their world.



- Full of fresh takes on beloved fantasy tropes, and stunning, immersive world-building, this is THE romantasy to fall for in 2025
- A love triangle as you've never seen it: Elver finds herself falling both for Artair, the brave and kind human who gets through to her after she's sworn off humanity – and Lucian, the passionate and volatile spirit who inhabits Artair's body at night
- Jen Williams is an award-winner in the adult fantasy sphere: her first three books were nominated for British Fantasy Awards in 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively and she won the award for Best Fantasy Novel in 2018 and 2019



- Global Macmillan preempt, jointly acquired with Macmillan US and Macmillan ANZ
- A lead YA of summer 2025, with a major global comms campaign
- Clear, commercial concept that combines the deadly magical creatures of *Fourth Wing* with the edge-of-your-seat racing of Formula One

OF FLAME AND FURY

***Fourth Wing* meets *The Fast and the Furious* in *Of Flame and Fury* – the explosive YA fantasy by debut author Mikayla Bridge. With deadly phoenixes, edge-of-your-seat action and a smouldering enemies-to-lovers romance, you won't want to miss the hottest YA fantasy of the summer.**

Ride. Or die.

On an island built from ash and shrouded in fire, phoenix racing is the most profitable – and deadly – work you can find. No one knows that better than Kelyn Varra and her crew, the Crimson Howlers.

When the Howler's rider is killed during a race, Kel is forced to join forces with arrogant, hot-headed Warren Coupers – the last person she would ever want on her team. But with her rising debts and threats to her beloved phoenix, Savita, the pressure to win has never been higher; and Kel is left with no other choice.

But then mysterious tech mogul Canen Cristo takes an unsettling interest in the team. Amidst perilous races, the threat of an unstoppable disease and her growing attraction to Coup, Kel soon uncovers a sinister plot that will threaten everything she cares for, as she fights to keep Savita and her magic out of the hands of those who would use it for their own gain . . .

**Elle
McNicoll**

WISH YOU WERE HER

*Book Lovers meets You've Got Mail
in this enemies-to-lovers romance
from bestselling, award-winning
author Elle McNicoll.*

18-year-old **Allegra Brooks** has skyrocketed to fame after starring in a hit television show, and all she wants is a normal teenage summer.

Her destination for escape? Lake Pristine and its annual Book Festival, organized by the dedicated but unfriendly senior bookseller, **Jonah Thorne**.

But in small towns like Lake Pristine, misunderstandings abound, and before long the two are drawn into high-profile hostility that's a far cry from the drama-free holiday Allegra was craving. Thank goodness for her saving grace: the increasingly personal emails she's been sharing with a charming bookseller who is *definitely not* Jonah Thorne . . .

A romcom about finding the one person who makes you feel yourself when the whole world is watching.

- Perfect for fans of Emily Henry, Sophie Kinsella and Beth Reekles, this is a charming, funny and swoon-worthy romance centring two autistic lead characters
- Elle's star is on the rise: with a major TV series based on her debut novel *A Kind of Spark* continuing its success with a second season, and a growing international profile

LOVE, GODS & SINNERS

CAMILLE CHONG

- The contemporary setting is richly drawn, the sapphic characters flawed and fun; the book will appeal to adults who like the chemistry of *Mr and Mrs Smith* and teens who came to *Iron Widow* for its high-concept adventure
- The book plays with familiar YA tropes like enemies-to-lovers – but has a wonderfully original setting and tone, and is the fresh contemporary fantasy that readers will be craving in a busy romantasy market
- Camille Chong is a Singapore-raised writer whose debut YA novel is a love letter to the teenagers who grew up on overtly white, cis-het stories

TWO TEENS, descended from gods, must choose between love and villainy in *Love, Gods and Sinners*, a sizzling enemies-to-lovers urban fantasy.

In a glittering, fantastical Singapore, where humans are born with ancient magic into a polarized near-future society, two young research scientists find themselves falling in love. The only problem? They've just been tasked to kill each other . . .

Raven spends her nights (and her magic) carrying out dangerous missions for the maligned Foxes, descendants of the Chinese Nine-Tailed Foxes. But by day, she's simply Harper Leong. A magic-less research intern, Harper is the playful academic rival of the famous Tia Njauw. Tia uses her unique brand of moon magic to protect the city – and she *hates* Raven.

When Raven is tasked to murder Tia in order to secure the future of the Foxes, the two teens start to understand that the concepts of right and wrong can be just as complicated – and dangerous – as falling in love.



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