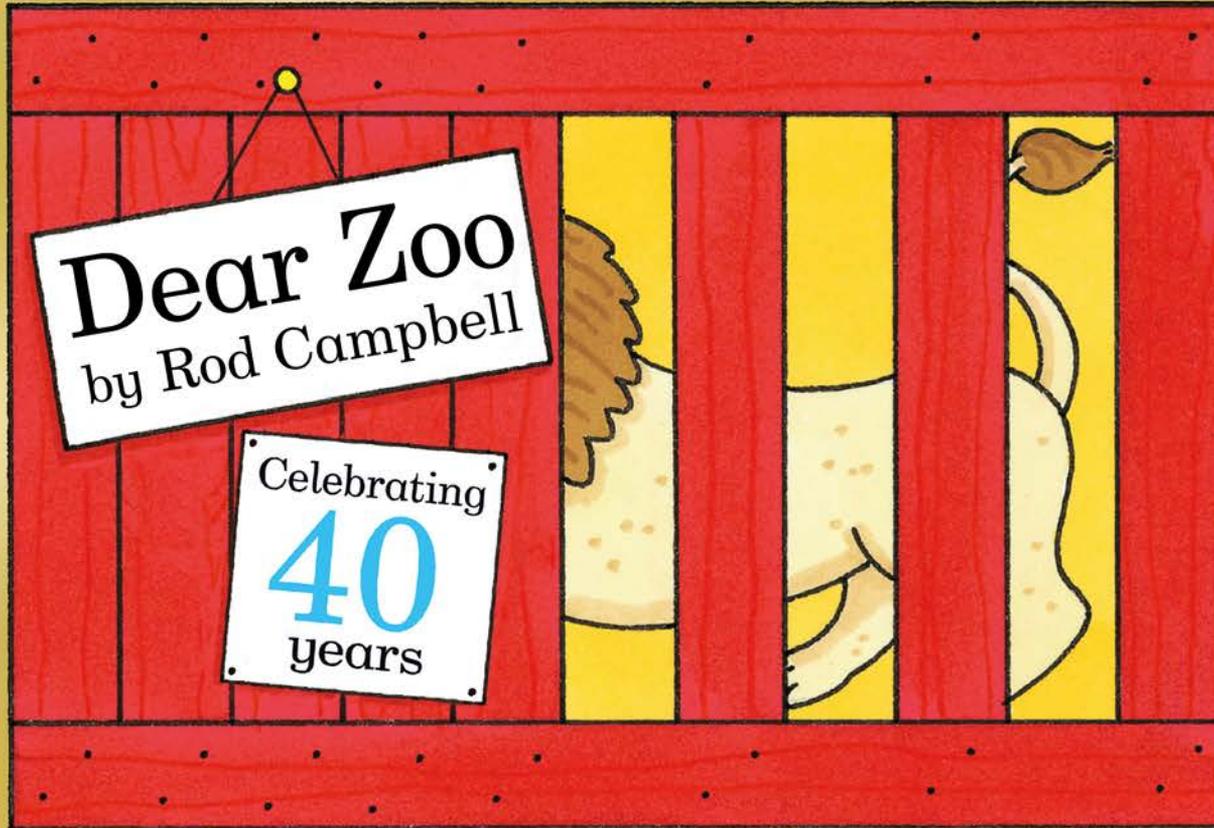


Macmillan Children's Books



Rights Guide Spring 2022

Dear friends

It makes such a difference to be writing this introduction to our Spring Rights Guide knowing that we will be seeing some of you in person at this year's Bologna Book Fair. It has been a long time since we were able to celebrate books together and we can't wait. For those of you we are seeing virtually, we feel grateful that we are able to work together in online meetings and we look forward to seeing you on our sales trips soon.

We are living in turbulent times and as a children's publisher we are acutely aware of the impact that world events are having on our children. Our ambition is to publish books with compelling stories for all children to enjoy and engage with, especially those who don't have easy access to books and for whom reading for pleasure isn't something that features in their lives.

Last year, we donated more than 215,000 books to disadvantaged children and for many of them this was the first book they had ever owned themselves. Much of this was made possible by our partnership with Marcus Rashford and the Book Club that we launched last year and we are very proud to be presenting new books from him here: *You Can Do It* is his new non fiction title and *The Breakfast Club Adventures* is his debut middle grade fiction. Both books are guaranteed to be hugely popular with young readers.

We want to thank you for the support you continue to give us and our publishing. Among the most recent successes are *Tales from Acorn Wood* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, which will soon have eight titles in the series and has 23 translations. We are celebrating the fortieth anniversary of *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell this year and have recently welcomed another five new publishers to the brand.

Our fiction list has grown with collectable series and strong stand alone novels; *Adventures on Trains* by M.G Leonard and Sam Sedgman is

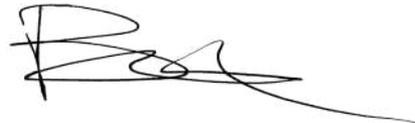
available in eleven languages and Rob Biddulph's *Peanut Jones* has been incredibly successful from publication with eighteen languages confirmed. *The Boy with Wings* by Lenny Henry was a huge success in 2021 and was the #2 bestselling debut children's hardback title in the UK. We are presenting his second title at the Fair and look forward to announcing major deals on his fiction soon.

Alex T. Smith has fast established himself as the author and illustrator best placed to help us celebrate Christmas. *How Winston Delivered Christmas* has been optioned for a major animation and we added four new languages in 2021, taking the total to fourteen. In his new book, *The Grumpus*, he gives us a great new character who really isn't sure that Christmas is for him and needs some persuasion from the friends he meets along the way.

Lucinda Riley and Harry Whittaker's *Guardian Angels* stories, illustrated by Jane Ray, are also titles to look out for. With seven translations confirmed, these are important stories for our time as they address anxiety and offer comfort to young children as they go about their daily lives.

Thank you for being our brilliant publishing partners and working alongside us to put great books and stories into the hands of children around the world. We wish you all a good and successful year ahead.

With all best wishes



Belinda Ioni Rasmussen





We have a wealth of new titles for babies and toddlers in this year's guide. Our trademark is learning through fun and interaction, and with our hide-and-seek and search-and-find formats, young readers can enjoy discovering stories and pictures for themselves.

Our best-selling Big Steps series for toddlers has grown to 12 books, helping parents and carers to prepare children for new experiences. But, if what everyone needs right now is a joyful moment sharing books, then our new title *Babies Laugh at Everything* is perfect.



Gentle learning and having fun are also key to our books specially aimed at preschoolers this year. *My First Book of Everything* by Ben Newman is a brilliant new twist on first words while *Chameleon's Favourite Colour* by Carly Gledhill presents first colours with a fun character-filled story and interactive die-cut pages.

I Love Me!, written by Marvyn Harrison and illustrated by Diane Ewen, is a unique book of affirmations that builds confidence in young children as they step out into the wider world.

For the perfect sharing experience, *Cars Cars Cars!* by Donna David and Nina Pirhonen and *This Little Monster* by Coral Byers and Alberta Torres have lively narratives and plenty to spot and giggle about.



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Babies Laugh at everything

Best for babies

By Dr Caspar Addyman

- Written by a developmental psychologist and expert in babies' laughter
- Make babies laugh with hilarious scenes of family life and lots of funny faces
- Stunning illustrations with a zingy Pantone ink to stimulate babies' senses

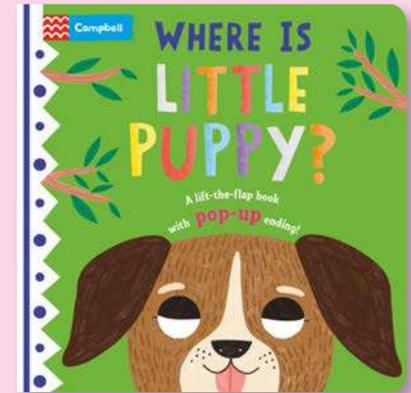
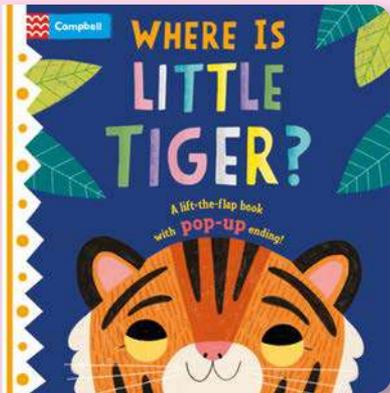


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WHERE IS...

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

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My First

Best for preschool

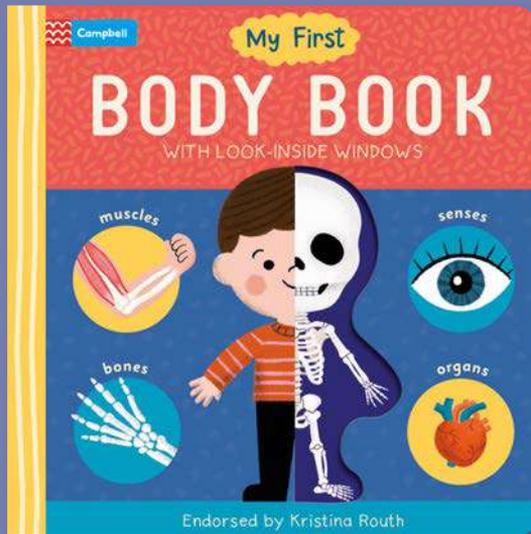


BODY BOOK



Illustrated by Yujin Shin

- Flip-flap acetate windows show little ones what is inside their body
- Children will find out about their bones, organs, senses and keeping healthy
- Packed with early STEAM learning for preschoolers



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My First



CLOCK BOOK

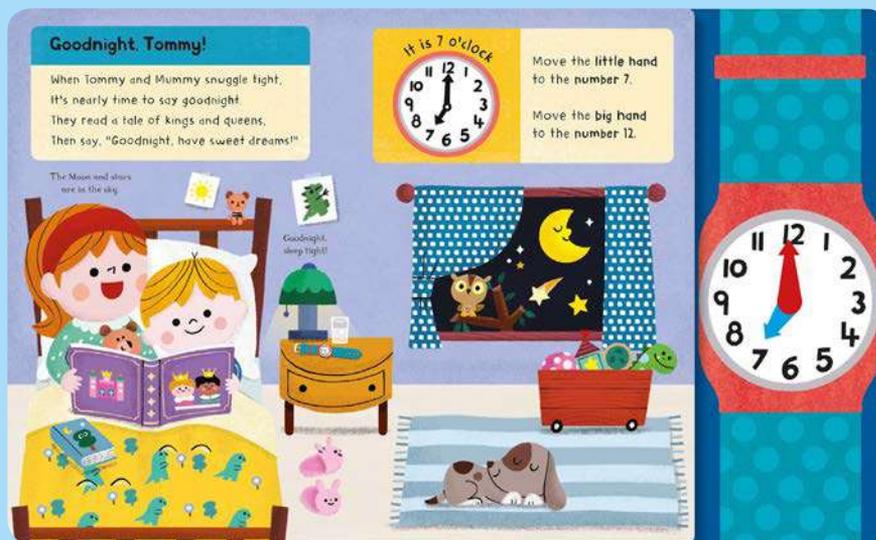
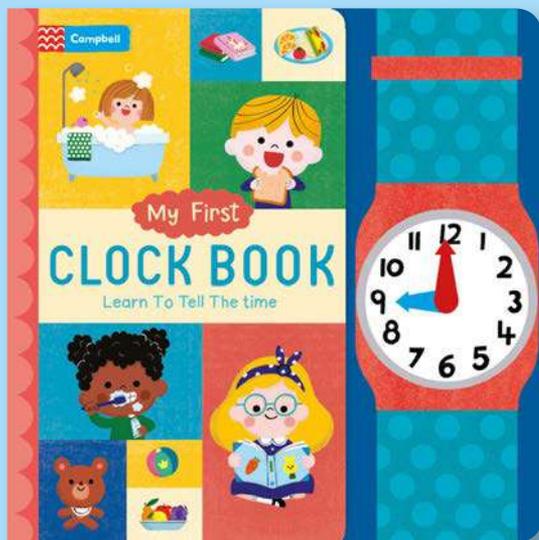


Best for early years

Illustrated by Yujin Shin

- Teaches the concept of time and how to use an analogue clock
- Chunky, clicking clock hands are easy for little ones to move
- With activities at the back of the book for more time-telling fun

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I LOVE OUR
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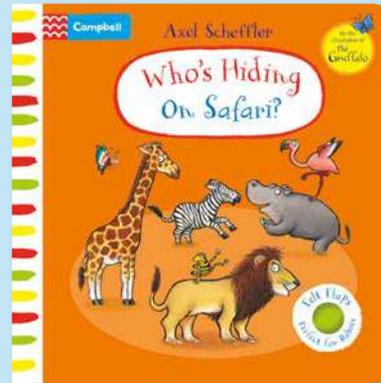
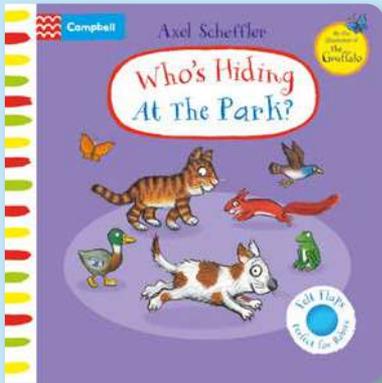
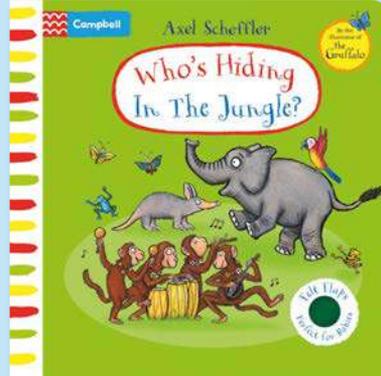
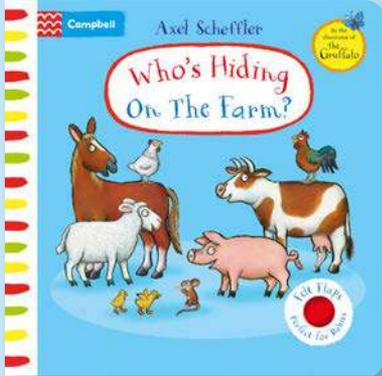
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Axel Scheffler



Best for babies



- Chunky board books with soft felt flaps
- Learn about first animals
- By the award-winning illustrator of *The Gruffalo*

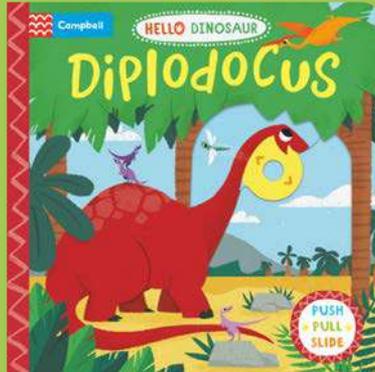
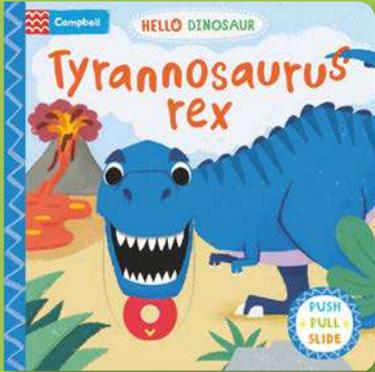
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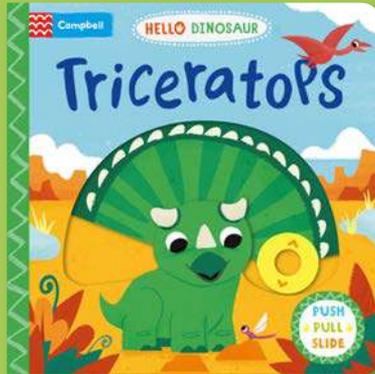
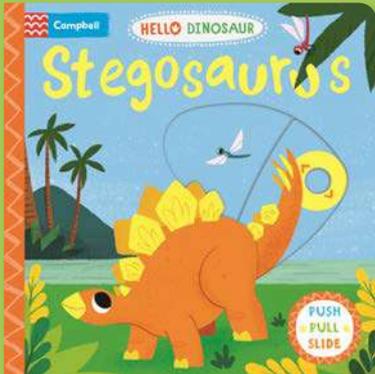
Best for toddlers



Illustrated by David Partington



- Entertaining series introducing dinosaurs – a perennially popular topic
- 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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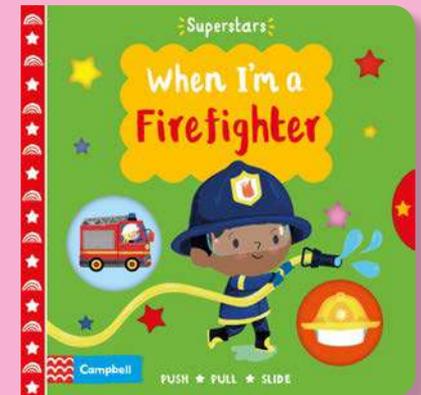
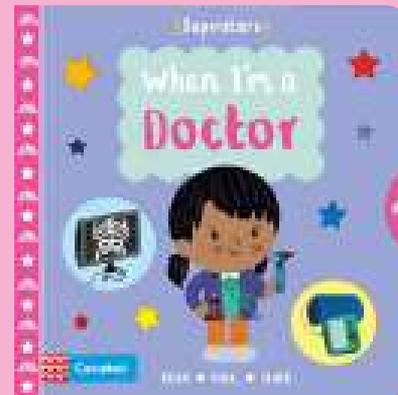
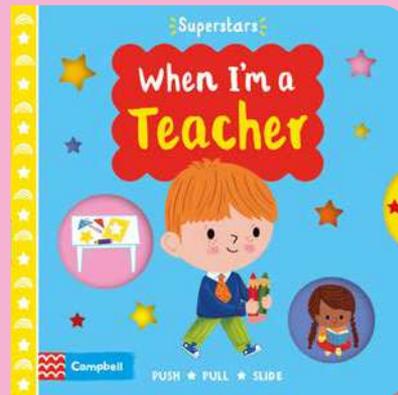
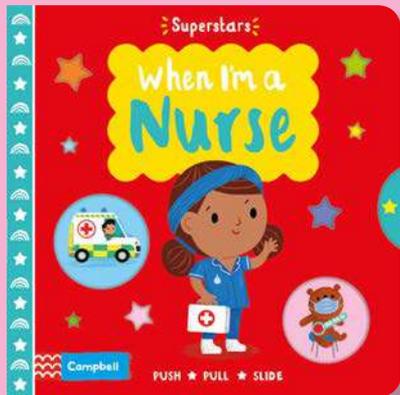
Superstars

Best for toddlers

Illustrated by Steph Hinton



- Bestselling push, pull and slide format
- A rhyming story to read together with plenty to spot and talk about
- Teaches toddlers about how people help us



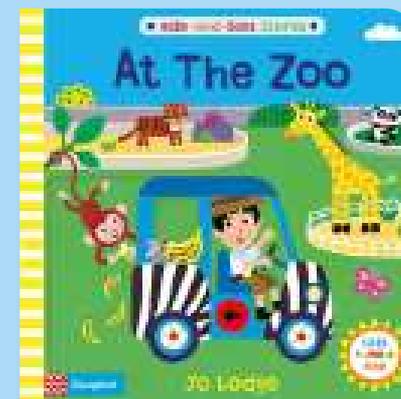
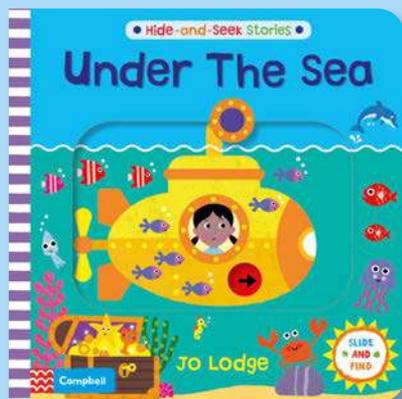
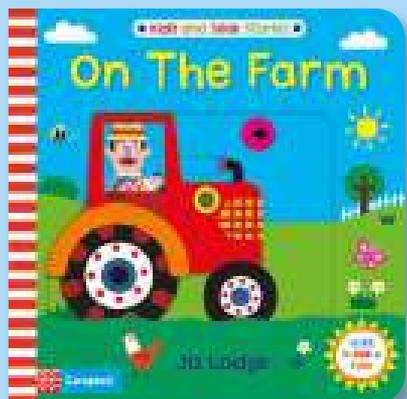
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● Hide-and-Seek Stories ●

Best for toddlers



Jo Lodge



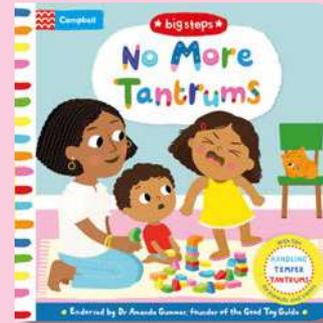
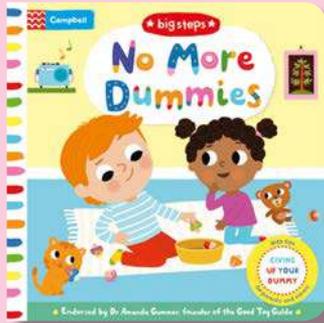
- New series from award-winning illustrator with stunning two-way mechanisms
- Hide-and-seek is a favourite toddler game
- Humorous stories will entertain little ones



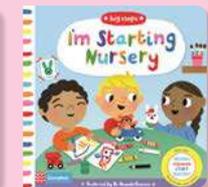
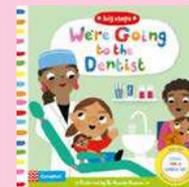
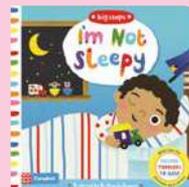
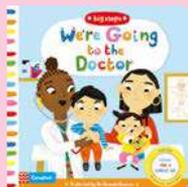


Illustrated by Marie Kyprianou and Marion Cocklico

- New titles in this bestselling series, with flaps and a wheel
- A simple story guides little ones through their first milestones
- With helpful parenting tips from Early Years expert Dr Amanda Gummer



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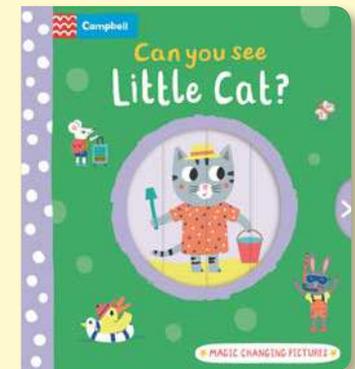
Can you see?

Best for preschool

Illustrated by Émilie Lapeyre



- Delightful search-and-find series
- Busy story scenes with lots to spot
- Picture magically changes on each page
- Packed with early learning

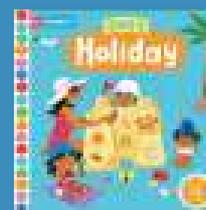
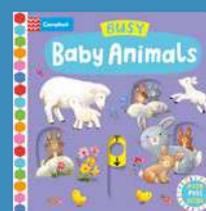
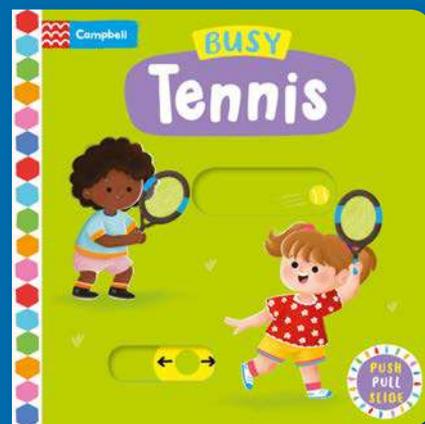
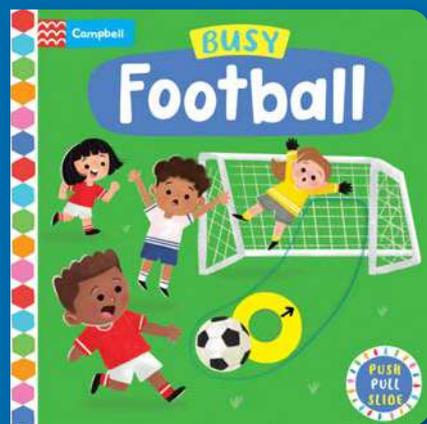


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BUSY
Books

Best for toddlers

Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska, Jayri Gómez, Leesh Li, Louise Forshaw and Sebastien Braun



- Publishing to tie-in with World Cup 2022 and Wimbledon 2023
- 12 famous sporting heroes in each book

- New and refreshed titles in bestselling push, pull and slide series
- Large backlist available
- Over 4 million copies sold in 27 languages

BEN NEWMAN

MY FIRST BOOK OF EVERYTHING

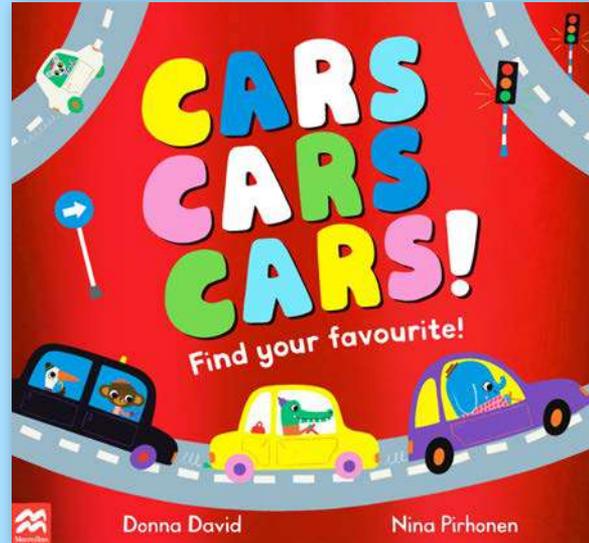
A stylish twist on a First Words book that introduces big concepts to little ones – packed full of interesting things for curious preschoolers!

- Strengthens vocabulary and encourages word recognition, with big flaps to lift and lots of early learning features and benefits
- Super-stylish grid layout and striking, colourful illustrations give little ones an intro to Planet Earth, space, the human body, the animal kingdom and much more
- From Ben Newman, bestselling illustrator of the Professor Astro Cat series and author of *Snip Snap* and *Rumble Tumble*

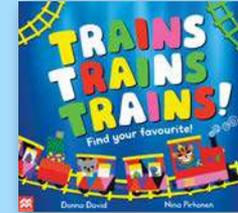


CARS CARS CARS!

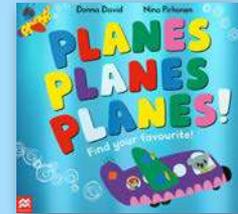
Ready, steady, go! Race off on a rhyming preschool adventure, with 50 cars to follow and count.



Also in this series:



Coming soon . . .



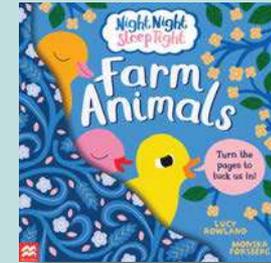
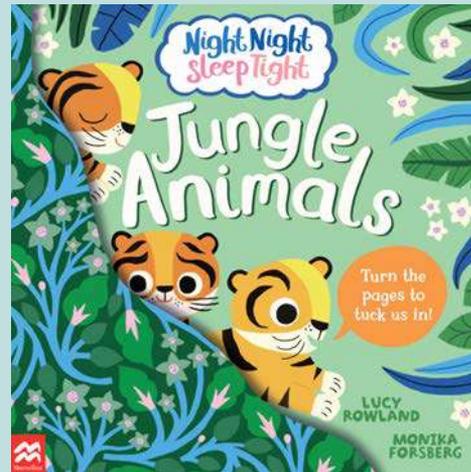
DRAFT COVER

- The second in a new collectable vehicles series from rising picture book star Donna David and acclaimed Finnish illustrator Nina Pirhonen
- Specially developed to aid pre-reading skills, and perfect for reading together
- Busy, bright and colourful illustrations are packed with things to spot, plus a special fold-out race at the end!



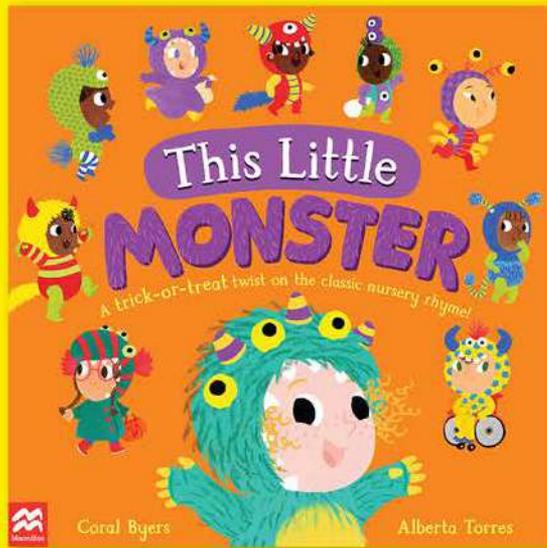
Night Night
Sleep Tight

Jungle Animals



Put the sleepy baby jungle animals to bed in this soothing, dreamlike rhyming picture book, perfect for a calm and hassle-free bedtime.

- ✿ Simple, calming and engaging rhyming text with a built-in counting element
- ✿ With helpful bedtime tips at the back of the book, plus advice on reading together for parents and carers
- ✿ From acclaimed picture book author Lucy Rowland, writer of *Dracula Spectacular!*, and celebrated illustrator and pattern designer Monika Forsberg



This Little MONSTER

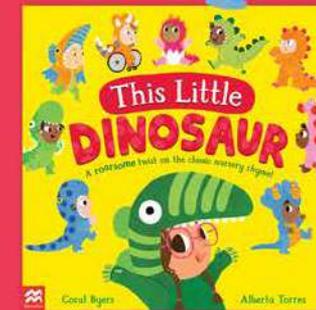


Count and explore with ten dressed-up little monsters on a trick-or-treat adventure!

- The second title in an exciting new preschool series based on the hugely popular nursery rhyme *This Little Piggy*
- Builds in counting and fingerplay along with simple search-and-find elements, all contributing to early years development and perfect for reading together
- Bright, engaging illustrations support a simple, bouncy narrative, with a gatefold surprise at the end



Also in
this series:



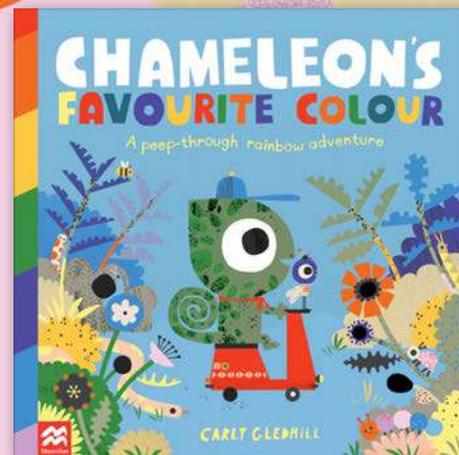
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This Little UNICORN

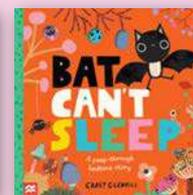


CHAMELEON'S FAVOURITE COLOUR

Follow Chameleon on his colourful adventure in this stunning peep-through preschool story.



Also in this series:



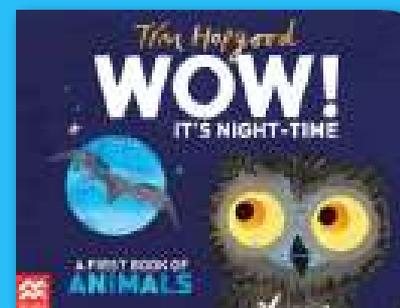
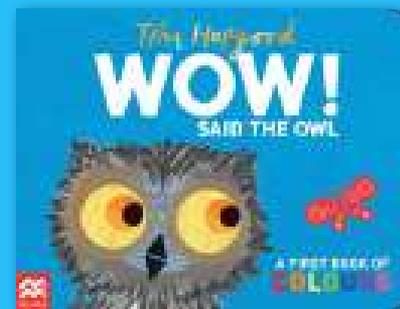
- ✿ A fun read-aloud story with a riot of colour that builds into a spectacular rainbow ending!
- ✿ With shaped pages plus die-cut holes, loads to spot, and striking, stylish illustrations
- ✿ Clear preschool hooks encouraging learning through play – teaching colour and pattern recognition, weather, and decision-making
- ✿ From the acclaimed creator of *Frog Goes on Holiday* and *Bat Can't Sleep*

WOW! & WOW!

SAID THE OWL IT'S NIGHT-TIME

Everyone's favourite little owl is back in these redesigned preschool favourites.

- ★ Simple and relatable stories that are perfect for sharing together
- ★ Concepts of colours and counting woven in to support early learning
- ★ Beautifully written and illustrated by the award-winning Tim Hopgood



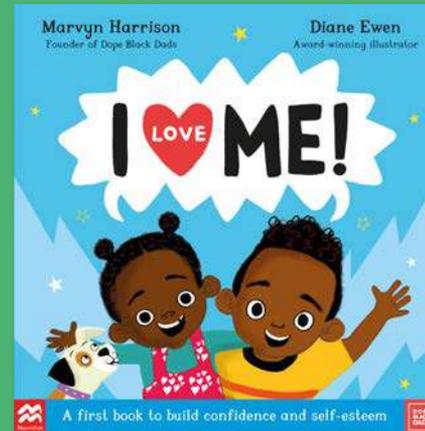
Marvyn Harrison & Diane Ewen



I LOVE ME!

A first book of positive affirmations – perfect for building confidence and self-esteem in very young children.

- Marvyn Harrison is founder of social media platform Dope Black Dads and is an award-winning influencer
- The benefits of affirmations for children have been widely discussed – from academic studies to parenting forums
- Full of vibrant illustrations and gentle early learning – plus tips for carers and a fold-out surprise!



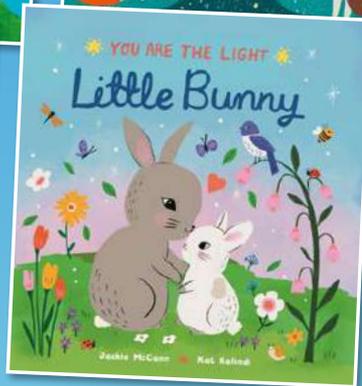
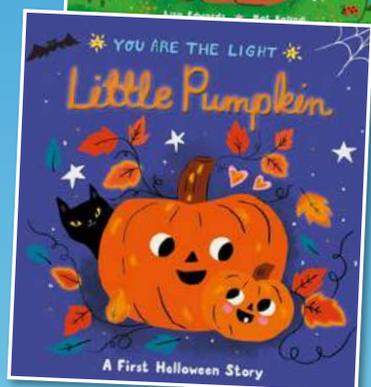
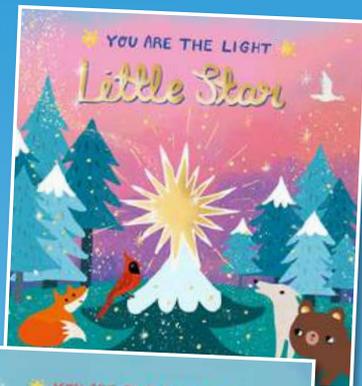
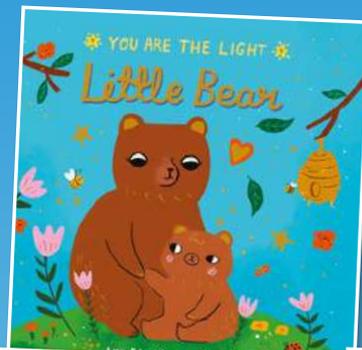
☀️ YOU ARE THE LIGHT ☀️

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Lisa Edwards

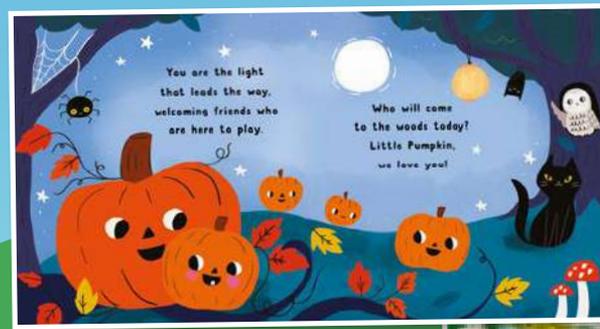
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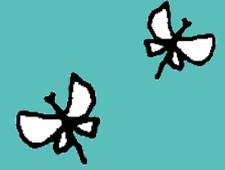
Over
80,000
copies
sold!



- A charming series that celebrates the timeless love between a parent and a child
- Ties in with key seasons and holidays: Easter, Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day
- Featuring gentle rhyming text and beautiful illustrations for parents and children to pore over together
- Glimmering foil on the cover and final spread captures little ones' attention and encourages them to explore the page



Brands and Heritage



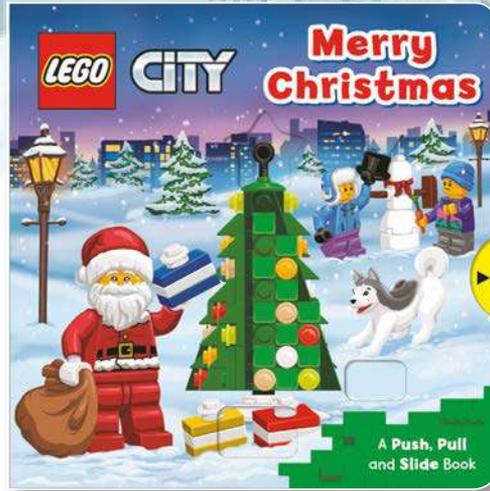
Chris Riddell brings us a wonderful new project with his illustrated edition of *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. A book that we all know so well, this is a passion project for Chris and his interpretation of this classic story combined with his stunning artwork makes this a beautiful book to treasure.

We are celebrating forty years of *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell this year, and have a new activity book to share with you, as well as his newest animal title *The Boo Zoo*. We also have an innovative new format for *The Gruffalo* with a new Read and Play version featuring the much-loved original classic story enhanced with lots of different interactive novelties to enjoy, putting young readers right in the centre of this favourite world.

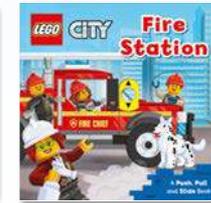
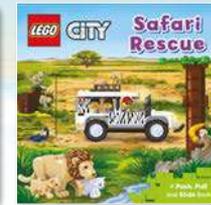
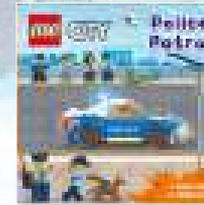
Our LEGO® City range goes from strength to strength and we now have five titles in this push, pull and slide series, including a new seasonal title for Christmas 2022 and more exciting themes to follow in 2023. We also continue to celebrate the brilliant Moomin ABC initiative that promotes literacy and a love of language, with the new *The Moomin 123* and *The Moomin ABC*.

Our own Macmillan heritage is celebrated with our newest collection: *Myths and Legends*, a magical book, which comes with a foreword by Sir Michael Morpurgo.





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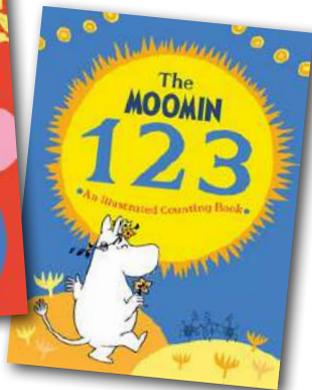
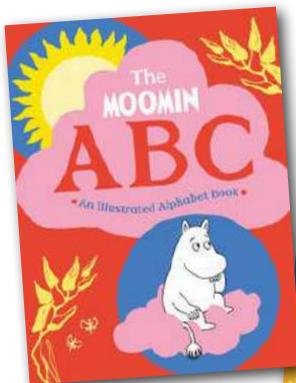


- A new festive title in partnership with AMEET Publishing
- Based on real LEGO® City building sets!
- With fun, rhyming text and mechanisms to push, pull and slide on every spread – perfect for the youngest fans
- The LEGO City. *Push, Pull and Slide* Books have sold in 10 languages



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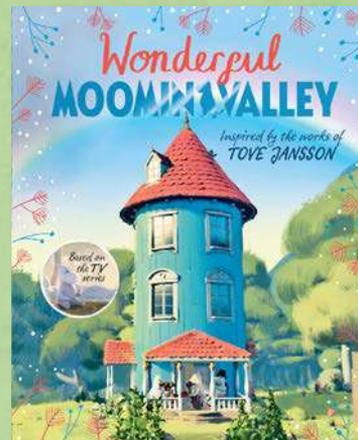




- A pair of stunning alphabet and counting gift books
- Uses Tove Jansson's classic artwork along with specially-created lettering from the Moomin design studio, presented in hardback with striking covers
- Part of Moomin ABC, a new long-running global initiative from Moomin Characters to promote literacy and love of language

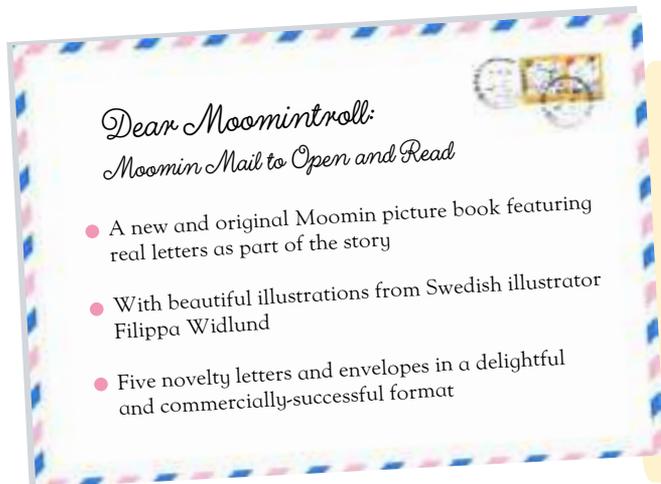
Wonderful MOOMIN VALLEY

- Book 4 of the collectable and hugely successful *Adventures in Moominvalley* series, now sold in 20 languages!
- A beautiful gift hardback with a foiled cover, introducing new stories and characters from season 3 of the animated series *Moominvalley*, now sold in over 40 territories



MOOMIN VALLEY Picture Books

- Picture books with original, fresh designs; a new strand of *Moominvalley* publishing
- Favourite episodes specially adapted for a core picture book audience, with new images from the award-winning animation series



- Dear Moomintroll:
Moomin Mail to Open and Read*
- A new and original Moomin picture book featuring real letters as part of the story
 - With beautiful illustrations from Swedish illustrator Filippa Widlund
 - Five novelty letters and envelopes in a delightful and commercially-successful format

M is for Moominmamma

A gorgeous small-format gift book celebrating the love, strength and wisdom of mothers everywhere



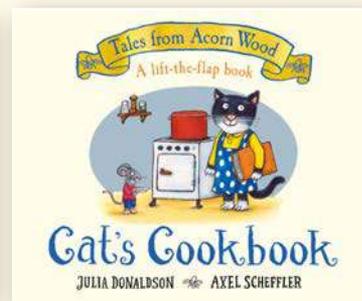
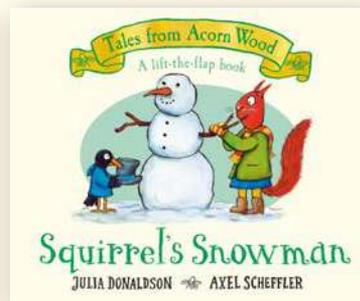
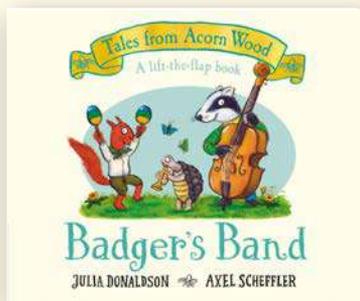
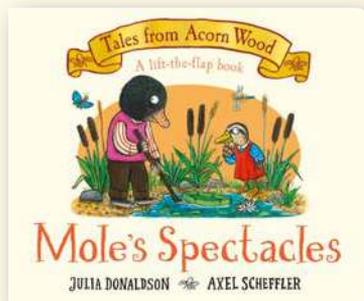
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Tales from Acorn Wood



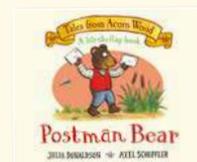
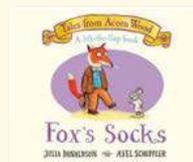
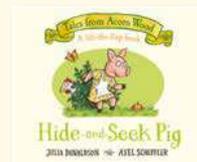
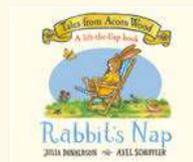
JULIA DONALDSON  AXEL SCHEFFLER

From the
creators of
THE
GRUFFALO

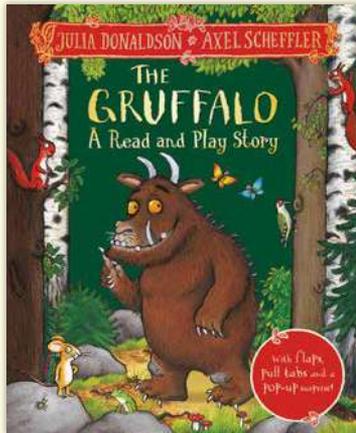


- Four new stories in this bestselling preschool lift-the-flap series, with 6 million books sold worldwide in 24 languages
- *Cat's Cookbook* and *Squirrel's Snowman* have combined sales of over 230,000 copies through UK TCM since publication in 2021, with both titles reaching number 1 in the preschool chart
- Fun rhyming stories that are a joy to read aloud, with warm and witty illustrations and a flap to lift on every spread

Also available:



JULIA DONALDSON * AXEL SCHEFFLER



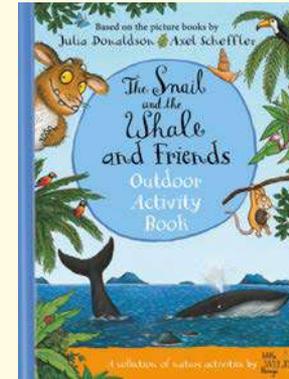
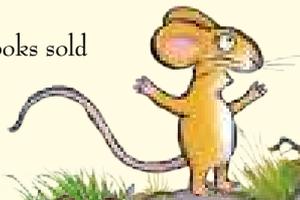
The Gruffalo: A Read and Play Story

- Includes the full, original story told over six spreads in a fun, multi-novelty gift edition
- With flaps to lift, tabs to pull and a pop-up surprise!
- Over 17 million Gruffalo books sold worldwide in 105 languages and dialects



It's the Gruffalo! A Finger Puppet Book

- An exciting new format in the My First Gruffalo range, with an integrated Mouse finger puppet that's perfect for little paws
- Includes questions and prompts to encourage an interactive reading experience



The Snail and the Whale and Friends Outdoor Activity Book

- Written by nature specialists, Little Wild Things, and based on four bestselling picture books by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- A fun-packed activity book with ideas for games, nature crafts and outdoor play

JULIA DONALDSON LYDIA MONKS

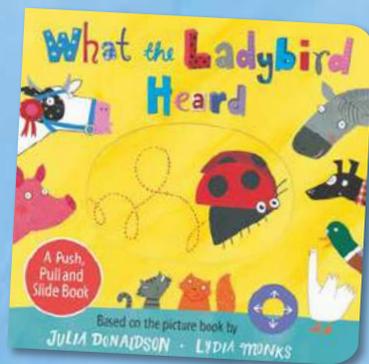


What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas

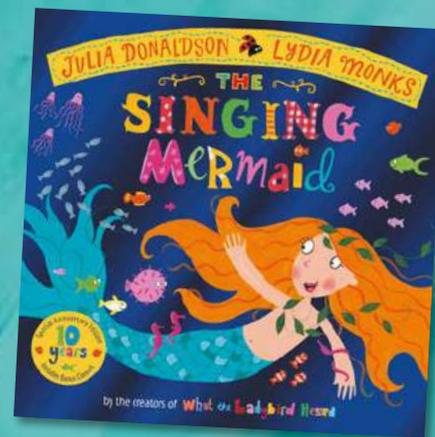
- ★ A fabulously funny, new adventure that's packed full of festive frolics!
- ★ From the Number One bestselling picture-book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks
- ★ The fifth title in the incredibly popular, award-winning series, which has sold over four million copies worldwide

What the Ladybird Heard: A Push, Pull and Slide Book

- ★ A fun, interactive board book, based on the bestselling picture book – with tabs to push, pull and slide on every spread
- ★ Julia Donaldson's push, pull and slide books have sold over 200,000 copies worldwide



The Singing Mermaid 10th Anniversary Edition



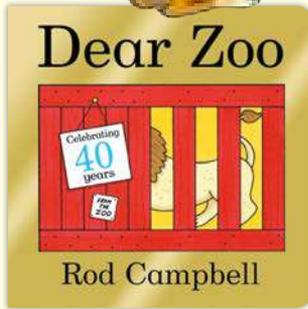
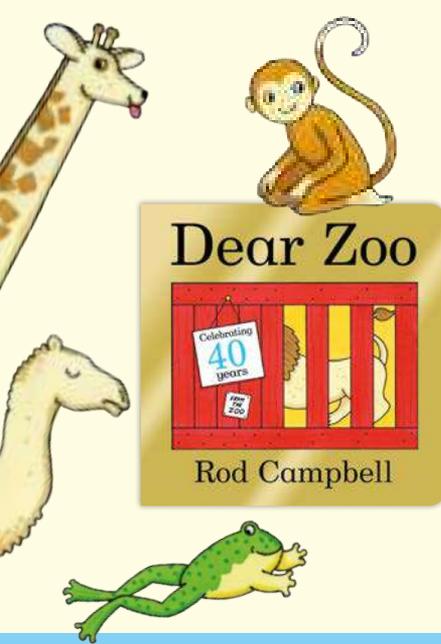
- ★ Anniversary edition of the bestselling picture book, which has sold over one million copies worldwide
- ★ With an eye-catching fully foiled cover design
- ★ Featuring never-before-seen bonus material from the author and illustrator

What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas - Format: 250mm x 250mm • Extent: 32pp • Pub Date: October 2022 • UK Retail Price: £12.99

Singing Mermaid 10th Anniversary - Format: 250mm x 250mm • Extent: 36pp • Pub Date: June 2022 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

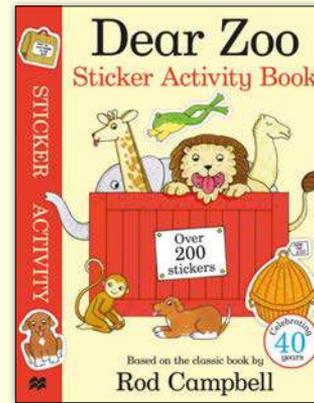
What the Ladybird Heard: A Push, Pull and Slide Book - Format: 180mm x 180mm • Extent: 10pp • Pub Date: July 2022 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

Rod Campbell



DEAR ZOO 40TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

- Celebrate 40 years of the bestselling lift-the-flap classic with a special anniversary edition of the story – featuring a fully foiled gold cover
- *Dear Zoo* has sold over 13 million copies worldwide in 31 languages

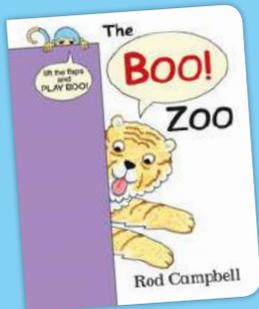


DEAR ZOO STICKER ACTIVITY BOOK

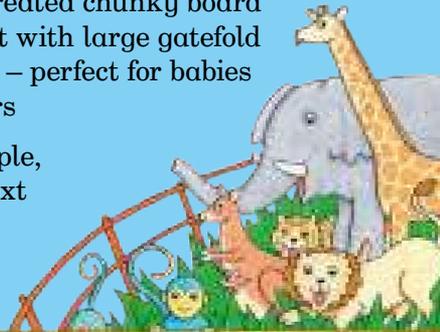
- A fun sticker activity book, specially designed for preschoolers, based on the lift-the-flap classic
- Packed full of activities, puzzles and games featuring all your favourite zoo animals – plus over 200 stickers

THE BOO ZOO

- A brand new peekaboo flap book featuring favourite zoo animals including an elephant, tiger and monkeys

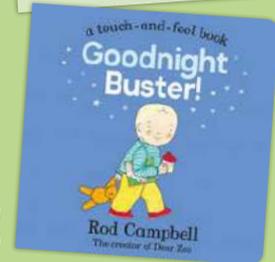
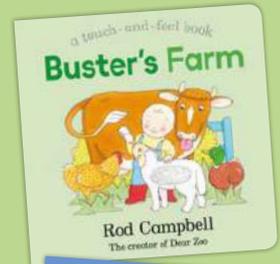


- Specially created chunky board book format with large gatefold flaps to lift – perfect for babies and toddlers
- With a simple, repeated text and bright, colourful artwork



BUSTER'S FARM and GOODNIGHT BUSTER

- Two narrative stories from the number one bestselling preschool author, Rod Campbell, reissued with fresh new cover designs
- Join Buster for a day on the farm and meet all your favourite farmyard animals in *Buster's Farm*, and help Buster get ready for bed and say goodnight in *Goodnight Buster*
- With touch and feel patches on every page – perfect for preschoolers



Dear Zoo 40th Anniversary Edition - Format: 170mm x 170mm • Extent: 14pp • Pub Date: January 2022 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

Dear Zoo Sticker Activity Book - Format: 305mm x 238mm • Extent: 24pp • Pub Date: May 2022 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

The Boo Zoo - Format: 190mm x 150mm • Extent: 18pp • Pub Date: May 2022 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

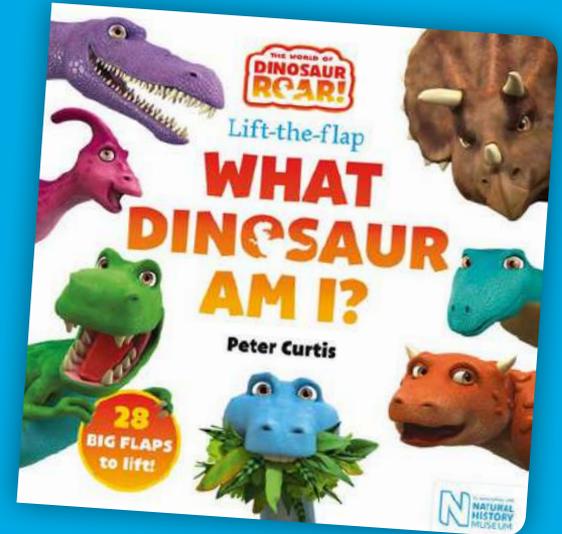
Buster's Farm and Goodnight Buster - Format: 170mm x 170mm • Extent: 16pp / 14pp • Pub Date: March 2022 / July 2022 • UK Retail Price: £6.99



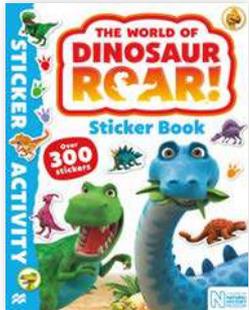
WHAT DINOSAUR AM I? A LIFT-THE-FLAP BOOK

Peter Curtis

- ✦ A brand-new non-fiction book with big flaps to lift on every page
- ✦ Perfect for young dinosaur fans, this book is packed simple dinosaur facts and pronunciation guides



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**The World of Dinosaur Roar!™
created by Peter Curtis**

Based on *Dinosaur Roar!* by Paul Stickland and Henrietta Stickland

HAVE YOU READ THEM ALL?

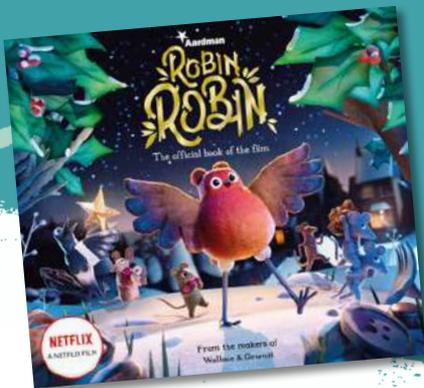
- ✦ 1 million copies of *Dinosaur Roar!* and *The World of Dinosaur Roar!* books sold worldwide
- ✦ In association with the Natural History Museum in London
- ✦ *The World of Dinosaur Roar!* featured in UK World Book Day, 2022





ROBIN ROBIN

Robin Robin: The Official Book of the Film



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Robin Robin: A Push, Pull & Slide Book

- A festive and fun interactive preschool book based on the hit animation
- Push, pull and slide the moving mechanisms to follow Robin on her Christmas adventure!
- Extending the brand to preschool readers with a tried-and-tested bestselling format – over 4 million copies sold worldwide
- Publishing for the festive season to tie in with animation TX and new brand activity

- A full-colour picture book retelling of the handcrafted stop-motion animation, released in 2021 and destined to become a festive classic
- Streaming worldwide now, *Robin Robin* is the collaboration between Aardman, the animation studio behind *Wallace & Gromit* and *Shaun the Sheep*, and Netflix, who have over 158 million subscribers in 190 countries

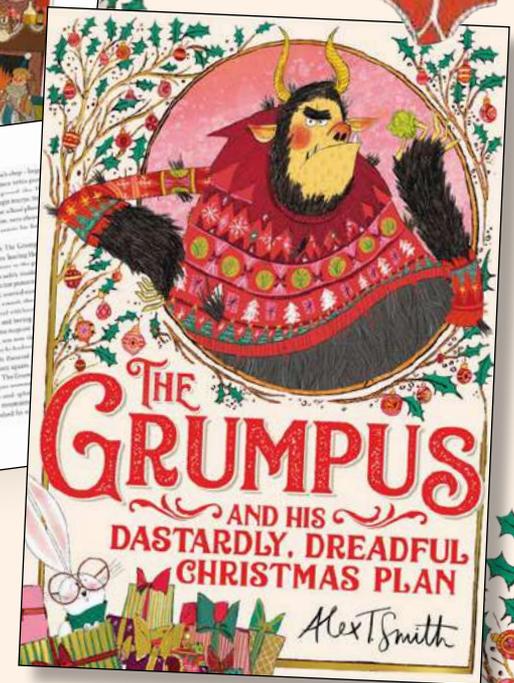
Illustrated picture book also available from
TWO HOOTS



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's wicked plan, and how his adventure to the North Pole didn't turn out to be at all as he planned . . .

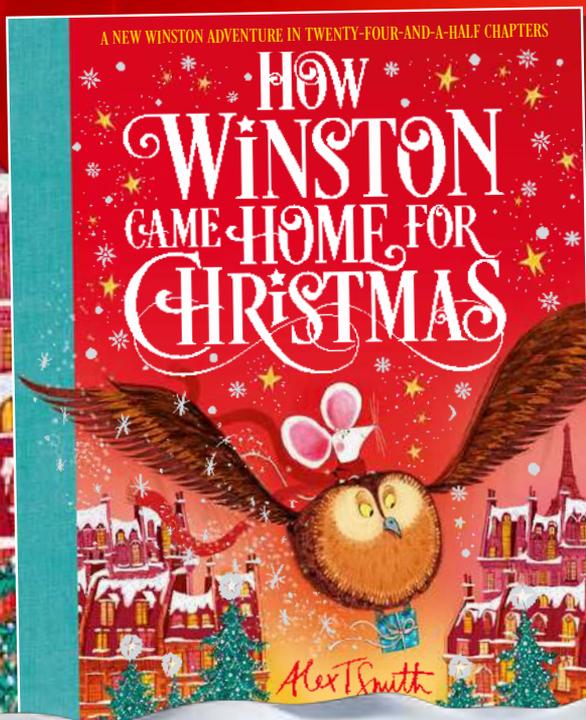
- *The Grumpus* is a new festive adventure about friendship, family and the true meaning of Christmas
- Alex T. Smith is the bestselling author of the Claude and Mr Penguin series, and is fast establishing himself as one of the most exciting festive children's authors around



HOW WINSTON CAME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Alex T. Smith

From the creator of *How Winston Delivered Christmas*,
Claude and Mr Penguin, come two new illustrated Christmas adventures!



Join Winston the mouse as he sets out on another irresistible Christmas adventure! It is five days until Christmas and Winston has a Very Curious Mystery to solve, so he sets out on an exciting round-the-world adventure to find a missing mouse, helped along the way by wonderful old friends and delightful new ones, too.

- ★ The eagerly awaited sequel to *How Winston Delivered Christmas*, which has already established itself as a Christmas classic that families return to year after year
- ★ Being made into an animated film by Kelebek Media, with Rob Minkoff (*The Lion King*, *Stuart Little*) on board to direct
- ★ Told in 24-and-a-half-chapters, this is the perfect story to enjoy in the lead up to Christmas, and each chapter has its very own festive activity for the family to make-and-do-together



The Little Prince

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry ★ Chris Riddell



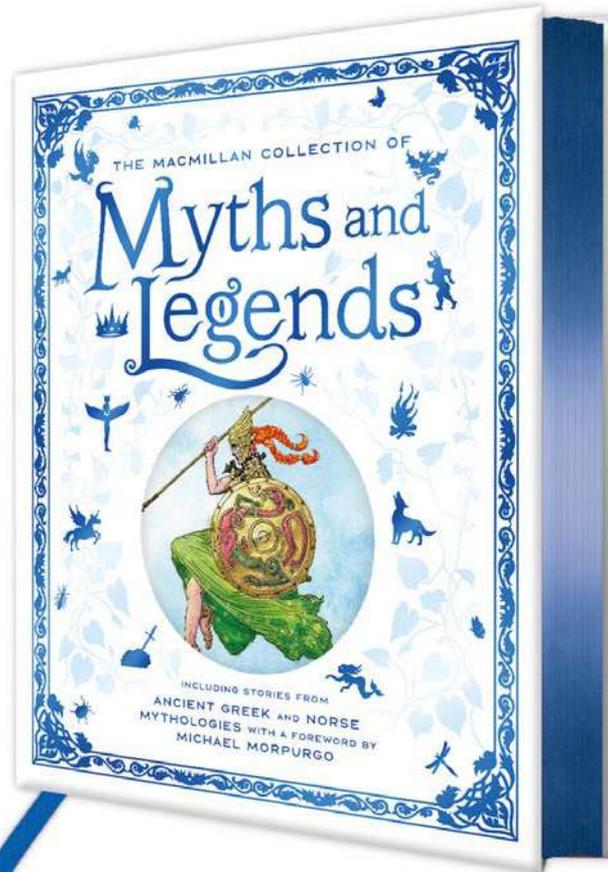
A stunning new gift edition of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's beloved classic story, illustrated by the bestselling and critically acclaimed former Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell

- *The Little Prince* is one of the best-selling and most translated books ever published, with its various editions having sold over 140 million copies worldwide, and translated into over 300 languages and dialects
- With a foiled jacket, head and tail bands, ribbon marker and full colour illustrations throughout, this beautiful gift edition is for all the family to share and treasure



THE MACMILLAN COLLECTION OF MYTHS AND LEGENDS

- A stunning gift treasury, drawing on Macmillan's unique historical archive
- Contains over forty myths and legends from around the world, with favourites from Greek and Norse mythologies alongside lesser-known stories
- Fully illustrated with colour and line-work images from iconic Golden Age artists, such as Arthur Rackham, Walter Crane and Warwick Goble
- With a foreword by Michael Morpurgo
- Beautifully produced with a foiled die-cut cover, ribbon marker and sprayed edges



ALSO
AVAILABLE



Picture Books

We are really excited to be introducing a brilliant new picture book partnership to you in this guide. *Where Has All the Cake Gone?*, written by Andrew Sanders and illustrated by Aysha Awwad, is the funniest story for this age group you will read this season. Packed with unexpected penguins and a little boy with a big imagination, this is a story for anyone who can't say no to that extra slice of cake!

Diane Ewen brings us some spectacularly spooky Halloween illustrations in the hilarious *There Was a Young Zombie Who Swallowed a Worm*, written by Kaye Baillie. Diane's friendly, characterful illustrations go perfectly with this crowd-pleaser of a text.

A new series of picture books based on true animal stories is another highlight and they are guaranteed to warm every reader's heart. The first book, *The Owl Who Came for Christmas* by John Hay, illustrated by Garry Parsons, tells the story of how a little owl became an unexpected decoration in a family's Christmas tree and added something special to their festive season.





Andy Sanders Aysha Awwad

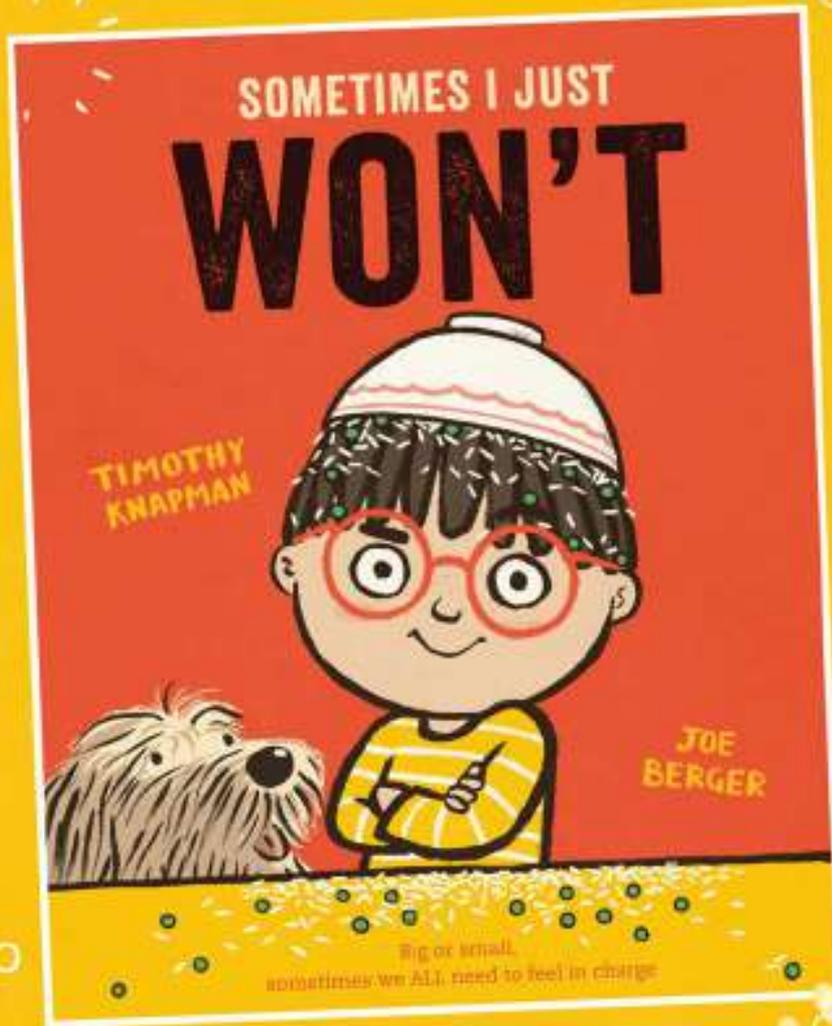
WHERE HAS ALL THE CAKE GONE?



A laugh-out-loud, cake-filled caper!

The *almost* unbelievable story of a missing cake, LOTS of hungry penguins and a crumb-covered little boy, who swears he's telling the truth . . . but is he?

- Hilarious and original debut picture book from sensational new partnership
- In celebration of children with lively imaginations - and their long-suffering parents!
- Perfect for anyone who can't resist a slice of cake . . .



SOMETIMES I JUST WON'T

TIMOTHY KNAPMAN AND JOE BERGER

Because big or small,
sometimes we ALL
need to feel in charge



- Children will love the bold, graphic illustrations and recognise their own emotions
- A fiercely funny look at toddler defiance, with practical parenting advice woven in – the perfect way to discuss feelings with small children
- A second book on child emotions from the bestselling team behind *Sometimes I am Furious*



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LANGUAGES
SOLD

MARTA ALTÉS

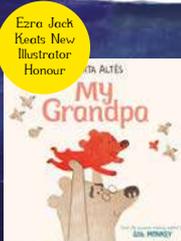
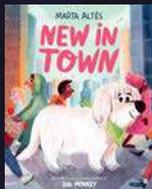
IT WASN'T ME!

Meet two friends, living happily and alone on a small island.
Everything is shared and everything feels perfect.
That is until things start to go missing . . .

- Hotly anticipated new title from two-time CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal nominee and BookTrust Time to Read favourite, Marta Altés, whose work has been translated into over 31 languages in over 60 foreign language deals.
- A funny and thoughtful book about friendship and forgiveness and a joyful reminder of the important things in life.
- Children will love spotting the real culprit on every page!



Also available



Lucinda Riley and Harry Whittaker

Illustrated by Jane Ray

ROSIE and the FRIENDSHIP ANGEL

Because somewhere, an angel is listening . . .

- ★ The third book in the Guardian Angels series by international bestseller Lucinda Riley and her son Harry Whittaker, about embracing the new and finding friendship, with the help of a Guardian Angel
- ★ Each book in the series addresses an anxiety, worry or problem that a small child may have – and how this is resolved with the help of a Guardian Angel
- ★ Spectacularly brought to life by award-winning illustrator, Jane Ray
- ★ Publishing in a beautiful gift-edition hardback featuring a stunning angel ribbon marker

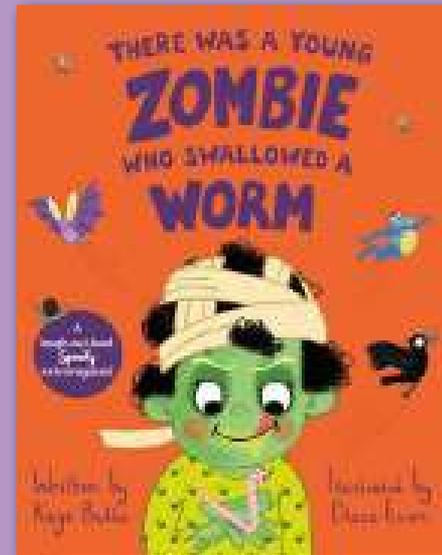
Also available:



THERE WAS A YOUNG ZOMBIE WHO SWALLOWED A WORM

A
laugh-out-loud,
Spooky
extravaganza!

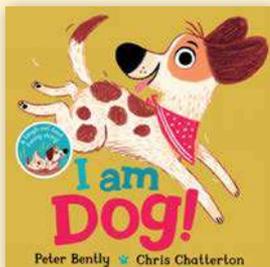
- ★ A surefire Halloween hit, packed with all the spooky creatures you could possibly wish for, from witches and ghosts to toads and bats. And zombies, of course . . .
- ★ A hilarious Macmillan debut for up-and-coming author Kaye Baillie, illustrated by bestselling Diane Ewen
- ★ Watch out for the second book in the series: *There Was a Young Reindeer Who Swallowed a Present* (Christmas 2023)



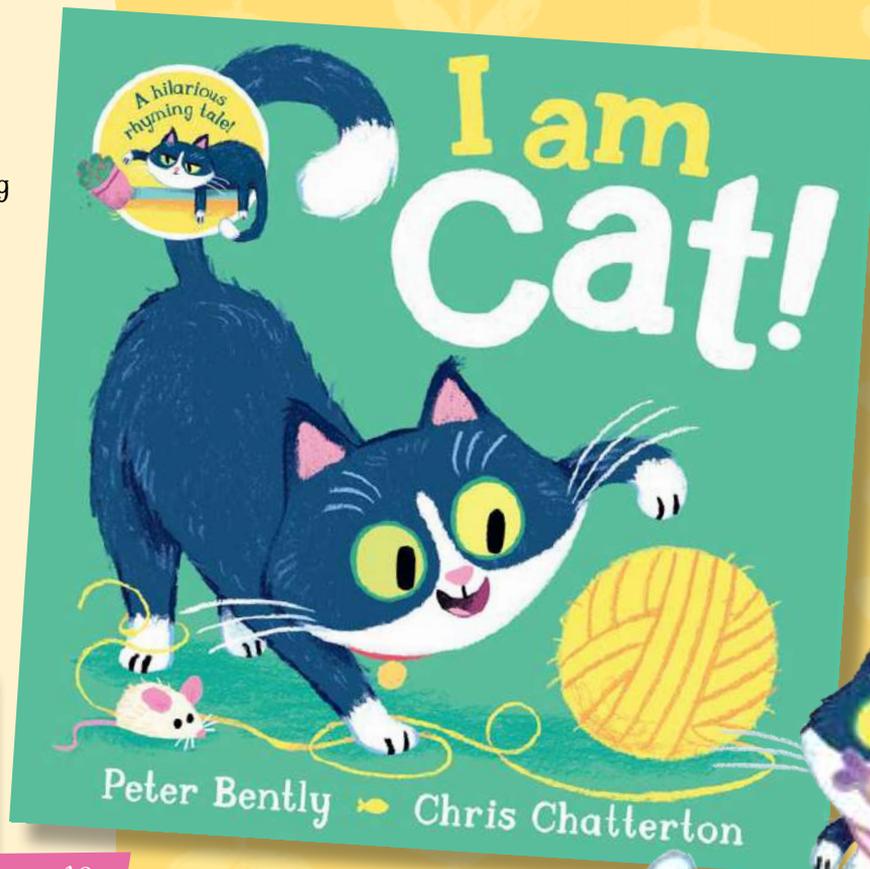
Peter Bently Chris Chatterton

-  A laugh-out-loud funny picture book
-  Created by the award-winning Peter Bently and the best-selling Chris Chatterton – star illustrator of the *Ten Minutes to Bed* series, with UK sales of over half a million copies
-  A unique stand-out concept: a day in the life of a cat, told from the cat's point of view
-  Will appeal to cat lovers of all ages

Also available



Sold in 12 languages!

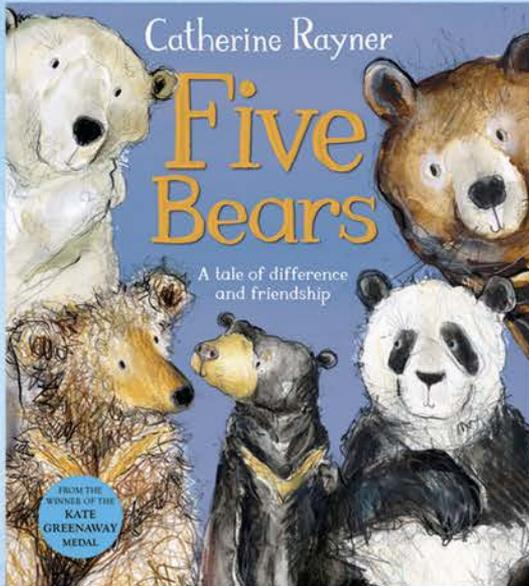


Catherine Rayner

Five Bears

A gorgeous, big-hearted book about difference and friendship

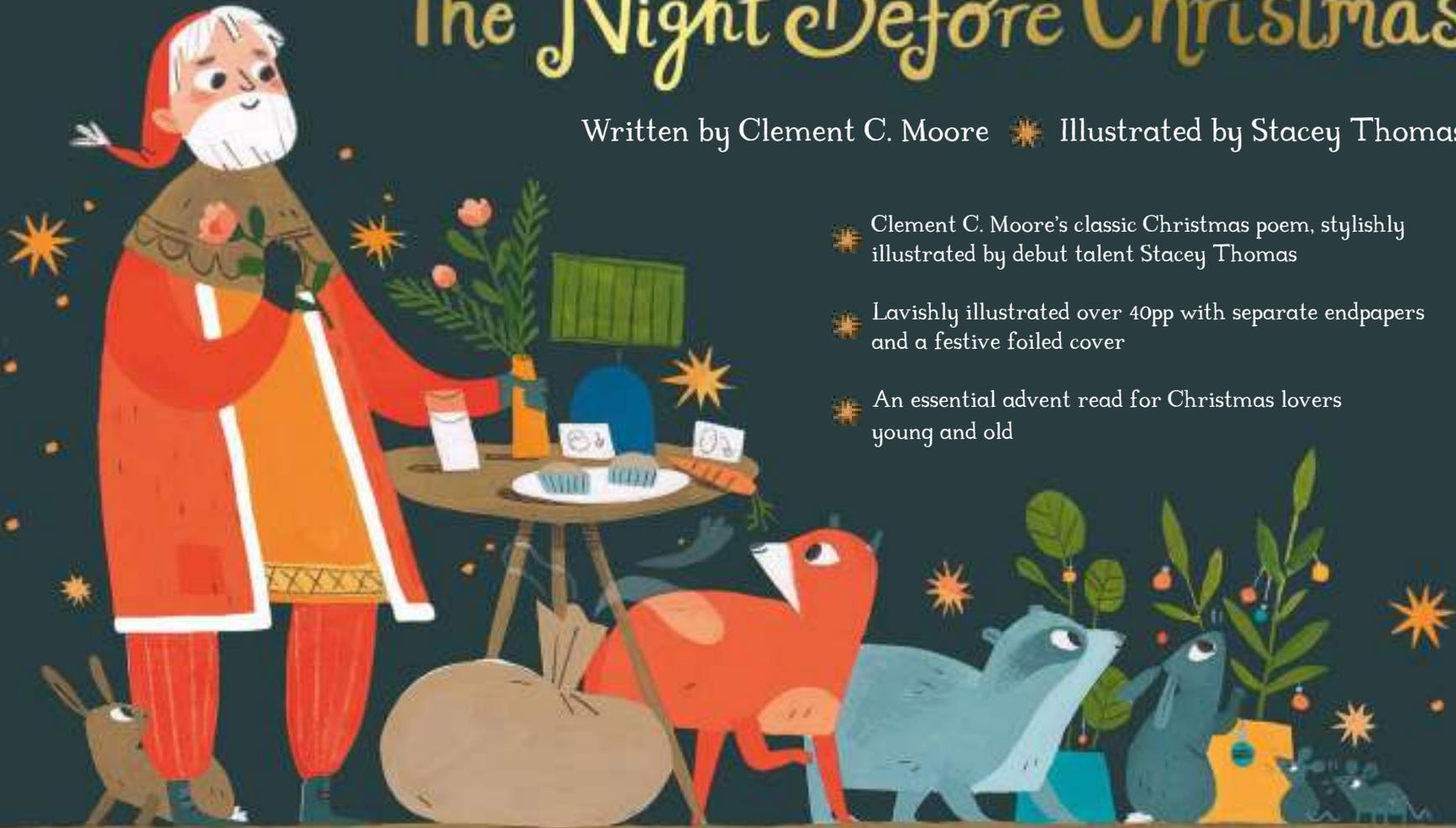
- ✿ Written and illustrated by Catherine Rayner – winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal
- ✿ Featuring five bear species from around the globe, and with a positive message about acceptance and being open-minded
- ✿ Catherine Rayner's picture books have sold over half a million copies worldwide



The Night Before Christmas

Written by Clement C. Moore ✨ Illustrated by Stacey Thomas

- ✨ Clement C. Moore's classic Christmas poem, stylishly illustrated by debut talent Stacey Thomas
- ✨ Lavishly illustrated over 40pp with separate endpapers and a festive foiled cover
- ✨ An essential advent read for Christmas lovers young and old



John Hay ★ Garry Parsons

The Owl Who Came for Christmas



- ★ The first of four books in a new series, inspired by amazing true animal stories
- ★ Artwork by Garry Parsons, illustrator of the bestselling Dinosaur That Pooped series, with over a million copies sold
- ★ The ideal Christmas gift for young animal lovers, it includes a non-fiction spread about the real owl behind the story



Once Upon a Fairytale

Natalia and Lauren O'Hara



**An enchanting 'choose your own story' fairytale adventure -
hundreds of different stories in one book!**

-  From the inimitable O'Hara sisters, creators of *The Bandit Queen*, *Hortense and the Shadow* and the illustrator of bestselling *Madame Badobedah*
-  A simple, easy-to-follow structure means young children can weave a satisfying fairytale of their own making
-  Empowering children to tell their own story and build confidence in their own ideas



TWO HOOTS

We continue to publish exceptional illustrated books for all ages, and in this guide we are proud to welcome to Two Hoots both the award-winning Emily Sutton, with her beautiful *Royal Animals*, written by Julia Golding, and a host of new writing and illustrating talent in our collection of stories celebrating Black voices, *Joyful, Joyful*, curated by Dapo Adeola.



Morag Hood's first picture book was launched by Two Hoots in 2016. Since then she has become a highly acclaimed and prize-winning author/illustrator. *Dig Dig Digger* is her ninth picture storybook and is full of her trademark bright bold colours and deft humour.

Kate Read's *One Fox* has won many awards around the world and we are delighted to present her latest picture book, *Big Bad Bug*. This funny story of life among the minibeast is bursting with gorgeously rich and detailed illustrations.

Alongside these more recently established names, we have wonderful new books from familiar talents Julia Donaldson, Emily Gravett and David Roberts, each continuing to push boundaries in ways that perfectly embody the ambition of Two Hoots.





COLOURS, COLOURS EVERYWHERE

Julia Donaldson • Sharon King-Chai

- From an award-winning team
- Full of intricately-shaped flaps and die-cut holes
- An exciting story featuring a girl, a frog, and a hot air balloon AND a brilliantly clever book about colours

SHORTLISTED
FOR THE
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WINNER
BEST PICTURE
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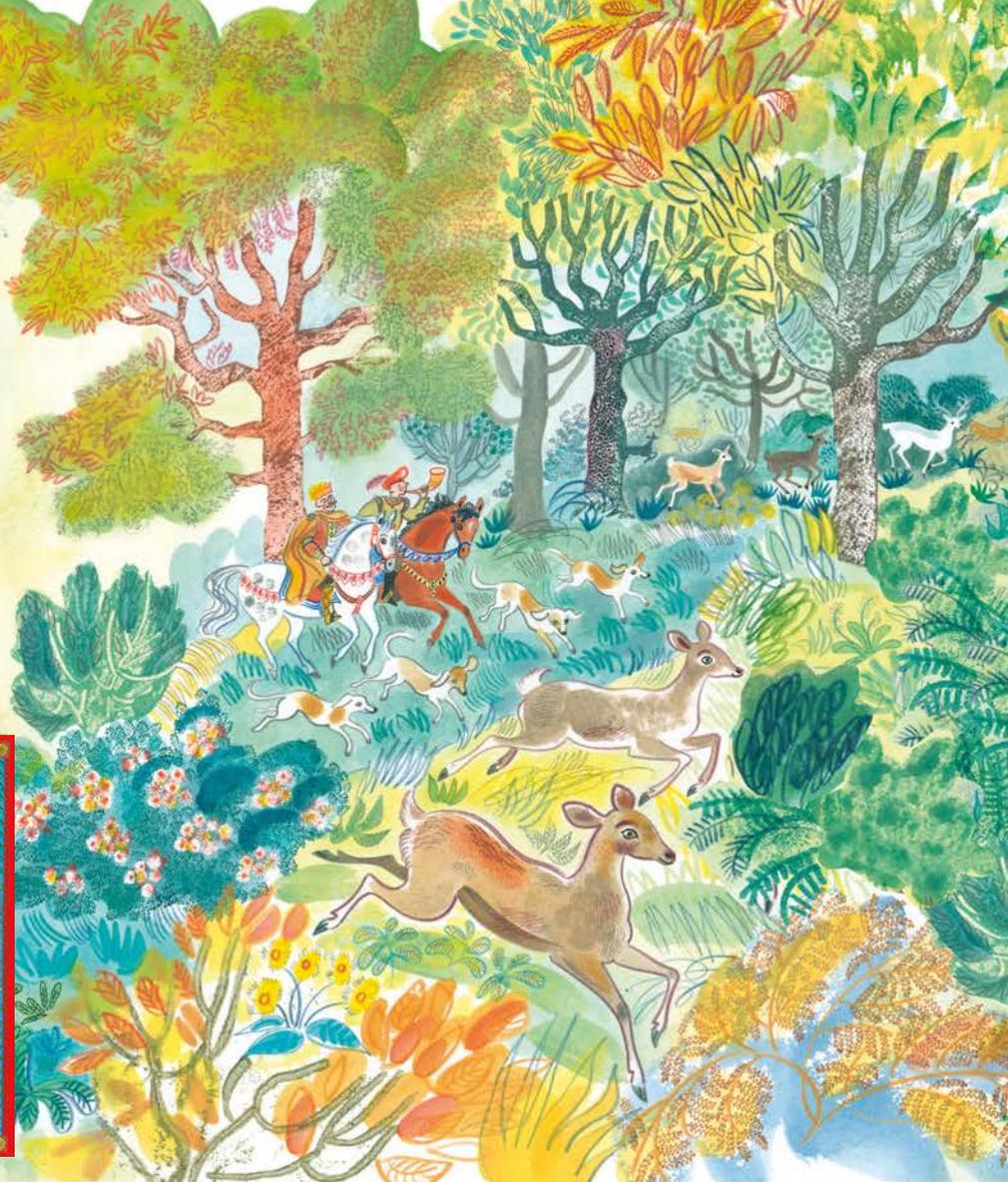
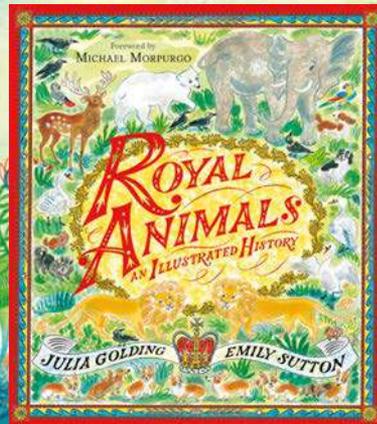


Royal Animals

An Illustrated History

Julia Golding • Emily Sutton

- Full of astounding facts and fantastic true stories about animals once owned by the British royal family including parrots, elephants, giraffes, bears, leopards and, of course, corgis
- Written by the author of *The Queen's Wardrobe*, with luscious artwork by the award-winning Emily Sutton



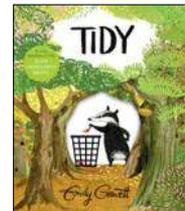
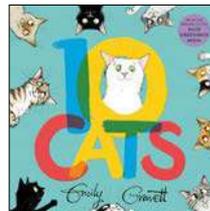
10 Dogs

Emily Gravett

EMILY
GRAVETT'S
AWARDS &
ACCOLADES

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

- New from the exceptionally talented, multi-award-winning Emily Gravett
- A playful counting book including some simple mathematical concepts
- Full of gorgeous dogs, this makes the perfect companion to *10 Cats*



BIG BAD BUG

Kate Read

- A beautiful, richly illustrated story from a brilliant award-winner
- Features a bullying bug, a friendly caterpillar and host of other minibeasts
- Young children will love entering the world of these tiny creatures

ONE FOX'S AWARDS & ACCOLADES

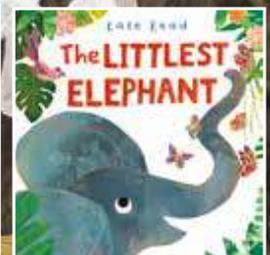
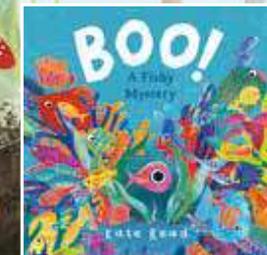
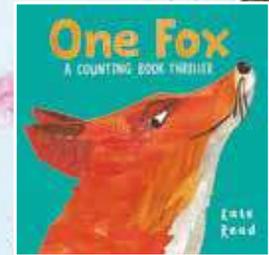
US: won Ezra Jack Keats Honor Award and Mathical Book Prize, a finalist in the Cybil Awards, USBBY Outstanding International Books list, highly commended for Charlotte Zolotow Award
Netherlands: won Leespluim Award

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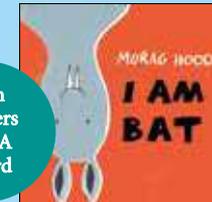
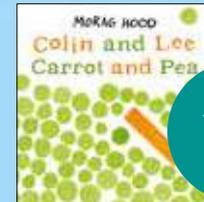
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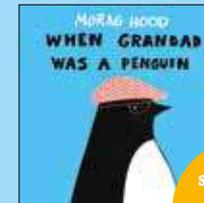
DIG DIG DIGGER

MORAG HOOD

- Bestselling author-illustrator
- Bright colours, a simple yet witty story
- Perfect for all young children who will love following Digger's adventure

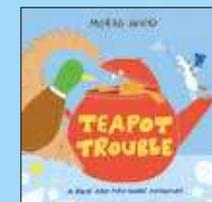
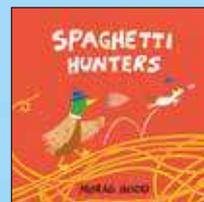
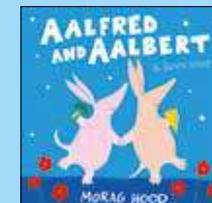
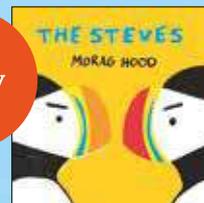


Both winners UKLA Award



Both shortlisted Scottish Booktrust Bookbug Prize

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STORIES CELEBRATING BLACK VOICES

CURATED BY DAPO ADEOLA

FOREWORD BY PATRICE LAWRENCE

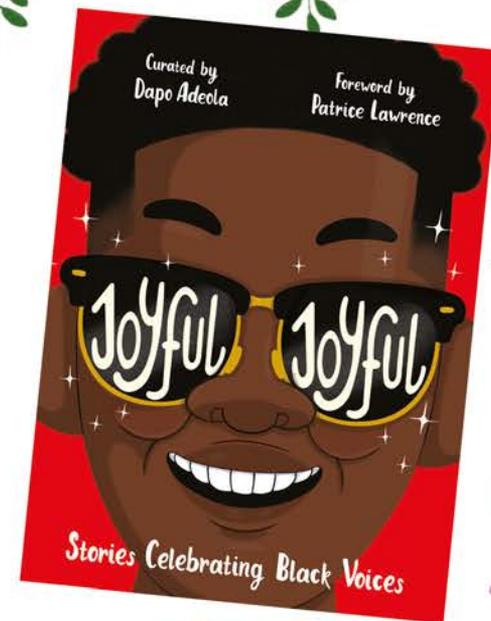
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY

OVER 40 TALENTED BLACK CREATORS

A stunning, colour-illustrated collection of stories and poems for 11+ celebrating joy, by Black artists and writers from across the world – including the UK, US, Uganda, South Africa, Nigeria and the Netherlands

Curated and co-edited by Dapo Adeola, BookTrust Illustrator in Residence and winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for *Look Up!* written by Nathan Bryon

Contributors include Malorie Blackman, Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé, Camryn Garrett, Zaire Krieger, Koleka Putuma, Ojima Abalaka, Michael Kennedy and Tracey Baptiste

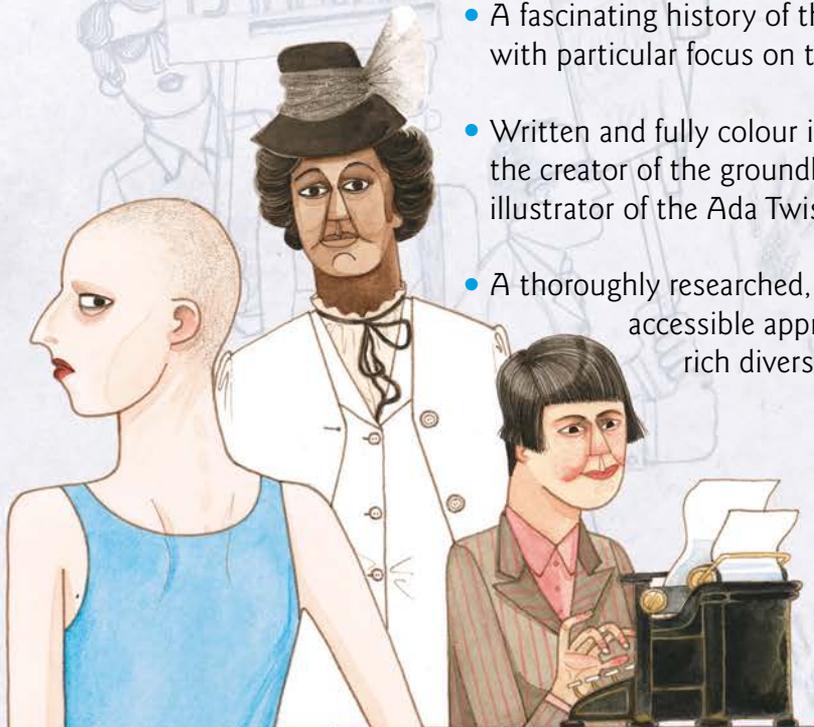


David Roberts

We Are Your Children

A History of LGBTQ+ Activism

- A fascinating history of the fight for LGBTQ+ rights with particular focus on the UK and US
- Written and fully colour illustrated by David Roberts, the creator of the groundbreaking *Suffragette* and illustrator of the *Ada Twist* series
- A thoroughly researched, comprehensive yet accessible approach, showcasing the rich diversity of the movement



Special Mention
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Non Fiction





KINGFISHER

Our specialist non-fiction list aims to help children better understand the world around them. We present facts and information in a fun and engaging way, using a strong illustrative approach that supports learning.

In this guide we are launching a striking new series that focuses on environmental issues faced around the world. The series starts with *An Arctic Story*, written by Jane Burnard and illustrated by Kendra Binney.

Every scientific question you can think of is addressed in our second new series: *The Spectacular Science Of...*, written by various expert science authors and illustrated by Tim Hutchinson. Each title takes an in-depth look at a specific subject and together the books will make the perfect collection for any child's home library.

Books on everyday themes are essential in helping young people learn key life skills, and *All Things Money* is just one of these books. It is an essential guide to understanding how money and finance works, backed up with real-life case studies. And for learning about other experiences, *This is Our World: Celebrate with Us!* is a beautifully illustrated collection of customs and religions that brings festivals, food and history to life and celebrates the rich cultural diversity of our world.



Arctic Story

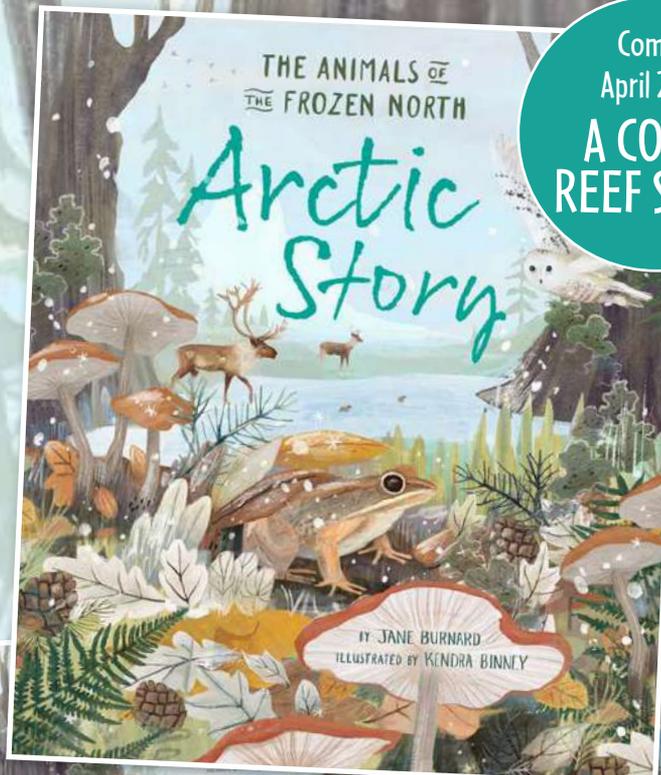
BY
JANE BURNARD

ILLUSTRATED BY
KENDRA BINNEY

- The first title in a timely new environmental series that will build to 6-8 titles
- A wonderfully transformative journey through this Arctic winter, exploring flora and fauna and how they navigate the winter season
- Lyrical text and gorgeous illustrations showcase this fragile ecosystem, highlighting the effects of climate change and inspiring young readers to become nature lovers

Future titles will explore these habitats: the ocean, rainforests, savannah, rivers, deserts and forests

- A stunningly packaged picture book-style home reference book that appeals to children, parents, schools and libraries alike



Coming
April 2023:
A CORAL
REEF STORY

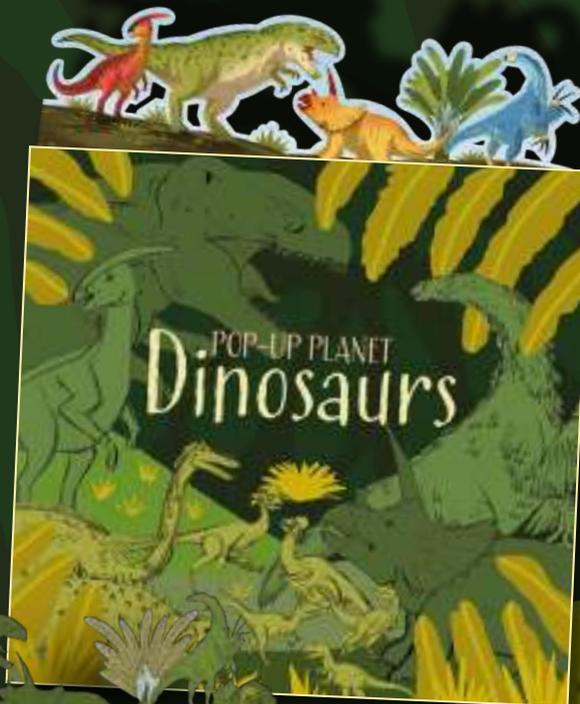


POP-UP PLANET Dinosaurs

Illustrated by Dragan Kordic

FUTURE TITLES:
Animals, Buildings,
Oceans, Rainforests,
Things That Go

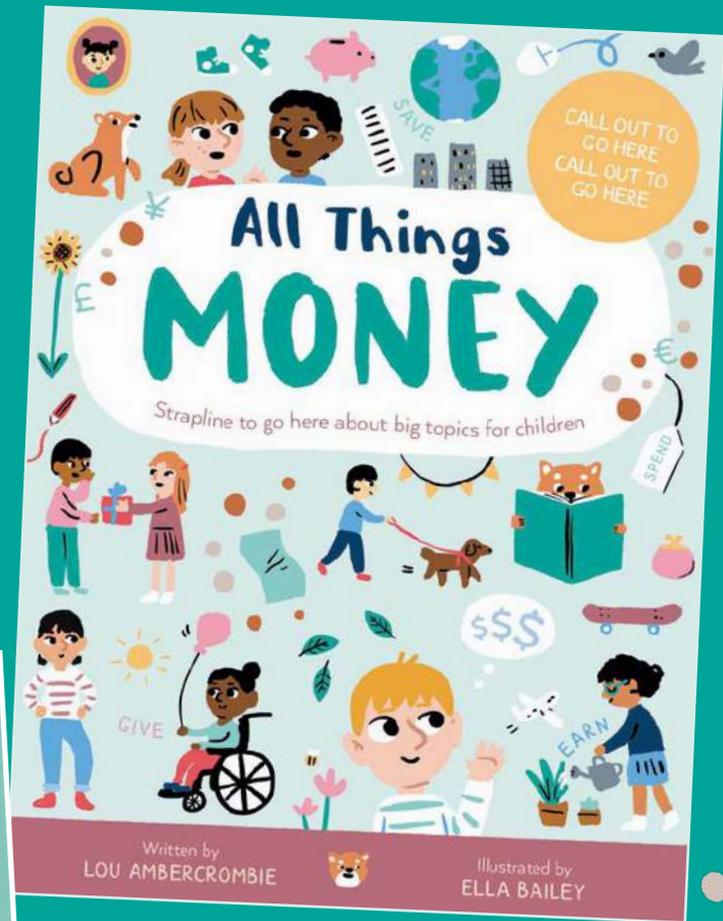
- The first title in a **lavish new gift series**, with 5 pop-up diorama scenes in each book
- Spanning millions of years across the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous, discover the epic story of the dinosaurs with each **pop-up bringing to life the creatures** of each distinct period
- Each pop-up is **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



All Things MONEY

By Lou Abercrombie
Illustrated by Ella Bailey

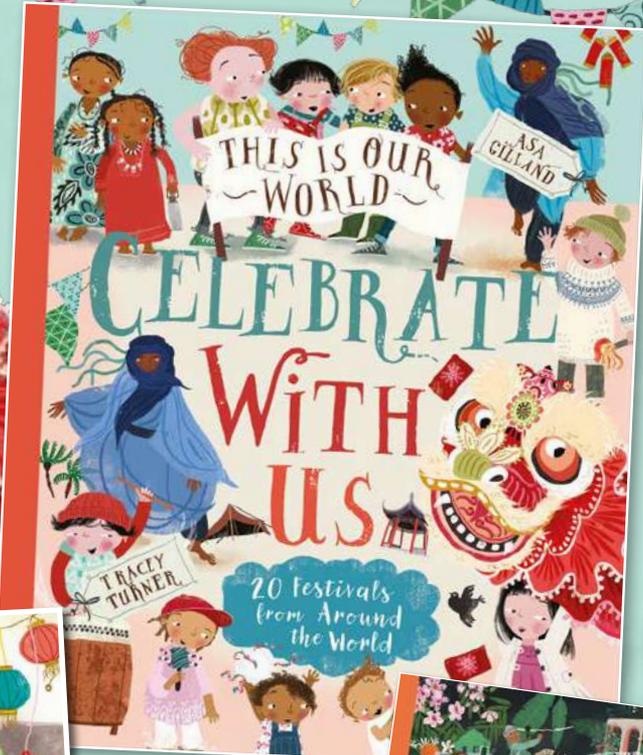
- An essential introduction to all things money, helping children develop good money sense
- Fun, friendly characters help children gain an understanding of money matters such as spending, saving, creating a budget and more, guiding them on their journey to be financially literate
- Maths expert Lou Abercrombie's gentle text breaks these tricky concepts down into manageable nuggets of information
- Real-world case studies and everyday situations allow children to explore the good and the bad effects money can have



THIS IS OUR WORLD: CELEBRATE WITH US!

By Tracey Turner, 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 Holy Days in New York 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

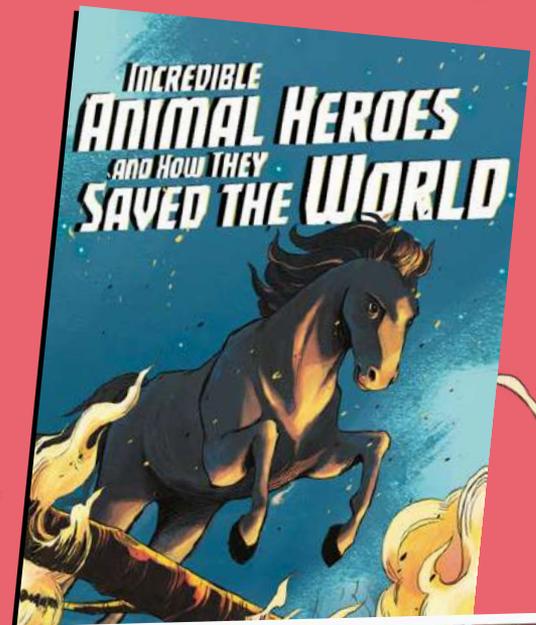


Sold in 10 languages



INCREDIBLE ANIMAL HEROES AND HOW THEY SAVED THE WORLD

Kitson Jazynka
Illustrated by **Quang and Lien**



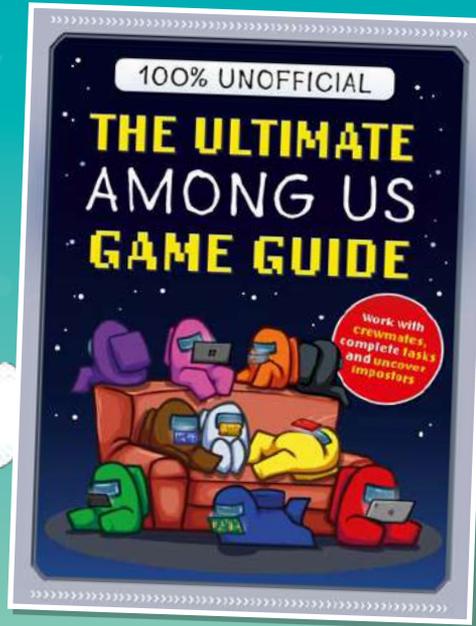
- An epic graphic novel that captures the larger-than-life stories of the world's bravest animal heroes and their feats in stunning, visual detail
- Features a blend of timeless classics to modern-day heroes, from domestic superstars to decorated war heroes - there's something for every animal lover
- Each story is a journey around the world - discover acts of bravery from a pouched rat in Cambodia to an elephant in Thailand, a Siberian husky in Alaska and a domestic cat in Australia



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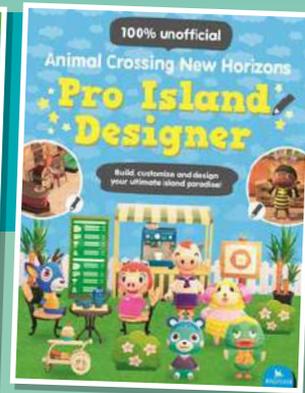
KINGFISHER GAME GUIDES

- Quickly become an expert player at all your favourite games with Kingfisher's game strategy guides
- Comprehensive guides that work for players of all skill levels, covering things from the basic game mechanics to strategies and tips and tricks on how to win every time or just make the most out of each game
- Up-to-date game information that can be easily revised when new updates and features are announced



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ANIMAL
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10 LANGS

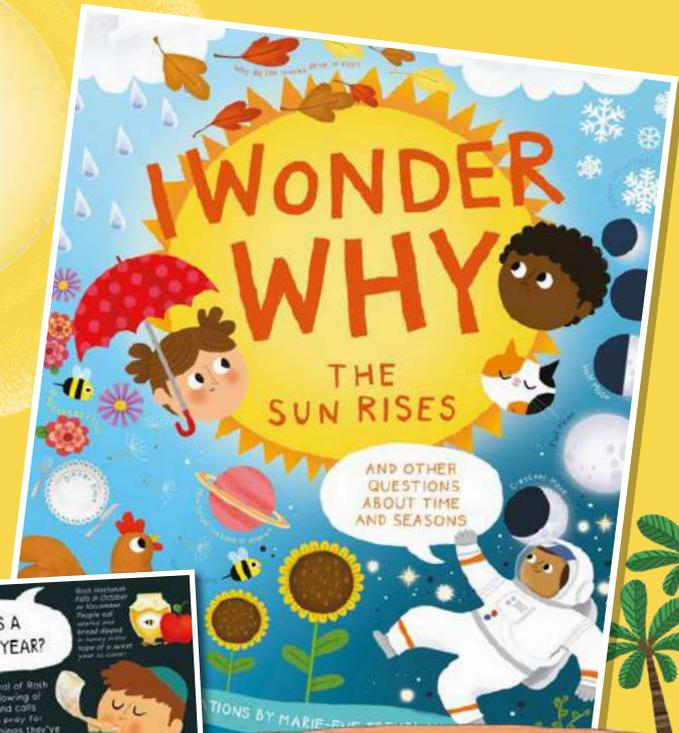
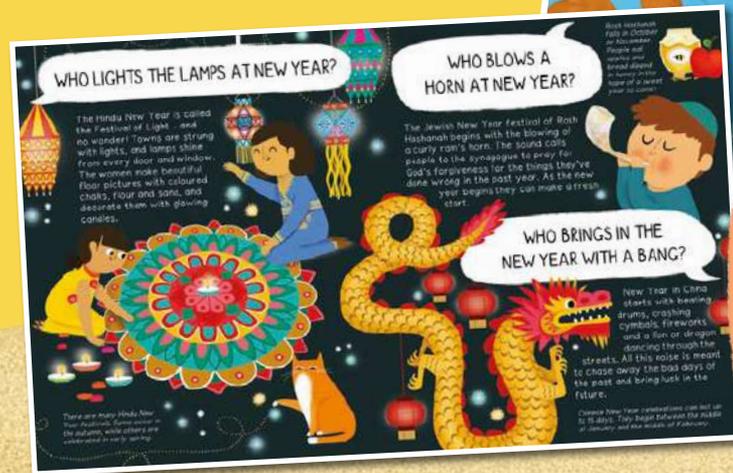


I WONDER WHY

Illustrated by Marie-Eve Tremblay

- A brand-new look and feel for this timeless non-fiction question-and-answer series, complete with colourful, engaging illustrations and fully updated text for all 39 titles
- 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

Brand-new illustrations



UPCOMING TITLES:

- Triceratops Had Horns (dinosaurs)
- The Sun Rises (time and seasons)
- Camels Have Humps (animals)
- Stars Twinkle (space)
- The Wind Blows (planet Earth)
- The Sea is Salty (oceans)
- Volcanoes Blow Their Tops (natural disasters)
- Penguins Can't Fly (polar lands)



updated
edition

HOW TO WIN AT CHESS

DANIEL KING

LEARN FROM A GRANDMASTER

HOW TO WIN AT CHESS

FROM FIRST MOVES TO CHECKMATE

DANIEL KING

- An all-encompassing guide to the game of chess, with information and instructions for players of every level, beginner to advanced
- Trusted tips and strategies written by Grandmaster Daniel King
- State-of-the-art digital illustrations and cutting-edge design demonstrate perfectly how to win the game



Fiction and Non Fiction

You Are a Champion by Marcus Rashford, written with Carl Anka, has been a huge success and we are delighted to be following this up with *You Can Do It: How to Find Your Team and Make a Difference*. This companion title is a practical guide to showing readers that their voices matter and can have impact in today's world.

We are also showcasing Marcus Rashford's first middle grade fiction title. Written with Alex Falase-Koya, *The Breakfast Club Adventures* is a very funny story inspired by Marcus' own school days and is fully illustrated by Marta Kissi.

Illustration remains a focus for us as it keeps accessibility central to reading for pleasure. Rob Biddulph's *Peanut Jones and the Twelve Portals* is a second exciting adventure with a focus on the importance of creativity, while Lenny Henry's *The Boy with Wings* is a rip-roaring story with illustrations throughout by Keenon Ferrell.

Some of our favourite and longstanding Macmillan authors have new stories to tell, from Elizabeth Laird to Frances Hardinge, and their novels sit alongside new treasures to discover by Sue Divin and Radiya Hafiza. Whatever your taste, there is a great novel here for you.



THE BREAKFAST CLUB ADVENTURES

THE BEAST BEYOND THE FENCE

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

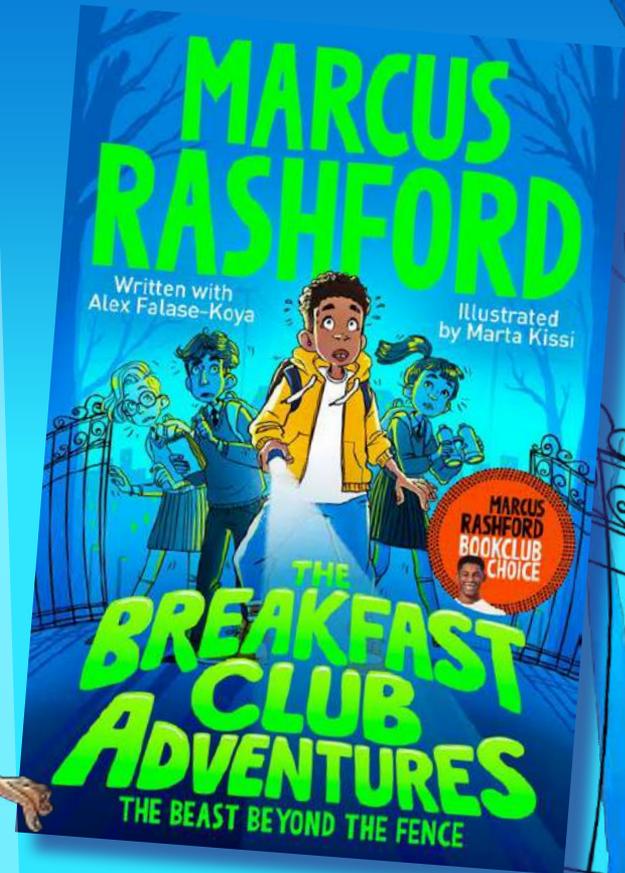
When twelve-year-old Marcus kicks his favourite football over the school fence, he knows he's never getting it back. Nothing that goes over that wall ever comes back.

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!

- Marcus's inspirational children's book *You Are a Champion* debuted at number 1 in the children's charts and number 3 in the overall chart, selling over 220k copies through UK TCM since its publication in May.
- Inspired by Marcus's own experiences growing up - we are committed to building Marcus as the authentic voice looking to inspire real and positive change in children through books.
- Marcus will be promoting the book through his hugely influential social media channels - 10 million followers on Instagram, 4.1 million followers on Twitter
- Dynamic setting and illustrations to make the book as visually engaging as possible - perfect for reluctant readers.



MARCUS RASHFORD
WRITTEN WITH ALEX FALASE-KOYA
ILLUSTRATED BY MARTA KISSI



SEED

Caryl Lewis

Illustrated by George Ermos

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UK and USA

A funny, big-hearted story about the power of hope and imagination when you believe in the impossible.

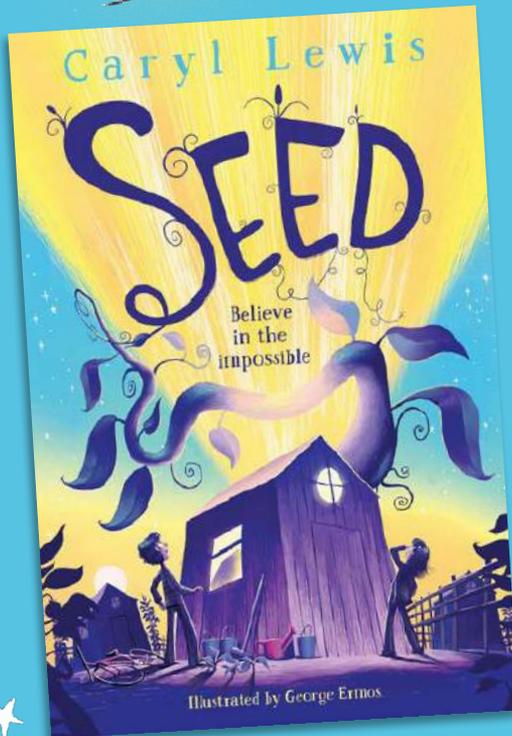
Perfect for readers of 8-12. Illustrated in black and white throughout by George Ermos.

The heart of *Wonder* meets the humour of *The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates*

Marty doesn't have much. Unlike his mum, who won't ever throw anything away, Marty does his best to look after her and wonders if anything will ever change.

But on Marty's birthday, Grandad gifts him a very special seed. Grandad hasn't been this excited since he thought he'd brewed wonder fuel from rhubarb leaves! The seed grows bigger and bigger, and launches Grandad, Marty and his best friend Gracie on an impossible, wondrous plan fuelled by love, hopes and dreams.

- ★ Perfect for fans of Ross Welford, Jenny Pearson and Lisa Thompson.
- ★ Rights sold in 4 languages prior to publication



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 disappearing one by one from all over the world. One moment they are there, the next, they have crumbled to dust. Peanut Jones and her friends suspect the fiendish Mr White might be responsible. It's time to head back to the Illustrated City and help the resistance fight his plot to destroy creativity everywhere.

- The eagerly anticipated second instalment in Rob Biddulph's three-book fiction series: an irresistible combination of laugh-out-loud adventure, creativity, magic and friendship.
- Highly illustrated two-colour gift hardback
- Rights sales in 14 languages for book 1

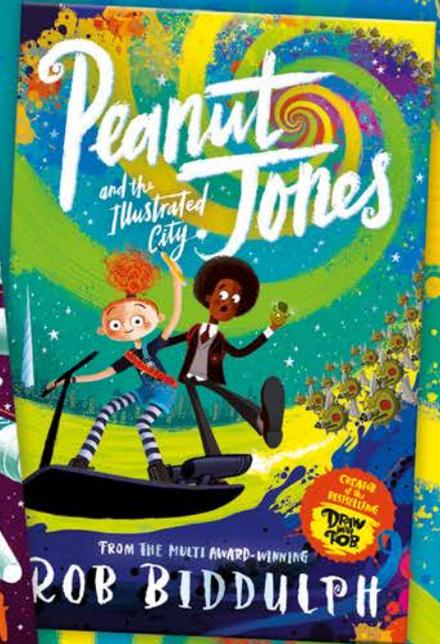
Rob Biddulph is a bestselling author and illustrator of many highly acclaimed award-winning picture books. *Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City* was his first middle-grade fiction title. In March 2020 he started #DrawWithRob, a series of twice-weekly draw-along videos, which became an internet sensation across the globe (3m views/35m impressions). Before he became a full-time author and illustrator, Rob was the art director of the *Observer Magazine*, *NME*, *Uncut*, *SKY* and *Just Seventeen*. He lives in London with his wife and three daughters.



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Some legends are born,
others are drawn...



THE ARCTIC RAILWAY ASSASSIN

ADVENTURES
ON
TRAINS

M. G. LEONARD
& SAM SEDGMAN

Illustrated by
Elisa Paganelli

‘A thrilling and hugely entertaining adventure story’
– David Walliams on *The Highland Falcon Thief*

‘A first class choo-choo-dunnit!’
– David Solomons on *Kidnap on the California Comet*

‘A high-speed train journey worth catching . . . The best yet.’
– *The Times* on *Murder on the Safari Star*



The bestselling, multi-award-winning Adventures on Trains series embarks on a thrilling sixth adventure as Harrison Beck and Uncle Nat climb aboard the night train to the Arctic Circle to see the northern lights for Christmas.

But as their train leaves Stockholm, Hal and Uncle Nat realize they're being followed by a sinister figure. Journeying into the never ending night of the arctic winter, our railway detectives must outsmart an assassin in their most chilling adventure yet, where nothing is as it seems.

- Agatha Christie meets John LeCarre
- Fully integrated artwork from Elisa Paganelli
- *The Highland Falcon Thief* was Children's Fiction Book of the Year 2021
- 19 languages sold across the series
- 185,000 copies sold

JULIA DONALDSON LYDIA MONKS

Princess Mirror-Belle

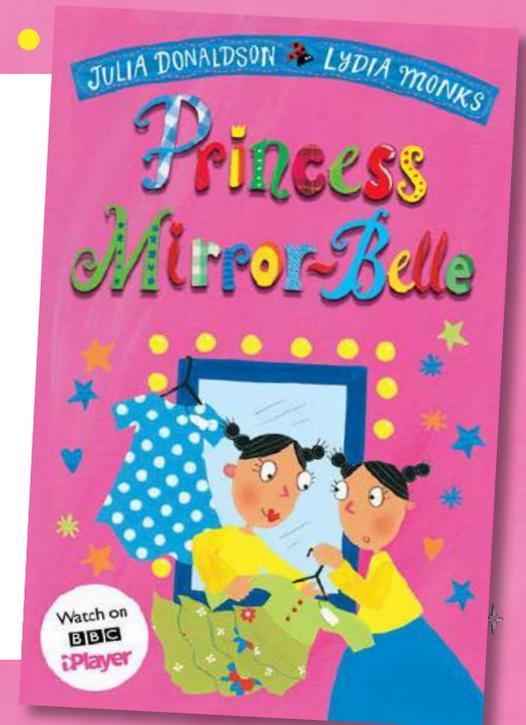
Princess Mirror-Belle • Princess Mirror-Belle and the Flying Horse • Princess Mirror-Belle and the Dragon Pox

Magically mischievous Mirror-Belle is ready to sweep Ellen off on exciting escapades in this hilarious book!

From Julia Donaldson, the bestselling author of *The Gruffalo*, comes Princess Mirror-Belle, the exciting adventures of a mischievous princess.

Full of black-and-white illustrations by Lydia Monks, Princess Mirror-Belle is perfect for fans of this bestselling picture-book team and who are beginning to read on their own. It contains six delightful stories that children will come back to again and again.

Ellen's life is turned upside down by the hilarious Mirror-Belle, a spirited princess who claims to be from somewhere mysterious and far away. She appears out of mirrors to tell Ellen magical stories and take her on exciting escapades. From battling with Dragon Pox to helping out with the local pantomime, celebrating birthdays, having fun at the fair and starting at a new school, there are always adventures to be had!



TOM
PERCIVAL

Meet the

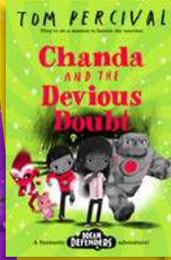
DREAM DEFENDERS



They're on a mission to banish your worries while you sleep!

And tonight they're on a mission to rescue Danny from a terrifying nightmare - Danny is struggling but he doesn't know how to ask for help. Can the Dream Defenders save Danny and help him to see that everyone sometimes needs a helping hand?

- Tom Percival's books have sold over 150k copies in the UK alone, and have been translated into 21 languages
- Dream Defenders encourages kids to learn about emotional intelligence in an exciting and accessible way
- Fully illustrated throughout with a dynamic setting – perfect for reluctant readers



A ROBOT SQUASHED MY TEACHER

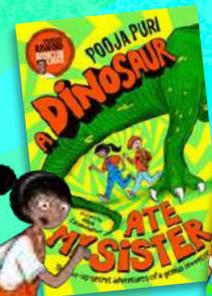
A ROBOT SQUASHED MY TEACHER IS THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED SEQUEL TO THE MARCUS RASHFORD BOOKCLUB SELECTION **A DINOSAUR ATE MY SISTER** BY POOJA PURI, ILLUSTRATED THROUGHOUT BY ALLEN FATIMAHARAN.

Esha Verma is a GENIUS INVENTOR.

But when her out-of-control baby T-rex MANGLES her newest invention, she somehow – COMPLETELY by accident – turns her teacher into a pigeon!

Now Esha and her snot-nosed apprentice Broccoli have to set off on an impossible mission: break into a top-secret science lab to steal borrow the only thing that might be able to change him back. They'll face GIANT robots, murderous plants, terrifying tornados and their EVIL arch-nemesis, Ernie, who's determined to catch them in the act.

- 50k copies of the first book were donated to children up and down the country with a huge comms campaign that established Pooja as a major new voice in middle grade fiction.
- Between Esha's inventions and Broccoli's notetaking, this is a perfect book to inspire readers - and their parents - who are looking for a STEM angle



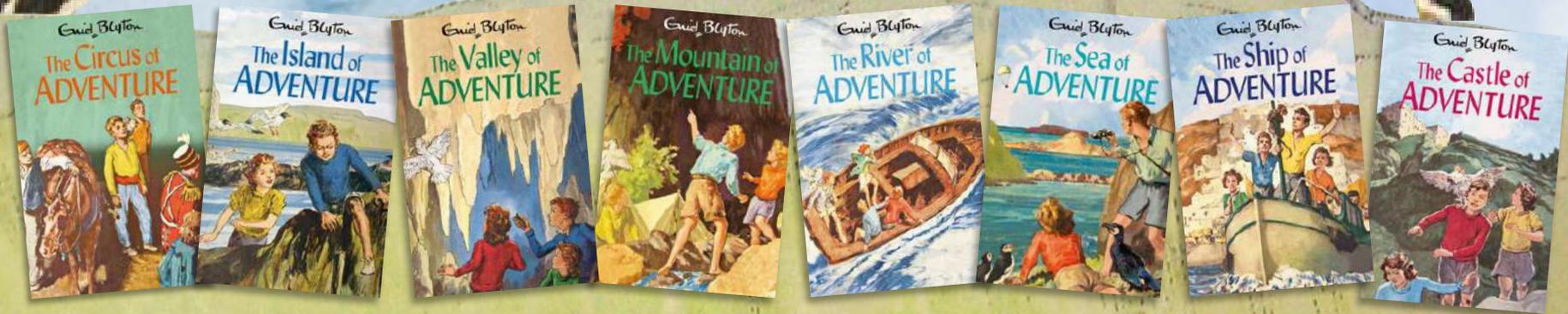
Enid Blyton

The ADVENTURE Series

Rediscover Enid Blyton's classic adventures with these iconic retro cover editions, adapted from Stuart Tresilian's original cover artwork.

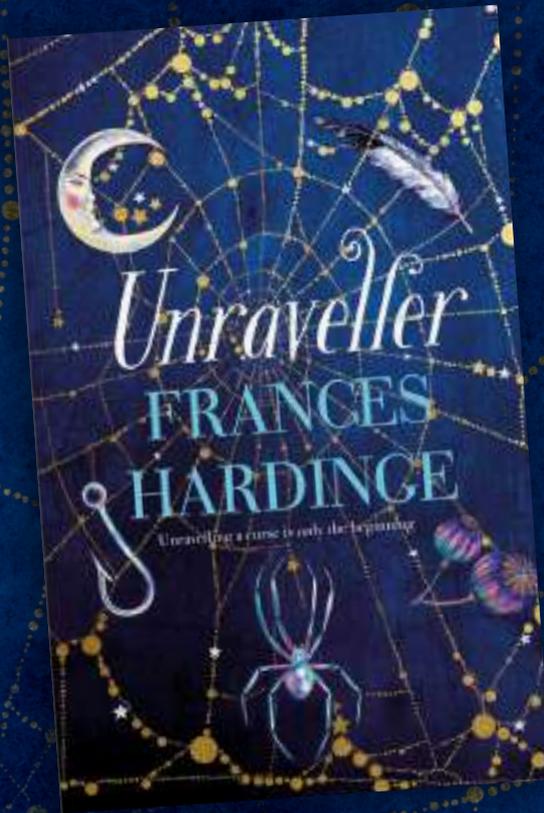
Join Philip, Jack, Dinah, Lucy-Ann and Kiki the parrot as they solve mysteries in this collection of eight exciting adventure stories.

- Enid Blyton's books have been among the world's bestsellers since the 1930s. They are still incredibly popular and have been translated into over 90 languages
- Iconic, bold and beautiful retro covers will appeal to the nostalgia of their time
- Publishing altogether in July 2022



Unraveller

FRANCES HARDINGE



From Frances Hardinge, the author of *The Lie Tree*, comes her latest compelling adventure, *Unraveller*

A spell-binding new tale from the award winning master of YA fantasy.

In a world where anyone can create a life-destroying curse, only one person has the power to unravel them.

Kellen does not fully understand his talent, but helps those transformed maliciously - including Nettle. Recovered from entrapment in bird form, she is now his constant companion, and closest ally.

But Kellen has also been cursed, and unless he and Nettle can remove his curse, Kellen is in danger of unravelling everything - and everyone - around him...

- Frances Hardinge was the winner of the 2015 overall Costa Award for *The Lie Tree*, this is a return to her imaginative finest
- Any new Frances book is a literary event, and this will come with a gorgeous new cover look with exclusive special edition content
- Frances has a unique gothic imagination carried by luminous prose. She has a devoted following and tremendous crossover appeal.



THE BOY WITH WINGS

Lenny Henry

Illustrated by Keenon Ferrell
and comic book illustrated by
Mark Buckingham

The Boy with Wings is the brilliantly exciting, action-packed, middle-grade adventure from award-winning and much-loved comedian and actor, Lenny Henry. Highly illustrated throughout by Keenon Ferrell.

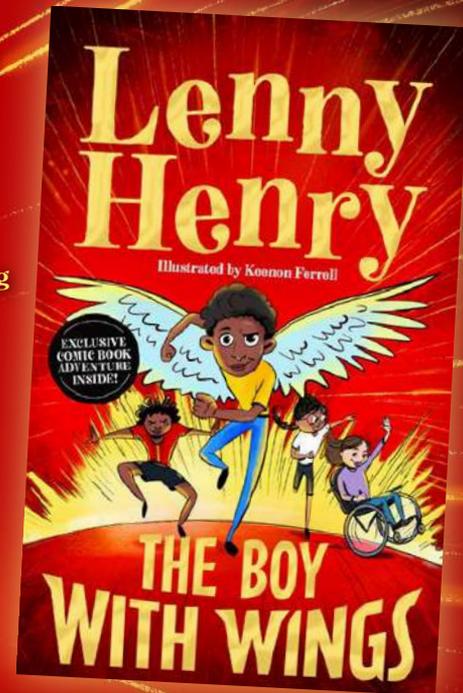
Lenny Henry's hilarious adventure, The Boy with Wings, is for readers of 9 to 12 and illustrated throughout by Keenon Ferrell. Includes an exclusive comic book adventure illustrated by Mark Buckingham.

An ordinary kid is about to become an EXTRAORDINARY hero!

- ✓ WINGS? CHECK.
- ✓ A SUPER-COOL, SUPER-SECRET PAST? CHECK.
- ✓ AN IMPOSSIBLE MISSION TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM A FUR-OCIOUS ENEMY? CHECK.

When Tunde sprouts wings and learns he's all that stands between Earth and total destruction, suddenly school is the least of his problems. Luckily, his rag-tag group of pals have got his back, and with his new powers, Tunde is ready to fly in the face of danger.

So what if he can't even stand up to the school bully? He's the boy with wings – this is his destiny. No pressure then. . .



- 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. Lenny is a strong advocate for diversity and co-wrote the book Access All Areas: The Diversity Manifesto for TV and Beyond. The Boy with Wings is his first novel for Macmillan Children's Books.
- 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.

- Mark Buckingham has been creating comics for thirty-five years, building a reputation for design, storytelling and a chameleon-like diversity of art styles. He is best known as the regular artist on Bill Willingham's multiple award-winning Fables series and for his work with Neil Gaiman on Miracleman, Sandman and Death. He previously collaborated with Lenny Henry on his memoir Who Am I, Again?
- British comedy legend, with the perfect tone for middle grade funny fiction

Coming Soon:
A new picture
book series by
Lenny Henry!



The Misunderstandings of Charity Brown

Elizabeth Laird

Inspired by award-winning author Elizabeth Laird's own childhood growing up in post-war London, *The Misunderstandings of Charity Brown* is a warm, witty and beautiful coming-of-age story, perfect for fans of *The Skylarks' War* and *I Capture the Castle*.

Charity Brown's life is about to change – her family have been left a huge, rambling house by a mysterious benefactor, and her parents want to move in and throw open its doors to those in need.

Charity is only recently back from hospital after months of isolation with polio, and her family are very religious, so she's both excited and nervous at the thought of sharing her new home with strangers.

It's a recipe for confusion, joy and endless misunderstandings, including with the new neighbours, an Austrian family with a daughter just Charity's age . . .

- Elizabeth Laird's titles have sold over 150k through UK TCM - this is her best novel yet to publish in HB for prestige and prize potential
- Aimed at an audience of 11+ with cross market appeal, including adult fans of Hilary McKay and Eva Ibbotson
- Authentic autobiographical experience, with key themes of empathy, understanding and making connections with others, as well as a child developing a mind of her own

RUMAYSA

EVER AFTER

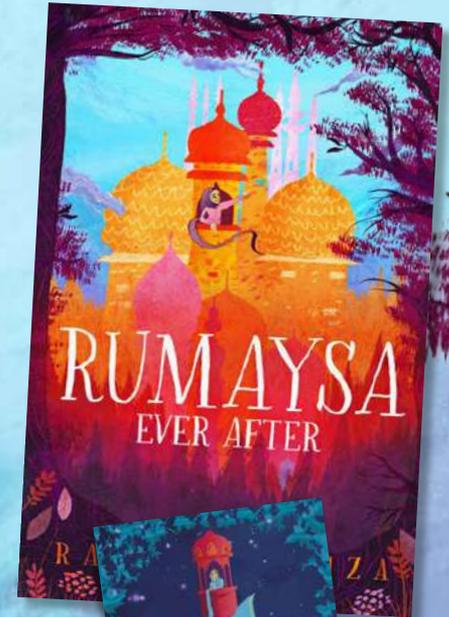
RADIYA HAFIZA
ILLUSTRATED BY RHAIDA EL TOUNY

Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the fiercest one of all?

Ever since she escaped her tower, Rumaysa has been searching the land, far and wide, determined to find her long lost parents. But after she receives a mysterious invitation from Saira White, Queen of Bishnara, she is soon pulled into a dark, magical adventure, that threatens her own happily ever after . . .

This eagerly anticipated sequel to *Rumaysa: A Fairytale* enchantingly intertwines traditional stories of Princesses, Princes, Witches and Beasts with a fresh and empowering perspective.

- The sequel to Radiya's debut novel *Rumaysa*, which was chosen as Waterstones book of the month
- Rumaysa is feminist, South Asian, muslim and kick-ass, bringing a unique perspective to classic stories and showing young readers of colour that fairy tale tropes can have cultural takeaways for all
- Clear concept and hook, lyrical writing that is reminiscent of Sophie Anderson coupled with the trailblazing content of Rebel Girls.



Something Certain, Maybe

SARA BARNARD

One thing is for certain . . . everything's changing.



Rosie Caron is ready for her life to begin, because nothing says new life like going to university.

Except university turns out to be nothing like what she imagined. She doesn't like her course much. Or her flatmates. Or, really . . . anything?

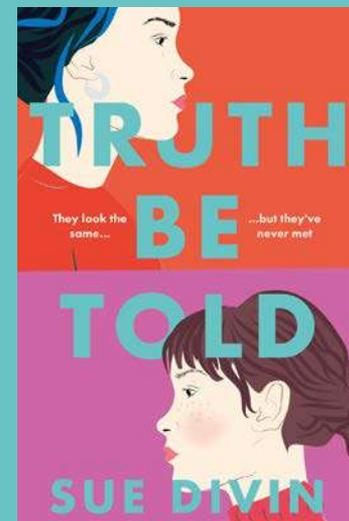
And then she meets Jade, and everything starts to look a little brighter. But is first love enough when everything else is falling apart?

- Sara's novels have sold over 90,000 copies in the UK
- Sara's fourth novel *Goodbye, Perfect* was the winner of the 2019 YA Book Prize
- Sara is an expert at handling sensitive topics for a teenage audience in an engaging way. This book deals with reality vs expectations of the university experience, how to deal with being unhappy in a cultural experience where you're meant to be happy, dropping out of university as a positive thing.
- Bisexual narrator, sapphic love story, but not a coming out narrative

TRUTH BE TOLD

SUE DIVIN

WHAT IF FINDING OUT WHO YOU TRULY ARE MEANS UNDERMINING EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER KNOWN? THE GRIPPING NEW YA NOVEL FROM THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF *GUARD YOUR HEART*.



Tara is from Derry, Faith is from Armagh; their lives are very different, but they look exactly the same – they just don't know why...

Two teens from very different backgrounds – Tara, the Catholic daughter of a two generation single parent family, and Faith, the daughter of strict Evangelical Protestants from Armagh, come face to face at a residential and discover they look almost identical. A DNA test reveals they are related, and that Faith's father is not who she thinks – while Tara has never known hers. Between them, they set out to unravel the mystery of their shared parentage, but in doing so set in motion a series of revelations about the pasts of both their families. Meanwhile, they are also dealing separately with their own issues – Tara angry and grieving after the sudden death of her boyfriend Oran, and Faith hiding her true sexuality from her family for fear of being disowned.

- High quality writing with prize, review and crossover potential.
- A compelling family mystery set in contemporary Northern Ireland, but spanning the lives of three generations of women as two teens discover they are related and need to uncover the truth about their history.
- Topical and political, from an author who is highly qualified to talk on the subject. Story is set in Northern Ireland 2019, during a period when there was no devolved government and legislation around abortion rights and LGBTQ+ rights were direct legislated from London and very controversial and divisive



Rookhaven

PÁDRAIG KENNY

ILLUSTRATED BY EDWARD BETTISON

'A magnificent, shadowy, gothic adventure full of heart' Emma Carroll, author of *Frost Hollow Hall*

Sometimes the monsters take us. Sometimes we become the monsters.

Mirabelle has always known she is a monster. When the glamour protecting her unusual family from the human world ruptures, they discover who the real monsters are.

A thought-provoking, chilling and critically-acclaimed duology, Pádraig Kenny's *The Monsters of Rookhaven* and *The Shadows of Rookhaven*, both stunningly illustrated by Edward Bettison, explore difference and empathy through the eyes of characters you won't want to let go of.

'A stunning book . . . a brand new take on the monster story' Eoin Colfer

'A wildly imaginative story . . . a triumph' *Irish Examiner*

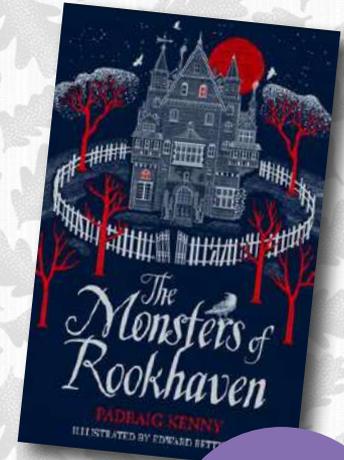
'One of the most startlingly original children's books I've read in years' Piers Torday

Nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2022

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A White Raven 2021

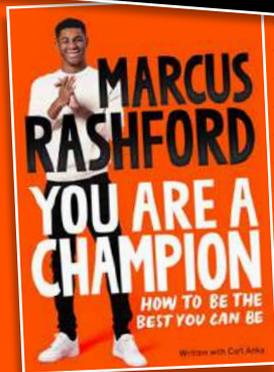
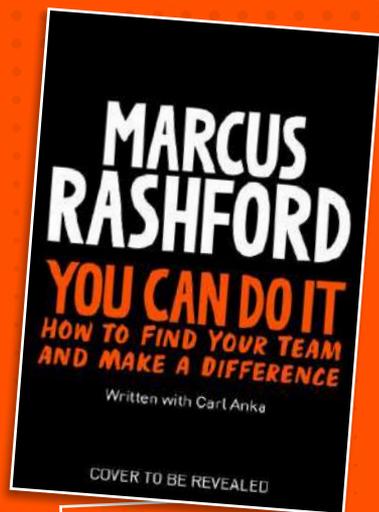


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YOU CAN DO IT

HOW TO FIND YOUR TEAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE



MARCUS RASHFORD WRITTEN WITH CARL ANKA THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE BESTSELLING *YOU ARE A CHAMPION*

Marcus uses the power of his voice to shine a light on the injustices that he cares passionately about, and now he wants to help YOU find the power in yours! From surrounding yourself with the right team, to showing kindness to those around you, to celebrating and championing difference, *You Can Do It* 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's own life, brilliant advice, and top-tips from social justice educator Shannon Weber, this book will show you how to make a difference in this world.

- The follow up to Marcus Rashford's debut children's book, *You Are a Champion*, which debuted at #1 in the children's chart, #3 in the overall chart, selling over 220k copies through UK TCM since it's publication in May.
- *You Are a Champion* was WHS Book of the Year 2021, shortlisted for the Waterstones Book of the Year 2021, winner of the Sainsbury's prize, and Marcus himself was Future Book Person of the year and the Books Are My Bag Breakthrough Author of the year.
- The natural follow up to *You Are a Champion*, which shows kids how they can use their voice to help others, this is another inspiring must-have guide for those looking to make a difference.

DARA McANULTY A WILD CHILD'S BOOK OF BIRDS

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BARRY FALLS

'A dreamy dive into the natural world
to thrill wildlife fans'
The Guardian

Join brilliant young naturalist Dara McNulty
as he takes you through a year in the life of birds

From Dara McNulty, author of *Diary of a Young Naturalist* and *Wild Child*, comes a fantastic new nature book all about birds. Illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls.

This beautiful, informative book takes you through a year in the life of birds and is divided into four sections - one for each season. Discover a wide range of different birds and find out which birds you are most likely to spot and hear in each month.

SPRING: Birdsong, the return of migrating birds, all kinds of nests, eggs, birds in literature and how to record your birdwatching

SUMMER: Birds of prey, all kinds of beaks, bird tables and feeders

AUTUMN: Migration, Flight and feathers, mythical birds

WINTER: Bird communities, birds in the city, bird superstitions

- Dara 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.



Wild Child
sold in 5
languages



ONE HOME

EIGHTEEN STORIES OF HOPE FROM YOUNG ACTIVISTS

HIBA NOOR KHAN ILLUSTRATED BY *Rachael Dean*

EVERY PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO LIVE ON THIS EARTH.
A RIGHT TO CALL SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD THEIR HOME.

Join Hiba Noor Khan as she takes you on a glorious journey across the globe to meet eighteen inspiring young activists who are fighting against climate change. Discover their incredible stories, explore different and often endangered habitats, experience new cultures and traditions and find out how you can join the fight with simple, empowering activities.

- Perfect blend of a nature book and an activist book, focusing on the youth climate movement
- Includes a toolkit for young activists, with simple, empowering activities to do from home
- Inclusive, diverse and international, profiling a broad range of young activists from all corners of the globe, including indigenous communities, to shine a light on climate injustice
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