



**WALKER  
BOOKS**

**JUNE 2021**

# Highlights

10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION

# A MONSTER CALLS

"Exceptional" Daily Mail

"Outstanding" The Times

PATRICK  
NESS

TWICE CARNEGIE MEDAL WINNER

## A Monster Calls: 10th anniversary edition

[Patrick Ness](#), [Siobhan Dowd](#)

*The 10th anniversary edition of the bestselling novel about love, loss and hope from the twice Carnegie Medal-winning Patrick Ness.*

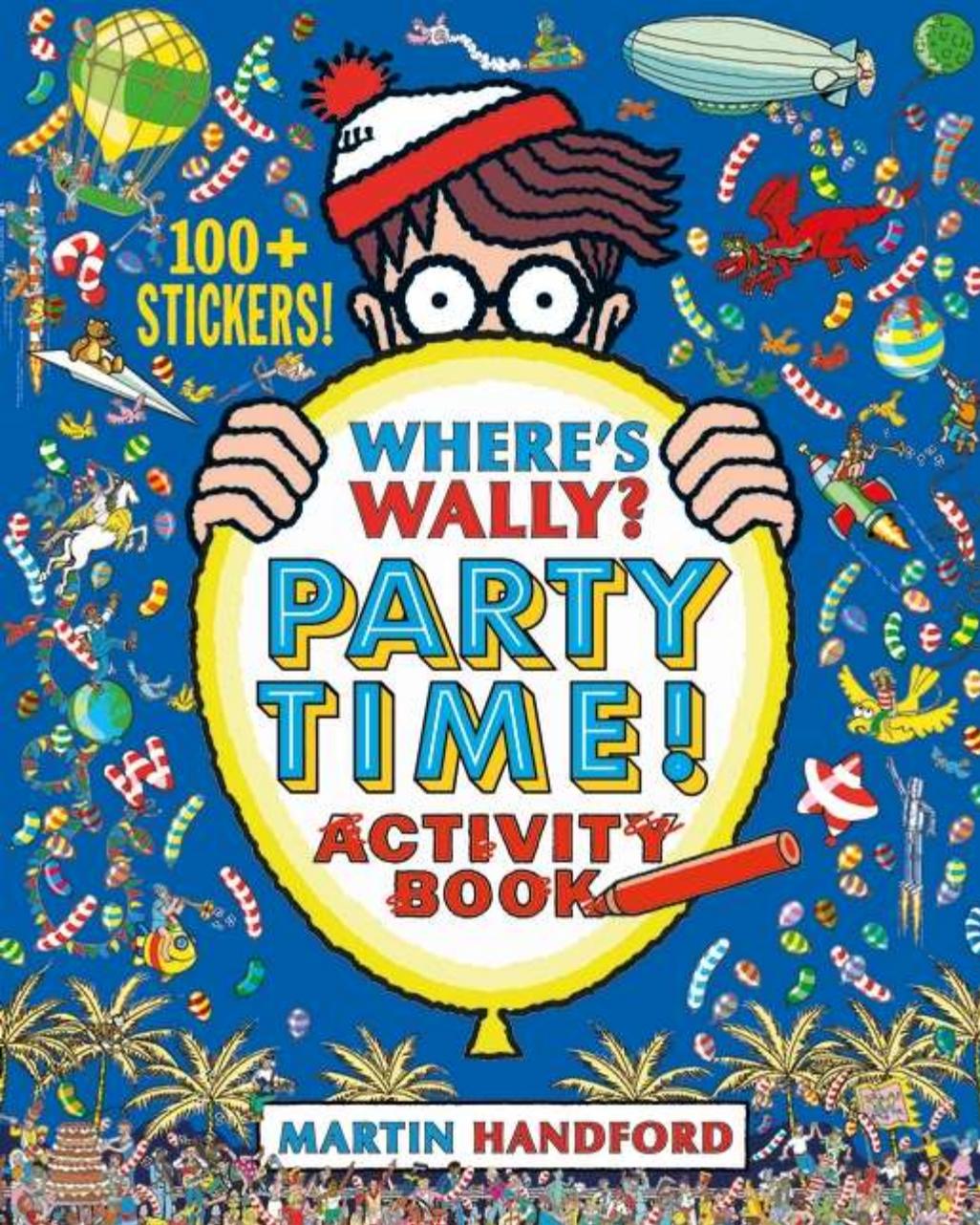
Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.

*Patrick Ness takes the final idea of the late, award-winning writer Siobhan Dowd and weaves an extraordinary and heartbreaking tale of mischief, healing and above all, the courage it takes to survive. Since publication, A Monster Calls has become an international bestseller and been made into a film starring Felicity Jones, Liam Neeson and Sigourney Weaver.*

- 'It is no surprise that it won five national prizes and has been read by so many... This is children's writing at its best: it appeals to the child in all of us, yet it asks profound questions and takes us to emotional depths. A very grown-up children's book.' *The Independent*
- 'Patrick Ness is an insanely beautiful writer.' *TIME Magazine*
- '[A] significant and stirring book... Both realistic and magical, it is a fable about the complexity of our emotions, giving us permission to feel anger, and illuminating the nature of loss.' *The Sunday Times*
- 'A funny, moving story which brought a lump to my throat at the end. This is definitely one of my favourite books of the year.' *Malorie Blackman, The Guardian*
- *'...a profoundly sad story. But it's also wise, darkly funny and brave, told in spare sentences, punctuated with fantastic images... A story that lodges in your bones and stays there.'* *The New York Times*

- ISBN: 9781406398595
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 240

# Character & Series Books



## Where's Wally? Party Time!

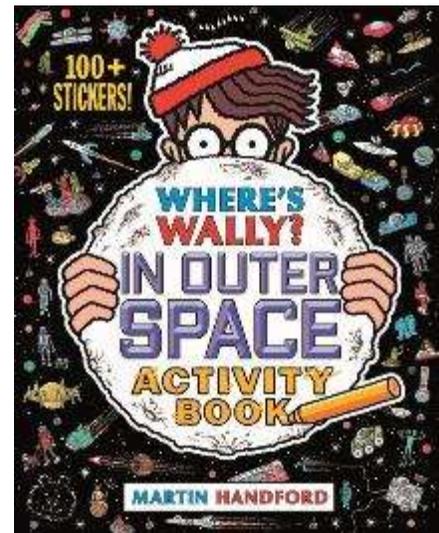
[Martin Handford](#)

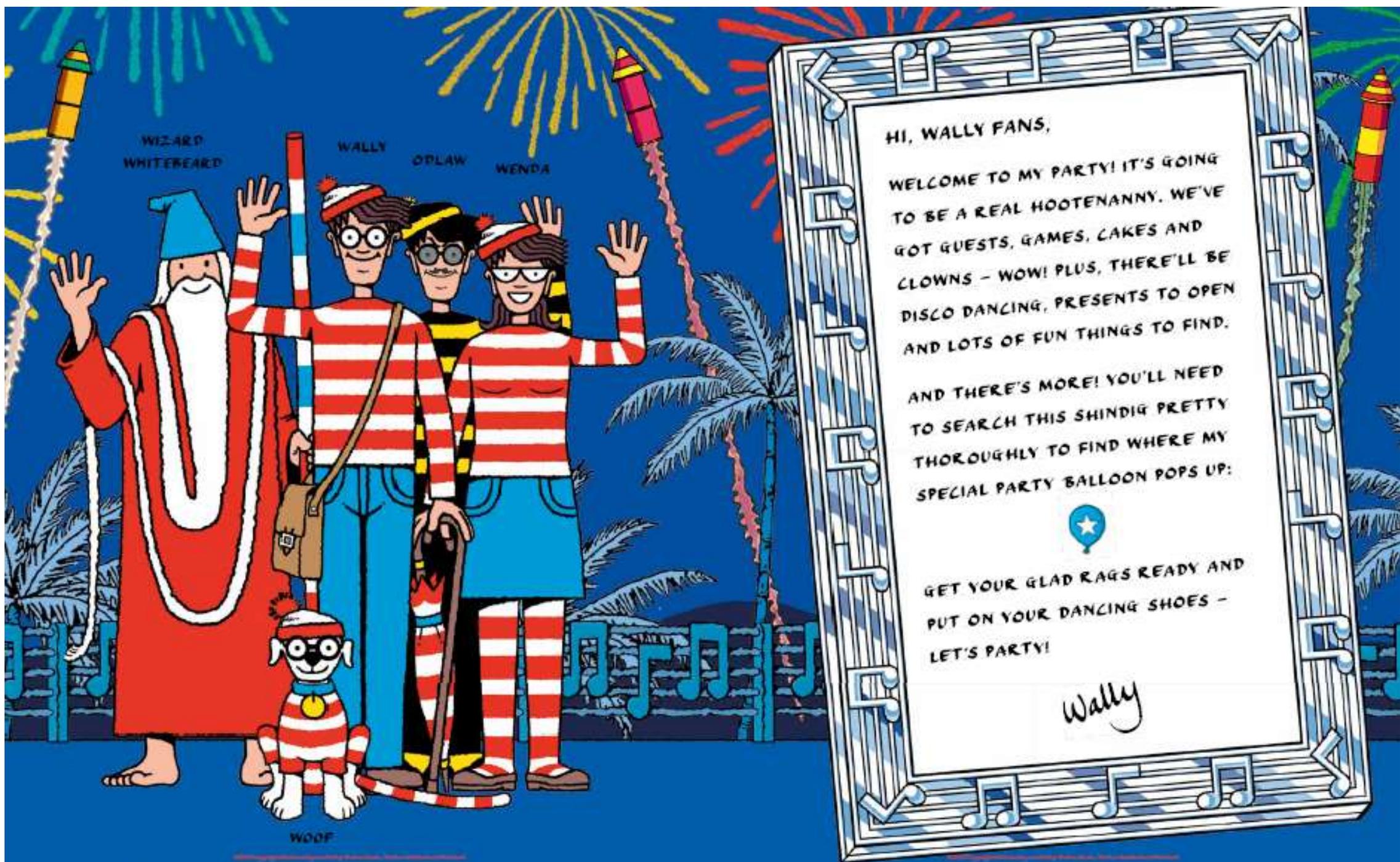
A new title in the fantastic *Where's Wally?* activity book range. Wally and his friends have invited you to a sensational shindig full of fun puzzles and things to find, plus over 100 incredible stickers. Wow!

It's time to party with Wally and his friends at a brilliant bash filled with balloons, presents, clowns, cakes and games galore. This ace activity book is a real hootenanny: there are oodles of things to search and find, plenty of puzzles to solve and over 100 super stickers! First get your glad rags ready, then hit the floor for a proper knees-up with all the other guests before chuckling at some clownish antics and taking on some tricky challenges.

Phew! After all that, there's just enough time for cake and presents. And can you also find Wally's special party balloon?

- ISBN: 9781406399936
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Character & Series
- Extent: 24





WIZARD  
WHITEBEARD

WALLY

OPRAW

WENDA

WOOF

HI, WALLY FANS,

WELCOME TO MY PARTY! IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL HOOTENANNY. WE'VE GOT GUESTS, GAMES, CAKES AND CLOWNS - WOW! PLUS, THERE'LL BE DISCO DANCING, PRESENTS TO OPEN AND LOTS OF FUN THINGS TO FIND.

AND THERE'S MORE! YOU'LL NEED TO SEARCH THIS SHINDIG PRETTY THOROUGHLY TO FIND WHERE MY SPECIAL PARTY BALLOON POPS UP:



GET YOUR GLAD RAGS READY AND PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES - LET'S PARTY!

Wally

## A COLOURFUL TUNE

The band is setting up for a boogie! Can you find these sets of musical notes inside the puzzle? The answers run across, down and diagonally.



### MORE THINGS TO FIND

- A man looking through a porthole
- A backwards nose in the puzzle
- Eight musical T-shirts
- Four trumpets
- A man in a dress

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## DANCING SILHOUETTES

Wenda has sent you a postcard from the after-show party. Match the silhouettes with her funky-stepping friends on the dance floor.

I'M HAVING SUCH A GROOVY TIME REQUESTING MY FAVOURITE TUNES AND LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE BUSTING THEIR BEST MOVES TO THEM ON THE SUPER SHINY DANCE FLOOR! HERE ARE THE WINNERS SO FAR...  
**WENDA**

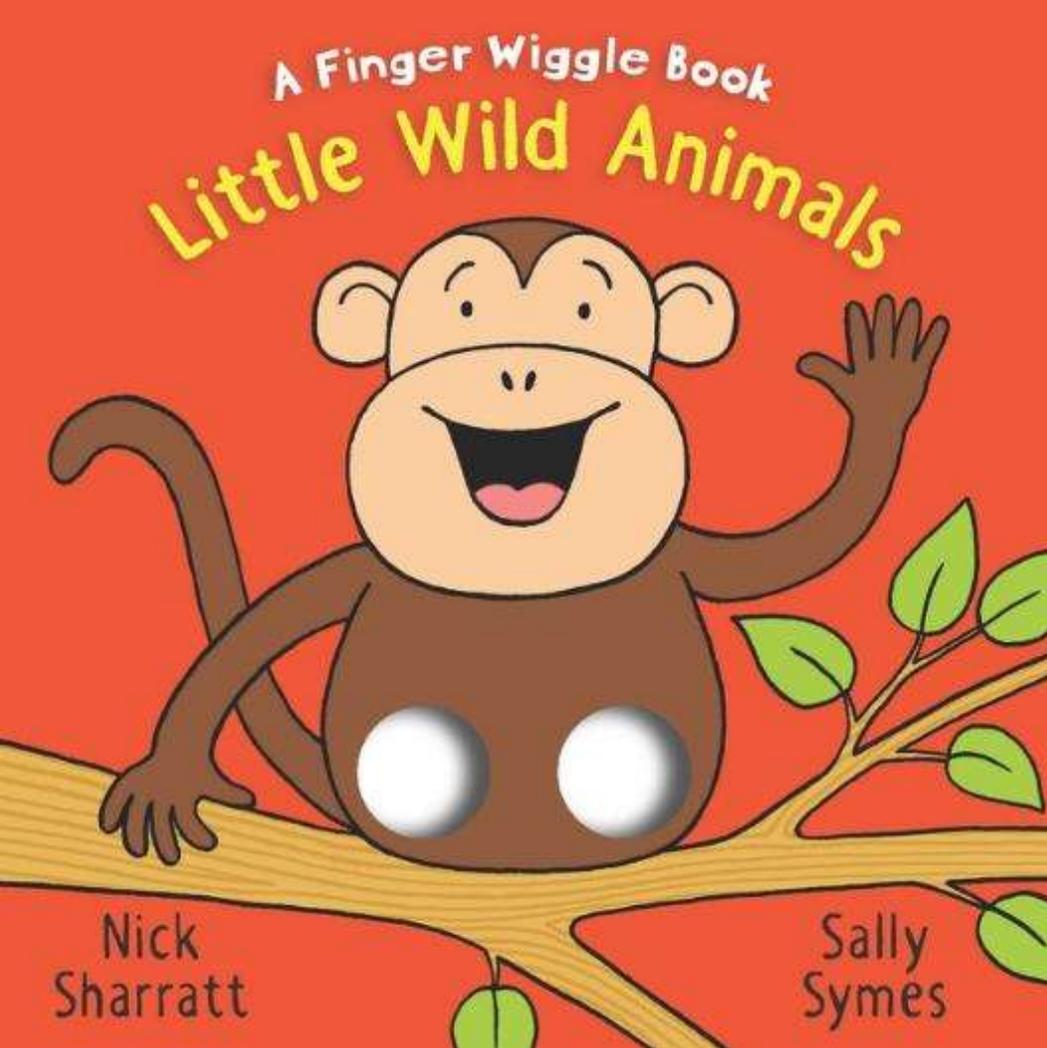


### MORE THINGS TO FIND

Five letters are hidden in this scene that spell out Wenda's favourite dance. Clue: the word starts with the first letter of her name.

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# Board Books



## Little Wild Animals: A Finger Wiggle Book

[Sally Symes](#)

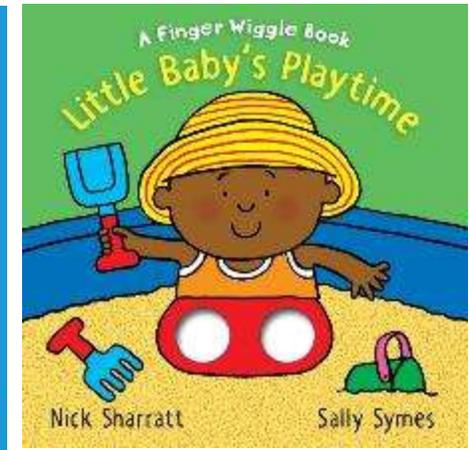
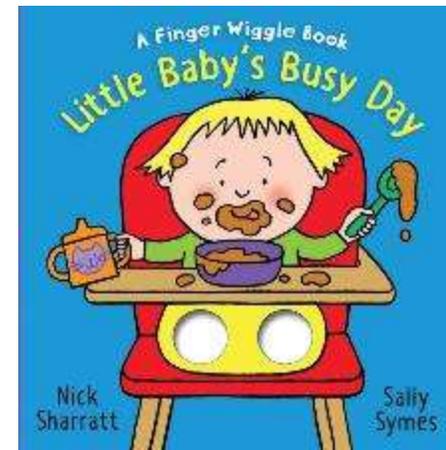
Illustrated by [Nick Sharratt](#)

**Enjoy and encourage imaginative play with your baby in this joyful finger wiggle book!**

Poke your fingers through the holes of this brilliant board book to make wiggly legs for eight wonderful wild animals. Run with the zebra, doze with the hippo, splash in the swamp with a crocodile – but watch out for that lion!

With bright, high contrast illustrations and finger holes to explore, this book is the perfect start to a lifelong love of books as you share the joy of reading together.

- ISBN: 9781406397154
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Books for babies
- Extent: 18



This little zebra  
is out for a run.

wiggle wiggle

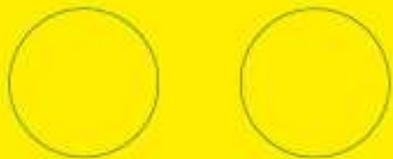


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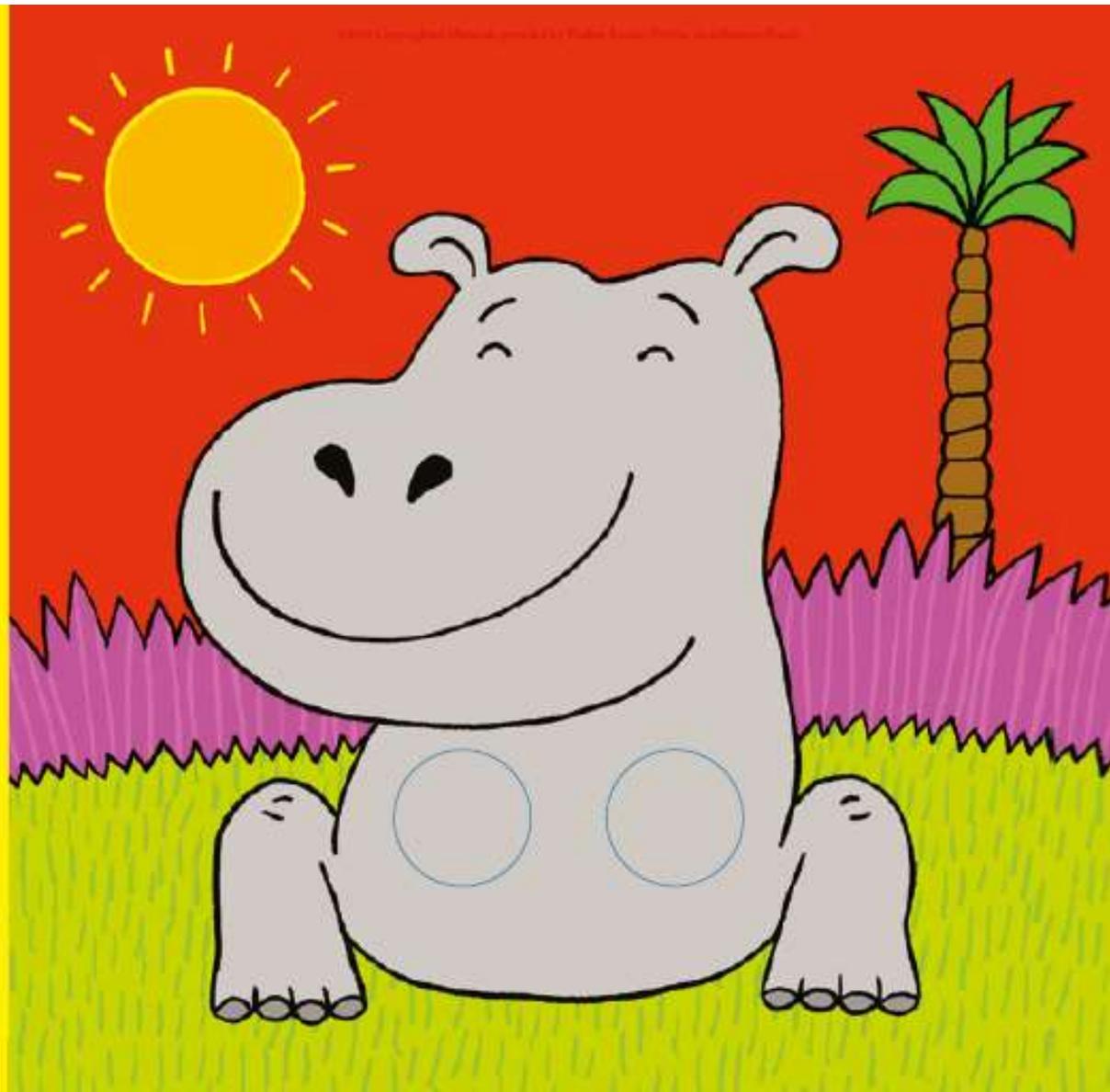


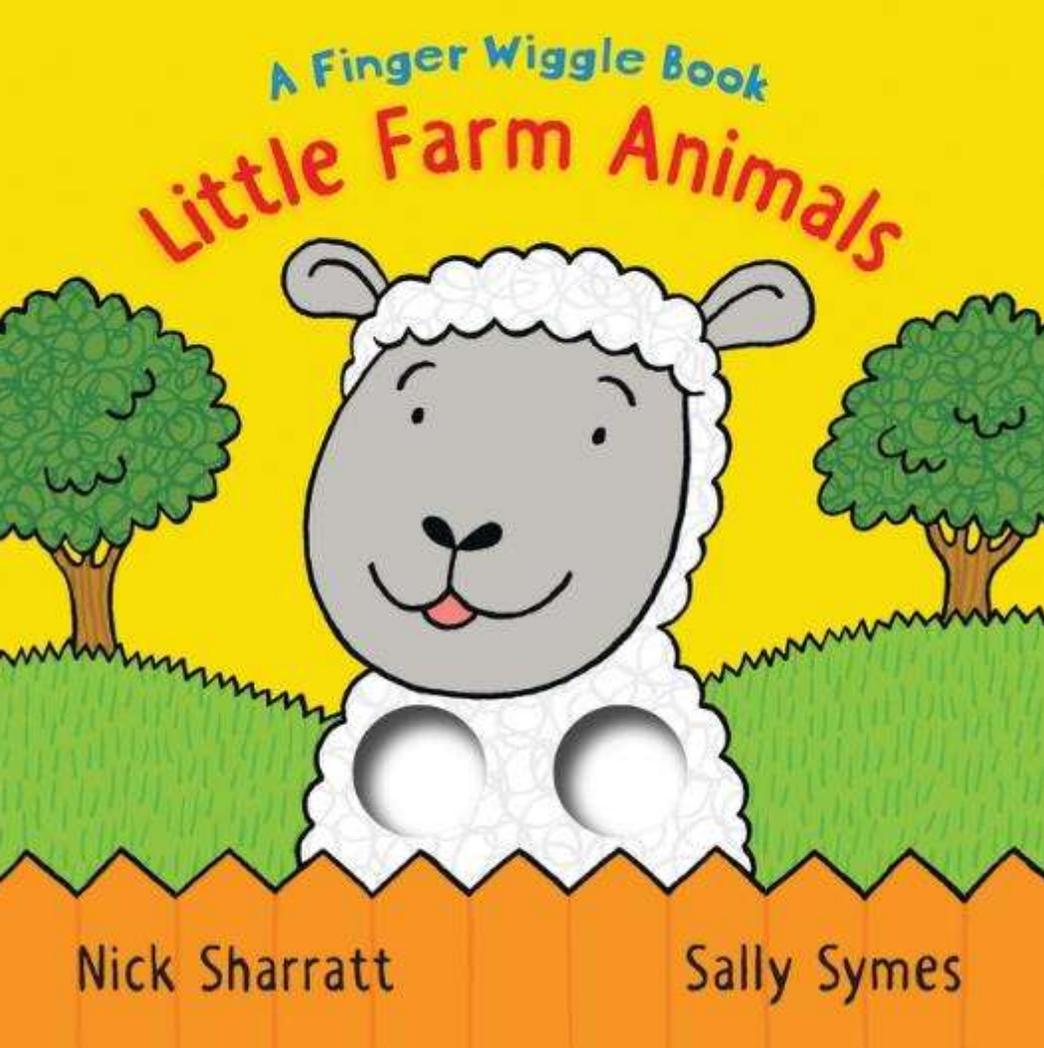
This little hippo  
is dozing in the sun.

Wiggle wiggle



zzz-zzz-zzz!





## Little Farm Animals: A Finger Wiggle Book

[Sally Symes](#)

Illustrated by [Nick Sharratt](#)

**Enjoy and encourage imaginative play with your baby in this joyful finger wiggle book!**

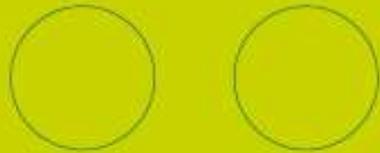
Poke your fingers through the holes of this brilliant board book to make wiggly legs for eight adorable animals as they go about their day on the farm! The little hen lays eggs, the little goat chews socks, the little duck goes for a paddle and the horse jumps over a wall – all with a little bit of help from you and your baby as you share the joy of reading together.

With bright, high contrast illustrations and finger holes to explore, this book is the perfect start to a lifelong love of books.

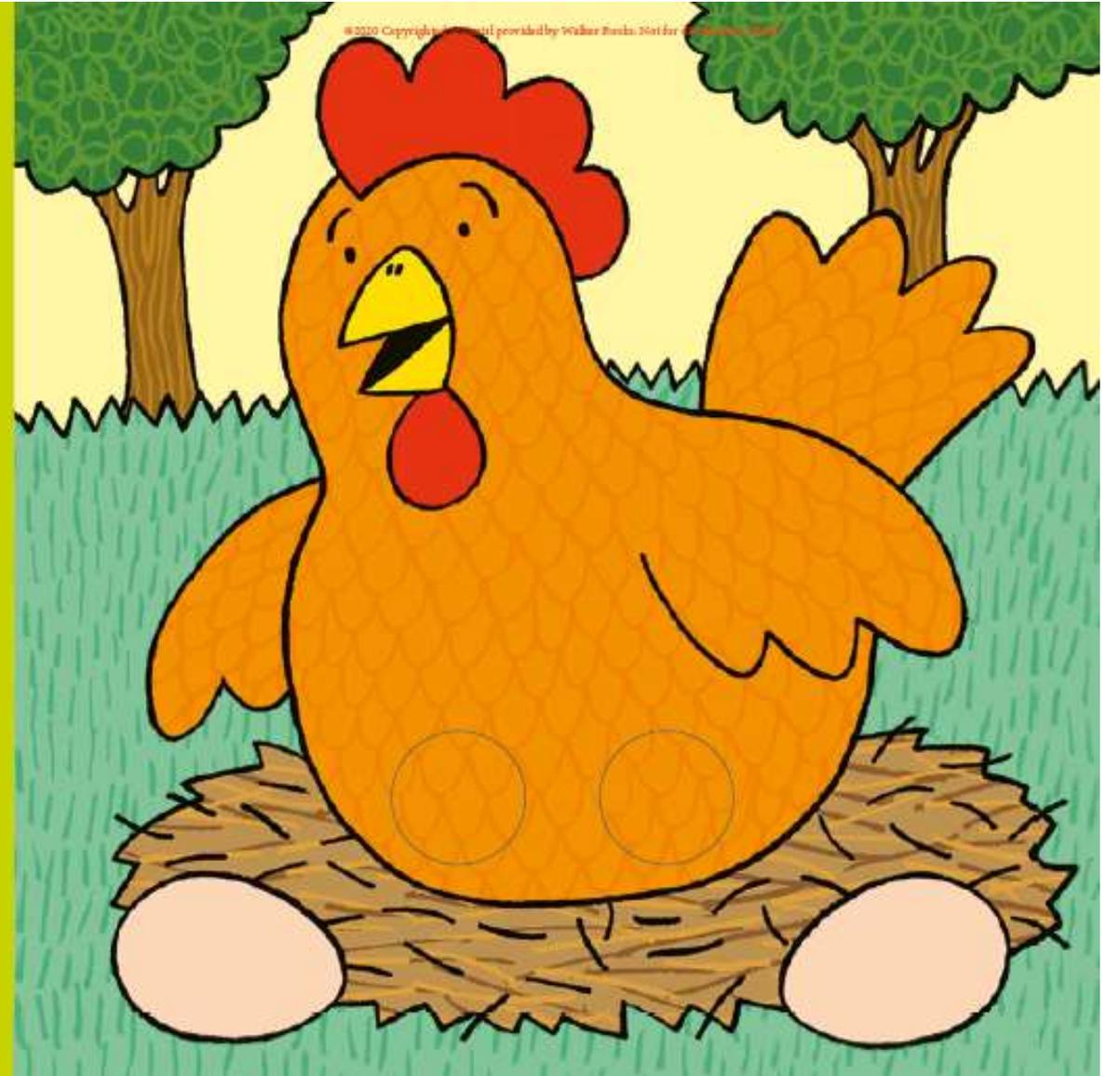
- ISBN: 9781406397161
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Books for babies
- Extent: 18

This little hen  
has laid two eggs.

wiggle wiggle



"Cluck-cluck-cluck!"



This little goat's  
found a sock to chew.

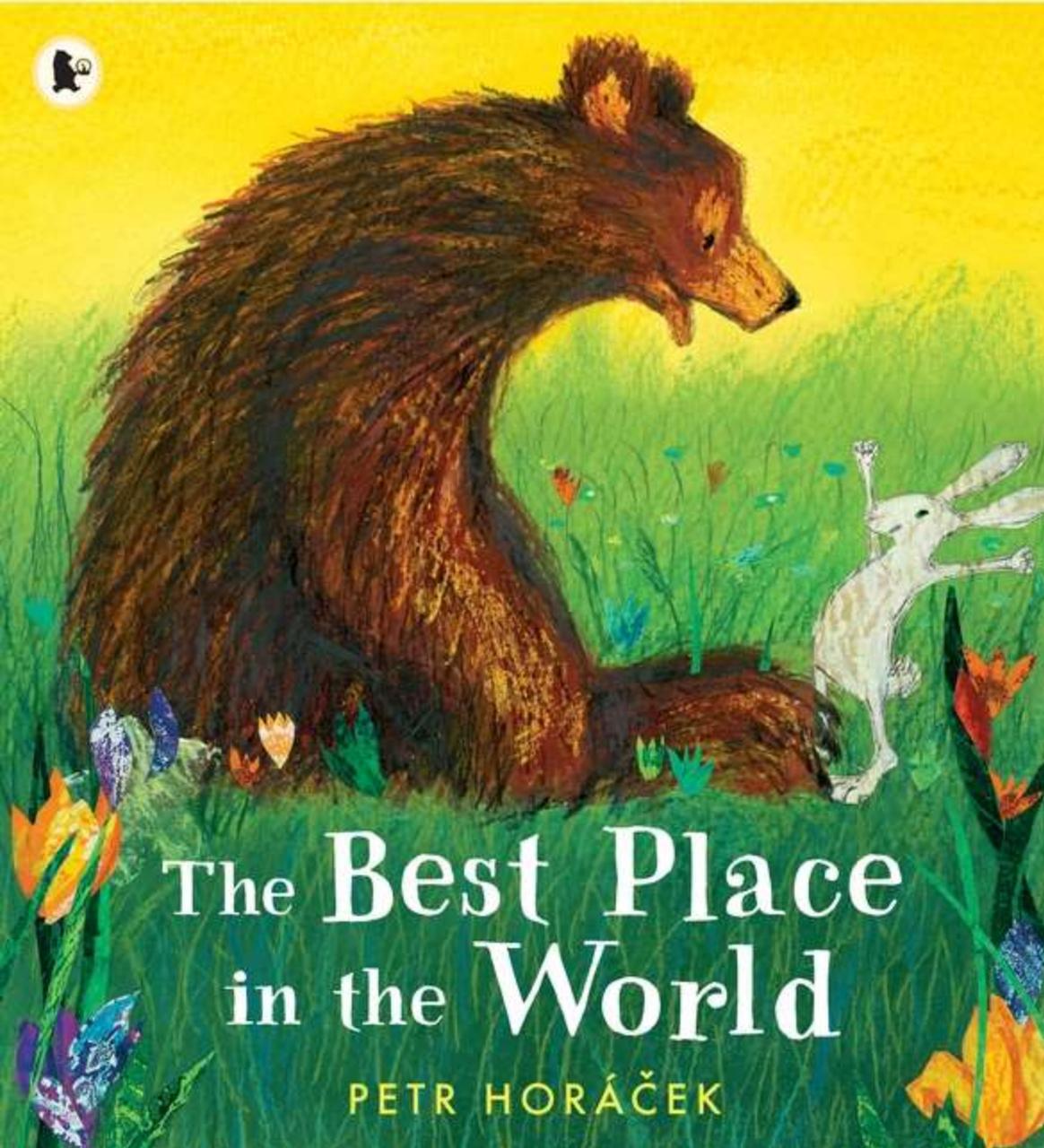
wiggle wiggle



nibble-nibble!



# Picture Books



## The Best Place in the World

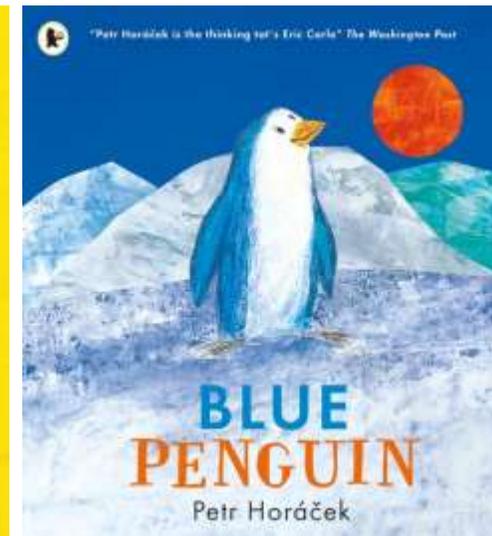
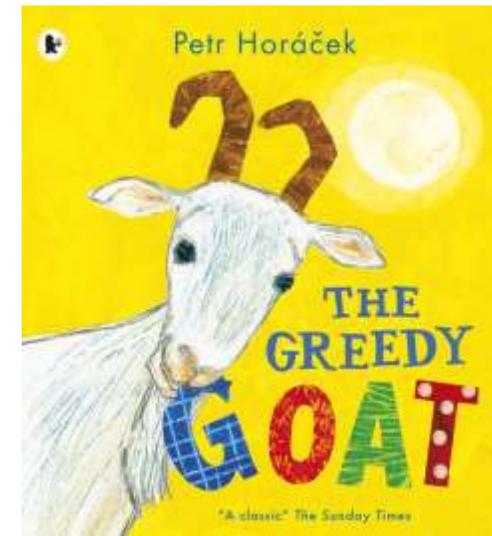
[Petr Horacek](#)

A heart-warming picture book following an inquisitive hare as he discovers that the best place in the world is always with the people you love.

"Do you think this is the best place in the world?" Hare asks his friends, Rabbit, Bear, Duck and Owl. Certain there must be somewhere better out there, Hare sets out on an adventure that takes him to mountains higher than the clouds, sun-kissed beaches and starlit deserts. But even the most beautiful place isn't perfect without friends to share it with, and perhaps the best place in the world is actually closer than Hare thinks. Petr Horáček's artwork shines with a gorgeous summer palette in this charming bedtime read.

"The artwork is stunning. Each spread is bursting with colour and life, depicting wonderful places and warm relationships. *The Best Place in the World* is a complete delight." *North Somerset Teachers' Book Award*

- ISBN: 9781406394276
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



Hare and his friends, the rabbits, were sitting at the top of the hill. They were looking down at their meadow.

The meadow was beautiful.

"Do you think this is the best place in the whole world?"

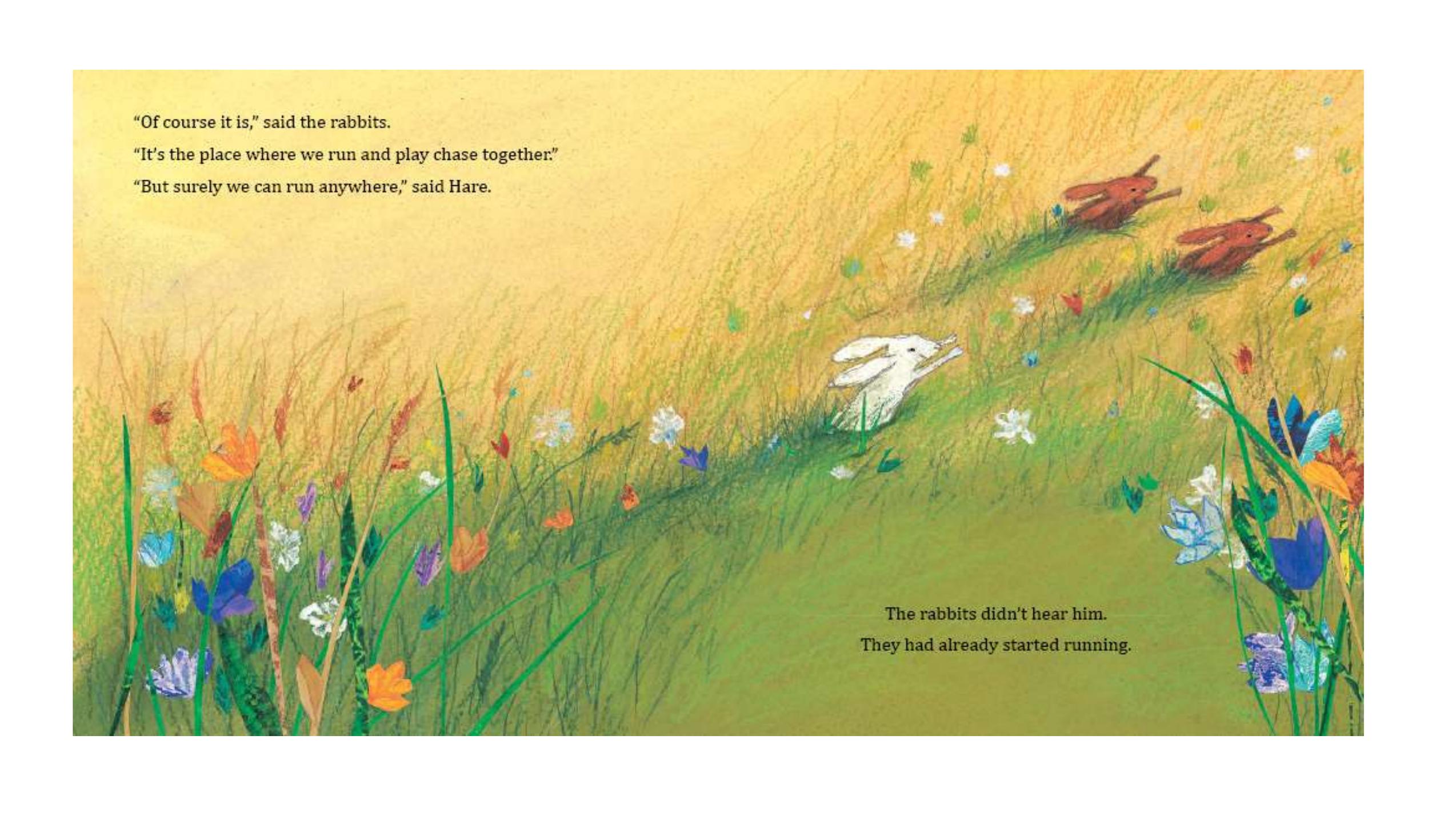
Hare asked his friends.



"Of course it is," said the rabbits.

"It's the place where we run and play chase together."

"But surely we can run anywhere," said Hare.

A painting of a grassy field with rabbits and flowers. The scene is set in a lush, green meadow with tall grasses and various colorful flowers, including purple, blue, and orange blooms. In the center, a white rabbit is running towards the right. In the upper right, two brown rabbits are running away from the viewer. The overall atmosphere is bright and cheerful, with a warm, golden light. The text is overlaid on the scene, with the first three lines in the top left and the last two lines in the bottom right.

The rabbits didn't hear him.  
They had already started running.



# Tyrone O'Saurus DREAMS



JAMES HOWE *illustrated by* RANDY CECIL

## Tyrone O'Saurus Dreams

[James Howe](#)

Illustrated by [Randy Cecil](#)

**In this prehistoric story of defying expectations, a young dinosaur finds unexpected support for his secret dream: to become a dancer.**

Tyrone has a dream. But it seems like everyone else has their own dream for Tyrone. Should he be a dentist? A lawyer? A football player like his brother Johnny? None of these things make Tyrone happy. But then he meets the strongest dinosaur he's ever seen, who inspires him to follow his own heart and become a dancer, like her.

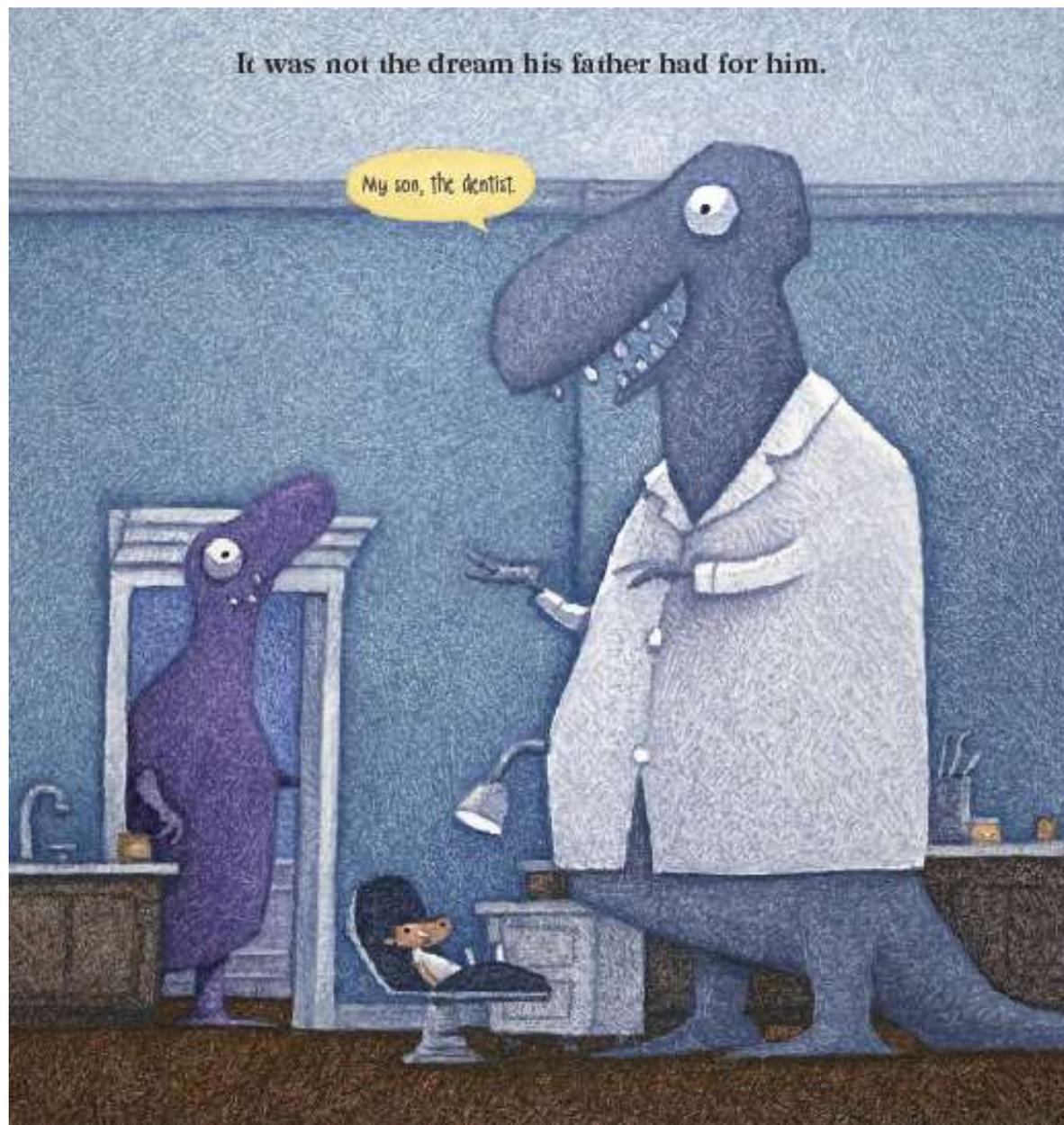
**A captivating story about a young dinosaur who, with a little love and encouragement, finds the courage to dance his way into his dreams.**

- ISBN: 9781406396683
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



Tyrone O'Saurus had a dream.

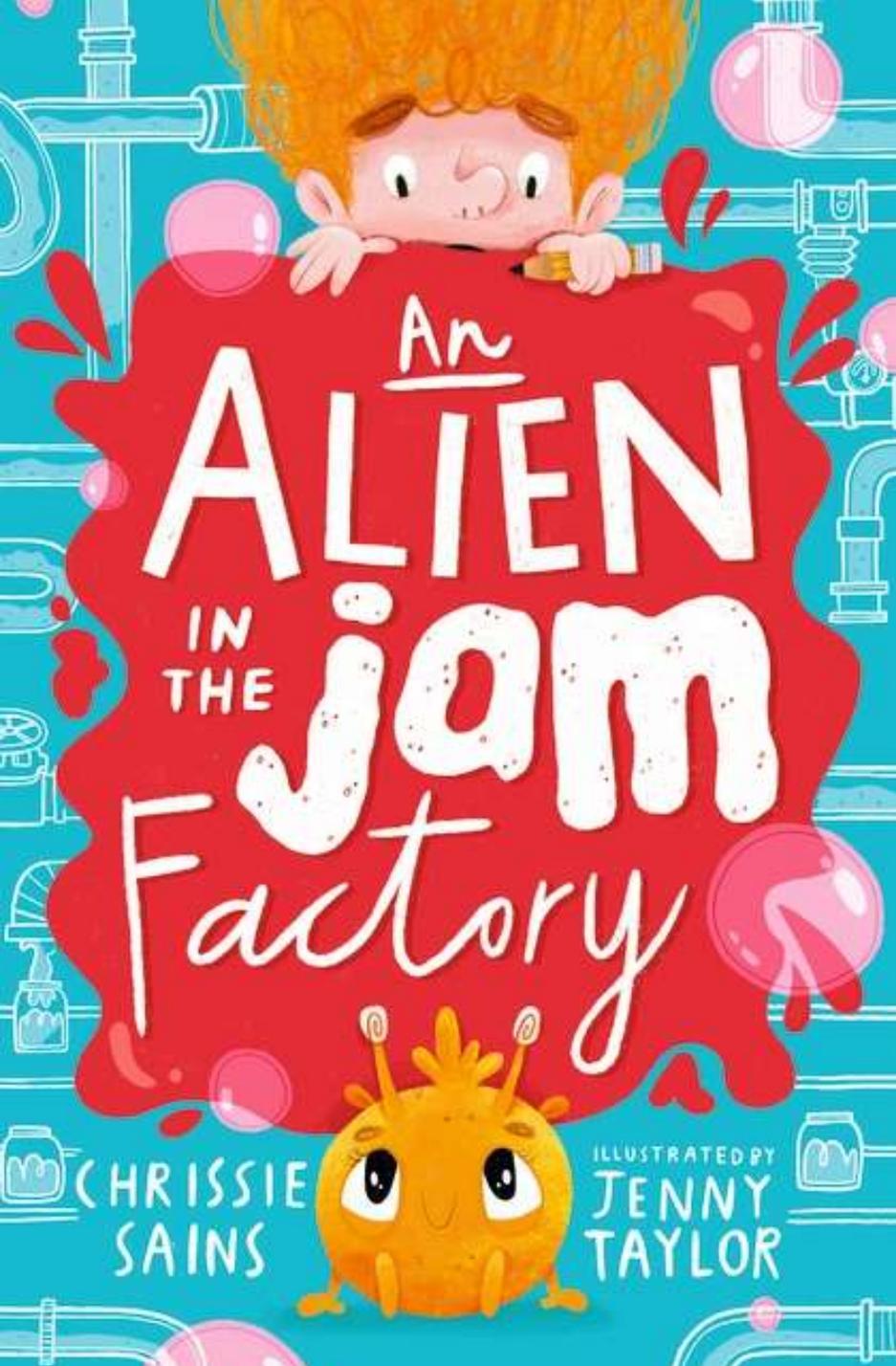
It was not the dream his father had for him.



Tyrone did not want to be a dentist.



# Fiction



## An Alien in the Jam Factory

[Chrissie Sains](#)

Illustrated by [Jenny Taylor](#)

The first book in a hilarious, *jam-packed* new adventure series starring Scooter the inventor and his top secret alien sidekick.

Scooter McLay's cerebral palsy affects how quickly he can move his body, but his hyper-creative brain is a constant fizz of brilliant ideas. He spends every day inventing top secret recipes and machines for his family's jam factory. There's just one thing missing ... a pet, to share it all with. Or better still, a friend.

When a tiny alien named Fizzbee crashes through the factory window, she might just be the answer. Now it's all hands on deck, as they team up to save the factory from dastardly neighbour Daffy Dodgy.

- ISBN: 9781406396126
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 192

“Stroud is a genius” –*Rick Riordan*

# THE OUTLAWS SCARLETT & BROWNE

BEING AN ACCOUNT OF THEIR DARING  
EXPLOITS AND AUDACIOUS CRIMES

JONATHAN  
STROUD  
AUTHOR OF LOCKWOOD & CO.

## The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne

[Jonathan Stroud](#)

Set in a broken, future England, where gunfights and monsters collide, this is the exciting first title in a phenomenal fantasy teen series by the bestselling children's novelist.

England has been radically changed by a series of catastrophes – large cities have disappeared and London has been replaced by a lagoon. The surviving population exists in fortified towns where they cling to traditional ways, while strangely evolved beasts prowl the wilderness beyond. Conformity is rigidly enforced and those who fall foul of the rules are persecuted: some are killed, others are driven out into the wilds.

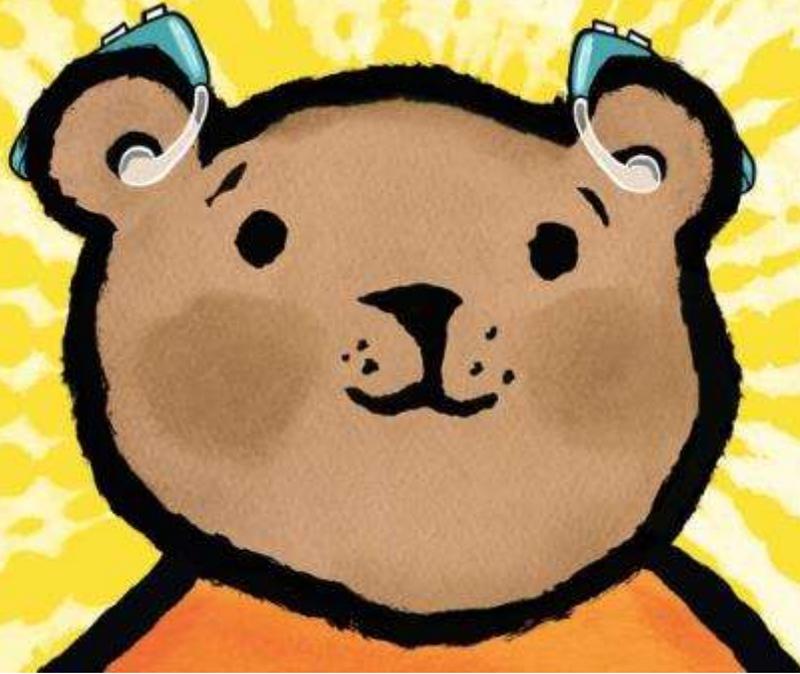
Only a few fight back – and two of these outlaws, Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne, display an audacity and talent that makes them legends.

- ISBN: 9781406394818
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 400

# Indent

# Can Bears Ski?

Raymond Antrobus Polly Dunbar



## Can Bears Ski?

[Raymond Antrobus](#)

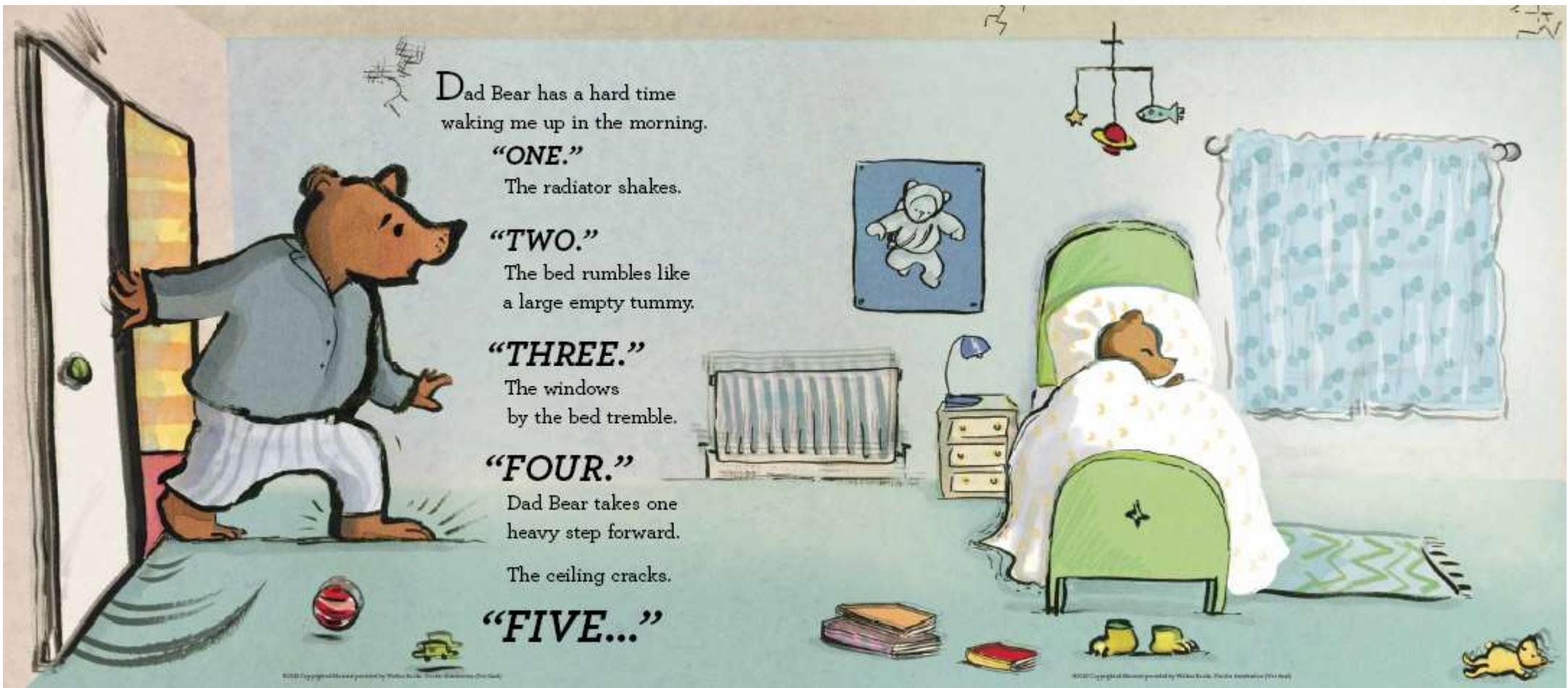
Illustrated by [Polly Dunbar](#)

The debut children's book from Ted Hughes award-winning poet Raymond Antrobus that tracks a father-and-son journey into the discovery and management of deafness.

Boy Bear cannot hear Dad Bear coming to wake him up in the morning but he can *feel* the floor vibrate with his heavy footsteps. He can only grasp little bits of what his teacher says to him at school. He cannot catch what his friends are laughing at. And, all the time, Boy Bear keeps hearing the question, "Can Bears ski?" What does it mean? With the support of Dad Bear, Boy Bear visits an audiologist and, eventually, he gets hearing aids. Suddenly, he understands the question everyone has been asking him: "CAN YOU HEAR ME?" Raymond draws on his own experience to show how isolating it can be for a deaf child in a hearing world.

But through his lyrical and moving words, matched with Polly's stunning imagery, he also shows how many ways there are to communicate love. With a solid network, Boy Bear *will* find his place in the world.

- ISBN: 9781406382624
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 40



Dad Bear has a hard time waking me up in the morning.

**“ONE.”**  
The radiator shakes.

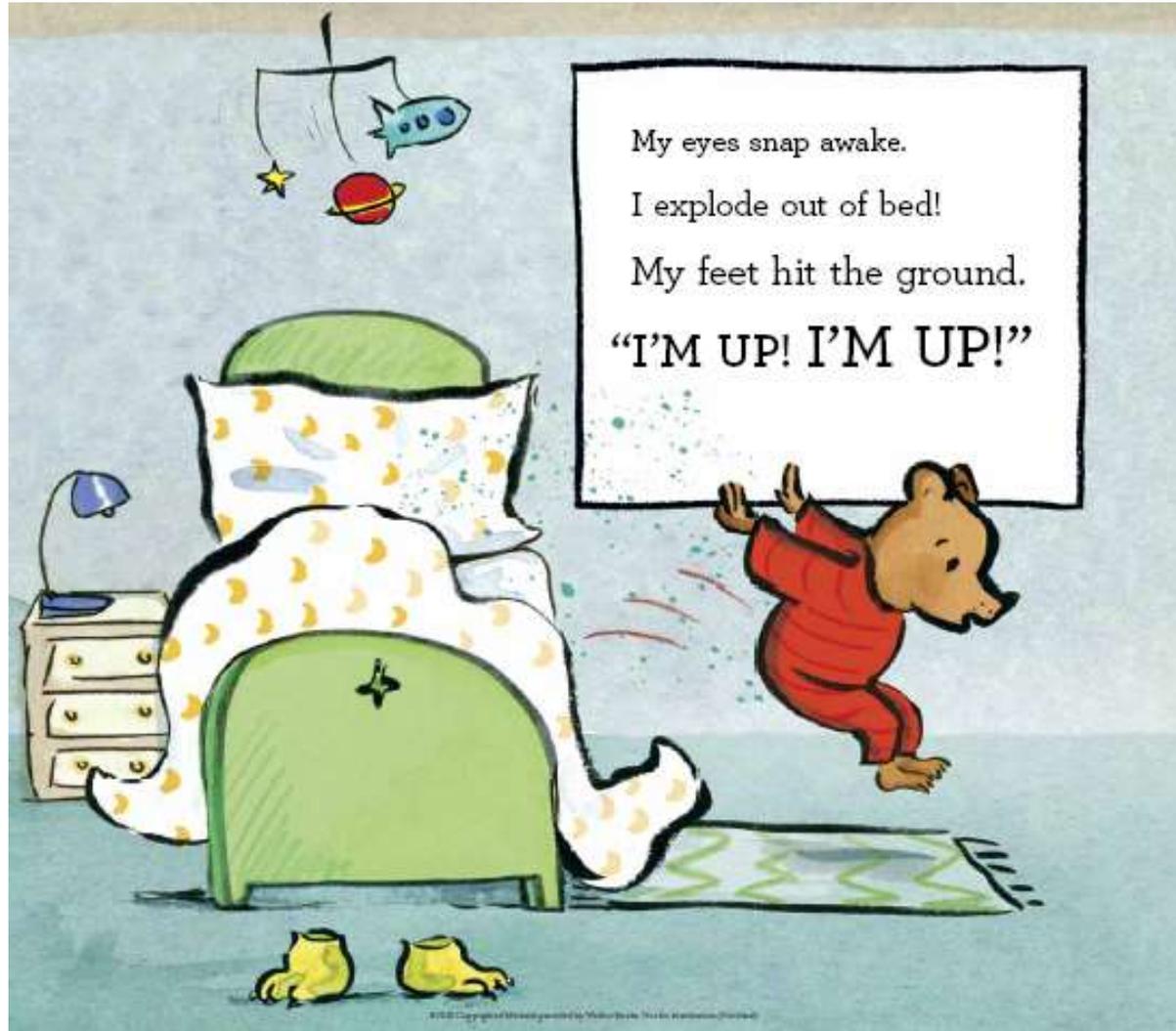
**“TWO.”**  
The bed rumbles like a large empty tummy.

**“THREE.”**  
The windows by the bed tremble.

**“FOUR.”**  
Dad Bear takes one heavy step forward.

The ceiling cracks.

**“FIVE...”**



I put on sky-blue socks,



and my orange trousers  
and yellow jumper.



I like my colours  
**LOUD!**

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## Hike

### [Pete Oswald](#)

**Take to the trails for a celebration of nature – and a day spent with Dad.**

In the cool and quiet early light of morning, a father and child wake up. Today they're going on a hike. Follow the duo into the mountains as they witness the magic of the wilderness, overcome challenges, and play a small role in the survival of the forest. By the time they return home, they feel alive – and closer than ever – as they document their hike and take their place in family history.

In detail-rich panels and textured panoramas, Pete Oswald perfectly paces this nearly wordless adventure, allowing readers to pause for subtle wonders and marvel at the views.

A touching tribute to the bond between father and child, with resonant themes for Earth Day, *Hike* is a breath of fresh air.

- ISBN: 9781406394351
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 40





ZIP!



# THE ROCK FROM THE SKY

Jon Klassen

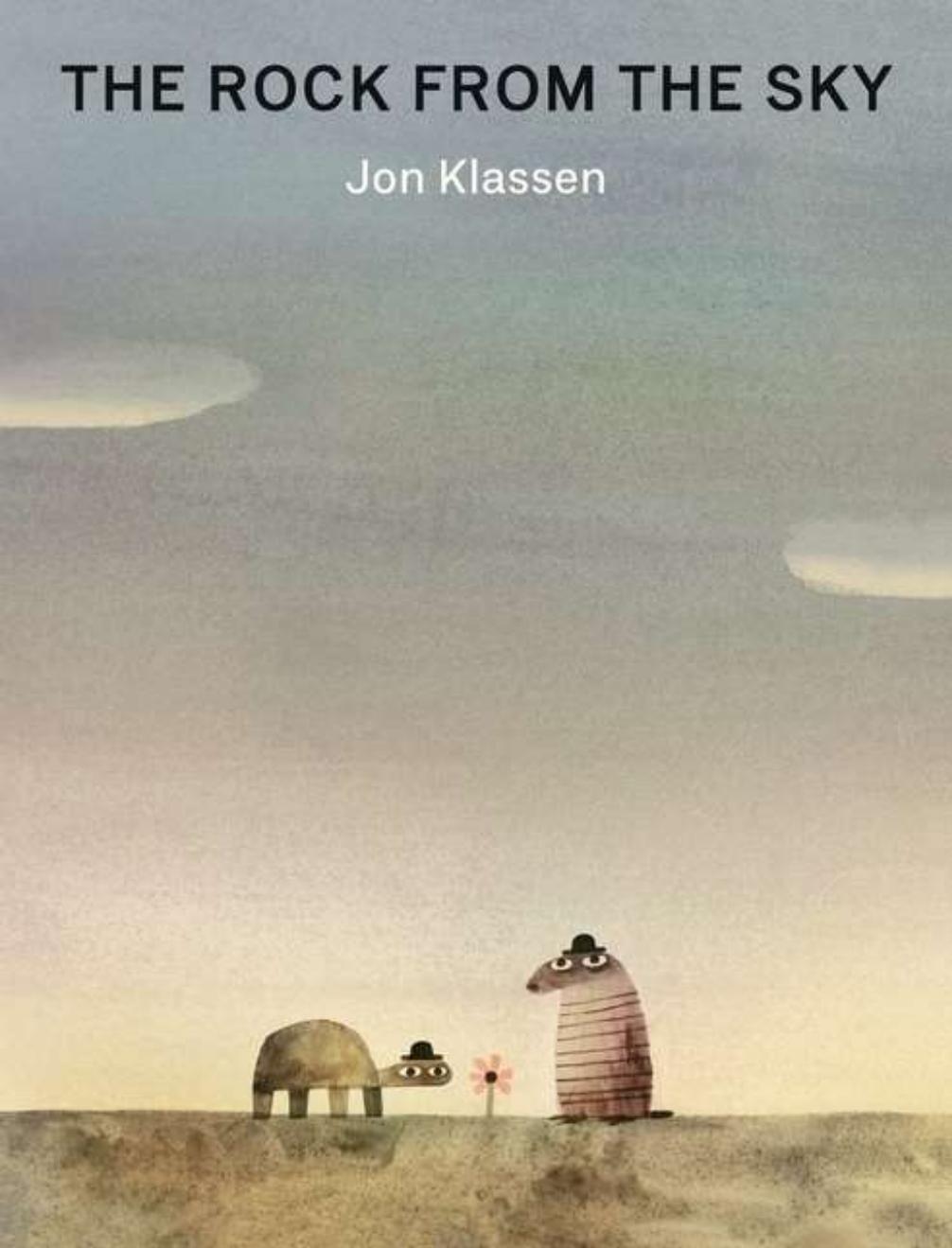
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[Jon Klassen](#)

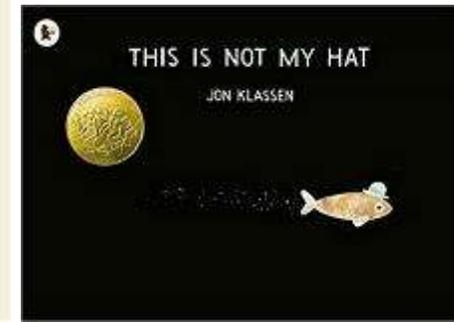
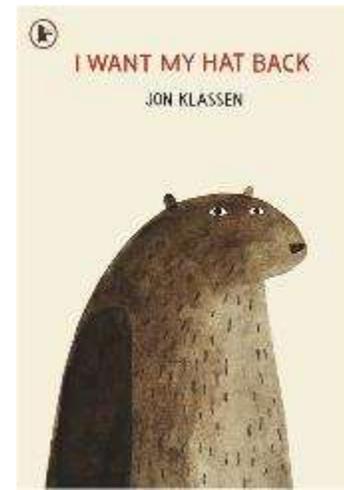
**Look up!** From the Caldecott Medal-winning creator of the Hat trilogy comes a new deadpan gem.

Turtle really likes standing in his favourite spot. He likes it so much that he asks his friend Armadillo to come over and stand in it, too. But now that Armadillo is standing in that spot, he has a bad feeling about it... A hilarious meditation on the workings of friendship, fate, shared futuristic visions, and that funny feeling you get that there's something off somewhere, but you just can't put your finger on it.

Merging broad visual suspense with wry wit and existential silliness, celebrated picture-book creator Jon Klassen gives us a wholly original comedy for the ages.

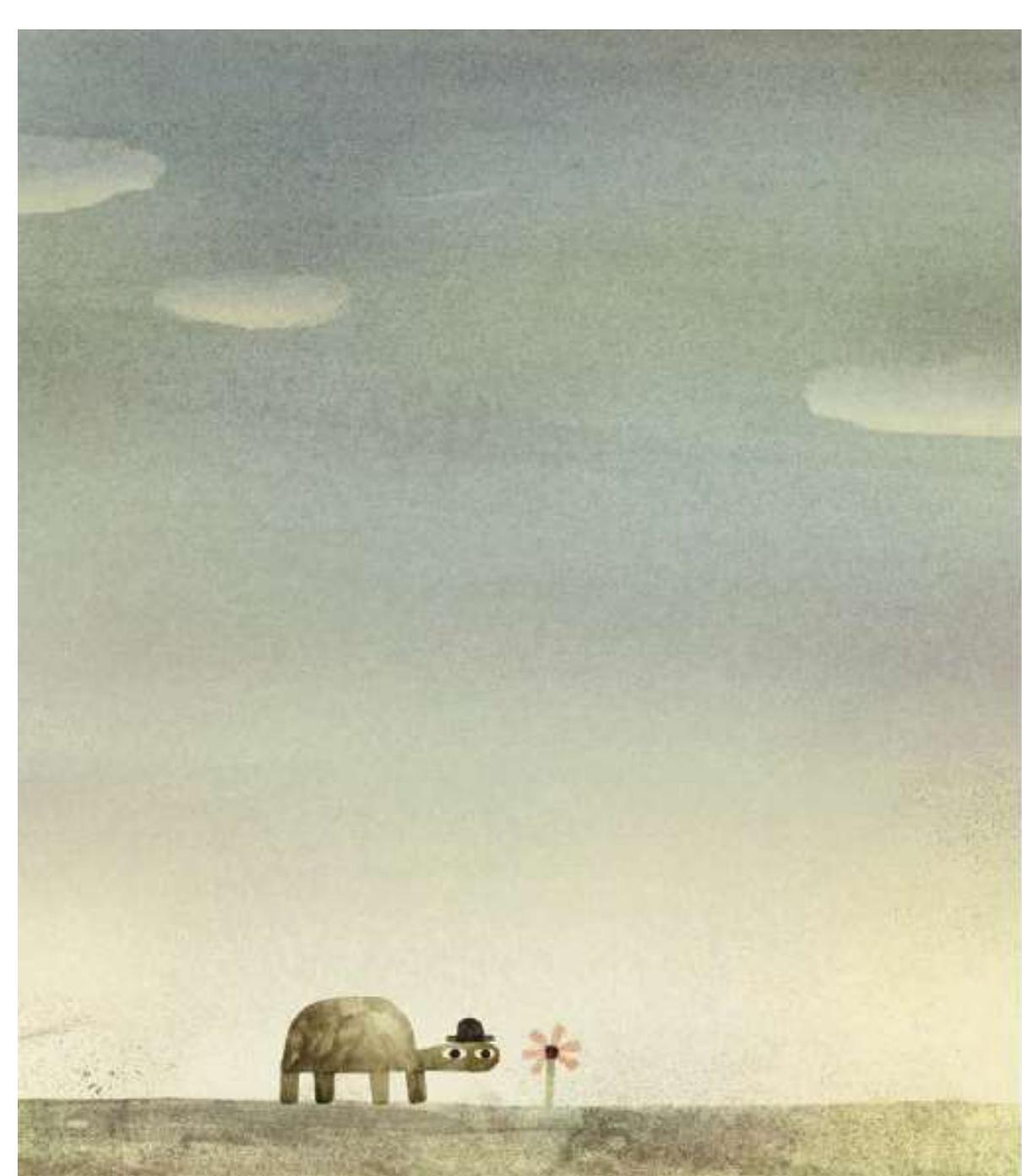


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- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 49





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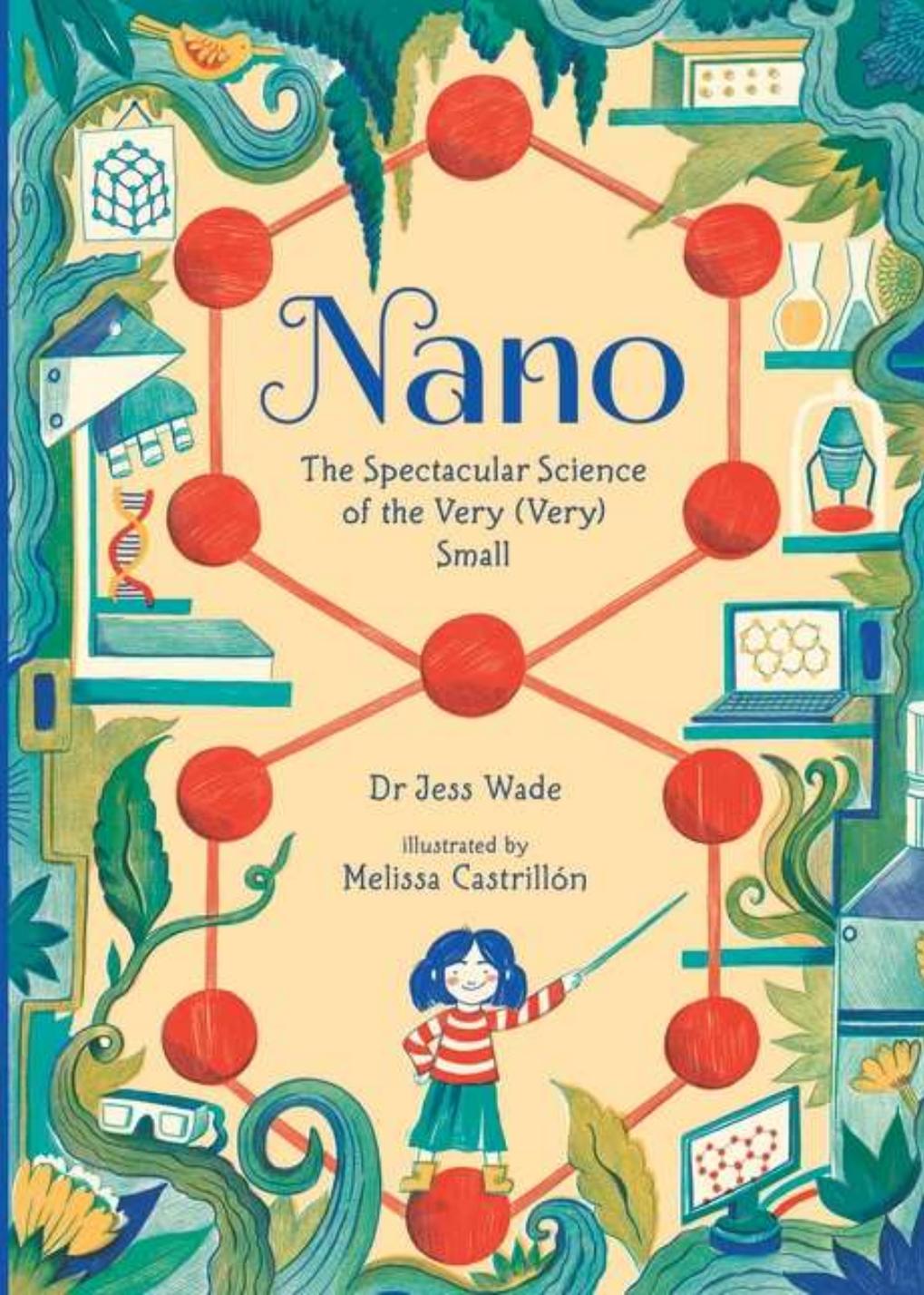


I like standing in this spot. It is my favourite spot to stand.

I don't ever want to stand anywhere else.



# Non-Fiction



# Nano: The Spectacular Science of the Very (Very) Small

[Jess Wade](#)

Illustrated by [Melissa Castrillón](#)

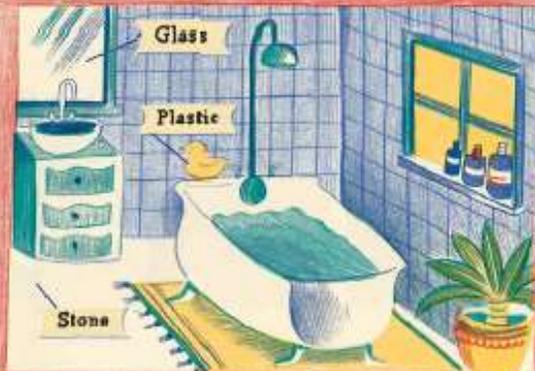
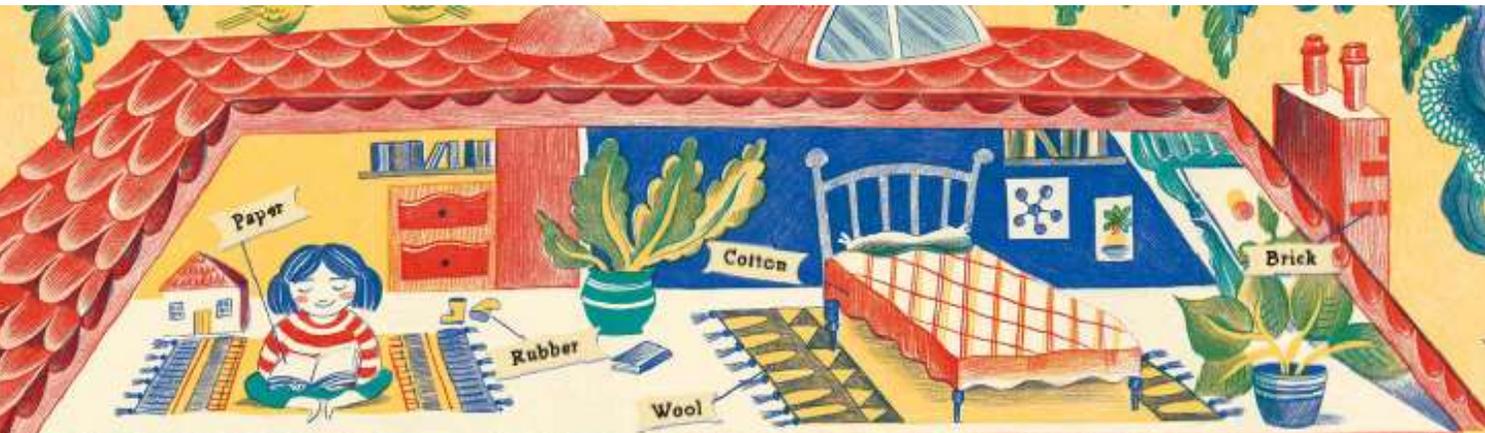
**An exciting picture book introduction to the fascinating (and cutting-edge) science of nanotechnology.**

Everything is made from something – but the way we make things, from the materials we use to the science and technology involved, is changing fast. *Nano* offers a fascinating narrative introduction to this cutting-edge area of STEM, better known by the name "nanotechnology".

With words by Dr Jess Wade – a highly skilled physicist and trailblazing campaigner for diversity in STEM fields – and beautiful, dynamic pictures by award-winning artist Melissa Castrillón, this is the perfect book for budding young scientists and engineers: a way of stepping beyond their school textbooks to fascinating "real-world" science.

- ISBN: 9781406384925
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 32

Look around your home.  
Everything is made out  
of something.



Something light or something heavy,  
something strong or something bendy,  
something smooth or something rough ... each of  
these "somethings" is perfect for a different job.  
And scientists call them **materials**.



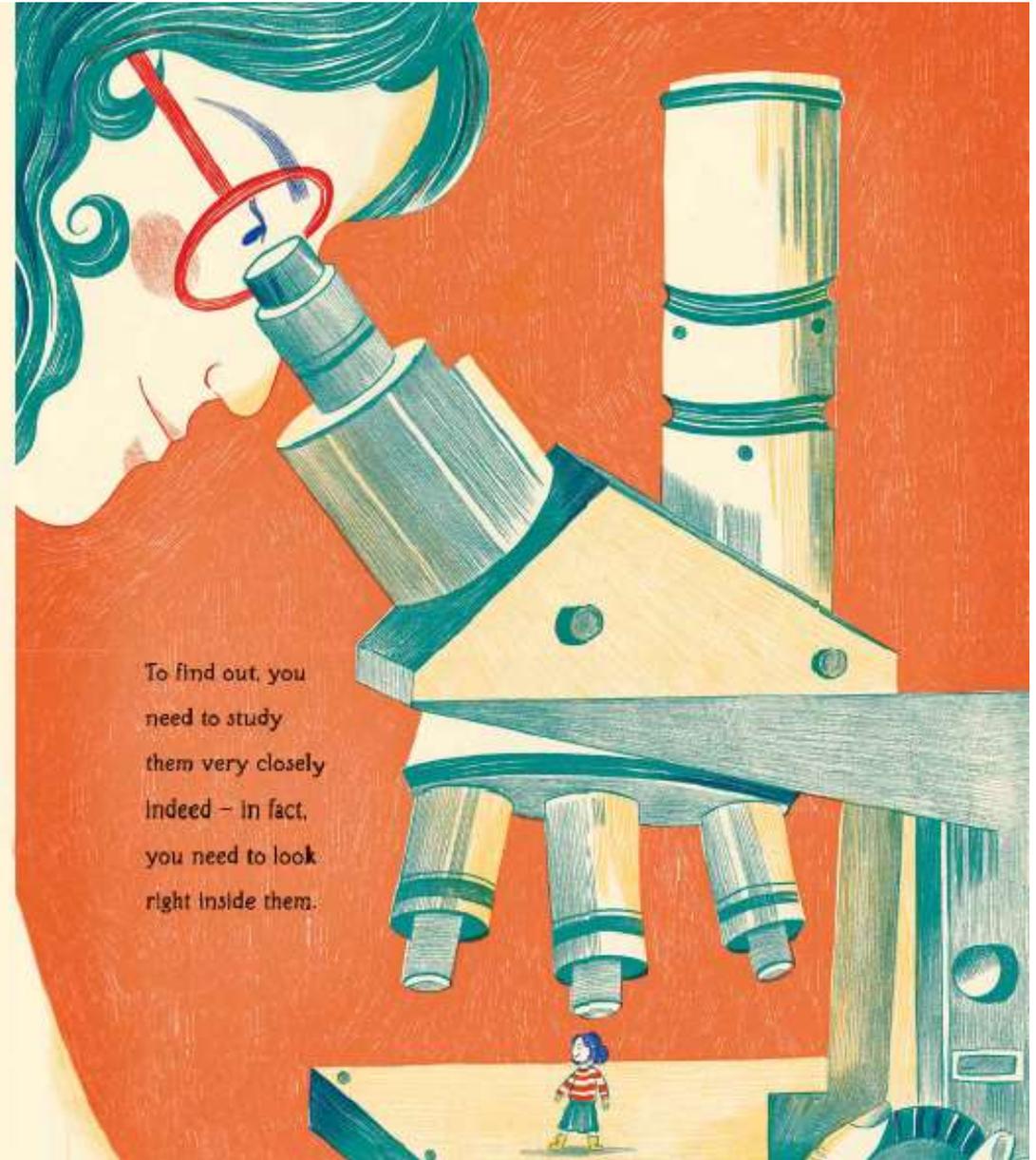
This book is made  
from paper – stone  
would be too heavy ...

and glass would be too delicate.

Imagine a book made of  
chocolate ... it would melt!



But what makes different materials  
light, heavy, strong or bendy?



To find out, you  
need to study  
them very closely  
Indeed – In fact,  
you need to look  
right inside them.



**Andersen Press**

# HIGHLIGHTS

# Fiction



THE  
*List* OF  
THINGS  
THAT WILL  
*not*  
CHANGE

Winner of the Newbery Medal

REBECCA STEAD

## The List of Things That Will Not Change

[Rebecca Stead](#)

*Sonia and I have a lot in common. Our parents are divorced. Our dads are gay. We both love barbecue potato chips. But she is different from me in at least one way: you can't tell how she's feeling just by looking at her. At all.*

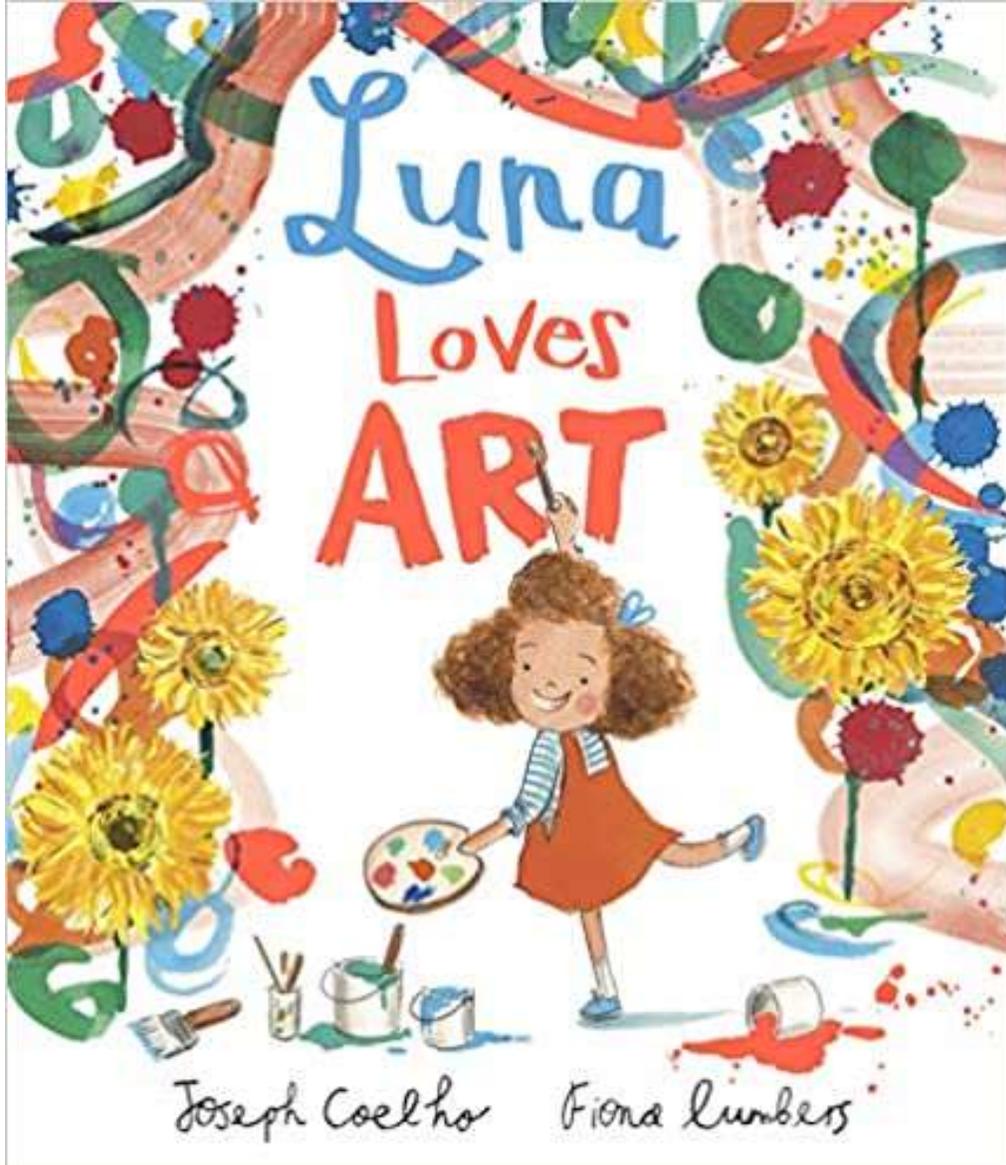
When Bea's dad and his wonderful partner, Jesse, decide to marry, it looks as if Bea's biggest wish is coming true: she's finally (finally!) going to have a sister.

They're both ten. They're both in fifth grade. Though they've never met, Bea knows that she and Sonia will be perfect sisters. *Just like sisters anywhere*, Bea thinks. But as the wedding day approaches, Bea makes discoveries that lead her to a possibly disastrous choice.

Making a new family brings questions, surprises, and joy in this brilliant modern classic by Newbery Medalist Rebecca Stead.

- ISBN: 9781839130458
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 224

# Picture Books



## Luna Loves Art

[Joseph Coelho](#) , [Fiona Lumbers](#)

**"*Luna Loves Art* offers [the comfort that] not all families look the same – and that is a great message to celebrate." Laura Dockrill**

At the gallery, Luna is transfixed by the famous art, but her classmate Finn doesn't seem to want to be there at all. Finn's family doesn't look like the one in Henry Moore's 'Family Group' sculpture, but then neither does Luna's. Maybe all Finn needs is a friend.

Join Luna and Finn at the Art Gallery and step inside famous works of art by Van Gogh, Damien Hirst, Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol and many more! Can you spot all the art?

Created by award-winning poet Joseph Coelho, this book follows *Luna Loves Library Day* as an introduction to different types of family.

- ISBN: 9781783448654
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

## Luna Loves Art.

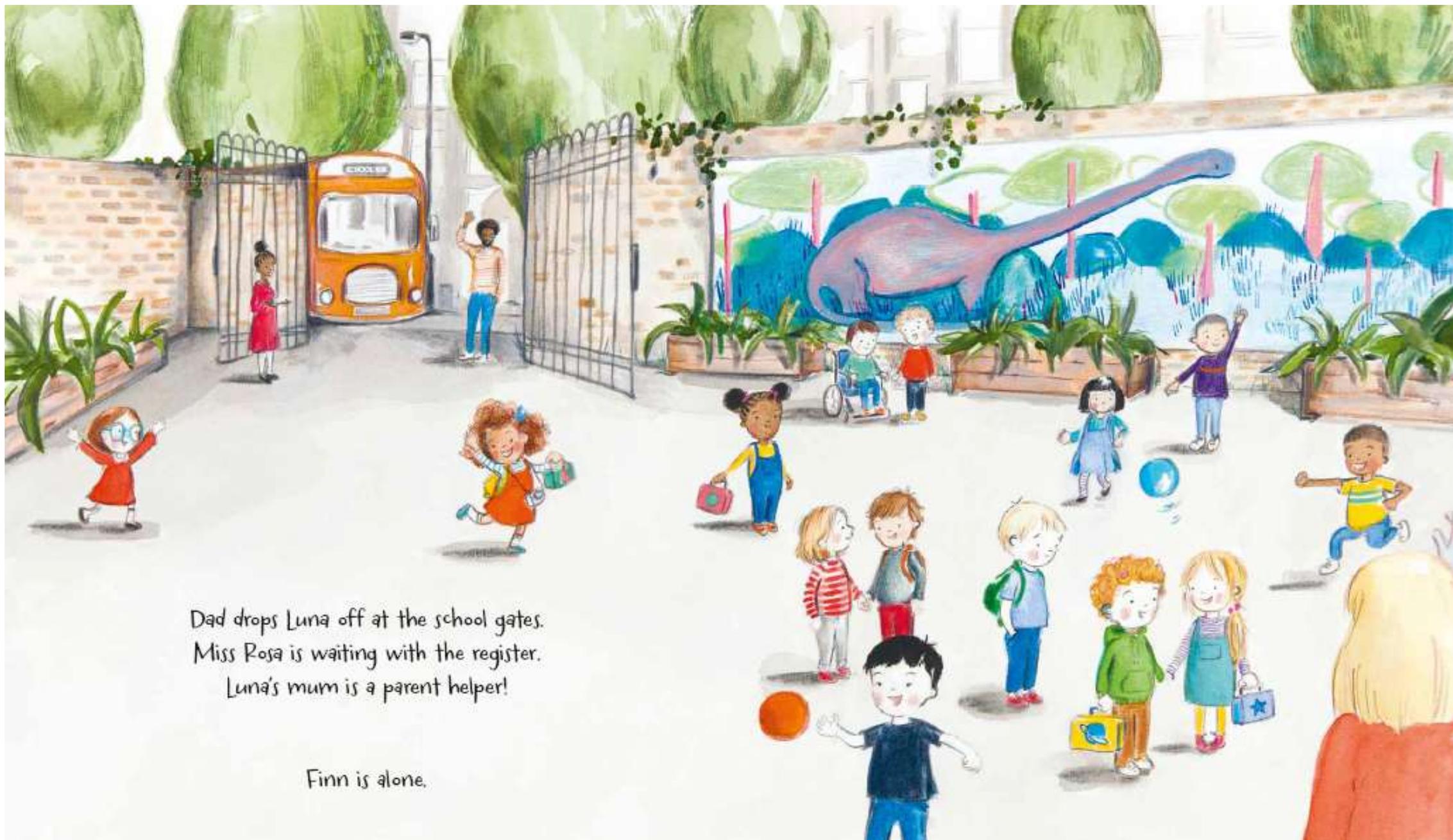
Today she is going on a school trip.

School trip backpack - check!

School trip lunch box - check!

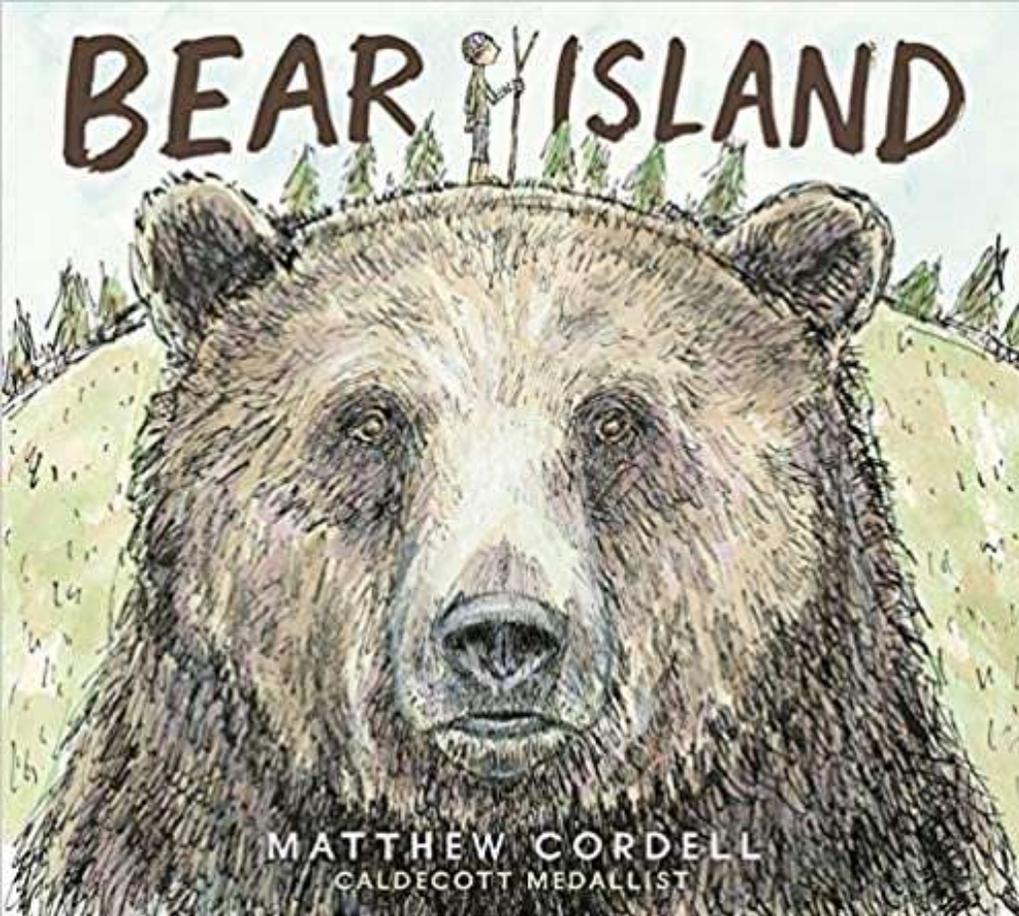
School trip instant camera - click!





Dad drops Luna off at the school gates.  
Miss Rosa is waiting with the register.  
Luna's mum is a parent helper!

Finn is alone.



## Bear Island

[Matthew Cordell](#)

A picture book about healing after a bereavement, the death of a loved one or a family pet, by Caldecott Medalist Matthew Cordell.

'In a story that respects grief's slow pace, Cordell's writing and artwork together carry grace and heart.' *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

'Cordell speaks eloquently and respectfully to the universal experience of loss and recovery.' *New York Times*

Louise and her family are sad after their beloved dog Charlie dies. "Life will not be the same," Louise says, as she visits a little island that Charlie loved. But on the island, something strange happens: she meets a bear who teaches her that getting over a bereavement takes time and that sometimes, things can change for the better.

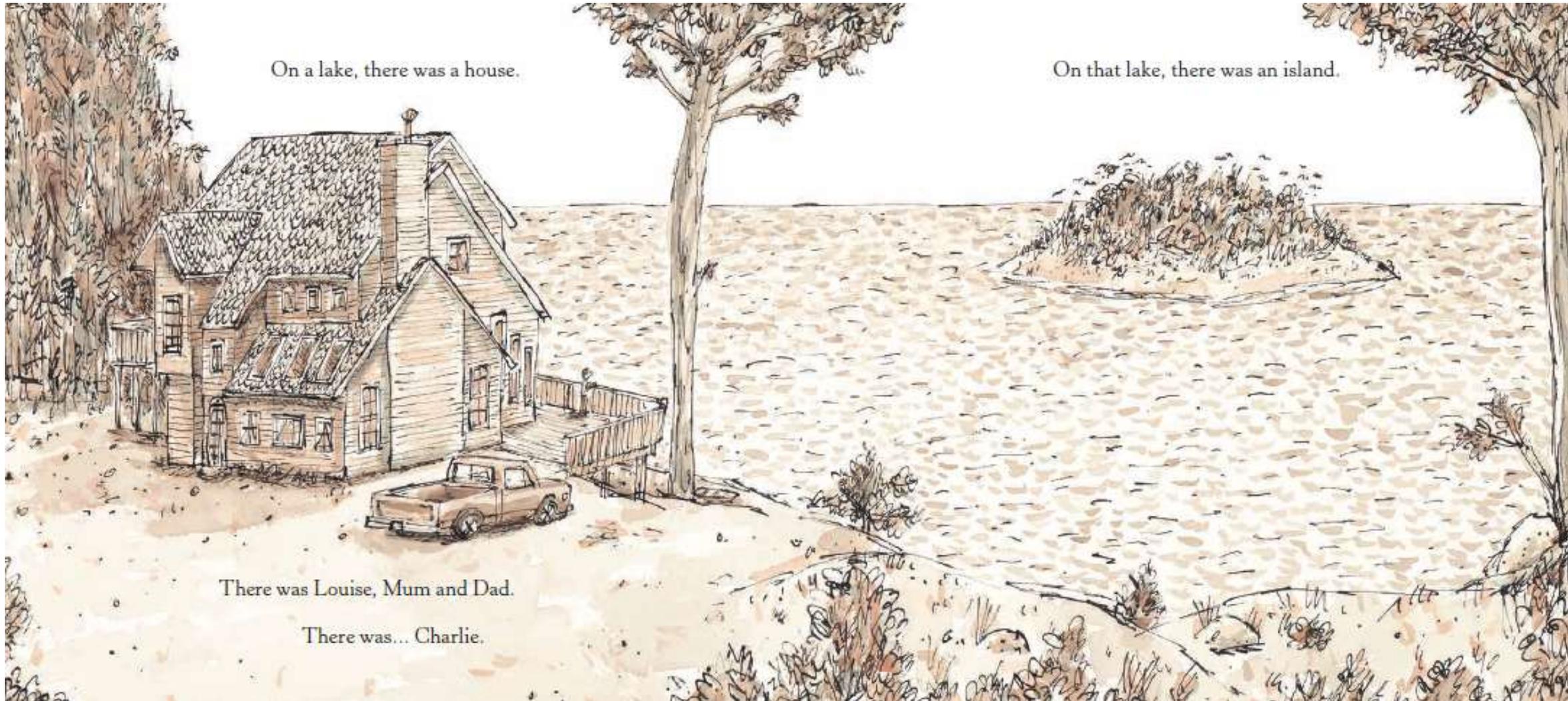
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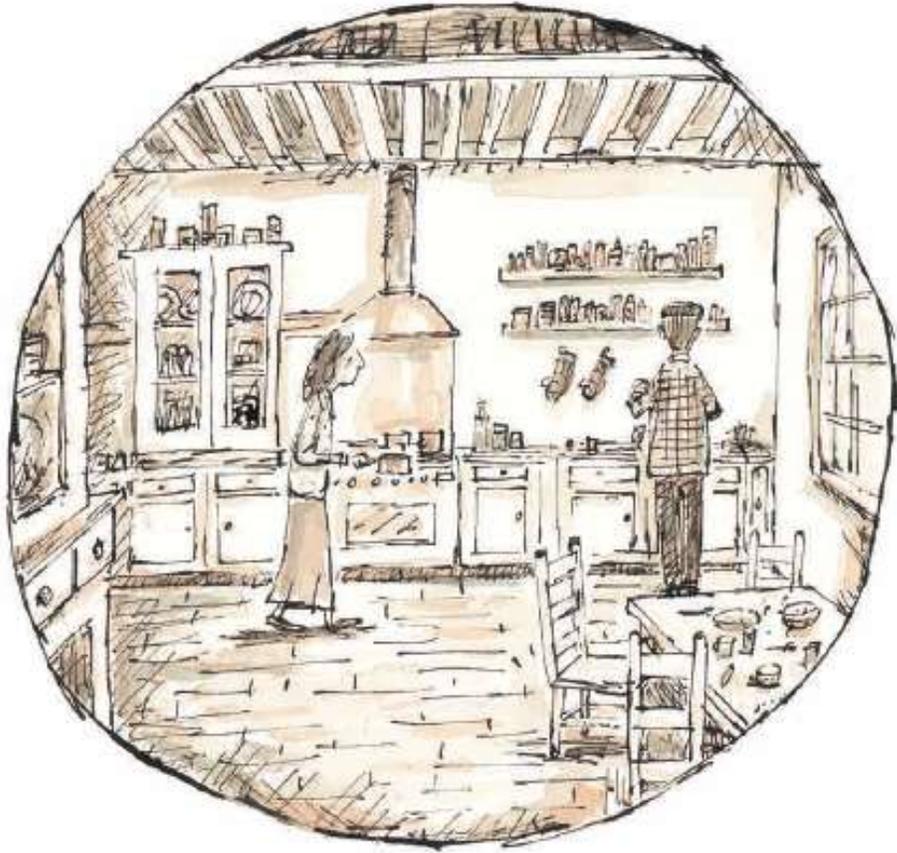
On a lake, there was a house.

On that lake, there was an island.

There was Louise, Mum and Dad.

There was... Charlie.

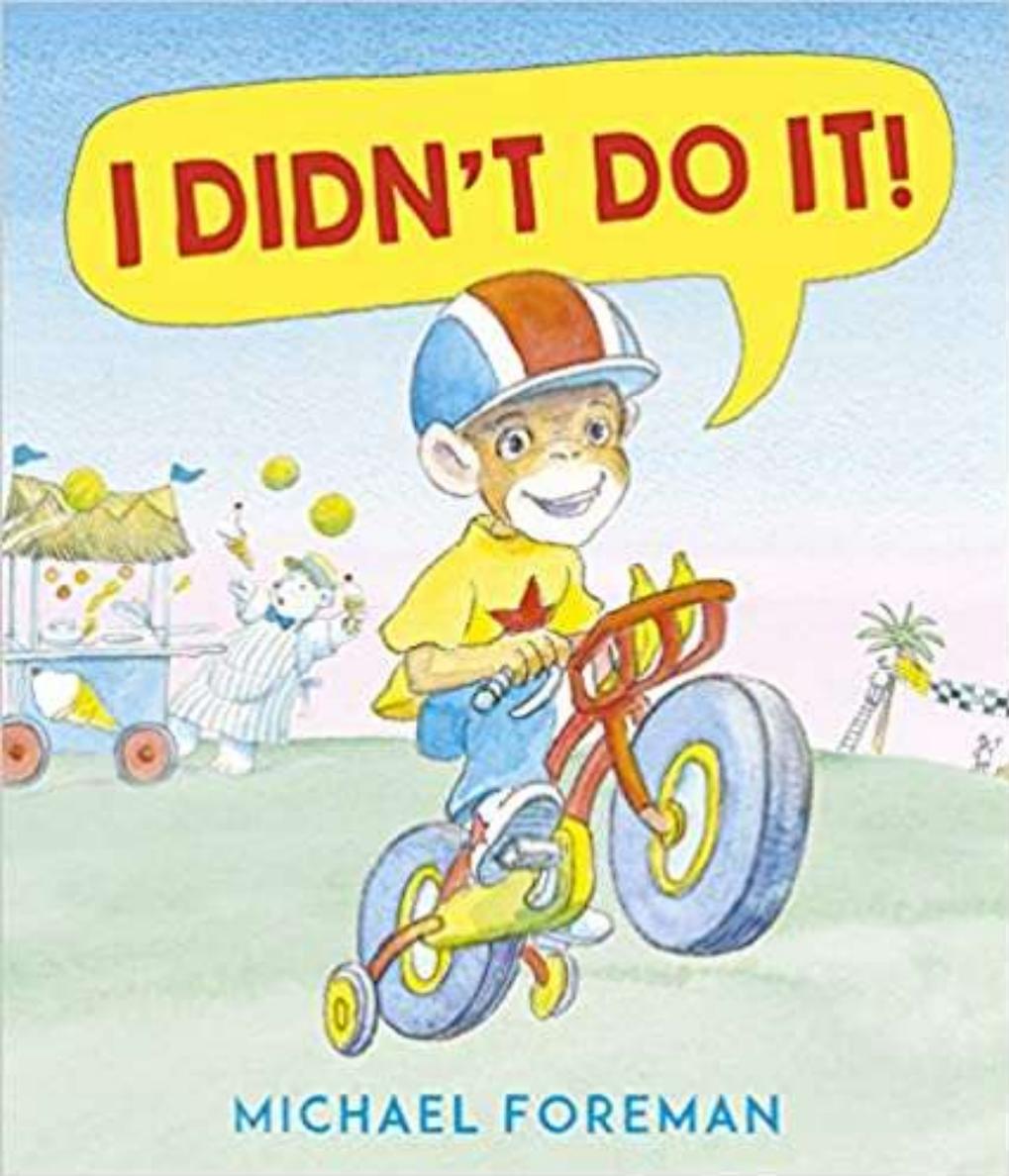




After breakfast, Louise put on her boots and cap.



"I'm going out on the boat," she said.



## **I Didn't Do It!**

[Michael Foreman](#)

### **Quick, quick!**

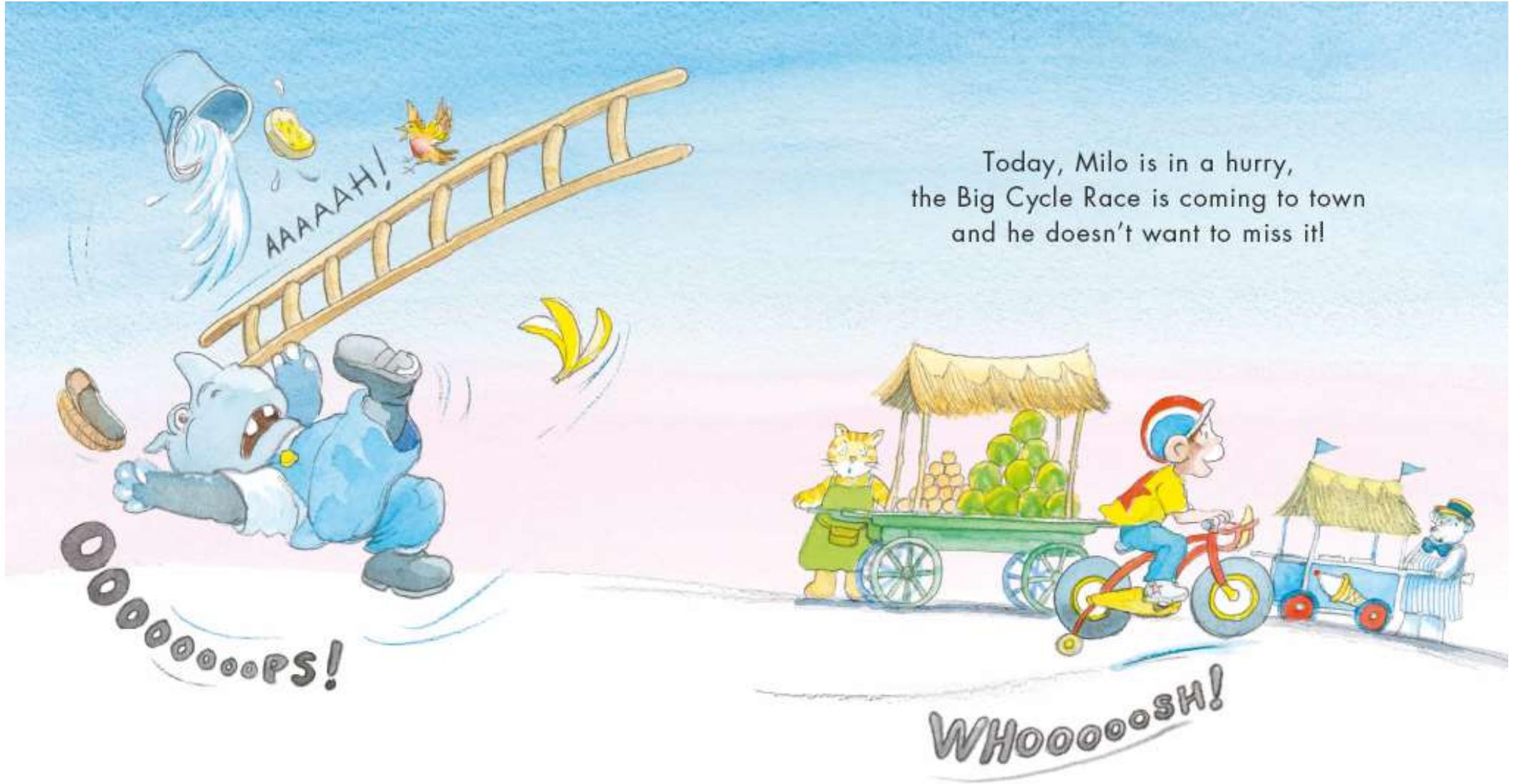
The Big Cycle Race is coming to town, and Milo does not want to miss it. On his way to the finish line, Milo unwittingly causes havoc that follows him all along the route... but when someone tries to steal the trophy, who will save the day?

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Milo loves his new bike.

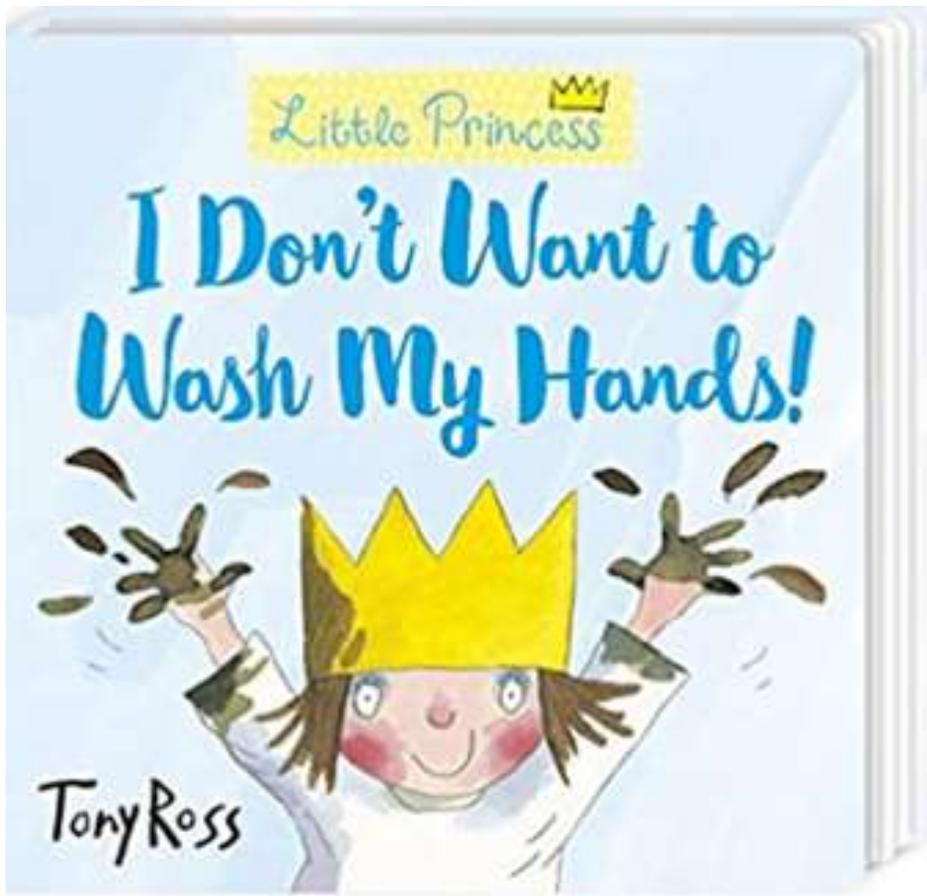
One day, he hopes to be a champion racer.



Today, Milo is in a hurry,  
the Big Cycle Race is coming to town  
and he doesn't want to miss it!

OOOOOOPS!

WHOOOOOSH!



## **I Don't Want to Wash My Hands! (Little Princess)**

[Tony Ross](#)

**Learn all about washing your hands with the Little Princess!**

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“Wheeeeeeeeeee!”  
The Little Princess LOVED getting dirty.



“Wash your hands before you eat that.”  
said the Queen.  
“Why?” said the Little Princess.



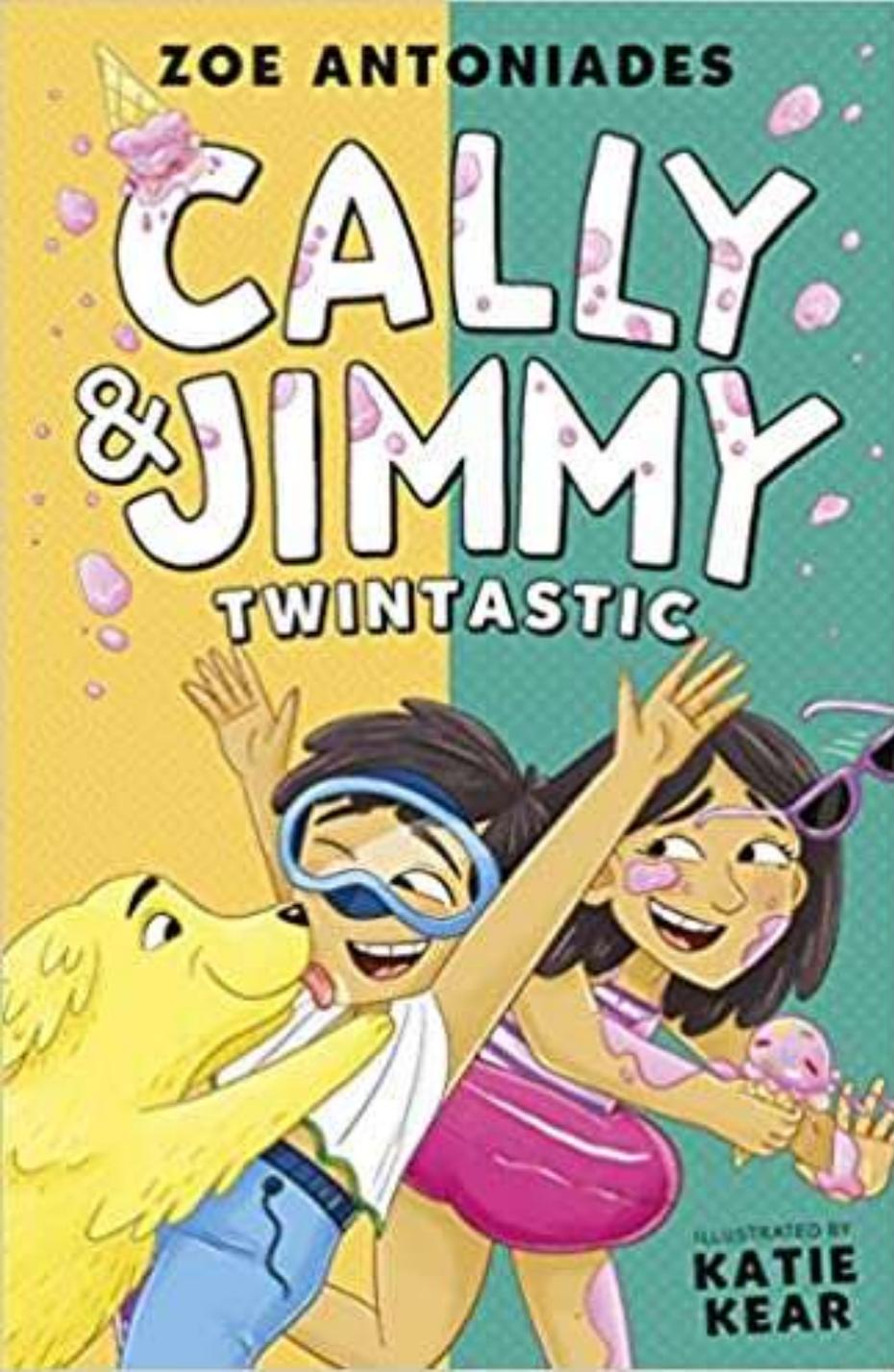
“Because you’ve been playing outside,”  
said the Queen.



“Wash your hands,” said the King.  
“Why? I’ve washed them TWICE,”  
said the Little Princess.



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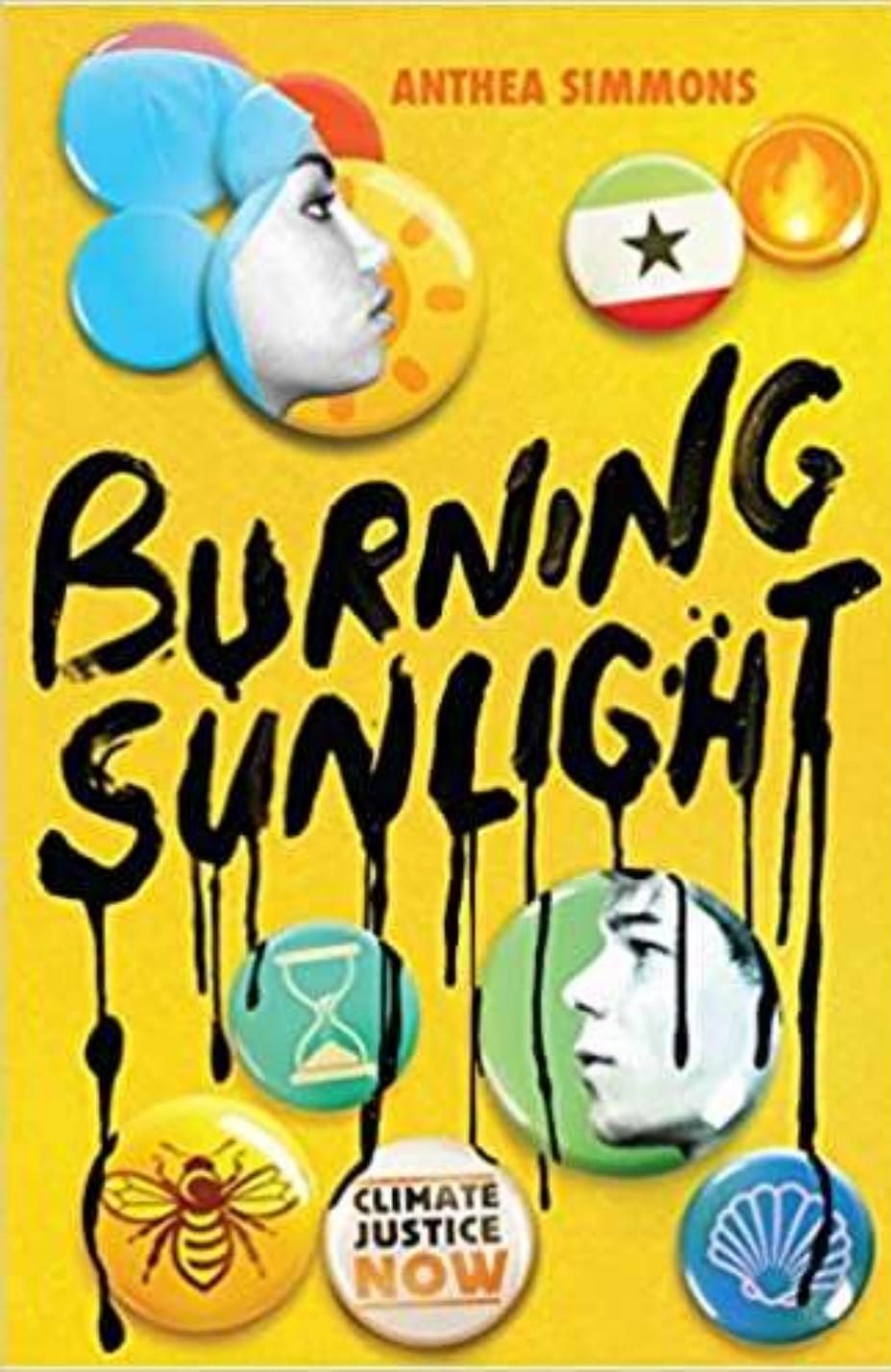
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