

Macmillan Children's Books

Rights Guide Autumn 2023



Welcoming
**Camilla
Reid**

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to be welcoming you to our new Autumn Rights Guide. As always, it is packed full of wonderful new books and we are looking forward to telling you more about them at Frankfurt.

We are having a particularly wonderful year working with our international partners. A highlight has been celebrating 2 million book sales with SM for *El Pollo Pepe* (*Charlie Chick*) and marking the occasion with author/illustrator events, character costume appearances and experiential family activities at the Madrid Book Fair.

At Bologna, we announced that Camilla Reid is joining our preschool list. As one of the industry's most experienced creators of books for the very young, her two new series, launching with, *Who's Cute?*, illustrated by Nila Aye, and *Five Little Ducks*, illustrated by Jill Howarth, are stylish and fun, and put the child reader at their heart.

In other preschool news, we are combining forces with our sister company to sell Rights in Priddy Books, so that you can now learn about all our baby and preschool publishing through our MCB Rights team.

We are very excited that Liz Pichon is moving to MCB with her new funny graphic novel series for young middle-grade readers. Liz's distinctive and colourful illustrations build a fantastic world and we are excited to introduce you to her quirky characters, *The Mubbles*, who live on the Isle of Smile.

Recently, our authors and illustrators have enjoyed success internationally with various prizes: M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman won the *Enfantastie* Award for *Adventures on Trains*, Marta Altes won a Unicef Award in France for *Five More Minutes*, and *A Skinful of Shadows* by Frances Hardinge won the *Premi Alba* in Spain. Congratulations to them and the publishing teams in those countries.

Two new fiction launches that we are confident will be our prizewinners of the future are *Greenwild* by Pari Thomson and Elle McNicoll's first YA novel, *Some Like it Cold*. If you haven't read them yet, I urge you to do so. They are not to be missed!

Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear by Trang Nguyen and Jeet Zdung won the prestigious Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration in the UK this summer. Their graphic novel is an inspirational adventure about conservation and the creative team continues to focus on these issues in their sequel, *Saving H'non*, which looks at elephants in captivity.

On our picture books list, award-winning Steve Antony is joining MCB with his toddler-focused series. The first title, *Cat Nap*, is as sweet and witty as it sounds. *Penguin and Pup* is another great new series, with funny adventures and two characters who are strong friends, despite their differences.

Icelandic is the newest language in our *Tales from Acorn Wood* series, taking the total to 26, and the new book, *Frog's Day Out*, is the 10th lift-the-flap story. *The Amazing World of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler* is a fantastic gift book that celebrates their longstanding creative partnership and is a key title in our 25th anniversary plans for *The Gruffalo* throughout 2024.

Our publishing at Macmillan has something for all young readers to enjoy and hopefully something for you to enjoy as well.

With all best wishes



Belinda Ioni Rasmussen





Trusted by parents and full of fun as well as soft learning, Campbell has two exciting new non-fiction series in the Guide this year. Amazing Animal Babies introduces toddlers to animal families through the relatable story of a young animal growing up, with easy-to-lift flaps and shaped pages for little fingers to explore. Peep and Pop brings preschoolers' favourite wild animals to life and encourages pretend play with sturdy and vibrant action pop-ups.

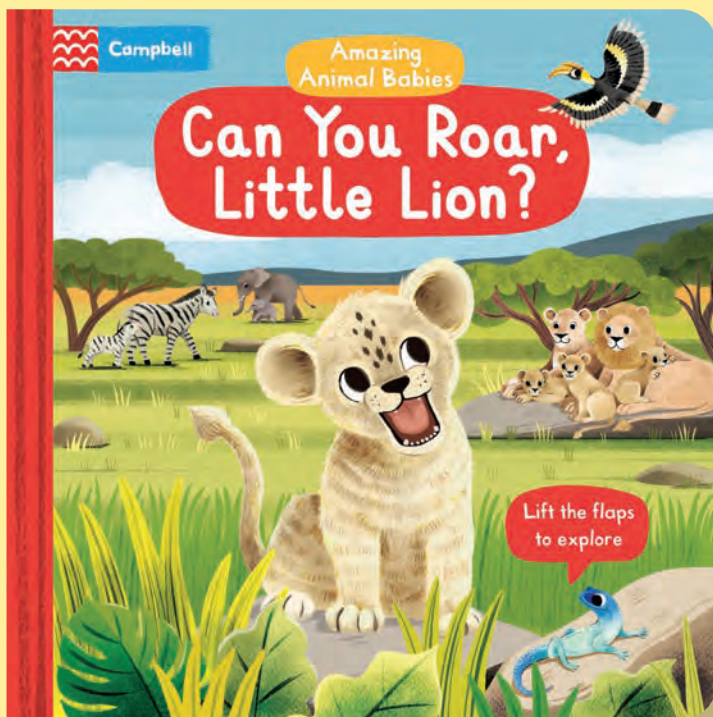
Our reassuring expert-led Babies Laugh series, which encourages emotional and social development, is expanding with a stimulating squeaker book and a joyful giggle-button book for parents and babies to bond and laugh over together. We have also added two more adorable titles, *Kitten* and *Bear Cub*, to our unique grab-and-pull Peekaboo series for older babies.

We are introducing a new lift-the-flap format to Campbell's board book range illustrated by Axel Scheffler. With over thirty flaps and an interactive game of hide-and-seek to play, little ones are sure to return to this book again and again. We are also delighted to announce that the hugely successful *Who's Hiding on the Farm?* felt flaps title was selected by BookTrust, a leading UK reading charity, to be gifted to nearly 600,000 new babies, encouraging families to start reading to their children from birth.

Meanwhile, the *There are 101 . . .* series zooms into space to build on Campbell's range of STEAM learning titles and our Little Families series continues to develop emotional intelligence, thrilling toddlers everywhere with its woodland animal characters and sweet rhyming stories about familiar routines and daily family life.

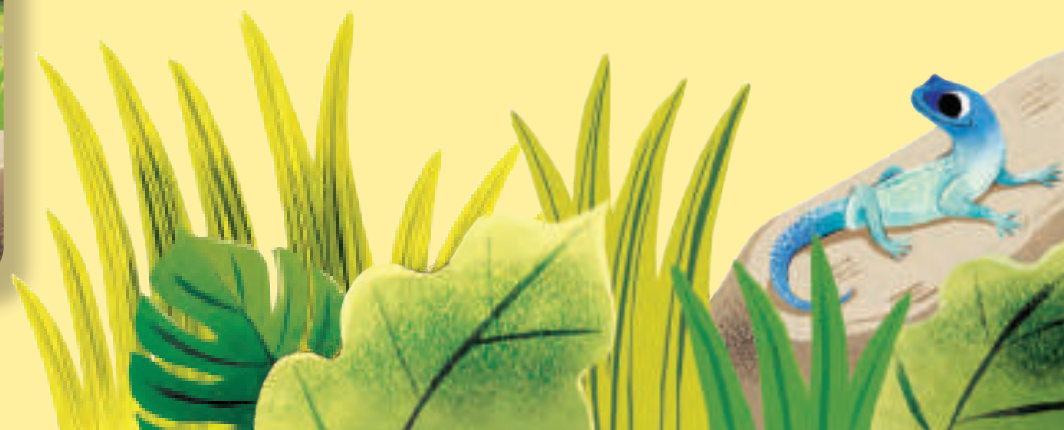


Illustrated by Jenny Wren



A delightful and relatable novelty book series that tells the story of how a baby animal grows up

- Highly interactive with shaped pages and flaps to explore
- A sweet rhyming story with a satisfying ending to read and share
- A first introduction to animal families and how they live together
- Gentle facts and soft early learning including colours and counting



Illustrated by Malgorzata Detner



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

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

COMING SOON:
ELEPHANT
& GIRAFFE

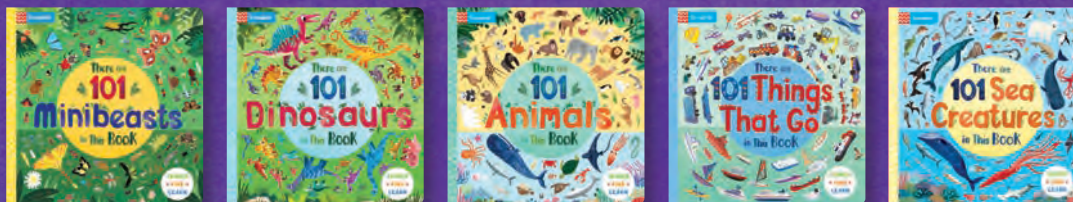
There are
101
Things to find in
Space

Illustrated by Hannah Abbo

Make 101 exciting space discoveries in
this fun-packed search and find book!

- STEAM learning through play
- Detailed, striking scenes with 101 objects to spot and identify
- Extra early learning activities, including colours and counting
- Robust board book format, perfect for little ones to explore alone and revisit time and time again

Also available:





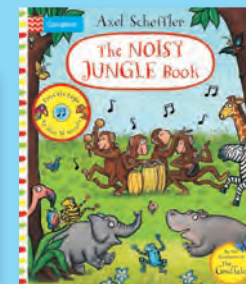
An exciting new lift-the-flap format in the
Axel Scheffler Campbell range



- Play a game of hide-and-seek with the animals on the farm in this interactive lift-the-flap board book
- Features fun surprises, peep through holes and multiple flaps on every spread to engage children and develop fine motor skills
- By the award-winning illustrator of *The Gruffalo*



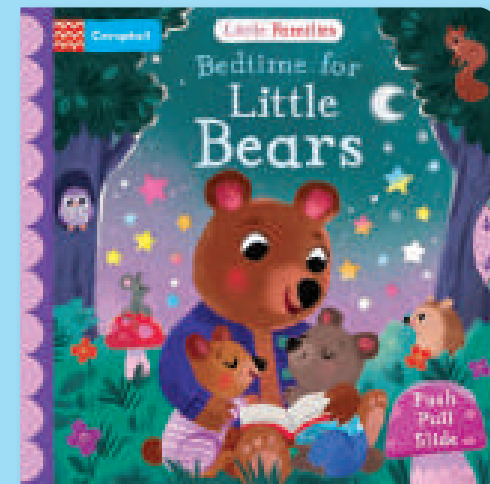
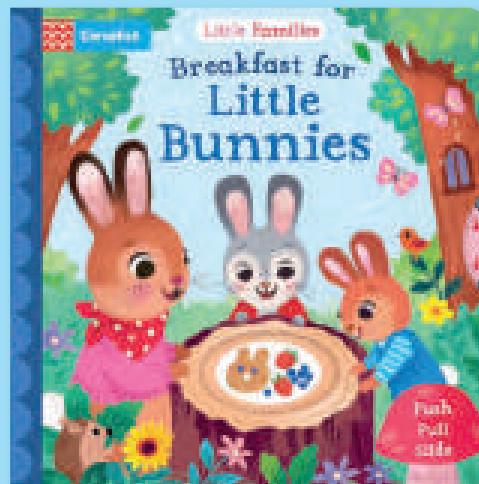
Also available:



Illustrated by Kathryn Selbert

Sweet and funny stories, perfect for building emotional intelligence

- Familiar daily moments that gently prompt conversations about being considerate, helping others and teamwork
- Bestselling push, pull, slide format
- A warm and engaging world in a cosy woodland setting



Coming
Soon:

Playtime for Little
Squirrels & Bathtime
for Little Mice

Campbell

Best for babies



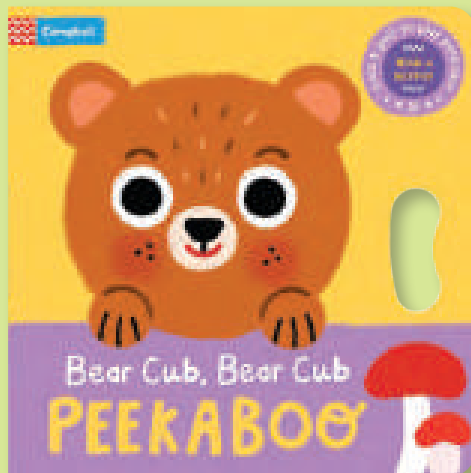
PEEK A BOO!



Illustrated by Grace Habib

Play a game of peekaboo with grab-and-pull pages and adorable animal characters!

- Brings the classic game of Peekaboo to life with entertaining grab-and-pull mechanisms and a surprise mirror finale
- Develops early social skills and lays the foundation for language learning
- Engages baby senses with bright illustrations, a sturdy handle to hold and lots of friendly faces!



Also available:



Babies Laugh

Best for babies

Written by Dr. Caspar Addyman
Illustrated by Ania Simeone



Also available:



Joyful interactive board books designed
to encourage bonding through laughter

- Dr. Caspar Addyman's research shows that babies who laugh more learn more
- Noises stimulate babies' senses and are proven to get them giggling
- Play along with the noisy tickle game in *Babies Laugh at Ticks*, and press the soft squeaker button in *Babies Laugh All Day Long*

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My First

JOURNEY AROUND

PLANET EARTH

Best for early years

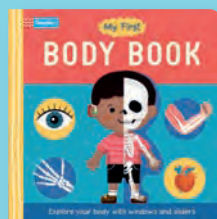
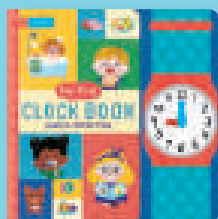
Illustrated by Yujin Shin

Come on a journey of discovery with this playful introduction to Earth's ecosystems



COMING
SOON:
Space

Also available:



- Encourages STEAM learning through play
- Open the giant peep-hole flaps to discover mountains, oceans, deserts and much more!
- Busy scenes with lots to spot and talk about
- Packed with expert-checked facts





PRESCHOOL

Bold, bright books full of wonder fill our Preschool list creating excitement for little people whose minds are ready to be WOWed. We are launching our Would You Rather . . . series bringing together author Donna David and the hugely funny illustrator Eamonn O'Neill.

We have fun stories with rockets, animals and colours; children can make choices and spot things on every page. There really is something for every young reader.

We are pleased to welcome author Barry Timms and his clever book about cheeky aliens and their windy bottoms called, *Ten Green Bottoms*. It's a counting book, including sums, with a hilarious twist on the classic nursery rhyme Ten Green Bottles. With the funniest illustrations by Mike Byrne this book is the ultimate 'sums with bums' title to entertain and introduce children to numbers.

Adding to our Carly Gledhill titles we have *1,2,3, What Can Bird See?*. This is a lovely narrative adventure about Bird searching for their friend Bee and who she meets along the way and a great introduction to counting to ten for preschoolers. Beautifully illustrated with peep-through pages, it is perfect for sharing.





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FLIP FLAP BUILD ROCKETS!

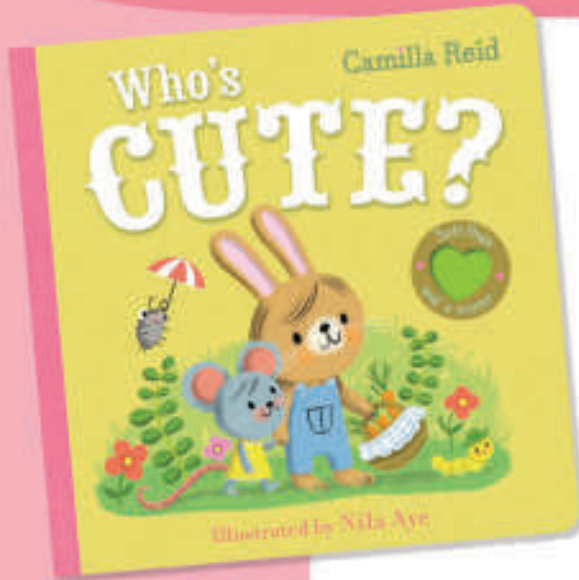
Flip the pages to build your very own rockets and rovers for an outer space adventure – with fun rocket facts on every page!



- Perfect for supporting early STEAM learning, with lots of hands-on fun and over 180 rockets and space rovers to build
- Graphic novel-style story-led approach in the popular flip-flap format
- Illustrated by preschool favourite, Ben Newman, illustrator of the My First Book of Everything series which has sold in eight languages



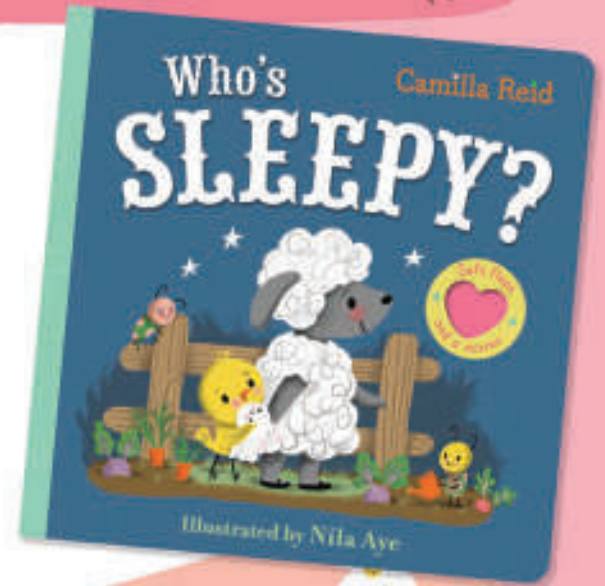
Camilla Reid
Illustrated by Nila Aye

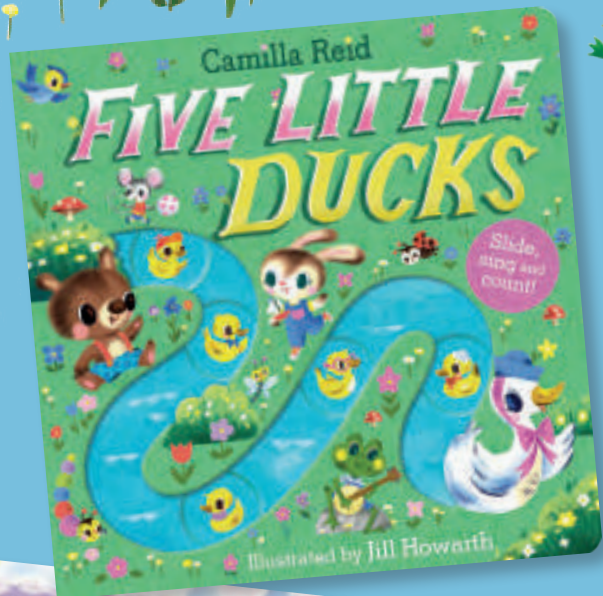


Soft Flaps

Exciting new novelty series
from bestselling early
years author, Camilla Reid

- ♥ Stylish and engaging, putting the child reader at the heart of the book
- ♥ With five big felt flaps and a surprise mirror ending
- ♥ Charming illustrations from Nila Aye, packed with playful detail
- ♥ Best for 9 months +
- ♥ Coming soon: *Who's Amazing?* and *Who's Happy?*





Camilla Reid

Illustrated by Jill Howarth

Slide and Count

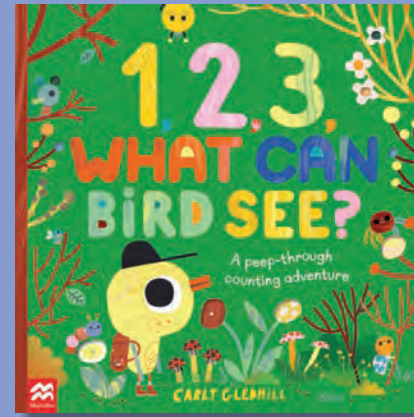
Irresistible counting books
series created by Camilla Reid

- ★ Huge play value: 25 sliding counters, perfect for small fingers
- ★ Based on popular nursery rhymes that encourage counting skills
- ★ Six richly-detailed scenes from illustrator Jill Howarth
- ★ Best for 3 +
- ★ Coming soon: *Old MacDonald had a Farm*, *Five Little Trains* and *One, Two, Buckle My Shoe*

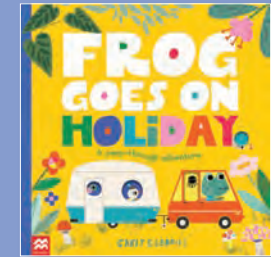




1 2 3, WHAT CAN BIRD SEE?



Also available:



A colourful peep-through counting story from picture-book star Carly Gledhill, with shaped pages and cut-through holes

- A fun, read-aloud story with an interactive child-focused experience and lots of things to spot!
- Clear preschool hooks encouraging learning through play, including number recognition and counting, colours and animals
- With reading tips for parents and carers



COLOURS OF THINGS!

Coming 2025:
*Numbers of
Things!*

Discover the wonder of the everyday world in this stylish preschool choosing book, with over 800 colourful objects to spot!

- Discover a different colour on every spread with a rainbow of everyday objects to introduce curious preschoolers to the world around them
- With a simple rhyming text, colourful illustrations and a satisfying gatefold ending – perfect for little hands!
- Written by Pippa Goodhart, bestselling author of the You Choose! series (over two million copies sold worldwide) and illustrated by the award-winning Emily Rand

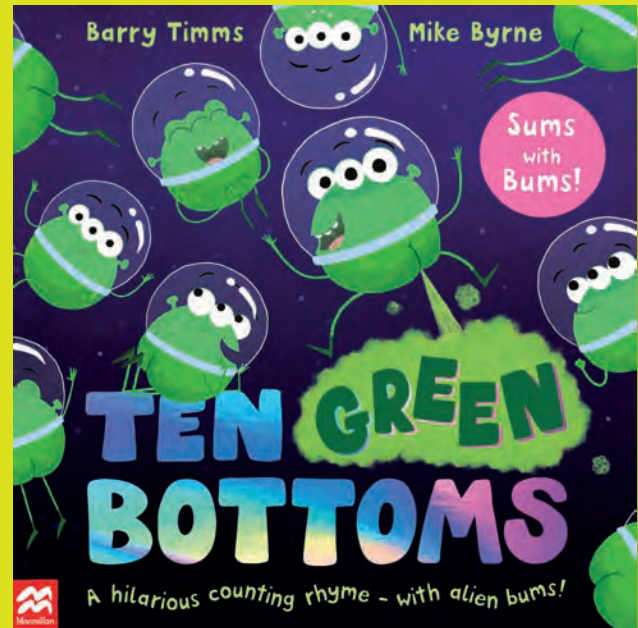


Barry Timms & Mike Byrne

TEN GREEN BOTTOMS

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

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



Coming 2025:

TEN RED
BOTTOMS

WOULD you RATHER?

A riotous read-aloud
picture book series bringing
you the 'Would You Rather?' game
as you've never played it before!

- An innovative new preschool series which offers children a fun choice on every page - perfect for reading together
- With laugh-out-loud rhyming text from preschool favourite, Donna David, and bright, colourful illustrations from rising star, Eamonn O'Neill
- Packed full of super-silly fun, plus an amazing fold-out spotting game at the end and reading tips for grown-ups

Coming soon:
DINOSAURS
2024
ANIMALS
2025





BRANDS AND CLASSICS



2024 marks an incredible twenty-five years since Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler first took us into the deep dark wood to meet *The Gruffalo* and we will be celebrating the first publication of this classic picture book with a very special birthday edition. We hope that our publishing partners will join us in the celebrations in some way during the year. Julia and Axel also return to Tales from Acorn Wood with a new adventure for preschoolers as Frog and his friends enjoy a day at the seaside – this will be the 10th in this wonderful series of original lift-the-flap board books.

Rod Campbell, creator of the bestselling preschool classic *Dear Zoo*, continues to delight with his range of fun and innovative stand-up novelty titles, this time with *My Stand-Up Dinosaurs*, an interactive format with five pop-up dinosaurs and lots of flaps to lift.

We are pleased to be continuing our creative collaboration with Aardman Studios and will be marking the release of the exciting new Wallace and Gromit feature film with a range of tie-in publishing perfect for fans of all ages, from a junior novelisation to a crazy contraptions sketchbook.

Following the successful launch of our Sylvanian Families publishing programme, we are pleased to confirm that we have expanded our grant of rights to include all World Rights, and are adding a range of picture books, audio, a search and find, and a new treasury to our list in 2024.

Jeanne Willis brings us a wonderful new official sequel to the poetry of A.A. Milne with *Winnie-the-Pooh and the Party*, illustrated by Mark Burgess in the style of E.H. Shepard. This is the third of their joint gift picture books and it will be published in the centenary year of Milne's first collection of poetry for children *When We Were Very Young*.

Just ahead of the 80th anniversary of the Moomins, we are delighted to be publishing a pop-up interpretation of the classic Moomin story, *The Moomins and The Great Flood*. *The Moomins Find a Home* pop-up book features paper engineering and illustration by the extremely talented Elena Selena.

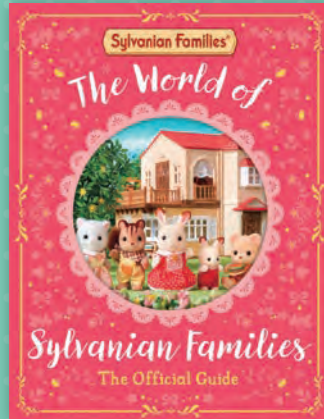


Sylvanian Families®

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

✿ The award-winning Sylvanian Families is a consistently top-performing brand in the toy market worldwide and has true cross-generational appeal

✿ Launched in Japan in 1985, Sylvanian Families spans more than 35 years and has sold more than 200 million figures



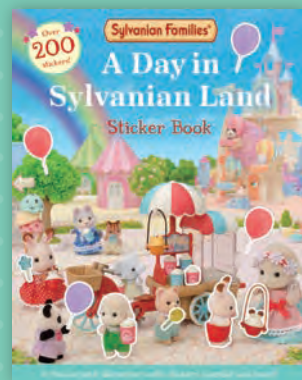
✿ The definitive guide to Sylvanian Families, with character profiles, illustrated maps, a detailed history and images from the archives



✿ Sticker over 300 accessories, outfits, decorations and more to bring the festive world to life - with a fun Christmas craft to complete



✿ Join Freya and her friends on an Easter Egg Hunt - with over 20 scenes to search and more than 200 egg-citing things to spot!



✿ Explore the baby amusement park, in this sweet sticker book with over 200 stickers



✿ A picture book based on the animation *Freya's Happy Diary*, with an illustrated map and character profiles



The World of Sylvanian Families: Format: 280mm x 224mm HB • Extent: 112pp • Pub date: October 2023 • UK Retail Price: £14.99
 Sticker Dress-Up Christmas: Format: 305mm x 240mm PB • Extent: 24pp • Pub date: October 2023 • UK Retail Price: £7.99
 Easter Search-and-Find: Format: 300mm x 216mm PB • Extent: 32pp • Pub Date: February 2024 • UK Retail Price: £7.99
 A Day in Sylvanian Land Sticker Book: Format: 305mm x 240mm PB • Extent: 24pp • Pub Date: May 2024 • UK Retail Price: £7.99
 Freya's Birthday Surprise: Format: 250mm x 250mm PB • Extent: 32pp • Pub date: April 2024 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

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CHICKEN RUN DAWN OF THE NUGGET

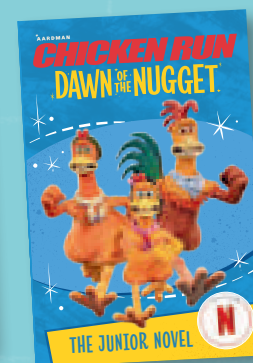
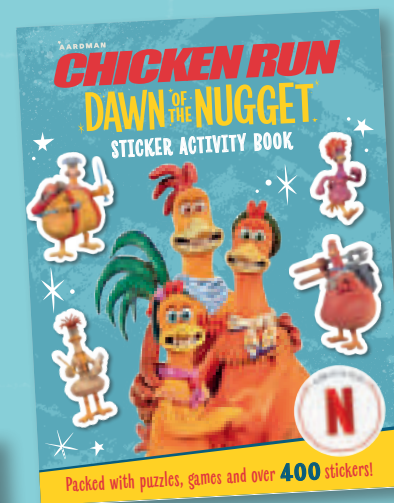
The eagerly anticipated sequel to *Chicken Run*, the highest-grossing, stop-motion animation of all time.

★ Ginger, Rocky and the gang are back in an incredible new adventure for all the family

★ A picture book retelling, junior novel and sticker activity book all feature the instantly recognisable characters and style of *Chicken Run*

★ Titles to publish in November, before the global release of the film on Netflix in December 2023

★ Netflix is one of the world's leading entertainment services with over 238 million paid memberships in over 190 countries



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NETFLIX

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Picture Book: Format: 250mm x 280mm PB • Extent: 32pp • Pub Date: November 2023 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

Junior Novel: Format: B Format PB • Extent: 192pp • Pub Date: November 2023 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

Sticker Book: Format: 280mm x 215mm PB • Extent: 24pp • Pub Date: November 2023 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

Wallace & Gromit™



**NEW FILM
COMING SOON!**

Wallace & Gromit have been delighting audiences around the world since they first landed on the moon in *A Grand Day Out*, in 1989. Their timeless adventures are loved by families of all ages and they remain the quirkiest of British national treasures!

Wallace & Gromit will be hitting screens once again in a brand new film! This will be the duo's first on-screen adventure since 2008 and will premiere on BBC in the UK and on Netflix in the rest of the world.

The new film focuses on Gromit's concern that Wallace has become over-dependent on his inventions, which proves justified when Wallace invents a "smart gnome" that seems to develop a mind of its own. As events spiral out of control, it falls to Gromit to put his qualms aside and battle sinister forces, or else Wallace may never be able to invent again!

A Junior Novel and an Inventor's Sketchbook bring the new film to life, featuring the beloved characters and style of Wallace & Gromit.

Titles will publish alongside the release of the film, from the end of 2024.

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The MOOMINS Find a Home



A pop-up retelling of the very first Moomin story, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Moomins

- Tove Jansson's first ever Moomin novel, *The Moomins and the Great Flood*, is brought to life in this gorgeous novelty gift format
- Designed and illustrated by the World Illustration Awards 2023 shortlisted paper engineer Elena Selena in a unique and celebratory interpretation of Tove Jansson's classic style
- Five beautiful and extravagant pop-ups bring the story to life



© Moomin Characters™

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MOOMIN

In the... MOOMINHOUSE & In the... LIGHTHOUSE



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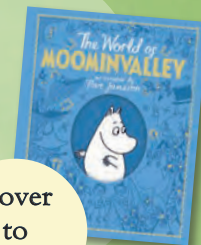


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Join Moomintroll as he explores the Moominhouse and the Lighthouse. Who will he meet and what will he find along the way?

- A series of brand-new Moomin stories in a shaped board book format with flaps to lift and things to spot on every page
- Newly illustrated by Riina and Sami Kaarla, bringing the warmth and humour of Tove Jansson's irresistible Moomin world to life

The World of MOOMINVALLEY



Cover to come!

- A revised and expanded edition of the definitive guide to Tove Jansson's Moominvalley
- With new content written by bestselling author and Moomin fan, Philip Ardagh



MOOMIN Mail

- A new Moomin storyline in an exciting novelty format with five envelopes to open and read, containing letters, postcards and more

More titles
coming
in 2024

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

VEGESAURS

- TV series sold to France, Sweden, Finland, Australia and Hungary, with more international broadcasters and brand partnerships on the way
- Relatable preschool themes of mealtime, friendship and play
- Picture books and board books all based on episodes from the fun and hilarious series

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Picture Books: Format: 250mm x 250mm PB • Extent: 32pp • Pub Date: July 2023 • UK Retail Price: £6.99
Board Books: Format: 180mm x 180mm BB • Extent: 18pp • Pub Date: September 2023 • UK Retail Price: £6.99

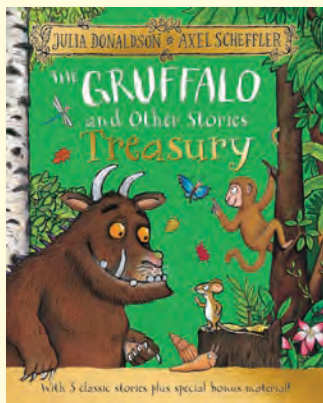
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THE GRUFFALO



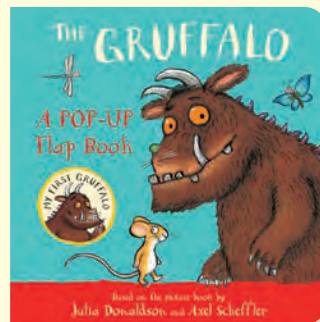
The Gruffalo 25th Anniversary Edition

- Celebrate 25 years of the modern classic with this special anniversary edition including a song and fun Gruffalo things to make and do
- With a fully-foiled cover design and added bonus content for the Gruffalo's birthday!



The Gruffalo and Other Stories Treasury

- Combines three bestselling titles, *The Gruffalo*, *The Snail and the Whale* and *Monkey Puzzle*
- Extra content, including songs, recipes, quizzes and activities – perfect for keeping children entertained



The Gruffalo: A Pop-Up Flap Book

- Based on the bestselling picture book, *The Gruffalo*, which has sold over 17.7 million copies worldwide
- With big gatefold flaps and a pop-up animal on every page!
- An interactive format, perfect for young Gruffalo fans



The Gruffalo and Friends Search and Find Book

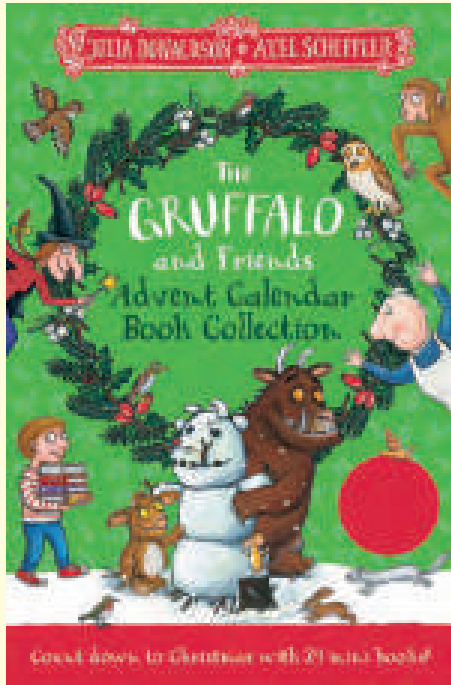
- A fun-packed search-and-find book based on the bestselling picture books from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- Includes twenty favourite scenes to explore and over 150 things to spot!



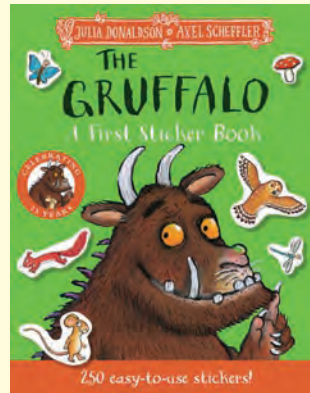
NOT FINAL COVER

The Gruffalo and Friends Advent Calendar 2024

- Count down to Christmas with 24 mini activity books, presented in a beautiful hardback gift case with tie ribbon



NOT FINAL COVER



The Gruffalo: A First Sticker Book

- The first title in a brand new sticker book range
- Fun, easy sticker activities that are just right for children aged 3 and up
- Over 250 big, easy-to-use stickers – perfect for small hands



NOT FINAL COVER

The Amazing World of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

- Everything you ever wanted to know about the much-loved picture-book creators and their bestselling stories
- A comprehensive non-fiction gift book created in collaboration with Alison Green Books, an imprint of Scholastic
- Full of fun facts, photos and never-before-seen illustrations
- Richly illustrated, highly decorative and in full colour throughout – the perfect gift
- Includes an introductory letter from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, plus a foreword by actor Rob Brydon

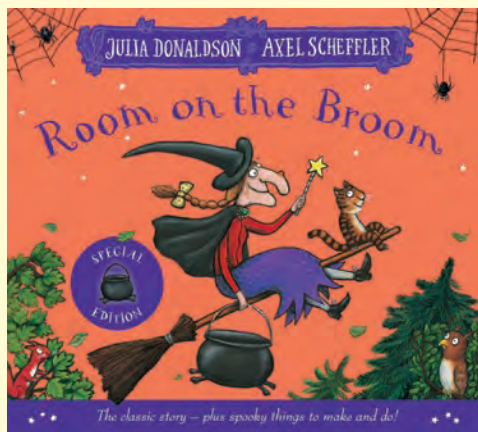


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The Gruffalo: A First Sticker Book: Format: 305mm x 238mm PB • Extent: 24pp • Pub Date: January 2024 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

The Amazing World of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler: Format: 280mm x 224mm HB • Extent: 176pp • Pub Date: October 2024 • UK Retail Price: £25

★ Room on the Broom ★



Room on the Broom: Halloween Edition

- ★ A special edition of the classic story, with an eye-catching neon orange cover
- ★ With bonus extra material, including tips on how to have a Room on the Broom party and spooky things to make and do!
- ★ The perfect Halloween gift



Have You Seen the Witch's Wand? A Peep-Inside Book

- ★ A chunky peep-inside novelty book with diecut holes, flaps to lift and a surprise gatefold ending
- ★ With a simple text based on the bestselling picture book *Room on the Broom* – the perfect introduction to the witch and her animal friends!



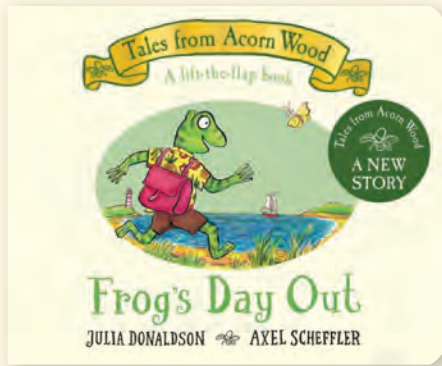


Tales from Acorn Wood



JULIA DONALDSON  AXEL SCHEFFLER

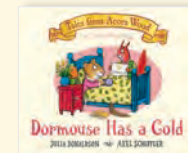
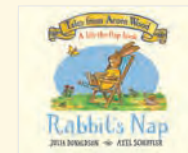
From the creators of
THE GRUFFALO



DRAFT COVER



Also available:



- A brand new story in the bestselling Tales from Acorn Wood series – over 6 million copies sold worldwide
- A fun rhyming story that is a joy to read aloud, with warm and witty illustrations and a flap to lift on every spread
- The perfect summery story: the seaside, a steam train – and a very snazzy swimsuit!

- Meet all your favourite characters from Acorn Wood and find out all about them and their friends
- With lots of things to spot and interactive questions on every spread to encourage conversation
- A sturdy board book format with tabbed pages – perfect for little hands!





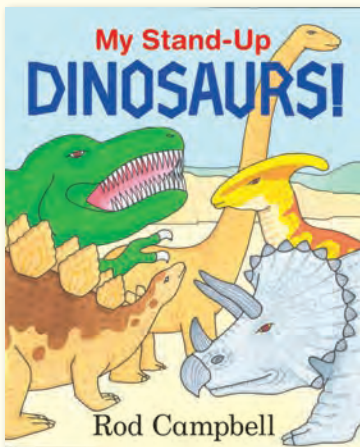
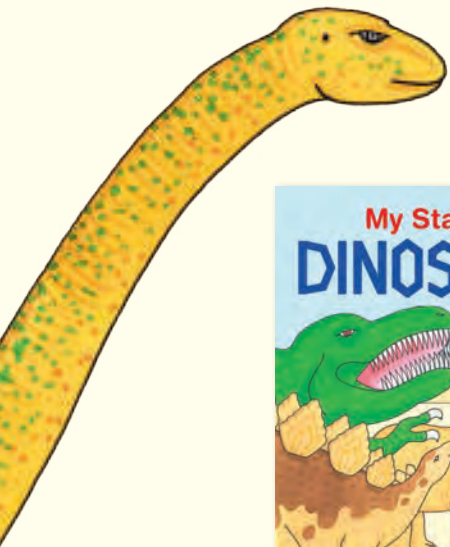
An exciting preschool picture book series following the adventures of a little owl with big ideas!

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



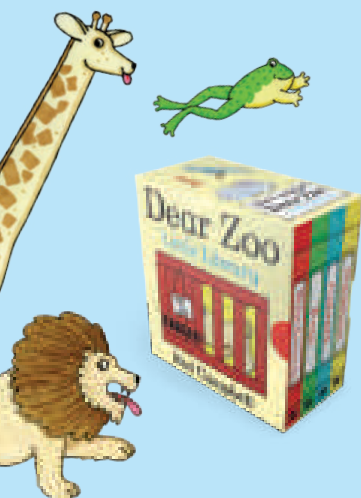
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Rod Campbell



MY STAND-UP DINOSAURS!

- An exciting pop-up format that is perfect for preschoolers
- Turn the page to see the dinosaurs stand up on their own!
- With five pop-ups, plus flaps to lift and fun facts about favourite dinosaurs



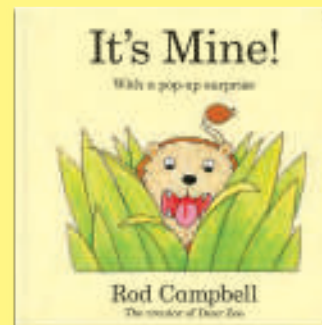
DEAR ZOO LITTLE LIBRARY

- Four fun early learning concept books in a miniature gift slipcase
- *Dear Zoo* celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2022 and has sold over 13 million copies worldwide



MY PRESENTS

- A fun lift-the-flap birthday story: lift the flaps to open the presents!



IT'S MINE!

- A Rod Campbell classic that has been delighting children for over 35 years, reissued with a new cream cover
- With lots of favourite jungle animals and a pop-up surprise ending!

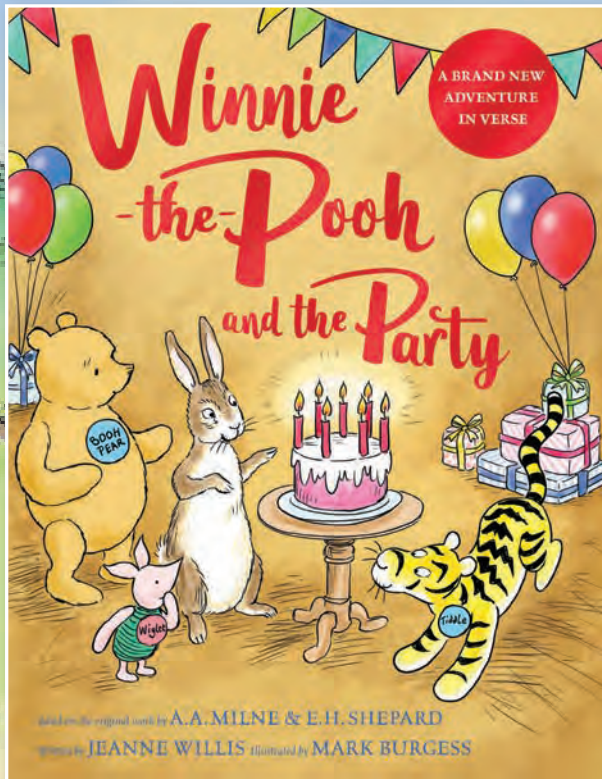
My Stand-Up Dinosaurs: Format: 254mm x 205mm BB • Extent: 10pp • Pub Date: June 2024 • UK Retail Price: £9.99

Dear Zoo Little Library: Format: 95mm x 95mm • Extent: 40pp • UK Retail Price: £6.99

My Presents: Format: 170mm x 170mm BB • Extent: 18pp • Pub Date: October 2024 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

It's Mine!: Format: 170mm x 170mm BB • Extent: 18pp • Pub Date: April 2024 • UK Retail Price: £7.99

Winnie -the-Pooh and the Party



- Four authorised sequels inspired by A. A. Milne's classic poems, with all the charm of the original much-loved stories
- New stories in verse, by bestselling and award-winning author Jeanne Willis
- Artwork by official Winnie-the-Pooh illustrator, Mark Burgess
- Story gift books with foiled covers, perfect for fans of all ages

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THE MACMILLAN COLLECTION OF NORSE MYTHS



A luxury gift treasury, with stories and illustrations taken from Macmillan's rich historical archive



Retells the story of the rise and fall of Asgard featuring Odin, Thor and Loki, set across the Nine Realms



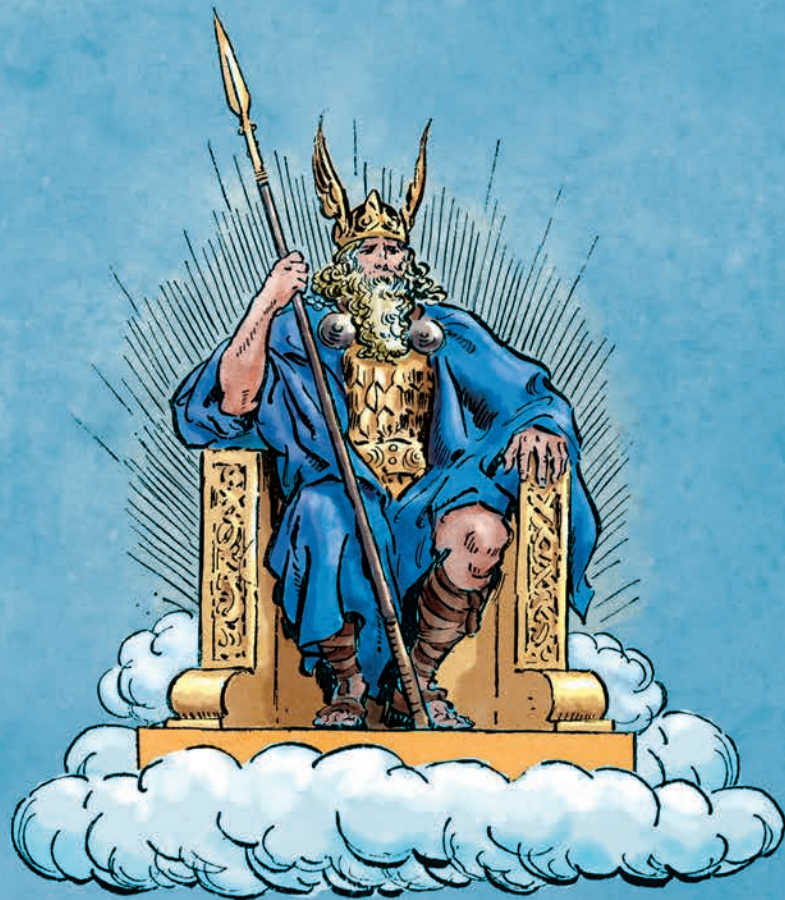
Fully illustrated, with colour and line-work from iconic artists, such as C. E. Brock, and Peter Bailey



Hardback format, with a foiled die-cut cover and foiled edges



ALSO
AVAILABLE:



PICTURE BOOKS

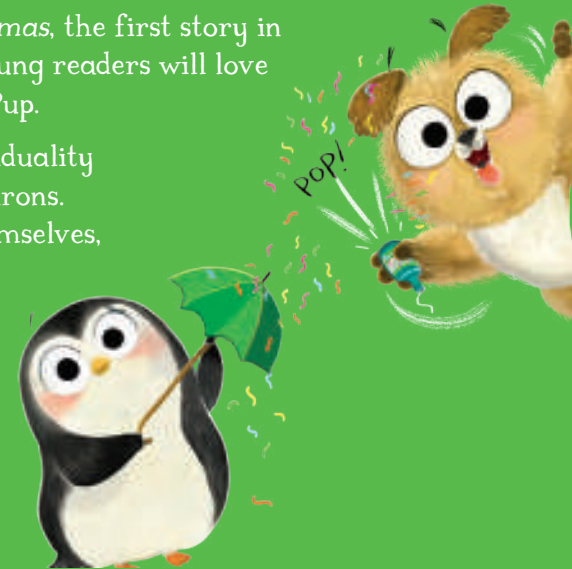
We are thrilled to be sharing a brilliant selection of new picture books with you. From the fabulously funny to the poetic and empowering, there is a treat for everyone.

We are proud to be publishing the incredible Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield's first children's title, *With You Every Step* – an inspiring celebration of friendship for all ages, brought to life by five award-winning, bestselling illustrators including David Litchfield and Rob Biddulph.

It is with delight that we welcome fantastic author/illustrator Steve Antony to Macmillan Children's Books. The irresistible *Cat Nap* is the first title in his new series, taking a toddler's eye view of the world. Packed with wit, warmth and humour, *Cat Nap* looks at naptime in a unique and utterly engaging way.

Debut author Hazel Gardner and Nikki Dyson bring you *The Perfect Christmas*, the first story in their fresh, funny series, Penguin and Pup. A laugh-out-loud festive tale, young readers will love sweet, careful Penguin and his ball-of-energy best friend, Pup.

My Hair is as Long as a River is a joyous celebration of individuality from Charlie Castle, beautifully illustrated by Emma Farrarons. Encouraging young readers to embrace the magic of being themselves, this is a book to be treasured.



JULIA DONALDSON  LYDIA MONKS

The Fairy and the Crocodile

A fairy-filled toothsome tale from a Number-One bestselling partnership

- The story of a tooth fairy who gets more than she bargained for when she collects the teeth of some jungle animals, including a very unfriendly crocodile!
- Packed with fun, adventure and enchanting illustrations
- From a star picture-book pairing - Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks' most recent picture book sold over 80k copies in just three months
- Perfect for any child with a wobbly tooth!



STEVE ANTONY

Cat Nap

An irresistibly charming new picture book series from award-winning Steve Antony

- ★ New character-led series for young children, from the bestselling creator of *Please Mr Panda* – over 1 million copies sold!
- ★ The first of four new books from an exciting and established talent. Series includes *Bird Bath*, *Hippo Potty* and *Chick Pea*
- ★ A smart, fresh and funny look at key childhood moments, emotions and milestones
- ★ Cute, comic and commercial, with soon to be beloved characters!



THERE'S NOTHING *CUTER* THAN A PUPPY

TOM NICOLL *and* ROSS COLLINS

It's time for the Cutest Creature Contest, and the competition is fierce! Is Puppy really cuter than a walrus in a woolly waistcoat? Or a blobfish with a bouffant in a bubble bath?

- The sensational sequel to laugh-out-loud *There's Nothing Faster Than a Cheetah*, from award-winning team Tom Nicoll and Ross Collins
- A riotously funny story packed with animals in outrageous outfits: laughter guaranteed
- Attention-grabbing neon cover, plus bonus content featuring fascinating facts about the animals in the story



By
Charlie Castle
and
Emma Farrarons



*My hair is the first thing you'll notice,
I'm the boy who grows it so long.*

- This book is for the children who might stand out from the crowd a little – to encourage them to shine brightly, and to inspire others to embrace all the different ways of being
- From debut picture book creator Charlie Castle, and the illustrator of the million-copy bestselling *Mindfulness Colouring Book*, Emma Farrarons
- A lyrical story about being 'the boy with long hair', and how, when you truly embrace who you are, magic happens . . .

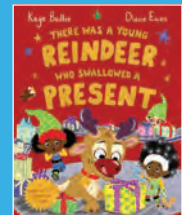


By Kaye Baillie and Diane Ewen

A laugh-out-loud Easter eggstravaganza –
about a VERY hungry little bunny.
Keep an eye on your
chocolate eggs!

- ★ Based on a familiar cumulative rhyme – perfect for reading aloud and joining in
- ★ From bestselling, award-winning illustrator Diane Ewen (Winner of the British Book Awards Book of the Year, Children's Book Council Children's Favourites, Jericho Prize and Queen's Knickers Award)
- ★ Watch out for the other two books in the series – perfect for Christmas and Halloween!

Also available:





*Exploring leads
to adventures...*

- Funny, feminist and inclusive – an action-packed story empowering young children to follow their dreams
- From the Waterstones Prize-winning illustrator Jenny Løvlie and bestselling author Lily Murray
- Inspired by the real-life story of paleontologist Mary Anning – with a non-fiction spread at the back



6
languages
sold!

Hazel Gardner & Nikki Dyson

Coming soon: PENGUIN & PUP!

Meet PENGUIN: he's thoughtful, kind and loyal. He tends to be a bit cautious, and he's very sensible.



A hilarious
NEW
SERIES
launching in
2024

POP!



PUP, on the other hand, is a fun-loving whirlwind. She thinks big, and sometimes gets a bit carried away.

Like lots of friends, Penguin and Pup like **VERY** different things.

Join them on their adventures as they navigate the chaos and comedy of an unlikely friendship. Packed with love, and **LOTS** of laughter!

PENGUIN & PUP! the series

October
2024

PENGUIN
& PUP!

The Perfect
Christmas



March
2025

PENGUIN
& PUP!

The Perfect
Egg



September
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PENGUIN
& PUP!

The Perfect
Pumpkin (TBC)

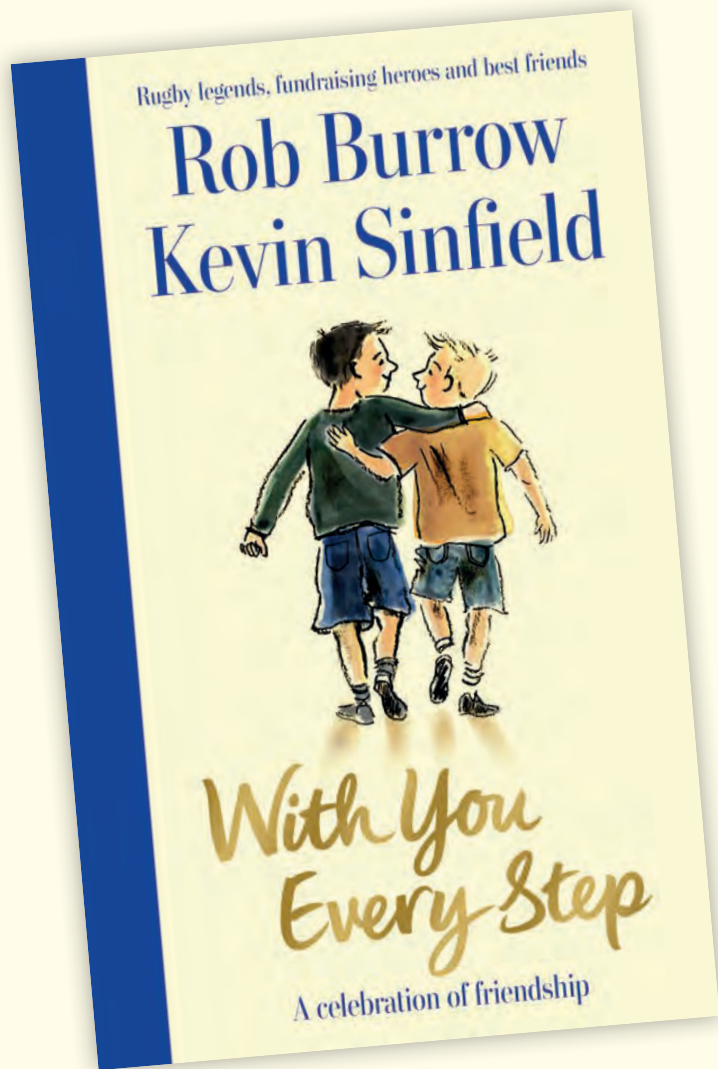


June
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PENGUIN
& PUP!

The Perfect
Pet (TBC)





Rob Burrow Kevin Sinfield

With You Every Step

An uplifting illustrated gift book for all ages.

- Heartfelt words are brought to life with artwork from some of the best-known and loved illustrators, to create an inspiring and hopeful **celebration of love, support and connection**
- Exploring universal truths and celebrating **kindness, empathy** and the **joy of friendship**, *With You Every Step* is the perfect gift for anyone, young and old, offering hope, positivity and reassurance
- Featuring illustrations from an array of award-winning and bestselling illustrators, from **Rob Biddulph** and **David Litchfield** to **Reggie Brown**, **Gill Smith** and **Sam Usher**





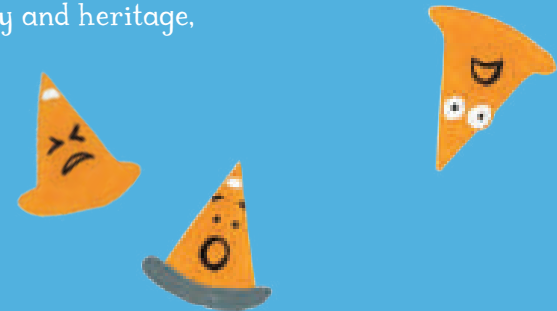
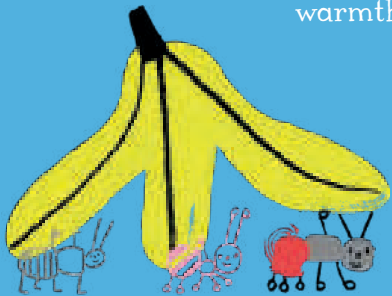
TWO HOOTS



It has been an exciting year for Two Hoots, with stand-out publishing including picture books, non-fiction, and, for the first time, fiction for older readers with Frances Hardinge and Emily Gravett's stunning *Island of Whispers*. This season we are pleased to present another inspiring collection of exceptional illustrated books for all ages: books that explore our world, stretch imaginations and promote understanding.

Kate Read (creator of the multi-award-winning *One Fox*) introduces us to some extraordinary birds from around the globe, revealing just how smart they can be, as well as how beautiful, in her non-fiction book, *Clever Birds*. And we continue our successful wildlife picture book series from Pam Ayres and Nicola O'Byrne with the glorious *I Am Hattie the Hare* - a delightful story packed with information and with added environmental facts. Meanwhile, the brilliant Kate Rolfe (whose debut picture book, *Wolf and Bear*, has just been announced as the winner of a 2023 AOI World Illustration Award) turns her attention to words and reading in *Wiggling Words*, a playful story inspired by her own dyslexia.

Finally, we would draw your attention to an empowering story about home and family, love and belonging as the acclaimed Smriti Halls brings all her lyricism and natural warmth to the joyous *Best of All*, celebrating the richness of identity and heritage, with vibrant artwork from up-and-coming artist Chaaya Prabhat.





Kate Read CLEVER BIRDS

- Attention-grabbing, richly detailed illustrations from an award-winning illustrator
- Full of extraordinary facts: bird's brains may be small, but their cleverness is *brehtaking*
- Appeals to children and adults alike, tapping into a universal interest in the natural world
- Features birds from around the globe

Waterstones
Children's
Book Prize
Shortlist

Teach Early
Years Award
WINNER



Ezra Jack
Keats Honor
Award

Best of All

Smriti Halls Chaaya Prabhat

- Bestselling author Smriti Halls is paired with the exceptionally talented Chaaya Prabhat
- Inspired by the author's experience of raising her children with love and respect for their dual heritage (British and Indian)
- Perfect for children from multi-racial or multi-heritage backgrounds but can be shared with any child to celebrate their unique family story

Author
sold in 40
languages



PAM AYRES

NICOLA O'BYRNE

I am Hattie the Hare

- First in the series *I Am Oliver the Otter* has been a global success: both books celebrate wildlife with heartwarming stories that highlight the importance of conservation
- Written by beloved poet Pam Ayres, with artwork by the award-winning Nicola O'Byrne, illustrator of *You're Called What?* and *Wee? It Wasn't Me!*
- Animal facts are woven throughout the story, with an information spread at the end

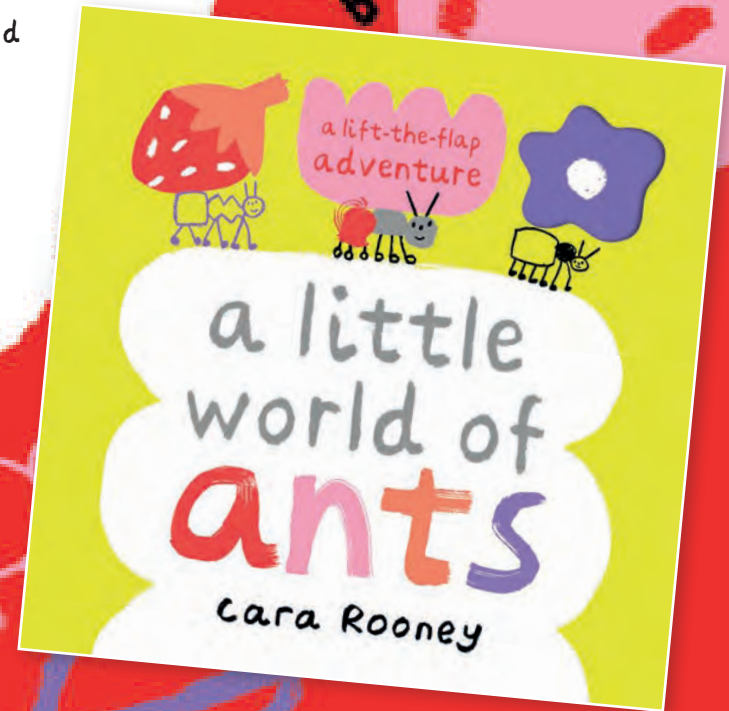


*I am Oliver
the Otter*
Sold in 5
languages

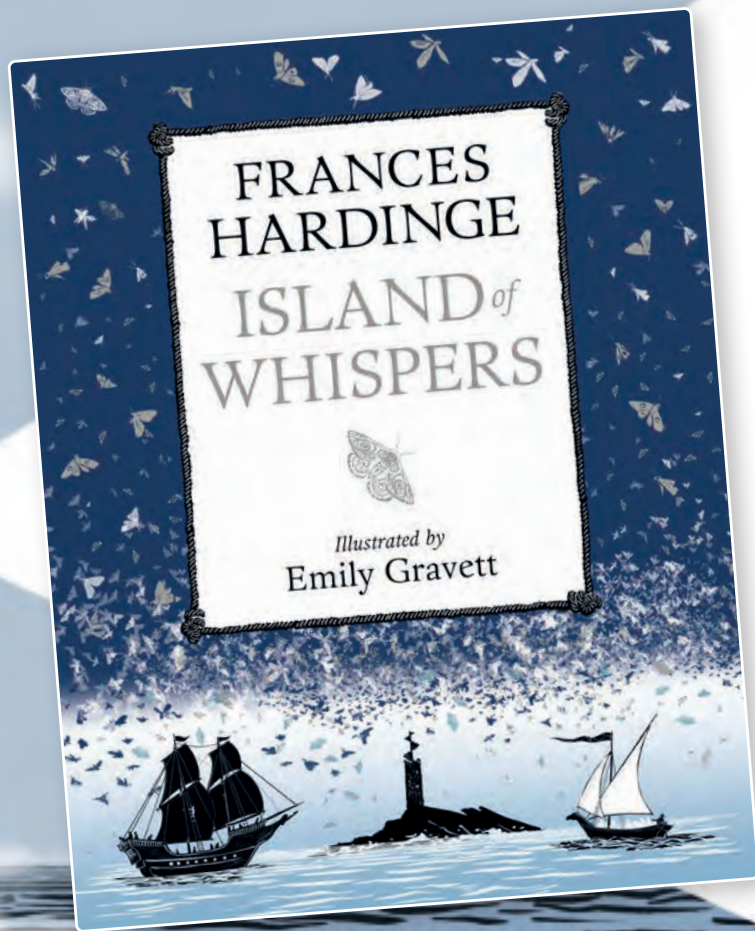
Cara Rooney

a little world of ants

- Exciting debut from the winner of the Macmillan Prize for Illustration 2021
- Young non-fiction full of shaped flaps to lift, perfectly pitched for all minibeast-loving young children
- Original, contemporary illustration style using a beautiful, vibrant colour palette
- A heartwarming message about the importance of friends and family



Author and
illustrator
sold in 30+
languages



ISLAND *of* WHISPERS

*Frances Hardinge
and Emily Gravett*

- Thrilling fantasy adventure about life, death, grief and hope, and what it means to stay true to yourself in the face of danger
- Written by Costa Award-winning Frances Hardinge
- Darkly striking and atmospheric artwork from twice Kate Greenaway Medal winner Emily Gravett

**NEW TITLE
COMING
IN 2024!**

MORAG HOOD

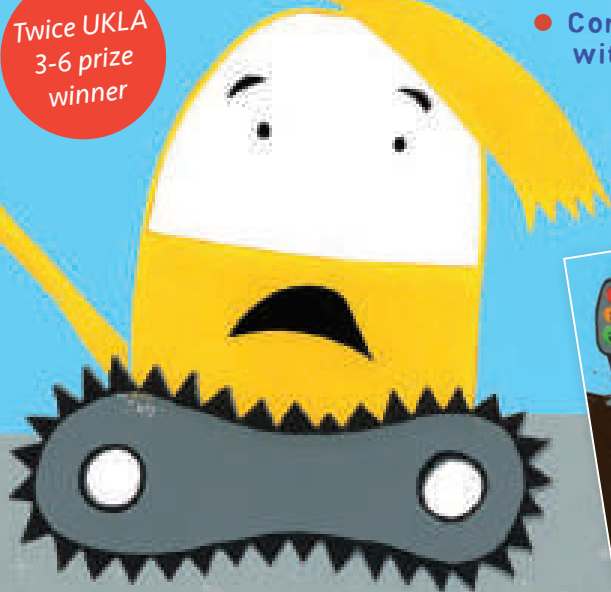
RUNAWAY CONE



- Follow up to the brilliantly funny *Dig Dig Digger*
- Perfect for children who love construction machines and outdoor adventures
- Comical story about a hunt for a missing traffic cone, with a surprise twist
- From multi-award-winning author/illustrator Morag Hood

Teach
Primary Book
Awards
winner

Twice UKLA
3-6 prize
winner



KINGFISHER

On our specialist non-fiction list, we publish the best books for enquiring minds with titles and themes that are relevant to children and young people in their daily lives.

Adventures on Trains author Sam Sedgman takes us on a new global adventure in *Epic Cities*. It's a celebration of human ingenuity and a thrilling tour of the planet's most fascinating cultures – perfect for readers who enjoy travel, learning secret and surprising facts about the world.

The third title in our bestselling *This Is Our World* series, *Welcome Home*, is a wonderfully warm introduction to the daily lives of twenty diverse families, stopping off at an apartment building in Beijing, a farmhouse in the Australian Outback and a stilt house in Norway along the journey.

Keilly Swift's *The Book of Happiness* is a unique take on the science and philosophy of happiness for children. This is an important book for our times and opens the way for discussions around mental health.

Essential life skills are provided by *Everything You Need to Know About Money*, written by economist Jacob Field, and *Escape*, an exciting graphic-novel guide on how to survive (nearly) everything.

And for readers who want to understand the natural world, we have a range of exciting titles, including *Curious Creatures*, a blend of brilliant animal illustrations and graphic-novel story panels; lyrical picture-book style titles about our planet's most precious habitats and species in *What Do Bees Do In Winter?* and *A Rainforest Story*; and a fresh new look for Kingfisher's classic *I Wonder Why* question-and-answer series.

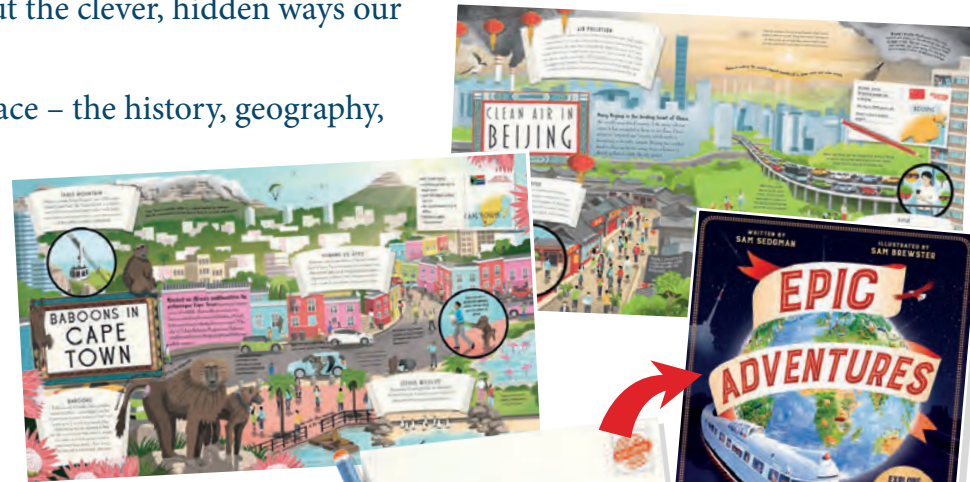
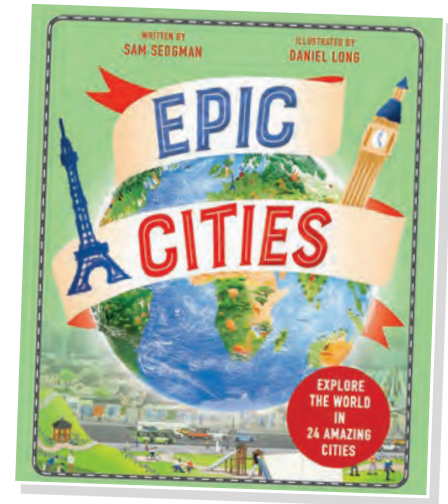


SAM SEDGMAN • ILLUSTRATED BY DANIEL LONG

EPIC CITIES



- A sweeping tour of the world's most impressive and complex cities, and the unique pieces of infrastructure that keep them running
- Explores 24 of the world's most fascinating cities, traveling across six continents
- Go cycling in Copenhagen; catch the metro in Seoul; punt the canals in Venice – each destination has something to tell us about the clever, hidden ways our world works
- Each city will reveal amazing facts about the place – the history, geography, people, sights, traditions, and culture
- Many of the cities explored in *Epic Cities* have an exciting railway journey that has been detailed in *Epic Adventures* – Sam Sedgman's first non-fiction book



**SOLD IN 14
LANGUAGES**

THIS IS OUR WORLD WELCOME HOME

- Title 3 in the vibrant and successful This Is Our World series
- Discover homes and families around the world in a celebration of our planet's diversity
- Each location is introduced by a child character who shows us why their home is unique
- Beautiful picture book-style artwork by Swedish illustrator Åsa Gilland details homes in China, Peru, Norway, France and many more

By Valerie Wilding
Illustrated by Åsa Gilland



Sold in 12
languages



What Do Bees Do In Winter?

Written by Kate Peridot • Illustrated by Dawn Cooper

- The first in a new narrative nature series
- As the seasons change, some animals migrate, some animals hibernate, and some animals stay and adapt. But which animal does which?
- Meet whales and wood frogs, beavers and brown bears, swallows and snowshoe hares, and fifteen more amazing animals who want to share their story of living through the changing seasons with you
- The simple, lyrical text and picture book-style artwork encourage children to discover animal behaviour, compare their own seasonal behaviour with animals, and connect with nature's rhythms
- Question-and-answer format promotes engagement and interaction

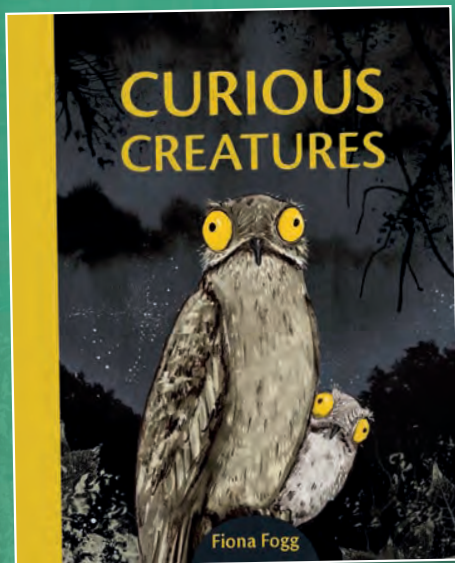


CURIOUS CREATURES

ILLUSTRATED BY FIONA FOGG • EDITED BY CAMILLA DE LA BEDOYERE

- Meet strange and incredible creatures from all around the world in this **COLOURFUL**, fact-packed animal guide

A humorous and fun fact-filled title that will appeal to children, parents, schools and libraries



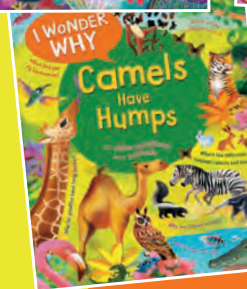
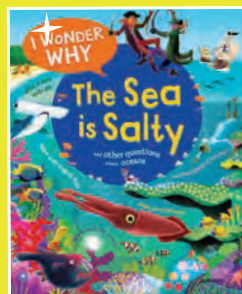
- Innovative blend of **GRAPHIC-NOVEL STYLE LAYOUT** and naturalistic illustration from up-and-coming illustrator Fiona Fogg
- Discover weird and wonderful animals and witness their behaviour, including potoos, pink fairy armadillos, goblin sharks and many more



I WONDER WHY

ILLUSTRATED BY
MARIE-EVE TREMBLAY
& GARETH LUCAS

- The bestselling and popular I Wonder Why series has the answers to all the questions you've ever wanted to ask about the natural world, history, space, and more!
- Brand-new illustrations and updated text to appeal to a new generation of fact-hungry readers
- The question and answer format creates an essential resource for homes, schools and libraries and is perfect for bind-ups and packs
- The perfect books to stimulate discussion between a child and their grownups



COMING SOON IN
THE I WONDER WHY
SERIES:



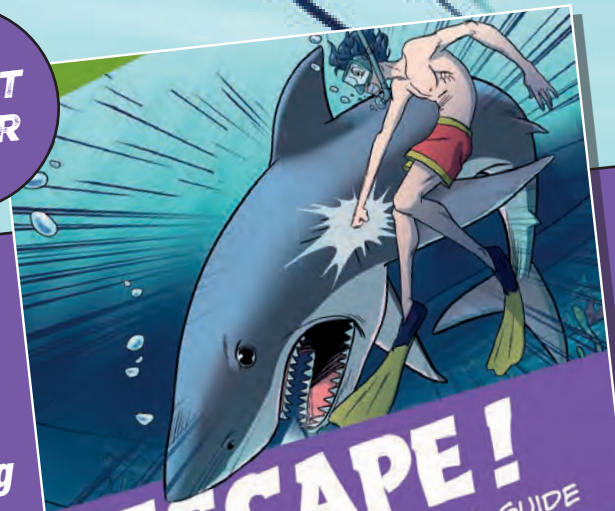
Spiders Spin Webs
Planes Have Wings
Leaves Change Colour
Triceratops Had Horns

ESCAPE!

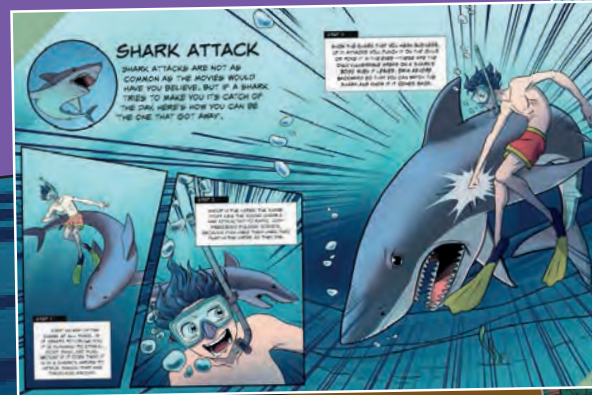
MARGARET HYNES • AMERIGO PINELLI

DRAFT
COVER

- A highly entertaining **SURVIVAL GUIDE** for some of the world's trickiest situations
- Features **REAL-LIFE SURVIVAL TIPS** for extreme scenarios including a shark attack, escaping quicksand and evacuating during a volcanic eruption
- Step-by-step instructions are shown in **GRAPHIC-NOVEL STYLE**
- Created in collaboration with a survival expert



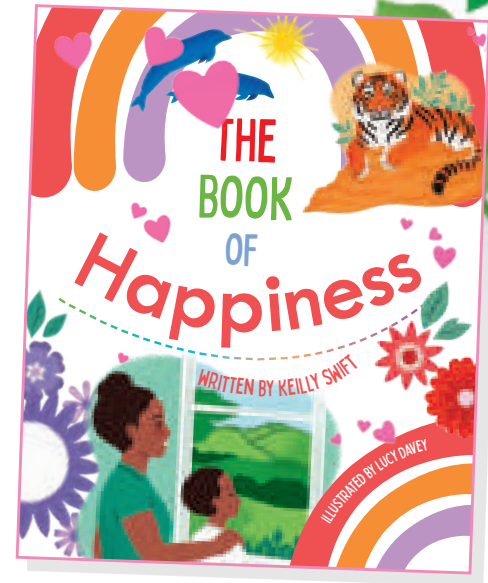
ESCAPE! A SURVIVOR'S GUIDE



THE BOOK OF Happiness

Illustrated by Lucy Davey

- What does it mean to be happy? Are there different levels of happiness? *The Book of Happiness* looks at the theory of what it is to be happy
- This gift book looks at the philosophy (and philosophers) of this most valuable emotion
- Discover what happiness means in different cultures around the world
- Includes biographies of people who have contributed to global happiness, such as Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha) and Marie Jahoda, who developed the concept of positive psychology
- Lucy Davey's vibrant colour illustrations bring the friendly, accessible text to life



Everything You Need To Know About Money

Jacob Field • Hannah Riordan

- A practical and comprehensive introduction to all things money for young children
- An essential guide to learning about money and how to gain good money sense: what it is, a brief history, definitions of key terms, and how and why it is used in society
- Written by Jacob Field, an economics expert and children's author
- Handy tips on being spending savvy, better budgeting, setting money objectives, and what the economic future may hold will help readers take control and be in the know
- Real-life case studies and examples of famous, (and infamous) people show how money can be made and lost



FICTION AND NON-FICTION

We are proud to be showcasing the best of author and illustrator talent this season. Our mission is to give all our readers – from those first independent readers to the most confident of teens – engaging and informative stories in the most captivating of packages.

Globally bestselling author and illustrator Liz Pichon joins our list with a fantastic new full colour series: *The Mubbles*. Packed with Liz's standout illustrations and laugh-out-loud humour, *The Mubbles* – and the technicolour *Isle of Smile* – is sure to surprise and delight a whole new generation of readers.

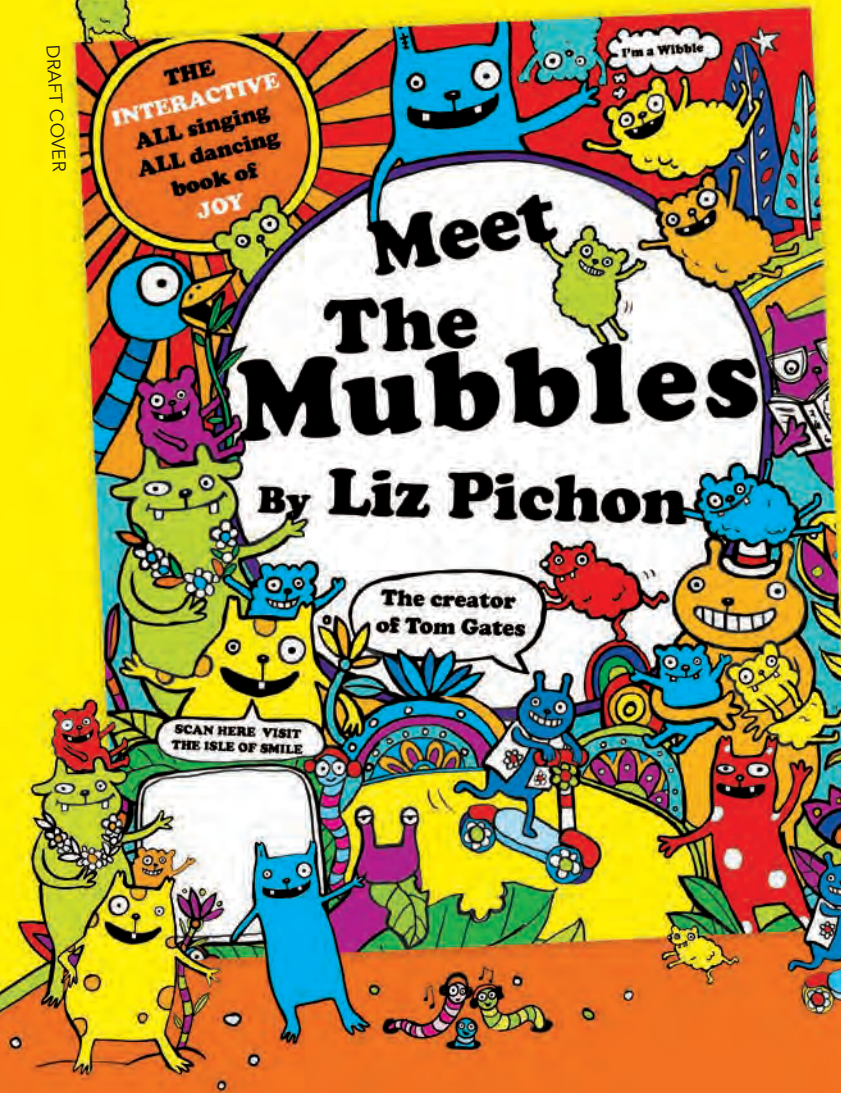
Sure to be on every reader's wish list for holiday seasons to come are snowy treats of Elle McNicolls' charming YA rom-com in *Some Like it Cold*, M. G. Leonard's stunning take on an eco-warrior snow queen in *The Ice Children* and Alex T. Smith's *The Nutcracker*, a true sugar-plummed delight.

We're inviting our core middle-grade adventure-lovers to soar to new heights – and new worlds of adventure with two must-read sequels, Lenny Henny's *The Boy With Wings: Clash of the Superkids* and Pari Thomson's *Greenwild: The City Beyond the Sea* as well as an epic new stand-alone from bestselling author Radiya Hafiza in *Aya and the Starchaser*.

And the show-stopping trio of sporting superstars, Marcus Rashford, Leah Williamson and the best of Formula 1, are sure to get even the most reluctant of readers engaging with twisty mysteries and our inspirational and informative non-fiction.

Finally, we would urge you all to take a look at Macmillan's first originally commissioned graphic novel for older teens, *Homebody* by the incomparable creator Theo Parish. This graphic memoir of finding their own identity and community is both a gorgeously told story and a true testament to the power of art to engage, inform and uplift.





The Mubbles

By
Liz Pichon

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

Welcome to the Isle of Smile – home of **The Mubbles**, where the beautiful island runs on **SUN, WIND** and **FLOWER POWER**. Like the Wibbles of Wobble mountain, the Earworms and the one-eyed Drib Drabs, everyone on the Isle of Smile lives in perfect harmony – *most of the time*. Until the Clouds of Joy **BUMP** together making a wonky rainbow that means one thing . . . Someone or *something* is coming to **VISIT**. Time spent with The Mubbles on the Isle of Smile makes everything better – you'll see.

- **The Mubbles** will be launching in print in Spring 2025 but the YouTube channel, featuring original music videos, songs and activities, will be building a fanbase from summer 2024
- Tom Gates series has sold over 16 million copies in 47 languages/territories across the world
- Liz has been starring in the Tom Gates TV show – a Sky TV hit now into its third season!

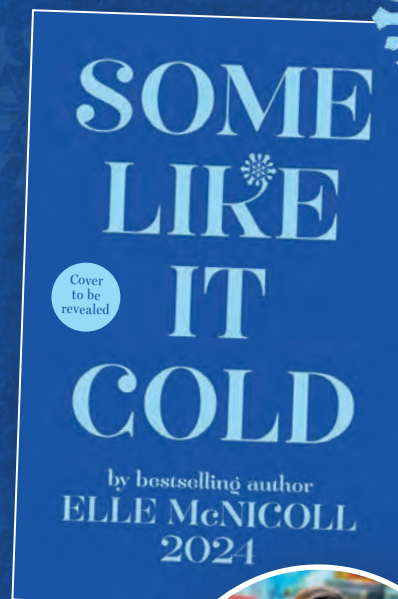
SOME LIKE IT COLD

ELLE McNICOLL

The first YA novel from globally bestselling author Elle McNicoll is a big-hearted small-town romance, reminiscent of the best Netflix rom-coms and perfect for fans of Beth Reekles, Alice Oseman and Holly Bourne.

Jasper Montgomery is heading home for the holidays and keeping secrets. She doesn't plan to literally crash her older sister's high-profile engagement, and – in front of the entire town and the camera of wannabe documentary-maker Arthur Lancaster – Jasper's homecoming is anything but under-the-radar. Jasper came back to Lake Pristine for one reason: to say goodbye. But during the holidays, old relationships come to light, small-town tensions rise, and a certain brooding film buff starts to look like a very big reason to stay. Can Jasper decide what she wants from Arthur, and from Lake Pristine, before she leaves them both forever?

- ❁ A high-profile global acquisition won at auction, Elle McNicoll's YA debut novel will launch in the UK and US in October 2024
- ❁ The first YA novel from celebrated author Elle McNicoll, whose middle-grade novels have already established her as a leading voice in unforgettable inclusive fiction
- ❁ Elle's star is on the rise: a major TV series based on her debut novel *A Kind of Spark* aired in 2023, and her international profile is growing
- ❁ Elle centres neurodiverse voices in her novels; Jasper is a protagonist for every reader, but especially those who have historically been missing from the pages of heartwarming romance novels



HOMEBODY THEO PARISH

An unmissable graphic memoir perfect for fans of the global hit *Heartstopper* and Juno Dawson's *What's the T?*

Hello! I'm Theo. I like cats, Dungeons & Dragons . . . and I'm trans and non-binary.

Theo grew up in a household with a loving family and relaxed gender roles, but the pressures of the outside world to fit into society's expectations can make life feel, well . . . confusing! Theo knows that there is no one way to be, but inspired by superheroes, role-playing games and Comic Con, they find confidence to rebuild their image in a way that feels truly themselves.

- Perfect for fans of *Heartstopper* who are looking for the next big YA graphic novel
- Powerful, honest text and commercial illustrations
- High-spec package featuring 2c illustrations



GREENWILD

PARI THOMSON

THE CITY BEYOND THE SEA

Illustrated by Elisa Paganelli



Daisy Thistle-down's epic adventure continues in the stunning sequel to the critically acclaimed *Greenwild: The World Behind the Door*.

Daisy Thistle-down and the Five O'Clock Club might have defeated a terrifying foe, but their journey to find the missing Botanists is only just beginning.

Desperate to join the long-awaited expedition to the heart of the Amazon, Daisy and her friends abandon the safety of magical Mallowmarsh – only to fall face-first into danger on the high seas when they find themselves pursued across the waves by Grim Reapers. Their only hope: to find the legendary Iffenwild, an island pocket of the Greenwild hidden on the ocean and lost to time.

But beneath the waves, a mysterious botanical magic stirs. And it will take all of Daisy's courage and determination – and the trust of an unexpected new friend – if she is to discover the truth that haunts Iffenwild, and save the Greenwild from a terrible fate.

- Thomson is comparable to real classics of children's literature Diana Wynne Jones and Eva Ibbotson, and her writing sparkles with unforgettable descriptions and magical world-building, as Daisy Thistle-down heads out into the wider world of the Greenwild
- The perfect next series for fans of *Fireborn* and *Skandar*. The gentle environmental messaging makes it a perfect pick for parents and teachers, while the fast-paced adventure and magical storytelling will capture children's hearts
- The sequel to critically-acclaimed *Greenwild: The World Behind the Door*, which *The Telegraph* called "An eco-thriller novel that every child should read . . . a masterclass in how to write a timeless adventure story"





THE BOY WITH WINGS

CLASH OF THE SUPERKIDS

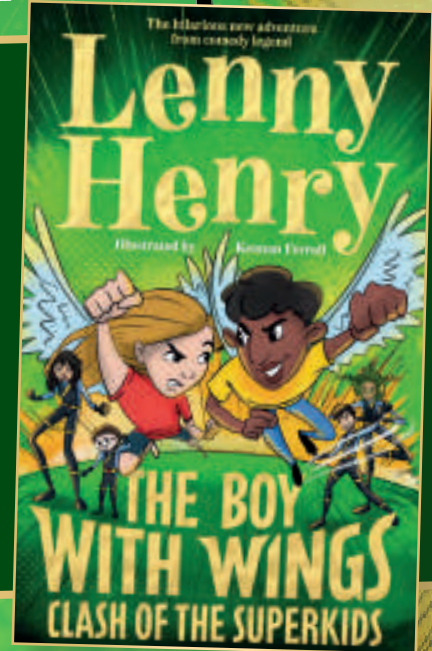
Lenny Henry Illustrated by Keenon Ferrell



The Boy with Wings: Clash of the Superkids 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.

When Tunde's parents take him to a top-secret testing facility called The Complex, he's nervous about meeting others like him who have super powers. But trying to make new friends is the least of his worries. There's something much scarier going on. And it's going to take more than just the boy with wings to stop it . . . Now that flight isn't an option, the only choice is to fight.

- Sequel to *The Boy with Wings*; the bestselling children's hardback 2021
- *The Boy With Wings* was won in a hotly contested, six publisher auction
- Lenny Henry is a British comedy legend and has the perfect tone for middle-grade funny fiction



THE ICE CHILDREN

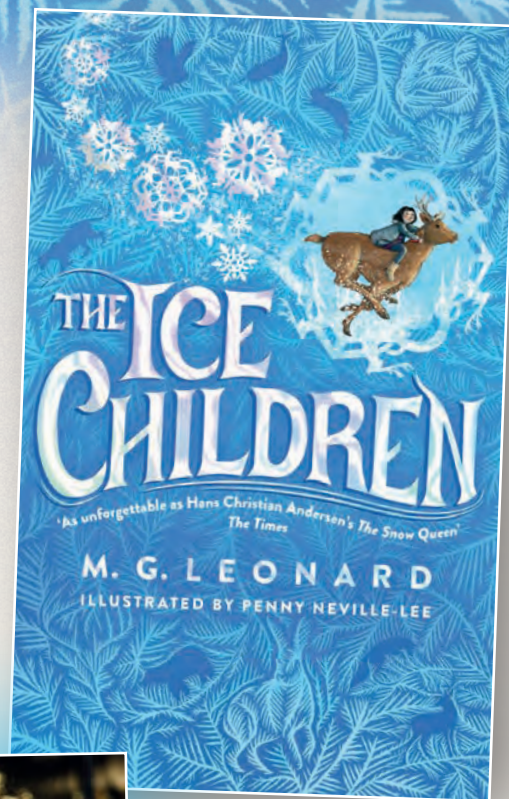
M. G. LEONARD
ILLUSTRATED BY PENNY NEVILLE-LEE

*'As unforgettable as
Hans Christian Andersen's
The Snow Queen' – The Times*

A stand alone, modern fairy tale adventure celebrating winter in all its forms by the award-winning bestseller M. G. Leonard. Perfect for fans of *The Last Bear*.

Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's 'The Snow Queen', *The Ice Children* follows eleven-year-old Bianca Albedo as she embarks on an adventure to rescue her little brother Finn, and other children who are found frozen across the city. Bianca must track down a mysterious figure and travel to a world full of wonder and adventure, where winter reigns supreme. If Bianca is to save Finn and all the other children, she must find a way to save winter itself.

- ❄ M. G. Leonard is the award-winning bestselling author of the Adventures on Trains series, which has sold in 20 languages, *Beetle Boy* and *Twitch*
- ❄ An exciting future classic and a call to action about the dangers of climate change. Perfect for boys and girls aged 8–12
- ❄ Beautiful hardback package with coloured endpapers, illustrated in black and white throughout by Penny Neville-Lee



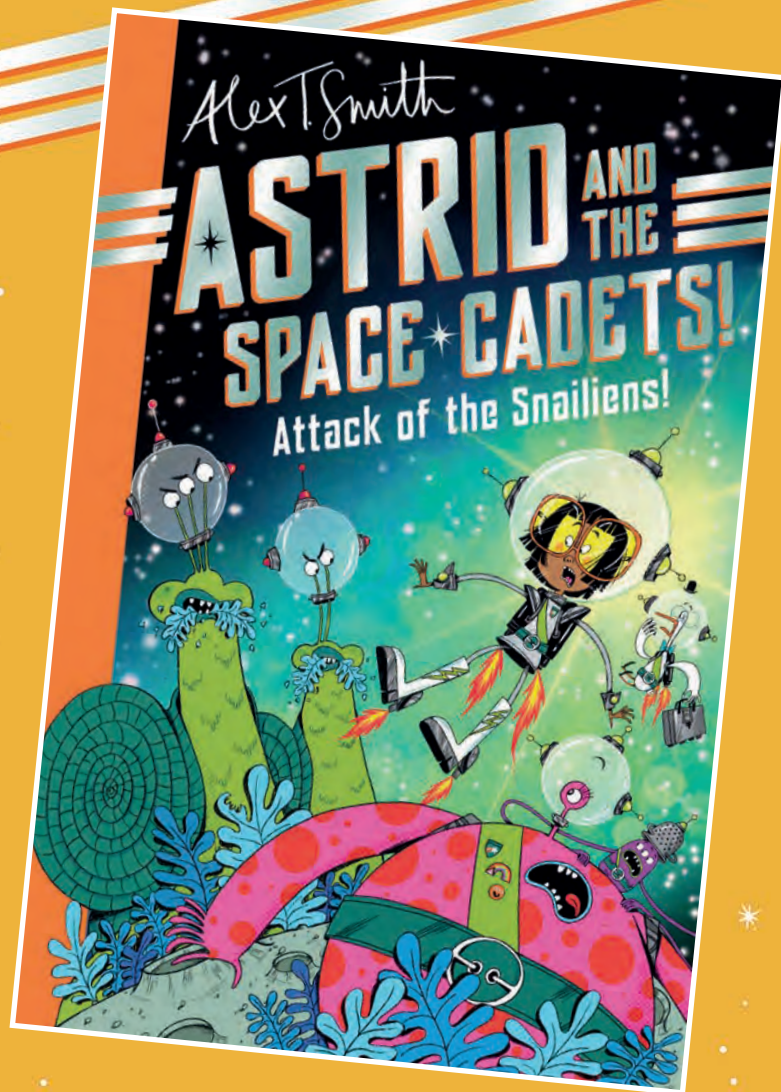
Alex T. Smith

ASTRID AND THE SPACE CADETS!

From Alex T. Smith, the bestselling author of *How Winston Delivered Christmas*, *The Grampus* and *Claude* comes a brand new, highly illustrated OUT OF THIS WORLD adventure series for readers aged 5+!

Astrid Atomic isn't like other children . . . Each night, the minute the lights are off and the coast is clear, the Space Cadet siren goes off! Her uniform goes on and – 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, **WHOOSH!** – she blasts off for an exciting adventure in outer space!

- Alex T. Smith is the bestselling author of *How Winston Delivered Christmas*, *The Grampus*, *Claude* and *Mr Penguin*
- With a short extent and highly illustrated package, the series is perfect for newly confident readers and fans of *Claude*
- Four books acquired in the series, publishing at 6 month intervals to gain the momentum which is so important for this age group





Alex T. Smith

THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING'S CHRISTMAS SHENANIGANS

From Alex T. Smith, bestselling author of festive favourites *How Winston Delivered Christmas* and *The Grumpus*, comes a gorgeous retelling of children's Christmas classic *The Nutcracker*.

The Mouse King is up to some very sneaky shenanigans. The night before Christmas, he steals the key to the Kingdom of Sweets and sets out to cause as much festive mayhem as he can! Can Clara and Fritz Strudel, and their new friend the Nutcracker, stop him, before it's too late?

- More than 250k of Alex T. Smith's Christmas titles have sold around the world. Rights to *Winston* have been sold in 14 languages, and rights to *The Grumpus* have been sold in 9
- The perfect Christmas gift, with a festively foiled cover and full colour illustrations throughout
- With 24 ½ chapters this is the perfect book for the family to read together, year after year



THE WONDER TEAM AND THE FORGOTTEN FOOTBALLERS

Written with Jordan Glover
Illustrated by Robin Boyden

LEAH WILLIAMSON

BOOK 2
COMING
APRIL 2024

IT'S TIME TO KICK OFF A NEW ADVENTURE!

When Leah unearths a mysterious time capsule with her two best friends, she opens up a whole new world of adventure! Transported a hundred years back in time, they find a women's football team in crisis – can Leah and her friends lead the team back to victory?

The odds are against them, but time is on their side!

- Loosely based on the Dick Kerr Ladies F.C. and their brave protest against the ban on women's football
- A fully illustrated story about the power of resilience and teamwork in which women are empowered to break boundaries and become their most confident selves
- Continue the series with *The Wonder Team and the Pharaoh's Fortune*, the next exciting, time-twisting adventure coming in April 2024



Aya and the STAR CHASER

RADIYA HAFIZA

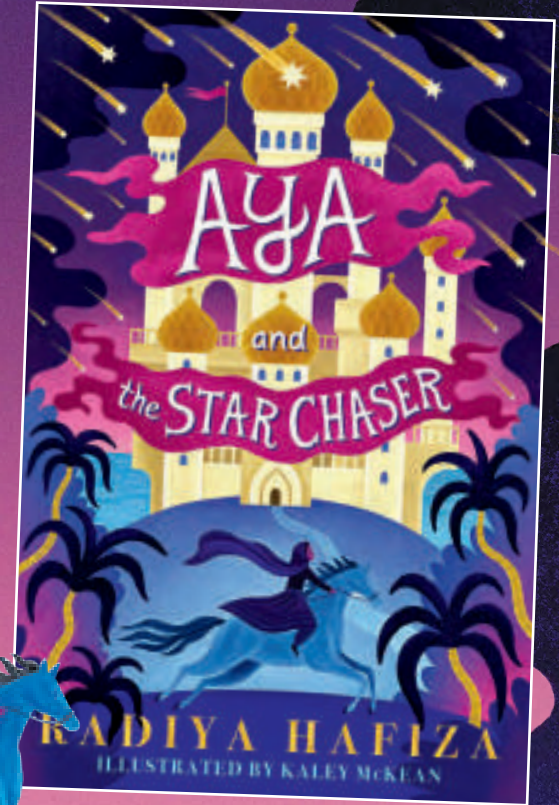
ILLUSTRATED BY KALEY MCKEAN

***Nura and the Immortal Palace* meets South Asian myths and legends in this gothic fairytale based on Bengali folklore, from the author of *Rumaysa: A Fairytale*.**

Aya has been fascinated by stars ever since she can remember. But never in her wildest imagination did she expect to get struck by one and develop powers beyond her control.

When the evil Abnus takes over the region of Alferra in search of power, Aya quickly learns there is a great darkness afoot. Can Aya learn to control her burgeoning magic and keep her friends and family safe before it's too late?

- A modern gothic fairytale that puts brown girls centre-stage and builds on Bengali folklore
- An adventurous, lyrical story perfect for readers 8 – 12
- Black-and-white illustrations throughout by Kaley McKean





A heartwarming novel exploring the pressures of starting a new school, brand bullying, sustainable fashion and staying true to yourself.

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

When a chance encounter puts Cassie in touch with like-minded fashionistas, The Knit-Wits, she starts to think maybe she can have the best of both worlds.

But it's not long before living two lives starts to feel like living two half-lives. Can Cassie find a way to be true to herself?

- Cassie's passion for fashion gets an upgrade when she finds the joys of upcycling and second-hand clothing – but can she keep her sustainable habits a secret from the designer-clad girls at school?
- Jacqueline Wilson for the eco-generation – a funny, contemporary, environmental call to action for 9+ readers, and perfect for eco-conscious fans of *Geek Girl*



RACING LEGENDS

LEWIS HAMILTON / MAX VERSTAPPEN

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT F1.

101 FUN FACTS AND STATS ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE DRIVERS!

BY
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HAMILTON

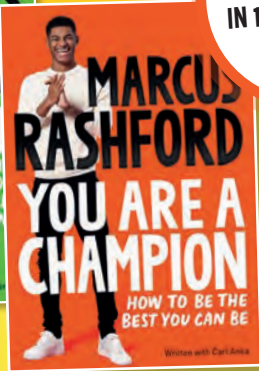
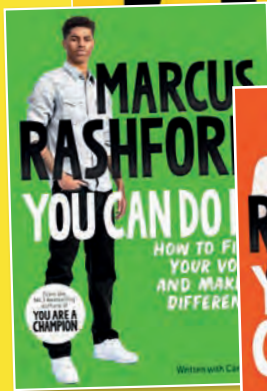
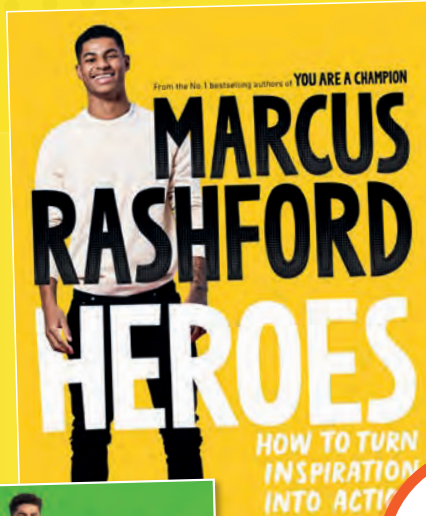
FUN FACTS, STATS AND STORIES ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE RACING DRIVERS, WRITTEN BY THE FAMOUS F1 EXPERT AND COMMENTATOR MAURICE HAMILTON. COVERING THE DRIVERS' PERSONAL STORIES, AS WELL AS KEY INFORMATION ABOUT ENGINEERING AND CARS.

- ☆ Fresh off the hit success of Netflix's *Drive to Survive* which is Top 10 viewing in 56 countries
- ☆ F1 is surging in popularity. There's been a 17% year-on-year increase in fans worldwide (across all ages) and in the US, which hasn't traditionally followed the sport, a 41% rise since 2019
- ☆ F1 is the second fastest growing sport on social media, YOY growth of 36%. The Formula One hashtag has 28.7 billion views on TikTok
- ☆ Cars and racing is a perennially popular topic for this age group, but there is a gap in the market for a series on F1 drivers



MARCUS RASHFORD HEROES

WRITTEN WITH CARL ANKA

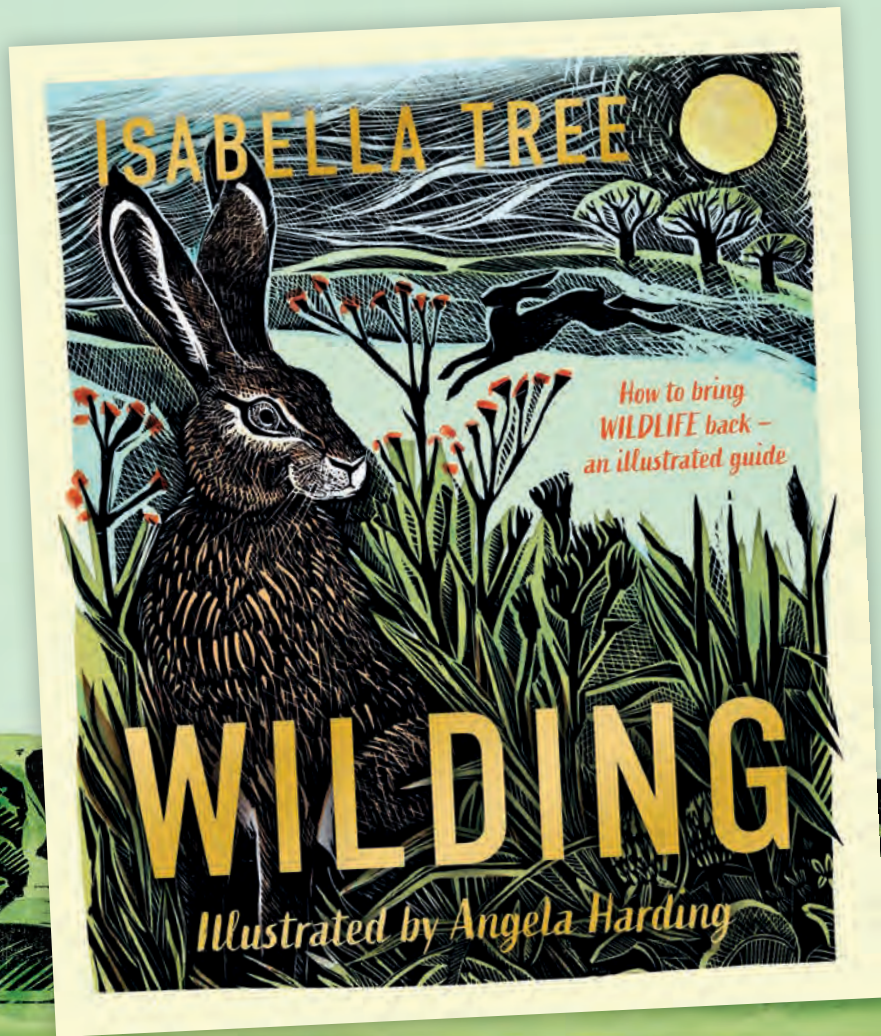


RIGHTS SOLD
IN 10 LANGUAGES

The third non-fiction book from No. 1 bestselling authors Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka, shining a light on inspiring people throughout the world.

Marcus Rashford has inspired kids all over the world through his books *You Are a Champion* and *You Can Do It* – now, he wants to show YOU the people in his life who have been role models to him! This book is full of brilliant advice and top tips to empower you to be the best version of yourself that you can be.

- *You Are a Champion* debuted in the UK at No. 1 in the children's chart, No. 3 in the overall chart. It has sold 300k copies through UK TCM
- *You Are a Champion* was WHSmith 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
- Dynamic setting, illustrations and infographics to make the book as visually engaging as possible – perfect for reluctant readers



Isabella Tree and Angela Harding bring you an inspiring book full of hope for the future, showcasing the wonder of nature

A full colour younger reimagining of *Wilding* which tells the story of a remarkable experiment: the rewilding of the Knepp Estate, the restoration of natural ecological processes, and the stunning recovery of flora and fauna. Includes a description of the concept of rewilding, beautiful spreads featuring butterflies, bats, owls and beetles, timelines and accessible in-garden activities to 're-Wild' your own spaces. It a great way to start teaching kids about their responsibility for the world around us.

- Isabella Tree is an award-winning writer and lives in the middle of a pioneering rewilding project in West Sussex
- Illustrated in glorious full-colour by bestselling author, illustrator and naturalist Angela Harding
- *Wilding: The Return of Nature to a British Farm* has sold over 250,000 copies





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