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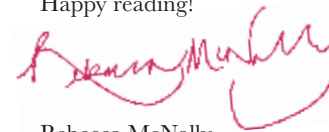
Dear Friends,

Prepare for a blast of illustrated fun this spring, starting with preschool crime caper *Penelope Snoop, Ace Detective*, from Pamela Butchart and Christine Roussey. Jem Packer and Emily Fox unleash *Zoopertown: X-Ray Rabbit*, and turbocharged bestsellers Patricia Cleveland-Peck and David Tazzyman are back with *You Can't Let an Elephant Drive a Racing Car*.

There's a magical theme in this season's fiction. Catherine Doyle's *The Lost Girl King* is a truly thrilling middle-grade novel, and *The Wondrous Prune* by Ellie Clements delivers a fresh and delightful enchantment in the real world, where it's most needed. For older readers, Mary Watson's powerful story of magic and destiny in South Africa, *Blood to Poison*, is a supercharged page-turner, and Meg Rosoff's new summer novel *Friends Like These*, set in New York in the early eighties, is simply irresistible – the magic here is her extraordinary writing.

Finally, don't miss the debut of musician, writer, actor and mental-health campaigner Jordan Stephens – *The Missing Piece* is gloriously illustrated by new talent Beth Suzanna and will make your soul and senses sing. And Katie Abey's new non-fiction picture book is the perfectly timed *We Feel Happy!* ... We all need this book!

Happy reading!



Rebecca McNally
Publishing Director & Editor-in-Chief
Bloomsbury Children's Books



National Awards 2021/22



The Book of Hopes created by Katherine Rundell
The British Book Awards 2021 (The Book of the Year): SHORTLISTED

The Great Godden by Meg Rosoff
The YA Book Prize 2021: SHORTLISTED
The Indie Book Awards 2021 (Children's Fiction): SHORTLISTED
The Amazing Book Awards 2021: LONGLISTED

Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival
Oscar's Book Prize 2021: SHORTLISTED
Oxfordshire Book Awards 2021: SHORTLISTED

The Whales on the Bus by Katrina Charman illustrated by Nick Sharratt
Booktrust Storytime Prize 2021: SHORTLISTED

The Girl and the Dinosaur by Hollie Hughes illustrated by Sarah Massini
The Indie Book Awards 2021 (Picture Book): SHORTLISTED

She Rex by Michelle Robinson and Deborah Allwright
Booktrust Storytime Prize 2021: LONGLISTED

The Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr
The Awesome Book Awards 2022: SHORTLISTED
North Somerset Teachers Book Awards 2021 (Quality Fiction): LONGLISTED

The Worst Class in the World by Joanna Nadin illustrated by Rikin Parekh
Alligator's Mouth Award 2021: LONGLISTED

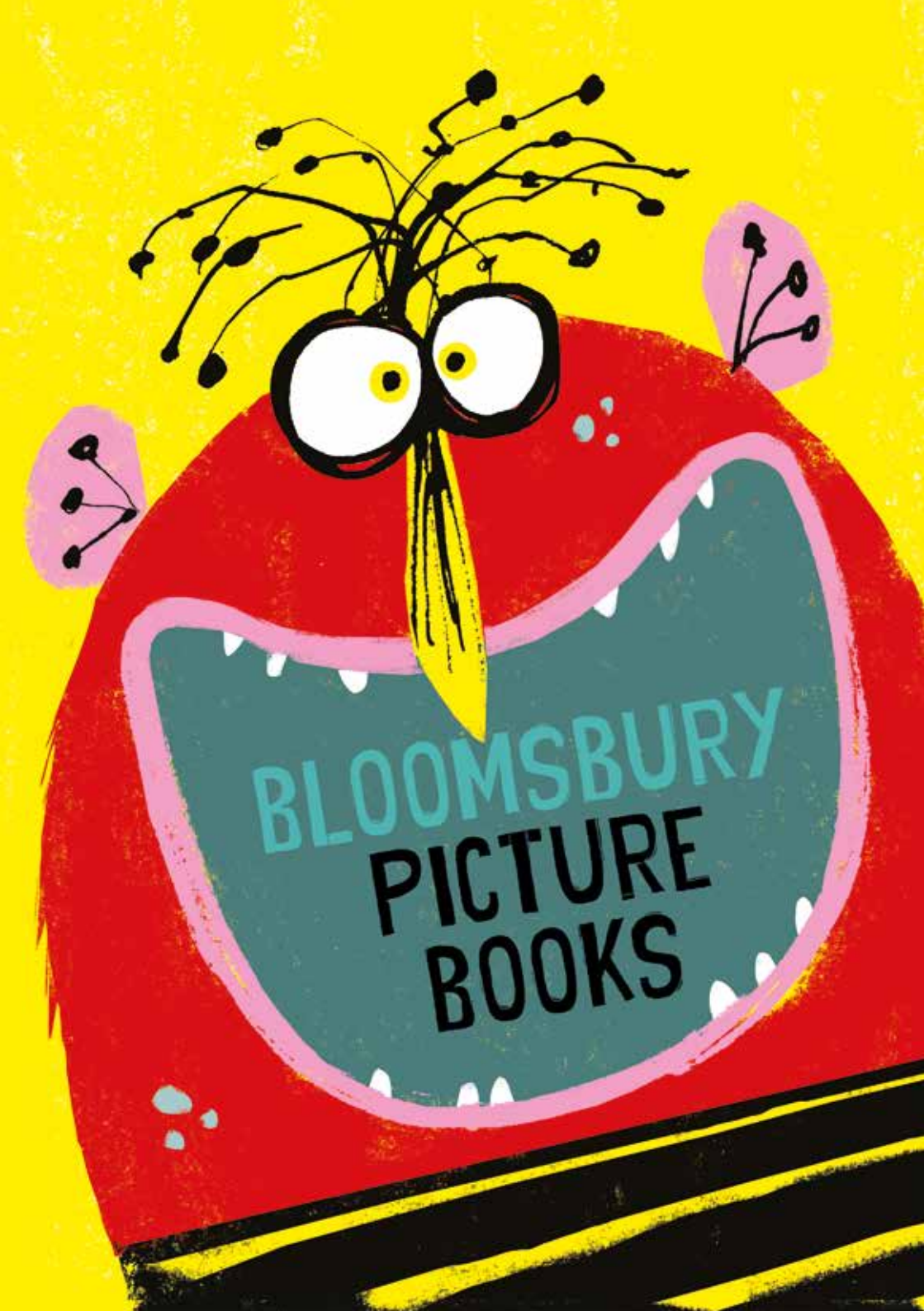
Fox by Isabel Thomas illustrated by Daniel Egnéus
Information Book Awards 2021 (ages 0-7): LONGLISTED



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MONSTER! HUNGRY! PHONE!

Written by **Sean Taylor**
Illustrated by **Fred Benaglia**

An unmissable debut picture book, packed with hilarity, monsters and PIZZA. Get ready to laugh yourself silly.

Monster is HUNGRY. He wants PIZZA. And he's got a PHONE!

But uh oh . . . who is he going to call?

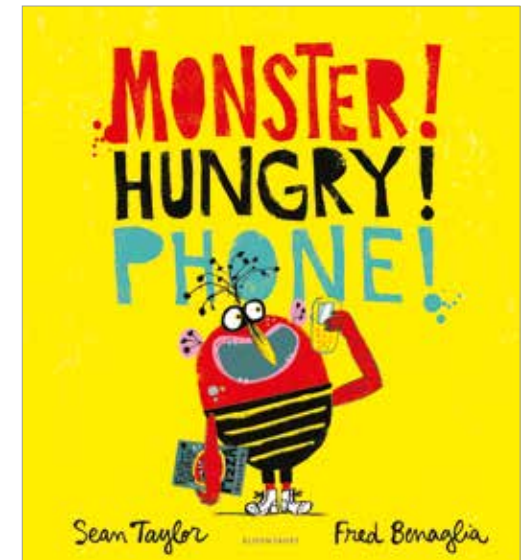
Hold the line – Monster is in for a wild ride!

WARNING: This book may make you laugh your socks off!

With bold, bright illustrations by the talented Fred Benaglia, this hilarious picture book is perfect for fans of *Oi Frog!* – and anyone who REALLY loves pizza!

Sean Taylor is a British author who lives in Surrey. This is his first picture book.

Fred Benaglia is a French illustrator who lives and works in Paris. As well as illustrating many wonderful children's books, he is the artistic director of Bayard Press.



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A **BIG**
BRIGHT
FEELINGS
 book

Ruby's Worry

Tom Percival

'If your child has a worry – and all children do have worries – this is the ideal book to encourage them to talk about it'

– *Parents in Touch*

Ruby is perfectly happy . . . until she discovers a Worry. The first board book in the Big Bright Feelings series, perfect for little hands and big emotions.

Ruby loves being Ruby. But one day she finds a Worry. While it doesn't seem too big at first, the Worry grows and grows until it's all Ruby can think about.

How can Ruby get rid of the Worry and start to feel like herself again?

The bestselling *Ruby's Worry* is now available as a board book for the first time and is the perfect springboard for discussing childhood worries and anxieties, no matter how big or small they may be.

Tom Percival is a writer, artist, video producer and musician. He has written ten picture books for Bloomsbury, including the bestselling Big Bright Feelings series.

This Tree is Just for Me

Written by **Lucy Rowland**

Illustrated by **Laura Hughes**

A charming tale of friendship and sharing, with artwork by the bestselling illustrator of *We're Going on an Egg Hunt*.

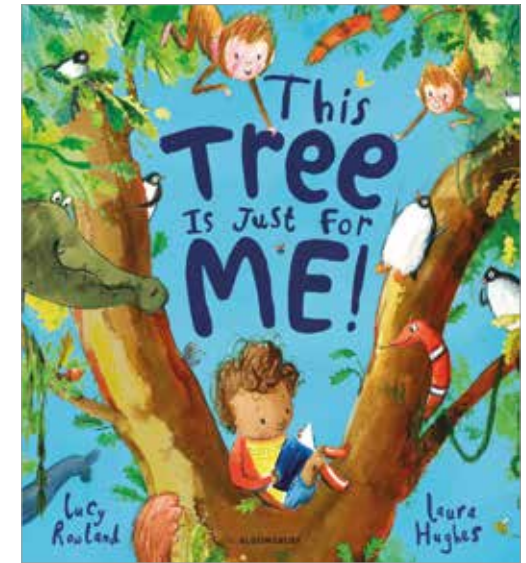
Jack has a new book, and he's found the perfect place to read in peace – a big, beautiful tree.

So when a tiger, a bear, an alligator and a whole host of unusual animals ask if they can join him, Jack says, 'NO! This tree is just for me!' But you've got to be careful what you wish for. When the animals go away, Jack begins to wonder whether keeping something to yourself is so much fun after all. Sometimes, a tree is EVEN better with friends in it too!

This uplifting tale of friendship and sharing will delight children and parents alike.

Lucy Rowland is the bestselling author of many picture books, including *Little Red Reading Hood* and *The Knight Who Said "No!"*

Laura Hughes is the award-winning illustrator of many children's books, including the bestselling *Bunny Adventures* series for Bloomsbury. She lives in Hastings.



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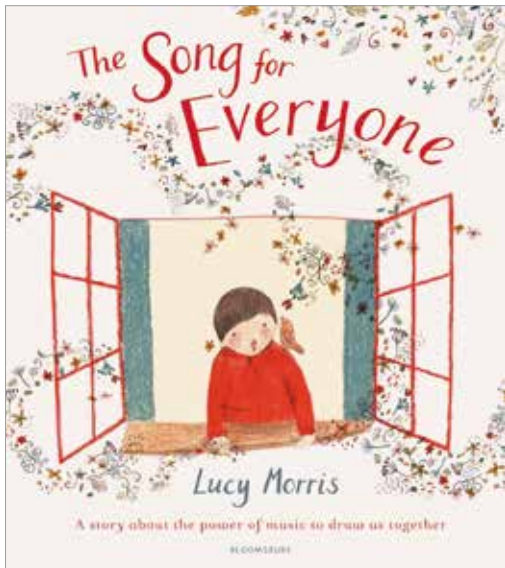
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The Song for Everyone

Lucy Morris

'This charming story will appeal to children and adults . . . Something so special deserves to be shared'

– *Armadillo Magazine*

A stunningly beautiful picture book about the joy of music and how it can draw us together.

A song drifts throughout the town, making the old feel young and comforting the lonely. Though no one knows who sings the song, it brings joy to everybody it reaches.

But one day, the music stops. Can the town work together to save the song for everyone?

A timeless, lyrical picture book celebrating the power of music, community and small acts of simple kindness. It is a story to treasure and to read again and again.

Lucy Morris lives in Norfolk and has an MA in Children's Book Illustration from Anglia Ruskin University and a Degree in Fine Art Painting from Brighton University. This is her debut picture book.

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Little Owl's New Friend

Written by **Debi Gliori**

Illustrated by **Alison Brown**

Can Mummy Owl persuade her Little Owl that friendship can be fun? The fifth book in the much-loved Little Owl series from Debi Gliori and Alison Brown.

Little Owl doesn't want to play with Small Squirrel. No, no, NO!

He wants to play with his bestest best toy, Hedge.

But what if this new friendship involves picnics with bears and exciting adventures with Snaffleworms and the fearsome Hush-Hush? It looks like Little Owl is in for the most fun day EVER!

From the creators of *Little Owl's Bedtime* comes another gloriously heartwarming and imaginative story – perfect for little ones worried about making friends.

Debi Gliori is a much-loved and bestselling author/illustrator of over 80 books for children, including the bestselling *No Matter What*. She lives near Edinburgh.

Alison Brown studied Fine Art at Liverpool and was a graphic designer before becoming an illustrator. Alison was brought up in Bangor, Northern Ireland, and now lives in Leeds.

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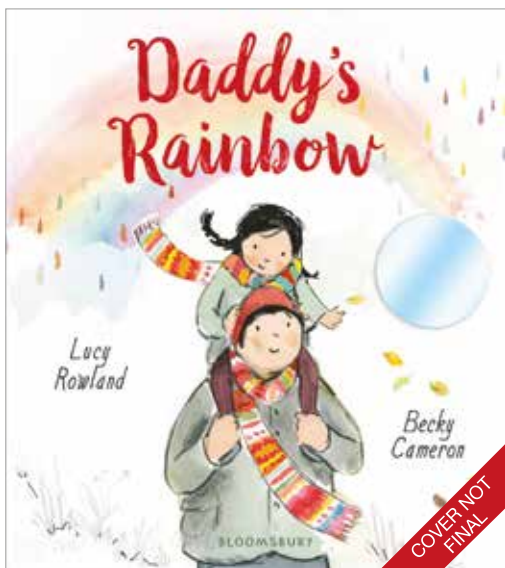
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Daddy's Rainbow

Written by **Lucy Rowland**
Illustrated by **Becky Cameron**

A beautiful, heartbreaking book about overcoming loss, from award-winning author Lucy Rowland.

Erin's daddy sees the colour in everything. Even on the greyest days, they put on their wellies and go splashing in puddles because, Daddy says, 'We can't see rainbows without rain!'

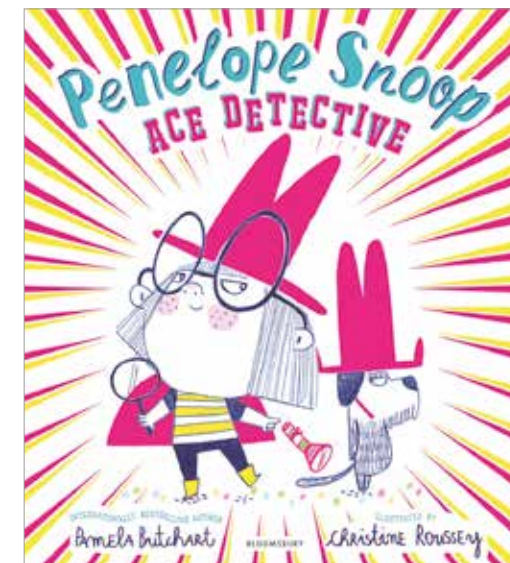
But what happens when the greyest day of all comes, and Daddy isn't there any more? Can Erin learn to find colour in the world again?

This deeply sensitive picture book about the loss of a parent is the ideal starting point for conversations about love, loss and learning to live again.

Lucy Rowland is the bestselling author of many picture books, including *Little Red Reading Hood* and *The Knight Who Said "No!"*

Becky Cameron is a graduate of the prestigious Cambridge MA in Children's Book Illustration. She lives in Oxfordshire, and this is her first book for Bloomsbury.

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Penelope Snoop, Ace Detective

Written by **Pamela Butchart**
Illustrated by **Christine Roussey**

A brilliantly funny and original picture book featuring a feisty female detective who is absolutely the BEST Finder-Outer-in-the-Whole-Wide-World!

Penelope Snoop has a new case to solve – her favourite toy, Sidney the Smelly Sock Snake, has disappeared. With her trusty sidekick, Carlos the dog, Penelope sets out to uncover the mystery – and begins a search for the Sock Snake which will take them into outer space!

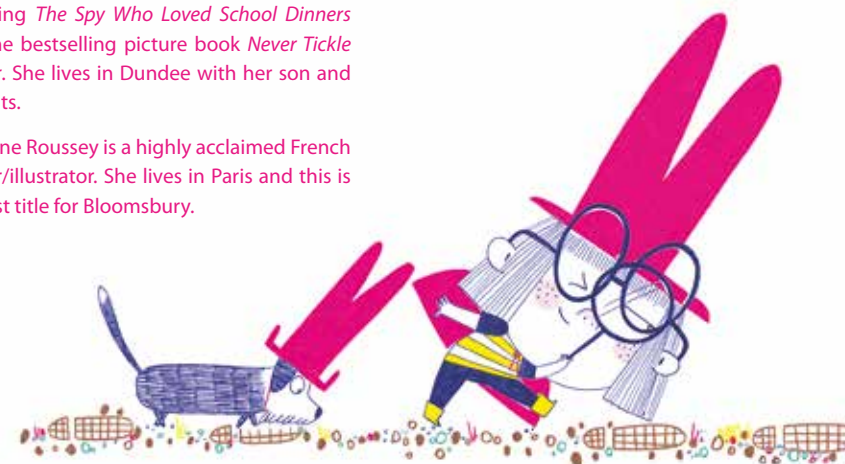
Hilarious, original and fabulously illustrated, this is an irresistible picture book from the bestselling, award-winning Pamela Butchart.

Pamela Butchart is a teacher and author of many award-winning children's books, including *The Spy Who Loved School Dinners* and the bestselling picture book *Never Tickle a Tiger*. She lives in Dundee with her son and two cats.

Christine Roussey is a highly acclaimed French author/illustrator. She lives in Paris and this is her first title for Bloomsbury.

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Thank You for the Little Things

Written by **Caryl Hart**
Illustrated by **Emily Hamilton**

The perfect book to share with anxious little ones, and the ideal antidote to worries big and small – with artwork by the bestselling illustrator of *The World Made a Rainbow*.

*Whenever I am feeling sad
or life feels hard or wrong or bad,
I focus for a little while
on little things that make me smile...*

What are the things that make YOU feel happy? From swinging high on playground swings to licking melty ice cream, there are lots of small things that can cheer up a grey day.

This reassuring, uplifting picture book celebrates the little things that make us smile!

Caryl Hart is an acclaimed children's writer and the author of many bestselling books, including *Meet the Planets* and *Meet the Oceans* (Bloomsbury). She lives in Sheffield.

Emily Hamilton is a rising star and the much-loved illustrator of the bestselling picture book *The World Made a Rainbow*. She lives in North Devon.

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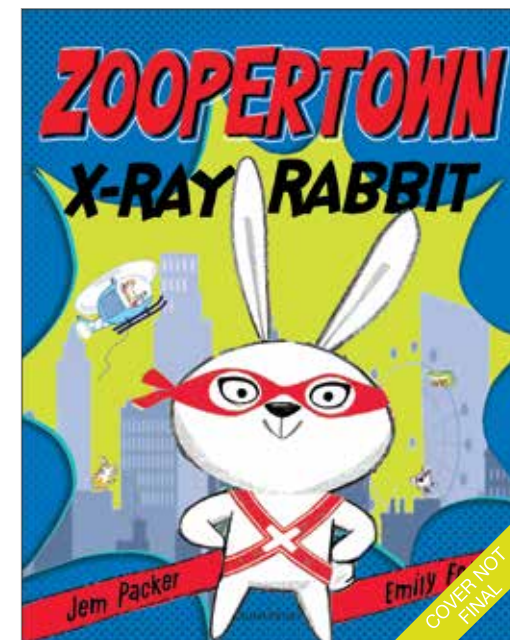
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Zoopertown: X-ray Rabbit - KAPOW!

Written by **Jem Packer**
Illustrated by **Emily Fox**

The first in an action-packed, super-charged ZOOOPER series, perfect for superhero fans EVERYWHERE.

Meet Zoopertown's most brilliant Zooperheroes: Crash-Bang Koala, Zap Giraffe, Snap Crack Croc, Zeb Zoooooom and X-Ray Rabbit!

No job too big, no job too small – so when ALL the food in Zoopertown goes missing, the Zooperheroes are right on the case. Could a villainously bad baboon be behind the disappearance? There's only one way to find out! Here we go, guys... To the Zoopercopters!

This unmissable adventure is perfect for little superheroes everywhere.

Jem Packer has written over thirty children's books and was the winner of the Laugh Out Loud Book Award 2016.

Emily Fox is the acclaimed illustrator of many children's books, including *The Elephant's Pyjamas* (HarperCollins) and *Fabio the World's Greatest Flamingo Detective* (Bloomsbury). She lives in London.

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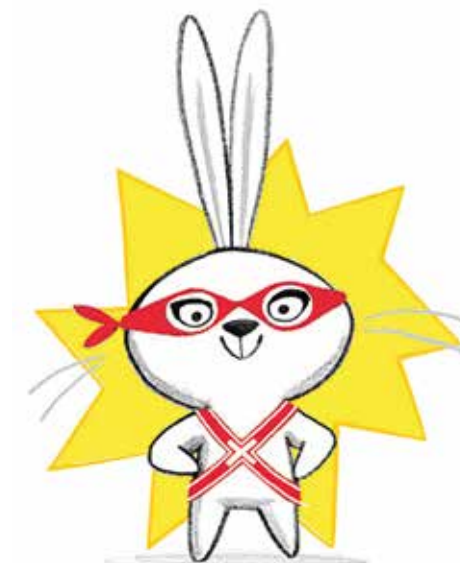
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The Royal Leap-Frog

Written by **Peter Bently**
 Illustrated by **Claire Powell**

From the creators of *The King's Birthday Suit* comes another hilarious retelling of a Hans Christian Andersen classic.

When a flea, a grasshopper and a frog compete to show the King who can jump the highest, it causes CHAOS in the royal dining hall. Can the clever leap-frog use his wits to win? And will the emperor's dog EVER get rid of the flea?

This funny and irresistible retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fable, 'The Leap Frog', will make children laugh – AND show them that brains are sometimes better than brawn! With a pitch-perfect rhyming text and gloriously detailed illustrations, this is an unmissable treat.

Peter Bently is the award-winning author of many children's books, including *The Great Dog Bottom Swap* and *Cats Ahoy!* (winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize). He lives in London.

Claire Powell is the illustrator of many bestselling picture books, including *Octopants* and *The Night Before the Night Before Christmas* by Kes Grey. She lives in London.



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Sonny Says, "Sorry!"

Written by **Caryl Hart**
 Illustrated by **Zachariah OHora**

Meet Sonny and his friends Honey, Meemo and Boo! An irresistible board book from award-winning author Caryl Hart and bestselling illustrator Zacharia OHora.

Sonny is playing outside with his friends when . . . OOH! He finds a box.

Sonny says, 'A present!'

Sonny can't resist opening it . . . and then he can't resist what he finds inside.

It's a DELICIOUS chocolate cake!

But what if the cake wasn't for Sonny? Can Sonny say sorry before it's too late?

Join Sonny and friends in this bright and funny series that's perfect for preschoolers and great for reading aloud. Fans of Pip and Posy will adore this stylish board book, ideal for little ones learning to play with friends.

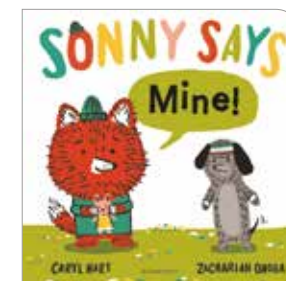
Caryl Hart is an acclaimed children's writer and the author of many bestselling books, including *Meet the Planets* and *Meet the Oceans* (Bloomsbury). She lives in Sheffield.

Zacharia OHora is a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator and the winner of the Society of Illustrators Founders Award (2011) and the PALA Carolyn W. Field Award (2013). He lives and works in the USA.



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The FurFins: StarTail and the Sparkly Sleepover

Written by **Alison Ritchie**
Illustrated by **Aless Baylis**

The FurFins are getting ready for a sleepover! But will everything go as planned? Find out in this third book in the enchanting FurFins series.

Deep beneath the silvery waves lies the magical kingdom of Coralia. This is where the FurFins live, and today is a VERY special day: StarTail has invited her friends for a sleepover!

StarTail is nervous – what if it doesn't go well? But with a cosy tent, friendship bracelets and cherry buns for a midnight feast, it looks like everything is going to be perfect. Then they hear a scary noise outside the tent . . .

Will everything be ruined? Or will it be the best sleepover EVER?

Alison Ritchie works as a freelance editor and writer and has written several children's books. She lives in an Oxfordshire village.

Aless Baylis is an illustrator and print-and-pattern designer based in Brighton. She collaborates with companies worldwide to create books, clothing and home decor for children.

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You Can't Let an Elephant Drive a Racing Car

Written by **Patricia Cleveland-Peck**
Illustrated by **David Tazzyman**

'Brilliantly funny' – Abi Elphinstone on
You Can't Take an Elephant on Holiday

'You will laugh out loud' – *Guardian*
on *You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus*

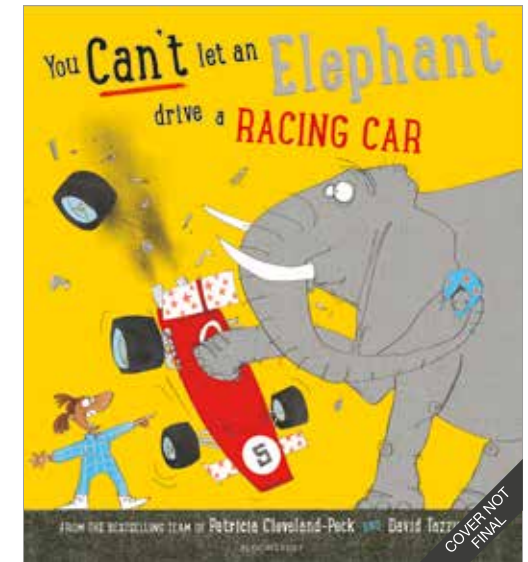
A band of weird and wonderful creatures try to compete in the most unsuitable sports in this fifth title in the bestselling You Can't Let an Elephant . . . series.

Have you ever seen a weightlifting wombat, or a figure-skating alligator? How about a pole-vaulting hippo, or an octopus . . . playing table tennis?

In this side-splitting picture book, a band of energetic and enthusiastic animals take part in all sorts of sporty activities with hilarious and chaotic results!

Patricia Cleveland-Peck is the author of several picture books, including the bestselling *You Can't Take an Elephant . . .* series, which has sold over a quarter of a million copies.

David Tazzyman is the bestselling illustrator of the award-winning *Mr Gum* books (Egmont), as well as the *You Can't Take an Elephant . . .* series for Bloomsbury. He's the winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and lives in Leicestershire with his family.



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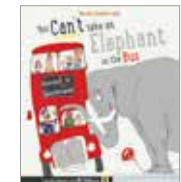
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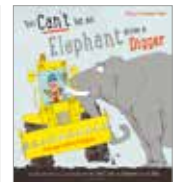
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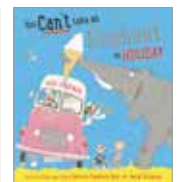
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Every Day

Written by **Gareth Peter**
Illustrated by **Jane Massey**

A gorgeous, deeply reassuring book about the love between a father and a child – perfect for Fathers’ Day!

Join a father and his child on a day that is full of the everyday things that make life special. From silly stories and jokes to upsets and frustrations, this irresistible picture book is a celebration of the unconditional love between parents and children.

With a gentle, rhyming text from rising star Gareth Peter and delightful illustrations by much-loved Jane Massey, this charming book makes the perfect gift for daddies and little ones everywhere!

*Gareth Peter is the author of **My Daddies** (PRH). He lives in Nottingham with his partner, two adopted children and two huskies.*

*Jane Massey is the illustrator of many beloved children’s books, including **Florence Frizzball**. She lives and works on the south coast of England.*



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Be Wild, Little One

Written by **Olivia Hope**
Illustrated by **Daniel Egnéus**

An inspirational celebration of life and how rich it can be if we keep our hearts and minds open.

Wake up early, don’t be shy.

This bright world can make you FLY . . .

This gorgeous, uplifting picture book celebrates the wildness in all of us, and the beauty of the world around us. Fly across oceans, run with wolves through the mountain snow and dance with fireflies . . . and prepare to BE WILD, little one!

With a lyrical text from talented debut author Olivia Hope, and stunning, immersive illustrations by Daniel Egnéus, this standout book brims with joy and possibility, and makes the perfect gift for any little one.

Olivia Hope lives in the south-west of Ireland with her husband and sons. This is her first book.

Daniel Egnéus is a prolific artist who has illustrated numerous books, including several Neil Gaiman titles. He is based in Athens.

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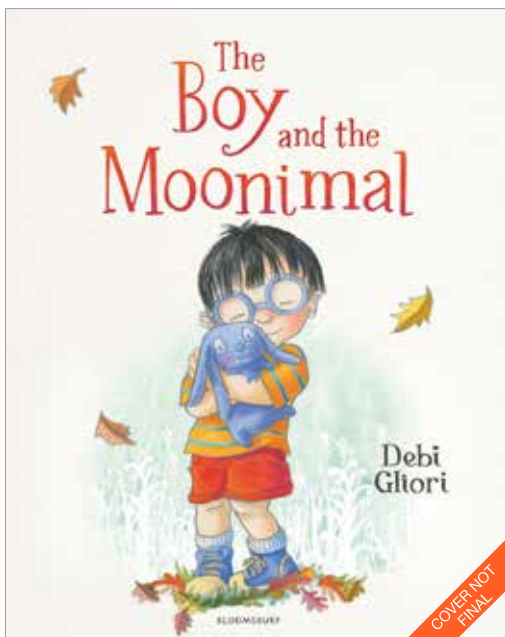
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The Boy and the Moonimal

Debi Gliori

An epic story of a friendship made to last a lifetime from master storyteller Debi Gliori.

Boy and Moonimal are ALWAYS together, until one terrible day when Moonimal gets lost in the woods. Left all alone, Moonimal thinks he will never find Boy again.

But this is just the beginning of Moonimal's journey through dense forests, across rushing rivers and to the heights of snow-covered mountains. Can Moonimal survive the wild and find his Boy?

Discover a bond that can never be broken in this beautiful, lyrical picture book.

Debi Gliori is a much-loved and bestselling author/illustrator of over eighty books for children, including the bestselling *No Matter What*. Debi lives near Edinburgh and has twice been writer in residence in the Shetland Isles.

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The Missing Piece

Written by **Jordan Stephens**

Illustrated by **Beth Suzanna**

A fresh and original picture book from writer and performer Jordan Stephens – heartfelt, wise and warm, it's a story about friendship, teamwork and feeling complete.

Sunny loves jigsaw puzzles – the bigger the better. When she completes one, she gets a warm, happy honeybee buzz. One day, her gran gives her a one-thousand-piece puzzle. Piece after piece, all by herself, she puts together the picture, until . . . DISASTER! The final piece is missing. Sunny may be small, but she is very determined – so she sets off to find it.

As the day whizzes by in a whirl of new places and friends, Sunny discovers that looking for something is every bit as fun as finding it, and that perhaps the missing piece was there all along . . .

Jordan Stephens is a writer, performer and campaigner best known for being one half of pop duo Rizzle Kicks. He's also passionate about books and reading. *The Missing Piece* is his first picture book.

Beth Suzanna is a Bristol-based illustrator and designer who is an advocate for diverse representation. Her work comments on social issues, and challenging taboos and stereotypes. This is her first picture book.

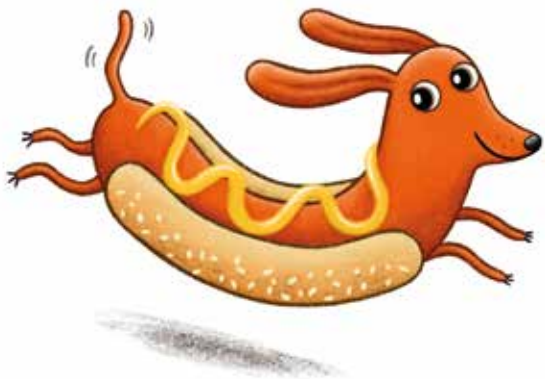


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Hot Dog

Written by **Mark Sperring**
Illustrated by **Sophie Corrigan**

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From the creators of *Mince Spies*, *Santa Jaws* and *Jingle Smells* comes another hilarious romp that's guaranteed to make you laugh this summer!

This is the story of a little hot dog who longs for just one thing: to be a REAL dog. But when the Mustard Fairy makes his dreams come true, will he be accepted by the other dogs? Or will he have to fight for his place in the sun?

Packed with beaches, sunshine, ice cream and seaside silliness galore, this is THE picture book of the summer!

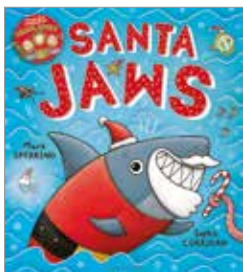
Mark Sperring is the author of many bestselling picture books, including *The Don't Panic Gang* and *Four Silly Skeletons* (Bloomsbury). He lives in Bristol.

Sophie Corrigan is the illustrator of several much-loved picture books, including *Mince Pies* and *Santa Jaws*. She lives above a little sweet shop in Lancashire.

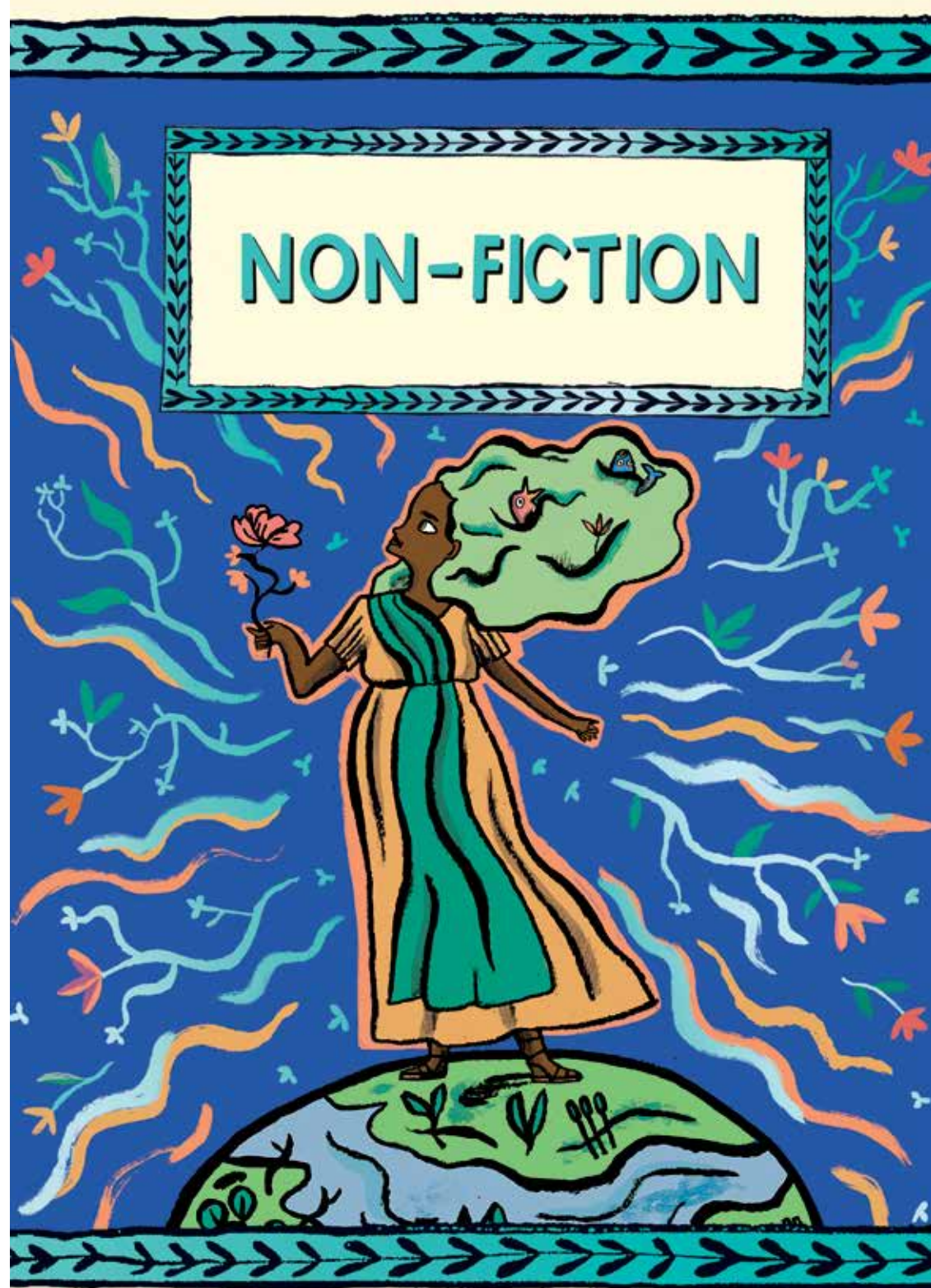
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Kew: Lift and Look Birds

Kew: Lift and Look Fruit and Vegetables

Tracy Cottingham

Introduce little ones to vibrant birds and delicious fruit and vegetables in these two charming lift-the-flap board books, published in collaboration with Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

There are lots of different birds to see when out in nature. Some birds play tag, others hide acorns and another builds nests in the strangest of places! Lift the flaps to see what the birds are up to in the park, the woods and in the garden in *Lift and Look Birds*.

Lift the flaps to see what is inside the greenhouse, behind the orchard gate and growing underground. From leafy green vegetables, to colourful tropical fruit and jewel-like berries, there is lots to discover on every page in *Lift and Look Fruit and Vegetables*.

With chunky flaps that are designed for little hands, bright illustrations on every page and fun, simple text, these board books are perfect for uncovering the wonders of nature.

Tracy Cottingham is an [illustrator and designer based in London](#).

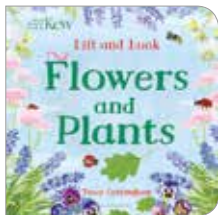
[Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is a world famous centre for botanical and mycological knowledge.](#)



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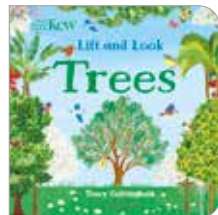
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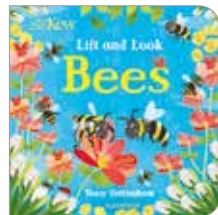
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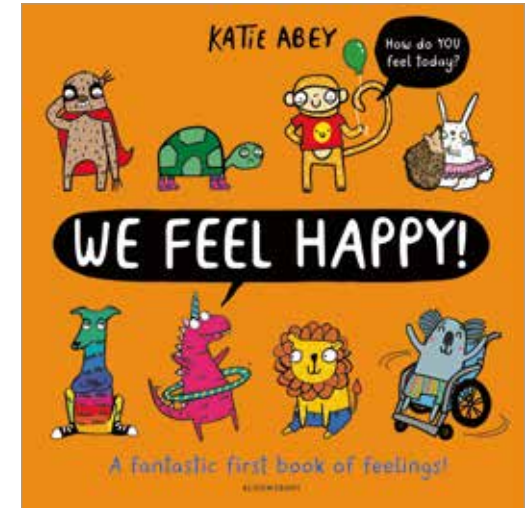
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We Feel Happy

Katie Abey

It's a RAINBOW of emotions! Join the animals in their busy worlds, and explore a whole range of emotions, from happiness to sadness, to shyness and grumpiness.

A FANTASTIC first book of feelings that introduces little ones to a wide range of emotions. Why are the animals happy? What has made them feel sad? What do YOU feel excited about?

We feel happy when reading our favourite book. We feel calm when we have a bath. We feel excited when we go to a PARTY! *We Feel Happy* is the perfect book for starting a conversation about feelings with children. The animals are experiencing lots of different emotions, from the hippos who are EXCITED to visit their friends to the shark who is GRUMPY about brushing its teeth.

Includes learning hooks such as counting, first words and recognising animals, with interactive speech bubbles, prompts and ideas on how to process and understand our emotions.

Katie Abey is an [illustrator who lives in a hobbit-like house in Derbyshire with a cat, a hedgehog, a child and a husband](#).

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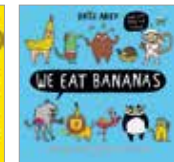
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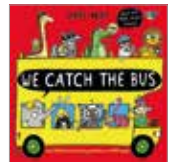
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Fantastically Great Women Artists and Their Stories

Kate Pankhurst

Discover the fascinating stories of some of the art world's most influential women and how their legacy changed.

We all have the power to paint our own stories. And the FANTASTICALLY GREAT WOMEN ARTISTS in this book showed that women have pretty FASCINATING ones to tell.

FRIDA KAHLO expressed herself with each brush stroke. Quilt-maker FAITH RINGGOLD stitched together untold stories. And rule-breaker DAME LAURA KNIGHT showed that women's talent has no limits.

With fun design features, such as comic strips and postcards and activities to help you make your own art, this book celebrates the courage and creativity of the pioneering women who put their mark on the world, and will inspire girls and boys to let their imaginations run wild.

Women featured: Amrita Sher-Gil, Elisabeth Le Brun, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, Faith Ringgold, Frida Kahlo, Kathe Kollwitz, Dame Laura Knight and Peggy Guggenheim.

Kate Pankhurst is the bestselling creator of Bloomsbury's Fantastically Great Women series. Her books have sold all over the world and been nominated, longlisted and shortlisted for countless awards, including the British Book Awards.

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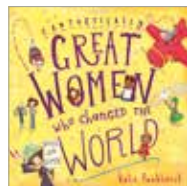
'It deploys just the right amount of lively, fascinating detail to inform and inspire.'

– *The Guardian* on *Fantastically Great Women Scientists and Their Stories*

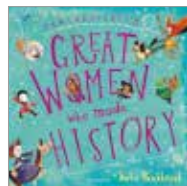
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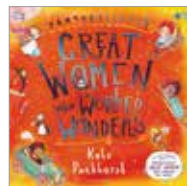
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Natural Play Areas and How to Build Them

Alistair Bryce-Clegg & Oliver Wotherspoon

An exciting collection of DIY projects to create amazing, upcycled outdoor play areas, from Early Years expert Alistair Bryce-Clegg and outdoor play designer Oliver Wotherspoon.

This one-of-a-kind book contains everything you need to build exciting, sustainable outdoor play spaces that can be adapted for any garden, big or small. There are ideas for permanent structures as well as smaller-scale projects that children can help build, and all the designs use reclaimed materials such as wooden pallets and tyres. If you're looking to transform your outdoor space with features that children will love, without breaking the bank, this is the perfect book for you.

With helpful illustrations, full-colour photographs, step-by-step instructions and advice on how the play spaces support early learning and development, you don't need to be a DIY expert to build these simple and effective natural play areas.

Alistair Bryce-Clegg is one of the most well-known Early Years educational consultants.

Oliver Wotherspoon is Managing Director of Cool Canvas, which creates natural play areas for nurseries, schools and back gardens.

NATURAL PLAY AREAS
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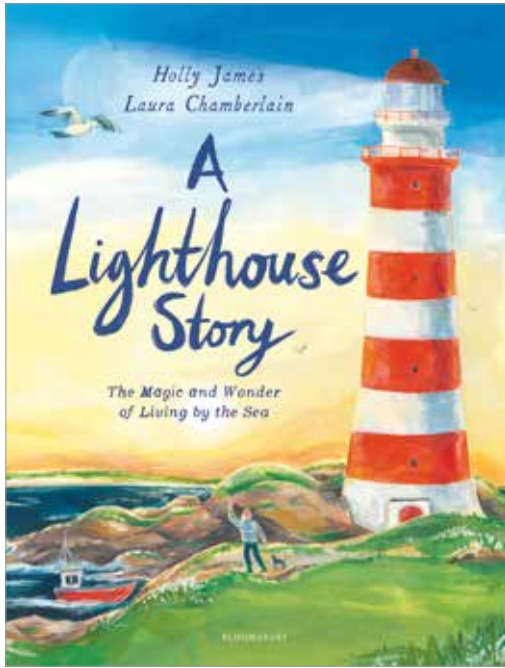
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A Lighthouse Story

Written by [Holly James](#)
Illustrated by [Laura Chamberlain](#)

Find out what it's like to be a lighthouse keeper and discover the magic of living and working by the sea.

Do you know why lighthouses are such important buildings? Follow the story of Eva and her granddad through the pages of this beautifully illustrated book to find out.

This charming narrative tells us what a lighthouse is, the history behind these magnificent structures, how they work and what a lighthouse keeper does all day.

We learn about the magic and danger of the sea, the creatures that live around the lighthouse, cloud formations, the sky at night, and tales of daring rescues.

With lots of interesting facts that will engage and inform and beautiful illustrations by the talented Laura Chamberlain, readers will be immersed in the fascinating world of a lighthouse.

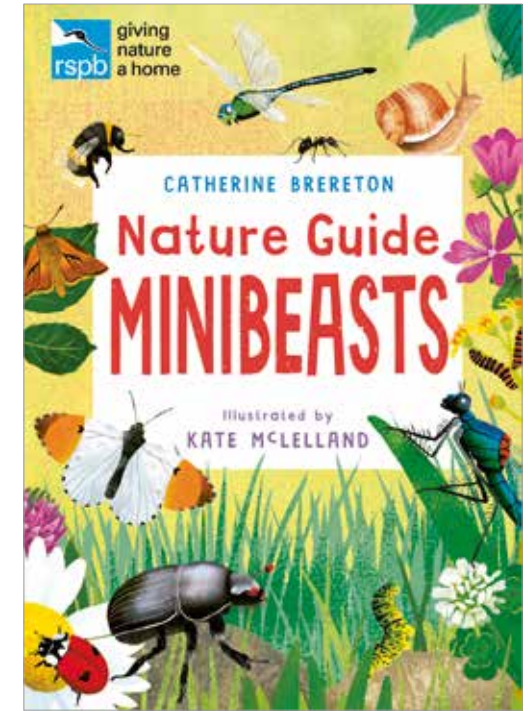
[Holly James is an Irish writer living in London and this is her second book for Bloomsbury.](#)

[Laura Chamberlain is a talented children's book illustrator and designer who is brimming with brilliant ideas.](#)

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RSPB Nature Guide: Minibeasts

Written by [Catherine Brereton](#)
Illustrated by [Kate McLelland](#)

A stunningly illustrated minibeast spotter's field guide that both children and adults will love to keep at hand, published in collaboration with the RSPB.

Whether in your home garden, kitchen, bathroom or under a log in the woods, minibeasts are everywhere to be found! So grab this handy nature guide and explore every nook and cranny you can find, there might just be a surprise.

From gorgeous orange-tip butterflies to the fierce-looking stag beetle, get ready to find out about over 190 different minibeasts and bugs. There are so many wonderful living things to meet in this children's spotter's guide, published in collaboration with the RSPB, the largest wildlife conservation charity in Europe.

Includes information on how to make your green space bug friendly, activities such as making a wormery and a wildlife checklist so you can tick off everything you spot!

[Catherine Brereton is a writer and editor of over 150 books for children.](#)

[Kate McLelland is a children's book illustrator and printmaker.](#)

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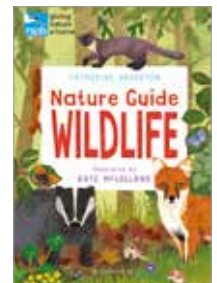
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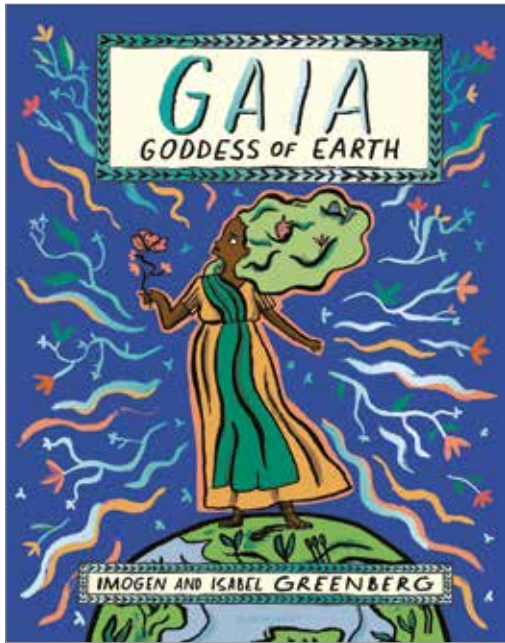
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Gaia: Goddess of Earth

Written by [Imogen Greenberg](#)
Illustrated by [Isabel Greenberg](#)

Discover the action-packed story of Gaia, the Ancient Greek goddess of Earth, as she strives to protect the natural world from the destructive power of the gods.

Meet Gaia, the Ancient Greek goddess who created the Earth and the universe that stretched beyond it. She raised trees from their roots to the sky, sent waterfalls tumbling over cliffs and created the tides that sashed on the shore. She gifted her creation to animals and mortals, and watched as they made it their home. But she also created a force she couldn't control: the ambition of gods.

Featuring arrogant gods, raging giants and wars fought with lightning bolts, this is the story of how Gaia fought for a better world.

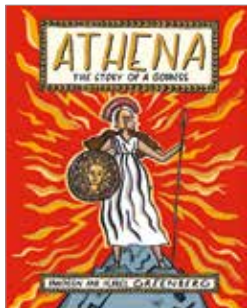
With poetic story-telling and dynamic graphic-novel style visuals, this dramatic re-telling of the Greek myth positions women at the centre of creation. Gaia is strong-willed, brave and creative – an inspirational character for our times.

Written and illustrated by two incredibly talented sisters, Imogen and Isabel Greenberg, who collaborated to create Bloomsbury's *Athena: The Story of a Goddess* and *Marie Curie and Her Daughters*.

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Do You LOVE Exploring?

[Matt Robertson](#)

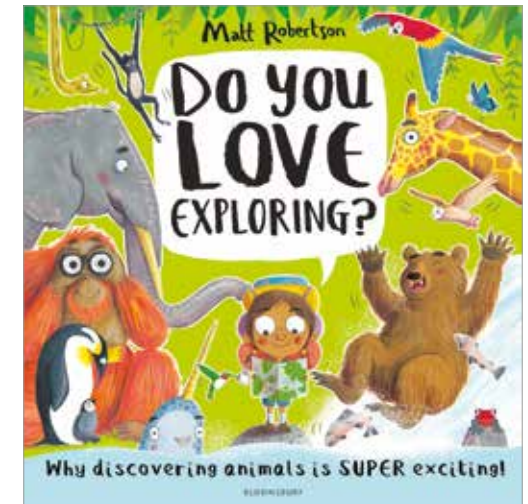
Travel through rainforests, up mountains and deep underwater to discover the BEST, BIGGEST and most BRILLIANT animals planet Earth has to offer.

Raft down rapids to see raccoons, ski across ice to spot emperor penguins and dive underwater to explore the coral reef and learn why discovering animals is SUPER exciting!

From the leafy green canopy of the rainforest, where gibbons communicate by singing, to the scorching hot desert where one of the world's DEADLIEST scorpions lives, planet Earth is full of AMAZING animals that are just waiting to be discovered.

Explore a different habitat on every spread, with fun and vibrant illustrations and fact-filled text for intrepid adventurers who want to know EVERYTHING about the world we live in. Readers will be taken all around the globe to discover a world of animals across rainforests and jungles, rivers and rapids, deserts and ice, and much more.

[Matt Robertson](#) is the award-winning illustrator of *Do You Love Bugs?* and *Do You Love Dinosaurs?*



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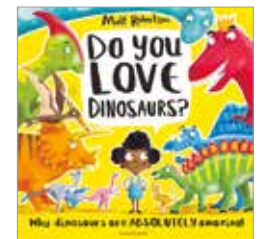
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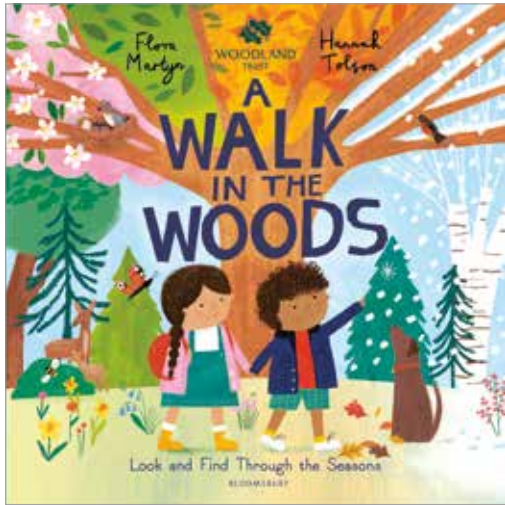
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The Woodland Trust
A Walk in the Woods
A Changing Seasons Story

Written by [Flora Martyn](#)
Illustrated by [Hannah Tolson](#)

Join Lucy and Oscar (and their dog Jasper) as they explore the four seasons of the year in nature. Come rain or shine, Oscar and Lucy walk Jasper the dog every day.

On a spring morning, the world is waking up and the birds sing happy songs. On summer afternoons, it is hot and picnics are a joy to have. On autumn evenings, the sky turns black and minibeasts find their perfect hiding spots. Winter mornings are frosty and cold.

Each spread uncovers an exciting new scene, at a certain time of the day and the year. Spot all the animals and minibeasts, trees and flowers and learn first words too.

Published in collaboration with The Woodland Trust, the largest woodland conservation charity in the UK, *A Walk in the Woods* will delight kids who love to explore.

[Flora Martyn](#) is a writer from Warwickshire. She spends most of her time walking, running or cycling outside, come rain or shine.

[Hannah Tolson](#) is an illustrator who lives in Stockport, Manchester. Bold colours and playful compositions inspire her.





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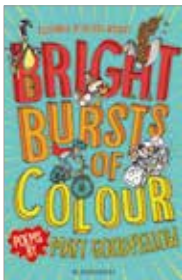
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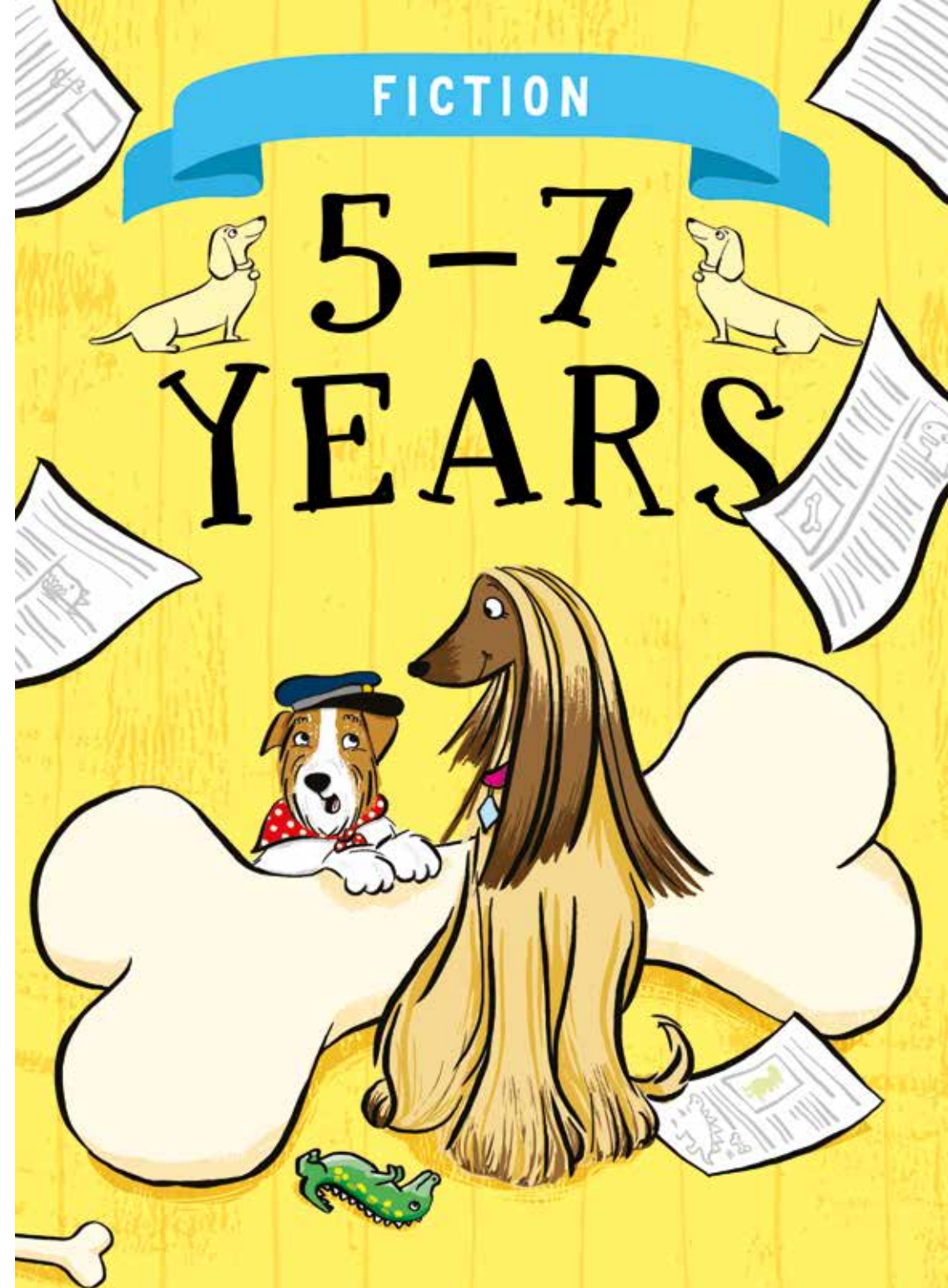
Matt Goodfellow

A brand new book of poems from Matt Goodfellow, author of the award-winning collection *Bright Bursts of Colour*.

Have you ever worn silver sandals, or wished you could be a baby again? Have you ever made a campfire in the woods, or watched a sunset on a hot summer evening?

This beautiful collection of poetry is full of imaginary worlds and real-life delights, taking the reader on a journey from the hilarious to the heartfelt. With poems that deal sensitively with family issues, feelings and emotions, Matt Goodfellow's powerful insight into the lives of children will engage readers young and old.

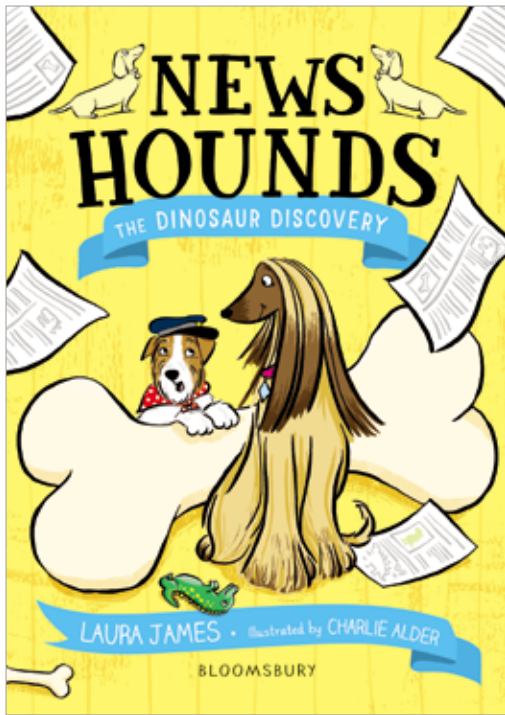
Matt Goodfellow is a primary school teacher turned poet who spends his time touring the UK and bringing his fantastic poetry into schools. He is a National Poetry Day Ambassador, and his book *Bright Bursts of Colour* won the North Somerset Teachers' Book Award and is shortlisted for the CLIPPA.



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News Hounds: The Dinosaur Discovery

Written by **Laura James**
Illustrated by **Charlie Alder**

The second book in the PAWfect young fiction series for anyone who ever wondered what their dog does when they're not looking!

Bob is the stationmaster's dog at Puddle Train Station and a reporter for the Daily Bark, Puddle's best (and only) newspaper for dogs. It's up to Bob to make sure the trains are on time every day. He has everything under control until the day he digs up the SCOOP of a lifetime in the park – a DINOSAUR skeleton! Suddenly Bob's life isn't running like clockwork, it's running WILD, as he and the other News Hounds catch the scent of a dastardly dinosaur THIEF. Can Bob pull off a daring dinosaur rescue, or is he on the express train to DISASTER?

This young fiction series by the author of Captain Pug is perfect for fans of *The Secret Life of Pets* and *Toto the Ninja Cat*.

Laura James's debut novel, *Captain Pug*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2017. This is her third series for Bloomsbury. Laura has two dachshunds, Brian and Florence.

When not drawing chickens or dogs, Charlie Alder can be found in her studio drinking coffee, arranging her crayons and inventing accidental animal heroes.

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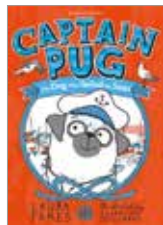
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'A great book with lovely pictures and typography for five- to seven-year-olds who are starting to read for themselves and like dogs with multiple chins'

– *The Times* on *COWBOY PUG*

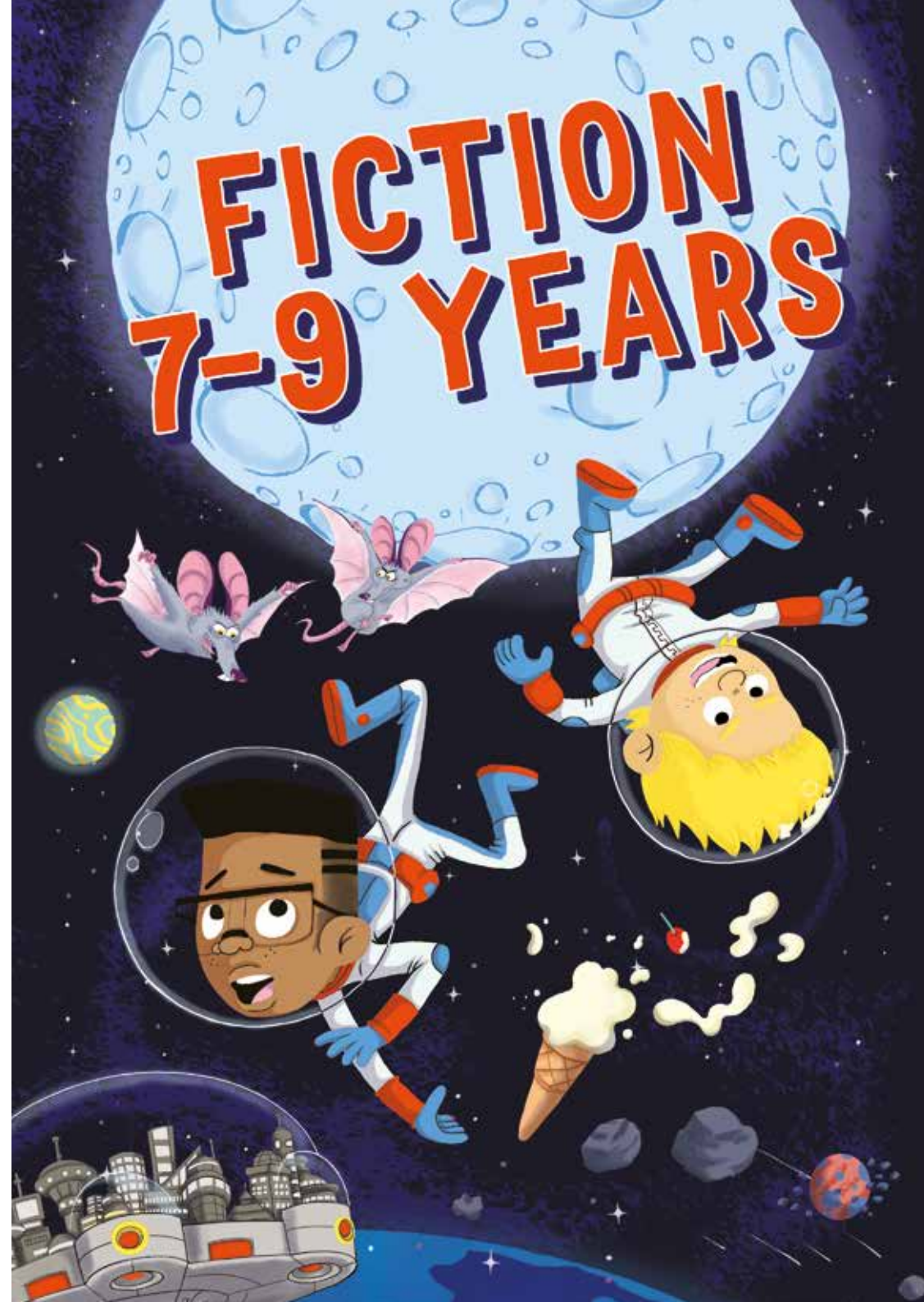
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Space Detectives: Cosmic Pet Puzzle

Written by **Mark Powers**
Illustrated by **Dapo Adeola**

Grown an extra head and don't know why? Pocket money stolen by a green blob? Lost your peculiar pet? You need the Space Detectives!

What seems like a simple case of a missing pet soon has the Space Detectives completely bamboozled! This is no ordinary pet – it has the body and legs of a cat, a duck's bill, long rabbit-like ears and the scaly tail of a crocodile. A creature like that should be easy to spot, right? Not on Starville, the universe's biggest space station, where every inhabitant looks different – it's like looking for a star in a galaxy.

Where should our heroes Connor and Ethan even begin? Another out-of-this-world adventure awaits!

Mark Powers has been making up ridiculous stories since primary school and is slightly shocked to find people now pay him to do it. He grew up in North Wales and now lives in Manchester.

Dapo Adeola is the co-creator of the picture book series Look Up! which won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Space Detectives is the first fiction series he has illustrated in the UK.

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'Immensely, cheerily silly' – *Guardian*
– PRAISE FOR SPACE DETECTIVES

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THE SMIDGENS CRASH LAND

DAVID O'CONNELL

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The Smidgens Crash-Land

Written by **David O'Connell**
Illustrated by **Seb Burnett**

Crash-land with the Smidgens in the second book in David O'Connell's funny and magical series about tiny people having ENORMOUS adventures!

Ever since Gafferty Sprout's last adventure, she's been VERY GOOD. No more finding lost Smidgen clans, no more pudding fights, definitely no more GHOSTS. She knows there's another clan still out there – The Burrow – and maybe they know the secrets of the MAGICAL knife that saved her from the ghosts. But it'll have to wait until she's less ... grounded.

Then a strange Smidgen steals her knife and sets out for The Burrow, and there's nothing for it. Gafferty has to follow. But the Smidgens of The Burrow aren't the new friends Gafferty expected, and soon her clan are in BIG, BIG trouble.

Perfect for 7+ readers who love Terry Pratchett and *The Borrowers*.

David O'Connell is a writer and illustrator living in Brighton. He likes stories about magic and monsters, especially if they're silly monsters, and loves making comics too.

Seb Burnett lives in Bristol, where he runs an animation company and works as a director, character designer and illustrator.

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'If you put your copy of *Harry Potter* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in the washing machine together, this would be the book that came out at the end. Don't put books in the washing machine though ...' – Tom Fletcher on *THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY GHOST*

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Neon's Secret Universe

Sibéal Pounder

Discover the *real* story behind unicorns in the first in a fantastically funny new series from Sibéal Pounder, bestselling author of the *Witch Wars* and *Bad Mermaids* series.

Unicorns are absolutely NOT horse creatures with horns.

In fact, they are the most powerful magical beings on the planet and they look just like you and me. They live in a secret realm known as the Universe, and the horse with a horn thing was just something a unicorn called Greg made up to distract the humans – and it really worked!

But a young human girl called Neon Gallup is about to find the last remaining Universe portal opener (an old, battered green lipstick) and step into a zany world where magic is made with goo and the possibilities are endless!

Unfortunately, if there was one person you wouldn't want keeping the greatest magical secret of all time, it would be Neon Gallup ...

Sibéal Pounder is the author of two much-loved and seriously stylish children's fiction series, *Witch Wars* and *Bad Mermaids*. Her first book, *Witch Wars*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award and she was also a World Book Day author for 2019.

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The Wondrous Prune

Ellie Clements

A hugely commercial adventure for children aged 9+ about a girl who discovers she has an incredible magical superpower when her drawings start coming to life. Perfect for fans of Onjali Q. Raúf and Aisha Bushby.

Uprooted by her single mum along with her troublesome older brother, eleven-year-old Prune Robinson is trying to settle in a new part of the city. She figures she can't burden her hardworking mother with the fact she's being bullied. Or the fact that her drawings have started coming to life. But with her brother soon in danger, Prune comes to realise that she can't hide her power forever; in fact, it might just be the one thing that brings her family back together and saves them all.

The first book in a series about remarkable children from the same neighbourhood, *The Wondrous Prune* is poignant and surprising with wonderful wish fulfilment and accessible storytelling.

Ellie Clements was born in London and decided she wanted to become an author at the age of nine. Her passion for writing continued and she later studied journalism at university. Ellie works in the charity sector and when she isn't busy writing for children, she enjoys long walks, browsing her local bookshop and the occasional spot of karaoke.



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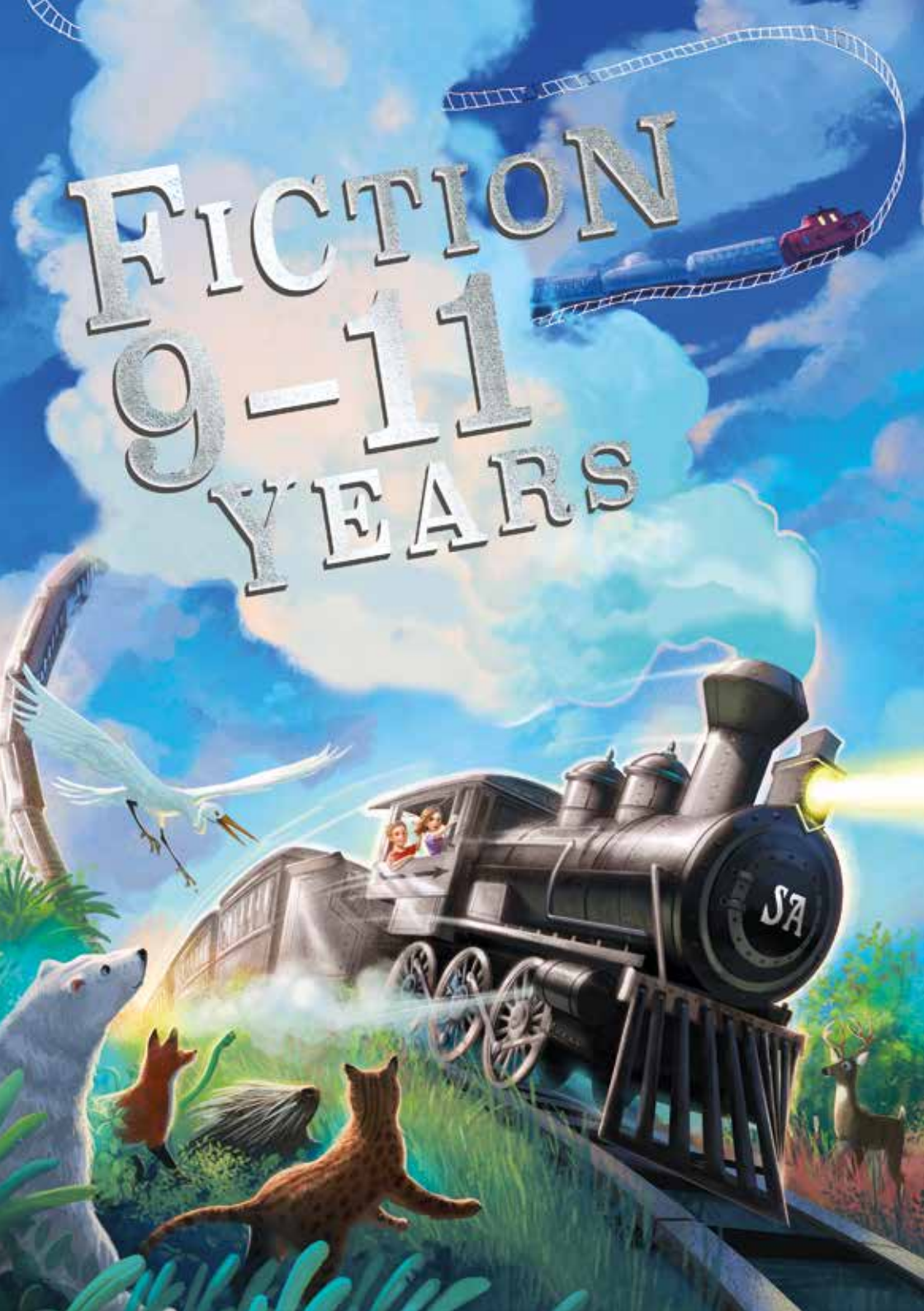
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Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms

Jamar J. Perry

Jumanji meets *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* in this uproarious high-octane adventure for 8+ readers from debut author Colm Field.

Cameron Battle grew up reading *The Book of Chidani*, cherishing stories about the fabled kingdom that cut itself off from the world to save the Igbo people from danger. Passed down over generations, the *Book* is Cameron's only connection to his parents, who disappeared one fateful night two years ago.

Ever since, his grandmother has kept the *Book* locked away, but it calls to Cameron. When he and his best friends, Zion and Aliyah, decide to open it again, they are magically transported to Chidani. Instead of a land of beauty and wonder, they find a kingdom in extreme danger, as the queen's sister seeks to destroy the barrier between worlds. The people of Chidani have been waiting for the last Descendant to return and save them ... Is Cameron ready to be the hero they need?

Inspired by West African and Igbo history and mythology, this adventure-filled fantasy introduces readers to Cameron Battle as he begins his journey to greatness.

Jamar J. Perry lives in Maryland, USA, and has a PhD in Literacy Education, Language, Culture and Social Inquiry from the University of Maryland. He was previously a teacher and started writing for children so Black boys, like his students and the boy he once was, can see themselves in literature as the heroes of their own stories and understand how magical and joyful they really are.

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When The War Came Home

Lesley Parr

A mesmerising historical mystery set in the aftermath of World War One, from the author of *The Valley of Lost Secrets*. Perfect for fans of Emma Carroll and Michael Morpurgo.

The First World War has ended, but it hasn't gone away.

When Natty has to move to a new village, she meets two young soldiers who are still battling the effects of war. Huw can't forget the terrible things he's seen, but Johnny doesn't even remember who he is.

As Natty tries to keep a secret and unravel a mystery, she finds her own way to fight for what she believes in – and learns that some things should never be forgotten ...

Lesley Parr grew up in South Wales and now lives in Derbyshire. She divides her time between writing stories, teaching at a primary school and tutoring adults. Apart from books, rugby union is her favourite thing in the world, especially if Wales are winning. Lesley graduated with distinction from Bath Spa University's MA in Writing for Young People. *When The War Came Home* is her second novel.

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THE VALLEY OF LOST SECRETS:
'Already feels like a wartime classic. This story is quietly brutal and brilliantly heartfelt. I absolutely ADORED it.'
– Emma Carroll

The Worst Class in the World Dares You

Written by Joanna Nadin

Illustrated by Rikin Parekh

The third book in this laugh-out-loud young fiction series from bestselling author Joanna Nadin and illustrated by rising star Rikin Parekh. Perfect for fans of *Horrid Henry*.

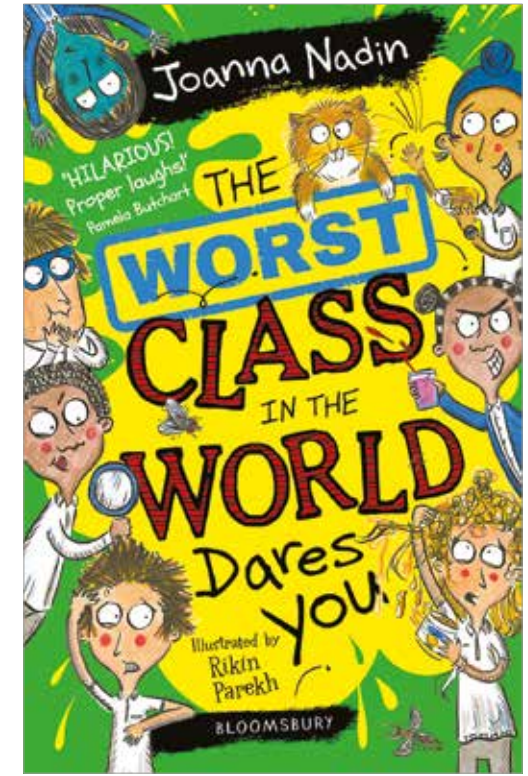
Head teacher Mrs Bottomley-Blunt thinks 4B is the WORST CLASS IN THE WORLD. She says school is not about footling or fiddle-faddling or FUN. It is about LEARNING and it is high time 4B tried harder to EXCEL at it.

But best friends Stanley and Manjit didn't LITERALLY mean to let flying MINIBEASTS free in the classroom. And they really didn't LITERALLY mean to do a series of dares to become the Overlord of the Universe. These things just happened, even though they had FOOLPROOF plans to get away with it all.

Highly illustrated and featuring two hilarious madcap adventures in one book, these stories are just right for children ready for their first chapter books.

Joanna Nadin has written more than seventy books including the Penny Dreadful series, the Flying Fergus series with Chris Hoy and the Carnegie-nominated *Joe All Alone*, which is now a BAFTA-winning film.

Rikin Parekh studied art at the Camberwell College of Arts and the University of Westminster. As well as illustrating, he also works in primary schools inspiring children to draw.



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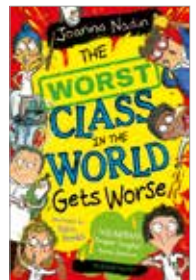
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'Deliciously silly, with hilarious catchphrases, Joanna Nadin's *The Worst Class in the World*, illustrated with grubby glee by Rikin Parekh, is a great cheer-up book!' – *Guardian Book of the Month*

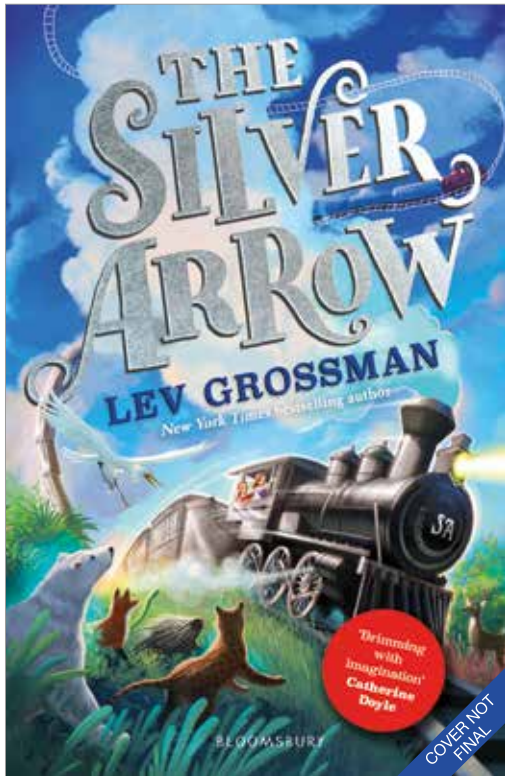
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The Silver Arrow

Lev Grossman

Discover the magical, timeless children's adventure from Lev Grossman, author of *The Magicians*. Now a *New York Times* bestseller!

When Kate is given a colossal steam train for her birthday, she can't believe her luck. After eleven years of waiting, adventure has finally found her!

Soon the Silver Arrow is whisking Kate and her brother Tom to a magical station where their passengers stand ready to board. From the porcupine to the pangolin, each one is rare and wonderful – and all of them can talk!

But these animals have been waiting a very long time too. Can Kate deliver them home ... before it's too late?

Packed with exciting creatures, Lev Grossman's first children's book is a riproaring adventure about saving our endangered animals and the places they live.

Lev Grossman is the bestselling author of the critically acclaimed *Magicians* trilogy, which has also become a successful TV series. *The Silver Arrow* is his first foray into the world of children's literature. Its dazzling sequel, *The Golden Swift*, publishes in summer 2022.

'Brimming with imagination and hope for the future' – Catherine Doyle, bestselling author of *The Storm Keeper's Island*

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The Boy Who Hatched Monsters

T.C. Shelley

The magical conclusion to T.C. Shelley's rich and strange fantasy trilogy, perfect for fans of Jennifer Bell, Sophie Anderson and Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book*.

Sam's family have no idea that he's half monster, half fairy, and now he's keeping an even bigger secret. He alone has the power to bring monsters to life! (He's even got a tiny gargoyle hatchling hidden in his sock drawer.)

When Queen Maggie finds out, she's delighted. She wants Sam to create her a whole new legion of vile ogres.

And so the stage is set for a final battle, one that will determine not just Sam's future, but that of the whole of monsterkind ...

T.C. Shelley has been teaching English for over twenty years. She lives with her husband, her daughter and two dogs in Perth, Western Australia.



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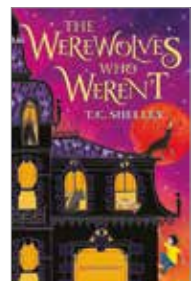
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'Katya Balen's *October, October* is a very special new addition to the shelf and deserves classic status'

– *Times* Children's Book of the Week

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The Light In Everything

Written by **Katya Balen**

Illustrated by **Sydney Smith**

From the author of *OCTOBER, OCTOBER* comes a life-affirming story about blended families, learning to trust and diving into life with your heart open wide.

Tom is still quiet and timid, even though his dad has been in jail for nearly two years now.

Zofia is the opposite. Inside her there's a raging storm that makes her want to fight the whole world until she gets what she wants.

And what she wants is for scaredy-cat Tom to get out of her life. Tom hates loud, unpredictable Zofia just as much, but he's moving into Zofia's house. Because his mum and Zofia's dad are in love ... and they're having a baby. Tom and Zofia both wish the stupid baby had never happened. But then Tom's mum gets ill, and it begins to look horribly like their wish might come true ...

A story of learning to trust, trying to let go and diving into the unknown with hope in your heart.

Katya Balen is a writer and the co-director of Mainspring Arts. She lives in London with her partner and her ridiculously lazy dog, Raffi.

Sydney Smith is a children's book illustrator. He lives in Canada with his wife and two sons. His picture books have won numerous awards, including the CLIP Kate Greenway Medal.

The Storm Swimmer

Clare Weze

A story of a life-changing friendship across an ocean of difference by the author of *THE LIGHTNING CATCHER*.

Ginika has been sent to live at the dead-end seaside boarding house her grandparents run. Even though her parents say it's just for a little while, she can't help feeling abandoned.

And then she meets Peri. He leaps and dives through the water like a dolphin and he talks like a burst of bubbles. He's not exactly a mermaid, but he's definitely not a human, either.

Like Ginika, his family is far away, but he loves his independence. As Ginika shows Peri her world she starts to feel free too. They don't need anyone else when they've got each other. But then the lights and noise of the human world start to change Peri. And when things spin out of control, Ginika has to make the hardest choice of her life.

Clare Weze was raised in London and Yorkshire and has British and Nigerian heritage. Her debut novel, *THE LIGHTNING CATCHER*, was published by Bloomsbury in 2021.



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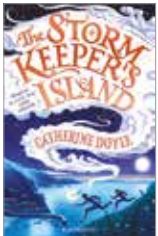
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The Lost Girl King

Catherine Doyle

A magical epic adventure from the author of the Storm Keeper trilogy, for those who loved the journey through the wardrobe to Narnia.

Amelia and her brother Liam seem doomed to spend their summer in rainy Ireland with their eccentric grandmother. But when a story of the lost world of Tír na nÓg leads the children to a waterfall between worlds, they find themselves in a land filled with more adventure than they could ever have wished for.

Amongst the magic of enchanted waters and twisting trees, all is not right in Tír na nÓg. Up in the sky, the sun is held in place by an enchanted chain, making it always day and never night. And when a cavalry of headless horsemen kidnap Liam, Amelia sets out to save both her brother and Tír na nÓg itself before it's too late.

Catherine Doyle grew up beside the Atlantic Ocean in the west of Ireland. *The Storm Keeper's Island* was her debut middle-grade novel, inspired by her real-life ancestral home of Arranmore Island, for which she won the Books Are My Bag Readers' Award and the IBW Children's Book Award.



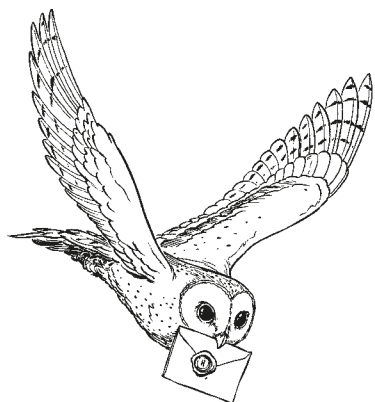
J.K. ROWLING

HARRY POTTER





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J.K. Rowling

J.K. ROWLING is best known as the author of the seven Harry Potter books, which were published between 1997 and 2007. The idea for Harry Potter famously came to her during a delayed train journey from Manchester to London. The enduringly popular adventures of Harry, Ron and Hermione have gone on to sell over 500 million copies, be translated into over 80 languages and made into eight blockbuster films. Alongside the Harry Potter series, she also wrote three short companion volumes for charity: *Quidditch Through the Ages* and *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, in aid of Comic Relief and Lumos, and *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*, in aid of Lumos. J.K. Rowling collaborated with playwright Jack Thorne and director John Tiffany to continue Harry's story in a stage play, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, which opened in London in 2016 and is now playing worldwide. In the same year, she made her debut as a screenwriter with the film *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, the first in a series featuring Magizoologist Newt Scamander, which was inspired by the original companion volume. In 2020 J.K. Rowling returned to publishing for younger children with the fairy tale *The Ickabog*, the royalties from which she is donating to groups affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. For as long as she can remember she wanted to be a writer, and is at her happiest alone in a room making things up. She has received many awards and honours, including an OBE and a Companion of Honour, and a Blue Peter Gold Badge. She lives in Scotland with her family.

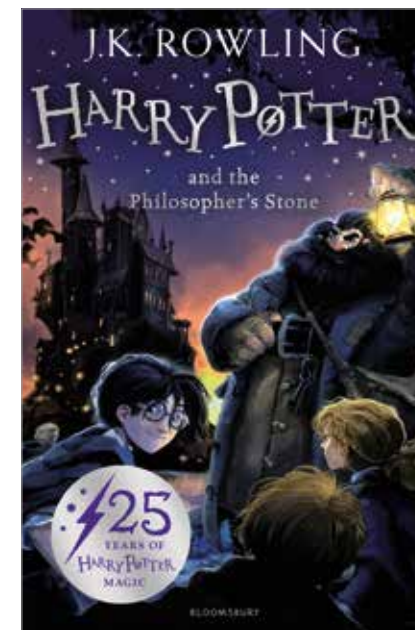
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Written by **J.K. Rowling**
Illustrated by **Jonny Duddle**

A special silver anniversary makeover to celebrate 25 magical years of Harry Potter!

Twenty-five years since it was first published, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* regularly tops the UK bestseller charts – a testimony to the very special place J.K. Rowling's magical story has in the imagination of readers young and old. To mark the 25th anniversary since first publication, the much loved Jonny Duddle paperback edition of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* will be emblazoned with silver foil livery throughout the anniversary year. Accompanied by exciting new bonus material, this stunning souvenir edition will kick off the celebrations for 2022.

Jonny Duddle is best known for his award-winning picture books, including *The Pirates Next Door* (winner of the Waterstones Children's Prize). His picture book *Gigantosaurus* has been adapted for TV. He has a background in the computer games industry and is highly skilled at character development. His work has appeared in Aardman films and Terry Pratchett novels.



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Written by **J.K. Rowling**
Illustrated by **Levi Pinfold**

Celebrate your noble Hogwarts house with this sumptuous paperback collection – featuring all seven Harry Potter novels and an exclusive bookmark.

Celebrate your house allegiance with this glorious paperback collection of the iconic Hogwarts House Editions. Each beautifully crafted slipcase contains all seven novels from J.K. Rowling's classic series in a spectacular alternating colour scheme, featuring cover artwork and illustrations by celebrated Kate Greenaway Medal winner Levi Pinfold. Packed with a magical miscellany of feature articles, quizzes and fascinating trivia about the history and alumni of each house, these bespoke paperback editions feature more than twenty illustrations. Inside, an exclusive colour bookmark depicting the house ghost makes for a highly collectable keepsake. Ideal to dip into and enjoy time and time again – these beautiful editions are a must-have collection for Harry Potter fans of all ages. Wear your house colours with pride!

Levi Pinfold has been drawing from imagination for as long as he can remember. His published picture books are *The Django*, *Black Dog* and *Greenling*. *Black Dog* won the prestigious CILIP Kate Greenaway medal in 2013. Born in the Forest of Dean, he has somehow found himself living in northern NSW, Australia. He likes paintings, books, music and some cats.



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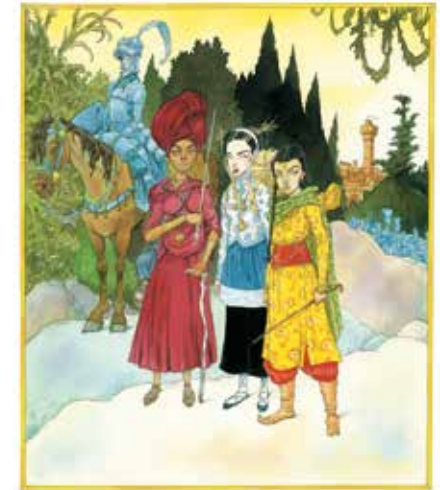
The Tales of Beedle the Bard - Illustrated Edition

Written by **J.K. Rowling**
Illustrated by **Chris Riddell**

A must-have paperback edition of Beedle's classic wizarding tales, richly illustrated in full colour by artistic maestro Chris Riddell.

This enchanting edition of J.K. Rowling's *The Tales of the Beedle the Bard* is the perfect gift for fans of the Wizarding World. Rich with allusions and symbols from the Harry Potter stories, and enhanced with wry commentary from beloved sage Professor Albus Dumbledore, this is a Hogwarts Library book to treasure and enjoy for years to come. All of the gorgeous, grim and gothic detail of the Bard's five bewitching stories has been brought to life by Chris Riddell, thrice winner of the Kate Greenaway medal. This new paperback edition also features a dazzling new cover illustration and an exclusive A5 art print of Harry, Ron and Hermione. Prepare to be spellbound!

Chris Riddell is an award-winning illustrator and acclaimed political cartoonist. He is currently the only artist to have won the Kate Greenaway Medal three times, most recently for his illustrations in Neil Gaiman's *The Sleeper and the Spindle*. Chris Riddell was Waterstones Children's Laureate from 2015 to 2017 and has recently been announced as a BookTrust ambassador. He has illustrated the work of many celebrated children's authors, including five Neil Gaiman titles. He is the author of the bestselling *Goth Girl* and *Ottoline* series and co-creator of the much loved *The Edge Chronicles*.



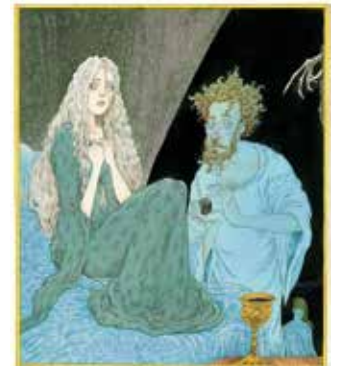
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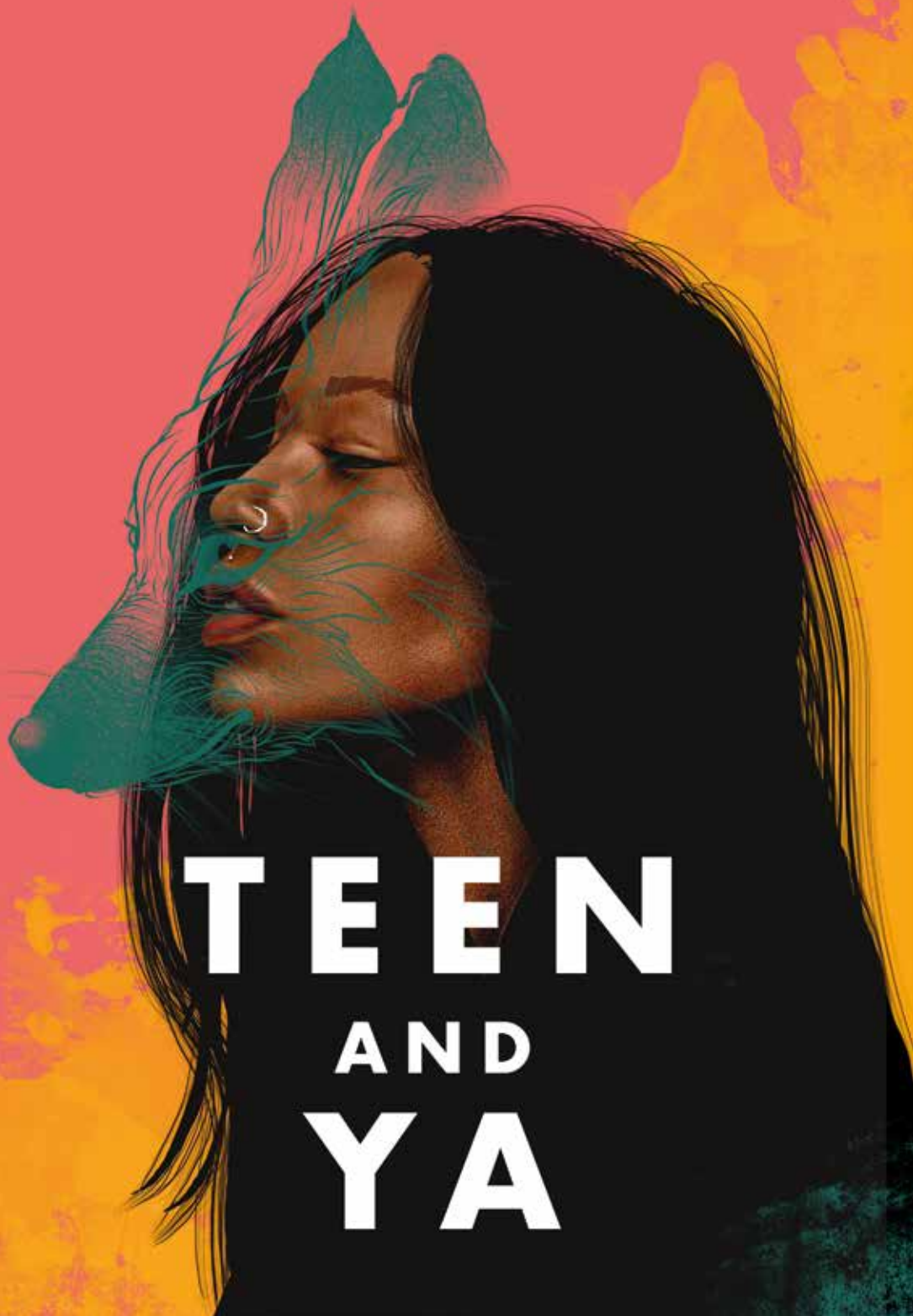
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TEEN AND YA

Golden Boys

Phil Stamper

Phil Stamper crafts the perfect summer friendship story, starring four queer boys with big hearts and even bigger dreams. Perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and Becky Albertalli.

Gabriel, Reese, Sal and Heath are best friends, bonded in their small rural town by their queerness, their good grades and their big dreams. But now it's the summer, and each of them is off on a huge new adventure. Reese has a design internship in Paris, Gabriel is going to Boston for a placement with a charity organisation and Sal is volunteering on Capitol Hill for a senator – while Heath is stuck going to Florida to help his aunt's business.

What will this time of new experiences and world-expanding travel mean for each of them – and for their friendship?

A sweet and compelling coming-of-age story that explores identity, the importance of found family and the complexities of falling for your best friend.

Phil Stamper is the author of *The Gravity of Us* and *As Far as You'll Take Me*. He grew up in a rural village near Dayton, Ohio. He works for a major book publisher in New York City and lives in Brooklyn with his husband and their dog.



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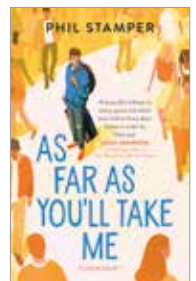
'Phil Stamper's *The Gravity of Us* is the first love, first launch, astronaut story I didn't know I needed. I'm so starry-eyed for this wise, romantic gem of a book.'

– Becky Albertalli, bestselling author of *Simon Vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda* on *The Gravity of Us*

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Blood to Poison

Mary Watson

From prize-winning writer Mary Watson comes an epic South African inspired fantasy – perfect for fans of *Children of Blood and Bone*.

Seventeen-year-old Savannah is cursed.

It's a family thing. Passed down for hundreds of years; one woman in every generation seems destined to rage until she dies young from her uncontrollable anger. And over the last few weeks, Savannah's rage has grown – she's had fights with strangers and even smashed up a car. The curse is getting stronger.

Determined to break it, Savannah dives into the magical underbelly of Cape Town. Here she discovers she is the prize in a fight between market witches and the sinister veilwitches. If the veilwitches win, they will drain the curse from her body – killing her in the process. Even if they don't win, her anger will kill her anyway.

There must be a way out – but who can she trust?

Mary Watson grew up in Cape Town during the apartheid years and did her masters in creative writing with Andre Brink. She won the Caine Prize for African Writing in 2006 and appeared on Hay Festival's Africa39 list of influential writers. Mary now lives in Galway with her family. *Blood to Poison* is her third novel for young adults and the first rooted in her South African heritage.

Forging Silver into Stars

Brigid Kemmerer

Return to the worlds of Emberfall and Syhl Shallow in this spin-off to Brigid Kemmerer's *New York Times* bestselling *Cursebreaker* series, starring a beloved character navigating the fragile post-war peace.

Tycho of Rillisk has been a lot of things: son and brother, stablehand, prisoner, soldier and friend to the king. Now, four years after Grey took the throne of Emberfall, Tycho has taken on a new role: courier and spy. As the only person the king can trust, Tycho carries secret messages back and forth between the kingdoms of Emberfall and Syhl Shallow.

But even though the war is over, peace still seems far away. A dangerous anti-magical faction is rising, and when Tycho discovers a plot to assassinate Grey and Queen Lia Mara, ruler of Syhl Shallow, he must fight for everything he believes in.

Nothing here is as it seems, and after a devastating betrayal, it becomes clear that the danger is only just beginning ...

Brigid Kemmerer is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Defy the Night*, the *Cursebreaker* series, *Call It What You Want*, *More Than We Can Tell* and *Letters to the Lost*. She lives with her family near Annapolis, Maryland.

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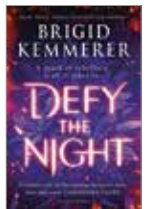
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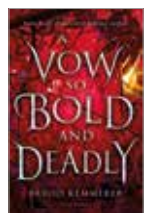
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Spin Me Right Round

David Valdes

Get ready for a sharp and funny YA novel that's *Back to the Future* with an Own Voices twist, as a queer Latinx teen travels back in time to save a closeted student called Chaz from a tragic end.

All Luis Gonzalez really wants is to go to prom with his boyfriend. But when a hit on the head knocks him back in time to 1985, he finds himself in high school with his own parents and a whole lot of homophobia. It turns out a Christian school in the 80s probably isn't the safest place to be a gay kid. Luis is in over his head trying to untangle the mess he's in, figure out a way to save Chaz – and somehow get home to his own time.

This fresh, intersectional and hugely funny Own Voices story introduces a big-mouthed, big-hearted queer character that readers won't forget. Perfect for fans of Adam Silvera, David Levithan and Becky Albertalli, it's an irresistible time-slip adventure that will make you laugh, cry and think.

David Valdes is a well-known YA author, a former *Boston Globe* columnist and *Huffington Post* blogger whose posts have received over a million hits. He lives in the Boston area and teaches writing at Boston Conservatory and Tufts.

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Friends Like These

Meg Rosoff

From the amazing Meg Rosoff, bestselling author of *How I Live Now* and *The Great Godden*, comes an alluring YA coming-of-age tale about the summer that changes everything.

New York City. June, 1982. When eighteen-year-old Beth arrives in Manhattan for a prestigious journalism internship, everything feels brand new – and not always in a good way. A cockroach-infested sublet and a disaffected roommate are the least of her worries, and she soon finds herself caught up with her fellow interns – preppy Oliver, ruthless Dan and ridiculously cool, beautiful, wild Edie.

Soon, Beth and Edie are best friends – the sort of heady, all-consuming best-friendship that's impossible to resist. But with the mercury rising and deceit mounting up, betrayal lies just around the corner. Who needs enemies ... when you have friends like these?

From bestselling, award-winning author Meg Rosoff comes a gritty, intoxicating, scorching summer book that's as irresistible and sharp as Sally Rooney's *Conversations with Friends* and Naoise Dolan's *Exciting Times*.

Meg Rosoff is the author of six young adult novels including the bestselling *How I Live Now*. She is the winner of the Carnegie Medal, the Printz Award, the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis, an Alex Award and the coveted Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.



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