

We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Anniversary Edition

by Michael Rosen

illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

Celebrate 35 wonderful years of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* in this gorgeous hardback edition of the much-loved family favourite. Bonus bear ears included!

We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one.

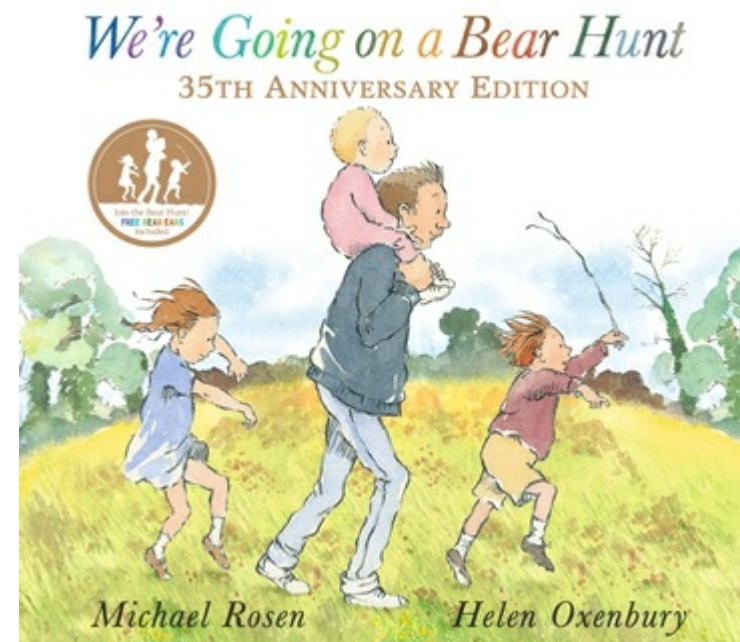
Will you come too?

For thirty-five years, readers have been swishy-swashying and splash-splashing through this award-winning favourite. This new hardback edition with adorable bear ears brings the story to life for a whole new generation of young readers. Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river, squelch through the mud and brave their way through the swirling, whirling snowstorm in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

- **Over eleven million copies sold worldwide.**
- **Winner of the 1989 Smarties Book Prize and highly commended for the Kate Greenaway Medal.**
- ***We're Going on a Bear Hunt* has been adapted for Channel 4 in a major adaptation starring Olivia Colman, Pam Ferris, and Mark Williams.**

Michael Rosen is one of the most popular authors of stories and poems for children. His bestselling titles include *Little Rabbit Foo Foo*, *Michael Rosen's Sad Book*, *This Is Our House*, *Tiny Little Fly*, *Dear Mother Goose* and its sequel *Dear Fairy Godmother*. He has also written many collections of poetry including *Bananas in My Ears*. Michael received the Eleanor Farjeon Award for distinguished services to children's literature in 1997, and was the Children's Laureate from 2007 to 2009. He is a distinguished critic and academic, co-directing an MA in Children's Literature at Birkbeck College. He is often called upon to talk about children's literature and his poetry readings are adored by children and adults. He also presents radio programmes for the BBC. Michael lives in London. Find him online at www.michaelrosen.co.uk and on twitter as @MichaelRosenYes.

Growing up in Ipswich, England, **Helen Oxenbury** loved nothing more than drawing. As a teenager, she entered art school and basked in the pleasure of drawing, and nothing but drawing, all day. During vacations she helped out at the Ipswich Repertory Theatre workshop, mixing paints for set designers. It was there that she decided her future lay in theatre design. Sets and scenery, not books, remained Helen's preoccupation for her early adult life as she embarked on careers in theatre, film, and TV. After marrying John Burningham, another of the world's most eminent children's book illustrators, and giving birth to their first child, at last she turned to illustrating children's books. Today, Helen is among the most popular and critically acclaimed illustrators of her time. Her numerous books for children include the Kate Greenaway Medal-winning *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll; Smarties Book Prize-winning *Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell; *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen; as well as her classic board books for babies.



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WALKER BOOKS

I Wonder: A Book of Questions with No Answers

by Philip Bunting

illustrated by Philip Bunting

Celebrating that the very act of wondering is what drives us towards knowledge, from the master of questions without answers

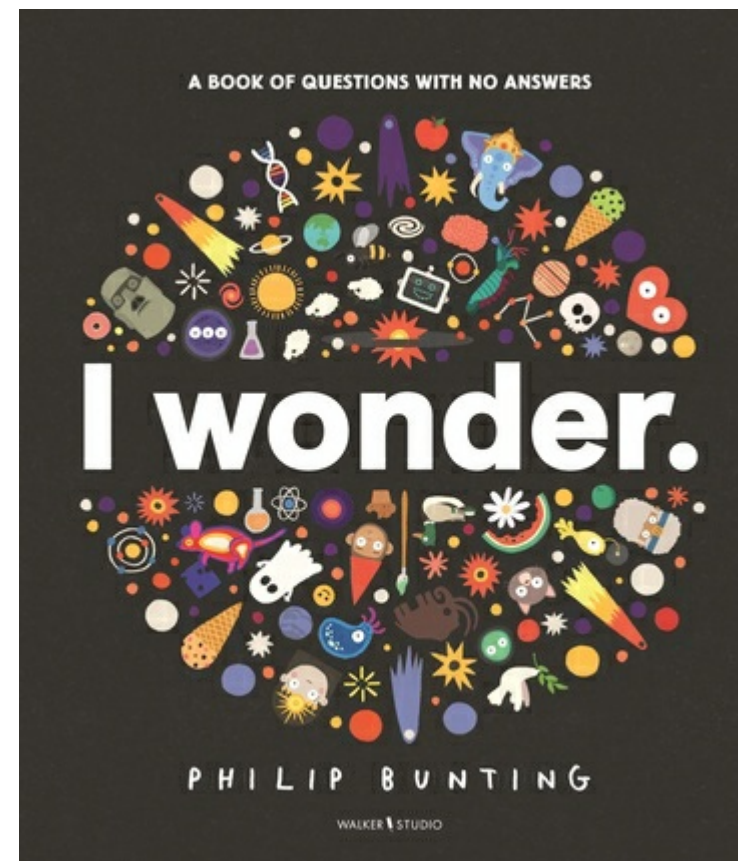
I wonder if there is life out there ... I wonder what love is ... From the meaning of life to a cure for the hiccups, this book explores a few of the things that lie just beyond the edges of our understanding. Questions to which we have no answers (yet)

- From Philip Bunting, best-selling, multi-award winning creator of internationally acclaimed titles *Mopoke*, *The Wonderful Wisdom of Ants* and *The Gentle Genius of Trees*
- Philip's books have become a perennial favourite, in Australia and internationally
- Echoing the big questions often asked by children, exploring them in an accessible and humorous way
- Offers the possibility of hope to young readers - that they might find the answers through the power of wonder
- Stunning illustrations and infographics

Philip Bunting is an author and illustrator, whose picture books deliberately encourage the reader to playfully poke around at the edges of their understanding. Philip's have been published in over 35 countries around the world, in almost as many languages. Philip's work has received many accolades, including multiple Honours from the Children's Book Council of Australia, making the list for the Kate Greenaway Medal, representing Australia at the IBBY Awards, and taking home the inaugural State Library of NSW Russell Prize for Humour Writing.

Philip grew up in England's Lake District, just down the road from Mrs Tiggy-Winkle's place. He followed his heart to Australia in his early 20s, and now lives with his young family on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

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Just Like You

by Natasha Curtin

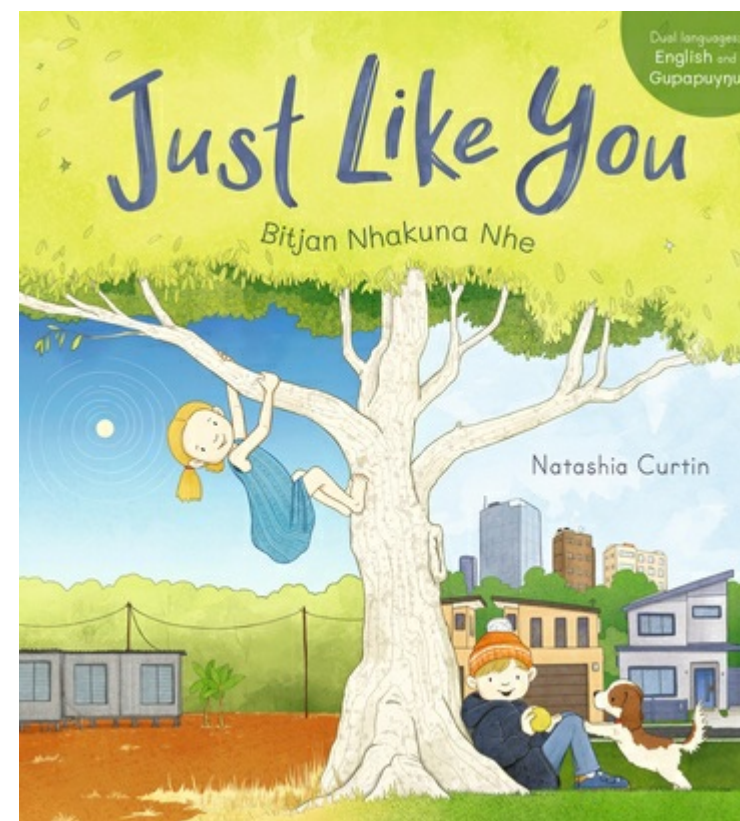
illustrated by Natasha Curtin

A dual language (English and Gupapuynu) bed time story, sharing the universal childhood experiences between generations, people and places.

Natasha Curtin draws inspiration from her time growing up in Arnhem Land in this delightful celebration of the universality of childhood, and the experiences we all share and treasure, regardless of generation, place, time and space. A delightful book to share with a child, told in dual languages, English and Gupapuynu.

- **A perfect book to underscore the call of the Uluru Statement - how Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians "walk together"**
- **A nostalgic bedtime story, sharing the universalities across generations, and cultures**
- **From the illustrator of the Mini and Milo series, and author-illustrator of *Vernon the Penguin***
- **Dual language story, English and Gupapungu, one of the main Yolngu languages of Arnhem Land.**

Natasha (pronounced Na-tar-sha) Curtin grew up in a Yolngu township in the Northern Territory, and completed high school while living in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. She always had her nose in a book, or was drawing pictures - because computer games weren't invented yet, and it was stinky hot outside. She moved to Melbourne in the 90s to study graphic design and learned how to live in a big city. While working as a graphic designer, Natasha met and married a lovely man, and they had two boys (who don't draw, because computer games were invented). She likes boogie-boarding, listening to music and hanging with friends. She promised to barrack for Collingwood in her wedding vows. She hates rockmelon, rap music and bad paragraph spacing. You can follow her on Instagram, Facebook or at natashiacurtin.com.



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Frank's Red Hat

by Sean E Avery
illustrated by Sean E Avery

Winner of the CBCA Shadow Judging 2023

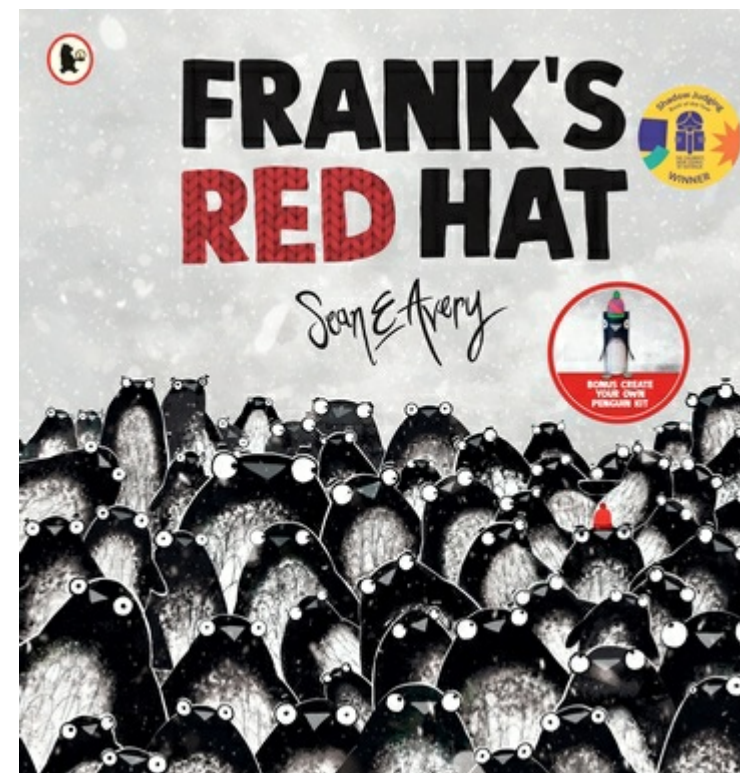
Now in paperback and includes BONUS *Make Your Own Penguin* activity!

Frank is full of ideas. Some are good and some . . . are not.

But when Frank gets a colourful idea in (and on) his head, will a few nervous penguins stop him from sharing it?

- **Winner of the CBCA Shadow Judging Picture Book of the Year 2023, and shortlisted for the 2023 CBCA Picture Book of the Year, the 2023 Indie Awards and the WAYRBA Award.**
- **Explores the important theme of being true to yourself.**
- **Delightfully quirky and deadpan humour.**
- **Perfect for fans of Jon Klassen, Mo Willems and Oliver Jeffers.**
- **Paperback edition includes BONUS *Make Your Own Penguin* activity!**

Sean E Avery is a teacher, writer-illustrator, sculptor and designer born in South Africa; living in Perth, Western Australia. Locally, he's best known as the writer-illustrator of well-loved children's picture books, *All Monkeys Love Bananas* and *Harold and Grace* published by Fremantle Press. Internationally, he's best known as a sculptor who uses CDs and DVDs to create breath-taking works of art that reside in galleries and private collections all around the world. He is curious, enthusiastic and ready to work hard for the things he believes in.



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WALKER BOOKS

Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Other Stories

by Lucy Cousins

illustrated by Lucy Cousins

The bestselling, *New York Times* Top 10 Best Illustrated title, *Yummy*, now available in stunning new picture book editions.

"Someone's been eating my porridge," said Daddy Bear.

"Who's that tripping over my bridge?" roared the troll.

"Who will help me cut the wheat?" asked the little red hen.

Multi-award-winning author Lucy Cousins retells three of her favourite fairy tales in spare, bold language and brilliant, vibrant pictures.

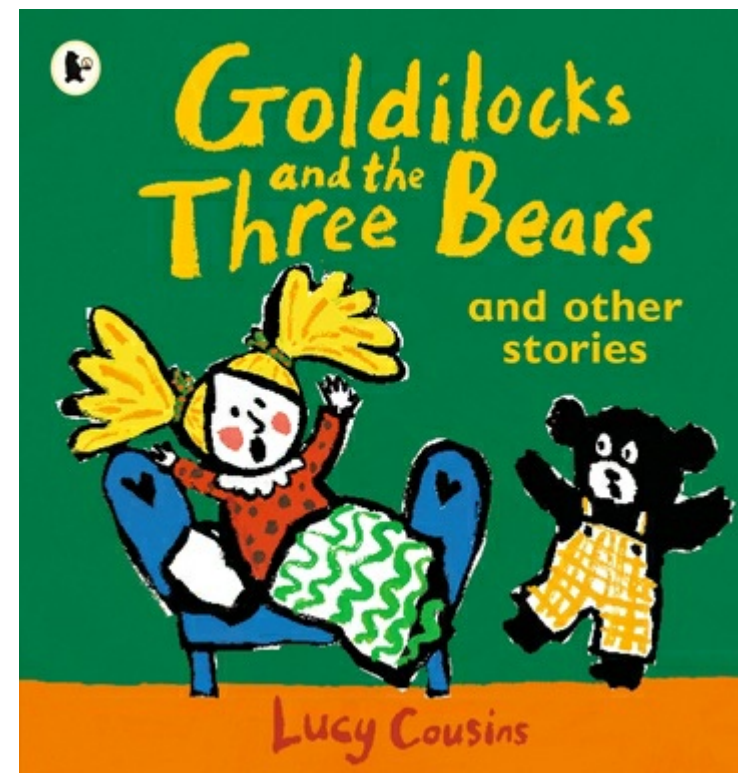
Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Little Red Hen are treated to Lucy Cousins' striking artwork and dynamic storytelling in this new edition of a well-loved title.

Look out for *Little Red Riding Hood and Other Stories!*

- A dynamic new edition of a well-loved classic.
- Lucy Cousins' Maisy books have sold over 42 million copies worldwide and are available in 33 different languages.
- *Yummy* was a *New York Times* Top 10 Best Illustrated title.

Lucy Cousins is the multi-award-winning creator of Maisy. Her unique titles fascinate toddlers with their child-like simplicity, bold outlines and vivid colours. "Maisy does things that children all over the world do", Lucy Cousins says of her superstar mouse. "The way she dresses, the way she acts, are typical of children all over the world." Lucy Cousins works from her home in Hampshire, England. Other titles include the Smarties Book Prize-winner *Jazzy in the Jungle*, *Hooray for Fish!* – which now appears in animation in Japan; the bestselling *New York Times* Top 10 Best Illustrated Children's Book *Yummy*; the critically acclaimed *I'm the Best*; and more recently *Peck Peck Peck*, which won Best Picture Book in the Booktrust Best Book Awards, as well as the British Book Design and Production Award in the Children's Trade category.

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The Underhills: A Tooth Fairy Story

by Bob Graham

illustrated by Bob Graham

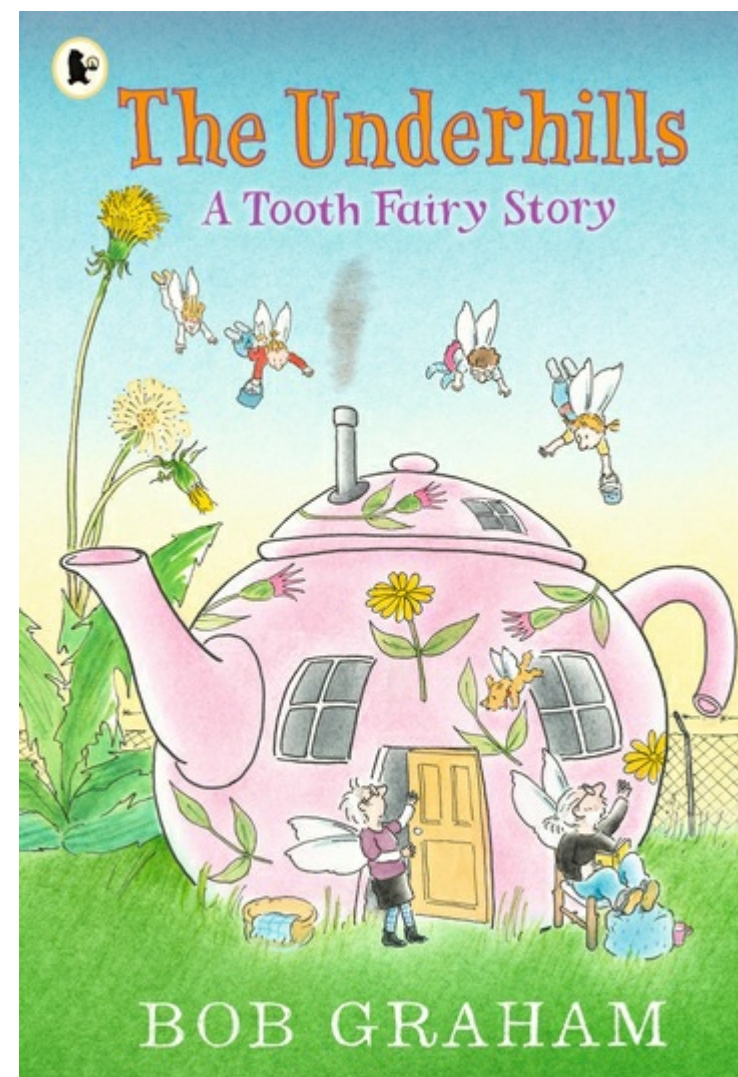
In this magical companion to Bob Graham's celebrated *April Underhill*, *Tooth Fairy*, two fairy sisters, April and Esme, are on a brand new adventure!

April and Esme are staying at Grandma and Grandad's for a whole weekend! A visit to Grandma and Grandad's is always special for the two sisters. There's the mixing of fairy cakes, pancakes with syrup for breakfast and a chocolate waiting on each of their pillows. And this weekend, when Mum calls with an urgent tooth fairy job, there's an exciting trip to the airport with Grandma to make sure one little girl has her tooth collected.

Children are sure to love this thrilling and tender new story, so full of hope, possibility and the magic of a secret fairy world, from master storyteller Bob Graham.

- **Bob Graham brilliantly creates a magical world out of real life things that children will recognize from their homes.**
- **A new, stand-alone story that revisits the main characters from *April Underhill*, *Tooth Fairy*.**
- **Bob Graham's books have sold over 3 million copies worldwide.**

Bob Graham is a Kate Greenaway-winning bookmaker who has written and illustrated many acclaimed children's picture books including *The Concrete Garden*, *Max*, *Maxine*, *Jigsaw: Puzzle in the Post*, *The Poesy Ring*, *Home in the Rain*, *How to Heal a Broken Wing*, *How the Sun Got to Coco's House*, *Max*, *Jethro Byrde: Fairy Child* and *April Underhill*, *Tooth Fairy*. His 2011 title, *A Bus Called Heaven*, is endorsed by Amnesty International UK and was the winner of the 2012 Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year Award – a prize Bob has won an unprecedented seven times. He has been awarded the prestigious Prime Minister's Literary Award in Australia twice, in 2014 for *Silver Buttons* and in 2017 for *Home in the Rain*. Bob lives in Melbourne, Australia.



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Dads and Dogs

by Mick Elliott

illustrated by Mick Elliott

A delightful dad-full, dog-full celebration of dads and dogs - now in paperback!

Dads and Dogs is a romp of a picture book featuring lots of different dads of with all their different dogs. A joyful celebration of togetherness, and the all the fun, chaos, mischief and laughter that dad's best friend brings to the family.

- For fans of Mick Elliott, who adore **SQUIDGE DIBLEY** and other funny and whacky comical books.
- Perfect for Father's Day, and Christmas and all dog lovers
- Aimed at new parents through to grandparents as a read-along experience to treasure with young children ... and the not so young.
- Celebrates the pandemonium of parenthood and pet ownership
- First of three picture books by everyone's favourite, **Mick Elliott!!**

Mick Elliott is an author, illustrator, TV producer, screenwriter, literacy ambassador and professional mischief-maker. His debut trilogy, *THE TURNERS*, was nominated for an Aurealis Award and features on the Premiers' Reading Challenge. His illustrated middle grade series, *SQUIDGE DIBLEY*, has been sold into six international territories. He has contributed stories and illustrations to many bestselling anthologies.

Mick has written and produced acclaimed children's programmes for Nickelodeon, the Sesame Workshop, Channel TEN and the ABC. He is an in-demand speaker, running storytelling workshops at hundreds of schools and festivals around Australia. Mick lives in Sydney with his wife, two kids and a cavoodle named Gypsy. He is represented by Curtis Brown Australia.

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WALKER BOOKS

Count the Stars

by Raewyn Caisley

illustrated by Gabriel Evans

New paperback edition of this STEM-themed picture book celebrating the love of learning, the magic of mathematics and the joy of finding a kindred spirit, from two award-winning creators.

From the parallel lines of moonlight pouring through her bedroom blinds, to counting daisy petals in the garden, Maddie adores maths. If only she had a friend who marvelled at it as she does. Then Dad takes Maddie, along with her new classmate Priya, to the observatory where the unfathomable numbers of stars take their breath away.

- Raewyn Caisley's gentle text and Gabriel Evan's timeless illustrations conjoin to celebrate the beauty of maths and friendship, hand in hand.
- Beautifully illustrated by CBCA Book of the Year shortlistee Gabriel Evans
- Perfect STEM picture book, celebrating a love of maths and science, and stars!
- Endpapers feature a glossary of mathematical terms

Raewyn Caisley has enjoyed a long, and in her own words with 35 titles to her name her work has found its way into libraries and homes all over the world. She's been shortlisted multiple times, (for the Patricia Wrightson Award, the WA Premier's Award, and the Adelaide Festival Children's Literature Award), won the Speech Pathology Book of the Year and the coveted SCBWI Crystal Kite, and even had one of her titles named among the top 15 picture books published worldwide. Her literary contribution to Western Australia has recently been recognised by the WA Museum.

In Primary School maths was one of Raewyn's favourite subjects. Mr Foy taught her about the solar system, starting a lifelong love of cosmology, but it was dear Mr Derby who introduced her to books.

Her father had a huge influence on her too, telling her girls can do anything. Raewyn lives in Fremantle WA with her husband, Terry, and her creative, musical son, Jack.

Gabriel Evans is an Australian children's book illustrator and author. He is a dog lover, an avid oak tree grower and drinks copious amounts of tea. He currently lives in Western Australia. Gabriel's books with Sally Murphy, *Roses are Blue*, and Penny Morrison, *Captain Sneer the Buccaneer*, were Notable books in the CBCA Book of the Year Awards in 2015 and 2017 respectively, and his five most recent titles have also been CBCA Notable and Shortlisted books. Between book projects he travels Australia giving illustration workshops and talks in schools and libraries.



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Oh, Are You Awake?

by Bob Shea

illustrated by Jarvis

For anyone who has ever craved sleep – and anyone too full of energy to settle down! – a comedy from Bob Shea and Jarvis.

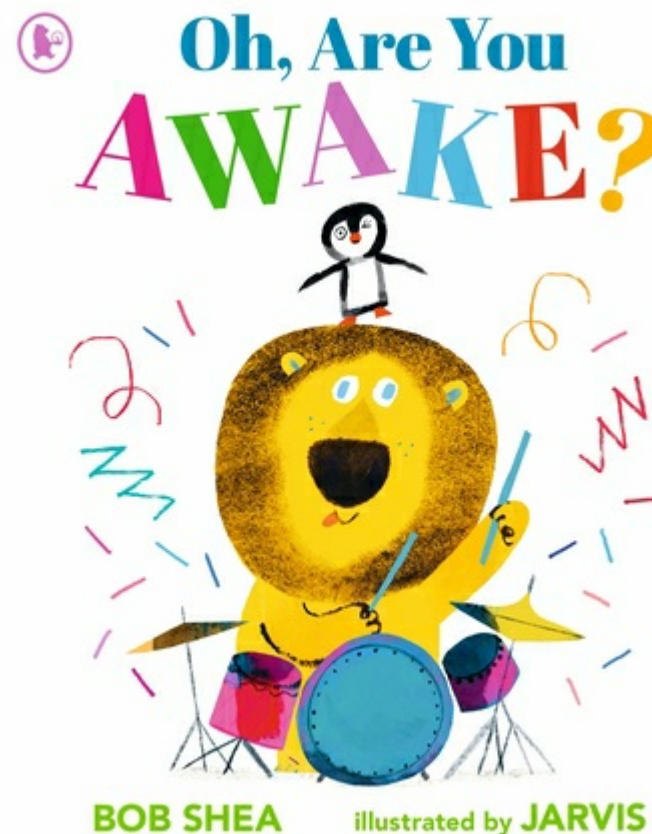
It's sleepy time for Lion and Penguin. Correction: it *should* be sleepy time for Lion and Penguin, but Lion's eyes aren't tired, and his ears would like a story. Penguin, however, *is* tired and nods off into sweet dreams ... until a noise wakes him. "Oh, are you awake?" asks Lion sweetly, seated before a drum set. "Let's have that story, then!"

And so it goes, with an ever-more-disgruntled Penguin trying to nod off while an exuberant Lion innocently practices his drumming, bounces on his squeaky trampoline, and munches on his crunchy crisps... Will Penguin need to resort to extreme measures to get his friend to sleep, or has the answer been there all along?

- **Bob Shea's signature wit, delivered only in dialogue, and Jarvis's knack for visual humour are sure to delight young readers whether at naptime, bedtime, or anytime.**

Bob Shea is the author, illustrator, or author-illustrator of many picture books and chapter books, including the Ballet Cat and Dinosaur vs. series as well as *I Am a Baby*; *Unicom Thinks He's Pretty Great*; *Unicom Is Maybe Not So Great After All*; *Crash, Splash, Moo!*; and *Who Wet My Pants?*, illustrated by Zachariah O'Hara. Bob Shea's characters and animations have appeared on Nickelodeon Jr., Playhouse Disney, and PBS KIDS. He lives in Connecticut, USA.

Jarvis studied Graphic Design and previously worked as a record sleeve designer, website designer and an animation director before becoming a children's bookmaker. His books with Walker include *The Boy with Flowers in His Hair*, *Follow Me, Flo!*, *Tropical Terry*, *Mrs Mole, I'm Home!* and *Alan's Big, Scary Teeth*, which won the V&A Best Illustrated Book. He is also the illustrator of the much-loved "Pick a ..." series written by Patricia Toht, *Pick a Pine Tree*, *Pick a Pumpkin* and *Pick a Perfect Egg*. Jarvis lives in Manchester with his wife and their dog and cat. Follow him on Twitter as @heyimjarvis, and on Instagram as @booksbyjarvis.



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WALKER BOOKS

Mr Lepron's Mystery Soup

by Giovanna Zoboli

illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio

Life is not about chasing fame and fortune but spending time with those we love.

Mr Lepron lives in the forest and has a toasty warm home and many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Oh, and he adores vegetables and making soup.

Mr Lepron also enjoys napping and he always dreams of being a famous chef, cooking his magnificent soup. After his vivid, fantastical dreams, Mr Lepron's soup tastes out-of-this-world irresistible. So irresistible, that Mr Lepron becomes famous. So irresistible, that Mr Lepron opens a soup factory that starts working around the clock.

But as his dreams turn to nightmares about the factory, Mr Lepron's soup loses its magical flavour, and he realizes that what matters most in the world is not fame and riches, but time spent with his beloved children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, playing, laughing, napping and, sometimes, cooking his soup ... with love.

- **The beautifully lyrical story explores themes of greed, doing too much, slowing down to enjoy yourself, and finding a balance in life.**
- **A celebration of family and spending time with those close to our heart.**
- **A love letter to good food, flavours, textures, aromas and the enjoyment of cooking, sharing food and eating together.**
- **Stunningly illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio who won the Yoto Kate Greenaway Shadowers' Choice award with *The Midnight Fair*.**

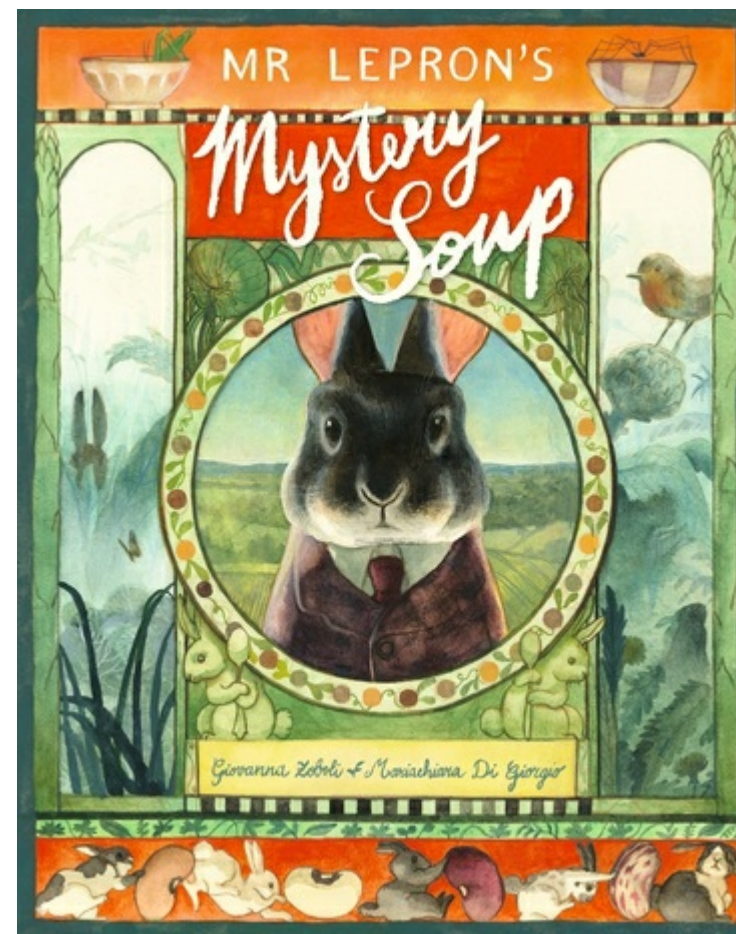
Giovanna Zoboli is the author of over 30 picture books, including *Professional Crocodile*, illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio and *The Big Book of Slumber*, illustrated by Simona Mulazzani.

Giovanna is also the co-founder of an Italian children's publishing company where she is currently editor and art director. She lives in Milan, Italy.

Giovanna's *Mr Lepron's Soup* has been translated from Italian to English by **Denise Muir**, who has a special interest in children's books and who enjoys bringing the words of Italian writers to a wider readership in English.

Mariachiara Di Giorgio is an illustrator, storyboard artist and concept designer from Rome, Italy. She illustrated *Midnight Fair*, a wordless picture book with a storyline by Gideon Sterer, which won the 2022 Yoto Kate Greenaway Shadowers' Choice award. Her first picture book, *Professional Crocodile*, was also wordless, with a storyline by Giovanna Zoboli. Find Mariachiara online at cargocollective.com/mariachiaradigiorgio.

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Just Like Millie

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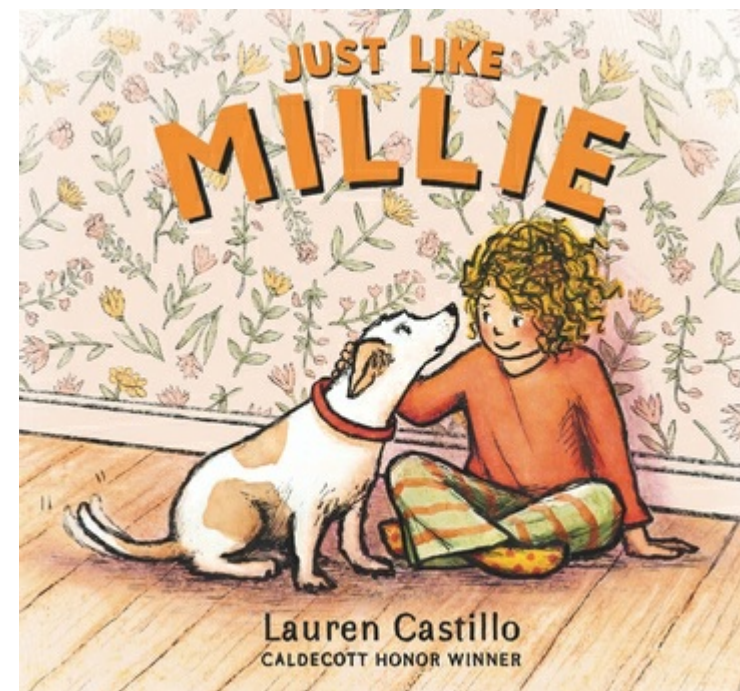
In a gentle story from Caldecott Honoree Lauren Castillo, a shy young girl finds exploring her new city and making friends overwhelming – until a rescue dog helps her uncover the bravery that was always in her.

A young girl and her mother move to an apartment in a new city. Despite her mum's efforts to take her out, the girl would rather play by herself in their cosy home – she feels just fine on her own. Meeting any children her age has her hiding behind her mother's legs, and invitations to group activities has her in tears. That is, until she meets Millie, a rescue dog who is not too big, not too small, and kisses her arm when the girl nervously reaches out. With Millie, saying hello to new people isn't so scary, and maybe making a friend isn't either.

Through emotionally honest prose and soft, expressive illustrations, Lauren Castillo explores one girl's shyness and anxiety – and how one dog's love helps her open up – in a warm picture book that reminds readers of how the right companion can make the world feel like a less frightening place.

- **A warm and reassuring story about a child overcoming shyness and anxiety, gaining courage and confidence from the love and companionship of a new dog.**
- **Beautifully written and paired with warm, inviting illustrations by Caldecott Honor-winning artist, Lauren Castillo.**
- **A perfect primer for any child as they have their first experiences of pet ownership, or who are looking to find courage in a new place.**

Lauren Castillo has illustrated many books for children, including *This Is a Story* by John Schu and *Happy Like Soccer* by Maribeth Boelts. Lauren Castillo is also the author-illustrator of the Caldecott Honor Book *Nana in the City*. She lives in Pennsylvania, USA – the setting of *Just Like Millie* – with her two rescue dogs, who helped her acclimatize to the city when she first moved there.



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WALKER BOOKS

Rising

by Sidura Ludwig

illustrated by Sophia Vincent Guy

A quiet, joyful story celebrating a Jewish mother's tradition of making challah with her child merges a lyrical text with stunning illustrations – and includes the author's favourite recipe.

Melt into the nooks and crannies of this book's unhurried pages, offering a place to rest and spend time counting your many blessings – current and imminent. Here, a child and a mother measure, mix, knead, shape and tuck their dough under a towel like a sleeping baby. Then, as they do every week, they wait while their dough rises, soon to be baked and gratefully shared at a Shabbat gathering with loved ones.

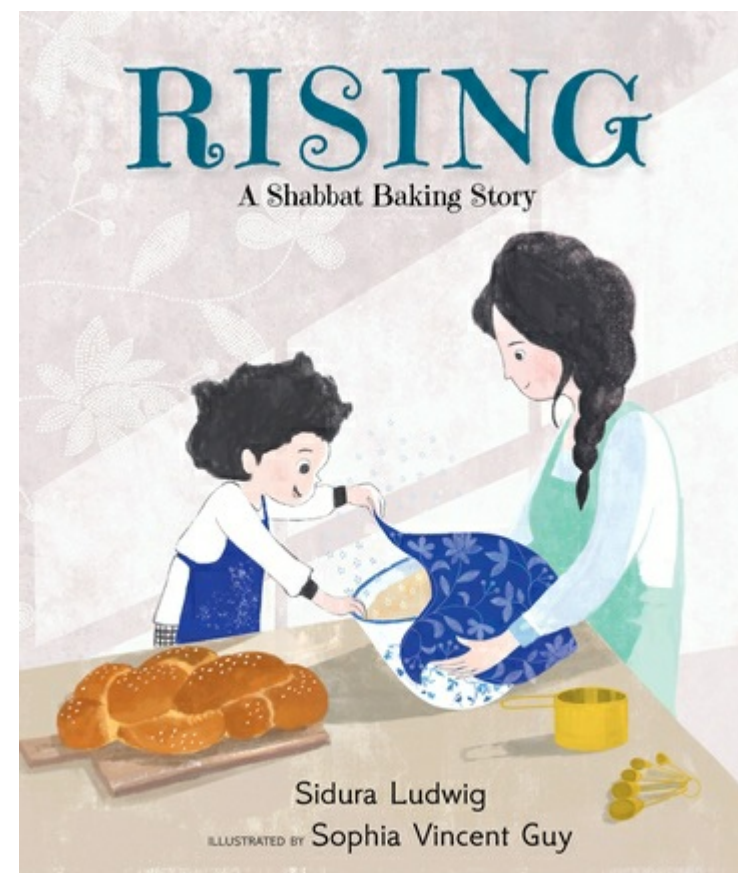
Sidura Ludwig's poetic narration captures the experience of a Jewish family as they make challah – a lesson in patience, slowing down, faith and family. Illustrator Sophia Vincent Guy brings light and warmth to the scene, from a sun-bleached, gossamer curtain to the rising steam from the bread, all rendered in delicate, decorative patterns. Whatever their background, readers will be happy to find the author's go-to recipe for challah at the end, along with a glossary and an author's note describing the personal meaning of her family's weekly ritual.

- **A joyful celebration that seamlessly blends faith, family and traditions, and speaks, not only to those of the Jewish faith or tradition, but to all families.**
- **In the wake of the bread-making and -baking frenzy brought on by the pandemic, this will find ready enthusiasts eager to carry on their new-found passion for slow food and family time.**
- **The illustrations by Sophia Vincent Guy are exquisite, warm and full of swoon-worthy detail and pattern; Sophia Vincent Guy has a number of children's books to her name, several with Jewish themes and many carried by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's book clubs.**
- **Sidura Ludwig is Canadian, Jewish, and has a strong social media following; watch her on Facebook Live on Thursdays for "Kneading and Reading", a conversation about baking, writing and the publishing industry.**

Sidura Ludwig is an award-winning writer for children and adults. Her short story collection *You Are Not What We Expected* won the Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature and was shortlisted for the Danuta Gleed Literary Award.

Sophia Vincent Guy holds a Master of Architecture from McGill University in Montreal. She started her own company, SVG Illustration & Design, in 2015, and her work includes children's illustration, editorial art, and surface and graphic design. She is the

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WALKER BOOKS

Oscar vs the Grand Old Dude Named York

by Ross Curnow

A hilarious, fast-paced tale about a boy, a necklace, his crush and how the booby traps set by his maniacal neighbour save the day. The perfect book for fans of David Walliams and L. Pinchon's Tom Gates series, who are moving onto the next readership level.

Oscar's life has become a mystery. He has no idea why his grandfather bequeathed him a necklace – of all things! He could give it to Tiffany Crandle, if she actually knew he existed! The only one who does notice him is his neighbour Basil York, who apparently wants him dead – at least that's what the weird-and-definitely-not-wonderful daily booby traps he sets for him seem to imply! Things get even stranger when his grandfather's shop is burgled, and suddenly Oscar, his friend Maddie are in danger. Who knew that an old necklace would turn out to be such bait for bad guys?

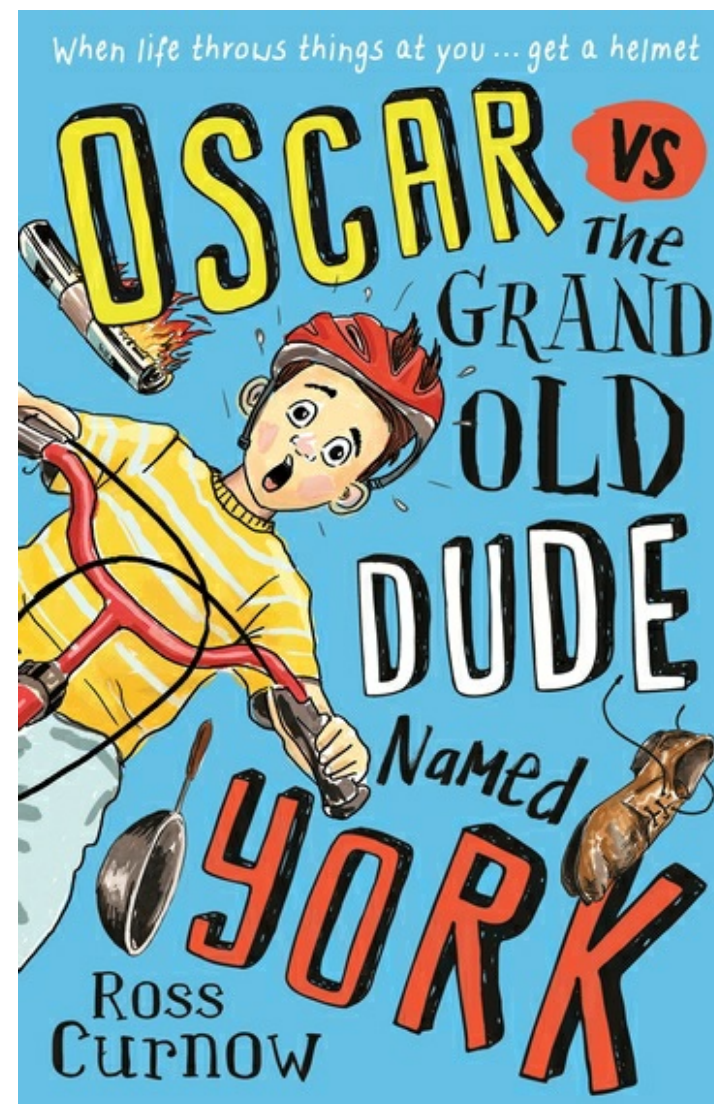
Oscar has more going on a kid in Year 7 should have to deal with ... and Basil York might just turn out to be the biggest mystery of all.

- For fans of David Walliams and L. Pinchon's Tom Gates series, who are growing into the next readership level
- Funny, fresh from a brand new voice
- Addresses the gap in middle grade fiction that feature relatable male protagonists
- Fast paced, energetic with mystery, mayhem and a twist

Ross Curnow is a writer, former journalist and kids storyteller who loves nothing more than creating strange and quirky scenarios for the nutty characters in his head. Sometimes he gets so carried away writing that he forgets lunch, which is weird because Ross loves lunch.

Based in Melbourne, he loves every one of his characters, even the bad guys, and is always cooking up big unexpected endings.

Oscar and the Grand Old Dude Named York is his first novel.



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WALKER BOOKS

Cub and Brown

by Edwina Wyatt

illustrated by Evie Barrow

A beautiful and heartwarming tale of friendship and adventure - now in paperback!

Cub loves exploring the Great Outdoors – he is prepared for everything. Well, he tries to be. There are plenty of things to learn and tips to follow.

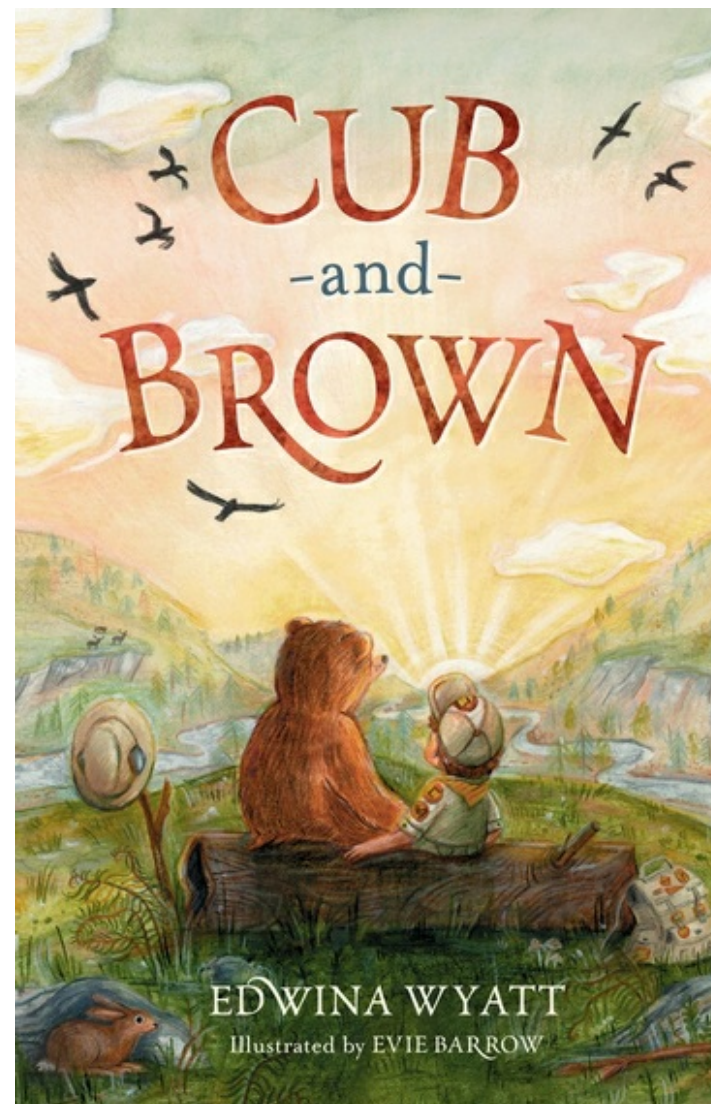
However, Cub isn't quite sure what he would do if he ever met a bear in the woods. So when Cub meets Brown, he finds that the outdoors, and the indoors, are full of surprises.

- **Edwina Wyatt is the award-winning author of the Magnolia Moon series.**
- **A fresh take on the classic boy-and-bear trope for a new generation.**
- **A delightful tale of friendship, fun and adventure!**
- **Perfect for readers 6/7+.**

Edwina Wyatt is an award-winning Australian children's author.

She grew up in Sydney, and worked as a lawyer and a high school teacher before becoming a writer of books for young readers. Her debut junior fiction novel was *The Secrets of Magnolia Moon*.

Edwina lives in the Victorian High Country with her husband and two children. She has a passion for horses, paddocks and pine trees, and is an "aspiring" vegetable gardener and pianist (although she cannot read music...). Some of her favourite authors include David Almond, Arnold Lobel, Virginia Woolf, Astrid Lindgren, Michelle Cuevas, Kate DiCamillo and A.A. Milne.



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Puppet

by David Almond

illustrated by Lizzy Stewart

From Hans Christian Andersen Medal-winning author David Almond comes a heartwarming story that shows anything is possible with imagination and trust.

What should a puppet master do when he's old and alone, and all his puppets are gone? Sylvester makes one last puppet. But this one is different. When the old man speaks to him, Puppet speaks back. And then he walks...

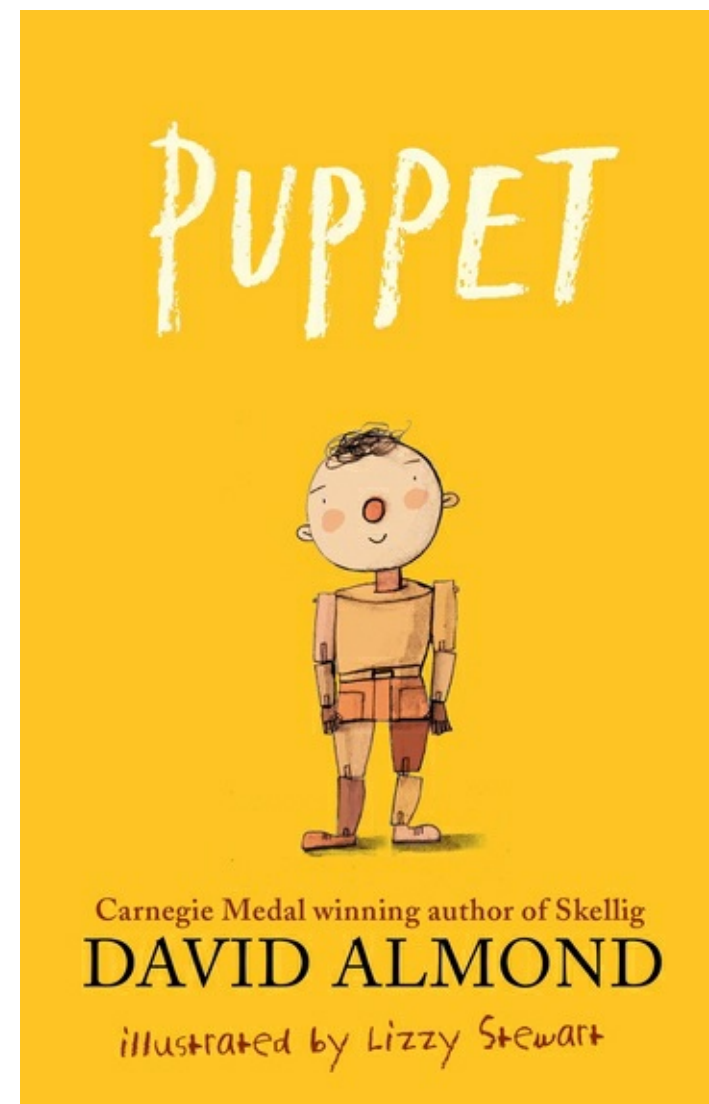
While Sylvester shows Puppet the town, the playground and the wonders the world holds, Puppet in turn helps Sylvester to make a new friend, and share his puppet-making skills with the next generation in this wonder-filled story of creation and the circle of life.

Illustrated with sequences of wordless spreads by award-winning artist Lizzy Stewart, this is a modern-day classic.

- **A contemporary puppet story following in the tradition of *Pinocchio*, from internationally renowned author David Almond**
- **Themes of compassion and creativity, with lively humour and warm cross-generational relationships**
- **Beautiful jacketed hardback gift edition, illustrated with black and white wordless spreads by award-winning illustrator Lizzy Stewart**

David Almond OBE is the acclaimed author of many award-winning novels for children such as *Skellig*, *Kit's Wilderness* and *My Name Is Mina*, and has collaborated with artists Polly Dunbar, Dave McKean, Alex T. Smith and Oliver Jeffers on fiction for younger readers. David's books sell all over the world, and in 2011 he was the recipient of the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award. David lives in Northumberland; for more info visit www.davidalmond.com

Lizzy Stewart is an illustrator and author currently based in London. She has written and illustrated three picture books for children and three illustrated books for adults. In 2017 her picture book *There's a Tiger in the Garden* won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and World Illustration Award. Her debut full-length novel *Alison* was published in July 2022. She teaches illustration at Goldsmiths University and has also taught courses at the Tate and on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery.



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WALKER BOOKS

Bringing Back Kay-Kay

by Dev Kothari

"Without you, Kay-Kay, there's no sun, no warmth, no light. I will find you – my brother, my friend. I will find you and bring you back."

When Lena's beloved older brother goes missing at the end of summer camp, the bottom drops out of Lena's world. The police dismiss Kay-Kay's disappearance as that of just another teenage runaway, but Lena *knows* they are wrong. Tired of not being listened to, powerless to reach her parents through their grief and unable to imagine a future without her brother in it, Lena sets off to find him.

As Lena journeys across India to retrace Kay-Kay's last known steps, she embarks on a parallel journey of discovery. Because it seems there is a side to Kay-Kay she has never known. The more she learns about her brother in the weeks leading up to his disappearance, the more determined Lena is to find him – and to finally be the sister he has so clearly needed. But will she be too late...?

- A lyrical and evocative debut from a brand-new talent, perfect for fans of Rebecca Stead, Jasbinder Bilan and Katherine Rundell.
- Both a tense and gripping mystery story and a deep, joyful celebration of the bond between siblings, lightly exploring issues of identity and self-worth.
- Set in contemporary India and loosely inspired by the blockbuster film *Lion*.

Dev Kothari grew up in a sleepy hamlet near Mumbai, where she read obsessively, wrote furtively and daydreamed endlessly. She won the Commonword Diversity YA novel prize in 2018 and went on to study for an MA in Writing for Children at Bath Spa University. This is her debut novel. Dev lives in north London.

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WALKER BOOKS

A Spy in the Jam Factory

by Chrissie Sains

illustrated by Jenny Taylor

The fourth and final adventure in the hilarious series about Scooter and his alien sidekick Fizzbee. The jam factory is under surveillance by the Alien Intelligence Agency – will they succeed in finding a reason to evict Fizzbee from Earth?

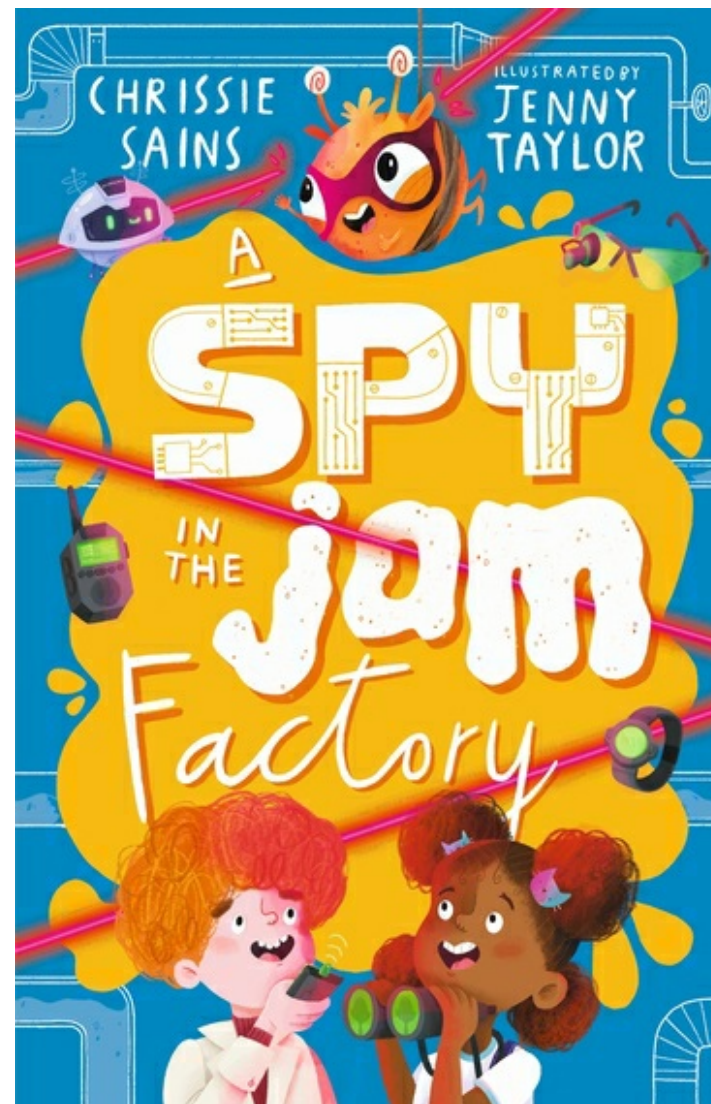
Scooter and Fizzbee are experts when it comes to making out-of-this-world jam inventions. But lately there have been a few hiccups. Giant vegetables, floating children ... their new line of jam infused with Fizzbee's alien ingredients has got a little out of control. Scooter and his friends decide it's time to launch Operation: Make Fizzbee Look Good to reassure the villagers that Fizzbee isn't dangerous. Unfortunately, someone else is getting to work on Operation: Make Fizzbee Look *Bad*. Agent Fleur De Vious, the one and only spy in the Alien Intelligence Agency, believes Earth should be alien-free. After she receives a request from Fizzbee's family to visit her, she decides enough is enough – she's going to find evidence of Fizzbee's wrongdoings and have her evicted once and for all. Will Scooter be able to stop her in time?

- **The fourth book in this warm-hearted and funny illustrated series, perfect for fans of Pamela Butchart, features espionage, super-powered gadgets and a robot sidekick called Bottie.**
- **Scooter, Chief Inventor at McLays jam factory, is an irrepressible and charming protagonist. He has cerebral palsy, which affects his legs, and this is very sensitively represented by Chrissie and Jenny.**
- **"This series is a hoot." *WRD Magazine***

Chrissie Sains grew up in Billericay, Essex, where she spent her childhood seeking adventure and finding trouble. Described by her teachers as having a "lively imagination", Chrissie's escapades include her attempted rescue of the school's pet fish and the discovery of a dead body in a field that turned out to be two tyres under a sheet. She has swum with sharks, scuba-dived shipwrecks and sky-dived from a plane. Chrissie has a background in marketing and events but now writes full time and is a graduate of the Golden Egg Academy and a member of SCBWI. Along with the Jam Factory books, she is the co-author of *I Got This*, with Cara Mailey. She lives in Essex with her husband, two bookworms and two rabbits.

Jenny Taylor is an illustrator and graphic designer originally from Scotland, but now living in Preston, Lancashire. Drawing stories since 1997, when she first discovered what pencils and paints could really do, she finally achieved her childhood dream with these books about aliens and jam. When not drawing, Jenny enjoys long walks in the shade with her ginger companion, "attempting" new and complicated recipes or watching her favourite animated movies. You can find more of Jenny's work at www.jennytaylor.com and on Instagram @jennytaylor

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WALKER BOOKS

Hocus and Pocus and the Spell for Home

by A. R. Capetta

illustrated by Charlene Chua

From award-winning author A. R. Capetta comes a new first-chapter-book series delivering plenty of puppies, magic, and charm.

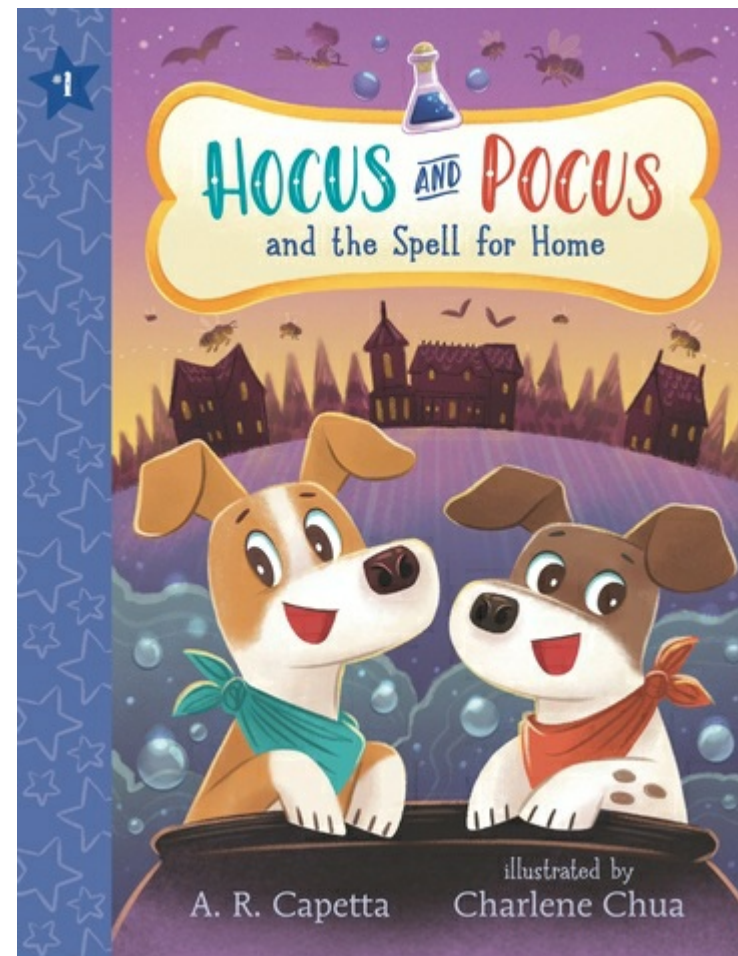
Puppies Hocus and Pocus are *still* waiting to be adopted from the Shelter for Slightly Magical Pets. Even though Hocus can see two minutes into the future and Pocus can turn bad feelings into bubbles (which he eats!), nobody seems to want them. This could be because the two keep causing mischief so they won't be separated. When Jinx the witch uses a "spell for home" potion to help a color-changing tortoise find his match, the puppies know what to do: sneak *both* their hairs into the mixture to ensure they get adopted together. But with these two, anything can happen—from a shrinking spell to giant bees! Can the puppies, along with Jinx and her young apprentices—witch Archer (he/him), wizard Ofelia (she/her), and warlock Tam (they/them)—fix the magical mess? And will they finally find a home, maybe even right under their noses? This adorable new series takes readers to a vibrant world full of magic, community, surprises, and welcoming homes.

- A chapter book series debut for *everyone!* The story is full of adventure and silliness, with magical puppies and magical kids (and magical grown-ups, too), plus universal themes of family, belonging and welcoming, community, figuring out what you want, and overcoming obstacles—including the obstacles of your own worries.
- Gender diversity and LGBTQ+ characters is increasingly showing up in picture books (Jessie Sima, Jessica Love) and middle-grade novels (Kyle Lukoff, Alex Gino), but haven't reached chapter books—until now! Characters with a variety of gender identities and expressions fill this series, and include their pronouns when introducing themselves—including nonbinary characters who use singular they!
- From two luminaries of LGBTQ+ children's and YA literature, both of them nonbinary: Lambda Literary Award-winning author A. R. Capetta (they/them) and Stonewall Book Award-winning illustrator Charlene Chua (she/they)

A. R. Capetta is known for groundbreaking LGBTQ YA genre novels, including *Echo After Echo*, *The Lost Coast*, and *The Heartbreak Bakery*. The Hocus and Pocus series is their first foray into writing for younger readers. A. R. Capetta lives in Vermont with their spouse, author Cory McCarthy, their child, and two puppies who are *almost* as much mischief as Hocus and Pocus.

Charlene Chua (she/they) is the author-illustrator of *Hug?* and the illustrator of numerous books for young readers, include the Stonewall Book Award winner and Lambda Literary Award finalist *Love*, *Violet* by Charlotte Sullivan Wild; *Bye Bye, Binary* by Eric Geron; and the Amy Wu series by Kat Zhang. Charlene Chua lives near Toronto.

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WALKER BOOKS

Snakehead: The Graphic Novel

by Anthony Horowitz, Antony Johnston
illustrated by Amrit Birdi

An exciting full-colour graphic novel adaptation of book 7 in Anthony Horowitz's bestselling Alex Rider series.

Alex Rider faces new dangers as he must infiltrate the deadly organization Scorpia and their Snakehead smuggling organization. The action takes him across the world in a series of terrifying ordeals as he tries to retrieve the stolen Royal Blue bomb which has fallen into the wrong hands. A daring parachute jump over the ocean, a terrifying Thai boxing match and a dramatic white water kayak escape are just some of the threats and thrills Alex must tackle in his latest daring mission.

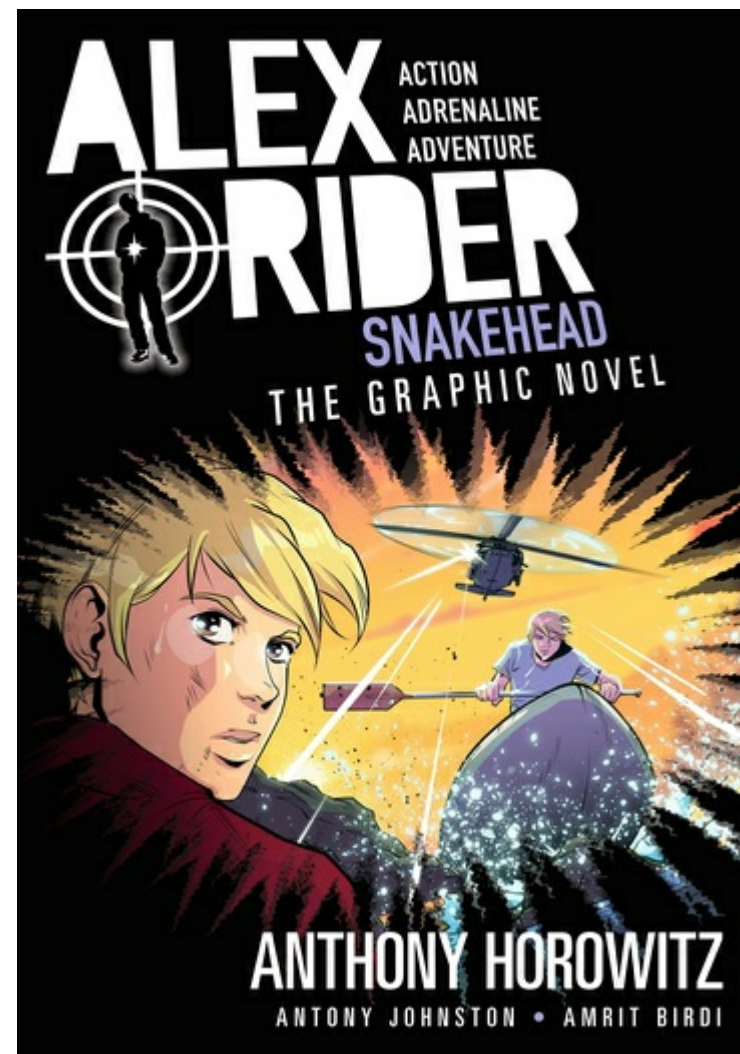
- A slick and stylish full-colour graphic adaptation of this bestselling story, bringing to life the adventure and thrills of the Alex Rider universe.
- Following the triumphant international publication of *Stormbreaker: The Graphic Novel*, the graphic novels have gained wide recognition among reviewers, fans and literacy experts.
- An accessible and compelling alternative for otherwise reluctant readers.
- Punchy, action-packed adventure.

Anthony Horowitz is the author of the number one bestselling Alex Rider books and The Power of Five series. He has enjoyed huge success as a writer for children and adults. Anthony has won numerous awards, including the Bookseller Association/Nielsen Author of the Year Award, the Children's Book of the Year Award at the British Book Awards, and the Red House Children's Book Award. In 2014 Anthony was awarded an OBE for Services to Literature. He has also created and written many major television series, including the award-winning Foyle's War.

Antony Johnston is an award-winning author of more than a dozen graphic novels in everything from horror to romance, and has also written video games, books and animation. He has reinvented Marvel's flagship character Wolverine for manga, and adapted many of Alan Moore's prose works into comic form. He lives in Barnoldswick, Lancashire.

Amrit Birdi is the illustrator of the successful graphic novel *Username: Evie*, written by YouTuber Joe Sugg, and the follow-up titles *Username: Regenerated* and *Username: Uprising*. He has also worked as an artist for many different international companies, including Netflix, ITV, Warner Bros., Porsche, Ubisoft and Nike. Amrit lives in London.

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WALKER  BOOKS

Wedge-tailed Eagle

by Claire Saxby

illustrated by Christina Booth

Award-winning author Claire Saxby's latest addition to the Nature Storybook series, following a female wedge-tailed eagle and her mate in a lyrical, fact-filled look at Australia's largest raptor.

Look up. Way up, into the clear blue. Those two tiny specks are a wedge-tailed eagle and her mate.

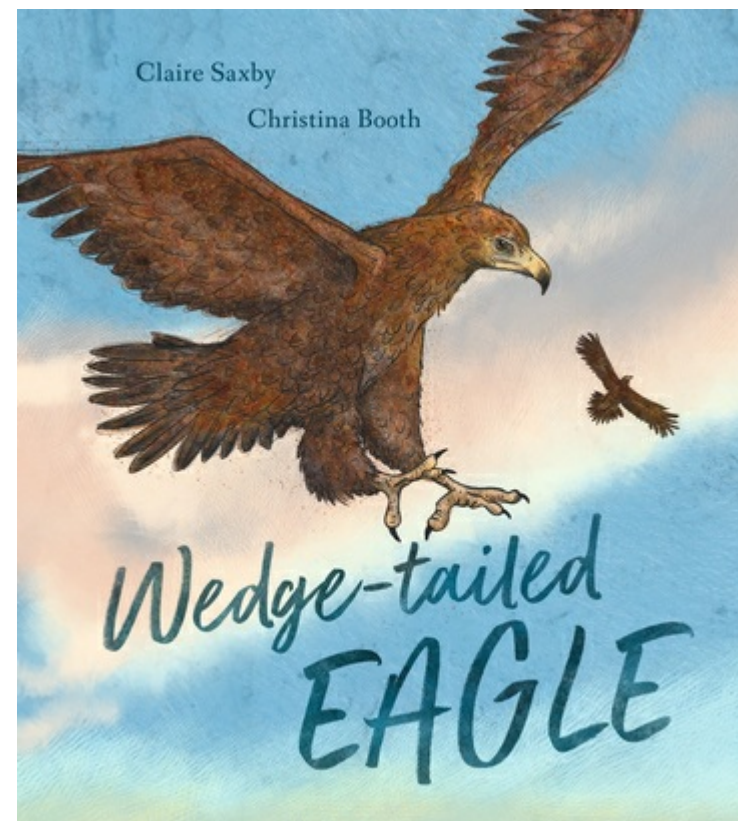
Wedge-tailed Eagle explores the family life of these remarkable birds. The largest raptor in Australia, wedge-tailed eagles are powerful hunters, who mate for life, bringing many new clutches of chicks into the world in their lifetime. Award-winning author Claire Saxby leads us through a mating season, while Christina Booth's illustrations capture the majesty, power and gentleness of these magnificent birds of prey.

- **Award-winning author Claire Saxby's latest addition to the Nature Storybook series. Many of her previous Nature Storybooks are Whitley Award winners.**
- **Majestic and masterful illustrations by award-winning illustrator, Christina Booth**
- **Lyrical and descriptive text is supported by factual and contextual information**

Claire Saxby lives in Melbourne, Australia and loves her city. She is the bestselling and award-winning author of many books. *Big Red Kangaroo* and *Emu* (both illustrated by Graham Byrne) and *Koala* (illustrated by Julie Vivas) have won numerous awards including the Royal Zoological Society of NSW's Whitley Award, the Environment Award for Children's Literature and Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Crichton Award. *Koala* was a CBCA Honour Book. *Dingo* (illustrated by Tannya Harricks) was joint winner of the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Award (2019), won the Royal Zoological Society of NSW's Whitley Award (2018) and was shortlisted for Best Picture Book in the Educational Publishing Awards. Both of her most recent Nature Storybooks – *Great White Shark* (2022, illustrated by Cindy Lane) and *Tasmanian Devil* (2023, illustrated by Max Hamilton) – were winners of The Whitely Awards. Both her historical novels, *Haywire* (Omnibus Books, 2020) and *The Wearing of the Green* (2022) were shortlisted for the NSW Premier's History Awards.

Author and illustrator Christina Booth works from her bush studio in Tasmania, Australia. Trained as a teacher and painter, she loves that she makes up stories and colours for a living. Christina started her literary career illustrating for great Australian authors such as Max Fatchen, Colin Thiele, Christobel Mattingley and Jackie French. Many of Christina's books have been CBCA Notables and her 2009 picture book *Kip* was a CBCA Honour Book. She won the 2014 Environment Award for Children's Literature for *Welcome Home*, and her 2019 title *One Careless Night* was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards, and won the Environment Award for Children's Literature and the Whitley Book Award.

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Telling the Time with Anna: First Skills

by Vivian French

illustrated by Ya-Ling Huang

From seconds to minutes to hours, learn all about how to tell the time with Anna and her grandpa.

A charming new book, all about telling the time! Anna's friend Zane is coming to tea soon – but when is "soon", exactly? While Anna waits, Granddad teaches her how to tell the time for herself... From reading a clock to learning about different lengths of time (seconds, minutes, hours and more), join Anna, Grandpa and Whiskers the cat as they explore the wonderful workings of TIME – with words by master storyteller Vivian French, and warmly illustrated by rising star Ya-Ling Huang.

- The second title in our early-learning strand "First Skills" where young readers learn essential skills in fun, friendly and fact-filled storybooks – supporting the EYFS and KS1 curriculums.
- A warm and friendly narrative, providing an alternative to straight educational titles like Collins' *Telling the Time* (sales of which surged during lockdown!).
- Much-loved author Vivian French is the recipient of an MBE for literature, literacy, illustration and the arts, and an expert pair of hands when it comes to making picture-books.

Vivian French is a highly-acclaimed children's author, whose many books include *The Steam Whistle Theatre Company*, *Yucky Worms* and *The Dragon's Breakfast*. She is one of the most borrowed children's authors in UK libraries, and was awarded the MBE for services to literature, literacy, illustration and the arts. Vivian lives in Edinburgh. Follow her on Twitter under the handle @fivekingdoms or visit her website: vivianfrench.com

Originally from Taiwan, **Ya-Ling Huang** completed an MA in illustration at the Cambridge School of Art in 2016 and in the same year her works were selected for 2016 Bologna Book Fair, and highly commended both in the Macmillan prize and in the prestigious book-design competition hosted by the Polish Academy of Fine Arts in Katowice. Her previous books with Walker include *Maps: From Anna to Zane*. Ya-Ling lives in Suffolk.



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WALKER BOOKS

Dr Roopa's Body Books: The Super Skeleton

by Roopa Farooki

illustrated by Viola Wang

A new series on a hugely popular topic – the human body! Next up, award-winning writer Dr Roopa Farooki explores the wonders of the human skeleton.

What do humans have in common with fish, snakes and birds? We all have a SKELETON: the collection of bones which gives our body its shape. With words by Internal Medicine doctor and writer of the acclaimed memoir *Everything Is True*, Roopa Farooki, and bright, bold, pictures by award-winning artist Viola Wang, this is a lively and charming look at what bones are made of, all the different jobs they do, what happens when one breaks and how children can keep their bones strong and healthy as they grow.

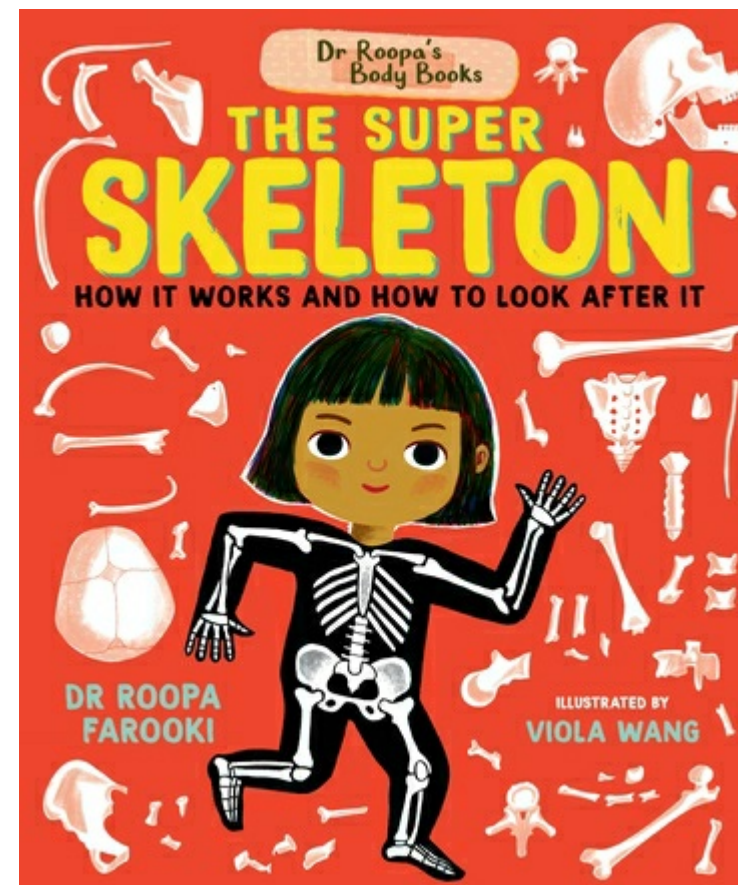
Don't miss the other books in the series ... starting with *The Brilliant Brain!*

- Discover how the brain, the skeleton, the heart and the digestive system work in this delightful new series, which focuses on how parts of your body work together.
- This is a hugely popular area (as *Kay's Anatomy* shows)... And while there are successful one-offs, there isn't a go-to picture book series on the human body.
- Roopa's expertise as both a medical doctor and an author shines out to set this series apart. She explores body *systems* rather than just identifying body bits; she shares up to the minute, no nonsense tips on wellbeing; and her enthusiasm for her topic, and warm sense of humour, make for a brilliant read-aloud.
- Viola is the winner of the Sebastian Walker Prize for illustration; her other books include *Hello* (Hachette) and *Animal Super Powers* (Walker).

Dr Roopa Farooki is both a medical doctor and a writer for adults and children, including six literary novels that have been translated into over twelve languages. Her writing has been awarded the John C. Laurence Prize and listed three times for the Women's Prize. She is also a lecturer on the Masters in Creative Writing at the University of Oxford.

Viola Wang is a graduate of the Children's Book Illustration MA at the Cambridge School of Art. She was born in China, where she studied oil painting before moving to the UK to work as a graphic designer. In 2021 she was selected for a scholarship programme at the Royal Drawing School, where she now runs children's workshops.

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WALKER BOOKS

Totally Chaotic History: Ancient Egypt Gets Unruly!

by Greg Jenner

illustrated by Rikin Parekh

The first book in a fantastically funny new history series from best-selling author and chart-topping podcaster Greg Jenner!

Think history is just a boring list of facts and dates? Think again! History is hectic, exciting and unpredictable – in fact, it’s absolute CHAOS! Join bestselling author Greg Jenner on a riotously fun journey through ancient Egypt, from brilliant beginnings to epic ending. Accompanied by expert Egyptologist Dr Campbell Price and with side-splitting illustrations from Rikin Parekh, Greg’s whirlwind tour will cover everything you need to know about the Egyptians and show you what it would REALLY have been like to live through thousands of years of chaotic history. Hold on tight, because, with history, you’ll never believe what happens next!

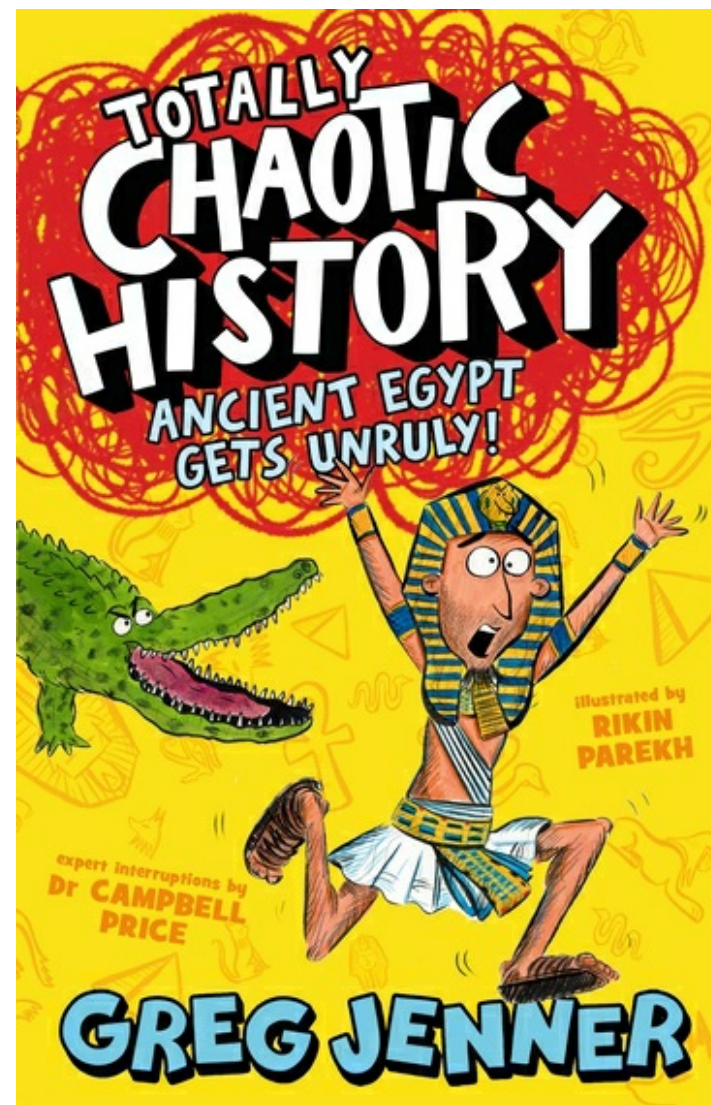
- **Greg Jenner is a popular historian with a significant public profile. His podcast *You're Dead to Me* is a flagship podcast on BBC Sounds and heavily promoted across the BBC - it has had over 70 million downloads since its launch in 2018. He has over 137k followers on twitter.**
- **His first children's book with Walker, *You Are History*, a full-colour illustrated gift book, has sold over 10,300 (TCM) since November 2022.**
- **This first book in the series covers the ancient Egyptians. The second book will cover the ancient Romans. Each book takes a chronological approach to the topic, covering the period from beginning to end.**
- **Black-and-white illustrated throughout by Rikin Parekh.**

Greg Jenner is a historian, author and podcast host, specializing in communicating history through popular culture. He is best-known for his educational comedy podcast for the BBC, *You're Dead to Me*, which has had over 70 million downloads.

Dr Campbell Price is Curator of Egypt and Sudan at Manchester Museum, one of the UK’s largest collections of Egyptian antiquities. He grew up in Glasgow and studied Egyptology at the University of Liverpool. He’s passionate about learning about other cultures through objects. His favourite food is Egyptian lentil soup. You can find him online @EgyptMc.

Rikin Parekh studied art at Camberwell College of Arts and the University of Westminster. He has since worked storyboarding and designing monsters for the film industry and selling books for a national chain.

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Calculating Chimpanzees, Brainy Bees, and Other Animals with Mind-Blowing Mathematical Abilities

by Stephanie Gibeault

illustrated by Jaclyn Sinquett

Parrots who count, hyenas who know the odds, and bees who understand zero! Discover how amazing animals use number sense in this fun and fact-filled investigation.

Could your pet help you with your maths homework? Animals know a lot more about numbers than you might think. Some fish can tell large numbers from small ones, hyenas can count, and chimpanzees can use Arabic numerals! Get to know these extraordinary animals and more in this fascinating second book in the Extraordinary Animals series.

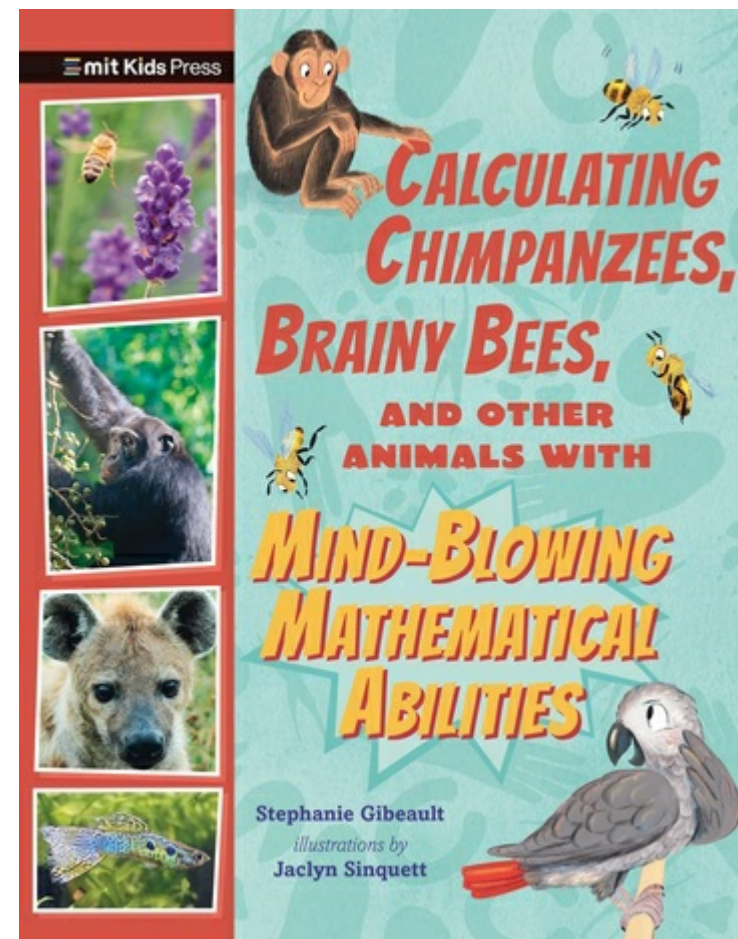
Each chapter wraps up with an interview with a researcher and a hands-on activity for readers to challenge their own maths skills. Illustrations brimming with personality, along with colourful photos, sidebars and splashy facts ensure that this fact-filled book is entertaining and accessible. A bibliography as well as an "Add to Your Knowledge" section at the back encourage more discovery.

- This second book in the *Extraordinary Animals* series is perfect for kids who finished *Detector Dogs*, *Dynamite Dolphins*, and *More Animals with Super Sensory Powers* with more questions about animals' amazing abilities, as well as fans of National Geographic Kids.
- Why choose between science and maths when you can have a bit of both? This book integrates animal abilities and mathematical concepts for an intriguing – and unique to the market – blend. Teachers and librarians are sure to love it!
- Author Stephanie Gibeault, a biologist with a masters in animal behaviour, shares her passion for animals and expertise in the field including resources in the back matter to add to your knowledge.

Stephanie Gibeault is a Canadian animal science expert with a master's in animal behaviour and a bachelor's in ecology and evolution. She's been pooped on by monkeys, grumbled at by gorillas, and drooled on by dogs. Now she writes fiction and nonfiction books for children as well as articles for magazines and the internet.

Jaclyn Sinquett has illustrated many books for children, including *I Love Strawberries* by Shannon Anderson and *Sincerely Emerson* by Emerson Weber.

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WALKER BOOKS

One Long Line: Marching Caterpillars and the Scientists Who Followed Them

by Loree Griffin Burns

illustrated by Jamie Green

A fresh and fascinating look at caterpillars ushers kids into the process of scientific discovery in this first book in the Discovery Chronicles by a biologist and award-winning children's author.

This is a story about remarkable creatures, inquisitive people and fascinating conversations. The creatures? Pine processionary caterpillars with mysterious group habits. The people? Jean Henri Fabre and, many years later, Terrence Fitzgerald – scientists with big questions about the behaviour of these caterpillars. And the conversations? The conversations span lifetimes, as one researcher continues a dialogue started by the other.

In this playful, candid, and accessible book for young readers, biologist Loree Griffin Burns captures the unique leader-follower behaviour of pine processionary caterpillars through a glimpse into the “ask, test, repeat” nature of the scientific process – and shows how that process creates one long line of questioning and learning. Back matter includes more details about the two scientists as well as a glossary, bibliography, source notes, and suggestions for further reading.

- **Experience science at work! How do scientists build on each other's knowledge and make discoveries? This book provides a firsthand look at two scientists studying the same caterpillar but generations apart. The text features the questions they ask to direct their research.**
- **Developing scientific exploration, leading investigations, and seeing how research and understanding change over time are all essential components of the KS2 and KS3 Science Curriculum.**
- **With books like *Kay's Anatomy* leading the way in bestselling MG non-fiction, this stylish two-colour illustrated book is sure to be a hit!**

Loree Griffin Burns is a biologist and the author of many nonfiction books for children. Her books have won many accolades, including American Library Association Notable designations, a *Boston Globe-Horn Book* Honor, an International Reading Association Children's Book Award, a Green Earth Book Award, and two AAAS/Subaru Prizes for Excellence in Science Books. She lives in New England, where she writes, teaches, and studies her insect neighbours.

Jamie Green is the illustrator of multiple books for young readers and was named the Society of Illustrators Zankel Scholar in 2019. Their work explores the natural world, along with themes of human connection, travel, history and movement. Jamie Green lives in South Carolina, and can often be found either in the corner of a café or on trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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WALKER BOOKS

You're a Poet: Ways to Start Writing Poems

by Sean Taylor

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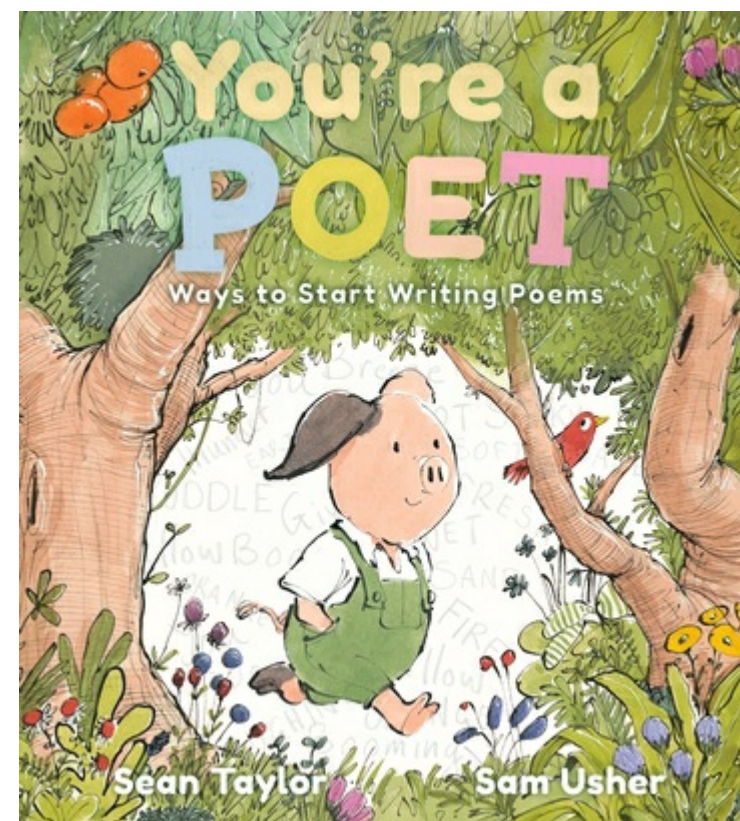
When Piglet picks up a stone and drops it into a puddle, something special happens ... words splash out: *Wet, Fresh, Earthy, Splashing, Sunshiny, Puddle*. Piglet is a poet!

You're a Poet is a story book with a difference – through five uniquely warm and cosy tales, readers can delight in the happy world of Piglet, his family and his friends and, at the same time, learn five brilliantly fun and easy ways to write a poem. Within each story, Sean Taylor shows children how to make a: "Puddle Poem", a "Comparing Poem", a "Make a Person Poem", an "If I Was Poem" and an "I Would Give You Poem". With plenty of poetry-writing tips and tricks after each story, Sean makes this form truly accessible and by the end of the book, even the very smallest of children will be able to confidently call themselves a poet.

- **The stories that hold the key to each poetry-writing method are in themselves perfect: warm little snapshots into happy moments in childhood. The writing here feels very much in the vein of Sean Taylor's *A Brave Bear*.**
- **Illustrated with freshness and care by Sam Usher, this is a truly accessible and one-of-a-kind introduction to writing poetry that will enable even very young readers to discover their voice.**
- **Knowing how powerful a poetry can be and how it can generate meaning, connection and creativity in little children, this book is a must for every family's bookshelf.**

Sean Taylor has written more than 60 books for young readers. These include picture books such as *Hoot Owl Master of Disguise*, *How to be Cooler than Cool*, and *I Want to Be in a Scary Story*, illustrated by Jean Jullien, and *A Brave Bear*, illustrated by Emily Hughes. He's the author of *The Dream Train*, a much-loved collection of poems for bedtime, illustrated by Anuska Allepuz. And for 30 years he's been encouraging children to write poems themselves. Find Sean online at seantaylorstories.com and on Twitter and Instagram as @seantstories.

Sam Usher graduated from the University of West England and has been shortlisted for the Waterstones Prize and the Red House Children's Book Award and longlisted for the Kate Greenaway medal. His titles include the Seasons series: *Snow, Sun, Rain* and *Storm*. Also a talented pianist, when he's not holding a pen and wobbling at paper you'll find him perfecting a fiendishly difficult piece of Chopin. He lives in Somerset. You can find him online at samusher.com and on Instagram as @samusherbooks.



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WALKER BOOKS

Keedie

by Elle McNicoll

The highly-anticipated prequel to the award-winning A KIND OF SPARK.

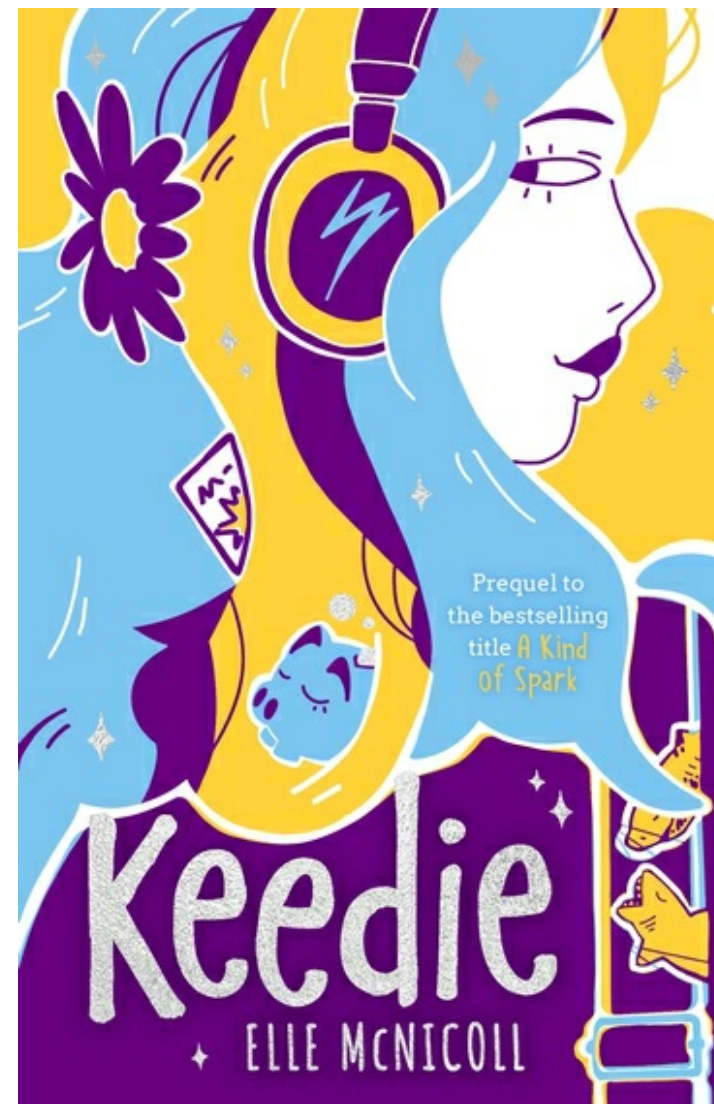
Before there was Addie, there was Keedie. Five years before the events of *A Kind of Spark*, Keedie is figuring out how to be her bold, brave self in a town that wants her to be quiet. Her twin sister Nina seems to care more about being popular, and Keedie knows her little sister Addie is more similar to her than her family knows.

When she starts standing up to people's bullies for them, everyone wants her to pretend nothing is wrong with the way things are in Juniper. But firecracker Keedie wants things to change... and she wants things to be better for Addie. As she sets out to right wrongs and stand up for the truth, the sleepy town of Juniper is about to wake up and see that Keedie is one of a kind.

- Supported by an exclusive run of proofs, an ambitious PR and marketing campaign, and an events & bookshop tour.
- Storylines will be features in Season 2 of *A Kind of Spark* (BBC & CBBC), airing summer 2024
- Featuring authentic neurodiverse representation

Elle McNicoll is a bestselling and award-winning Scottish novelist. Her debut, *A Kind of Spark*, won the Blue Peter Book Award and the Overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize, as well as Blackwell's Book of 2020. She is Carnegie nominated, and was shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag Awards 2020, the Branford Boase Award and The Little Rebels Award.

Her second novel, *Show Us Who You Are*, was Blackwell's Book of the Month and one of The Bookseller's Best Books of 2021. She is an advocate for better representation of neurodiversity in publishing, and currently lives in London.



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WALKER BOOKS

The Ghost of Us: A swoony sapphic YA romance

by James L. Sutter

Cara wants to prove ghosts are real - then she finds one. He's willing to help Cara on one condition: date his sister out of her depression. A supernatural LGBT love triangle, filled with sparky humour and spooky romance.

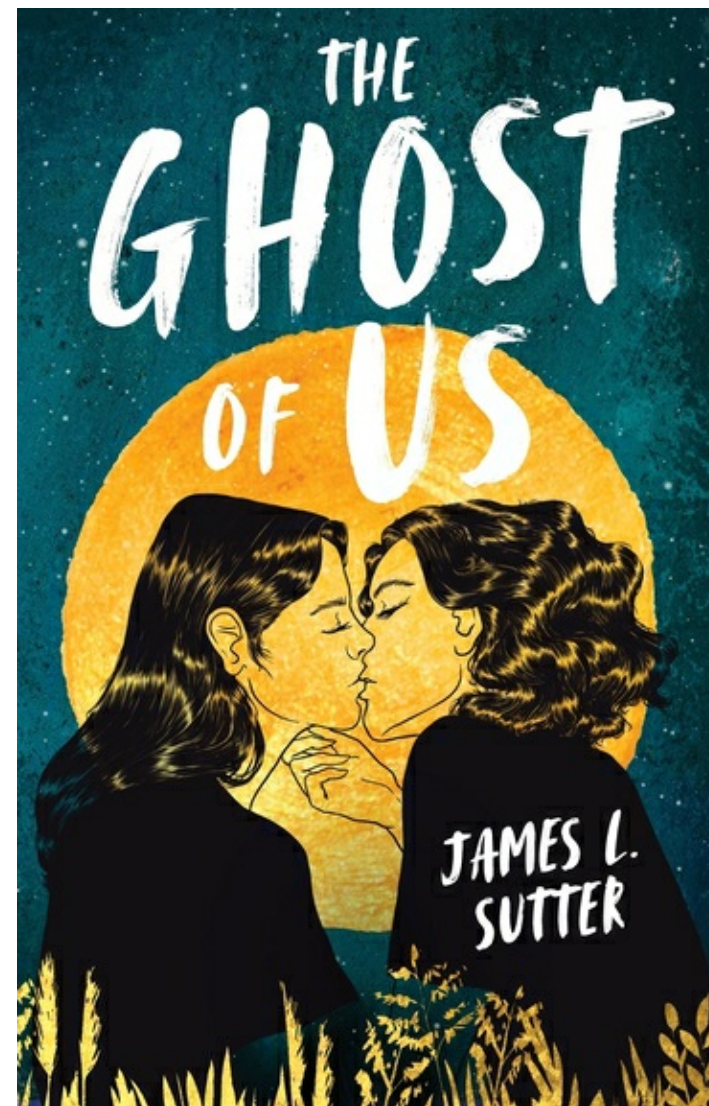
Cara is an aspiring ghost hunter, determined to show she's more than a high school outcast by finding proof of the supernatural. Then she stumbles upon the spirit of Aiden, a popular boy who died a year ago. Yet Aiden has his own plan to help his reclusive sister Meredith recover from his death. And he's decided Cara's the girl for the job.

Cara agrees to ask Meredith out in exchange for Aiden helping her prove there's life beyond death. No dates, no ghost. Wooing the standoffish Meredith isn't going to be easy, however. With Aiden's coaching, Cara slowly wins Meredith over – and finds herself really falling for her in the process. But as Meredith gets happier and Aiden's mission nears completion, his ghost begins to fade. Can Cara carry on dating and deceiving Meredith – or will she have to give up the ghost?

- **A humorous, LGBT romance about a spook-hunting girl who has to choose between a ghost and his grumpy sister.**
- **Ten Things I Hate About You meets Ghost, by way of Casey McQuiston's One Last Stop and Aiden Thomas's Cemetery Boys.**
- **Perfect for BookTok, with a unique twist on the supernatural, fake dating and grumpy/sunshine romance tropes.**
- **Praise for *Darkhearts*: 'Sparkles with laugh-out-loud dialogue . . . A funny romp with a lot of heart' Kirkus;**
'Ebullient . . . humorous dialogue and steamy romance, vibrant supporting characters, sex-positive messaging propel this heartfelt read' Publishers Weekly;
'A tender-hearted LGBTQ+ romance about music, fame and second chances' Waterstones

James L. Sutter is the co-creator of the Pathfinder and Starfinder role-playing games, and former creative director and executive editor for Paizo Publishing. He's written adult novels, short stories, comic books and video games. When not writing, James has performed with musical acts ranging from punk and metalcore to musical theater. He lives in Seattle.

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Zo and the Invisible Island

by Alake Pilgrim

The epic conclusion to the fantasy adventure that started with Zo and the Forest of Secrets.

After the mysterious Council tried to wipe Zo's memory, she's been hiding her powers from them. With her friend Adri gone, she must set out to find the truth... and save who she can along the way. On a mind-bending journey that leads her to old friends and new foes, Zo finds herself at a secret school for children with powers just like her. Does the Invisible Island hold the answers she needs?

- **The duology features unique characters, creatures, legends and landscapes from the Caribbean, re-imagined in an exciting, and at times futuristic, way.**

Alake Pilgrim writes from the uncanny islands of Trinidad & Tobago in the Caribbean, where people are connected to Africa, India, China, the Americas, Europe, and the Middle East. She has an MA in Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia, thanks to the Booker Prize Foundation Scholarship, and an MA in Latin American & Caribbean Studies from New York University.

Her stories have twice won the regional prize for the Americas in the Commonwealth Short Story Competition. They have been published by The Center for Fiction in New York, the Small Axe Journal, and in the groundbreaking international anthology *New Daughters of Africa*, edited by Margaret Busby (Myriad Editions and HarperCollins).



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WALKER BOOKS

The Secret Garden Rewilded

by Anthea Simmons

illustrated by Rachael Dean

Spoilt Mia learns to love nature when she discovers a door to an abandoned garden in her uncle's house in this modern retelling of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic *The Secret Garden*.

Spoilt rich-kid Mia's world is turned upside-down when she is orphaned and whisked away to Mis Tor Manor on the edge of Dartmoor to live with her uncle and cousin Christopher. Mia is appalled to find herself in the remote countryside, in a freezing, crumbling manor. Grieving and missing her old life, she takes an instant dislike to Christopher, who never leaves his bedroom due to illness.

Yet little by little, Mia starts to discover the beauty of this wintry world, and befriends local boy Daniel, who loves animals and teaches her how to ride a Dartmoor pony. One day she discovers a hidden door, covered in brambles and ivy, which leads to a walled garden ... A special, secret place which needs someone's care to bring it to life once again so nature can flourish.

Cover art by Rachael Dean.

- The centenary of Frances Hodgson Burnett's death falls on 29th October 2024
- *Lightning Mary* was winner of the middle grade STEAM Book Prize and endorsed by the Stemettes.
- Praise for *Lightning Mary*:
'An intriguing insight into a fascinating figure from history: Mary is a bold, brilliant and truly inspiring heroine' Katherine Woodfine;
'Mary is a fascinating character and in Simmons' hands, she rips up the page with her determination and strength' *Irish Independent*;
'A brilliant read' *BookTrust*
- A book that inspires children to put their phones down and connect with wild nature' Guy Shrubsole, author of *The Lost Rainforests of Britain*

Anthea Simmons lives in Devon with her polydactyl cat, Caramac. After a successful career in the City and a spell of teaching, she finally knuckled down to write at the insistence of her son, Henry. She is the author of *Share*, *The Best Best Baby*, *I'm Big Now* and *Lightning Mary* and *Burning Sunlight*. She campaigns for European values and a fairer democracy.

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The Secret Garden

by Frances Hodgson Burnett

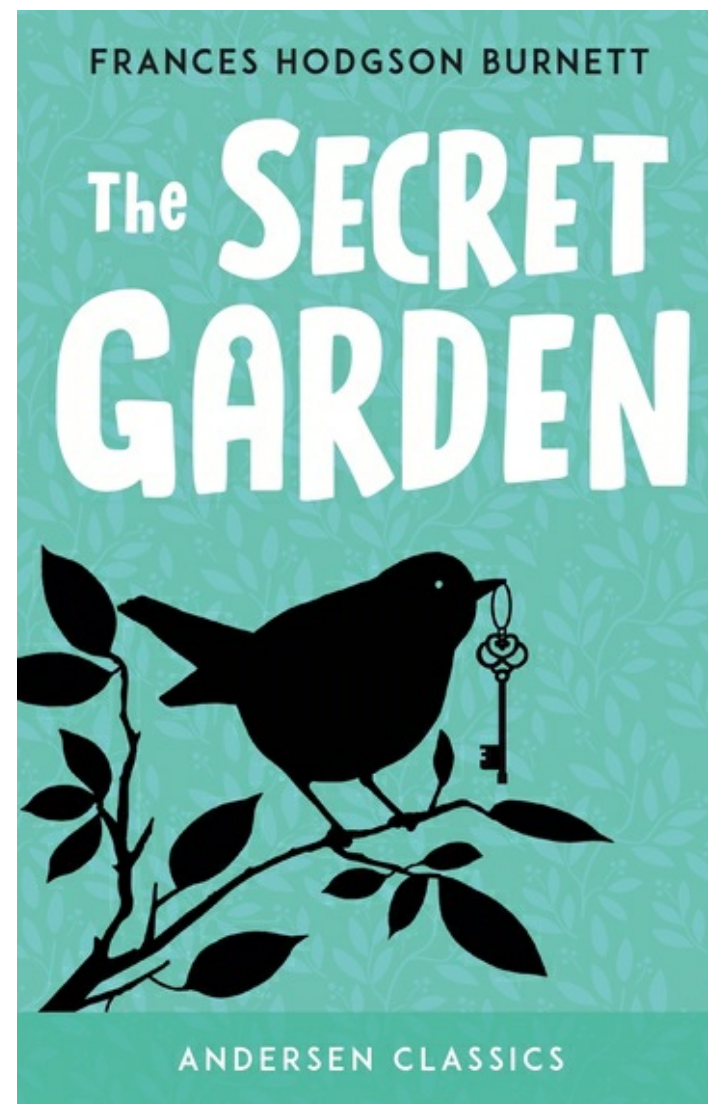
The classic story of spoiled Mary Lennox who is sent to live with her uncle at Misselthwaite Manor and discovers a magical hidden garden.

Discover one of the most beloved stories for children with Andersen's brand new collection of children's classics.

After her parents' death, Mary Lennox is sent from India to her uncle's gloomy manor in Yorkshire. She is spoiled, contrary, and terribly lonely. One day she hears about a garden hidden and locked away in the grounds of the manor. Guided by a trusty robin, she finds the key to the secret door and unlocks a world beyond her wildest imaginations . . .

- **The Secret Garden is one of the most beloved children's classics of all time.**
- **Publishing at the same time as *The Secret Garden Rewilded*, which is a modern retelling of the original story.**
- **Original covers designed to introduce a new generation of young readers to the classics**

Frances Eliza Hodgson Burnett (1849-1924) was a British-American novelist and playwright. She is best known for the three children's novels *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, *A Little Princess* and *The Secret Garden*.



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Just Another Story: A Graphic Migration Account

by Ernesto Saade

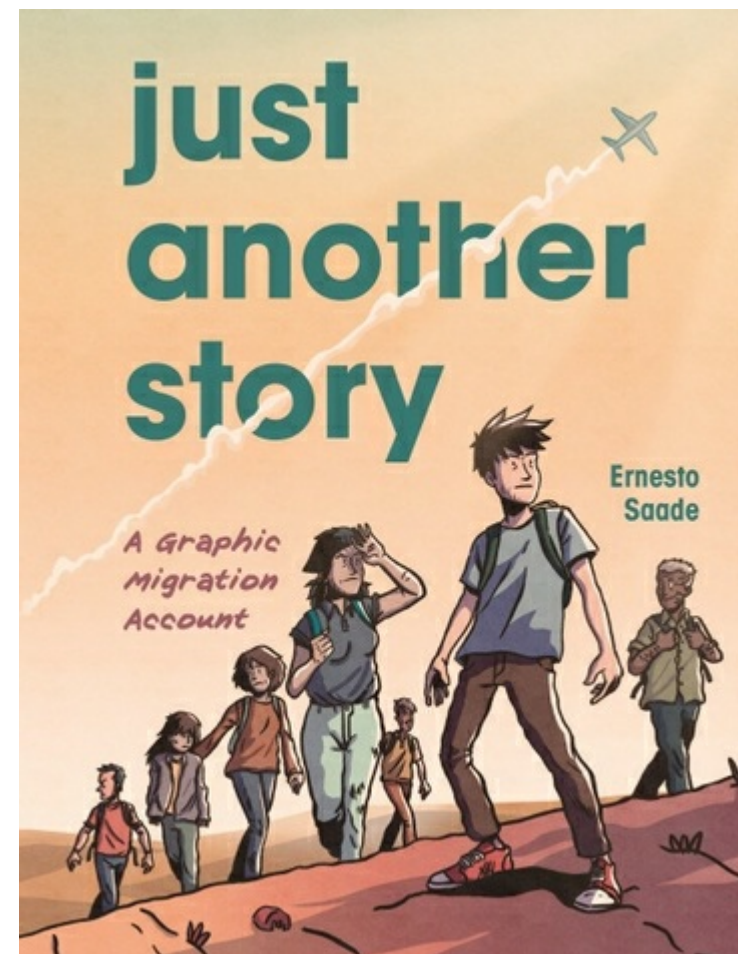
illustrated by Ernesto Saade

A stirring and thoughtful nonfiction work in graphic form, going beyond headlines or statistics to provide a powerful individual account of migration.

When Carlos was nineteen years old, his mother decided to leave her life in El Salvador, seeking a new start in the United States. She arranged the services of a coyote for the journey north. Reluctant to leave, but refusing to let his mother go without him, Carlos joined her. During their trip through Mexico, they experienced the risks and the fears countless people from Central American countries face as they migrate toward different lands. Ten years later, Carlos shared these memories with his cousin Ernesto. The result of their conversation is Just Another Story: A Graphic Migration Account.

- Based on a true story
- Presents the nuance and human emotion behind experiences that are often presented as data points
- Depicts dramatic events without sensationalizing them
- Accessible graphic presentation

Ernesto Saade is an El Salvador-born architect turned cartoonist. Since 2018 he has written and drawn several comics based on real-life events and published by non-governmental organizations. Nowadays he is a freelance comic artist.



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A Rainy Dragon Day

by Julie Völk

illustrated by Julie Völk

In this atmospheric picture book, a rainy day indoors turns into a fantastical journey to dragonland when Fred the elegant dragon arrives in need of a bathroom.

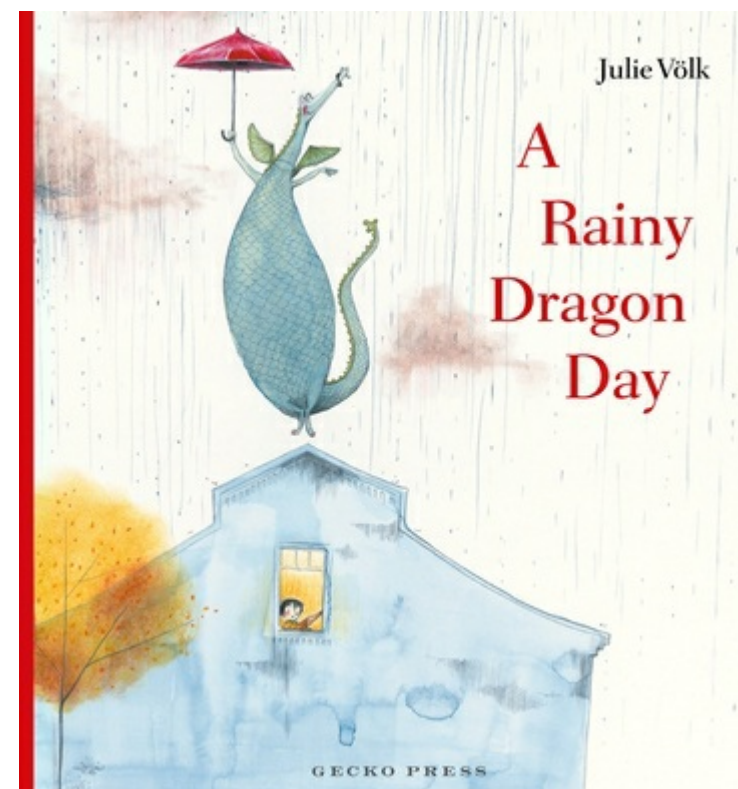
What's more perfect than a day on the sofa while the rain patters on the windows?

I'm just settling down with books, cocoa and my long-haired dachshund, when the doorbell rings. It's Fred the dragon, hoping to use the bathroom. There's nowhere suitable for a fastidious dragon. After rejecting all the usual places, Fred sweeps us off through the storm to a magical world of floating pagoda bathrooms.

Every beguiling detail in these illustrations evokes the snuggle of a cozy rainy day in a funny story that addresses the very necessary question of where dragons go when they need to go.

- **Clear, delicate illustrations and an exquisite palette convey fantasy and atmosphere**
- **Captures the snug inside feeling of a rainy day**
- **An elegant comic story of needing the bathroom**

Julie Völk is a celebrated illustrator from Vienna, Austria, who studied at the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg and has illustrated many award-winning picture books. In 2018, she was named an IBBY Honored Illustrator.



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Two Little Dicky Birds

by Anna Brooke

illustrated by Carly Gledhill

A fun, interactive story based on the nursery rhyme Two Little Dicky Birds - help Peter save Paul!

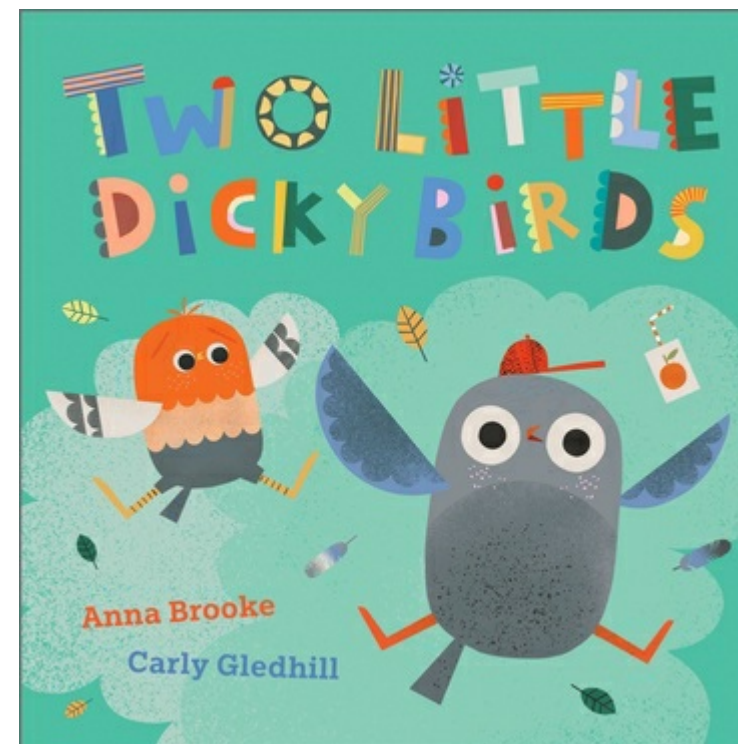
Two little dicky birds, sitting on the wall, "Hello, Peter, hello . . . wait, where did Paul go?!"

Help Peter rescue Paul in this interactive story! Tickle dragon's nose to save Paul from a his lair, cast a spell to save him from the witch's house, and find a way to help him escape a dark, scary cave and even a magical palace – all while a hapless Paul is completely oblivious to the danger he's in! Can you help Peter save Paul and get him back to their wall safely?

- **Tickle Dragon's nose, cast a spell, or shout BOO! at the top of your voice in this interactive tale that invites children to play along.**
- **A thrilling interactive journey that ends with Paul safely back on the wall for bedtime . . . but not for long, inviting you to start all over again!**
- **Anna Brooke has worked as a film critic for Time Out Paris and travel writer for Frommer's. Her debut children's book was a SCBWI Undiscovered Voices winner and was longlisted for the Bath Children's Novel Award. She lives and works in Paris.**
- **Carly Gledhill has an MA in Children's Book Illustration, and her first book was shortlisted for the 2022 Sheffield Children's Book Award and the British Book Design and Production Awards.**

Anna Brooke was been a Paris-based travel journalist for seventeen years, writing for the Sunday Times Travel magazine and The Times, and has also authored seven guidebooks on France for Frommer's. Her debut novel was a SCBWI Undiscovered Voices winner and longlisted for the Bath Children's Novel Award. When not writing, she has been an actress, a cabaret singer and an electro-pop artist, performing on stage and composing songs for films and commercials. Raised in Birmingham and Yorkshire, she now lives in Paris with her French-Canadian husband and son.

Carly Gledhill is a children's book author and illustrator who has worked as a Print Designer for design studios and retailers, before completing an MA in Children's book illustration and turning her hand to picture books and novelty books. Her books have been shortlisted for the Sheffield Children's Book Award and the British Book Design and Production Awards. Carly enjoys cycling through the Yorkshire Dales, playing netball and listening to true crime podcasts. She lives and works in Manchester, UK.



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Daddy's Footsteps

by Michelle Robinson

illustrated by Paddy Donnelly

A celebration of amazing dads with a prehistoric setting from multi-award-winning author Michelle Robinson, and with breathtaking illustrations from Paddy Donnelly.

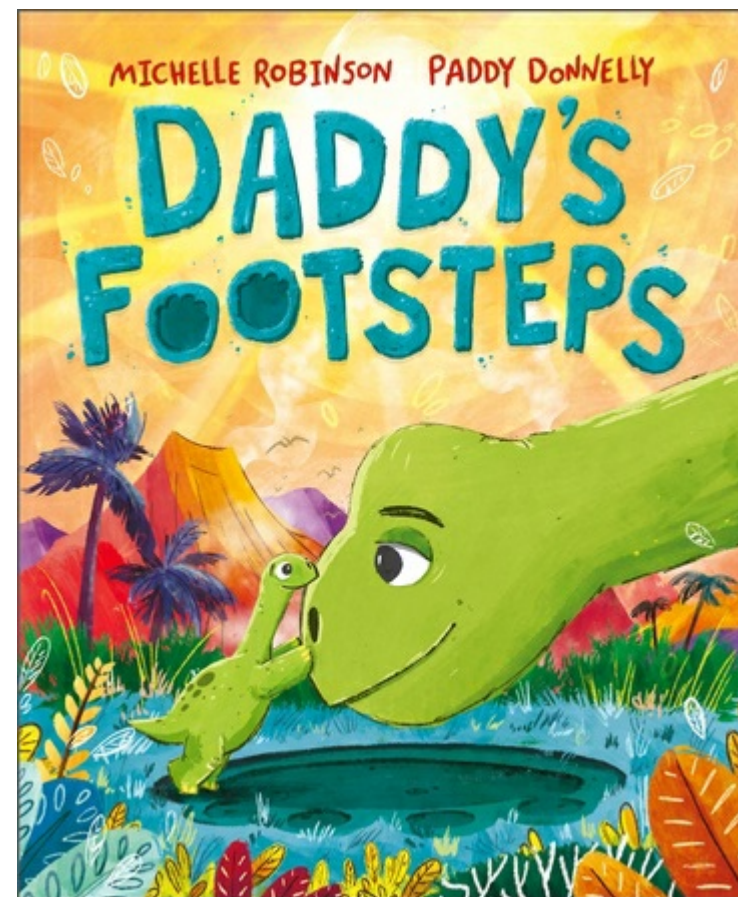
By following in his daddy's footsteps, will Baby Dinosaur find his own feet?

Baby dinosaur wishes he could follow in his dad's giant footsteps, and grow up to be big, brave and strong, just like him. But when he loses sight of Daddy while on an adventure with his friends, and the world suddenly feels wild and dangerous, will he remember the advice his daddy gave him?

- **A popular dinosaur theme and a heartfelt text with a heart-warming ending makes for a perfect celebration of amazing dads on father's day.**
- **Written in lyrical, poetic rhyme, follow the story of four baby dinosaurs and their dads in the illustrations.**
- **Sainsbury's Award and Lollies Award-winning Michelle Robinson wrote this text for her own father, who is being treated for cancer, when she had to move away from him during the pandemic.**
- **Paddy Donnelly tells a story of his own in breathtaking illustrations of a prehistoric world that has the feel of an epic children's animated movie.**

Michelle Robinson grew up in Gloucestershire and loved making up stories and being silly. She put that to good use by getting a job as a copywriter. She wrote over 6000 radio adverts before moving on to television and the web. She soon got bored though, which is when she started writing funny stories for children and their parents to enjoy reading umpteen times. Her picture book *There's a Lion in My Comflakes* won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards, *Ten Fat Sausages* won the Lollies Award, and *Red Lorry, Yellow Lorry* has been shortlisted for the BookTrust Storytime Prize. She lives in Canada with her husband, son and daughter.

Paddy Donnelly is an Irish illustrator with over 14 years experience and who now gets to make a living drawing dinosaurs - his 5 year old self is very happy about this. Coming from a graphic design background, Paddy works in various illustration styles, and also creates kids apps. Paddy's books have won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award, the White Ravens Book Award and the Judge's Special Award at the Children's Books Ireland Book Awards and have been shortlisted for the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Award, and he was nominated for the World Illustrations Award. Paddy lives in Belgium with his family.



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A Penguin Like Me

by Marcus Pfister
illustrated by Marcus Pfister

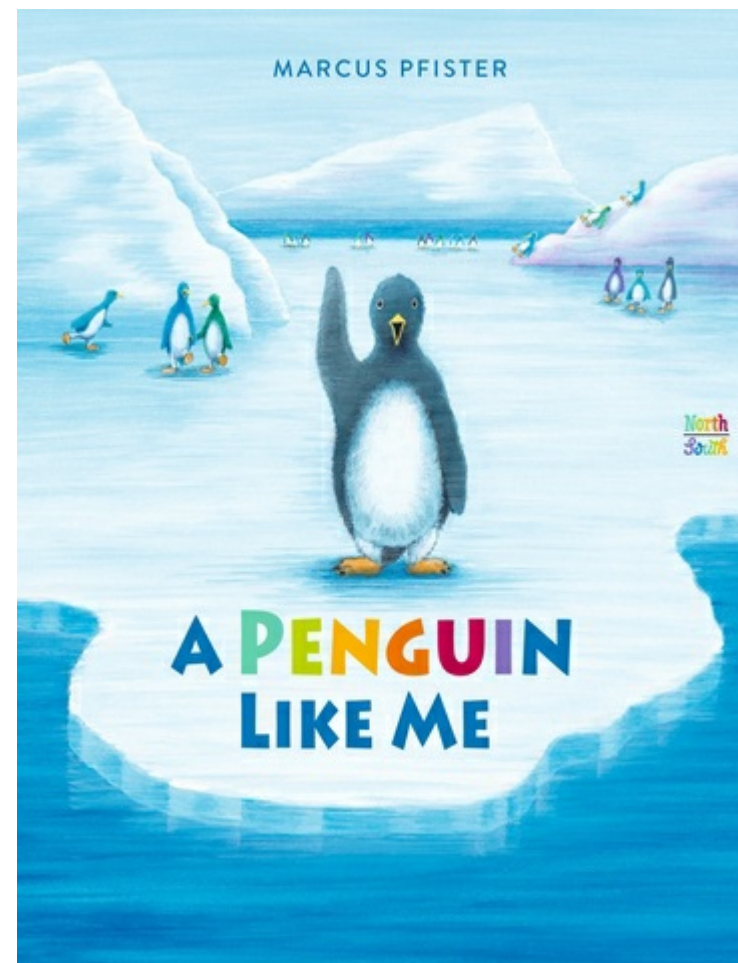
A penguin is a penguin is a penguin in this picture book about community and acceptance, from best-selling author of *The Rainbow Fish* Marcus Pfister!

At first glance, all penguins look the same. But a closer look reveals that every penguin is different. Theo is the smartest of them all, but doesn't want to show it. Felix has short wings, Sarah loves to draw more than talk, and Lena is attracted to Ida. Each penguin has worries and fears, strengths and dreams. And yet, together they form a community.

Amid a picturesque ice landscape with colours ranging from cool to radiantly warm, Marcus Pfister introduces a diverse penguin society in which everyone is allowed to be themselves.

- A new title about staying true to yourself, from bestselling author Marcus Pfister
- Features many different types of penguins that display diverse human traits
- Features LGBTQIA+ and neurodiverse characters, as well as characters with different physical and mental abilities
- Text reviewed by Alison Singer (cofounder and president of the Autism Science Foundation) and Charlotte Sullivan Wild, author of the picture books *The Amazing Idea of You* (Mary Lundquist) and *Love, Violet* (Charlene Chua), winner of the Stonewall Book Award

Marcus Pfister was born in Bern, Switzerland. After studying at the Art School of Bern, he apprenticed as a graphic designer and worked in an advertising agency before becoming self-employed in 1984. His debut picture book, *The Sleepy Owl*, was published by NorthSouth in 1986, but his big breakthrough came six years later with *The Rainbow Fish*. Marcus has illustrated over sixty-five books that have been translated into more than sixty languages and received countless international awards. He lives with his wife, Debora, and their children in Bern.



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There are No Dragons in This Book

by Donna Lambo-Weidner
illustrated by Carla Haslbauer

In this book you are guaranteed not to find any dragons... A clever interactive picture book—sure to keep kids laughing as they look for dragons.

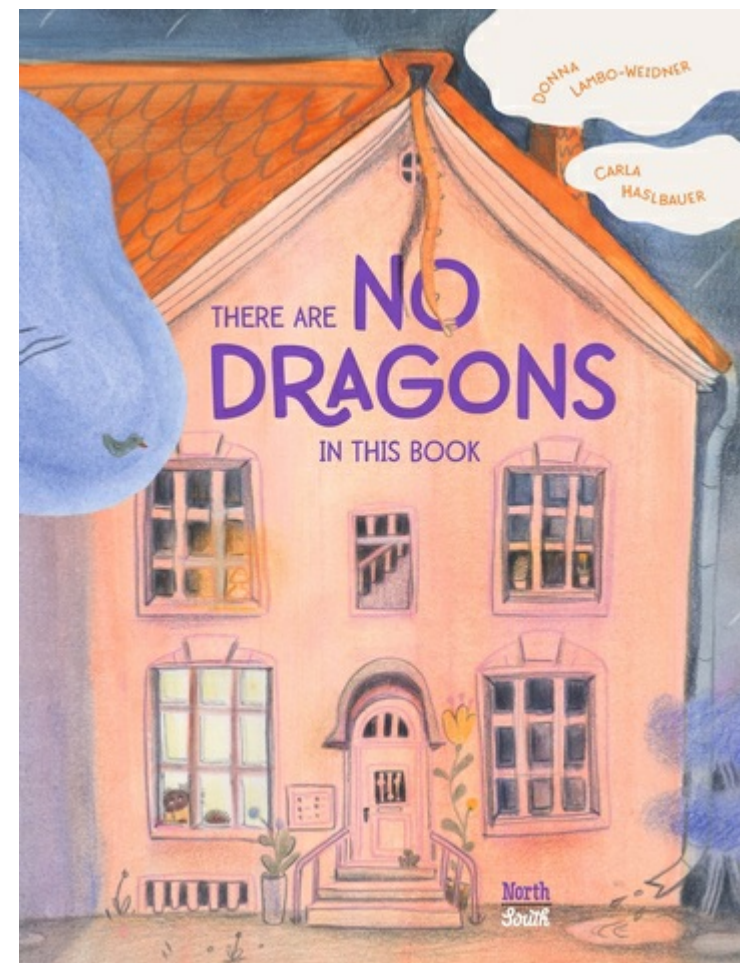
There are no dragons in this book! Wait, is that really true? There was one right here, wasn't there? Was he hiding in the attic? What do you mean, he's not alone? Come on, let's give the book a good shake and see what happens!

Set in a community home with an ensemble of characters—both children and adults—Donna Lambo-Weidner's debut picture book filled with humor (and dragons) encourages close observation and discovery. Carla Haslbauer's cheeky, scurrying illustrations are chock-full of funny details and metafictional allusions.

- With cheeky seek-and-find illustrations by Carla Haslbauer
- Speaks directly to children and invites them to participate in the search for dragons in the book
- Debut picture book from Donna Lambo-Weidner
- Set in a community house and features a variety of diverse characters
- Chock-full of dragons! (You might just have to find them first)

Donna Lambo-Weidner was born in Germany and raised in New York. She completed her bachelor of arts degree at the Universität Tübingen through Stony Brook University. She writes books for children about adventures laced with her actual experiences. *There Are No Dragons in this Book* is her first picture book. Donna Lambo-Weidner lives in California with her husband.

Carla Haslbauer was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and grew up in the small town of Bad Nauheim. She has worked as a freelance illustrator since graduating from the Lucerne School of Art and Design. As a member of the comic group Corner Collective, she also regularly creates comics. Her first book *My Mother's Delightful Deaths* was nominated for various awards. Carla Haslbauer lives and works in Basel.



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School for Puppies

by Satoshi Kitamura

illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura

Find out what happens at puppy school in this adorable story from multi-award-winning picture book legend Satoshi Kitamura.

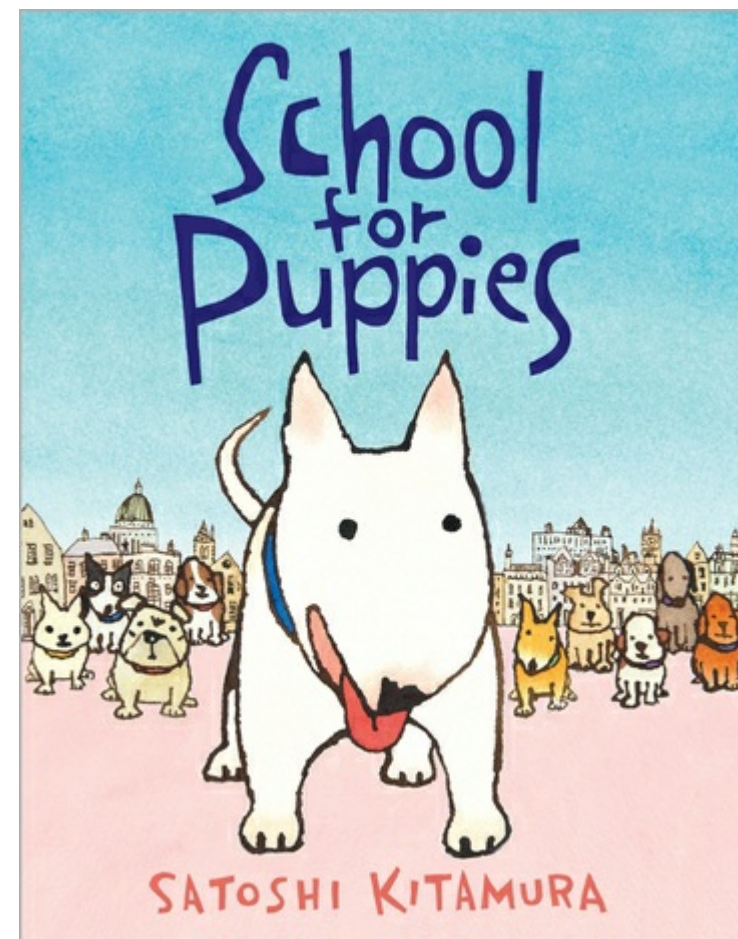
An adorable look at the world through the eyes of a beloved puppy from multi-award-winning picture book legend Satoshi Kitamura.

Every day, Emily goes to school and leaves her puppy at home. But today, determined to find out what school is, he sets off on an adventure to go to Puppy School! The young dogs learn important skills such as scratching behind their ears, learning to sleep wherever they go, and most importantly, how to leave a scent trail - which comes in handy when our puppy finds himself separated from his friends... Can he follow the trail that'll lead him back home to his Emily?

The perfect story for dog-lovers, and fans of *Oi Dog!* (Kes Gray and Jim Field) and *Dogger* (Shirley Hughes).

- The irresistible tale of a puppy trying to understand the life of his owner.
- Subtle message of the value of school, and how you can put into practice those skills you learn, just like the puppy did!
- Both funny and heartwarming in equal measure, readers will enjoy the lessons the puppies learn - including silly ones like how to chase their tails, and amazing ones like how dogs can leave a very useful trail so they don't get lost...
- In 1983, Satoshi Kitamura received the Mother Goose Award for his first picture book, *Angry Arthur*, and he's been creating much-loved and award-winning picture books ever since.

Satoshi Kitamura was born in Tokyo and worked in advertising there before moving to London in 1980. He won the Mother Goose Award for *Angry Arthur* and he is now one of the most distinguished picture book illustrators. His book *Sheep in Wolves' Clothing* was adapted into an animated series by HIT Entertainment (who would later acquire *Pingu*, *Fireman Sam* and *Thomas & Friends*) that was animated by Grand Slamm Children's Films (who had also worked with HIT to animate *Kipper*, *Percy the Park Keeper* and *Angelina Ballerina* for CITV) and screened on CBBC for two seasons, starring Starred Absolutely Fabulous actress, Julia Sawalha, and also sold to overseas markets, including Australia. Satoshi now lives in Japan.



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Giraffe and a Half

by Nicola Kent

illustrated by Nicola Kent

A joyful and touching story about exploring life outside your comfort zone that will help children to understand and celebrate the differences and disabilities within themselves and others.

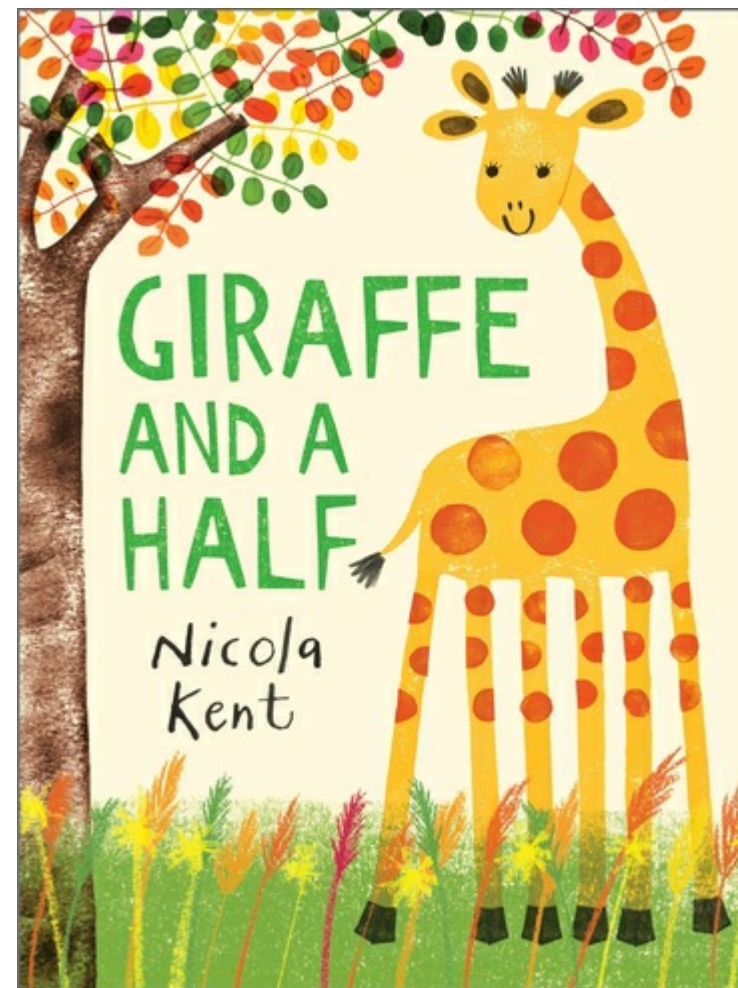
Giraffe and a Half believes her difference stops her from making friends, but can Bird and a Third help her to overcome her shyness?

Giraffe and a Half has six legs and three ears, which is brilliant for dancing and listening, but not so good for making friends. But one day, playing on her own, she meets Bird and a Third, who knows that sometimes, it's our insecurities that hold us back the most. This delightful story will encourage children to embrace their differences.

Based on Nicola Kent's own experiences as a child with disabilities, and her belief that although ongoing health issues can bring many challenges to life, having lovely friends doesn't need to be one of them.

- **A story inspired by the author's own experience of living with a disability.**
- **Vibrant illustrations and quirky humour are intertwined with a touching message about how even if you feel different, it should never be a barrier to feeling accepted.**
- **Nicola Kent was Highly Commended in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration. She has won the Independent Booksellers' Best New Illustrator Award, and was shortlisted for the World Illustration Awards 2019.**

Nicola Kent graduated from the prestigious Cambridge School of Art MA with a distinction and was Highly Commended in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration in 2016. She worked for ten years as a television producer at the BBC and Channel 4 before following her dream of becoming an author and illustrator of children's books. Nicola lives in London with her partner and two children.



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The Box Full of Wonders

by Karl Newson

illustrated by Emily Hamilton

This touching story captures both the struggles and possibilities of blended families. The power of one child's imagination is beautifully visualised on the pages as he begins to embrace his new siblings.

When two families merge and move in together, a little boy finds an escape in his imagination.

On the day two families move into a new home to start their life together under one roof, an overwhelmed little boy takes refuge in a simple cardboard box. But it's not just any box - it's a pirate ship, or a castle, or a rocket shooting into outer space...the only limit is his imagination. Through creativity and play, the boy learns to share with his new siblings as they create fantastical worlds together.

Karl Newson is an award-winning children's book author. He grew up in Norwich, Norfolk, and was inspired to write his first story when his children were small. Karl has been shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award, among others, and his stories are published in over 20 languages around the world. He lives in London with his family and a forest of pot plants.

Emily Hamilton is an illustrator whose work you can find in books, magazines, on cards, fabric and the occasional surfboard and wall. Emily has been longlisted for the World Illustration Awards 2021, and is based in her studio in North Devon.



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Can I Sleep Here? Baby Dolphin

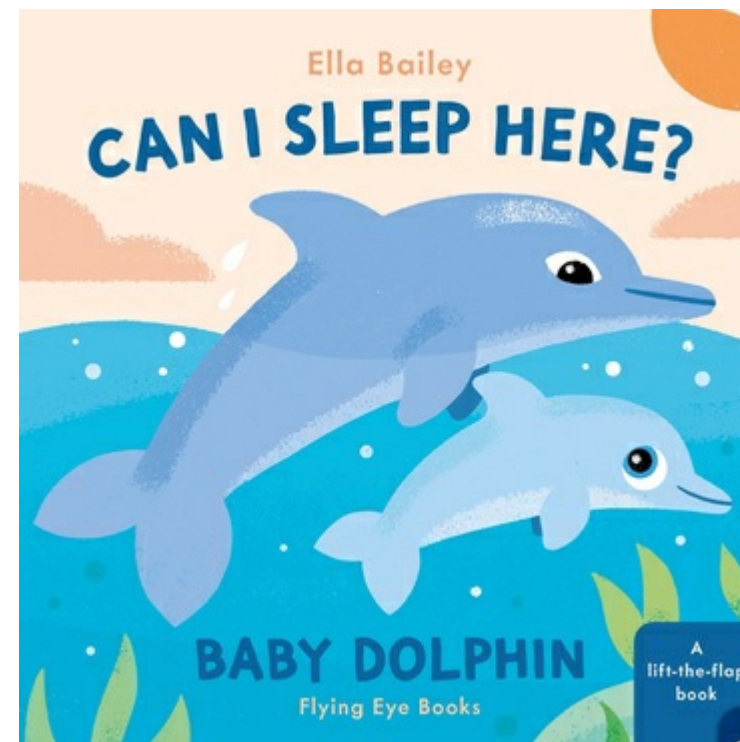
by Ella Bailey

illustrated by Ella Bailey

Baby dolphin has been hard at play all day long and needs to find a safe, quiet and warm place to sleep for the night. Can you lift the flaps to help find the perfect spot?

This brand-new board book series, based on Ella Bailey's bestselling series *One Day On Our Blue Planet*, is perfect for babies and toddlers. Each title in the series has five spreads with a baby animal searching for the perfect place to sleep. Peer behind the flaps to see if they have been successful, or if they have accidentally found another animals perfect sleeping spot!

Ella Bailey is a freelance illustrator currently living in Devon, in the UK. She studied illustration at Falmouth university, and has since gone on to work for clients such as Hodder Children's Books, Simon and Schuster UK and Flying Eye Books. Her art can mostly be found in children's picture books. She works mainly digitally, likes to incorporate lots of texture in her artwork and enjoys using limited yet lively colour palettes. Some of her favourite things to draw include children, animals and ghosts.



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Titiro Look

by Gavin Bishop

illustrated by Gavin Bishop

This arresting board book of first words in both Maori and English by award-winning Gavin Bishop pairs whanau and toys to show connections while building vocabulary for shapes, colours, objects—whatu/eye, kikorangi/blue, weri/feelers, pahau/beard.

A member of the extended family looks directly at the reader alongside a familiar toy.

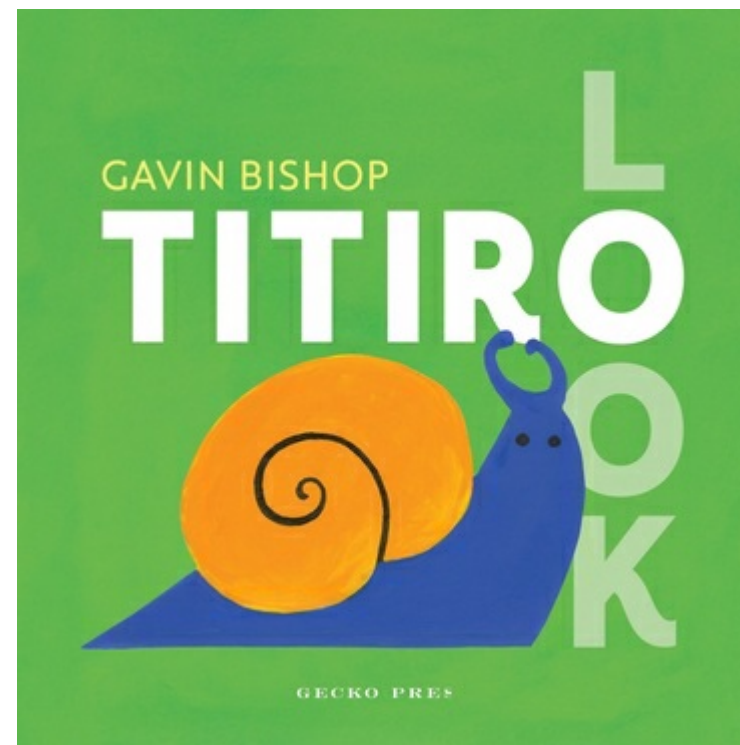
Labels give the Maori and English words for what we see—colours, shapes, eyes, ears, nose, hair—and there are more connections to find in every illustration pair.

Words and images are chosen to include the unexpected and imaginative alongside the obvious, making this more than just a first-words book.

This is a bilingual book to ask questions, point and talk, for adult reader and child to learn and explore together—or to enjoy quietly alone.

- **First words in Maori and English with imagination and thoughtfulness**
- **Sparks connections between shapes, colours, personalities**
- **Gavin Bishop at the peak of his career with multiple awards and honours**
- **Alongside Mihi and Look as core Gavin Bishop titles for new baby gift, Kohanga reo, bilingual and early childcare market as well as bookshops**

Gavin Bishop ONZM, Tainui, Ngati Awa, is a leading Maori illustrator living in Christchurch, New Zealand. He has published over 70 books internationally and been translated into 12 languages. He has written for television and theatre, as well as a libretti for the Royal New Zealand Ballet. His awards include the New Zealand Children’s Picture Book of the Year multiple times, the Sir Kingi Ihaka award for lifetime contribution to Maori art and culture, and the Prime Minister’s Award for Literary Achievement – Non Fiction.



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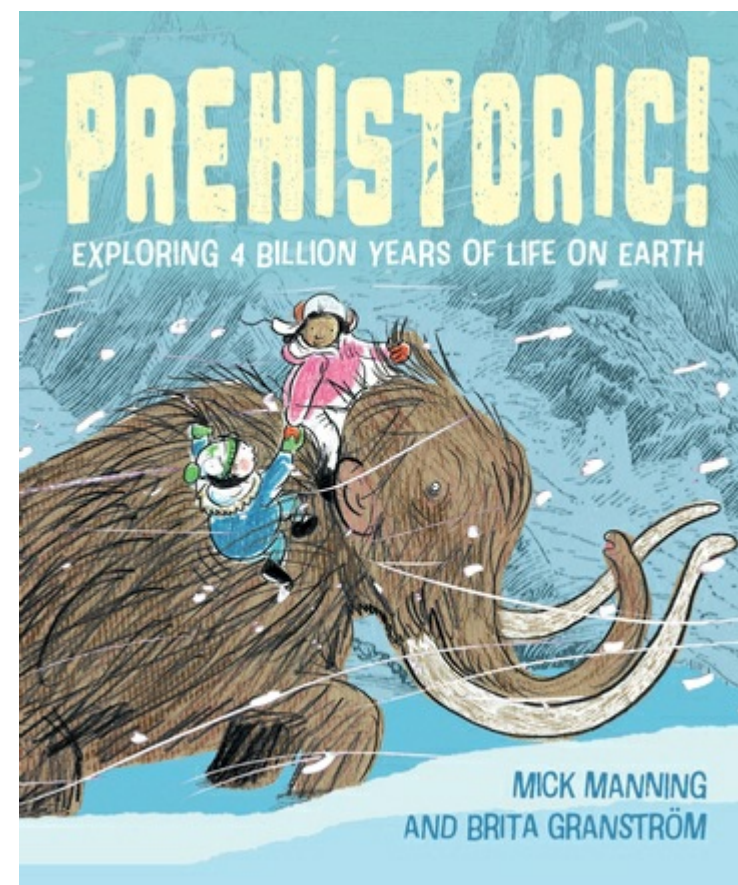
by Mick Manning and Brita Granström

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Mick Manning and **Brita Granström** have pioneered their unique approach to picture book non-fiction since 1993. Their awards include: the Smarties Silver Award, five English Association Award, five Royal Society Junior Science Book prizes and two Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award nominations. In 2020 they won the SLA/Hachette awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Information Books. Their other books for Otter-Barry Books include *Books! Books! Books!: Explore inside the Greatest Library on Earth* and *Women Who Led the Way: Great Explorers and Adventurers*. They live in the Scottish borders.



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- *Big Green Crocodile* was shortlisted for the CLiPPA Award in 2021

Jane Newberry's unique insight into very young children began as a puppeteer at children's parties. She then taught music to Early Years groups for 25 years, gamering and creating a portfolio of rhymes and songs for creative play. Her previous collection, *Big Green Crocodile*, was a great success and prompted many requests for more. Jane's work with children in her local library keeps her very much up-to-date with what they like and enjoy. She lives in Cornwall.

Carolina Rabei grew up in Moldova, and gained a BA in Graphic Art there, and a distinction in Children's Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. Her debut book was an illustrated edition of Walter de la Mare's poem *Snow*. She has also written *Little Lost Fox* (2020) and illustrated Jane Newberry's previous activity rhyme collection, *Big Green Crocodile* as well as *Binky's Time to Fly* by Sharmila Collins. She lives in Cambridge, England.



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