

The Worst Perfect Moment

by Shivaun Plozza

Equal parts hilarious and heartbreaking, tender and edgy, this inventive romance asks what it means to be truly happy.

Tegan Masters is dead.

She's sixteen and she's dead and she's standing in the parking lot of the Marybelle Motor Lodge, the single most depressing motel in all of New Jersey and the place where Tegan spent what she remembers as the worst weekend of her life.

Tegan isn't particularly happy about this. At all.

In the front office, she meets Zelda, an annoyingly cute teen angel with a snarky sense of humour and an epic set of wings. According to Zelda, Tegan is in heaven, where every person inhabits an exact replica of their happiest memory.

But reconciling with her past, might just lead Tegan, and Zelda, to a happily-ever-afterlife ...

- **Humorous, witty, insightful and relatable**
- **An enemies-to-lovers f/f romance**
- **'The Good Place' meets 'It's a Wonderful Life' with a modern twist**
- **Written by Shivaun Plozza, an ABIA-nominated and award-winning author**
- **Themes include family dynamics, the afterlife, death, happiness, LGBTQ+**

Shivaun Plozza's critically acclaimed debut novel, *Frankie*, was nominated to ALA's Best Fiction for Young Adults List, highly commended at the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards, shortlisted for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards, and won the Davitt Award for best YA crime novel. Her second novel, *Tin Heart*, was nominated to ALA's Best Fiction for Young Adults List and received starred reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly. Shivaun's middle grade debut, *The Boy, the Wolf, and the Stars*, was a JLG selection. She has written two other middle grade novels: *A Reluctant Witch's Guide to Magic* and *Meet Me at the Moon Tree*. Shivaun lives in Australia with her cat.

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Loverboy

by Ben Tomlinson

Alfie puts the hopeless into hopeless romantic. Perfect for fans of Holly Bourne, Sophie Gonzales and Michelle Quach

'Deeply relatable' Nathanael Lessore
'Fresh, funny and full of heart' Lisa Williamson

Alfie thinks Maya might be the One, and he's desperate to tell her ... until she reveals she's got a new, cooler boyfriend. Crushed, Alfie starts hanging out with Maya's shy best friend Gwen – and develops feelings for her. But Gwen's hiding something, and Alfie's confused.

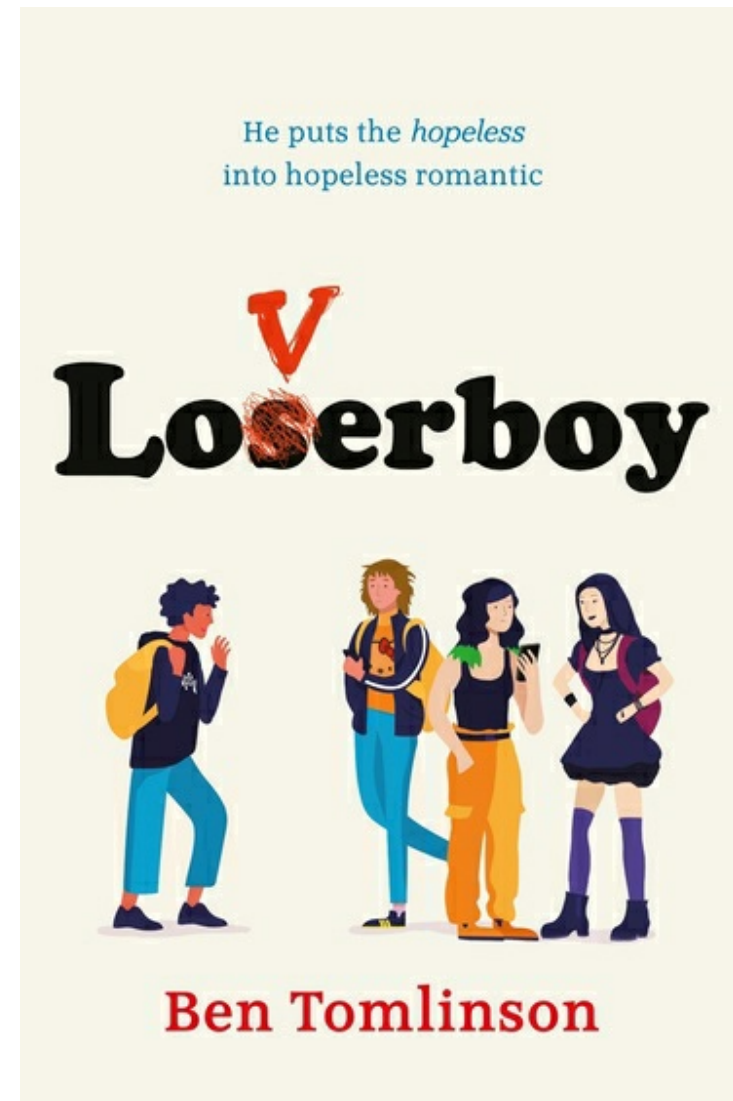
As Alfie looks for love within his friendship group, things get complicated – until Alfie makes a big mistake. Can he score with the girl of his dreams – or is he onto a losing streak?

A sweetly funny romance about a boy looking for love in all the wrong places.

- **A unique, humorous romance about a boy looking for love within his friendship group - and all the drama that leads to**
- **With themes of self-reliance and family break-up**
- **Perfect for fans of Sex Education, Holly Bourne, Jenny Han and Sophie Gonzales**
- **Author works in youth theatre and will be promoting his books through schools and theatre groups**
- **Loverboy deftly captures the romantic chaos of teenage dating – readers' hearts will ache for Alfie and his friends.' James L. Sutter**
- **A fun, refreshing read.' Gavin Extence**

Ben Tomlinson lives in London, and has loved writing stories from a very early age. He is a graduate of Sussex University and the Creative Writing MA at the University of East Anglia. He worked for many years as a theatre facilitator, leading workshops and directing youth theatres with young people of all ages. When he is not reading and writing he loves watching football, street-dancing, people-watching and exploring London.

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I Am Going!

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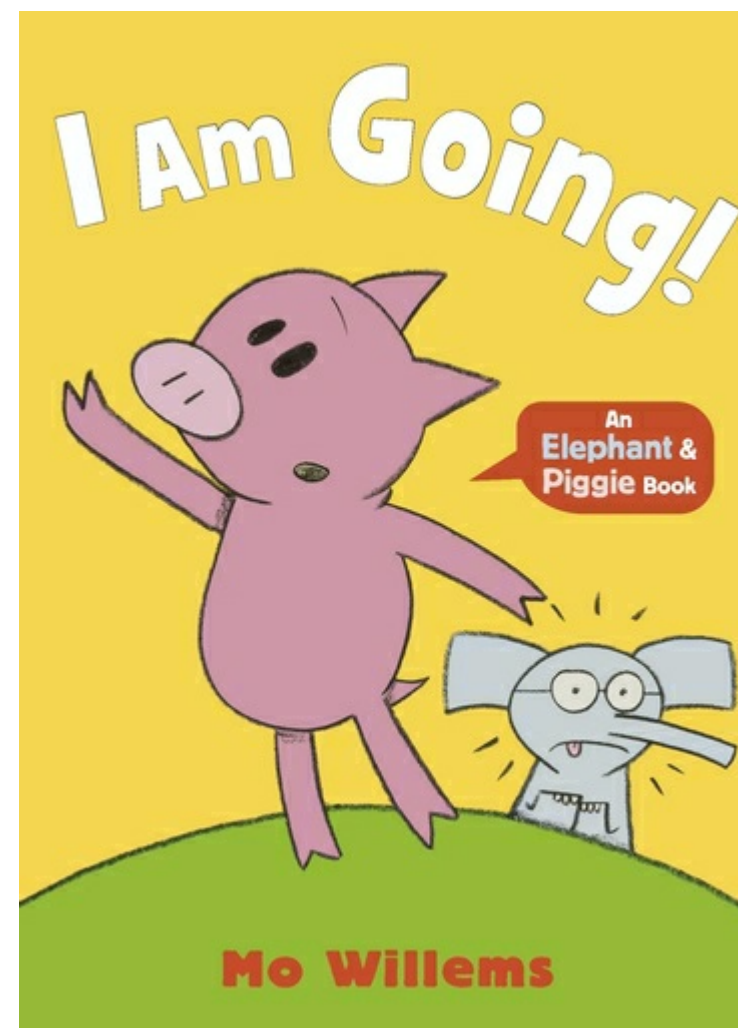
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Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can.
Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to.
Gerald and Piggie are best friends.

Piggie ruins a perfectly good day by telling Gerald she is going. If Piggie goes, who will Gerald skip with, play ping-pong with, wear silly hats with...? Mo Willems creates another hilarious escapade starring the award-winning duo that will have early readers breaking into laughter from the first page.

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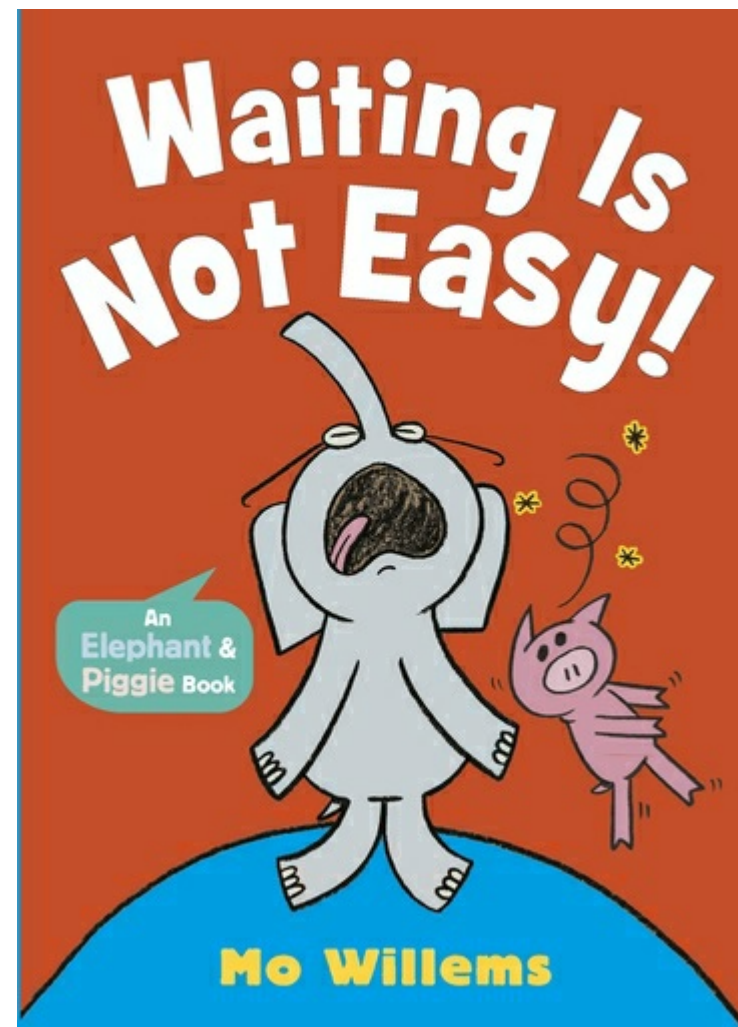
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Piggie has a surprise for Gerald, but he is going to have to wait for it. And Wait. And wait... Mo Willems creates another hilarious escapade starring the award-winning duo that will have early readers breaking into laughter from the first page.

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I Will Take a Nap!

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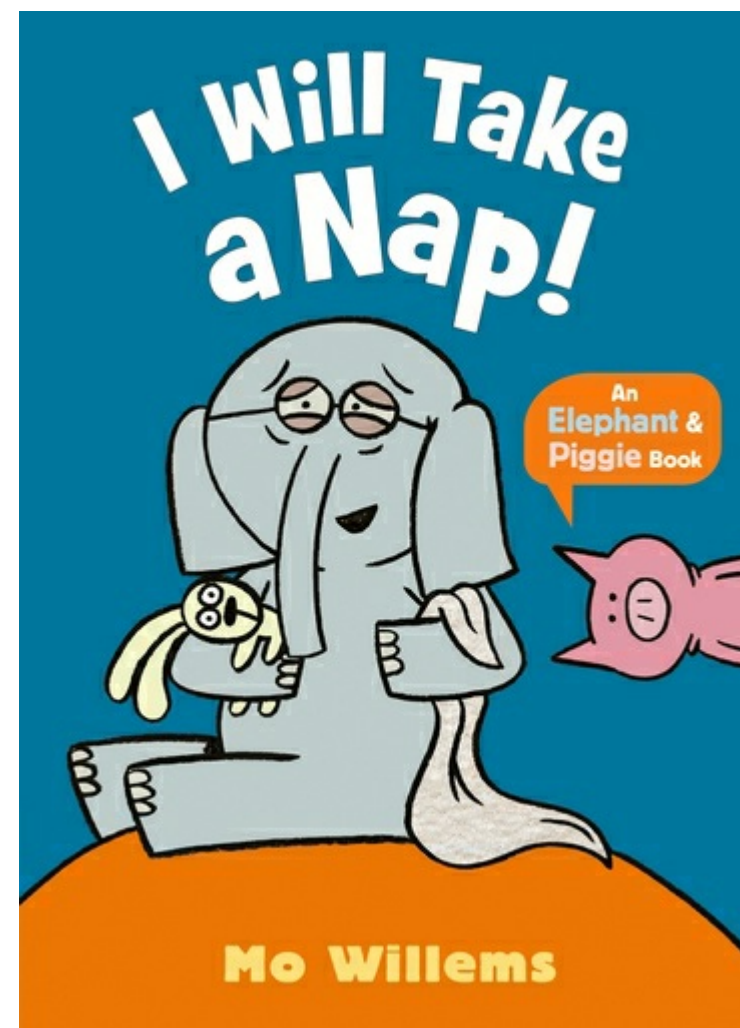
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Gerald is tired and cranky. Will Piggie be in his dreams? Or will she keep Gerald from dreaming at all...? Mo Willems creates another hilarious escapade starring the award-winning duo that will have early readers breaking into laughter from the first page.

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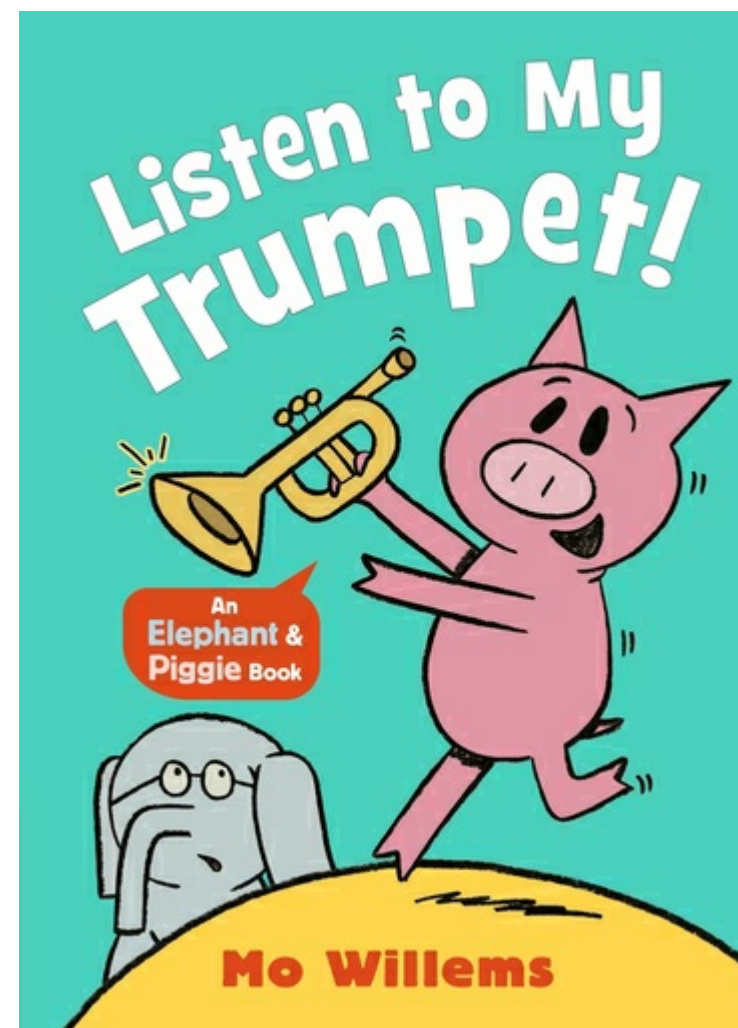
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Maisy Big, Maisy Small: A Book of Rhyming Opposites

by Lucy Cousins

illustrated by Lucy Cousins

Explore the world of opposites with Maisy!

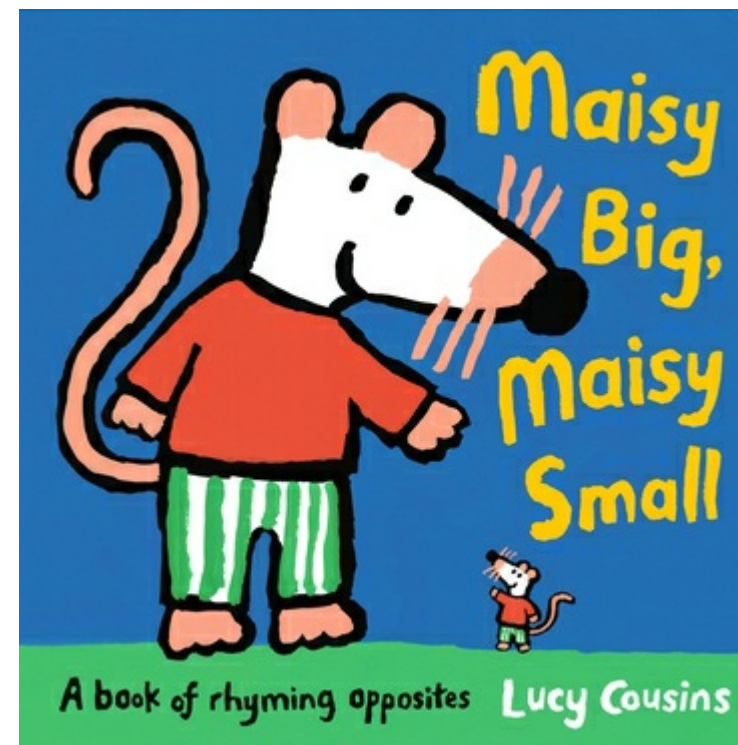
*Maisy stop,
Maisy go,
Maisy fast,
Maisy slow!*

Readers both BIG and small will love exploring rhyming word pairs with Maisy, including hot, cold, young, old, stripes, spots, one, lots, and many, many more! This revised edition of Lucy Cousins' classic early-learning book is bursting with bright colours, irresistible rhymes and hilarious moments. In large hardback with rounded corners, it's the perfect introduction to opposite words and a guaranteed read-aloud favourite.

- An entertaining early-learning book featuring twenty-two pairs of opposites!
- Lucy Cousins' bright colours and bold outlines will delight both adults art-lovers and curious toddlers.
- The rhyming text is perfect for reading together – little ones will love joining in and second-guessing the opposite words!
- Large hardback format and rounded corners mean this Maisy book is up to the job of repeat readings!
- Lucy Cousins' Maisy books have sold over 44 million copies worldwide and are available in 33 different languages.

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 *Hooray for Fish!* – which has appeared in animation in Japan; the bestselling New York Times Top 10 Best Illustrated Children's Book *Yummy*; the critically acclaimed *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; and more recently *Splish, Splash, Ducky!*, *Let's Play Monsters!* and *A Good Place*.

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Maisy's Big Book of Kindness

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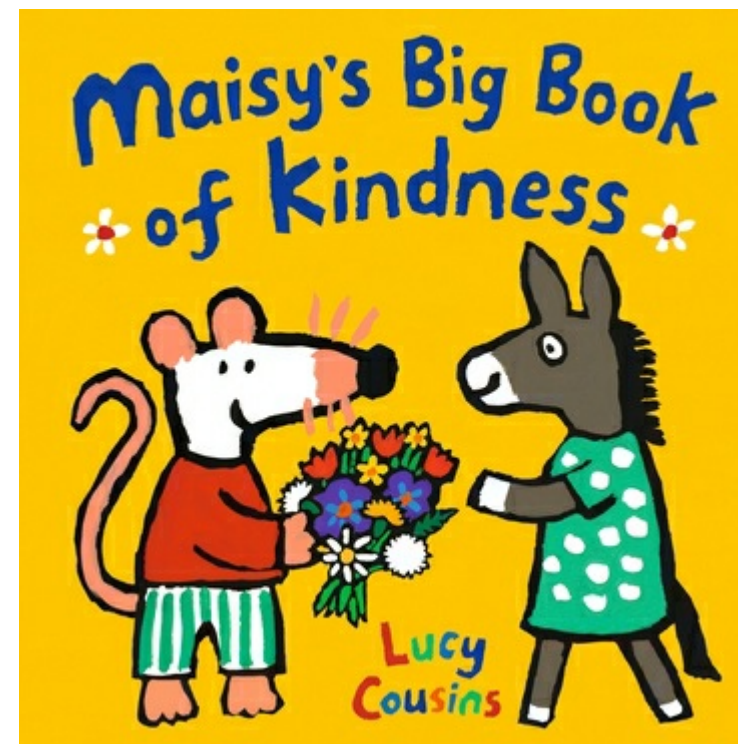
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Discover how kindness makes Maisy's world go round! Now available in paperback!

Join Maisy and her friends as they explore all sorts of wonderful ways to be kind, such as sharing, caring, giving, helping the planet and more! This beautiful, bright and joyful celebration of kindness will be an inspiring addition to the bookshelves of little ones and their parents, carers and teachers.

- The much-loved character of Maisy is the perfect guide in this heartwarming celebration of everyday acts of kindness. Now available in paperback!
- Full of fun and eye-catching ideas to inspire little ones, including sharing toys, making cards and gifts, watering plants, caring for friends and looking after animals.
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The Greedy Wolf

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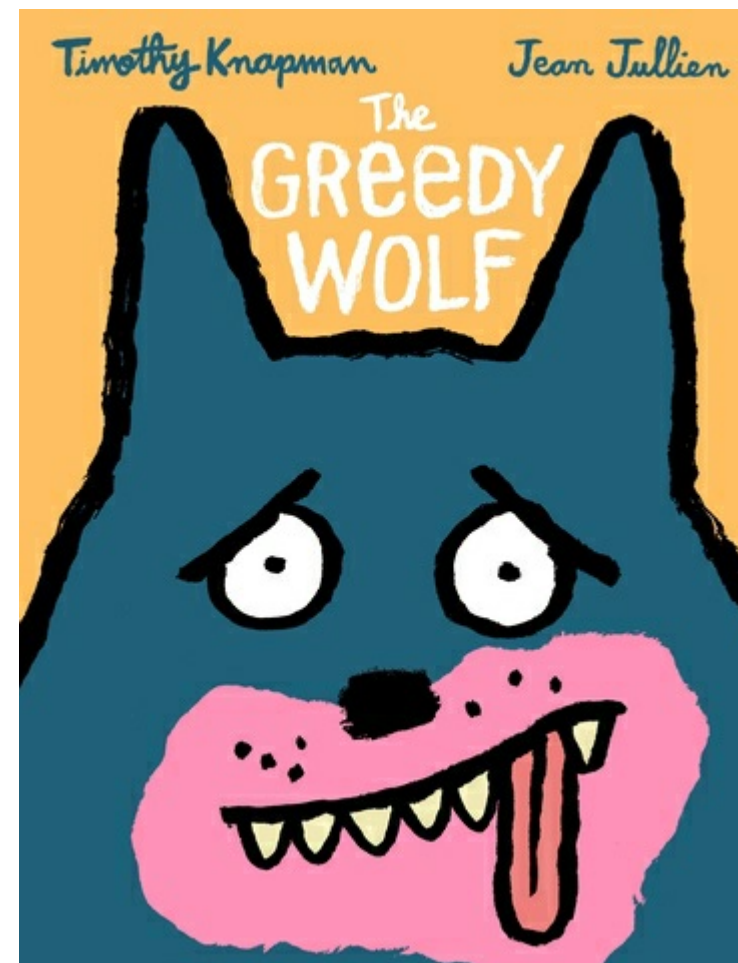
There was once a greedy wolf. He was so greedy that every day he would eat enough food for TEN birthday parties and still be hungry for more...

A wicked and ravenous wolf is on the prowl for dinner when he spots, *dun dun dun*, seven young goats ... left at home *alone*. But, fear not, whilst these kid goats may be little, they are clever, innovative and have enough downright silly tricks in hand to avoid getting eaten and maybe even ... get a little (or rather big) snack themselves. Storytelling master Timothy Knapman and graphic genius Jean Jullien have come together to create a thoroughly entertaining read (and laugh)-aloud picture book version of the ancient Grimms fairy tale "The Wolf and the Seven Young Goats".

- **Jean Jullien's distinctive line and characterful expressions combined with Timothy Knapman's perfectly balanced tone, make this a thoroughly modern and thoroughly enthralling fairytale re-telling for all the family!**
- **This simple story that packs plenty of punch. *The Greedy Wolf* is a comic, suspenseful tale with unexpected twists and a delicious ending.**
- **Jean Jullien's artwork is instantly recognizable and he has over 1.2 million followers on Instagram.**

Timothy Knapman is a children's writer, lyricist and playwright. His children's books have been translated into many different languages and include *Soon*, illustrated by Patrick Benson, *Time Now to Dream*, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury, *Dinosaurs Don't Have Bedtimes*, illustrated by Nikki Dyson, *Can't Catch Me*, illustrated by Simona Ciruolo, and *Follow the Track all the Way Back*, illustrated by Ben Mantle. Timothy's titles are often featured on CBeebies Bedtime Stories. He lives in Surrey. Find him online at timothyknapman.co.uk and on Twitter and Instagram as @TimothyKnapman.

Jean Jullien is an illustrator who works with a vast range of media including photography, installations and clothing. His clients include Waterstones, the Tate, Channel 4, *The New York Times* and the *Guardian*; he also exhibits his work worldwide. His picture books include *Hoot Owl*, *Master of Disguise*, *I Want to Be in a Scary Story* and *How to Be Cooler than Cool*, all written by Sean Taylor. Originally from Nantes, France, Jean now lives in Paris. Find him online at jeanjullien.com and on Instagram as @jean_jullien.



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Good Night, Zodiac Animals

by Jiemei Lin

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A child's first introduction to the lunar year and its twelve zodiac animals springs to life with striking, colorful art and a pictogram on each spread.

With the dawn of a new lunar year, one of twelve animals in the zodiac will rise and shine and distinguish the year with its unique personality. And when that year is over, the creature will lie down, close its eyes, and dream its dreams until its turn comes around again. With gorgeous bold, graphic imagery and a touch of humor, Jiemei Lin offers a dreamscape of sweet rhymes and sleepy creatures. From the tiny mouse to the mighty tiger, each is labeled with its own pictogram, and more information about the lunar year and the zodiac may be found in a note at the end.

- A graphic, colorful introduction to Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in China, Malaysia, Korea, and other East Asian countries, and grows increasingly familiar to western countries and cultures
- Relatively speaking there are more children's books that cover the collective elements of Lunar New Year celebrations than are focused specifically on the zodiac animals
- A board book that combines the memorable and distinctive illustrations of a newcomer with friendly-looking animals, simple rhyme, and bedtime, making it just as suitable for the general population as for families and communities that mark the Lunar New Year

Jiemei Lin is a designer, illustrator, and painter who works with both digital and traditional media, often taking on themes of individual and cultural identity, with a particular emphasis on design and color. Her mission as an illustrator is to represent and communicate with young audiences from underrepresented groups. Born in Hangzhou, China, Jiemei Lin lives and works in the inland northwest part of Washington State.



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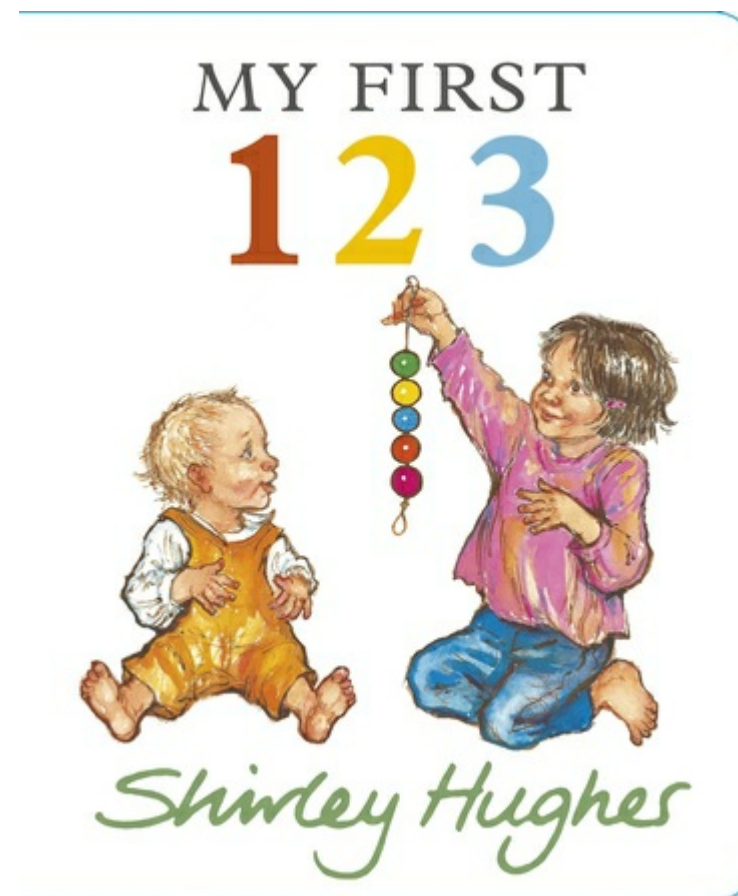
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- **One of four new concept-based board books starring Katie and her little brother Oly: *ABC*, *123*, *Opposites* and *Colours*.**
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- **"Shirley Hughes is a national treasure." *Philip Pullman***

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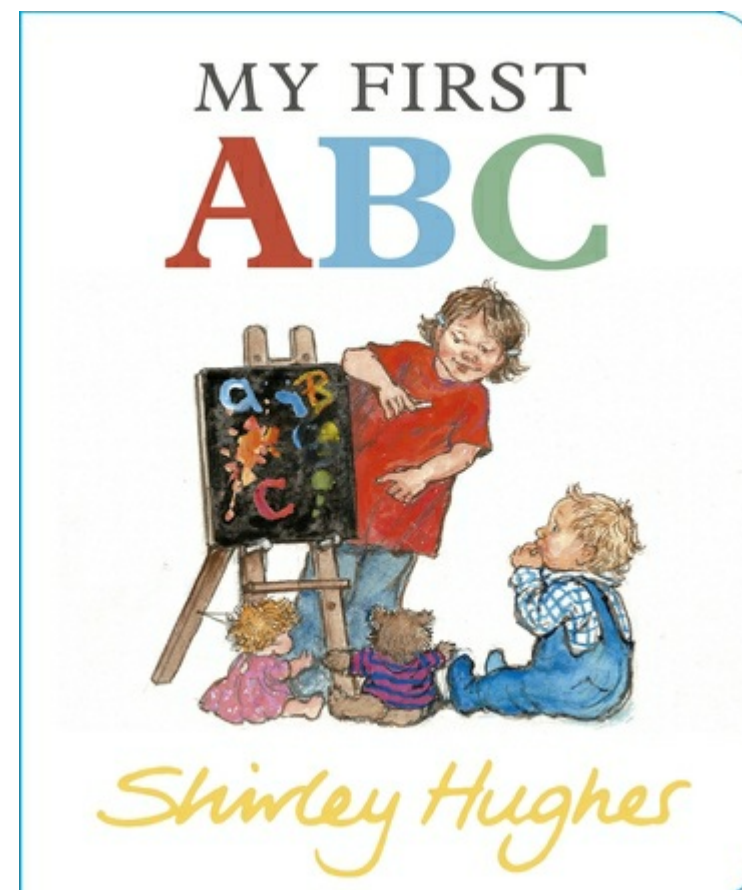
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