

Guess How Much I Love You: I See Me!: With a Mirror Surprise

by Sam McBratney
illustrated by Anita Jeram

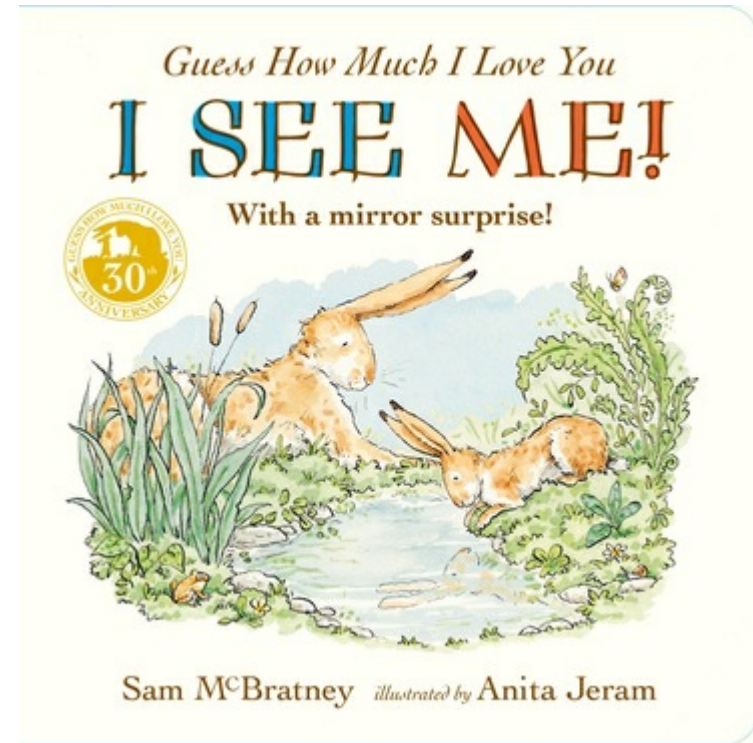
Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare play a game of I-spy, with a mirror surprise at the end!

Join Little Nutbrown Hare as he explores the world around him, with a mirror surprise on the last page! A new title for the 30th anniversary of *Guess How Much I Love You*, featuring original words by Sam McBratney, and the first new artwork from Anita Jeram since *Will You Be My Friend?*

- A charming story from the creators of the world-renowned classic, *Guess How Much I Love You*.
- Publishing in the 30th anniversary year for *Guess How Much I Love You*.
- With a baby-friendly mirror on the final page!
- Featuring cherished characters Big and Little Nutbrown Hare and with the series' trademark playful, warm, lyrical text and exquisite illustrations
- Since its release 30 years ago, the *Guess How Much I Love You* series has sold over 57 million copies in 57 languages worldwide.

Sam McBratney, author of one of the world's bestselling picture books, *Guess How Much I Love You*, has won the Bass Ireland Arts Prize and the Bisto Award, twice. He is also the author of the bestselling *You're All My Favourites* and the follow-up to *Guess How Much I Love You*, *Will You Be My Friend?*.

Anita Jeram is the highly acclaimed illustrator of the globally adored picture book *Guess How Much I Love You*, as well as *You're All My Favourites* and *I Love My Little Storybook*, which she also wrote, and *Skip to the Loo, My Darling!* written by Sally Lloyd-Jones. Anita Jeram lives in County Antrim, Northern Ireland.



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WALKER BOOKS

I Am Not the Easter Bunny

by T L McBeth

illustrated by T L McBeth

A hilariously clever picture book about a regular garden-variety bunny who, despite the evidence, says he is definitely NOT the Easter Bunny.

Everyone, look! It's the Easter Bunny!

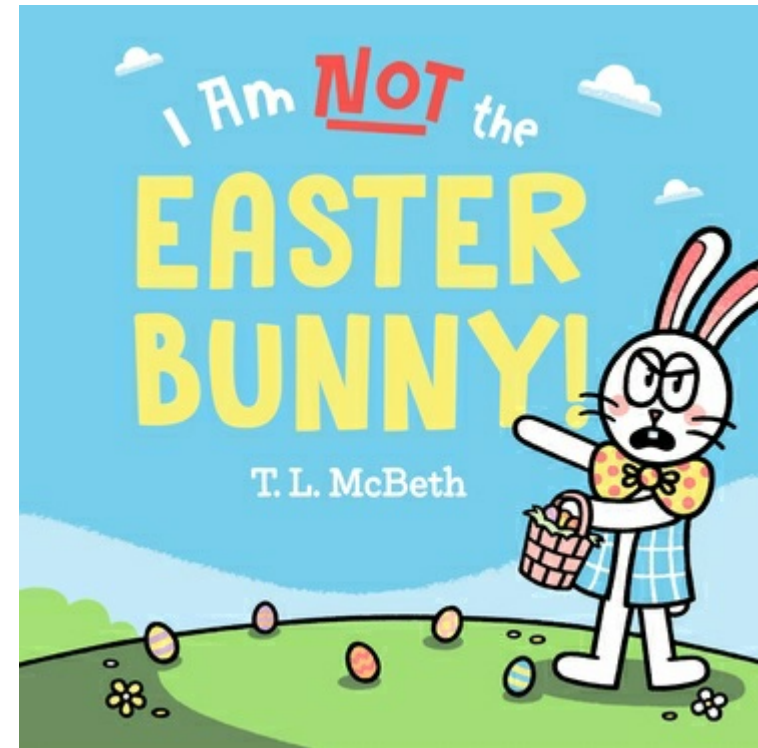
He says he's just a regular ol' fluffy white bunny, but he's got a vest and a bow tie, and a big basket full of painted eggs and candy! He MUST be the Easter Bunny! Right?

Step inside and find out for yourself! Is this the REAL Easter Bunny?

- From T. L. McBeth comes a funny and clever picture book told through bold, vivid art that is the perfect Easter basket stuffer!
- Perfect for Easter celebrations, Easter baskets, and for all bunny fans
- Bright and colourful illustrations
- A highly enjoyable narrative that keeps young readers engaged, wanting to learn the true answer about the Easter Bunny
- Great for fans of Mo Willems' Pigeon books or Elephant & Piggie books

T. L. McBeth was born in Findlay, Ohio. As a child, he grew up reading Dr. Seuss and H. A. & Margret Rey (although he mainly looked at the pictures). He studied illustration in college where he developed a love for expressive and minimal characters. In 2015, he moved to New York City to pursue an illustration career and he is currently lucky enough to illustrate picture books full time. He now lives in Bloomington, Indiana and enjoys working from his small home studio in the middle of nowhere.

When he does leave the house, he likes to watch the dogs in the neighbourhood dog park and visit bookstores for inspiration. He is the illustrator of *Stegothesaurus*, *Triceratopposite*, *Ogilvy*, *Ducks!* and the *Big Words Small Stories* series, and the author/illustrator of *Robot in Love* and the *Randy, the Badly Drawn Horse* series. T. L. was previously an artist-in-residence at Wetherby-Pembridge School New York. His work has been featured by *Macmillan*, *Scholastic*, *Penguin Random House*, *Threadless*, *McDonald's*, *TODAY*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Society of Illustrators* and is part of the permanent collection of the Mazza Museum.



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The Kids Who Rescued Easter

by Jackie Hosking

illustrated by Nathaniel Eckstrom

From the creators of *An Aussie Christmas Gum Tree* and *When Santa Got Stuck in a Gum Tree*, comes an Easter adventure full of laughs, friendship and surprises.

The Easter Bunny has dropped his eggs!

The kids in the neighbourhood gather to save the day ... but are they really helping?

A deliciously sweet – and hilarious – spin on an iconic tale, from the best-selling team behind *An Aussie Christmas Gum Tree*.

- An egg-citing and sweet picture book from well-known and well-loved pairing, Jackie Hosking and Nathaniel Eckstrom.
- Over 20,000 copies of *An Aussie Christmas Gum Tree* have sold to date.
- Jackie Hosking has reimagined an Australian classic, *The Man From Snowy River*, into a fun and entertaining Easter adventure story.

Jackie Hosking is a Nigerian-born Cornish Australian who moved to Australia when she was ten. Jackie began writing for children after completing a creative writing course at her local community house in a seaside town off The Great Ocean Road in Victoria. In 2012 she was awarded a Maurice Saxby Mentorship and in 2011 she mentored a Maurice Saxby Mentee on writing in rhyme. Her picture book *The Croc and the Platypus* was published by Walker Books Australia in 2014, followed by *An Amazing Australian Road Trip* in 2021. In 2019 Jackie was awarded a May Gibbs Creative Time Fellowship where she spent a month in Canberra. Jackie loves to write in rhyme and when she's not writing in rhyme she enjoys helping others with their rhyme.

Nathaniel Eckstrom is an illustrator based in Sydney, Australia. He has worked on a number of children's picture books including *Stubborn Stanley*, *The Hole Idea*, *Roadtrip* and *The Dress-Box*. His previous titles with Walker Books include *Duck!*, written by Meg McKinlay, and *Ten Little Figs*, written by Rhian Williams.



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WALKER BOOKS

Neville's Great Escape

by Sean E Avery

illustrated by Sean E Avery

A companion story to the multi-award winning, internationally successful *Frank's Red Hat* starring Neville, the penguin who was eaten by a whale - or was he?

Neville was a penguin known for being somewhat of a risktaker. He was brave, bold, and beloved by all.

Until the day he was eaten by a whale.

Or so it seemed ...

Because that was only the beginning of the story.

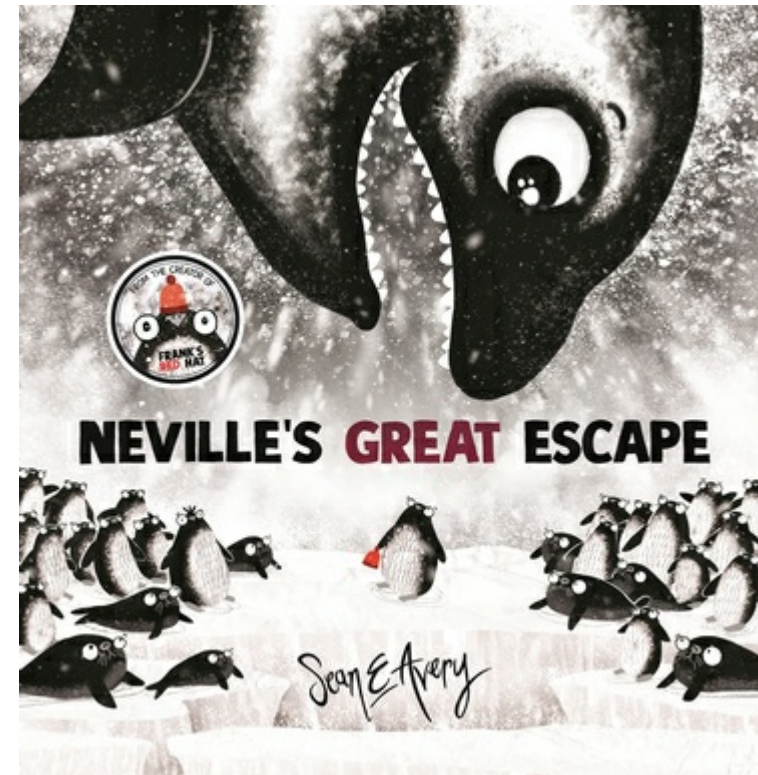
A delightful - and daring - companion tale to the award-winning and bestselling *Frank's Red Hat*.

- **Both stand alone story and sequel to the award winning, best selling *Frank's Red Hat* (winner of the 2023 CBCA Shadow Judges Picture Book of the Year; shortlisted for 2023 CBCA Picture Book of the Year, 2023 Indie Awards and 2023 WAYRBA awards).**
- **Perfect for fans of Aaron Blabey, Dav Pilkey ... and Sean E Avery!**
- **Absurd and endearing, with Sean E Avery's well-loved charm and laugh-out-loud humour**
- **Illustrations feature a monochromatic palette with pops of colour**

Sean E Avery is a teacher, writer-illustrator, sculptor and designer born in South Africa currently living in Perth, Western Australia. Locally, he's best known as the writer-illustrator of well-loved children's picture books. *Frank's Red Hat* (Walker, 2022) was shortlisted for the 2023 CBCA Picture Book of the Year and was winner of Shadow Judges Picture Book of the Year, and was also shortlisted for the 2023 Indie and WAYRBA awards. It has been published in several territories. In 2023, Sean released *Mr Clownfish*, *Miss Anemone and the Hermit Crab* alongside two graphic novels, *Friendly Bee and Friends* and *Friendly Bee: Woe is for Worm*. The first book in his Ducky the Spy series *Expect the Unexpected* publishes in early 2024.

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Frank's Red Hat

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Winner of the CBCA Shadow Judging 2023

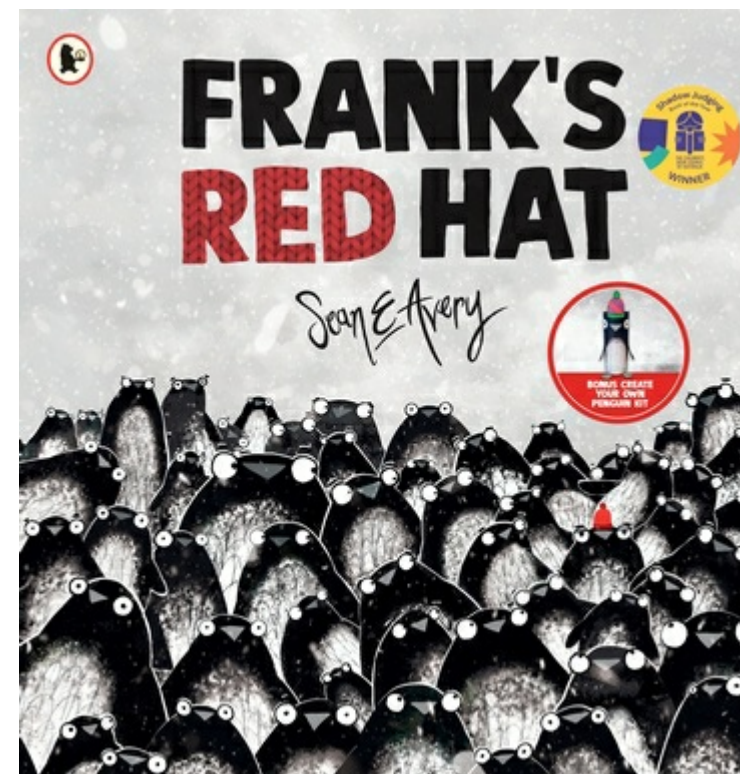
Now in paperback and includes BONUS *Make Your Own Penguin* activity!

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!**

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WALKER BOOKS

You Can't Pat a Fish

by Ruth Paul

illustrated by Ruth Paul

A joyful rhyming Suessian romp that puts a playful twist on getting a pet.

If it's wet, it isn't a pet!

You can play with a puppy and snuggle a bunny, but as much as you wish, you can't pat a fish.

A visit to the pet shop is just the beginning of this delightful, insightful and fun-filled story of *not* getting what you wished for!

- Funny, fresh, unexpected, and a perfect read-aloud
- Reminiscent of the best of Dr Seuss' classic picture books
- From award-winning and internationally celebrated creator, Ruth Paul
- For any and every child who wishes for a pet of their own

Ruth Paul is an award-winning writer and illustrator of children's picture books, and a New Zealand Arts Laureate (2019). Her books have been published in New Zealand, Australia, USA, Canada, the UK, China and Korea, with translations into five languages. She has twice won the Picture Book Award at the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. Ruth is an experienced presenter at both schools and literary events, and takes up the University of Otago College of Education Creative New Zealand Children's Writer in Residence fellowship in 2023. She is also a champion of her local community Makara, Te Whanganui-a-Tara, where she lives and looks after a large native forest project.



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The Boldest White: A Story of Hijab and Community

by Ibtihaj Muhammad
illustrated by Hatem Aly

The third and final book in the best-selling series celebrating hijab, family and kindness following *The Proudest Blue* and *The Kindest Red*.

The highly-anticipated sequel to *The Proudest Blue* and *The Kindest Red*, a NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES which explores sisterhood and kindness, from trailblazer and Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

Bravery grows in your mind, but takes root in your heart.

Friday is Faizah's favourite day of the week – on Fridays she prays together with her family at Jummah and then she goes to fencing class. When nobody's watching, Faizah is the best fencer in the world. But there's a tournament coming up just before Eid, and with everyone watching, Faizah is worried she won't be brave enough to compete. Can her big sister Asiya help Faizah find a way to be her boldest self?

An important and uplifting story about faith in religion, in family, and in yourself: to be bold in order to lead, to help, and to grow.

Praise for the series:

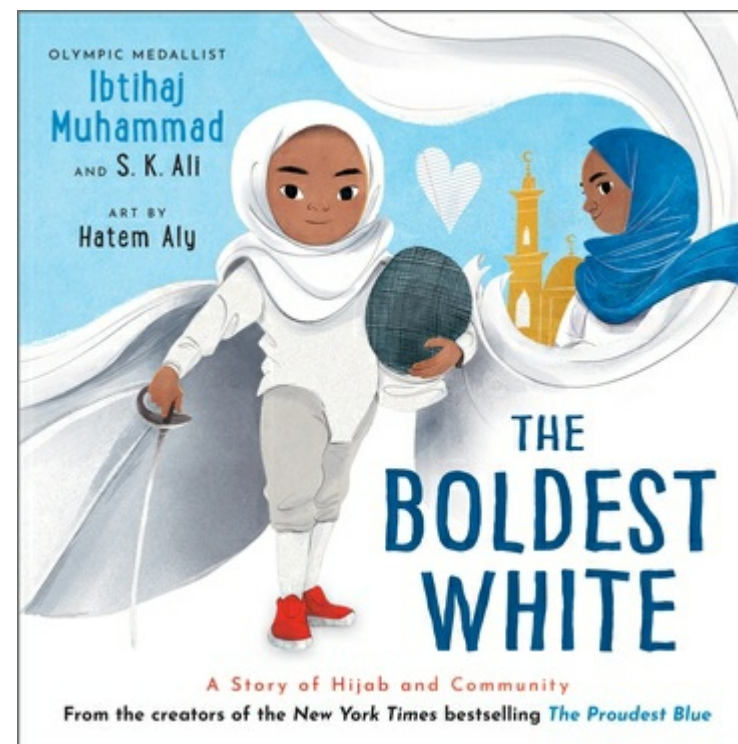
'A ground-breaking picture book about religion, sisterhood and identity.' WATERSTONES

'A beautiful and powerful story about the bond shared between siblings and being proud of yourself and your beliefs.' BOOKTRUST

- **A powerful story with a focus on boldness - this book will show children how to be themselves in front of others - to be brave to be who they are.**
- **The third in the series that started with *The Proudest Blue*, a New York Times Bestseller and an Amazon Best Book of 2019, described by Waterstones as 'a ground-breaking picture book about religion, sisterhood and identity'.**
- **Ibtihaj Muhammad, the first Muslim American woman in hijab to compete for the United States in the Olympic Games in fencing, tells this story that's close to her heart.**

Ibtihaj Muhammad is a fencer and the first Muslim American woman in hijab to compete and to win a medal for the United States in the Olympic Games. An activist, speaker and entrepreneur, Ibtihaj has written a memoir, *Proud*, and inspired the first hijabi Barbie in her likeness. Her first picture book, *The Proudest Blue*, was an instant New York Times bestseller.

Hatem Aly is the illustrator of many books, including the Newbery Honor Book *The Inquisitor's Tale*. Hatem was born in Egypt, and currently lives in Canada with his wife, son and their many pets.



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The Proudest Blue

by Ibtihaj Muhammad
illustrated by Hatem Aly

An important and uplifting family story of being proud of who you are from Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave.

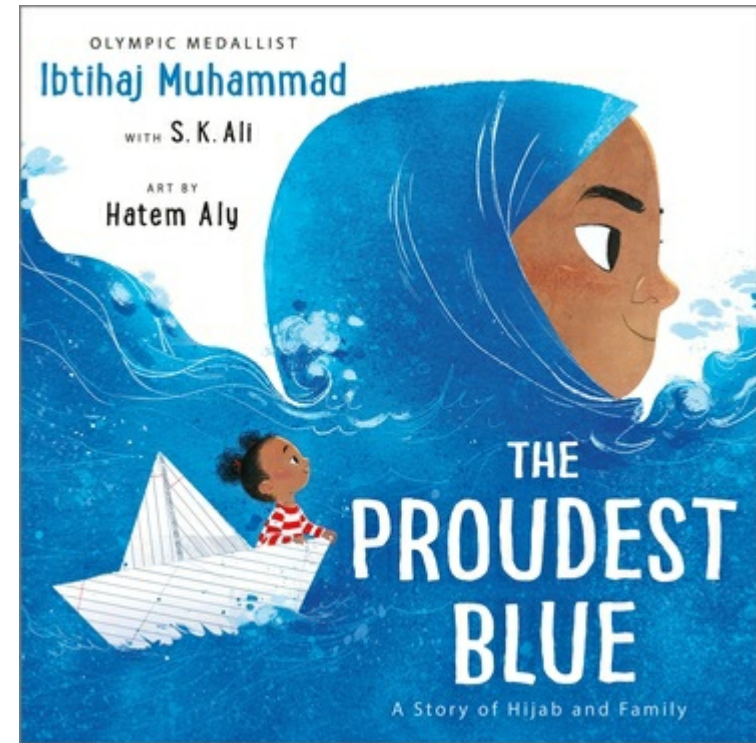
It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?

This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

- **Ibtihaj Muhammad is a fencer and was the first Muslim American woman in hijab to compete for the United States in the Olympic Games.**
- **A powerful story with an anti-bullying message which will help children to feel proud of their own culture, or to better understand that of their classmates.**
- **Beautifully explores the unbreakable bond between siblings, which will be relatable for readers of all ages.**
- **With stunningly vibrant illustrations from Hatem Aly.**

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The highly-anticipated sequel to *The Proudest Blue*; a New York Times Bestseller which explores sisterhood, and kindness, from trailblazer and Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

I want a kind world. A world where kindness passes from one to another.

When Faizah's teacher asks her class to imagine what kind of world they want to live in Faizah imagines a world where everyone is kind to one another, and tries to create that world in the school playground. But what Faizah wants most is to be like her big sister, Asiya. Will Faizah's classmates repay her kindness and find a way for her to match Asiya in time for school photo day?

An important and uplifting story about celebrating each other's differences and similarities.

- **A powerful story with a focus on kindness - this book will show children how to feel proud of their own culture, and how to better understand that of their classmates.**
- **The sequel to *The Proudest Blue*, a New York Times Bestseller and an Amazon Best Book of 2019, described by Waterstones as 'a ground-breaking picture book about religion, sisterhood and identity'.**
- **Highly-celebrated author, Ibtihaj Muhammad, was the first Muslim American woman in hijab to compete for the United States in the Olympic Games.**
- **A story about two sisters' connection with the hijab, which strengthens their bonds.**

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S. K. Ali is the award-winning author of *Saints and Misfits* and *Love from A to Z* and the coeditor of an upcoming Eid anthology. She and her sister visited hijab shops every year before the first day of school to choose their proudest colours.

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Henry the Artistic Dog

by Justin Worsley

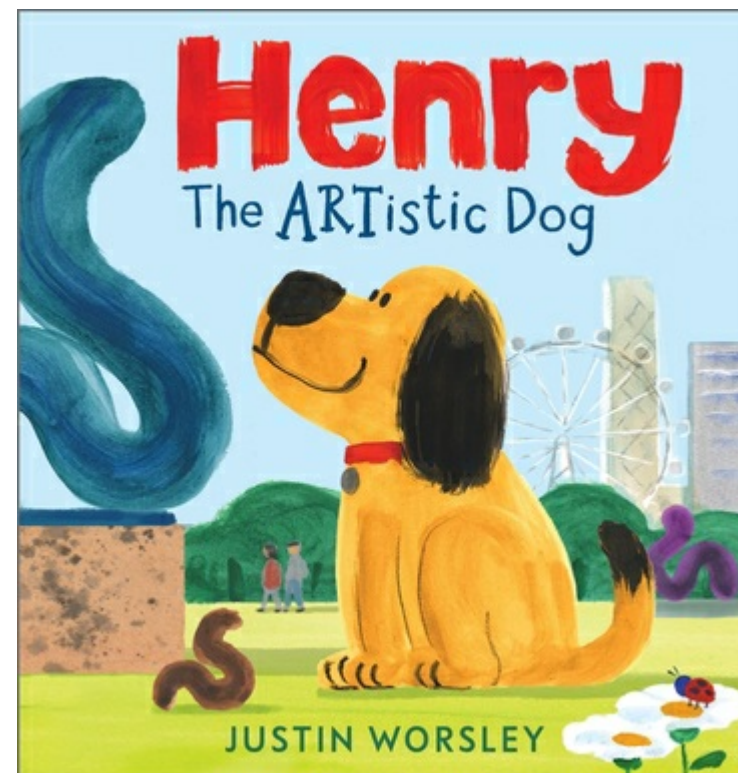
A hilarious, tongue-in-cheek picture book about a dog who makes sculptures out of his own poo, from debut talent Justin Worsley.

Henry doesn't think anyone appreciates his unusual art, but one night everything changes...

Henry is an artist, a master sculptor and . . . a dog. Unfortunately, his self-made pieces, in all their sculptural forms, are often tossed in the bin without even being noticed! But Henry never gives up on his art until, one day, an unexpected somebody finally falls in love with his work and at last Henry has his moment to shine.

- This tongue-in-cheek and truly unique picture book about creativity and perseverance is an ode to undiscovered artists everywhere!
- Henry becomes an overnight sensation as one of his sculptures is finally discovered and displayed in grand lobby of the Bug Hotel!
- Children will love to giggle at Henry's poo-sculptures and maybe spot a few when they're on their next walk in the park...
- A spectacular debut from a brand new talent to the picture book world.
- Justin Worsley graduated from the Cambridge School of Art with an MA in Children's Book Illustration in 2023, and has already won the Sebastian Walker Award and the Batsford Prize for his work. As a toy designer for over 25 years, Justin has a unique eye for art and design, and a brilliant sense of humour.

Justin Worsley has been a toy designer for over 25 years, and has now turned his hand to picture book making. He has a BA Hons in Industrial Design at Northumbria University, and in 2022 he graduated with a distinction from the Cambridge School of Art with an MA in Children's Book Illustration. He has since won the Batsford Prize, the CA award of excellence and the Sebastian Walker Prize. Henry: the Artistic Dog is Justin's first picture book.



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Dear Bookstore

by Emily Arrow

illustrated by Geneviève Godbout

A picture-book love letter to bookstores, inspired by a song from award-winning children's songwriter, ukulele player, and debut author Emily Arrow.

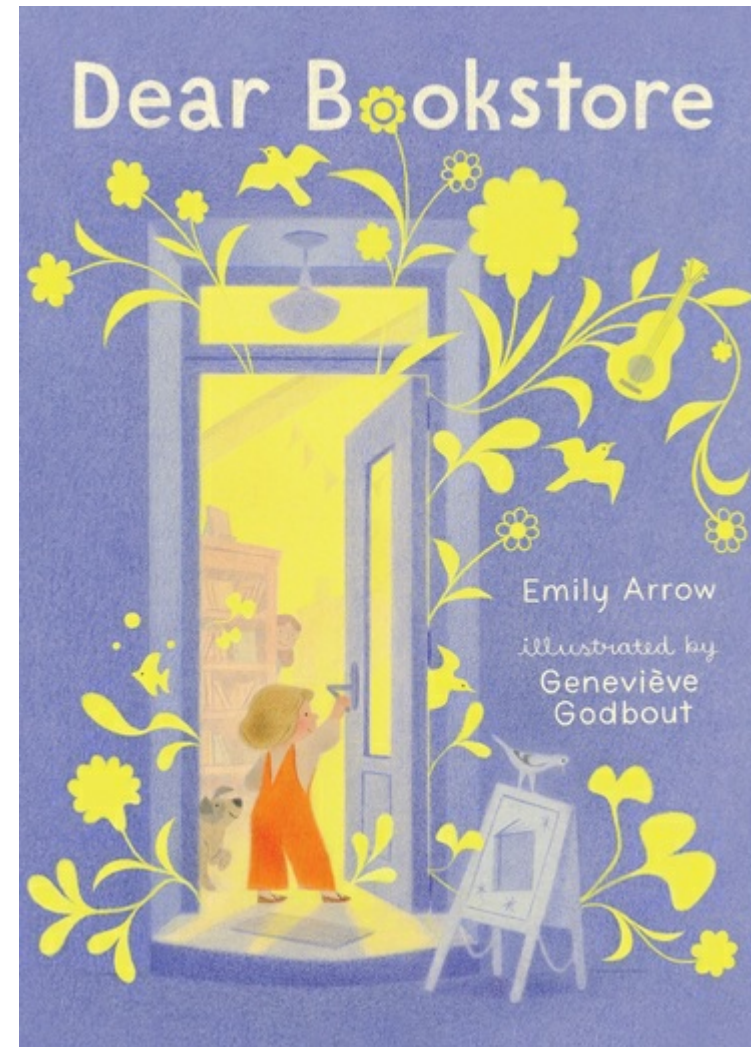
*Dear Bookstore, I remember
the first time I ever visited you.*

For one little girl, the local bookstore is not only the beginning of her reading journey, it's a world that's always there for her—one that allows her imagination to soar, provides any answers she needs, and sparks her curiosity. It's a place of wishes and dreams, where everybody and every book fits in. There's always someone there who is happy to see her and help find her next exciting chapter. With cozy, fanciful illustrations by Geneviève Godbout and based on musician Emily Arrow's song of the same name, *Dear Bookstore* is an ode to bookstores, the people who love them, and the books that fill them with magic.

- **A loving ode to the power of bookstores and the magic held within each new story**
- **The debut picture book from Emily Arrow, the ukulele playing singer-songwriter and children's entertainer, who created Kidlit tunes—a singalong musical genre inspired by picture books**
- **Warm, luminous artwork by Genevieve Godbout, who is making her Candlewick debut**

Emily Arrow (she/they) is an award-winning children's songwriter, author, and educator known for crafting meaningful stories and songs. Her music albums include *Sing Along with Emily Arrow* and the Storytime Singalong series. Alongside her ukulele companion, Bow, Emily Arrow aims to inspire young minds, encouraging them to embrace and share their own unique voices. She enjoys going on walks with her dog and partner and finding cozy corners in independent bookshops for reading. Emily Arrow resides in Los Angeles.

Geneviève Godbout is the illustrator of many picture books, including *The Pink Umbrella* by Amélie Callot, *Wherever You'll Be* by Ariella Prince Guttman, and *If I Couldn't Be Anne* by Kallie George. Her work has appeared in the Society of Illustrators Original Art Exhibit in New York and on Christmas and holiday stamps for the Canadian postal service. Geneviève Godbout lives in Montreal.



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WALKER BOOKS

100 Goats and Granny!

by Atinuke

illustrated by Lauren Hinds

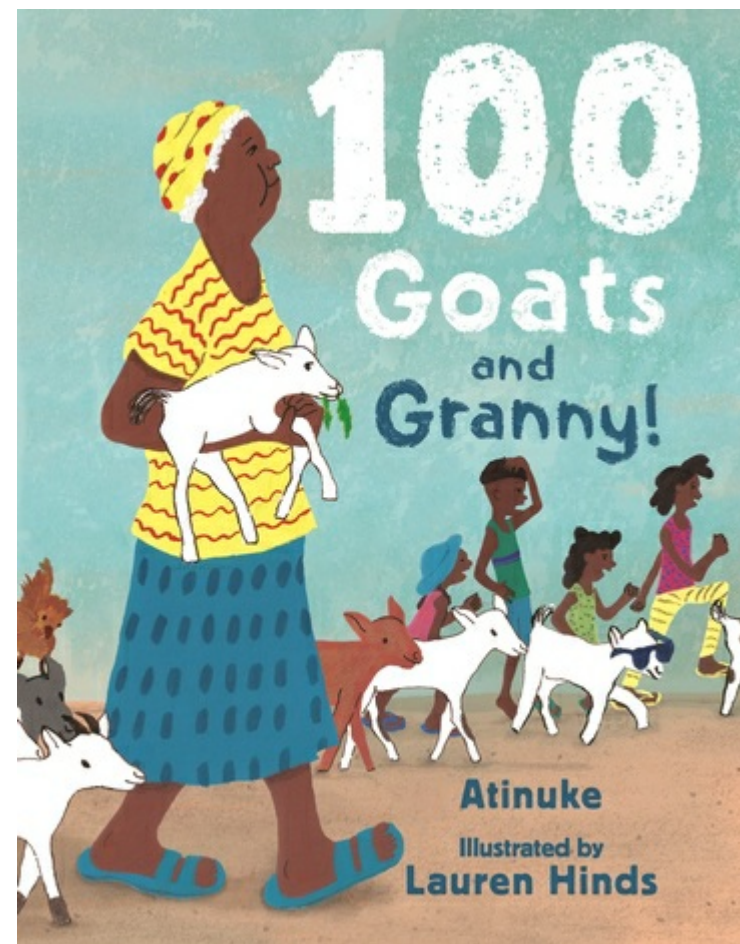
Count all 100 of Granny's mischievous goats in the brand-new picture book from award-winning author Atinuke and exciting debut Caribbean artist Lauren Hinds.

Granny's beloved goats follow her wherever she goes – to the tailor, to the salon, and even on the bus. The children help her to keep count of them all... Oh wait! Oh no! Where did goat 100 go? Follow the trail of clues and chaos through the bright, bustling market to help find the missing goat! A hilarious, energetic and charming picture book introducing children to numbers 1 to 100.

- An energetic, funny and vibrant celebration of a community pitching in to support each other with a sassy Granny, intrepid children and 100 cheeky goats all leading this original counting adventure.
- Atinuke's rhyming text is an irresistible read-aloud paired with richly imagined illustrations based on debut illustrator Lauren Hinds' Trinidadian home.
- "I hugely admire the wit and flair and beauty of what Atinuke does" *Katherine Rundell*

Atinuke was born in Nigeria and spent her childhood in both Africa and the UK. As a traditional oral storyteller, and drawing upon her recent Yoruba ancestry, she visits schools and theatres all over the world. Atinuke is the author of the Anna Hibiscus series, the No. 1 Car Spotter series, *Beti and the Little Round House* illustrated by Emily Hughes, and the picture books *Baby Goes to Market*, *B Is for Baby*, *L is for Love*, *Baby*, *Sleepy Baby* and *Catch That Chicken!* illustrated by Angela Brooksbank. Atinuke lives on a mountain overlooking the sea in west Wales and supports the charity SOS Children's Village. Visit her online at atinuke-author.weebly.com

Lauren Hinds is a cartoonist and bookbinder from Trinidad and Tobago. She began her career as a freelance illustrator at the Trinidad *Guardian* and during that time pursued a diploma in graphic design and a certificate in bookbinding at the John Donaldson Technical Institute (University of Trinidad and Trinidad Creativity Campus). She graduated from the Center for Cartoon Studies in 2010 and enjoys creating narratives for children and young adults using the comics and illustration mediums. Find her on Instagram as [@laurenhinds](https://www.instagram.com/laurenhinds).



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Mini and Milo: Elephants Never Forget

by Venita Dimos

illustrated by Natasha Curtin

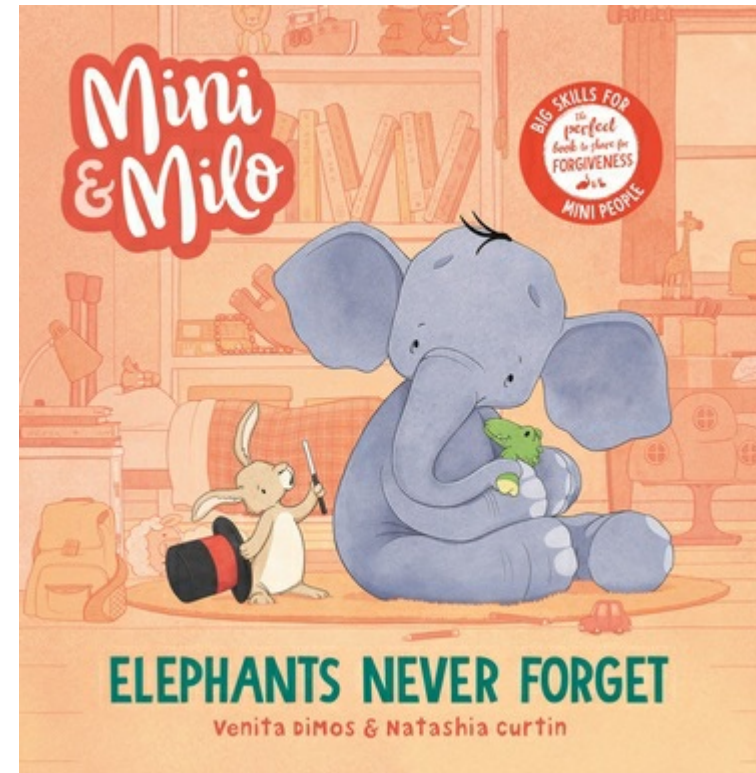
The perfect book to share to talk about forgiveness. The Mini and Milo stories are designed for both parent and teacher led discussion, and also as humorous, heart-warming stories to be enjoyed again and again

Mini has the best memory in the whole animal kingdom. She remembers the good stuff, the bad stuff and everything in between. And because Mini remembers everything, she also remembers mistakes. Usually other people's mistakes. So when her best friend Milo accidentally loses Mr Cuddles, Mini has to learn how to forgive ... and forget.

- **Story-led, branded series full of humour and emotional intelligence with characters who learn from hilarious hit and miss antics, and always via their own agency**
- **Parents will love the “Big Skills for Mini People” - the "hidden veggies” as Mini and Milo model much-needed skills (even at an early age) such as conflict management, communication and resilience . This title models: FORGIVENESS**
- **Written with charm , humour and expertise by Venita Dimos, a lawyer, mediator, family dispute resolution practitioner and specialist in conflict management and "applied emotional intelligence”**
- **The illustrations by Natasha Curtin immediately create characters, and a delightful world, that children (and parents) will love**
- **Join the community for more parent and teacher tips on Instagram @bigskillsforminipeople**

Venita **Dimos** is an experienced lawyer, mediator and coach. For over 20 years she has helped thousands of people solve complex problems and navigate difficult times in their lives. Venita lives in Melbourne with her daughters. She is an outright optimist, loves heartfelt conversations and has a penchant for all things chocolate. Visit her on Instagram @bigskillsforminipeople and @venitadimos and also www.mediationcompany.com.au

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.



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Mini and Milo: The Big Flappy Ears

by Venita Dimos

illustrated by Natasha Curtin

Story-led, with humour and heart, with "Big Skills for Mini People" the "hidden veggies", Mini and Milo help children gain much-needed skills such as conflict management and resilience skills. Now with additional parenting tips included!

Mini's ears are bigger than big and huger than huge ... but she has a problem. They aren't very good at listening. When Mini misses out on the excursion, she realises that maybe her ears aren't the problem after all. It's not the size or shape of your ears that count, but using them!

This series follows the adventures of Mini and Milo as they navigate friendship and all its ups and downs –example, competitiveness, managing inner voices, learning to listen, and communicating effectively.

Big Skills for Mini People: Listening

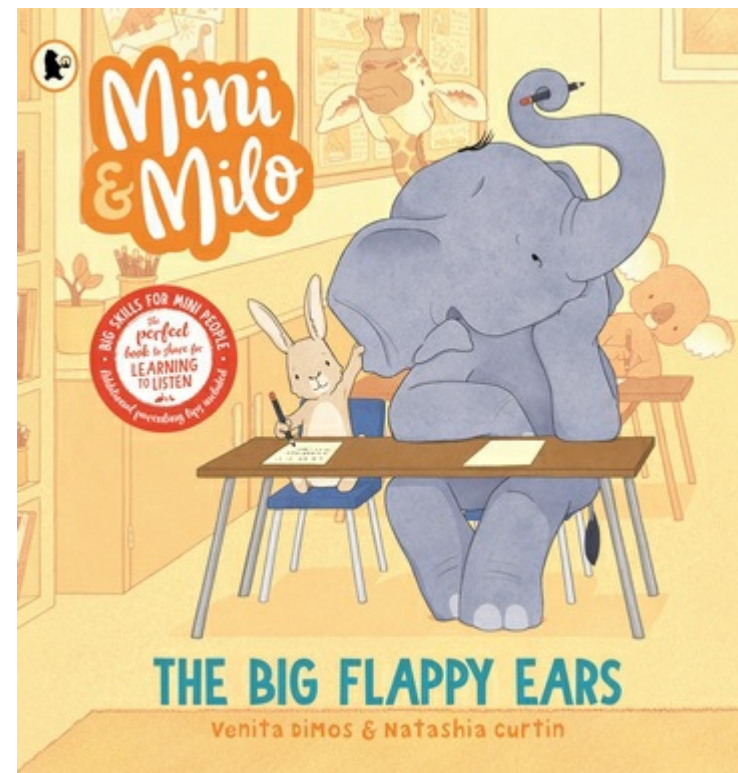
Includes additional parenting tips!

- **Character-led, branded series full of humour and emotional intelligence**
- **Adorable characters who learn from hilarious hit and miss, and always via their own agency, will appeal to children**
- **Parents will love the "Big Skills for Mini People" - the "hidden veggies" as Mini and Milo model much-needed skills (even at an early age) such as conflict management, communication and resilience . This second title models: LISTENING**
- **Written with charm , humour and expertise by Venita Dimos, a lawyer, mediator, family dispute resolution practitioner and specialist in conflict management and "applied emotional intelligence"**
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Mini and Milo: The Teeny-Tiny Voice

by Venita Dimos

illustrated by Natasha Curtin

First title in a new series, with endearing and charming characters, Mini and Milo model emotional intelligence in stories filled with humour and heart.

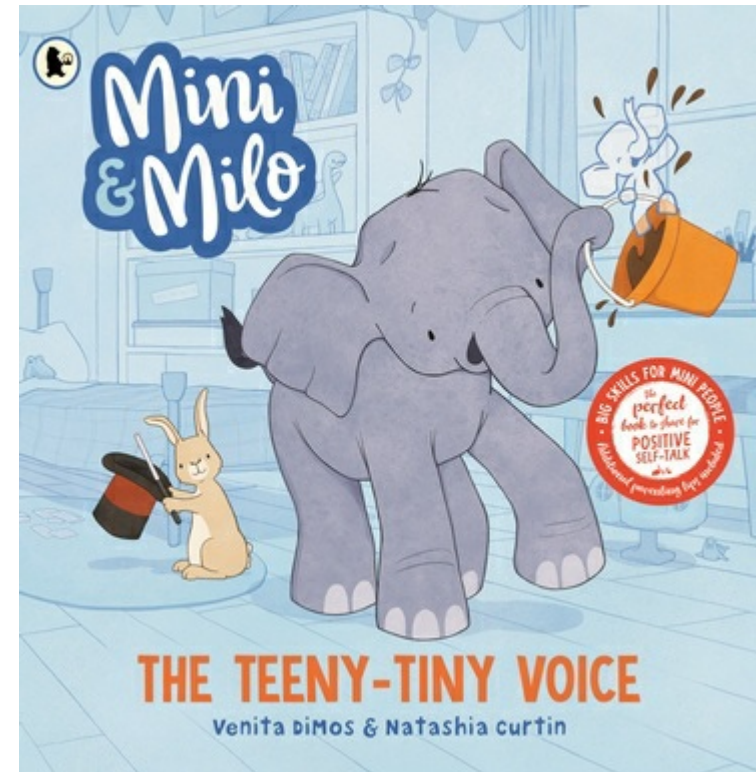
Mini has a tiny house, a tiny bedroom, and a tiny best friend who dreams of being a magician. She also has a big secret – she hears a tiny invisible voice that sometimes causes big trouble. Mini realises that just as she has rules to follow, she just might be able to set some for her own invisible mischief maker.

Big Skills for Mini People: Mindset. Includes additional parenting tips!

- **Adorable, character-led, branded series full of humour and emotional intelligence who learn via their own agency**
- **With added parenting tips to teach “Big Skills for Mini People” such as conflict management, communication and resilience. This titles models MINDSET**
- **Hilariously illustrated and written with charm , humour and expertise by Venita Dimos, a lawyer, mediator, family dispute resolution practitioner and specialist in conflict management and applied emotional intelligence.**

Venita Dimos is an experienced lawyer, mediator and coach. For over 20 years she has helped thousands of people solve complex problems and navigate difficult times in their lives. Venita’s books explore key life skills in a fun, humorous and imaginative way. Her *Mini & Milo* series has been driven by the importance of teaching children emotional and social intelligence early on, so they arrive into adulthood armed with skills that support their future success and happiness. Find her online at venitadimos.com and Instagram @venitadimos

Natasha 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 moved to Melbourne in the 1990s to study graphic design. You can follow her on Instagram, Facebook or at natashiacurtin.com.



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WALKER BOOKS

The House on the Canal: The Story of the House that Hid Anne Frank

by Thomas Harding

illustrated by Britta Teckentrup

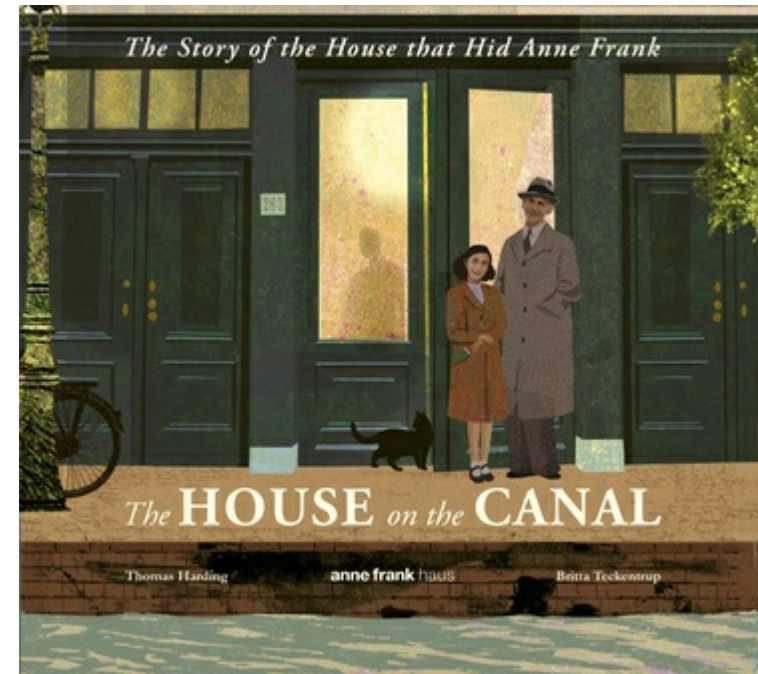
Charting 400 years of history, this is the astonishing true story of the Anne Frank House, beautifully illustrated by Britta Teckentrup.

In the middle of Amsterdam, stands a tall, narrow house on a canal. Over the course of four centuries the house has been a home to many – from poor families to wealthy couples, and those hiding from persecution. Like the family of a young Jewish girl who sought refuge in the annexe and wrote in her diary of the “old house on the canal”. The girl’s name was Anne Frank, and her diary became world famous.

- This is a companion title to Thomas and Britta's previous picture book, *The House by the Lake* and will sit alongside similarly themed titles such as DK's *A House Through Time*.
- Published in partnership with the Anne Frank House, which attracts over 1.2 million visitors a year.
- Publishing in January 2025 for Holocaust Memorial Day, this will be an exceptional resource for explaining key historical events and curriculum topics to young children, including WWII, the plague and Nazi occupation in Europe.

Thomas Harding is an award-winning author whose books have been translated into over nineteen languages. As a journalist, he has written for the *Financial Times*, *The Sunday Times* (London), *The Washington Post* and *The Guardian*, among other publications and works as a radio and television presenter. He cofounded a television station in Oxford and for many years was an award-winning documentary maker. He lives in Hampshire.

Britta Teckentrup's strikingly beautiful picture books have been published in more than twenty countries. They include *Tree*, *Bee*, *Moon*, *Ocean*, *Under the Same Sky*, which was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal and most recently for Walker, *The House by the Lake*. Born in Hamburg and educated in London at St. Martin's College and the Royal College of Art, she currently lives with her family in Berlin. See her work online at brittateckentrup.com, and follow her on Instagram at [@britta_teckentrup](https://www.instagram.com/britta_teckentrup).



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WALKER BOOKS

Hilwa's Gifts

by Safa Suleiman

illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan

A heartwarming picture-book debut brings a tradition many thousands of years old—harvesting and pressing olives into oil—vividly to life, showing how customs unite us across time and space.

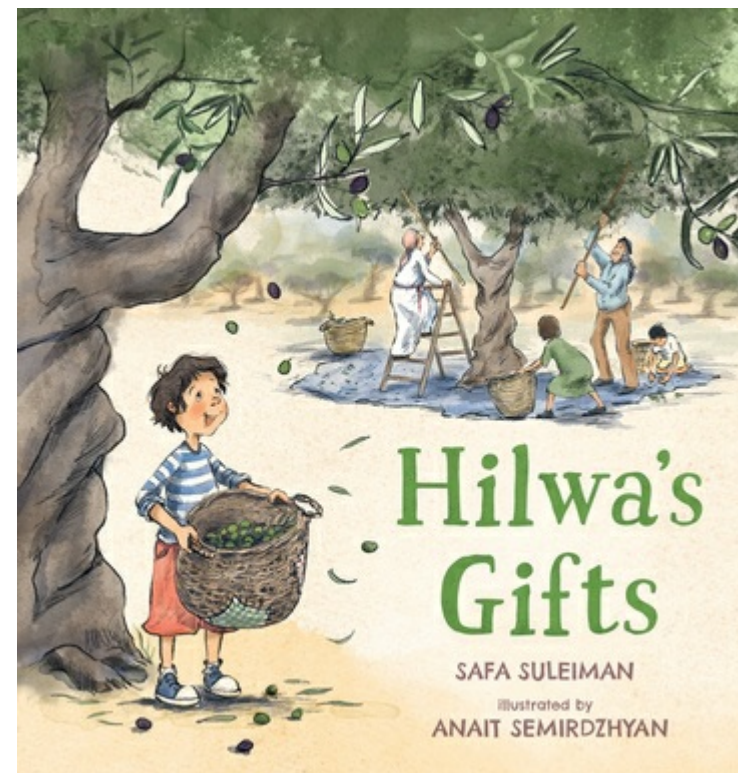
Ali has arrived in Palestine for a visit just in time for the olive harvest. His grandfather, Seedo, and Hilwa—his favorite tree—greet him in the grove, where Seedo explains that Hilwa has many gifts to share. Other family members whack the trees' branches with sticks, singing "Zaytoon, ya zaytoon" while cousins clap and dance and happily pick up fallen olives. (Luckily, a gentle whack is all it takes for Hilwa's fruits to rain down!) The next day, at the olive press, Ali watches the drip of gold liquid into a can, another of Hilwa's gifts. Later, they picnic under the tree's branches with hot mint tea, pita, and delicious olive oil swirled on hummus. Tradition is the greatest gift of all: the family gathering—generation after generation—to celebrate a bountiful harvest. Dynamic illustrations and a graceful text peppered with Arabic words, plus a glossary and author's note, make for an intimate picture-book debut about a child discovering his heritage.

- **A beautiful celebration of a tradition that's been practiced for thousands of years—the harvesting of olives—showing how customs can unite us across space and time**
- **The debut book of an exciting new voice in children's books, Safa Suleiman, who is paired here with illustrator Anait Semirdzhyan, whose star is very much on the rise**
- **For anyone interested in how olive oil is made, for anyone looking for a heartwarming multigenerational story, for anyone looking for a book set in Palestine during the olive harvest, this one is for you**

Safa Suleiman is a Palestinian American educator with more than twenty years of experience in undergraduate and elementary school pedagogy. She now focuses on writing and teaching through storytelling centering the Palestinian and the American Muslim communities. *Hilwa's Gifts* is her first book. She lives with her family in Colorado on the homeland of the Ute Nation.

Anait Semirdzhyan is the illustrator of *Just Us* by Molly Beth Griffin, *Bábo: A Tale of Armenian Rug-Washing Day* by Astrid Kamalyan, *The Great Banned-Books Bake Sale* by Aya Khalil, and many other acclaimed books for children. Born in Kazakhstan and raised in Armenia, she now lives in the Seattle area with her husband and twin daughters.

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Something Good

by Kenneth Kraegel

illustrated by Kenneth Kraegel

In need of a bad day remedy? One girl's terrible day takes an unexpected—and extraordinary—turn when she comes upon a pair of magic socks.

Blah. Nothing good ever happens to me.

This morning a little girl wakes up with a chicken on her head. (Ouch.) Then she finds worms in her cereal (after she's had a few bites—yuck!). Then she realizes, too late, that her boots are full of mud. Ack! Then her best friend ignores her, a big hole appears where it wasn't yesterday, and it starts to rain—cold rain, of course. Could this day get any worse? When a mysterious gift shows up out of nowhere, wrapped in a bow, the girl dares to wonder if it could finally be something good. Get ready for a high-flying tale as the beloved creator of *Wild Honey from the Moon* brings his signature deadpan humor, quirky charm, and appealingly simple text to a fantastical adventure sure to turn even the worst days around.

- **A bad day remedy! From the beloved creator of *Wild Honey from the Moon* comes a fantastical new adventure that's sure to turn even the worst days around**
- **With its deadpan humor, its larger-than-life adventure, and its satisfying turnaround, this should be a hit at story time, and the simple text also makes this one a great choice for emergent readers**
- **This unique story has hints of Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake—as well as the classic *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*—yet is unmistakably a Kenneth Kraegel original**

Kenneth Kraegel is the creator of the picture books *King Arthur's Very Great Grandson*, *Green Pants*, *Wild Honey from the Moon*, *Mushroom Lullaby*, and *Mermaid Lullaby*, as well as the board book *This Is a Book of Shapes*. He is a self-taught artist with a unique style and a wonderfully fresh perspective. Kenneth Kraegel lives with his family in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where, in addition to creating books, he also tutors children with reading challenges such as dyslexia.



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WALKER BOOKS

Let's Be Bees

by Shawn Harris

illustrated by Shawn Harris

Father and child become buzzing bees, rustling trees and more in this delightful make-believe romp from Caldecott Honor winner Shawn Harris.

Let's be bees. LET'S BUZZ.

Let's be trees. LET'S RUSTLE.

Let's be the Earth. LET'S MAKE EVERY SOUND.

The only thing better than playing make-believe is playing make-believe with your favourite grown-up! Especially when that grown-up's imagination is as big as yours. With bright, bold crayon illustrations, rhythmic words and endless fodder for playing along, this is an interactive read aloud guaranteed to bring on the giggles and spark boundless creative play.

- Shawn Harris is a Newbery Medalist and Caldecott Honoree.
- Illustrated in striking crayon with thick, bold lines and kinetic energy that buzzes from every page.
- Celebrates playtime with Dad: from the comfort of Dad's lap they they pretend to be bees (*buzz!*), trees (*rustle!*), waves (*crash!*) – and EVERY noisy thing they think of.

Shawn Harris is an award-winning creator of children's books. He received a Caldecott Honor for his debut authorial book, *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?* and is the illustrator of *A Polar Bear in the Snow*, written by Mac Barnett, *What Can a Citizen Do?*, *Her Right Foot* and the Newbery Medal-winning bestseller *The Eyes and the Impossible*, all written by Dave Eggers. He lives in Northern California where he also writes songs, surfs and plays racquetball. Find him on Instagram as @shawnharri5



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WALKER BOOKS

Isaac and His Amazing Autism Superpowers!

by Melanie Walsh

illustrated by Melanie Walsh

A groundbreaking picture book which explains Autism Spectrum Disorder in a simple, gentle and positive way to very young children.

Meet Isaac. He's a superhero! He might look like everyone else, but he has Autism Spectrum Disorder. Inside this book he'll tell you all about what it's like to have his Autism superpowers, like his superhero brain that remembers lots of facts. Or his super-vision which helps him spot interesting things no one else does. This is an essential book for anyone wishing to understand more about Autism.

- "This is a delightful book which will appeal to young children. Full of positive messages, and big bright illustrations it will help the whole family to appreciate both the challenges faced by children with autism, as well as their 'superhero' strengths, and gives some simple strategies for building on each child's abilities." Director for the National Autistic Society's Centre for Autism
- An essential resource for families, relatives and schools wishing to understand more about ASD.
- A groundbreaking picture book which presents ASD sensitively, positively and in an accessible way to very young children.

Melanie Walsh studied at Harrow School of Art and the Royal College of Art. She has now written over forty children's books, which include *My Green Day*, *Ten Things I Can Do to Help My World*, *Living with Mum and Living with Dad* and *Goodbye Grandma*. Melanie says, "This is the book my son didn't have when he was young. I wanted to write a book that explained Asperger's Syndrome to classmates, friends and relatives in a simple, gentle and positive way. Children who have ASD do have challenges, but also many amazing strengths." Melanie lives with her family in Bath.



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A Little Election

by Danny Katz

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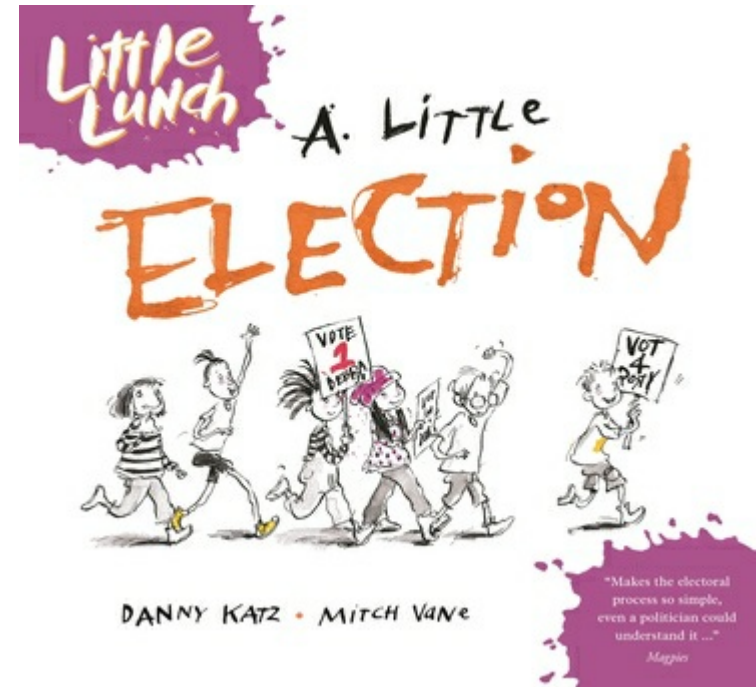
From the world of Little Lunch - a funny and informative picture book about politics. A definite vote winner!

One day at lunchtime, Rory decides to become the Prime Minister because then he can do anything he wants. Before you know it, the whole class is having an election. But can you become the Prime Minister if you show everyone your undies? Find out in *A Little Election*!

- “A book which makes the electoral process so simple, even a politician could understand it. Danny Katz and Mitch Vane strike again.” *Magpies*
- “For any child who’s ever asked what an election is, and wants an answer that isn’t going to make them wish they hadn’t.” *Herald Sun*
- A fun and funny addition to the Little Lunch collection
- A fantastic picture book creation from Danny Katz and Mitch Vane, creators of the Little Lunch series

Danny Katz is the author of many books for kids and adults, including *Spit the Dummy*, *S.C.U.M.*, *The Poppa Platoon* and the Little Lunch series. Danny was born in Canada and moved to Australia when he was a kid because he was allergic to maple syrup. After failed careers as a musician, comedian and car-washer, he turned to writing and became a columnist for *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*. He is best known as the Modern Guru in the *Good Weekend* magazine. Danny lives in Melbourne with his wife Mitch Vane, a speckled dog named Specky, and a badly-washed car.

Mitch Vane is a multi-disciplinary artist based in Melbourne. She divides her time between illustrating children’s books and developing art projects of her own. Mitch loves creating quirky, humorous characters with watercolour and her scratchy dip pen and her distinctive, energetic style can be seen in the wide variety of children’s books she has illustrated. Along with the many talented authors she has worked with, Mitch often collaborates with humour columnist Danny Katz. Together they created the much-loved Little Lunch series which has been successfully adapted as a 28 episode TV show currently available on Netflix. You can find out more about Mitch’s work in the Book section on her website www.mitchvane.com, Mitch Vane Art on Facebook, or follow @mitchvane_art on Instagram.



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WALKER  BOOKS

Shearer

by Neridah McMullin

illustrated by Michael Tomkins

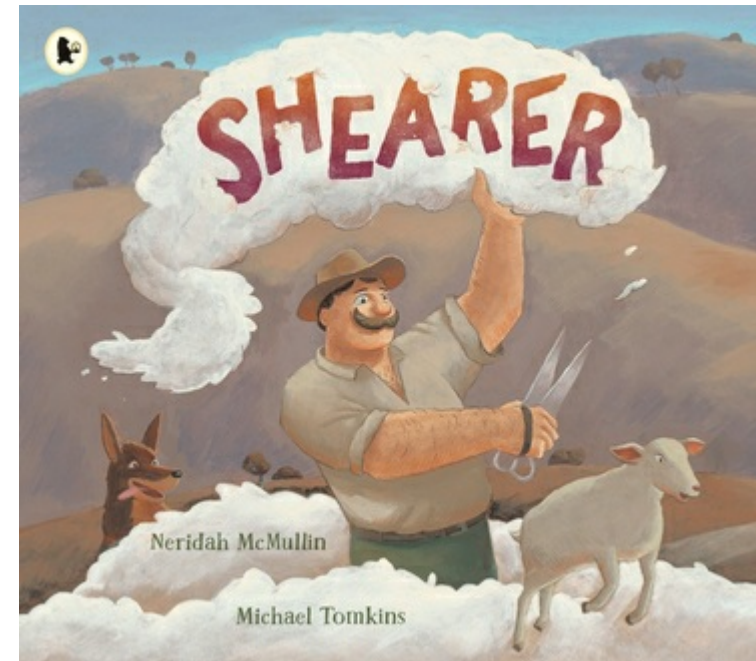
The true story about the greatest shearer in the world ... whose incredible shearing record remains unbeaten after more than a century!

"Jack Howe had hands the size of tennis racquets, legs like tree trunks and wrists made of steel. Despite his size, he was light on his feet and did an excellent Irish Jig. But what Jack was really good at, was shearing sheep." A rollicking Australian story, set in 1892, about the charismatic, Jack Howe - the greatest shearer in the world who set the world record for shearing sheep by hand. He also invented the "singlet"!

- **Neridah McMullin is a trusted author of narrative non-fiction. Her picture book *Fabish: the horse that braved a Bushfire* was shortlisted for the CBCA Eve Pownall Information 'Book of the Year' in 2017.**
- **Illustrated by Michael Tomkins, bringing a touch of the light and landscape of the famous Australian painters of the 1890s and adding some modern dynamism and humour.**
- **Perfect for young readers who love a gripping story about legends, challenges and champions**
- **Appeals to both the educational and trade market**

Neridah McMullin loves history and true stories. An author of eight books for children, Neridah is also an award winning short story writer and poet. Her latest picture book, published by Walker Books Australia in 2021, is called *Drover*, and is the true story of legendary drover, Edna Jessop. Neridah loves footy, family, birdwatching, walking her dog and meeting other people's dogs.

Michael Tomkins grew up in the Blue Mountains in New South Wales. He graduated from Sydney University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Design Computing. He went on to study Fine art at Julian Ashton art school where he began his passion and practice of plein air oil painting, capturing the beauty of Australian light. He now lives in the inner west of Sydney with his partner and cat. Michael's art practice has spanned a variety of mediums including games, animation and illustration, working on projects with the ABC, Warner Bros, SMG games and several indie projects. Michael takes his learnings from these varied visual fields to bring his personal style into the world of children's book illustration with his first book, *Shearer*. Michael also brings personal connection to the story of Jackie Howe, with a family history of sheep shearing. His mother grew up on a farm, with Michael's grandpa, great uncles and great grandpa sheep shearers themselves, working and living near Dubbo in NSW.



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Luna Loves Gardening

by Joseph Coelho

illustrated by Fiona Lumbers

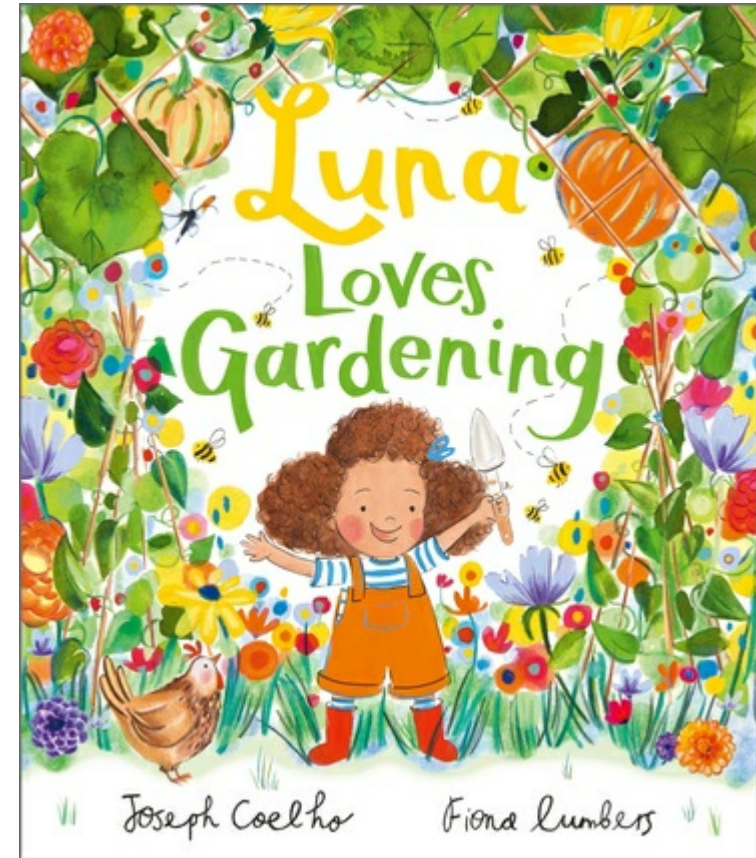
Luna discovers the stories, creativity and patience of being a gardener in her fifth adventure.

By award-winning Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, the fifth book in the Luna Loves... series brings alive the art of gardening. Luna is wowed by her local community garden, there are squashes and runner beans, potatoes and tomatoes and even an apple tree. But each plant hides a story. Grandpa and Nana show her the Callaloo their family grew in Jamaica. It's time for Luna to grab a trowel and sow seeds that will tell a new story for the whole community as they all discover their connection to the entire world.

- The fifth book in the popular and diverse *Luna Loves ...* series.
- Celebrate a wealth of different cultures with Luna, and treasure the power of gardening to bring people together.
- Joseph Coelho is the award-winning Children's Poet Laureate for 2022-24.
- Fiona Lumbers has an MA in Painting at the Royal College of Art, London, and her books have been published worldwide.

Joseph Coelho OBE, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and Children's Laureate for 2022-2024, is a performance poet, children's author, playwright and winner of the Yoto Carnegie Award, an Indie Book Award and a Centre for Literacy in Primary Education Poetry Award. Joe has written plays for the Polka Theatre, Soho Theatre and the Unicorn Theatre and creates dynamic poetry theatre pieces for young people that he tours nationally. He also performs with the UK's top performance poetry organisation, Apples and Snakes, visiting venues across the UK. Joseph has also been a guest poet on Cbeebies' Rhyme Rocket.

Fiona Lumbers has drawn on anything and everything from an early age and always insisted she would be an artist when she grew up. Fiona moved to London in 2000 to study for an MA in Painting at the Royal College of Art. A combination of her obsession with picture books and the arrival of her first son led her down the path of illustration and she hasn't looked back since. Nothing makes her happier than splashing watercolours and inks and conjuring up new characters - often influenced by the exploits of her two sons.



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The Little Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes

by Frané Lessac

illustrated by Frané Lessac

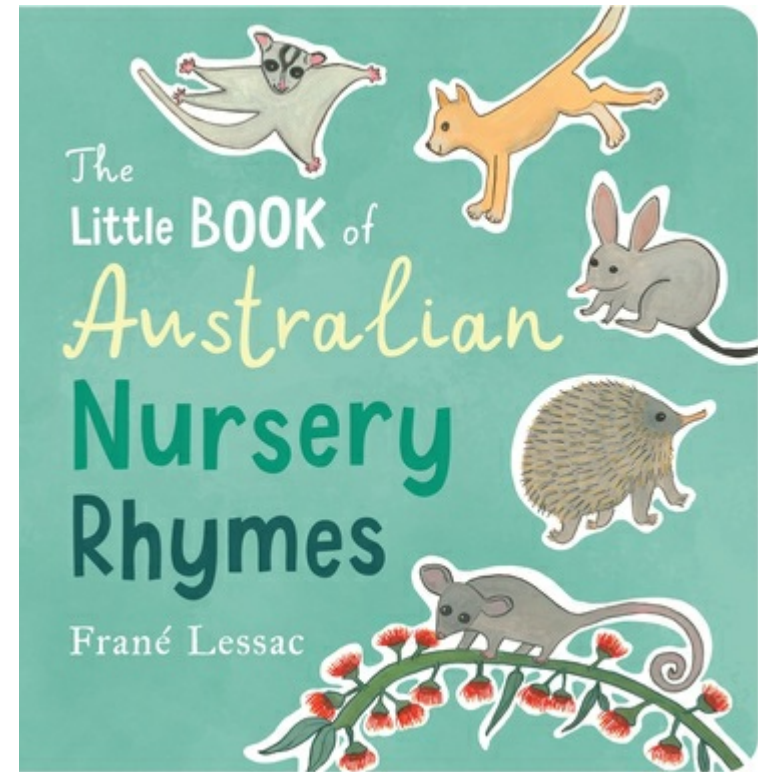
Chant and clap, play and sing along to this fun-filled collection of nursery rhymes with an Australian twist by bestselling author and illustrator, Frané Lessac - now in board book format!

Twinkle, twinkle, southern stars, how we wonder what you are ...

A selection of tweaked nursery rhymes from the instant Australian classic, *The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes*. This bright board book edition includes: Twinkle, Twinkle, Southern Stars; Rock-a-Bye, Joey; D-I-N-G-O!; This Little Froggy; Jack and Jill ... and many more!

- A colourful collection of nursery rhymes, re-invigorated with an Australian flavour by award-winning author-illustrator Frané Lessac
- A perfect introduction to classic nursery rhymes, but with an Australian twist
- Perfect for read-aloud, bursting with energy and rhythm
- Packed with bright illustrations in Frané's signature style
- A brilliant gift - from new parents/babies to pre-schoolers

Frané Lessac is an author and illustrator of international renown, having nearly fifty children's books published throughout the world. She was born in the USA and lived on the Caribbean island of Montserrat, as well as in London, before moving to Australia. Frané loves to travel and create books based on her worldwide journeys. She has contributed her distinctive paintings to many critically acclaimed children's picture books including, *The Legend of Moondyne Joe* which won the West Australian Premier's Children's Book Award, and *Simpson and His Donkey*, a CBCA Honour Book that was also selected as a USBBY Outstanding International Book. In 2019, *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*, written by Traci Sorell, was awarded the Robert F. Sibert Honor Book Honor medal, the Orbis Pictus Honor Book medal and the Boston Globe Horn Book Honor medal.



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Chant and clap, play and sing along to this fun-filled collection of nursery rhymes with an Australian twist by bestselling author and illustrator, Frané Lessac.

Row, row, row, your boat, Gently down the creek. If you hear a Tassie devil, Don't forget to shriek!

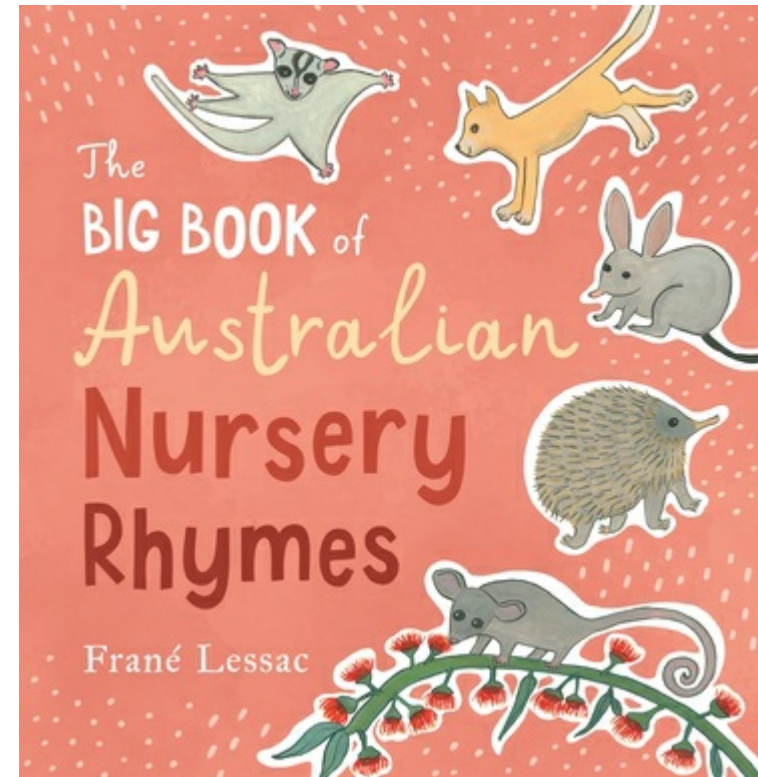
Tweaked and twisted nursery rhymes include: Twinkle, Twinkle, Southern Stars; Rock-a-Bye, Joey;

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Old McDonald Went Out Bush ... and many more in this glorious 96-page volume, destined to be an Australian classic

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WALKER BOOKS

Elmer Search and Find Animals: Elmer Search and Find Adventures

by David McKee

illustrated by David McKee

Fun animal facts are the theme for the latest in the Bologna Book Award shortlisted series from Elmer the patchwork elephant.

Learn amazing animal facts, and have fun spotting all of Elmer the patchwork elephant's friends in his colourful world!

In this big and busy search and find board book adventure, learn amazing animal facts. Did you know that giraffes' tongues are black? Or that baby rabbits are called kittens? And crocodile mums carry their babies in their mouths? Jam-packed fun facts spotting activities, questions to answer and details to discover, all from Elmer's colourful world. Featuring a quiz maze to test their new knowledge at the end of the scenes, this book will help young children learn more about the natural world while developing their powers of observation, visual acuity, and their early numeracy and language skills as they go.

Also in the Elmer Search and Find series:

Elmer Search and Find

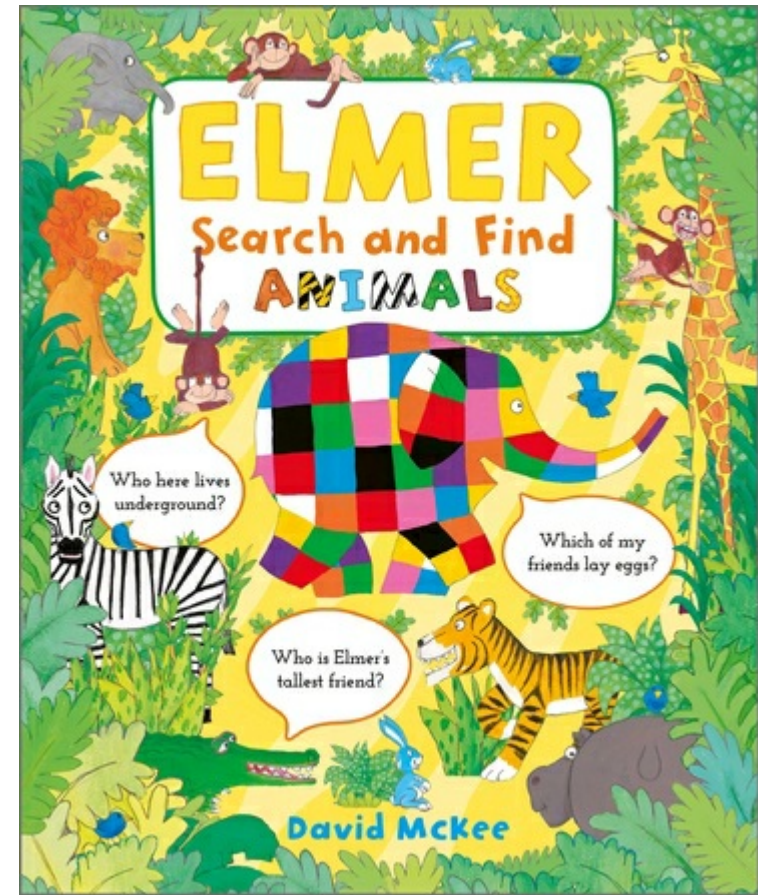
Elmer Search and Find Colours

Elmer Search and Find Numbers

- **The Elmer Search and Find series was a finalist in both the Pre-school category and Best Licensed Publishing Project category at the Bologna Licensing Awards 2024**
- **Each scene belongs to one of Elmer's animal friends - learn amazing animal facts while you search and spot with fun challenges!**
- **Put your new knowledge of animal facts to the test with a maze-quiz in the final scene - help Elmer get to the party by answering questions about his friends**
- **Learning and fun is at the heart of the Elmer Search and Find series, that is packed with detail for excellent reread value.**

David McKee (1935 - 2022) was the creator of well-known characters including King Rollo, Mr Benn and Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, which is now published in more than 60 languages and has its own successful global merchandise programme. David was born in Devon and went to Plymouth Art College, where he had a traditional training. On leaving college he drew regularly for Punch, Reader's Digest, and The Times Educational Supplement. His drawings were influenced especially by Saul Steinberg and Andre Francois. In 2020, David won the British Book Awards Illustrator of the Year Award and BookTrust's Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Elmer Search and Find Numbers

by David McKee

illustrated by David McKee

Search and find with Elmer! A first counting-themed spotting book from our favourite patchwork elephant.

Learn to count to ten with Elmer the patchwork elephant!

The theme of every scene is a number from one to ten, in this large and busy search and find board book adventure. Help a hungry monkey find his 3 bananas, or count to ten to help Elmer cross the river! Jam-packed full of counting activities, questions to answer and details to discover, all from Elmer's colourful world. This book will help young children learn their numbers while searching each busy scene, developing their powers of observation, visual acuity, and their early numeracy and language skills as they go.

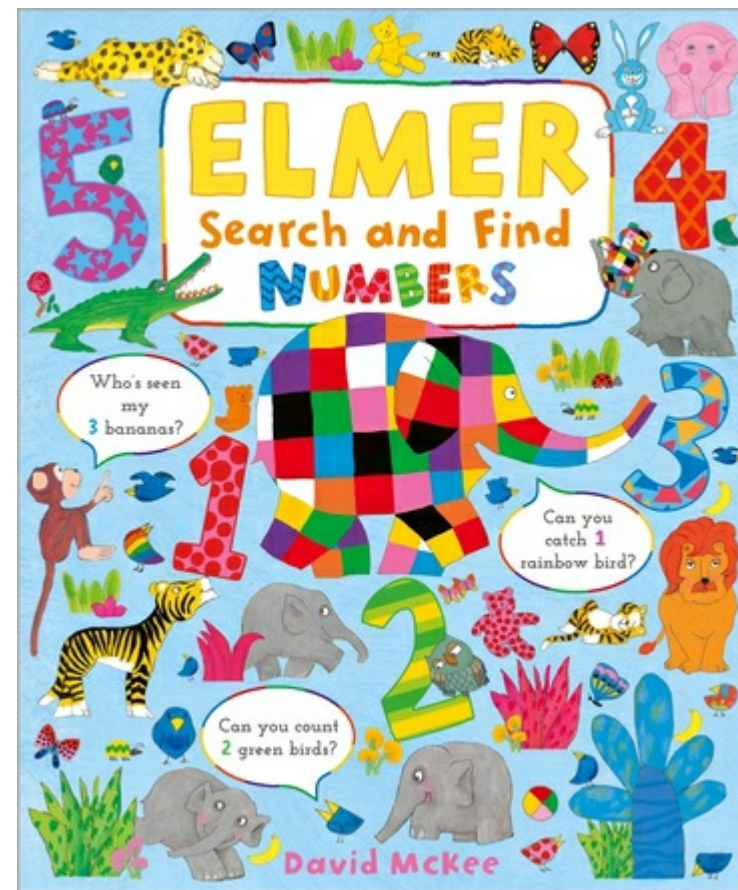
Also in the Elmer Search and Find series:

Elmer Search and Find

Elmer Search and Find Colours

- Each scene is themed with a number, counting up to 10 as the scenes progress, ending with a celebratory spread with an added puzzle aspect - count to 10 to help Elmer cross the river!
- A mix of Elmer scenes and animals and objects cut to white or textured backgrounds gives a varying level of difficulty in counting and spotting games.
- Elmer's colourful world is perfect for learning visual acuity and numeracy at a young age.
- Packed with detail, so there's excellent re-read value.

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My First Colours

by Shirley Hughes

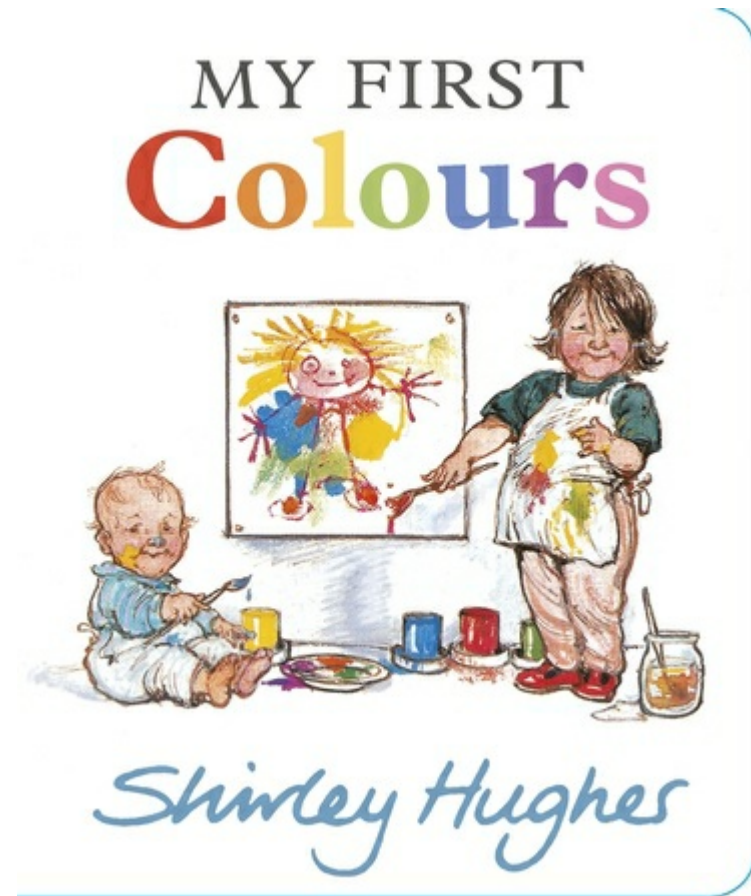
illustrated by Shirley Hughes

A delightful introduction to first colours from Shirley Hughes, one of the best-known and most-loved picture book creators.

Learning your colours is fun and easy with Katie and her baby brother, Oly. Join them as they explore their friendly and familiar world and all it contains in this charming first look at colours. From the beautiful blue sky, bright red berries or green peas and green leaves, there are so many colours to learn about. Share and explore every wonderful experience in their simple yet enchanting preschool world.

- From the author-illustrator of *Dogger*, which was voted the UK's favourite Kate Greenaway Medal-winning book of all time.
- A beautifully illustrated first concept board book, set in a charming pre-school world with familiar scenes of domestic life.
- "Her literary and illustrated world is one that children love." *Guardian*
- "No one catch match Shirley Hughes in the mastery of words and pictures." *TES*

Shirley Hughes CBE (1927–2022) illustrated more than 200 children's books and is one of the best-loved writers for children, creating wonderful worlds of childhood happiness. She won the Kate Greenaway Medal twice and has been awarded the OBE for her distinguished service to children's literature. She won the inaugural BookTrust lifetime achievement award in 2015 and the Eleanor Farjeon Award in 1984. In 2007, *Dogger* was voted the UK's favourite Kate Greenaway Medal-winning book of all time.



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My First Opposites

by Shirley Hughes

illustrated by Shirley Hughes

A delightful board book about first opposites for very young children from Shirley Hughes, one of the most-loved author-illustrators of children's books.

Learning about opposites is fun and easy with Katie and her baby brother, Ollie. Join them as they explore their friendly and familiar world and all it contains in this charming first concepts book. Being wide awake or fast asleep, whispering quietly or shouting loudly, the sun in the morning and the moon at night, there are so many opposites to learn about. Share and explore every wonderful experience in their simple yet enchanting world and help little readers learn about first opposites.

- One of four new concept-based board books starring Katie and her little brother Ollie: *ABC*, *123*, *Opposites* and *Colours*.
- From the author-illustrator of *Dogger*, which was voted the UK's favourite Kate Greenaway Medal-winning book of all time.
- "First class... Complex concepts are introduced with domestic examples and Hughes' characteristic humour." *Guardian*
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WALKER  BOOKS

Ada, Go, Go, Go!

by Daishu Ma
illustrated by Daishu Ma

The race is about to start! Everyone ready? Steady? GO! Explore and play with Ada and her colourful animal friends in this happy, playful board book series.

Ada and friends are lined up on their scooters, ready for the big race! *Go, go, go!* But – oops! Ada's had a little fall. Not to worry – her pals all stop to make sure she's ok, and everyone crosses the finish line together!

Babies, toddlers and parents will love this charming story, featuring the ever-curious Ada and her colourful animal friends! Perfect to read aloud again and again, this sturdy board book teaches a gentle lesson about friendship and kindness.

Perfect for fans of *Where's Spot?* and *Dear Zoo*.

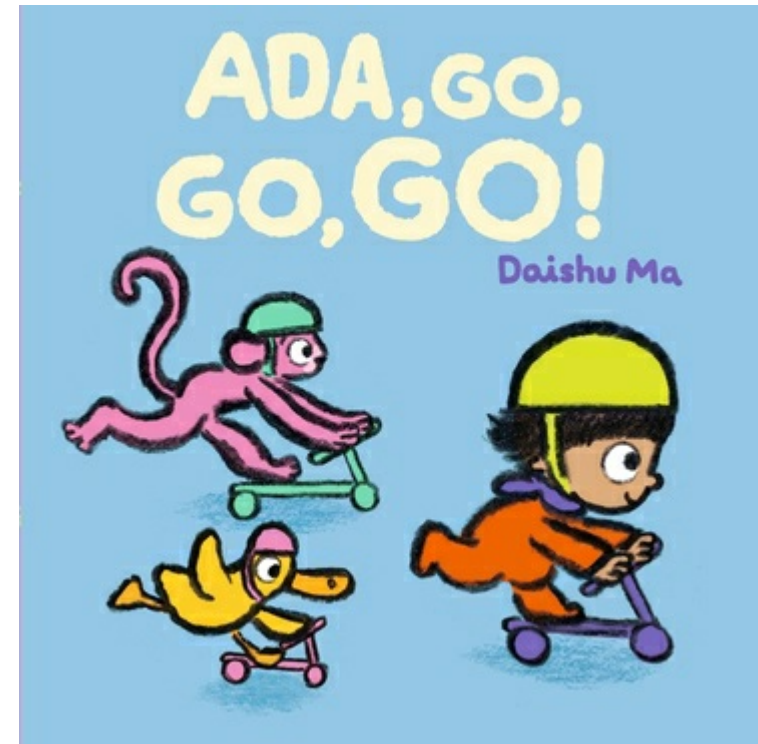
Look out for more books in this series:

Ada, Are You Ready?
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Ada's Rainy Day

- **The latest instalment in a bright and playful board books series from emerging talent Daishu Ma, following on from *Ada, Look At My Teeth* and *Ada, Are You Ready?* Each story explores a perennial toddler theme – always with an original twist!**
- **Perfect for fans of Chris Haughton, *Where's Spot?* and *Dear Zoo*.**
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Daishu Ma is a writer and illustrator. Originally from China, she now lives in London where she creates her picture books and graphic novels. Daishu illustrated *Pangolina*, a picture book about the endangered pangolin written by Jane Goodall, and her first wordless graphic novel, *Leaf*, was published in multiple languages.

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What's the best thing to do on a boring, rainy day? Go outside and SPLASH! Explore and play with Ada and her colourful animal friends in this happy, playful board book series.

Pitter, patter – it's raining and Ada and her pals are stuck inside ... until Ada spots some very splashy-looking puddles and everyone dashes outside to play. But uh-oh – here comes Elephant with a huge SPLASH! Time to go back inside and get cosy and dry.

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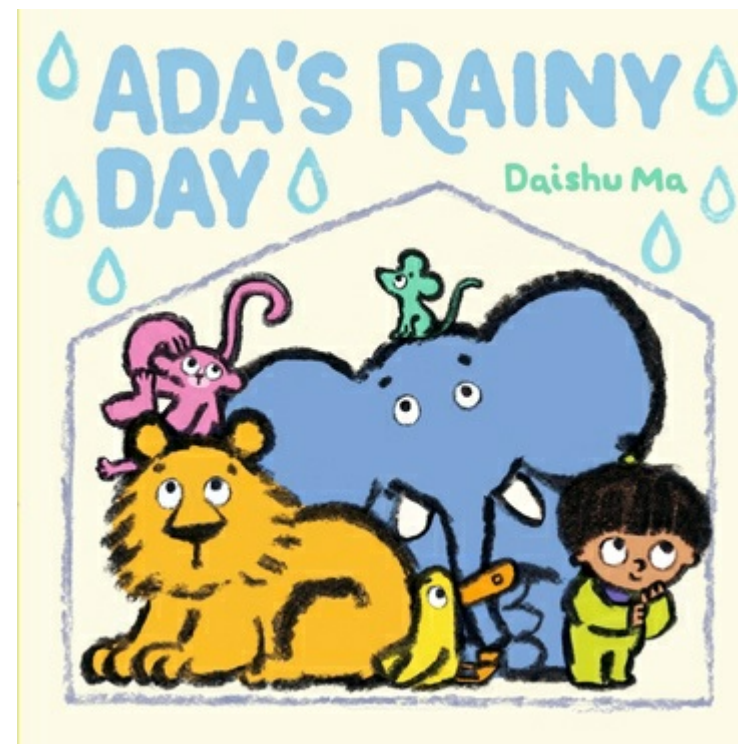
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The Extraordinary Misadventures of Lake and Birdy (and their remarkable fortitude)

by Damien Leith

A darkly comic debut novel for fans of Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events, Matilda and Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children.

This is a story so strange, it might almost be unbelievable ...

Sisters Lake and Birdy are latest arrivals at the Charitable Home for Poor Unfortunates Touched by Tragic Circumstances. And if you think that sounds bad, that's just the beginning. Luck is not on the sisters side, it seems. Or is it? Depending on the way you look at it, together these sisters are capable of surviving everything and anything. But it is going to take all of Lake and Birdy's courage to face their biggest misfortune of all: the dreadful, the awful, the terrible ... Miss MacGregor.

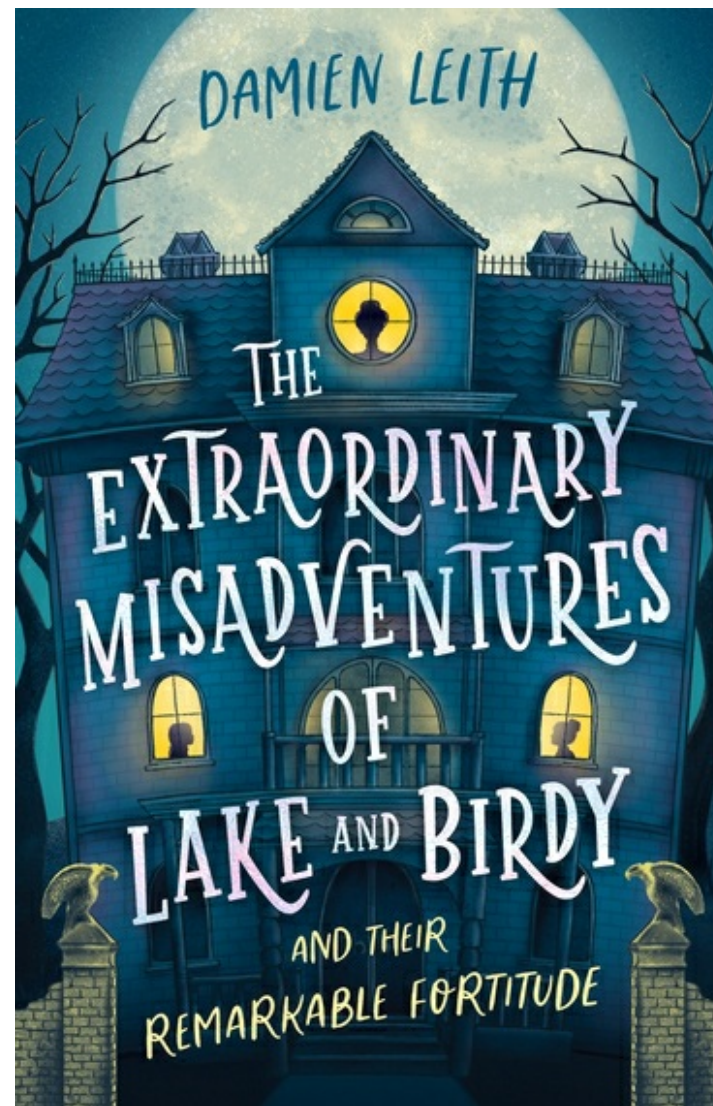
A darkly comic, fantastic and fantastical tale from Damien Leith, with only a few embellishments, the very odd exaggeration, and much to enjoy.

- For fans of Lemony Snicket's *Series of Unfortunate Events* and Roald Dahl's *Matilda*
- A page turning misadventure, full of twists, turns and surprises
- The story is told by a friendly, informative and occasionally, unreliable, narrator

Damien Leith is a multi-talented artist. Born in Ireland, he moved to Australia and became an Australian citizen. A accomplished singer/songwriter, Damien caught the nation's attention as a contestant and eventual winner of the 2006 series of the television series, *Australian Idol*. He has released many albums, and has been a television host and currently works on breakfast radio in Wollongong. He is the author of two novel for adults, *One More Time* and *Remember June*. *The Extraordinary Misadventures of Lake and Birdy (and their remarkable fortitude)* is his first novel for young readers.

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WALKER  BOOKS

Relic Hamilton, Genie Hunter

by Joseph Coelho

illustrated by Hyun Song We

Genies grant wishes! That's all anyone ever cares about. They forget that genies were imprisoned in those lamps for a reason... A thrilling new adventure series from the former Waterstones Children's Laureate and winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing.

Relic Hamilton is just your average 12-year-old, living a quiet life with his grandfather above their old antiques shop in Chinatown in London.

Until one day, while polishing some mysterious brass lamps in the basement, something *extraordinary* happens. Relic feels spine-chillingly cold. Breathless. *Scared*. And suddenly, a real, live genie stands before him!

But this is no kind, benevolent genie. This genie is evil ... and it feeds on hope.

Relic finds himself catapulted to the centre of a fast-paced underground community of genie hunters, led by the excitable Professor Latimer and the tech-savvy Doctor Raphaela. Together, they travel in their one-of-a-kind jet, the *Aladdin*, secretly chasing rogue genies before they can wreak havoc on the world...

- **The first book in a gripping new middle-grade fantasy adventure trilogy from the former UK Children's Laureate and winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing, Joseph Coelho. Joseph's books have sold 900k copies worldwide to date.**
- **"Ghostbusters" meets "Raiders of the Lost Ark" meets "Pokemon" - with a genie twist! Vividly and imaginatively written, with a humorous cast of cool characters. The trilogy was initially inspired by the author's time studying archaeology at university.**
- **With 20 black-and-white illustrations throughout from Korean artist Hyun Song We**

Joseph Coelho was the Waterstones Children's Laureate 2022–2024, and is an award-winning poet, playwright and writer. In 2024 he won the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing for *The Boy Lost in the Maze* and was awarded an OBE for his services to the arts, to children's reading and to literature. His first poetry collection, *Werewolf Club Rules!*, won the CLPE Children's Poetry Award in 2015, and he has been writing and performing ever since. His picture books include *If All the World Were...* illustrated by Allison Colpoys and the *Luna Loves...* series illustrated by Fiona Lumbers. His poetry books for children include *Overheard in a Tower Block* illustrated by Kate Milner, *A Year of Nature Poems* illustrated by Kelly Louise Judd, and his novel in verse, *The Girl Who Became a Tree*. Originally from London, he now lives in Edinburgh. Follow him on X as @JosephACoelho and on Instagram as @josephcoelhoauthor.

Korean artist **Hyun Song We** has a background in animation and has worked on a number of Pixar films including the upcoming *Inside Out 2*.



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WALKER BOOKS

After

by Pádraig Kenny

A powerful and tender dystopian tale of family, hope and survival from a multi-award-winning author.

"Tell me again how the world ended."

Jen and her father live in the aftermath of a technological collapse that brought about the end of the world as they knew it. A terrible fault in a central information hive took out not only the world's tech, but also the millions of humans who were connected to it. Those left behind in are searching for each other, and for a new way of life in The After.

But Jen's father isn't related to her by blood – he is a human-appearing AI, an anomaly that survived, and a secret that must be kept even from those she wishes she could trust.

His kind brought about the end of the world, but could he also be the key to a new future...

- Exploring themes humanity, loyalty, friendship and family, as well as asking where danger truly lies: in our technological creations, or the ones who create them?
- From the bestselling author of *Stitch*, *Tin* and *The Monsters of Rookhaven* – and twice winner of the CBI Honour Award for Fiction.
- Cover and chapter head illustrations by multi-award-winning Irish illustrator, Steve McCarthy.

Pádraig Kenny is an Irish writer from County Kildare, now living in Limerick. Previously an arts journalist, a teacher and a librarian's assistant, he now writes full-time. His first novel *Tin* and recent *The Monsters of Rookhaven* were both Waterstones Books of the Month. He has twice won the Children's Books Ireland Honour Award for Fiction, has been nominated for the Carnegie Medal and shortlisted for the Irish Book Awards.



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WALKER BOOKS

Ride North

by Maria de Jong

Folly runs away from home, planning to guide her mother's spirit to the northern tip of New Zealand with her wise pony Tooth, who she can secretly communicate with.

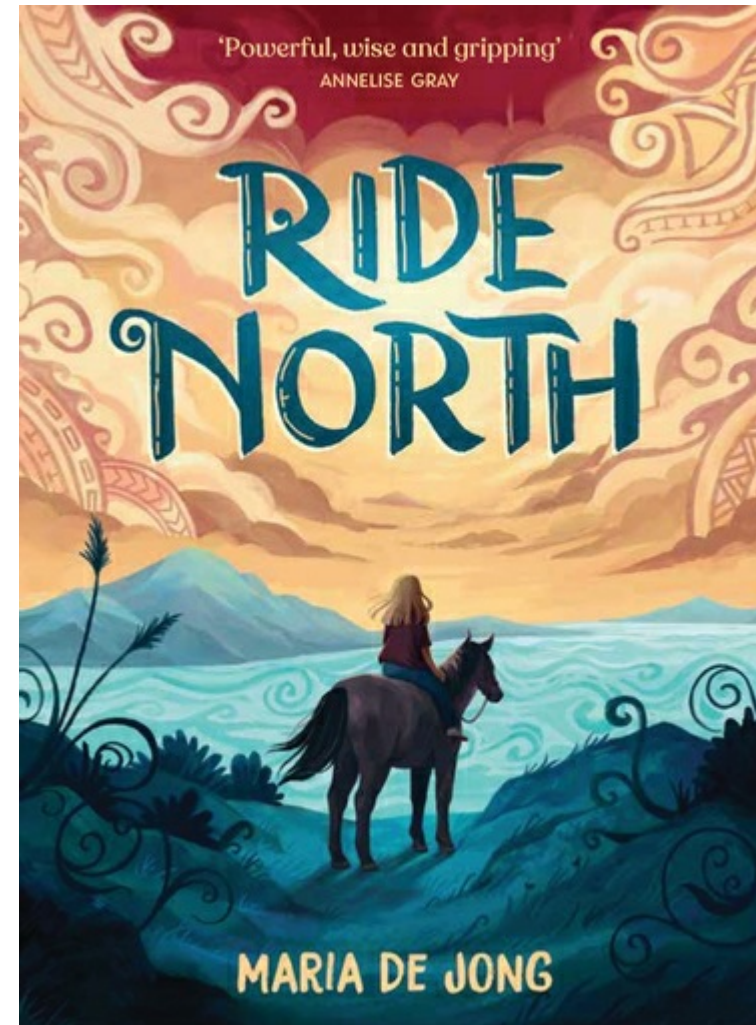
Tooth is my pony, but he's his own boss. I take care of him and in exchange he lets me ride him. I wasn't surprised when Tooth first communicated with me. All I knew was that with Tooth, it was different. I loved him the minute I saw him. Of course we understood each other.

Twelve-year-old Folly is angry and grieving for her mum. She isn't ready for Dad's plans for a new life in Auckland with his new girlfriend. So Folly runs away with the one person who truly understands: her wise pony, Tooth. With her mother's ashes in her backpack, Folly sets off to the fabled Cape Reinga, the northernmost point of New Zealand. Through tourist towns and wilderness, across beaches, roads and forest tracks, Folly and Tooth find both adventure and hardship. But then a spur-of-the-moment choice sets danger on their tail. Girl and horse must fight to survive together - to the very end of the road.

Cover art by Sian James

- **A surreal, emotional adventure following a girl riding across the New Zealand countryside with her talking pony**
- **Debut NZ author**
- **Tackles themes of grief, blended families and friendship in a unique way**
- **For fans of Hannah Gold's *The Last Bear*, meets Katherine Rundell's *The Explorer***
- **A poignant and tender story of love, loss, friendship and hope' Tanya Landman**

Maria de Jong grew up in Aotearoa New Zealand before settling in Italy. Initially she taught English in Turin, where she also cultivated a sideline designing and making costumes for a dance-theatre company. She was living and studying literature in Frankfurt when East and West Germany reunified, and later relocated for a few years to teach near Bosa, Sardinia. Her two children were born in Rome; while working there as a translator she began writing for middle grade readers, but things only got serious after yet another relocation, this time to Amsterdam, where she currently copyedits, cycles and fabulates for her inner twelve-year-old.



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WALKER BOOKS

A Hugh Dunit Mystery: Teething Trouble

by Guy Bass

illustrated by Lee Cosgrove

Hugh Dunit must crack another mystery when he faces a (tooth)brush with danger

Hugh Dunit is a schoolboy who only takes on the toughest cases. Like the case of the missing Tooth Fairy. Hugh's cousin is owed a small fortune for his baby teeth, but the fairy has never coughed up. Hugh must sink his teeth into another conspiracy, and this one runs deeper than a root canal. Has Hugh bitten off more than he can chew?

A brilliantly funny detective story with comic-book art throughout by Lee Cosgrove.

- Packed with illustrations and comic-book-style spreads throughout

Guy Bass is an award-winning author who has written more than 30 books, including the series Stitch Head, Spynosaurs, and Skeleton Keys. He lives in London with his wife.

Lee Cosgrove is from near the River Mersey, UK. A lifelong doodler, he is inspired by a childhood of Saturday morning cartoons, den-building adventures, and an endless supply of crayons. Working as a full-time illustrator for many years, Lee has enjoyed working on a wide range of projects, from illustrating picture books, to board games and billboards. He loves to bring humour and lots of character to his illustrations. When he hasn't got a pencil in hand he can be found fossil hunting, feeding hedgehogs or doing flying kicks.



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WALKER BOOKS

Our History: Bold Ben Hall

by Sophie Masson

A compelling historical fiction adventure, set during the Australian gold rush when daring, dangerous and bold bushrangers were both feared, and legendary. Award-winning author, Sophie Masson asks what makes a hero, or a villain?

Famous bushranger Ben Hall and his gang have just pulled off the biggest gold robbery ever. They arrive in Canowindra, where Lily and her parents – travelling performers – are staying. Ben Hall's gang hold everyone in town hostage in the local hotel – but instead of threatening their captives, host a three day party. Lily is in enthralled.

Meanwhile, in Forbes, stable boy Sam is working for Sir Frederick Pottinger, Ben Hall's nemesis, and dreams of helping him catch the legendary bushranger ...

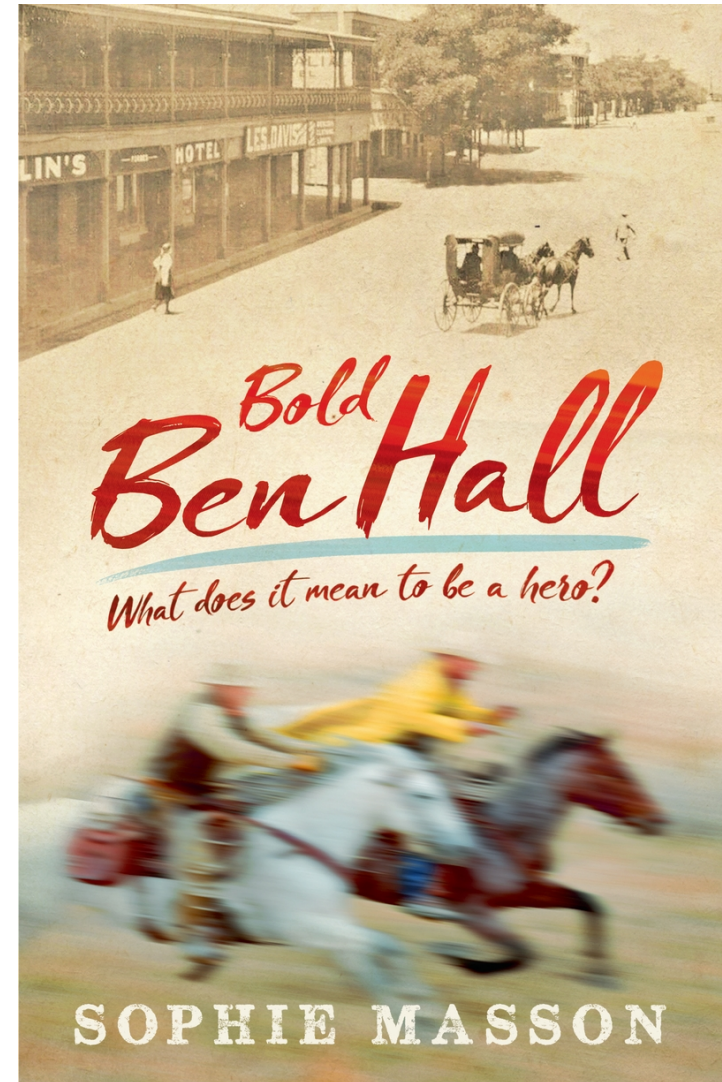
When Lily and Sam meet, the two are soon at loggerheads about their heroes determined to prove the other wrong ... and will try any means to do so!

Set in the hectic atmosphere of the booming Gold Rush towns, award-winning author Sophie Masson weaves a gripping and thought-provoking adventure.

- From the publishers of *My Place*, a new middle grade historical fiction series: *Our History*
- By Sophie Masson, one of Australia's most prolific and awarded writers of historical fiction for young readers
- Align with Victorian and NSW curriculum, and multiple Australian curriculum aims for upper primary children.
- Asks important questions: what is a hero, what is a villain, and how do we decide which is which; and how do we separate fact from fiction?
- A gripping story of Ben Hall - one of Australia's most famous, notorious and legendary bushrangers - who in 1862 pulled off the biggest, boldest gold robbery ever.

Sophie Masson is now the author of more than 50 novels for young people and specialise in historical fiction. Her work is published in many countries across the world. Sophie won the NSW Premier's Literary Awards: Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature for *My Australian Story: The Hunt for Ned Kelly* (2011). She lives in rural New South Wales with her husband and has three grown-up children. She is also the author of the recent best-selling adult novel, *The Paris Cooking School*, written under the name Sophie Beaumont.

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WALKER BOOKS

Rex Dinosaur in Disguise: Museum Mystery

by Elys Dolan

Rex investigates funny goings-on in the city museum in his latest adventure. The third book in the side-splitting series for 7+ readers, from a Lollies Prize winning author-illustrator.

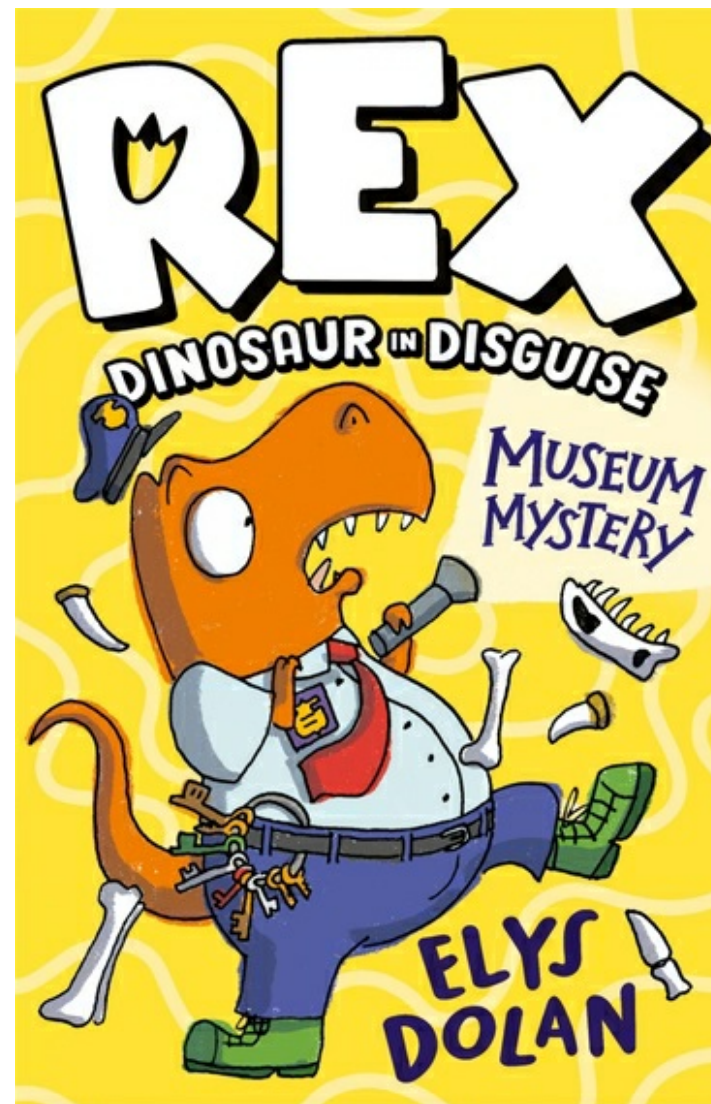
Rex can't wait for his first trip to the city museum. But, hold on, are those ... *bones*? Dinosaur bones?! It turns out that museums can be scary places. And now, someone or something has been causing havoc around the place and it's up to Rex, Sandra and the gang to find out who.

Can Rex successfully go undercover as the new security guard? How can he help his newest unexpected friend, an Ancient Egyptian mummy? And most importantly, can he pull off the greatest museum sleepover in the history of sleepovers?

Highly illustrated throughout and laugh-out loud hilarious, this is perfect for fans of The Bolds, Dogman and Bunny vs Monkey.

- **Heavily illustrated in two colour. Readers will love poring over the details and spotting the hilarious visual jokes.**
- **Elys Dolan is the winner of the Lollies Prize; the first Rex book was the winner of the Alligator's Mouth Award 2023.**
- **Set in a museum, this features a new character: Phut the mummy. Through Phut, readers learn some fascinating (and of course, funny) facts about the Ancient Egyptians, tying loosely into the Key Stage 2 curriculum.**
- **"Elys Dolan has been a comic failsafe in this house, from picture book age up to about eight or nine." Author Lucy Mangan in the *Guardian***

Elys Dolan makes picture-books about everything from seagull detectives to capitalist bunny rabbits and weasels plotting world domination. She was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for *Weasels* and the Branford Boase for *Knighthood for Beginners*, and won the inaugural STEAM Children's Book Prize for *How the Borks Became* and the prestigious Lollies Prize for *Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factory*. *Museum Mystery* is the third book in Elys' series about Rex, *Dinosaur in Disguise*. She is also a lecturer on the MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. Elys lives in Cambridge.



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WALKER BOOKS

Rex: Dinosaur in Disguise

by Elys Dolan

illustrated by Elys Dolan

A comedy of errors starring the instantly-loveable Rex – the first book in a fantastically funny series for 7+ readers, from Lollies Prize winning author-illustrator Elys Dolan.

Rex is king of the dinosaurs: carnivores want to be him and herbivores want to be eaten by him... That is, until a pesky Ice Age comes along and he winds up frozen solid in a glacier. When he wakes up, 65 million years later, human beings rule the roost – and if they get their hands on Rex, he'll wind up in a zoo. (Or, worse: a MUSEUM.)

Lucky for him, Rex isn't the only undercover creature in town. He's whisked out of danger by the one and only Bigfoot, who has been surviving among the humans undetected for years. Bigfoot and his friends show Rex how to get by in the humans' world, and soon there's only one thing left for him to do: GET A JOB.

But that's easier said than done ... and with a meddling nine-year-old neighbour to deal with, and the constant risk of discovery, life couldn't be harder for a dinosaur in disguise.

- Since her picture-book *Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factory* won the Lollies Prize, Elys Dolan's star has been on the rise: this new novel combines the superbly silly, irreverent humour of *Dog Man* with a fish-out-of-water premise, and properly laugh-out-loud funny pictures.
- This is the first of four books contracted starring Rex and his ridiculous, brilliant gang of friends, and marks an exciting and commercial series-launch for Walker.
- Illustrated in two-colour, with illustrations on every page to pore over for tiny details – and more than one running joke!
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WALKER BOOKS

Hocus and Pocus and the Dragon Next Door

by A. R. Capetta

illustrated by Charlene Chua

Magical puppies Hocus and Pocus have a new neighbor: Bye-Bye the dragon! Hocus is delighted, but Pocus is nervous about making friends—and about fire breath. A funny and affirming adventure.

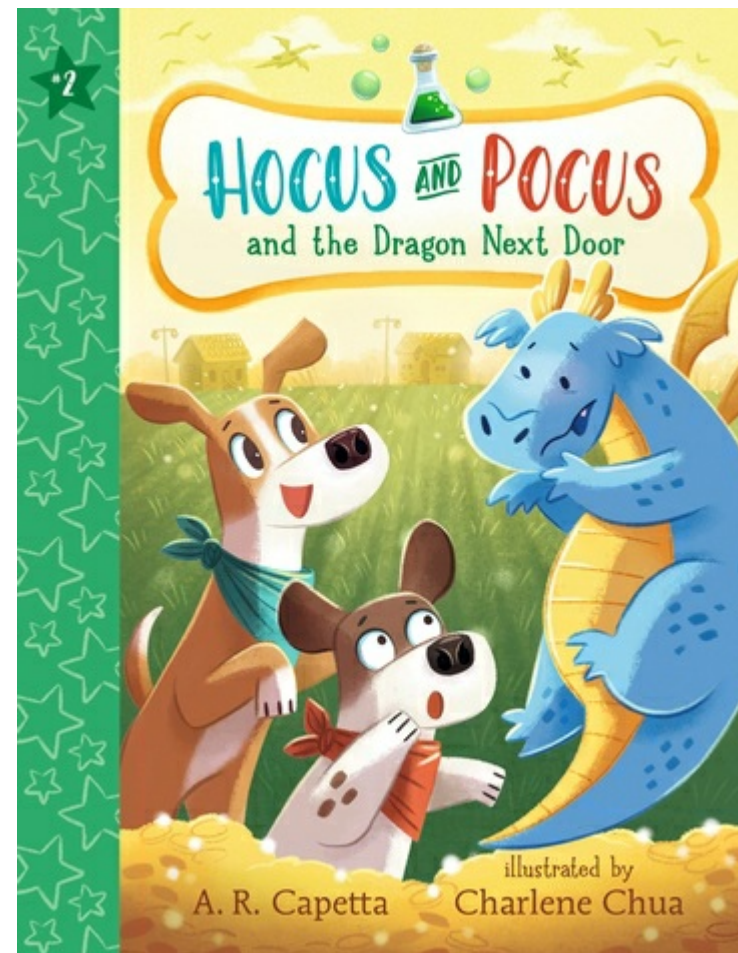
On a walk around the neighborhood delivering potions with their magical family, puppies Hocus and Pocus discover that the wizard next door, Jade, has a new pet—a dragon named Bye-Bye. Hocus is excited! She loves making new friends and thinks Bye-Bye's wings and fire breath are cool. But Pocus is afraid. He already has five friends, which feels like a lot. Plus Bye-Bye might eat them! Right? When Hocus bounds into Bye-Bye's yard wanting to play, the dragon shies away, then chases her off. Could it be that Bye-Bye isn't scary—she's *scared*? How can the puppies help? Maybe if Hocus uses a potion to turn into a dragon temporarily, or if Pocus learns some friendly phrases in dragon language, it might help Bye-Bye open up. And it just might help Pocus feel braver, too. This charming series continues with another fun-filled and enchanted romp in a world where everyone can be their unique selves.

- The second book in A. R. Capetta and Charlene Chua's adorable Hocus and Pocus series, following less than a year after the first one!
- Alongside the endearing and diverse cast of characters introduced in the first book, *Hocus and Pocus and the Dragon Next Door* presents a new character destined to be a fan favorite: Bye-Bye the baby dragon!
- Gently and age-appropriately addresses a topic much in demand: mental health, particularly anxiety. Reinforces the ideas that being brave doesn't mean not being afraid; that fear and worry can be useful; and that it's okay to need a little help staying calm in a pinch

A. R. Capetta (they/them) is the author of numerous young adult novels, including *Echo After Echo*, *The Lost Coast*, and Lambda Literary Award winner *The Heartbreak Bakery*. The Hocus and Pocus series is their first foray into writing for younger readers. A. R. Capetta lives in a small town in the mountains with their family, including two dogs who make *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, including 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

The Pinchers and the Curse of the Egyptian Cat

by Anders Sparring

illustrated by Per Gustavsson

In this slapstick, illustrated crime adventure, the honest Theo Pincher, who doesn't fit in to his family of criminals, finds himself suddenly on the other side of the law because of an ancient curse.

"Theo and Ellen accidentally break an ancient cat statue in the antique store. When they tell their mother Nic, she turns pale. It must have been the statue that ruined the life of their ancestor Pick Pincher!

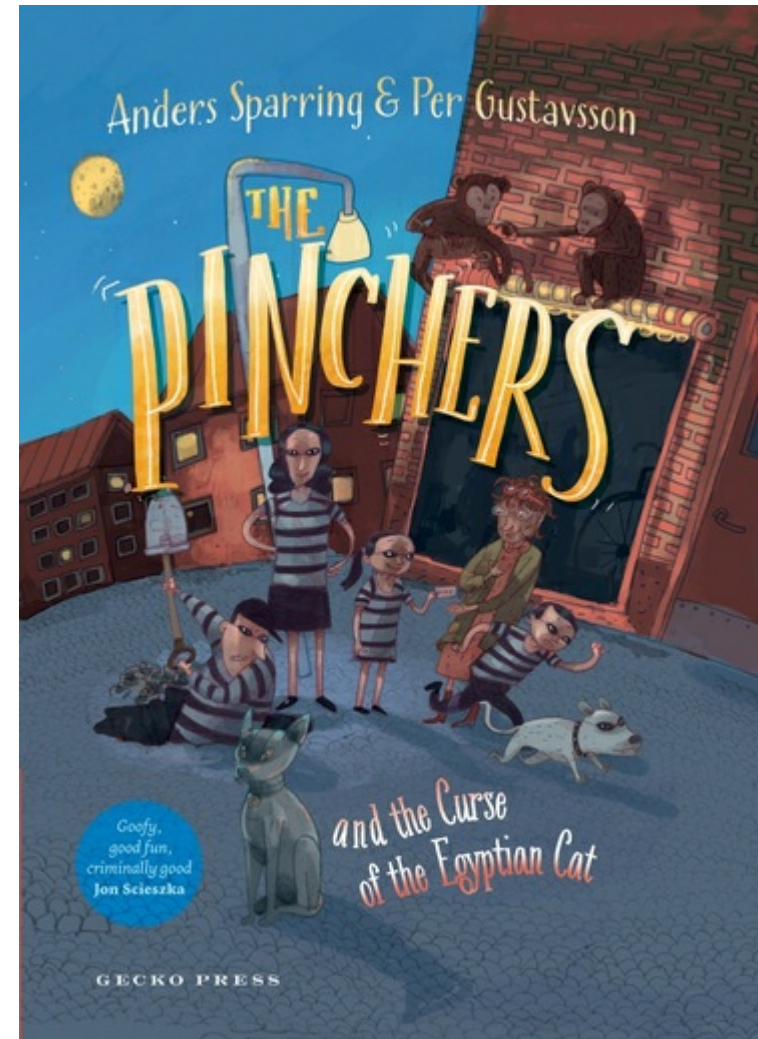
The curse of the Egyptian cat turns thieves into honest people and honest people into thieves. Pick met a terrible fate for a Pincher—he became a police officer. Now suddenly Ellen can't lie and Theo is becoming a criminal.

Theo and Ellen follow the clues to break the curse—after sneaking into the zoo through secret tunnels, breaking into the antique store and digging his way into more trouble, Theo must decide whether he is or isn't a criminal.

- A proud family of thieves and reluctant hero
- A fully illustrated, funny and fast-paced first chapter book for beginning readers
- This story selected as best children's book of the year by one of Sweden's biggest newspapers
- This lively and funny bestselling series has sold over 300,000 copies in Sweden, translated into 10 languages

Anders Sparring writes children's books and is a screenwriter for many popular television shows. He is also a stand-up comedian. He lives in Sweden.

Per Gustavsson is an illustrator and author living in Stockholm, Sweden. His bestselling books are translated to several languages.



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WALKER BOOKS

The Pinchers and the Diamond Heist

by Anders Sparring

illustrated by Per Gustavsson

translated by Julia Marshall

The first in a funny chapter book crime series about a well-behaved child who doesn't fit in to his family of criminals—featuring a prison break, a diamond heist and a lie that saves the day.

Theo is good at most things. He can almost count to a thousand, knows several French words and can operate the washing machine. But he can't lie or steal.

"You must try harder," says his mother sternly.

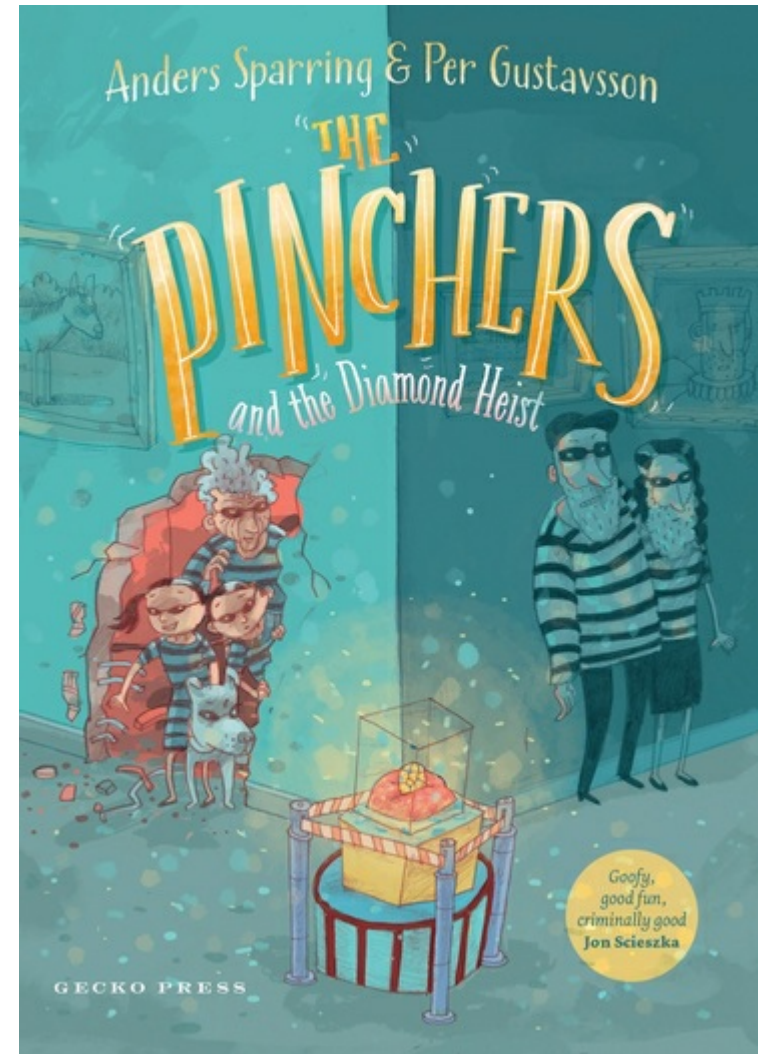
The Pincher family love to steal things. It's what they are born for! When his parents leave to visit the diamond exhibition, Theo's heart sinks. After breaking Grandma out of prison (his little sister needs someone to read her bedtime story), Theo sees no alternative but to stop his parents stealing the diamond. His shout of "Stop! Police!" brings them only delight—Theo's lie has shown he is a true Pincher.

A mix of adventure, silliness and everyday family life, and with bright and funny illustrations, this is a perfect chapter book for beginning and reluctant readers.

- **A delightful family of thieves and a reluctant hero**
- **Start of a lively and funny bestselling series that has sold over 300,000 copies in Sweden, translated into 10 languages**
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WALKER BOOKS

Bear and Bird: The Cave and Other Stories

by Jarvis
illustrated by Jarvis

"These wittily illustrated stories of mishaps, hurt feelings, fondness and friendship have a transporting quality, ideal for 5+." *Guardian*

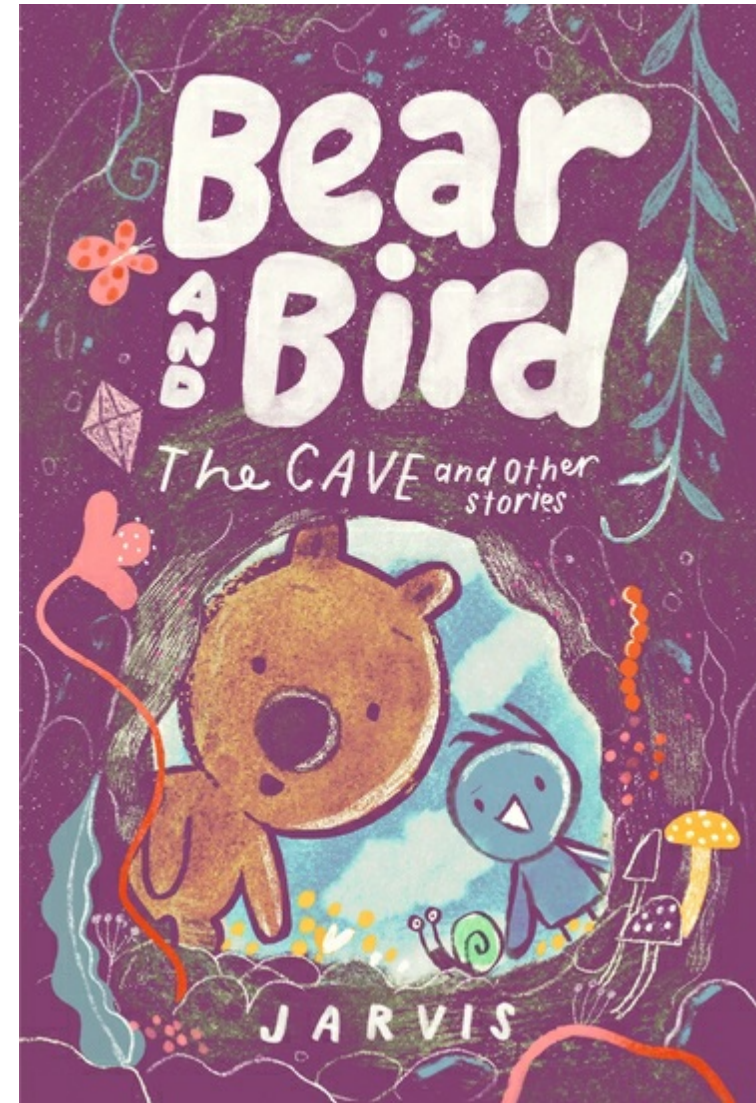
Bear and Bird are best friends! And while they don't always understand each other, they both agree: all they want is to make the other happy. So, when neither of them can remember why they've circled today in red in the calendar, they each think they've missed the other's birthday and scramble to surprise each other with a party! And when Bear accidentally loses the ball while playing Boing Boing, he has to summon up all his courage to go into the Creepy Cave to get it back.

Full of comic mix-ups and misunderstandings, as well as genuine warmth and affection, these four stories are the fifth instalment in this irresistibly charming chapter book series from award-winning creator Jarvis. Bear and Bird are fast becoming a firm favourite and their adventures are perfect to read aloud, or for children who are ready to start reading by themselves.

- This fifth collection of Bear and Bird adventures follows *The Picnic and Other Stories*, *The Stars and Other Stories*, *The Adventure and Other Stories* and *The Stick and Other Stories*. Newly independent readers will love collecting all the titles in their first chapter book series!
- Jarvis's Walker books have sold 1.6 million copies worldwide and have published into 24 different languages.
- Containing four laugh-out-loud stories, and with colour illustrations on every page, this is a big-hearted book for young readers just graduating from picture books.

Jarvis is the author-illustrator of *Alan's Big, Scary Teeth*; *Tropical Terry*; *Follow Me, Flo!* and *The Boy with Flowers in His Hair*, as well as the illustrator of *Pick a Pine Tree*, *Pick a Pumpkin* and *Pick a Perfect Egg*, all written by Patricia Toht. An animator who has worked as a record jacket designer and an animation director, Jarvis lives in Manchester with his wife and their dog and cat. Follow him on X as @heyimjarvis and on Instagram as @booksbyjarvis.

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WALKER  BOOKS

Bear and Bird: The Adventure and Other Stories

by Jarvis

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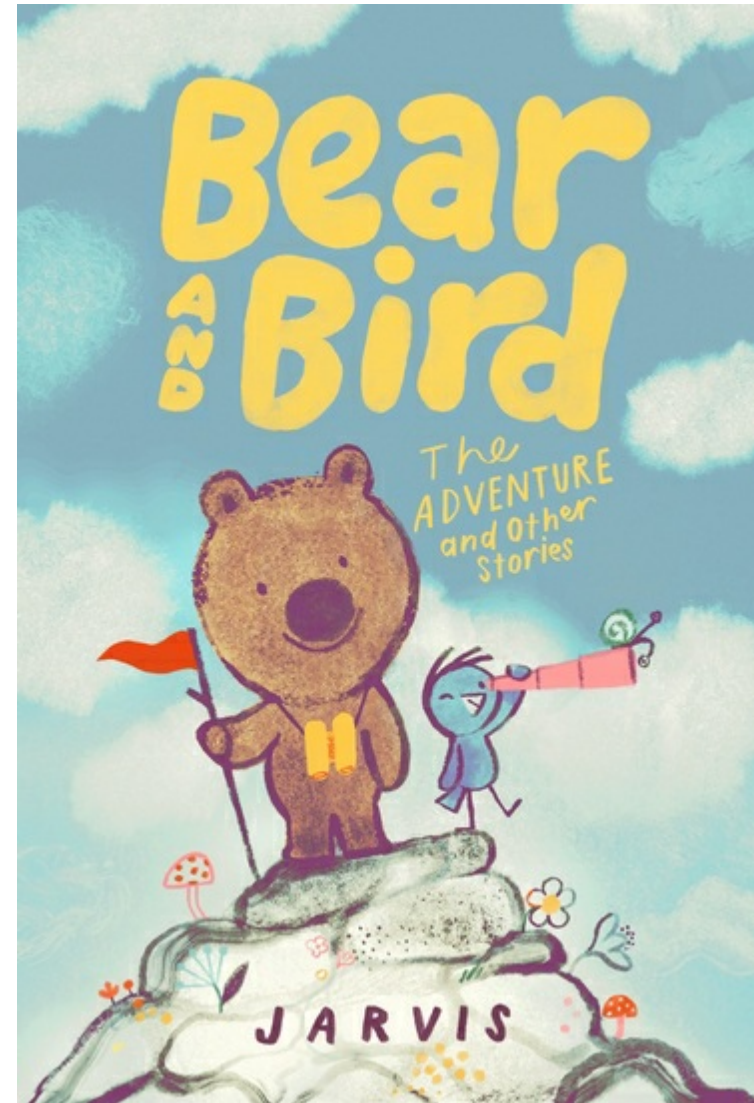
Bear and Bird are best friends! And while they don't always understand each other, they both agree: all they want is to make the other happy. So, when Bird feels poorly, Bear arrives with a backpack of goodies to make her feel better. And when they hang out with Mole – who tells absolutely hilarious jokes! – Bird realizes she doesn't need to compete for Bear's attention; that there is lots of laughter to go around...

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How to be Normal

by Ange Crawford

Winner of the inaugural Walker Books Manuscript Prize. With themes including coercive control, coming of age, and finding yourself, this debut authentically deals with timely issues with insight, sympathy and well crafted humour.

Astrid is about to start her last year at high school. And her first.

When her dad loses his job, Astrid's homeschooling comes to an end. Until now, she has lived within the confines of a tightly controlled, contracted world where there's no room for anything ... except following her father's rules and pretending that everything is normal.

As Astrid, and her mum, tentatively expand their world, they struggle to break free of their ingrained wariness and self-doubt. But with hope, new friends, and the strength of a promise, Astrid has a chance to find out what she wants, who she loves, and who she really is.

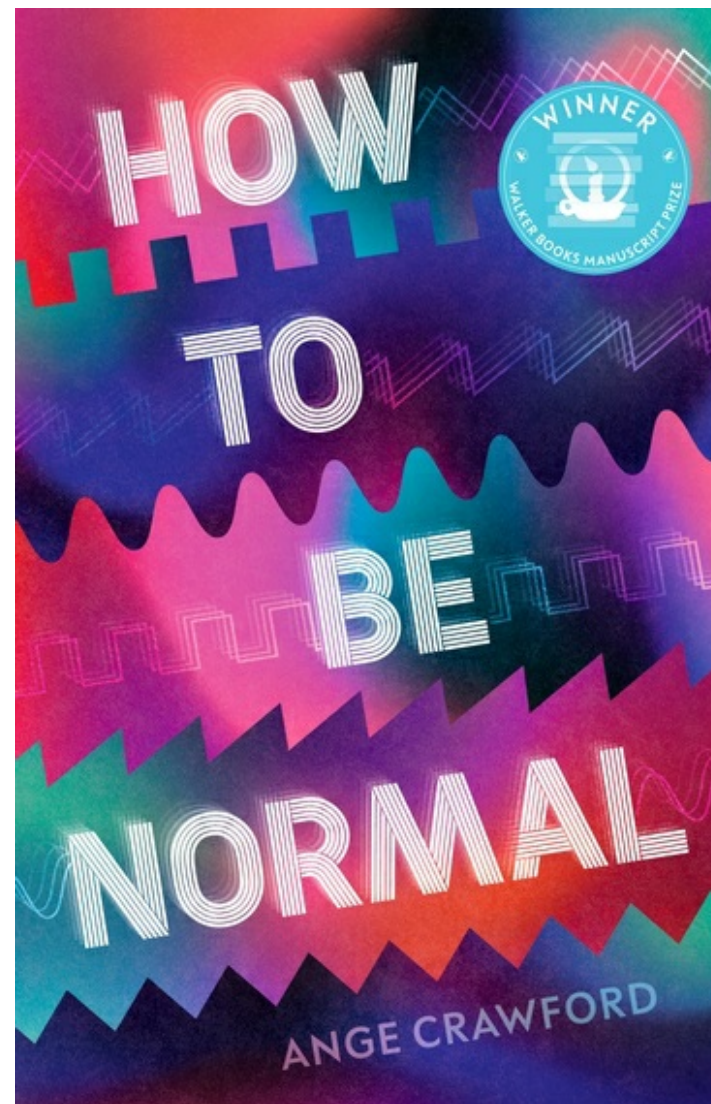
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- Winner of the inaugural Walker Books Manuscript Prize
- Literary, engaging, accessible and timely
- Themes include coercive control, family dynamics, LGBTIQA+

Ange Crawford is a writer, editor and PhD candidate living on unceded Wurundjeri land. Her debut young adult novel, *How to Be Normal*, won the inaugural Walker Books Manuscript Prize. She writes in many different styles, but her work is often connected by her enduring interests in queerness, art, language, storytelling, place(lessness) and coming of age. Apart from writing and editing, she is a fan of cats and synthesisers, and can often be found with an armful of books in a local independent bookstore.

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Mismatched

by Anne Camlin

illustrated by Isadora Zeferino

A teen social media star learns he can't control everything in this modern-day graphic novel adaptation of Jane Austen's *Emma*, perfect for fans of *Heartstopper*.

Evan Horowitz is obsessed with three things in life: makeup, social media, and matchmaking!

When shy new girl, Natalia, starts at his school, Evan begins work on his newest and most ambitious matchmaking project yet. Who better than him to give her a push in the right direction? With so many matches to choose from and Natalia hopelessly clueless when it comes to love, it's not long before Evan sets his plan into motion (much against the better judgment of his best friend, Davi).

But he takes things too far, creating a web of drama that spirals out of his control. Can he learn to put the people closest to him before his misguided ambition? Or will he lose them, and his chance at romance, too?

- *Heartstopper* meets *Emma* in this lighthearted, romantic YA graphic novel
- YA romances based on the classic literature remains a popular genre in books and film.
- Illustrated by Isadora Zeferino, who has been featured on TASCHEN's *The Illustrator: 100 Best from Around the World*, and in Brazil. She is responsible for the book covers of *Howl's Moving Castle*, *Matilda*, *The Princess Diaries*, and *Red White & Royal Blue*. Zeferino has over 250,000 followers across Instagram and Twitter, and regularly attends conferences and events with other creators.

Anne Camlin is a writer of fiction and graphic novels. Originally from Long Island, they live in Connecticut with a small battalion of schnauzers.

Isadora Zeferino is a freelance illustrator and comic artist who likes to dabble in a little bit of everything creative. She's been featured on TASCHEN's *The Illustrator: 100 Best from Around the World*, and in Brazil, she is responsible for the covers of titles, including *Howl's Moving Castle*; *Matilda*; *The Princess Diaries*; and *Red, White & Royal Blue*. Zeferino has over 250,000 followers across Instagram and Twitter, and regularly attends conferences and events with other creators.



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The Boy I Love

by William Hussey

A sweeping love story set against the horror of the First World War battlefield. Second lieutenant Stephen Wraxall is desperate to save Private Danny McCormick as the Battle of the Somme approaches.

At just nineteen, Stephen has already survived a year at the front. Now he is returning to the trenches to lead a platoon, despite his wounds. Broken-hearted from the loss of his first love, Stephen wonders what he's fighting for. Then he meets Private Danny McCormick, a smart, talented young recruit whose strong opinions will surely get him into trouble. From their first meeting, there's something undeniable between them – something forbidden by both society and the army. Determined to protect Danny, Stephen must face down the prejudices and ignorance of his superiors as well as the onslaught of German shells and sniper fire. As the summer of 1916 ticks down to one big push on the Somme, can Stephen and Danny stay together – and will their love save them – or condemn them?

Cover art by Dri Gomez

- Featuring an intense romance between two young soldiers in World War I, this book is publishing in time for LGBT+ History Month
- The result of 3 years of painstaking research into the largely hidden lives of gay soldiers in World War I

William Hussey is the award-winning author of over a dozen novels, including the critically-acclaimed *Hideous Beauty*, *The Outrage*, and *Broken Hearts and Zombie Parts*. William has spent over a decade visiting schools in the UK and internationally, teaching creative writing to young people and presenting workshops on LGBTQ+ lives and fundamental human rights. William lives in Dumfries with his partner Chris, his faithful dog Bucky and a vivid imagination.



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WALKER BOOKS

Rebel Dawn

by Ann Sei Lin

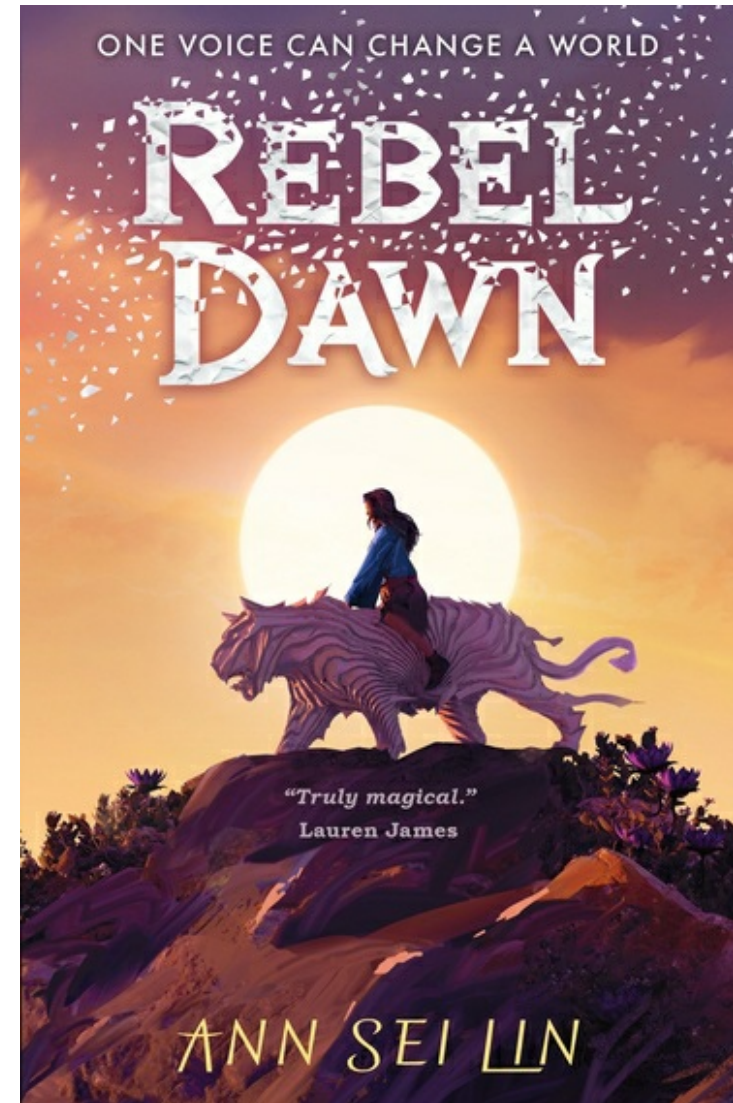
The third and final book in a pacy, lyrical and vivid fantasy adventure set in a world of flying ships, sky cities and powerful paper spirits.

Kurara and her friends have found the key to releasing shikigami from their bonds and granting them eternal freedom – if they can unlock its power. The answer lies in Kurara's homeplace, deep in the mountains of Mikoshima. But can the crew reach it before the imperial forces catch up with them, or their own internal battles break them apart for ever?

Excellent world-building, a dramatic and pacy plot, and an array of deep and believable characters – explored through multiple perspectives – make for a thrilling final instalment in this masterful fantasy adventure.

- **Final book in the Rebel Skies series, which was shortlisted for the Branford Boase and Jhalak Prize and received rave reviews as well as international success.**
- **Themes of power, personal identity, sexuality, imperialism and freedom.**
- **For fans of Philip Reeve, Xiran Jay Zhao and Elizabeth Lim, as well as series such as *Avatar: The Last Airbender* and *Blue Eye Samurai*.**
- **"A vividly imagined fantasy with an enticing Studio Ghibli feel." *Guardian***

Ann Sei Lin is a writer, librarian, and book nerd with a love for all things fantasy. Though London is now her home, she spent several years in Chiba, Japan, living in a rickety apartment block next to a rail station where the rush of the midnight train would make the walls shake. When not writing, she is often studying, gaming, or trying to make that origami rabbit for the one hundredth time.



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Rebel Skies

by Ann Sei Lin

A beautifully written and pacy teen fantasy adventure, set in a world of flying ships, sky cities and powerful paper spirits. Inspired by Asian cultures and exploring themes of empire, slavery and freedom.

Kurara has never known any other life than being a servant on board the Midori, but when her party trick of making paper come to life turns out to be a power treasured across the empire, she joins a skyship and its motley crew to become a Crafter. Taught by the gruff but wise Himura, Kurara learns to hunt shikigami – wild paper spirits sought after by the Princess.

But are these creatures just powerful slaves, or are they beings with their own souls? And can a teenage girl be the one to help them find their voice – and change the course of an empire?

Excellent world-building, a dramatic and pacy plot, and an array of deep and believable characters – explored through multiple perspectives – make this a hugely exciting fantasy adventure debut.

- For fans of Philip Reeve, Xiran Jay Zhao and Elizabeth Lim – as well as *Arcane: League of Legends*, *Avatar: The Last Airbender* and *Kubo and the Two Strings*.
- Inspired by the author's passion for Japanese mythology and culture, and her own Singaporean heritage.
- Themes of power, personal identity, sexuality, imperialism and freedom all explored with nuance and skill.
- The first title in a trilogy.
- "A magical debut that reads like a Ghibli film, brimming with imagination, action and heart." *Natasha Ngan*

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Almost Sunset

by Wahab Algarmi

illustrated by Wahab Algarmi

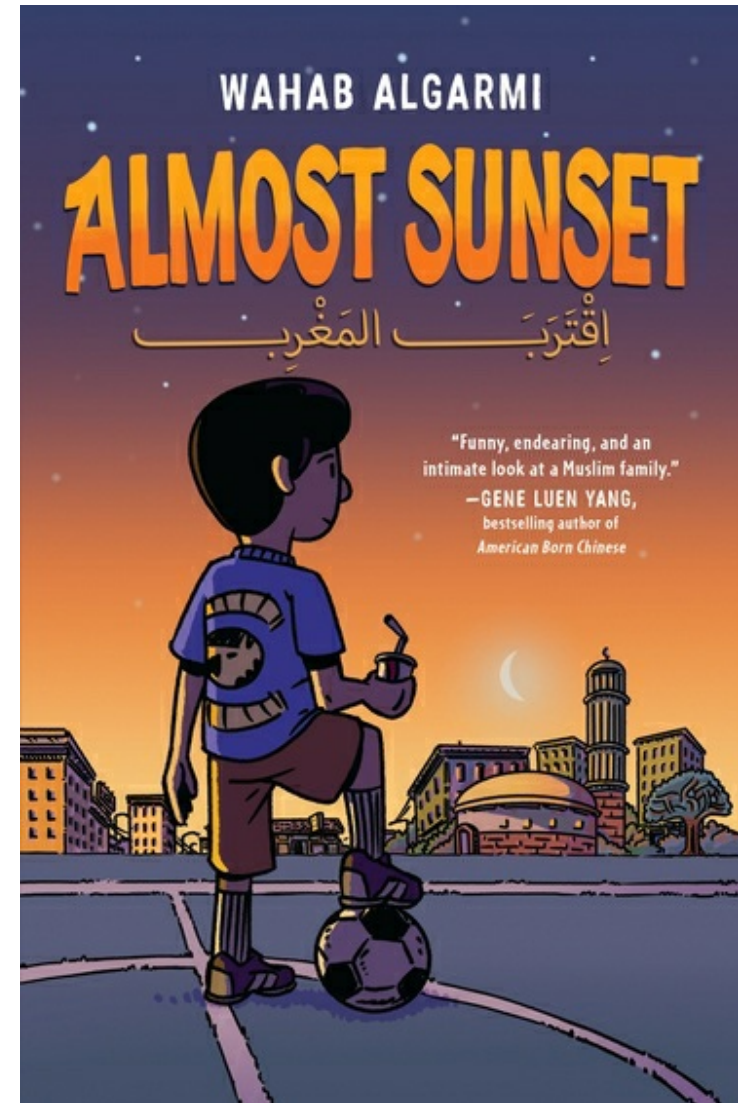
Navigating a month of school, an upcoming soccer championship while fasting for Ramadan, can be tough. Luckily, Hassan has a winning combo of family, friends and faith - and his goals in sight!

It's almost sunset, and Hassan has been dreaming about eating since the sun rose this morning. He's facing a hectic month of homework, gaming and soccer, all while fasting every day for the holy month of Ramadan. Not eating until sundown intensifies Hassan's already stretched days - his teachers and friends barely understand Ramadan and its traditions, and it's especially tough keeping up with soccer practice, as the team's first game looms in a few weeks.

At the same time, Ramadan brings Hassan's family and community closer together, from waking up at 4am every morning to feasting and attending mosque in the evenings. Throughout this epic month, while the secular world flows on a different path, Ramadan becomes a steadying force in Hassan's life while illuminating surprises about his family, his faith - soccer too! - and most importantly, Hassan's own path ahead.

- A fun-filled graphic novel format
- Action-packed panels of soccer-match struggles - and success!
- A touching exploration of the pull between family, faith and friends
- Will resonate with Muslim teens attending secular schools anywhere in the world, and every reader juggling different aspects of their lives

Wahab Algarmi is a writer from the San Francisco Bay Area, specialising in visual storytelling. He graduated from the Academy of Art University after studying with Pixar Studios story artists, and has written role-playing games for Night Owl Workshop and been a Story Artist for Floating World Animation. Wahab currently writes and teaches for StoryboardArt.org, an online art school, and his previous comics work includes the webcomic *The Society of Unordinary Young Ladies*, a story of female spies made up of TV sitcom characters.



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WALKER BOOKS

Hilda and Twig: Hide from the Rain

by Luke Pearson

illustrated by Luke Pearson

A brand-new adventure featuring our favourite blue-haired heroine Hilda, and her trusty deerfox companion Twig.

Hilda and Twig would never let a bit of rain get in the way of an adventure, but it's different when your forest exploration is interrupted by a BIG storm.

Sheltering in a mysterious mound in the earth, Twig quickly realises that trouble is afoot, and that his best blue-haired friend is in danger. Unfortunately, he's never really thought of himself as the brave one, but it looks like he's going to have to step up and save Hilda from a whole load of big, scaly trouble!

Dive into this magical comic as we follow our lovable pair on a soggy adventure.

- **A brand-new and original Hilda graphic novel from award-winning creator Luke Pearson.**
- **A gateway into the wonderful world of Hilda – you do not have to have read any of the other Hilda titles to enjoy this fantastic story.**
- **Focuses on Twig – Hilda's trusted deerfox companion, and fan favourite character.**
- **The original Hilda graphic novels inspired the Daytime Emmy and BAFTA winning Netflix series 'Hilda'.**
- **Mixture of full page illustrations and large panels makes this perfect as a first comic book for beginner readers.**

Luke Pearson is the creator of the Hildafolk comic series. He is also a writer and co-executive producer of the Bafta award-winning animated series of the same name. Outside of his work on Hilda, Luke has been an illustrator, a storyboard artist and has drawn a range of other comics.



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WALKER BOOKS

Hilda and The Troll

by Luke Pearson

illustrated by Luke Pearson

Meet Hilda. She can't sit still for long before she's off on another adventure, so why not join her in discovering a magical new universe.

While on an expedition to seek out the magical creatures of the mountains around her home, Hilda spots a mountain troll. As she draws it, the blue-haired explorer starts to nod off... waking up to find herself lost in a snowstorm and the troll totally disappeared. On her way home, Hilda ventures deep into the woods, befriends a lonely wooden man and narrowly avoids getting squashed by a lost giant. This brand new paperback edition offers a fresh chance to read the first of Luke Pearson's ever-popular magical Hilda adventures.

- This is a new edition with extra, never-before-seen bonus content including maps and new character drawings.
- Hilda is a strong heroine, a character that will appeal to both girls and boys.
- Hilda and the Midnight Giant was included in Publishers Weekly's Top 25 Children's Picture Books of 2012 and won the Young People's Comic Award at The British Comic Awards.
- Critically acclaimed and compared to the well-loved works of Studio Ghibli and Tove Jansson's *Moomins*.

Luke Pearson, award-winning author of the Hildafolk series and *Everything We Miss* has fast become one of the leading talents of the UK comics scene. Pearson's *Hilda and the Midnight Giant* was selected by *Publishers Weekly* as one of 2012's Top 25 Children's Picture Books and won the Young People's Comic Award at The British Comic Awards.



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Monster Support Group: The Creature's Origin

by Laura Suárez

illustrated by Laura Suárez

Discover the newest instalment in the Monster Support Group series, where the truths behind your favourite monsters are revealed!

Meet Frederick: taught by his maker that monsters don't cry or read OR sniff flowers, he is taken round the country, demonstrating his might and monstrous nature. But, when Frederick realises there might be more to life than terrorising, he takes to the mountains to escape. But now his maker has come looking and Frederick must face up to his past, be brave and show everyone that monsters don't always have to be monstrous.

- The third title in the hilarious and charming *Monster Support Group* series about the stories behind everyone's favourite monsters.
- Taking inspiration from the Frankenstein story, combining this with child-friendly themes of self-acceptance, finding joy and being your true self.
- An uplifting message of friendship as the Monster Support Group work together to help both Frederick and Dr Victoria Frankenstein.
- Perfect for beginner readers, and reluctant readers age 6 to 10.

Laura Suárez is a freelance illustrator from Galicia. Since a young age, she has always been fascinated by books. She studied Fine Arts at the Polytechnic University of Valencia and completed a Comic and Illustration Masters in Barcelona. Working as an illustrator or an author, she has worked with clients such as Penguin Random House, Xerais or Group Edelvives, among others.



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WALKER BOOKS

Meet Mbiresaurus: A Graphic Guide

by Benjamin Harper

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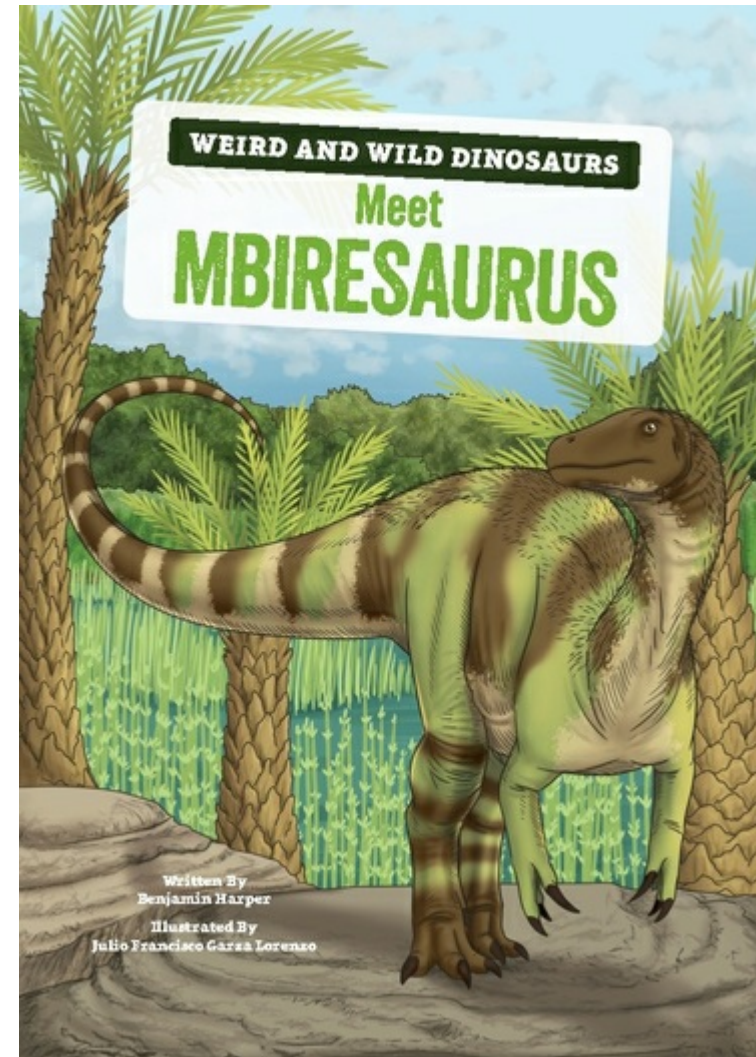
Simple, engaging text in a high-interest comics format featuring lesser-known but fascinating dinosaurs

You know Brachiosaurus. Now meet Mbiresaurus raathi! This long-necked dino lived more than two hundred and thirty million years ago in present-day Zimbabwe. It walked on two legs and ate both plants and animals. Its mouth was filled with sharp, sawlike teeth. Take a closer look . . . if you dare.

- Inviting graphic approach to dinosaurs and archaeology
- Reluctant-reader friendly
- Features lesser known but fascinating dinos
- High interest

Benjamin Harper has written or contributed to more than 40 books, including a number of levelled readers and graphic novels. Currently, he resides in Los Angeles, California, where he raises monarch butterflies and lives with a cat, a dog, and a hippie.

Julio Francisco Garza Lorenzo is a professional illustrator, designer and photographer based in Mexico City. He has worked on a wide range of projects with advertising agencies, animation studios, and publishers.



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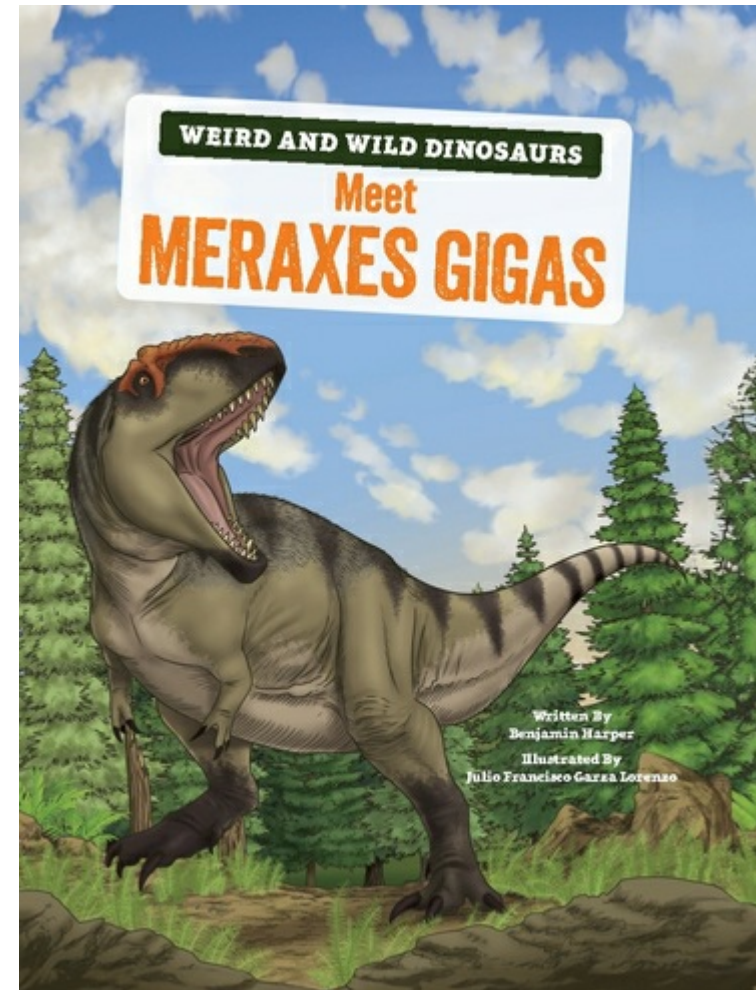
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The Greatest Stuff on Earth: The amazing science of sunlight, smartphones, microphones, mushrooms & everything in-between

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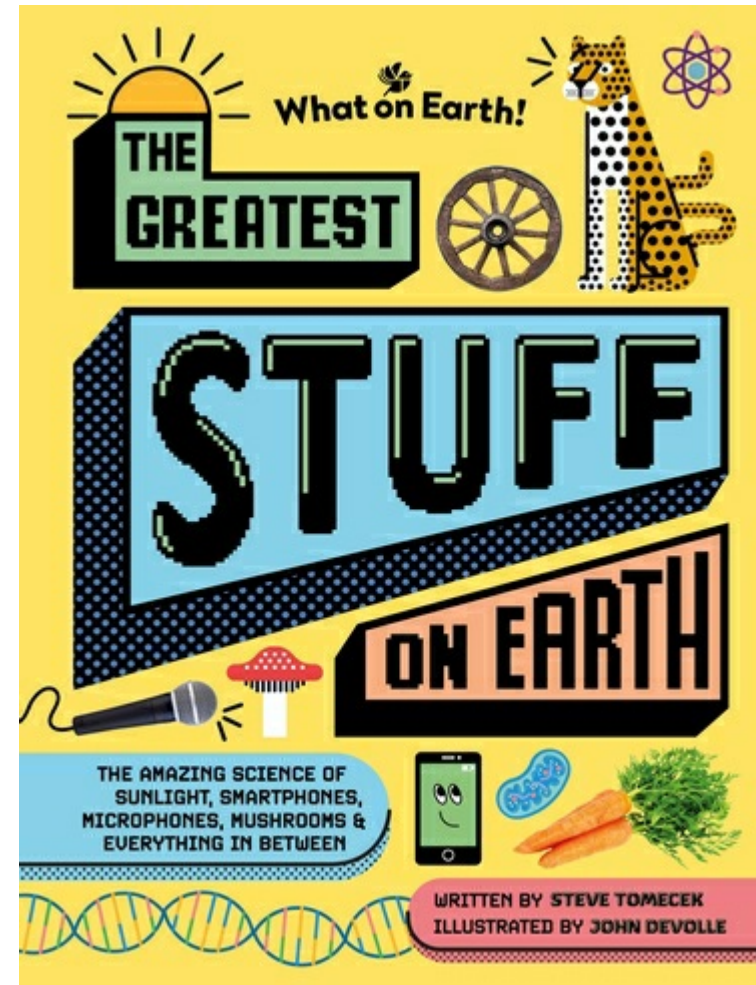
A quirky, surprise-filled and light-hearted romp through the stuff that makes up our world, from atoms, elements and light, to water, soil and DNA, to buildings, books and smartphones.

A quirky romp through the stuff of our world, from atoms and elements and light, to water, soil and DNA, to buildings and books and smartphones. With chatty explanatory text, fast facts, and clever, stylish and sometimes funny photos, illustrations, and diagrams, this fantastically browsable book offers hundreds of entry points for knowledge-hungry kids.

- **Enormous kid appeal draws readers in then introduces them to topics they never knew were so much fun**
- **Features a stylish blend of clever, fun and often funny illustrations, detailed diagrams showing just how things work and powerful full-colour photography.**
- **Author is a proven expert in children's science and his bestselling book (*Everything Rocks and Minerals* for National Geographic Kids) has sold over 150,000 copies worldwide and has more than 1,500 reviews on Amazon UK.**

Author **Steve Tomecek** holds a degree in Geology and has 30 years' experience educating children about science, including as a writer, a radio and television presenter, and live performer.

John Devolle was born and raised in Birmingham and moved to London to study fine art at the University of Westminster, where he attained a BA(hons) in Mixed Media Art. For several years, he was a guitarist in a punk-blues-garage band called Junkbox and did a bit of music production for other bands in his studio in Hackney Wick. He now works full-time as a freelance illustrator, specialising in editorial illustration and infographics and both writing and illustrating children's non-fiction. He lives, works and walks the dog in Walthamstow, East London.



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Boing!: A Bouncy Book of Bugs

by James Carter

illustrated by Neal Layton

A top poet and illustrator combine to reveal the amazing world of bugs and minibeasts in this read-aloud collection of poems.

If it jiggles just a little

or its home is in the mud

or it wiggles down its middle ...

oh indeed – it's a bug!

If it scuttles or it rustles

or it leaps upon a rug

or it bustles in a meadow ...

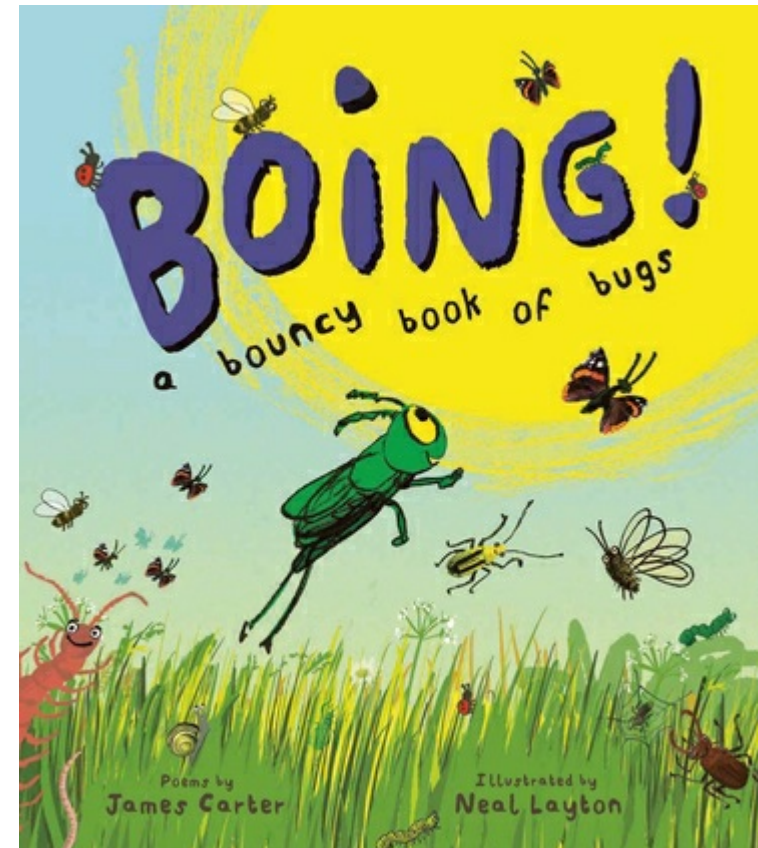
yes siree – it is a bug!

Best-selling poet James Carter loves bugs. He has written many poems about them, and now here is a whole book devoted to bugs and minibeasts. Buzzing with energy and fun, it celebrates them in all their glorious bugliness – grasshoppers, moths, ladybirds, dung beetles, flies, wasps, even bedbugs get a look in, and finishes with the extraordinary tardigrades who can live in outer space. Many are shape poems – Carter's speciality – some are riddles, and all are perfectly matched by Neal Layton's bugtiful colour illustrations.

- **A new picture book poetry collection from the author of bestselling Zim Zam Zoom!**
- **Perfect theme for young children who love creepycrawlies**
- **Each spread also has amazing details about the lives and habits of bugs**
- **James Carter is an internationally renowned poet and performer, in huge demand for school visits**
- **Neal Layton is published in many countries across the world, and especially acclaimed for A Planet Full of Plastic**

James Carter is a former lecturer in Creative Writing and Children's Literature at Reading University – now a world-travelling children's poet, giving performances with his melodica at festivals, workshops and in libraries and schools. His previous books for younger children are Zim Zam Zoom, illustrated by Nicola Colton, and A Ticket to Kalamazoo, illustrated by Neal Layton. He lives in Oxfordshire.

Neal Layton studied Graphic Design and Illustration at Newcastle University and Central St Martin's School of Art. His images are prized for their spontaneity and inventiveness. His picture books include The Tree, The Story of Stars, and A Planet Full of Plastic. He lives on the Isle of Wight.



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Stone Age Beasts

by Ben Lerwill

illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith

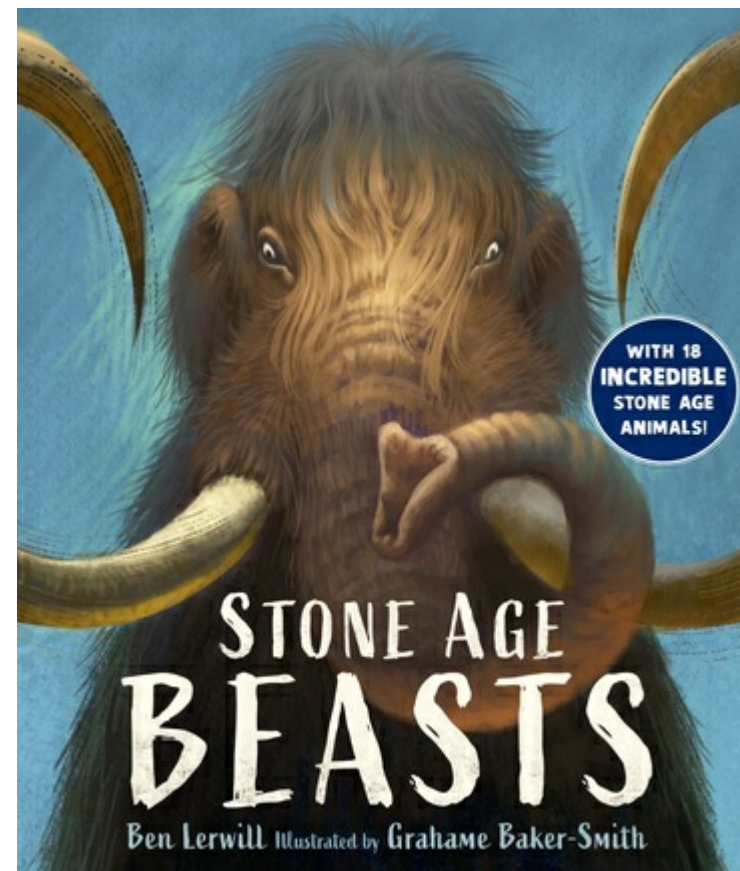
Come face-to-face with the most amazing prehistoric beasts in this stunning gift book, illustrated by the Kate Greenaway Medal-winner Grahame Baker-Smith.

Are you brave enough to meet the incredible giants that shared the Stone Age world with our ancestors? From the woolly mammoth to the fearsome sabre-toothed cat, and from the giant eagle swooping in the skies to the six-metre snake slithering along the forest floor, this is an awesome introduction to prehistory's biggest beasts. Featuring eighteen animals from all over the world, illustrated with flair by Kate Greenaway Medal-winning illustrator Grahame Baker-Smith, and packed with jaw-dropping facts, this is an atmospheric and absorbing journey through the Stone Age world.

- Each of the 18 animals has its own double-page spread with a striking illustration, factfile and engagingly atmospheric text about how it lived and how it interacted with early humans.
- Ties in with the Key Stage 2 history curriculum topic of Stone Age Britain.
- Grahame Baker-Smith is a Kate Greenaway Medal-winning artist, and his stunning illustrations bring the Stone Age creatures to life alongside an atmospheric text.

Ben Lerwill is an award-winning writer whose work has appeared in national and international publications including the *Guardian*, *The Sunday Times* and *BBC Countryfile*. He's written children's books for Nosy Crow, Puffin, Quarto and more. This is his first book with Walker. He lives in Oxfordshire.

Grahame Baker-Smith always knew he wanted to be an illustrator. He studied at Berkshire College of Art and Design and has been drawing for over twenty years for both children and adults in books and magazines. In 2011 he won the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal for the outstanding illustrations in *Farther*. His previous book for Walker was *Life: The First Four Billion Years*. He lives in Bath with his wife and three children.



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