

Dragonkeeper

by Carole Wilkinson

The first book in the internationally award-winning *Dragonkeeper* series, now a major motion picture with a stunning movie tie-in edition.

Ancient China, Han Dynasty. A slave girl saves the life of an ageing dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a ruthless dragon hunter, the girl and the dragon make an epic journey across China carrying a mysterious stone that must be protected. This is the story of a young slave girl who believes she is not worthy of a name but finds within herself the strength and courage to make this perilous journey – and do what must be done. This beautiful book by award-winning author Carole Wilkinson will enchant every reader.

- **The *Dragonkeeper* series has been extraordinarily successful both in Australia and internationally.**
- **Book of the Year, Younger Readers Category, The Children's Book Council of Australia, 2004**
- **Winner, Best Young Adult Book, Aurealis Awards, 2003**
- **Winner, Queensland Premier's Literary Awards, 2004**
- **Best Children's Book, Queensland Premier's Literary Award, 2004**
- **Winner, Older Readers, Kids Own Australian Literary Awards (KOALA), 2006**

Carole Wilkinson is an award-winning and much loved author of books for children. She has a long-standing fascination with dragons and is interested in the history of everything. Though Carole has written over 30 books, she did not write her first book until she was nearly 40. Before that she had worked as a laboratory assistant and as a film and television writer and editor.

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Darkly

by Marisha Pessl

What would you kill for?

The *New York Times* bestselling author of *Night Film* spins a twisted web in this masterful YA psychological thriller about the dark legacy of a notorious games designer.

A seemingly ordinary high school student. A mysterious summer internship. And a legendary games designer, now dead.

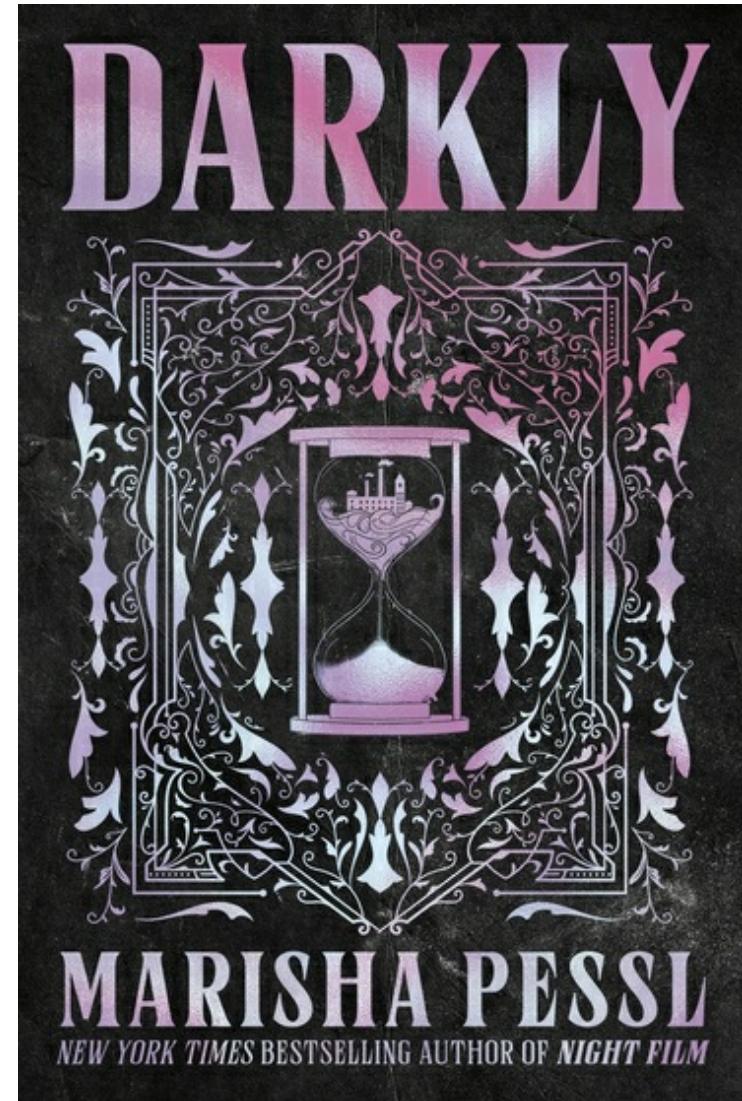
When an ad for an internship with the Louisiana Veda Foundation appears, Arcadia 'Dia' Gannon rushes to apply. Veda's game-making empire, Darkly, was renowned for its ingenious and terrifying games back in the day and Dia is as obsessed with them as anyone.

The remaining games are priced like highly sought-after works of art, with the rarest and most notorious commanding tens of millions of dollars at auction. Now, Dia is thrust into the enigmatic heart of the operation. But who are these other interns? Why do they all seem to have something to hide? And why was she really chosen? It soon becomes clear that this summer will be the most twisted Darkly game of all.

- An ingenious dark thriller – taut, full of twists and turns and genuinely scary.
- “Pessl is gargantuan: wildly smart, extremely surprising, a wordsmith, a queen. Read her.” – E. Lockhart
- Marisha Pessl is the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Night Film* and *Special Topics in Calamity Physics*.
- Mixed media throughout, including maps, letters and photographs, help to create a fantastically immersive reading experience. Perfect for fans of Holly Jackson.

Marisha Pessl is the author of the critically acclaimed young adult novel *Neverworld Wake*, as well as two *New York Times* bestsellers: *Night Film* and *Special Topics in Calamity Physics*. She lives with her husband and three daughters in New York.

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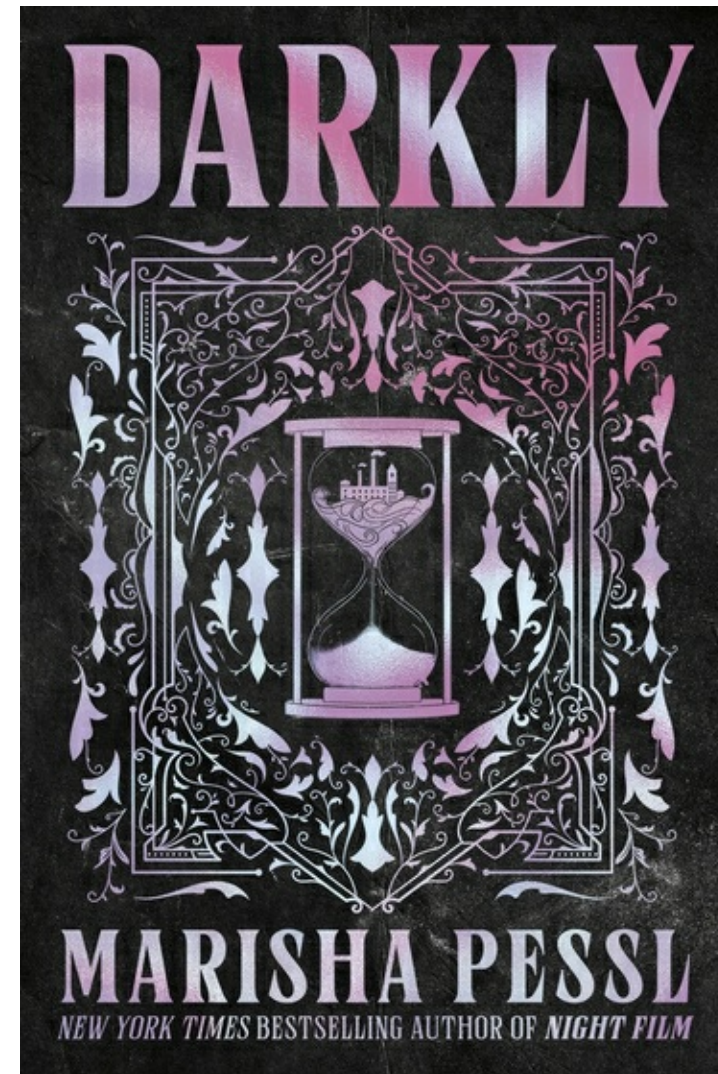
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Yours From the Tower

by Sally Nicholls

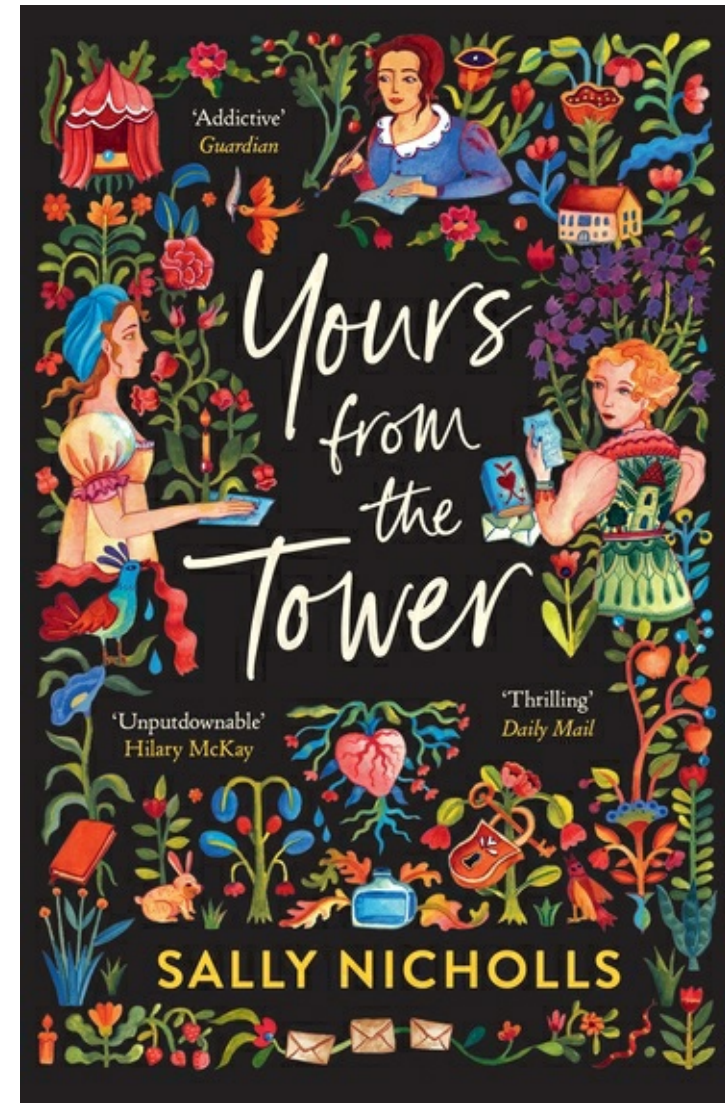
Three very different young women make their way through late Victorian England - can they each find true happiness?

1896. Tirzah, Sophia and Polly are best friends who've left boarding school and gone back to very different lives. Polly is teaching in an orphanage. Sophia is looking for a rich husband at the London Season. And Tirzah is stuck acting as an unpaid companion to her grandmother. In a series of letters, they share their hopes, their frustrations, their dramas ... and their romances. Can these three very different young women find happiness?

- Ideal for fans of Laura Wood, *Bridgerton*, *Capture the Castle* and Eva Ibbotson's YA historical romances
- A romantic, feel-good historical tale told through letters, set in the late Victorian era
- *The Silent Stars Go By* was a Book of the Year in eight publications: The Times, Guardian, Daily Mail, Telegraph, Observer, New Statesman, Daily Express, Daily Mirror
- Sally Nicholls' *Things a Bright Girl Can Do* was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, National Book Award, Books Are My Bag Readers' Awards and the YA Book Prize
- *Things a Bright Girl Can Do* has sold over 70,000 copies across editions

Sally Nicholls grew up in Stockton-on-Tees, and after school, travelled the world, working for a period at a Red Cross hospital in Japan. Sally's first novel, *Ways to Live Forever*, won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and she has been shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Costa Children's Book Award, and the Carnegie Medal, twice. She lives in Liverpool with her husband and two sons.

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First Big Book of How: HOW do polar bears keep warm? HOW do keys open locks? HOW do spacesuits work? The ultimate book of answers for kids who need to know HOW!

by Sally Symes

illustrated by Kate Slater

A compendious and stunningly illustrated fact-filled book for children who have endless questions about how the world works.

How do scientists see into space? How do we know what the dinosaurs looked like? How do chameleons change colour? How do bugs walk on walls? How do bones grow? How do keys open locks? Featuring compelling questions about space, Earth, machines, vehicles, buildings, animals and the human body, this magnificent book provides answers for every inquisitive child. By encouraging children to question how things are happening in the world around us, First Big Book of How Things Work supports STEAM learning and nurtures curious minds. With stunning photography and gorgeous original illustrations by Kate Slater, including a host of helpful and friendly diagrams, this is the ultimate gift for kids who need to know everything – and now!

- Over 150 questions answered in clear and accessible ways.
- Every chapter contains two ‘Tell me... NOW!’ quickfire questions spreads, which offer snappy and memorable answers to a child’s most pressing questions.
- Especially commissioned illustrations, detailed diagrams showing just how things work, and full colour photography.
- Every chapter also features two fully illustrated ‘Search and Find’ spreads, in which readers must spot and count the illustrations amidst the photography.
- Every spread has been thoroughly fact-checked and reviewed by subject experts.



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Britannica First Big Book of Why: Why can't penguins fly? Why do we brush our teeth? Why does popcorn pop? The ultimate book of answers for kids who need to know WHY!

by Sally Symes, Stephanie Drimmer
illustrated by Kate Slater

The definitive and stunningly illustrated question and answer book from Britannica, with answers to more than 100 questions that kids really want to know.

Why do elephants have trunks? Why are clouds different shapes? Why does popcorn pop? Why does my tummy rumble? Why do we flush the toilet? This magnificent book features chapters on Bugs, Pets, Wild Animals, the Body, Food, Machines and Space and also includes some of the mysteries which experts are still trying to solve! By encouraging children to question how the world works, Britannica First Big Book of Why supports STEAM learning and nurtures enquiring minds. With stunning photography and gorgeous original illustrations by **Kate Slater**, this is the ultimate gift for kids who need to know WHY.

- Britannica offers authoritative, clear and fascinating answers to more than 100 questions that span space, earth, wild animals, pets, bugs, machines, the body and food.
- A huge and lavishly illustrated book with more than 200 illustrations, including specially commissioned artworks by Kate Slater and stunning photography.
- Pages feature 'Wacky Facts' and 'Who Knows?', where a spotlight is shone on the mysteries that scientists are still trying to solve.

Sally Symes worked for many years as a designer of children's books before turning her skills to writing them. Her collaborations with Nick Sharratt have won several awards, including The Educational Writers' Award for *Gooey*, *Chewy*, *Rumble*, *Plop*, and The Southampton Favourite Book to Share Award for *Something Beginning with Blue*. She works from a shed in Sussex, UK, accompanied by her grumpy cat.

Kate Slater grew up on a beautiful farm in deepest Staffordshire, and studied illustration at Kingston University. Her children's books include *A is for Ant*, *The Birthday Crown*, *The Little Red Hen*, *ABC London*, *Magpie's Treasure*, *Make Your Own Birds of Prey* and *Make your Own Flying Machines*. Alongside work for publishing, editorial and advertising, she has created several large-scale installations and window displays.

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The Football GOAT: Messi v Ronaldo: Who is the greatest of all time?

by Matt Oldfield and Seth Burkett

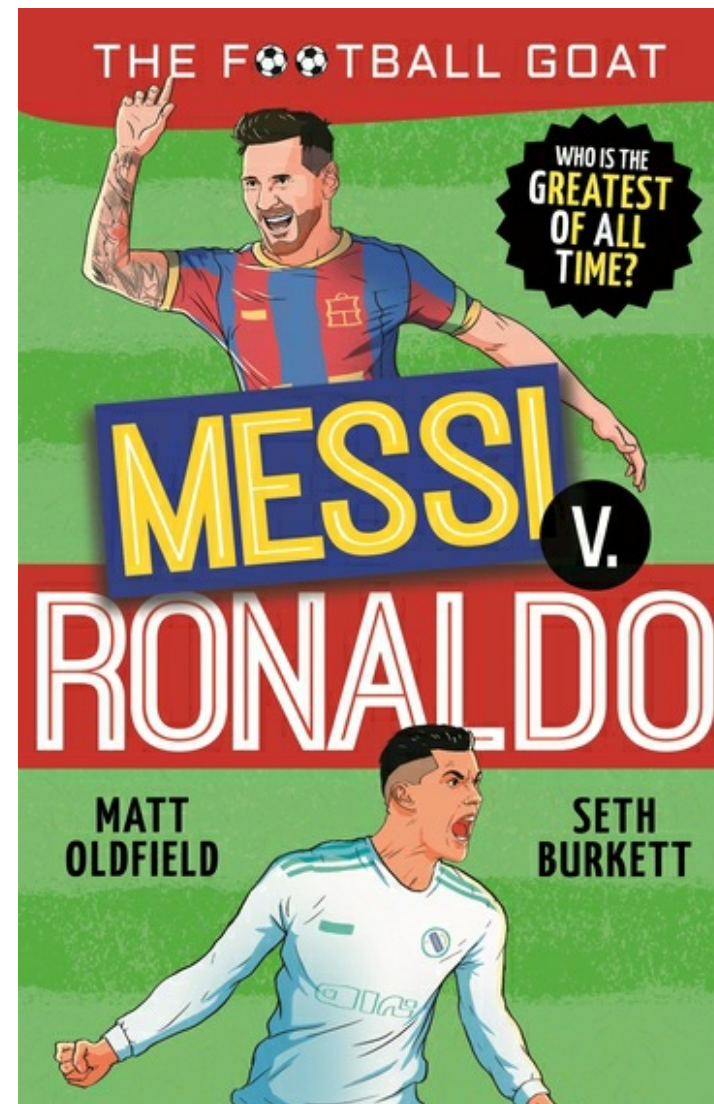
Messi vs Ronaldo: which of these footballing legends is the Greatest Of All Time?

The brand-new series from Matt Oldfield, the bestselling author of Ultimate Football Heroes, and Seth Burkett, a former professional footballer, tackles the question that every football fan wants answered: who is the GOAT? Each book will pit two of the biggest and best players in the world head-to-head in a battle for the crown, kicking off with the superstar clash of Messi vs Ronaldo. Action-packed and full of detailed facts, trivia, stats and funny illustrations, this is the the collectable new series that's perfect for fans of Ultimate Football Heroes and Football School.

- The launch title in a new non-fiction commercial black-and-white series to follow the success of Ultimate Football Heroes. 3 books acquired in a heated auction.
- Written by the bestselling author of the Ultimate Football Heroes series of biographies, which have sold over 800,000 copies through TCM.
- The GOAT is a playground and TikTok phenomena, loved by kids and adults alike. The series combines the collectability and head-to-head appeal of Top Trumps with the biographical information of Ultimate Football Heroes.
- Perfect for boys and reluctant readers.

Matt Oldfield grew up in Southampton, playing football with his brother Tom. The two brothers are the authors of the bestselling Ultimate Football Heroes series – fun football biographies that tell the exciting life stories of superstars like Gareth Bale, Lionel Messi and Mo Salah, from the playground through to the pitch. The Johnny Ball books are Matt's first fiction series. He lives in Bristol.

Seth Burkett is an English writer and futsal player and former professional footballer. Having played professional football in Brazil for Sorriso EC and Sri Lanka, Seth now dedicates his time to writing and speaking in schools.



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A Is for Australian Reefs

by Frané Lessac

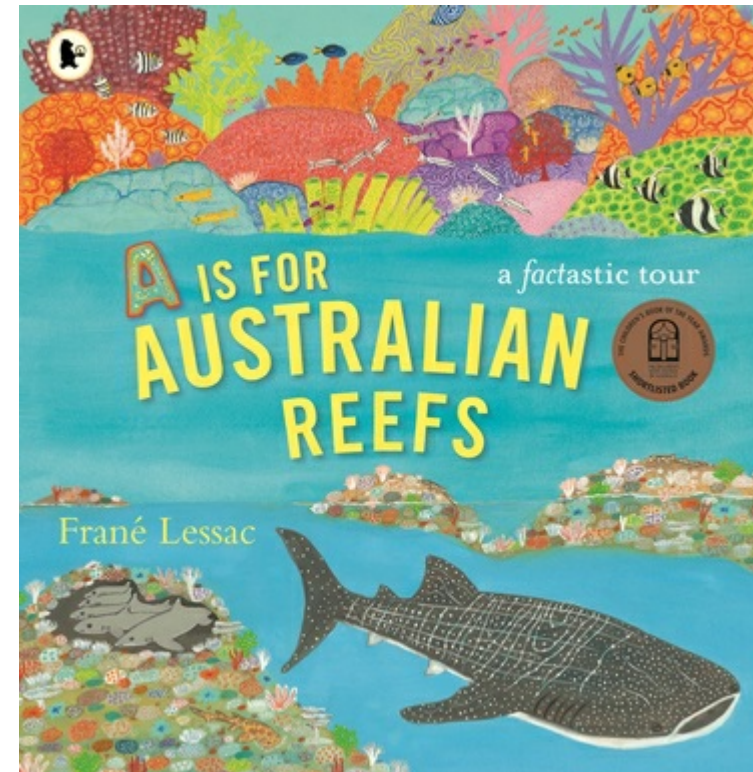
illustrated by Frané Lessac

A dive into fascinating facts from best-selling, multi-award-winning author/illustrator Frané Lessac. Now in paperback!

Along the coastline of Australia, underwater reefs are bustling with the most amazing sea creatures living on the planet! A deep dive into the biodiversity of Australia's remarkable coastline from sharks to octopuses to dolphins and manta rays and seahorses - and the most famous reef of all - the Great Barrier Reef.

- Follow up to Frané Lessac's previous successes, *A is for Australia* and *A is for Australian Animals*
- Full of amazing and intriguing facts about reefs and their inhabitants – and the threats that face our marine life
- Frané's vibrant illustrations bring the ocean to life, with colour that leaps off the page
- Perfectly pitched, accessible information for young readers, and their parents and teachers

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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A Is for Australia

by Frané Lessac

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A fantastic tour of Australia from A to Z with award-winning author and illustrator Frané Lessac. Now in paperback!

What is the Fremantle Doctor? Where is Qui Qui? And why are some islands named after days of the week? You'll uncover these exciting facts when you explore the A to Z of Australia – from Bondi to Kakadu and all the way to Taronga Zoo. Discover why Australia is one of the most amazing countries in the world!

- In 2016, it was the Winner of the Crystal Kite Member Choice Award, Australia and New Zealand Division, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and a Notable Book, Eve Pownall Award for Information Books, Children's Book Council of Australia Awards.
- Includes high interest facts and full colour illustrations of diverse locations throughout the country. All states are represented, and Indigenous content is included.
- "A good reminder that there are plenty of natural and man-made sights to enjoy without a passport ... 4/5 stars." *Books+Publishing*

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A Is for Australian Animals

by Frané Lessac

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A factastic tour of Australian animals, by award-winning author-illustrator Frané Lessac. Now in paperback.

Australia is full of the most amazing animals on the planet! What animal has six thumbs? What animal produces square poo? What animal is made up of 95 per cent water and is highly venomous? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this *factastic* tour of Australian animals.

- **Notable Book, Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Award, Eve Pownall Award for Information Books category, 2018**
- **"Vividly illustrated and packed with fascinating information ... destined to become a family favourite." *The Sunday Telegraph***
- **Companion to *A is for Australia*, which was a Notable Book for the 2016 Eve Pownall Award for Information Books, CBCA Awards and Winner of the 2016 Crystal Kite Members Choice Award. Received 4/5 stars from *Books+Publishing*.**

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Wildlife in the Balance: Species that Shape Earth's Ecosystems

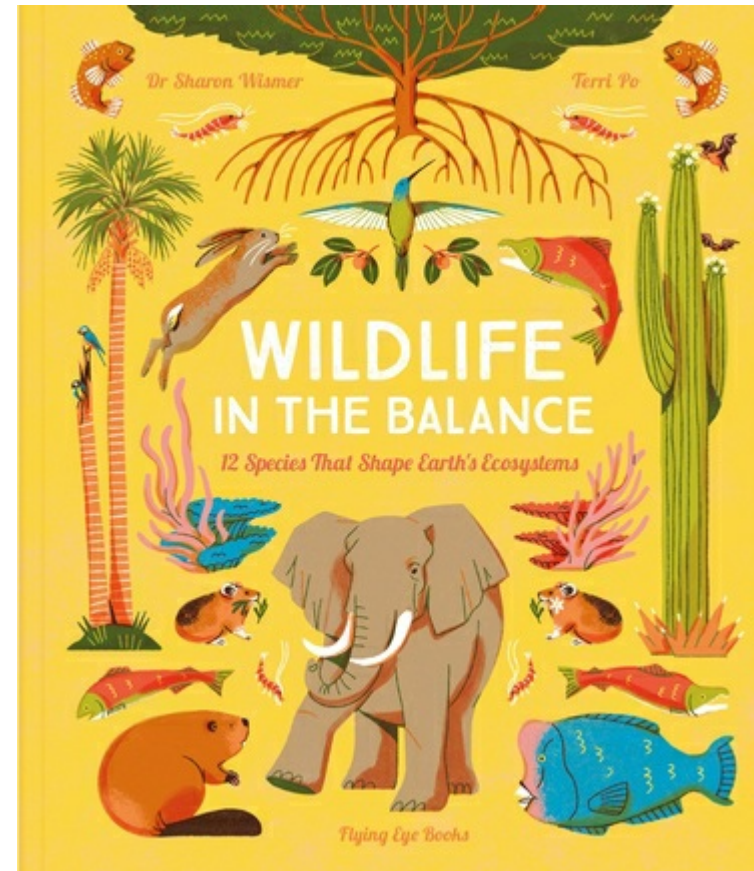
by Dr Sharon Wismer
illustrated by Terri Po

Meet some of our planet's most important animals and discover the remarkable ways they are helping save our planet.

Learn about 12 keystone species around the world from elephants to wolves, honeybees to beavers. Keystone species are animals or plants that play a crucial role in different habitats and have a huge effect on the environment around them. Entire ecosystems can depend on a single species, and they act as a glue that holds the ecosystem together. The book will introduce readers to keystone animals across all the five major biomes (aquatic, grassland, forest, desert, and tundra) with facts about wildlife, habitats, and modern conservation practices to protect these species.

- A unique perspective on some of the latest conservation processes. The book will combine information on habitats, wildlife and conservation work.
- Global appeal as every habitat/biome on the planet has keystone species.
- Positive and uplifting conservation message - it's not too late to fix the planet.

Sharon Wismer is a scientist, children's book author and mother who enjoys sharing her passion for wildlife and science. She is currently funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and leads a science communication project at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. Sharon obtained her PhD in 2017. As a marine biologist, her research focused on the behavioural ecology of reef fishes and the impacts of mass coral bleaching events on the Great Barrier Reef. Her scientific work has been published in many peer-reviewed international journals, while her children's books, *Keepers of the Reef* and *When Nature Runs Wild*, aim to make emerging science accessible and exciting for children of the next generation.



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When the Stammer Came to Stay

by Maggie O'Farrell

illustrated by Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini

From Maggie O'Farrell, the multi award-winning author of *Hamnet*, and the stunning imagination of Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini, comes a hopeful and powerful new book, based on Maggie's own experience on living with a stammer.

Sisters Bea and Min couldn't be any more different – Bea is neat and tidy; Min is messy and mucky. Together, they are a perfect pair because Min loves to chat and Bea loves to listen. And in their happy differences, they share the attic room at the top of their very tall, narrow house. Then, one day, as Min is chatting, her tongue feels suddenly locked. The words forming in her mouth never make it out. Some days later, still struggling to speak, she sees the most extraordinary thing at her shoulder in a mirror ... a creature, a *thing*, seizing the words as they rise to her lips, and cramming them into its mouth. Min continues to struggle with her stammer – how can she truly be herself, when she cannot do what she loves most: chat! Bea is the only one who truly sees, and understands, her. Together, they go on a journey of discovery – what IS this creature? – and they find not quite a solution, but a way to make peace with themselves and to love and embrace what makes each of them different.

- Will appeal to fans of the Maggie O'Farrell's gorgeous, oh-so-human writing and anyone struggling with a speech impediment.
- The third title from this incredible author and illustrator pairing that explores important topics through their own unique brand of magic and mythology.
- Maggie O'Farrell is the winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction and Waterstones Book of the Year for *Hamnet*, now a West End play. She won the Indie Book of the Month for her debut children's book, *Where Snow Angels Go*, and the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Honour Award for Fiction for *The Boy Who Lost His Spark*.

Maggie O'Farrell is an award-winning Irish-British author. Her books for adults have received international acclaim; she has won the 2013 Costa Novel Award for *The Hand That First Held Mine*, the 2020 Waterstones Book of the Year Award and the 2020 Women's Fiction Prize for *Hamnet*, and her non-fiction book *I Am I Am I Am* reached number 1 on the *Sunday Times* bestseller list. *Where Snow Angels Go* was her first book for children, and it won the Indie Book of the Month. *The Boy Who Lost His Spark*, its follow up title, won the the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Honour Award for Fiction. Find her online at maggieofarrell.com.

Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini studied Fine Art in Milan and moved to London to study Photography at the London College of Printing. She is now an illustrator of both detailed paintings and graphic surface patterns. She has illustrated *Where Snow Angels Go* and *The Boy Who Lost His Spark* by Maggie O'Farrell, *The Night I Met Father Christmas* by Ben Miller and *The Seeing Stitch* by Jane Yolan. Daniela lives in south east London. Follow her on Twitter as @DJTerrazzini and Instagram as @danielajterrazzini.

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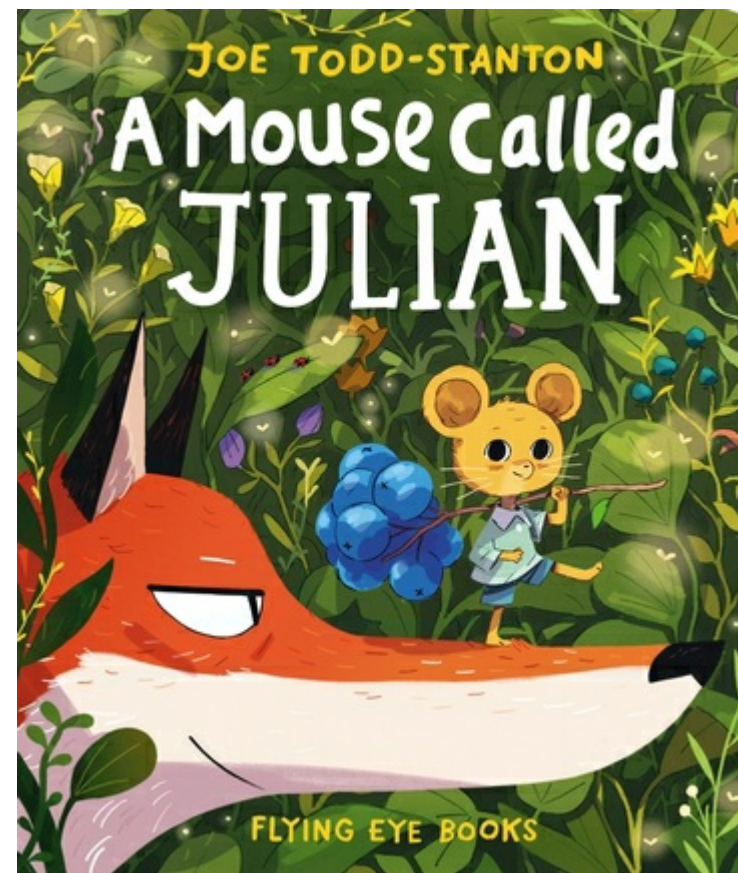
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- Joe Todd-Stanton's previous book, *The Secret of Black Rock*, won the Waterstone Best Illustrated Book Prize in 2018.

Joe Todd-Stanton is from Brighton and grew up drawing with his mum. He studied Illustration at the University of the West of England, afterwards moving to London where he currently lives. His children's book, *The Secret of Black Rock*, won the 2018 Waterstones Children's Book Prize and since then he has written and illustrated seven books with Flying Eye Books.



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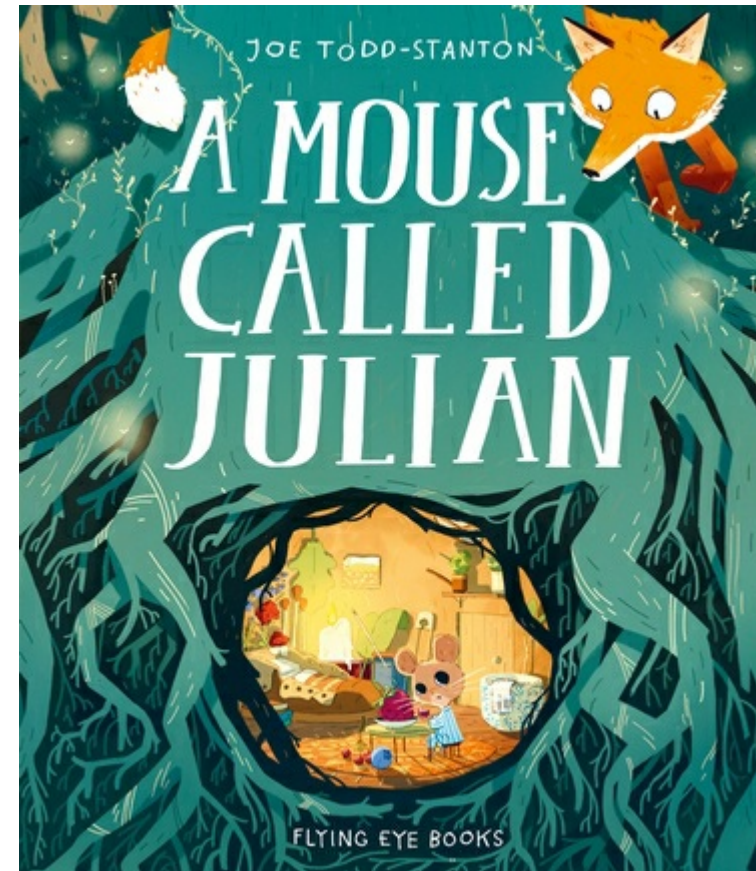
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