

# Skipshock

by Caroline O'Donoghue

**Set in a universe where time is a resource – coveted and exploited, the key to power and privilege – comes a dazzlingly inventive sci-fi fantasy romance by a bestselling Irish author.**

Margo is on a train to a new boarding school when she slips into another dimension, passing from the height of Irish summer into the chill of an alien winter, from a 24-hour day to one that begins and ends in just six hours. From a stranger on the train – a travelling salesman by the name of Moon – she learns that New Davia is part of a world scarred by uprisings, travel bans and world sealings. Power is determined by time – who has it, who doesn't, and who has the freedom to travel between time zones.

Can Margo find a way to get back home – or will she choose to stay in a world where her teenagehood is slipping away faster than ever, but where she may have found the only person with whom she would spend eternity?

- The first in a duology, with the second book due to follow in June 2026.
- Author has a rapidly growing profile from her *New York Times* bestselling *Gifts* series, her adult novel *The Rachel Incident*, soon to be adapted for the screen, and her hugely popular podcast *Sentimental Garbage*.

**Caroline O'Donoghue** is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling YA fantasy series *All Our Hidden Gifts* as well as several highly-acclaimed novels for adults, including her most recent *The Rachel Incident*. She has written for *The Times* and *The Guardian*, and is the host of an award-winning podcast, *Sentimental Garbage*. She was born in Ireland and lives in London.



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# Under Golden Seas

by Sylvia Bishop

**Dylan is desperate to rid himself of his monstrous side. But when his family is captured, he must set sail and find a way to save them without his ability to transform.**

The beautiful, immersive sequel to the acclaimed fantasy, *On Silver Tides*.

Dylan was born with two spirits: human and monster. When he and his family dive underwater, they become wyrms, enormous guardians of the seas. Yet Dylan hates his second spirit, and fears he will hurt innocent people.

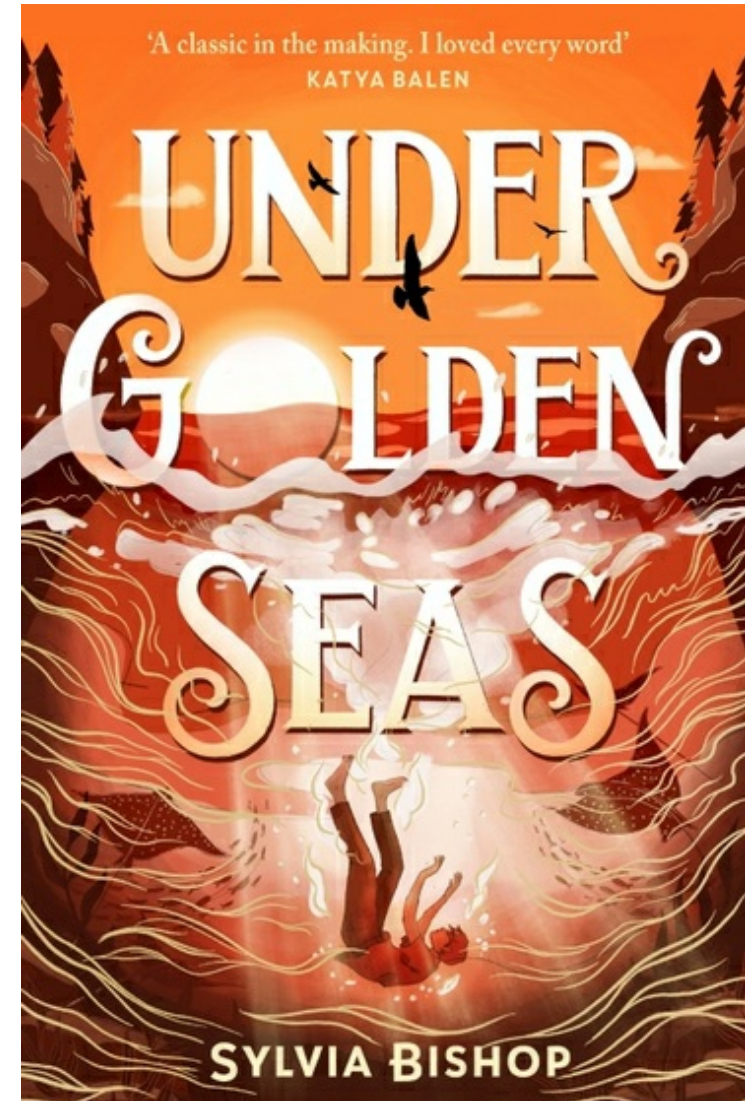
With his family away on a mission to quell a rising danger in the ocean, Dylan takes his chance to change himself for good and feeds his second self to a spirit eater. But things go awry, and Dylan is left half-changed, with the creature ever on his tail. Worse, his family need his help. Dylan must set sail to save them, deciding as he goes who he can trust – and ultimately choose what he truly wishes to be.

Cover art by Thy Bui

- *On Silver Tides* is a classic in the making and I loved every word' Katya Balen, winner of the Carnegie Medal
- A sequel to the acclaimed *On Silver Tides*, (though can be read as a stand-alone novel) following its main characters' son as he faces questions about his identity and inheritance
- Praise for *On Silver Tides*: 'The timeless power and craftsmanship of a classic' *The Sunday Times*, Book of the Week
- A contemporary classic' Alice Winn, winner of Waterstones Novel of the Year

**Sylvia Bishop** is the author of several books for young readers, and her work has been translated into seventeen languages. She lives in Bristol, England. When not writing, she can be found reading, performing comedy and - when she gets the chance - swimming in rivers.

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# On Silver Tides

by Sylvia Bishop

**Kelda's little sister's very existence is forbidden by their kind's Lore - when betrayal comes, Kelda must save her and uncover the darkest secrets of the waterways.**

'A classic in the making' Katya Balen

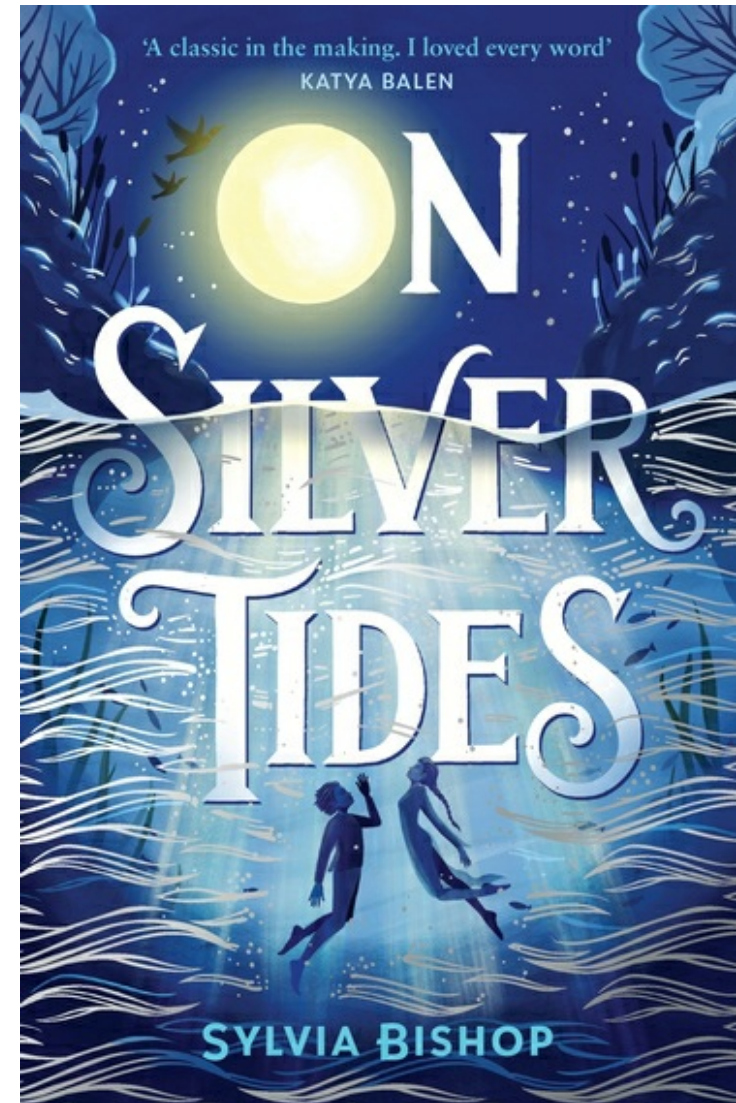
Kelda has always protected her little sister Isla from danger on the rivers, and from the suspicions of their community. For Isla cannot breathe underwater – and so her very existence is forbidden by silvemen's Lore.

Now the rivers of England are growing sick: monstrous creatures are awakening and a fierce torrent of blame falls upon Kelda's family. When betrayal comes, the sisters escape on a desperate journey upstream. Joining forces with a mysterious boy, Kelda discovers the darkest depths of her kind's secret history. But to save both her sister and the very life of Britain's waterways, Kelda will have to make a sacrifice – one that will change her life forever.

- **A beautiful, unique romantic fantasy with an environmental theme and thrilling adventure.**
- **For fans of Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Frances Hardinge.**
- **Sylvia Bishop is an experienced author with a background in performance - this is her teen debut.**
- **Her debut young fiction book, *Erica's Elephant*, was Children's Book of the Week in the Sunday Times.**
- ***'This book is a gift of rare imagination and luminous writing. I haven't read something so original and immersive in a long time'* Katya Balen.**
- ***Bookseller Book of the Month 'a future classic'***

**Sylvia Bishop** is the author of several books for young readers, and her work has been translated into seventeen languages. She lives in Bristol, England. When not writing, she can be found reading, performing comedy and - when she gets the chance - swimming in rivers.

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# CHAOS! Which way will YOU choose?

by Andrew Cranna

illustrated by Andrew Cranna

**Chaotic, hilarious and unexpected ... and YOU CHOOSE what ridiculous adventure happens next!**

## **YOU choose what happens next!**

*Chaos Theory: the scientific theory that a single occurrence, no matter how small, can change the course of the universe forever.* When Bodhi, Jemima and Kevin the pig find Grandpa's famous Amazonian Chilli Collection, they have no idea what sort of power is about to be unleashed. And now the fate of their world depends on the choices they make. Oh no!! That sounds like a recipe for disaster ... and outrageous hilarity!!

Laugh out very loud at the most ridiculous, absurd adventures ever, where **you** get to choose what happens next.

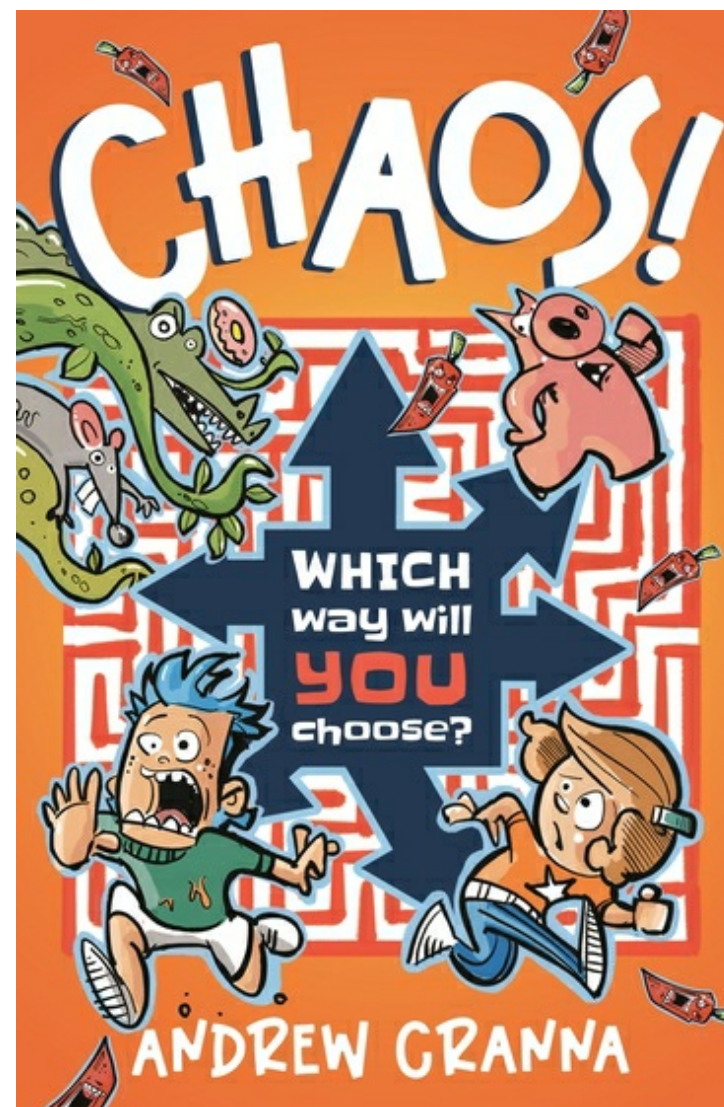
**But whatever you choose ... BEWARE of the CHILLIES!**

**BWAH HA HA HA HA HA HA.**

- A wonderfully hilarious adventure story, where the reader can choose the outcome. Whatever the choice, laughs are guaranteed.
- Andy Griffiths meets Dav Pilkey in this middle-grade graphic novel
- This comical, fully-illustrated, interactive adventure will hold the attention of reluctant readers and enthusiastic readers alike - keeping them entertained, engaged and laughing to the end
- Perfect for readers of *Dog Man*, *Bad Guys*, *Just Disgusting* and the *You Choose* series.

**Andrew Cranna** grew up in rural NSW. After studying Primary Education at university, Andrew travelled around the world teaching and playing rugby in various places. After finishing a bicycle adventure through Asia, Andrew settled in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to continue teaching and illustrating for travel magazines and local newspapers. Andrew later returned to Australia to complete a Masters Degree in Art Education and take up a position as Art Master at Sydney Grammar Prep School at St Ives where he continues to teach. He currently lives on the Central Coast with his wife and two sons and spends his travel time to school writing and drawing. His books include *The Bloodhound Boys: The Great Blood Bank Robbery* (2013) and *The Bloodhound Boys: The Monster Truck Tremor Dilemma* (2014).

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# Totally Normal

by Emily Dempster  
illustrated by Laura Wood

**Being a bit weird can be a lot wonderful! Hilarious fiction about family, friends and a fool proof plan. For fans of Dork Diaries, Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid.**

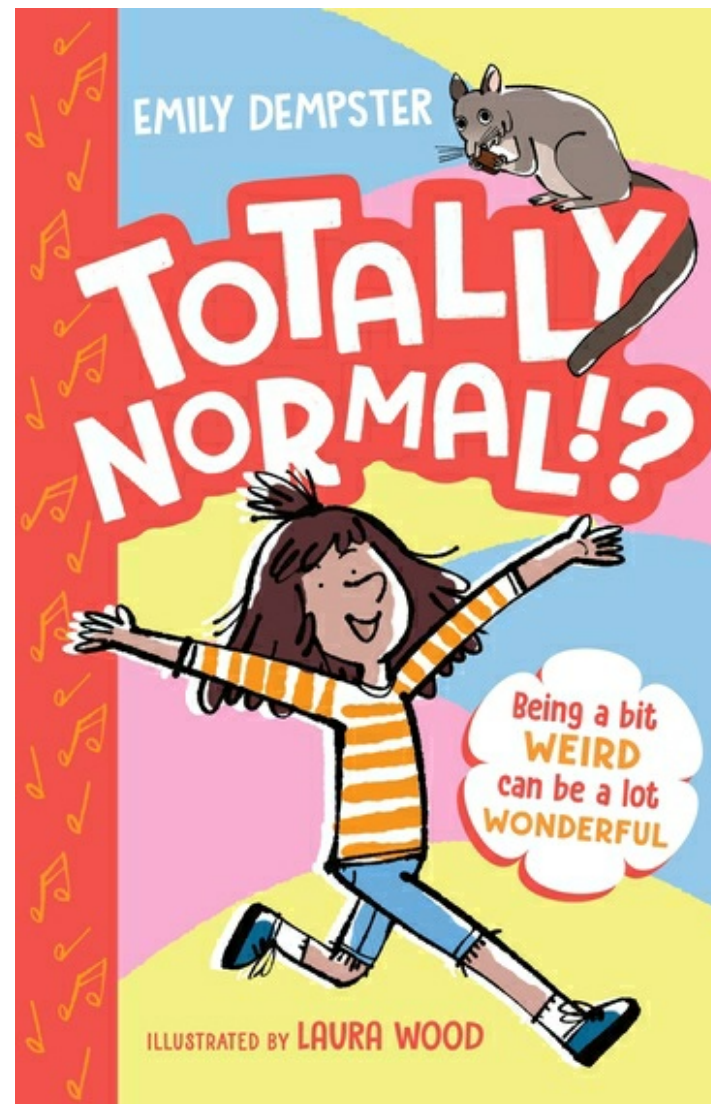
*Children are like pancakes – the first one is always a bit **weird**. Well, the first pancake in my family, is me.*

Ellie finds it hard to focus on boring stuff like **homework** and **chores**. She would much rather hang out with her BFFFL Arya or play improv games in drama class. Mum and Dad want Ellie to be more like her eight-year-old brother Stewart, or as Ellie likes to call him, **Mr Perfect**.

But Ellie has a **truly excellent, fool-proof** plan to get out of doing homework, chores and school for good: she’s going to become a **famous pop star!**

- The diary format makes chapters short and approachable, complete with fun illustrations to keep reluctant readers engaged in Ellie's world.
- A fun and funny snapshot of life at ten years old in the modern world
- Ellie writes candidly about her fears and worries, and how her parents, teachers, friends and psychologist help her develop strategies to succeed.
- For fans of Dork Diaries, Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid.

**Emily Dempster** is a freelance writer who loves to write about family, parenting and kids. Her articles have been published online and in print, and Emily’s first book, *Totally Normal*, will be published in 2025 by Walker Books Australia. She lives in Glebe in with her husband and 3 children, and is inspired by the challenges and adventures of family life. Emily comes up with most of her ideas while she is jogging around Blackwattle Bay.



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# The Moon Seeker

by Dee Barragry

**The moon is missing. Can it be found before disaster strikes? A comic fantasy caper with magic aplenty from a sparkling new voice in middle-grade fiction.**

Meet Lampwick, the keeper of the lighthouse at the top of the world. When the moon disappears, he and his faithful sheepdog Humphrey must embark on a wild adventure to find it. A fearsome storm is brewing and lives are at stake. Journeying under the sea and across the skies, it will take wits, magic and the help of unexpected friends to return the moon to its home. And all in time for breakfast!

- A perfect blend of rollicking fantasy and mischievous humour makes this a stand-out new novel for younger MG readers. Ideal for fans of Terry Pratchett, Dominique Valente and Amy Sparkes.
- Dee is the winner of the inaugural Staróg Prize for Irish writers of children's fiction, judged by Walker Books, PaperCuts Literary Consultancy Ltd and the *Sunday Independent*.
- As well as being a funny and exciting adventure over land, sea and sky, this is a book exploring resilience, loss and the importance of friendship.

Following a childhood spent in Ireland, Saudi Arabia and Mexico, Dee Barragry is currently resident in Dublin and is an author, artist and photographer. In 2023 she won the inaugural Staróg Prize, a new award for Irish writers of children's fiction. When not writing, she can usually be found with a paintbrush, camera, or book in her hand. With a fondness for creatures both real and imagined, she is inspired by nature and loves to explore. You can follow her on Instagram @deebarragry.



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# Paddock Grove: A Pony to Own

by J. P. Rose

**First of four titles in a brand new pony series set in an elite equestrian boarding school from rising star J. P. Rose.**

*Welcome to Paddock Grove, a boarding school for the best, providing equestrians of tomorrow with state-of-the-art facilities and world-class tuition in everything from stable management to competitive riding.*

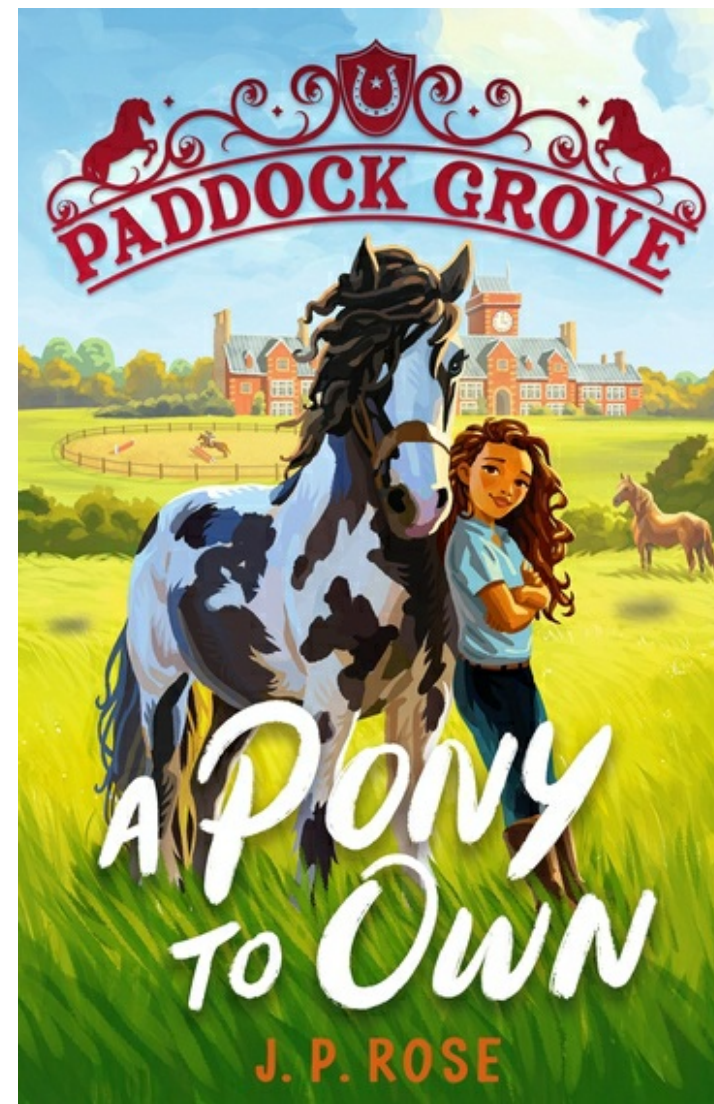
A scholarship to Paddock Grove is a dream come true for George, but when her local riding school shuts down and the horse she hoped to borrow is sold, it seems George's dreams are over before they've begun – until her parents surprise her with a pony of her own.

Unfortunately, that pony is Bear, a scruffy cob with tangles in his mane, feathers around his hooves and a mischievous streak a mile wide. He's the complete opposite of the well-bred show horses her classmates are riding.

Between George's new-school nerves and Bear's naughty tricks, everything goes from bad to worse. If George and Bear can't learn how to work together, they might lose their place at Paddock Grove for good.

- Heartfelt horse stories from a new name galloping into the field alongside Olivia Tuffin, Stacey Gregg and Esme Higgs.
- Combining the ever-popular boarding school setting with classic pony stories, and adding a modern, diverse set of characters from different family backgrounds.
- Authentic representation from author J. P. Rose, drawing on her own childhood experience and love of horses.

**J. P. Rose** writes for both adults and children, and has been shortlisted for several awards, including the Branford Boase Award for her debut children's novel *The Haunting of Tyrese Walker* (Andersen Press), with her second children's novel *Birdie* (Andersen Press) publishing to great critical acclaim. In addition to spending her days surrounded by words, J. P. surrounds herself with her rescue dogs, cats and her magnificent horses. As a child she fell in love with ponies, was an avid rider and dreamed of having her own horse. Now, as an adult, she's lucky enough to have three magical unicorns of her very own, Apache, Boo and Monarch.



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# Time-Travel Twins: The Maya Sacrifice

by Josh Lacey

illustrated by Garry Parsons

Join twins Scarlett and Thomas in their time-travel adventure to visit the Mayas. Temples, jungles and sacrifices await!

Twins Scarlett and Thomas have been learning about the Maya at school. They even had a go at making hot chocolate from cacao beans. When Grandad falls ill, the twins know what the perfect cure will be – hot chocolate! They nervously borrow Grandad's time machine and travel back to the time of the Mayas. Scarlett pretends to be a god, and gets taken in by the royal family. Thomas is not quite so lucky, and ends up playing for his life in a brutal Mayan ball game. Watch out, Thomas, if you lose, you might be sacrificed to the gods!

How far would you go to find the best hot chocolate?

- Perfect for fans of the *Horrible Histories* series
- Praise for *Time Travel Twins* series: 'A brilliant resource for an ancient civilisations topic, and closes with an extended historical note' *CLPE*
- The Mayas are on the *KS2* curriculum
- London-based author and illustrator who do great events together
- Fun, accessible and well-researched historical fiction stories that support the *KS2* curriculum and teach the concept of there always being two sides to history.

**Josh Lacey** is the author of many books for children including *The Dragonsitter*, the *Hope Jones* series and the *Grk* series. He has worked as a journalist and written one book for adults, *God is Brazilian*. His first book for children, *Dog Called Grk*, was shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award. Josh lives in London with his wife and daughters.



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# The Appletree Animal Agency

by Katya Balen

illustrated by Gill Smith

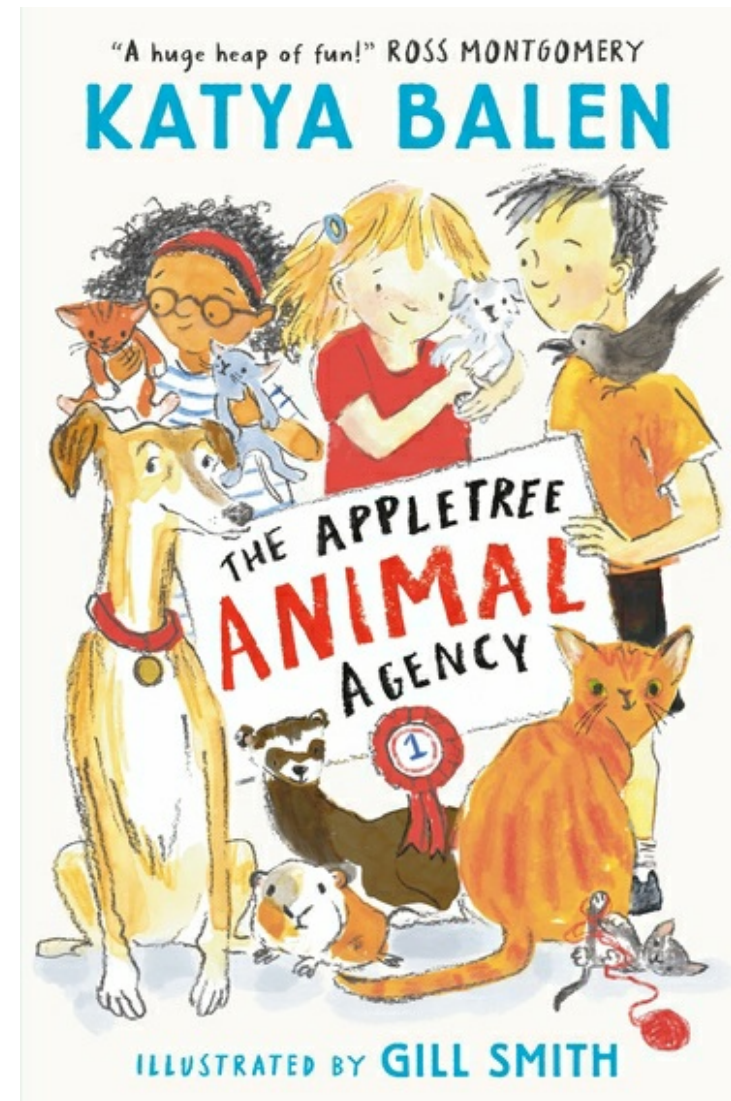
**The first book in a new series by award-winning creators Katya Balen and Gill Smith, featuring heart-warming adventures for readers who love animals.**

When Mattie wishes on a shooting star for a puppy, she knows her wish is hopeless. Her dad just doesn't believe Mattie is responsible enough to look after a puppy. She finds the next best thing when she and her friend Zoë start helping the new vet and animal rescuer, Dr Polly. Mattie still may not have a pet of her own, but she has amazing adventures rescuing a runaway ferret, trying to stop a greedy goat from eating everything in the garden and looking after an adorable puppy with a hurt paw. But as the animal rescue gets more and more crowded, Mattie, Zoë and the vet's son, Casper, realize that they need to do something more. Can they help the animals find their forever homes?

- **The start of a delightful new series of animal adventures, perfect for readers who are looking for a more modern Dick King-Smith.**
- **A joyful, cosy story by Katya Balen, winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal for *October, October*, who excels at portraying the beautiful bonds between children and animals.**
- **Award-winning artist Gill Smith brings this story to life with her gorgeous black and white illustrations throughout the story.**

**Katya Balen** is an award-winning author of books for children. Her debut novel, *The Space We're In*, was highly commended for the Branford Boase Award, *October, October* won the Yoto Carnegie Medal and the UKLA Book Award, and *The Light in Everything* was shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal. When she's not writing books, Katya likes to scroll through dog-rescue websites, bake and attempt to keep her house plants alive. Katya lives in south-east London.

Whilst working initially as a primary teacher, then within community arts and theatre, **Gill Smith** pursued illustration and achieved an MA with distinction in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. She was shortlisted for the Batsford Illustration prize and a winner of international competition, "Picture This". She illustrated *Maria's Island*, a retelling of Victoria Hislop's bestselling book, *The Island*, reimagined for children. She also illustrated *Saving the Butterfly*, which was shortlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize. Gill lives in Liverpool.



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# Honey's Hive: Beelieve in Yourself

by Mo O'Hara

illustrated by Aya Kakeda

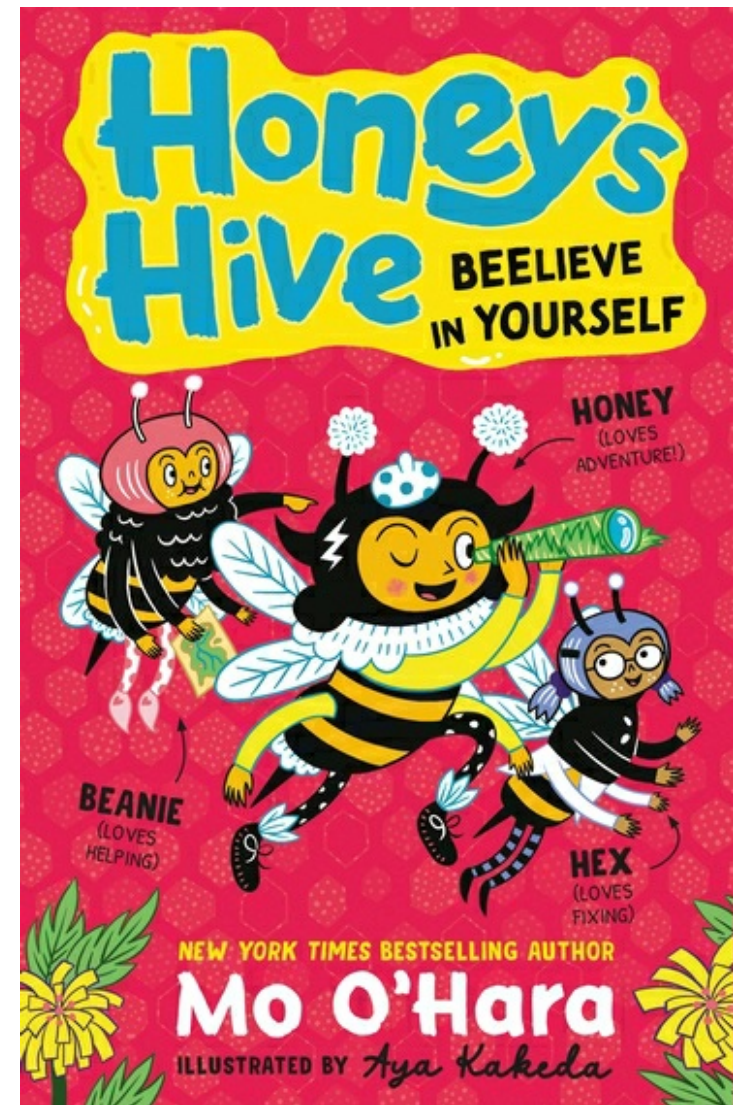
**Honey scouts out a problem with the local water supply. Can she and her friends get it flowing again?**

Honey is settling into her role as scout bee for her hive. Now she has a new mission: to find more water. Together with her friends Beanie, Hex and Fred the Fly, Honey buzzes off on an adventure. Yet they soon discover there's something very wrong with the local stream. It's going to take lots of cunning and clever tricks to fix the problem and make sure the water flows freely again.

- Honey and her friends are back in the third book in the Honey's Hive series
- Mo O'Hara is a New York Times Bestseller, and has sold over three million copies of *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish*
- With a non-fiction section about bees and stunning black and white illustrations by rising star Aya Kakeda
- Perfect for newly emerging readers

**Mo O'Hara** Originally from America, Mo moved to London because she wanted to live abroad but spoke no foreign languages. After a brief and unsuccessful stint as a serving wench at the Tower of London, Mo found work as an actress and comedy performer. It was when she toured the UK as a storyteller that she started writing for kids. Mo's debut novel, *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish*, was an international bestseller.

**Aya Kakeda** was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan, and now lives and works in New York City. Aya is an internationally successful ceramicist and artist, with clients including NIKE, Disney, The New Yorker Magazine and Nickelodeon.



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# Yelp! Yeti! Chaos in Kathmandu

by Sneha Pradhan

illustrated by Promina Shrestha

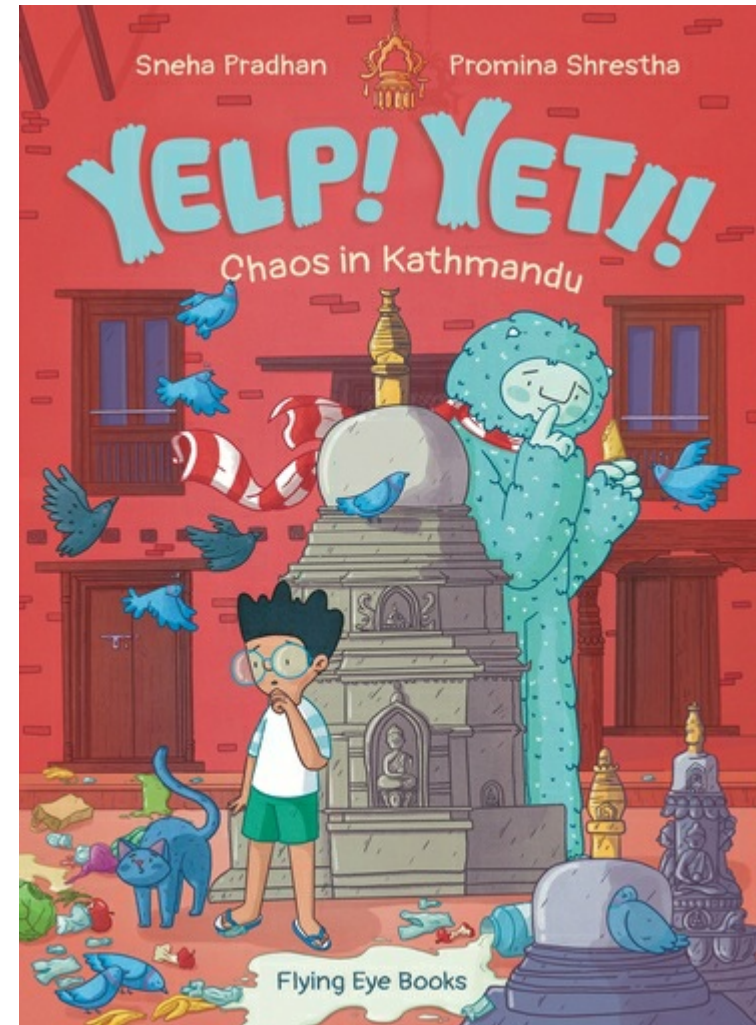
**Dev and Tuna spot a Yeti in the city, but no one will believe them. Fun packed action and adventure set in Nepal.**

Dev and his pet cat, Tuna are ready for a summer of sleepovers, endless games of cricket and sweet mangos, until they discover a Yeti loose in Kathmandu. It ransacks the kitchen, creates messes around the house and eats all the snacks – but Dev gets the blame! With his parents threatening to send him away for the summer, will Dev and Tuna be able to prove his innocence... and catch a Yeti along the way?

- **Fresh take on a universally recognised character**
- **Authentic voice**
- **Includes footnotes and translations of Nepali words.**
- **Newari author and illustrator**

**Sneha Pradhan** is a lover of all things story and is passionate about creating brave, whimsical characters that bring a smile to her audience. She has a Liberal Arts Degree from Mount Holyoke College and an MSc. in Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University. After spending over half a decade as a policy researcher, Sneha pivoted into the magical world of writing fiction. She was born and raised in Kathmandu and now lives in Chicago. When she isn't dreaming up new worlds or wrapped up in an audiobook, you can find her taking walks along the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan with her husband or having coffee chats with her family back home in Nepal.

**Promina Shrestha** is an illustrator, comics artist and researcher in the field of visual arts. She currently directs her creative energy towards personal projects while residing in a rural farm in Nepal. Being the co-founder of Virangana Comics Collective, she annually spearheads a Non-fiction comics workshop in Nepal, catering to both writers and illustrators. Promina has worked with the Women of the World (WoW) Festival through the Creating Heroines project, with the British Council, animated and illustrated for the Linden Museum in Stuttgart and is passionate about identity politics, mental health and working with children. Notably, she has earned national recognition in Nepal, clinching two awards in Children's illustration for her works '*Maile Aja Ke Ke Jane*' (2012) and '*Kasko Bhoto*' (2015).



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# Jack at the Zoo

by Mac Barnett

illustrated by Greg Pizzoli

From *New York Times* bestselling author Mac Barnett and Geisel Award-winning illustrator Greg Pizzoli, an uproarious early reader series about a mischievous rabbit, a cranky old lady, and a lovable dog.

Jack, Rex, and the Lady visit the zoo. But when Jack gets hungry, he sneaks into a koala's cage to steal some snacks. In a case of mistaken identity, the Lady takes the koala home and leaves Jack stuck in the cage. How will Jack escape, and will the Lady and Rex be happier with the *new* Jack?

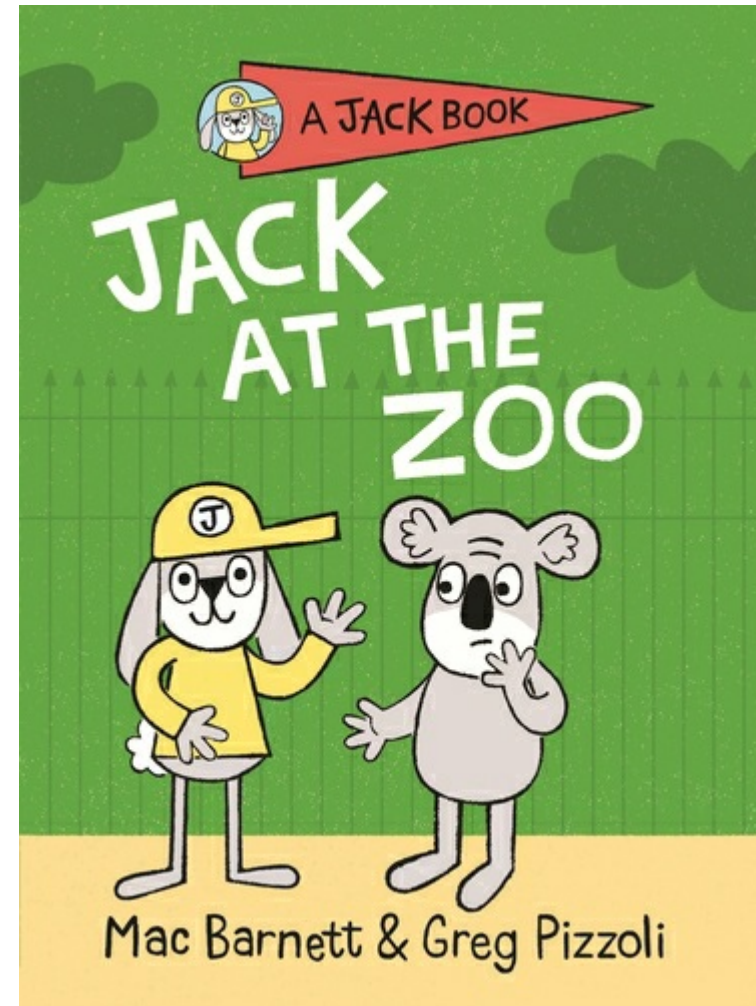
Welcome to the laugh-out-loud and irreverent world of Jack, a new early reader series by the *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning team of Mac Barnett and Greg Pizzoli.

- Fun and funny read-aloud junior fiction
- Includes simple and funny how-to-draw instructions
- An engaging and inviting format for early readers, with simple, accessible age-appropriate text
- From best-selling creators Mac Barnett and Greg Pizzoli
- Perfect for newly independent readers
- The fifth book in the *A Jack Book* series

**Mac Barnett** is a *New York Times* bestselling author of over 22 children's books, including *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, *Just Because*, *The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse* and *Circle*, as well as the Brixton Brothers mystery series. He lives in Berkeley, California.

**Greg Pizzoli** is an author, illustrator and screen printer from Philadelphia. His first picture book, *The Watermelon Seed*, was published by Disney\*Hyperion Books and was the 2014 recipient of the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award. Greg's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Communication Arts*, *3x3 Magazine* and he's won two Portfolio Honor Awards from the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. After college, Greg spent two years as a full-time volunteer in AmeriCORPS from 2005-2006. In 2009, he received his MFA from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, where he now teaches. Greg lives in Philadelphia with his wife and two unruly cats.

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# Too Many Jacks

by Mac Barnett

illustrated by Greg Pizzoli

From *New York Times* bestselling author Mac Barnett and Geisel Award-winning illustrator Greg Pizzoli, an uproarious early reader series about a mischievous rabbit, a cranky old lady, and a lovable dog.

The Lady gives Jack a gift. It's a lab kit! Jack goes into the shed to experiment and doesn't come out until he's made another Jack and another Jack and another. But *one* Jack was already too many. Can Jack stop his naughty robot clones before they destroy the town?

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# A Is for ... A Rabbit's Tale

by Jackie Hosking

illustrated by Lucinda Gifford

**A quirky, funny and clever alphabet book with a twist - with bright and colourful illustrations by much loved illustrator Lucinda Gifford**

**A** is for **A** rabbit.

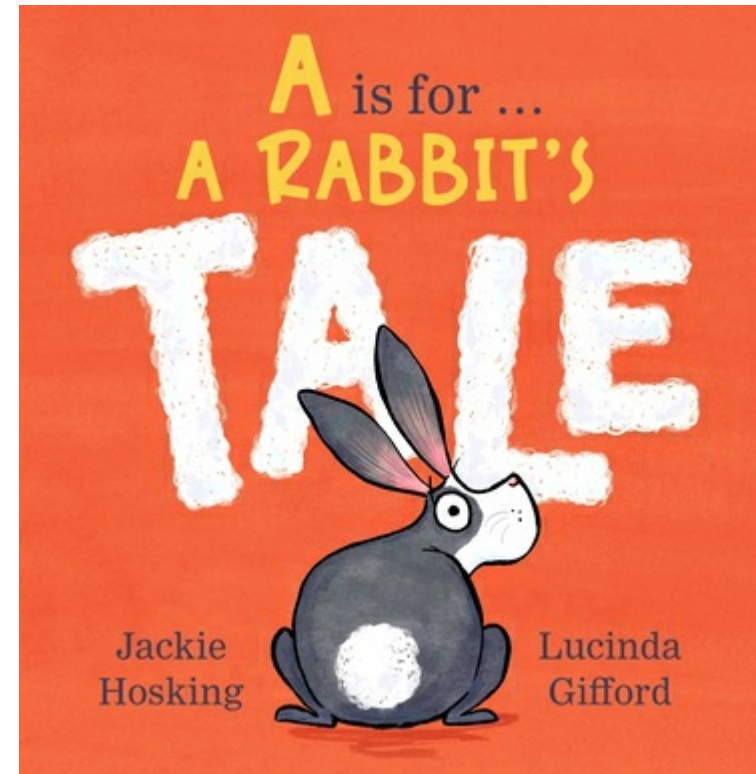
**B** is for **Buy** this book!

A hilarious alphabet story - for anyone who ever wanted a pet ... and for everyone who loves a wonderful tail, um, *tail* with a twist!

- **A quirky alphabet book full of fun, laughter, pets and hilarious word play.**
- **From best-selling comedic picture book author Jackie Hosking**
- **Gorgeous and funny illustrations by Lucinda Gifford, much loved and awarded author illustrator.**

**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, and in 2019 Jackie was awarded a May Gibbs Creative Time Fellowship. Her picture book *The Croc and the Platypus* was published by Walker Books Australia in 2014, followed *An Aussie Christmas Gum Tree*, *The Amazing Australian Road Trip*, *The Amazing Australian Camping Trip*. More picture books with Walker are forthcoming, including *When Santa Got Stuck in the Gum Tree* and *The Kids Who Rescued Easter*.

**Lucinda Gifford** is the author and illustrator of many well-loved children's books. She was brought up in the north of Scotland, where there are a million times more seagulls than humans. To get away from the seagulls, Lucinda went to Edinburgh to study architecture. After this she had a fantastically successful career in advertising, coming up with over-the-top campaign ideas and doodling masterpieces on a big pad of paper. Years later, Lucinda realised that her favourite things were doodling and exaggerating. So she put some of her best drawings and most unlikely stories in a folio and started looking for work in children's books. Lucinda has since illustrated over 30 books, eight of which she has also written. She lives in Melbourne, Australia. But sometimes, from her studio, she can still hear the squawk of the gulls and the roar of the North Sea. Her favourite things to draw include wolves, dragons and castles.



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# Weaving Country

by Aunty Kim Wandin, Christine Joy  
illustrated by Ashleigh Pugh

**Stunning picture book celebrating working together, sharing important lessons from Country, and featuring First Nations language**

*'Around and around they go,' says Walert looking at Gugung's hands turning the wheel of woven reeds, growing slowly and surely, bigger and bigger.*

Walert's grandmother, Gugung, is collecting reeds (djirra) to weave a basket (binak) and finally, Walert is big enough to take part and learn this important cultural practice. But when a pair of blue wrens interrupt them, Walert realises that the birds have something to teach her, too.

**Featuring Wurundjeri language and glossary, this is a stunning book about learning from Country .**

- **An important story about what we can learn from Country**
- **Mirrors human and animal creativity**
- **Features Wurundjeri languages - incorporated in the story, and in a glossary**
- **Extraordinary illustrations which have painted on wood, and using burnt wood techniques**

**Aunty Kim Wandin**, Wurundjeri Elder and senior knowledge holder, is a master-weaver whose artistic works are held in state and private collections, and for many years has used the spoken and written word to build cultural bridges.

**Christine Joy** has worked many years on collaborative projects in the cultural and environmental education sector, published curriculum materials for teachers and coordinated Children's Bookweek events and exhibitions of children's literature in cultural organisations.

Illustrator **Ashleigh Pugh** is a descendant of Whadjuk ballardong, who has developed her own distinctive style of blending traditional wood burning technique with painting. In 2020, Ashleigh won Best Landscape for the Linden Art Gallery Postcard Prize.



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# Quoll

by Christopher Cheng

illustrated by Cindy Lane

**An exciting addition to the narrative non-fiction series Nature Storybooks, about an Eastern Quoll.**

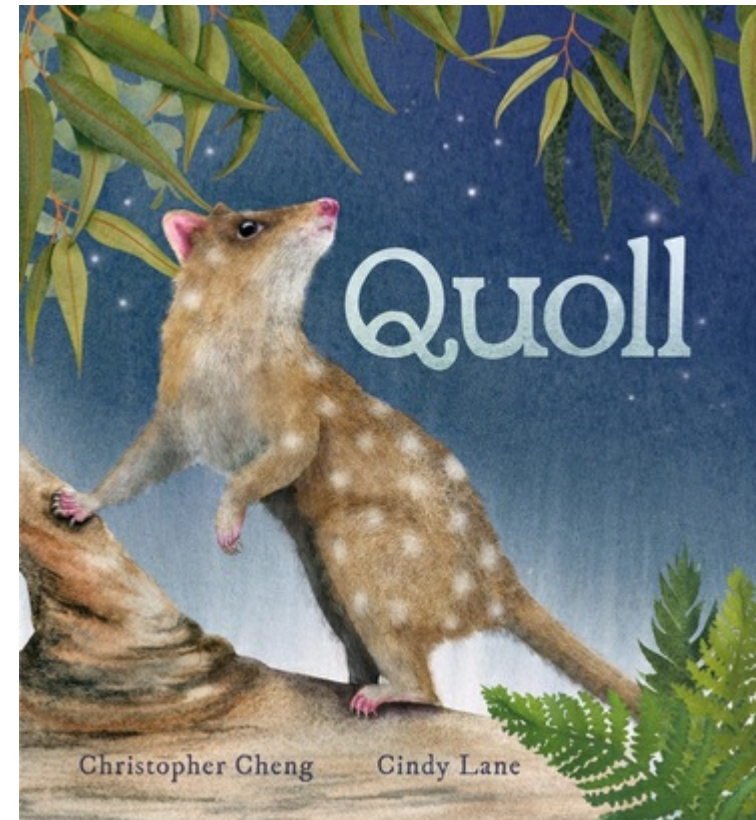
*The blue-black sky is painted with glistening stars. Quoll has woken. It's playtime here in the moonlit night.*

Join a female Eastern quoll and her playful pups as they venture through the forest and fields on their nightly hunt for food.

- **The latest title in the Nature Storybooks series by Christopher Cheng**
- **Lyrical and descriptive text is supported by factual and contextual information**
- **Gorgeous illustrations by Cindy Lane**
- **Fascinating insight into an Australian carnivorous marsupial.**

Within the old (and new) walls of an inner-city Sydney terrace dwells **Christopher Cheng**. He is the author of many children's books including his previous Nature storybook title *Python* (illus. Mark Jackson) which was shortlisted for the 2013 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year awards. Passionate about animals, particularly those native to Australia, it's fitting that he established the Zoomobile and taught at Taronga Zoo in Sydney for many years, celebrating his background in education. He has always loved to write (he mostly always carries his notebook and pens) but he never thought he would be a full-time children's author.

**Cindy Lane** grew up peering into rockpools on the northern beaches of Sydney, and not much has changed, although now it's the rockpools of sunny Perth. She illustrated her first picture book in Year 3, with her best friend as author. Cindy spends most of her time in her seaside studio, creating illustrations with a variety of paints, pigments and things she finds. She feels like a new adventure is about to happen every time she walks through the studio door! You can watch Cindy creating at [www.instagram.com/cindylaneart](http://www.instagram.com/cindylaneart)



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# Sid and Sam

by Zehra Hicks

Written following the death of her father, Zehra Hicks brings us this heartfelt, heartbreaking and ultimately uplifting story about life after bereavement.

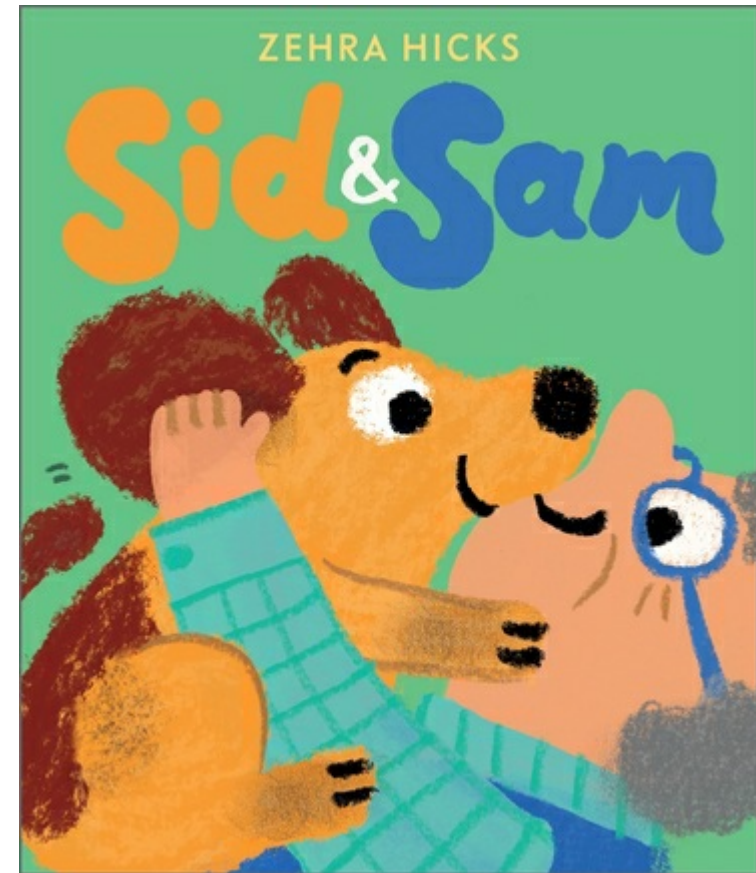
A deeply moving story of Sid the dog losing his beloved owner Sam, and finding a new kind of happy.

Sid loves his best friend and owner, Sam. They share a happy life together, playing, snoozing, and meeting friends like Sophie and her mum in the park. Sid is sure that these good times will last forever, but he soon starts to notice that Sam isn't quite himself. One morning, Sid wakes up to find that Sam isn't there. Sid feels sad and lonely, but can Sophie help him be happy again?

A gentle and ultimately uplifting introduction to life after loss, told through the eyes of a loyal dog.

- In an uplifting ending, although Sid he misses Sam, he finds happiness when Sophie and her family adopt him
- A first introduction to life after bereavement for the youngest of readers
- Written following the death of her own father, and dedicated to him, this is a story very close to Zehra Hicks' heart
- Zehra Hicks graduated from the University of Northumbria with a First in Fine Art, and now teaches illustration at the University of the Arts London (UAL). Her picture books are now published in 22 languages worldwide.

**Zehra Hicks** is a tutor at Chelsea College of Arts, where she completed a Short Course in Book Illustration in 2009. Since then, she has been highly commended for the Macmillan Prize for Illustration, nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal, and shortlisted for the Read It Again! Cambridgeshire Children's Picture Book Award. Zehra lives with her family in Epsom, Surrey.



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# At the Window

by Hope Lim

illustrated by Qin Leng

**Spare, layered text and soft, shimmering watercolour illustrations reveal how curiosity – and a change in perspective – can light up the world and forge surprising friendships.**

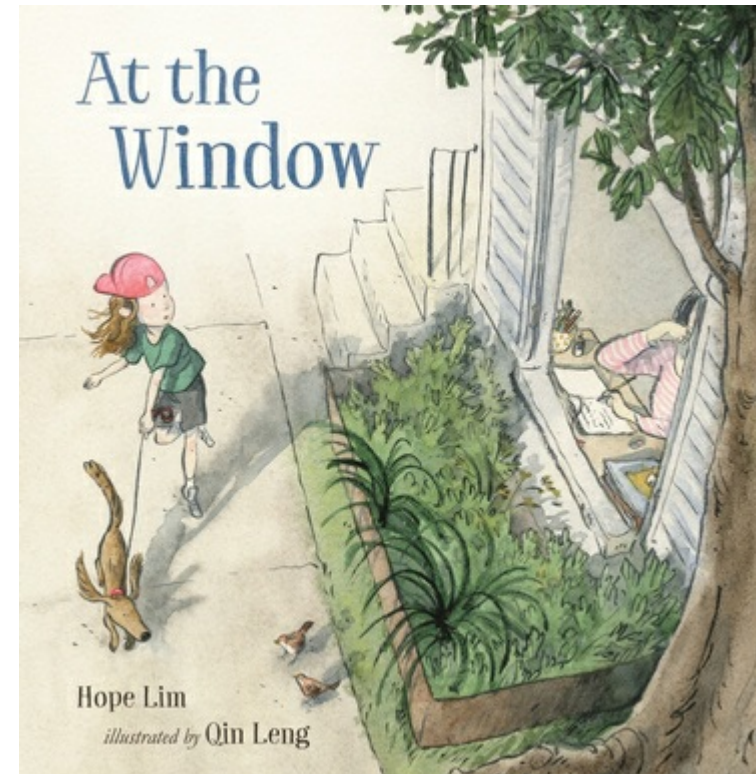
Every day, while walking their dog, a child passes a woman seated in her wide front window. What is she doing? What does she see? Days pass, and the two neighbours exchange smiles, nods and waves. Soon they're calling out "Hello!" But one day, the child finds the wide window empty and a For Sale sign outside. When the opportunity to look out through, instead of up into, that now-lonely window arrives, the rewards ripple out in heartwarming ways.

This beautifully illustrated picture-book ode to intergenerational friendship invites readers to reflect on how a different frame of reference can utterly transform the familiar and lead to completely new delights.

- This beautiful, lyrical text from author Hope Lim, about an ungendered child and a neighbour who is a writer, is an ode to inter-generational friendships and the importance of building community.
- Explores the notion that even the most fleeting moments and exchanges can have an outsized impact on the course of one's life.
- An important addition to the genre of stories that encourages readers to challenge their own assumptions and actively seek to see things from new perspectives.

**Hope Lim** is the author of *Mummy's Hometown*, illustrated by Jaime Kim; *I Am a Bird*, illustrated by Hyewon Yum; and *My Tree*, illustrated by Il Sung Na. Born and raised in South Korea, Hope Lim now lives with her family in San Francisco. Find her on Instagram as @hoplim\_st.

**Qin Leng** is a designer and illustrator of books for young people, including *Over the Shop* and *A Day for Sandcastles*, both by JonAmo Lawson. She has received numerous awards for her animated short films and artwork. Qin Leng lives in Toronto with her family. Find her online at qinillustrations.com and Instagram as @qinillustrations.



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# Picopaco

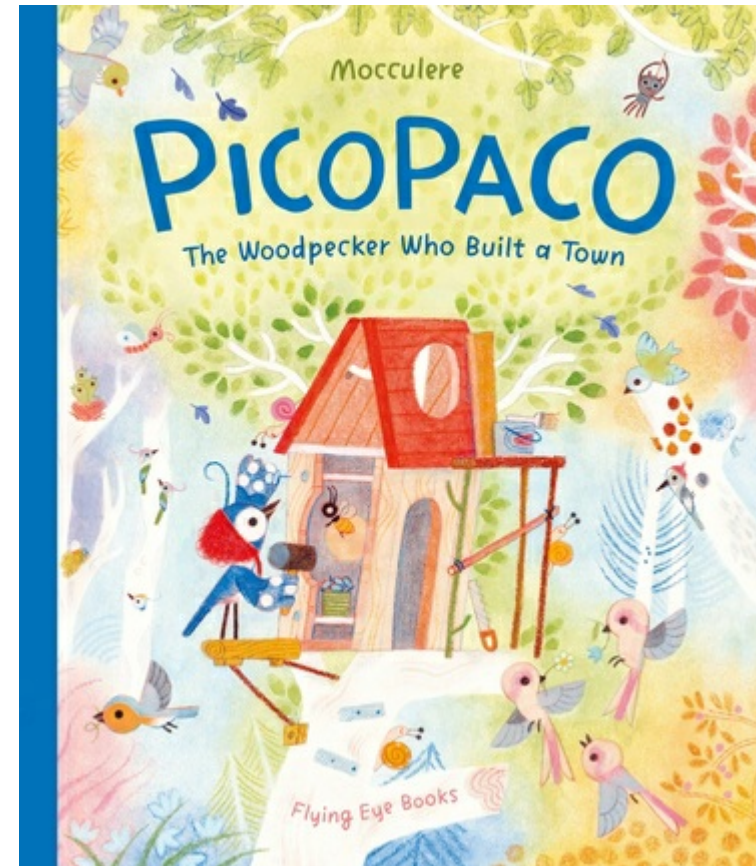
by Mocculere

**A sweet and heart-warming picture book about celebrating difference and working together.**

Woodpeckers are known for making perfectly O-shaped holes to build their nests in. All, except one woodpecker – Picopaco. Unlike all the other birds she chooses to live in a little wooden house with a red roof. The other birds laugh at her strange ways, until one day a big storm arrives ruining all the nests. The woodpeckers must rebuild their homes stronger than ever before, but they have one problem not one of them knows how to build a house – all except Picopaco. Perhaps they might learn a thing or two from Picopaco after all?

- A perfect read-aloud for families
- Themes of community and difference appeal to a wide range of readers
- Can be read as an allegory for neuro-divergency with themes of hyper-fixation and struggling with sensory overload

**Mocculere** was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She spent most of her childhood doodling with her older sister, collecting turtle statues and dreaming of opening a dance school. Later on she studied Educational Sciences and East Asian Cultures at the University of Arts in Ljubljana. During the studies, her passion for drawing only grew bigger, so she shined her career path into another direction. With a sketchbook and pencil in hand, she started freelancing as an illustrator in 2020. In 2023 her first picture book *Pobegla radirka*, written by Mojca Fatur, was published.



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# Balloon's Big Adventure

by Carly Gledhill

**Carly Gledhill's epic picture book adventure follows Balloon on his long journey through the skies, as Mouse chases after him, desperate to get him back!**

Help Mouse find his lost friend Balloon!

One windy day at the fair, Mouse and Balloon play together all day long. But – oops! – Mouse lets go, and Balloon embarks on an exciting journey above the fairground, past the big city, over the sea and up, up, up into the clouds. Luckily, two smart birds are following Balloon's adventure, and have a plan to reunite it with Mouse.

An epic journey for children to play along, with plenty to spot along the way.

- Follow Balloon's epic journey across each spread – spot Balloon, the two birds giving chase and more!
- With excellent reread value, each spread has lots of fun details to spot!
- Boasting stylish art and unforgettable characters
- Carly Gledhill has an MA in Children's Book Illustration, and her first book was shortlisted for the Sheffield Children's Book Award and the British Book Design and Production Awards. This is her first author-illustrated picture book.

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



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# Orpheline: A Mermaid Lost and Found Story

by Katelyn Aronson

illustrated by Dow Phumiruk

**Discovering a baby mermaid on the beach is a dream come true—until Cora realizes that her wonderful find is someone else's loss. A beautifully illustrated story for mermaid fans and tenderhearted readers everywhere.**

*"I'm Cora," I say. "Don't be afraid. You aren't lost anymore. You're found."*

Combing the beach after a lashing storm, Cora is busy filling her bag with sea glass when she spies an amazing sight by the water's edge: a tiny mermaid nestled in an abalone shell. Mama's face turns pale when she sees her, but soon the half baby, half fish is squirming in the bathtub, giggling on wheelbarrow rides, exploring tide pools, and playing shadow games with Cora. All is blissful until Cora hears some strange whispering coming from the baby's shell necklace, a voice that calls "*Orpheline, Orpheline . . .*" Protest as she will, Cora knows that this precious baby belongs to the sea—and to someone who misses her dearly. Poignant, atmospheric, and shimmering with mermaid magic, *Orpheline* will win the heart of every child who's longed to have their fantasies come true, if only for a little while.

- **Who can resist a baby mermaid?**
- **An accomplished humor writer turns her hand to lyrical writing, with great success**
- **Features beautiful, atmospheric artwork and an eye-catching cover that's perfect for summer**

**Katelyn Aronson** is the author of *Poo-dunit? A Forest Floor Mystery*, illustrated by Stephanie Laberis, as well as several other picture books, including *Piglette*, illustrated by Eva Byrne; *Clovis Keeps His Cool*, illustrated by Eve Farb; and *When PB Met J*, illustrated by Sarah Rebar. She grew up in California and now divides her time between France and Switzerland.

**Dow Phumiruk** is the award-winning illustrator of several picture books, including *A Life of Service: The Story of Senator Tammy Duckworth* by Christina Soontormvat. Originally from Thailand, Dow Phumiruk lives in Colorado.



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# Enchanted Beach

by Esther Freud

illustrated by Emma Chinnery

**A lyrical celebration of the changing seasons and living at the seaside with a gentle environmental message by an award-winning author and an exciting new illustration talent.**

From summer days spent playing on the beach, to flying kites in autumn, to buffeting winter storms and treasure hunts in spring, this is a magnificent celebration of the seaside throughout the changing year. This joyful story charts family life by the sea and celebrates many milestones such as birthdays and New Years. Esther's lively poetic and lyrical text combines perfectly with Emma's classic illustrations to captivate and enchant young readers.

- **This is renowned novelist Esther Freud's first children's book, written in beautiful, poetic text that is a joy to read aloud.**
- **The perfect book of seaside holidays any time of the year and for encouraging outdoor play.**
- **Classic illustrations by Emma Chinnery give the story a timeless quality.**
- **With a very subtle environmental message, this is a great book for starting conversations about conservation and protecting the natural world.**

**Esther Freud** trained as an actress before writing her first novel, *Hideous Kinky*, which was shortlisted for the John Llewellyn Rhys prize and made into a film starring Kate Winslet. After publishing her second novel, *Peerless Flats*, she was chosen as one of Granta's Best Young British novelists. Her other books include *The Sea House*, *Lucky Break*, and *Mr Mac and Me*, which won Best Novel in the East Anglian Book Awards.

**Emma Chinnery** is a British children's author and illustrator. Emma worked for several years as a graphic artist before her passion for children's books led her to study on the MA Children's Book Illustration course at the Cambridge School of Art.



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# The Good Night Airport

by Tori Kosara  
illustrated by Natalia Rojas Castro

**A bedtime picture book celebration of everyday heroes and non-traditional working patterns for little vehicle lovers.**

As night falls on Motor Isle, travellers and pilots finish up their journeys and settle down for sleep. But why are Air Ambulance, Cargo Truck and the rest of The Good Night Airport just waking up? Follow these busy vehicles from dusk to dawn as they drive about carrying out important night jobs that keep the airport running smoothly. As the morning light appears, tuck them in and say sweet dreams.

- **Lisa Wheeler's *Someone Builds the Dream* meets Sherri Duskey Rinker's *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*.**
- **Takes children on a journey of wonder as little vehicle-lovers learn about their communities and non-traditional working patterns.**
- **Hugely popular topic matter for young children.**
- **The perfect book for little one's bedtimes while on vacation.**

**Tori Kosara** is a children's book author and editor from New York. She has written more than 40 books for a variety of age ranges, covering a range of topics across fiction and non-fiction. Tori earned a master's degree in Children's Literature from Roehampton University, and she now lives in East London, England with her husband, two vehicle-obsessed sons, and a story-time-loving Labrador named Biscuit. Visit her at [torikosara.com](http://torikosara.com)

**Natalia Castro** is an illustrator from Bogotá, Colombia. She studied visual arts at the Javeriana University in Bogotá and since then has worked as a freelance artist in various visual fields such as illustrated books, magazines and social projects in Colombia. She enjoys experimenting with different mediums and formats to tell her stories. The inspiration for her work comes from her surroundings, the streets of Bogotá, the colours and the nature of Colombia and Latin America. When she's not in her studio, she likes to enjoy long walks with her sketchbook and collect stories from her neighbours.



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# The Summer Puppy

by Jackie Morris

illustrated by Cathy Fisher

**Lyrical story about a puppy's first summer, with beautiful illustrations, from a bestselling, award-winning duo**

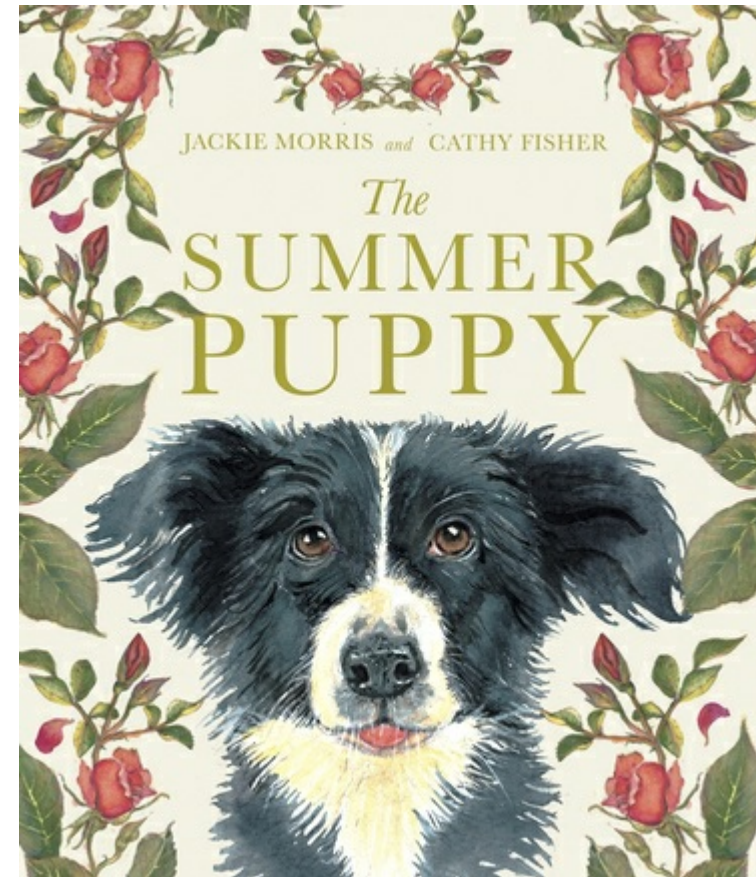
"Born at the very start of the summer, so small she could rest easily in the cupped hands of a child ..."

From a little furry bundle, Rosie the puppy grows, learns, and explores her world - rose petals, spiders and butterflies in the garden, the jungle of long summer grass, the fields where a fox calls, the beach where she chases waves and digs deep in the sand. Warmly and lovingly, Rosie's first summer is recreated in Jackie Morris's poetic words and Cathy Fisher's unforgettable images. Rich in the sense of discovery, rich too in the love between puppy and child, here is a timeless country idyll for all ages.

- Perfect for dog-lovers of all ages and inspired by Jackie Morris's own dog
- Jackie Morris is internationally renowned for *The Lost Words*
- Gorgeous, detailed artwork of the puppy and surroundings
- Lyrical text celebrates a puppy's first summer from birth to almost fully grown dog
- *The Panda's Child* by Jackie Morris and Cathy Fisher won the English 4-11 Award for 7+ and is now nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Illustration

**Jackie Morris** is the bestselling author and illustrator, photographer and painter who created the international bestseller, *The Lost Words*, winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019, with Robert Macfarlane. Her books for Otter-Barry Books include *One Cheetah*, *One Cherry*, *The Seal Children*, *Something About a Bear*, *The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes* and, with James Mayhew, *Can You See a Little Bear?*, *Mrs Noah's Pockets*, *Mrs Noah's Garden* and *Mrs Noah's Song*. She lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

**Cathy Fisher** is an illustrator and author whose work reveals a deep appreciation of nature and the animal world, as well as of human emotion and behaviour. She grew up in Bath and has lived and worked in Australia and the Seychelles as well as in the UK. She has collaborated on eight books with Nicola Davies including the highly acclaimed inclusive picture book, *Perfect*, and this is her second picture book with Jackie Morris, following *The Panda's Child*. Cathy Fisher lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.



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# Fast, Slow. Let's Go!

by Sally Sutton

illustrated by Brian Lovelock

From the creators of the bestselling Roadworks series, a fresh new celebration of transportation!

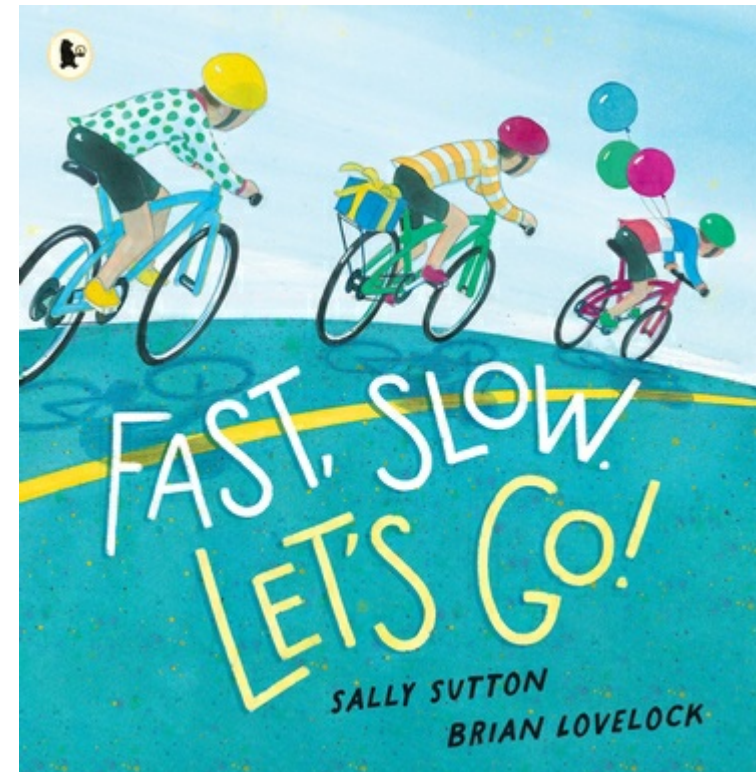
*This is the way we skate along,  
skate along, skate along,  
This is the way we skate along  
on a sunny, funny morning.*

Borrowing from the childhood perennial and favourite song 'This is the way ...', a happy group of children scoot, bike, bus, sail, run and ride their way across town to join a birthday surprise.

- New paperback edition from the creators of the bestselling Roadworks series
- Celebrates city, community, different modes of transport, friendship and birthdays
- A tangent from the Roadworks team, while keeping their transport themes
- Perfect for reading aloud, and for new independent readers

**Sally Sutton** is the award-winning and bestselling author of *Roadworks*, *Demolition*, *Construction*, *Dig*, *Dump*, *Roll* and *Wheels*. In 2009, *Roadworks* won the Picture Book category of the New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards, and in 2015 *Construction* was a finalist. Sally has also written many other books for children. She lives in Auckland, New Zealand, with her husband and two daughters.

**Brian Lovelock** is an award-winning illustrator of 10 picture books including the *Roadworks* series, *The Raintrain*, *Flight of the Honey Bee*, *Gecko* and *Ambulance, Ambulance!* His illustration awards include Best Picture Book in the 2009 New Zealand Book Awards (for *Roadworks*) and the 2014 LIANZA Russell Clark Medal for illustration (*Flight of the Honey Bee*). Brian was long-listed for the 2013 CILIP Kate Greenaway Award for his work on *Demolition* and in 2019 he was a finalist in the Nami Concours illustration competition. Brian lives in Auckland where he works as a scientist in the power industry.



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# The Riding Lesson

by Jennifer K. Mann

illustrated by Jennifer K. Mann

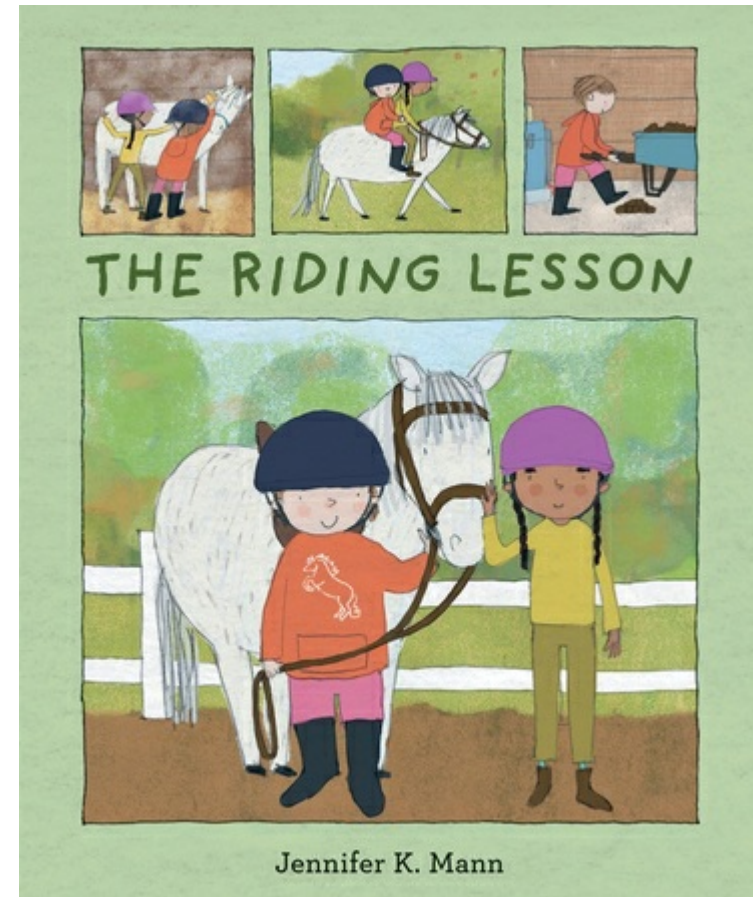
**Frances loves horses and can't wait for her first riding lesson. It can't be all that hard, can it? From the creator of *The Camping Trip*, this spirited story is for all children who like horses or are trying something new.**

Frances adores horses and knows everything about them – at least she thinks she does. But when she arrives at her friend Mae's house for her first horseback-riding lesson sporting a bike helmet and wellies, Frances quickly discovers that she might not know as much as she thought she did. Barns are actually a little stinky, and it takes a lot of time to brush a horse and tack it up (what does that even mean?). Not to mention that horses are much bigger in real life, and being so far off the ground can be scary! Will Frances be brave enough to ride Snowball all by herself, or will it be too different from what she's imagined?

Jennifer K. Mann's exuberant story encourages readers to get back in the saddle and reminds them that sometimes reality doesn't match our expectations – but usually the real thing is better!

- Jennifer K. Mann shows how new experiences can be both thrilling and terrifying at the same time, and with a kind friend by our side and a bit of courage, we can make lifelong happy (and horsey) memories.
- For any child who is horse riding for the first time or who simply loves horses and learning all about them, this is a must-have companion.
- This is a paperback original, same as Jennifer K. Mann's *The Camping Trip*, with the same gentle humour, friendly pictures and graphic-novel style panels.

**Jennifer K. Mann** used to be an architect before turning to children's books full-time. She is the creator of *The Camping Trip* and *Josie's Lost Tooth*. She lives on an island near Seattle, USA, with her husband, children, cats, dogs and chickens. Find her online at [jenniferkmann.com](http://jenniferkmann.com) and on Instagram as [@jen\\_k\\_mann](https://www.instagram.com/jen_k_mann).



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# You Can!

by Alexandra Strick

illustrated by Steve Anthony

**A picture book full of inspiration and empowerment – real children contribute their hopes and dreams for the future.**

"A joyous ode to inclusion, realised in the most delightful, uplifting way." - Cerrie Burnell

YOU CAN...be brave, challenge yourself, overcome your fears, be kind, be brilliant...be YOU!

Come on an amazing journey with 14 children as they grow from birth to 18 years old, learning new skills, exploring new worlds, standing up for their own and others' rights - and following their dreams.

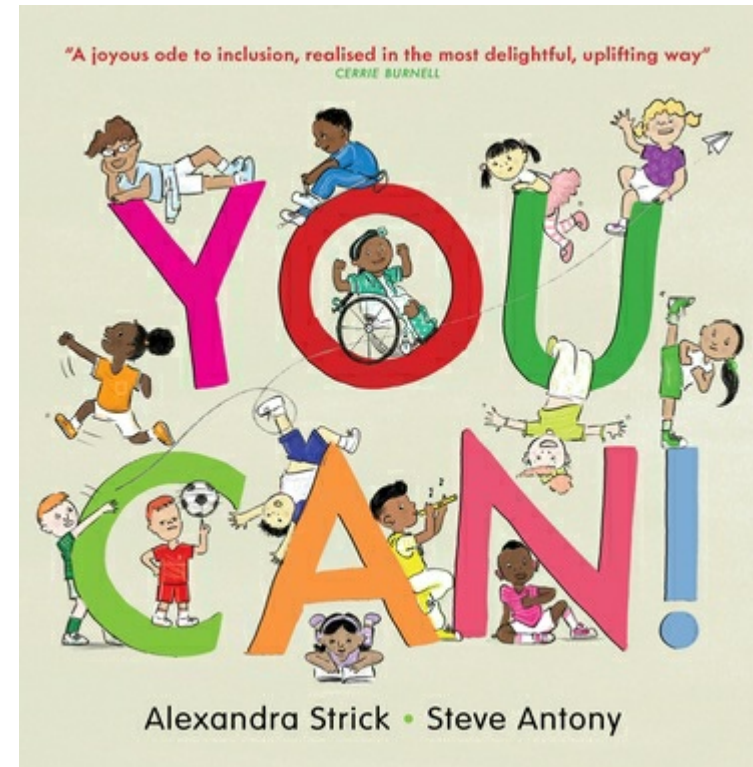
Created with real children, who sent messages of empathy, reassurance and hope, *You Can!* will inspire young people of all ages to be empowered and believe in themselves.

This is a ground-breaking book from author and co-founder of Inclusive Minds, Alexandra Strick, with an astonishing, visual narrative by international picture book star, Steve Antony.

- Encourages, inspires and empowers children to look at the future with hope and purpose
- Diversity and inclusivity are top priorities
- Alexandra Strick is a high-profile champion of inclusivity and diversity in children's books
- Fabulous colour illustrations by world-renowned illustrator Steve Antony
- Inclusive Minds' Inclusion Ambassadors will feature in endnote, and will promote the book

**Alexandra Strick** has a lifelong passion for ensuring children and young people have their views, experiences and voices really listened to. She is co-author of *Max the Champion* (with Sean Stockdale, illustrated by Ros Asquith) and has consulted on many other inclusive and accessible books. She is a founder of Outside In World, which promotes books from around the world (particularly children's books in translation) and consultant to BookTrust, managing their Bookmark website. As co-founder of Inclusive Minds, she is particularly proud to have set up a network of Inclusion Ambassadors. Alexandra lives in Surrey, England.

**Steve Antony** is an award-winning writer and illustrator of over 25 picture books, having sold over one million books worldwide. His books include the *Mr Panda* series and *The Queen's Hat* series Steve also illustrated *We Can!* (with Alexandra Strick). He has contributed work towards LGBTQ+ anthology *Proud*. Steve is Swindon Libraries Patron to Children's Reading Services and an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust. In 2023 he was named 'School Libraries Champion' by the School Library Association. He lives in Swindon, England.



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# The Fierce Little Woman and the Wicked Pirate - Reillustrated

by Joy Cowley

illustrated by Miho Satake

**An unconventional love story with a strong female lead and a pirate with a sensitive side, written by New Zealand's leading children's writer and illustrated by one of Japan's foremost children's illustrators.**

The fierce little woman lived in a house at the end of a jetty. She knitted socks in blue and green wool to sell to sailors who had got their feet wet. But when there were no ships at her jetty, she was quite alone.

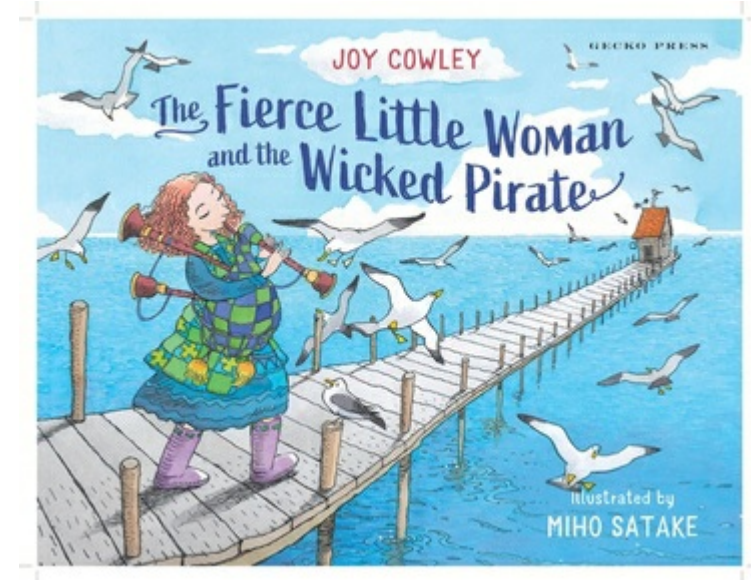
One stormy day, a pirate came to the house on the jetty. He stood on his toes, and starting tap-tap-tapping on the window...

After a battle of words through the jetty trapdoor, these two windswept heroes find they are suited after all in a warm story of a carefree family.

- A warm family and love story with an independent female lead
- Themes of independence and relationships; strength and vulnerability; family
- One of Joy Cowley's bestselling picture books with fresh contemporary illustrations for a new young audience

**Joy Cowley** is one of New Zealand's best-loved writers for children and adults, with an international reputation. She has won a multitude of awards and honours for her bestselling books, including the Prime Ministers Award for contribution to literature. She was shortlisted for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2018.

**Miho Satake** is a highly regarded Japanese artist and illustrator known for illustrating the Japanese editions of classic children's books including Diana Wynne Jones and anniversary editions of the Harry Potter series.



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# The Unexplained: UFOs - Reissue AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF UFOS

by Adam Allsuch Boardman

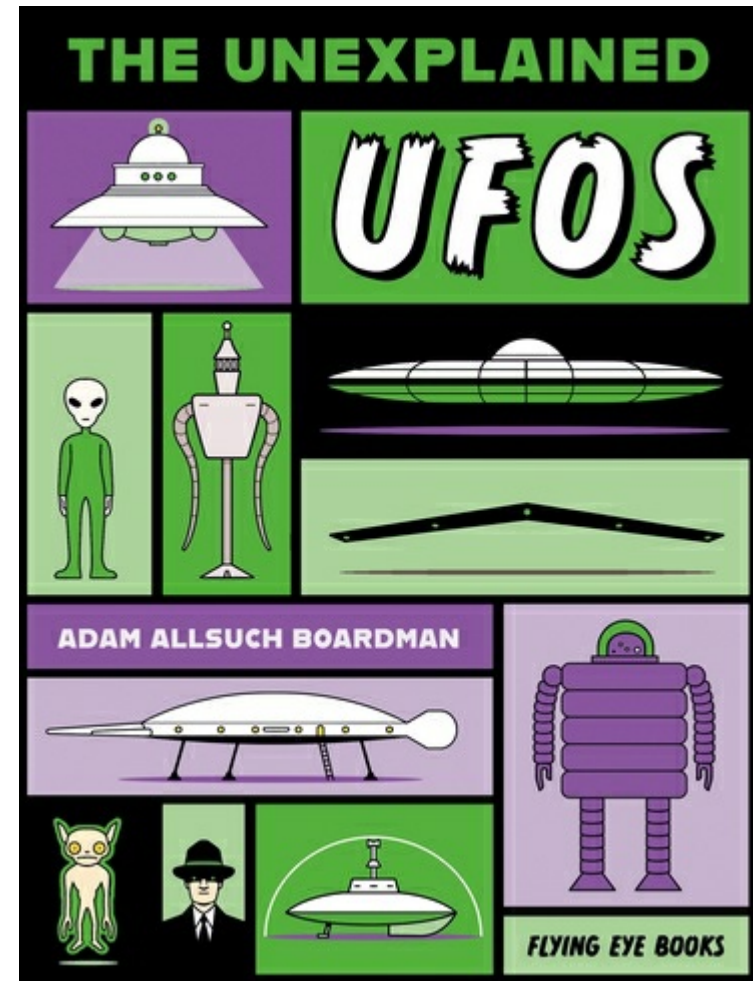
illustrated by Adam Allsuch Boardman

Adam Allsuch Boardman's award winning *An Illustrated History* series reformatted for a younger audience.

The mysterious history of flying saucers is explored in-depth, from potential alien visitors as far back as Stonehenge to UFO cults and the secrets of Area 51. Uncover the history of UFOs in this illustrated guide, which separates the science fiction from the facts.

- Stylish illustrations differentiate the book from the competition which usually has B&W illustrations or none.
- A great gift for someone interested in countercultures, cults, conspiracy theories etc

**Adam Allsuch Boardman** grew up in an exceptionally green part of the Yorkshire Dales in England and studied BA Illustration at Leeds Arts University. He is currently a freelance illustrator, doing jobs for national museum exhibits, educational publications and historic businesses. He is greatly influenced by film and television as well as books, from authors such as Agatha Christie to Isaac Asimov.



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# Hineniwha me te Kaitiora

by Joy Cowley

illustrated by Miho Satake

**A te reo Maori edition of one of New Zealand's favourite picture books—this enduring story about independence and family is an unconventional love story with a strong female lead and a pirate who finds his vulnerable side**

The fierce little woman lived in a house at the end of a jetty. She knitted socks in blue and green wool to sell to sailors who had got their feet wet. But when there were no ships at her jetty, she was quite alone. One stormy day, a pirate came to the house on the jetty. He stood on his toes, and starting tap-tap-tapping on the window...

After a battle of words through the jetty trapdoor, these two windswept heroes find they are suited after all in a warm story of a carefree family.

- A warm family and love story with an independent female lead
- Themes of independence and relationships; strength and vulnerability; family
- One of Joy Cowley's bestselling picture books with fresh contemporary illustrations for a new young audience

**Joy Cowley** is one of New Zealand's best-loved writers for children and adults, with an international reputation. She has won a multitude of awards and honours for her bestselling books, including the Prime Ministers Award for contribution to literature. She was shortlisted for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2018.

**Miho Satake** is a highly regarded Japanese artist and illustrator known for illustrating the Japanese editions of classic children's books including Diana Wynne Jones and anniversary editions of the Harry Potter series.



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# Hey Diddle Diddle

by Judy Horacek

illustrated by Judy Horacek

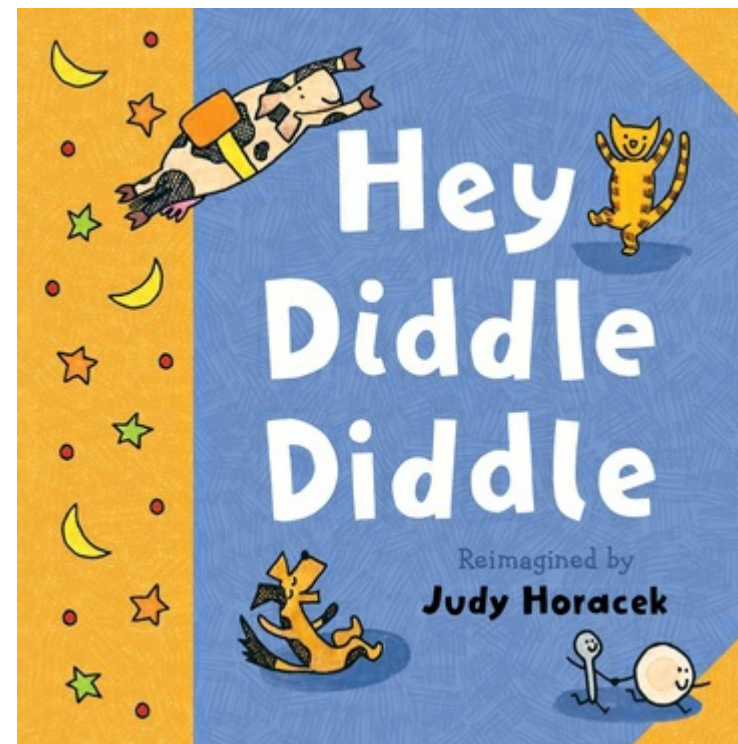
**A favourite nursery rhyme, re-imagined with wit and whimsy by one of Australia's most loved and best-selling illustrators, and the co-creator of *Where is the Green Sheep?***

Hey ...  
 Hey diddle ...  
 Hey diddle diddle ...  
 Join in the laughter as we meet a cat with a fiddle, a moon-jumping cow and their playful friends in this re-imagined telling of a nursery rhyme favourite, by best-selling author and illustrator Judy Horacek.

- From the much loved co-creator of the best-selling *Where is the Green Sheep?*
- Featuring Judy Horacek's instantly recognisable art and humour
- Nursery rhymes create cognitive skills - teaching how language works and improving memory, concentration, spatial intelligence
- Beautifully produced as a board book

Judy Horacek is a cartoonist, author and illustrator. When a tiny green sheep caught the eye of author Mem Fox, it became the best-selling picture book *Where is the Green Sheep?* Judy has since published five picture book collaborations with Mem Fox, including nursery rhyme storybooks *Good Night*, *Sleep Tight* and *Bonnie and Ben Rhyme Again*, as well as four of her own solo titles.

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# Waah!

by Sally Symes  
illustrated by Nick Sharratt

**Waah!** Everyone is wailing in this fabulously funny interactive board book!

Willow's going waah!  
She's tumbled on the path.  
Guess who is crying too...

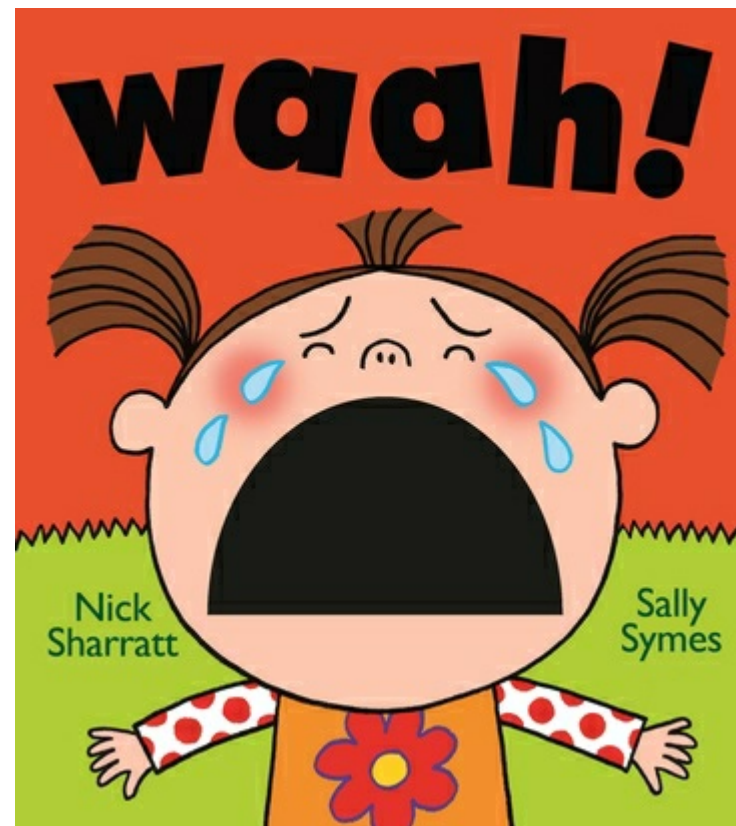
Whoops! Willow's taken a tumble and is in tears. What a lot of noise! Luckily, Willow's big brother Finn is there to help put a smile back on her face!

Turn the pages of this large, super-sturdy board book and look into the peep-through holes to meet a whole cast of characters, brought to life with bold, bright colours and a shout-out-loud rhyming text. This is a follow-on title to the award-winning *Yawn* and *Giggles*. *Waah!* is the perfect book to engage and entertain pre-schoolers – and a great way of talking about tantrums with toddlers too.

- **Praise for *Yawn*:**  
"A rescue remedy for exhausted parents everywhere." Amanda Craig, *The Times*  
"The ultimate in interactive books" *Sunday Telegraph*
- **Nick Sharratt has illustrated well over 200 books and was the Writer-Illustrator in Residence at BookTrust. He is also the proud recipient of a gold Blue Peter Badge.**

**Sally Symes** trained as a designer and has worked as a paper engineer before she started to write her own books. Nick and Sally have worked together on the brilliant interactive Finger Wiggle board book series, *Something Beginning with Blue*; *A Boot, a Hat, Now Who Is That?*; *Whose Nose and Tail and Toes Are Those?* and *Yawn*. [www.sallysymes.com](http://www.sallysymes.com)

**Nick Sharratt** is one of the best-loved and most popular author-illustrators working in the UK today. He has won many awards for his work and is particularly well known for illustrating the books of Jacqueline Wilson. He has written and illustrated many of his own books including *What's in the Witch's Kitchen?*, *Once Upon a Time*, *Pirate Pete* and *The Foggy, Foggy Forest*. [www.nicksharratt.com](http://www.nicksharratt.com)



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# Guess Who? In the Jungle

by Owen Davey

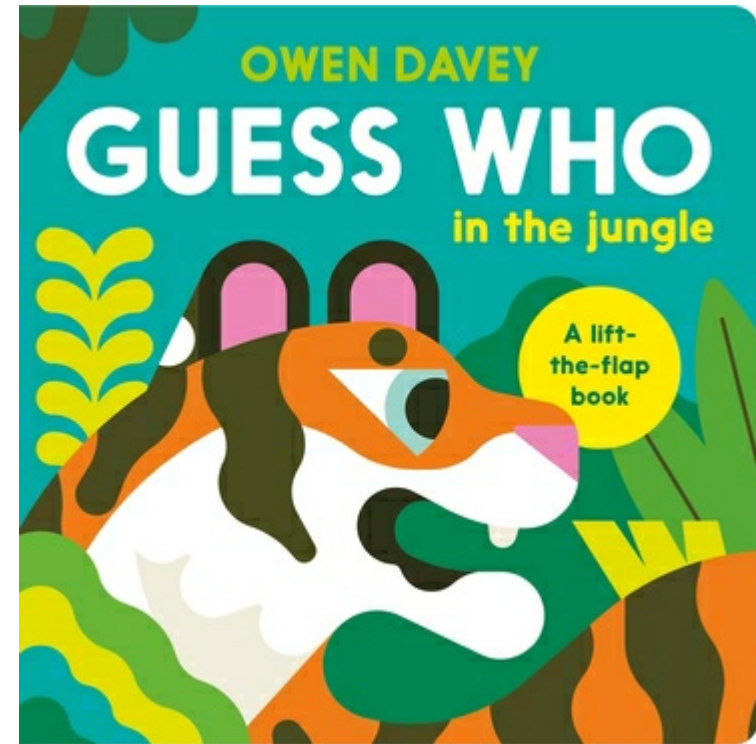
illustrated by Owen Davey

**Come on an exciting adventure into the heart of the jungle!**

Lift the flaps to reveal playful clues and then guess which animal is hiding behind them. Get ready for a journey filled with surprises and giggles! Can you guess who's waiting to say hello?

- **The first title in a brand-new board book series featuring Owen Davey's distinctive colourful style.**
- **A first introduction to the natural world and different habitats.**
- **Brilliantly interactive with flaps on every page revealing different clues and animals.**

**Owen Davey** is a freelance illustrator, living and working from Worthing UK. His work has since been published in every continent except Antarctica, including picture books in UK, America, Australia, Germany, France, Portugal, China & Korea. He has also worked for some impressive clients including the New York Times, Microsoft, and Orange.



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# Crinkly Book of Aussie Animals: In the Nest - Cloth Book

illustrated by Jill Brailsford

**A sensory experience for baby: crinkly material inside this cloth book will help baby understand cause and effect with high contrast black and white for vision development.**

Crinkly material, simple contrast illustrations and repeated patterns designed for your baby's sensory stimulation and development. Part of the Crinkly Book of Aussie Animals series which includes *In the Bush*, *In the Nest*, *In the Ocean* and *In the Outback*.

Featuring Australian birds, and simple engaging text.

- **Black-and-white contrast book ideal for baby's sensory development**
- **Includes native Australian wildlife**
- **Crinkly material is soft and perfect for little hands**

**Jill Brailsford** was born in England and moved to Australia in as a young girl. She studied art and design after leaving school and has been illustrating on and off in between lots of part-time jobs including café cook, flower picker and stained glass window painter.



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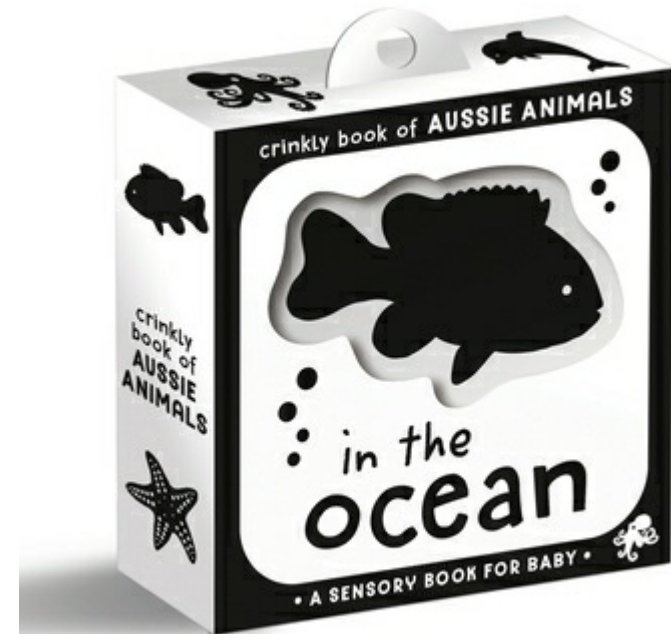
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# My Very First Britannica Encyclopedia: For curious kids aged 0 to 3

by Sally Symes; Dr Amanda Gummer; Britannica Group  
illustrated by Hanako Clulow

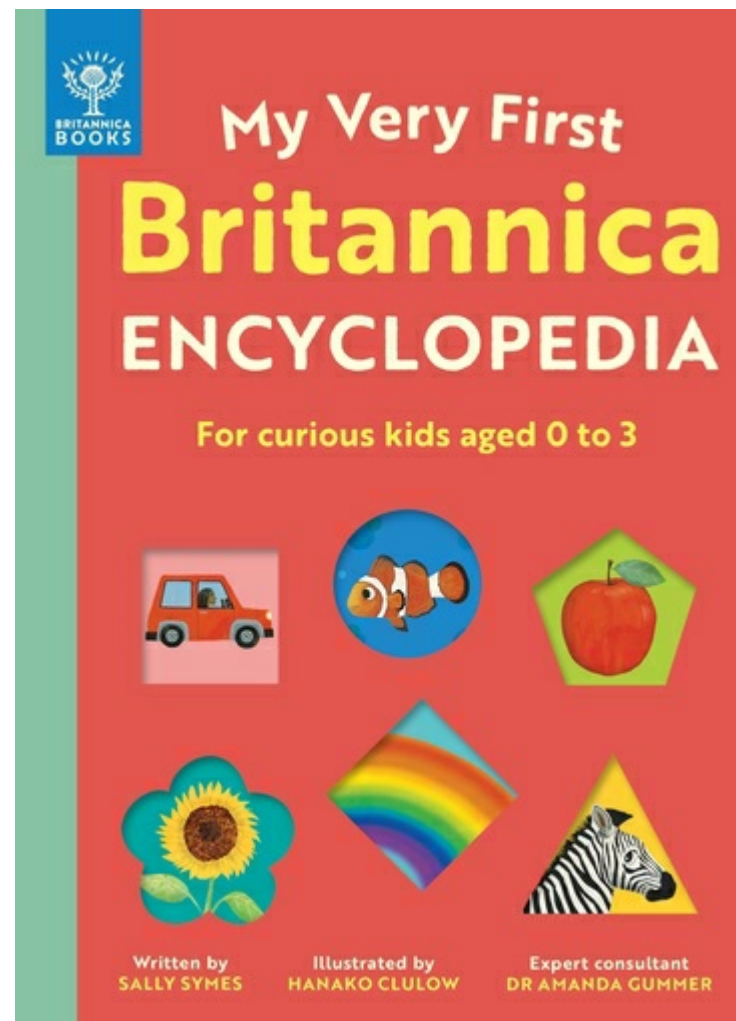
**The first-ever Britannica Encyclopedia for children under three, in a beautifully illustrated, large-format board book.**

*My Very First Britannica Encyclopedia* explores big ideas through a little one's eyes. This huge board book covers an enthralling spectrum of topics: Earth, Animals, Plants, Food, Machines, Art, Music, Numbers and Shapes. The simple, clear and lyrical text includes plenty of sound words for an enjoyable reading-aloud experience, and is paired with gorgeous illustrations by Hanako Clulow. Reviewed by early-years specialist Dr Amanda Gummer, as well as a host of Britannica subject experts, this is the perfect book to inspire little brainiacs!

- The first ever Britannica encyclopedia tailored for babies.
- Includes a foreword by early-years specialist Dr Amanda Gummer.
- The cover features six die-cuts, to reveal colourful images beneath.
- The book lies flat, so it is perfect for tummy time.
- It covers a range of STEAM topics, verified by Britannica subject experts.
- Features more than 200 gorgeous illustrations.

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

**Hanako Clulow** studied for a degree in Psychology at Goldsmiths College, University of London, before her passion for art re-emerged and led her to pursue a life as an illustrator. She enjoys drawing simple and bold character designs that appeal to children, and her projects have ranged from board books to illustrated non-fiction books and children's clothing. Hanako is based in Titirangi, Auckland, New Zealand.



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# Your Planet Needs You! Brilliant Jobs to Protect Your World

by Elizabeth Laird and Will McDowall  
illustrated by Paul Boston

Find out about the positive ways we can all help solve the problem of climate change in this innovative illustrated book.

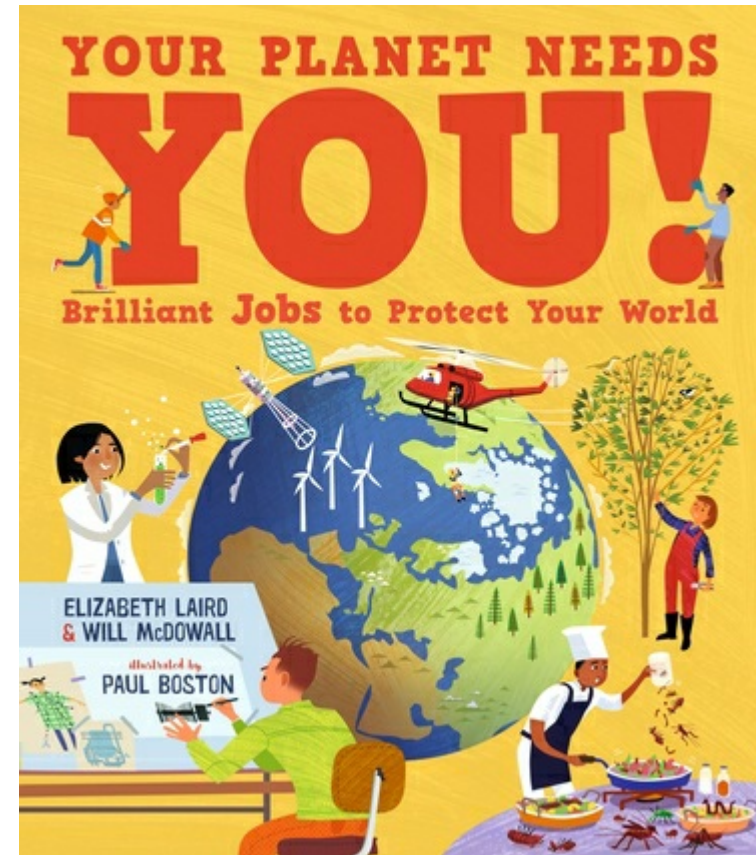
Our climate is changing, and sometimes the news about extreme weather and rising temperatures can sound scary. But did you know that people all over the world are inventing brilliant ways to solve the problem – and that you could help? From scientists to farmers and carpenters to fashion designers, discover the jobs you could do when you grow up to help our planet. Whether you like looking after nature, working with machines, solving puzzles or being creative, this book is packed with inspiration. With a gentle introduction to the latest science and technology, this is an accessible and engaging way to start conversations around climate change.

- A positive guide to climate change that explains both the challenges and the solutions, presenting a reassuring way into the subject for young readers who are increasingly suffering from climate anxiety.
- Each spread introduces jobs the reader could do when they grow up, across industries as diverse as renewable energy, fashion, transport and more. Whether readers want to be influencers or foresters, they'll find something to suit their interests - and discover it's not just scientists who can help fight climate change.
- Elizabeth Laird is a multi-award-winning children's book author. This is her first work of non-fiction, and is a collaboration with her son, a scientist at UCL who advises the government on climate change. This combination of celebrated writer and scientific expertise makes for a unique book.

**Elizabeth Laird** is a multi-award winning novelist, who has lived and worked in many parts of the world. She has travelled all over Ethiopia collecting folk stories, and helped to set up the Ethiopian Story Collecting Project. You can read some of the stories on [www.ethiopianfolktalesforkids.com](http://www.ethiopianfolktalesforkids.com) and find out more about Elizabeth at [www.elizabethlaird.co.uk](http://www.elizabethlaird.co.uk).

This is her first non-fiction book, written with her son **Will McDowall**, an Associate Professor at University College London, where he teaches and researches solutions to climate change.

**Paul Boston** studied illustration and design at Brighton University. His work has appeared both in children's books and global advertising campaigns.



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# The Football GOAT: Pelé vs Maradona: Who is the greatest of all time?

by Matt Oldfield and Seth Burkett

## Pelé v. Maradona: which of these footballing legends is the Greatest Of All Time?

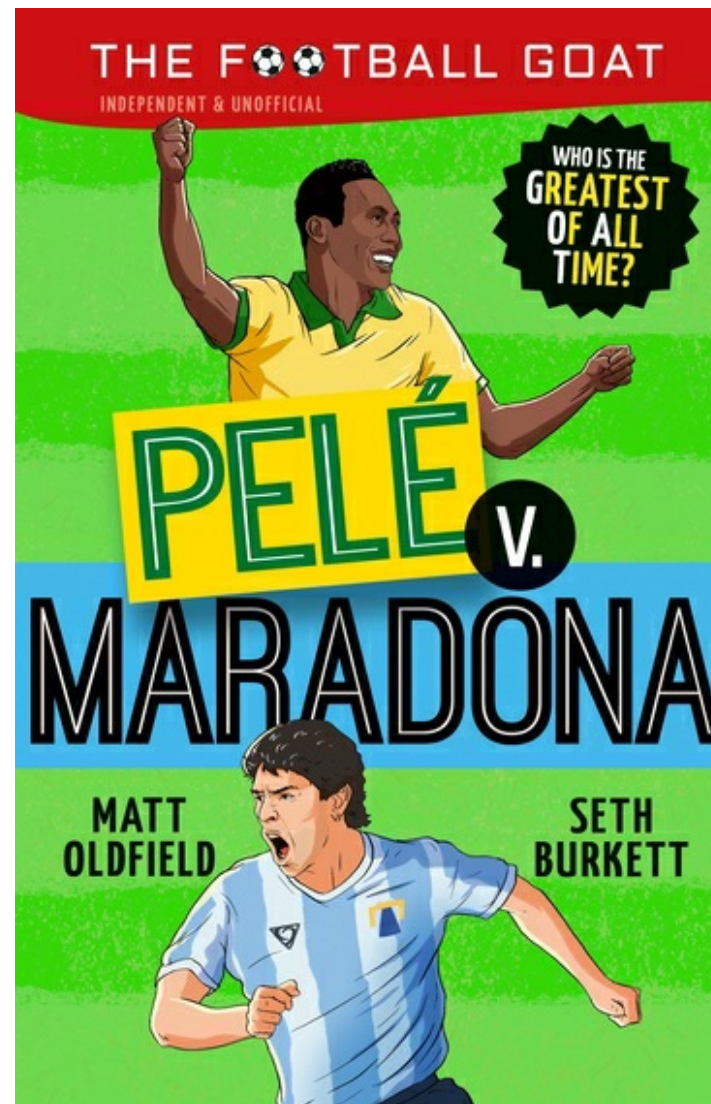
The third title in a the new series from Matt Oldfield, the bestselling author of Ultimate Football Heroes, and Seth Burkett, a former professional footballer, tackles the question that every football fan wants answered: who is the GOAT?

Each book pits two of the biggest and best players in the world head-to-head in a battle for the crown. Next up we go back in history and travel to South America for the superstar clash of Pelé v. Maradona. Action-packed and full of detailed facts, trivia, stats and funny illustrations, this is a collectible new series that's perfect for fans of Ultimate Football Heroes and Football School.

- A fantastic new football series that will get fans reading - and talking!
- 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.
- From the author of Ultimate Football Heroes, a series which has sold over 800,000 copies through TCM.

**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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# Ultimate Rugby Superstars

by Matt Oldfield and Maggie Alphonsi

illustrated by Dan Leydon

**Discover the lives and achievements of 50 of rugby's greatest superstars.**

This exciting new book for young rugby fans is co-written by Matt Oldfield, the author of *Ultimate Football Heroes*, and Maggie Alphonsi, former England rugby international and now sports commentator. It is timed to publish just before the start of the Women's Rugby World Cup, taking place in England in Summer 2025. Discover the secrets of 50 inspiring rugby superstars, from sporting legends like Gareth Edwards, to modern heroes like Eben Etzebeth. Find out the try-scoring secrets of Jonah Lumo and Ellie Kildunne and record-breaking performances of Johnny Sexton and Emily Scarratt. Learn the ins and outs of the game, with amazing facts and stats on all the best players, including Jonny Wilkinson, Brian O'Driscoll, Hannah Botterman, Alun Wyn Jones, Kendra Cocksedge, Finn Russell and Marcus Smith.

The 50 players included by chapter: **1. FRONT ROW:** Sean Fitzpatrick, John Smit, Sarah Bern, Ox Nché, Tadhg Furlong, Fiao'o Fa'amausili. **2. SECOND ROW:** Alun Wyn Jones, Joe McCarthy, Manaé Feleu, Eben Etzebeth, Zoe Aldcroft, John Eales. **3. THE BACK ROW:** Richie McCaw, Aoife Wafer, Pieter-Steph du Toit, Grégory Alldritt, Alex Matthews, Siya Kolisi, Ardie Savea, Sophie de Goede. **4. SCRUM-HALF:** Gareth Edwards, George Gregan, Cam Roigard, Faf de Klerk, Antoine Dupont, Laure Sansus, Agustín Pichot. **5. FLY-HALF:** Anna Richard, Dan Carter, Paolo Garbisi, Marcus Smith, Finn Russell, Johnny Sexton, Jonny Wilkinson. **6. CENTRES:** Brian O'Driscoll, Tana Umaga, Tommaso Menoncello, Jonathan Danty, Emily Scarratt, Semi Radradra, Gabrielle Vernier. **7. BACK THREE:** Jonah Lomu, Bryan Habana, Portia Woodman, Ellie Kildunne, Damian Penaud, Duhan van der Merwe, Alyssa D'Inca, Jason Robinson, Shane Williams.

- 50 entertaining and accessible biographies of rugby union's greatest superstars.
- A writing team that guarantees excellence: Matt Oldfield is one of the UK's most successful children's sports authors and Maggie Alphonsi is one of England's greatest ever rugby players.
- There will be lots of interest in rugby union with England hosting the Women's Rugby World Cup in 2025.
- Takes the same approach as the very well-received *Ultimate Cricket Superstars*.

**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. In 2020, he won the *Telegraph* Children's Sports Book of the Year for *Unbelievable Football*. He has also written football stories in the Johnny Ball series and recently produced the new Football GOAT series, writing with Seth Burkett.

**Maggie Alphonsi** MBE is a former England international Rugby Union and Saracens flanker player, helping England win the Rugby World Cup in 2014. She was the *Sunday Telegraph's* Sports Woman of the Year in 2016. She is now a rugby commentator, motivational speaker and promotes women and girls' involvement in rugby.

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# Gross FACTopia!: Follow the Trail of 400 Foul Facts

by Paige Towler

illustrated by Andy Smith

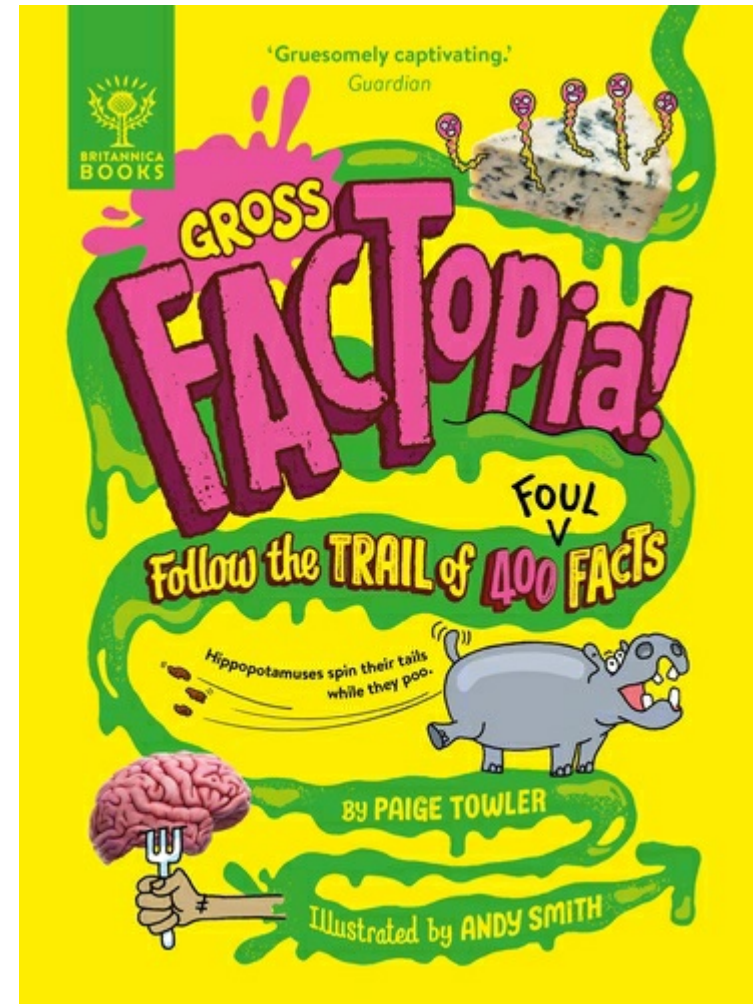
Did you know that sloths poo only once a week? Or that poo from crocodiles was sometimes used as make-up in ancient Rome? Or that ancient Romans sometimes purchased vials of gladiator sweat? Or that apes and monkeys sweat from their armpits just like humans do? Welcome to Gross FACTopia!, a wonderland of fantastically foul facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica!

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- Every one of the 400 facts in this book is linked, and you can choose your own path through this delightfully disgusting web of information.
- Makes connections between a vast range of topics, including revolting Rome, terrible toilets, icky insects, unusual foods, stinky animals, malodorous Middle Ages, slimy sea creatures, and more.
- Features more than 300 fabulously witty color illustrations and photographs.

**Paige Towler** is an author and editor based in Washington, D.C., USA. A former editor for National Geographic Kids Books, she writes poetry about animals doing yoga, weird facts about the world and silly stories about snakes and bats.

**Andy Smith** is an award-winning illustrator, and studied illustration at the University of Brighton and the Royal College of Art, London. His work combines illustration and typography to create images that have humour, energy and optimism executed with a handmade, hand-printed, tactile feel. He lives by the sea in Hastings, East Sussex.



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# My First Book of Minibeasts

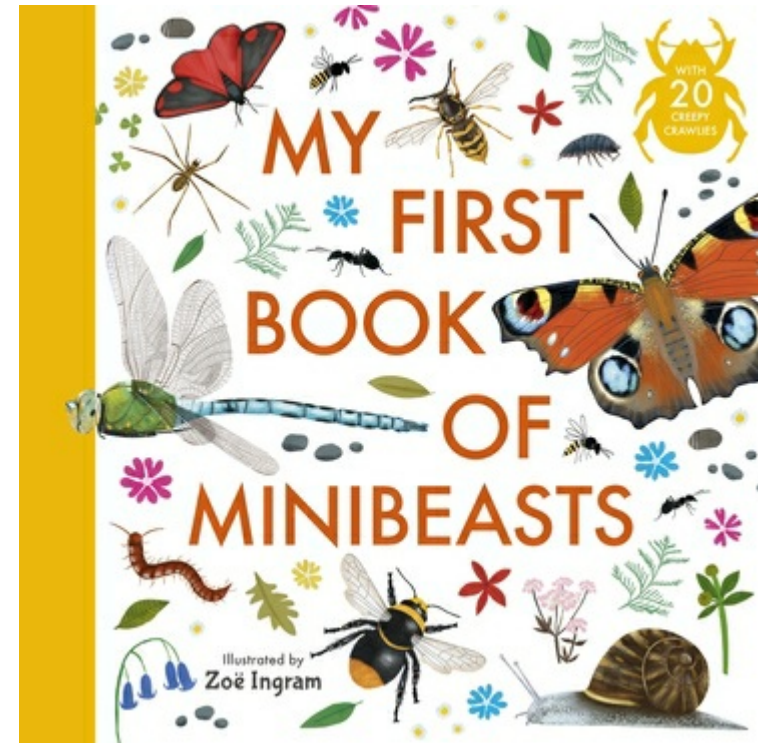
illustrated by Zoë Ingram

**The perfect gift for any young animal-lover, this beautifully illustrated spotter guide is an ideal introduction to the world of creepy crawlies!**

Illustrated in a bright, contemporary style, this is a modern guide to the most common minibeasts from the glorious glow-worm to the buzzy bumblebee, taking in such favourites as snails, slugs, worms and woodlice along the way. This information book for young children is packed with information and fun facts – everything you need to know to help you learn about and identify bugs and beasties. With key facts about size, habitat, diet and population, there are detailed descriptions of each creature and tips to help you spot them in your own park or garden. There is even a special, "Did you know?" section on each minibeast, which all young entomologists will love!

- Following on from *My First Book of Birds*, *My First Book of Woodland Animals* and *My First Book of Sea Creatures*, this is the fourth title in Zoë's series of nature books for the very young.
- A fabulous way of encouraging the youngest children to get outdoors and enjoy the natural world!
- "An ideal book to share with young children before going out exploring be that in the garden, the park or further afield." *Red Reading Hub*

**Zoë Ingram** is an artist and illustrator who lives and works in Edinburgh, Scotland. She has illustrated numerous books for children and adults as well as designing, fabric, stationery and wallpaper. She is inspired by the world around her and her two daughters.



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# Meet Bisticeratops: A Graphic Guide

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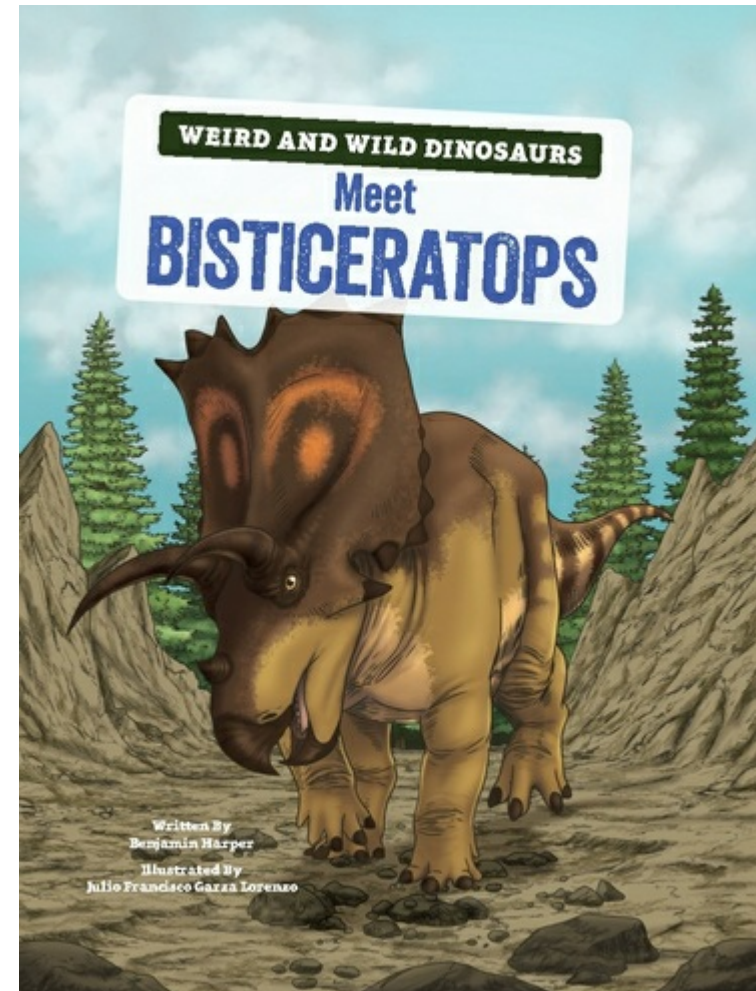
**Simple, engaging text in a high-interest comics format featuring lesser-known but fascinating dinosaurs**

You know Triceratops. Now meet Bisticeratops froeseorum! This horned dino lived more than seventy million years ago and was discovered in the deserts of Arizona. Its neck was protected by a large, colorful frill. Two long horns and rough, bumpy skin kept it safe from predators. 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**

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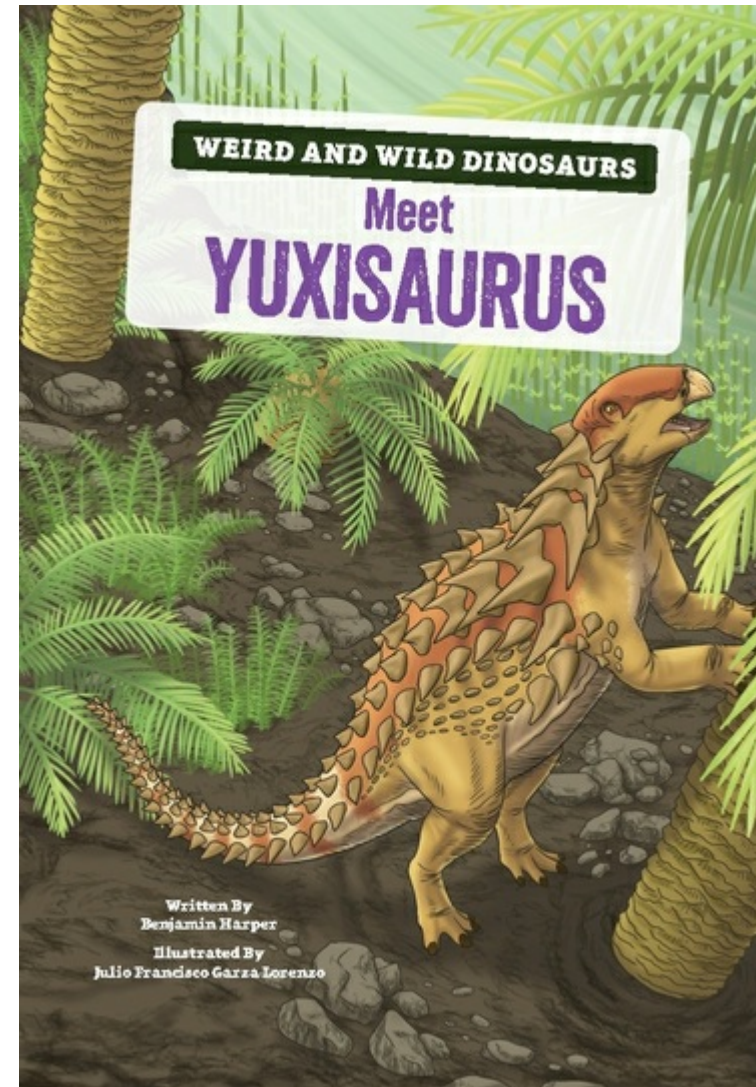
**Simple, engaging text in a high-interest comics format featuring lesser-known but fascinating dinosaurs**

You know Ankylosaurus. Now meet Yuxisaurus kopchicki! This armored dino lived millions of years ago during the Jurassic Period in southern China. It was covered in spikes and bony plates that kept it safe from dangerous predators. Take a closer look . . . if you dare.

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# The Gift of the Broken Teacup: Poems of Mindfulness, Meditation, and Me

by Allan Wolf

illustrated by Jade Orlando

**Warm, witty poems by the acclaimed Allan Wolf bring mindfulness to the younger set—one simple, nurturing practice at a time.**

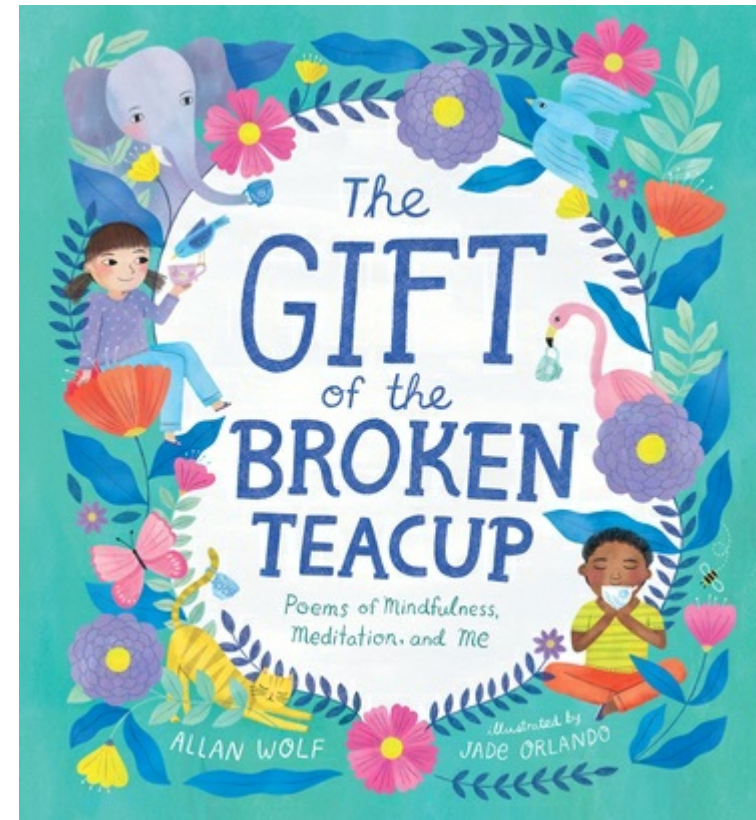
*An om is a poem  
without any words.  
It acts as a voice  
so the heart can be heard.*

Have you ever let your thoughts just float into the sky? Why is today the very best day of the year? And what does a broken teacup have to do with anything? In fresh, accessible poems about mindfulness and related themes, award-winning poet Allan Wolf takes on subjects from kindness to confidence, from finding peace in nature to letting your own joyful "YAWP!" be heard (thank you, Walt Whitman). Woven throughout are subtle how-to's on meditation, breathwork, visualization, yoga, journaling, and more, as well as taking in others' points of view, letting go of anger, and other invaluable elements of social-emotional learning. "Accept the way you feel, and turn / your worry into wonder," says the poet. This charming collection, animated by Jade Orlando's bright illustrations, offers the tools and the inspiration to make that happen.

- **This warm collection of poems centers themes of mindfulness and dives deep into social-emotional learning (SEL). It's a natural fit for elementary SEL curricula everywhere.**
- **Beautiful illustrations, elevated-yet-accessible poetry, and effective strategies for acknowledging and moving through everyday emotions.**
- **This book appeals to a wide range of ages and addresses an impressive number of topics and emotions, including integrity, perseverance, observation, gratitude, anger, anxiety, autonomy, authenticity, and more. It also includes several physical stretches, poses, and meditation exercises for readers to try.**

**Allan Wolf** is the author of many award-winning books for children and teens, including *How to Tantrum Like a Champion*, *The Blanket Where Violet Sits*, *Behold Our Magical Garden*, *No Buddy Like a Book*, *The Day the Universe Exploded My Head*, and *The Blood-Hungry Spleen and Other Poems About Our Parts*. He lives in Roanoke, Virginia.

**Jade Orlando's** colorful illustrations are featured in books, apparel, advertising, and licensing, with clients including Hallmark and the ACLU. She lives in the 'burbs of Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband, three cats, and a greyhound named Petra.



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