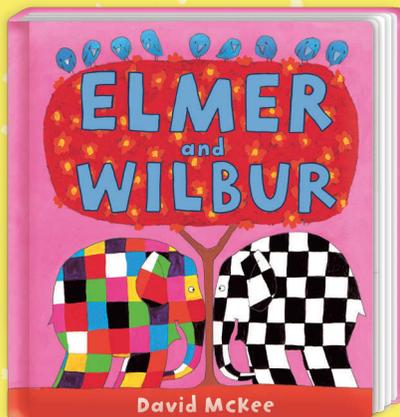


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WINNER OF THE BOLOGNA PRIZE  
CHILDREN'S PUBLISHER OF THE YEAR

# ELMER

David McKee



## ELMER AND WILBUR

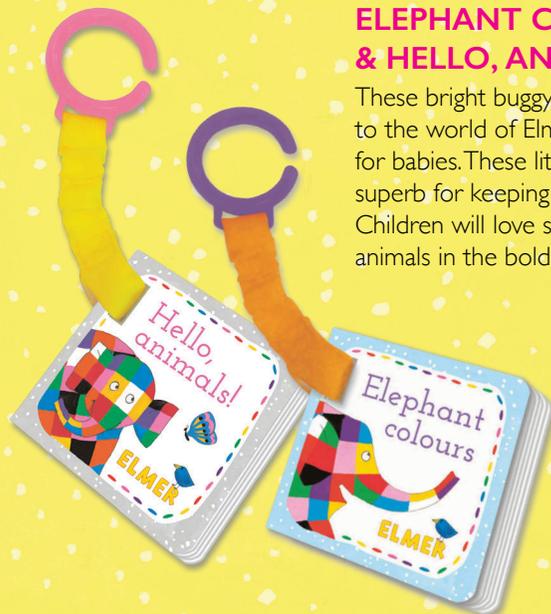
A new sturdy padded board book edition of this classic story. Elmer loves practical jokes, but so does his cousin, Wilbur. Until, that is, Wilbur's practical joke leaves him high and dry and Elmer and the other elephants have to come to the rescue and bring him back down to earth.

**MAR 2017**

9781783445301 | 26pp | PB  
EBook available | 200 x 175mm | £6.99

## ELEPHANT COLOURS & HELLO, ANIMALS!

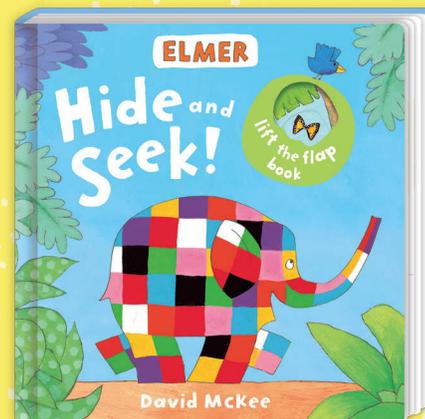
These bright buggy books are the perfect introduction to the world of Elmer and his colourful elephant friends for babies. These little books clip onto a buggy and are superb for keeping little ones entertained on the go. Children will love spotting and naming colours and animals in the bold illustrations.



**JAN 2017**

ELEPHANT COLOURS | 12pp | BB  
9781783444953 | 90 x 90mm | £4.99

HELLO, ANIMALS! | 12pp | BB  
9781783444946 | 90 x 90mm | £4.99

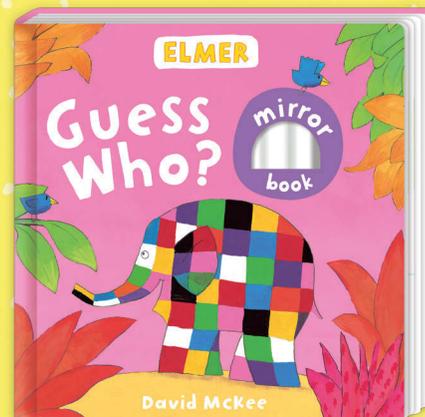


## HIDE AND SEEK!

Elmer and Bird are playing hide and seek in this lift-the-flap board book. Help Elmer by lifting the flaps to look behind the rock, in the herd of elephants and even behind Elmer's ear. Ready or not, here I come ...

**MAY 2017**

9781783444960 | 12pp | BB  
180 x 180mm | £6.99



## GUESS WHO?

Help the animals guess who is Elmer's new friend in this board book with a mirror surprise at the end. Peek through cut-outs on each page to catch a glimpse of Elmer's new friend - it's you! Babies and toddlers will love this bright and interactive introduction to the colourful world of Elmer and his animal friends.

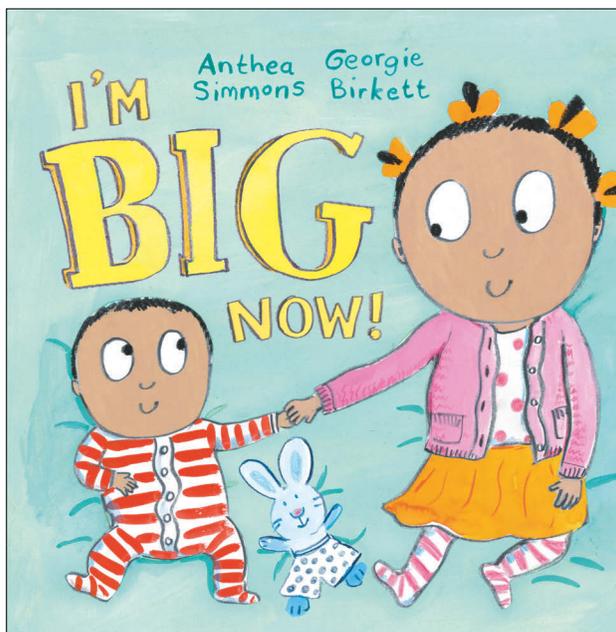
**MAY 2017**

9781783444977 | 12pp | BB  
180 x 180mm | £6.99

[www.elmer.co.uk](http://www.elmer.co.uk)



## Anthea Simmons Georgie Birkett



**JAN 2017**

9781783444854 | 32pp | HB  
EBook available | 275 x 270mm | £11.99

### I'M BIG NOW!

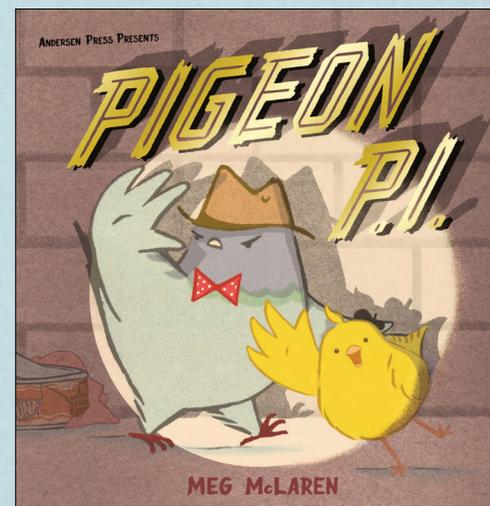
It's tough when you're not the baby of the family any more! A toddler tale for any big brother or sister with bright, lively art from **Book Trust Early Years Award** winner Georgie Birkett. In this funny journey of discovery, one little girl decides to try out being a baby again, but it turns out that it is more fun being the big sister of the family.



**ANTHEA SIMMONS** grew up in Cornwall where she was pony and book-mad. After a successful City career, she 'retired' to the country to bring up her son, ride, garden, write, paint and teach. She now lives in Devon and is involved in a social enterprise dedicated to improving diversity and inclusion in the UK's board rooms through an apprenticeship scheme. @apricotfox

**GEORGIE BIRKETT** studied Graphic Design and Illustration at the University of Brighton. She has gone on to write and illustrate many picture books, including *Is This My Nose?* which won the **Book Trust Early Years Award**. She lives in Lewes, East Sussex with her family. @GeorgieBirkett

## Meg McLaren



### PIGEON P.I.

Pigeon Private Investigator Murray is looking for the quiet life, but trouble is looking for him. Is his goose cooked? This is the unforgettable second picture book from rising star Meg McLaren.

**MAR 2017**

9781783444830 | 40pp | HB  
EBook available | 260 x 250mm | £12.99



### LIFE IS MAGIC

Magician Monsieur Lapin is auditioning assistants and Houdini the rabbit is the obvious choice. So one night when things go wrong, Houdini tries to carry on with the show ... and unfortunately that spells rabbit-shaped disaster for his human-shaped magician.

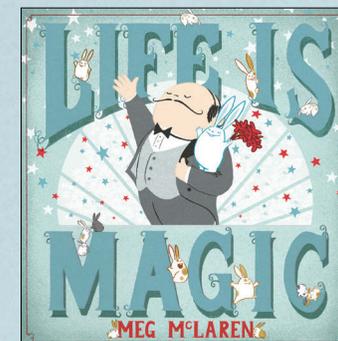
Praise for **Life is Magic**:

'An exuberant debut' THE BOOKSELLER

'Full of warmth and humour' BOOKTRUST

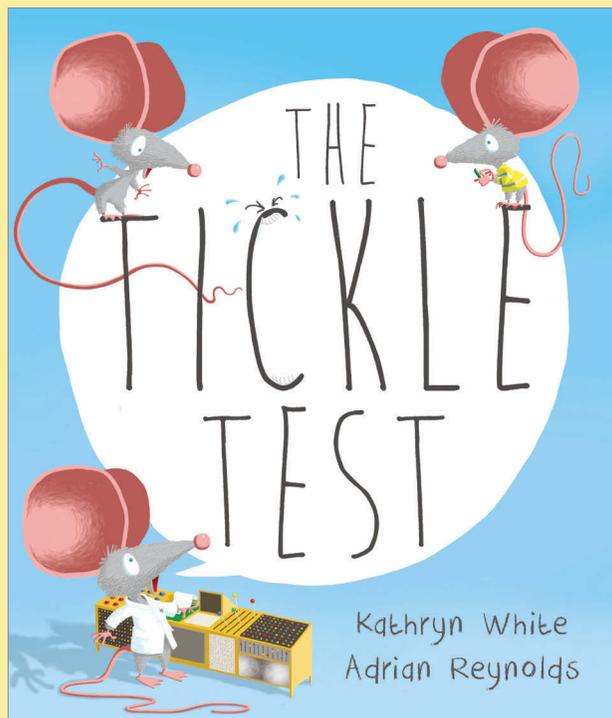
**MAR 2017**

9781783444861 | 40pp | PB  
EBook available | 260 x 250mm | £6.99



**MEG McLAREN** graduated from the MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art in 2013, and has since returned to her native Scotland, to Inverness. She is an illustrator and printmaker, working mainly in screen print. *Life is Magic* is her debut picture book. @tinyrexwrecks

## Kathryn White Adrian Reynolds



### THE TICKLE TEST

Would you pass the tickle test? It's easy to tickle a giraffe, but how would you deal with octopus's eight arms or crocodile's sharp teeth? An unforgettable adventure from *Who's in the Loo* and *Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs* illustrator Adrian Reynolds.

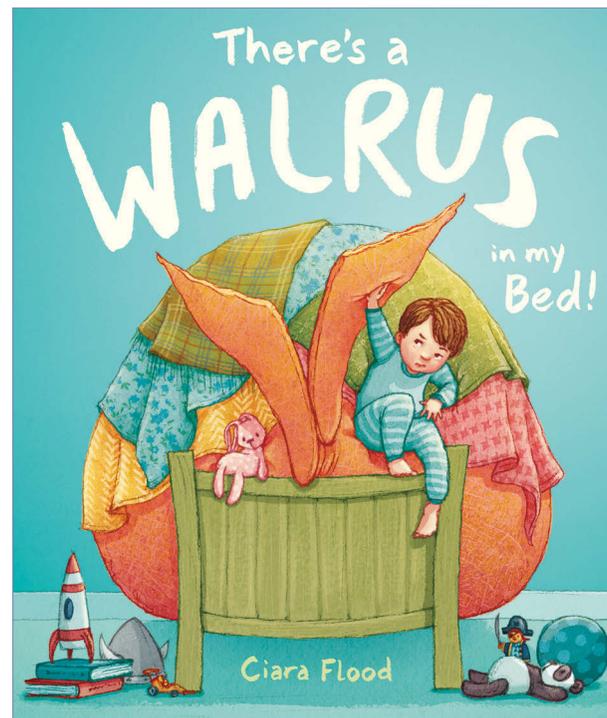
**MAY 2017**

9781783444083 | 32pp | HB  
EBook available | 270 x 230mm | £11.99

**KATHRYN WHITE** grew up in the Midlands and now lives in Wells with her husband. She has children and many grandchildren who inspire her writing. She has written more than thirty children's books, almost all of which feature animals as the main characters.

**ADRIAN REYNOLDS** was born in South Wales. His books have won many awards, including the **Red House Children's Book Award** and the **Sheffield Children's Book Award**. He lives in Cambridge with his wife and two small sons.

## Ciara Flood



### THERE'S A WALRUS IN MY BED!

It's time for Flynn to sleep in his first ever big boy bed, but there's one rather large problem – a walrus! Mum and Dad play along. Is Flynn just stalling? Either way it doesn't look like anyone is getting much sleep tonight.

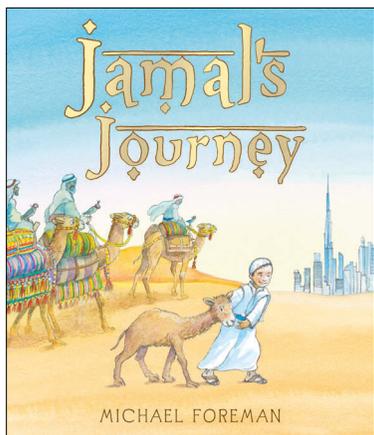
**APR 2017**

9781783444922 | 32pp | HB  
EBook available | 280 x 240mm | £11.99



**CIARA FLOOD** studied Visual Communications in Dublin. After that she travelled the world, funding her trips by working as a fruit-picker, hot-dog vendor and dog-calendar seller. She now lives with her partner and daughter in London.

## Michael Foreman



### JAMAL'S JOURNEY

Jamal is a little camel so he must walk, walk, walk through the desert. One day he becomes separated from his friend, the boy, but a wise falcon helps to reunite them. They go on to explore the city and its exciting sights and sounds.

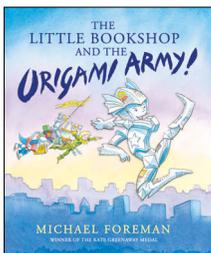
A touching tale of friendship and adventure in the desert from the award-winning Michael Foreman.

**FEB 2017**

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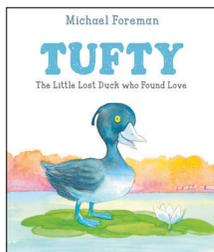
### THE LITTLE BOOKSHOP AND THE ORIGAMI ARMY

When an independent bookshop is threatened by demolition, Origami Girl summons characters from the pages of children's books to defeat the developers.



**JUN 2017**

9781783442089 | 32pp | PB  
EBook available | 280 x 240mm | £6.99



### TUFTY

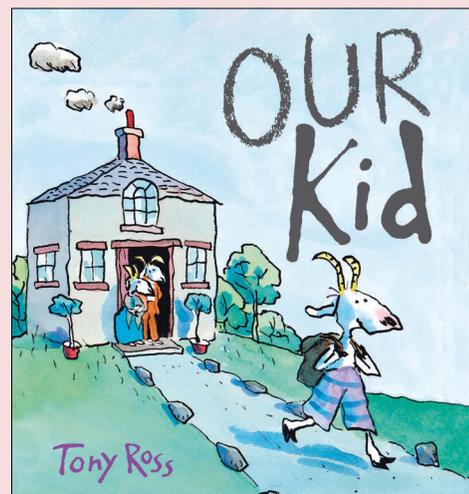
A heart-warming story about a little duck finding his place in the big, wide world.

**MAR 2017**

9781783444991 | 32pp | PB  
EBook available | 280 x 240mm | £6.99

**MICHAEL FOREMAN** is one of Britain's best-known and internationally acclaimed creators of children's books. He has won the **Kate Greenaway Medal** twice, and has been illustrating for children for over 50 years.

## Tony Ross



### OUR KID

When Our Kid decides to dawdle on his way to school, he is about to get in felmumpingly big trouble! With dinopirates and fish-driven submarines, this is a tour-de-force of imagination from children's book legend Tony Ross.

**MAY 2017**

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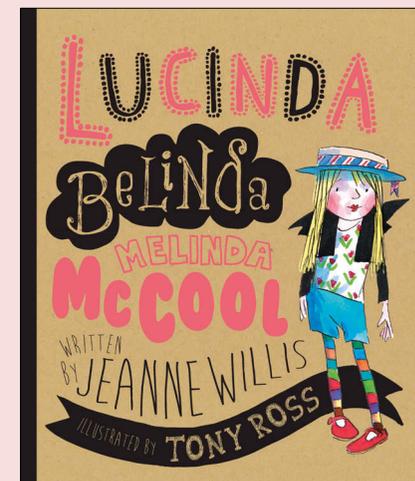
### LUCINDA BELINDA MELINDA McCOOL

Written by Jeanne Willis

A modern fable for the image-obsessed from dream team Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross. Lucinda is the most beautiful girl in school, but she can't help giving everyone else beauty advice, from hiding big bottoms to getting rid of Granny's moustache! But what happens when she meets a real beast?

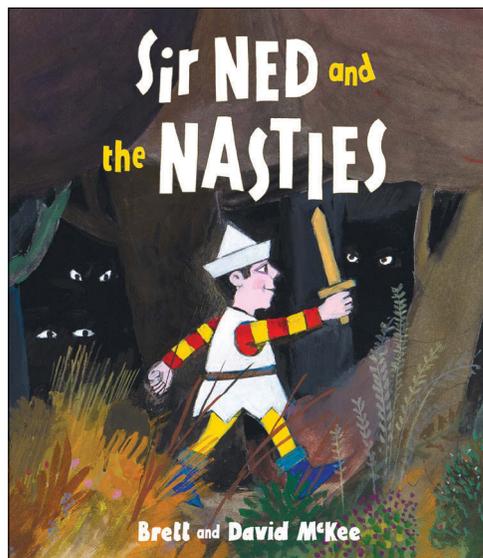
**MAY 2017**

9781783442034 | 32pp | PB  
EBook available | 280 x 240mm | £6.99



*'A great anti-body-shaming lesson, poking fun at the shallowness of people who think looks and grooming are supremely important'* SUNDAYTIMES

## David McKee

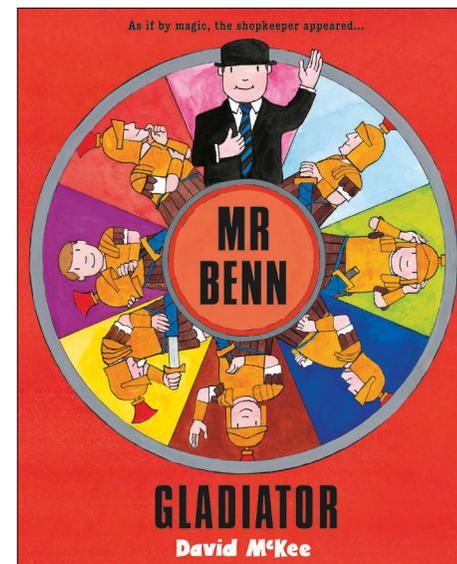
**SIR NED AND THE NASTIES**

Written by Brett McKee

Terrible sounds float out of the wood – the notorious Nasties, up to no good! The king sends Sir Ned to deal with the Nasties and their horrible howling din, but is he wise enough to spot the danger? A new collaboration from this highly talented father and son team.

**JUN 2017**

9781783445349	32pp	HB
EBook available	275 x 240mm	£11.99

**MR BENN GLADIATOR**

Mr Benn always visits a costume shop, chooses a costume and goes through a special door. This time, he chooses a gladiator costume . . . and he is transported to Ancient Rome. But he has forgotten that gladiators fought one another. The worried gladiators explain that they must fight, even though fighting is wrong. Will it be thumbs down for the alternative entertainment Mr Benn proposes?

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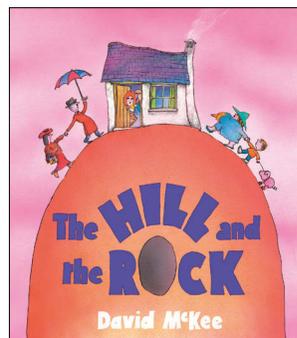
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**THE HILL AND THE ROCK**

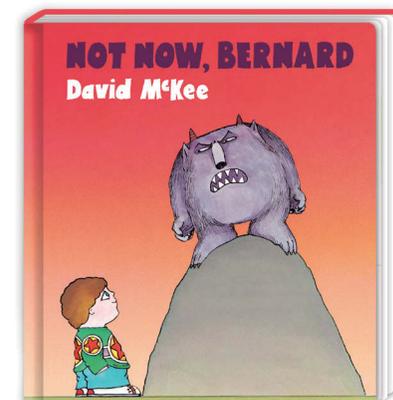
Being content with your lot is the theme of this deceptively simple and wonderfully quirky picture book.

**APR 2017**

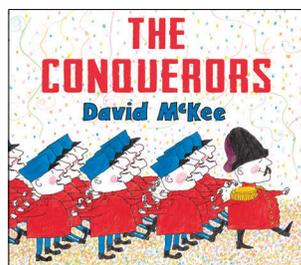
9781849393058	32pp	PB
EBook available	245 x 280mm	£6.99

**NOT NOW, BERNARD**

Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster . . . and that doesn't go quite to plan. Loved by children, monsters and adults alike for almost 40 years, David McKee's iconic picture book is available for the first time ever as a board book.

**FEB 2017**

9781783445134	26pp	BB
EBook available	200 x 175mm	£6.99

**THE CONQUERORS**

A compelling story with a strong anti-war message from the master of the modern picture book fable.

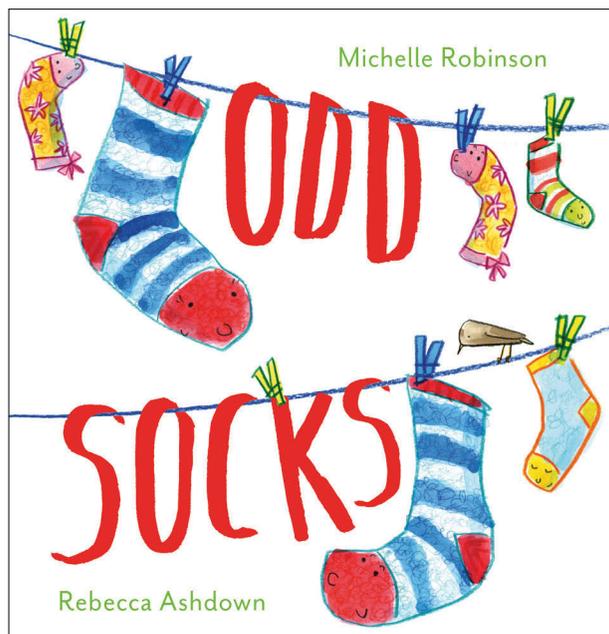
**MAY 2017**

9781842704684	32pp	PB
EBook available	275 x 240mm	£6.99

*'This succinct and warm-hearted parable could not be bettered'*  
SUNDAY TIMES

**DAVID MCKEE** is a legend in the children's book world. Over a career spanning fifty years he has created a host of favourite characters, including Elmer the patchwork elephant, King Rollo and Mr Benn. David now divides his time between London and the South of France.

## Michelle Robinson Rebecca Ashdown



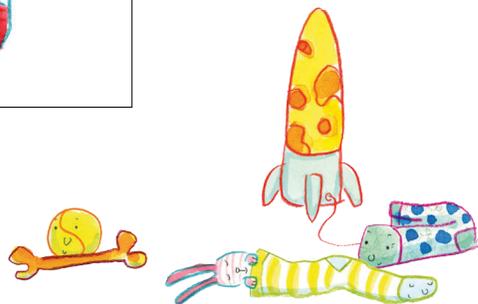
## ODD SOCKS

The epic adventure . . . that starts in a sock drawer! Suki and Sosh love going to work together on a pair of feet and snuggling up in their drawer each night. But then woolly disaster strikes: Sosh spots that Suki has a hole. Dam it! This warm, woolly love story will capture your heart.

*'A fabulously funny and inventive story of true sock love, with a surprise ending that will leave everyone smiling'* LOVEREADING

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EBook available | 250 x 260mm | £6.99

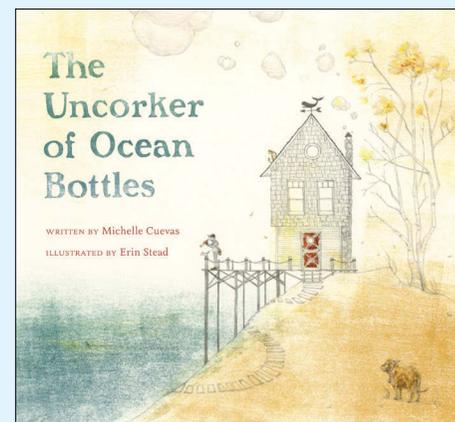
*'This rhyming love story is inspired'* DAILY MAIL



**MICHELLE ROBINSON** has written many picture books, including *There's a Lion in My Cornflakes*, which won the **Sainsbury's Children's Book Award**. She lives in Frome, where she spends her time writing, thinking about writing, and running around after her kids. @MicheRobinson

**REBECCA ASHDOWN** grew up right by the sea and could often be seen pedalling around on her bike wearing jeans covered in felt tipped doodles. She never stopped doodling and after an MA at Central St Martins, she worked as a graphic and motion designer; filmmaker and freelance artist before returning to traditional image making and illustration. @FamilyOfBeasts

## Michelle Cuevas Erin Stead



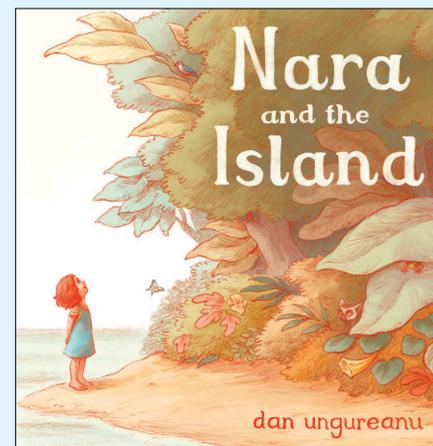
## THE UNCORKER OF OCEAN BOTTLES

A message in a bottle holds the promise of surprise and wonder in this enthralling picture book illustrated by **Caldecott Medal** winner Erin Stead. The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles has to open any bottles found at sea and make sure the messages are delivered. He loves his job, though he wishes that, someday, one of the letters would be addressed to him. When he opens a party invitation but there is no name attached, he tries to find the recipient and ends up finding something even more special: new friends!

*'Cuevas's prose is laden with gems'*  
NEWYORKTIMES

**APR 2017** | 40pp | PB  
9781783445271 | 275 x 250 mm | £6.99

## Dan Ungureanu



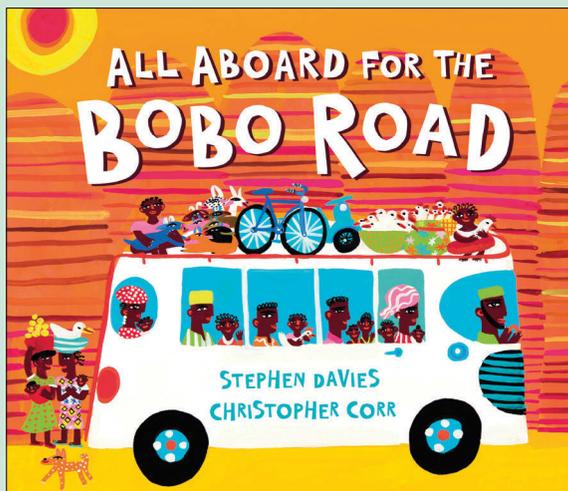
## NARA AND THE ISLAND

When your home is so small it's impossible to lose anything, sometimes you wish for a place where you can get lost. Come with Nara to the mysterious island where dreams can come true – the visually stunning debut from author-illustrator Dan Ungureanu.

*'A dreamy, magical story of personal discovery'*  
BOOKTRUST

**JUN 2017** | 32pp | PB  
9781783445356 | 250 x 260mm | £6.99

## Stephen Davies Christopher Corr



### ALL ABOARD FOR THE BOBO ROAD

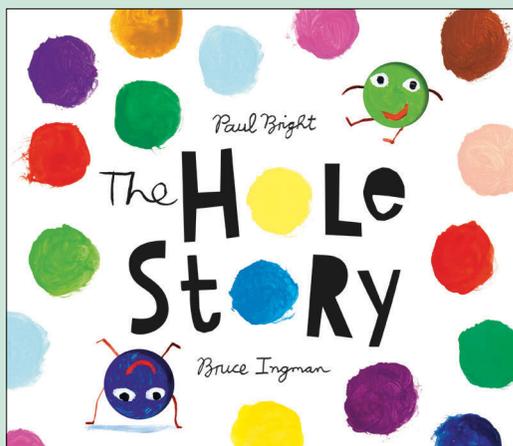
All aboard for the Bobo Road! Help Fatima and Galo count bikes, rice, melons and even goats onto the bus as it travels past Gurunsi houses, the hippo lake, waterfalls and jungle, all the way to the city of Bobo. This is a wonderfully fun introduction for small children to an amazing culture.

**APR 2017**

9781783445004 | 32pp | PB  
EBook available | 245 x 280mm | £6.99

'Corr's paintings pulsate with energy, bright colors, and design patterns' KIRKUS

## Paul Bright Bruce Ingman



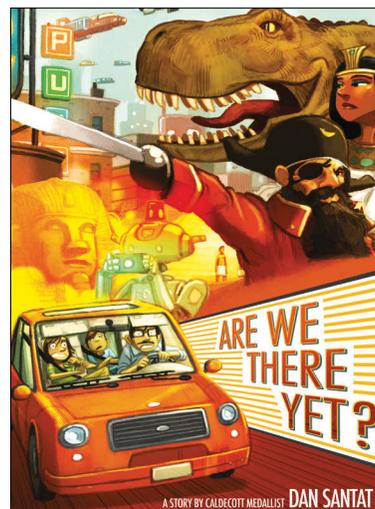
### THE HOLE STORY

Discover the secret lives of holes in this playful and imaginative story illustrated by multi-award-winning artist Bruce Ingman. Hamish and Hermione Hole need a new home after their chunk of Swiss cheese is eaten – but no one wants holes in their socks, boat, bike wheel or knickers! Where will they be welcome?

**APR 2017**

9781783445011 | 32pp | PB  
EBook available | 240 x 280mm | £6.99

## Dan Santat



### ARE WE THERE YET?

The car trip to Grandma's house is taking forever. *Are We There Yet?* explores the amazing possibilities of imagination on a long, boring car journey, as time slows down so much it starts going backwards. **Caldecott Medal**-winning author-illustrator Dan Santat takes us on the road trip of a lifetime ... or rather, several lifetimes!

**APR 2017**

9781783445165 | 40pp | PB  
305 x 229mm | £6.99

'A remarkable feat ... a turbocharged adventure that's also a meditation on the relative nature of time'  
PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY

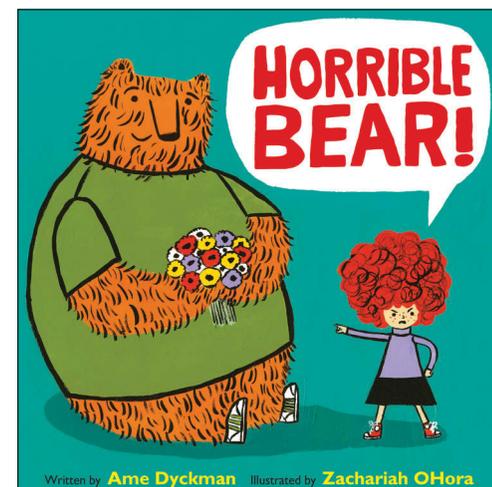
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### HORRIBLE BEAR!

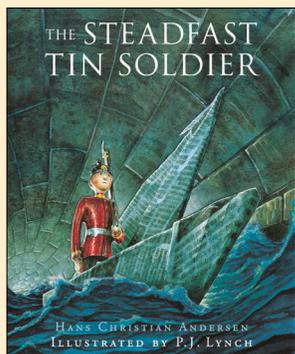
Bear didn't mean to break the girl's kite, she's upset anyway and shouts 'HORRIBLE BEAR!'. Is Bear really horrible? From the creators of *Wolfe the Bunny* comes this tale of accidents, outbursts, manners and the power of saying sorry.

**MAY 2017**

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254 x 254mm | £6.99



## Hans Christian Andersen P.J. Lynch



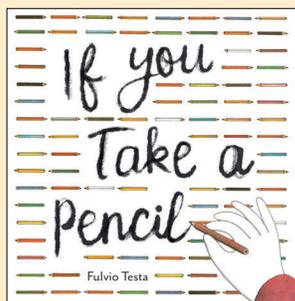
### THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER

Hans Christian Andersen's powerful and haunting tale of a one-legged tin soldier who falls in love with a proud dancer from the same toy collection. Lavishly illustrated by **Irish Children's Laureate** P.J. Lynch and retold by Naomi Lewis.

**JUN 2017**

9781842704431 | 32pp | PB  
EBook available | 270 x 220mm | £6.99

## Fulvio Testa



COVER NOT FINAL

### IF YOU TAKE A PENCIL

"If you take a pencil, you can draw two cats." But then what do the cats do? Full of fantastical adventure and imagination, this surreal, charming counting book will take you on a journey that anyone can go on, if they take a pencil...

**MAY 2017**

9781783445325 | 32pp | PB  
EBook available | 230 x 200mm | £6.99

## Ruth Brown



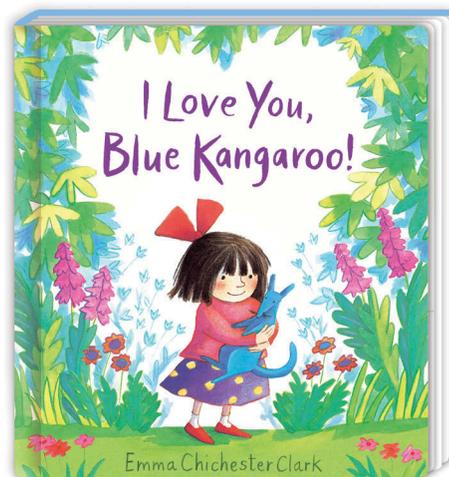
### THE BIG SNEEZE

The farmer is snoozing on the hay in his barn, surrounded by his dozy animals, when the fly buzzing about lands on his nose! Of course he sneezes, which sets off a long chain of consequences in this classic tale from acclaimed author-illustrator Ruth Brown.

**FEB 2017**

9781849390521 | 32pp | PB  
EBook available | 270 x 230mm | £6.99

## Emma Chichester Clark



### I LOVE YOU, BLUE KANGAROO!

A new board book edition of the original and best-loved Blue Kangaroo story.

Blue Kangaroo has always been Lily's favourite toy, but then Wild Brown Bear comes along, and Yellow Cotton Rabbit, and then more and more new toys! Will she still have room for Blue Kangaroo?

**APR 2017**

9781783445028 | 32pp | BB  
EBook available | 200 x 175mm | £6.99



## Tom MacRae Elena Odriozola

### THE OPPOSITE

When Nate woke up one morning, The Opposite was standing on his ceiling staring down at him. And from that moment on Nate's day is turned upside down in the most extra-ordinary way...

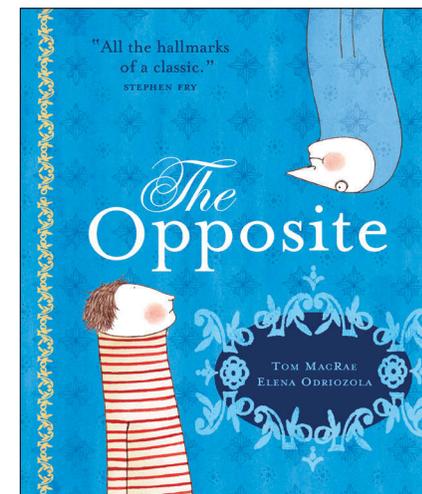
*'All the hallmarks of a classic'* STEPHEN FRY

*'Hugely imaginative'* GUARDIAN

*'Stylish illustrations'* SUNDAY TIMES

**FEB 2017**

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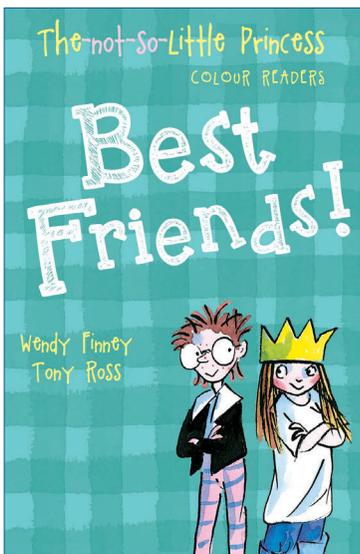
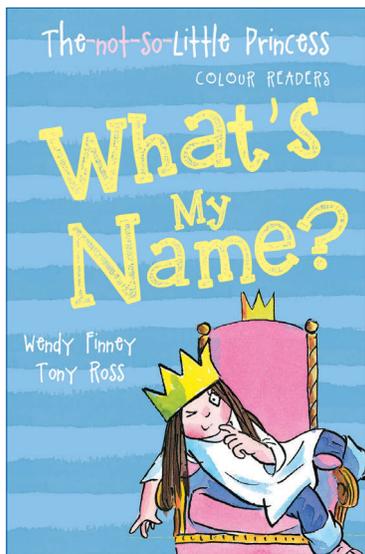
# The-not-so-Little Princess

Wendy Finney Illustrated throughout by Tony Ross

## WHAT'S MY NAME? & BEST FRIENDS!

The Little Princess is not so little any more! Perfect for newly independent readers, this full-colour series brings Tony Ross' beloved character to a whole new audience.

Follow the naughty little princess as she discovers her real name and makes a new best friend. There will be plenty of laughter, and maybe the odd tantrum!



'Specifically designed for confident readers who feel ready to tackle chapter books' GUARDIAN

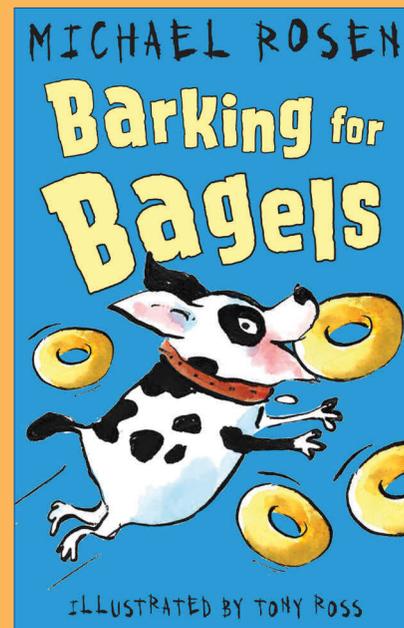


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**TONY ROSS'** very first picture book was published by Andersen Press in 1976, and since then he has gone on to illustrate more than 1000 books. A TV adaptation of his much-loved Little Princess series is currently showing on Channel 5's Milkshake.

Michael Rosen Illustrated throughout by Tony Ross



## BARKING FOR BAGELS

Yet more side-splitting silliness from beloved team Michael Rosen and Tony Ross!

Shnipp the dog is ready for an adventure. So one day she runs away from her owners Julie and Lara. She soon meets Bessie the Bagel Lady, who gives her lots of lovely treats. Bagels make the best dog's dinner ever! But when Shnipp starts to feel homesick and decides to go back, what will she find?

Praise for **Bilal's Brilliant Bee:**  
'Perfect for imaginative readers everywhere' GUARDIAN

'Funny, sly and gloriously accompanied by Tony Ross' instantly recognisable bold illustrations' BOOKTRUST

Praise for **Don't Forget Tiggs!:**  
'Delightful family story. The humour is just right' THE BOOKSELLER

'Funny, satisfying story for emerging readers' LOVEREADING

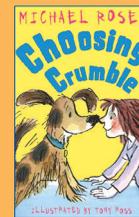
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**MICHAEL ROSEN** is one of Britain's foremost children's poets and writers. Among his many achievements, he was the **Children's Laureate** 2007-2009 and won the **Eleanor Farjeon Award** for services to children's literature. @MichaelRosenYes

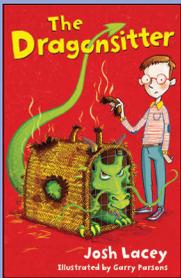
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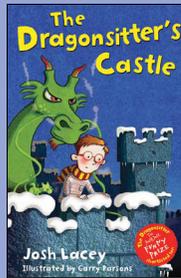
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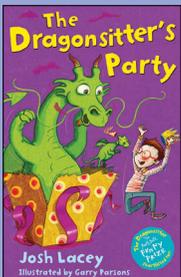
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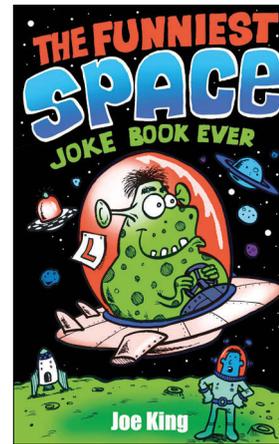
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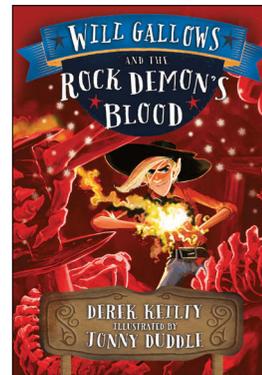
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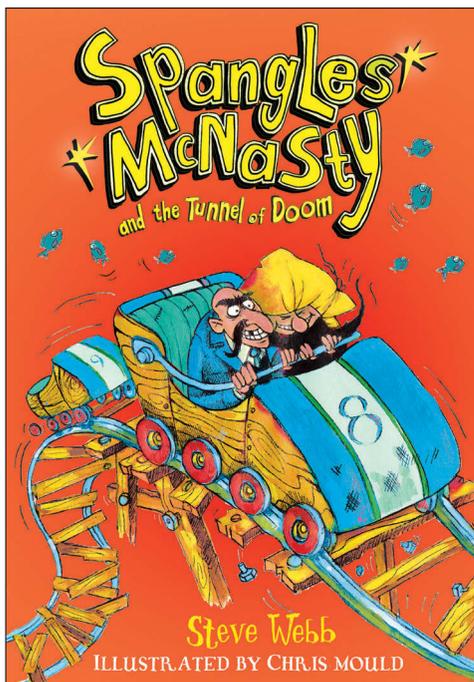
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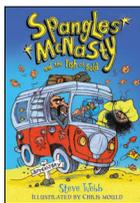
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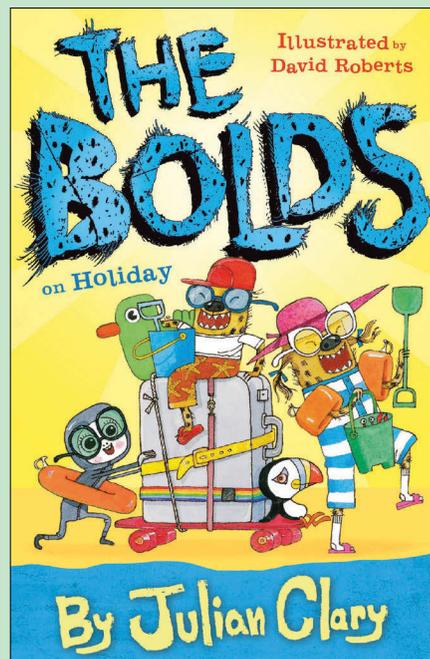
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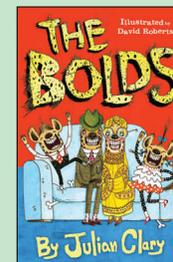
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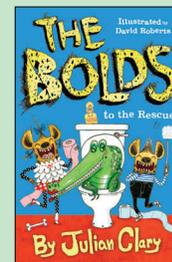
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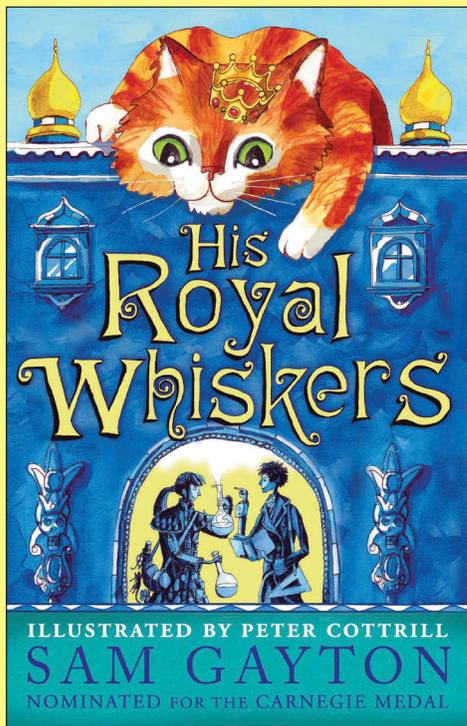
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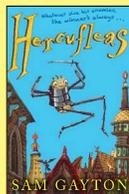
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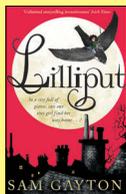
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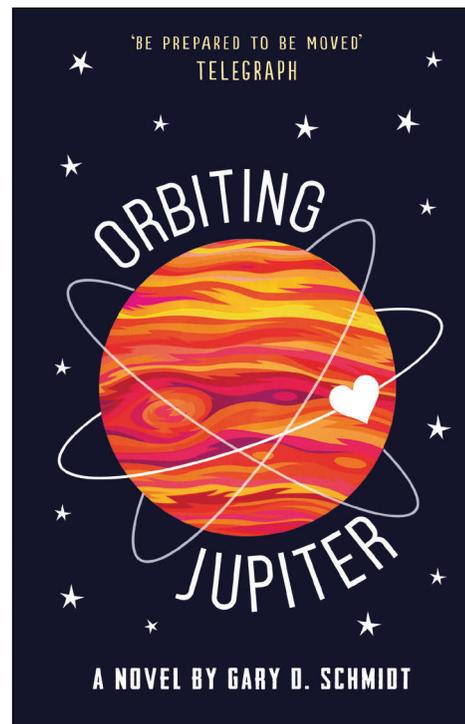
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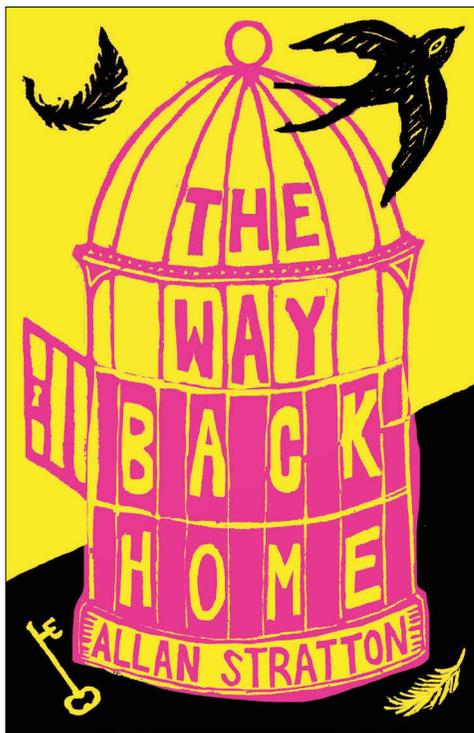
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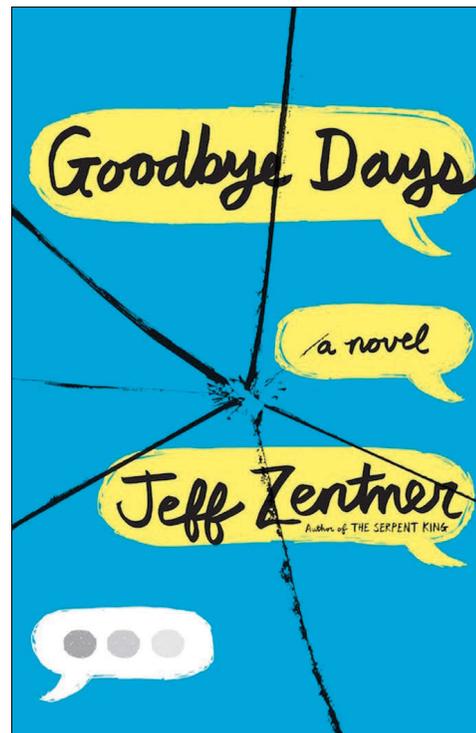
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Can a text message destroy your life?

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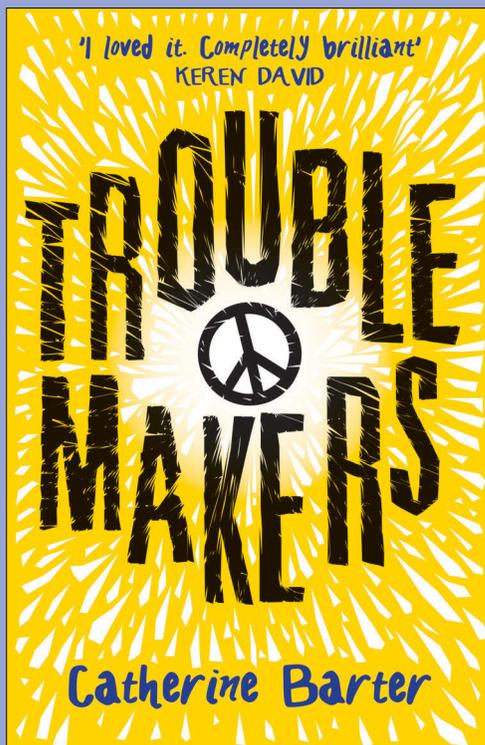
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### TROUBLEMAKERS

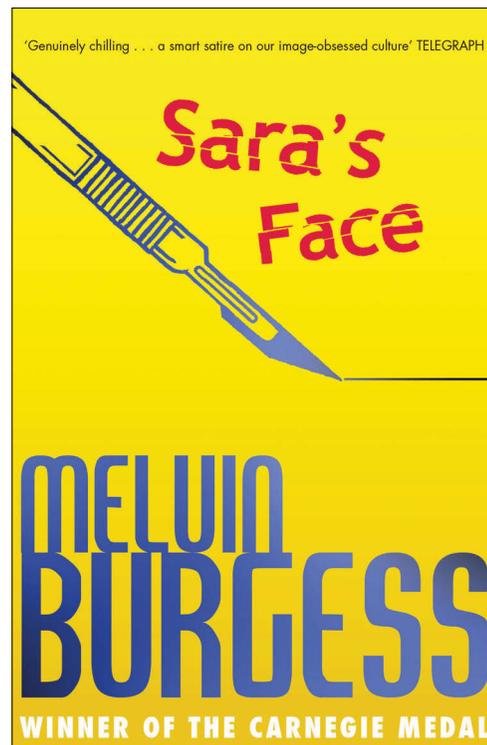
A coming-of-age story about family, politics and how even the smallest of actions can have great consequences.

Fifteen-year-old Alena never really knew her political activist mother, who died when she was a baby. She has grown up with her older half-brother Danny and his boyfriend Nick in the east end of London. Now the area is targeted by a bomber who has been leaving explosive devices in supermarkets. As the threat to Londoners mounts, Alena's family life implodes, and she starts getting into trouble. Then Alena does something truly rebellious...

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But what does Sara really want?

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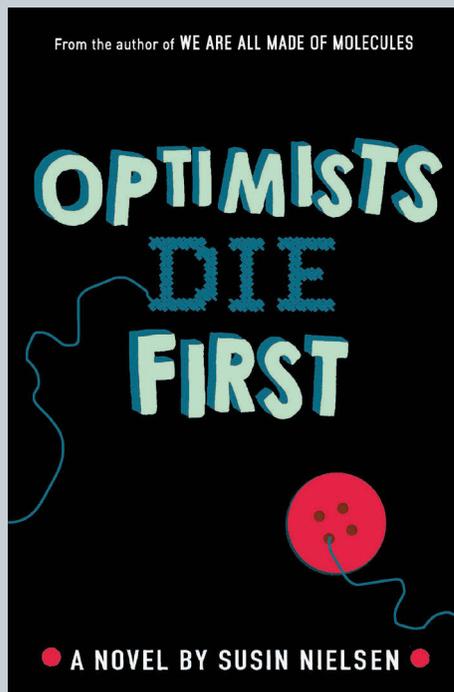
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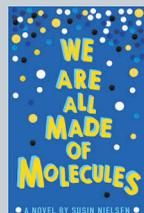
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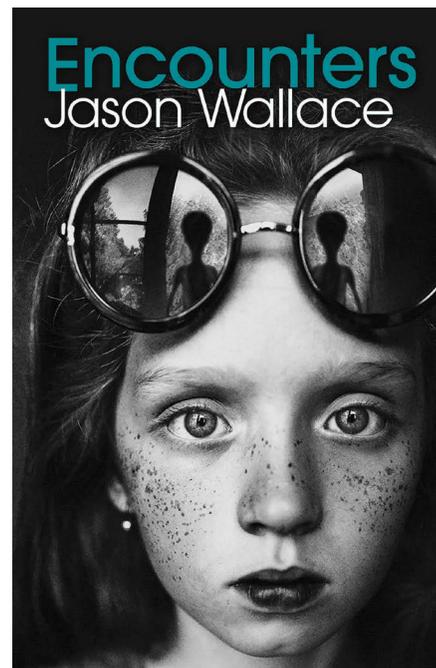
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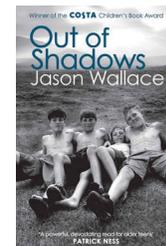
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