

MEI MATSUOKA

Since graduating from Kingston College of Art in 2004, Mei Matsuoka has been in much demand as an illustrator - she is one of the UK's most exciting newcomers to children's books.

Her books have been nominated for the Kate Greenaway Award and shortlisted for the Sheffield Book Award, the Best Children's Illustrated Book Award and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize.



Burger Boy (2005, text by Alan Durant)

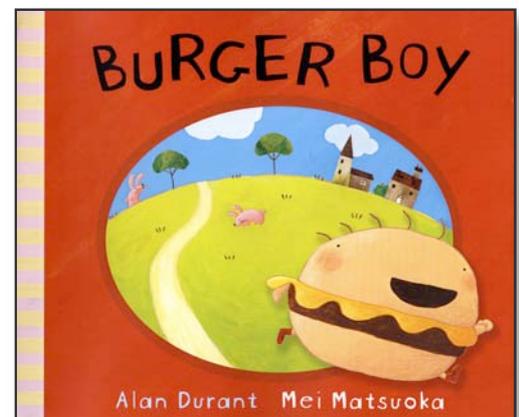
A tongue-in-cheek modern fable about a little boy who likes fast food much too much!

*Benny liked burgers. Benny LOVED burgers.
Burgers were the only food that Benny would eat.
"You'll turn into a burger one day," his mum warned.
And one day, Benny did.*

And that is just the start of a madcap chase in which the hapless Benny is pursued across the countryside by a mob of hungry dogs, boys and angry cows.

An hilarious cautionary tale with a twist .

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Footprints in the Snow (2007)

A story within a story, expect the unexpected!

Wolf is feeling badly represented - all the wolves he has ever read about are nasty, scary and greedy, so to set the record straight he decides to write a story about a nice wolf.

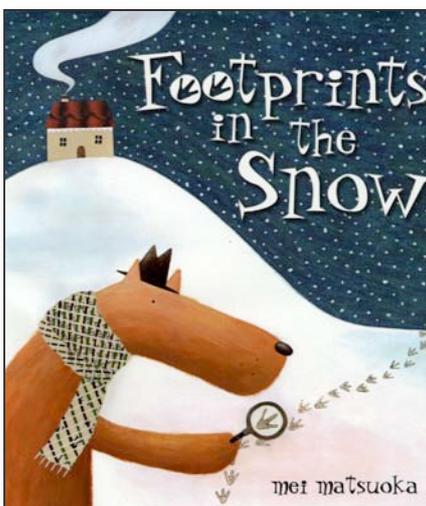
In his story Mr Nice Wolf sets off to find the owner of footprints leading through the forest, as he wants to find a new friend. The other animals he meets along the way are wary and will not help him, but Nice Mr Wolf persists and eventually finds, Duck. But Duck looks so fat and juicy that Mr Nice Wolf's wolfish instincts nearly get the better of him. Fortunately a knock at the door brings Wolf back to his senses, but just who is at the door and how will Wolf react?

'The spare, angular illustrations and ingenious page design are perfect for this deliciously mischievous story.' - **Lindsey Fraser, Sunday Herald**

'A charming winter tale aimed at the 3+ age group, but which will work well in reception and even KS1.' - **School Librarian**

'Young children will enjoy Wolf's comical self-examination and find each inviting illustration a bonus.' - **Carousel**

'Full of visual jokes, it keeps readers guessing in an original slant on a familiar theme.' - **The Bookseller**



The Great Dog Bottom Swap (2009, text by Peter Bently)

A rollicking canine caper! Shortlisted for the Sheffield Book Award, the Best Children's Illustrated Book Award and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize.

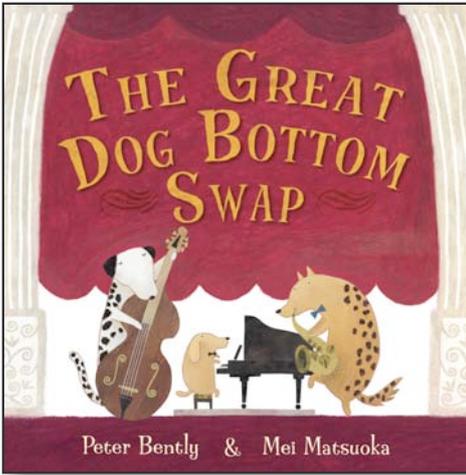
The day has arrived for the Dogs' Summer Ball. It's so high class in fact, that each dog must remove their bottom before they are allowed inside the hall. But in the middle of all the frivolity something unexpected happens and the dogs have to make a hasty exit...with or without the correct bottom!

'Big, clever, funny.' - Seven (Supp. to The Sunday Telegraph)

'Unmissable.' - Bookseller's Choice, Bookseller

'It's illustrated with beautiful simplicity, written with verve - and is like nothing else you'll read this year.' - Benjamin Secher, The Daily Telegraph

'Appeals to children's hilarity over bottoms.' - Devon Life



The Great Sheep Shenanigans (2011, text by Peter Bently)

An irresistible romp, shortlisted for the Sheffield Children's Book Award and Nominated for the Kate Greenaway Award 2012.

"A lamb for my supper will taste mighty fine!"

Thought a wily old wolf by the name of Lou Pine.

As he sneakily, slyly snuck up on the flock -

But it wasn't the sheep that were in for a shock...

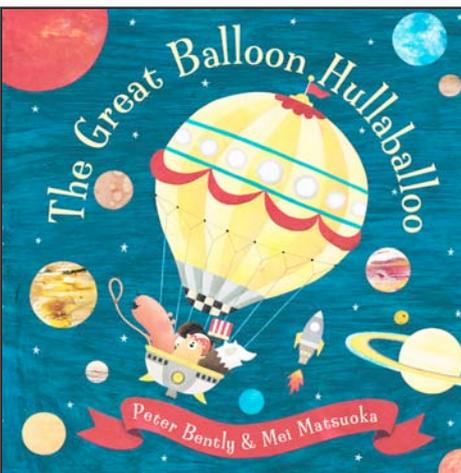
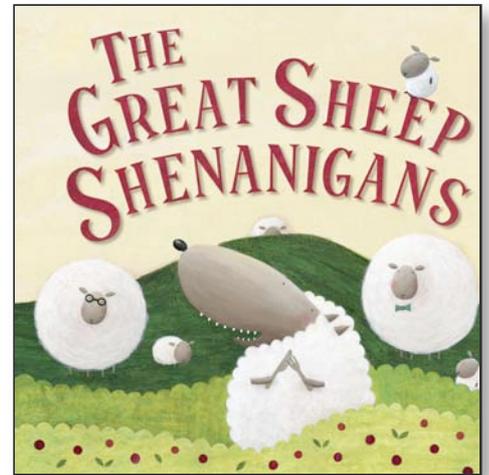
With a stunningly cunning plan, Lou Pine, finds a disguise that is sure to deliver a lamb stew or two. But this flock of sheep aren't quite the dumb mutton they seem...

'Hilarious read-aloud romp. A real treat, and repeated readings will garner even more details and delights.' - The Bookseller

'A joyous rhyming romp from this increasingly popular creative team . . .

Matsuoka's distinctive style of illustration perfectly complements Bently's wicked humour.' - Sally Morris, Daily Mail

'A catchy rhyming text propels this entertaining story...great illustrations' - LoveReading4Kids



The Great Balloon Hullabaloo (2013, text by Peter Bently)

Great read-aloud rhyming text from Roald Dahl Funny Prize-winning author.

When Simon the squirrel's mum sends him off to the shop, Simon decides to fly to the moon in Old Uncle Somerset's hot air balloon in search of cheese.

Shopping in outer space is very exciting, but proves to be a bit of a distraction . . .

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